

OUR SYMPATHY

The Congregation records with sorrow the deaths of:

Louis Bordy, father of Steve and Joe Bordy, and brother of Lena Namen;

Harold Kasin, husband of Leona Kasin, father of Sander Kasin and Dale Sofnas, brother of Mildred Grabiner and Edythe Abrahams;

Lillian Cohn, mother of Sheryn Joffe, Marvin and Jerry Cohn and sister of Gwen Mindich; and extends sympathy to their bereaved families.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO TEMPLE ISRAEL SPECIAL FUNDS

In Memory of:

Fred Brodkey
Lillian Cohn
Dr. Amos Dorinson
Esther DuBoff
Harold Kasin
Morris Schrier
Ida Stein
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In Honor of:

Birthday of:
Mrs. Barry Broder
Willard Friedman
Birth of Grandchild of:
Bus and Betty Rubin
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Epstein
Recovery of:
Phil Feldman
Berta Meyers
Chuck Monasee
Sandy Yudelson
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Rabbi Aryeh Azriel
Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks
Cantor Harold I. Firestone
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GIFTS OF PRAYER BOOKS

In Memory of:

Lillian Cohn
Harold Kasin

ART BEAUTIFICATION

In Memory of:

Harold Kasin

In Honor of:

Harold Bloom

Birthday of:

Simon Green

Recovery of:

Berta Meyers

Marriage of:

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Greenberg

TEMPLE ISRAEL CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		NOVEMBER	16 Parent/Toddler Class 9:30-11 a.m. Religious School Aleph 4-6 p.m. Confirmation Class 6:30-8 p.m. Introduction to Judaism 7:30-10 p.m.	17	18 Grade 5 Shabbat Dinner, Service & Undernigh 6-11 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service 8:15 p.m.	19 Religious School 9-11 a.m. "Learning Shabbat" 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service 11:15 a.m.
20 Children's Choir 9:15-10 a.m. Religious School 10-12 a.m. Outreach Program 10-12 a.m.	21	22	23 Religious School Aleph 4-6 p.m. Confirmation Class 6:30-8 p.m. Introduction to Judaism 7:30-10 p.m.	24 Thanksgiving	25 Shabbat Evening Service 8:15 p.m.	26 No Religious School Shabbat Morning Service 11:15 a.m.
27 No Religious School	28	29	30 Religious School @ JCC Aleph 4-6 p.m. Confirmation Class 6:30-8 p.m. Introduction to Judaism 7:30-10 p.m.	DECEMBER 1	2 Shabbat Service Remington Heights 4 p.m. Introduction to Judaism Class Shabbat Dinner 6 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service "Joy of Prayer" 8:15 p.m.	3 Religious School 9-11 a.m. "Learning Shabbat" 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service 11:15 a.m. Light 1st Chanukah Candle
4 Religious School 10-12 a.m. Preschool 10-12 p.m. Parent/Toddler Class 1-2:30 p.m. Chanukah Concert 3 p.m. Light 2nd Chanukah Candle	5 Parent/Toddler Class 9:30-11 a.m. Light 3rd Chanukah Candle	6 Sisterhood Board Meeting 9:30 a.m. Religious School Bet 4-6 p.m. Light 4th Chanukah Candle	7 Parent/Toddler Class 9:30-11 a.m. Religious School Aleph 4-6 p.m. Confirmation Class 6:30-8 p.m. Introduction to Judaism 7:30-10 p.m. Light 5th Chanukah Candle	8 Sisterhood Adult Education 9:30-11:30 a.m. Adult B/M Class 1:15-3 p.m. Religious School Gimmel & Daled 4-6 p.m. Grades 8 & 9 6:30-8:30 p.m. Light 6th Chanukah Candle	9 Chanukah Family Dinner 6 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service 7:30 p.m. Light 7th Chanukah Candle	10 Religious School 9-11 a.m. Light 8th Chanukah Candle

CONGRATULATIONS —

On the Birth of:

Danielle Elena Marsh, daughter of Sue and Dr. Bruce Marsh of Huntington, New York. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Elliot (Bus) Rubin and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Marsh of Huntington, New York. Great Grandmother is Ruth Marsh of Huntington, New York.

