

OUR SYMPATHY

The Congregation records with sorrow the deaths of

HARRY TRUSTIN
Husband of
Bess Adler Trustin
Father of
Barbara Adler Taxman
Father of
Yale Francis Trustin

DOROTHY WEINER
Sister of I. H. Weiner
and extends sympathy to their bereaved families.

HONORED AT SABBATH SERVICES

March 30, 1979
Candle Blessing Mrs. Phill Spizman
Kiddush Beth Ann Spizman
Torah Blessing Dan Holland
Torah Blessing Phill Spizman

April 6, 1979
Candle Blessing Mrs. Alvin Sifry
Kiddush Stanley Slosburg
Torah Blessing Lamberto Victorica
Torah Blessing Alvin Sifry

April 13, 1979
Candle Blessing Mrs. Murray Frost
Kiddush Jeffrey Taxman
Torah Blessing Dr. Murray Frost
Torah Blessing Faye Garber

CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL TEMPLE FUNDS

IN APPRECIATION OF:
The Services of Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks.

IN HONOR OF:
40th Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Adler.
25th Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ajon Farber.
70th Birthday of Mr. Arthur Goldstein.
Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Katelman.
Birthday of Mr. Harry Krantz.
Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lawson.
40th Birthday of Mrs. Martin Lehr.
Eagle Scout Award to Howard Marcus.
86th Birthday of Jule Newman.
60th Birthday of Ted Sanford.
50th Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. George Schulman.

FOR THE RECOVERY OF:
Eddie Brodkey (San Diego), Ben Eisenberg, Stanley Fisk, Morton Friedlander, Lawrence Plattner, Carin Roffman, Craig Saylom, Helen Schwartz, Louis Weisberg, Jamie Zacharia.

IN MEMORY OF:
Charles B. Andersen, Ann Bercovici, Samuel Cohen, Minnie Goldstein, Jules Davis, Philip Grossman, Leonard Herman, Dan Kurth, William Milder, Pearl Nepomnick, Helen Obstfeld, Lena Robinson, Percy Schwartz, Leona P. Shapiro, Simon Shyken, Harry Trustin, Dorothy Weiner, Harry D. Wigodsky, Scott Lee Wigodsky, Pauline Ziegman.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL
25 Daled Hebrew Class 4:00-5:30 p.m.
25 Confirmation Class 4:00 p.m.
25 Temple Israel Board of Trustees 7:30 p.m.
26 Gimmel Hebrew Class 4:00-5:30 p.m.
27 Sabbath Evening Services 8:15 p.m.
28 Religious School 9:00 a.m.
28 Sabbath Morning Services 11:00 a.m.
28 "Our Gang" — Disco at Bacchus 8:00 p.m.
29 Conversion Class 9:00 a.m.
29 Religious School 10:00 a.m.
29 Temple Israel Men's Club 10:00 a.m.
30 Confirmation Class Parents Meeting 10:00 a.m.
30 Sisterhood Board — Pot Luck Supper 6:00 p.m.

MAY
1-8-15 Aleph Hebrew Class 4:00-5:00 p.m.
1-8-15 Beth Hebrew Class 5:00-6:15 p.m.
2-9-16 Daled Hebrew Class 4:00-5:30 p.m.
2 Confirmation Class 4:00 p.m.
2 Sisterhood Donor — at Joslyn 12:00 noon
3-10-17 Gimmel Hebrew Class 4:00-5:30 p.m.
4 Sabbath Evening Services
Sabbath Discussion Series 8:15 p.m.
5 Religious School 9:00 a.m.
5 Sabbath Morning Services 11:00 a.m.
6 Religious School 10:00 a.m.
7 "Our Gang" Cheapskate
Roller Skating Party 8:00-10:30 p.m.
9 Senior Citizens-Walk-in-Drop-in 11:00 a.m.
9 Confirmation Class 4:00 p.m.
11 Sabbath Evening Services 8:15 p.m.
12 Religious School 9:00 a.m.
12 Sabbath Morning Services 11:00 a.m.
13 Religious School 10:00 a.m.
14 "Our Gang" Steering Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Future Dates To Remember

