

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:

February 2, 1973

Herman Rehfeld
Fannie Friedman
Sarah Jacobs Kohn
Thomas I. Levitt
Bertha Pollak
Elkan Seligsohn
Jeanette Rubin
William Z. Cherniss
Robert L. Mayer
Morris Sophir
Eva Herman Cohn

February 9, 1973

Goldye A. Feder
Paul Wollenberger
Lena Rosenfeld
Solomon I. Fayman
Flora B. Rosenstock
Ethel Wolfson Simon
Harry Greene
Frederick L. Rosenstock
Harry Wilinsky

THANKS FROM —

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rothbard (nee Elise Lipton) Winthrop, Mass., for the Uniongrams they received in honor of their recent marriage.

Miss Elizabeth J. Hart for the Uniongrams received in honor of her recent birthday.

Sara Newman, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Nick Newman, for the Uniongrams received in honor of her Bat Mitzvah.

Sisterhood Gift Shop

The Gift Shop will be open Sunday, February 4 from 10:00 to noon.

CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO SPECIAL TEMPLE FUNDS

IN HONOR OF:

40th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Becker.
50th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Glick.
75th Birthday of Edward Kahn.
50th Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Passer.

IN APPRECIATION FOR:

Birthday Uniongrams received by Elizabeth Hart.
Services of Temple Israel.
Services of Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein.

FOR THE RECOVERY OF:

Seymour Cohn, Dr. Bernard Galston, Harold Pollack, Sam Rosenberg, Mrs. Phil Sokolof, Suzanne Somberg.

IN MEMORY OF:

Harry Cooperman, Lydia Foster, Robert Glazer, Ignatz Moskovitz, Jules Shapiro, Irwin D. Weiss, Carrie Urdank.

PULPIT FLOWERS

January 12
In memory of Albert Kohn, Henry Hiller.
January 19
Bar Mitzvah of Stephan Jeffrey Friedman.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January	
28 thru February 2	Sisterhood Book Sale Crossroads Mall
30	Confirmation Class 4:30 p.m.
31	Coffee with the Rabbi 10:00 a.m.
February	
4	Gift Shop Open 10:00 a.m.-noon
6	Confirmation Class 4:30 p.m.
6	Social Action Committee Meeting 8:00 p.m.
7	Coffee with the Rabbi 10:00 a.m.
7	Education Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.
9	Congregational Family Dinner 6:00 p.m.
9	Sabbath Evening Services 7:30 p.m.
10	Couples Club Rap Session at the Stan Krieger home 8:30 p.m.
11	Senior Seminar 2:30 p.m.
13	Sisterhood Board Meeting 11:30 a.m.
13	Sisterhood Interfaith Tea 1:00-3:00 p.m.
13	Confirmation Class 4:30 p.m.
14	Coffee with the Rabbi 10:00 a.m.
14	Board of Trustees meeting 7:30 p.m.
18	TYG Spaghetti Dinner 5:30 p.m.

OUR SYMPATHY

The Congregation records with sorrow the deaths of

ROBERT GLAZER,
Mason City, Iowa
father of Mrs. Bennett Wagner

LYDIA FOSTER,
New York City
mother of Mrs. Maynard Weinberg

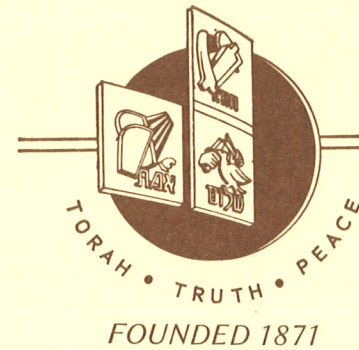
CARRIE URDANK,
of California
sister of Mrs. Ben Stiefler

MAX I. ELLIS
father of Mrs. Claus Maizner

HAZEL (Mrs. John) SONIN
Fremont, Nebraska

and extends sympathy to their bereaved families.

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IT SEEMS TO ME

A Personal Message from Rabbi Brooks

What Good Does It Do?



I was hammering out a resolution to be presented to the Midwest Association of Reform Rabbis for their approval. I expected it to be passed with a minimum of changes. It was.

