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IN MEMORY OF:
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Mr. and Mrs. Harold Farber, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Meyerson.

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Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein

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CONGRATULATIONS

ON THE BIRTH OF:
Aaron Daniel Pilley, son of Dr. and Mrs. Mark Pilley. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leon Alexander.
Brian Richard Durmaskin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Durmaskin. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Bernstein.

ON THE ENGAGEMENT OF:
Robin Lea Schneiderman, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Les Schneiderman, to Kenneth H. Baer, son of Mr. & Mrs. Jean Baer, Great Neck, N.Y.

ON THE WEDDING OF:
Mr. and Mrs. Steve Kirshenbaum, Mrs. Kirshenbaum, nee Patty Kincade, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Delmon Kincade. Mr. Steve Kirshenbaum is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Kirshenbaum.

TEMPLE BOOK SALE UPDATE

The Book Drive for the Sisterhood's Annual Book Sale has come to a close. Thousands of books have been collected from all over the city for the sale. Thanks to the following people for their help with the Book Pick-Up:

Alan Kulakofsky	Milton Marcus
Jerry Marburg	Mark Goldstrom
Jerry Sherman	Joel Patton
Tracy Simon	Chuck Plotkin
Fred Tichauer	Bob Ginsburg
Mike Blatt	Becky Cipinko
Alan Fredricks	Bob Birt
Gordon Scheets	Leslie Simon
Steve Redler	Sharon Cipperley
Connie Kully	Howard Kaiman
Alan Blotcky	

Set-up for the Book Sale will be April 9th with the sale running from April 10th through the 14th at the Crossroads Mall. Mark your calendar and plan to stop by.

SERVICE TO SENIORS

If transportation to Friday Evening Services is needed, please call by Thursday at 5:00 p.m. and make your reservation through the Temple office — 556-6536.

"Service to Seniors" will send a car or mini-bus to your home and return you to your home following the service.

SIDNEY H. BROOKS, M.H.L., D.D.
Senior Rabbi

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

Harold I. Firestone, M.A.
Cantor

PURIM POSTER CONTEST

Thanks to all the students who participated in this year's poster contest. The theme was BROTHERHOOD. Each entry was judged on neatness, theme, and artistic merit. Our winner: Danny Simon, from Mrs. Moore's 5th grade. Danny is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Simon.

If children would like to pick up their posters, please do so during Religious School. They are in the school office.

Again, thanks to all who made this year's contest a big success.

PLAN NOW!
Future Dinner
Shabbat — April 22

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL	
6	Hebrew Classes — Aleph..... Recess
6	Sisterhood Archives Project..... 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
6-20-27	Confirmation Rehearsal..... 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.
7	Hebrew Classes — Gimmel Recess
8	Sabbath Evening Services 8:15 p.m.
9	Religious School 9:00 a.m.
9	Sabbath Morning Services..... 11:00 a.m.
10	Religious School..... 10:00 a.m.
10	Temple Men's Club Brunch..... 10:00 a.m.
10-14	Sisterhood Book Sale Crossroads Mall
11-18-25	Hebrew Classes — Daled..... 4:00 and 5:00 p.m.
11-18-25	Hebrew Classes — Bet..... 4:00 and 5:00 p.m.
13	Confirmation Rehearsal..... 3:30 p.m.
13	Board of Trustees Meeting..... 7:30 p.m.
13-20-27	Hebrew Classes — Aleph..... 4:00 and 5:00 p.m.
14-21-28	Hebrew Classes — Gimmel 4:00 and 5:00 p.m.
15	Sabbath Evening Services 8:15 p.m.
16	Religious School 9:00 a.m.
16	Sabbath Morning Services..... 11:00 a.m.
17	Religious School..... 10:00 a.m.
20	Sisterhood Archives Project..... 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
22	Shabbat Dinner 6:30 p.m.
22	Sabbath Evening Services 8:15 p.m.
23	Religious School..... 9:00 a.m.
23	Sabbath Morning Services..... 11:00 a.m.
24	Religious School..... 10:00 a.m.
24	Yom Hashoah Commemorative Program.. 7:30 p.m.

