

Mark Your Calendar

TEMPLE ISRAEL
YOUTH GROUP

Spaghetti Dinner

March 10, 1974

5:30 p.m.—Social Hall

Couples Club Plans
Basketball Nite, Mar. 9

Temple Israel Couples Club is planning an exciting evening Saturday, March 9, to see the Kansas City-Omaha Kings vs. the Seattle Super-sonics. The Sonics feature all-pro forward, Spencer Haywood, and Head Coach Bill Russell. The Kings will feature a well-balanced team led by guards Jimmy Walker and Nate Williams, and center Sam Lacey.

There will be a special price for the Couples Club: \$6.00 seats for only \$5.00. There will be a limited number of tickets available.

Please make your reservations to Mrs. David Goldstein, 2105 South 87th Street by February 27. Your check for the amount of your tickets **must** accompany your reservation.

No tickets will be sold at the door.

The game will start at 8:00 p.m. at the Civic Auditorium. You will be able to pick up your reserved tickets at the box office.

Couples Club invites everyone to attend this exciting evening of Basketball Bliss. We hope to see all of you there. Make your reservations now!

HONORED AT
SABBATH SERVICES

February 8, 1974

Candle Blessing Mrs. Nancy Olson
Kiddush Irving Lincoln
Torah Blessing Walter Seidman
Torah Blessing Norman Lincoln

February 15, 1974

Candle Blessing . . . Mrs. Myron Mike Milder
Kiddush Myron Mike Milder
Torah Blessing Hymie Milder
Torah Blessing Orvel Milder

Congratulations...

ON THE ENGAGEMENTS OF:

Barbara Ann Zoob and Gregory Anthony Wadleigh. Miss Zoob is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Zoob and Mr. Wadleigh is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Wadleigh.

Vanessa Barrett and Steven A. Neesman. Miss Barrett is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Barrett and Mr. Neesman is the son of Mr. Harry Neesman.

Marilyn Sande and Richard Friedman. Miss Sande is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles

SISTERHOOD WILL
HEAR PETER CITRON

Sisterhood will hold their monthly meeting Tuesday, March 12, with luncheon at 12:30 p.m. in the Temple Social Hall.

Peter Citron will speak on "A Funny Thing Had Better Happen On The Way To The Forum, Or I Won't Have A Column."

There will be sitter service.
The Sisterhood Board Meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m. in the multi purpose room.

Reservations may be made through Temple Office, 556-6536.

The Sisterhood Gift Shop will be open before and after the meeting.

Sande, Bronxville, N.Y. and Mr. Friedman is the son of Mrs. Herman Friedman and the late Herman Friedman.

Jo Frances Cohn and Charles Robert Sawyer. Miss Cohn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Cohn and Mr. Sawyer is the son of Mrs. Robert Sawyer, San Francisco, Calif. and Col. (USAF retired) Charles U. Sawyer, Emmett, Idaho.

ON THE BIRTH OF:

Tamara Jill Babendure, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Babendure. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Solotorovsky.

ADDITIONAL SISTERHOOD
DONORS

Mrs. Alfred Brody, Mrs. Lawrence Chapman, Mrs. Dean Frankel, Mrs. Steven Redler, Mrs. Sam Saltzman, Mrs. Millard Seldin, Mrs. Hy Shrier, Mrs. Harold Slosburg, Mrs. Marvin Taxman, Mrs. Martin Warren.

Anyone who wishes to be a Donor and who has not yet contributed may still send in her check for \$10.00, which will be appreciated.

WELCOME NEW SISTERHOOD MEMBER

Mrs. Abraham Hollenbeck

Sisterhood Nominees

The nominating committee Temple Israel Sisterhood has proposed the following slate of officers to be voted upon at the March 13 meeting:

President, Mrs. Avrum Greenberg.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Phillip Spizman.
Treasurer, Mrs. Sally Greenberg.
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. David Bleicher.
Dues Secretaries, Mrs. Norman Lincoln and Mrs. David Meyers.
Parliamentarian, Mrs. Joseph Stern.
Policy and By-Laws, Mrs. Martin Lehr.
Advisors, Mrs. Sidney Brooks and Mrs. Barry Weinstein.
Executive Vice-President, Mrs. Martin Warren.
Vice-President, Ways and Means, Mrs. Alan Blotcky.
Vice-President, Sisterhood Services, Mrs. Charles Monasee.
Vice-President, Membership, Mrs. Larry E. Roffman.

