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OUR SYMPATHY

The Congregation records
with sorrow the deaths of

HARRY J. COOPER,
father of Mrs. Louis D. Klein

ROSE WOLFE,
mother of William M. Wolfe

ANNA SARAH FAIGIN,
mother of Mrs. David Bleicher

and extends sympathy to their
bereaved families.

THANKS FROM —

Daniel Goldman and his parents, Mr. and
Mrs. Richard Goldman, for the Uniongrams
received in honor of his recent Bar Mitzvah.

Dr. and Mrs. I. Rips for the letters and cards
received for their recovery and good health.

PULPIT FLOWERS

April 20
In honor of the 80th Birthday of Mrs. Jennie
Priesman

April 27
In memory of Regina S. Shapiro
In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Bruce Stuart
Greenberg

HONORED AT
SABBATH SERVICES

April 20, 1973
Candle Blessing Miss Kim Priesman
Kiddush Maynard Telpner
Torah Blessing Justin Priesman
Torah Blessing Ernest Priesman

April 27, 1973
Candle Blessing . Mrs. Avrum Greenberg
Kiddush Avrum Greenberg
Torah Blessing M. M. Krupinsky
Torah Blessing Lawrence Tauben

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:

May 11, 1973

Harry Silverman
Ratie New
Isidor Ziegler
Lester Slosburg
Nathan Joseph Berman
Julius Meyer
Ida Wasserman Logasa
Evelyn Neesman
Esther Ehrenreich
Louis Feltman
Lena Bleicher
Lena Somberg
Leslie L. Burkenroad
Alfred L. Fox

May 18, 1973

Zolle Marer
J. L. Rothschild
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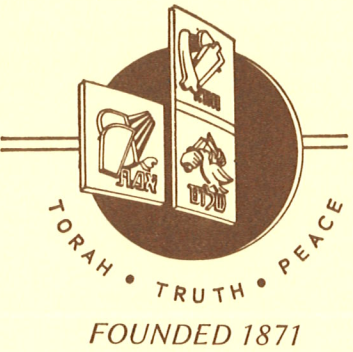
On the Wedding of —

Miss Deborah Katelman and Mr.
Mark F. Salomon. Parents of the
couple are Mr. and Mrs. Stanley R.
Katelman and Mr. and Mrs. Hans M.
Salomon, Philadelphia.

Best wishes to Mr. Kenneth
Moore, head custodian, for a
speedy recovery following surgery.
We miss you and hope you'll be
back soon.

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IT SEEMS TO ME

A Personal Message from Rabbi Brooks

THE BAAL SHEM OF
MICHELSTADT



A poet once
wrote on Intima-
tions of Immor-
tality. I'm not a
poet. But I did
have an intima-
tion of immor-
tality. It came in
the form of a
book, a lovely book which was the
fruit of our late beloved Cantor
Manfred F. Kuttner's labor and de-
votion.

It was put into my hands by his
wife, Ilse. And I openly admit that I
have seldom experienced so over-
powering a sense of ambivalence.
Naturally, I was profoundly grate-
ful for the gift of the book. But at the
same time my joy was co-mingled
with a deep sadness and a tremen-
dous unanswerable question. Why
me? Why should I hold the first
copy of the book? Why not Cantor
Kuttner? No answer. And the more
one thinks about it the more one
wonders at the mystery of life and
death.

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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, May 11
8:15 p.m.

Sabbath Evening Services

DOUBLE SERVICES

Early Service — 6:00 p.m.

Brief Participatory Worship
for young children and their parents

Late Service — 8:15 p.m.

Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks will speak on

“WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE!”

SABBATH COFFEE HOUR

Saturday Morning, May 12
11:00 a.m.

Sabbath Morning Services

Bar Mitzvah of KEN SOMBERG,

son of Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Somberg

Friday Evening, May 18
8:15 p.m.

Sabbath Evening Services

RABBI SIDNEY H. BROOKS

“IF YOU ASK ME”

Open Discussion following Services on a number of subjects
with the opportunity for questions from the Congregation.

Sabbath Coffee Hour

Saturday Morning, May 19
11:00 a.m.

