

Yahrzeits

Kaddish will be recited for the following departed loved ones whose names are inscribed for perpetual tribute on the Memorial Tablets of our Congregation:

December 7, 1973

Leon S. Kopald
Marion O. Stoler
Sam Feltman
Ida Weiner
Joseph H. Jacobs
Rae Tarnoff
Judith Ida Sommer
Edgar Wm. Pollack
Hattie R. Wilinsky
Sarah G. Cohen

December 14, 1973

Theresa Harris Ullery
Harry Mendel Rothkop
Fannie Kropman
Hannah Logasa
Florence Slosburg
Rose Sommer
Rosa Beber
Samuel Livingston
Caroline Cahn

WELCOME NEW SISTERHOOD MEMBER:

Mrs. Anna Weiss

CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO SPECIAL TEMPLE FUNDS:

IN HONOR OF:

New Bank, to Mr. Harold Brodkey.

Bar Mitzvah of Andrew Robinson.

Bat Mitzvah of Marci Telpner.

50th Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Hymie Zorinsky.

FOR THE RECOVERY OF:

Eleanor Slosburg, Iz Tretiak.

IN MEMORY OF:

Loyal B. Cohn, Lou Fineberg, Roy Glass, David Goldstein, Lynn Williams Gross, Herman Jacobi, Mrs. Alex Katz, Sam Roffman, Adam Rosenberg, Bernard Siegler, Marlene L. Sugarman, Annie Weintraub, Sam Wine.

GIFTS OF INSCRIBED PRAYER BOOKS

IN MEMORY OF:

Grace Bernstein.
Abe Goldstein.
Saul Levey.
Jay M. Malashock.

PULPIT FLOWERS

November 16

In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Pamela Bloch.

November 23

In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Marcia Krasne and the Bar Mitzvah of Richard Krasne.

OUR SYMPATHY

The Congregation records with sorrow the death of

ABE BERNSTEIN,
father of David Bernstein

MATTHEW KAPLAN,
brother of Mrs. David Katz

FANNY ROSINSKY,
mother of Mrs. Phil Sokolof
and Richard Rosinsky

and extends sympathy to the bereaved families.

HONORED AT SABBATH SERVICES

November 16, 1973

Candle Blessing Mrs. Albert Bloch
Kiddush Albert Bloch
Torah Blessing Nathan Bookin
Torah Blessing Michael Bookin

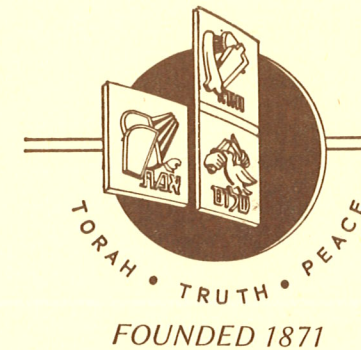
November 23, 1973

Candle Blessing Mrs. Robert Krasne
Kiddush Robert Krasne
Torah Blessing Millard H. Krasne
Torah Blessing Abe Krant

Pamela Bloch and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bloch, and Marci Telpner and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Telpner, send thanks for the Uniongrams received in honor of their Bat Mitzvahs.

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IT SEEMS TO ME . . . A Personal Message from Rabbi Brooks

TIME FOR A NEW WORSHIP FORM



For a long time we have known that our tradition teaches that study is a form of prayer. We say this over and again. But we seldom act in that spirit.

Forthrightly my train of thought: I know that members of our congregation, in no significantly greater or less numbers than in other congregations, do not come regularly to Sabbath services for prayer. It is difficult for most of us to cultivate the art of prayer. There are exceptions. There are congregations where the "house" is filled on Friday nights. The reasons are clear, I think. There are some of my colleagues whom I envy for dynamic, compelling preaching. These attract. There are also certain communities which might be called vacation or retirement areas where attendance at services is regularly high. The rabbis themselves tell me that the majority are not their own congregants, but are visitors, curious to attend services in a place unfamiliar to them, or people with nothing but time who laudably use that time to observe the Sabbath. And for all of us, socially compelling events such as a Bar/Bat Mitzvah will assure a well filled sanctuary. Many other methods have been tried as congregations struggle for "attendance."

In so doing it is my judgment that some get worship and programs confused. Cantatas, "special" mimeographed services, Sisterhood Sabbath, Boy Scout Sabbath, Book Sabbath, College Sabbath, Youth Services and the like are all "gimmicks" to my mind. The pulpit is not a stage or lecture platform, nor the sanctuary a concert hall.