THANKS FROM:

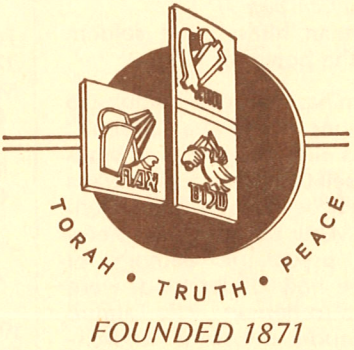
Emily Milder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Myron H. Milder, for the Uniongrams received in honor of her Bat Mitzvah.

GIFTS OF
INSCRIBED PRAYER BOOKS

In honor of Birthday of Mrs. Morris E. Jacobs.

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IT SEEMS TO ME . . .

A Personal Message from Rabbi Brooks

How I Handle the "Devil" in Me!



It's true. Jewish tradition speaks of both an inclination toward good and an inclination toward evil that resides within human nature. We all have both. Otherwise there would be no such thing as Freedom of Will. And if man is not free to choose, then there is no virtue to goodness, nor guilt to be imputed to evil.

"Satan" is mentioned in our Bible. The word literally means "adversary" and in the prologue to the book of Job, a fictional Satan and God have a conversation which sets the stage for a deep philosophical treatment of the problem of evil in the world.

Like all other peoples, Jews at times, being children of their particular ages and societal forces, believed in demons and spirits.

Normative rabbinical Judaism often conceived of Evil as an entity
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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, March 1
8:15 p.m. Sabbath Evening Services

V. SABBATH DISCUSSION SERIES

The School Desegregation Report —
What is our Response?

Dr. William Gaines, Co-Chairman
Omaha Community Committee

See Inside Article

Sabbath Coffee Hour

Saturday Morning, March 2
11:00 a.m. Sabbath Morning Services

Bat Mitzvah of

STACEY JANE CARP

daughter of Mrs. Oscar Carp

Thursday Evening, March 7
7:30 p.m. PURIM

MEGILLAH READING

Friday Evening, March 8
8:15 p.m. Sabbath Evening Services

RABBI BARRY L. WEINSTEIN
will speak on
Struggling Against the Golden Calf

Sabbath Coffee Hour

Saturday Morning, March 9
11:00 a.m. Sabbath Morning Services

Bar Mitzvah of

JEFFREY JEROME SCHRAGER,
son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Schrager

IT SEEMS TO ME

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outside man himself but seldom beyond the power of God.

Judaism has not been immune to superstitions. Belief in a "dybbuk" which is a migrant spirit that has attached itself to a living person was a common belief especially in Eastern Europe. Many illnesses, the medical and psychiatric etiology of which are now understood, were attributed to demons. The Talmud tells of various means of "exorcising" these demons to heal the afflicted.

It is appalling to think that today's modern world can give credence to such superstitions and that the book and the motion picture "The Exorcist" has attracted such attention and caused so much dysfunctional behavior.

I'll tell you how I handle the "Devil" in me. I try to think and to learn, to understand myself and others, to be compassionate and just, to cause my good inclination to overcome my evil inclination. If the latter is the "Devil" in me, I'm continuing the battle against whatever is sinful and evil in my behavior. I need help in this. We all do.

But above all, I intend to wage this battle on rational levels and through scientific means and with the idealistic goals of my Faith to guide me.

GIFT SHOP

Passover is April 6 this year. The Gift Shop will be open March 3 to take care of your Passover needs. We will also be open at the Sisterhood meeting March 12 and on Sunday, March 31. We will **not** be open in April.

The *Baal Shem of Michelstadt* by Cantor Kuttner is now in stock again at \$3.75 per copy.

