

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES	
Friday, December 1 8:15 p.m.	Sabbath Evening Services
II. SABBATH DISCUSSION SERIES RABBI BARRY L. WEINSTEIN will speak on THE TRADITION THAT YOU KNOW AND THE POLYDOXY YOU DON'T. ... Authority as Freedom in Reform Judaism. Sabbath Coffee Hour	
Saturday, December 2 11:00 a.m.	Sabbath Morning Services
Bat Mitzvah of NATALIE RABINOWICZ, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Rabinowicz	
Friday, December 8 8:15 p.m.	Sabbath Evening Services
RABBI SIDNEY H. BROOKS will speak on JEWS HEAVEN AND HELL Sabbath Coffee Hour	
Saturday, December 9 11:00 a.m.	Sabbath Morning Services
Friday, December 15 8:15 p.m.	Sabbath Evening Services
RABBI SIDNEY H. BROOKS will speak on ISRAEL A LESSON IN CONSCIENCE Sabbath Coffee Hour	
Saturday, December 16 11:00 a.m.	Sabbath Morning Services

ATTENTION ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL
AND SATURDAY SCHOOL KIDS!!

The annual Religious School Book Collection Contest will be held December 9-10, and December 16-17. Exciting prizes will be given to individuals collecting the most books, plus lots of goodies for every ten books collected.

Start looking **now** around your home and neighborhood! Any hardback or paperback, fiction or non-fiction is acceptable. No textbooks, please.

Remember, the monies raised from this sale help support Temple's Religious School and other youth activities.

If you have any questions or if you would like to volunteer some time, please call Kathy Simon, 397-9742, or Ruth Erman, 333-0569.

Superb Results for
Sisterhood Luncheon

Individual souffles! For a Sisterhood lunch? You bet! We thank Carol Farber, Arlene Beber, Helen Stern, and Betty Chesler for preparing this gorgeous meal for our November 14 meeting. Gail Kohll and Betty Chesler set all the tables by themselves. Gail could use some more help — just drop in at 9:30 the morning before a luncheon or dinner, and give a hand. No more standing in line for lunch — the following women served: Jane Brooks, Hilde Gottlieb, Ann Pickel, Judy Roffman, Arlene Moskovitz, Ruth Erman, Sandy Nogg, Sharon Weintraub, and Rosie Zweiback. Thanks also to Babe Aronoff and Joie Simon, for collecting at the door and to Terri Zacharia and Phyllis Glazer, who presented such a super program. To all of you, words of thanks seem inadequate. **You're** the reason our get-togethers are so mellow!

We thank our speakers for the day also, Dr. Eugene Zweiback, Dr. Susan A. Salladay and Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks.

BALLOT RESULTS ON THE
"TEST-TUBE BABY"
CONTROVERSY

1. Should the Federal Government fund Dr. Soupart's proposal for research on IVF? Yes 46; No 13.

2. Should the Federal Government fund research for IVF with ET? Yes 47; No 12.

3. Will IVF and ET have a deleterious effect on the moral fiber of our country? Yes 7; No 47.

4. Should the Federal Government fund any project that might lead to genetic engineering? Yes 25; No 28.

5. Would you choose adoption over IVF and ET if you were unable to conceive your own child? Yes 14; No 48.

6. Would you like to predetermine the sex of your own baby? Yes 6; No 52.

HAVE YOU —

paid your Men's Club dues? If not, pay soon and enjoy the programs and various activities planned with you in mind.

Treasurer, Jeffrey Perlmeter, will be happy to receive your dues at 2729 North 121st Ave., Omaha, Nebr. 68164.

UAHC YOUTH DIVISION'S
HALF-YEAR WORK-STUDY PROGRAM
in ISRAEL — 1979

FEBRUARY — Depart for Israel

FEBRUARY — MARCH — Jerusalem Program

Adoption into Israeli families in Jerusalem. Hebrew language ulpan in Jerusalem. Seminars on Jewish History, modern Israel, and leadership training.

APRIL — JULY — Kibbutz Program

Participants are adopted by a kibbutz family and become an integral part of the kibbutz work program and the kibbutz society. (By special arrangement participants may elect to spend a part of this time in a development town.)

TRAVEL

Travel throughout Israel is integrated into the program. The group will tour major cities, the Galil, Negev, and Sinai.

ELIGIBILITY

The program is open to Jewish students who will have completed credits for high school graduation before departure. Also college students.

