

Yahrzeits

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 2, 1973
Flora R. Goldstrom
Jake Klein
Morris Gitlin
Leo Altman
Clara S. Rosewater
Bernhardt H. Feltman
Rose Levine
Vera S. Wertheimer

March 9, 1973
David Block
J. Herman C. Hart
Baer Sonin
Rabbi Frederick Cohn
Hyman Ferer
Helen Bolker
Abraham Somberg
Edward Levinson
Toba Cohen
David Goldman
Ann Berman
Blanche Ruth Altman
Reuben Kulakofsky
Clarence L. Bergman
Joseph Danbaum

Pulpit Flowers

February 9
In honor of Bat Mitzvah of Susan Lynn Rosinsky.

In honor of Bat Mitzvah of Roxann Walker.

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Our Sympathy

The Congregation records with sorrow the death of

ELLA MARKEL,
sister of Mrs. Bernhardt L. Wolf
and extends sympathy to her bereaved family.

Temple Israel 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:

Loyal B. Cohn Memorial Fund
Art Beautification Fund (Sisterhood)
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

WINE-OT JOIN US?
COUPLES CLUB WINE TASTING PARTY

SATURDAY EVENING — MARCH 24, 1973 — 8:15 P.M.
THOMASVILLE APARTMENTS

Contributions Made to Special Temple Funds

IN HONOR OF:
40th Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Farber.
75th Birthday of Mrs. H. Gold.
50th Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. William Racusin.
Mrs. Irma Schwarz.

FOR THE RECOVERY OF:
Betty Hiller, Abe Katelman.

IN MEMORY OF:
Grandmother of Chuck Arnold, George Creamer, Mrs. Ben Daynovsky, Goldye Alpirn Feder, Robert Glazer, Morris Kodner, Albert Kohn, Ella Markel, Morris Rubenstein, Harry Saferstein, Jules Shapiro, Fanny Sophir, Morris Sophir, Ben Taxman, George Trepper, Nathan Veitzer.

Gifts of Inscribed Prayer Books

In memory of Harry Kubby.

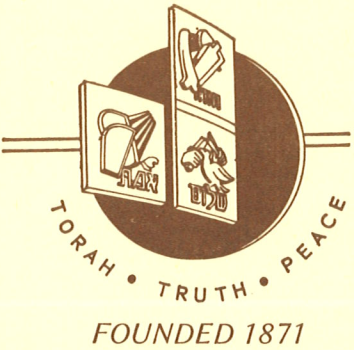
HONORED AT SABBATH SERVICES

February 9, 1973
Candle Blessing Mrs. Sol Rosinsky
Kiddush Sol Rosinsky
Torah Blessing Jerry Rosinsky
Torah Blessing Phil Sokolof

February 16, 1973
Candle Blessing Miss Dede Walke
Kiddush Arthur Walke
Torah Blessing Sam Green
Torah Blessing Bernard Sacks

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IT SEEMS TO ME

A Personal Message from Rabbi Brooks



When I read a news item recently that a rabbi had filed suit against specific members of his Board of Trustees for \$1,750,000 my mind boggled. My first reaction was: Boy, I should have such trouble! But, of course, the whole affair is tragic. It is also somewhat shameful, to say the least, since I do not know the details. And I don't want to. The rabbi is suing, so the press story goes in a journal not noted for its accuracy, to recover damages resulting from conspiracy to break his contract.

There's the trouble in a nutshell as far as I am concerned. A "contract." Is a rabbi really in a contractual relationship with his congregation? Another deal? A business arrangement? A situation that, if and when it becomes intolerable for either party, must be maintained because there is a "contract?"

There are those who say that today a contract is essential for the rabbi and the congregation. After
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SIDNEY H. BROOKS, M.H.L., D.D.
Rabbi

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

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

6. SABBATH DISCUSSION SERIES

Dr. James D. Eisen,

Professor, Department of Pediatrics,
University of Nebraska Medical Center
Director, Genetic and Birth Defects Prevention Programs
will speak on

BIRTH DEFECT PREVENTION: A Screening Program for Tay-Sachs Disease

see inside article

Sabbath Coffee Hour

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

Bar Mitzvah of
JAY MARGOLIN,
son of
Mr. and Mrs. Millard Margolin

Friday Evening, March 9 Sabbath Evening Services

Double Services

Early
6:00 p.m.

