

FOOD PANTRY PROGRAM
NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

Did you know that 4,000 Omaha families would have gone hungry last year if they had not been given emergency food? The food pantry program sponsored by the Lutheran and Presbyterian churches provided this emergency food. These hungry people couldn't obtain food from the welfare department for many reasons. For example: A family might not as yet have been on the welfare rosters, or a catastrophe may have occurred within the family. Also, funds might have been exhausted for a given welfare recipient.

You and your family can be very helpful to these unfortunate people. Each time you or a family member comes to Temple, bring a food item with you!! These occasions include services, Men's Club, Coffee with the Rabbi, Sisterhood, Temple Youth Group functions, Religious School or Hebrew lessons.

Urgently needed are the following items: peanut butter, powdered milk, Bisquick, baby food, dry cereals, soup or anything with meat or fish in it (example: beef stew or tuna fish).

Please bring the food to the special containers in the Religious School office.

This food pantry program is a special project of the Health, Education and Welfare Sub-Committee of the Social Concern Committee of Temple Israel. This sub-committee is chaired by Mr. Stuart Tucker. For further information, please contact either Mr. Tucker, 341-1702, or Rabbi Weinstein, 556-6536.

**HONORED AT
SABBATH SERVICES**
December 10, 1971
Candle Blessing
. Mrs. Gary L. Goldstein
Kiddush Gary L. Goldstein
Torah Blessing John Rosen
Torah Blessing Paul Goldstein

December 17, 1971
Candle Blessing
. Mrs. Stanley E. Perlmeter
Kiddush Stanley E. Perlmeter

N.B. Please save your Tidings for reference.

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 31, 1971
Aaron Cahn
Sallie Block
Henrietta Morris
Sam L. Robinson
Anna K. Friedman
Lillian Bergman
Brad Sperling
Harry L. Cohen

January 7, 1972
Rose Josephson
Josephine Schloss Speier
Lena M. Rehfeld
Karoline Hirsch Mayer
Samuel E. Jacobs
Caroline S. Adler

OUR SYMPATHY
The Congregation records with sorrow the death of
HERMINE FRIEDMAN,
Des Moines, Iowa
sister of Mrs. Hilda Hoffman
and extends sympathy to her bereaved family.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
Dec. 29	College Homecoming dinner at Rabbi Brooks' home	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 3	All classes resume as scheduled.	
Jan. 5	Coffee with the Rabbi	10:00 a.m.
6	Social Concern Meeting	8:00 p.m.
9	Dinner honoring the Kuttners	6:00 p.m.
12	Coffee with the Rabbi	10:00 a.m.

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Dinner honoring
Cantor and Mrs. Manfred F. Kuttner
Sunday, January 9, 1972
Highland Country Club

Cocktails 6:00 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Adults \$3.50 Children under 12 \$2.00
RSVP to Temple Israel by sending in your check
by Wednesday, January 5

THOSE WISHING TO HONOR
CANTOR AND MRS. KUTTNER MAY DO SO
BY SENDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ORGAN FUND

PULPIT FLOWERS
December 10
In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Michael Goldstein, by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gary L. Goldstein.

December 17
In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Rex Perlmeter, by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley E. Perlmeter.

THANKS FROM —
Michael Goldstein and Robert Lincoln for the Uniongrams received in honor of their Bar Mitzvahs.

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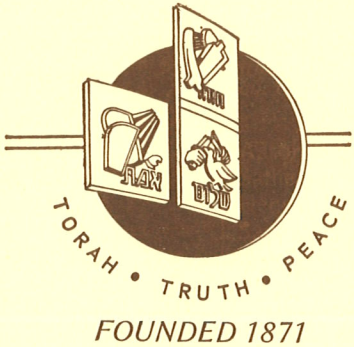
IN HONOR OF:
Honorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity to Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks.
80th Birthday of Samuel Goldberg.
Birth of daughter, Allison, to Mr. and Mrs. Jarold Kohli.
25th Wedding Anniversary of Cantor and Mrs. Manfred F. Kuttner.

