

Youth Choir News

The Youth Choir Board Members are: President, David Cohen; Vice-President, Marc Brodkey; Secretary, Natalie Weinstein; Treasurer, Bernie Baltaxe; Assistant Chairman, Tom Kasner; Phone Committee, Eric Tatelman.

President's Notes:

More people are needed to make the Youth Choir work! It is a great group to sing with and you don't need a voice like Barbra Streisand either. Cantor Karp does a superb job and helps us plan our events.

Some things we have planned are a few field trips, picnics, and our award-winning 2nd annual sing-a-thon.

An extra bonus is a treat every week brought by the members.

Youth Choir is open to 6th through 8th graders on Sundays from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Attendance has been low; regular attendance is necessary!

I urge everyone to attend.

Thanks,

Dave Cohen, President
Youth Choir

HONORED AT SABBATH SERVICES

November 24, 1978

Candle Blessing Mrs. Milton Moskovitz
Kiddush Milton Moskovitz
Torah Blessing Richard Gummers

December 1, 1978

Candle Blessing Mrs. Morris Rabinowicz
Kiddush Natalie Rabinowicz
Torah Blessing Mrs. Morris Rabinowicz
Torah Blessing Morris Rabinowicz

December 8, 1978

Candle Blessing Mrs. Hershel Shulman
Kiddush Hershel Shulman
Torah Blessing Warner B. Frohman
Torah Blessing Martin Lehr

OUR SYMPATHY

The Congregation records
with sorrow the deaths of

JACOB MARCUS,
New York
Father of Milton Marcus

JACK FOX
Father of Mrs. Alan
(Jane) Kulakofsky

and extends sympathy to their
bereaved families.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER	
20	Daled Hebrew Class 4:00-5:30 p.m.
20	Confirmation Class 4:00 p.m.
21	Gimmel Hebrew Class 4:00-5:30 p.m.
22	Congregational Chanukah Dinner 6:00 p.m.
22	Sabbath Evening Services 7:30 p.m.
23-30-	
Jan. 6	Saturday School Recess
23	Sabbath Morning Services 11:00 a.m.
24-31-	
Jan. 7	Sunday School Recess
24	Chanukah Begins — light 1st candle Sundown
26-Jan. 2	Aleph Hebrew Class Recess
26-Jan. 2	Beth Hebrew Class Recess
27-Jan. 3	Daled Hebrew Class Recess
27-Jan. 3	Confirmation Class Recess
28-Jan. 4	Gimmel Hebrew Class Recess
29	Sabbath Evening Services 8:15 p.m.
30	Sabbath Morning Services 11:00 a.m.
31	Light 8th Chanukah candle
JANUARY	
3	Senior Citizens — Walk-In—Drop-In... 11:00 a.m.
5	Sabbath Evening Services 8:15 p.m.
6	Sabbath Morning Services 11:00 a.m.
9	Aleph Hebrew Class resumes..... 4:00-5:00 p.m.
9	Beth Hebrew Class resumes 5:00-6:15 p.m.
10	Confirmation Class resumes 4:00 p.m.
10	Daled Hebrew Class resumes 4:00-5:30 p.m.
11	Gimmel Hebrew Class resumes 4:00-5:30 p.m.

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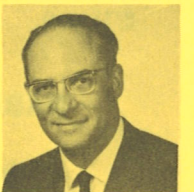
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IT SEEMS TO ME . . .

A Personal Message from Rabbi Brooks



ARE WE REALLY BEING SLANDERED?

My body has ceased to shudder. But not my heart. The horror of Guyana has no parallel that I know of.

I dare not offer more than the usual explanations for the deaths at Guyana just yet. I'm not sure anyone ever will with certainty.

I am reminded however of what we Jews have so frequently regarded — with some justification — as a canard against us. So often Judaism, to the glorification of Christianity, has been labeled the Religion of Law while the New Testament reveals a Religion of Love.

But let us, for the moment, say that law and love can be neatly distinguished from each other. Which would you prefer? Cannot both be perverted and each be properly directed? It is just as simple to reflect upon the twisting of love — love of self alone, love of power, love of brutality, love of possessions for their own sake, conditional love of family.

Of the two — law and love — I'll follow my faith and first choose law, orderly, humane and directed to human actions not impulsive, irrational feelings.

