

OUR SYMPATHY
The Congregation records
with sorrow the deaths of
FLORENCE WOLF
Miami, Fla.
Sister of Minnie Wolf
Miami, Fla.
Sister of Bernhardt Wolf
ANNA ALSHER
Philadelphia, Pa.
Mother of Mrs. Freda Veret
MOLLIE EPSTEIN
Mother of Dr. Gary Epstein
and extends sympathy to their
bereaved families.

**CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO
SPECIAL FUNDS:**
IN APPRECIATION OF:
Services of Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks.
Services of Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein.
Beth Seldin's Blowing of the Shofar for the
High Holidays.
IN HONOR OF:
Betty Chesler.
Hilde Gottlieb.
Birthday of Randi Katelman.
Birthday of Louis Langer.
50th Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Lou Lipp.
Birthday of Joan Rips.
Birthday of Harry Rosenstein.
Birthday of Bess Trustin.
Granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Weitz.

FOR THE RECOVERY OF:
Moe Grossman, Anna Jane Katelman,
Madeline Katzman, Dorothy Peltz, Dr. Mau-
rice Pepper, Madeleine Silver, Iz Weiner,
Rose Weiner.
IN MEMORY OF:
Mrs. Anna Alsher, Ben Berger, Katie Coop-
er, Millie Epstein, Harold (Sonny) Garber,
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oby, Brucha (Bertha) Makiesky, Richard J.
Seitner, Grandmother of Dr. Norman Shel-
don, David Warshaw, Louis Weisberg, Scott
Lee Wigodsky, Florence Wolf.

**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

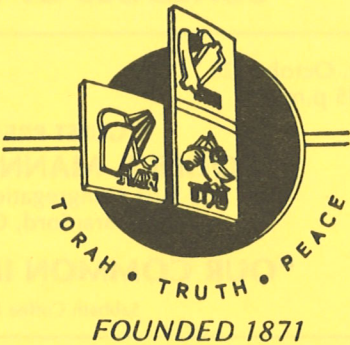
OCTOBER	
24-	2nd Coffee with Rabbi Brooks 9:30 a.m.
24-31-Nov. 7	Confirmation Class—Rabbi Brooks 4:00 p.m.
24-31-Nov. 7	Hebrew Class—Aleph 4:00 p.m.
25	Hebrew Class—Daled Recess
Nov. 1-8	Hebrew Class—Daled 4:00 p.m.
Oct. 26	Sabbath Evening Services 8:15 p.m.
27	Religious School 9:00 a.m.
27	Sabbath Morning Services 11:00 a.m.
28	Religious School 10:00 a.m.
30-Nov. 6-13	Hebrew Class—Beth 4:00 p.m.
30-Nov. 6-13	Hebrew Class—Gimmel 5:00 p.m.
31	3rd Coffee with Rabbi Brooks 9:30 a.m.
Nov. 2	Sabbath Evening Services
	Sabbath Discussion Series 8:15 p.m.
3	Religious School 9:00 a.m.
3	Sabbath Morning Services 11:00 a.m.
4	Religious School 10:00 a.m.
7	4th Coffee with Rabbi Brooks 9:30 a.m.
9	Sabbath Evening Services 8:15 p.m.
10	Religious School 9:00 a.m.
10	Sabbath Morning Services 11:00 a.m.
11	Religious School 10:00 a.m.
11	Men's Club 10:00 a.m.
11	Temple Youth Group
	Spaghetti Dinner 5:00 p.m.
12	Sisterhood Dessert and Coffee 7:30 p.m.

Sundays: 9:00 to 10:00 a.m., Post Bar/Bat Mitzvah Hebrew Classes.
10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Hebrew Classes for Adults.

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IT SEEMS TO ME

A Personal Message from Rabbi Brooks

HOW TOLERANT OF IGNORANCE SHOULD I BE?

The sounds of the Shofar on Rosh Hashonah had barely become inaudible, so it seems to me, when a caustic accusation was relayed to me. It came, of course, from a non-member who in spite of his personal lack of conformity to the halacha (traditional law), so I'm told, castigated a member of ours and, by association, our congregation and me for allowing the Shofar to be sounded on Shabbat.

I am growing increasingly weary of what I think I have a right to call "temporary piety." That is to say, at specific times such as holidays, births, deaths, circumcisions, and the like, there are those who at no other time would think of Jewish "tradition" but are outraged when the rituals are not punctiliously followed by us.

We did sound the Shofar. I am glad we did. I will again Shabbat or not. I hold in highest esteem those fellow Jews who observe two days of our festivals and who observe the laws of Shabbat as they decide. For them the Shofar properly is blown on the second day. At the same time, I resent deeply those who observe little or nothing of Shabbat at any other time or in any other way calling me to task for being perfectly consistent with OUR interpretation of both Shabbat and the halacha.