Brief Participatory
Worship
for
parents and young children

Late
8:15 p.m.

Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks
will speak on
ALL IN THE FAMILY
WITH
BRIDGET AND BERNIE
Sabbath Coffee Hour

Saturday Morning, March 10 11:00 a.m. Sabbath Morning Service

Bar Mitzvah of
MIKE MILDER II
son of
Mr. and Mrs. Myron Milder

IT SEEMS TO ME

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all, it is in part a business relationship. The rabbi's income is involved. Also in facing the realities of today's world I know that in many cases the rabbi is not held in the esteem he once was. The composition of the Board changes and those who formerly held the rabbi in high regard have left their positions of influence. Others may or may not share their predecessors feelings.

Then, too, time has its effect. The rabbi, apparently unlike anybody else, gets older. That he may have developed talents, experience and wisdom he could not possibly have possessed earlier often pales when someone says: "We need a younger man." Youth for some is the key to all problems. Sometimes there are ideological differences.

These are some of the reasons that currently we find so many rabbis "fired" from their positions. Or more euphemistically they "resign." That's the reason many of my thoughtful colleagues have suggested a kind of "unionizing" of the rabbinate so that salaries would be more equitable and in order that the rabbi not be the direct "employee" of the congregation.

I think the idea has merit on the face of it. But then I conjur up situations of conflict. Should the rabbi go on strike? Imagine him saying: "I will not preach, teach, marry, bury, or counsel until this matter is settled." It should be fair for him to say that. But it isn't.

I have never believed a rabbinical contract was worth the paper it was printed on. Rabbi and congregation ought associate with each other only in mutual trust and regard or not associate at all. Once that faith is broken there is no reason for dispute. Even \$1,750,000 could not motivate me to serve a congregation in which mutual regard was missing.

Some of you will recall that in my case I am "elected" for life. But that election is open and free for change on the part of both rabbi and congregation. It simply means that every two years we are not compelled to reassess each other. But we may do so at any time. And if a change is contemplated I promise

THE CONGREGATION OF TEMPLE ISRAEL

Invites you to Celebrate With Us

the 25th Anniversary of the

State of Israel

at Worship

Friday Evening

March 30, 19737:30 p.m.

Following Services

the Showing of the Award-Winning Film

A WALL IN JERUSALEM

Narrated by

Richard Burton

Composed of news reel footage, the film presents a comprehensive record of Israel in the 20th century.

Join us to experience the unbelievable struggle, the magnificence and the reality of the birth and maturing of the State of Israel.

RABBI'S BOOK REVIEW TO HIGHLIGHT MEETING

A review of the writings of Elie Wiesel, *One Generation After* and *Souls on Fire*, by Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks will be the highlight of Sisterhood's Luncheon meeting March 13 at 12:30 p.m.

It is suggested that you read these books prior to the meeting so that the discussion will be more meaningful.

Sitter service will be available. The Board Meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m.

I won't sue you for a million dollars!

I have no "contract," but together we share a "covenant" relationship between God and the Jewish people.

Therefore, I would not take a million dollars for the pleasure and pain I have in serving as your rabbi!

SISTERHOOD SHARES BOOKS WITH OTHERS

Late figures show that \$4,500 was made on Sisterhood's "Book Bash." However Temple was not the only organization that benefitted, for requests were made from Echo and the Nebraska Psychiatric Institute for some unsold reading material. The requests were filled and the following letter has been received.

"Dear Friends: Both patients and staff were overjoyed with the free books and records you allowed us to select for our two patient libraries. The opportunity could not have arisen at a better time for we have just recently been notified that our federal library fund is to be terminated. Thank you so very much for your generosity and your courtesy.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Berta Yager
Volunteer Coordinator
N.P.I."

