

IF YOU WERE IN
OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

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in order to prepare for the distribution of our funds at the conclusion of the school year. After each session, they report the progress of their deliberations in their own classrooms.

The Council plans to issue a newsletter for all students which will review the organizations to which we give, as well as describe the meaning of Tzedakah in our tradition.

The word "Tzedakah" literally means "Righteousness" in Hebrew. It has come to represent all acts of charity and deeds on behalf of those less fortunate than ourselves. This is the real lesson of our Tzedakah Council for all our students, and even for ourselves.

URGENT NOTICE

TO ALL PARENTS OF
SUNDAY SCHOOL
CHILDREN:

Please observe these safety rules when picking up your children after Religious School on Sundays:

1) Park your car in the parking lot — our driveway must remain clear at all times for emergency vehicles.

2) Walk to the building and accompany your child to the car. Children are not permitted to walk alone into the parking lot. Walk only in the indicated lanes.

3) It is not permitted to pass under the flags.

4) No running is permitted.

No exceptions whatsoever can be made.

Our children are small and often careless. We must protect them.

Our objective is the total safety of YOUR children.

Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein
Director of Education

Peter Brodkey
Traffic Control

PARENTS!

Report cards have been sent home with the children. If you have not received them, please call Rabbi Weinstein.

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SPECIAL TEMPLE FUNDS

IN APPRECIATION OF:
Services of Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks.
Services of Mrs. Harry DuBoff.

IN HONOR OF:
Birth of daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Babendure.
Birthday of Mrs. Morris E. Jacobs.
Bat Mitzvah of Emily Milder.
50th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rice.
80th Birthday of Mr. Aaron Rips.

FOR THE RECOVERY OF:
Sam Cohn, Abe Katelman, Joan Rips, Irma Schwarz, Myron Tarnoff.

IN MEMORY OF:
David E. Beber, Iz Brotman, James E. Frost, brother of Mr. Morrie Gassman, May Kartman, Lee Katz, Jack Kentoff, Lynne Kerne, Albert Kohn, Leo S. Kopald, Charles Kopald, Theresa Kopald, Jack Lazarus, Lena Lipton, Mrs. Nearenberg, Harry I. Neer, Sophia Reihter, Arnold Robinson, Alexander Rubin, E. I. Rubin, Flora Rubin, Jeannette Rubin, Lester Simon, Sarah Zemurray.

PULPIT ARRANGEMENTS

February 22

In memory of Ann Brodsky.
In honor of Bar Mitzvah of Douglas Scott Friedman.

GIFTS OF
INSCRIBED PRAYER BOOKS

IN MEMORY OF:
David E. Beber, Harry Kubby, Arnold Robinson, Lester Simon, Reuben and Ruth H. Vann.

WELCOME
NEW SISTERHOOD MEMBER

Mrs. John Lee Rosen

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YAHREZITS

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

March 15, 1974

Joseph Danbaum
Mollie Cohen
Frances Green Fellman
Laura Goetz
Frank Kropman
Maurice D. Micklin
Abraham Bolker
Leo Fox
Herman Steinberg
Joseph Scharf
Adolph Marer
Phil Gilinsky

March 22, 1974

Jay Benjamin Katz
Gerald Wirthsafter
Isaac Rubin
Bernard Gladstone
Ike Feblowitz
Clara S. Krasne
Sadie Newman
Anna Goldstein
Frank M. Krasne
Leona Pollack Shapiro
May Rosenberg
Marion M. Leon
Max Sommer

HONORED AT
SABBATH SERVICES

February 22, 1974

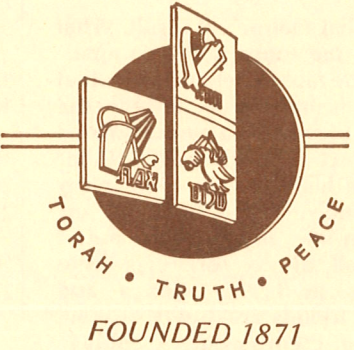
Candle Blessing Mrs. David Bernstein
Kiddush David Bernstein
Torah Blessing Morton Bernstein
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IT SEEMS TO ME . . .

A Personal Message from Rabbi Brooks
RABBIS AND BUSINESS MEN



I do not wish to protract in any manner an honest difference of opinion on a community matter which I believe has not been properly debated. But among other extraneous critical misunderstandings and misrepresentations of opinion there have been numerous unwarranted attacks upon the character, the motivations and the responsibility of the rabbis.