TEMPLE OFFICERS

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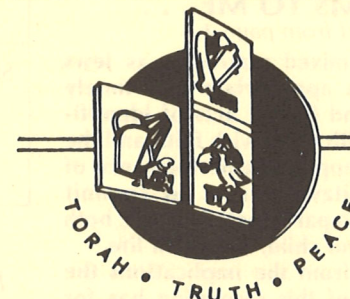
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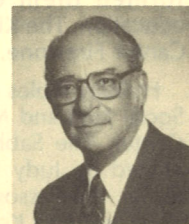
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IT SEEMS TO ME . . .

A Personal Message
from Rabbi Brooks

The Real Source of Jewish Identity

The matter of Jewish identity has been a vexing problem for a long time. In simple terms legal Jewish tradition confers Jewish identity upon any child born of a Jewish mother. The Jewishness of the father is irrelevant. Since we Reform Jews affirm the equality of men and women, we dissent from that position.



The question then is: will we accept as Jewish a child born of a Jewish father and a non-Jewish mother (i.e. unconverted). In my practice I always have if parents declare serious intention to raise the child as a Jew in a Jewishly observant home.

Just lately at the Central Conference of American Rabbis this issue of patrilineal descent was debated again after a year of further study. That study was necessary, I believe, not only in order to be careful of the consequences of formal action but also in view of the inability of other communities of Progressive Jews in Canada, South Africa, Israel and Great Britain and elsewhere to accommodate to our position. It has been suggested that our action to affirm patrilineal descent would alienate us from K'lal Yisroel, the world community of Jews.

I think history was made when the resolution accepting the child-continued on page 2

Friday, April 8
8:15 p.m. Shabbat Evening Services

*FUTURE DIRECTIONS IN REFORM EDUCATION —
The New UAHC Curriculum*

Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein

Oneg Shabbat given by Mr. and Mrs. Ronald G. Simon
in honor of Bar Mitzvah of their son,
Robert Gerry Simon

Saturday, April 9
11:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services

Bar Mitzvah
ROBERT GERRY SIMONS,
son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald G. Simons

Friday, April 15
8:15 p.m. Shabbat Evening Services

*REFORM AND
CHILDREN OF MIXED MARRIAGE*

Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks

Oneg Shabbat given by Mr. and Mrs. Hal Selner
in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter,
Beth Rosanne

Saturday, April 16
11:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services

Bat Mitzvah of
BETH ROSANNE SELNER
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Selner

Friday, April 22 SHABBAT DINNER AND SERVICES

6:30 p.m. — SHABBAT DINNER
Hors d'oeuvres — Kiddush
\$5.50 per person —

Call Temple Office for Reservations

8:15 p.m. — SHABBAT EVENING SERVICES

AMERICA AND ISRAEL

Impressions from Washington Conversations

Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks

Oneg Shabbat given by Mr. and Mrs. Marshall C. Fried
in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter,
Lisa Claire

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SISTERHOOD BOOK SALE
APRIL 10-14
CROSSROADS MALL.
PLEASE STOP BY!

IT SEEMS TO ME . . .

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dren of mixed marriages as Jews "through appropriate and timely public and formal acts of identification with the Jewish faith and the Jewish People. The performance of those mitzvot serves to commit those who participate in them, both parent and child, to Jewish life."

Aside from the implications the passage of this resolution has for the integrity of Reform Judaism, the issue puts "Jewishness" where it belongs, not in the genes or the blood stream but in the home and the school and the synagogue and in a life of Jewish self consciousness and commitment.

And that is true of all of us. Not just the children of mixed marriages.

YOU SHOULD SEE US NOW!!

The Sisterhood Gift Shop, now located in Room 3, is BIGGER — BRIGHTER and BETTER than ever! A NEW LOOK — NEW MERCHANDISE — SOMETHING FOR EVERY OCCASION!

A very special "THANK-YOU" goes to Ajon Farber for the many hours of hard work he gave so unselfishly and to all the wonderful people who helped move the merchandise.

