

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:

November 5, 1971

Sarah Brandeis Cohn
Eva Markel
Robert Sachs
Jeanne Louise Sherman
Dr. Morris I. Gordon
Edward Treller
Rose Golden Treller
Joseph C. Pepper

November 12, 1971

Lynn Williams Gross
Benjamin Warren
Nettie R. Klein
Abe Goldstein
Theresa R. Kopald
Fannie Stock Rothkop
Benjamin A. Simon
Martin L. Sugarman
Isidor Sommer
Charles Edwin Katz

THANKS FROM —

Whitney Ferer and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey D. Ferer, for the Uniongrams received in honor of his Bar Mitzvah.

Nancy Novak and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Novak, for the Uniongrams received in honor of her Bar Mitzvah.

PULPIT FLOWERS

October 15

In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Nancy Novak, by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Novak.

October 22

In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Jay Noddle, by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Noddle.

CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO SPECIAL TEMPLE FUNDS:

IN HONOR OF:

25th Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. M. Christoffersen.
60th Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cohen
25th Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Eisenstatt.
60th Birthday of Cantor Manfred F. Kuttner.
Bar Mitzvah of Jay Noddle.
Bat Mitzvah of Nancy Novak.
25th Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Sherman.
75th Birthday of Mrs. Weta Simon.

FOR RECOVERY OF:

Max Breslow, Jack E. Cohen, Al Fox.

IN MEMORY OF:

Moses Bercovici, Jennie Burger, Rosa Hiller, Janice Hoffing, Louis Isaacson, Abraham Kirshenbaum, Dennis Marantz, Mary Rabiner, Sam Roffman — Yahrzeit, Howard Ross, Mrs. Harry Wigodsky — Yahrzeit.

GIFTS OF INSCRIBED PRAYER BOOKS HAVE BEEN MADE:

IN MEMORY OF:

Harold (Sonny) Garber, Yahrzeit; Mary Rabiner.

The "All Israel" Fashion Show and Luncheon, sponsored by the Greater Omaha Women's Division for State of Israel Bonds, will be held Thursday, November 11th at the Blackstone Hotel.

HONORED AT SABBATH SERVICES

October 15, 1971

Candle Blessing. Mrs. Nathan Novak
Kiddush Nathan Novak
Torah Blessing Ben Shapiro
Torah Blessing Bruce Novak

October 22, 1971

Candle Blessing . Mrs. Harlan Noddle
Kiddush Harlan Noddle
Torah Blessing James Farber
Torah Blessing Allan Noddle

OUR SYMPATHY

The Congregation records with sorrow the deaths of

MARY RABINER,
Des Moines, Iowa
mother of
Mrs. Donald Sturm

GARY SHERMAN,
brother of
Mrs. Joseph Lipton
Arthur Sherman

and extends sympathy to their bereaved families.

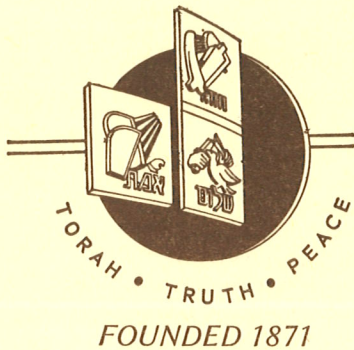
CHAIRMAN EXTENDS THANKS

Corinne Solomon thanks her committees for their wonderful cooperation and work during the Sisterhood's Art Fair.

They were — Publicity: Marcia Robinson and Joan Rips; Sales Personnel: Roey Meyers, Jan Perlmeter; Mailing List: Ruth Altsuler; Loading: Gail Kohll; Cashier: Jane Brooks, Frances Cohn, Irma B. Schwarz, Lillian Farber, Lois Friedman, Wanda Blotcky, Helen Stern, Sara Schneiderman; Salespeople: Jo Rosen, Arlene Beber, Roey Meyers, Elaine Goldberg, Nancy Noddle, Gloria Wagner, Joan Marcus, Wanda Blotcky, Billye Chapman, Ruth Bauer, Linda Weinstein, Barbara Taxman, Helen Lipp, Dee Fox, Ilse Kuttner, Sally Malashock, Phyllis Goldstein, Mary Bernstein, Soralee Cohn, Elaine Spitz, Marion Slosburg, Lucille Katelman, Judy and David Goldstein, Linda and Ronald Simon, Tillie and John Solomon, Jan and Stanley Perlmeter.

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Rabbi Brooks to Receive Honorary Degree November 12

IT SEEMS TO ME

A Personal Message from Rabbi Brooks

"I'm an agnostic." "I'm an atheist." "I can't believe in a personal God who listens to prayer."

These are just samples of the views too often expressed to me to justify detachment from Judaism and, therefore, from the Jewish People.

My quick answer to such statements really should be: "Who asked you?"

