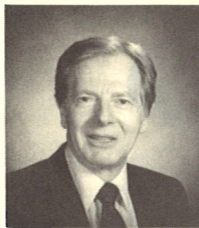


CANTOR'S NOTES



The Temple year has flown and we have just observed the festival of Shavuot. This Jewish holiday is significant because it cele-

brates a momentous event in Jewish history — God's gift of the Ten Commandments to Moses and his people at Mount Sinai.

Our B'nai Mitzvah boys and girls have successfully studied and prepared themselves to read their portions from the Torah. In addition, they have chanted their Haftarah portions and recited the Hebrew prayers of our Shabbat services. All of them are to be complimented on their efforts and accomplishments during this past year.

Our cycle of study continues during the summer months as our children continue to prepare for their Bar/Bat Mitzvahs for the fall season.

I hope that all our Temple family will have a fine, healthy and joyful summer. Shalom!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
Chris and Ron Blumkin
Belle Cohen

IMPORTANT REMINDER

The Following is a Resolution, recommended by the Dues Equalization Committee, and unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees.

"It is hereby moved that this committee recommends to the Board that all prior years' regular dues and charges must be paid in full prior to the registration of any children in the Religious or Hebrew School for the following school term, unless arrangements are approved by the Dues Equalization Committee."

The Dues Equalization Committee is always available to discuss any special problems.

CALENDAR

MAY	
27	Shabbat Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
28	Shabbat Morning Service 11:15 a.m.
JUNE	
2	Congregational Meeting 7:30 p.m.
3	Shabbat Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
4	Shabbat Morning Service 11:15 a.m.
5	Outreach Family Picnic 4:00 p.m.
8	Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30 p.m.
10	Shabbat Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
11	Shabbat Morning Service 11:15 a.m.



Parents, toddlers and big brothers and sisters enjoyed the year-end brunch for Parenting Classes on Sunday, May 1. Classes will resume in August. If you are a parent of a 12 to 36 month old, or know those who might be interested, call the Temple office for more details.

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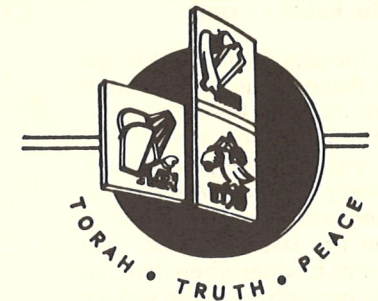
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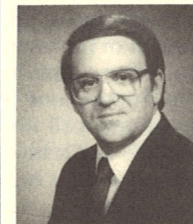
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FROM THE RABBI . . .

A message from Rabbi Barack



This will be my last opportunity to write in this column as Rabbi of Temple. Of course, there are many emotions, many thoughts that

have come to mind. I always have tried to use these few spaces to write words that would encourage, that would speak truth as I understood it, that would comfort and teach. And I would have it no other way, certainly not now.

Let these last words to you from me continue to serve those purposes. First, let me teach by paraphrasing a colleague. Prayer was not the original form of Jewish worship. Long before there were people called rabbis, there were **Cohanim**, priests. Long before there was a Temple, there was a movable tabernacle in the wilderness cared for by the ancient Levites. And long before there was an ark, there was an altar. Our ancestors used to worship by making sacrifices by burning an offering at a sacred shrine. And the fire that consumed the offering was to them a symbol of purification and holiness, a symbol of hope for the future.

The mechanics of sacrifice were pretty straightforward. On Yom Kippur, when the high priest would make atonement for Israel's sins, he would approach the altar. But, before he could kindle the flame, the Torah insists on one critical task: the ashes from a previous flame had to be removed. "Because, the sages

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sitter Service available every Friday evening.
Sitter Service also available each Saturday morning when Bar/Bat Mitzvah is scheduled.

Friday, May 27
7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Evening Service

The Oneg Shabbat following the service will be sponsored by Lory and Toby Engel in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son.

Saturday, May 28
11:15 a.m.

