

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

V. SABBATH DISCUSSION SERIES

MR. RONALD GLICK

will speak on

WHAT JUDAISM MEANS TO ME

see inside article

Saturday, February 4 Sabbath Morning Services
11:00 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of
DAVID MERRITT,
son of Mrs. Hannah Merritt and
Dr. Jack Merritt

Bar Mitzvah of
KEVIN R. SCUDDER,
son of
Mr. and Mrs. Charles I. Scudder

Friday, February 10 Sabbath Evening Services
8:15 p.m.

RABBI SIDNEY H. BROOKS

will speak on

WHEN A REFORM JEW SHOULD SAY
“NO!” AND WHY!

Sabbath Coffee Hour

Saturday, February 11 Sabbath Morning Services
11:00 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of
CRAIG LERNER,
son of Lois Lerner and Jay Lerner

Friday, February 17 Sabbath Evening Services
7:30 p.m.

EARLY FAMILY WORSHIP

Story Sermonette
7:30 p.m.

See inside box

Saturday, February 18 Sabbath Morning Services
11:00 a.m.

SISTERHOOD
BOOK SALE

February 12 through February 16
At the Crossroads Mall!

OUR ERROR

Our apologies to sixth grader Marc Brodkey whose name was omitted from the “Ben Shemen Youth Village” article printed in the last issue. His efforts in his class’s fundraising project deserved proper recognition.

Sabbath Discussion
Series

On Friday evening, February 3, congregant Ronald Glick will address the congregation as the fifth speaker in this season’s Sabbath Discussion Series. He will speak on the topic “What Judaism Means To Me.”

Ron is employed as the associate administrator of Clarkson Hospital. A native of Chicago, he received his BA and Masters in Hospital Administration from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas. In 1974, he received his Doctor in Business Administration from Indiana Northern University. Ron and his wife, Robin, are parents of a young son, Adam.

As with all previous speakers in the series, Ron will be available after services to exchange views on his just delivered remarks.

RESERVATIONS ARE STILL
POSSIBLE
for the

Israel Trip led by

Rabbi and Mrs. Sidney H. Brooks

March 27-April 10

If interested call Temple Office 556-6536 immediately.

RABBI WEINSTEIN
NEW MWARR PRESIDENT

Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein was chosen president of the Midwest Association of Reform Rabbis at their annual meeting held recently in Omaha.

As President, Rabbi Weinstein also will serve on the Executive Board of the National Central Conference of American Rabbis. Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks serves as Secretary of the Executive Board.

Rabbi Weinstein will head about 70 Reform rabbis in North and South Dakota, Colorado, Minnesota, Kansas, Iowa, Wisconsin and Nebraska.

He is a graduate of Union College, Schenectady, New York, and Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, where he received a Masters of Hebrew letters and rabbinic ordination.

He will begin duties officially after the Central Conference of American Rabbis convention in June.

What Is the Union of
American Hebrew
Congregations?

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations was founded in Cincinnati in 1873 by Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise. Its purpose, as stated in its Constitution and By-Laws, is “to encourage and aid the organization and development of Jewish Congregations; to promote Jewish education and enrich and intensify Jewish life; to maintain the Hebrew Union College (and) to foster other activities for the perpetuation and advancement of Judaism.”

In 1950, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations moved its headquarters from Cincinnati to New York City, where it occupies its own building at 838 Fifth Avenue, known as the House of Living Judaism.

UAHC serves Reform Jewish congregations throughout the United States and Canada and is the oldest institution of its kind in North America. Through the dynamic interplay between the national body and its member congregations, the entire Reform Jewish community is strengthened and its vitality continually renewed.

Its vital concern for Jewry overseas is expressed through its support of the World Union for Progressive Judaism and through its own Israel Commission. The Union of American Hebrew Congregations has just created an Association of Reform Zionists of America to help Reform Jews express their concern for Israel as Reform Jews. Its concern for the perpetuation and advancement of Judaism is expressed through its participation in such intra-Jewish organizations as the Synagogue Council of America, the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations (our UAHC President, Rabbi Alexander Schindler, serves as its President), and the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council. It is, in short, deeply involved in every aspect of Jewish affairs, at home and abroad.

UAHC is represented in this area through its Midwest Council: Richard B. Matassar, President; Rabbi Paul J. Menitoff, Regional Director; Rabbi Ronald Klotz, Assistant Regional Director. The Midwest Council is located in St. Louis, Mo.

