

FOOD FOR THOUGHT AS WELL AS FOR PEOPLE!

It was Bat Mitzvah Sara Newman and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Nick Newmans' thought that an attractive and practical pulpit offering of two lovely fresh fruit baskets could serve a dual purpose! Through the facilities of the Temple Social Action Committee, the Trinity Cathedral Pantry was the delighted recipient of the two fruit baskets on the Monday following the Newmans' happy celebration. "We **just never** get fresh fruit — that's wonderful!" was the Pantry's exclamation.

Jerry and Soralee Cohn wanted to give outright — not have an organization sell to raise funds — the clothes they wished to clear out when moving recently. Your Temple Social Action Committee found happy homes for all the men's, women's and children's clothes offered.

Who knows an appliance man who would supply a picture tube for a TV the Social Action Committee has been offered?

Don't forget — one can or package on each occasion you come to Temple. PLEASE!

REMEMBER OTHERS AND SUPPORT YOUR TEMPLE

Your contributions to the various Temple Funds aid immeasurably in helping us meet the many teaching and cultural needs of our congregation. Without your generosity many projects would be curtailed.

Your contribution will be handled promptly by the Temple staff. There is a \$2 minimum for each card sent.

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Yahrzeits

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

January 5, 1973
Harry L. Cohen
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Bronston
Miss Anne Carta
Mrs. Betty Rae Cutler
Lt. Col. and Mrs. Stanley A. Mandler
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Stroud

THANKS FROM
Tom Rice and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rice, for the Uniongrams he received in honor of his recent Bar Mitzvah.

CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO SPECIAL TEMPLE FUNDS

IN APPRECIATION OF:
Services of Mrs. Esther DuBoff.

IN HONOR OF:
Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Brookstein.
Bat Mitzvah of Sara Newman
75th Birthday of Mr. Nathan Nogg.
Birthday of Mrs. Stanley Perlmeter

FOR THE RECOVERY OF:
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HONORED AT SABBATH SERVICES
December 15, 1972
Candle Blessing Mrs. C. M. Nick Newman
Kiddush C. M. Nick Newman
Torah Blessing Tom Newman
Torah Blessing Ted Newman

December 22, 1972
Candle Blessing ... Mrs. Bennett Wagner
Kiddush Fred Cassman
Torah Blessing Robert Kully
Torah Blessing Julius Cohn

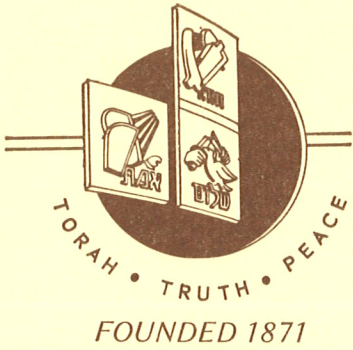
Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein recently returned from a MOVTY faculty training session in St. Louis. There they studied group dynamics in youth group programming.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January
6-7 Classes Resume
7 Gift Shop Open (Sale) 10:00 — Noon
9 Confirmation Class 4:30 p.m.
10 No Coffee with the Rabbi
14 Senior Seminar 2:00 p.m.
16 Confirmation Class 4:30 p.m.
17 Coffee with the Rabbi 10:00 a.m.
20 Couples Club Bowling Party 9:00 p.m.

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IT SEEMS TO ME
A Personal Message from Rabbi Brooks
FLEETING THOUGHTS:

I find the season in which I write spiritually and intellectually disturbing. It is the time of year when "peace on earth, good will to men" is proclaimed too much, practiced too little. There is no peace and our nation has mounted a new wave of air warfare and killing. The slayer is spared the sight of the slain. "Peace on earth, good will to men"??? How? Where?

It is a season of gift giving. Probably most of the giving to those who need it least. Why should there even be a "man who has everything" when the world teems with those who have nothing.

