

Congratulations . .

ON THE BIRTH OF:
Matthew Todd Liberman, son of Dr. and Mrs. Keith Liberman, Los Angeles. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Liberman and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Jameson. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Friedman, Mrs. Sara Jameson, and Mrs. Mildred Kahnweiler.

Amy Renee Perlmeter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Perlmeter, San Antonio. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Meyers, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley E. Perlmeter. Great grandparents are Mrs. Ida Meyers, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Perlmeter and Mr. Saul Shapiro.

Daniel Scott Gerelick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gerelick. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lincoln, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gerelick. Great grandmother is Mrs. Sidney Goldberg.

HONORED AT
SABBATH SERVICES

December 14, 1973

Candle Blessing Mrs. Betty Rae Cutler
Kiddush Henry Cutler
Torah Blessing Robert Bernstein
Torah Blessing Alfred Fiedler

December 21, 1973

Candle Blessing Mrs. Milton Marcus
Kiddush Milton Marcus
Torah Blessing John Wiesman
Torah Blessing Lloyd Cohen

Thanks from Robin Schneiderman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Schneiderman, for the Uniongrams received in honor of her Bat Mitzvah.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rosenberg

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YAHARZEITS

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 4, 1973

Henrietta Morris
Sam L. Robinson
Anna K. Friedman
Lillian Bergman
Brad Sperling
Harry L. Cohen
Rose Josephson
Josephine Schloss Speier
Lena M. Rehfeld
Karoline Hirsch Mayer
Evalyn Blotcky

January 11, 1974

Samuel E. Jacobs
Mrs. Ferdinand Adler
Stella S. Rosenthal
Herman Abraham
Henry Hiller
Milton R. Wessel
Samuel H. Chapman
Bessie S. Levy
John Arthur Farber

PULPIT ARRANGEMENTS

December 14

In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of David Cutler.

December 21

In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Howard Krasne Marcus.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January	
5-6	Religious School Resumes
7	Nursery School Resumes 9:00 a.m.
7	Hebrew Classes Resume 4:00 and 5:00 p.m.
8	Confirmation Class 4:30 p.m.
9	Coffee with the Rabbi 10:00 a.m.
16	No Coffee with the Rabbi

OUR SYMPATHY

The Congregation records with sorrow the deaths of

HELEN SHERMAN NEFF
Mother of Sherman Neff
Sister of Irvin Sherman,
Mrs. Edward E. Brodkey

RACHEL SEGALL
Mother of Mrs. Norman Cain
and extends sympathy to their bereaved families.

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IN HONOR OF:
Marriage of Miriam Brooks and Gerald Tauchner.
Birthday of Jack W. Marer.
Bar Mitzvah of Joseph Meyers.
Birth of Joshua Daniel Spitzer.

FOR THE RECOVERY OF:
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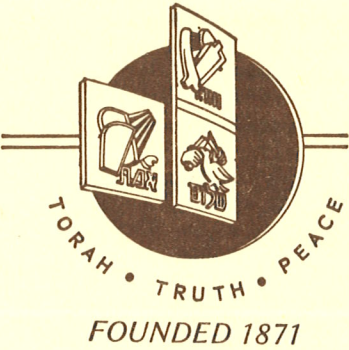
IN MEMORY OF:
Grace Bernstein, Sadie Gitlin, Henry Grabois, Libbie Moskovitz, Helen Neff, Fannie Rosinsky, Mr. Sachs, Theresa Harris Ullery, Bernard Ziegler.

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IN MEMORY OF:
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IT SEEMS TO ME

A Personal Message from Rabbi Brooks



An illustration from our sainted teacher Abraham Joshua Heschel's last book *A PASSION FOR TRUTH* nags me. He wrote: "A moderately clean heart is like a moderately foul egg. Lukewarm Judaism is as effective in purging our character as a lukewarm furnace in melting steel."

I write on the eve of three events which remind me that human emotion needs measuring, saving and dispensing with wisdom.

It is Chanukah time and I recall that Jews long before us cared so deeply about their integrity that they scorned the odds, sprang to battle and literally saved Judaism from extinction. There was nothing "moderate" about their convictions.

It is the time of crisis for the State of Israel as a government and for 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 4
8:15 p.m. Sabbath Evening Services

III. SABBATH DISCUSSION SERIES

EUGENE LEAHY,
Former Mayor of Omaha,
President of Riverfront Community Development
Will Speak on the
RIVERFRONT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

see inside article
SABBATH COFFEE HOUR

Saturday Morning, January 5
11:00 a.m. Sabbath Morning Services

Friday Evening, January 11
8:15 p.m. Sabbath Evening Services

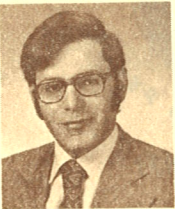
RABBI BARRY L. WEINSTEIN
will speak on
LET MY PEOPLE GO
An Ancient Plea Unfulfilled
SABBATH COFFEE HOUR

Saturday Morning, January 12
11:00 a.m. Sabbath Morning Service

“IF YOU WERE IN OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL . . .”

by Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein

Saturday students on Sunday!