Emily Beth Rein, daughter of Josi and Rick Rein of Highland Park, IL. Grandparents are Carol and Ajon Farber and Huntley and Mimi Rein of Glencoe, IL. Great Grandparents are Lil and Maurie Lipsey of Chicago, IL. and Ruth Frankel of Chicago, IL.

WAIT 'TIL YOU SEE THE SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP

Of course, you'll find the gift wrap, tags, decorations, menorahs and books you always buy. But did you know the shop also has Myra Chanin's "Jewish Cooking Video," Noah's Ark dinnerware for children, "walking" dreidels, light-up "outer space" dreidels, Venetian paperweights, and cloissoné-handled bread knives?

See these and more of the usual and un-usual wares.

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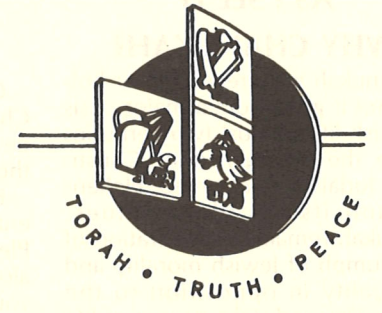
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WORSHIP SERVICES

Friday, November 18
8:15 p.m.

Sermon:
"MY WORDS FLY UP — MY THOUGHTS REMAIN BELOW"

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by the Temple Sisterhood

Saturday, November 19
"Learning Shabbat"
10:30 a.m.

Service
11:15 a.m.

Torah Portion: Vayetze
Genesis 28:10-32:3

Friday, November 22
8:15 p.m.

Sermon
Rabbi Brooks
"THANKSGIVING — TO WHOM?"

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Dr. and Mrs. Alfred W. Brody in honor of the naming of their granddaughter,
Jennifer Ann Brody

Saturday, November 26
11:15 a.m.

Torah Portion: Vayishlach
Genesis 32:4-36:43

Friday, December 2
8:15 p.m.

"JOY OF PRAYER"
Composer-in-Residence
Martin Kalmanoff

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by the Temple Sisterhood

Saturday, December 3
"Learning Shabbat"
10:30 a.m.

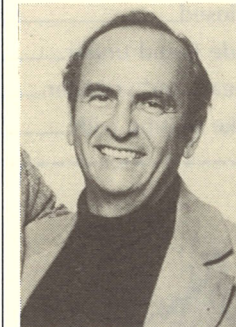
Service
11:15 a.m.

Torah Portion: Vayeshev
Genesis 37:1-40:23

"JOY OF PRAYER" SHABBAT SERVICE

Friday, December 2, 1988

Worship 8:15 p.m.
Oneg Shabbat following services



Martin Kalmanoff

Nationally-renowned composer Martin Kalmanoff will conduct his critically-acclaimed "Joy of Prayer," a Shabbat service set to music for orchestra, choir, and Cantor.

Cantor Firestone and an augmented professional choir will be accompanied by an instrumental ensemble. Mr. Kalmanoff will conduct the music and will speak on the role of the Jewish composer today.

Temple Israel is honored to host Mr. Kalmanoff, whose distinguished career has encompassed the fields of opera, symphonic, choral, and chamber music, as well as works for the musical theater.

The "Joy of Prayer" is one of the few notable examples of large-scale Jewish religious music written in our century and has been compared to Handel's "Messiah" and Ernest Bloch's "Sacred Service." This work premiered at Temple Emanuel in New York City and was later performed at the Kennedy Center and featured Metropolitan Opera star Sherrill Milnes.

"Joy of Prayer" has been per-

formed across the United States and Canada and has been enthusiastically received everywhere. Temple Israel congregants will recognize many of its most beautiful passages, as they have been part of our High Holy Day services.