OPTIONS

1. Early arrival. It may be possible for participants to arrive 2-4 weeks early and to engage in voluntary kibbutz work.

2. Extended stay. Participants may elect to remain in Israel up to 6 months after the completion of the work/study program, either staying on kibbutz or in some other meaningful activity. These options may be worked out with the UAHC staff in Israel.

Any additional expense incurred by these options is the responsibility of the participant.

COST

\$1475.00* Prices are subject to fluctuation based on air fare and land costs in Israel.

APPLICATIONS

Coupon is below. All applications must be received by December 15, 1978. See Rabbi Weinstein for further information.

UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS —
INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, YOUTH DIVISION

Mail to:
WORK-STUDY PROGRAM, International Education Dept.
UAHC Youth Division
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10021

Please send me an application and further information on the half-year WORK-STUDY Program.

Name _____
(please print clearly)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Birthdate _____

Phone () _____

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF
TEMPLE BROTHERHOODS
ELECTS DLOOGOFF TO BOARD

Steven Dloogoff was elected to the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods-Jewish Chautauqua Society for a two year term at the 27th Biennial Convention in New Orleans.

NFTB is composed of 450 Reform temple brotherhoods with 60,000 members in the United States and Canada. The Chautauqua Society is its major educational project which helps promote interfaith understanding. Both are affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregation.

Dloogoff is currently president of the Men's Club of Temple Israel and also on the Temple Board. He is a member of B'nai B'rith.

Second Annual Kallah
Weekend
December 7-9

The Jewish Cultural Arts Council of Omaha is sponsoring the Second Annual Kallah Weekend Dec. 7-9. The Kallah Weekend is a practice that originated in Talmudic days in which a period of time was set aside for intensive Jewish studies.

Dr. Howard Sachar will be the guest speaker at four lecture-discussions. The program is as follows:

Thursday, Dec. 7 at 8:00 p.m., Jewish Community Center: "The Making of Modern Jewish History."

Friday, Dec. 8 at 8:15 p.m., Beth El: "The Jews and the Intellectual Tradition of the Modern Times."

Saturday, Dec. 9 at 8:45 a.m., Beth Israel: "The Holocaust Thirty Years Later."

Saturday, Dec. 9 at 8:00 p.m., Temple Israel: "Israel, The Near East and America."

Dr. Sachar is a Professor of History at George Washington University. He is also a consultant and lecturer on Middle Eastern affairs for numerous government bodies.

COUPLES CLUB
JANUARY 20, 1979 —

Remember that date and hold it open for the Couples Club BOWLING PARTY!

More details in the next Tidings!

GIFT SHOP

Chanukah is around the corner and your Gift Shop has an exciting selection of games, books, puzzles, glassware, jewelry, sculptures, Israeli Menorahs (in children's sizes too), beautiful gift wrap and many other traditional and unusual gift items.

We have a new selection of popular and unique gifts. A "sell-out" at the last luncheon was our "family" aprons. You'll want to buy several.

A FIRST in the Omaha area is our special order 14 carat gold jewelry which can be personalized with your (or your loved one's) Hebrew name. Come in, see our samples and browse through the catalogue to check the variety of pieces which are available. Order **NOW** for Chanukah.

Accent your home (or somebody else's) with a beautiful piece of sculpture. The office staff will be happy to show you our huge, new catalogue with over 600 pieces displayed for your selection.

Breathtaking applied satin Challa and Matzo covers are also available by special order. Great for wall-hangings, too!

Extra Chanukah Hours:

Sunday Dec. 3, 10, 17 — 10 a.m.-12 noon.

Mon./Wed./Fri. Dec. 11, 13, 15 — 10 a.m.-12 noon.

Tues./Thurs. Dec. 12, 14 — 12 noon-2 p.m.

The office staff will be happy to help you at any other times. Or call Norma Fried at 397-0475 if you have any questions.

REMINDER —
Couples Club Members

Rap with the Rabbi . . .

"Rediscover Judaism
through Informal Games
and Experiences"

Sat., Dec. 2, 1978 — 8:00 p.m.

at the residence of
Rabbi and Mrs. Barry Weinstein
13917 Poppleton Circle

RSVP — Fran Coren, 334-0741
Carol Gladden, 496-0589

THANKS FROM:

Lisa Sadofsky and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Sadofsky, for Uniongrams received in honor of her Bat Mitzvah.

NOTE
Chanukah
Congregational
Dinner

Friday Evening
Dec. 22, 1978 — 6:00 p.m.
followed by
Services at 7:30 p.m.

Further details and Reser-
vation information to be
mailed soon.

