

Congregation B'Nai Jeshurun



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THE CANTOR'S MESSAGE

Have you been paying attention to the news from Israel lately? I have, and I have been fascinated and excited by what I have read and heard over the last year or so.

The on again, off again peace talks are just the outward sign of some deeper stirring in the Middle East. A while back the Jordanians and the Israelis announced that there was not much separating them and that they were almost ready to sign a treaty. The Syrians announced that they were willing to soften their demands regarding the Golan Heights. The Israeli and Palestinian delegations have managed, despite some setbacks, to continue talking and to keep the process toward an ultimate settlement alive. There have been official statements about meetings between Israeli and Palestinian leaders. It has become legal in Israel, at long last, for Israelis and PLO people to meet and discuss their differences and their mutual interests.

We sit and watch and read and hope that the eternal message of our faith

will take root and flower in the hearts of our Israeli and Palestinian and Arab brothers and sisters. There is nothing to gain for anyone by continuing the acrimony, distrust, bitterness and pain that have been the hallmarks of the relationship between the peoples of the Middle East, half-brothers and cousins all, kin, if you will. Each of the parties, however, has much to gain by heeding the words of our Holy Torah which state at Leviticus, Chapter 19, verse 18:

"You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against your kin, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord."

There has never been a better hope for peace between Israel and her Arab neighbors. There has never been a better hope for resolution of the problems between Israelis and Palestinians.

And it is time, already: *If not now, when?*

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Bob Shipiro
- 3 Larry Lundholm
- 4 Sam Wineberg
- 5 Jared Bates
- 11 Tom Cole
- 12 Benji Gessford
- 16 Bob Bleicher
Eva Speier
- 17 Janet Lundholm
- 20 Julie Weisser
- 22 Irv Chessen
Teri Perkins
- 23 Melissa Stick
- 24 Sheldon Stick
- 28 Amanda Schur
- 30 Linda Perlman
- 31 Nikki Gessford

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 10 James & Frances Thompson
- 15 Richard & Cynthia Kohn
- 18 Robert & Dottie Shapiro
- 24 Joe & Lois Eisenberg



TODAH RABAH MANY THANKS

The carpet in our social hall had become very dirty over the past couple of years. The wear and tear of wintry footsteps and stains accumulated from many family dinners and oneg shabbats were very evident. Cleaning of the carpet had become a real necessity, but with our current budgetary strictures we continued to hold off.

Finally Cantor Weisser couldn't stand it any longer. Sam Wineberg purchased a few gallons of Simple Green - the best cleaner in the world?! - and the Cantor rented a Rug Doctor carpet cleaning machine. Two Sundays ago Cantor Weisser and his daughter Dina came down to Temple and cleared the social hall of its furniture and the Cantor proceeded to shampoo the carpet. It now looks good once again.

Dina also helped our maintenance man, Donn Curran, to remove all of the trimmings which resulted from the clipping of the hedges in the front of our building.

Due to a recent donation by Ira Schreiber, the Religious School will now have the use of a computer.

The computer is a 286 and has a color monitor and a mouse.

Sam Wineberg had spent some time straightening the hard drive by reformatting and reinstalling DOS 5.0 and Windows 3.1. Also Sam and Deb Wineberg will be donating a Hebrew Learning software program (form DAVKA SOFTWARE) and learning tapes. The computer is open to all and is the library.

CORRECTION

Last month we incorrectly reported that Ira Schreiber and Barbara Winter were married on June 5. The date of their wedding was actually June 6. We apologize for our error.

CHOIR NEWS

Every Thursday evening the sounds of beautiful music can be heard in the social hall of our Temple. The members of the choir are busily working with George Hiatt, our organist, and with Cantor Weisser, to prepare for the High Holy Day Services coming up in mid September.

The choir grown to the include the fifteen persons listed below. Many thanks to them all.

Bobbie Brooks
Pat Carlson
David Davies
Cybele Gasser
Anne Kennedy
Maxine Noodel
David Schor
Michelle Schreiber
June Segal
Marline Tucker
Dina Weisser
Julie Weisser
Maury Woudenberg
Josie Young

The dedication of these fine singers is wonderful to see. The entire congregation is grateful for their ongoing efforts to make our Holy Day worship beautiful.

RECENT DONATIONS

The following donations have recently been made to the Temple. The entire membership is grateful for these expressions of support.

Discretionary Fund

In **Honor** of the Temple
by Bill Brda

In **Honor** of the marriage of
Barbara Winter & Ira Schreiber
by Anonymous

In **Honor** of Cantor Weisser
by Melvin & Pat Gerbie

In **Honor** of the Temple
by Dave Rosenbaum
and Teri Perkins

General Fund

In **Memory** of Great Grandmother
Ethel Meyer
by Amanda & Maggie Schur

In **Honor** of the Temple
by Ralph & Radene Stump

Memorial Fund

In **Memory** of Ethel Meyer
by Melvin & Eve Hoffman

In **Memory** of Ruth Krantz
by William Nefsky

In **Memory** of Ethel Meyer
by Barbara & Steve Seglin

In **Memory** of Marge Ross
from Bonnie & Art Lapin

HIGH HOLY DAYS PULPIT COMMITTEE NAMED

We are pleased to announce that the committee which will be assigning readings, ushering times, and other honors for services during the High Holy Days has been formed and has already begun its work.