Mr. Kalmanoff feels that the overwhelmingly enthusiastic response to this piece is due to its drive, ebullience, and buoyancy. He does not look upon the sacred service as a plaintive petition, but rather as an expression of awe and wonder at creation.

We invite the community to join us for this special service and the Oneg Shabbat which follows.

Temple Israel's Annual Chanukah Concert Sunday, December 4, 1988 3:00 p.m. Featuring Martin Kalmanoff and Cantor Firestone

The community is invited to celebrate the first day of Chanukah with Cantor Firestone and our choirs as they present an afternoon of beautiful music. The selections will range from traditional Chanukah melodies to music of such varied Jewish composers as

George Gershwin and Jacques Offenbach.

In addition, Martin Kalmanoff will conduct the Temple Israel Junior Choir in selections from his "Feast of Lights" Chanukah Cantata. An Oneg Shabbat will follow the concert.

AS I SEE IT WHY CHANUKAH?

Chanukah is merely a minor holiday. Yet it grew from a major crisis in Jewish life. Almost two centuries before the emergence of Christianity, Judaism confronted Hellenism and its decadent values. Chanukah remains a celebration of the triumph of Jewish morality and spirituality in opposition to the cheapening and debasement of life embodied in Hellenism. Nevertheless, this eight-day folk festival, which some project as the Jewish response to Christmas, is essentially a rather modest affair.

Chanukah is referred to nowhere in the Bible. The rabbis of the first century refused to canonize the Books of the Maccabees, our primary source for the history of Chanukah.

What about the Talmud? What does the vast compendium of Jewish legal, historical, and folk literature, covering 800 years of Jewish history including the period of the Maccabean victory, say about Chanukah? Next to nothing! The rabbis thought that greatness would come to Israel — not through military victories, not through the conquest of armies but through the life-giving spirit of God.

Chanukah is very much a part of the Jewish spirit when celebrated properly. It is observed with the kindling of lights, the singing of songs, and the exchange of some gifts. Our tradition suggests no major festivities for the eight days. In fact, Jewish law does not even suggest abstinence from work on Chanukah. Chanukah is a holiday of a stubborn minority religion.

Chanukah survives because it still has a message for the world. It is not a message thundered from God atop Sinai. It is a message which we read in the light of the modest Chanukah flames. It is the timeless truth that in the small, rather than the grand — in the few, rather than the many — is spiritual greatness found.

Just as in those days Jews distinguished themselves from a majority culture whose values undermined human dignity, we today struggle against popular forms destructive of life's values. The simplicity of Chanukah captures the Jewish ideal. Not in garish forms and excessive materialism is the human spirit mag-

Our festive annual Temple Family Chanukah Dinner and Worship will be Friday, December 9th, 6 p.m. in the Social Hall.

Everyone is invited — grandparents, grandchildren, aunts, cousins! Please bring your own menorah, along with the candles to be lit, for your table.

Adults - \$6.00 — Children 6th grade and under - \$3.50
Children 2 years and younger - no charge

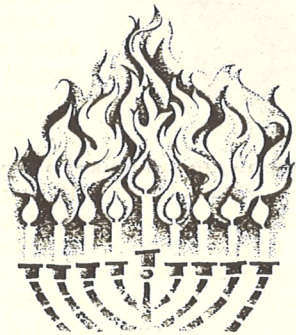
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Children 2 years and younger _____

We would like seating with _____



nified. The simple Chanukah Menorah and the fragile flame remind us that we must resist the seduction of the grand and the ostentatious.

Authentic Jewishness requires religious courage — courage, like the Maccabees, to belong to a minority devoted to the triumph of the right over might. It requires ethical courage to be a Jew, when worldly comforts, honors and prizes often lure the Jew to abandon his identity and distinctiveness.

If God is hidden in the darkness, we must search for God with the candle of conviction. Chanukah is a time to ignite a flickering candle, to illumine the darkness of the night, of suffering, of death, oppression and injustice. Thus will the night shrink before the healing light of love of life, of redemption, and peace.