The most sensitive area is, of course, the ego of the rabbi. Many rabbis feel rejected because there is not a full congregation, as if to say the droves who stay away are a personal affront to them. I do not feel that way. Yet, I must tell you that it is a tremendous test of psychological control to preach a well-prepared sermon to a "lumber yard" of empty seats or to a congregation where non-Jewish visitors outnumber our own congregation.

So why not try an authentic change in form of worship, one which is perfectly within the spirit of the tradition and certainly possible in Reform Judaism?

Note elsewhere in this Tidings that on December 7 and December 14 we will have TWO concurrent services.

One will be a regular ritual, including, of course, our weekly variation of prayers. The other will be a Service of Study. In the latter, we will have abbreviated elements of the basic prayers, a Kiddush, the Torah lesson, and the Kaddish. The rest of the time we will STUDY which is to say there will be a guided lesson from the rabbi with a chance for all to participate by asking questions and talking together on a theme appropriate to the Sabbath and to real Jewish learning. In short: we will join our spirits and minds. There are those who prefer the liturgical regular order of prayers. There are others who cannot be touched by formal prayer. We will try a "service" for each.

Your response will be the answer not only for yourself but for us. Naturally, it is a double strain on your rabbis, but nothing can be worse than the knowledge that we are reaching so few as it is.

Rabbinical Students Aid in Israel Crisis

During the weeks of battle, the Jerusalem campus of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion was a microcosm of all that is Israeli life. Faculty, students and staff were totally involved in the civilian campaign to maintain the standards of normalcy in Israel's daily existence.

Students of the Jerusalem School aided with all of their talents in every imaginable capacity. One young man, trained as an electrician, was of immeasurable service to a Kibbutz in the outskirts of Jerusalem. Some delivered food, gas for homes, packed pills at a pharmaceutical factory; others amused children at a hospital for the crippled, did children's laundry while on 24-hour shifts and sand-bagged the youngsters' living quarters; still others were on guard duty or performed custodial services at hospitals, museums, radio and television headquarters; and some versatile Rabbinic students even traveled from Jerusalem to entertain troops at army bases or to aid at Kibbutzim in Beersheva and the Jordan Valley.

On campus, lists were compiled of available homes for soldiers for their use while on leave in Jerusalem — places where they could make phone calls, sleep, have a meal, shower; signs were posted that the School's bomb-shelter was available to the public; and *Haga*, the Civil Defense Force, used the campus as a headquarters. All of the younger male members of the maintenance staff were immediately called up — the first one in fact, was summoned while he was ushering at the Yom Kippur service. Other staff members were assisting on the homefront day and night — they baked bread in a factory or they helped in the x-ray quarters of Hadassah Hospital.

Indeed, as one of the students put it, "Studying at the Jerusalem School of the College — Institute is learning the living lessons of Judaism."

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES	
Friday Evening, December 7 8:15 p.m.	Sabbath Evening Services
TWO SERVICES	
CHAPEL	SANCTUARY
WORSHIP THROUGH STUDY	REGULAR SABBATH WORSHIP
Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks will teach.	Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein "From Discord to Harmony in Family Life"
Sabbath Coffee Hour	

Saturday Morning, December 8 11:00 a.m.	Sabbath Morning Services
BAR MITZVAH of MARK WEINER DANN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerold Dann	

Friday Evening, December 14 8:15 p.m.	Sabbath Evening Services
TWO SERVICES	
CHAPEL	SANCTUARY
WORSHIP THROUGH STUDY	REGULAR SABBATH WORSHIP
Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein will teach.	Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks "Enough Living on Borrowed Time"
Sabbath Coffee Hour	

Saturday Morning, December 15 11:00 a.m.	Sabbath Morning Services
BAR MITZVAH of DAVID CUTLER, son of Mrs. Betty Rae Cutler	

Student Sharing Needs Toys, Clothing, Food

Temple's Social Action Committee, headed by Stuart Tucker, announces the second annual December Student Sharing Drive.

All Saturday and Sunday Religious School children are asked to bring the following items on the following days:

December 8-9 — new and used clothing and toys

December 15-16 — non-perishable food items

From the generosity displayed last year by our Temple families, one could see the satisfaction our children derived through this kind of sharing.

