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IN HONOR OF:
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Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks, Honorary Degree.
Harold Cherniack, Birthday.
Mrs. Loyal B. Cohn, Birthday.
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Goodman, 25th Anniversary.
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Arnold Goodman, Wedding.
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Greenberg, Wedding.
Cantor and Mrs. Manfred F. Kuttner, 25th Anniversary.
Cantor Manfred F. Kuttner, Birthday.
Nancy Nachman, Bat Mitzvah.
Mrs. David Sherman, Birthday.

FOR RECOVERY OF:
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IN MEMORY OF:
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IN HONOR OF:
Birthday of Harold Cherniack.

IN MEMORY OF:
Abe Goldstein, Yahrzeit.
Abe Lieberman.
Benjamin Warren, Yahrzeit.

Congratulations . . .

On the Engagement of —
Susan Levine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Levine, and Marc Steven Romanik, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Romanik.

On the Marriage of —
Mrs. Ruth Elaine Garber, to Mr. Samuel Arnold Goodman, of Denver, Colorado.

Mrs. Adrienne Milder, to Dr. Gordon D. Pred, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Mrs. Sharon Brown, to Mr. David Behrend.

On the Birth of —
Jonathan Phillip Kaplan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Kaplan, Sudbury, Mass. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brodkey, Dr. and Mrs. Ben Kaplan, Newton Centre, Massachusetts.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Malnove

A dinner honoring Cantor and Mrs. Manfred Kuttner for their 10 years of service to Temple Israel will be held Sunday, January 9 at the Highland Country Club. Details will be announced later.

THANKS FROM
David Hauss and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hauss, for the Uniongrams received in honor of his recent Bar Mitzvah.

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:
December 3, 1971

Flora Bergman
Arthur B. Grotte
Nathan J. Mantel
Jacob V. Rosenblum
Oscar B. Sutin
Marion Hortense Ungar
Blanche Abrahamson
Harry Friedman
Edith Block
Sarah K. Zevin
Herman Mandel Jahr
Louis Kuklin
Leon S. Kopald
Marion O. Stoler
Sam Feltman
Ida Weiner
Joseph H. Jacobs
Rae Tarnoff

December 10, 1971
Judith Ida Sommer
Edgar Wm. Pollack
Hattie R. Wilinsky
Sarah G. Cohen
Theresa Harris Ullery
Harry Mendel Rothkop
Fanni Kropman
Hannah Logasa

JUDAS MACCABEUS ORATORIO
The tenth annual presentation of Handel's JUDAS MACCABEUS will be presented at the Hanukah Family Night Service, Friday evening, December 17, at 8:15 p.m. This oratorio will be under the direction of Cantor Manfred F. Kuttner, with narration by Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks. Soloists will be: Robert Dean, Fred Hole, Pat Lee and Dorothy Caskey. Mrs. Esther DuBoff will be the organist. There will be over 70 participants including the Temple Israel augmented adult choir, the Religious School Choirs, and trumpets played by members of the Omaha Symphony Orchestra.

This very exciting oratorio was composed within one month, July to August, 1746, to the text of Thomas Morrell, Handel's librettist for his later compositions.

The original story may be found in the two Books of Maccabees in the Apocrypha, not contained in the Hebrew Bible. It is known only in the Greek translation of the original Hebrew, which has been lost.

JUDAS MACCABEUS deals with the struggle of the Jews to withstand the attempts of the Seleucid Kingdom to hellenize Judea and wipe out all traces of Jewish law and religion. Led by Judas Maccabeus, the Israelites defeated the Seleucid armies, and in 165 B.C. restored the Temple in Jerusalem, which had been desecrated by the Seleucid King Antiochus Epiphanes. The oratorio ends as Judas Maccabeus and his brethren celebrate the rededication of the Temple with the lighting of

lights and the singing of hymns and institute the festival of Hanukah.

To depict the valor of Judas, the tribulations of the Israelites, their determination to resist tyranny, their trust in God, and their joy in victory, Handel wrote some of his most stirring and jubilant arias, and choruses.

Since the festival of Hanukah commemorates the rededication of the Temple, it is fitting that this glorious oratorio, JUDAS MACCABEUS, be presented during this festival, once again retelling Israel's glorious story of heroism.

The presentation will follow an abbreviated service and is open to the community at large. We are certain you will find this a memorable presentation, artistically and spiritually rewarding.