JOIN THE FUN AT TEMPLE'S FAMILY CHANUKAH DINNER AND SERVICE

A Shabbat/Chanukah family service, appropriate for all ages, will be at 7:30, followed by a special Oneg Shabbat.

Please send a check, along with the reservation blank, to the Temple office. Deadline is Monday, December 5.

CHANUKAH GLOSSARY

Chanukah — A Hebrew word meaning "dedication." When the Jews defeated the Syrians, their first act was to cleanse the Temple in Jerusalem and remove various pagan symbols and idols. They then held a ceremony dedicating the Temple once again to God. The holiday derives its name from the ceremony.

Judah Maccabee — The name comes from the first letters of the Hebrew prayer Me Kamocha Ba-elim Adonai (Who is like Thee, O Lord!) inscribed on the Maccabean battle banner. Another reason that Judah was called the Maccabee is that he struck with the force of a mighty hammer. The Hebrew word for hammer is Makav. Judah became known as "The Hammer" — or the Maccabee.

Maccabees — Hebrew soldiers who fought the Syrians. Named after their leader, Judah the Maccabee.

Menorah — Chanukah candle holder. Contains places for 8 candles and 9th candle, the Shamash, is raised above the others. Each of the 8 candles represents one of the 8 days of Chanukah.

Dreydel — A four-sided top used on Chanukah. Each side has a different Hebrew letter: Nun, Gimmel, Hay, Shin. This stands for NES GADOL HAYAH SHAM, which means "A great miracle happened there."

Shamash — Helper-candle used to light all the other candles.

Latkes — Potato pancakes. Traditional Chanukah delicacy.

Mattathias — The Hasmonean — P. who started the revolt against the Syrians. Father of Judah Maccabee.

(From Chanukah Anthology)

TIKUN OLAM

Recently, you received a letter from the TIKUN OLAM committee telling you the Story of the Starfish: A young child walked down a long stretch of deserted beach. A high tide had washed thousands of starfish ashore, and they were scattered along the sand. The young child picked the starfish up one by one and flung them back into the ocean.

An elderly man came along and was puzzled with what the little child was doing. Upon inquiring, the child admitted to attempting to save the starfish from dying. The old gentleman chuckled and remarked, "You foolish child, there are hundreds of miles of beach. What difference could you make?"

The child picked up a starfish, looked at it carefully and remarked, "It makes a difference to this one."

The child in the story had the true gift of Tzedakeh. We look at the world today and become dizzy by all the work there is to be done. Can we as a single group of people feed the hungry, house the homeless and meet the needs of all of those less fortunate than we? Of course we cannot! But we can be an important brick in the foundation of Tzedakeh. And with each brick we can add another until, with the help of others, we structure a better and happier world in which to live.

Please volunteer for one of the TIKUN OLAM projects planned for the months of November and December. Please return the post card you received in the mail with your choice of projects selected. Or call the Temple office at 556-6536 and leave your name. A committee member will contact you.

If you are unable to help on those projects please consider one of the following:

- Bring canned goods each time you come to the Temple or are in the neighborhood.
- Drop off your winter coats that are no longer being used (any size).
- Check the heat fund box on your MUD bill and help those who cannot afford to pay their heat bill.
- Send TIKUN OLAM a check to be used toward one of the winter projects. You will feel good inside — and so will some STARFISH!!!!

Rachel Zipay and Debbie Brookstein Co-Chairpersons, Tikun Olam

RECORD GIFT OF \$2900 TO FOOD BANK

Because of the efforts of Temple Israel's Tikun Olam (Repairing the World) Committee, our congregation recently presented the largest contribution from a religious organization received by the Omaha Food Bank. In addition to the donations from our members, our Fifth Graders, as part of their curriculum, brought cans of food and learned about the Food Bank.