CANTOR’S CORNER

Cantor Gail P. Karp

TEN COMMANDMENTS OF CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

1. Thou Shalt Sing!
2. Thou Shalt Sing with all thy heart, with all thy soul and with all thy might.
3. Thou Shalt Sing fearlessly, ignoring the possible wondering glances of your neighbors. They would like to sing with you if they had the nerve and they will sing with you if you continue.
4. Thou Shalt Sing Joyfully, as it is written by the prophet Isaiah, “Sing O Heaven, be joyful, O earth, and break forth into singing, O mountains.”
5. Thou Shalt Sing reverently, for music is prayer.
6. Thou Shalt Not be Afraid to Sing, for though an individual may pray in prose or even in wordless silence, a Congregation must sing.
7. Thou Shalt Not Resist new melodies, for is it not written in the Book of Psalms: “O sing unto the Lord a new song?”
8. Thou Shalt Not Mumble the melody, but shall sing it out loud, even if with occasional mistakes.
9. Thou Shalt Not Hesitate to sing together with the trained voices of the choir. They want you to join with them.
10. Thou Shalt Not Forget the words of the Psalmist: “I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live.” (Anon)

UNIONGRAMS

Have YOU forgotten to send Uniongrams to these Bar/Bat Mitzvahs?

Craig Lerner February 11
Stanley Beber February 25
Richard Schrager March 4
Alan Breslow March 11
Melissa Friedland March 18
Mark Robinson March 25
Andrea Redler April 1
James Baker April 8

If so, you’re in luck! There is still time! Call Claire Passer — 393-3988.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Mrs. Allen W. Albin

Temple Israel Sisterhood
Gift Shop

THE PERFECT GIFT . . .
AN ISRAEL MEZUZAH

Select a gift from our unique collection of Israel Mezuzot — recently purchased in Israel by Rabbi Brooks!

Also in our gift shop a fine selection of religious needlepoint and jewelry.

Announcing the Fourth “Grade Level” Dinner
for

All Kindergarten Students and Families

Friday Evening, February 17, 1978
6:00 p.m.

Milder Conference Center
Temple Israel

Song Leading!

Story Telling!

Followed by
Early abbreviated Sabbath Worship
Story Sermonette

7:30 p.m.

MOVFTY Winter
Conclave

Another open letter:

To receive praise is always flattering, and we thank Marilyn for her kind thoughts in the previous “Tidings,” yet we must file a disclaimer. From the inception of the menus to the completion of the final breakfast, Audrey Cohen and Beanie Cohn were there totally, and the success 1050 gourmet meals is a testimony to their inexhaustible efforts and culinary skills during every meal of the entire week.

They deserve to be recognized — along with so many others — who gave of their time and of themselves.

It was a successful Conclave and the Youth Group is to be congratulated. The real honor is theirs.

C. F. & E. P.

CONGRATULATIONS

On the Birth of:

Alyssa Jane Rothbard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rothbard, Marblehead, Mass. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lipton and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rothbard, Lynn, Mass.

Jessica Kate Sophir, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Sophir. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Sophir, and Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson, Heber Springs, Arkansas. Great Grandparents are Mrs. Hortense Sugarman, Encino, California, Mrs. Rena Wilson, Clinton, Iowa and Mr. Kenneth Tinnus Christensen, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Archie Jacob Bernstein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steven L. Bernstein, Aurora, Colo. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. Randall, Golden, Colo. and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard L. Bernstein.

Temple Men’s Club

Temple Israel Men’s Club Brunch will be held Sunday, February 5 at 10:00 a.m. in the Milder Conference Center at the Temple.

Guest speaker will be Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks who will speak on PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS FROM ISRAEL.

Come to this meeting and hear Rabbi Brooks’ impressions following his recent trip to Israel.

Lox, bagels and coffee will be served with no charge to Members, and Non-Members \$1.00 each.

GIFTS OF PRAYER BOOKS
IN MEMORY OF
Lena Miller
Elizabeth Singer
Annette Pred
Albert Kohn

CONTRIBUTIONS TO
SPECIAL TEMPLE FUNDS:
IN APPRECIATION FOR:
Services of Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks.
Services of Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein.

IN HONOR OF:
6th Birthday of Faye Dloogoff.
80th Birthday of Rose Eisenstatt.
Birthday of Howard Kaplan.
Birthday of Mrs. Stanley Perlmeter.
80th Birthday of Leo Schlaifer.
80th Birthday of Rose Wolpa.
Marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Levey.
Bat Mitzvah of Laura Yampolsky.
Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Milder.

FOR THE RECOVERY OF:
Leo Eisenstatt, Mort Friedlander Harry Krantz, Eunice Krasne, Bess Parilman, Ben Slutzky, Dick Wintroub, William Wintroub, Anne Taxman.

IN MEMORY OF:
Lillian Bergman, Cecil Chamberlin, Henry Hiller, father of Allan Kaminitz, Nathan Kartman, Mary B. Kendis, Sarah Kohn, father of Mrs. Sol Kutler, Henrietta Lorig, Lena Miller, Annette Pred, Nancy Hiller Rasmussen, Sol Rosinsky, Bessie Silver, Elizabeth Singer, Anna Soule, Bess Parilman, Ann Brodsky.

Older Adult
Drop-In—Walk-In
Sisterhood is very happy with the success of the Older Adult Drop-in—Walk-ins being held at Temple. Again, we need a few hours from you. If you would like to help out, please call Betty Sanford 558-6719. The next Drop-in—Walk-in at Temple will be Wednesday, February 8.

