

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES	
Friday, March 16 8:15 p.m. RABBI BARRY L. WEINSTEIN will speak on IT'S A BIRD — IT'S A PLANE — It's a Hero for a Hero-less Age Sabbath Coffee Hour	Sabbath Evening Services
Saturday, March 17 11:00 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of THERESA ANN SIMON, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee David Simon	Sabbath Morning Services
Friday, March 23 8:15 p.m. Pulpit Guest RABBI SYLVAN D. SCHWARTZMAN, B.A., MHL, MBA, Ph.D. Professor of Jewish Religious Education Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion Cincinnati, Ohio SUSTAINING OURSELVES AS JEWS AN EDUCATIONAL BLUEPRINT Sabbath Coffee Hour	Sabbath Evening Services
Saturday, March 24 11:00 a.m.	Sabbath Morning Services
Friday, March 30 8:15 p.m. RABBI SIDNEY H. BROOKS will speak on WHAT I THINK ABOUT ABORTION The Traditional Jewish View and My Personal Position. Sabbath Coffee Hour	Sabbath Evening Services
Saturday, March 31 11:00 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of BETH ANN SPIZMAN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Spizman	Sabbath Morning Services

**Knots and Stitches Contest
April 26-May 10**

The Jewish Community Center's Art Committee is sponsoring a city-wide Knots and Stitches contest and

exhibit. Submit your entries at the J.C.C. soon. Prizes awarded for the winning entries. For further information contact Jane Kulakofsky 333-7394, Marsha Itkin 334-5599, or Anthea Mazer 895-3018.

It Seems to Me
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dependency of infants and young children or the care of the elderly, there are times when each of us has the right and, in fact, the duty to say: "I am important to myself."

Put another way: another teacher of mine insisted that martyrdom was not a Jewish mitzvah! Quite the reverse. The more we legitimately develop ourselves, enjoy ourselves, preserve our mental and spiritual and physical health, the more good we are to ourselves and to others. First, however, we ought be able to say with honesty and basis in fact: "I'm O.K." Self regard, self esteem and personal morality precede the ability to have regard and esteem for others.

So then, parents have rights. Children have rights. Teachers and students have rights. Each must be unto himself or herself a whole person, happy and contented with self. Only then will come the ability to help others. We do no good by self destruction, self-imposed suffering and conscious or unconscious denial to one's self of life's pleasures rationalized by the imagined demands, needs or expectations of others.

This does NOT mean selfishness or narcissism. It means what our Bible says: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

It is the divine will that each of us shall feel worthy of love, esteem and, above all, the blessing of a long and healthy life.

Cantor's Corner

A big "thank you" goes to those members of the Junior Choir who participated in the Purim Services on March 12th. The members of the Junior Choir are: Jill Barnes, Leigh Blumstein, Randi Epstein, Lisa Fried, David Pickel, Nancy Pergam, Beth Selner, Dahlia Sifry, Elana Sifry, David Spizman, David Weill, John Weill, Shayna Sacks, and Mindi Dloogoff.

Cantor Gail P. Karp

GIFTS OF PRAYER BOOKS

IN MEMORY OF:
Samuel Cohen, Harry Kubby.

IN HONOR OF:
75th birthday of Iz Weiner.
Special birthday of Mrs. Morris Jacobs.

**If You Were in
Our Religious School**

by Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein

**Reflections on
My One-Room School!**

To a Rabbi looking back on his youth, his religious training may appear better than it really was. The memory of those years, however, is of value for us today. The little building that we called "our synagogue" was really nothing more than a small private home transformed into a place for Jewish worship, education, and communal events.



Those who served as teachers had completed their Bar and Bat Mitzvah. Others were lay volunteers from the tiny Jewish community.

A layman directed the little school and classes were held regularly on Sunday mornings. They included a brief worship service with a message from the director.

The synagogue sponsored a student band that played Jewish melodies for the congregation on festive occasions.

What were formerly the living room, dining room, and bedrooms of the home became the classrooms for the synagogue school. On major holidays and festivals these rooms, filled with chairs arranged in rows, became the sanctuary!

