

OUR SYMPATHY

The Congregation records with sorrow the death of

BEN BERGER
Father of
Mrs. Richard (Bea) Blumstein
and extends sympathy to his bereaved family.

GIFTS OF PRAYER BOOKS

IN HONOR OF:
Birthday of Freda Veret.
Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Brooks.

IN MEMORY OF:
Samual E. Gilinsky.

CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO SPECIAL TEMPLE FUNDS:

IN APPRECIATION OF:
High Holiday Services,
Services of Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks,
Services of Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein.

IN HONOR OF:
Marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Brooks.
Birthday of Harvey Ferer.
Birth of daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Manny Goldberg.
Birthday of Nancy Greenberg.
45th Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Lou Lipp.
Marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mayer.
Birthday of Ben Shapiro.

FOR THE RECOVERY OF:
Margo Frohman, Anna Jane Katelman, Shirley Meyerson, Milton Nearenberg, Irv Sherman, Harriett Sperling, Iz Weiner, Lonnie Williams.

IN MEMORY OF:
Mother of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Becker, Mrs. Harry Cooper, Carrie Frohman, Albert Gilinsky, Beatrice Gilinsky, Sadie Greenberg, Corinne Schwartz.

Temple Israel
Study Mission
to
ISRAEL and EGYPT
April 17-May 1
Prepared, Designed and
Escorted by
Rabbi Sidney and
Mrs. Jane Brooks
With 6 Preparatory
Sessions of Information
Led by Rabbi Brooks
beginning February 17
For information or to indicate
interest call Rabbi or Mrs.
Brooks, 556-6536 or 397-3138.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS			
OCTOBER			
3-10-17-24	Confirmation Class—Rabbi Brooks	4:00-5:00 p.m.	
3-10-17-24	Hebrew Class—Aleph	4:00-5:00 p.m.	
4-11-18	Hebrew Class—Daled	4:00-5:00 p.m.	
5	Sukkot Begins	Sundown	
5	Evening Festival Service	7:30 p.m.	
6	Religious School	9:00 a.m.	
6	Morning Festival Service	11:00 a.m.	
7	Religious School	10:00 a.m.	
7	1st Session—Practical Jewish Parenting—Rabbi Brooks	10:00-11:30 a.m.	
9	Sisterhood Brunch & Tour of Homes	11:00 a.m.	
9-16-23	Hebrew Class—Beth	4:00-5:00 p.m.	
9-16-23	Hebrew Class—Gimmel	5:00-6:00 p.m.	
10	Board of Trustees	7:30 p.m.	
12	Conclusion of Sukkot—Evening Festival Service	7:30 p.m.	
13	Religious School	9:00 a.m.	
13	Morning Festival Service	11:00 a.m.	
14	Religious School	10:00 a.m.	
14	Men's Club Brunch	10:00 a.m.	
14	2nd Session—Practical Jewish Parenting—Rabbi Brooks	10:00-11:30 a.m.	
17	1st Coffee with Rabbi Brooks	9:30-11:00 a.m.	
19	Sabbath Evening Services	8:15 p.m.	
20	Religious School	9:00 a.m.	
20	Sabbath Morning Services	11:00 a.m.	
21	Religious School	10:00 a.m.	
21	3rd Session—Practical Jewish Parenting—Rabbi Brooks	10:00-11:30 a.m.	
24	2nd Coffee with Rabbi Brooks	9:30-11:00 a.m.	

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IT SEEMS TO ME . . .

A Personal Message from Rabbi Brooks

FOOTBALL COUNTRY

I live in Football Country!
Oh boy, do I live in football country?! This time of year everything revolves around the Nebraska football games: schedules of all kinds, trips, family arrangements, who gets the car. And then there are Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, Religious School and, yes, even the observance of the High Holidays. Shabbat is not even in the picture. Long ago the Sabbath was relegated to the museum of the mind because it hasn't been a determining force in the decision making of the American Jew for a long time anyway. That's the reality of the matter, all pretences to the contrary notwithstanding.

I live in Football Country! When "the game" conflicts with Rosh Hashanah or, Heaven help us, with Yom Kippur we surely hear about it. In conversation we hear little or nothing of repentance, prayer, sacred music or the personal meaning of the Awesome Days. But over and again: "How will we make the game!" and "Rabbi, make it short!"

I live in Football Country! Frankly, I like football, I thoroughly enjoy a game. But I am not a member of the "cult".