It is the season of the new calendar year. Lots of cards and notes from friends and relatives. It's nice to remember and to be remembered. We need human closeness. But what lies behind the

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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, January 5
8:15 p.m. Sabbath Evening Services
4. SABBATH DISCUSSION SERIES
A LOOK AT ANYTOWN, NEBRASKA
REV. KENNETH KERSHAW
National Conference of Christians and Jews
See Rabbi Weinstein's Column
Sabbath Coffee Hour

Saturday Morning, January 6
11:00 a.m. Sabbath Morning Services
Bat Mitzvah
of
PATTI LEE ABRAHAM
daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Abraham

Friday Evening, January 12
8:15 p.m. Sabbath Evening Services
RABBI SIDNEY H. BROOKS
will speak on
WHAT TO SAY WHEN THE MISSIONARY COMES TO CALL
Sabbath Coffee Hour

Saturday Morning, January 13
11:00 a.m. Sabbath Morning Services
Bar Mitzvah
of
EDWARD LEE BEBER
son of
Mr. and Mrs. David D. Beber

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business card, the insurance agency card, the institutional card? Is it meaningful; or is it advertising and, if the latter, why get that mixed up with tender feelings of human regard? And what about the rest of the year? There are so many times when people are not in the hospital, not in the claws of any critical disaster but just lonely, forgotten, aging and confused. How about a word of caring then, a card, a phone call, a visit? That's not a rabbinical function; not even a Jewish function; it's a human response.

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I spent an afternoon in one of the few remaining cloistered convents. It was quiet and calm, serene and thoughtful; there was animated conversation and laughter, dignity and simplicity and the unmistakable consciousness of God's presence. The sisters were knowledgeable about the world but also knowledgeable about the human soul.

I went there to teach, to share with the sisters what I know about Judaism and our way of life. I left with the feeling that I had learned and, once again, sensed a new dimension to life. Their way is not ours.

But even in Judaism there have been, at times, sects who have fled the way of the world and sought a peace and tranquility in self-contained communities. There were a few; they died out. Maybe it's a pity they did. Perhaps many of us need a retreat once in a while rather than endless pursuit of excessive stimulation, excitement, novelty, change, thrills. You don't need a convent or monastery. You have your home, music, books, quiet walks, creative hobbies, unhurried thinking, personal prayer. There's spiritual refreshment in these too.

Senior Seminar Meets With Rabbi Weinstein

At 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 14, Rabbi Weinstein will meet with the Senior Seminar. Any post-confirmation is welcome to attend, even though he may not have been present for previous sessions.



By Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein

One of the goals of our school is the teaching of comparative religion.

In our Saturday school several mini-courses deal with interfaith relations. Members of our Confirmation Class annually visit several different churches and talk with their clergymen, deepening their understanding of the similarities and differences between Judaism and Christianity.

Our young people learn most about different religions, however, when they live and work together with members of other religious faiths.

Anytown, Nebraska, provides such an opportunity. Carefully designed to enhance the unique qualities of each religion, Anytown is a week long experience of interfaith living and sharing at its best.

Sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and several other organizations, Anytown takes place during the month of June, in a camp setting. Under the supervision of trained counselors, teenagers of differing religious backgrounds learn about each other through thoughtfully structured activities of study, recreation and discussion.

This Friday evening our Sabbath Discussion Series presents Rev. Kenneth Kershaw, Regional Director of the NCCJ here in Omaha, who will acquaint us with Anytown. Those of you who have the privilege of knowing Rev.

Kershaw will realize that we are fortunate to have him address us. I have had the pleasure of working with him, and I am personally delighted he has agreed to be with us.

Together with Rev. Kershaw will be others directly involved in the Anytown program, including its director and one of the Jewish youth participants from the 1972 program. We will also see slides of Anytown and its camp.

I hope to see you and your teenage son or daughter here on Friday evening, January 5. This forum is presented under the auspices of our Social Action Committee, chaired by Stuart Tucker.

SALE IN GIFT SHOP

On Sunday, January 7 the Gift Shop will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. At this time, we will deduct 10% from all merchandise except Passover merchandise.

We are in the process of placing orders to replenish our stock. We will have our catalogs with us on January 7. So if you desire a special order, please see us then.

Passover begins April 16; now is the time to order seder plates and other Passover items.

For further information, call Marilyn Warren, 334-1618, Judi Goldstein, 393-5687, or see the girls in the office.