I do not mean this in impudence but in actual reflection of the attitude of Judaism. Surely, we have basic tenets of faith. Some say we have no creed at all. But that is not strictly correct. There are basic beliefs. But these beliefs are the work of theologians and philosophers. And within the concepts of "God," "Torah," "Revelation" and "Prayer" there are so many variations that one must inevitably come to the conclusion that there is no single Jewish version of any of them absolutely incumbent upon every Jew to make him a "good" Jew.

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

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

Manfred F. Kuttner,
Cantor

The Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity, Honoris Causa, on Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks in June 1971, the 25th anniversary of his ordination. As Rabbi Brooks was unable to attend the ceremony in Cincinnati, the College, in an unusual move, awarded his degree in absentia.

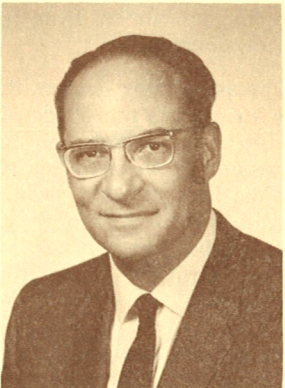
On behalf of the HUC-JIR, its President, Dr. Alfred Gottschalk has graciously arranged to have the degree bestowed officially upon Rabbi Brooks at Sabbath Services on November 12th. Temple Israel is honored to have Rabbi Kenneth David Roseman, Dean of the Cincinnati campus of HUC-JIR, make the presentation and deliver the evening's sermon.

It is a great privilege for the congregation to be able to share this occasion with Rabbi Brooks.

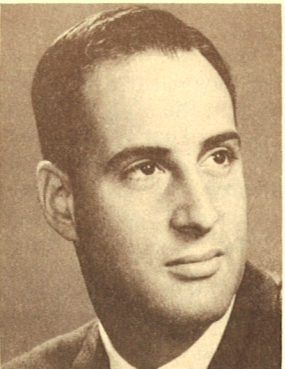
Rabbi Roseman is a 1966 graduate of HUC-JIR where he is now, in addition to being Dean, Assistant Professor of American Jewish History.

A graduate of Oberlin College, Rabbi Roseman was nominated to be a Rhodes Scholar. Later, at HUC-JIR, he received both his B.H.L. and M.H.L. degrees with honors and won numerous prizes for his scholarship. His articles on education and research have been published and are used as reference material by students.

Our congregation can anticipate a well-thought-out and provocative sermon next Friday evening when Rabbi Roseman will preach on "Training Reform Rabbis for Tomorrow."



Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks



Rabbi Kenneth Roseman will preach on "Training Reform Rabbis for Tomorrow."

IT SEEMS TO ME . . .
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Judaism's first question' is not "What do you believe?" The first question of our faith is: "How do you behave?"

There is an oftquoted Midrash which has God saying: "Rather that my People would forsake Me and keep my commandments!" Like all other aggadic (poetic) statements, this too is a suggestion of attitude and not a generally binding precept.

But it does tell us that we simply cannot go through life with infantile impressions of any aspect of our religion.

What disturbs me most, at the moment, is the impression of some of our young people who feel that if they cannot in intellectual honesty believe the stories both Biblical and rabbinic in origin that they were told when they were young, that the only alternative is complete detachment from Judaism and its teachings.

The astounding thing is that not only are there a multitude of views of the basic beliefs of Judaism expressed within the Bible and the rabbinic literature but, even today, there is a constant proliferation of views stimulated by the modern world and its contemporary philosophies.

That's why Judaism is, in reality, perpetually young. We have a flexibility and adaptibility to current thinking. In our faith doubt and wonder, questioning and searching are more to be admired, in my view, than absolute certainty.

The dogmatist frightens me far more than the skeptic. So ask your questions. That's fine. But don't make a dogma yourself out of perplexity and surely not out of ignorance. Search and while searching — learn.

There will be a no-host dinner honoring Rabbi Roseman on November 11th at 7:00 p.m. at the Highland Country Club. Reservations should be called in to the Temple office by Tuesday, November 9th.

SCHEDULE OF SABBATH SERVICES		
Friday Evening, November 5	8:15 p.m.	
NEW SABBATH DISCUSSION SERIES "COMMUNITY ISSUES: TO KNOW, TO CARE, TO HELP" II. Should Tenants Have Rights in Public Housing? <i>Sabbath Coffee Hour</i>		
Saturday Morning, November 6	11:00 a.m.	
Bar Mitzvah of MARTIN VANN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Vann		
Friday Evening, November 12	8:15 p.m.	
RABBI KENNETH DAVID ROSEMAN, Dean of the Hebrew Union College- Jewish Institute of Religion Cincinnati, Ohio will speak Presentation of Honorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity to Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks Oneg Shabbat		
Saturday Morning, November 13	11:00 a.m.	
Bar Mitzvah of DAVID HAUSS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hauss		

**Sub-Committees Formed
By Social Concern Group**

With over 25 congregants attending its latest meeting, our Social Concern Committee is growing. Special sub-committees are now in progress, dealing with local needs in education, voter registration, and social welfare.