Activities such as this enhance text study and classroom discussions. Seeing our congregation's commitment to Jewish ethics is the strongest-possible lesson for our students.

We were pleased to receive a gracious thank-you note from C. J. Rafensperger, Food Bank Executive Director.



Making the presentation to Betsy Baker, President of the Board of the Omaha Food Bank are shown, from the left: Jessica Christensen, Rachel Jacobson, Kelly Broder, Jim Simons, Rabbi Azriel, Diane Zipay, Elyce Azriel, Jeremy Zipay, Betsy Baker and Debbie Brookstein.

CARING COMMITTEE TO HONOR 80 PLUS AT TEMPLE FAMILY CHANUKAH DINNER

Temple members who are 80 years and older will be honored guests of the Caring Committee at the annual Temple Family Chanukah Dinner and Service, December 9.

We will provide transportation for these members and are sending them special invitations. If you have not received your invitation by November 25, please call the Temple office, 556-6536.

A very successful "Shabbat Is Coming To You" was held October 28 at Livingston Plaza. Rabbi Azriel and our Temple Youth Group con-

ducted the Shabbat service which was written by the students. They immediately won the hearts of the Jewish residents!

After Kiddush, wine and honey cake, Liberty Faier and Laura Plattner entertained the residents with piano music and singing. Our friends at Livingston expressed their appreciation to Esther Canar, chairman of Temple's "Shabbat Is Coming To You" program.

The Food Bank is especially grateful for the very generous gift of \$2,900.00 you presented to us in behalf of your congregation. This is the largest single donation we have ever received from a synagogue or church. Temple Israel was a part of forming the Food Bank and has been very supportive over the years. This latest gift is certainly going to help us provide healthful food to many needy individuals and families this winter.

Please extend our thanks to the class for their gift of one hundred forty-four (144) pounds of food. This will also help feed many folks this winter.

CHANUKAH RECIPES

POTATO LATKES

4 large potatoes; 2 eggs; 1 t. salt; dash pepper; 2 heaping T. flour; 1/2 t. baking powder; 1 t. grated onion; dash cinnamon, optional; fat for frying

Peel potatoes, grate on fine grater, and pour off half the liquid that gathers. Beat eggs and add to potatoes, with other ingredients. Drop mixture by spoonfuls onto hot, well-greased frying pan. Turn when brown and brown other side. Drain on paper towels. Serve with applesauce, sour cream or cinnamon and sugar.



SAUFGANEYOT (ISRAELI CHANUKAH DONUTS)

1/3 C. warm water; 1/2 C. flour, 1 pkg. yeast, 1 t. sugar, dash salt, 2 C. flour; 1/4 C. sugar; 2 T. shortening; 1 egg; 1/4 C. warm water

Mix 1/3 C. water, 1/2 C. flour, yeast and 1 t. sugar in a small bowl. Set aside to rise for about 15 min. in a warm oven.

Make a well in the center of the flour. Put remaining ingredients in the center, including the yeast mixture. Mix. Turn onto a lightly-floured board. Knead for about 15 min. or until dough becomes elastic and not sticky. Place in lightly oiled bowl, turning dough to coat. Cover; allow to rise for 1 hr. in a warm oven.

Knead lightly again; then let dough stand for 15 min. Roll out on floured board 1/3" thick. Cut with 2" glass in circles. Lift off board and reduce diameter a little. Allow to rise on a floured board 1 hr. Deep-fry in oil, turning to brown. Drain on paper towels. When cooled, slit on one end and fill with jelly. Roll in powdered sugar. Makes 20.

Happy Chanukah

Blessings and Prayers for Lighting Your Menorah

The Festival of Chanukah begins Saturday evening, December 3. During the eight days, the candles are kindled every night. On the first night one light is lit, beginning on the far right of the menorah. On each succeeding night a light is added to the left of those on the preceding night, and the kindling proceeds from left to right.

