

FOOD COLLECTION

The Social Action Committee reminds the congregation that its collection of food is continuing. Non-perishable food supplies may be brought to the Temple Office during the week, or to the Religious School office on the week-ends.

We are also collecting any items of clothing that you would like to donate. Please bring them to our offices.

These goods provide emergency supplies for families in need in times of crisis in our community.

CONGRESSIONAL PRAISE OF JEW REJECTED

A unique memorial resolution was passed by the U.S. Congress ninety years ago. A famous German-Jewish statesman, Eduard Lasker, founder of the German National Liberal Party and life-long defender of human rights, died in 1884 while traveling in the United States.

Leading Americans, among them Carl Schurz, the German-American who had been Secretary of the Interior, eulogized Lasker. And the U.S. Congress, speaking on behalf of "the lovers of liberty throughout the world," sent a formal resolution of condolence to his family and to the German parliament, of which Lasker was a member. But while Congress specifically requested that the message be transmitted to the German Reichstag, Chancellor Bismarck refused to do so on the ground that praise of the liberal Jewish statesman — with whom Bismarck had often clashed — directly implied a criticism of German national policy.

This congressional resolution of 1884 is one of hundreds of unique historical documents preserved in the Archives of the LEO BAECK INSTITUTE, a Jewish research center at 129 East 73rd Street in New York City. Through its vast collection of documents, correspondence, memoirs and family papers, the Archives vividly bring to life the varied and fascinating history of Central European Jewry from the 1800's to the Nazi period.

HONORED AT SABBATH SERVICES

November 15, 1974

Candle Blessing
Mrs. Marvin Taxman

Kiddush
Alan Kulakofsky

Torah Blessing
Karl Luefschuetz

Torah Blessing
Ronald C. Glick

November 22, 1974

Candle Blessing
Mrs. Norman Lincoln

Kiddush
David Goldstein

Torah Blessing
Ronald G. Simons

Torah Blessing
Ernest A. Saltzman

November 29, 1974

Candle Blessing
Mrs. Millard Seldin

Kiddush
Millard Seldin

Torah Blessing
Larry Korman

Torah Blessing
Harry Levin

GIFTS OF INSCRIBED PRAYER BOOKS

IN MEMORY OF:

Paul Blotcky, Leah Cohen, David B. Cohn, Minnie Sherman, Sara K. Zevin.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December

- 18 Coffee with the Rabbi 10:00 a.m.
Recess Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.
Resume January 8.
- 23 Hebrew Classes
Recess Dec. 23 thru Jan. 2.
Resume Jan. 6.
- 23 Nursery School
Recess Dec. 23 thru Jan. 3.
Resume Jan. 6.
- 24-29 MoVFTY Winter Conclave at Temple Israel
24 Confirmation
Recess Dec. 24 and Dec. 31.
Resume January 7.
- 26 College Homecoming Supper 6:00 p.m.
at home of Rabbi Brooks
8668 Cedar
- 28 Religious School
Recess Dec. 28 and 29.
Recess Jan. 4 and 5.
Resume Jan. 11 and 12.

ISRAEL YOUTH TOUR

Plans are being formulated for the 1975 Israel Youth Tour. Sophomores and Juniors interested in more information on the Israel Pilgrimage should contact Rabbi Weinstein, 556-6536, Jack Cohen, 397-2111, or Shirley Greenberg, 334-5584.

GIFT SHOP

Thanks to all of you for your patronage during the Chanukah Season! We appreciate your continuing support.

For your convenience, the Gift Shop will be open the third Sunday School morning of each month effective immediately, from 10 a.m. to noon.