I am deeply saddened by the implications of a statement which appeared in the "Letters to the Editor" column of the *Jewish Press* February 22, 1974.

In the course of forthright ventilation of her attitudes toward the rabbis (all rabbis seemingly to the writer of one ilk, of which I am proud!) the writer says: "In this particular area, instead of teachers of Jewish ethics and principles, they (the rabbis) appear more like competitive business men."

At the outset I wish here to say that I am not in the least inclined to defend myself as to my "Jewish ethics and principles" against the charge of insensitivity, or to justify attention to my rabbinical responsibilities. I have nothing to defend. And I certainly do not feel "threatened."

Now what troubles me is not the imputation of unethical motives to the rabbis because, I for one, am
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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

Sabbath Evening Services

"IF YOU ASK ME . . .

Following the Worship Service
RABBI SIDNEY H. BROOKS
will speak in the Social Hall on

MY RECENT POSITIONS ON CURRENT
COMMUNITY ISSUES

for your consideration and responding.

Sabbath Coffee Hour

Saturday Morning, March 16
11:00 a.m.

Sabbath Morning Services

Bat Mitzvah of

GAYLE A. WOLPA, daughter of

Mrs. Judith Kaplan and Mr. Warren Wolpa

Friday Evening, March 22
8:15 p.m.

Sabbath Evening Services

RABBI BARRY L. WEINSTEIN
will speak on

WHAT DOES THE SABBATH REPRESENT TODAY?

Sabbath Coffee Hour

Saturday Morning, March 23
11:00 a.m.

Sabbath Morning Services

Bat Mitzvah of

LOURI BETH FELLMAN, daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fellman

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above that manner of insult. What bothers me more is the comparison of the rabbi's behavior with that of the business man. I think the writer's husband is a businessman. I have affection and respect both for him and his wife. The men in my own family, my father and my father-in-law, my brother and, I think, all of my forebears were business men. My closest and dearest friends are business men. Surely for them I make no apology for their competitiveness nor for their ethics. Neither ought any business man of integrity.

As a matter of fact I think rabbis have been their own worst enemies in allowing laymen to make the invidious distinction between rabbis and business men. I would wish more rabbis had some business sense, not only to protect themselves from the financial pitfalls into which some rabbis have fallen, but also in order to understand the problems of the business man and the inescapable economic and financial problems and programs of our Jewish institutions.

I would further wish that more business men could reach the degree of rabbinical commitment to Jewish study values and the Jewish People. It wouldn't hurt them a bit to share with their rabbis some, if not all, of the implications of a life's absolute devotion to understanding Judaism and serving the Jewish People.

I don't know what "business man" means in the writer's mind. I hope it includes lawyers and doctors, social workers and teachers and, if you please, rabbis. I would not be the least bit ashamed. If I have some abilities common among business men, I would be proud. I would be equally proud of Jewish knowledge and concern shared by business men with rabbis!

As to competitiveness: It would seem to me that if I can find a better way to learn, to teach, to serve my People, to understand their emotions, their joys and griefs, their needs and goals, I am not only developing myself, but better fulfilling my life's purpose as a Rabbi.

I would expect all men and women to feel the same, each in their particular field.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March		
13	Sisterhood Study Class	10:00 a.m.
17	TYG Spaghetti Dinner	5:30 p.m.
17	Men's Club Brunch	10:00 a.m.
18	Jewish Cultural Committee	
	Adult Education Classes, 4th of Series	7:30 p.m.
19	Confirmation Class	4:30 p.m.
20	Coffee with the Rabbi	10:00 a.m.
25	Jewish Cultural Committee	
	Adult Education Classes, 5th of Series	7:30 p.m.
26	Confirmation Class	4:30 p.m.
27	Coffee with the Rabbi	10:00 a.m.

New Haggadahs in Shop

The Gift Shop will be open Sunday, March 31, from 10-12. This will be your last chance to purchase Passover goods before Passover, which begins April 6.

Remember too, if you would like to order the new Haggadahs, please call the office (556-6536). Prices are \$3.00 for the regular, \$17.50 for the Deluxe, or \$37.50 for 10 regular and 1 deluxe.



David E. Beber
President of Temple Israel
1966-68

His deep interest in Temple was shown through his years of service on committees, on the Board of Trustees and as President. He was an invaluable counselor to our Rabbis, the Board, and to our Congregation.

David Beber will be deeply missed.

