

HONORED AT
SABBATH SERVICES
October 29, 1971

Candle Blessing Mrs. Kevee Kirshenbaum
Kiddush Kevee Kirshenbaum
Torah Blessing . Joseph Kirshenbaum
Torah Blessing . . Max Kirshenbaum

November 5, 1971

Candle Blessing . Mrs. Donald Vann
Kiddush Donald Vann
Torah Blessing . . . Richard Kohan
Torah Blessing Bruce Vann

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Jay Noddle and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Noddle, for the Uniongrams received in honor of his recent Bar Mitzvah.

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TEMPLE MEN'S CLUB

Temple Men's Club Breakfast with the Rabbi will be held Sunday November 21, at 10:00 a.m. in the Multi-purpose Room. Guests are welcome.

Rabbi Brooks will speak on "Just How Old Are You? — An Exploration Into the Process of Maturity."

October 29
In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Craig Allen Kirshenbaum, by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kevee Kirshenbaum.

OUR SYMPATHY

The Congregation records with sorrow the deaths of
ETTA ROSEN,
sister of
Mrs. Esther Leibovitz
TIBBIE HARRIS,
mother of
Lt. Col. Irvin Harris
and extends sympathy to their bereaved families.

PULPIT FLOWERS
November 5
In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Martin Vann, by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Vann.

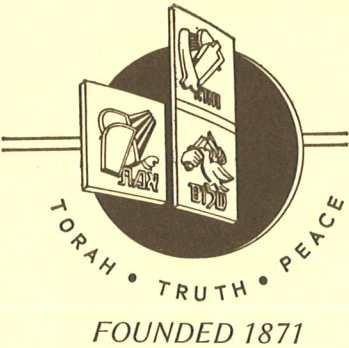
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IT SEEMS TO ME <i>A Personal Message from Rabbi Brooks</i>	SCHEDULE OF SABBATH SERVICES	
Through the years I have incessantly tried to emphasize what I consider to be one of the cardinal principles of Judaism. I find enormous cosmic meaning in our teaching that man is the partner of God. Two staggering consequences flow from this premise.	Friday Evening, November 19 8:15 p.m. RABBI BARRY L. WEINSTEIN will preach on ETHNOCIDE OR EXODUS IN THE SOVIET UNION — YOUR CHOICE! <i>Sabbath Coffee Hour</i>	
The first is that, in a real sense, God is limited in his power. God needs Man! The second is that Man then, assumes near to divine power in the exercise of his duty to live a life of goodness, truth and peace.	Saturday Morning, November 20 11:00 a.m. An Innovative Sabbath Morning Service "CREATIVE JUDAISM" Temple Chapel (See Rabbi Weinstein's Column)	
All of this is contained in the idea of the "mitzvot" — the commandments to do what is right and what we believe fulfills that partnership between God and man.	Wednesday Evening, November 24 5:30 p.m. Special Weekday SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING Temple Chapel	
It is assumed that no mitzvah however small is without significance. Rather we are reminded that the small act of piety leads to the greater. Above all, we do what is right not for the sake of reward but only because it is right. <i>(Continued on Page 2)</i>	Friday Evening, November 26 8:15 p.m. RABBI SIDNEY H. BROOKS will preach on "BE THANKFUL — SELFISHLY!" <i>Sabbath Coffee Hour</i>	
SIDNEY H. BROOKS, M.H.L., D.D. <i>Rabbi</i> Barry L. Weinstein, M.A.H.L. <i>Assistant Rabbi</i> Manfred F. Kuttner, <i>Cantor</i>		

“IF YOU WERE IN OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL . . .”
By Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein

Have you ever taught Religious School?

If you have, you probably recall moments when you seriously wondered if your students were learning anything at all. After all, one can conceivably deal endlessly with the Bible, holidays, and Jewish history. But where does it all lead? How does it relate to our students' personal daily lives?

Perhaps the greatest challenge each of our Religious School teachers faces consists in making classroom material intrinsically meaningful to each student's own life.

