

TEMPLE ISRAEL MEN'S CLUB MEETING

10:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 11, 1976

Jewish Community Center

Room 10

ROBERT McMORRIS

Reporter and Columnist

Omaha World Herald

will speak

Lox, bagels and coffee will be served

Guests welcome. \$1.00 charge for each guest. Members free.

THE UAHC CAMP AT ZIONVILLE — IT'S MORE THAN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Union Camp Institute at Zionsville, Indiana has what you'd expect at any good camp. Comfortable cabins. Excellent counselors. All types of sports. Cook-outs. Arts and crafts. All in a delightful summer camp setting.

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cover what it means to live as a Jew. Pride in our Jewish heritage. The joys of Reform Judaism.

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For further information contact your rabbi, or the Camp Director, Ronald Klotz, 7003 Glenmeadow, Cincinnati, Ohio 45237, telephone (513) 631-6283.

HONORED AT SABBATH SERVICES

December 5, 1975

Candle Blessing
Mrs. Jerry Rosen

Kiddush
Jerry Rosen

Torah Blessing
Lazar Kaplan

Torah Blessing
Edward Rosen

December 12, 1975

Candle Blessing
Mrs. Irma B. Schwarz

Kiddush
Capt. Barry J. Codron

Torah Blessing
Maj. Burton K. Bright

Torah Blessing
Dr. Murray Frost

December 19, 1975

Candle Blessing
Stacey Carp

Kiddush
Stacey Carp

Torah Blessing
Mrs. Maurice Pepper

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IT SEEMS TO ME . . .

A Personal Message from Rabbi Brooks

THE MEETING I ENJOYED



An evening at home is a treat for me. I've written before about my selectivity in attending meetings. Some are clear-cut decisions and some are marginal. Recently I was invited to attend an informal gathering composed of young couples from all of our congregations in the community (and perhaps some who were unaffiliated) together with the other rabbis just to "rap", as they say.

I debated. It was a Sunday night, the end of a busy weekend. I wanted to stay home. But I went. And I am so glad that I did. It was, for me, a thrilling experience.

Of course, first of all, I met people I had not known before and had the opportunity to converse closely with some with whom I had only previously had a casual acquaintance.

But most of all, I was exhilarated by their questions. The odd thing is that some were what one might be tempted to describe as astonishingly elementary questions, even hostile questions. But all of them seemed to me to be born out of distance from the synagogue, misunderstanding of organized religion, ignorance of Judaism and just the foggiest of ideas about the role, function and feelings of a rabbi.

I was so happy with the opportunity to answer that I wish they would ask me back again! And when I seek out a meeting, that is really something!

The very idea that they cared enough to ask, that they were searching in honesty, that these young people had the courage to confront a rabbi with what was in partial effect criticism was, for me, surprising and welcome. I believe it is not so much finding answers as it is asking the right questions. These really beautiful people did.

I don't know what will happen now. I can only hope that my replies and my acceptance of their feelings will impell them to go further, to ask more questions, to try to learn, to come a little closer to us, to trust more willingly the men who want to teach them, whose lives are really dedicated to them and to their children and potential children.

I'd like to see more of this kind of dialogue. If I had my way it would be that more Jews of all ages who may have drifted into estrangement from the synagogue and the rabbi, who unhappily see the rabbi only in ritual settings — worship on the High Holidays (maybe), births, deaths and weddings — would give us the chance to be with them in close, honest contact and teaching. For that's what I perceive myself to be as a rabbi, a teacher and friend and, above all, a caring human being. At least I strive to be so.

I learned far more from the evening than did our hosts. I learned their concerns. I hope they believe my concern for them. I also hope that what these young people have done will be done by others. I'll come to another meeting — gladly!

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday, January 2
8:15 p.m. at J.C.C. Sabbath Evening Services

RABBI BARRY L. WEINSTEIN

will speak on

PEACEFUL INTEGRATION WITH INTEGRITY . . .

. . . . The Possible Dream.