Have you ever phoned our synagogue on a Sunday morning? If you have, you probably did not realize your call was taken by one of several Saturday School students who have volunteered to assist in our religious school office each Sunday morning.

Their responsibilities include office and administrative tasks, as well as the distribution of supplies and materials to our teachers and students.

These cheerful and enthusiastic helpers are Ann Berman, Sharon Brodkey, Shelly Moskovitz, Sarah Ross and Susan Ross. Their presence is invaluable to the efficiency of our school. Debbie Cohn, also a member of our Saturday School, serves as a classroom assistant in our kindergarten, and contributes her help to our kindergarten teachers.

The voluntary participation of these students represents their dedication to our school. Their help exemplifies the application of what they are taught in terms of contributing to their congregation and the Jewish education of their friends. Each of their contributions to the education of our Sunday students creates another link in the chain of learning in our congregation.

Together with all of our older classroom assistant teachers and office assistants, they demonstrate the high degree of success of our total program. Our graduate assistant teachers and office assistants include Susie Cohn and Julie Cohen, Kindergarten; Bruce Vann and Jane Rosenberg, 1st Grade; Molly Fisher and Rachel Hoffman, 3rd Grade; Scott Schneiderman, 5th Grade. Our Saturday office assistants include Debbie Brophy, Rex Perlmetter and Ellen Robinson. For all of these students to freely choose to

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Riverfront Focus of Sabbath Discussion

Former Omaha Mayor Eugene Leahy, President of the Riverfront Community Development Project, will address the congregation at the Sabbath Discussion Series, Friday, January 4. Following his remarks on the Riverfront Development and its importance to the Omaha community, Mr. Leahy will answer questions.

The Social Action Committee of the Temple invites all of you to what should be an informative and interesting evening with Mr. Leahy.

Another Success Story!

Our Temple Youth Group sponsored its first Chanukah Carnival on December 16. Doug Davidson and Scott Schneiderman served as co-chairmen, and Ken Milder assisted as student advisor. It was a highly successful project that involved our entire youth group.

TYG members carried out most of the preparations for the Carnival. These included building booths, decorating the social hall and securing donated raffle prizes.

Special thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Lou Delman, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Ajon Farber, Mrs. Shirley Fisher, and our advisor Rabbi Weinstein. Without their help and the support of the many other adults who helped collect tickets, cook, and serve our food, our Carnival would not have been possible. To each of you, thank you very much!

Rabbi Weinstein continued

spend their own time aiding the activities of our school and staff symbolizes their love for our congregation and its educational program.

The sincerity and dedication of each of our student assistants is marvelous, and I hope they know how grateful I am to them. On behalf of our entire congregation I express my own personal thanks and congratulations to them for their splendid contributions to the education of all our children.

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lives of its inhabitants, our fellow Jews. Come what may, no one can hold “moderate” feelings about the life or death of millions of men, women and children most of whom are the “remnant of Israel,” the descendants of those who escaped the terror of Europe a generation ago.

And personally, it is a time of introspection for me and my family, as it has been in every parental heart, as we approach the marriage of our daughter. There is no moderation in our feelings for our loved ones.

These separate events and Rabbi Heschel's illustration tell me that perhaps we have scattered our feelings too widely. We have cared too much for little things and too little for the great things of life. I find myself debating whether “moderation in all things” is really good advice. Certainly it is not in our moral and spiritual decisions.

The era in which we live now will surely be one which will deny us many of the luxuries we once thought necessities. We will be reminded, I hope, of what is really important and learn to feel more deeply about those values.

Among these are our life and health, our mates and our children, our People and our tradition of Judaism. In short: about the value judgments and the emotions evoked by them.

I suspect we tolerated too much of “moderation” or “lukewarm” feelings and desires, to use Heschel's phrases. We cannot feel moderately about those we love. We cannot feel moderately about truth and decency and honor. We cannot any longer be “lukewarm” about our moral stance.

It is time for total commitment, total integrity, total honesty with ourselves and with others.

It is not too late to build our personal and national character on solid uncompromising principles.

If we do not, we have no “character” at all.

2nd Graders Aid Israel

The children in Elinor Whitman's 2nd grade have really responded to the news from Israel. They have listened to the news broadcasts and many have consistently brought increased Keren Ami ever since the Yom Kippur War.

Rather than simply ask their parents for money, they have asked to do special “extra” jobs around home to earn it. Some have shared their own Chanukah gelt, and the class sent \$10.00 as a special Chanukah gift to Ben Shemen Children's Village for books or games.

We wish you could watch the faces of our students as they see how their joint efforts produce amazing totals. Best of all, they are participants in what Jews do when other Jews need them.

