

PRESCHOOL

A special preschool program will be offered once a month on Sundays, beginning October 14th. This class, which will meet from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, will emphasize learning about Jewish holidays through creative learning. Children must be four years old by September 1 to enroll. Please call the Temple office to register your child.

JCC CULTURAL ARTS SERIES

The Jewish Community Center's Cultural Arts Committee has announced their program for the fall season. Your support of the Jewish Cultural Arts will not only bring you pleasure, but will help enormously to support Jewish cultural arts in our community. Details may be obtained at the Jewish Community Center.

CHUPAH PROJECT OF ART AND BEAUTIFICATION FUND

The Art and Beautification Fund donations will be used to purchase a chupah for Temple Israel. Support this fund by making donations (3.00 minimum) for special occasions; call Marilyn Manvitz, 397-7170 or Temple Office, 556-6536. Please make checks payable to Temple Israel Sisterhood.

OUR SYMPATHY

The Congregation records with sorrow the deaths of
ROGER GREEN
Chicago
Brother of Mrs. Joe Rice
DR. IRVING KASS
Husband of Mrs. Edythe Kass
and extends sympathy to their bereaved families.

NEW RELIGIOUS SCHOOL POLICY

If the need should arise to have your child dismissed early from Saturday Religious School or Sunday Religious School, an authorized adult must come in to the school office to accompany your child.

Y.E.S.

Our youth are our future. Support the Y.E.S. (Youth, Education and Sisterhood) fund through the purchase of Uniongrams and tribute cards. For more information, call Sherry Kohn, 333-9752.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER		
12-19 Oct. 3	Hebrew Classes - Gimmel.....	4:00 p.m.
13-20 Oct. 4	Hebrew Classes - Aleph.....	4:00 and 5:00 p.m.
14	Shabbat Evening Service	7:30 p.m.
15	Religious School.....	9:00 a.m.
15	Shabbat Morning Service	11:00 a.m.
16	Religious School.....	10:00 a.m.
16	Congregational Picnic.....	5:00 p.m.
17-24 Oct. 1	Hebrew Classes - Daled.....	4:00 and 5:00 p.m.
18-25 Oct. 2	Hebrew Classes - Bet.....	4:00 and 5:00 p.m.
21	Shabbat Evening Service	7:30 p.m.
22	Religious School.....	9:00 a.m.
22	Shabbat Morning Service	11:00 a.m.
23	Religious School.....	10:00 a.m.
26	Rosh Hashanah Eve Services.....	6:30 and 8:30 p.m.
27	Rosh Hashanah Day	10:00 a.m.
27	Youth Service.....	3:00 p.m.
28	Shabbat Shuvah	7:30 p.m.
29	Shabbat Morning Service	11:00 a.m.
30	Religious School.....	10:00 a.m.
30	Memorial Service-T.I. Cemetery.....	2:00 p.m.
OCTOBER		
3	Confirmation Class.....	6:00 p.m.

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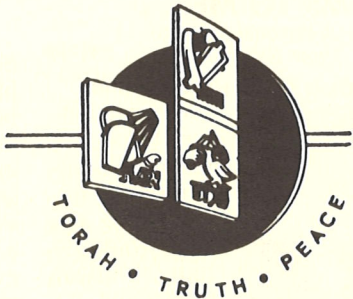
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REGULAR SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday, September 14
7:30 p.m.
ONEG SHABBAT
by
Elaine Fears, in honor of the
90th birthday of her father,
Morton Ehrenreich

Saturday, September 15
11:00 a.m.
Bar Mitzvah of
MICAH IAN EVANS
son of Bette and Steven Evans

Friday, September 21
7:30 p.m.
ONEG SHABBAT
by Mr. and Mrs. Gene Kaplan

Saturday, September 22
11:00 a.m.
Bar Mitzvah of
SCOTT KAPLAN
son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Kaplan

Friday, September 28
7:30 p.m.
SHABBAT SHUVAH

Saturday, September 29
11:00 a.m.

HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES

ROSH HASHANAH
Wednesday, September 26, 1984
First Service 6:30 p.m.
Second Service 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 27
Morning Service 10:00 a.m.
Youth Service 3:00 p.m.

SHABBAT SHUVAH
Friday, September 28, 7:30 p.m.

CEMETERY MEMORIAL SERVICE
Sunday, September 30
2:00 p.m.
Temple Israel Cemetery

YOM KIPPUR
Friday, October 5
First Service 6:30 p.m.
Second Service 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 6
Service begins 10:00 a.m.
Youth Service 1:30 p.m.
Afternoon Service 3:00 p.m.
Yizkor 4:00 p.m.

Sitter Service available every Friday Evening and each
Saturday Morning when Bar/Batz Mitzvah is scheduled

IT SEEMS TO ME. . .

A Personal Message
from Rabbi Brooks

Changes of Heart and Mind



Introspection is not exactly the strong point of most Jews. Yet that is exactly what the High Holidays are all about. It's a New Year.

