

## In Remembrance

*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 16

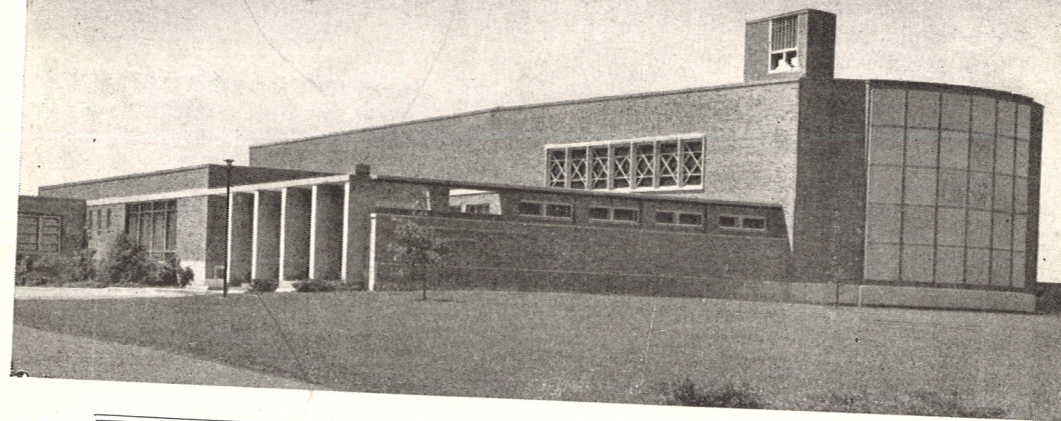
Florence Slosburg  
Rose Sommer  
Samuel Livingston  
Carolina Cahn  
Emma Steinberg

DECEMBER 23

Moritz Sachs  
Grace R. Lapidus  
Julius Newman  
Sue Bleicher  
Lena G. Wolowitz  
Edward Gilbert  
Charles Schimmel

*To keep alive the precious memory of our beloved departed is a sacred rite of Jewish tradition. One can choose no finer medium for perpetuating the memory of a dear one than by inscribing their name on our beautiful bronze Yahrzeit Tablets. Contact Alfred Mayer, chairman, for detailed information.*

# Temple Israel Tidings



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## Worship Services

Friday Evening, December 16, 1960

### Chanukah Family Dinner at 6:15 P.M.

Early Sabbath Services at 7:30 P.M.

Officers of the Congregation and its affiliates will kindle the Menorah in a service of symbolic re-dedication of purpose written by Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks.

The choir will present "The Joy of Dedication"—a Chanukah poem from Ibn Gabirol.

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Friday Evening, December 23, 1960, at 8:15 P. M.

A Sabbath Dinner for Homecoming and Resident College Students  
Will Precede the Service

Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks will Conduct Services

GUEST SPEAKER: Dr. Ralph Wardle, Chairman of the English  
Department, University of Omaha.

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Saturday Morning Services at 11:30 A. M.

For Adults and Religious School

## CHANUKAH ISSUE

This issue of The Tidings contains a special section inside with a Chanukah message from Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks, the blessings to be recited over the Chanukah Candles, and other information of interest in connection with the observance of the Festival the evening of December 13 through December 21.

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## SISTERHOOD

### Regional Conference

The 23rd Biennial Regional Conference of District No. 20 of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods was held in Kansas City, Mo., November 13, 14 and 15.

Delegates to the conference from Temple Israel were Mmes. David Beber, Robert Cohn, Lloyd Friedman, M. Kirshenbaum, Edward Levinson, Adolf Mayer, Adolph Trost.

The theme of the Conference was "New Horizons in Sisterhood—That They May Go Forward".

All Omaha delegation members served on committees. Mrs. Adolf Mayer, in the absence of Mrs. Sidney Brooks, headed the Conference Evaluation Committee.

New District officers for the next two years are Pres., Mrs. Julian Lyon, Lincoln; 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. J. P. Gasway, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. Marx Lorig, Denver, Colo.; 3rd Vice-Pres., Mrs. Hans Lorsch, Kansas City, Mo.; 4th Vice-Pres., Mrs. S. H. Marcus, Wichita, Kansas.

Treas., Mrs. Adolf Mayer, Omaha; Recording Sec., Mrs. Meyer Alter, Davenport, Iowa; and Corresponding Sec., Mrs. I. Dubinsky, Lincoln.

### COLLEGE STUDENTS TO BE HONORED

Temple Israel will honor vacationing college students at a dinner and services December 23.

Both homecoming and resident college students in the congregation will be invited to Sabbath dinner at the Temple.

The dinner will be private for the students and will be preceded by a Sherry Hour from 6:00 to 7:00 P. M., Friday evening, December 23.

Following a Chateau Briand dinner the students will join their

## TEMPLE YOUTH TO ATTEND CONCLAVE

Temple Israel's NFTY group has named delegates to attend the winter conclave of the National Federation of Temple Youth at St. Louis, December 26 through 30.

The program for the regional meeting will include cultural activities, religious projects and social events.