CONGRATULATIONS

On the Wedding of:

Mr. and Mrs. Gary L. Goldstein.
Mrs. Goldstein is the former Barba-
ra F. Simon.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hoberman.
Mrs. Hoberman, the former Anne
Carta, is the daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. Louis Carta. Mr. Hoberman is
the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard
Hoberman.

On the Engagement of:

Lori Alane Livshin and Lance S.
Margolin. Miss Livshin is the daugh-
ter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Livshin,
Poughkeepsie, N.Y. and Mr. Mar-
golin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mil-
lard Margolin.

Susan Waldbaum and Dean D.
Hughson. Miss Waldbaum is the
daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Milton G.
Waldbaum. Mr. Hughson is the son
of Mrs. Patricia Hughson, Inde-
pendence, Missouri.

On the Birth of:

Jay Daniel Lewis, son of Mr. and
Mrs. Marshall Lewis. Grandparents
are Mr. and Mrs. Morris Lipp and
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lewis.

Jennifer Rochelle Kully, daughter
of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kully. Grand-
parents are Mr. and Mrs. Milton
Cackin and Mr. and Mrs. Yale Kully,
both of Hastings, Nebraska.

Jonah Bleicher, son of Mr. and
Mrs. Dan Bleicher. Grandparents
are Mr. and Mrs. Sol Klinger of
Strausborg, France and Dr. and Mrs.
Jerome Bleicher, Council Bluffs,
Iowa.

Whitney Ann Kramish, daughter
of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Kramish.
Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Har-
vey Aronson and Mr. and Mrs. Al-
bert Kramish of Denver, Colorado.
Great-grandparents are Mr. and
Mrs. Frank Pluss of Denver, Col-
orado. Great-great-grandmother is
Mrs. Rose Leder.

OUR SYMPATHY

The Congregation records
with sorrow the deaths of

LEONARD D. HERMAN,
Husband of
Harriet "Happy" Herman

ESTHER MALKIN,
Mother of Philip Malkin

JEANETTE COHEN
Mother of
Mrs. Ernest (Rosalie) Saltzman
Mrs. Karl (Fritzi) Luefschuetz

KARL LUEFSCHUETZ
Husband of
Freida (Fritzi) Luefschuetz
Father of
Gary Steven and Marci Beth
and extends sympathy to their
bereaved families.

GIFTS OF PRAYER BOOKS

IN MEMORY OF: Lee Handler, Kenneth Tre-
tiak, Dr. Sam L. Turkel.

IN HONOR OF: 45th Anniversary of Mr. and
Mrs. Paul Goldstein.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. Harry Frankel
Mrs. Harlowe Hoyt
Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Kutler
Miss Michelle Miske
Mr. and Mrs. Donald S. Novicoff
Mr. and Mrs. Allan Panish
Mr. and Mrs. Morris Rabinowicz

NEWS DEADLINE FOR
TIDINGS, Issue No. 6

Thursday, December 7, 1978

The issue will cover Fridays De-
cember 22, 29 and January 5.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO
SPECIAL TEMPLE FUNDS:

IN APPRECIATION OF:
Services of Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks.
Services of Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein.

IN HONOR OF:
40th Birthday of Shelley Brodsky.
Marriage of Mr. and Mrs. David Gallner.
Marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Goldstein.
Mr. Morton Richards.

FOR THE RECOVERY OF:
Reuben Epstein, Karl Luefschuetz, Millard
Rosenberg, Dorothy Weiner.