It seems to me that Shabbat is as much a state of mind and soul as anything else it may be. I do not hold my own observance to be the only way for those either of the congregation I serve or other congregations. But since we do not accept what to us is the long-time needless repetition of the holiday on a second day, it would seem consistent that to blow the Shofar is, in our view, hardly a violation of either the Shabbat or Rosh Hashonah. Incidentally, I write freely because I do not know who our critic is. Nor do I wish to. If our critic is not as punctilious in his observance as he ought to be, it is his problem and I do not judge him.

I only ask why is it that we Reform Jews can be accepting, supportive and knowledgeable about those adhering to other expressions of Judaism, but receive far less than wide spread respect from them?

Sidney H. Brooks, M.H.L., D.D.
Rabbi

Barry L. Weinstein, M.A.H.L.
Associate Rabbi

Gail Posner Karp, B.S.M.
Cantor

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Mrs. Wilma H. Reeves, Executive Secretary	

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday, October 26 Sabbath Evening Services
8:15 p.m.

GUEST PREACHER
ROGER E. MANNERS, Minister
The First Congregational Church
Branford, Ct.

“OUR COMMON IMPERATIVE”
Sabbath Coffee Hour

Saturday, October 27 Sabbath Morning Services
11:00 a.m.

Bat Mitzvah
of
JENNIFER LEIGH HORNSBY
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Winslow

Friday, November 2 Sabbath Evening Services
8:15 p.m.

I. SABBATH DISCUSSION SERIES
“SERMONS IN SILVER”
“What is Holy and Profane?
Havdalah Candle
led by
RABBI SIDNEY H. BROOKS
RABBI BARRY L. WEINSTEIN
Sabbath Coffee Hour

Saturday, November 3 Sabbath Morning Services
11:00 a.m.

Friday, November 9 Sabbath Evening Services
8:15 p.m.

RABBI SIDNEY H. BROOKS
will speak on
“THE POPE’S VISIT”
Sabbath Coffee Hour

Saturday, November 10 Sabbath Morning Services
11:00 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah
of
ERIC MICHAEL TATELMAN
son of Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Tatelman

BOOK COLLECTION CONTEST

The annual Religious School Book Collection Contest will be held Nov. 10th and 11th and Nov. 17th and 18th. First and second prizes will be presented in both the Saturday and Sunday School divisions. Candy bars will be given for every ten books collected.

The collection contest will aid Sisterhoods used book sale. Funds raised from this project support the Religious School and Youth Activities.

Anyone requiring a pick-up may call Randi Katelman at 334-9147.

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!

WILL YOU HELP?

The Dr. Sher Home currently has need for Volunteer Workers in all areas. Requirements are: compassion, a warm and loving heart, and a ready and willing hand!

The rewards for helping are beyond anyone’s wildest expectations or imagination. In a world filled with few guarantees, we can positively assure you that a little time spent at the Dr. Sher Home will enrich your life immeasurably.

Please! Call the Recreation Department at 451-7220 to find out how you can help.

GUITAR NEEDED

Do you own a guitar that is gathering dust in your closet at home? The Temple could make excellent use of a guitar in the Religious School. Please call the Temple Office or Cantor Karp. We will be grateful.

New Hebrew Classes

Temple Israel has instituted two new classes this year. One is an Adult Hebrew class which meets on Sundays from 10:30-11:30 a.m. The class is geared for anyone who is interested in learning Hebrew, starting with the basics and then expanding into some conversation and the ability to read and understand the prayers. Please join us!

The second class is geared for post bar/bat mitzvah age teens. The objectives of the class are many. We’ll be reading Hebrew poems and stories, building the conversation level through skits and role plays, learn songs and their meanings and also gain a better understanding of the prayers. We’ll be meeting on Sundays from 9:00-10:00 a.m. The instructor is Ms. Marcia Tatz, our new community teacher. Ms. Tatz is a specialist in both Hebrew and teaching techniques.

The class gives an eclectic scope of Hebrew. It has something for everyone!

If You Were in Our Religious School . . .

. . . by Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein

NOT “EITHER/OR” . . . BUT BOTH!

From time to time some of us may question the importance of education in general, and formal religious training in particular.



Public education presently finds itself subject to widespread criticism. Student performance on standardized tests, reading and math skills, are all of concern. In addition, greater fiscal accountability is expected of educators.

And yet, I doubt that any of us would seriously consider withholding our children from public school. The importance of generalized education is beyond question for most of us.