The members of the committee are:

Charles Griffin
Estelle Kominsky
Kim Kuklin
David Schor
Cantor Weisser

When you hear from one of these people and are asked to participate in one of the High Holy Day services, please say yes!

NOTICE FROM THE TREASURER

The First Quarter is swiftly coming to a close and not everyone has turned in their dues. Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Please be sure to turn in the Time & Talent sheets so we can place your birth date, Anniversary, and Yahrzeits in the Bulletin & Calendar.

YOUR help in ad solicitation in ads for the calendar is greatly needed.

LETTER FROM THE TEMPLE PRESIDENT

Family vacations, no religious school, and pleasant weather (rain? wind?) means a slower pace at the Temple during the summer months. Nonetheless, there has been some activity of note. Friday night services, of course, are conducted throughout the summer and they continue to be well attended. Penny Berger has been heading up a committee to revise the religious school curriculum, and Penny reports that she is very enthused about new curriculum materials called **Guidelines: Lesson Plans for Lifelong Jewish Learning** from the UAHC. Meanwhile the Board of Trustees has approved a survey to be sent to parents of Hebrew school students that will assess whether parents and students desire extended Hebrew language instruction and whether they prefer classes to continue on Sunday morning or to be moved to weekday afternoons or evenings.

On the financial front, a *special* cost-cutting committee has made its report to the Board of Trustees and the Board will consider its recommendations at its August 10 meeting. Plans are also being made for the annual calendar; your help in selling ads would be appreciated. The Board continues to look for congregants interested in serving on the various committees that were described in this column in the July Bulletin. Please call the Temple or let a Board member know that you are interested in serving on a committee.

STORM NEWS

by Sam Wineberg

Everyone remembers the night that the lights went out in Lincoln. Trees shed branches, some came tumbling down on cars and homes alike.

With all of the damage that occurred around Lincoln and the surrounding area, nothing happened to the Temple. I was concerned for the round stained glass window that the storm may have removed it, so I went from my home to investigate.

Finding the power on I checked the condition of the building, removed a few downed branches from in front of the west driveway, and went inside. Hearing on the radio of all of the local damage, and living in a damaged area myself, I notified the Civil Defense and the American Red Cross that our building be used as a shelter.

Activating the Temple as a place of refuge, the Red Cross sent several nurses (who were later re-assigned to other posts).

A notice was sent over the local radio station that the Temple was open. Not expecting this to happen, Cantor Weisser heard "something about the Temple" and came to the Temple. Of course all was well and he left for his home.

The "shelter" status was removed and the Red Cross went to other places and I went for my bed. It was 2:30 A.M. by that time and I was tired. At least we were able to offer our building in the time of need.

CHILD CARE SERVICE



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Susan Hall

402 - 489 - 9031

THINGS TO PONDER

A Jewish Sadie Hawkins Day?

During the Second Temple era an event happened on the 15th of AV. This day, according to the Talmud, was set aside for the unmarried girls of the area.

On this day, Tu b'Av, the unmarried girls would prepare themselves by dressing in white garments and go into the fields where the bachelors were working. Here they would start dancing and whirling before the bachelors in hopes that the one that they chose would see them and choose them for future wives.

The reason for the white dress was so that the men could look at their beauty and not the outward beauty.

Some matchmaking?????

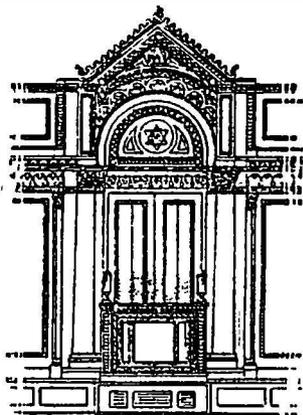
Vahrzeits

August 6

Leon A. Adelson
Louise W. Gladstone
Elizabeth Salzman
Bertha Simon
Henrietta G. Peter
Will Stam

August 13

Harold C. Mayer
Julia M. Schlesinger
David Sherman



August 20

Minnie Friend
Simon Samuel Green
Anna Thomas Johnson
Hattie Levy
Louis Liberman
Mildred Nefsky
Kate Speier

August 25

Ruth Salter
Albert Speier

May the Memory of the Righteous be for Blessing.

The building has also received a lot of attention this summer. The wet weather has made repair of the flat roof on the west end of the building an urgent matter. While Bonnie Lapin and Sam Wineberg work with the insurance company and contractors on the roof, they are also making headway in getting the round stained glass window in the front of the building repaired and are making inquiries about refurbishing the seats in the sanctuary. Sim Gurewitz is looking into obtaining plaques that will that will recognize the Temple's listing on the National Registry of Historic Places.

