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In Memory of:
Grace Bernstein
Brad Sperling

PULPIT ARRANGEMENTS

January 18 — In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Daniel Buchalter.

HONORED AT
SABBATH SERVICES

January 11, 1974
Candle Blessing Mrs. Ajon Farber
Kiddush William Wasserkrug
Torah Blessing Morris Hoffman
Torah Blessing Bernie Meyers

January 18, 1974
Candle Blessing Mrs. Arthur G. Hancock
Kiddush Samuel Elpern
Torah Blessing Mitchell Bronston
Torah Blessing Stanley Krieger

Sisterhood Gift Shop

New and exciting merchandise is coming into the Gift Shop every day. Stop in to see us Sunday, February 3, 10:00 a.m. to Noon. Remember the Gift Shop for all your gift needs.

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Congratulations..

On the Engagement of:
Janice Lee Piccolo and Bruce Irwin Wigodsky. Miss Piccolo is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony J. Piccolo, Lincoln and Mr. Wigodsky is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Earl Wigodsky.

Lynne C. Cherniack and William Lewis Bridgeman. Miss Cherniack is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cherniack and Mr. Bridgeman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Elliott Bridgeman, Minneapolis.

On the Birth of:
Adam Hecht Chamberlin, son of Mrs. and Mrs. C. Meade Chamberlin. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Hecht, Mrs. Eva Chamberlin and Mr. Cecil Chamberlin.

Alexander S. Pattavina, son of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Pattavina, Norfolk, Va. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Temple.

Daniel Joshua Fried, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Fried. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Migdol, and Mrs. Sadie Fried.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY
30 Sisterhood Study Group (First of series of 6) 10:00 a.m.

FEBRUARY
3 Gift Shop Open 10:00 to noon
5 Confirmation Class 4:30 p.m.
6 Sisterhood Study Group (Second of series) 10:00 a.m.
9 Couples Club Rap Session—
at home of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Weintraub 8:00 p.m.
12 Sisterhood Board Meeting (no luncheon) 11:30 a.m.
12 Sisterhood Interfaith Tea 1:00-3:00 p.m.
12 Confirmation Class 4:30 p.m.
13 Sisterhood Study Group (Third of series) 10:00 a.m.
13 Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30 p.m.

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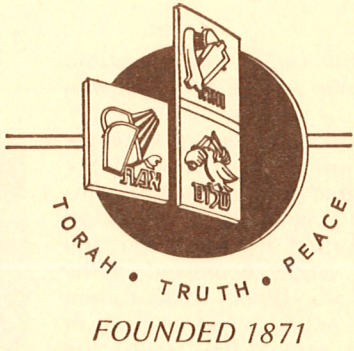
Kaddish will be recited for the following departed loved ones whose names are inscribed for perpetual tribute on the Memorial Tablets of our Congregation:

February 1, 1974
Cora S. Wolf
Corinne N. Livingston
Herman Rehfeld
Fannie Friedman
Sarah Jacobs Kohn
Thomas I. Levitt
Bertha Pollak
Elkan Seligsohn
Jeanette Rubin

February 8, 1974
William Z. Cherniss
Robert L. Mayer
Morris Sophir
Eva Herman Cohn
Goldye A. Feder
Paul Wollenberger
Lena Rosenfeld
Solomon I. Fayman
Flora B. Rosenstock
Ethel Wolfson Simon
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IT SEEMS TO ME . . .

A Personal Message from Rabbi Brooks

THE RISKS OF CHANGE



It is anticipated that by January of 1975 we shall have our new prayer book called the *Gates of Prayer*. I knew it to be a monumental task. But never am I more appreciative of the work of the Liturgy Committee of the Central Conference of American Rabbis than when I involve myself in reading and suggesting constructive changes in the preliminary text as our colleagues have been invited to do.

A few weeks ago I sat with the chairman of the committee, a close and cherished friend, and we literally wrestled with the translation of a single word! Even after a decision I was not completely content!

One thing is certain. The new prayer book will not satisfy everyone. Some of its prayers which we

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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, February 1
8:15 p.m.

Sabbath Evening Services

IV. SABBATH DISCUSSION SERIES

MRS. SIDNEY H. BROOKS
and
MR. WARREN ZWEIBACK
Delegates to the Omaha Charter Study Convention

will speak on

WHAT IS HAPPENING TO OUR
CITY CHARTER REVIEW?

see inside article

SABBATH COFFEE HOUR

Saturday Morning, February 2
11:00 a.m.