I find in the otherwise healthy and exciting interest in the games an example of the collision of the two cultures in which we live: The Jewish and the secular. It also represents a collision of values and highlights these just enough to warn us that maybe we ought to pay attention to what's happening in our society. I don't know the answers for anyone but myself. But I think I know the right questions. These are appropriate to consider at football season and the season of the holidays, in fact, all the time.

Does anything I want to do take precedence over all other values? Is my choice of these values geared only to myself or are there consequences to others who judge my example of behavior? Is the ancient and deep wisdom of my faith to be cast aside for an afternoon of fun? Can I be loyal to "the team" and to my Faith at the same time and, if so how? Are they really equal in my life? Which will have the most lasting and moral effect on the self image of our young and, indeed, upon ourselves?

"When do you feel most Jewish?", a man was asked. Reply: When a football game comes on Yom Kippur! He tells the truth, ironic though it may be. My question: Is that the **only** time when our Judaism becomes a real issue of conscience?

I would hope not.
I live in Football Country! Extra tickets, anyone?



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FESTIVAL OF SUKKOT

Friday, October 5 Festival Evening Services
7:30 p.m.

CONSECRATION

Kindergarten and new First Graders
Kiddush in Sukkah following Services

Saturday, October 6 Festival Morning Services
11:00 a.m.

Friday, October 12 Festival Evening Services
7:30 p.m.

CONCLUSION OF SUKKOT

Hakafot — Simchat Torah
Kiddush in the Sukkah following Services

Saturday, October 13 Festival Morning Services
11:00 a.m.

Friday, October 19 Sabbath Evening Services
8:15 p.m.

RABBI BARRY L. WEINSTEIN

will speak on
IN THE BEGINNING . . .
Does creation ever end?
A Jewish View
Sabbath Coffee Hour

Saturday, October 20 Sabbath Morning Services
11:00 a.m.

SUNDAY TRAFFIC CONTROL

- 1. **NO PARKING OR STOPPING WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE DRIVEWAY.**
- 2. A member of the Traffic Control Committee will be directing all cars into the parking lots.
- 3. Absolutely no child will be allowed to proceed into the driveway to enter a car that has slowed down to pick up the child. **NO EXCEPTIONS CAN BE MADE TO THIS RULE!**
- 4. Parents will be asked to park their cars in the lot and **walk** to the South entrance of the Synagogue to escort their children back to their cars. PARENTS: PLEASE DISCUSS THIS PROCEDURE WITH YOUR CHILDREN NOW TO REMIND THEM OF ITS IMPORTANCE.
- 5. If someone **other** than the parent will be substituting in picking up the child, such as a grandparent, etc., the substitute **must** be briefed on our procedures by the parents.

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Our Traffic Control System is devised to move the heavy Sunday traffic following Sunday School in an orderly manner and, **most important**, to protect your children from and eliminate injury.

Practical Jewish Parenting
Reserve the following dates for meetings with Rabbi Brooks to help answer questions children and parents ask:

Sunday, October 7 — “Why am I Jewish” — Concepts of God, Christianity and Being Jewish.

Sunday, October 14 — “Death” — Why? What? How?

Sunday, October 21 — “Single Parenthood, Divorce, Inter-dating and Marriage”

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Coffee with Rabbi Brooks
October 17

The first session of “Coffee with Rabbi Brooks” will be on October 17 from 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. This will be sponsored by Temple Sisterhood. Come listen to Rabbi Brooks and “learn together”.

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Hebrew Classes Offered

A post Bar/Bat Mitzvah Hebrew Class is being offered on Sunday mornings from 9 p.m. to 10 a.m. Marcia Tatz is the teacher. Also, Adult Hebrew is offered on Sunday mornings from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for those of our congregation who wish to learn to read Hebrew toward an understanding of Prayer Book and some modern Hebrew conversation. Due to the holidays these classes will resume on Sun. Oct. 21.

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Our Musagogue Needs You!

Anyone interested in visiting our Religious School Musagogue is welcome. The Musagogue was created by Susie Tretiak. Our children can really get in touch with Jewish history as well as practice Jewish traditions and rituals. Supplies are needed so if you have any clothes, candleholders, mezzuzahs, canes, shoes, anything for the imaginative learning experience, please donate or call Susie Tretiak, 333-9545 or Temple, 556-6536. It’s fun, come see!

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Hearing Equipment Available

For our members who have a need for hearing assistance, we have special hearing equipment available. If you would like to use this special equipment please call the Temple office in advance, 556-6536 or ask an usher. Several stations are available and they will be reserved on a first come basis. We hope that this equipment will make it possible for more members to participate in services when they were unable to do so before.

If You Were in Our Religious School . . .

by Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein
“I LOVE SUNDAY SCHOOL!”