May 17 Last Day of Hebrew Classes
May 18 Hebrew Class Graduation
May 19 Last Day of Saturday Religious School
May 20 Last Day of Sunday Religious School
May 23 Annual Congregational Dinner and Meeting
May 25 Consecration of Confirmation Class
May 31 Confirmation

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IT SEEMS TO ME

A Personal Message from Rabbi Brooks

A Puzzle!

More than once I have discovered copies of our prayer books here which make my heart ache. Every youngster who becomes Bar/Bat Mitzvah receives an inscribed prayer book as the gift of the congregation. And then, as I say, I find them cast aside, forgotten, sometimes weeks, sometimes months after the event. Once I found a beautifully inscribed Bible given to a young man by another congregation several years previously. I returned it.

Once in a used book sale I came upon a magnificent set of the Bible in Hebrew and English in two volumes. It was inscribed to a now deceased member of ours on her confirmation. I bought (rescued) the set and one of these days I will decide which of her children to offer it to, assuming it was not they who consigned the books to the book sale in the first place!

A great puzzle to me! Why so little value placed upon such books? Is the ceremony or the memory all that meaningless?

I became a Bar Mitzvah on April 11, 1933. A member of the Congregation gave me a gift of a leather bound Bible with my name, the date and the occasion in gold on the front! I was so proud of that book. I clearly recall he pointed out to me the passage where it is said to Abraham: "Be thou a blessing." I used that Bible all my life, through High School, university, rabbinical school and on my desk through my rabbinate to this day.

Just a few weeks ago my Bible revealed its age and weariness! The leather fell free from the binding, that lovely front cover lay separated in my hand. I was sad. It reminded me of so much. It was mended as best as possible and now I've retired it, but I would not give it up for the world.

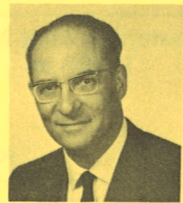
Still I find prayer books, and Bibles given under similar circumstances lost, cast aside, forgotten, given away to used book sales. And most strangely, too, over all the years I doubt that more than a half dozen (a generous estimate) of youngsters have written to say "thank you" for the gift of the prayer book from the congregation.

One other matter also mystifies me. In the prayer book I always write a text of Biblical or rabbinic Hebrew. NOT ONCE, NOT EVER, has a recipient asked me what that Hebrew sentence says. But I will keep writing such. Maybe, just maybe, some day the boy or girl grown to adulthood will ask what the Rabbi meant to instruct and what the text means.

A puzzle! If any who reads this has a serious answer, please share it with me.

Meanwhile, for me, it's a puzzle!

A saddening puzzle of current values.



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES	
Friday, April 27 6:00 p.m. — Dinner 7:30 p.m. — Services	Sabbath Evening Services
THIRD GRADE FAMILY SABBATH DINNER followed by Early Evening Worship 8:15 p.m. RABBI BARRY L. WEINSTEIN will speak on THREE-MILE ISLAND AND NUCLEAR ENERGY Has There Ever Been an Age Without Risks? Sabbath Coffee Hour	
Saturday, April 28 11:00 a.m.	Sabbath Morning Services
Bar Mitzvah of ADAM STERN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Stern	
Friday, May 4 8:15 p.m.	Sabbath Evening Services
V. SABBATH DISCUSSION SERIES RABBI SIDNEY H. BROOKS will speak on HOW DARE WE BE SPECIAL IN AN AGE OF STRIVING TO BE EQUAL! . . . Is the idea of "The Chosen People" presumptuous in Today's World? Sabbath Coffee Hour	
Saturday, May 5 11:00 a.m.	Sabbath Morning Services
Bar Mitzvah of MARC LAWRENCE BRODKEY, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman F. Brodkey	
Friday, May 11 8:15 p.m.	Sabbath Evening Services
Instrumental Musical Program by Cantor Gail P. Karp and Religious School Instrumental Music Students The program will follow worship services. Sabbath Coffee Hour	
Saturday, May 12 11:00 a.m.	Sabbath Morning Services
Bar Mitzvah of STEVEN BRODKEY, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Brodkey	

