

Once in a Hundred Years!

Temple Israel Centennial Banquet

MAY 8, 1971
Omaha Hilton Hotel

Cocktails, 7:30 P.M.

Dinner, 8:30 P.M.

Banquet Speaker: Dr. Howard Sachar
Banquet Toastmaster: Lou Lipp
Banquet Chairman: Milton Abrahams

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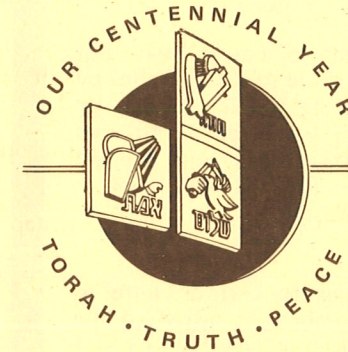
Your invitation for the Centennial Banquet will be in the mail in a few days.
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WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF AMERICAN JEWRY?

IT SEEMS TO ME . . .

A Personal Message from Rabbi Brooks

It seems to me that someone, somewhere, somehow is always asking me for money! This includes the government. Of course, among the pleas are institutions, schools, civil liberties groups, political interests, conservation groups, and individuals in need. I know you get similar appeals because you get them from me!

I usually read the signature of the letter first. "Who's asking?", I say to myself. Yesterday I received a request for funds signed "Chairman of the Shirt Committee"! It almost got tossed in File 13 (the wastebasket, for you who don't know my system). But then I scanned the letter to find it was a Temple Confirmation Class selling "T" shirts to finance a seven week trip to Israel "to experience our Jewish teachings first hand." On the front of the "T" shirts are the words "Israel Will Live!" They will get an order from me.

Strange! I really think my contribution will help Israel to
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SIDNEY H. BROOKS, M.H.L.
Rabbi

Manfred F. Kuttner,
Cantor

Are you interested in the future of American Judaism?

If you are, then come to Temple Services Friday evening, April 2, to hear Dr. Martin A. Cohen discuss "The Future of American Jewry," another in the series of Temple Israel Centennial Sabbath Discussions.

Dr. Cohen combines the talents of educator, historian, author and rabbi, and currently is professor of Jewish history at the New York School of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.



Dr. Martin A. Cohen

In his distinguished career, Dr. Cohen has served as visiting lecturer in western religious thought at Antioch College, adjunct professor in Jewish religious thought at Temple University, and has taught at the University of Pennsylvania and Rutgers University.

The recipient of degrees of Bachelor of Hebrew Letters, Master of Hebrew Letters and Doctor of Philosophy from HUC-JIR, he was ordained a rabbi in 1957, and occupied pulpits in Muncie, Ind., Monroe, N.Y., Louisville, Ky., and Cleveland.

Dr. Cohen has published several works, and has been commissioned to write a new one-volume History of the Jews. He also serves as departmental editor of the new "Encyclopedia Judaica."

In addition to participating in the Centennial Sabbath Discussions, Dr. Cohen also will give two lectures at the Institute on Judaism for Christian Clergymen, an annual Temple Israel event to be held April 2 under the direction of Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks.

An Oneg Shabbat honoring Dr. Cohen will be held following services.

IT SEEMS TO ME
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Live, though, of course, that's not the point of the solicitation. But by sending young people to Israel, by encouraging young people to learn about Judaism and Jewish life, we do ensure the life of Israel — world-wide Israel.

The other day I wrote a letter to all our members in behalf of the Jewish Philanthropies. Now I wish I could have signed that letter simply "Member of the Life for Israel Committee." For that's what all of us are. Some are more conscious of it than others. Sadly, there are those who simply don't understand the relationship between what we do and give and the Jewish life of others and ourselves. A generation ago, parents would not have imagined that their kids would parade around with "T" shirts proclaiming "Israel Will Live!" In those days we ourselves were insecure; and surely our children were. Now it's a different story. The vast majority of our youngsters are openly, even defiantly, proud of their Jewish identity.

This is not to say there are not problems: assimilation, inter-marriage, indifference, and apathy toward the essence of being a Jew. But there is an answer: the answer of unprecedented support of Jewish interests and Jewish life. It can be done. It is being done. We can insure the life of the State of Israel and the meaningful life of the Jewish People everywhere.

To give to our Philanthropies now is not an annoyance, not an imposition. It's a privilege and an honor. And it is life that's in the balance.

You may not want a "T" shirt that says: "Israel Will Live!"

But you certainly want the American Jewish Community, the schools that teach our heritage, the sparkle in the eyes of your children to say: "Israel Will Live!" So give with joy!