Sabbath Morning Services

Bar Mitzvah of JEFFREY DAVID POLSKY,

son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Polsky

IT SEEMS TO ME
(Continued from Page 1)

How Cantor Kuttner would have rejoiced to see how beautifully his work was printed and bound in Israel. And we then must say that therein lies at least part of the answer. The book is in itself, I feel, an intimation of immortality. For while Cantor Kuttner is gone, his translation of marvelous stories remembered from his youth are now spread far and wide, forever to delight and inspire young and old alike. Were it not for his persistence in tracking down a once famous German storybook and painstakingly translating the legends of the Baal Shem of Michelstadt, in all likelihood the stories would have died with him and been lost to all.

Now the book is published and in it part of him lives with us not only in memory but in an eternally fascinating and rare type of Jewish literature and lore.

For me this is immortality at its best: what we do and create and leave behind that is meaningful and creative and uplifting as did Cantor Kuttner.

This is not the first time nor will it be the last that a man dreams and creates and labors and seemingly so unfairly does not live to see the results of his dreams. Sad, yes. But also instructive. Maybe we ought to learn that the most important things we do are not those that bring us glory, honor or reward but what we do for others that does not necessarily bring us any personal satisfaction beyond the knowing that we have done something good.

Cantor Kuttner's book is a part of the rich legacy he left us and all those who will live after us.

Moses did not enter the Promised Land but he made it possible for his People to do so. Cantor Kuttner did not see his completed book but left us a unique fragment of a great heritage of Jewish literary history, and we are the better for it.

Bring the book to your hands, brighten your minds and spirits with its tales and enter into the loveliness of its mood which but for Cantor Kuttner would never have been ours.

Invitation in Israel

Following are excerpts from a letter received by Rabbi Brooks from Janet Kaplan, Coordinator of Special Events at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Jerusalem.

"Should any of your Congregants be planning a trip to Israel, I hope that they plan to visit the Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem.

"Regular Shabbat Services are held on Saturday mornings at 10:00 a.m., followed by a Kiddush. The service and sermon are conducted in Hebrew, with a sermon summary in English.

"Following the Kiddush, I would be pleased to take your group on a guided tour of the College, including the pottery workshop and museum collection. In addition, we could arrange a slide show of our recent archaeological activities at Tell Gezer, and a meeting with Dr. Ezra Spicehandler, Director of Jewish Studies of the College. The Service-Kiddush takes about 1½ hours, and the program, another hour. The program itself can be scheduled for any weekday except Friday.

"On weekdays, if you have your own transportation, and weather permitting, we could take the group to Gezer (about a 50 minute drive from Jerusalem) for a tour of the excavations.

"We do think your congregants would find their visit to the College a rewarding experience . . . please let us know your specific interests at least a month in advance of the exact date."

SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP

The Gift Shop will not be open May 6. However, the Shop will be open Sunday, May 13, from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.

There will be a 10% discount on all items except books.

We have a supply of THE BAAL SHEM OF MICHELSTADT, translated by our late Cantor Manfred F. Kuttner.

The cost of the book is \$3.75 plus tax. Out of town orders add 25¢ for shipping.

Memorial Concert to Honor Cantor Kuttner

A concert in memory of our beloved Cantor Manfred F. Kuttner will be held at Temple Israel on Sunday, June 10, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Dave Brubeck's famous oratorio "Gates of Justice," directed by Mrs. Leota Sneed Strong, will be presented.

The Temple Israel Choir, under the direction of Miss Ida Gitlin, and our Temple organist, Mrs. Esther DuBoff, will participate in the program. The Manfred F. Kuttner Memorial organ will be dedicated that afternoon.

Arrangements are being made by Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks, Mrs. Edward Malashock and the Board of Trustees.

Invitations will be forthcoming for this concert which not only promises to be an enriching contribution to the cultural life of our community but also a fitting, beautiful tribute to the memory of our late Cantor. Please reserve the date.

Annual Meeting May 24

The annual Congregation Meeting will be held Thursday, May 24, at 8:00 p.m. in the Temple Social Hall.

There will be election of officers in addition to the election of four new members of the Board of Trustees to replace those whose terms are expiring.

Reports will be given by Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks, Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein and President of the Congregation, Abe Katelman.