Many thanks to the following women who contributed to Sisterhood's Donor project. Mmes:

Milton Abrahams Grace Albert Edward Altsuler Jack Baker Julian Baümel David E. Beber Harold Bernstein David Bialac David Bleicher J. E. Bleicher Albert Bloch Alan Blotcky Edward D. Brodkey Edwin E. Brodkey Fred Brodkey Harold Brodkey Ronald Brodkey Sidney Brooks Marvin Brookstein Isadore Chapman Harold Cherniack Jay Cherniack Harry B. Cohen Jack B. Cohen Louis Cohen Meyer Cohen Sam Cohen Ronald Cohn Loyal Cohn Robert Cohn Jerold Dann Hazel Degen Harry Duboff Chiam Farber Harold Farber Mike Feldman Thomas Fellman Harvey Ferer Alfred Fiedler Jennie Finkel My Fisk Sam Fogel Alfred Fox Philip Fox Leon Frankel Leonard Friedel	David Friedland Herman Friedman Lloyd Friedman Willard Friedman Sam Gilinsky Stewart Gilinsky Maurice Gilmore David Goldman Herman Goldstein Avrum Greenberg Elmer Greenberg Maynard Greenberg Joseph Greenstone Manning Handler A. J. Harding Sheldon Harris Abe Herzberg Louis Hiller Morton Hiller Joseph Horwich Morton Ives H. Jacobi Julia Jacobs Joseph Jacobs Howard Kaplan Lazar Kaplan Mickey Kaplan Harold Kasin Abe Katelman Stanley Katelman Lazier Kavich Esther Kirschbraun Morris Kirshenbaum Jarold Kohll Millard Krasne Robert Krasne M. M. Krupinsky Harry Kubby Arthur Kulakofsky Louis Kulakofsky Morton Kulesh Erwin Landow Martin Lehr Evelyn Levy Jack Levin Norman Lincoln	Louis Lipp Morris Lipp Joe Lipton Bernard Magid Edward Makiesky Edward Malashock Stanley Malashock Justin Manvitz Milton Marcus Jack Marer Millard Margolin Sol Martin Alfred Mayer Bernie Meyers David Meyers Leo Meyerson Louis Somberg Jerome Milder Myron Milder Charles Monasee Al Nepomnick Jules Newman Harlan Noddle E. Leo Nogg Robert Nogg Nathan Novak Maurice Pepper Stanley Perlmeter Larry Plattner Harold Pollack Donald Polsky William Racusin Bernard Raskin Donald Rice N. Julian Rips Sheldon Rips Blaine Roffman Harvey Roffman Larry Roffman Edward Rosen Jerry Rosen Horace Rosenblum Harry Rosenfeld Arthur Rubin Elliot Rubin Michael Sadofsky	T. J. Sanford Milton Saylan Bernard Schimmel Albert Schwarz Charles Scudder Richard Seitzer Ted Seldin Rudolf Selo Ben Shapiro Arthur Sherman Irvin Sherman Lester Simon Milton Simon Stanley Slosburg Phil Sokolof Michael Solzman Louis Somberg Marlon Somberg Ramon Somberg Hubert Sommer Alfred Sophir Millard Speier Sherman Sperling Malvina Spitzer Zell Stanley Joseph Stern Donald Sturm Oscar Sutin Maynard Tatelman Sam Toys Morton Trachtenbarg Harry Trustin Bernard Turkel Leo Ungar Donald Vann Howard Vann Bennett Wagner Milton Waldbaum Herbert Weil I. H. Weiner Barry L. Weinstein Harold Wiesman Earl Wigodsky Bernhardt Wolf Irvin Yaffe Michael Yudelson
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Men's Club To Offer New, Varied Program

The topic “Judaism and Immortality” at the December 2nd Breakfast with the Rabbi aroused so much interest and discussion that we had a second meeting on December 16th to conclude the topic. These two meetings prompted more participation and debate than we've enjoyed in a long time. Incidentally, non-Men's Club members who attend in the future will be charged \$1.00 for breakfast.

Milt Moskovitz, Special Programs chairman, put together a fun-packed ice skating event for Dads and kids, December 30th at the Benson Park ice rink.

Howard Covenko, chairman of our Breakfasts with the Rabbi, has lined up a most interesting and timely program for Sunday morning, January 20th. Howard Weinstein, regional ADL representative, has tentatively accepted an invitation to discuss with us the impact of the current Middle East crisis and energy shortage on anti-semitism in the U.S. and Omaha area in terms of our responses to these problems.

Although no date has been set, in late January the Men's Club will have a “penny-ante poker” night.

As you can see, we're expanding the Men's Club program to provide the kind of events that have and will continue to interest many of you. If you have some ideas for programs, please call Milt Moskovitz (572-8324) or Howard Covenko (331-6895).

Couples Club

invites you to their

Serendipity Supper

Saturday, January 19
7:30 p.m.
Temple Social Hall
\$5 per couple

Gail Verlin will lead
Israeli folk songs

R.S.V.P. by January 16th
Sharon Weintraub, 333-3483
Michelle Dloogoff, 334-1211