For the past few weeks some of our students have been weaving insights from our school into their own lives. Under the guidance of Mrs. Beverly Rouleau, students in our elective “Creative Judaism in Music, Drama and Dance” have been creating an original liturgy for our Saturday service.

After discussing the significance of each part of the Sabbath morning service, the students have been writing appropriate original prayers and meditations. The result of their group effort is an original service which they themselves will present this Saturday morning in our chapel.

Creating and presenting a liturgy expressing their own feelings has helped our students derive personal satisfaction from their classroom material.

Hopefully, the service will be but the first of many such creative endeavors within our school.

RARE ITEMS IN TEMPLE ISRAEL'S MUSEUM — XXXV —

The rabbinical law requires that a formal separation be made between Holy and Profane, and between the Sabbath and the secular week days. On the Sabbath a benediction is pronounced over wine, spices and candle. One of the reasons for the spices is to have a last whiff of the delightful fragrance of the Sabbath.

A seemingly inexhaustible source for the Jewish silversmith's art was the SPICE BOX (B'samin Box). Pictured is one to be used when on a trip. Wrought of silver in the shape of an egg, it is small enough to fit in a man's vest pocket. It is on loan to our Museum from the collection of Cantor Manfred F. Kuttner.

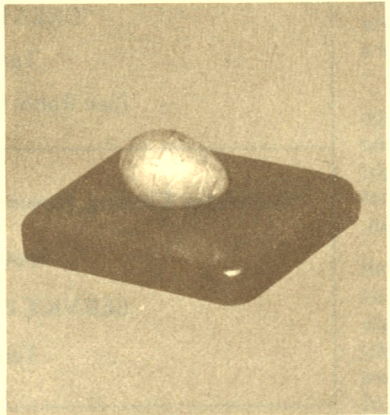
TEMPLE YOUTH GROUP TO HOST FALL CONCLAVETTE

Next weekend marks the beginning of Omaha Temple Youth Group's Fall Conclavette. Following Thanksgiving dinner in homes of members, participants will travel to Lincoln's Kellogg Center for the remainder of the function.

Over 130 Youth Groupers from throughout the Western Sub-Region of MOVTY will journey here to learn about Jewish mysticism. A number of discussion groups and individual presentations promise to acquaint each participant with many varied aspects of this intriguing subject.

Chairman is Pam Fox, with Bruce Meyers serving as co-chairman. Included on the faculty are Rabbi and Mrs. Sidney H. Brooks, Rabbi and Mrs. Barry L. Weinstein, Rabbi Jay Goldburg of Des Moines, Max Frankel of Denver, Mrs. Mollie Delman, Miss Miriam Brooks, Mrs. Beverly Rouleau, and Gary Kaplan. Rabbi Weinstein is serving as Dean of the function.

Each member of the Faculty and Youth Group has been intensively planning for the Conclavette.



IT SEEMS TO ME . . .
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One mitzvah stands rather apart from the others. We are taught that whatever we can do to pay honor to the dead, to attend their burial, to see that proper preparations of the body are carried out is a “mitzvah” above others. Because in this case we can hope for neither appreciation or reward.

While most of us who suffer the loss of loved ones use the services of commercial funeral homes, there are many traditional Jews in our community who do not. Such bodies must be attended by men and women who not only know the laws of burial but also act out of a sense of mitzvah in performing the work that must be done to cleanse the body of the departed and wrap the body in the traditional funeral shrouds.

Now I understand a real problem has arisen, a problem which pains me deeply. Where once men and women performed this sacred task out of a sense of “mitzvah,” some now demand payment for their services. In my view they do indeed serve the living; but no longer is their act one of “mitzvah.” Payment obliterates the inherent goodness and kindness which was once the essence of the ritual.

Is this the kind of world in which we live? Must everything we do for one another carry a material reward? Have we lost all sensitivity for the beauty, the spiritual satisfaction from doing an act of kindness without thought of reward?

We are given so much we could not possibly attain for ourselves: life and health, love and friendship, the wonders of the world of nature and the mind.

How about giving a little? How about our partnership with God? How about finding God by serving Man? How about forgetting the reward?