PULPIT FLOWERS:

November 29 In Honor of Bar Mitzvah of Scott Seldin

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Captain and Mrs. Carmine Strolla

TEMPLE TIDINGS

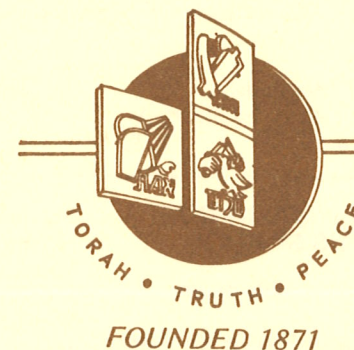
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IT SEEMS TO ME

*A Personal
Message from
Rabbi Brooks*



To Will Is to Be!

In the literary history of Judaism there is a large collection of what are called Ethical Wills. Many who cared deeply about their families and their community wrote extensively expressing their desires to be carried out after death.

Of course these wills included the disposition of material possessions. But of greatest interest and still of moving quality as we read them today were the expressions of ethical and religious insights, values and "musar", advice to children, family and community. The writers disposed of their possessions. But they also directed serious mind to the perpetuation of their wisdom and their faith. Such religious and secular guid-

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

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

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday Evening, December 20 Sabbath Evening Services
8:15 p.m.

RABBI SIDNEY H. BROOKS

*MY VIEW OF WHAT JUDAISM SAYS ABOUT:
.... death, mourning and comfort*

Following Services Rabbi Brooks will reply to comments at the Oneg Shabbat

Saturday Morning, December 21 Sabbath Morning Services
11:00 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of
MICHAEL STEVEN FROST
Son of Dr. and Mrs. Murray Frost

Friday Evening, December 27 Sabbath Evening Services
8:15 p.m.

MoVFTY WINTER CONCLAVE SERVICE
Participation of Winter Conclave Youth Delegates
See Rabbi Weinstein's Column

Sabbath Coffee Hour

Friday Evening, January 3 Sabbath Evening Services
8:15 p.m.

IV. SABBATH DISCUSSION SERIES
The Honorable Edward Zorinsky
Mayor
City of Omaha
Mrs. Judy Brodsky
Guest Speakers

WHEN WILL DISCRIMINATION END FOR ALL PEOPLE?

See inside article

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES — continued

**Saturday Mornings,
December 28 and January 4
11:00 a.m.**

Sabbath Morning Services

IF YOU WERE IN OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL . . .

by Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein

Informal Learning at its Best



Jewish learning reaches beyond religious school classes. Students enrich their knowledge in many ways. As assistant teachers their exposure to Jewish teachings is deepened. After Confirmation, Senior Seminar enables students to voluntarily meet for group discussions with Rabbi Brooks and me.

The Temple Youth Group is another forum for informal learning. Members gather regularly to share views on issues of current interest in Jewish life. This year our cultural sessions have dealt with Anti-Semitism, the Palestine Liberation Organization, and other topics chosen by the youth group. The members plan and present these sessions themselves, and they provide a fine supplement to religious school studies.

The approaching MoVFTY Winter Conclave will include a variety of such informal learning experiences. Our Temple Youth Group will host this regional convention from December 24 through December 29. Over one hundred delegates from Temple Youth Groups throughout the Midwest will be with us.

Winter Conclave will be devoted to study and discussion of various rituals and traditions of our Faith from the point of view of Liberal Judaism. The faculty includes Rabbi Brooks, Rabbi John Spitzer of St. Louis, MoVFTY Advisor, Rabbi Stephen Arnold of

St. Joseph and Rabbi Robert Kaiser of Lincoln. They will join me and members of the religious school faculty and congregation in leading several informal study sessions. Delegates will explore the laws and customs of Jewish life in these study and cultural discussions.

Workshops in music, songleading, Israeli dance, cooking, and creative arts will be part of the program. Daily worship services will be planned and presented by the delegates themselves. They also have prepared the Sabbath evening service for December 27, and will participate in its presentation.

Many congregants have volunteered to assist with housing and meals. Your thoughtful help is deeply appreciated. The Youth Group joins me in thanking you in advance for your support and cooperation. Mrs. Roey Meyers and Mrs. Enid Pollack, Sisterhood Liaisons for the Youth Group, are deserving of special gratitude for supervising many of the Conclave arrangements.