OUR THANKS

The Congregation extends deep gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Sol J. Friedman for their gift of a beautiful silver creamer, sugar, and tray presented to Temple Israel in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Steven, and in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Douglas.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February		
27	Sisterhood Study Group	10:00 a.m.
March		
4	Jewish Cultural Committee Adult Education Classes	
	Second of Spring Series	7:30 p.m.
5	Confirmation Class	4:30 p.m.
6	Sisterhood Study Group	10:00 a.m.
7	Purim Begins	Sundown
7	Purim — Megillah Reading	7:30 p.m.
9	Couples Club:	
	Kings-Supersonics Basketball Game	8:00 p.m.
10	Youth Group Spaghetti Dinner	5:30 p.m.
11	Jewish Cultural Committee Adult Education Classes	
	Third of Spring Series	7:30 p.m.
12	Sisterhood Board Meeting	11:30 a.m.
12	Sisterhood Luncheon	12:30 p.m.
12	Confirmation Class	4:30 p.m.
13	Coffee with the Rabbi	10:00 a.m.

Temple Youth Group Sponsors Many Activities

During the past few weeks our Temple Youth Group has sponsored several events of a cultural, social, athletic and inter-religious nature.

We were fortunate to have as our guests two members of the staff of ENCOR, Mrs. Barbara Bronston, a member of our congregation, and Mrs. Linda Esterling. Mrs. Bronston and Mrs. Esterling presented a film describing the nationally recognized activities of the ENCOR (Eastern Nebraska Community Office of Retardation) office and its treatment of mentally retarded youth and adults. During our study and discussion session our guests explained the activities of ENCOR in detail, noting ways in which we could volunteer our help.

Following this important session we all enjoyed a beautiful "pot-luck dinner" at the home of Cynthia Epstein.

The following week we met for a house party at the home of John and Ellen Robinson, and then spent an enjoyable evening roller skating as a group.

Most recently, on Sunday, February 17, members of our *We Speak for Judaism* panel were invited to the Hanscom Park Methodist Church. There our panel presented speeches describing Judaism in terms of our beliefs, the organization of the Jewish community, the Jewish festivals, and what it means

to be a Jew. The members of our panel, together with our advisor Rabbi Weinstein, then participated in a lively question and answer session with the students of the church school. Our panel included chairperson Debbie Farber, co-chairperson Rex Perlmeter, and Bion Farber, TYG president, Ted Gendler, TYG chaplain, and Ted Newman.

We also are happy to announce the great progress of our Temple Youth Group Basketball Team. Coached magnificently by Mr. Jerry Passer, our team has played so well that if it wins its next two games it will be the champion team of the Jewish Community Center "B" League. Our team members include Ken Milder, Ted Newman, Tom Rice, Mike Meyers, Dan Sherman, John Robinson, Mike Osten, Scott Schneiderman, and Mark Greenberg.

We want to thank our advisor, Rabbi Weinstein, and all Youth Group parents for all their help and support in each of our activities. Please watch the Temple Bulletin for our coming events, including our annual Spaghetti Dinner and our Youth Group Sabbath Worship Service.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Miss Barbara A. Zoob

IF YOU WERE IN OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

. . . by Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein

From Students to Teachers!



If the success of our school can be measured by the degree of involvement of our graduates in Jewish education, then our achievements have indeed been significant!

You have read in previous columns descriptions of our long established assistant teacher program, in which students in our school serve as assistants to full members of our faculty. In this capacity they have the opportunity to apply what they have learned in the classroom, and also to contribute to the religious education of other youth in our synagogue.

Several members of our faculty are themselves also graduates of our Temple Religious School. Because of their own dedication to our congregation and its school, they have conscientiously and sincerely given of themselves so that others might learn the message of Judaism as did they.

Now I am delighted to announce that our newest Faculty member, Mrs. Charles Weil, also graduated from our school and was confirmed in our congregation. Mary Jo is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Slosburg, and is now one of our fourth grade teachers. We are extremely pleased to have her on our staff, and it is with deep pleasure that I welcome her back to our school.

Mary Jo's college training includes her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. She also has taught religious school in Temple Emanuel, in Denver, Colorado. Both Mary Jo and her husband Charles are members of our congregation.