In Memoriam



DR. NELSON GLUECK
1900-1971

President
Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion
1948-1971

Rabbi Brooks will speak on his reminiscences of Dr. Nelson Glueck and an evaluation of Dr. Glueck's monumental contributions to Jewish Life at the Service of Tribute on March 26.

Guided by the Imperatives of Sinai
"In the course of our pilgrimage throughout the ages, we Jews have had to pit the substance of our beliefs and the stamina of our ideological inheritance against the massive brutality of changing attitudes, each triumphant for a vainglorious hour. With the tranquillity of conviction hardened through suffering and clarified through ancient insights into the order of divinity, we have met and surmounted the wrath of many Satanic forces. The race has gone to the frail who relied upon the Lord, while oppressors without number have succumbed to the terror they exercised. We have found our way through the wilderness of man's making because of the inextinguishable brilliance of the imperatives of Sinai, which have guided our fathers and must light our path in the tomorrow." — Dr. Nelson Glueck.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO
SPECIAL TEMPLE FUNDS
HAVE BEEN MADE:

IN APPRECIATION OF THE
SERVICES OF
Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks
Cantor Manfred Kuttner

IN HONOR OF
Mrs. Sidney Brooks — Receipt of
B'nai B'rith Annual Women's
Citizenship Award
Steve Cohen — Bar Mitzvah
F. Ronald Cohn — Opening of new
Branch Store
Dave Feder — 80th Birthday
Mrs. Simon Galitzki — Birthday
Mr. and Mrs. Manning Handler — 50th
Wedding Anniversary
Mrs. Manfred Kuttner — Birthday
Tom Lehr — Bar Mitzvah
Mr. and Mrs. Clifford A. Levitan —
birth of son, Michael
Jon Meyers — Bar Mitzvah
Leo Meyerson — Birthday
Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Monsky — 20th
Anniversary
Albert Newman — 75th Birthday
Mr. and Mrs. Leo Sherman — 30th
Anniversary
Mr. and Mrs. Marc Sherman —
Marriage
Jane Yaffe — Bat Mitzvah

FOR THE RECOVERY OF
Mrs. Leon Alexander
Morrie Becker
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David Hoberman
Gary Kaplan
Howard Kaplan
Mrs. Louis Kulakofsky
Robert Marantz
Mrs. Helen Novak
Mrs. Millard Rosenberg
Sam Saltzman
Sherman Sperling
Al Wohlner

IN MEMORY OF
Josephine Hart Alberts
Clarence Bergman — Yahrzeit
Evalyn Blotcky
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Dora Singer
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Fanny Sophir — Yahrzeit
Jacob Turek
Ruth and Reuben Vann
Milton White
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GIFTS OF INSCRIBED PRAYER
BOOKS HAVE BEEN MADE:

IN HONOR OF
80th Birthday of David P. Feder
Birthday of Sam Meyerson
80th Birthday of Ben Silver

FOR THE RECOVERY OF
Mrs. Hubert Sommer
Mrs. Ben Taxman

IN MEMORY OF
Evalyn Blotcky
John A. Farber
Goldye Feder
Susan Friedlander
Tillie Stiefler Goldenberg
Abe Goldstein
Joan Hoffman
Mr. and Mrs. Kay Kamen
Harry Kubby
James Howard Lipsey
Ruth G. Malashock
Rebecca Rubenstein
Sadie Sender
Brad Sperling
Samuel Sperling
Ben Sutin
Dr. Sam L. Turkel

HONORED AT
SABBATH SERVICES

February 19
Candle Blessing . . . Mrs. Leroy Katz
Kiddush Leroy Katz
Torah Blessing Dave Katz
Torah Blessing . . . Milton Nearenberg

February 26
Candle Blessing . . .Mrs. Milton Lehr
Kiddush Milton Lehr
Torah Blessing Morris Levey
Torah Blessing Martin Lehr

March 5
Candle Blessing
Kiddush Mrs. Herman Friedman
Torah Blessing Edwin E. Brodkey
Torah Blessing Harold Bernstein
Torah Blessing . . .Arthur Kulakofsky

March 12
Candle Blessing
Kiddush Mrs. Theodore Seldin
Torah Blessing Joe Waldinger
Torah Blessing Ben I. Seldin
Torah Blessing Morris Nadler

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OUR SYMPATHY
The Congregation records
with sorrow the deaths of

ISADORE SOLOMON,
Sharon, Mass.
Father of Joseph Solomon

DR. NELSON GLUECK,
President of Hebrew
Union College-Jewish
Institute of Religion

BENJAMIN WOLFE,
Los Angeles, California
Brother of Wm. M. Wolfe

and extends sympathy to their
bereaved families.