IN MEMORY OF:
Josephine Hart Alberts — Yahrzeit
Jennie Burger, Sadie G. Cohen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Saul Davis, Mike Edelman, Samuel Eisen, Goldye Fine, Hermine Friedman, Adolph Frohman — Yahrzeit, Rose Holzman, Esther Klein Jacobs, sister of Adalyn Marcus, Mary Rabiner, Etta Rosen, Howard Ross, S. Steinberg, Theresa Harris Ullery — Yahrzeit, Morris White.

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IN MEMORY OF:
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IT SEEMS TO ME . . .
A Personal Message from Rabbi Brooks

A wise Rabbi, a teacher of mine, once said: "the more we fight the more we tend to become like our enemies!"



As a student I found that a difficult thought to accept, especially since the comment was made during the heat of World War II's conflict.

But as the years have passed I have changed my mind. Unless we are most cautious we do indeed tend to emulate characteristics we deplore in others.

Among many examples are our callousness to the suffering and indignity imposed by us and too long endured by minority groups just as "American" as we are.

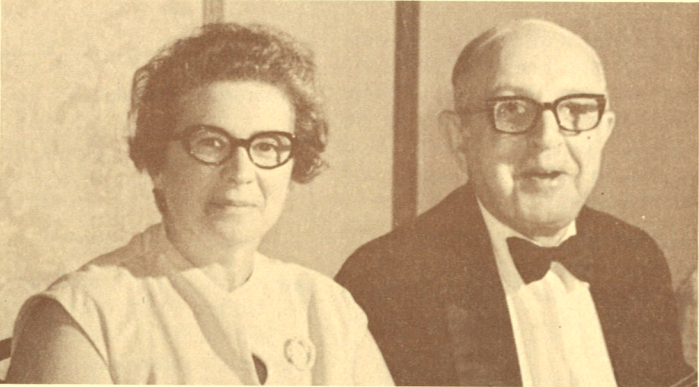
Now we witness the ultimate, in my personal view, in complete foolishness, utter lack of logic, insensitivity to individual moral conviction, and a blatant example
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SIDNEY H. BROOKS, M.H.L., D.D.
Rabbi

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

Manfred F. Kuttner,
Cantor

Congregation to Honor
Cantor and Mrs. Kuttner



In the 10 years that Cantor and Mrs. Manfred Kuttner have been associated with Temple Israel, they have endeared themselves to our congregation. Therefore it is with great delight that we will be able to celebrate their first decade here at a dinner in their honor at the Highland Country Club on Sunday, January 9.

The evening, which will begin with cocktails at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m., promises to be a light-hearted, fun-filled affair. An early evening is planned to accommodate the children who wish to share this occasion with the Cantor and Mrs. Kuttner.

The children have been an important part of their life at Temple. A peek at a Hebrew Class in session, a Junior Choir practice or a Religious School songfest will reveal the warmth and enthusiasm that flows between the Cantor and his students. Whether he is speaking of Hebrew or music, his love for his subject is transmitted to the children.

Of course this same enthusiasm and zest is generated when the Cantor fulfills his duties at services, as conductor of Judas Maccabeus, as a violist with the Omaha Symphony, and as Narrator of his radio program "Immortal Sounds of the Past."
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of how it is possible to become as emotionally totalitarian in thinking even as we resist compulsion by others.

Some students at Creighton University refuse to stand for the playing of the National Anthem. In my view the reaction of those who chastised them for their action becomes all the more ridiculous when we are reminded that Creighton is a private, religiously sponsored school.

The students refuse to stand for the National Anthem as a method of protest. They contend justifiably, I think, that this nation does not constitute for them and for others “the Land of the Free.”

In this form of protest they hurt no one. In this form of protest they abuse no one. They are simply saying “listen to your words. Be mindful of what our country is as opposed to what it might and should become.”