Delegates who will attend the meeting are:

Steven Bernstein, Paula Bercutt, Norman Bleicher, Larry Mayer, Neena Beber, Cindy Raskin, John Spitzer, Shelly Sommer, Nancy Makiesky.

Alternates named are Gail Brodkey and John Zysman.

### Our Sincere Sympathy

We record with sorrow the passing of Dr. Herman Jahr and extend sympathy to Mrs. Jahr and family.

### ANNIVERSARY NEWSPAPER

Students of grade 5A, assisted by their teacher, Mrs. Morris Kirshenbaum, are publishing a class newspaper in honor of Temple Israel's 90th Anniversary.

Student reporters have interviewed numerous people who help operate the Temple. Letters of congratulations have been received from Rabbi Lou H. Silberman, Rabbi David Wice and Rabbi Arthur Lelyveld, all former Temple Israel rabbis.

The newspaper will be distributed to students of the Religious school December 17 and 18.

families and the congregation for the regular Sabbath evening service.

Rabbi Brooks will officiate at the service and the guest speaker will be Dr. Ralph Wardle, chairman of the English Department of the University of Omaha.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- December 11 (Sunday)—Coffee with the Rabbi, 10:30 to 11:30 A.M.  
 December 13 (Tuesday)—Sisterhood Luncheon.  
 December 15 (Thursday)—Bible Study Group, Coffee 1 P. M., Class 1:30 P. M.  
 December 16 (Friday)—Chanukah Family Dinner, 6:15 P. M. Services 7:30 P.M.  
 December 23 (Friday)—Sabbath Dinner for College Students, 6:00 P.M.

## Gifts to the Temple

### Nursery School Fund

#### In Memory of:

Leonard Bernstein's father by Mr. and Mrs. Adolf Mayer and Larry.

Harry Haykin by Mr. and Mrs. Lazar Kaplan.

Carl Pratt by Mrs. N. Mantel and Miss Lena Rehfeld, and Mr. and Mrs. Horace L. Rosenblum.

#### In Honor of:

The 88th birthday of Mrs. I. Rosenthal by Mr. and Mrs. Adolf Mayer and family.

#### The Election of:

Donald Brodkey as District Judge by Mr. and Mrs. Lazar Kaplan, and Mr. and Mrs. Horace L. Rosenblum.

#### Speedy Recovery of:

Mrs. Bernhardt Wolf by Mr. and Mrs. Adolf Mayer, and Mr. and Mrs. Lazar Kaplan.

### House and Floral Fund

#### In Memory of:

Jacob Slosburg by Mr. and Mrs. David Beber.

Rose Krasne by Mr. and Mrs. David Beber.

Tillie Grossman by Mr. and Mrs. David Beber.

Harry Haykin by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Perlmer.

Ella Shapiro by Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Fisk.

#### Speedy Recovery of:

Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks by Mr. and Mrs. Leo Nogg.

### Rabbi On Governor's Committee

Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks has been appointed by Governor Dwight Burney to the Nebraska Committee for Children and Youth.

This is a permanent committee to implement the findings and recommendations of the White House Conference on Children and Youth.

### Schwartz to Conference

Maury L. Schwartz, director of education, will attend the annual conference of the National Association of Temple Educators in Boston, Mass., from December 25 through December 28. Mr. Schwartz is a member of the Executive Board Educators Conference.

### Welcome New Members

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Chapman.

## TEMPLE LIBRARY

All books loaned from the Temple Library should be returned by January 1. More than 150 books have been borrowed during November and December. It is important that books be returned so that we may circulate them to our Congregation.

## Religious School to Observe Chanukah

Chanukah will be observed in the Religious School with celebrations appropriate to each age.

Kindergarten classes and Grades 1 through 4 will observe the holiday Sunday, December 18. Grades 5 through 10, of the Saturday Division will do the same Saturday, December 17.

There will be no class instruction during the morning so that the children may observe a full morning of the joyous holiday. School begins thirty minutes later than usual on Saturday and Sunday.

There will be no choir meetings December 17 and 18.

Class mothers will serve milk and a special treat to children of the Sunday Division. Students from Kindergarten through grade 4 are invited to bring a sandwich December 18.

Both divisions will participate in a Chanukah dramatic, musical, presentation. Students may also bring a present costing no more than 25c for the class (grab bag) event. Dreidle and other Chanukah games will be played.

Grade 1A, assisted by their teacher, Mrs. Robert Gerelick, will present a special Chanukah playlet December 17 and 18.

Grade 8B, assisted by their teacher, Mrs. Norman Whitman, will present a special Chanukah Reading Saturday, December 17.

Students of Grade 8B of the Saturday division, assisted by their teacher, Mrs. Robert Gerelick, will conduct a special Chanukah service Saturday, December 17.

Special Chanukah candles from

### CHANUKAH DINNER

The annual Congregational Chanukah dinner will be held at Temple Israel Friday, December 16, at 6:15 P. M. Tickets will be \$1.75 for adults and \$1.25 for children through the Sixth Grade. Early services will follow the dinner at 7:30 P. M.