Miss Bea Sommer will distribute these donations to the community groups who serve those in need.

WANTED

Couples Club has arranged with Lutheran General Hospital to relieve a number of their people on Christmas Day. Fascinating job opportunities requiring no previous experience. No pay, no fringe benefits, no vacations, just a few hours of your time December 25th. This could lead to a whole new career for you.

Contact the Marty Warrens, 334-1618 or Av Greenbergs, 334-5584

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December	
5	Coffee with the Rabbi 10:00 a.m.
9	Gift Shop 10:00-noon
11	Sisterhood Board Meeting 11:30 a.m.
11	Sisterhood Luncheon 12:30 p.m.
12	Coffee with the Rabbi 10:00 a.m.
16	Gift Shop 10:00-noon
16	TYG Chanukah Carnival 12:00 to 5:00 p.m.
19	Coffee with the Rabbi 10:00 a.m.
19	Chanukah begins — 1st nite Sundown
21	Chanukah Family Dinner 6:00 p.m.
21	Chanukan and Sabbath Service 7:30 p.m.
22	No Religious School — Resumes January 5
23	No Religious School — Resumes January 6
24	No Hebrew Classes — Resumes January 7
24	No Nursery School — Resumes January 7
25	No Confirmation Class — Resumes January 8

GAMES! FOOD! PRIZES!

COME TO TEMPLE YOUTH GROUP'S CHANUKAH CARNIVAL

12:00-5:00 p.m.

Stay after Sunday School and have lunch at our Carnival Sunday, December 16

Temple Israel's Social Hall Cakewalks, raffles and all kinds of surprises. Fun For ALL! All proceeds to our Temple Youth Group

BOOKS AND RECORDS

needed for

SISTERHOOD'S BOOK BASH

to be held

January 12-18, 1974

at

Crossroads Mall.

Please call Fifi Passer, 333-2189, for pickups.

Congratulations . .

ON THE ENGAGEMENT OF:

Susan M. Cohen and Michael R. Gieseler. Miss Cohen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Cohen, and Mr. Gieseler is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Gieseler of Chadron.

Nancy Ross and Arthur Cohen. Miss Ross is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ross, and Mr. Cohen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Cohen, St. Louis.

ON THE WEDDING OF:

Mr. and Mrs. Orvel A. Milder. Mrs. Milder is the former Nan L. Gruman.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman T. Rosen. Mrs. Rosen is the former Mrs. Maxine Kahane.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Kay Nogg. Mrs. Nogg is the former Sandra Lee Bahar.

Lt. Col. and Mrs. Irvin J. Harris. Mrs. Harris is the former Barbara Evelyn Rovner.

ON THE BIRTH OF:

Rebecca Lynn Goldstein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Goldstein. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kennedy III and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Goldstein.

**Temple Israel
invites you to a Family Dinner
To Celebrate Chanukah
Friday, December 21 — 6:00 p.m.
Followed by Services at 7:30 p.m.**

Junior Choir Members To Sing

\$1.50 for children
\$3.00 for adults and children 7th grade and older

Reservations must be in to the Temple Office by Monday, December 17
— and check must accompany reservation.

Name _____
Number in party _____
Family to sit with _____

TEMPLE ISRAEL FUNDS

The Congregation is deeply grateful for contributions given in memory of loved ones and friends or in honor of special occasions.

These gifts may be made to:

- New Prayerbook Fund
- Loyal B. Cohn Memorial Fund
- Art Beautification Fund (Sisterhood)
- Rabbis' Discretionary Fund
- Education Fund
- Temple Future Fund
- Harold Garber Memorial Fund
- Heritage-Museum Fund
- Library Fund
- Edna and Adolf Mayer Memorial Fund
- NFTY Fund Temple Youth Group Organ Fund
- Charles Rosenstock Memorial Fund

Gifts of inscribed prayerbooks are available at \$10 each.

Your contribution will be handled promptly by the Temple staff. There is a \$2 minimum for each card sent.

Special thanks to the Uniongram workers for their help during the Israel crisis, encouraging telegrams to the President and obtaining names of emergency blood donors.

Judy Feldman

***Welcome to Judaism
And to Our People***

In recent weeks we have had the pleasure and honor to welcome into our Faith and into membership in the Jewish people Mrs. Nan Gruman Milder, Mrs. Ann Goldstein and Mrs. Sandy Bahar Nogg.

