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December 16, 1977

Candle Blessing Mrs. David Bleicher
Kiddush Bill Wasserkrug

December 23, 1977

Candle Blessing Mrs. Hilde Gottlieb
Kiddush Marvin Taxman

December 30, 1977

Candle Blessing Mrs. Rita Rosenblum
Kiddush Joel Brooks

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

11	Confirmation Class	5:00 p.m.
	(note hour change — this session only)	
11	Board of Trustees Meeting	7:30 p.m.
11-12	Hebrew Classes	4:00 to 5:00 p.m.
		5:00 to 6:00 p.m.
13	Sabbath Evening Services	7:30 p.m.
14	Saturday School	9:00 a.m.
14	Sabbath Morning Services	11:00 a.m.
15	Faculty Seminar	8:45 a.m.
15	Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
16-17	Hebrew Classes	4:00 to 5:00 p.m.
18-19		5:00 to 6:00 p.m.
17	Senior Citizens-Walk-in Drop-in	10:30 a.m.
18	Confirmation Class	4:00 p.m.
20	Sabbath Evening Services	8:15 p.m.
21	Saturday School	9:00 a.m.
21	Sabbath Morning Services	11:00 a.m.
22	Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
23-24	Hebrew Classes	4:00 to 5:00 p.m.,
25-26		5:00 to 6:00 p.m.
25	Confirmation Class	4:00 p.m.
27	Sabbath Evening Services	8:15 p.m.
28	Saturday School	9:00 a.m.
28	Sabbath Morning Services	11:00 a.m.
29	Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
29-31	Hebrew Classes	4:00 to 5:00 p.m.
		5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

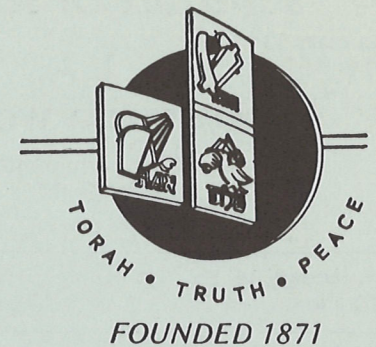
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It Seems to Me . . .

A Personal Message from Rabbi Brooks

“Out of the Mouths of Babes!”

Without intending to open any fresh debate or to revive old controversies, I merely state my personal opinion that the end of United States involvement in Vietnam was hastened by the revolt of our youth. The highest percentage of them regarded the Viet-
nam War as immoral at worst and unnecessary at best. Too many of them paid the price for our inflexibility.

I am impressed more frequently as time passes with the opinions of youth. They are not always right. Neither are we. There is a Talmudic saying: “If your wife is short, bend down and listen to her!” This supports our efforts at long last to hold in high esteem the attitudes and equality of women. To the Talmudic advice I would add: Listen also to what our children are saying! This is on my mind because, as I write, our synagogue is filled with young people from 7 states, nearly 150 of them from Temple Youth Groups at the Winter Conclave of the Missouri Valley Federation of Temple Youth, our region of the National Federation of Temple Youth.

What a marvelous group of youth! I watch them pray, question, study, create, write, sing, make new friends and renew their ties with old ones. (I have known many a marriage to result from a Youth Group Conclave! After some years, of course!)

But all of this takes place in our Synagogue, in our classrooms, in our sanctuary. Our members have been so unselfish with their time, their hospitality, their work in our kitchen and in their homes to be “temporary parents” to our guests.

Still, the largest reward of all is that these young people are here to plumb the depths of Judaism. Their minds, their hearts, their souls travel from books, to their discussion leaders, to Israel, to their home communities and, most significantly, to their inner selves and their identities. Even personal problems surface. That is good. We ought to listen to them, to the prayer services they write, the songs they sing. They are a blessing to us. May they be also for themselves.

They will go home tired, exhausted and spent. But they will also go home exhilarated, inspired, with lovely memories and more knowledgeable about their Faith.

They are worth listening to. They will make us better Jews by their candor, their enthusiasm, their essential goodness, their searching minds and receptive hearts.

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

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

Gail Karp,
Cantor

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES	
Friday, January 13 7:30 p.m.	Sabbath Evening Services
EARLY FAMILY WORSHIP Story Sermonette 7:30 p.m. see below	
Saturday, January 14 11:00 a.m.	Sabbath Morning Services
Friday, January 20 8:15 p.m.	Sabbath Evening Services
PULPIT POINT and COUNTERPOINT on ASSOC. OF REFORM ZIONISTS OF AMERICA Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks and Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein Sabbath Coffee Hour	
Saturday, January 21 11:00 a.m.	Sabbath Morning Services
Friday, January 27 8:15 p.m.	Sabbath Evening Services
RABBI SYDNEY L. HOFFMAN will speak on THE MISSING COMMANDMENT Sabbath Coffee Hour	
Saturday, January 28 11:00 a.m.	Sabbath Morning Services

Announcing the Third "Grade Level" Dinner
for
All Eighth and Ninth Grade Students and Families
Friday Evening, January 13, 1978
6:00 p.m.
Milder Conference Center
Temple Israel

Song Leading!