Hours — 9-4:30 Monday thru Friday and every second and fourth Sunday from 10-12 Noon. For special help call Bev Gilinsky — 496-1136. Selected items on SALE. "Stop in and give us a try!"

OUR SYMPATHY

The Congregation records with sorrow the deaths of

HAROLD WIESMAN,
St. Louis, Mo.

Husband of Elaine
Brother of

Mrs. Elmer (Sylvia) Greenberg
EULA FROST
Arapahoe, Ne.
Sister of

Mrs. Nathan E. (Gladys) Jacobs
LILY HECHT
New York City

Mother of Mrs. C. Meade
(Carole) Chamberlin
and extends sympathy to their bereaved families.

Schedule of Services Cont'd.

Saturday, April 23
11:00 a.m.

Shabbat Morning Services

Bat Mitzvah of
LISA CLAIRE FRIED

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall C. Fried

HOLOCAUST TO BE
MEN'S CLUB BRUNCH
TOPIC — APRIL 10

Sam Fried, well-known Omaha figure and founding president of the Omaha Society of Survivors, will be the guest speaker on Sunday, April 10, sharing his experiences as a survivor of Auschwitz.

Mr. Fried, born in Czechoslovakia, was imprisoned at age 17. He miraculously escaped the death camp and returned to his home, where he met and married his wife Magda in 1948. Sam and Magda emigrated to the United States in 1949 and settled in Omaha. Mr. Fried's topic will be "The Value of Freedom in Relationship to the Holocaust."

Temple Brotherhood officials agree that this is one of the most important issues of our era and according to Albert Vorspan, vice president of UAHC and well-known writer, "We Jews must never forget the Holocaust. To forget it, to let its memory fade, would be to give Hitler a posthumous victory. The Holocaust — the darkest period of human history — presents dilemmas for Jews. For one thing there is the question of what lessons to draw from this event, because certainly this cataclysm must have the profoundest significance . . . but which lessons?"

Perhaps after hearing of Mr. Fried's experiences with the Nazi's we will better understand how to use these lessons toward the task of building a better world for ourselves and all others.

Mr. Fried's presentation will take place at 10:00 a.m. in the Milder Conference Center of Temple.

A Lox and Bagel brunch will be served. Mens Club members free, guests \$1.00 each.

Guests are welcome! If you are not a Temple Mens Club member, please call 556-6536 for reservations.

FRIENDSHIP TEA

On Sunday, March 20, at 1:00 p.m., Temple Israel Sisterhood's Annual Friendship Tea welcomed over 150 men and women representing many churches in Omaha and surrounding areas.

The events of the Friendship Tea began in the sanctuary, where Noni Selner, Sisterhood President, welcomed our guests. Rabbi Brooks spoke on Jewish and Christian theology and Rabbi Weinstein informed them of our religious education. The Kiddish was sung by Cantor Firestone.

Holiday tables were set up in the Social Hall and Milder Conference Center. The Sabbath table was arranged by Judy Farber and Sandy Kutler, the Passover table by Sandy Kohll and Gail Kohll, the Rosh Hashanah table by Dee Fox and Betty Sanford and the Chanukkah table by Lois Epstein and Marilyn Warren. Mitch Warren blew the Shofar at the Rosh Hashanah table and Linda Weinstein explained the items in the Heritage Case.

Leading the tour of Temple and guiding small groups were, Sisterhood Members, Sandy Nogg, and Juanda Thompson and Temple Youth Group Members, Tracy Simon, Dan Marburg, David Spizman, Mark Garber and David Ben Yacov.

Jane Brooks, Madeleine Firestone, Joyce Schmidman, Betty Chesler, Rita Rosenblum, Jan Harris and Marilyn Manvitz also helped make the afternoon a huge success.

Sandy Kohll and
Judy Roffman,
Friendship Tea Chairmen

COPY DEADLINE FOR
TIDINGS ISSUE NO. 13
Thursday, April 14, 1983
This issue will cover:
Fridays
April 29, May 6 and 13

Those Carts in our
Temple Foyer

Those carts in our Temple foyer are empty again!!
Who took the food? We did.
And it was eaten by those who need it.

