

TYG EVENTS

Greetings and a Happy New Year to all!

The Omaha Temple Youth Group is officially off and going!

During the weekend of September 19-21, we held our Annual Freshman Orientation and Rush. We began on Friday, the 19th with a house party and discussion on Soviet Jewry at the home of Burton Robinson. Our guest speaker was Joel Alpertson, a senior at Burke High, who visited Russia this summer. Saturday morning, we met at Temple Israel and departed for the farm of Dr. and Mrs. Jerome Bleicher. The exceptionally cool weather caused cancellation of some of our planned programming, but we went to a movie in Glenwood, Iowa instead. As the weather improved we were able to have our annual Hay Rack Ride, after which we had a bonfire and Havdalah service marking the conclusion of the Sabbath. We then watched movies until it was time to sleep.

The next morning we were up bright and early and toured some of the nearby farms where we sampled home grown watermelons.

Creative services, held both Friday and Saturday nights, were programmed entirely by the Youth Group.

We would like to thank Dr. and Mrs. Jerome Bleicher, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald M. Cohn, Mr. and Mrs. Burton Robinson, Barbara Bronston, "Aunt" Mollie Delman, and TYG Advisor, Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein.

On Friday, October 3, we had a Mass Attendance at Sabbath eve services, with a house party following at the home of the Ajon Farbers.

Our Youth Group is also making itself available for any book pickups which are needed for Sisterhood. Those needing books picked up may call the Sisterhood numbers, Joan Rips (397-8495), Susan Paley (393-0133), Rabbi Weinstein at the Temple (556-6536) or myself (397-0125).

Rex Perlmet, President

COFFEE WITH RABBI BROOKS

The Sisterhood sponsored encounter with Rabbi Brooks, to be known this year as "Coffee with Rabbi Brooks", will begin Wednesday, October 29 at 10:00 a.m. The First United Methodist Church (69th & Cass) has graciously offered their facilities for this weekly event.

Rabbi Brooks will lead open discussions of contemporary issues and the teachings of Judaism and Christianity.

BOOKS NEEDED NOW

We are sorting now, and need all types of used books. Please call for pickup —

Joan Rips, 397-8495

or

Susan Paley, 393-0133

We particularly need cookbooks for the book sale. Call Susie Kaplan, 551-6160.

TEMPLE MEN'S CLUB BREAKFAST WITH THE RABBI

Temple Israel Men's Club will meet on Sunday, October 12, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 10 of the Jewish Community Center.

Guest Speaker will be Mr. Eugene Skinner, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Department of Human Relations. Mr. Skinner will speak on: "Integration Update for the Omaha Public Schools."

Guests are welcome.

PULPIT FLOWERS

September 19 In Memory of
Albert I. Rosen

September 19 In Memory of
Albert E.
Gilinsky

September 26 In Honor of Bar
Mitzvah of
Derry Seldin

HONORED AT SABBATH SERVICES

September 12, 1975

Candle Blessing
Mrs. Millard Margolin

Kiddush
Millard Margolin

Torah Blessing
Carl Braverman

Torah Blessing
Ross Margolin

September 26, 1975

Candle Blessing
Mrs. Millard Seldin

Kiddush
Millard Seldin

Torah Blessing
Larry Korman

Torah Blessing
Scott Seldin

GIFTS OF PRAYER BOOKS

IN HONOR OF:

10th Wedding Anniversary of
Leslie and Jerry Hoberman.

IN HONOR OF:

75th Birthday of Mrs. Milton
Mayper.

IN MEMORY OF:

Paul Blotcky, Albert Kohn.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(all events held at J.C.C.
unless otherwise specified)

OCTOBER

10	Sabbath Evening Services	8:15 p.m.
11	Saturday School	9:00 a.m.
11	Sabbath Morning Services	11:00 a.m.
12	Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
12	Temple Men's Club Breakfast with the Rabbi	10:00 a.m.
14	Confirmation Class Countryside Church - Fireside Room	4:30 p.m.
17	Sabbath Evening Services	8:15 p.m.
	New Member Sabbath	
18	Saturday School	9:00 a.m.
18	Sabbath Morning Services	11:00 a.m.
19	Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
21	Confirmation Class Countryside Church - Fireside Room	4:30 p.m.
24	Sabbath Evening Services	8:15 p.m.
25	Saturday School	9:00 a.m.
25	Sabbath Morning Services	11:00 a.m.
26	Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
28	Confirmation Class Countryside Church - Fireside Room	4:30 p.m.
29	Coffee with Rabbi Brooks First Methodist Church	10:00 a.m.