The resolution was to be sent to President Nixon congratulating him on his inauguration, but in most strong language imploring him to lead us to a negotiated peace with both North and South Viet Nam and to withdraw our military presence from the area.

As I was working on the draft, a rabbi said to me: "Why slave over it? What good will it do?"

I hear that question often now. I wonder often about representative government and, despite what I personally believe to be a disastrous distortion of it by our President with his use of powers never envisaged by those who framed our democracy, I still believe in it.

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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, February 2
8:15 p.m.

Sabbath Evening Services

5. SABBATH DISCUSSION SERIES

Senator Richard Fellman,
Member of
Nebraska State Legislature
(See Inside Article)

HOW DOES A JEWISH SENATOR VIEW OUR UNICAMERAL?

Sabbath Coffee Hour

Saturday Morning, February 3
11:00 a.m.

Sabbath Morning Services

Friday Evening, February 9

CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY DINNER

6:00 p.m.

EARLY SABBATH EVENING SERVICE

7:30 p.m.

Sermonette

Junior Choir participation

Saturday Morning, February 10
11:00 a.m.

Sabbath Morning Services

Bat Mitzvah of

SUSAN LYNN ROSINSKY,

daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Sol Rosinsky

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"What good will it do?" Well, if we do NOT speak out, if we do NOT express ourselves to our elected representatives, if we do NOT openly voice our opinions and our goals, then surely no good will be done at all.

Time was when we prosecuted men for their complicity in the slaughter of millions in Nazi dominated lands. Their excuse was either that they were following orders or they didn't know about it!

We do not have to follow orders — yet! And we **do** know about the saturation bombing and the wanton destruction of a land executed in the name of the United States and with no explanation to the American people.

We are all responsible. I do not know the extent to which we are guilty. That depends on the individual actions of each of us. In my view we dare not cease to express ourselves or to allow the suppression of expression of others, especially in the public media.

Our resolution may not have any effect. But joined to others it certainly may and, please God, it will. We cannot morally allow ourselves the temporary comfort of lamenting our weakness and doing nothing while human beings die at the hands of our military machine.

If you feel the war is justified in its extension, say so. And if not, say so: again and again and again.

We **are** responsible for the blood of others and I would hope that we would never come to the day when others will judge us for our failure to speak out for what we believe to be truth, justice and peace.

Yes, the resolution was, I think, worth working on. That and much, much more.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Passer
Dr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Passer
Mrs. Zella H. Resnick
Mr. and Mrs. Basil Skolnik
Mr. Edward Treller

SENATOR FELLMAN TO EXPLAIN VIEWS

How does a Jewish Senator feel about capital punishment? What is the Jewish perspective of proposed government controls of personal behavior? Exactly what is it like to be a Jewish Senator in the Unicameral?

On Friday night, February 2, State Senator Richard Fellman will present his views on these issues to our congregation in an open forum.



Coherent with the aims of our Social Action Committee, Sponsor of our Sabbath Discussion Series, Senator Fellman's remarks will outline a Jewish perspective on several moral issues facing our state legislature. Included in his presentation will be his views on preventive detention and the equal rights amendment.

Together with his own insight into the legislative process, Senator

ANNUAL INTERFAITH TEA

Sisterhood's annual Interfaith Tea will be held on Tuesday, February 13 at Temple Israel at 1:00 p.m. Invitations have been sent to ladies organizations of Omaha churches. A panel, moderated by Mrs. Sidney Brooks, will discuss the different aspects of Judaism. Panel members include Mrs. Ajon Farber, Mrs. Robert Gerelick and Mrs. Martin Lehr.

A Temple Israel Sisterhood Board meeting will precede the tea at 11:30 a.m. There will NOT be any sitter service.

A warm welcome to Sisterhood's new members — Mrs. Arnold Weintraub, Mrs. Jerry Freidberg and Miss Bea Sommer.

Fellman will share with us some of his own personal experiences in c state government.