Books Are Still Needed

The Temple Book Sale will be held January 28 to February 2 in the Crossroads Mall.

Have you checked through your shelves yet? Please do — and then bring those books to Temple, or if you need a pick-up call the office 556-6536 or Mrs. Jack B. Cohen, 51844.

TEMPLE YOUTH GROUP TO HOST VISITORS

Our TYG recently sponsored two social events which provided a pleasant time for all.

At our Chanukah party in our Youth Lounge we viewed our Youth Group's film presentation which won first prize at our subregional Fall Conclavette. Then, at our ice skating party at Ak-Sar-Ben, we all enjoyed skating and falling on the ice!

Now we are in the midst of planning our Inter-City function for the weekend of January 26-28. During this Convention our youth group will host fifty youth groupers from Des Moines, Lincoln, Sioux City, and St. Joseph.

With your help our guests will be provided home hospitality, with meals arranged at Temple as well.

The theme for our Inter-City is "Sabbath — Do you have a moment?" based on the concept of a Sabbath moment. Kathy Sperling is chairman, and Bjorn Farber and Tom Taxman are assisting her as co-chairmen.

If you would like to serve as a host family or help us in any other way please phone Kathy Sperling (551-1067) or our advisor, Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein.

"HAVE A BALL!"

Temple Israel Couples Club Bowling Party!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20
RANCH BOWL

Bowling: 9:00-11:00 p.m.

Party: 11:00-1:00 a.m.

Snacks after bowling in
Party Room — "Dutch Treat."

Bowling Costs:
\$4.50 per couple for 3 games

All Reservation to Temple Office, (556-6536) by Thursday, January 18.

Rabbis Respond to Conversion Publicity

Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks, President of the Omaha Council of Rabbis would like to share with the Congregation the following statement which represents the considered judgment of the Rabbis of our community in response to the recent widespread publicity aimed at conversion of Jews:

At a meeting of the Omaha Council of Rabbis, the following statement was issued to advise our constituency in response to recent wide-spread publicity aimed at conversion of Jews.

"Members of the Jewish community have recently received mailings, read a number of newspaper articles and experienced personal approaches in an effort to convert Jews to some new forms of Christianity or to pseudo 'Jewish-Christianity.'

Secure and committed Jews will not be concerned by this growing missionary activity. Surveys have indicated that the success of these activities has been extremely minimal. Publicity to the contrary is simply not true and has been generalized from a few sensational cases.

NURSERY SCHOOL NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS

Reservations are now being taken for Temple Nursery School's 1973 Fall Semester.

For the three-day program, the child must be three years old by October 15; and for the five-day program, the child must be four by that date.

Temple members will have preference for both programs until April 15, 1973.

Tuition for three-days is \$100.00 per semester; for five-days, \$140.00 per semester.

For reservations contact:
Wendy Zoob, 397-6426, or
Dorothy Spizman, 393-6858.

CONGRATULATIONS

On the Birth of —

Brandon Jay Koom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Koom. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Carl Milder, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Koom.

With possible exceptions, if any, those Jews who have become part of this movement are either temporarily impressionable youth, Jewishly uninformed, emotionally disturbed, or perhaps reacting to some unhappy life experience.

The Rabbis of the community are readily available for consultation to help any of our people respond to or explain this phenomenon.

If you receive invitations to obvious missionary events personally or in the mails, you need take no action whatever.

You can be sure that the persuasion is based on quotations out of context and distortions of Biblical texts.

Our counsel is to discard mailed material and politely but firmly to inform persons who approach you directly that you are not interested in pursuing the subject.

For an explanation of literature you receive you may consult your Rabbi. He will indicate to you that none of this material has any scholarly foundation whatever."

Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks,
President

URGENT!

To All Drivers on Sunday Mornings

Please cooperate with these Traffic Control Rules:

—Park in Parking Lot **ONLY**.

—Do not block driveway.

—Instruct your car pool children to wait on Temple steps.

—No running in Parking Lot at any time.

—Meet your car pool children on Temple steps and accompany them to your car.

Please instruct other members of your family who drive car pool to follow these rules!

No exceptions can be made. Our goal is the total safety and protection of your children.