

SISTERHOOD NEWS AND
THANK-YEWS

We are so happy to announce that we have a new Sisterhood Services Vice-President, but sad to say that Arlene Moskovitz, a most dedicated worker, had to step down. Noni Selner came right to our rescue, and taking Noni's place as Corresponding Secretary is Bev Gillsky. We thank all three women for volunteering in Sisterhood.

At our March luncheon, we were all delighted by the culinary forte of our cooks: Jane Brooks, Helen Stern, Betty Chesler, Elisse Collis and Rachel Bleicher. Thanks a million! Also, we thank Gail Kohl, who has spent numberless hours all year setting tables. The women who helped her in March were Linda Gordman (Mrs. Nelson), Marilyn Manvitz, and Toni Rosen.

The Interfaith Tea prompted many thank-you notes and words of appreciation from our guests, so all the hard work that Gloria Wagner and her committee expended was well worth the effort. Hurrah for Lois Epstein, Marilyn Warren, Carol Farber, Nancy Greenberg, Gigi Osten, Ducky Milder, Sandy Nogg, Jane Brooks, Marilyn Wasserkrug, Wanda Blotcky, Carole Chamberlin, Joie Simon, Yolanda Lerner, Joan Lehr, Helen Makiesky, Bev Seldin, and Linda Weinstein!

Finally, we want you to know what we are doing with your donations to the Art Beautification Fund, currently dubbed THE WISH LIST. We have purchased two dozen new coffee servers and water pitchers, and new trays for Onegs. We'd like to purchase a permanent centerpiece for receptions, as well as other items (such as a food processor), which would make life much easier for our cooks.

See you at the DONOR!

BAR/BAT MITZVAH SCROLL

Give your Bar/Bat Mitzvah Celebrant the gift which will become a lifetime remembrance.

The personalized parchment scroll with Haftarah portion in Hebrew and English, in a carved hardwood case, with blue cloth bag and lucite stand is now on display.

Stop in and order yours today.

APRIL

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

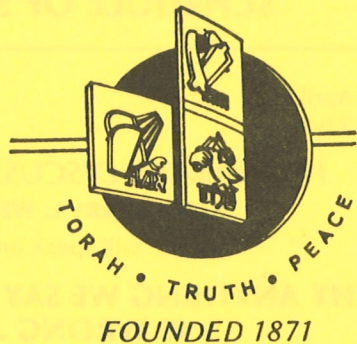
4	Senior Citizens Walk-In-Drop-In	11:00 a.m.
4	Confirmation	4:00 p.m.
4	Daled Hebrew Class	4:00-5:30 p.m.
5	Gimmel Hebrew Class	4:00-5:30 p.m.
6	Sabbath Evening Services	
	Sabbath Discussion Series	8:15 p.m.
7	Faculty Breakfast and Seminar	7:45 a.m.
7	Religious School	9:00 a.m.
7	Sabbath Morning Services	11:00 a.m.
8	Faculty Breakfast and Seminar	8:45 a.m.
8	Conversion Class	9:00 a.m.
8	Religious School	10:00 a.m.
8	Religious School Mock Seder	10:30 a.m.
10	Aleph and Beth Hebrew Classes — Recess	
11	Daled Hebrew Class — Recess	
11	Confirmation Class — Recess	
11	Beginning of Passover	
	Evening Festival Service	5:00 p.m.
12	Passover Morning Festival Service	11:00 a.m.
12	Gimmel Hebrew Class — Recess	
12	Congregational Seder	6:00 p.m.
13	Sabbath Evening Service	8:15 p.m.
14-15	Religious School — Recess	
14	Sabbath Morning Service	11:00 a.m.
17	Aleph Hebrew Class	4:00-5:00 p.m.
17	Beth Hebrew Class	5:00-6:00 p.m.
17	Conclusion of Passover	
	Evening Festival Service	6:00 p.m.
18	Passover Morning Festival Service	11:00 a.m.
18	Daled Hebrew Class — Recess	
19	Gimmel Hebrew Class	4:00-5:30 p.m.
20-22	Temple Youth Group — Inter-City	
20	Sabbath Evening Services	8:15 p.m.
21	6th, 7th, 8th grades — Religious School	9:00 a.m.
21	9th grade Religious School — Recess	
21	Sabbath Morning Services	11:00 a.m.
21	TYG — Inter-City Dinner	6:30 p.m.
22	Conversion Class	9:00 a.m.
22	Religious School	10:00 a.m.
22	Men's Club Breakfast	10:00 a.m.
24	Aleph Hebrew Class	4:00-5:00 p.m.
24	Beth Hebrew Class	5:00-6:15 p.m.
25	Daled Hebrew Class	4:00-5:30 p.m.
25	Confirmation Class	4:00 p.m.
25	Board of Trustees	7:30 p.m.