Book Sale Success

Sisterhood's annual used book sale was once again a tremendous success. Good weather and a vast selection of books drew excellent crowds and record profits.

The success of this fund raiser is due to the volunteer efforts of many individuals. As chairman of this event, I would personally like to thank those who participated.

A special thanks goes to Donna Givner, pick-up chairman and Hermene Zweiback, Sisterhood president . . . without their cooperation this sale would not have been possible.

Thanks and gratitude is extended to the chairmen: Pauline Friedman, marking, Nancy Hornstein, publicity; Kathy Simon, religious school contest; Audrey Cohen, staffing and Dee Fox, treasurer.

Several businesses donated their services to help make our sale successful and they are thanked for their generosity: Ernie Nogg at I-Go Van & Storage, Bob Kully at Mid-Continent Cold Storage, Brandeis and Gene Kaplan at Richman Gordman. A special thanks goes to Louie Blumkin who so kindly purchased our remaining hard back books.

Finally, a special thanks to all the people who helped set up the Saturday night before the sale: Joe Erman, Marty Warren, Murray Frost, Hal Selner, Mel Epstein, David Goldstein, Ricky Goldstein, Rosie, Adam and Josh Zweiback, Harvey, David and Brad Pickel, Jim Baker and John Glazer. Chaim Weitzman, AZA once again did a fabulous job. Thanks goes to Tom Baker, Jeff Epstein, Danny Somberg, Robert Greenberg, Joe Goldstein, Alex Miller, Ricky Rips, Marc Warren and Bruce Fellman.

Remember, our sale is an annual event and the need for books is ongoing. If you are spring house cleaning or moving, please give Temple a call and we will pick up your books.

Ruth Erman,
Chairman

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mr. and Mrs. Marc B. Delman
 Mr. Thomas D. Friedman
 Mr. and Mrs. Milton L. (Mickey) Roffman

If You Were in Our Religious School

by Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein

FOR US ALONE AS JEWS!

Recently one of the youngsters in our school remarked to me, "Rabbi, I'm glad I'm Jewish! Only we Jewish people are able to have Seder, Chanukah, Bar Mitzvah, and all our other holidays!"

As I reflected about this young person's observation, I myself began to realize the wisdom and insight which it contained. For in just a few words this student had summarized the uniqueness of Jewish life.

Think of it! No other religious tradition, to my knowledge, has within its practices a meal comparable to the Jewish seder, complete with story telling, singing, participation by all, young and old, and numerous other customs.

What is there comparable to Bar or Bat Mitzvah in any other faith? While of course Passage Rites in one form or another do exist in various traditions, I know of none which involves both the young person and his or her family as intimately.

The same is true of every other Jewish festival and most of all, of course, Shabbat. The role of families, parents and children alike, gathered around the Shabbat or festival table, is central to Jewish life. Recently at your Seder who asked the Four Questions? In every home THE CHILDREN inquired, and ADULTS responded, once again keeping alive the message of Pass-over and preserving it for future generations.

Obviously this does not mean that other religions do not have moments of such intensity and drama. They do. Judaism certainly has no monopoly on such ritual observances. The uniqueness, however, of Judaism and I believe its greatest strength, is its emphasis on the creative preservation of such customs and practices, always with an eye to adapting them to changing circumstances in different ages.