Shabbat Morning Service

Bar Mitzvah of
BENJAMIN EDWARD ENGEL
Son of Lory and Toby Engel
Torah Portion: Naso
Numbers 4:21-7:89

Friday, June 3
7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Evening Service

The Oneg Shabbat following the service will be sponsored by Mrs. Tilly F. Simon in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson.

Saturday, June 4
11:15 a.m.

Shabbat Morning Service

Bar Mitzvah of
BRIAN D. CIPPERLEY
Son of Sharon and Dan Cipperley
Torah Portion: Becha'alotecha
Numbers 8:1-12:16

Friday, June 10
7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Evening Service

The Oneg Shabbat following the service will be sponsored by Roberta and Mike Wisnosky in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son.

Saturday, June 11
11:15 a.m.

Shabbat Morning Service

Bar Mitzvah of
DANIEL A. WISNOSKY
Son of Roberta and Mike Wisnosky
Torah Portion: Shelach-Lecha
Numbers 13:1-15:41

From The Rabbi — cont.

explain, the altar fire must be bright, and the flame burns brighter when there are no ashes beneath."

What is the importance of such ancient and no longer practiced details? Simply this. In these descriptions there are some lessons for us. Consider this last statement. "The flame burns brighter when there are no ashes beneath." On the surface, this refers to the ancient rite of sacrifice. But in a broader sense, it refers to us, to you and to me. The flame is our life, and the life of the Temple. The ashes are life's debris, the residue of the past. For the flame to burn brightly again, the ashes must be cleared away. Life must move forward. Though it may acknowledge its debt to the past, it cannot be a prisoner to it. Old failures and hurts, lingering grudges and broken ambitions can haunt our days and darken our nights. The flames of a promised future can sputter from all of the ashes of anger and regret. It is better, our tradition tells us, to sweep away the ashes and cleanse the altar, so that the flame can burn bright and free once again.

When we insist on reliving our past, when we insist on not letting go things that cannot change, when we try to hold on to times and stations that are passed, that which is old lodges in our hearts like rust. To torture ourselves so is to corrode the spirit, to weaken the potential bright flame.

It is well for us to remember some basic truths: Nothing we achieve is ever perfect. To forgive others is to free ourselves from the tyranny of bitterness. It is to let what was, go — and what is, be.

Now it is time to begin again. To leave all of the past behind. And to acknowledge finally that it is irretrievable. Let us forgive it for the pain it has brought us, even as we thank it for the joy we have known.

There is too little time in this life to squander it on sorrow, not when love and hope await in the future. In recalling the ancient rite of sacrifice, our rabbis have taught us well. The beauty of the altars we build is found in the brightness of the flame, not in the ashes. May you go from strength to strength.

CONGREGATION ELECTS OFFICERS

At the 117th Annual Congregational Meeting of Temple Israel held Wednesday evening, May 11, 1988, the following officers were elected for one year terms:

President — Mel Epstein
Vice President — Jim Farber
Vice President — Gerald Hoberman
Vice President — Robert Freeman
Vice President — Ajon Farber
Secretary — Jane Rips
Treasurer — Scott Friedman

Board Members elected for three year terms:

Spencer Brookstein
Norma Fried
Jon Meyers
Martin Warren

Board Members to serve a two year term and a one year term respectively:

Dr. Larry Roffman
Stephen Simon

OUR SYMPATHY

The Congregation records with sorrow the deaths of: **Meredith Kenyon**, husband of Sophie Kenyon, father of Howard and Allan Kenyon and sister of Edith Bikson,

Fanny Bordy, mother of Shirley Altsuler, sister of Mrs. Norman E. Lincoln and Morris J. Lipp,
Sylvan Frankel, brother of Leon Frankel,

Claire Wolkoff, mother of Sue Meyers, grandmother of Jon, Joe, and Bill Meyers, and extends sympathy to their bereaved families.

SUMMER SCHEDULE OF STAFF AND SERVICES

The TEMPLE TIDINGS will not be published regularly during the summer months, but we want you to know that there will be no change in the operation of our office.