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IT SEEMS TO ME . . .

A Personal Message from Rabbi Brooks

THE REAL HIGH HOLIDAY

Of all places, the Military Manual has it right! There, for military "leave" purposes, Passover is classified as one of the High Holidays. Technically, of course, that is not so. Rosh Hashonah and Yom Kippur are the High Holidays, the Awesome Days. That's when our Jews come from everywhere to the Synagogue. I do not know and I doubt I ever will know why our people come in such droves on those days. Do we bring a faith to the Synagogue or expect to find it there? I don't know.

But, oh the power of Mama's matzo balls! Say what you will, that's when we think, pray, travel, and eat "Jewish." That's when Jews want to be home. With the family and friends. No one wants to be alone on Pesach. Contrary to the real High Holidays, on Passover we don't look for Jewish identity or Judaism in the Synagogue; but, just the reverse, we bring Judaism into our homes! And I'll side with the military assessment that reached the right conclusions for the wrong reasons! Because if Rosh Hashonah is rabbinically called the "birthday of the world," Pesach, to my mind, is the birthday of the Jewish People.

What a story! What dramatization! What universal significance! A motley crew of erstwhile slaves following a magnetic leader out of Egypt into a desolate wilderness all for the sake of self respect and freedom. Now with the Egyptians and every nation the idea of human peace remains our goal.

Your Mama's matzo balls and my Mama's matzo balls may be different. But never mind. To each his own. The great thing is we are where we ought to be, young and old, family and friends: at home with our Faith, telling the story of our beginnings as if it happened yesterday. Strange thing: it did! There is still bondage, still enslavement. And we choose freedom for ourselves and all our fellow men.

Enjoy the Seder. But remember "the bread of affliction" dry and flat in our mouths now as it was in the haste of our ancestors' departure from slavery.

Eat it. Enjoy it. But remember the story it recalls is not old, it's still news. We have God's commandment to free every soul on earth. Bring Judaism into your homes and hearts. And remember the oppression and slavery still in other parts of our world.

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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David Peebler TYG President
Mrs. Wilma H. Reeves, Executive Secretary

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES	
Friday, April 6 8:15 p.m.	Sabbath Evening Services
IV: SABBATH DISCUSSION SERIES RABBI BARRY L. WEINSTEIN will speak on WHY ANYTHING WE SAY ABOUT "GOD" IS WRONG Could a Jew be an Atheist? Agnostic? Sabbath Coffee Hour	
Saturday, April 7 11:00 a.m.	Sabbath Morning Services
PASSOVER SERVICES Wednesday, April 11 5:00 p.m. Passover Eve Service Thursday, April 12 11:00 a.m. Passover Morning Service Thursday, April 12 6:00 p.m. Congregational Seder	
Friday, April 13 8:15 p.m.	Sabbath Evening Services
RABBI BARRY L. WEINSTEIN will speak on FAMILY, FREEDOM, AND HOPE PASSOVER! Sabbath Coffee Hour	
Saturday, April 14 11:00 a.m.	Sabbath Morning Services
CONCLUSION OF PASSOVER Tuesday, April 17 6:00 p.m. Passover Evening Service Wednesday, April 18 11:00 a.m. Passover Morning Service	
Friday, April 20 8:15 p.m.	Sabbath Evening Services
Temple Youth Group Service "REFLECTIONS THROUGH A 2-WAY MIRROR" Sabbath Coffee Hour	
Saturday, April 21 11:00 a.m.	Sabbath Evening Services
Bat Mitzvah of CYNTHIA JO SIMONS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald G. Simons	

“OUR GANG”

Temple Israel’s New Program for “Singles”

Temple Israel has inaugurated a new program designed primarily for the membership of Temple Israel, but open to the entire Jewish community. The group is called “Our Gang,” and we hope that it will enable the Jewish single people of Omaha and the surrounding area to become acquainted, to more easily socialize with each other and to become involved in more active participation in synagogue activities.