The example of Mary Jo and our other faculty members who graduated from our school is repeated over and over. Our faculty also includes, of course, several teachers

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Sabbath Discussion Series: Our Response to the School Desegregation Report

We are delighted to announce that Dr. William Gaines, Co-Chairman of the Omaha Community Committee, will be our guest lecturer for our Sabbath Discussion Series on Friday evening, March 1, following the close of our worship service.

The Omaha Community Committee has been at work for several months, intensively preparing recommendations of various alternatives for desegregation of the Omaha Public Schools.

Now the time has come for each of us to consider our own responses to the Community Committee's report. In order to help us do so, Dr. Gaines has agreed to share with us the recommendations of the Committee. In addition, he will describe for us the procedures of the Committee in compiling its findings.

Dr. Gaines is the Dean of International Affairs at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. He is professor of Corporation Law and Justice, and is a parishioner of Trinity Cathedral.

We are honored to have him as our guest for our discussion, another in our series sponsored by our Temple Social Action Committee.

PULPIT ARRANGEMENTS

February 8
In memory of Allen Kohan.
In honor of Bar Mitzvah of Todd Lincoln.

February 15
In honor of Bat Mitzvah of Emily Milder.

who are graduates of other synagogue schools like our own. Each of them provides yet further proof of the accomplishments of their own teachers in transmitting to them the heritage of our people.

I know I speak for each of our faculty members and each of you in welcoming Mary Jo Weil back to our school. To her, as to each of our faculty members, I say congratulations on having chosen to give of yourself so that others might learn the ideals, the history, and the faith of our People.

The issue of desegregation is one of the most important in our community. We hope many of our congregation will join with us on Friday evening, March 1, when we will all have an opportunity to consider together our responses to the Omaha Community Committee's report.

Gift Shop To Have New Haggadahs

Our Reform family of congregations will have a new Haggadah for use at Seder Services in homes and the synagogue at the coming Passover festival.

A special committee of creative scholars headed by Rabbi Herbert Bronstein took seven years to produce the new liturgy for the Central Conference of American Rabbis, publishers of our "Union" Prayerbook.

One of the great artists of our generation, Leonard Baskin, has provided twenty powerful color illustrations.

The new Haggadah according to Rabbi Bronstein "restores the joy and meaning of the festival for young and old alike while reflecting our generation's recovery of the whole realm of the sacred, spiritual, mystical and ethical concepts."

Included are a restoration of the Service of the Plagues, a Fifth Cup symbolizing the hope for the Jewish survival, writings from Buber, Wiesel, Fromm, Heschel and other, new and traditional music and a "how to" chapter on preparing the ritual and foods for the Seder.

The new Union Haggadah will be available through our Gift Shop at \$3.00 per copy.

If you would like to place an order, please call the office (556-6536), Marilyn Warren (334-1618) or Judi Goldstein (393-5687).

Also available will be the Deluxe Edition at \$17.50; or 10 regular editions, PLUS the Deluxe at \$37.50.

YAHREZEITS

Kaddish will be recited for the following departed loved ones whose names are inscribed for perpetual tribute on the Memorial Tablets of our Congregation:

March 1, 1974

Flora R. Goldstrom
Jake Klein
Morris Gitlin
Leo Altman
Clara S. Rosewater
Bernhardt H. Feltman
Rose Levine
Vera S. Wertheimer

March 8, 1974

David Block
J. Herman C. Hart
Baer Sonin
Rabbi Frederick Cohn
Hymen Ferer
Helen Bolker
Dr. Max Block
Abraham Somberg
Edward Levinson
Toba Cohen
David Goldman
Ann Berman
Blanche Ruth Altman
Reuben Kulakofsky
Clarence L. Bergman

OUR SYMPATHY

The Congregation records with sorrow the deaths of

HARRY I. NEER
Los Angeles, Calif.
Father of Mrs. Donald Polsky

ARNOLD ROBINSON,
Norfolk, Nebraska
Husband of Margaret Robinson
Father of Mrs. Dwight Burney III, Diane, Barbara and Richard Robinson
Brother of Mrs. Joseph Stern and Mrs. Frances Klein

DAVID E. BEBER
Husband of Arlene Beber
Father of Robert Beber, Mrs. Neena Bixby

and extends sympathy to their bereaved families.