Of course, the little "schul" had been outfitted with an Ark complete with Sifrei Torah, Scrolls of the Law, and the appropriate reading lecterns. Shabbat services were not regularly held, but the community gathered together for Services whenever death occurred. Student rabbis served the congregation on the Holidays.

Candidates for Bar and Bat Mitzvah were required to receive tutoring during the week by traveling nearly one hour one way to the nearest city that could provide such instruction. The Bar and Bat Mitzvah ceremonies, however, were always conducted in the little synagogue, complete with receptions.

In reality those who grew up and participated in this setting probably did not receive the most thorough and complete grounding in Jewish education and knowledge. There



NEWSFLASH . . . "OUR GANG" FORMED

"Our Gang" held, on February 24, 1979, the first of what we hope will become a continuing program of events for the single people in the congregation and the Jewish community at large.

Our initial event was a cocktail party at the apartment of David Slosburg. More than 100 people turned out for an evening of cocktails and conversation. Old acquaintances were renewed and new ones made. Such a good time was had by all that we decided to do it "One More Time" and, on March 10, 1979, a second evening of "Cocktails with 'Our Gang'" was held at the Whitehall Apartments.

We are presently planning these future events:

- An Oneg Shabbat
- An outing at Gizmo's Game Gallery
- A T.G.I.F. get together
- An evening with a gourmet chef
- A theatre outing
- A party at a disco

"Our Gang" is Temple Israel's response to many in the congregation and the community who have expressed the feeling that there is not a sufficient number of programs offered for the single Jewish adult. While "Our Gang" is sponsored by Temple Israel, and is primarily designed for singles in the congregation, our events are open to the entire community.

Signed: "Our Gang"

were many weaknesses and deficiencies given the limited resources available and the limited number of Jewish people.

However, in memory the quality of this education, buttressed by the firmest devotion at home to Judaism and the entirety of Jewish life could not have been better.

To a Rabbi looking back on those years from the perspective of today they perhaps appear to have been better than they really were. But they can certainly be a source of instruction. For in the end what really counts most, whatever the circumstances, is the desire and the commitment of Jewish individuals and families to the continuation of Jewish life.

**Sherman Poska
Heads Workshop**

We are delighted to inform you that recently Mr. Sherman Poska conducted a Workshop for the Kansas City Bureau of Education annual Teachers' Seminar.

Religious School teachers and personnel from throughout the midwest attended the seminar which was conducted in Kansas City. Participants included teachers and directors of education from the metropolitan Kansas City area as well as individuals from the surrounding area.

Mr. Poska joins with our rabbis in conducting similar sessions for the Temple religious school teachers on an ongoing basis, and has served as consultant for our religious school and rendered most valuable service to students and teachers alike. He teaches one of our ninth grade sections on Saturday mornings and is our resource person for development of all audio-visual and other innovative learning projects.

CONGRATULATIONS —

On the Engagement of:

Suzanne Cohen and Richard Wiesman. Miss Cohen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Cohen, West Hartford, Ct., and Mr. Wiesman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wiesman, St. Louis, Mo.

Naomi Minnie Shainwald and Joel Sidney Brooks. Miss Shainwald is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Shainwald, Chicago, Ill., and Mr. Brooks is the son of Rabbi and Mrs. Sidney H. Brooks.

**WALK-IN DROP-IN
for Older Adults, April 4, 1979**

The Walk-In Drop-In for Older Adults will be held at Temple Israel on April 4, 1979.

Come at 11:00 a.m. and enjoy the morning speaker until 12:00 noon when a delicious luncheon will be served and an afternoon program will be presented.

Mark your calendar and be assured of an enjoyable day.

Reservations by calling Kathy at the J.C.C., 334-8200 or Temple Israel Office, 556-6536.

**NEWS DEADLINE FOR
TIDINGS — ISSUE NO. 11
Thursday — March 22, 1979**
The issue will cover Fridays April 6, 13 and 20.

SISTERHOOD
May 2

A Gala Afternoon at Joslyn

Joslyn will be the scene of our Sisterhood Donor Luncheon on Wednesday, May 2, 1979. Sisterhood members and guests will tour the Gottlieb Retrospective Exhibit, lunch in the Floral Court and enjoy fashions from Zoobs and The Daisy.