BOY CHOIR AT BETH EL

Beth El Synagogue will sponsor the Columbus Boy Choir on Tuesday, April 2 at 8 p.m. at the Joslyn Art Museum. For tickets (adults — \$3.00, students — \$2.00) call 553-3221.

OUR SYMPATHY

The Congregation records with sorrow the deaths of

LESTER SIMON
husband of Gertrude Simon
father of Alan Simon,
Frederick Simon,
Stephen Simon

LENA LIPTON
Chicago, Illinois
mother of Mrs. William M. Wolfe

and extends sympathy to their bereaved families.

TEMPLE MEN'S CLUB

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

Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks will speak on A RABBI FOR ALL MEN . . . Personal recollections of Abraham Heschel and thoughts on his last book *Passion for Truth* . . . how to read him and his message for our time.

Rabbi Brooks was a student of this great man, and his recollections will be of great interest to all.

There is a \$1.00 charge for guests and non-members.

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by Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein

TEACHING TZEDAKAH



How can the importance of acts of charity and righteousness be taught?

The most effective manner is by example, and

this is the method followed throughout our religious school. By means of our Tzedakah Council, students experience the importance of helping those less fortunate than themselves. Through their participation in the Council these classroom representatives carry out several important functions.

These include the study of over twenty different charitable agencies to whom we give support each year. Each organization must be evaluated annually before it is approved by the Tzedakah Council for a renewed gift.

Students in the Council then decide the relative amounts of each gift that is to be given. Long and sincere discussions take place before the final decisions are reached. In this way our Tzedakah representatives have the opportunity to experience for themselves the meaning of philanthropy and the responsibility of each one of us to help others in need.

This year the members of our Tzedakah Council include the following classroom representatives from our Saturday division: David Peebler, Sara Ross, Mike Greenberg, Jody Becker, Mike Budwig, Sally Pollack, Dan Somberg, Beth Goldstein, Bruce Greenberg, John Wiesman, Josi Farber, Lisa Becker, Marty Vann, Nancy Harris and Carol Krupinsky. Representatives from our Sunday school are Brent Passer, Susie Lehr, Adam Wagner, Jim Baker, Diane Greenberg, Mark Peebler, Mike Ginsburg, Lisa Monasee, Lisa Solzman, Mitchell Warren, Dana Nogg, Tony Lohrman, Joanna Simon, Scott Cohen, Stacey Erman, Bruce Fellman and Todd Simon.

They have already begun to meet (continued on page 4)



Jim Glazer, Greg Engel, Sarah Ross and David Peebler are pictured in the Ovir office.

Russian Sabbath Provides An Unique Learning Experience For Students

by Mike Budwig and Dan Somberg,
Sixth graders

by Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein

On Saturday, February 23, the sixth and seventh graders of the Religious School did a simulation of Jews trying to get out of Russia.

It began with the Bar Mitzvah of Doug Friedman. Then everyone went to the reception. Then we went to the Moscow Airport (multi-purpose room) to eat lunch and sing songs. After that everyone went to certain places to get organized. After getting organized, everything started.

The first thing the emigrants did was to go to the Ovir (visa office). There were a lot of forms. You would always have that fear of being caught by the secret police. You would then go to the bank to get your money in rubles. Then you would go to the employment office to resign from your job. You would then go to your landlord to give up your home or apartment. Then you would have to go to the Ovir to pay for the filing fee. If you didn't have the money you would have to go to the bank to withdraw money.

After paying your filing fee, if you didn't have enough money you could rely on the Dutch embassy for the money. You then report to the Moscow airport to present your forms and buy your airplane ticket to Israel. But if you didn't make it to Israel you would end up sleeping on a park bench, without a job or

I would like to express my own deep appreciation to all those who helped make our Sabbath Russian Experience the success that it was. Without the help and support of our teachers and several members of our congregation, this innovative educational program would not have been possible.

Many hours were spent by faculty and students in planning the program and preparing material, instructions and specialized forms.

Special thanks are due to our sixth and seventh grade teachers, Elinor Whitman, Morris Hoffman and Sherman Poska for all their time and expertise. In addition, Gail Verlin and Bruce Greenberg helped with musical presentations throughout the day. Mrs. Jon Okun, Mrs. Morris Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Bronston, Mrs. Linda Weinstein and Mrs. Verlin gave special help in preparation of our refreshments.

To all of you, thank you very much!

home, and without being a citizen of Russia.

After the simulation there was a discussion with Shmuel Schnitzer, an Israeli journalist. Then we went into the social hall for Israeli food.

Now when we read about the Jewish people who are trying to get out of Russia, we really know what they are going through.