PULPIT FLOWERS

February 19
In memory of Ann Brodsky, by her
children.
In honor of Bat Mitzvah of Michelle
Katz, by Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Katz.

February 26
In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of
Thomas Lehr, by Mr. and Mrs. Milton
Lehr.

March 5
In memory of Abe Somberg, by Mr.
and Mrs. Louis Somberg.
In memory of Hyman Ferer, by his
family.

March 12
In honor of Bat Mitzvah of Celia
Lubin, by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lubin.
In honor of Bat Mitzvah of Stephanie
Seldin, by Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Seldin.
In memory of Sadie Newman by
Harriet, Bill and the grandchildren.

Sisterhood
ART BEAUTIFICATION FUND
Call
Mrs. Joseph (Corrine) Solomon
393-5152
Mrs. Bernard (Tevee) Turkel
391-7823

Hebrew Class Awards

Valerie Carp (Gimmel) and
Jonathan Meyers (Daled), Sam
Friedman (Gimmel), and Patti
Abraham (Gimmel) have each
received a merit award in their
respective classes.

Cantor Kuttner is the Hebrew
Class Instructor.

Yahrzeit:

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

March 26

Frank M. Krasne
Leona Shapiro
May Rosenberg
Marion M. Leon
Max Sommer
Benjamin Brodkey
Herman Cohn
Samuel Katz
Max Holzman
Lena Robinson
Horace Rosenblum

April 2

Frederick E. Teller, Sr.
Meyer Hellman
Fanny Sachs
Albert Bank
Margaret Fink
Anna R. Brodkey

April 9

Philip H. Grossman
Arthur Marowitz
Morris D. Bernstein
Arthur A. Cohn
Jessie Rosenstock

April 16

William Rothschild
Herman Friedman
Ferdinand Adler
William Kuklin
Isaac Oberfelder
George Seligsohn
Emil Brandeis
Jonas Edward Rosenthal
Dora W. Gerber
Rosa Wollenberger
Henry Wertheimer

NOTICE:

The Religious School has a quantity of printed folders for Sanctification of the Sabbath, containing an outline of the Sabbath Eve Services for the home.

These will be sent home with the Sunday School Division children.

We hope you will enjoy using them and they will be helpful to you.

CONGREGATIONAL SEDER DINNER

Saturday, April 10 — 6:30 p.m.

Adults, \$3.50 — Children (thru grade 6), \$1.75

Reservations to Temple Office

Deadline April 5

Payment must accompany reservation.

Congratulations on the Engagement of —

Miss Rita Cohn, daughter of Cantor and Mrs. Eli Cohn, of Sacramento, California to Mr. William T. Ginsburg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ginsburg.

Miss Gail Moss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irving W. Moss to Mr. John J. Kerwin, son of Mr. J. J. Kerwin, Providence, Rhode Island.

Miss Sue Fredricka Friedman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Friedman to Mr. Richard M. March, son of Mrs. Fredrick March, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Thanks from —

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Silver for Uniongram and messages received on the occasion of the 80th birthday of Mr. Silver.



RARE ITEMS IN TEMPLE ISRAEL'S MUSEUM — XXVII

In the Bible only Olive-Oil is mentioned. It was one of the chief products of Palestine and at an early period it was exported to Egypt and Phoenicia, figuring also in the payments of tributes. It was used not only for cosmetics but also for the purpose of cooking and illumination. Oil was kept in horns ("keren") but later in flasks and jars.

The Judean Oil Urn pictured above was donated by Rabbi & Mrs. Brooks as a token of their appreciation of their trip to Israel in 1970.

Century Flashback

When a small group of Omahans set out to organize a synagogue 100 years ago, the local newspaper took note of the occasion which led to the establishment of the first Jewish house of worship in Nebraska.

From this modest beginning grew Temple Israel, now comprised of a congregation of 600 families. As the story notes, the newly-organized congregation followed the precepts of Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise, who is known as "the father of Reform Judaism in the United States."

The Omaha World-Herald, in its March 9, 1971 edition, republished the article in its "Century Flashback" column as it originally appeared in the Omaha Daily Herald March 9, 1871.

The 100-year old item reads:

"The Congregation of Israel (Hebrew Society) of this city met Sunday afternoon in Judge Kelley's office, at which it was decided to build a temple. More than 100 members were enrolled and \$1,000 subscribed. Mr. Helman has gone East and will raise funds there to assist. The services will be conducted after the reformed plan, as introduced by Dr. Wise of Cincinnati. The principal difference between that and the old method is that the prayers are conducted mostly in German or English, according to the congregation. There are also some differences in the doctrine preached."