Saturday, January 3
11:00 a.m. at J.C.C. Sabbath Morning Services

Bar Mitzvah of

BRENT JAY PASSER

son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Passer

Friday, January 9
8:15 p.m. at J.C.C. Sabbath Evening Services

II. SABBATH DISCUSSION SERIES

"RELIGIOUS PERSONALITIES AND PHILOSOPHIES
THAT INFLUENCE OUR COMMUNITY"

THE REVEREND PETER DUNN

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church

"WHAT BEING A PRIEST MEANS TO ME"

Saturday, January 10
11:00 a.m. at J.C.C. Sabbath Morning Services

Friday, January 16 Sabbath Evening Services

DOUBLE SERVICES

Early
6:00 p.m.

RABBI BARRY L. WEINSTEIN
Rabbi and Congregation
Dialogue

Brief Service for Parents
and Young Children

Late
8:15 p.m.

RABBI SIDNEY H. BROOKS
Healthy Aggression? . . .
"Are You Very Angry?"

Saturday, January 17
11:00 a.m. Sabbath Morning Services

TEMPLE OFFICERS

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Rabbi

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Associate Rabbi

YOUTH GROUP

Discusses United Nations Resolution

Our Temple Youth Group recently sponsored a Sabbath afternoon cultural to honor Kathy Polack. The purpose of the Cultural was discussion of the United Nations resolution equating Zionism with racism.

We had an opportunity to ask questions of our advisor, Rabbi Weinstein, and of Rabbi and Mrs. Brooks as well. The afternoon helped us gain a better understanding of the resolution and some of the issues it involves.

Following the discussion we had a Chanukah gift "grab-bag" and then a delicious dinner. To conclude the get-together, we participated in a creative Havdalah service for the conclusion of the Sabbath. The prayers were created by our Chaplain, Kathy Polack. We are especially grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Pollack for hosting our cultural, and providing dinner and refreshments for us.

Several of our members recently returned from Fall Conclave in Topeka, Kansas. The theme for this subregional function was "Psychology and Judaism". During the convention delegates also had an opportunity to tour the Menninger Foundation facilities in Topeka. The Conclave was enjoyed by all, and helped teach us more about the relationship between Judaism and psychology.

Members of our youth group participated in Winter Conclave at Kansas City, and we will report on that convention in the next issues of Tidings. If anyone would like further information about upcoming activities of our group, please call either our president, Rex Perlmeter, 397-0125, or our Advisor, Rabbi Weinstein (556-6536).

IF YOU WERE IN OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL . . .

by
Rabbi Barry L.
Weinstein



JEWISH MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER—A LESSON PLAN FOR LIFE

When we teach in our school about marriage and family life, we stress the value of open communication. I have always looked forward to these particular classes, and have enjoyed hearing the views of our students.

Now, after having both participated in and helped lead a Jewish Marriage Encounter, I have learned even more about marriage in general and our own in particular.

What is more, to have participated with Linda as a rabbinic couple in our first Nebraska Jewish Marriage Encounter weekend was a personal joy and thrill for us both.

Many are aware of the excitement Marriage Encounter has generated in our community. And with good reason. I believe that Jewish Marriage Encounter offers some of the most significant contributions to married life today. It also provides a much needed antidote to the cynicism, violence and upheaval we all face. The weekend is a thoroughly wholesome and positive experience, consistent with all of the teachings of Judaism about Kiddushin, the sanctity of married life.

Jewish Marriage Encounter is really a crash course in learning how to enhance communication between husband and wife. It is not an "encounter" or "sensitivity" group, and, it is not a weekend of socialization. It is not a problem solving weekend. It is intense, exciting, and a chance for

couples to rediscover each other. In short, a Jewish Marriage Encounter weekend really is a gift which husbands and wives can give to each other. It is a serious weekend of growth, but it is also fun.

Linda and I were most skeptical when remarks like these were expressed to us before our weekend. We wanted to know more, we inquired about "what really happened", and we even asked about the psychological theories upon which the sessions were based.

No one helped. And now, after having participated in our second weekend we find ourselves saying the same things! And after you participate, you will, most probably, do the same.

Basically, three couples, together with Linda and me, give presentations dealing with various aspects of married life. Following each presentation, the couples on the weekend have an opportunity to talk together, in the privacy of their rooms, about the presentations. There is no sharing in the open group.

On our first Nebraska weekend at Howard Johnsons in Council Bluffs twenty-seven couples participated. The weekend begins after the conclusion of the Sabbath on Saturday eve, and concludes Monday evening at about 5:00.

