

OUR SYMPATHY

The Congregation records with sorrow the deaths of

JACKSON WAGNER,
father of Bennett Wagner

HARRY HEYMAN,
Elmhurst, New York

HARRY EISENSTATT,
father of Leo Eisenstatt

TILLIE PEPPER,
Chicago, Illinois
mother of Dr. Maurice Pepper

RAE TARNOFF,
mother of
Mrs. Jacob Friedman

CAROLYNE MAIZNER,
mother of Claus Maizner

MOLLY GARETZ,
mother of Charles Garetz

SUSAN FRIEDLANDER,
sister of Mrs. Lester Simon

PAUL VERET,
husband of Frieda Veret

and extends sympathy to their bereaved families.

YAHREZEIT:

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

January 1, 1971

Frank Wirthsafter
Aaron Cahn
Sallie Block
Henrietta Morris
Sam L. Robinson
Anna K. Friedman
Lillian Bergman
Brad Sperling
Harry L. Cohen
Rose Josephson

January 8, 1971

Josephine Schloss Speier
Lena M. Rehfeld
Karoline Hirsch Mayer
Samuel E. Jacobs
Caroline S. Adler
Stella Rosenthal

January 15, 1971

Herman Abraham
Henry Hiller
Milton R. Wessel
Samuel H. Chapman
Sarah Milder
Harry H. Priesman
Samuel Mandelson

January 22, 1971

Minnie E. Spiesberger
Augusta Rothholz
Sam Wertheimer, Sr.
David Markel
Fanny Spiesberger
M. David Brodkey
Herman Micky Krupinsky
Ruth G. Malashock
J. L. Brandeis

Visitors to Temple

High School Youth Fellowship Group, Presbyterian Church Schuyler, Nebraska. Mrs. Marvin Taxman met with this group.

Membership Preparatory Class, United Methodist Church, Woodbine, Iowa, with Mrs. Vern Foutch. Mr. Bud Bernstein met with this group.

Group of students from Dana College, Blair, Nebraska with John W. Nielsen, Professor of Humanities, who were met by Mr. Alvin Ross.

7th and 8th Graders from First Presbyterian Church, Omaha, with Mr. Wylie; and the Confirmation Class from United Methodist, Lyons, Nebraska, with Rev. Hartwig. Mr. Marvin Brookstein met with these two groups.

Congratulations on the Birth of —

David Kevin Blatt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Blatt. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ben Blatt, and Mr. and Mrs. Myer C. Shapiro, Kansas City, Mo.

Jason David Brodkey, son of Dr. and Mrs. Morris Brodkey, Rochester, Minnesota. Grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Arnold Webman, Lincoln, Nebraska; Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Brodkey. Great grandparents are Mrs. Dave Sherman, and Mrs. S. Webman.

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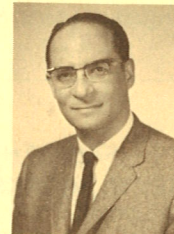
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IT SEEMS TO ME . . .

A Personal Message from Rabbi Brooks

I am absolutely sick of the word "relevance!!"



If you want to be a popular teacher, writer, preacher, counselor, social worker, politician, artist, musician, sculptor, parent, child, student, or, in short, survive with any kind of approval of your peers you'd better be "with it, man."

With what? As I understand it, relevance means being with this moment, its needs, its sensory pleasures, its problems and, hopefully, its solutions. But right now. Never mind history and the past. Never mind tomorrow and the future.

I say: Nonsense! Furthermore, I don't want to live in a world like that. Personally, I won't. I have much to gain from the past. There are magnificent values in irrelevant

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SIDNEY H. BROOKS, M.H.L.
Rabbi

Manfred F. Kuttner,
Cantor

Dr. Lou H. Silberman Next Centennial Series Speaker

Dr. Lou H. Silberman, now a professor at Vanderbilt University, will return to the pulpit he occupied at Temple Israel 25 years ago to participate in the Synagogue's 100th anniversary observance.

He served as rabbi of Temple Israel from 1945 to 1952 when he left to join the faculty of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., as Hillel professor of Jewish literature and thought.

Dr. Silberman's topic will be "The American Jewish Community — Mini, Midi, Maxi" at the Sabbath Services Friday evening, January 8. He will be the third speaker in Temple Israel's Centennial Sabbath Discussion Series which continues monthly until May, 1971.