That's the nature of Judaism. Remember, we Jews are certainly no strangers to martyrdom. The only word in Hebrew we have for "religion" is "dat" which is the word also for "law." Religion for us is what you do prior to what you believe or perhaps leading you to belief. Belief is trust, faith, devotion — the direction in which the law leads. For example, for us it is a law to "love your neighbor as yourself."

It's a matter of comparative emphasis. On balance, Christianity affirms that belief leads to right action. In Judaism we think right action, that is obedience to the Law (Torah), leads to belief.

Now I'm not so sure that saying we are a Religion of Law — God's law — is not a compliment. Not after Guyana. Not after seeing what blind stupid belief can do. Not after seeing what happens where there is no law deriving from God and leading to God. Not after seeing the willful destruction of life as a perceived mandate of religion interpreted by a single demented mind.

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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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday, December 22 7:30 p.m.	Sabbath Evening Services
CHANUKAH CONGREGATIONAL DINNER 6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. Chanukah Service with participation by Junior Choir	
Saturday, December 23 11:00 a.m.	Sabbath Morning Services
Friday, December 29 8:15 p.m.	Sabbath Evening Services
PULPIT GUEST RABBI MYRON SILVERMAN, D.D. Rabbi Emeritus Suburban Temple — Cleveland, Ohio "BETTER TO LIGHT A CANDLE! . . ." Sabbath Coffee Hour	
Saturday, December 30 11:00 a.m.	Sabbath Morning Services
BAT MITZVAH OF AMY CAROLYN BERNSTEIN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Bernstein LESLIE JEAN SIMON, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen H. Simon	
Friday, January 5 8:15 p.m.	Sabbath Evening Services
FEDERATION SYNAGOGUE SABBATH "OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH EACH OTHER" An Informal Conversation Following Services with Mrs. Silvia Roffman, Federation Executive Board Member and Mr. Dean Frankel, Federation Treasurer	
Saturday, January 6 11:00 a.m.	Sabbath Morning Services

Rabbi Silverman To Speak
at Temple Israel

Rabbi Myron Silverman will be the guest pulpit speaker for Sabbath Services the weekend of December 29. He is a native of Pennsylvania and attended the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Cincinnati. Rabbi Silverman was ordained at the Hebrew Union College — Jewish Institute of Religion in 1936 and was awarded the Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree by Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in 1961.

He has served many pulpits and was the Rabbi for 27 years of the Suburban Temple in Cleveland. During World War II Rabbi Silverman served as a Chaplain of the United States Army for 3½ years. During his tour of duty he received the Army Commendation Ribbon for his services as Chief of Chaplains of the Army Service Forces in Korea.

He has traveled extensively throughout Europe and the Pacific and was one of 122 rabbis who participated in the first rabbinical UJA mission to Israel.

Rabbi Silverman is married to Gladys D. Levy of Athens and Alexandria, Egypt. They now reside in Los Angeles, California.

Please plan to attend Sabbath Services on December 29 to listen to Rabbi Silverman. His topic will be "Better To Light A Candle!"

Federation-Synagogue
Sabbath

On Friday evening, January 5, members of the congregation will have an opportunity to clarify our thinking on the critical importance of an understanding relationship and working partnership between the Jewish Federation and our congregation.

On Federation-Synagogue Sabbath, Mrs. Silvia Roffman and Mr. Dean Frankel, both members of our congregation and of the Federation Executive Board, will visit with us in the Conference Center following our services.

They will share with us their insights into the role of the Federation and our part as a congregation in building a strong community together.

Comments and questions will be most welcome.

If You Were in Our
Religious School

by Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein

STRUGGLE FOR
SECURITY —
DREAM OF
PEACE



Upon our return from two weeks in the State of Israel, I find myself overwhelmed with contrasting and sometimes contradictory feelings: joy upon the fantastic feats of building and growth since our year in Israel ten years ago; apprehension upon the sight of all schools and in some cases entire villages encircled by security fences; elation upon the great advances occurring in science, medicine, and technology; but frustration upon learning of the challenges presented to Israel's educational system by so many immigrant families from culturally deprived backgrounds.

Amidst tremendous growth and building, Israel finds herself continually plagued by strikes in nearly every sector of the economy. Inflation last month alone was over five percent, and appears to be approaching forty percent for the year.