REMEMBER
Annual Sisterhood
Geranium Sale
to be held
Sunday, May 2

Special Centennial Theme to Feature Temple's Institute on Judaism for Christian Clergymen

Temple Israel's annual Institute on Judaism for the Christian Clergy will be held this year against a backdrop of the Temple's Centennial observance.

The Institute, scheduled for April 2, will feature themes commemorating the 100th anniversary of the founding of Temple Israel. A project of the Congregation for 32 consecutive years, it has attracted wide attendance of Christian clergymen from Omaha and the surrounding area.

In 1970, the Institute was endowed by the family and friends of Charles Rosenstock in his memory. At the time of his death in 1967, he was a trustee of the Congregation of which he was a life-long and active member.

Mrs. Rosenstock will be seated at the head table during the luncheon program, along with Archbishop Daniel S. Sheehan of Omaha, the Rev. Ralph Gerber, of the Church of the Cross, president of the Omaha Clergy Association; Dr. Ernest E. Smith, executive secretary of the Omaha Metropolitan Association of Churches, Inc., and the Rev. Z. W. Williams of Morning Star Baptist Church, president of the Omaha Ministerial Alliance. Stanley J. Slosburg, president of the Temple Israel Board of Trustees, will welcome the clergymen. Cantor Manfred F. Kuttner will give the blessing.

Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks, director of the Institute, will preside over the sessions which will open with the invocation by Dr.

Smith. The Rev. Williams' benediction will be given at the close of the sessions.

Dr. Martin A. Cohen, professor of history at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York, will lecture during the morning and afternoon. He also will speak at Congregational services the same evening in another of Temple Israel's Centennial Sabbath Discussion series.

"A New View of the Origins of Synagogue and Church" will be the subject of Dr. Cohen's morning lecture. In the afternoon he will address the Institute on "Divergences of Synagogue and Church." Discussions will follow.

The clergymen will be guests at luncheon to be served by the Temple Israel Sisterhood in the Social Hall.

Rabbi Brooks, in his invitation to the clergymen, called attention to the founding of Temple Israel on January 8, 1871 by a small group of men.

"Temple Israel," he said, "consciously endeavored not only to serve the spiritual needs of our members but to be an influence for the benefit of the community in which we live.

"Surely one of the most meaningful efforts is our Annual Institute on Judaism for the Christian Clergy."

Rabbi Brooks to Receive
Honorary Doctor's Degree

An honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity will be conferred on Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks of Temple Israel for his "singular contribution to the Jewish people and to Reform Judaism."

The announcement of this signal honor has just been received from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion which will confer the doctoral degree at Ordination Exercises in Cincinnati, Ohio, June 5. The award will be made on the 25th anniversary of Rabbi Brooks' ordination.

Dr. Alfred Gottschalk, acting president of HUC-JIR, said "it will be a source of deep satisfaction to me to award this degree."

Stanley J. Slosburg, president of the Board of Trustees of the Congregation of Temple Israel, described the honor as "so richly deserved in every sense of the word."

"We have become so accustomed," Mr. Slosburg said, "to taking our rabbi for granted that we sometimes lose sight of the great stature he has achieved in our community, and among leaders of Reform Judaism."

"I know from personal experience in attending national meetings how brilliantly he stands out in a gathering of his peers. And the same holds good right here in Omaha where I have observed on so many occasions the warmth and high respect in which he is held by all groups within and outside the Jewish community. Those who have worked closely with him are aware of his devotion to Judaism and humanitarianism in general, and to our congregation in particular. We are fortunate indeed to have such an outstanding spiritual leader."

Rabbi Brooks received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Cincinnati, and his Bachelor of Hebrew Letters degree from the Hebrew Union College in 1942. In 1946, he was awarded a Master of Hebrew Letters degree, and ordained rabbi at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati.

After serving as assistant rabbi in Richmond, Va., Rabbi Brooks became spiritual leader of Temple Sholom in Springfield, Ohio. He came to Temple Israel in 1952.

He has served on the executive board of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Committee on Church and State, the Committee on Resolutions, and the Special Committee on Pulpit Placement Procedures. For several years he was chairman and a member of the Committee on Youth. Currently he is chairman of the Committee on Resolutions. He represents the CCAR on the Board of Trustees of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

He has been active in many areas of the greater Omaha community, and for five years lectured on comparative religion at the University of Omaha. He still lectures frequently in the College of Adult Education on Bible, Judaism and Comparative Religion. He is an Executive Board member of the Omaha Federation of Jewish Service, and the On-Call chaplain at Offutt Field and the Veterans Hospital for the Jewish Welfare Board.