Should this not be true for religious education as well?

All of us realize, however, the high degree to which other activities compete for the time of young people. Athletics, extra-curricular activities and other endeavors all appeal to and involve our youngsters after school and on weekends. And this is as it should be!

I am proud of the role our young people play in many of these areas! The fact that so many of them excel is a source of pride for us all. At the same time however, I believe that it would be well for us to remind them that what we teach here at Temple is equally important. That is to say that the knowledge of who we are as Jews will provide the foundation for enlightened and meaningful lives as adult members of the Jewish People.

It is not a question of EITHER extra-curricular activities — OR religious school, but rather BOTH! We can live a full life as Jewish individuals, regardless of age, and still participate in the world around us.

I believe in the importance of a formal Jewish education. I hope that you, as parents, feel the same and through your example will lend your support to us, or more significantly, to your children.

TEMPLE ISRAEL SISTERHOOD

At our October meeting Sisterhood honored Betty Chesler and Hilde Gottlieb with a Yad V’ Lev — Hand and Heart — Award, for their many years of service to Temple Israel. The women who cooked our gourmet luncheon also deserve an award (and Kosher cordon bleu?): Carol Farber, Arlene Beber and Helen Stern, assisted by Jane Brooks and Betty Chesler. We are also most grateful to the hostesses who opened up their homes to our “tour”: Leah Brookstein, Bobbie Epstein, Darlynn Fellman, and Nancy Greenberg. Our program co-chairmen Terri Zacharia and Bobbie Epstein deserve accolades for giving us a beautiful day.

Be with us next month, November 12, at 7:30 p.m. for dessert. Instead of Monday night football come to Temple for a Rape Protection Clinic. The panel will include a representative from Rape Crisis, a lawyer and a policewoman. DO bring your teenagers.

We can thank Sandy Yudelson and the Sisterhood Religious School Committee for setting up our Sukkah, providing apples and honey on Rosh Hashanah and Challahs on October 6 and 7. Our children can thank these women too.

Kibbutz Yahel. Because so many Sisterhood members supported our donor luncheon last May we were able to reach the category of BUILDER (A donation of \$5.00 per member for Kibbutz Yahel — the only Reform Kibbutz in Israel). Yahel is the Southern-most Kibbutz in Israel and is located far away from the heart of the country. Kibbutz advisors are young, most ranging in age from 18-26. When American Temple Youth Groupers visit Israel as part of their orientation they stay at Yahel with their young Israeli counterparts. Two years ago the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods made a commitment to build a cultural and library center at Yahel. During the Israel-Egyptian peace talks all building in the Negev Desert was halted and the soaring inflation rate in Israel meant that 7 months later an additional \$100,000 had to be raised. Thanks to you we are able to increase our gift to National.

Roster. Judy Roffman, Sisterhood Roster Chairman, produced a Temple Roster on very short order in 3

DELICIOUS SPAGHETTI DINNER

Sponsored by
Omaha Temple Youth Group
EAT HERE OR TAKE IT OUT!

Dinner at 5:00 p.m.
Music at 7:00 p.m.

The Omaha Temple Youth Group has planned a very special “family-style” evening for the entire congregation to be held on Sunday, November 11.

At 5:00 p.m. a terrific dinner of spaghetti with all the “trimmings” will be served.

Then at 7:00 p.m., following the dinner, talented David Meyer will strike up some harmonic chords filling the hall with English and Hebrew songs.

Congregants who are glued to the TV on Sunday night haven’t been forgotten either! Why not let us cook your dinner? Pick up your carry-out spaghetti at Temple, for only \$3.00 per person.

For dinner at the Temple the price will be only \$2.50 for children (age 12 and under) and \$3.50 for adults.

Please make reservations by **November 6** to either Anny Neff, 393-7198, or Temple Office 556-6536.

Our Pulpit Guest

The Rev. Roger E. Manners, who will be our guest preacher on October 26, is well known to many of our Congregation. In April of 1978 he and his wife, Betsy, were among the group that traveled to Israel with Rabbi and Mrs. Brooks.

He was the founding minister of Countryside Community Church in Omaha and served there from 1949 to 1959. Since then he has been the minister of First Congregational Church in Branford, Ct., one of the great historical congregations of America.

His address to us will not only bring us an important message but also be in the nature of a reaffirmation of his friendship for many of us and his long time association with Rabbi Brooks of this Congregation.

weeks to be exact. Please call Judy at 333-6794 or Ginger at Temple Office to report corrections or additions. We will publish these in the next TIDINGS and you can up-date your copy.

CONGRATULATIONS . . .