Sabbath Morning Services

Bar Mitzvah of

TODD MICHAEL KIRSHENBAUM,

son of Mr. and Mrs. Kevee Kirshenbaum

Friday Evening, February 8
8:15 p.m.

Sabbath Evening Services

TWO SERVICES

CHAPEL

SANCTUARY

REGULAR SABBATH WORSHIP
WORSHIP THROUGH STUDY Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein
Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks "Can We Be Commanded
will teach. to Care?"

SABBATH COFFEE HOUR

Saturday Morning, February 9
11:00 a.m.

Sabbath Morning Services

Bar Mitzvah of

TODD ANDREW LINCOLN,

son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Lincoln

IT SEEMS TO ME

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have periodically incorporated into our worship service have met with enthusiastic responses.

The basic problem of a prayer book is this: Some of our people are comfortable and spiritually satisfied with long familiar texts. Others are disturbed by repetition and demand variety expressed in the contemporary idiom. Both cannot be done entirely. The new prayer book will contain the familiar and the strikingly new. It will also prove to be, I think, a classic text.

The other day I saw a letter from a respected and long time friend and member of our congregation who lamented the fact that our music does not sound familiar, that we have abandoned the traditional melodies. What he does not know is that others have complained that we should not be forced to listen to the same musical service week after week!

Some of our members after listening to experimental liturgies have expressed relief and joy in participating in new forms of worship that depart from our regular prayer book. At the same time, others despite their previous cries of "boredom", "repetition" and "incomprehensible language" in the old prayer book, upon hearing new forms have decided that the Union Prayer Book is not so bad after all!

So we run the risks of change. But change we must. And in this we are in good company. Our prayer books have never been static. That's why there are so many of them. Jewish communities throughout the world and for centuries have altered their prayer books, composing new poems, prayers and melodies reflecting their own tastes, spirit and needs. These gradually became traditional for them. The new Gates of Prayer will become traditional for us because it is beautiful and speaks to our spiritual needs.

Even today in Reform congregation and manners of worship both in words and in song that distinguish one congregation from another. Then minhag (custom) after time passes has the force of law and many are deluded into thinking that

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"If You Were in our Religious School . . .

by Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein

Report Cards for Life



Twice each year our faculty completes written evaluations of each student in our school. These reports are then sent to all parents, with the hope they will convey an accurate impression of each student's participation in class.

Our teachers have just concluded their mid-term reports, and soon you will receive them.

But are these brief evaluations limited to only the past few weeks? Do they tell us something more about the significance of Jewish education to us all as well as to our children?

I hope you will read your child's report carefully — together with your son or daughter. When you do, you will have a splendid opportunity to not only discuss the evaluation itself, but also the subject matter of the class.

As you do so, some other questions may present themselves: Are we prepared to similarly evaluate our own homes and lives in terms of

their reinforcement of the positive attitudes toward Jewish life as they are communicated in our school's classrooms? Have we conveyed by the example of our own lives the values we seek for our children as Jews?

Have we recognized that Jewish education extends beyond the confines of the classroom, and includes the life styles, attitudes, and habit patterns our children witness in our homes and the way we spend our time?

If we can openly share our responses with our children, then our mid-term reports will become much more than only a brief evaluation. They can hopefully provide each of us with an opportunity to talk about the richness of Jewish life and values together.

In this way they can be the beginning of report cards for life, and ideally set the stage for the fulfillment of Jewish values during the youth and adulthood of all our students.

Please feel free to phone me or your child's teacher if you have any questions or comments about his or her written evaluation. In this way the report cards themselves can help each of us devote ourselves to the transmission of the history, ideals, and faith of our people to all of our youth.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Finkel

It Seems to Me . . . continued

"our" form is the only acceptable manner.

We have remained well within the framework of traditional Jewish worship. But we have also taken the risk of change. But we cannot and should not be bound by immutable, unchangeable forms.

The world is changing, our religious needs cry for new expression, our language and mood should be cast, if we can manage it, into new inspiring and beautifully felicitous expressions of worship.

Sisterhood Board Meeting

February 12, 1974

11:30 p.m.

Please bring a sack lunch . . . coffee will be served.