Sisterhood models are: Rita Albert, Beth Brodkey, Lois Epstein, Ruth Erman, Carol Farber, Darlynn Fellman, Nancy Hornstein, Renee Kasner, Sylvia Mayer, Sandy Nogg, Gigi Osten, Ann Pickel, Barbara Platt and Laura Plattner. Also modeling are Frances Robinson, Monica Sacks, Susie Sadofsky, Ellen Slosburg, Suzie Sophir, Lois Stern, Mickey Sturm, Terri Zacharia, and Nora Zoob.

Daisy girls are: Jody Becker, Amy Bernstein, Lynn Cohen, Cari Cohn, Elizabeth Epstein, Wendy Greenberg, Julie Kully, Vicki Novak, Beth Seldin, Jill Rosen, Leslie Simon, and Rosie Zweiback.

Co-Chairmen of the Donor Luncheon are Mary Bernstein and Toni Rosen.

OUR SYMPATHY

The Congregation records with sorrow the deaths of

BENJAMIN BLOOM,

New York
father of
Mrs. Alfred (Shirley) Brody

SAMUEL COHEN,

father of
Mrs. Ray (Joie) Simon

and extends sympathy to their bereaved families.

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IN APPRECIATION OF:

Services of Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks.
Services of Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein.

IN HONOR OF:

Birth of Jeremy Babendure.
75th Birthday of Mrs. Morris E. Jacobs.
Debut of Janice Meyerson.
85th Birthday of Aaron Rips.
Birth of John Randall Singer.
75th Birthday of I. H. Weiner.

FOR THE RECOVERY OF:

Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks, Jerry Gordman, Sam Green, Jim Krantz, Mrs. Aaron Rips, Phyllis Sherman.

IN MEMORY OF:

Benjamin Bloom, Lylas Eisenberg, Sophie Epstein, Dr. Sherwin A. Fox, Joseph Klausner, William Milder, Dr. juris Otto Morgenthau, Dave Oruch, Edward Radloff, Sid Rifkin, Phil Ringle, Seymour Seitchick, Sarah Zemurray.

Elections Held For
Couples Club

The following were elected to serve Couples Club during the 1979-80 year:

President — Gayle and Carl Tichauer.

Publicity — Jacquie and George Sacks.

Secretary — Vicki and Jeff Perlmeter.

Board Representatives and Treasurer — Lois and Mel Epstein.

Advisors — Carol and Lloyd Gladstein, Linda and Barry Weinstein.

New Steering Committee Members: Ricki and Jeff Skog, Nancy and Ben Laub, Bea and Richard Blumstein, Martha and Dick Lerner.

HOLD DATE OF May 19 for Scavenger Hunt. Details later.

TEMPLE SISTERHOOD
BOOK SALE

March 25-March 29, inclusive

Crossroads Mall

Mall Hours:
10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

GIFT SHOP

Seder Plates — a new shipment is on display. Modern and traditional styles in walnut, china, brass and pewter. A beautiful addition to your own Seder table or a thoughtful and lasting gift. You'll need a Matzo Holder and we have those, too. Shop early for the best selection. First Seder is April 11th.

We have children's Haggadah with illustrations, songs, craft ideas and simple recipes. And for preschoolers, a new series of story books and more "Temple Israel Tree Shirts" in sizes 2 and 4 for \$3 each, a bargain that doesn't shrink!

Gift Shop open Sunday, April 1st, 10 a.m.-12 noon. The office staff will help you with in-stock items at any time. Or call Norma Fried 397-0475.

BAR/BAT MITZVAH GIFT

A personalized Torah Scroll in a wood case on a lucite stand makes a Bar or Bat Mitzvah gift that will be treasured for years to come.

A sample is on display in the Gift Shop. 15 days' notice is required for a scroll, and no order will be duplicated.