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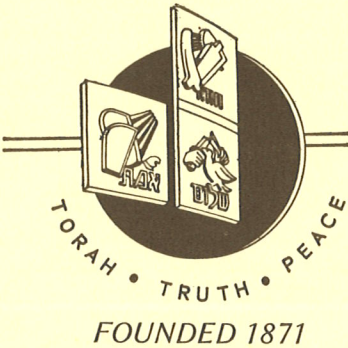
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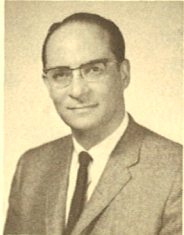
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Educational Fund
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IT SEEMS TO ME <i>A Personal Message from Rabbi Brooks</i>	SCHEDULE OF SABBATH SERVICES Friday Evening, December 38:15 p.m. NEW SABBATH DISCUSSION SERIES "Community Issues To Know, To Care, To Help" III. COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES: WHO CARES ABOUT THE CLIENT? See inside article Sabbath Coffee Hour	
Some unrelated thoughts:  I have yet to meet anyone who did not like the play "Fiddler on the Roof." It was a delightful musical. So much so that melodies from it have come to be used liturgically. Rare is the creative service, especially among our youth, which does not include "Sabbath Prayer," for instance. I have had more than one non-Jew express a desire to convert to Judaism having been motivated by the warmth and mood of "Fiddler on the Roof!" All of which leads me to remind both Jews and non-Jews that lovely as Jewish life appears in "Fiddler on the Roof" on the stage, the case was quite another matter in reality. The shtetl of Eastern Europe was anything but idyllic. Jews often lived in mortal fear of their lives. Hunger, poverty and suffering were frequent threats. Isolated and insulated from the outside world, (Continued on Page 2)	Saturday Morning, December 411:00 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of ROBERT STEPHEN LINCOLN son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Lincoln	
	Friday Evening, December 108:15 p.m. Following Services "AS WE SAW AND HEARD IT . . ." RABBI SIDNEY H. BROOKS, Moderator An Informal Panel of Temple Israel Delegates to the UAHC Biennial See inside article Sabbath Coffee Hour	
SIDNEY H. BROOKS, M.H.L., D.D. Rabbi	Saturday Morning, December 1111:00 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of MICHAEL L. GOLDSTEIN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Goldstein	
Barry L. Weinstein, M.A.H.L. Assistant Rabbi		
Manfred F. Kuttner, Cantor		

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they had no opportunity nor desire for secular learning. In large towns, gates of the ghettos closed at night and no Jew dared to venture abroad. Occupations for Jews were strictly limited. Sometimes where taxes of enormous proportions did not sate the financial appetites of landowners, plundering mobs rampaged through the Jewish towns and villages, raping and pillaging and murdering. Sweetness and light, indeed! The rags and tatters on the stage are nostalgic for those who did not experience such a life. But ask someone whose parents or grandparents lived anywhere from eastern Germany to the Western edge of Tsarist Russia under the oppression of the period and you will find it was anything but something to sing about.

Poverty, fear and anti-semitism are not fun and games. Read the history of the period and you will learn why the Jews of the time, developed so deep and rich a Jewish culture, savoring every bit of beauty of synagogue and home to compensate for the insecurities of the life they endured so grandly.

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At the recent Biennial of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in Los Angeles there were about 3,000 representatives of our congregations throughout the country. Among them were about 150 young people of High School and early college age. Their influence on the majority was beyond belief. They spoke well, participated in discussions, and, at the same time, brought a spirit of joy and fervor to the atmosphere of the convention. Some objected to their song and dance in the foyers preceding some sessions. I did not. I thought it brought to the surface of our consciousness some of our inner feelings of the joy of life and, I hope, the joy of Judaism. They were enjoying themselves perhaps more than we were. They were our kids. How will they lead when they are our age?

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Why have I had so few responses to my appeal for \$1.00 per member to support Reform Jewry in Israel?? I'm so sincerely grateful to

Panel to Discuss Abortion At Next Sisterhood Meeting

On Tuesday, December 7 "Sisterhood Looks at Abortion" will be a timely, provocative panel discussion with Rabbi Sidney Brooks and Sharon Shaw of the Problem Pregnancy Consultation Association. Mrs. Milton Waldbaum will be moderator.

The 12:30 p.m. luncheon meeting will be preceded by a 10:30 a.m. board meeting in the multipurpose room.

Phone your reservation into the Temple office now. (Sitter service will be available.)

JEWISH WOMEN'S CLUBS TO SPONSOR SOVIET JEWRY DAY

Robert F. Leonard, Prosecuting Attorney, Flint, Michigan will be the guest speaker on Wednesday, December 15, at 1:00 P.M. at Temple Israel when the Federation of Jewish Women's Clubs observes "Omaha Women for Human Rights - Soviet Jewry."