Each day these two blessings are recited:

Ba-ruch-a-tah A-doh-nai Eh-lo-hay-nu me-lech hah-oh-lahm ah-sheh kid-shah-nu b'mitz-voh-tav v'tsee-vah-nu I-had 'leek nayr shel Chan-nu-kah.

Blessed is the Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, Who hallows us with His Mitzvot, and commands to kindle the Chanukah light.

Ba-ruch-a-tah A-doh-nai Eh-lo-hay-nu me-lech hah-oh-lahm she-ah-sah ni-seem lah-ah-vo-tay-nu bah-yah-meem ha-haym baz-man hah-zeh

Blessed is the Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, Who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old, at this season.

The following blessing is added on the first night of Chanukah only:

Ba-ruch a-tah A-doh-nai Eh-lo-hay-nu me-lech hah-oh-lahm she-heh-che-yah-nu v'kee-y'mah-nu v'hi-gee-yah-nu lah-z'mahn hah-zeh

Blessed is the Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.

As the Shamash (servant) candle is kindled, we say each day:

First Night — FREEDOM

When we kindle these Chanukah lights in memory of the dedication and courage of the Maccabees. Believing that they should worship God as their hearts and minds dictated, they willingly gave their lives for freedom. Kindling these candles, we

rededicate ourselves to work for the equal rights of all men and for the realization of a society of democracy and freedom.

Second Night — FAMILY

Tonight as we celebrate Chanukah together we are conscious of our precious gift of family. So often we take one another for granted. Let us, as we kindle these festive lights, rededicate ourselves to sharing our interests and time with one another. Let us face the tribulations and the joys of life united by our family bonds. We pray that, through kindness and thoughtfulness, our love for one another will increase from strength to strength.

Third Night — TORAH

On this third night of Chanukah, we rededicate ourselves to the study of our tradition. As the Maccabees courageously fought to preserve our faith, we, too, are duty-bound to sustain our heritage by deepening our understanding of it through study. Study of Judaism opens our minds and fortifies us against tyranny. Learning secures our freedom. Let us, as we kindle these candles, rededicate ourselves to the study of our tradition.

Fourth Night — HOPE

Our forefathers have taught us that in hope a man's future is illumined and made creative. Like the Maccabees we need to build our lives on hope. Hope that ultimately truth will triumph over superstition, and confidence that trust and understanding will finally depose superstition and tyranny. As we kindle these Chanukah lights, may our eyes be directed to the loftiest visions of our faith.

Fifth Night — CHARITY

Our tradition says that during the Maccabean war, all Jews — both children and adults — contributed to the cause of defeating the oppressor. Many forms of oppression still exist in our world. Tonight, we,

like our forefathers, put aside gifts of Tzedakah to bring an end to oppression. We pray that the humble gifts we offer will provide food for the hungry, medicine for the sick, knowledge for the ignorant, and equal opportunity for those afflicted by prejudice.

As we kindle our Chanukah lights, let us rededicate ourselves to the ideal of Tzedakah found in our Jewish tradition.

Sixth Night — SHALOM

The candles of Chanukah remind us of our chosen mission as Jews. Like the Maccabees, we seek to rededicate ourselves to the service of God. Today, one of our foremost tasks is to secure peace in our troubled world. When we seek to mend hurt and wounded feelings, we make peace a living ideal. Let us, as we kindle our Chanukah candles, rededicate ourselves with renewed strength to the task of securing peace.

Seventh Night — BROTHERHOOD

Brotherhood is founded upon a total respect for the liberty and freedom of all men. The Maccabees of old sought to protect themselves when their rights were violated. Our Chanukah lights remind us that brotherhood is secure only when we honor the precious liberty and property of our fellow men. As we kindle these lights, let us rededicate ourselves to the cause of brotherhood which alone can bring dignity to all men.

Eighth Night — FAITH

Tonight we kindle all the candles of our Chanukah Menorah. Throughout the centuries, it has been a symbol of our Jewish faith. Like the Maccabees, we rededicate ourselves to living a more meaningful Jewish life. We pray we may fulfill the ideals of freedom, Tzedakah, family, study, hope, shalom and brotherhood, all of which are symbolized by the candles of our Menorah.