On the Birth of:

Andrew Elliott Bridgman, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Lewis Bridgman, Winnetka, Ill. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cherniack and Mrs. Donald Bridgman, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Great-grandmother is Mrs. Nathan Rivkin of Minneapolis.

Nicholas Sterling Cote, son of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Cote of Morristown, Tenn. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roland Cote of Santa Ana, California and Mr. and Mrs. E. Leo Nogg.

On the Engagement of:

Tonita Elizabeth Worley, N.Y.C., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Worley of Dallas, Texas and Charles D. Peebler, Jr., son of Mrs. Mary Barnett Peebler, Diamond City, Ark.

On the Marriage of:

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Sirotkin, Burlington, Vt. Mrs. Sirotkin, the former Sally Fox, is the daughter of Mrs. Philip Fox and Mr. Sirotkin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sirotkin, Long Island, N.Y.

SPECIAL THANKS FROM
RABBIS AND WIVES

Rabbi and Mrs. Sidney H. Brooks and Rabbi and Mrs. Barry L. Weinstein express sincere thanks to all those whose greetings for the New Year were conveyed through the Sisterhood Uniongram and the many other greeting cards and attentions at the Holiday Season.

These good wishes are cherished and sincerely reflected in kind.

TEMPLE RABBIS SERVE
NATIONAL COMMITTEES

Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks and Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein both fulfill important responsibilities on behalf of the Central Congregation of American Rabbis (CCAR).

Rabbi Brooks represents the CCAR on the Rabbinical Placement Commission and is a member of the Liturgy Committee. He has also served as a board member and officer of the CCAR and has been active in many of its committees.

Rabbi Weinstein is presently serving as President of the Midwest Association of American Rabbis, and represents the Midwest Region on the executive board of the CCAR. In addition, Rabbi Weinstein has been named chairman of the Time and Place Committee of the CCAR.

Both Rabbi Brooks and Rabbi Weinstein recently travelled to New York City in order to be present for meetings of their respective groups.

Our congregation can take pride in the positions which Rabbi Brooks and Rabbi Weinstein hold in their professional organization.

Sisterhood Dessert

Nov. 12 — 7:30 p.m.

Temple Israel

“Rape Protection
Clinic” Panel

Teenagers Welcome

Call Temple for reservations
556-6536

ATTENTION: COLLEGE STUDENTS

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TEMPLE ISRAEL
MEN'S CLUB BRUNCH

Temple Israel Men's Club will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 11, in the Milder Center.

Guest speaker will be Mrs. Carol Gendler who will speak on HISTORY OF THE JEWS IN OMAHA.

Guests are welcome.

ADDENDUM

The recent visit of Rabbi Daniel Syme, Director of Education for the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, was arranged by the Midwest Council of the UAHC as a service to Temple Israel.

Rabbi Syme conducted in-service training for our Religious School faculty on September 8-9.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Ms. Hally DeCarion
Mr. and Mrs. Alvyn H. Lowe
Mr. Jedd Spencer Palmer
Ms. Bettie G. Shapiro
Mr. and Mrs. Michael L. Smith
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald D. Yutkin

TEMPLE MEN'S CLUB

Temple Men's Club activities and programs are planned especially for you!

If you have not already done so, send your Men's Club dues to Treasurer, C. Meade Chamberlin, who will be happy to hear from you.

GIFTS OF PRAYER BOOKS

IN HONOR OF:

Birthday of C. Meade Chamberlin.
Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Newman.

IN MEMORY OF:

Anna Alsher, Benzian Berger, Milton Hesse, Albert Kohn.

FOR RECOVERY OF:

Anna Jane Katelman, Mrs. Sherman Sperling.

NEWS DEADLINE FOR
TIDINGS ISSUE No. 5

Thursday — Nov. 16, 1979

The issue will cover
Fridays
November 16, 23 and 30

See the movie "Young Frankenstein"
Nosh fancy hors d'oeuvres and drink wine.
Sounds marvelous, no?
Then make plans to go.
Get your pencil,
I'll give you the time.

It's November 10, 7:30,
Be sure to dress up nice and pretty.
You pay four bucks a head,
We end up in the red.
(Ain't it great being really meshugy)

We'll see the flick at the "J",
Then we'll leave and be on our way.
At the (Martha and Dick) Lerner's we'll sup,
Then let them clean it up!

Call in reservation right away — or, for sure, no later than November 5th: Martha Lerner, 895-6225; Nancy Laub, 333-0887; Gayle Tichauer, 334-5602.

** * * This commercialized poem brought to you compliments of Nancy Laub. * * **

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
Rap with the Rabbi	Dec. 8
(Jewish Fun and Games)	
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