So next time you gather with your family around the Sabbath or festival table or join your loved ones



A WOW OF AN AFTERNOON — TEMPLE ISRAEL SISTERHOOD'S DONOR

1. The What—**ART EXHIBIT: The Adolph Gottlieb Retrospective** Gottlieb (1903-1974) was a major figure in the establishment of the New York School of abstract expressionism.
FASHION EXTRAVAGANZA from Zoob's and The Daisy.
LUNCHEON in the Floral Court.
2. The Where—**The Joslyn Art Museum** (use North Door)
3. The When—**Wednesday, May 2** — 12:00 noon
4. The Wows!—**A tour of the exhibit.**
Door prizes: Two \$25.00 gift certificates from Zoob's. 30 gorgeous models.
AND — Leo Meyerson's magic at the piano.

So treat yourself. Have the joy of mitzvah in contributing to your own Sisterhood, AND a super afternoon with your friends and guests!!

See you at "GOTTLIEB & GARB."

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here at Temple for a festival or Bar or Bat Mitzvah, remind them that only we as Jews are blessed with such a magnificent array of traditions, customs and ceremonies, which bind our generations together and link us one and all to God.

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**Comments on Institute,
Rabbi Schwartzman and
Temple Israel**

On March 23, Rabbi Sylvan Schwartzman was the guest speaker for the Charles Rosenstock Institute on Judaism for the Christian Clergy at Temple Israel. The following are some comments on the Institute, Rabbi Schwartzman and Temple Israel.

"I feel most grateful to the congregation at Temple Israel for the invitation to the Institute on Judaism. The topics of the lectures were most appropriate and relevant. Rabbi Schwartzman's delivery was very informative, persuasive and inspiring.

"The spiritual and human warmth that pervaded the entire day — in the introductions, announcements, music, serving of the dinner, etc. — is still with me and I bless God for all of you. P.S. The jokes were terrific!"

— Rev. Louis Goertz,
Beatrice Mennonite Church

"The Institute was a most excellent gift on the part of all of you at Temple Israel to the Christian community. I benefitted so much from the Institute and appreciated your generous hospitality. Yours is truly a remarkable congregation. Thank you very much."

Doug Peters, Woodbine
United Methodist Church

"One of the most worthwhile spiritual and cultural experiences I have had since coming to Omaha . . . attending the Annual Institute on Judaism for the Christian Clergy presented by Temple Israel . . ."

"Rabbi Sidney Brooks, D.D., his highly trained staff and the Temple Israel Sisterhood do everything in dignified and businesslike manner. Above and beyond all that, is a genuine warmth which emanates cultured cordiality."

"The guest speakers are always outstanding scholars. Though they respect the viewpoints of those with whom they differ, they nevertheless speak with such studied conviction as to strengthen the faith of all who attend."

"Temple Israel, you are to be highly commended for your spiritual and cultural contribution to Omaha and surrounding communities."

A letter to the World-Herald
from Ernest E. Smith, St. Luke
United Methodist Church

WALK-IN DROP-IN

for Older Adults, May 9, 1979

The Walk-In Drop-In for Older Adults will be at Temple Israel on Wednesday, May 9, 1979.

There will be a speaker at 11:00 a.m. and at 12:00 noon a delicious luncheon will be served and an afternoon program will be presented.

Mark your calendar and be assured of an enjoyable day.

Reservations by calling Kathy at the JCC, 334-8200 or Temple Israel Office, 556-6536.

SAVE THIS DATE

Wednesday, May 23, 1979

**Annual
Congregational
Dinner and Meeting**

**Rabbi Menitoff
Moving to Boston**

On August 1, 1979, Rabbi Paul J. Menitoff and his wife, Rita, will be moving to Boston where he will become the Regional Director of the UAHC's Northeast Council.

For the past six years Rabbi Menitoff has been a Midwest Council Board Member and has been most helpful to all. We wish him the greatest of success and much happiness and health with his family in his new location.