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IT SEEMS TO ME . . .

A Personal Message from Rabbi Brooks
SELF OR SOCIETY?

It cannot be that I am alone in questioning the balance between my selfhood and my obligations to various societal groups. We live within the context of family, neighborhood, shifting concern-groups, our own congregation, the Jewish People and, indeed, humanity itself. The relationships are endless! When does self take priority over obligations to others and when pro-

The classic texts, Jewish and non-Jewish, are of little help. In the same Mishnah: "Do not separate yourself from the congregation (community)". There is not for myself who will be for me?"

The same dilemma occurs in a recent essay on Introspection, "More and More", says an editorial in the **Journal of Religion and Health**, "whether they do not, seem to be giving up on organized religion as a guide to a better life. In the same editorial we read: "There are some groups that are self-serving . . . I do offer new insights and new hopes".

My point is that personal introspection and social expression are complementary. We have different moods and needs at different times. It is not all or nothing. What Judaism and modern psychology are saying, it seems to me, is that we are all means to the other and thus to a healthy and creative life.

Judaism does not look with favor upon exclusive introspection whether contemplation, self-perception or any other term. Nor would Jewish wisdom content with others, even with family, without regard to self-worth, valued productive thoughtfulness.

The key, I believe, is the ability to revise our judgments. We ought not to be satisfied with the status of organized religious institutions such as the Synagogue. It is worth being dissatisfied with the apparently satisfying smaller intra-synagogue interest groups of like age and purpose. Proponents will say these are the new forms for the same time we ought not become so enmeshed and involved with the neglect our own unique spiritual needs, our own souls. Each of us means to and public religious life are interdependent.

Self-understanding is prerequisite to the art of living with others. And to enrich the self.

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

Barry L. Weinstein, M.A.H.L.
Associate Rabbi

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E OF SERVICES

Sabbath Evening Services

RY L. WEINSTEIN

I speak on

YOU SAVE BELONGS TO US!

h Coffee Hour

Sabbath Morning Services

Mitzvah of

RRY BEBER,

and Mrs. David D. Beber

Sabbath Evening Services

TALITY SABBATH

to

E NEW MEMBERS

eg Shabbat

Sabbath Morning Services

Mitzvah of

HAEL FOX,

and Mrs. Phil Fox

Sabbath Evening Services

ONEY H. BROOKS

I speak on

N LOOKS AT CURRENT

AL PROBLEMS

Hand Case Reports

inside article

h Coffee Hour

Sabbath Morning Services

Mitzvah of

Y SCHNEIDERMAN,

and Mrs. Leslie Schneiderman

GRATITUDE FROM RABBI
AND MRS. BROOKS

The many ways in which so many of you expressed your good wishes for the New Year to us and our family were deeply appreciated.

Jane and I are tremendously grateful for your friendship and your thoughts of us expressed through the Giant Uniongram, so many cards and messages and so many other evidences of your kindness which were sent to us.

We sincerely reciprocate your feelings and wish for you everything good in the New Year.

CONGRATULATIONS...

On the Engagement of:

Marcia Sue Swatez and Mark Edson Cherniack. Miss Swatez is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Swatez, Minneapolis, Minn. and Mr. Cherniack is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cherniack.

Pamela Leah Fox and Mitchell Morris. Miss Fox is the daughter of Alfred L. Fox and Mr. Morris is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Morris, Great Neck, N.Y.

On the Marriage of:

Mrs. Beatrice Wolfson and Mr. Rubin Marcus.

On the Birth of:

Darrah Beth Feldman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald A. Feldman. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Echeal T. Feinstein, St. Louis, Mo., Mrs. Clara Feldman, Buffalo, N.Y. and Mr. David J. Feldman, Valencia, Spain.

Helaine Sharon Weinstein, daughter of Rabbi and Mrs. Barry L. Weinstein. Grandparents are Mrs. Henry Weinstein, Las Vegas, Nevada and Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Coen, Encino, Calif.

Alison Cora Wolf, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard L. Wolf, Exeter, Nebr. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bernard O'Dea, Exeter, Nebr. and Mr. and Mrs. Bernhardt L. Wolf.

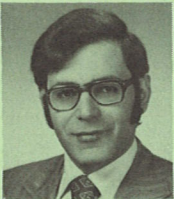
Jonathan Adam Rovner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Rovner. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Rovner, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Madsen. Great-grandmother is Mrs. Esther Rovner.