Time for the deep inward look, for new beginnings, for self improvement, the mending of relationships, and the planning for life ahead.

My feelings in that regard are more vague than ever before. I know that this will be my final year as rabbi of Temple Israel. But I am not so sure that I have internalized that fact — yet.

So you will understand that I have been thinking quite deeply about my life past and future as a rabbi. After almost forty years I must ask: Where have I been? What have I done? How have I changed? How do my thoughts and beliefs compare now with those of years gone by?

I will be the first to confess that some of my concerns and values are radically different from what they were at the beginning. I am proud of that. Because I am convinced that continuing flexibility, and changes are the necessary components of growth and maturity and of life itself. Such is the basis of my liberal faith as a Reform Jew.

Strangely, the more I think about it the more the distance widens between what I remember I once affirmed and that which I now question.

In short, where I was and where I am now have been fascinating for me to re-examine. I would like to share some of my conclusions with you, openly and candidly.

So during this season I shall periodically devote my pulpit messages to my **Changes of Heart and Mind** on a variety of subjects.

I would be pleased if you would listen to these experiences and react to them. Together it would, I think, help us all to find our respective paths into the New Year and the years beyond more creatively and happily.

M-TUTE "84"

O.T.Y.G. has had programming during the summer, in spite of the busy schedule of some of our members. Two membership drives, during which ninth graders were the invited guests of the older youth groupers who were the hosts. These events included among other things, a Bar B Q and bowling party and an evening of sand volleyball which ended with a party and scavenger hunt.

Our last membership drive was an overnight at the Temple on September 8. All kinds of events were planned for the overnight. We started with dinner together, and then had a variety of programs and activities during the rest of the evening and into the night.

And of course, there was MoFTYtute. From August 12-19, one hundred and sixty youth groupers from all over MoVFTY (Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska and Colorado) were gathered at Camp Sabra at Lake of the Ozarks to participate in 1984 M-tute, the leadership training institute of the Missouri Valley Federation of Temple Youth. Our theme this year was Jewish Life Cycle Ceremonies. Among the activities that we participated in was the "remarriage" of Ronnie Brockman, our Regional Advisor, and her husband, Alan. Alan and Ronnie have been married for many years, but decided to re-make their wedding promises as part of the program on life cycle ceremonies.

O.T.Y.G. had the largest delegation at M-tute than any other congregation with twenty-six of our members attending. During M-tute, in addition to participating in the program, our President, David Spizman, called meetings to do some planning for the Winter Conclave of MoVFTY. The meeting will be hosted by us here in Omaha December 25-30. Before that, our Western Fall Conclave (Western is a sub-region of MoFTY) will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, November 9-11.

If anyone needs further information on any of the programs of Omaha Temple Youth Group, please call the Temple office. The office will answer your questions or refer you to one of our officers or advisors.

SISTERHOOD RENOVATES TEMPLE KITCHEN

Sisterhood is thrilled to have been able to renovate our Temple kitchen. As part of restructuring the kitchen, Sisterhood has purchased a commercial ice maker, a new freezer, and an additional refrigerator.

Cooking and catering for Temple events will be a pleasure and a convenience for us all.

We know the Congregation will be delighted, too, with new lace tablecloths which are on order.

Our Sisterhood is proud to serve our Temple family with these gifts and the many hours our members have spent on the project.

SUPPORT SISTERHOOD! SHOP AT THE GIFT SHOP

Sundays 10:00 a.m. - noon
Weekdays by arrangement
with the Temple Office

SITTER SERVICE

Every Friday evening and those Saturday mornings when a Bar/Bat Mitzvah takes place, Sitter Service is available during Shabbat Services at Temple Israel.

There will be no charge for the Sitter Service, however, voluntary donations will be appreciated at any time.

Remember our Funds!

Your contributions to the following funds ensure the continuation and support of many vital activities of the Temple. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

\$5.00 fund contributions:

Education
Endowment
Harold Garber Memorial
Landscape
Library
New Prayer Book
Rabbis' Discretionary
Charles Rosenstock
Memorial

Temple Youth Group
\$20.00 Gift of Prayer Book
The recipient will appreciate your remembrance!

IT IS MY VIEW . . .

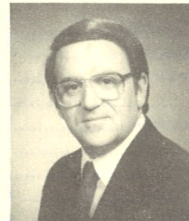
by Rabbi Barack

This is the beginning of a new year. At all new beginnings there ought to be a feeling of hope. It often is believed, however, that hope

is an emotion that one superimposes on difficult or unhappy circumstances, not something that emerges naturally from them. And so saying, people condemn those who have hope amid times of difficulty as impractical idealists with no view of reality.

Today it is not uncommon for us to encounter people with gloomy views on almost everything they see. They point to the economy, and there is gloom. They point to the divorce rate among Jews, and there is gloom. They point to young people and, opining that they are shallow and self-centered, there is gloom. They point to the world political situation, and there is gloom. Needless to say, with these points of view, predictions for the future are filled with — gloom.