Dr. Lou H. Silberman

The former Temple Israel rabbi studied at the University of California, Hebrew Union College, and University of Basil in Switzerland, and holds degrees of B.H.L., M.H.L., and D.H.L. He served as visiting professor, Judaistik Institute, at the University of Vienna.

Since 1969, Dr. Silberman has published a number of works, including "Concerning Jewish Theology in North America: Some Notes on a Decade," "Between God and Man: The Meaning of Revelation for the Contemporary Jew," and "The American Jewish Community and its Values."

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ideas and relationships, artistry and music, literature, and science. I want them as part of my life and thought. Furthermore, I want to give meaning to today's striving and learning through my assurance that it will make tomorrow more safe and beautiful, healthy and wise for me and for my children.

When "relevance" becomes the measure of what is valuable, I suggest we become LESS competent teachers, less effective parents, less civilized human beings. If we can reach only far enough behind us to touch the wall and only far enough ahead to grasp our food, we are not men, but animals. Only the beasts have limited memories and are without anticipation and hope and dreams of tomorrow. Beasts are marvelously "relevant."

I can imagine the counterpart of today's "with it" generation saying of a Biblical Psalm, or a poem by Milton, or a Shakespearean play or a Beethoven symphony, "So what! It's not relevant." Indeed, none of them was or is or will be. But such are universal and timeless and therefore can speak to men in any time, any place in any condition.

I believe this about our Jewish tradition. Much of it is not "relevant" at the moment but at another moment may become so. Great ideas, profound insights need to be studied and then, when understood, applied to the needs of the moment.

But first you must know. So I am distressed with parents and students and pseudo-intellecuals who with impatient sweep of the hand dismiss great areas of learning as "irrelevant" before they can possibly know whether at some future time there can be meaning in them or not.

I am absolutely sick of the word "relevance."

But I treasure beauty and meaning and brilliance of thought in any case. Maybe our fathers meant this when they said the Torah is eternal; meaning: wisdom, truth, beauty and peace are never irrelevant!

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES	
Friday, January 1 5:30 p.m.	SABBATH EVE SERVICES Temple Chapel
Friday, January 8 8:15 p.m.	SABBATH EVE SERVICES CENTENNIAL SABBATH DISCUSSION SERIES RABBI LOU H. SILBERMAN Nashville, Tennessee "THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY – Mini, Midi, Maxi" Sabbath Coffee Hour
Saturday, January 9 11:00 a.m.	SABBATH MORNING SERVICES
Friday, January 15 8:15 p.m.	SABBATH EVE SERVICES RABBI SIDNEY H. BROOKS will preach on "WHAT KIND OF A RABBI IS THIS? – – Impressions of Radical Changes in the Rabbinate." Sabbath Coffee Hour
Saturday, January 16 11:00 a.m.	SABBATH MORNING SERVICES
Friday, January 22 8:15 p.m.	SABBATH EVE SERVICES RABBI SIDNEY H. BROOKS will officiate and conduct "IF YOU ASK ME..." Rabbi Brooks will comment on a number of subjects in a setting to give the opportunity for question and reply. Sabbath Coffee Hour
Saturday, January 23 11:00 a.m.	SABBATH MORNING SERVICES Bar Mitzvah of STEVEN MICHAEL COHEN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam S. Cohen

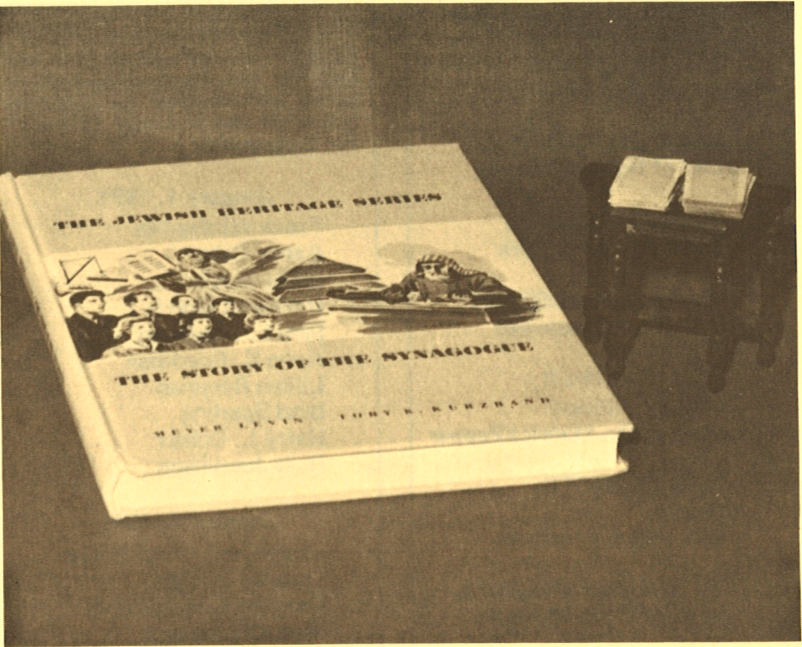
Alfred Gottschalk Next President
Of Hebrew Union College –
Jewish Institute of Religion