Instead of listening to them or even the committee appointed to judge them, the authorities have repudiated their expression by asking their compliance or resignation as cheerleaders. It is held that as cheerleaders they represent the University.

By what logic does a cheerleader represent the University any more than a basketball player, any student, a professor, or anyone connected with the University?

Their action is naturally emotionally — not rationally — disturbing to many. After all, in our country there are those for whom motherhood and the flag are beyond rational criticism. Anything involving emotional ideas often puts good manners above common sense and comparatively meaningless conformity above human value, individual dignity and personal freedom.

If I **MUST** stand for the National Anthem in the name of freedom, then I have no freedom in this regard.

As a matter of fact there is no

SCHEDULE OF SABBATH SERVICES		
Friday Evening, December 31	8:15 p.m.	
AN INNOVATIVE SERVICE OF SHABBAT WORSHIP		
<i>Your comments and reactions welcome at the Oneg Shabbat following services</i>		
Friday Evening, January 7	8:15 p.m.	
NEW SABBATH DISCUSSION SERIES		
“Community Issues To Know, To Care, To Help”		
IV. AN OPEN FORUM: Who Speaks for Reform Judaism in Social Issues?		
See inside article <i>Sabbath Coffee Hour</i>		
Saturday, January 8	11:00 a.m.	
Bat Mitzvah of SUSAN MICHELE CAIN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Cain	Bat Mitzvah of WENDY SUSAN DANN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerold Dann	

law to this effect. Federal Statute 36, United States Code Annotated — Section 171, entitled “Patriotic Customs” states that one “should” stand at attention when the National Anthem is played. It does not say that you must. Therefore, no penalty is provided for non-compliance with the custom, though I admit custom often has the force of law.

It follows, in my mind, that good manners, not law, are involved. And civil rights cannot always be won by following polite acquiescence to the good manners of majority behavior.

It is as illogical that all who refuse to stand for the National Anthem are unpatriotic as to be so naive to believe that all who do stand are pure patriots.

It is my personal belief that symbols, rituals, manners, and, indeed, institutions and nations are only as good as the ideals they represent. These can legitimately demand our allegiance only insofar

as they serve and meet the ethical standards we expect of them.

When those ideals are no longer decent or humane or are withheld from even a few of our fellow men, then as loyal citizens we have a right and a religious duty to say so.

For this reason I applaud those who can find ways to do so peacefully, non-violently, and in honest response to their own experience and personal, religious and moral conscience.

SISTERHOOD DONORS

Following are additional contributors to the Sisterhood Donor:

Mmes. Julian Baumel, Harold Bernstein, Celia Cassman, Jay Cherniack, Stanley Fisk, Nate Jacobs, Howard Kaplan, Hugh Levin, Edward Malashock, Jerome Milder, E. Robert Newman, Stanley Perlmeter, William Racusin, Edward Rosen, Charles Rosenstock, Jack Slosburg, Yale Trustin, Milton Waldbaum, and Bernhardt Wolf.

“IF YOU WERE IN OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL . . .”
By Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein

Is your home a Jewish home?

Exactly how does a home become Jewish? Is a home Jewish only if it includes an abundance of recognizable Jewish symbols, like the Sabbath Kiddush cup and candlesticks? Or, can a home be Jewish by virtue of the attitudes of its inhabitants, without need of Jewish religious articles?

Clearly, each family makes its home Jewish in its own unique manner. It is, of course, impossible for a home filled with Jewish symbols to become thoroughly Jewish if warm, enthusiastic attitudes toward Judaism are missing.

It seems, nevertheless, that one ingredient is nearly a prerequisite before a home can become fully Jewish: Jewish books!

In our religious school, we recently concluded our observance Jewish Book Month. At this time, we stressed the importance of a Jewish book shelf or ideally a Jewish library in each student's home.

Our hope is that these Jewish books would evoke discussions of various facets of Judaism, involving your whole family. Obviously, our emphasis of Jewish books in our school completely fails without your support in creating a library of Jewish books in your home.