Rabbis to Teach Books of Ecclesiastes and Job

What is the purpose of life? What is the use of material possessions, the worth of wisdom? What is the reason for human suffering? Why does a good God permit evil?

Join Rabbi Brooks and Rabbi Weinstein during their course on the Book of Ecclesiastes and the Book of Job as they discover meaningful responses.

Their course is one of several offered by the Jewish Cultural Committee in its Spring, 1973, series. Classes will take place Monday evenings in our Temple, beginning March 5.

NURSERY SCHOOL NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS

Reservations are now being taken for Temple Nursery School's five-day program for the 1973-74 year. A child must be four years old by October 15 in order to qualify.

Temple members will have preference until April 15, 1973. Tuition is \$140.00 per semester. Contact Dorothy Spizman, 393-6858, to reserve a place for your child.

SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP

The Gift Shop will be open Sunday, March 4, from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

For information call: Marilyn Warren (334-1618), Judi Goldstein (393-5687) or see the girls in the office.

TEN YEARS IN ISRAEL

More than one hundred Jewish religious and civic leaders traveled from America to Israel on February 22nd for a meeting in Jerusalem of the Board of Governors of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. The meeting was held to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Jerusalem School of the College-Institute.

At a special Academic Convocation on March 1, Hebrew Union College will confer an honorary degree on the President of Israel, Zalman Shazar. A convocation dinner will be held at the Knesset (Israel's Parliament) that night.

Tay-Sachs — A Program of Prevention

Our Sabbath Discussion Series is pleased to present Dr. James D. Eisen, Geneticist and Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, as our speaker on March 2 after our Sabbath evening worship.

Dr. Eisen, director of a regional screening program for the prevention and detection of Tay-Sachs Disease, will describe the disease and the projected screening program to prevent it.

Tay-Sachs is an inherited degenerative disease of the nervous system that can be transmitted to infants and always results in death. It is found 9½ times more frequently among Ashkenazi Jews (those of Central and East European origin) than among non-Ashkenazi Jews and all others in the United States.

Although no cure for Tay-Sachs Disease has yet been found, its prevention can be achieved by means of a widespread screening program to detect carriers. Such a

project is presently planned for the Omaha - Lincoln - Sioux City - Des Moines area. Since the Jewish population is significantly more at risk than the non-Jewish population, the screening program at this time is being designed to include only the Jewish population.

Planning of this screening program is being carried out on a cooperative basis between the State-wide Birth Defects Prevention Program, the University of Nebraska Medical Center, the Omaha-Douglas County Health Department, and the B'nai B'rith Women's Organization. The Jewish Federation of Omaha is also providing important coordinating assistance.

Dr. Eisen will be eager to answer your questions and fully acquaint you with every aspect of this urgent program. He will also be happy to answer any questions you may have about the nature of Tay-Sachs Disease itself.

THANK YOU

Thanks to Mrs. Albert Schwarz and Mrs. Ronald Simons for the beautiful job they did as co-chairmen of Sisterhood's Interfaith Tea.

RABBI NAMED TO BOARD

Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein was one of fourteen persons recently named to the board of the Urban League of Nebraska.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February	
28	Coffee With the Rabbi..... 10:00 a.m.
28	Board of Trustees 7:30 p.m.
March	
5	Jewish Cultural Committee Adult Education Classes — No. 1 7:30 p.m.
6	Confirmation Class to visit Briardale Countryside United Church of Christ 4:30 p.m.
7	Coffee with the Rabbi 10:00 a.m.
12	Jewish Cultural Committee Adult Education Classes — No. 2 7:30 p.m.
13	Sisterhood Board Meeting 11:30 a.m.
13	Sisterhood Luncheon 12:30 p.m.
13	Confirmation Class at Temple Israel 4:30 p.m.
14	Coffee with the Rabbi 10:00 a.m.
15	No Hebrew Classes
17	Purim Begins — Megillah Service 7:30 p.m.
18	No Religious School
18	Purim Carnival 2:00 p.m.
24	Wine Tasting Party — Couples Club at Thomasville Apts. 8:15 p.m.