As you go to market for your family, market for the Omaha Food Bank also!

Fill up those carts as you would your own shelves. Keep them full. Never — but never let them be empty.

Unless, of course, you believe that human stomachs have extraordinary memories — and, remembering the last meal, never feel empty!

If you can't go shopping, bring your donations to us and we will shop for you.

S.H.B.

TRY TO
REMEMBER!

The faces in the Confirmation pictures that hang on the walls in the corridor of the Religious School wing of our building need identification. If you help us with this, the pictures will be much more meaningful. Call Temple Office, 556-6536.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Krasne
Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Freeman

TED SELDIN PRESENTS
NOMINEES FOR BOARD

Ted Seldin, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, has presented the following slate to the Board of Trustees of Temple Israel:

Officers to serve one-year terms: President, Dr. Blaine Roffman; Vice Presidents; Iz Tretiak, Mrs. Richard (Phyllis) Glazer, Murray H. Newman, Mrs. A. David (Judi) Goldstein; Treasurer, Carol Ann Farber; Secretary, Gary Kaplan.

Board members to serve three-year terms: Don Greenberg, Mrs. Robert (Ellie) Gordman, Alan Garfinkle, Sherman C. Sperling.

Board members to serve two year terms: Mrs. David E. (Arlene) Beber, Seth Levy.

The above slate will be presented and voted upon at the Annual Congregational meeting and dinner to be held at Temple Israel, Wednesday, May 11, 1983.

Sisterhood Proposed
Bylaws Revisions

Following are the proposed Bylaws Revisions of the Sisterhood of Temple Israel, Omaha, Nebraska. Said proposed revisions shall come before the Sisterhood for approval at the May 10, 1983 meeting.

ARTICLE I — NAME

Now reads: "The name of this organization shall be known as the Sisterhood of Temple Israel, Omaha, Nebraska."

Proposed change will add the phrase: "an affiliate of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods and of NFTS District Twenty."

ARTICLE III — MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section I — Active Membership

Now reads: "Women who are members of the Congregation of Temple Israel and who are duly admitted to Sisterhood upon payment of Sisterhood dues as assessed by the Board of Directors shall be active members with the privilege of voting at the regular and special meetings."

Proposed change: "Members of the Congregation of Temple Israel who are . . ."

Section III — Membership Dues

3. Now reads: "District and National dues . . ." Proposed change: "National and District dues . . ."

4. Now reads: "Any woman joining Sisterhood . . . next fiscal year." Proposed change: "Any member joining Sisterhood . . . next fiscal year."

ARTICLE V — OFFICERS AND ADMINISTRATION

Section II

Now reads: "These officers shall constitute the Executive Board, together with the immediate past President, and any officer of District Twenty and member of the Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods."

Proposed change: "These officers . . . past President, any member of the Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, and any officer of District Twenty."

Section IV

Now reads: "The Executive Board shall ap-

ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL
DINNER AND MEETING
Wednesday, May 11, 1983
6:30 p.m.

Michael M. Erman, Outgoing President of the Congregation of Temple Israel, will be honored at the Annual Congregational Dinner and meeting to be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 11.

Election of officers and Board Members will also take place and reports of Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks, Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein, and President Erman will be given.

Mark your calendars and watch for detailed information for reservations for this event!

point the chairman of standing committees. The Board of Directors shall consist of the Executive Board and the chairmen of standing committees. The Board of Directors shall hold meetings from September to May, inclusive."

Proposed change: "The Executive Board . . . shall hold meetings as needed. Ten members shall constitute a quorum."

Section VII

Now reads: "Should circumstances force any member to withdraw from the Board of Directors, such resignation must be given in writing to the President."

Proposed change: "Resignation from Board positions should be submitted in writing."