Perhaps of most concern to me is the present mood of the Israelis whom I met. Whether bus drivers, or shopkeepers, guides or teachers, government workers or members of a kibbutz, nearly all expressed grave doubts about the prospects for real peace. Most feel that Israel is becoming increasingly isolated, and forced to grant concessions which could prove to be detrimental to survival.

After seeing, once again, the strategic advantage of the Golan Heights, high above the kibbutzim, and revisiting the kibbutz shelters in which an entire generation of Israeli children has been reared, I once again understood.

After listening, almost unbelievably, to the shattering news on Israeli radio of the bus destroyed by the PLO to mark the anniversary of

Sadat's Jerusalem visit, I immediately realized again why basic trust in her Arab neighbors will require recognition by those neighbors of the right of Israel to exist.

And yet, Israel must and will continue to negotiate and seek peace in every conceivable manner. While we were in Jerusalem the Knesset approved the Washington draft of the peace treaty. Yet somehow Israel regrettably continues to find itself placed on the defensive in world opinion.

Linda and I have many stories to share with you of our trip and our experiences. We traveled with a marvelous group from the National Council of Jewish Women, and were fortunate to have formed some lasting friendships. Our guide, indeed our bus driver, were absolutely superb. As Linda remarked, where else could one visit for only two weeks and then take leave of one's guide with a hug and embrace!

Indeed, this is Israel, and while I can unabashedly call Omaha my home, and one of which I am proud, I must in the same breath express my pride, and my deepest prayers for the Jewish People — and all People in Israel and throughout the world.

"Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem" it is written. Now, at Chanukah, and every day.

Sisterhood Brunch
January 16

"BRUNCH" YOUR WINTER BLUES AWAY and join Sisterhood on Tuesday, January 16, from 10:00 to 12:00 noon for brunch catered by the famous trio, Farber, Beber, and Stern.

Enjoy Dr. Jim Davis, Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Nebraska Medical College, who will discuss "WHAT MAKES A GOOD MARRIAGE."

Reservations must be in by January 12.

Call the Temple Office — 556-6536 — for reservations and Sitter Service.

Guests will be welcome.

Blessings for
Kindling
Chanukah Candles
December 24-December 31

For home observance of the Chanukah holiday, candles should be kindled beginning Sunday evening, December 24. One candle is kindled the first night (not counting the Shamas light) and the number is increased by one each evening until there are eight on the final night, Sunday, December 31.

The following blessings are recited:

Ba-ruch atah a-do-nai, e-lo-he-nu melech ha-olam, a-sheh kid-d'sho-nu b'mits'-vo-tov v-tsi-vo-nu l'had-lik 'ner shel Ha-nuk-kah.

Blessed is the Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, who hallows us with His Mitzvot, and commands us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

Ba-ruch atah a-do-nai, e-lo-he-nu me-lech ha-olam, she-o-soh nis-sim la-avo-te-nu ba-yo-mim ho-hem baz'-man haz zeh.

Blessed is the Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old, at this season.

Ba-ruch atah a-do-nai, e-lo-he-nu melech ha-olam, she'hechianu v'kiyamanu v'hig-ianu lazman haz-zeh.

Blessed is the Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.

After the Chanukah blessings have been recited, the family may join in singing Rock of Ages.

Rock of Ages, let our song
Praise Thy saving power;
Thou, amidst the raging foes,
Wast our shelt'ring tower.
Furious they assailed us,
But Thine arm availed us,
And Thy word
Broke their sword
When our own strength failed us.

Children of the martyr-race,
Whether free or fettered,
Wake the echoes of the songs,
Where ye may be scattered.
Yours the message cheering
That the time is nearing
Which will see
All men free,
Tyrants disappearing.

**UAHC
Overseas Youth Programs**

Every year the National Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY) sponsors several summer, six-month and one-year events abroad: the NFTY Israel Academy, featuring travel and study in Israel; the NFTY International Institute, which includes Israel and a number of European communities; the Mitzvah Corps in Israel, an all-Israel experience in physical work, travel and international living; the Archeological Seminar, which includes work and study at archeological digs in Israel, plus two weeks of travel and kibbutz living; the NFTY Art Seminar in Israel which offers art courses with Israelis and an art oriented tour of the country; the NFTY Ulpan at Ben Shemen for those interested in learning Hebrew; the Confirmation Class Study Tour in Israel for students of the same congregation to share the Israel experience together; the Know Israel Through Service which is a "second-timers" program for students who want to give something back to Israel and its people.