What is most amazing is that for most couples the mood of the weekend never really ends. And I hope for Linda and me it never does. For we rediscovered each other, while enhancing our ability to communicate as a married couple.

I commend Jewish Marriage Encounter to you, for I believe it can help us all learn how to make our marriages and families even richer sources for love, companionship, and strength. And ultimately, this is the goal of all our education: the ennoblement of our lives and our love for each other as husbands and wives, as parents and children.

OUR SYMPATHY

The Congregation records with sorrow the deaths of

NANCY HILLER
RASMUSSEN

Hollywood Calif.

Daughter of

Mrs. Morton Hiller

CHARLES D. PEEBLER, SR.,
Diamond City Ark.

Father of

Charles D. Peebler, Jr.

and extends sympathy to their bereaved families.

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IN APPRECIATION OF:

Services of Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks.

Services of Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein.

IN HONOR OF:

Engagement of Marcy Baron to Bruce Klutchko.

Bar Mitzvah of Larry Bloch.

Anniversary of Rabbi and Mrs. Sidney H. Brooks.

50th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Chapman.

40th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Epstein.

45th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Ermann.

25th Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Freeman.

80th Birthday of Mrs. Hyman Osoff.

Birthday of Paul Rapoport.

Bar Mitzvah of Martin and Jay Rosen.

50th Birthday of Mrs. Marcia Solomon.

80th Birthday of Mrs. Ben Stiefler.

FOR THE RECOVERY OF:

Jerome Milder, Lisa Moskovitz, Dorothy Racusin, Joodi Veitzer, Dorothy Yudelson, Saul Zeesman.

IN MEMORY OF:

Hazel Berger, Gladys Fancher, Irving Freeman, Adolph Frohman, Jack Gitlin, Sadie Gitlin, Ezo Hill, Esther Lezan, Lee Marburg, Charles D. Peebler, Sr., Nancy Hiller Rasmussen, Jean Rochman, Mr. Rose, Stella and Israel Rosenthal, DeRetta Shafon, Fannie Shulkin, Benjamin Stern, Julius Stern, Martin L. Sugarman, Sam Swartz.

TRANSPORTATION TO J.C.C.

We are very pleased to be able to use the beautiful facilities at the Jewish Community Center during Temple Israel's restoration.

However, we know that getting to 132nd and Dodge may be a problem for some congregants who have limited access to cars and bus lines.

Do you need an occasional ride to Sabbath services, a Sisterhood or Men's Club meeting?

or

Will you offer an occasional ride to a fellow congregant?

Call Silvia Roffman .. 397-7070
Milt Moskovitz .. 572-8324
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Marvin Brookstein .. 391-7273
Richard Weill .. 556-6270

SISTERHOOD LUNCHEON-MEETING

Sisterhood will hold its next luncheon-meeting January 13, 12:30 P.M. at the Ranch Bowl.

The speaker will be Dr. Norbert Schuerman, Director of Administrative Services for the Omaha Public Schools and Chairman of the Integration Task Force. He will speak on the timely subject of the new integration policies of the Omaha Public Schools. This subject should be of great interest to everyone!

Sitter service will be available. Reservations should be made to Temple office by January 9.

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 Gail Kohli, 393-1404.

The Book Sale is scheduled February 22-26, Sunday through Thursday night.

THANKS FROM—

Jay and Marty Rosen and their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Rosen, for Uniongrams received in honor of their Bar Mitzvah.

Jill Kreitman and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Kreitman, for Uniongrams received in honor of her Bat Mitzvah.

Michael Zoob and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Zoob, for Uniongrams received in honor of his Bar Mitzvah.

Jeff Turkel and his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Turkel, for Uniongrams received for his Bar Mitzvah.

GIFTS OF PRAYER BOOKS

IN HONOR OF:

75th Birthday of Mrs. Harry (Mary) Kubby.

80th Birthday of Mrs. Hyman Osoff.

50th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Baker.

IN MEMORY OF:

My wife, DeRetta G. Shafton.

SISTERHOOD HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

If you are 80 years old or older, and have been a member 20 years or more, you can now become an honorary member.

Please call Shirley Greenberg, 334-5584.