Parents to Meet with Rabbi

Parents of students in the Confirmation Class will meet w Rabbi Brooks at Temple on Sunday December 5 at 10:30 a.m.

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 19, 1971

Edward Abrahams
Meyer Klein
Rae R. Abrahams
Jay M. Malashock
Louis Sommer
Loyal Brandeis Cohn
Israel Beber
Benjamin F. Ross
Geitel Gluckman
Fred M. Elikan
Fannie S. Chapman
Julius Abrahamson

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Johanna Seligsohn
Herman Speier
Rose Ginsburg
Dr. Charles Rosewater
Abe Herman Brodkey
Harry Heyman
Al Hoffman
David M. Meyer
Sadie Gitlin

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Veitzer

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:

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

Your gifts to the funds are an important addition to the various services and programs of our Congregation. We are most grateful.

Early Thanksgiving Service To Be Held November 24

In a time of turmoil when so much of our anxiety concerns our youth, most of us are blessed with children who bring us joy and pride. At Thanksgiving time many of the College youth return home and the early evening service on Wednesday, November 24 at 5:30 p.m., will offer a brief opportunity for prayerful thanksgiving for both parents and children.

The Congregation at large will, of course, also welcome this short service to give thanks for the many blessings of our lives.

CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO SPECIAL TEMPLE FUNDS:

IN HONOR OF:
70th Birthday of Sam Beber.
Honorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity to Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks.
25th Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Eisenstatt.
70th Birthday of Philip Feldman.
Birth of son, Kevin, to Mr. and Mrs. Joel Finkel.
Birth of son, Edward, to Mr. and Mrs. David Friedland.
40th Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Rubinow.

FOR RECOVERY OF:
Dr. Oscar Carp, Al Fox, Mrs. Rose Katzman, Mrs. Abe Krantz.

IN MEMORY OF:
Meyer Applebaum, Col. Floyd Giddens, Mrs. Tibbie Harris, Louis Isaacson, Abe Lieberman, Ben Lindenbaum, Mrs. Mary Rabiner, Ralph Raffelo, David Rosen — Yahrzeit, Mrs. Etta Rosen, Howard Ross, Richard J. Seitner — Yahrzeit, Gary Sherman, Mrs. Adele Speier.

GIFTS OF INSCRIBED PRAYER BOOKS HAVE BEEN MADE:

IN MEMORY OF:
Abe Goldstein, Yahrzeit; Abe Lieberman, Samuel Sperling, Estelle Stalmaster.

SOCIAL CONCERN GROUP SELECTS ACTIVITY AREAS

As a result of the October meeting of our Social Concern Committee, several different areas of interest are being acted upon. Ranging from the problems of hunger and quality education to voter registration and the needs of health and welfare, these areas promise to provide a continuing challenge to each member of our committee.

In addition, another special sub-committee continues to plan and sponsor our Sabbath Discussion Series.

The potential of the committee in helping us seek and act upon the Jewish ethical position on matters of social concern is limitless. Your suggestions and active participation are sincerely encouraged and sought.

Please plan to be with us at our next meeting, December 15, at 8:00 p.m. in Rabbi Weinstein's office.

Congratulations . . .

On the Engagement of — Miss Pamela Lloyd Peterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd E. Peterson, to John Louis Horwich, son of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Horwich.

On the Birth of — Zachary Andrew Kahn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Colman Kahn, Shaker Heights, Ohio. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William J. Fogel and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kahn. Great grandmothers are Mrs. Hilda Hoffman and Mrs. Millie Fogel.

Mark Stephen Spizman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Spizman. Grandmother is Mrs. Maurice Holland.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov.	21	Temple Men's Club	10:00 a.m.
	22	Jewish Cultural Classes (Session 6)	8:00 p.m.
	24	Coffee With The Rabbi	10:00 a.m.
	24	No Hebrew Classes	
	24	Thanksgiving Service — Chapel	5:30 p.m.
	25	Thanksgiving	
	27	No Saturday School	
	28	No Sunday School	
	29	No Hebrew Classes	
Dec.	1	Coffee With the Rabbi	10:00 a.m.