After a month of accumulating names of possible participants, our mailing list has grown to 340, and we are still receiving calls each day to add another few names.

Our first activity, a cocktail party at the apartment of David Slosburg, was an unqualified success, attended by about 200 people. Subsequent activities, a cocktail party on March 10 and an innovative Oneg Shabbat at the home of Faye Garber on March 16, have also been extremely successful.

We feel that we now have a nucleus “Gang” who are enthusiastic and willing workers for the group, as well as being friends. We have a coordinating committee that plans and schedules events. Mr. Sherman Poska has been intricately involved in helping our Rabbis organize and coordinate this group, which has tremendous potential for further activities of informational and supportive nature for single parents, recently widowed or divorced individuals, and all singles in the Congregation.

Their future activities, which we hope will be self-supporting, include varied social events over the next few months such as pot luck dinners, parties and other planned “get-togethers” in order to attract as many interested people as possible.

The response to this program has greatly exceeded our expectations, and we are proud that it is under the auspices of Temple Israel.

GIFTS OF PRAYER BOOKS
IN MEMORY OF:
Samuel Cohen, Max H. Levy, Dr. Nathan Muskin.
IN HONOR OF:
Harold Schoenberg.
Birthday of Harry Krantz.
Recovery of Carin Roffman.

CONGREGATIONAL SEDER ON APRIL 12

We are pleased to announce that Temple Israel will hold a Congregational Seder on the second night of Passover, Thursday, April 12, 1979, at 6:00 p.m. The cost of the Seder dinner will be \$8.50 for adults and \$5.00 for children. In order to make a firm reservation, your check **must** accompany your reservation. Reservations must be in the Temple office by Friday, April 6.

Please mail in the reservation slip below as soon as possible with a check. Reservations cannot be taken over the phone.

Also families having Passover Seder at home may borrow Haggadahs through the Temple office. You may consult with Rabbi Brooks or Rabbi Weinstein if you have any questions.

RESERVATION BLANK

Seder Dinner — 6:00 P.M., Thursday, April 12, 1979

Name _____

\$8.50 ADULTS _____
(number)

\$5.00 CHILDREN _____
(thru Grade 6) — (number)

We prefer to sit with _____ , _____
(name of family) (No. in their family)

Reservation deadline Friday, April 6, 1979. Reservations received after April 6 accepted on “stand-by” basis only.

NO RESERVATION WILL BE MADE UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY PAYMENT!!

Return your reservation blank and check to:
Temple Israel Office
7023 Cass Street
Omaha, Nebraska 68132

CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO SPECIAL TEMPLE FUNDS:

IN HONOR OF:
Birthday of Arthur Goldstein.
Birthday of Mrs. Morris Jacobs.
Birthday of Harry Krantz.
Bat Mitzvah of Beth Spizman.
Birthday of I. H. Weiner.

FOR THE RECOVERY OF:
Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks, Richard Einstein, Stanley Fisk, Mort Friedlander, Jerome Gordon, Hilde Gottlieb, Eunice Krasne, Al Nepomnick, Ann Nichols.

IN MEMORY OF:
Ann Bercovici, Samuel Cohen, Sophie Epstein, William Milder, William Racusin, Sam Rifkin, Rose Zack.

OUR SYMPATHY

The Congregation records with sorrow the death of

CHARLOTTE FOGELSON

Mequon, Wisc.

Sister of Lester Marcus

and extends sympathy to her bereaved family.

HONORED AT SABBATH SERVICES

March 9, 1979
Candle Blessing Mrs. Ray Simon
Kiddush Richard Goldstein
Torah Blessing A. David Goldstein
Torah Blessing Arthur Goldstein

March 16, 1979
Candle Blessing Miss Barbara Simon
Kiddush Theresa Ann Simon
Torah Blessing Dr. Marvin Simon
Torah Blessing Lee David Simon

March 23, 1979
Candle Blessing Mrs. Jerald A. Dann
Kiddush Abe Katelman
Torah Blessing Marvin Taxman
Torah Blessing Jerald A. Dann

KNOTS & STITCHES CONTEST APRIL 26-MAY 10

Hurry to get your entries to the Jewish Community Center for the Knots and Stitches Contest and Exhibit. Deadline for entries is the week of April 15-22. Prizes will be awarded for the winning entries. For further information contact Jane Kulakofsky 333-7394, Marsha Itkin 334-5599 or Anthea Mazer 895-3018.