Section IX

Now reads: "Any member of the Board of Directors who is absent from two consecutive regular meetings of the Board of Directors except for illness or absence from the city or important emergency shall automatically be dropped from the Board of Directors. Notice to this effect shall be sent by the Secretary after the second consecutive absence."

Proposed change: "Any member . . . regular meetings of the Board of Directors except for good cause shall be dropped from the Board of Directors . . . consecutive absence."

ARTICLE VI — DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section II — Executive Vice-President

Now reads: "The Executive Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in her absence or inability to act. She shall serve as a member of the Board of the Congregation of Temple Israel."

Proposed change: "In the absence of the President, the Executive Vice-President shall perform the duties of that office and shall serve as a member of the Board of the Congregation of Temple Israel."

Section III — Vice-Presidents

Now reads: "It shall be the duty of each Vice-President to supervise and coordinate the activities of the Chairman assigned within her jurisdiction."

Proposed change: "Vice-Presidents shall supervise and coordinate activities of the Chairmen assigned within their jurisdictions."

Section V — Corresponding Secretary

Now reads: "The Corresponding Secretary shall issue all notices of meetings and conduct the correspondence of the Sisterhood. She shall keep a complete membership list up to date."

Proposed change: (Delete last sentence.)

Section VII — Treasurer

Now reads: "The Treasurer shall have custody of all the money belonging to the Sisterhood and shall deposit same in an Omaha bank. She shall draw the monies therefrom for payments on bills only on authorization by the Executive Board. She shall annually present her books for an audit by a Certified Public Accountant."

Proposed change: "The Treasurer shall have custody of all the money belonging to the Sisterhood, shall deposit same, shall pay all bills, and shall annually present books for an audit by a Certified Public Accountant."

Section VIII — Parliamentarian

Now reads: "It shall be the duty of the Parliamentarian to expedite the business procedure by ruling on matters pertaining to the

proper usage of parliamentary law. She shall be the chairman of the Committee on Revision of Bylaws."

Proposed change: "Delete last sentence."

Proposed additional section to Article VI:

"Section IX-Policy and Bylaws Chairman It shall be the duty of the Policy and Bylaws Chairman to review annually the Bylaws and Policies other than the fees for receptions, dinners, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, etc. Fees shall be set in accordance with Policy statements 14 and 15."

ARTICLE VIII — NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Proposed change: "ARTICLE VII — . . ."

Section I

Now reads: "The Executive Board shall appoint a Committee on Nominations in September previous to the general election to serve for a period of two years."

Proposed change: "The President, with the consent of the Executive Board shall appoint a chairman and a Committee on Nominations . . ."

Section II

Now reads: "The Committee on Nominations shall present a report at the meeting prior to the Annual Meeting of even years. Elections shall be held by ballot at the election meeting except where there is an unopposed slate. A majority of votes cast shall elect."

Proposed change will add the sentence: "Notification of the slate shall be published at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting."

ARTICLE IX — STANDING COMMITTEES

Proposed change: "Article VIII — . . ."

Now reads: "There shall be a Nominating, a Budget, and a Policy Committee, and as many standing committees as are necessary to carry on the work of the Sisterhood."

Proposed change: "There shall be . . . a Policy and Bylaws Committee, and as many . . . work of the Sisterhood."

ARTICLE X — CONVENTION DELEGATES

Proposed change: "ARTICLE IX — . . ."

ARTICLE XI — AMENDMENTS

Proposed change: "ARTICLE X — . . ."

Section I

Now reads: "Amendments shall be proposed by recommendations of the Board of Directors or a special committee appointed for that purpose."

Proposed change: "Amendments . . . Board of Directors or the Policy and Bylaws Committee."

Section II

Now reads: "These Bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting or special meeting called for the specific purpose provided that notice of proposed changes be given at least one week before the meeting. A two-thirds vote of those present is necessary for adoption of such amendment."

Proposed change: "These Bylaws may be amended . . . at least one (1) month before . . . such amendment."

ARTICLE XII — AUTHORITY

Proposed change: "ARTICLE XI — . . ."

Silvia Roffman, Chairman
Policy and Bylaws Committee