The rewards of teaching Religious School can often be subtle and somewhat imperceptible. Frequently, however, teachers and rabbis are pleasantly surprised by praise from those they try to teach.

Such was the case when after the close of Religious School recently a teacher found two notes placed on her desk. Their contents:

“I LOVE SUNDAY SCHOOL. IT IS FUN!”

I do not know the reason for the notes, nor does it really matter. What does matter and should be of concern to us all is the fact that in some way that teacher reached her students. Clearly the authors of the notes were moved and possibly impressed by their presence in the school, if only for a few hours. You and I know that we all wish we had more time with which to teach our students. There is so much that we want to convey to them about the history and values of Judaism.

Yet I firmly believe that if we can achieve the proper mood within the classroom, then students will return to Jewish teachers and books long after they have graduated from Religious School.

The students who wrote those notes are not known to me. What I do know is that they represent attitudes and a spirit that are present throughout the school and its classrooms.

Keep in mind, however, that what we offer the children here ideally supplements that which you provide for them at home. Ultimately I hope that all our youngsters can say to themselves and their families: **“I LOVE BEING JEWISH. THANK YOU FOR TEACHING ME!”**

NOTE TO CONGREGANTS

Please remember to watch all mailings for unrelated items which may be in the same mailing from time to time.

This is an economy measure which we hope to use to keep you informed of activities.

GRAPHIC TEACHING TECHNIQUE

A First Developed at Temple Israel

The Road to Forgiveness was graphically presented for young children in the Religious School of Temple Israel on Sunday, September 16, in a manner never before developed.

The constructions and graphics geared especially to the activity and comprehension of children in grades Kindergarten to Fifth was conceived and built by Mrs. Susie Tretiak, a faculty member of the Temple Israel Religious School.

“The most difficult of challenges is presented”, said Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks, “when we must somehow learn to teach abstract concepts to little children. Certainly, the idea of repentance is heavy with the danger of children absorbing unrealistic guilt or of conceiving of God as punitive and determining our fate of life or death in advance.”

The Road to Forgiveness constructed by Mrs. Tretiak led the children from a “thinking chair” through to a set of scales where good deeds (mitzvot) and thoughtless acts were symbolically weighed one against the other. The major ideas of the Yom Kippur were all presented in graphic form. Commented Rabbi Brooks: “This is why I always try to have some object in my hand when I speak to children so some visible symbol is associated with the abstract idea.”

Each teacher was able to interpret the various activity stations on the Road to Forgiveness in appropriate language and ideas to the grade level of the child.

Rabbi Barry Weinstein, Director of Education, commented that “we have long had the idea that textbooks or workbooks per se are not the key to good Jewish Education. We agree rather with those who see anything which is experiential in a Jewish teaching situation as being far more effective in fostering remembrance. We also think that pleasant activity and direct involvement have a far greater chance of being internalized than statements from a teacher. Given the success of the Road to Forgiveness which involved contemplation, prayer, confession and remorse — ideas

Update on the Sisterhood “Tour of Homes”!

Phyllis Glazer, Joanie Lehr, Nancy Friedland, Barbara Platt and Nancy Noddle are going to be our hostesses in the Homes!

We’ll be visiting the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Greenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Epstein, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Brookstein, Mr. and Mrs. Don Sturm, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack B. Cohen.

Come for BRUNCH at TEMPLE at 11:00 a.m. . . . then we’ll tour the Homes together!

See you October 9th for a Big Day with Temple Sisterhood.

SITTER SERVICE ANYONE?

If there is enough interest, we will offer Sitter Service for the COFFEE WITH RABBI BROOKS “We Will Learn Together” series of sessions beginning October 17, and the practical Jewish parenting Sunday sessions starting Oct. 7.

Please call the Temple Office and advise if YOU have interest in the Sitter Service offer, and if there are enough replies to warrant the service, it will be arranged.

Call as quickly as you can so arrangements may be made.

NO SPEEDING PLEASE!

We all share concern about the safety of our Sunday School children.

There are no speed signs posted on our driveways, but we ask you **NOT** to exceed 10 MPH on the Temple grounds.

We all wish to protect our children!

New Temple Roster

Sisterhood women are hard at work on a new Temple roster. If you have a change of phone or address, please call Judy Roffman at 333-6994, or Ginger at Temple, 556-6536.

If there are errors or changes after publication, we will put a list in the November Tidings so each of us can amend our rosters.

