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legend, but as you do so also share with your children and families other aspects of our faith as well.

Select from our library and classroom materials distributed to your children. Talk about the themes discussed in our forums and rap sessions.

When you do, your devotion will help create the kind of enthusiasm for Jewish learning that will hopefully lead to deeper involvement within our congregation for all those whom you touch with your life.

Then the story of Chanukah might become transformed into reality, and the legend of the flames can hopefully become the reality of our lives.

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YAHREZITS

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 21, 1973

Emma Steinberg
Fannie Block Kuh
Moritz Sachs
Grace Rosenthal Lapidus
Julius Newman
Sue Bleicher
Lena G. Wolowitz
Edward Gilbert
Martin A. Gluckman
Charles Schimmel

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Libbie Moskovitz
Samuel Lipton
Frank Wirthsafter
Aaron Cahn
Sallie Block

INSCRIBED PRAYER BOOK

IN HONOR OF: Birthday of Mrs. H. Osoff.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December	
19	Coffee with the Rabbi 10:00 a.m.
19	Chanukah begins — 1st night Sundown
21	Chanukah Family Dinner 6:00 p.m.
21	Chanukah Service 7:30 p.m.
22-23	No Religious School — Resumes January 5-6
22	Sabbath Morning Service 11:00 a.m.
24	No Hebrew Classes — Resumes January 7
24	No Nursery School — Resumes January 7
25	No Confirmation Class — Resumes January 8
26	No Coffee with the Rabbi
26	Last night of Chanukah
27	College Homecoming Supper 6:00 p.m. at home of Dr. and Mrs. Edward Malashock
29	Sabbath Morning Service 11:00 a.m.
30	Men's Club Skating Party 9:00 p.m.
January	
2	No Coffee with the Rabbi

OUR SYMPATHY

The Congregation records with sorrow the death of

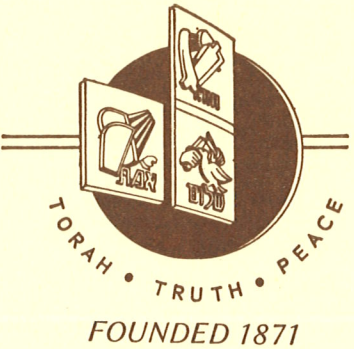
WILLIAM FRIEDMAN
father of Mrs. Barbara Simon
and extends sympathy to his bereaved family.

Congratulations ..

ON THE BIRTH OF:
Joshua Daniel Spitzer, son of Rabbi and Mrs. John Spitzer, St. Louis, Mo. Grandparents are Mrs. Malvina Spitzer, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Drebin, St. Louis. Great grandparents are Mrs. Anna Weiss, Mr. and Mrs. Max Soule, Mrs. Fannie Radloff, St. Louis.

Gregory Bryan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Soshnik. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Soshnik, Mr. and Mrs. William Pearlman, Valdosta, Ga. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Levy.

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IT SEEMS TO ME . . .

A Personal Message from Rabbi Brooks

**One Hundred Years . . .
But Only a Moment**



we know of those three or more times that age who are still not "mature."

The thought crossed my mind as I sat with more than 2500 delegates of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in New York celebrating the 100th anniversary of its founding. Are we mature?

Of course with 2500 delegates in attendance, the whole "family" was there. And at the very beginning the sudden death of Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, in reality the head of the family, was shocking. But more, it was a pity he could not have reached his so long wished-for hour when he could personally speak to his "family" in farewell and with another of his prophetic-like messages.

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

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

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday Evening, December 21
7:30 p.m.

Sabbath Evening Services

CHANUKAH FAMILY DINNER
6:00 p.m.

CHANUKAH SERVICE
7:30 p.m.

Junior Choir will sing Kindling of the Chanukah Lights

Story Sermonette

by

Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein

Saturday Morning, December 22
11:00 a.m.

Sabbath Morning Services

BAR MITZVAH OF

HOWARD KRASNE MARCUS,
son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Marcus

Friday Evening, December 28
8:15 p.m.

Sabbath Evening Services

RABBI SIDNEY H. BROOKS
will speak on

"NEARNESS AND DEARNESS"

The Oneg Shabbat following services will be given by Rabbi and Mrs. Sidney H. Brooks in honor of the approaching marriage of their daughter, Miriam Irma, to Gerald Richard Tauchner.

Saturday Morning, December 29
11:00 a.m.

Sabbath Morning Services

BAT MITZVAH OF

SARAH JANE ROSS,

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Ross

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In honor of the
forthcoming marriage of their daughter,
Miriam Irma
to
Gerald Richard Tauchner
Rabbi and Mrs. Sidney H. Brooks
sincerely hope the members of our
Congregation will join them and the
families of the bride and groom
at
The Oneg Shabbat
following Worship Services on
Friday, December 28, 1973

"IF YOU WERE IN OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL . . ."

by Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein

Chanukah: Legend or Reality?