Temple Members in the News

Marlon Somberg elected to board of directors of Downtown Omaha Rotary Club.

Gail Eisenstatt a co-chairman of the Youth Division for the 1971 Omaha Jewish Philanthropies-Israel Emergency Fund Campaigns.

Captains serving in the Youth campaign will include Dan Slosburg, Jim Greenspan, Gail Kulakofsky.

Two students named to Dean's list: Karen Sokolof, University of Texas; Cathy (Wigodsky) Christensen, University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

Serving in the Omaha Women's Division, 1971 Omaha Jewish Philanthropies-Israel Emergency Fund Campaign are:

Mrs. Richard Glazer, Mrs. Donald Lubin, Mrs. Millard Rosenberg, as Co-Chairmen of Pacesetter Division.

Mrs. Jack B. Cohen, and Mr. Arthur I. Novak, as Co-Chairmen, Special Gifts Division.

Kathy Sperling and Steve Scudder danced with the Opera Ballet in Aida, through the Omaha Academy of Ballet School.

Kathy Sperling is giving school demonstrations to District 66 and a few Omaha Public Schools to illustrate the history of Ballet to the children. This is done through the Omaha Civic Ballet Company and is sponsored by the Jr. League of Omaha.

Jill Rose Slosburg, daughter of the Harold Slosburgs, fourth place winner in the 1970 Sterling Silver Design Competition. Her entry is now a part of a travelling exhibit presently in Seattle, Washington, and is to be returned to Jill at the end of this year.

Welcome New Members

Mr. William T. Ginsburg
Dr. and Mrs. Richard L. Lande
Mr. and Mrs. Irving W. Moss
Mr. Edward R. Zall

TEMPLE FUNDS

The Congregation is deeply grateful for contributions given in memory of loved ones and friends or in honor of special occasions.

These gifts may be made to:

- Art Beautification Fund (Sisterhood)
- Cantor's Discretionary Fund
- Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
- Educational 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

These special funds represent the on-going programs of the Congregation.

Your gifts are a significant part of our perpetuation of Jewish values.

Visitors to Temple

Comparative Religion Class from Girls Town, Omaha, with Mrs. Enid Pollack. Cantor spoke to this group.

Arts Class from Creighton University, with Mrs. Frances Kraft.

Women's group from Murray Christian Church, Plattsmouth, Nebraska, with Mrs. Roger Hild. Cantor Kuttner met with this group.

9th and 10th grade Sunday School classes from Presbyterian Church, Lexington, Nebraska, with David Gauben; and

High School group from Calvary Lutheran Church, Omaha, with Mrs. Robert Ellison.

Mrs. Marvin Taxman spoke to the last two listed groups.

9th graders from First Congregational Church, Council Bluffs, with Rev. Don Minnick whose visit was arranged by the Maynard Telpner family.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES	
Friday, March 26 8:15 p.m.	SABBATH EVENING SERVICES A MEMORIAL TRIBUTE to DR. NELSON GLUECK, Archaeologist — Teacher — Dreamer — Builder <i>Sabbath Coffee Hour</i>
Saturday, March 27 11:00 a.m.	SABBATH MORNING SERVICES Bat Mitzvah of RACHEL FAITH HOFFMAN, daughter of Mr. Morris Hoffman
Friday, April 2 8:15 p.m.	SABBATH EVENING SERVICES CENTENNIAL SABBATH DISCUSSION SERIES DR. MARTIN A. COHEN, Professor of Jewish History, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion New York, New York "THE FUTURE OF AMERICAN JEWRY" <i>Sabbath Coffee Hour</i>
Saturday, April 3 11:00 a.m.	SABBATH MORNING SERVICES
Friday, April 9 5:00 p.m.	PASSOVER EVE SERVICE
Saturday, April 10 11:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	PASSOVER MORNING SERVICE Congregational Passover Seder Dinner
Thursday, April 15 5:30 p.m.	CONCLUSION OF PASSOVER SERVICE
Friday, April 16 11:00 a.m. 8:15 p.m.	CONCLUSION OF PASSOVER SERVICE Yizkor Prayers SABBATH EVENING SERVICES EXPERIMENTAL SERVICE NUMBER TWO A NEW FORM OF WORSHIP In place of the Union Prayer Book, an experimental service will be used. Rabbi Brooks will comment briefly and welcome reactions following the service. <i>Sabbath Coffee Hour</i>
Saturday, April 17 11:00 a.m.	SABBATH MORNING SERVICES Bat Mitzvah of JANE SOMBERG daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marlon Somberg