ATTENTION
Parent Help needed for Kindergarten Grade Level dinner to be held February 17. Call Barbara Levitan — 333-1880, or Pat Tatelman — 334-0734.

DID YOU KNOW?
The total present budget of the Jewish communities in the United States would run to something about one and one-half billion dollars. The first known budget of a Jewish community in the United States, that of New York City, was considerably less than a thousand dollars. That was in the year 1720. American Jewish Archives

OUR SYMPATHY
The Congregation records with sorrow the deaths of
LENA MILLER
Mother of Dr. Dan Miller
ELIZABETH SINGER
Mother of
Mrs. Yale (Alice) Trustin
and extends sympathy to their bereaved families.

HONORED AT
SABBATH SERVICES
January 6, 1978
Candle Blessing Mrs. Herbert Weil
Kiddush Joel Brooks
January 13, 1978
Candle Blessing Stephanie Seldin
Kiddush Yale Trustin
January 20, 1978
Candle Blessing Mrs. Ernest Saltzman
Kiddush Marvin Kohl

NEWS DEADLINE FOR
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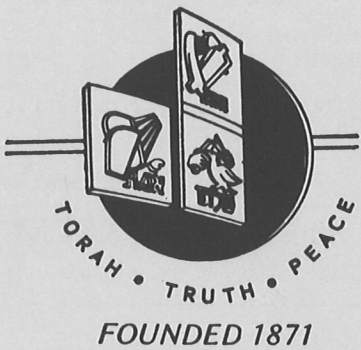
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
FEBRUARY	
1	Confirmation Class 4:00 p.m.
1-2	Hebrew Classes 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.
3	Sabbath Evening Services Sabbath Discussion Series 8:15 p.m.
4	Saturday School 9:00 a.m.
4	Sabbath Morning Services 11:00 a.m.
4	Couples Club Bowling Party-Ranch Bowl. 9:00 p.m.
5	Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
5	Men's Club Brunch 10:00 a.m.
6-7	
8-9	Hebrew Classes 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.
8	Senior Citizens — Walk-In—Drop-In.... 10:00 a.m.
8	Confirmation Class 4:00 p.m.
8	Temple Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30 p.m.
10	Sabbath Evening Services 8:15 p.m.
11	Saturday School 9:00 a.m.
11	Sabbath Morning Services 11:00 a.m.
12	Faculty Seminar Sunday Division 8:45 a.m.
12	Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
12 thru 16	Sisterhood Book Sale Crossroads Mall
13-14	
15-16	Hebrew Classes 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.
15	Confirmation Class 4:00 p.m.
17	Kindergarten "Grade Level" Dinner 6:00 p.m.
17	Sabbath Evening Services 7:30 p.m.
18	Saturday School 9:00 a.m.
18	Sabbath Morning Services 11:00 a.m.
19	Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
20-21	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

Enough time has now passed for me to tell you a true story. The incident took place many years ago and not in Omaha. I sat next to an Orthodox Rabbi at dinner. Being in an Orthodox synagogue I wore, as is my personal choice, a kippah. My dinner companion said to me that he was so pleasantly surprised that I would wear a head covering. I replied that I did so as a matter of "derech eretz", politeness, and not out of any sense of divine compulsion. "But a good Jew", he persisted, "covers his head". "Why are you so concerned about my practice", I asked him, "and where do you derive from Jewish sources that I am not a 'good Jew' if I do not cover my head?" "That's the trouble with you Reform Jews", he said in despair, "you think too much!"

I am sure all Rabbis would not have spoken as did he. But neither would all Reform Jews have answered or felt as did I. You bet we think! That, for me, is part of the essence of Reform Judaism. I respect authority but I will not be its slave unthinkingly. I stand in awe before the record of our past, but I live in the present and for the future. I am convinced that it is just as important to say a firm "NO"! to some practices and beliefs of Judaism as it is to give one's whole being and life for the perpetuation of others.

One must study, pray and think to make the choice. It is not easy. For as times change, the spiritual needs change. Therefore, our prayers change, our practices change, even our concepts of God change, as indeed they always have. I know of no single practice, belief, custom, life-style in Judaism that has always been the same through the generations or exactly regarded by all Jews either scholars or non-scholars.

This is an assertion of Reform Judaism that, I believe, is fundamental to our philosophy. It is time we ceased being defensive about differing from what is so loosely and, I think, erroneously called "tradition". What tradition? Which tradition? When? Where? By whom regarded as tradition? Traditions we have aplenty. A single tradition I know nothing of.

There are those of our People who cannot live in this atmosphere of freedom to choose. Some there are who need a more dogmatic, more clearly defined authority. I respect them; I love them as fellow Jews. But I too am a "good Jew" whatever that means in each man's judgment!

Yes, maybe the Rabbi was right. We think too much, he said. On the other hand he was wrong. Sometimes we don't think enough! But if we are open, liberal, Reform Jews then the fundamentals of Judaism will never cease to be the subjects of our thinking, our feeling and our love.



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