MA'AYAN-WELLSPRINGS '76 ACCEPTS APPLICATIONS

Ma'ayan-Wellsprings, the UAHC four-month study community for January high school graduates, is now accepting applications for the 1976 spring semester. The program runs from early February through the end of May at Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute, the UAHC camp in Oconomowoc, Wisc., and is an intensive educational experience for students wishing to continue or expand their knowledge of Jewish history, culture, literature and language.

Enrollment is limited. The program, now known nationwide, is the only one of its kind in the country. The student-chaverim will study under the guidance of a resident director and scholars-in-residence, all of whom are trained in Judaica and Hebrew. Upper class collegians act as advisors and models to the self-contained community.

All applicants must have completed their high school requirements by January, 1976 Applications and information can be received by contacting either Rabbi Alan Bregman or Gerard Kaye, co-directors of the program, at the Chicago Federation, UAHC, offices: 100 W. Monroe St., Chicago, Ill. 60603, phone: (312) 782-1477.

CONGRATULATIONS . . .

On the Marriage of:

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Alan Jacobson. Mrs. Jacobson was Miss Shelly Lynn Hoffman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Hoffman, Waco, Texas, and Mr. Jacobson the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Jacobson.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Kovnar. Mrs. Kovnar was Miss Susanne Gidan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Gidan. Mr. Kovnar is the son of Mrs. Murray (Dorothy) Kovnar.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER		
19	Succot Consecration Service J.C.C.	7:30 p.m.
20	Morning Festival Service J.C.C.	11:00 a.m.
26	Simchat Torah and Hakafot J.C.C.	7:30 p.m.
27	Morning Festival Service J.C.C.	11:00 a.m.
OCTOBER		
3	Sabbath Evening Services Sabbath Discussion Series No. 1 J.C.C.	8:15 p.m.
4	Saturday School begins J.C.C.	9:00 a.m.
5	Sunday School begins J.C.C.	10:00 a.m.
5	Confirmation Parents Meeting J.C.C.	10:00 a.m.
7	Sisterhood Luncheon Highland Country Club	
7	Confirmation Class begins Countryside Church - Fireside Room	4:30 p.m.

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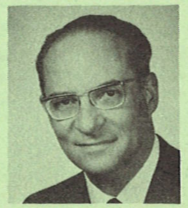
IT SEEMS TO ME . . .

A Personal Message from Rabbi Brooks



The Meeting To Which I Wish I Had Been Invited!

Some people enjoy going to meetings. I do not. The reason is that most who attend meetings go for a specific purpose and a personal involvement and interest. More often than not we Rabbis must be present at dozens of meetings whether we are burning with desire to discuss all issues presented. We are "meeting-ed" to exhaustion.

But, once upon a time, there was a meeting or rather meetings (Jews could never have settled an issue at one sitting in any age!) to which I wish I could have been invited. I expressed this wish with a colleague recently who urged me to share my thoughts with you.

Those meetings had to do with our Jewish calendar. Look in any Jewish reference book about our religious calendar and try first to understand its development and second to remember it. Impossible!

But the ancients must have had their troubles too. Some time in the fourth century the Patriarch Hillel II made some rules and developed an accurate system to preserve the observance of the festivals in orderly fashion. He must have consulted with other scholars and I wish I could have been at that meeting!

We have just finished our holidays. Despite our dislocations I can only hope that you found our worship together spiritually helpful. I pray the balance of the year will not be totally anti-climatic. I would not dare to challenge the authority of the great scholars of the past. It's just that I have the advantage of speaking from the present-day point of view. But I like to fantasize that had I been able to enter the discussions I would have suggested some radical changes.

Would it not be wonderful if — ah, the "ifs" of history! — we could have begun our year in the fall with Rosh Hashonah, a fit beginning, I submit. And then end the year with a spiritual renewal and review with Yom Kippur in June. I would suggest Hannukah in August, as far from Christmas and its mood and message as possible! Think of the solutions in that.

I would leave Succot, and Shavuot where they are. They fit our seasons and calendar and lend a pleasant pace and spacing to our need for periodic historical reminders and theological thinking.

Except I note that in the military code Pesach is classified as a "High Holiday". That's inaccurate in traditional terms. But it surely makes good sense in terms of our actual observance. That's when we want to be together as a family. It's the birthday of the Jewish People. How many congregants even know when Shavuot or Succot occur? But everyone anticipates with excitement the coming of Sedar! So I'd put Pesach where Hannukah now is, at mid-season, vacation time. Wonderful!

All in vain. Born too late. I probably would not have been invited to the meeting anyway. They would have put me on the Arrangements Committee.

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

Barry L. Weinstein, M.A.H.L.
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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FESTIVAL OF SUCCOT

Friday, September 19 7:30 p.m., at J.C.C.	Consecration Services Kindergarten and First Grades
Saturday, September 20 11:00 a.m., at J.C.C.	Morning Festival Service
Friday, September 26 7:30 p.m., at J.C.C.	Simchat Torah and Hakafot
Saturday, September 27 11:00 a.m., at J.C.C.	Morning Festival Service Bar Mitzvah of DERRY SELDIN son of Mr. and Mrs. Millard Seldin
Friday, October 3 8:15 p.m., at J.C.C.	Sabbath Evening Services **I. SABBATH DISCUSSION SERIES** RABBI SIDNEY H. BROOKS "HOW DO THE VARIETIES OF RELIGIOUS EXPRESSION AFFECT OUR COMMUNITY?" see inside article Sabbath Coffee Hour
Saturday, October 4 11:00 a.m.	Sabbath Morning Services

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Every symbol and message of the Succot series of holidays cooperate to make the Jew conscious of nature and the world in which he lives. In a sense, Succot is the holiday of ecology par excellence.