Followed by
Early abbreviated Sabbath Worship
Story Sermonette
7:30 p.m.

Story Telling!

Cantor's Corner . . .
Cantor Gail P. Karp

The Instrumental Music Program gave its first recital on December 16. The students performed magnificently and the Junior Choir added much to the excitement of the evening. The instrumentalists were: Debbi Feldman, Joanna Simon, Robin Epstein, Barb Rainish, Lisa Sadowsky, Mara Sifry, and Natalie Rabinowitz. Our next recital will feature Yiddish music. Rehearsals for this program will begin on January 7 and 8. Any student who has played a musical instrument for a minimum of two years is eligible to participate in this program and new participants are always welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS
On the Birth of:
Joshua Louis Viertel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Viertel, California. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Gilmore.
Joshua Katelman, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Katelman. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Donald Strauss, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Altman, Tulsa. Mrs. Altman is the former Mrs. Milton Katelman. Great-grandparents are Sam Hornstein, Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Kahn, Des Moines, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Katelman, Council Bluffs.
John Carter Rosen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Rosen. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rosen, Omaha, and Mrs. Irene Carter, Evanston, Ill.
Aaron Thomas Gill, son of Mrs. Jill Lawrence Gill and the late Thomas Gill. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Silvert Lawrence; Mrs. Emmet Gill, Friend, Nebr. Great Grandmothers: Mrs. Alice Gill, Friend, Neb.; Mrs. Elna Holmberg, Fremont, Nebr.

On the Engagement of:
Jane Carol Rice and Charles James Carroll. Miss Rice is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rice, and Mr. Carroll is the son of Mrs. Harvard Carroll and the late Harvard Carroll, Madison, Wis.

GIFTS OF PRAYER BOOKS
IN HONOR OF:
Birth of Twin Sons, Arnold David and Jeffrey Scott, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Robinson. 65th Birthday of Mrs. Arthur Goldstein. 45th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Shapiro. 60th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. I. Offenbergl.
Recovery of Harry Krantz.

IN MEMORY OF:
Brad Sperling.

If You were in Our Religious School
by Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein

CREATING A FIVE-DAY CONGREGATION!

Name of Congregation: Missouri Valley Federation of Temple Youth Winter Conclave

Location: Temple Israel, Omaha, Nebraska

Number of Members: Nearly 200
Members' Homes: Missouri, Nebraska, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, South Dakota
Ages: Grade 9 through Grade 12
Formal Length of Congregation: Five Days — December 26-30, 1977
Informal Duration of Congregation: LIFE-LONG!

FUNCTION BOARD: Josi Farber, Chairman; Kathy Pollack, Co-Chairman; Cari Cohn, Treasurer; and The Omaha Temple Youth Group Board and Membership.

STAFF: *Dean:* Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein; *Faculty:* Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks, Rabbi Sydney Hoffman, Rabbi John Spitzer, Mr. Joel Brooks, Mr. Bjorn Farber, Mr. David Bernstein, Mr. Michael Gilbert, Mr. David Meyer.

"SUPPORT SYSTEMS": The Sisterhood, Men's Club, Couples Club and The Entire Congregation of Temple Israel.

The above description portrays the incredibly beautiful gathering of young people from throughout the Midwest which concludes as I write these words.

And, in truth, these youth delegates from Reform Synagogues throughout MoVFTY became unified into one "congregation" throughout the week now ending. For as the days passed, I gradually realized that to be part of Winter Conclave was to be caught up in a community unique in its spirit and outlook.

If you happened to be in Temple any time during the convention, you sensed the enthusiasm and energy of each youth grouper.

Each worship service was a most moving experience, creatively writ-



Religious School Project

The following letter was sent to the Ben Shemen Youth Village in Israel and is self-explanatory:

Dear Friends at Ben Shemen:
Once again, this week of Chanukah has been "Ben Shemen Week" for us here at Temple Israel in Omaha, Nebraska. The children in Grade 2 and Grade 6 of our Religious School have combined their efforts and happily send all the children at Ben Shemen the enclosed check for \$118.00 as a Chanukah gift. As usual, they want you to purchase games, books, and toys or whatever sports equipment your boys and girls would enjoy.