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



IN OUR OWN BACK YARD!

Imagine yourself in the back of a panel truck travelling through fields of corn and wheat on a splendid crisp autumn morning!

Picture our Temple Youth Groupers singing the melodies of our worship and prayers in their own contemporary styles, and you have the makings of an unforgettable experience.

The beauty of life reappeared as the sun shone brightly in the clean air and the wind whistled by. We rediscovered ourselves together with the world of nature of which we are part.

These were my feelings during the Temple Youth Group Freshman Orientation - Fall Rush at the farm of Dr. and Mrs. Jerome Bleicher outside Glenwood, Iowa.

Elsewhere in this "Tidings" you will find a description of our weekend written by TYG President Rex Perlmeter. Here I wish only to point out that Fall Rush gave us the chance to regain our sense of the beauty of the "out of doors", and I think, the importance of having time to listen to one another, to be together in friendship.

The late evening campfire under the stars, the friendship circle in the morning stillness, the truck rides through the croplands, all combined to remind us that we too are part of Nature and dependent upon it, and for me, upon Almighty God, for our lives and our beings.

And what of our spiritual sustenance?

This weekend, with its opportunities for relaxed personal conversations, recreation, and just

good old fun, became an oasis of calm and pleasantness in what seems to be otherwise an overscheduled and pressured existence for us all, regardless of age.

Our get-together coincided with the opening of Sukkot, the holiday of the Fall Harvest. As we passed through those fields of wheat and corn that morning, we were reminded of another harvest for which we can be grateful: the blessings of companionship, friendship, and even life itself.

In one of the Midrashim, or stories, on the book of Psalms, we are told that when we are unable to pray in our synagogue, we should pray in our fields.

On our Fall Rush we did just that, and even more. I believe we brought the spirit of our Congregation to the Bleicher farm, creating a never to be forgotten experience of recreation and prayer, companionship and learning for all.

To the Bleichers, as to all others who helped make our Rush the success that it was, we express our deep gratitude.

And for us all, I pray the spirit of that brief weekend of calm and peacefulness, of rediscovery of some of life's beauties and blessings, shall endure throughout the year ahead.



Getting acquainted at Fall Rush: left to right, Barbara Simon, Josi Farber, Cari Cohn, and Debbie Cohn.

OUR SYMPATHY

The Congregation records with sorrow the death of

SAM SWARTZ

Husband of Mrs.
Freida Swartz
and extends sympathy to his bereaved family.

RABBI BROOKS TO DISCUSS
MEDICAL AND ETHICAL
ISSUES

Following services on Friday, October 24, Rabbi Brooks will address the topic "How Religion Looks at Current Medical Problems." At that time he will have attended a Post-Graduate Medical Seminar at the University of Kansas, dealing with current medical and ethical issues.

Rabbi Brooks will use first-hand case reports to discuss such questions as: What and when is death? What and when is the beginning of life? How do genetics relate to Jewish religious values? What are the Jewish religious attitudes toward organ transplants?

Rabbi Brooks encourages an open exchange of questions and comments from all those in attendance.



TYG Officers for 1975-76. Bottom row: left to right, Barbara Simon, Sergeant/Arms; Cathy Pollack, Chaplain; Debbie Cohn, Secretary; Middle Row: Josi Farber, 1st Vice President; Leslie Eisen, 2nd Vice President; Back Row: Rex Perlmeter, President; Rabbi Weinstein, Advisor; and Mike Milder, Treasurer.

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SPECIAL TEMPLE FUNDS:

IN HONOR OF:

Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Erman.

Marriage of Mr. and Mrs. James Farber.

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Birthday of Mrs. Hubert Sommer.

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SISTERHOOD

DECORATE SUCCAH

The fact that we are not at home did not deter us from decorating the Succah - an annual Sisterhood project.

With the cooperation of Hy Tabachnick and the Jewish Community Center the Succah was built; under the capable direction of Mmes. Ron Simons and Hal Rosenberg, the Succah was decorated.

Sisterhood members Mmes. Martin Warren, Melvin Epstein, Bradley Epstein, Gene Kaplan, Steve Dloogoff, and Mike Mogil strung the crates of apples, oranges, lemons and peppers which embellished the structure.

The biggest job, that of hanging the strung fruit and reinforcing the Succah, could not have been completed without the hard work of Lonnie Williams, Temple custodian.

Thus, through the cooperation of many, the challah was cut and the Kiddush was sung in the Succah - Temple tradition with which even a tornado could not interfere.