For me personally, Judaism without its books is inconceivable. Our sacred Torah, together with its endless commentaries, reaching even to the latest studies of our day, reflects the richness of our Jewish heritage which is awaiting our embrace and attention.

You might know that our Torah is referred to as the Sefer Torah — the Book of the Torah. Make this expression an ideal for you and your home as you build your Jewish library.

Read and discuss Jewish books, popular and scholarly, fiction and

RARE ITEMS IN THE TEMPLE ISRAEL MUSEUM — XVIII —



There were some ways for the Jews caught in the Nazi web to escape destruction. Many of these attempts failed but some succeeded. Ilse Kuttner's survival in the Dutch Underground was instigated by non-Jewish Hollanders who harboured Ilse in their homes for 3 full years. In order to have some kind of a safeguard if caught, “Undergrounders” were issued a falsified passport, which was stolen from Dutch people and altered to match the identity of the new bearer.

Above pictured is Ilse's passport signed with her assumed name and altered identification number. The picture of the authorized bearer had to be carefully removed and Ilse's picture inserted with stamp and glue intact.

FULFILL YOUR PLEDGE

Traditionally, Jews have been among the most generous contributors to philanthropic causes. This is because we have felt a firm obligation to provide for our fellow-Jews in need, wherever they may be. Our obligation has never been more crucial than it is today.

In the past year, almost all of us have pledged. Unless our pledges are converted into cash, unless the funds are made available now, the crucial UJA supported programs in Israel will be jeopardized.

Because it is only the flow of dollars that can help the people of Israel in this time of need, won't you send your check today?

non-fiction, historical and liturgical.

As you do, you will enable the Sefer Torah to come alive for you and your whole family. And, as our books of Judaism come alive, we in turn become vitally involved with our own Jewishness.

All this from a few books? Try it!

Kuttners to Be Honored

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Ilse Kuttner is always ready to aid her husband and share his interests. She is his substitute in the Hebrew classes and she sings in the choir for the Hanukah oratorio. Ilse has done a great amount of volunteer work since coming to Omaha including being on the staff of Personal Crisis, assisting at the Sight Center, and testing the hearing of newborns at University Hospital. However, Ilse works quietly and much of what she does is never known.

The Kuttners, who just celebrated their 25th anniversary, have a son Daniel, a lieutenant j.g. in the Navy in Florida, and a daughter Naomi, an English and German teacher in Stanton, Nebraska.

Congratulations . . .

On the Engagement of —

Betty Kully, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Kully, Hastings, Nebraska, to Lance Wallach, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Wallach, Skokie, Illinois.

Counsel for Religious Action Center to Speak

Marvin Braiterman, Counsel and Director of Education and Research for the Religious Action Center of the UAHC, will be in Omaha January 6 and 7 for an action-packed visit with our congregation. Through his position, Mr. Braiterman has an intimate vantage point from which to observe the ebb and flow of public affairs emanating from Washington and ultimately affecting each of us.

Arriving in Omaha Thursday evening, Mr. Braiterman will meet with the members of the Social Concern Committee, Board Members, and all other interested congregants at 8:00 p.m. in our Social Hall. At this meeting he will assist the Social Concern Committee in defining their role as well as help guide its members in their future plans.

Friday noon, Mr. Braiterman will address a special no-host luncheon meeting at the Highland Country Club. At this time he will report on the Washington scene, analysing 1971, forecasting 1972, presenting a survey of the whole picture of American Society from a Washington perspective. Particular reference will be made to civil liberties, human rights, domestic politics, the international situation, and our possibilities for involvement in them.

Reservations for this luncheon must be phoned into the Temple office by Tuesday, January 4.

Mr. Braiterman's visit will conclude with his address to our entire congregation after services January 7, as part of our continuing Sabbath Discussion Series.

At this time, we will have an open forum on the general business of social action in the synagogue. Mr. Braiterman's rich experiences as Counsel and Director of Education and Research not only for the Religious Action Center but also as representative of the Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism promises to make this forum especially rewarding and productive.