Part of the money was raised when our students did special jobs at home or for their neighbors. But most of the money was earned when our 6th grade students baked cakes, cookies, and candies and sold them to our students and members of our Temple. We have heard a lot about Ben Shemen from Rabbi

ten and innovatively presented by the delegates themselves, under the guidance of faculty. Study sessions, discussion groups, and workshops all immersed the participants in an intensive and thorough exploration of the deeper meanings of three life cycle events: Birth, Bar and Bat Mitzvah, and Marriage.

Through novel approaches to informal education, and the inventive use of role-plays, dramatization, and simulation, the Conclave learned the positive attitudes of our teaching toward the meaning of each life cycle event. Please be sure to read Marilyn Warren's splendid description in this Tidings of one of these ceremonies.

In reality, we talked about and, I believe, experienced for ourselves something of the deeper meaning of life itself, and of our responsibilities and blessings as members of the Jewish People. You'll be especially proud to know that our faculty included several young people who only a few years ago attended their OWN conclaves like this one here in Temple.

The young people who joined us were a delight for me and for each staff member. Nearly every moment the other teachers and I were asked about every conceivable phase of Jewish life. Imagine discussing the nature of rabbinical work with a

Brooks who showed us pictures he took when he visited you. And, of course, I described to my classes the wonderful day I spent with you just before Purim last March.

We all send you special affection and the hope that Israel will achieve SHALOM with its neighbors, a peace that will keep you safe for many Chanukahs in the future.

Our warm good wishes,
ELINOR WHITMAN, Teacher

Grade 2: Johnny Fierer, Jonas Batt, Artie Passer, Beth Plotkin, Dahlia Sifry, Lynn Garber, Lon Breslow, Jason Weinstein, Nancy Weintraub, Mark Epstein, Beth Selner, Becky Seitchick, Margo Cohen, Debbie Malashock, Debbie Feldman.

Grade 6: Rick Goldstein, Dan Baker, Leslie Simon, Pam Fierer, Jennifer Hornsby, Jessica Lazer, Amy Kapel, Sara Seitchick, Jackie London, Randy Greenberg, Mitch Warren.

young man considering the possibility of the rabbinate as a career choice . . . in the swimming pool at the Jewish Community Center during our Conclave's surprise visit there!

No matter. Whether during formal study sessions, or simply in our "shmoosh" sessions, each of us, young and "not so young" alike, was infused with a rekindling of hope and confidence for the future of our People.

My gratitude to each and every member of our congregation who helped make Conclave such an outstanding success is deep and real. I only hope all of you who cooked, served, housed, drove, and helped in every conceivable way, know you will always have my thanks and those of our youth. Our office and custodial staff were as marvelous as they always are and helped make our convention run smoothly and efficiently.

I have often spoken with many of you of my deep faith in our future as Jews. I believe it now more than ever before, because these delegates represent our future — in fact, they are our future, and I shall always be proud, and grateful, that I was privileged to be part of them for a week which I shall never forget. **Am Yisrael Chai — The People of Israel lives!**

**THE PRESIDENT'S
MESSAGE:**

Your Board of Directors has been busy during the Fall, and new things are happening all the time.

Temple Israel was represented at the U.A.H.C. Convention in San Francisco November 18-22 by Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein, Marvin Brookstein, Cari Cohn, Josi Farber and myself. Regular columns will be appearing in the Temple Tidings to help inform you of those areas receiving funds from the U.A.H.C. to which Temple sends support.

The first drop-in, walk-in program for older adults at Temple sponsored by the Jewish Community Center was held December 14th. About 90 men and women enjoyed a talk on the Israel situation by Rabbi Barry Weinstein, before an excellent hot lunch. Helen and Leo Meyerson gave a musical program which was followed by bingo, cards or casual visiting with friends. It is hoped that for the next drop-in walk-in on January 17 many more of you will come.

Temple is taking part in a nationwide program to help make the entire community more aware of the plight of Soviet Jews. A sign will be placed on our property which will read "Freedom for Soviet Jews." It is hoped by the Committee for Soviet Jewry in Omaha that many churches will also add their help to this project.

Many problems of maintenance have developed at the Temple cemetery over the years. The Board is working very diligently under the direction of Marvin Brookstein, Helen Cherniack and Steve Dloogoff to help correct existing problems and work for better care in the future. This problem has been put high on the list of priorities.

I have been given the support of the Board in a project that will hopefully add to more involvement of all of you in the Temple program. This is our ultimate goal. In the next three months you will be receiving a questionnaire that has very carefully been drawn. We hope you will take a few moments to complete it.

You will also be receiving a telephone call from one of your Board members to give both of you an opportunity to get to know each other better. Take this chance to voice your concerns or positive reactions to events of your Temple.