My own feeling, however, is that sometimes we just do not look far enough or examine things with enough thoroughness. Israel's inflation rate is over 200% annually. Though our economy has had its difficulties in the last few years, Israelis would gladly trade. The divorce rate is worrisome. But I also see husbands and wives with difficulties who are working hard — very hard — to improve their situation; and I see husbands and wives with no apparent difficulties at all, people who have good partnerships. I see parents making an ex-



SUNDAY TRAFFIC CONTROL

1. **NO PARKING OR STOPPING WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE DRIVEWAY.**
2. A member of the Traffic Control Committee will be directing all cars into the parking lots.
3. Absolutely no child will be allowed to proceed into the driveway to enter a car that has slowed down to pick up the child. **NO EXCEPTIONS CAN BE MADE TO THIS RULE?**
4. Parents will be asked to park their cars in the lot and **walk** to the South entrance of the Synagogue to escort their children back to their cars. **PARENTS: PLEASE DISCUSS THIS PROCEDURE WITH YOUR CHILDREN NOW TO REMIND THEM OF ITS IMPORTANCE.**
5. If someone **other** than the parent will be substituting in picking up the child, such as a grandparent, etc., the substitute **must** be briefed on our procedures by the parents.

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Our Traffic Control System is devised to move the heavy Sunday traffic following Sunday School in an orderly manner and, **most important**, to protect your children from and eliminate injury.

traordinary effort in rearing their children, clamoring for increased quality in education, providing for their special needs and interests, and even making formal efforts to improve their own parenting skills.

And I see our young people. So many are bright and inquisitive. They do not take things merely on someone's "say-so". They are more sensitive to those around them than often they are given credit for, and often display a sense of value for things such as compassion and understanding. They pursue their goals with a diligence that imparts the message that shallowness is not acceptable to them.

And if the political situation in the world seems gloomy — well, it was not so long ago that a visage of Israelis visiting the pyramids was possible only if they were in military uniforms, not in tourist buses.

Hope is an emotion, as I see it, that emerges when a **full** picture of

things is seen. And as I see it, there are some very hopeful things around us.

Warm good wishes for a good and hopeful New Year-from our house to yours.

PICNIC AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL REMINDER

A reminder that the Congregational Picnic and Ice Cream Social sponsored by the Education Committee will be this Sunday, September 16, at 5:00 p.m.

Bring a picnic supper for your family and a blanket to the Temple Israel Meadow just west of the parking lot.

Drinks and an ice cream sundae will be provided for the nominal cost of \$1.00 per person.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
Debra and Mark Sherman

PARENTAL HELP FOR YOUR CHILD IN CRISIS

Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks

Sundays

SEPT. 30, OCT. 7, 14, 21

NOV. 4, 11

9 - 10 a.m.

- Illness and Injury
- Death
- Divorce
- Unfairness in Life
- God - Prayer - Ritual
- Open Questions

JEWISH — CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE PROBLEMS & SOLUTIONS

Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks

Sundays

10 - 11 a.m.

Nov. 4, 11, 18

Dec. 2, 9, 16

- Implications of Inter-marriage
- When Is Conversion Right?
- Are Compromises Possible?
- Relating to Each Other's Family
- Life-cycle Events
- Teaching Children

CONTRIBUTIONS TEMPLE SPECIAL FUNDS

In Memory of:

Al Berger
Nathan J. Dann
Bernard Fisher
Jay Joshua Friedman
Rodger Green
Ned Patrick
Larry Plattner
Janice Stern Rosenfield
Grandmother of Mrs. Alan Nogg

In Honor of:

Birthdays of:
Harry Altsuler
Morris Jacobs
Esther Weil - 80th

Election as:

President of NFTY
Mitchell Warren

Engagement of:

John Rosenberg and Joan Elizabeth Pflaum

Wedding Anniversaries of:

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Zacharia - 50th

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Nogg - 45th

Recovery of:

Fannie Greenberg
Lazier Kavich
Marty Lehr
Mrs. Joe Meyer

Mrs. Morrie Sostrin

Forthcoming Retirement of:

Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks
In appreciation for the Services of

Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks

GIFTS OF PRAYER BOOKS

In Memory of:

Bernard Fisher
Lottie R. Gummers
Larry Plattner

In Honor of:

Wedding Anniversary of:
Mr. and Mrs. Leo Nogg

CONGRATULATIONS

ON THE BIRTH OF -

David Jacobson Glotten, son of Debbie and Mark Glotten. Grandparents are Ronnie and Art Jacobson, and Joanne and Joel Glotten, Minneapolis, Mn.

ON THE ENGAGEMENT OF -

Leanne Novak and Andrew Nathan. Leanne is the daughter of Mrs. Lois Novak and Mr. Nathan Novak. Andrew is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Nathan of Highland Park, Ill.