Circles 4, 5, and 6 are in charge of the dinner with Mrs. Morton Hiller serving as chairman, and Mrs. Harry Trustin, Mrs. Fred Brodkey, Mrs. Geo. Spitzer, Mrs. M. M. Krupinsky, Mrs. J. C. Goldner, and Mrs. Millard Speier serving as co-chairmen.

Reservations should be made by December 12 with Mrs. Maury Schwartz, 553-7421, Mrs. J. E. Bleicher, 556-6667, and Mrs. Jacob Hess, 551-7581.

### CLASS RECESS ANNOUNCED

There will be no classes for the Saturday division on December 24 and December 31.

Sunday classes will recess December 25 and January 1.

Classes will resume Saturday and Sunday, January 7 and 8.

Hebrew classes will not meet during the week of December 26 and January 2. Hebrew classes will resume Monday, January 9.

Israel will be sold by the Judaica Shop and the Religious School for 50c a box.

Students are urged to bring special contributions for the Jewish Braille Institute during the month of December in recognition of the Chanukah holidays.

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## A Chanukah Message from the Rabbi

Dear Members:

Our national elections have recently brought the relationship between religion and politics into sharp focus. There are still some who would restrict religion to pious platitudes and disembodied prayers. For these the teachings of Judaism have primarily to do with the observance of rituals for their own sake or speculations about values quite distant from this life and this moment.

Others, thankfully in increasing numbers, have come to see that what the Faith of Judaism has to teach through its rituals and prayers, its ethics and even its mysticism is relevant to every moment and every task.

The test of religiosity is not conformity to ritual or even the affirmation of ethical standards.

The real test of religiosity is the degree to which our actions, our attitudes and our goals are influenced and directed by what we say we believe. And this in **all** the concerns of our life.

It has always been thus. Judaism is not a cloistered or sheltered exercise in personal piety. Judaism has as its major themes the manners of our living, the decisions we face, the goals we select, the moral judgments we make in the society of mankind and in the place of the whole world.

Now consider again the Chanukah story. And you will see that its grandeur is not the miraculous but the possible. You will discover that the strength of Maccabean spirit expressed itself in weighty and dangerous decisions courageously made. The issues which faced the Maccabean generation were social, military, political and cultural in nature. But the Maccabees knew that their faith—Judaism—pointed the way to proper action in all things. The re-dedication of the cleansed Temple represented re-dedication to purity of thought, to integrity of conscience and to moral behavior.

When you kindle the Chanukah candles in your homes, tell the Chanukah story again. And be reminded that there are some mighty decisions to be made in our time and place. We, too, face grave social, economic and cultural pressures.

May the Chanukah Menorah gleam in all our homes with an increasing light of happiness and health for us all. At the same time, may the Faith of Judaism be an increasing light on our path. Let us determine to let the influence of our prayers, the strength of our conviction and the steady increase of our knowledge of Judaism impel us to do what needs and must be done to earn God's blessing of Peace.

Faithfully yours,

Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks.

## CHANUKAH BLESSINGS

In each home the Chanukah lights may be kindled, beginning with one candle on Tuesday evening, December 13 (not counting the Shamas light) and increasing one each evening until there are eight on the final night of Tuesday, December 20.

The following blessings should be recited:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,

אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנוּכָּה.

Bo-ruch atoh a-do-noy, e-lo-he-nu me-lech ho-olom, a-sheer kid-d'sho-nu b'mits'-vo-sov v-tsi-vo-nu l'had-lik ner shel Cha-nuk-kah.

Blessed art thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has sanctified us by thy commandments and commanded us to kindle the light of Chanukah.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,

נְשַׁעֲשֶׂה נְסִים לְאֲבוֹתֵינוּ, בְּיָמִים הָהֵם, בְּזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

Bo-ruch atoh a-do-noy, e-lo-he-nu me-lech ho-olom, she-o-soh nis-sim la-avo-se-nu ba-yo-mim ho-hem baz'-man haz-zeh.

Blessed art thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who wroughtest miracles for our fathers in days of old at this season.

The following blessing is added on the first evening only:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,

שְׁהַיְחִינוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהִנֵּיעֵנוּ לְזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

Bo-ruch atoh a-do-noy, e-lo-he-nu me-lech ho-olom she-heche-yo-nu, v'ky-y'mo-nu, v'higi-o-nu laz-z'man haz-zeh.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has kept us in life, and hast preserved us and enabled us to reach this season.

## ROCK OF AGES

After the Chanukah blessings have been recited, the family may join in singing of Rock of Ages.

Rock of Ages, let our song

Praise Thy saving power;

Thou, amidst the raging foes,

Wast our shelt'ring tower.

Furious they assailed us,

And Thy word

Broke their sword

When our own strength failed us.

Kindling new the holy lamps,

Priests approved in suffering,

Purified the nation's shrine,

Brought to God their offering

And His courts surrounding

Hear, in joy abounding

Happy throngs

Singing songs

With a mighty sounding.

## Thanks to . . .

Mrs. Donald Schoenbaum for decorating the Social Hall with special Chanukah Decorations and to Mrs. Chiam Farber for decorating the Religious School Bulletin Board for Chanukah.