Steeped in the agricultural origins of the people Israel, Succot represented the ingathering of the autumnal harvest in biblical times. As the Jewish people evolved through history from a nation of farmers to a nation of scholars and city dwellers, the essential celebration of God's universe manifested itself increasingly in observances and rituals which reminded the Jew of the world of nature from which he was to become increasingly insulated.

Thus, Succot is truly a festival for modern man— yearning to return to his agricultural origins, yet prevented from so doing by the ever-rising walls of advancing technology.

Reform congregations usually combine the final day of Succot with the observance of Simchat Torah, the festival of the Rejoicing in the Torah. On this day, the annual cycle of the reading of the Torah scroll is completed; the last verses of the Book of Deuteronomy are read. Immediately following, the first lines of the Book of Genesis are begun, thus reminding us of the continuing process of Jewish study.

Thus, in its eight joyous days, Succot illustrates love of learning, the return to nature and sensitivity to the needs of every living thing that Jewish tradition requires.

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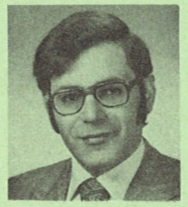
ATTENTION SISTERHOOD

We need callers for Uniongrams. Volunteers call Mrs. Karl (Fritzi) Luefschuetz, 333-0499.

IF YOU WERE IN OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL . . .

by
Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein



NEW APPROACHES OF TEMPLE ISRAEL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL IN OUR NEW LOCATION

We are delighted to announce to all Temple Israel Religious School parents as well as to others in our Congregation that the coming months in our Religious School program will be highlighted by several Shabbat afternoon learning and recreational experiences for our upper-school students.

The first program of this kind, "A Russian Shabbat Experience," was unique and so exciting that more of similar character were demanded. Planned and presented by our students under the supervision of our teachers, the afternoon program was a direct re-living of history. We are preparing now to build upon this pilot model to create new and similar learning experiences in the coming months.

Each afternoon will be so arranged that students will directly experience the specific theme. They may simulate the life of Jews attempting to emigrate from the Soviet Union or they might live for an afternoon on a Kibbutz in Israel, or join with Jews of different ages and of different periods in our history, re-living important events in the life of our People.

In short, students in our religious school will come close to the variety and breadth of Jewish life throughout the ages, the unity of our People in well chosen times and places, learning the responsibility we all hold for each other as members of K'LAL YISRAEL, the Household of Israel.

All this will be done from the distinct point of view of Reform Judaism, solidly based on texts and other materials from our school. In largest part these programs will be written, planned and prepared by the students. Thus each student can easily transfer his identity to the particular period and setting under discussion.

Please watch the Temple Tidings for further information and announcements of the events throughout the coming weeks. We are grateful that we shall be able to use some of the facilities of the Jewish Community Center for these afternoons as we did at Temple Israel so that recreational and social experiences can be part of each afternoon as well.

In short, study, friendship, refreshments, recreation and innovative learning experiences under the guidance and supervision of our faculty are planned to help us make the year rewarding and significant in the continuing growth of our school. Students discovering their Jewish roots while exploring their own dreams and hopes for tomorrow as members of the Jewish community, building their loyalty to our People everywhere, and reaffirming their dedication to the values of Judaism today—these are the goals of our education efforts.

OUR SYMPATHY

The Congregation records
with sorrow the deaths of
MOLLIE GELLER
Sister of Mrs. Max Joffe
LARRY GARROP
Nephew of Mrs. Maurice
Greenspan
and extends sympathy to
their bereaved families.

MEN'S CLUB EFFORT APPRECIATED

On Sunday morning, August 24, Men's Club volunteers worked at Temple Israel removing and cleaning furniture from the educational wing attempting to salvage whatever possible.

The efforts of this work crew saved Temple Israel a considerable expense. Those working were: Ted Seldin, Stanley Perlmeter, Rabbi Barry Weinstein, Harold Weisman, Steve Redler, Capt. Barry Codron, Steve Dloogoff, Dr. Norm Sheldon, Jeff Perlmeter, Bennett Wagner, Adam Wagner, Don Goldstein, Howard Krantz, Jeff Skog, Bill Wasserkrug, Larry Kavich, Mike Blatt, Dr. Marvin Simon, and Rochelle Moskovitz.

Men's Club President, Milton Moskovitz, wishes to thank them for their time and their tremendous effort in this project. Thanks also to Bob Kully, who placed the furniture in storage for us.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
COUPLES CLUB

1975	
October 17	New Member Shabbat
October 18	Scavenger Hunt
November 15	Rap Session
December 25	Christmas Hospital Relief
December 31	New Year's Eve Party
1976	
January 24	Bowling Party
February 28	All Sports Night
March 27	Rap Session
April	(open)
May	Dinner?
May	Weekend Trip?

SABBATH DISCUSSION SERIES 1975-76

The first of this year's Sabbath Discussion Series will be presented Friday, October 3. Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks will introduce this year's series with the topic "How Do the Varieties of Religious Expression Affect our Community?"

The general theme of the whole series will be "Religious Personalities and Philosophies that Influence Our Community." As in the past, each segment of the series will feature a top-quality speaker. In keeping with the general theme such divergent religious expressions as Seventh Day Adventists, Catholic, Protestant, Salvation Army and Liberal Protestant will be represented through their respective spokesmen.

The series will run monthly starting with the October 3rd address by Rabbi Brooks. Since his address will serve as a springboard for those to follow, it is hoped as many as possible will attend .

Each of the discussions will begin after Sabbath services, with audience participation encouraged and welcomed.

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