For more information call Norma Fried at 397-0475.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

14	Confirmation Class	4:00 p.m.
14-21-28	Daled Hebrew Class	4:00-5:30 p.m.
15-22-29	Gimmel Hebrew Class	4:00-5:30 p.m.
16	Sabbath Song Session by Cantor Karp	7:45 p.m.
16	Sabbath Evening Services	8:15 p.m.
17	Religious School	9:00 a.m.
17	Sabbath Morning Services	11:00 a.m.
18	Conversion Class	9:00 a.m.
18	Religious School	10:00 a.m.
18	Men's Club	10:00 a.m.
20-27-4/3	Aleph Hebrew Class	4:00-5:00 p.m.
20-27-4/3	Beth Hebrew Class	5:00-6:15 p.m.
21	Confirmation Class	4:00 p.m.
23	Institute on Judaism for the Christian Clergy	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
23	Sabbath Evening Services	8:15 p.m.
24	Religious School	9:00 a.m.
24	Sabbath Morning Services	11:00 a.m.
25	Religious School	10:00 a.m.
25 thru 3/29	Sisterhood Book Sale—Crossroads Mall	Mall Hours

28	No Confirmation Class	
28	Temple Board of Trustees' Meeting	7:30 p.m.
30	Sabbath Song Session by Cantor Karp	7:45 p.m.
30	Sabbath Evening Services	8:15 p.m.
31	Religious School	9:00 a.m.
31	Sabbath Morning Services	11:00 a.m.

APRIL

1	Conversion Class	9:00 a.m.
1	Religious School	10:00 a.m.
1	Sisterhood Gift Shop Open	10:00 a.m.-noon
3	Sisterhood Board Meeting	9:30 a.m.
4	Senior Citizens Walk-In-Drop-In	11:00 a.m.
4	Confirmation Class	4:00 p.m.

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IT SEEMS TO ME . . .

A Personal Message
from Rabbi Brooks

"I'M O.K."

The above is the first part of the title of a popular book with profound mental health significance.



It comes to my mind because quite recently I heard the Honorable Yitzhak Rabin say: "National suicide is not considered by The State of Israel to be an international obligation!" I had heard the essence of the same view previously from Abba Eban. Furthermore, the idea is grounded in sound Jewish ethics.

It is impossible to dispute the principle in the context of contemporary mid-eastern politics. But the same idea filters down to our personal lives. "One man's blood is not more red than that of another" say our teachers. That is to say we are not required to sacrifice ourselves needlessly or even purposefully for the life of another.

Aside from the vast implications which this principle has in terms of war versus pacificism, abortion, retaliation to save one's life and other examples, there are other forms of self-sacrifice which some impose upon themselves, I think, without the blessing of Judaism.

For example, other than in times of illness or crisis, the years of
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Rabbi Sylvan Schwartzman
To Address Congregation
and Institute

Temple Israel is pleased to have as a pulpit guest Rabbi Sylvan D. Schwartzman during Sabbath Evening Worship on Friday, March 23. Rabbi Schwartzman is Professor of Jewish Religious Education at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. His topic to the congregation will be "Sustaining Ourselves as Jews . . . An Educational Blueprint."



During the day Rabbi Schwartzman will be lecturing on various topics for Temple Israel's 39th Annual Charles Rosenstock Memorial Institute on Judaism. The program will begin at 10:00 a.m. and is attended by Protestant and Catholic Clergy from Omaha and the surrounding area.

In addition to courses in Religious Education, Rabbi Schwartzman also conducts classes in Synagogue and School Administration, the Practical Rabbinate, and has been an instructor in Homicides and Hebrew. He received his Master of Hebrew Letters and Rabbinical degrees from the Hebrew Union College in 1941. He earned his Doctor of Philosophy degree from Vanderbilt University in 1952.

He is the author of numerous books including *Reform Judaism—Then and Now*, a popular religious school text; *Reform Judaism in the Making*, an adult history of the Reform movement; and *Once Upon a Lifetime*, a text dealing with the religious observances in the life of the modern Jew.

Sidney H. Brooks, M.H.L., D.D.
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