Many of you are well acquainted with Dick Fellman. He is an attorney, with his practice in Omaha. He was awarded his Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, and later graduated from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln Law School. While a law student, he also worked as a newspaper reporter.

Senator Fellman is a member of the Judiciary Committee and the Government Committee of the legislature. He also is a member of the Board of the Jewish Federation of Omaha, having served as chairman of the Community Relations Council and a member of the National Civil Rights Committee of the Anti-Defamation League. As many of you know, he is president of the Omaha Jewish Day School.

A member of Beth El Synagogue, he has taught in his congregation's high school.

We are indeed privileged to be addressed by Senator Fellman, the midst of increasing concern about the issues mentioned above, his address promises to provide a significant inside look at our state government.

Plan to be with us on February 2 for this important forum.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A SPAGHETTI DINNER!

Sponsored by
Temple Israel Youth Group

Sunday
February 18, 1973
5:30 p.m.

Program To Follow Dinner

Adults \$1.50

Children Thru 6th Grade \$.75

Phone reservations into Temple
Office, 556-6536, by Wednesday,
February 7.

IF YOU WERE IN OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL . . .

A Thousand Words!



The accompanying photographs show a few aspects of our school.

Each reflects a small portion of our total program. Especially noteworthy are the pictures of students researching various problems in our reading room. With the new Encyclopedia Judaica at their fingertips, students have discovered a treasure house of Jewish knowledge. To observe them pursuing information about specific Jewish research projects convinces one that real learning is taking place!

Ideally, the next step occurs within your home. Just as your sons and daughters are becoming sensitized to the role Jewish books play in our school, hopefully they can be encouraged to transfer this understanding to your homes.

When you will become their teacher, if you are prepared to do so, and if you have the necessary tools.

We will be glad to help you in enriching your own home library. Simply perusing our own Temple

COUPLES CLUB PLANS EXPERIMENTAL TALKS

Couples Club will sponsor a "Rap Session" on Saturday evening, February 10, at 8:30 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Krieger, 4119 North 63rd Street.

Call the Temple office, 556-6536, by Wednesday, February 7 to make your reservation.

HONORED AT SABBATH SERVICES

January 12, 1973
Candle Blessing . . . Mrs. David D. Beber
Kiddush David D. Beber
Torah Blessing Richard Spiegel
Torah Blessing Leo Kamisar

January 19, 1973
Candle Blessing . . . Mrs. Sol J. Friedman
Kiddush Sol J. Friedman
Torah Blessing Martin Bernstein
Torah Blessing Ike Friedman



So Much To Read!

library and reading room will provide an idea of some books you might like to purchase for yourself.

An excellent way in which you can regularly add to your own Jewish library is to subscribe to the Jewish Publication Society in Philadelphia, Pa. Then you will be sure to learn of new books about Judaism as they become available as well as systematically adding to your own collection.

And yet even the best library is pointless if it is not used. The key to unlocking any Jewish library for you and your children is your own desire to search for the meanings of Judaism.

Often in my visits to our classrooms, I will greet our students with this remark: "Who has a

By Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein



Noah Wasn't the Only Ark-Builder!

question for me about any phase of Judaism?" Inevitably a lengthy discussion follows, leading to new areas of interest for me and the class alike.

Try this technique with your own children, or better yet, with yourself. Hopefully, your questions will **not** be easily answered, but rather will lead you on an endless voyage through the books of our faith.

With your help and interest, the attitudes learned in our school's reading room can transform your own home into a place where the study of Judaism comes alive.

Take a look at our pictures, then at your own bookshelves. Now, ask yourself a question!

Congregational Family Dinner

A Congregational Family Dinner will be held Friday evening, February 9, at 6:00 p.m.

Services will follow at 7:30 p.m. at which time the Junior Choir members will sing.

The reservation deadline is Monday, February 5. Reservations may be made by returning this blank to the Temple Office:

Please make reservations for February 9:

_____ Adults @ \$3.00 each \$ _____

_____ Children @ \$1.50 each \$ _____

(thru 6th grade)

_____ Total enclosed \$ _____

(Check must accompany reservation!)

Name _____

Address _____

We wish seating with _____