All women in the Omaha community are invited to hear Prosecuting Attorney Leonard who is one of the two attorneys recently chosen by the National Association of District Attorneys to investigate and observe trials in Russia. His report will bring us closer to the realities of the plight of Jews in Russia today.

Co-chairmen for this event are Mrs. Sidney Brooks and Mrs. Philip Grad. Program coordinator is the Omaha ADL Community Relations Council.

REMEMBER OTHERS THROUGH TEMPLE FUNDS

those of you who sent more than \$1.00. But still out of 630 member families, I have responses to this date only from 136. Won't you help? Now!

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Are the above thoughts really unrelated?

"IF YOU WERE IN OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL . . ."

By Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein

One of the joys of directing our religious school is the opportunity to work closely with each teacher in creating innovative teaching methods. Through such creative approaches, the material presented in our textbooks is augmented and enhanced, becoming an integral part of our students' lives.

Miss Linda Cohen, one of our fifth grade teachers, has been developing such an innovative approach within her classroom. With the assistance of Tom Taxman, her assistant teacher, Miss Cohen has led her class in writing and producing a mock trial of Jews in the Soviet Union.

Each of her students has been actively participating in the planning and organization of the trial. In this way her class becomes acquainted with the difficult situation of our Soviet brethren. Furthermore, each student can intimately identify with their plight through his own portrayal of actual trials of Jews in the Soviet Union.

Miss Cohen's textual material, dealing with lifetime ceremonies of Jewish children, becomes greatly enhanced as her students increasingly realize how the opportunity to enjoy such lifetime ceremonies as consecration and bar mitzvah is absent from the lives of the majority of Soviet Jews.

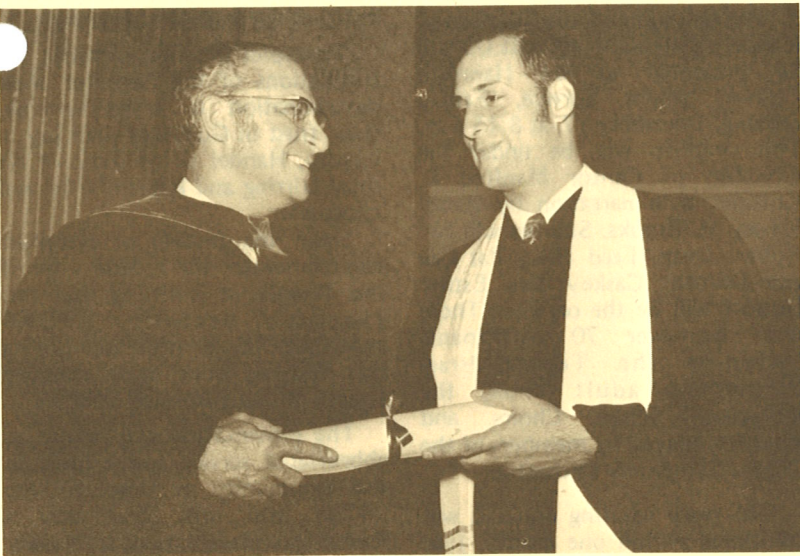
The creation and implementation of this project has totally involved not only Miss Cohen and Tom, but also each of her students. With projects such as these, we guarantee the success of our religious school in communicating meaningful Jewish material to each of our students, while simultaneously enjoying ourselves as well. A better process can hardly be achieved!

PULPIT FLOWERS

November 12, 1971
In memory of Lynn Williams Gross, by Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Gross.

November 19, 1971
In memory of Tillie Cohen, by children, Jack E. Cohen and Family.

Rabbi Brooks Receives Honorary Degree



Rabbi Kenneth Roseman, Dean of the HUC-JIR Cincinnati Campus, presented the Doctor of Divinity diploma and academic hood to Rabbi Brooks at services November 12. Sharing this beautiful ceremony with our Rabbi and his family was a memorable experience for our congregation.

BLESSINGS FOR KINDLING HANUKAH CANDLES
December 12-December 19

For home observance of the Hanukah holiday, candles should be kindled beginning Sunday evening, December 12. One candle is kindled the first night (not counting the Shamas light) and the number is increased by one each evening until there are eight on the final night, Sunday, December 19.

The following blessings are recited:

Bo-ruch atoh a-do-noy, e-lo-he-nu melech ho-olom, a-she- kid-d'sho-nu b'mits'-vo-sov v-tsi-vo-nu l'had-lik 'ner shel Ha-nuk-kah.

Blessed art thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has sanctified us by Thy commandments and commanded us to kindle the light of Hanukah.