Members of the Temple Youth Group are chairmen of Winter Conclave. Beth Gendler is chairperson, Ellen Robinson is co-chairperson, Judy Goodman is treasurer, and Kathy Malashock and Ken Milder are student advisors. They have been assisted by all the members of the group in planning for the convention.

The entire youth group is to be commended for the excellence of their preparations for Winter Conclave. Their devotion to the study and perpetuation of Jewish life can be an example for us all. I congratulate them for their work, and wish them a most rewarding Winter Conclave!

IT SEEMS TO ME . . .

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ance of children became quite common beginning about the 12th Century. Some ethical wills were short and direct. Others were lengthy treatises. Some were poetic, others prose. Together they comprise a great compendium of valuable philosophy.

Most of us might not write such for our own families. We could and we should. But most do not, being content with the legal provisions for the material care of our survivors.

But if we cannot write, we can give. In our wills we can remember with a bequest those relatives, friends and institutions which perpetuate the values and ideals we have held dear in life.

These thoughts are occasioned by the announcement in this issue of Tidings of another lovely bequest to our Congregation by a long-time member of this Congregation and a long-cherished friend of mine, Nellie Von Dorn.

What better way to insure the ethical, religious and intellectual survival of Judaism than to leave a bequest giving support to the one organization that has these goals as its sole concern: your Synagogue, your Congregation?

Naturally, we all think of family first. We should and we will. But then, is it not also in their interest and in the interest of the Jewish People to let them know that you cared enough for your People and your Faith to want your name to live on in the teaching and idealism of the Congregation?

I suggest you think of this when you provide for your family in your own will. Remember our Congregation. As we try to bring meaning and lasting significance into our lives, we cannot believe that all we can do ends with death.

To Will Is to Be!

OUR SYMPATHY

The Congregation records with sorrow the deaths of

MINNIE SHERMAN
Mother of
Mrs. Edward E. Brodkey,
Irvin Sherman

MAYER SCHULMAN
Father of Mrs. Abe Baker

DAVID B. COHN
Father of Gerald M. Cohn,
F. Ronald Cohn
Brother of
Mrs. David B. Bernstein

THALMA M. BANGH
Mother of Mrs. Robert Kully
and extends sympathy to their bereaved families.

COLLEGE HOMECOMING SUPPER DECEMBER 26

Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks has extended invitations to the Annual College Homecoming informal supper which will be held at 6:00 p.m. at his home, 8668 Cedar.

This annual event gives Temple college students an opportunity to again be with their friends and has always proven to be a most enjoyable evening.

Anyone whose invitation did not reach them or whose address the office may not have, is asked to call Temple Office and advise whether or not they will be able to attend.

HOSPITAL RELIEF PROJECT

The hospital employee relief project is scheduled again this Christmas Eve and Day. Organized by the Couples Club, Men's Club and Sisterhood, the project provides volunteers for non-medical positions in the gift shops, office areas and coffee shops, thereby permitting regular employees time off for the holiday.

Any congregational member may volunteer his time which will entail 2 to 4 hour shifts. Interested persons should call Av Greenberg 393-5922.

LOUIS AND FLORA RUBIN FUND

The Louis and Flora Rubin Fund has been established through a bequest of \$5000 from the estate of Mrs. Nellie Von Dorn. A long time Temple member, Mrs. Von Dorn established the fund in memory of her parents. The income derived from the Fund is to be used for prayer-books and liturgical items at the discretion of the Senior Rabbi of the Congregation.

In addition to the Fund, Mrs. Von Dorn left to Temple Israel 25% of any monies remaining after all other bequests have been honored.

SISTERHOOD NEEDS BOOKS

for
ANNUAL BOOK FAIR
January 12-17, 1975
Bring to Temple Office
or
Call Joan Rips, 397-8495
Volunteers for Pricing
Books—
Call Lucille Katelman
393-2481

CONGRATULATIONS . . .