At its meeting in Cincinnati on November 12, the Board of Governors of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion elected Rabbi Alfred Gottschalk, Dean of its California School, to become President of the College-Institute on July 1, 1972. Dr. Nelson Glueck, who has headed the institution since 1948 and guided it through a period of important expansion, will retire as president in 1972 to assume then the office of Chancellor.

Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, America's Seminary of Reform Judaism, trains rabbis, educators, cantors, scholars, administrators, and communal workers. It has campuses in Cincinnati, New York, Los Angeles, and Jerusalem, Israel.

The new president-elect, whose scholarly field is the history of Jewish thought, is a native of Germany; born in 1930, he was brought to this country at the age of nine. He studied at Brooklyn College and at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion where he was ordained as a rabbi in 1957. He received a Ph.D. degree from the University of Southern California; the same university awarded him the honorary degree of Doctor of Theology in 1968.

Since his graduation from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Dr. Gottschalk has held teaching as well as administrative posts at its California School. A professor of Bible and Jewish Religious Thought, he has been Dean of the School since 1959 and shown himself a skilled and resourceful academic administrator. Largely responsible for the development of the California School, he was especially effective in organizing projects involving academic cooperation with other institutions of higher learning in the California Southland, particularly with the University of Southern California. The College-Institute is currently engaged in building a new campus in Los Angeles adjacent to the University of Southern California.



RARE ITEMS IN TEMPLE ISRAEL'S MUSEUM – XXIV

By nature of their limited professions Jews were prompted to travel extensively partly by the desire for knowledge, partly for economic reasons. Since it was the obligation of a traditional Jew to say his daily prayers and to fulfill also the study of the Torah, miniature prayerbooks and bibles were often printed small enough to fit in a traveler's satchel or even in the vest pocket. Our Museum contains many such miniature books, but one exceeds them all in size: A "Tenach" containing The Five Books of Moses, The Prophets and the Hagiographa. It is barely 2cm. x 3cm. and is readable only by means of a magnifying glass. To demonstrate the smallness of the book, compare in the above picture "The Smallest Bible of The World" with a book of regular size.

The book is on loan from Mrs. Ben Silver.

PULPIT FLOWERS

November 20
In honor of Bar Mitzvah of Tom Harris, by Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Harris.
November 27
In honor of Tobie Ann Cohen on her 5th Birthday, by Mr. and Mrs. Jack E. Cohen.
December 4
In memory of Sara K. Zevin, by Mr. and Mrs. Alfred S. Mayer.
December 11
In memory of Irving Stein, by Dr. and Mrs. Milton Waldbaum.

Dr. Gottschalk's scholarly interests center about the Bible as a living influence in modern thought. Typical of this was his thesis, **Ahad Ha-Am, the Bible and the Bible Tradition**. His **Your future as a Rabbi** is a much-quoted vocational guidance book.

Dr. Gottschalk is married to the former Jeannie Schrag and is the father of two children.

HONORED AT
SABBATH SERVICES

November 20, 1970
Candle Blessing Mrs. Sheldon Harris
Kiddush Sheldon Harris
Torah Blessing Joseph Rosen
Torah Blessing . Henry M. Greenberg
November 27, 1970
Candle Blessing
Kiddush Mrs. Horace Rosenblum
Torah Blessing Ernest Streisinger
Torah Blessing Dr. Phillip Starr
Torah Blessing Max Scheuermann
December 4, 1970
Candle Blessing Mrs. Lloyd Friedman
Kiddush Stanley Wolpa
Torah Blessing Joseph Stern
Torah Blessing Hy Shrier
December 11, 1970
Candle Blessing Mrs. Milton Waldbaum
Kiddush Dr. Milton Waldbaum
Torah Blessing Arthur Kulakofsky
Torah Blessing Jerry Waldbaum

Welcome New Members

Dr. and Mrs. Rudolf Selo
Council Bluffs, Iowa