Bo-ruch atoh a-do-noy, e-lo-he-nu me-lech ho-olom, she-o-soh nis-sim la-avo-se-nu ba-yo-mim ho-hem baz'-man haz zeh.

Blessed art thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who wroughtest miracles for our fathers in days of old at this season.

The following blessing is added on the first evening only:

Bo-ruch atoh a-do-noy, e-lo-he-nu 'lech ho-olom she-heche-yo-yo-nu, -y'mo-nu, v'higl-o-nu laz-z'man haz-zeh.

Blessed art thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has kept us in life, and hast preserved us and enabled us to reach this season.

After the Hanukah blessings have been recited, the family may join in singing of Rock of Ages.

*Rock of Ages, let our song
Praise Thy saving power;
Thou, amidst the raging foes,
Wast our shelt'ring tower.
Furious they assailed us,
But Thine arm availed us,
And Thy word
Broke their sword
When our own strength failed us.*

*Children of the martyr-race,
Whether free or fettered,
Wake the echoes of the songs,
Where ye may be scattered.
Yours the message cheering,
That the time is nearing
Which will see
All men free,
Tyrants disappearing.*

Community Health Services: Who Cares About the Client?

What do you know about Omaha's new Comprehensive Health Association? How is it meeting the medical needs of low income families? What are some of the problems these families face in attaining medical care?

The executive director of Omaha's new Comprehensive Health Association, Theodore J. Johnson, will address us after services December 3 as part of our Sabbath Discussion Series. He will be joined by Spencer Brader, Executive Director of Immanuel Medical Center, and advisory board member of the C.H.A., and Dr. Melvin Jenkins, professor and Vice-chairman of the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Nebraska. Dr. Jenkins is also President of the Board of Omaha's new health association. Dr. Jenkins and Mr. Brader will serve as special resource persons for this session of our Sabbath Discussion Series. Mrs. C. M. Newman will serve as moderator.

Our December Sabbath Discussion Series, like each previous one this year, has been planned and organized by a special sub-committee of our Social Concern Committee.

Children's Afternoon
Planned by Youth Group

On Sunday December 5 from 12:00-3:00 p.m. the Omaha Temple Youth Group will host its annual SUNDAY FUNDAY.

Your child will be treated to lunch, games and movies for only \$1.50.

If you have any questions contact Ann Yaffe, 391-4671, Tom Taxman, 391-4661 or Kathy Sperling, 551-1067.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec.	5	Confirmation Parents Meeting	10:30 a.m.
	7	Sisterhood Board Meeting	10:30 a.m.
	7	Sisterhood Luncheon	12:30 p.m.
	8	Coffee with the Rabbi	10:00 a.m.
	12	Hanukah - Begins	Sundown
	15	Coffee with the Rabbi	10:00 a.m.
	15	Meeting for all Jewish Women re: Soviet Jewry	1:00 p.m.
	15	Social Concern Committee Meeting	8:00 p.m.
	17	Judas Maccabeus Oratorio	8:15 p.m.

DELEGATES TO BIENNIAL WILL SPEAK DECEMBER 10

Following services on Friday evening, December 10, a panel of our delegates to the Biennial Assembly of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations will speak about their reactions and impressions of the convention held November 5-9. Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks will serve as the moderator.

This will be a unique opportunity for our congregation to gain knowledge and understanding of our Reform Movement on a national scale.

HONORED AT SABBATH SERVICES

November 12, 1971
Candle Blessing Mrs. Albert Schwarz, II
Kiddush . Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein
. . . . Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein
Torah Blessing Joel Brooks
Torah Blessing Miriam Brooks

November 19, 1971
Candle Blessing Mrs. Milton Abrahams
Kiddush Michael Bleicher
Torah Blessing . Lawrence Chapman
Torah Blessing . . Bennett Hornstein

Israeli Study Tour Planned

You've been to Israel? (Or, you haven't?) You've seen all the sights? (Or, you want something more basic?)

THEN THIS IS FOR YOU! - the first UAHC Adult Study Institute in Jerusalem, February 9 - March 1, 1972.

The 3-week program consists of 2 weeks of study and field trips at both the Hebrew University and our own Hebrew Union College, and 1 week of field trips away from Jerusalem. The Institute program includes: two courses, one on Jerusalem, the other on Israel's Social and Religious Problems; field trips, concerts, special Shabbat activities, optional tours and free days.

The cost is a \$25 registration fee and \$750 per person which includes air fare, first class (4-star) hotel, breakfasts, transfers and buses, tuition fees, field trips and Institute programs.

For additional information write or call: UAHC Department of Continuing Education, 838 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10021, (212) 249-0100.