The meeting will also include a discussion of future financing methods.

Bion Farber Elected to Lead Youth Group

On April 29 members of the Temple Youth Group elected officers for the coming year. The new President is Bjon Farber; 1st Vice-President, Ellen Robinson; 2nd Vice-President, Dan Pollack; Secretary, Judy Goodman; Treasurer, Kenny Milder and Chaplain, Beth Gendler.

Installation of officers will be May 12 in the Temple Sanctuary. It will be preceded by a banquet at the New Tower.

Spring Conclavette 1973, a major learning experience for our Temple Youth Group and other groups in the region, was held recently in Denver, Colorado. The topic for the function was "The Holocaust." It was a successful affair and everyone learned more about recent Jewish history.

Anytown, Nebraska

Anytown, Nebraska, a program in community living for youth of all religious and ethnic backgrounds, is scheduled for June 10-16 at Esther K. Newman Camp.

Sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the program is now in its third year. Its purpose is to introduce youths of varying backgrounds and to foster an appreciation of each participant's heritage and uniqueness. This year's teenagers from throughout Nebraska will include Catholic, Protestant and Jewish youths as well as members of the Indian and Chicano communities.

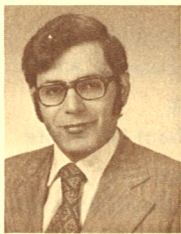
Activities at Anytown revolve around study, discussion groups, open forums and the enjoyment of the recreational facilities available at the camp. The most provocative part of the week is the "Hot Seat," when a prominent public figure from Nebraska is brought in to discuss questions dealing with the religious and racial prejudices in government and our society.

Anytown's faculty consists of clergymen, social workers and others trained in youth work. Tuition is \$50 and scholarships are available if needed. See Rabbi Weinstein for further details.

If you were in our Religious School...

By Rabbi Barry L. Weinstein

The Students Are Demonstrating!



When was the last time you enjoyed attending a meeting?

Each of us is overscheduled, with a seemingly endless amount of meetings.

Nevertheless, meetings which involve us in the activities of our congregation are necessary in order to ensure proper planning and programming.

The recent meeting of our Temple Education Committee provided the setting for even much more than that. Upon the completion of the business portion of the evening, our chairman, Mrs. Charles Rosenstock, introduced Sharon Brodkey, Bruce Greenberg, Howard Marcus and Jay Margolin, all students in Saturday school.

With the assistance of their teacher, Mr. Sherman Poska, these students explained and demonstrated the results of experimental programming in their class. Included in their demonstration were innovatively illustrated maps and classroom materials based on portions of the Bible, Jewish Holidays, and recent events in the world Jewish community.

A multi-media project, comprised of photographic slides, commentary and music, dealing with the Munich Massacre at the 1972 Summer Olympics was ex-

plained, together with a movie which was filmed and created in our school by the members of the class.

These new teaching techniques involve each student in the learning process from beginning to end, as they participate in the planning and presentation of the lesson. In this way they actually experience the subject matter, be it Jewish history, current events or Biblical material.

Our students are exposed to increasingly informal, indirect methods of education in their public school classrooms. We cannot expect them to be motivated to learn about our faith without carefully adopting similar new methods of teaching and curriculum design in our school.

This cannot be done quickly, and will not of course, be consistently successful. Different students learn best in widely varying ways. That which motivates one student will not necessarily interest another. This is why the individual student and his own needs and interests continues to be the focus in our school.

We are continually reviewing, evaluating and revising each mini-course and classroom curriculum in order to provide the most effective Jewish education for all our students.

If you had been present during these student demonstrations, you would feel confident that we are providing a sound education in the background of our faith, one of which we can all be proud.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 12	TYG Banquet and Installation	7:30 p.m.
	New Tower	
13	Senior Seminar	4:30 p.m.
	Residence of Rabbi Weinstein, 1409 Marbee Drive	
15	Confirmation Class	4:30 p.m.
19	Last day of Saturday School	
20	Last day of Sunday School	
22	Confirmation Class	4:30 p.m.
24	Annual Congregational Meeting	8:00 p.m.
28	Couples Club Outing	10:00 a.m.