Temple Youth Group Plans For Inter-City

“Building the Youth Group of the Future” is the theme of the Inter-City sponsored by the Omaha Temple Youth Group, April 20-22.

Beth Seldin and Robin Schneiderman are Chairman and Co-Chairman of the function respectively, with great assistance from Ellen Scudder, Treasurer.

Youth Groupers from Lincoln, Sioux City, Des Moines, Manhattan and Topeka will participate in the program which will include many social, religious and educational activities.

David Peebler, President of the Omaha Temple Youth Group, will deliver a sermonette at the NFTY Nite Service planned for April 20. The Service, which is created and written by the Temple Youth Group, will also include the participation of Youth Group members from other cities.

Special music and song-leading for the function will be provided by David Meyer and Michael Gilbert, whose talents have been well appreciated by our Youth Groupers in the past.

LECTURE BY RABBI
Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein lectured on “JUDAISM” at Bellevue College, Bellevue, Nebraska, on Tuesday, March 20, in a visit sponsored by the Jewish Chautauqua Society.

TEMPLE ISRAEL

COUPLES CLUB

is having a

SCAVENGER HUNT

Saturday, April 21, 1979

7:00 p.m.

Meet at: Temple Israel

\$7 per couple

(Please bring phone book and flashlight.)

Please join us for “finger lick-in’ good” chicken dinner after the Hunt!

For reservations, call by April 19th:

Gladden 496-0589

Perlmetr 493-3713

NOTE: The date of this event was erroneously reported in previous article. The correct date is **April 21!**

Howard Marcus Receives Eagle Scout Award



Howard Marcus and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Marcus, were honored recently during the exciting and heartwarming Court of Honor in our Congregation. The rank of Eagle Scout, Boy Scouting's highest achievement, was awarded to Howard following Sabbath Evening Services on March 16.

The Court of Honor was held in the midst of Howard's family, friends and congregation. During the beautiful awards ceremony conducted by representatives of the Boy Scouts, Milton Marcus, himself an Eagle Scout, delivered the Eagle Scout pledge to his son. In turn, Howard presented an Eagle Scout pin to both his mother and father.

Both Rabbis Sidney H. Brooks and Barry L. Weinstein participated in the Court of Honor. Rabbi Brooks reflected in his remarks the pride of all the Congregation upon How-

ard's achievement. He noted that the occasion was historic because it was the first Court of Honor ever to be held in the Temple. Rabbi Brooks commended Howard's excellent participation in the Religious School and in the Temple Youth Group.

Rabbi Weinstein, also an Eagle Scout, gave Howard the Eagle Scout Charge, sharing with all present warm recollections of his own Court of Honor.

In Howard's honor, the Oneg Shabbat was given by his parents in the Milder Conference Center. All of the Boy Scout representatives, leaders and friends and congregants were delighted and thrilled for the Marcus family and for the privilege of sharing in their joy upon this outstanding achievement.

UAHC Interreligious Affairs Program

The national movement of Reform Judaism is alone among denominations of religious Jewry in America to maintain a program in Interreligious Affairs.

Its purposes are two-fold:

First, to work consultatively and programmatically with the national agencies of Protestantism and Roman Catholicism on matters of Jewish and interreligious concern.

Second, to stimulate interreligious endeavor regionally and in Reform Jewish congregations in the areas of religious thought and action. As part of this effort, the department arranges interreligious

institutes for educators and clergy as well as seminars for Christian and Jewish leaders.

In addition, the department produces filmstrips on Judaism for Christian groups and publishes articles on matters of Christian-Jewish interest. It also produces "Adventures in Judaism," a weekly half-hour, award-winning radio program carried by some 60 stations throughout the country. Cassettes of this series for purposes of youth and adult education are available at nominal cost. A complete catalog of interreligious programs and materials is available upon request.