The formal ceremony for each was held in our Temple Chapel at which Rabbi Brooks and Rabbi Weinstein officiated with one of the officers of our Congregation.

We pray that those we have welcomed will find deep satisfaction in the Faith of Judaism and in the traditions of our people.

**STUDENT SHARING
DRIVE**

**December 8-9
New and used toys and
clothing**

**December 15-16
Non-perishable food**

**Please bring items to
Religious School**

**Gift Shop Sends
Thanks**

It is with deep appreciation that your Gift Shop Chairmen thank the following:

Goldstein-Chapman's for the generous donation of another display case to enable us to show you the complete line of merchandise we carry.

Richman-Gordman Stores for the blue velvet to line our cases and for the printing of our signs.

Mr. Charles Monasee and Hinky-Dinky Stores for the use of a grocery marker. Our task of pricing our Chanukah merchandise was cut in half with the use of this handy machine — and now you can understand why some of our goods are marked "Grocery!"

The cooperation and generosity of the above firms and their executives is greatly appreciated.

Marilyn Warren and
Judi Goldstein

P.S. We will be open December 22 and December 23 from 10-12, and on December 11 before and after the Sisterhood Meeting.

WE THANK YOU!

We the members of the Omaha Temple Youth Group want to formally express our appreciation to each member of our congregation who helped us with our Fall Conclavette. Your interest, assistance, and devotion have been magnificent, and we hope you know how sincerely grateful we are to you for all you have done. From each of the members of our Temple Youth Group, thank you very much!

Who? Couples Club

What? Bowling Party

When? Saturday, December 15

**Where? Details To Be
Announced,**

So Watch Your Mailbox

YOU WERE IN OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

By Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein

Congratulations, Temple Youth Group!



Our Temple Youth Group recently hosted over one hundred twenty youth delegates from Reform Jewish congregations in six midwestern states. Those of you with youth group members in your family and others among you who helped with our convention realize the enormous amounts of time, effort, and careful planning required in making our Fall Conclavette the tremendous success that it was.

I want to express my gratitude to all who helped our youth group throughout our convention. For your assistance and cooperation in using, transportation, chaperoning, discussion leading, and the preparation and serving of continually superb meals, and for the innumerable ways in which you have been helpful, I am deeply grateful. Without your support our conclavette would not have been possible.

Congratulations are especially in order to the youth leadership of our Fall Conclavette: Debbie Farber, chairperson; Mike Meyers, co-chairperson; and Mark Greenberg, treasurer, and their youth advisors, Bjorn Farber and Bruce Rips. Their devotion and all consuming effort make me proud to serve as their adviser, and they continually transform my work into a joy.

I also would express my gratitude to the board and entire membership of our youth group for their exemplary cooperation in the planning and administration of our function.

It is impossible to convey in a few words the total meaning of Fall Conclavette to our youth. Whether a delegate came to us from a small community with few Jewish

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The Last Few Moments of Sabbath



Debbie Farber and Beth Gendler light the Havdalah candle at Fall Conclavette.
photo by Scott Jarus

Rabbi Weinstein . . . continued

families, or from a metropolitan area, the opportunity for all to study and worship together as well as become acquainted with each other was invaluable in the development of their sense of Jewish identity. In our informal discussions dealing with the meaning of concepts such as the Chosen People, social radicalism, and holiness in Judaism, each delegate was exposed to deeper insights into each of these issues.

Perhaps the most telling facet of our Conclavette was represented by the fact that our youth themselves, together with my guidance, carried out so much of the required work and planning. To have been with them as they worshipped together with liturgy and music prepared by themselves several times during our Conclavette was truly a reward for me.

When you next happen to be with members of our Temple Youth group, congratulate them on their superb accomplishments, and thank them for helping insure the future of our people.

RABBI BROOKS WILL SPEAK TO SISTERHOOD

Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks will review the book *A Passion For Truth* by Abraham Joshua Heschel at Sisterhood's meeting on December 11. The 12:30 Luncheon will be in the Social Hall.

The Donor drawing will not be held on December 11 as first announced. Instead the money that would have been spent for the prizes will be sent to Israel in Temple Israel Sisterhood's name.

The Sisterhood Board Meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Reservations may be made through Temple Office, 556-6536. There will be Sitter Service.

It should be noted that even though the members pay their Donor, there will be a charge for luncheon.

The Sisterhood Gift Shop will be open before and after the meeting.