Throughout the summer, Shabbat Evening Services will be held at 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Morning Services will be each Saturday at 11:15 a.m. as always.

Your Temple office will be open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, as usual.

OUTREACH FAMILY PICNIC

Sunday, June 5

Temple Israel's Outreach will hold a family picnic, Sunday, June 5, from 5:00 to 7 p.m. at the Swanson School Park, located at 86th and Harney. The cost for a fried chicken dinner will be \$5.00 per family and \$2.50 per individual.

Just bring yourselves, your children, blankets or lawn chairs and any sporting equipment you might want, such as frisbees, softballs, tennis racquets etc. Members of the Omaha Temple Youth Group will be with us to supervise games and re-lays with toddlers and elementary age children! So, Mom and Dad, don't miss our last event of the year.

Please phone your reservations to the Temple office by Friday, June 3 (556-6536). Any questions, call Robyn Freeman (556-3500) or Debbie Brookstein (330-3418). See you ALL on the 5th!

CONGRATULATIONS —

On the Birth of:

Erika Michelle Siegel, daughter of Nanci and David Siegel. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Guller, St. Louis, MO, Judith Kutler, Houston, TX and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Siegel, San Jose, CA. Great Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leon Blumoff, St. Louis, MO, Mr. Louis Guller, St. Louis, MO, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Kutler and Mrs. Helen Siegel.

On the Marriage of:

Mr. and Mrs. David J. Belrose II, San Anselmo, CA. Mrs. Belrose is the former Cecily Gail Eisenberg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Eisenberg. Mr. Belrose is the son of Margie Belrose and the late David J. Belrose, San Rafael, CA.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gooden, Malibu, CA. Mrs. Gooden is the former Denise Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Art Walker. Mr. Gooden is the son of Margaret Wynne, Stratford, CT and the late John Gooden.

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Nepomnick, Dallas, TX. Mrs. Nepomnick is the former Susan Hyatt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kollman, Houston, TX. Mr. Nepomnick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Nepomnick.

Mr. and Mrs. Jan Kleinman, Cleveland, Ohio. Mrs. Kleinman is the former Terrie Garson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Leo Nogg. Mr. Kleinman is the son of Mrs. Albert Kleinman, Cleveland, Ohio and the late Dr. Albert Kleinman.

KINDERGARTEN, PRE-SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Is your child entering kindergarten this fall?

Will you have a 4 or 5 year preschooler in September?

If so, please call the Temple office now so we can prepare our Religious School rosters and staff for the coming academic year.

EDUCATIONAL PERSPECTIVES

by Ann Kibel Schwartz



As the cycle of the school year draws to a close, it is cause for reflection. This has been a year of challenges and achievements.

Each grade level of students took steps closer to fulfilling their potential as Jews and as "Menshen," human beings.

The Hebrew word that comes to my mind is *simcha*, joyous celebration. As the photographs show, the end of the religious school year brings parties and celebrations. At the top are shown several *Ketah Aleph*, first year Hebrew students, playing a game of aleph-bet twister. Below, are shown members of *Ketah Daled*, our fourth and final year Hebrew students. They posed for this portrait for the Kevod Shabbat Service, held April 22. Kevod means honor, and they had the honor of assisting the Rabbi and Cantor conduct this special service in recognition of their achievements in Hebrew studies. For our seventh graders, this is not an ending, but another step toward their next goal, CONFIRMATION.

This Shavuot, our tenth graders will celebrate their Confirmation. They will link their names to the many generations who came before them.

As we complete each cycle, each turning point, in our lives, we become interlinked. May we always be joined together in Kevod and Simcha. Best wishes for a happy summer!

1988-89 OTYG OFFICERS

Congratulations to the following newly elected officers for the Temple Israel Youth Group:

President..... Keri Saltzman
1st V.P. Stephanie Krieger
2nd V.P. Mark Spizman
Treasurer Adam Haber
Secretary Robyn Epstein
Chaplain..... Lisa Hurwitz



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