IN MEMORY OF:
John Baldwin, Jeanette Cohen, Herman
Cohen, Harry Degen, Gil Freiden, Sonny
Garber, Lee Handler, Leonard Herman, Lilian
Hershorn, Bessie Hoffman, Emma Kirsch-
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Spiesberger, Bob Swartz, Kenneth Tretiak,
Martin Sugarman, Fannie Livingston Weil.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER	
29	Daled Hebrew Class 4:00-5:30 p.m.
29	Confirmation Class 4:00 p.m.
30	Gimmel Hebrew Class 4:00-5:30 p.m.
DECEMBER	
1	Sabbath Evening Services
	Sabbath Discussion Series — No. 2 8:15 p.m.
2	Saturday School 9:00 a.m.
2	Sabbath Morning Services 11:00 a.m.
2	Couples Club — Rap Session —
	Residence of Rabbi and Mrs. Weinstein 8:00 p.m.
3	Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
3	Sisterhood Gift Shop Open 10:00 to noon
5	Sisterhood Board Meeting 9:30 a.m.
5-12-19	Aleph Hebrew Class 4:00-5:00 p.m.
5-12-19	Beth Hebrew Class 5:00-6:15 p.m.
6-13-20	Daled Hebrew Class 4:00-5:30 p.m.
6	Confirmation Class 4:00 p.m.
7-14-21	Gimmel Hebrew Class 4:00-5:30 p.m.
8	Sabbath Evening Services 8:15 p.m.
9	Saturday School 9:00 a.m.
9	Sabbath Morning Services 11:00 a.m.
9	TYG House Party 7:30 p.m.
9	Kallah Weekend Lecture
	Professor Howard Sachar 8:00 p.m.
10	Conversion Class 9:00 a.m.
10	Sisterhood Gift Shop Open 10:00-noon
10	Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
11	Sisterhood Gift Shop Open 10:00-noon
12	Sisterhood New Member Coffee 10:00 a.m.
12	Sisterhood Gift Shop Open Noon-2 p.m.
13	Confirmation Class 4:00 p.m.
13	Sisterhood Gift Shop Open 10:00-noon
14	Sisterhood Gift Shop Open Noon-2:00 p.m.
15	Sisterhood Gift Shop Open 10:00-noon
16	Saturday School 9:00 a.m.
16	Sabbath Morning Services 11:00 a.m.
16	Saturday Teachers Luncheon Noon
17	Sunday Teachers Breakfast 8:45 a.m.
17	Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
17	Sisterhood Gift Shop Open 10:00-noon
17	TYG — Meeting with the Rabbis
	 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
20	Confirmation Class 4:00 p.m.

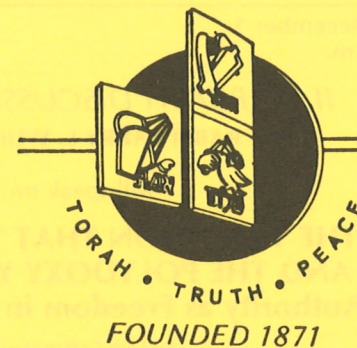
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IT SEEMS TO ME

A Personal Message from Rabbi Brooks

FATE OR FAITH?

As never before our people were paying attention to the contents of the prayers on
the High Holidays as we worshipped from our *New Gates of Repentance*. How do I know?
Because of the number who have asked me searching questions about the meaning of phrases and prayers.

One prayer especially deserves clarification. I refer to the "Un'taneh Tokef" (page 106 in *Gates of
Repentance*). That's the prayer which says that our fate is written by God on Rosh Hashonah and sealed on
Yom Kippur. It is a poetic composition surely not meant to be understood literally. Yet to me it is the most
moving of all the prayers as we ponder "Who shall live and who shall die . . . who shall be tranquil and who
shall be troubled, etc."

**But then the question was asked: Do we really believe that God determines our fate? Is our destiny
foreseen and fore-ordained? Certainly I do not understand it that way, especially since the closing phrases of
the prayer-poem affirms: "Repentance, Prayer and Righteousness cancel an evil decree." That is to say that
our lives, our choices, our faith, our good deeds will in large measure determine the quality of our lives.**

And yet we wonder. What will happen to us and to those we love? So much of our destiny lies out of our
control and beyond our sight. It is the contemplation of unknown fate that should make us quite sober about
the use of every moment of opportunity to behave well, to care about the quality of our lives.

**No, we are not fatalists. Rather I would say we Jews are asked to determine our own fate to the greatest
extent possible. We can, poetically expressed, even change God's mind! It is true enough that by a life of
faithfulness and righteousness we can remove so much of the evil in our world. Literally we can give life and
joy to others.**

So the prayer does not bother me from the fatalistic point of view because the phrases are questions not
statements of foregone conclusions.

It is said that the prayer was written by Rabbi Amnon of Mayence in the 12th century. He was a legendary
martyr who, upon being importuned repeatedly by the Archbishop of Mayence to convert to Christianity,
on one occasion asked for three days to think it over. Almost immediately he realized that by that simple
evasion he may have given the impression that he **might** renounce his faith. He imposed horrible penance
upon himself. Suffering from his self-imposed wounds he was brought to the synagogue on Rosh Hashonah
and during the worship recited the Un'taneh Tokef and then died.

It's an inspiring tale, typical of the period of the Crusades. The prayer spoke to the hearts of those who
needed justification for their sufferings and assurance of God's mercy.

It's a reminder now to us that not fate but faith in goodness will help most to shape our future.

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

Barry L. Weinstein, M.A.H.L.
Associate Rabbi

Gail Posner Karp, B.S.M.
Cantor

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