The NFTY Eisendrath-International-Exchange (E-I-E) program, named for the late UAHC President, Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, offers a limited number of high school students the opportunity to study and live abroad for one semester in Israel and selected European communities. In return, students from Israel, Europe, and South America spend an equal period of time living with NFTY members and their families and attending school in North America.

If anyone is interested in this please contact the Temple office, or Rabbi Weinstein at 556-6536.

THANKS FROM

Jill Rosen and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Rosen, for Uniongrams received in honor of her Bat Mitzvah.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Goldstein for Uniongrams received in honor of their marriage.

**WALK-IN DROP-IN
for Older Adults — January 3**

If you want to enjoy a memorable afternoon, do yourself a favor and mark your calendar for January 3.

The Walk-In Drop-In for Older Adults will be held at Temple Israel.

Come at 11:00 a.m. and enjoy our morning speaker.

At 12:00 noon a delicious luncheon will be served, and an afternoon program will be presented.

Don't miss this entertaining day. For reservations call Kathy at the J.C.C. — 334-8200, or Temple Office, 556-6536.

**NEWS DEADLINE FOR
TIDINGS — issue No. 7
Thursday, January 12, 1979**

The issue will cover Fridays January 12, 19 and 26.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO
SPECIAL TEMPLE FUNDS:**

IN HONOR OF:
40th Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Saltzman.
35th Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Sanford.
80th Birthday of Mrs. Helen Sklar.
35th Anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. Ben Slutsky.

FOR THE RECOVERY OF:
Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks, Sarah Cohn, Esther Rips, Lisa Salomon, Max Shevin.

IN MEMORY OF:
Miriam Asarch, Hazel Berger, Jeanette Cohen, Jack Fox, Karl Luefschuetz, Esther Malkin, Jacob Marcus, Nancy Hiller Rasmussen, Kenneth Tretiak.

**GIFTS OF PRAYER BOOKS
IN MEMORY OF:** Morris Klausner, Albert L. Kohn, Karl Luefschuetz, Kenneth Tretiak.

IN HONOR OF: Birthday of Rose Marer.

**CONGRATULATIONS . . .
On the Birth of:**
Katherine Kaplan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Kaplan. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kaplan and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Davidson.

TEMPLE ISRAEL COUPLES CLUB

presents

“A NIGHT IN THE ALLEY”

Temple Israel Couples Club is having its annual **BOWLING PARTY** on

January 20, 1979

9 p.m.

at the Ranch Bowl

After the games, join us at the Temple's Milder Conference Center for an Italian buffet by Valentino's.

Plan to be with us for a most enjoyable evening. R.S.V.P. by January 17 to

Carol Gladden **496-0589**
Gayle Tichauer **334-5602**
or Fran Coren **334-0741**

The cost of \$10 per couple includes bowling and the buffet (shoes extra).

See you in the alley!

HAPPY CHANUKAH!!!

from the

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One of a kind items

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Do your last minute Chanukah shopping at Temple. The office staff will help you at any time. Or call Norma Fried, 397-0475 or Marilyn Warren, 334-1618.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PARENTS

PLEASE CLIP AND POST THIS INFORMATION FOR FUTURE USE.

In the event of inclement weather, the following procedures are in effect:

1. If public schools are closed due to bad weather, you may assume that our Hebrew School is closed also.
2. If weather and/or driving conditions become hazardous **during the course of the school day**, please use your own judgment as to whether or not to send your child to Hebrew class.
3. On Saturdays and Sundays, please tune your radio to Station KFAB, 1110 on your AM dial. Closing announcements will be broadcast before 8:00 a.m. on Saturdays and before 9:00 a.m. on Sundays.
4. Parents who live a considerable distance from the Temple, i.e. Bellevue, Papillion, etc. may feel free at any time the weather appears threatening to call their children's teachers or the Temple to ascertain whether or not school classes will be held.

PLEASE REMEMBER: WE DO NOT WANT YOU TO TRANSPORT STUDENTS TO TEMPLE ISRAEL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL OR HEBREW CLASSES ON ANY OCCASION WHEN IN YOUR JUDGMENT IT IS HAZARDOUS TO DO SO.