When others ask why we light candles on Chanukah, we answer with the legend of the oil. We usually tell the story of Judah Maccabee's leadership of the three year struggle against the Syrian-Greeks for religious freedom. According to the story, when the Maccabees finally cleansed the Temple of the idols, they found sufficient oil for only one day for the Eternal Light. They were amazed to discover that it lasted instead for eight, and hence the eight days of Chanukah.

Today we take it for granted that we therefore kindle one flame the first night, and an additional one each of the remaining nights until all eight are lit.

But why not the reverse? Why not eight the first night, and one less each succeeding night until only

one remains on the eighth night?

That this custom did not prevail demonstrates the inherent optimism of our people. The prevailing custom of starting with only one flame has been interpreted to symbolize that with only the equivalent of a single flame even the darkest conditions can hopefully be overcome.

Frequently throughout our history such a hopeful attitude has been difficult to accept. We live in such a time. But consider the words of our late and beloved teacher Rabbi Heschel: "We must be optimistic, even though it is against our better nature."

As we kindle the flames of Chanukah, can we think of the potential for good that hopefully awaits us in every aspect of our lives?

The root meaning of the word Chanukah is education. Teach the
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IT SEEMS TO ME . . .

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But surely, before he died, and for a long time we have known Rabbi Eisendrath struggled to bring American Reform Judaism to maturity. We are a vital, dynamic expression of Judaism. Different, of course, from the other official movements, but "mature" just the same. A hundred years is not much, really only a moment, in the history of Judaism. But our moment is linked clearly and solidly with the tradition. This was evident in the seriousness of so many study groups, the nature of the resolutions, the sensitive creative worship services, and the plenary sessions.

Even more strikingly, the presence of our youth representatives, a startling innovation only a few years ago, is now taken for granted as they with their elders entered naturally and unselfconsciously into the total program.

True, we had problems. Primarily the problem of "bigness." It's whopping big "family." The management of so large a group is not easy nor conducive to quiet discussion or the kind of participation one would wish. Added to that was, for me, the clear atmosphere of the tensions of our times and the anything but calm mood of New York City itself.

Nevertheless, despite inevitable shortcomings it was demonstrably certain that we have a century of pride behind us and centuries of challenge before us. Reform has an indispensable contribution to make to Jewish life here and everywhere in the world.

We are "mature." Reform Judaism is solidly, creatively and permanently part of the Living Tradition of Judaism.

SISTERHOOD'S BOOK BASH

January 12-18, 1974

Crossroads Mall

Please call Fifi Passer, 333-2189 for pick-up of books and records.

Lesson On Chanukah Crafts



At a meeting for Religious School teachers, Sherman Poska demonstrates craft projects for Chanukah to Mmes: Martin Lehr, Barry Weinstein and Marshall Bronston.

BLESSINGS FOR KINDLING CHANUKAH CANDLES December 19-December 26

For home observance of the Chanukah holiday, candles should be kindled beginning Wednesday evening, December 19. 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, Wednesday, December 26.

The following blessings are recited:

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

Blessed art thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has sanctified us by Thy commandments and commanded us to kindle the light of Chanukah.

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 art thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who wroughtest miracles for our fathers in days of old at this season.

The following blessing is added on the first evening only:

Bo-ruch atah a-do-nai, e-lo-he-nu me-lech ha-olam she-heche-yot-ni, v'ki-y'mo-nu, v'higi-o-nu laz-nan haz-zeh.

Blessed art thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has kept

us in life, and hast preserved us and enabled 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.*

PULPIT FLOWERS

November 30

In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Robin Schneiderman.
In memory of Sarah K. Zevin-

December 7

In honor of Bar Mitzvah of Mark Weiner Dann.

TEMPLE MEN'S CLUB INVITES YOU TO A Father-Child Ice Skating Party

Sunday, December 30, 1973 — 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

at Benson Park Ice Skating Rink 7000 Military Ave.

\$1.50 per member entitling member to bring as many children as he desires. Rental skates available, 75¢ per pair

Any questions call Milton Moskovitz, 572-8324 or Avrum Greenberg, 334-5584.

Junior Choir to Be Featured



With junior choir director, Mrs. Michael Verlin and accompanist, Mrs. Norman Whitman, choir members rehearse their songs for the Chanukah dinner and service on December 21.

College Homecoming Supper December 27

Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks has extended invitations to the Annual College Homecoming informal supper which will be held at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, December 27, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Edward Malashock, 8602 Hickory.

This annual event gives Temple college students an opportunity to again be with their friends and has always proven to be a most enjoyable evening.

Anyone whose invitation did not reach them or whose address the office may not have, is asked to call Temple Office and advise whether or not it will be possible for them to attend.

GIFT SHOP

Gift Shop will be open Sunday, January 6, from 10:00 a.m. till noon.

Our thanks to the girls in the office and the custodial staff for all their help throughout the year and especially prior to Chanukah.

Marilyn Warren and Judi Goldstein