JEWISH STORYTELLER WILL PERFORM FOR STUDENTS

Our Fourth Grade students will join others from Temple Israel and UTTO on November 30 to hear Peninnah Schram at the JCC. A well-known storyteller, Ms. Schram will offer two sessions geared to different age groups: 4:15 to 5 p.m. for Kindergarten through Grade 3; and 5:15 to 6 p.m. for Grades 4 through 7. All Religious School students are invited to attend.

Our religious school teachers will also attend a workshop with Ms. Schram to learn how to incorporate her techniques into our curriculum.

FIFTH GRADE FAMILY SHABBAT AND "UNDERNIGHT"

November 18 promises to be an evening to remember for our Fifth Graders and their families. It will begin with dinner at 6 p.m., followed by a special family service in the sanctuary.

After the Shabbat service, families will return home; but the Fifth-Graders will remain for an "under-night" until 11 p.m. This will be a special opportunity for them and their teachers to expand their classroom curriculum and to have fun together.

The evening will provide an opportunity for families to share Shabbat and to enjoy the company of their children's Religious School friends. Our goal is to strengthen friendships within a Jewish setting.

The congregational Shabbat service will be held at the usual time, 8:15 p.m.

"LEARNING SHABBAT"

**Saturday, November 19
Saturday, December 3
10:30 a.m.**

**Livingston Chapel
Led by Rabbi Azriel**

Did you ever go to a Shabbat service and wonder what it was all about? Come learn about the origins and the order of our Jewish worship service. Some of the prayers will be read slowly in Hebrew, so their meaning will become clear to you. Don't miss this great opportunity to refresh your knowledge of the Shabbat experience.

Youth Choir Joins Chanukah Worship

The members of our Temple Youth Choir will meet during Religious School sessions to learn the service music of our Congregation, leading to their presentations throughout this year. Their first service participation will be Shabbat Chanukah, December 3.

The Choir members are Megan Adams, Adrienne Bergenfeld, Morgan Denny, Becky Goldberg, Heather Greene, Jennifer Javitch, Karen Kazor, Charley Landow, Ali Lerner, Alex Lund, Louis Newman, Max Newman, Noah Siegel, Brian Siff, Larry Siref, Shawn Siref, Whitney Taxman, Glenn Wigodsky.

RABBI BROOKS DELIGHTS ALEPH CLASS

Beginning Hebrew students enjoyed a memorable first day of class as they met with Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks in the Livingston Chapel.

Rabbi Brooks offered several explanations for why Hebrew is written from right to left and asked them to consider which language, Hebrew or English, is written "backwards," since Hebrew predated English.

He discussed "sifrot," Hebrew calligraphy, and explained how Torahs are made and cared for.

Thanks to Rabbi Brooks, our Aleph class began their study of Hebrew with enthusiasm and joy.

OTYG

By Tiffani Sherman

Even though OTYG is busily planning for the upcoming conclave, there are still things happening besides Winter. On October 28, members of the youth group conducted a service at the Livingston Plaza. The service was enjoyed by all who attended and participated.

On November 4-6, ten members of OTYG attended the MoVFTY Western Fall Conclave in Wichita, Kansas. The conclave was well-attended and also made members of OTYG even more excited for the upcoming winter conclave which is to be held in Omaha, December 23-28, 1988.

November 19 will be an exciting day for all OTYG members. The group will attend the visiting circus and then have an overnight. The following day, participants will help the Greater Omaha Association for Retarded Citizens sell honey on Honey Sunday.

The youth group is looking anyone who is willing to help with the winter conclave. There is work to be done and the date is rapidly approaching. You do not have to be a member of OTYG to help (yes — this means adults and parents, too!) If you would like to donate your time or services, please call Keri at 334-1014, or Marcia at 572-2625.



Rabbi Brooks displays quill pen and parchment to students.