On the Wedding of:

Mr. and Mrs. Mark A. Ginsberg. Mrs. Ginsberg is the former Pauline Kipp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Speigman. Mr. Ginsberg is the son of Mrs. Sophie Rubin and the late Mal Ginsberg.

On the Birth of:

Jay William Rubin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Rubin. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Elliott (Bus) Rubin, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bernstein. Great-grandmother is Mrs. William Kuklin, Reseda, Calif.

Jonathan Herman Kully, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kully, Chicago. Grandmothers are Mrs. Jule M. Newman, Mrs. Jacob Turek,

SABBATH DISCUSSION SERIES

We are delighted to announce that Mayor Edward Zorinsky and Mrs. Judy Brodsky will be the guest speakers for the January Sabbath Discussion Series. They will address the Congregation following Sabbath Evening Services on January 3, 1975.

Each of our guest speakers has long been involved in local community and governmental activities. Their presentations will describe how the teachings of Judaism have motivated them to serve their community. They will reflect particularly on specific issues of local government from the point of view of Jewish ethics and moral values.

Mayor Zorinsky is serving his first term as Mayor of Omaha. Prior to his election, he was a member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Utilities District and several other local boards and community groups. He was also an owner of the H. Z. Vending Company.

Judy is a member of the Human Relations Board and the Fair Employment Practice Commission. She has chaired the Chicano-Indian Economic Conference, and has served with the Police Community Relations Task Force. Recently Judy appeared before the Metropolitan Utilities District Board representing the Citizens Utilities Task Force.

Judy and her husband Shelly are Temple members, and are the parents of three children, Joel, Karen, and Peter.

This discussion is certain to provide a most important opportunity for us all to gain a deeper understanding of community and governmental life. Please plan to attend following the close of our worship on January 3. As always, all guests will be welcome.

NAME OMITTED

The name of Mrs. Jerry Passer was inadvertently omitted from the list of Sisterhood Board Members. Mrs. Passer assists Mrs. Sam Toys and Mrs. Jarold Kohl in management of the Gift Shop.

TEMPLE ISRAEL FUNDS

Remember others through a contribution to one of Temple's many special funds. They are:
New Prayerbook Fund
Art Beautification Fund (Sisterhood)
Rabbis' Discretionary Fund
Education Fund
Temple Future Fund
Harold Garber Memorial Fund
Heritage-Museum Fund
Library Fund
Edna and Adolf Mayer Memorial Fund
NFTY Fund Temple Youth Group Organ Fund
Charles Rosenstock Memorial Fund

Gifts of inscribed prayerbooks are available at \$10 each.

Your contribution will be handled promptly by the Temple staff. There is a \$2 minimum for each card sent.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL TEMPLE FUNDS:

IN APPRECIATION OF:
Services of Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks.
Services of Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein.

IN HONOR OF:
Graduation of Dale Garber.
Birthday of Lazier Kavich.
Bat Mitzvah of Debbie Polsky.
Birthday of William Racusin.
New home of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard S. Ruben.
Birth of son to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Rubin.

FOR THE RECOVERY OF:
Barbara Frankel, Leona Kasin, Stanley Katelman, Mrs. Paul Katzman, Barbara Krantz, Sydney Osten.

IN MEMORY OF:
Sam Bikson, Abe Brookstein, Leah Cohen, Dave Cohn, Adolph Frohman, Mother of Art Gerber, Jack Gitlin, Sadie Gitlin, S. Herbert Hirsch, Ida Hockenberg, Seymour Kaplan, Emma Kirschbraun, Jacob Kirschbraun, Harry Kulakofsky, Barney Pizer, Father of John Morse, Mayer Schulman, Ben Schwartz, Minnie Sherman, Marlin Sugarman, Pauline Weinberg, Dr. Nat Wilson, Hy Wolkoff.