**NEWS DEADLINE FOR
TIDINGS — ISSUE No. 13
Thursday — May 3, 1979**

The issue will cover Fridays May 18, 25, and June 1.

**INTERESTED IN DIGGING
IN ISRAEL?**

Volunteers are needed to participate in the Volunteer Program of Excavations at Tel Dan. Working on a dig can be a most worthwhile and different kind of experience. The C.C.A.R. is a member of the Consortium of institutions supporting the activity. If you have any questions or if you would like additional information contact the Temple office, 556-6536.

Sisterhood Keeps Busy

Thanks to Sandy Yudelson, Sisterhood Religious School Chairman, our Sunday School children had their own special seder, including even charoses! Throughout the year, Sandy has called upon the following room mothers for all sorts of help: Cookie Katskee, Linda Kenyon, Norma Malashock, Linda Simmons, and Susie Sophir. Also helping Sandy at the Model Seder were Marilyn Berson, Carole Chamberlin, Ann Pickel, Joyce Rosen, Noni Selner, Barb Shulman, Bonnie Weinstein, AND THEIR CHILDREN! Thank you all.

Sandy Nogg, as Vice President of Membership, chaired a committee of Sisterhood women who prepared and served the luncheon at the Ministers Institute. The entire Temple owes a hugh thank-you to the following women: Carole Chamberlin, Noni Selner, Betty Chesler, Lois Epstein, Ann Pickel, Esther Weil, Michelle Dloogoff, Rachel Bleicher, Bev Gilinsky, Enid Pollack, Gloria Wagner, Toni Rosen, Gail Kohll, Elisse Collis and Corinne Levin.

And as we wind up this year's Sisterhood activities, you should all be aware of some other unsung heroines who've really helped out in a big way. These are all busy women who either hold down a job, or do a lot of other volunteer work, or who have young children and not a lot of mobility; but somehow, when we've asked for their help, they've found the time. LET IT BE KNOWN THAT: Hilde Gottlieb has set up the trays for all the Onegs Sisterhood has sponsored the entire year; and she and Betty Chesler have also poured coffee at our Onegs. Ronna Kaplan comes into the Temple kitchen every Tuesday to make sure we have enough supplies — she's the person who keeps us in coffee!

Donna Givner, a new member to Sisterhood this year, plunged right in and took charge of collecting books for the book sale — she should have been given a gas allowance. Norma Fried has made our Gift Shop a fun place to browse, and it has taken many hours of studying catalogues, re-arranging display cases, and being open for business. Her assistant has been Marilyn Warren, who has been heard to

CONGRATULATIONS

On the Birth of:

Jacqueline Nicole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Rosen. Grandparents are Mrs. Lille Rosen, Skokie, Ill. and Mr. and Mrs. I. B. London, Duluth, Minnesota.

Simcha Jenee Bernstein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bernstein, Aurora, Colorado. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Randall, Golden, Colorado, and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bernstein.

On the Engagement of:

Suzanne Nanfito and Thomas Friedman. Miss Nanfito is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Nanfito and Mr. Friedman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Friedman.

Marilyn Cipinko and Edward Treller. Ms. Cipinko is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kaplan and Mr. Treller is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Treller.

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GIFTS OF PRAYER BOOKS

IN MEMORY OF:

Ann Bercovici, Sara L. Gilinsky, Max H. Levy, Tobie Goldstein Sommer.

IN HONOR OF:

86th Birthday of Jule M. Newman.
Birthday of Ted Sanford.
40th Birthday of Stephen H. Simon.

protest "But I started in the gift shop." It's really been wonderful to see people who have been involved in all realms of Sisterhood still helping us so much, like Arlene Beber, a former two-term president of Sisterhood, who we suspect, is somewhat surprised to find herself back in the kitchen with Carol Farber and Helen Stern, producing those fabulous lunches. They don't complain that they're "burned out."

We'll have more to add to this mitzvah corps next time. See you at the Donor!