In addition, a special sub-committee of our Social Concern Committee continues to plan and sponsor our Sabbath Discussion Series this year.

Please plan to join us on November 10 at 8:00 P.M. in Rabbi Weinstein's study for our next meeting.

Congratulations . . .

On the Birth of —
Kevin Michael Finkel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Finkel. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Finkel, and Mr. and Mrs. David Greenberg.

**SHOULD THE TENANTS HAVE
RIGHTS IN PUBLIC HOUSING?**

Do public housing tenants have the right to organize? Why have they formed a national organization?

Mrs. Laferne Williams will speak to our congregation about these issues in public forum as part of our continuing Sabbath Discussion Series on Friday, November 5.

Mrs. Williams is centrally involved with the problems of Omaha's public housing tenants. She has been part of "mothers for self help" and has herself started three day-care centers in the South Side Terrace Homes.

A special ad hoc committee of our newly formed Social Concern Committee is planning each Sabbath Discussion Series this year.

Please be with us in order to deepen your education and con-

**"IF YOU WERE IN OUR
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL . . ."**

Rabbi Barry Weinstein

The bell rings, signaling the close of our school session. Students begin leaving their classrooms and our Temple. At this point I walk through the corridor, randomly stopping students, asking a simple question:

"What did you learn today?"

Often students are astonished by my question. I ask myself if anyone else has ever asked them! Happily, many students respond with not only specific information, but important insights as well.

As you may know, each week I write a letter to our teachers, dealing with the approaching weekend's classes. I also use this opportunity to ask them the same question, but in a different way!

To my teachers I ask, "U'v'chen, and so?" This is a Hebrew phrase often quoted by Chasidic rabbis at the conclusion of their long discourses. "U'v'chen" asks simply the concrete implication of any involved theoretical discussions. "What have you really communicated? What have you concretely taught?"

Now you ask the questions! Do not settle for evasive, non-committal answers. Urge your child to share his feelings about his class just ended. Convince him you genuinely want to learn of his reactions, be they positive or negative.

Our students' desire to learn Judaism is directly proportional to our enthusiasm for such learning. Our teachers' desire to teach is directly affected by our total community concern for them.

"U'v'chen, and so?" Ask your children, just as I ask our teachers. The more we ask, the more our school becomes a truly responsive and meaningful vehicle of Jewish education for each of us.

Your gifts to the Temple Funds are an important addition to the various services and programs of our congregation.



**RARE ITEMS IN TEMPLE
ISRAEL'S MUSEUM — XXIII**

The Ethrog [in Ashkenazic pronunciation "esrog"], is a citron-like fruit used on the festival of Succoth. According to tradition, the ethrog was the fruit that Adam ate and so it is sometimes called adam's apple, or apple of paradise. There are elaborate boxes of silver, often with artistic decorations, in which the ethrog is kept so as not to break off the "pitmah," the crown shaped protuberance at one end. The ethrog box pictured was hand-filigreed in Israel.

Rabbi and Mrs. Barry L. Weinstein wish to thank the Temple Sisterhood for honoring them with a special Oneg Shabbat. They sincerely cherish your warmth and gracious welcome to our congregation and community, and look forward to sharing many joyous occasions with each of you.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
Nov. 8	Jewish Cultural Classes (Session 4)	8:00 p.m.
9	No Sisterhood Meeting	
10	Coffee with the Rabbi	10:00 a.m.
10	Social Concern Committee	8:00 p.m.
12 to	Dec. 12	
	Jewish Book Month	
15	Jewish Cultural Classes (Session 5)	8:00 p.m.
17	Coffee with the Rabbi	10:00 a.m.
17	Board of Trustees Meeting	7:30 p.m.

**ANN YAFFE NAMED PANELIST
FOR UAHC CONVENTION**

Ann Yaffe, president of the Omaha Temple Youth Group, was selected to be a panelist at the upcoming Biennial Assembly of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, November 5-9, in Los Angeles.

Ann will be serving on a panel as part of Forum I of the biennial. This Forum's theme is "How can Reform Judaism and the Synagogue be more relevant for Jewish Youth?" Ann's participation will take place in a session on the subject, "Synagogue's Response: Attempts at Solution."

Ann has been working closely with Rabbi Weinstein in order to prepare herself for meaningful participation in the Biennial. Hopefully, upon her return she will be able to share with us the results of her experiences there.

More than 2,500 lay and rabbinic leaders of Reform Judaism from communities and congregations throughout the United States and Canada will attend. Besides Ann our congregation will be represented by Rabbi and Mrs. Sidney Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Brookstein, Mr. and Mrs. Millard Krasne, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Slosburg, Mrs. Martin Lehr, Mrs. Eileen Engle and Mrs. Irvin Yaffe.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Frankel
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Greenberg
Mr. Gary Kaplan
Mrs. Ruth P. Luttbeg
Mr. and Mrs. Lee David Simon
Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Soshnik
Mr. and Mrs. Maynard H. Weinberg
Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Wolf,
Albion, Nebraska