The sad news of the summer is that the Sisterhood has temporary disbanded. Happily, the Gift shop will continue to operate under the direction of Charles Griffin and Sisterhood members promise that some of the Sisterhood's activities, like the annual sundries drive, will continue on an ad hoc basis. Let's hope that before too long we will have an active Sisterhood again.

Getting ready for the High Holidays cannot wait until fall. A pulpit committee has been formed to find people to help Cantor Weisser during the services, and the Cantor is enthused about the choir he has put together.

One last summer note. Don't forget the Temple's garage sale on August 26-27. Those willing to help should please contact Julie Weisser.

NEW MEMBER

The Congregation welcomes Rich Rosenblatt as its newest member. Rich, 25, was born and raised in Omaha and recently graduated from the University of Nebraska College of Law. In August he will begin working for the Jeffrey Silver Law Offices in Omaha. In November he will marry Brenda Robinson, a classmate at the Law College.

SHALOM FROM HASTINGS

July has been a busy month for us. Early in the month, Frieda Harris, my mother, came from Sun City, Arizona to escape the 100+° temperatures. Later in the month we were joined by David's sister, Bella Grund who came from Des Moines, Iowa to civilization and water. My mother found the high humidity and Bella found lots more rain, but she also found the chance to take a bath and flush a toilet. (I could not help but think of those families who did not have enough money to pay utility bills or worse yet, who did not have a roof over their heads and to be thankful for the blessings we have.)

As a result of the company we have had, we have not been able to fulfill our goal of Temple attendance once a month. (Does it count that Becky Hanna was in town during July and I had a chance to visit with her?) August to be a month of more activities which David shall gladly report on in the next issue of the Bulletin. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Shalom,
Marsha & David Rosenberg

OUR BUILDING A NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

Some years ago, during the presidency of Roberta Stick, our building was added to the roster of National Register of Historic Places. We are entitled to mark our building in an appropriate way to reflect our pride in this honor.

Sim Gurewitz has researched the possibilities and has discovered that we may place a beautiful engraved 16 X 18 inch plaque on the front of the building, and another 7.5 X 11 inch plaque at the back door. Each of the plaques would read approximately as follows:

CONGREGATION B'NAI JESHURUN

The South Street Temple

has been placed on

the Register of

National Historic Landmarks

The cost of these plaques is \$674.00, and we are not able to make this expenditure from our current. However, if one of our members would like to underwrite the cost of the plaques, the Temple would be most appreciative. If you are interested, please contact Cantor Weissner or Alan Frank, our current president.

TEMPLE GARAGE SALE AUGUST 26

Many of you know that we are planning to have a garage sale during the last few days of August. The last time we had a sale of this kind we were able to generate a couple of thousand dollars for the Temple. It is a good and painless way to raise much need money for our Temple, but we can't do it without your help.

Please, please, please,

call the Temple [435-8004] as soon as you possibly can to let me know that you have items for the Garage sale! If you can bring the items to the Temple that will be great. I will arrange a time for you to do so. If you are unable to bring your items, I will arrange a time for pick up of your items.

Calls will be made to those in our membership we haven't heard from during the next week or so. When you are called please be generous with your unneeded items. You'll be helping the Temple and making space for yourself at the same time!

Please note: Large items, such as furniture, athletic equipment, etc., are especially needed, as are small appliances.

Please help to make our garage sale a great success!

**Julle Weissner
Chairperson**

**REMEMBER THE DATE
AUGUST 26**

**REMEMBER THE NEED:
WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

A LETTER FROM THE CANTOR

Dear Friends:

Our Sabbath Evening services are always very beautiful. The liturgy found in our Gates of Prayer prayerbook is wonderful, and the participation on the part of those who attend is inspiring. The services are even more beautiful when we are fortunate enough to have George Hiatt play the organ during services. This occurs about once a month. I would love it if George could play even more, but because of budgetary concerns that is not possible at the present time.

I wonder if several of you might consider underwriting the cost of having an organist play for our services during the year. \$2,400 per year would cover the cost of choir rehearsals, High Holy Days services and music during our Sabbath services twice a month.

If you are interested in making a commitment to cover this expense for your temple, please contact me at the Temple, 435-8804. Thanks for considering this request.

Prayerfully,

Cantor Michael Weisser



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Fridays

Choir
7:30 P.M.

Thursdays

Adult Education
7:30 P.M.
No Adult Ed on Aug 3

Tuesdays

WEEKLY SERVICES

AUGUST EVENTS

August 3 - Board Meeting.

August 17 - Beginning of High
Holiday Preparations

August 18 - Brief Worship service
Shofar Sounded 7:30 P.M.

August 26 & 27 Garage Sale