An Invitation to join

RABBI AND MRS. PAUL MENITOFF

on a Special DeLuxe

UAHC MIDWEST COUNCIL

TOUR TO ISRAEL

March 11th to March 25th, 1976

Brief Highlights

Shabbat in Jerusalem — visit the Golan Heights. Trip to the Negev, Eilat and Sinai. The Carmel Range and Haifa — archaeological sites. Massada-cultural attractions of Tel Aviv. The Hebrew Union College, visits with students and faculty. Meeting with Rabbi Richard Hirsch, Executive Director of the World Union, and other leaders. Private talks with youth forming the 1st Reform Kibbutz in Israel.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I understand that reservations are accepted on a "first come, first served" basis and that in the event that the maximum tour memberships of 32 has been reached, the deposit forwarded with this reservation will be refunded in full.

Date:

Name:

Address:

City and State: Zip

Home Telephone Number:

Members traveling in my party:

1.

2.

Please make checks in the amount of \$100 per person, as deposit, payable to UAHC and forward with this application to UAHC, 8420 Delmar, Suite 304, St. Louis, Missouri 63124. Phone 314-997-7566.

NFTS BIENNIAL

The following reflections were written by Mrs. Martin Warren who was a representative to the National Federation of Temple Sisterhood's Biennial held in Dallas last November.

To be the representative at an NFTS Biennial is an indescribable experience. It begins with excitement as the plane lands in Dallas, turns to impatience as the registration line at the hotel never seems to move, and ends in pride as you are given the badge with honor ribbons which tell everyone that Temple Israel Sisterhood of Omaha has supported the YES Fund, the Leo Baeck Library, and the World Union for Progressive Judaism.

Convention was five days of waiting for elevators that seemed to have stopped on a floor before that on which we were waiting; it was making the acquaintance of women from Sisterhoods all over the country and sharing our problems and our successes; it was coming home with inspiration and ideas; and it was coming home very proud of Jane Brooks who served as Vice-Chairwoman of the Convention, and very proud of Jan Perlmeter who was elected to the National Board of NFTS.

The Biennial can be likened to a Mathematics course:

1. Workshops and plenary sessions plus discussions plus seminars plus fantastic speakers equal learning.

2. Multiply your membership to equal that of a large Sisterhood, or divide your membership to equal that of a small Sisterhood — your answer is the same, you all have the same goals.

3. The common denominator of NFTS/UAHC is people. Three thousand Reform Jews from around the world joined in one body for Friday night Shabbat services; three thousand Jews all dedicated to the purpose of serving their Sisterhoods, their Congregations, their People.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

DECEMBER

- 31 No Coffee with Rabbi Brooks

JANUARY

- 1 No Hebrew Classes
- 2 Sabbath Evening Services 8:15 p.m.
- 3 No Religious School
- 3 Sabbath Morning Services 11:00 a.m.
- 4 No Religious School
- 5-6 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- 7-8 Hebrew Classes Resume 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.
- 5-9 Nursery School Classes Resume 9:00 a.m.
- 6 Confirmation Class Resumes 4:30 p.m.
Countryside Church - Fireside Room
- 7 Coffee with Rabbi Brooks Resumes 10:00 a.m.
First Methodist Church
- 9 Sabbath Evening Services
Sabbath Discussion Series - #2 8:15 p.m.
- 10 Saturday Religious School Resumes 9:00 a.m.
- 10 Sabbath Morning Services 11:00 a.m.
- 11 Sunday Religious School Resumes 10:00 a.m.
- 11 Men's Club Brunch 10:00 a.m.
- 12-13 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- 14-15 Hebrew Classes 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.
- 13 Sisterhood Luncheon - Ranch Bowl 12:30 p.m.
- 13 No Confirmation Class
- 14 No Coffee with Rabbi Brooks
- 14 Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 16 Double Sabbath Evening Services 6:00 p.m. and
8:15 p.m.
- 17 Saturday Religious School 9:00 a.m.
- 17 Sabbath Morning Services 11:00 a.m.
- 18 Sunday Religious School 10:00 a.m.
- 19-20 Hebrew Classes 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.
5:00 to 6:00 p.m.
- 20 Confirmation Class
Countryside Church - Fireside Room 4:30 p.m.