Board members are requested to stay and host our Interfaith Tea which will be held from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

There will be no sitter service.

Men's Club

Temple Israel Men's Club will hold Breakfast with the Rabbi on Sunday, February 17, at 10:00 a.m.

Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks will speak on *THE PASSION FOR TRUTH*, the last book of Abraham Joshua Heschel — The Man, His Thoughts and Hope for Us.

Members and guests will be welcome. There will be a \$1.00 charge for breakfast for those not belonging to Men's Club.

Treasurer Phil Spizman reports that 1973-74 dues continue to arrive. Total membership has surpassed last years and is heading for a new record.

Couples Club Rap Session February 9

Another Rap Session is planned for Temple Israel Couples Club. The event will be held Saturday evening, February 9, at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Weintraub, 1113 South 124th Street.

R.S.V.P. by February 6 to:
Sharon Weintraub, 333-3483
Michelle Dloogoff, 334-1211

The Rap Sessions previously held have been highly successful, so mark your calendars and call in your reservations NOW!

The Couple's Club held a "Serenity Supper" January 19 in the Social Hall. Following an Italian-style dinner, Gail Verlin did a marvelous job of leading the group in singing old and new Israeli songs.

Messrs. and Mmes.: Av Greenberg, Bob Krasne and Marty Warren, co-chairmen of the dinner, deemed it a great success.

THANK YOU

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald R. Tauchner (nee Miriam Brooks) wish to express their very deep appreciation for the thoughtful good wishes expressed to them on the occasion of their marriage through the beautiful giant Uniongram which they received from the members of the Congregation.

Sisterhood Plans Tea

Invitations have been sent to Temple Sisterhood's Annual Interfaith Tea to be held February 12. Below are excerpts from the letter received by churches in the Omaha area as well as in neighboring communities:

"The events of our times indicate more than ever the necessity for interfaith understanding and comradeship.

For many years our Temple Israel Sisterhood has sponsored an Interfaith Tea to fulfill these purposes and we have been extremely gratified by the comments of those who have attended.

We wish to give representatives of various Christian churches in our Community the opportunity to be our guests, to visit our Synagogue and to gain some insight into the basic ideas and practices of Judaism . . .

We shall meet in our sanctuary where a panel of our ladies will speak briefly on specific aspects of Judaism and Jewish life.

We shall have our Senior Rabbi, Sidney H. Brooks, and our Assistant Rabbi, Barry L. Weinstein, present to answer any questions you may wish to ask following the presentation of our Sisterhood members.

Cordially,
Mrs. Martin Lehr, President
Temple Israel Sisterhood"

HUC-JIR Initiates Education for Elderly

Throughout America, a trend has developed to involve retired men and women in continuing education programs. Public and private institutions are seeking to enhance the quality of life for elderly people by providing for them opportunities for learning.

Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion has initiated such a program in the field of Jewish education. At its New York School, a pioneer project "Add Life To Years Program" has been started in cooperation with The Brookdale Foundation. In metropolitan and

SABBATH DISCUSSION SERIES WILL FOCUS ON CITY CHARTER REVIEW

Our Social Action Committee is pleased to present on February 1 the 4th in this year's Sabbath Discussion Series. Two members of Temple Israel who have served as delegates to the Omaha Charter Study Convention, Mrs. Sidney H. Brooks and Mr. Warren Zweiback, have agreed to address our Congregation.

The purpose of the Omaha Charter Study Convention has been to review the existing charter and to recommend changes in it. The changes are referred to the City Council which then decides which proposed modifications will be put on the ballot for acceptance or rejection by the voters.

Both Mrs. Brooks and Mr. Zweiback have devoted innumerable hours to the research and community participation necessary for this project. They will speak on the intricacies of city government and the procedures involved in changing the charter and will respond to any questions you have concerning the City Charter Review and local government.

Plan to join us for this interesting discussion on February 1. Guests are, of course, welcome.

suburban religious centers retired people get together during the day and listen to lectures and Jewish music, view films and participate in discussions. They might study "The Wisdom of the Talmud" or "The Music of Our People, Yesterday and Today"; and they have an opportunity on "Sunday Afternoon at the College" to enjoy musical and lecture programs presented by outstanding performers and professors.

Studying — it's not merely for the young, but a wonderful means to stay young.