CONGRATULATIONS —

ON THE BIRTH OF:

Jill Melissa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marc Sherman. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sherman and Mr. Irvin Harris.

Jesse Aaron, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bordy, Columbus, Nebr. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bordy, and Great-Grandfather, Erin Lovell of Columbus.

Marci Shayna Brookstein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Brookstein. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Brookstein and Mr. Irvin Harris. Great-grandparents are Mr. Jack E. Cohen and Mrs. Abe Brookstein.

ON THE ENGAGEMENT OF:

Pamela Mary Leceynski and Steven James Blotcky. Miss Leceynski is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond C. Leceynski of Dracut, Mass. and Mr. Blotcky is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan J. Blotcky.

Jane Hiller and Donald Bruce Lawson. Miss Hiller is the daughter of Mrs. Philip L. Winter, Larchmont, N.Y. and Mr. Richard Hiller. Mr. Lawson is the son of Mr. Clifton E. R. Lawson, Madison, Wisc. and the late Ruth Fliegel Lawson.

Jane Brooks Appointed to Committee

It has been announced that Mrs. Jane H. Brooks has been appointed to serve on the Committee on Nominations for the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods Board of Directors.

The Nominating Committee is comprised of 25 members who are selected from among the total international constituency. Twelve members are elected by the District Presidents' Council, and 13 are appointed by the President.

Mrs. Lillian Maltzer, Huntington Woods, Michigan, is currently President of the organization which is headquartered in New York City. The organization concerns itself with a variety of educational and cultural projects.

Its main thrust is the support it gives to the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, the Seminary for the training of Reform Rabbis and Cantors through each local congregation.

Mrs. Brooks has throughout her life been active in the work of Sisterhood as a member of the Board of Directors of Sisterhoods in Springfield, Ohio and Omaha, Nebraska.

Mrs. Brooks has also served as a member of the National Board of Directors of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods as well as the District Board of Directors. She currently serves as a member of the North American Board of the World Union for Progressive Judaism.

The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods is represented in its membership in 16 countries, 630 Sisterhoods, 14 Districts and more than 100,000 individual members.

NEWS DEADLINE FOR TIDINGS — ISSUE NO. 12 Thursday — April 27, 1979

The issue will cover Fridays, April 27, May 4 and 11

It isn't too late . . . to buy a beautiful Seder Plate, an Israeli glassware wine set or a lucite matzo holder. Gift Shop has a wide selection of Passover tableware to enhance your own Seder Table or to give for a welcome Hostess Gift.

All in-stock items can be purchased during Temple office hours.

“GOTTLIEB and GARB”

A DONOR

Joslyn Art Museum

Wednesday, May 2

12:00 noon

Sisterhood Donors \$20

Non-Member Guests \$10

Dear Sisterhood Members:

We are looking forward to our Donor luncheon, Wednesday, May 2, at Joslyn Art Museum. In anticipation of this we, as members of Sisterhood, should realize that the donor event was born of necessity.

The funds collected each year from the donor are used to fulfill our obligations as a Sisterhood. This year we provided the Saturday, Sunday and Hebrew school with \$1,500 for operating expenses. We budgeted \$500 to the Youth Group, and \$450 to the Temple for receptions and for coffee at all meetings. Our kitchen expenses for housekeeping and maintenance were \$1,700.

To the Youth Education and Sisterhood Fund, we send \$3.00 per member or \$1,200. This fund offers scholarships for Rabbinical and Cantorial students. Our own Cantor Karp has benefited from this fund.

Sisterhood sends delegates to conventions. These women bring back to us new ideas, which keep the organization functioning and lively.

Youth Groupers also are subsidized so that they may attend leadership sessions and regional meetings.

Our Sisterhood is a vital link to the community for the entire congregation. We sponsor Oneg Shabbats on Friday nights, and annually sponsor the Inter-faith Tea, and much more.

So, behind the fun and games of luncheons and style shows, we have a need to continue the ongoing work of Sisterhood and a need for the funds!

Our Sisterhood dollars are wisely spent and carefully allocated by a concerned and responsible board.

We can all be proud of Temple Israel Sisterhood and the work that we accomplish. Call us if you want to help!

Your Co-Chairmen,

Toni and Mary