The women who are working on the roster are: Judy Roffman, Chairman; Judi Goldstein, Lois Epstein, Joie Simon, Wanda Blotcky, and Hermene Zweiback.

otherwise quite difficult to present to young children — we will follow the method into other significant areas of teaching Jewish Theology and practice.”

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mr. and Mrs. Joel S. Brooks
Mr. and Mrs. Dan Cipperley
Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Green
Dr. and Mrs. Bruce D. Gutnik
Mrs. Janet Ellen Hill
Mr. and Mrs. Larry R. Koom
Mr. and Mrs. Todd Manvitz
Dr. and Mrs. Leonard M. Moss
Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pitlor
Dr. and Mrs. Steven A. Rosenberg
Mrs. Betty U. Watson

Temple Israel
Men’s Club Brunch

Temple Men’s Club will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 14, in the Milder Center.

Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks will speak to them and the parents who come to attend the second session of the Practical Jewish Parenting series covering major concerns of parents and children.

The topic will be: “Death” — Why? What? How? and how to explain this subject to children.

BAKING FOR ONEGS

We still need more baked goods for oneg shabbats. Double your next recipe and bring one into Temple. If there are any questions or offers, please call Joie Simon, 393-1663!

CONGRATULATIONS . . .

On the Marriage of:

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Mayer.
Mrs. Mayer is the former Mrs. Miriam Bernstein.

On the Birth of:

Julie Anne Egermayer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Egermayer. Grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Edward Malashock and Mr. and Mrs. George Egermayer.

Avrum Noah Sands, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Sands. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Magee, Ft. Lee, N.J. and Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Sands, W. Hempstead, L.I., N.Y. Great-grandfather is Mr. Morris Sands, NY, N.Y.

Jessica Krieger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Krieger. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. David Krieger, L.I., N.Y. and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hilton, Shenandoah, Iowa.

Jodi Erin Lerner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shelley Lerner. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Morris Alzenberg, Sioux City, Iowa and Mrs. Helen Lerner. Great-great Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Sam Labelle of Reseda, California.

COMING ATTRACTION

COUPLES CLUB

Night of Laughter — Tears

Good Food and Cheers

Mark Your Calendar . . .

NOVEMBER 10

See You at the Movies!!

Clip and Stick Where You Won’t Forget

COUPLES CLUB AGENDA

(A Social Club Open to the Entire Community)

Cocktail Party & Private Theater Showing	Nov. 10
Bowling & Pizza Party	Jan. 26
Attend Dinner Theater	Mar. 8
Pot Luck International Dinner	Apr. 26

For Further Information Call
Carl or Gayle Tichauer: 334-5602

The UAHC and Israel

The UAHC's 49th General Assembly in 1967 created the Israel Committee to build a bridge between North American Reform Judaism and the State of Israel. The Committee was enlarged to include all the institutions of North American Reform Judaism, and is now known as the Joint Commission on Israel.

The Israel Commission strives to build a Reform Movement in Israel that will provide an expression of Judaism that speaks to the personal and social concerns of contemporary Israelis. There are currently 10 Reform congregations in Israel, as well as a rapidly-growing program of youth activities. The Leo Baeck School in Haifa, which is oriented toward Reform Judaism, now numbers more than one thousand students.

The Israel Commission seeks to stimulate Israel-oriented programming in UAHC congregations, and to inspire social action in support of the State. It also endeavors to promote congregational participation in community-wide efforts on behalf of Israel.

HAVE YOU —

paid your Men's Club dues? If not, pay soon! You will enjoy the programs and various activities planned especially for you!

Treasurer C. Meade Chamberlin will be happy to receive your dues!

**Magda Fried Initiates
Saturday School
Speakers Bureau**

Students in the Temple Religious School learn about Judaism in many different settings, both formal and informal.

The Speakers Bureau presents speakers on specialized areas of interest to the classes of the school. In this way students are exposed to a variety of individuals from the congregation and community who talk with them about their own areas of Jewish expertise.

Those who participate include members of the various professions as well as individuals whose personal backgrounds can lend greater depth and meaning to the students' studies.

Mrs. Sam Fried recently spoke to the entire 9th grade about her experiences during the Holocaust. Magda described the realities of that period in a most sensitive yet realistic manner. Her remarks culminated with a reminder to all the students to treasure their citizenship and to actively educate and involve themselves in the affairs of our country. We are most grateful to Mrs. Fried for her participation.

Watch our *Tidings* for descriptions of other individuals who will participate in our Speakers Bureaus this year.

**NEWS DEADLINE FOR
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The issue will cover
Fridays
October 26, November 2 and 9

ATTENTION: COLLEGE STUDENTS

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