**Temple Israel Couples
Club
PRESENTS**

A Night in the Alley

Temple Israel Couples Club will hold its annual bowling party at the Ranch Bowl on February 4 at 9:00 p.m. After the games, join us at Temple Israel's Milder Conference Center for an Italian buffet by Valentino's.

Plan to be with us for a most enjoyable evening. RSVP by January 31 to Carol Gladden, 496-0589, Fran Coren, 334-0741, or Paula Van Andel, 289-3758. The cost of \$8 per couple includes bowling and the buffet (shoes extra).

See you in the alley!

From Sisterhood's Satchel

Open letter to Enid Pollack and Carol Farber

Dear Enid and Carol:

From the bottom of my heart, I say "Thank you". The MoVFTY Conclave was the huge success that it was, due in no small part to the 1050 plates prepared under your direction.

For me to thank each and every man and woman who pitched in would be unwise for I would surely leave someone out. Therefore, let me just say "Thank You" to all involved and especially to you, Enid and Carol.

Marilyn Warren, President

**SISTERHOOD BOOK SALE
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

If you and your friend or spouse would like to help us set up for the Book Sale, February 11 at 6:00 p.m. — please call Hermene Zweiback — 397-3906 — to volunteer your help.

If you can work a staffing shift for our Book Sale, please call Audrey Cohen, 556-1844.

REMEMBER! Sale will be February 12 through February 16 at the Crossroads Mall!

This is all an effort by your Temple board to try to come closer to meeting the spiritual well-being and needs of all of you.

Sincerely,

Joan Lehr, President

**REFLECTIONS ON
MoVFTY CONCLAVE**

. . . Marilyn Warren

I went to a wedding recently. In fact, I helped the bride and the maid of honor get dressed. Neither the bride nor the groom had second thoughts about the wedding, but both were nervous. As with all weddings, there was bound to be a moment of panic, and this wedding had its moment — the groom was unable to find his tuxedo pants. But, as with all weddings, everything turned out fine, and the trousers were found.

The guests were seated in the sanctuary at Temple Israel. As the sun streamed through the stained glass windows, two guitarists began playing pre-ceremony music. The guests joined the young musicians in singing, and the joy of the occasion heightened.

Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks performed the ceremony. As the radiant bride walked down the aisle, the groom was all smiles. The couple stood under the carnation — bedecked Chupa and joined hands; they let go of each other's hands only as they drank from the cup of wine, when they exchanged wedding bands, and when they kissed at the end of the ceremony.

The above article sounds like most wedding write-ups. However, this wedding had several exceptions. The bride and groom at this wedding were Carol and Ajon Farber who have been married almost 24 years. Honor attendants were Josi and Bjon Farber, daughter and son of the bride and groom. I was one of only a handful of adult guests; the other 150 guests at this wedding were teen-agers attending the MoVFTY Regional Conclave at Temple Israel, December 26-30.

The theme of the Conclave was THE LIFE CYCLE IN JUDAISM, starting with birth, and progressing to marriage. The Conclave coordinators felt that a mock wedding with two teenagers pretending to marry would not be taken seriously. Therefore, the Farbers were asked if they would reaffirm their marriage vows.

Prior to the wedding, Carole and Ajon met with Rabbi Brooks for a pre-marital conference. However, instead of meeting in Rabbi Brooks' study, the three met on stage in the Social Hall before the youth group.

OUR SYMPATHY

The Congregation records with sorrow the deaths of

SOPHIA BRODY,
Mother of Dr. Alfred Brody

BESSIE SILVER,
Wife of Fred Silver

SAM BECKER,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Brother-in-law of
Joe Kirshenbaum

ANNA SOULE,
St. Louis, Missouri
Mother of
Mrs. Marvin (Sylvia) Treller

and extends sympathy to their bereaved families.

Temple Men's Club

The Temple Men's Club will participate in the Sabbath Services on Friday evening, February 24 and we are looking for volunteers.

Volunteers are asked to call Steve Dloogoff, Men's Club President, at 554-0560 or 334-1211.

If you have not paid your Men's Club dues of \$8.00, you may send a check at any time to Jeff Perlmeter, Men's Club Treasurer, c/o Temple Office.

Quiet prevailed during the conference and during the ceremony among the 150 teens. The intensity and range of emotions shown by these young people were most gratifying to us adults in attendance. For here were our children — our future — together for a few days of fun and friendship, but sharing in a learning experience which none of them shall ever forget. Although marriage was the farthest thing from their minds. these young people were, for a few hours, transported to adulthood, given a look at the most serious step most of them will take, and an insight into the sanctity of marriage and family.

It was a beautiful day; it was a beautiful wedding.

The Conclave's concluding banquet was held the evening of the wedding. Dessert was a four-tiered wedding cake topped with the bride and groom ornament which had been on Carol and Ajon's cake 24 years ago.