

# The South Street Temple **BULLETIN**

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## **THE CANTOR'S MESSAGE**

As we approach the High Holy Days we have much about which to think.

There is still war in Europe, along with the "ethnic cleansing" that is so reminiscent of the bad days of the 1930's. Skinheads and neo-Nazis roam the streets of Germany and prowl the cities and countryside here in the United States. We have witnessed various attempts to derail the Israeli, Arab and Palestinian peace talks: acts of violence followed by further acts of violence. Mayhem in our towns and cities seems to be an uncontrollable problem with the easy availability of military weapons a major contributing factor, and the weakness of the Congress to withstand the money of the lobbyists a constant threat to the internal security of our nation. We have seen the wrenching emotions of a child returned to biological parents who had not raised them, the anguish of adoptive parents from whom their child was removed, and the grief of parents denied access to their child who had been switched at birth. And there have been rains and floods throughout the Midwest: we have seen the devastation they have wrought. We have seen two doctors shot, one of them fatally, for being willing to perform legal abortions and we have heard preachers, and recently a Catholic priest, call the killing justifiable - and even call for more of the same. The

rolls of the hungry and the homeless have grown in this wealthiest nation on the face of the earth. We have heard the words of the misguided try to tell us that all of it is the punishment of an angry God. It goes on and on; the list seems to expand daily. And we ask ourselves: "Is there any hope?"

This is a prime reason for the High Holy Days: to fill ourselves once again with hope in the future, with hope that there will be a future. When we come to worship and pray together we must focus on the fact that there is hope.

We have all we need to bring about a better world. We have faith with which to strengthen ourselves. We have our minds with which to devise solutions to the ills of our time. We have our hands to do the work that is needed. We have been taught:

*"You are not required to complete the work, but neither are you free to abstain from it."*

And those words, first spoken by Rabbi Tarfon more than two thousand years ago, instruct us even today.

This Rosh Hashanah, let's resolve to bring our faith, our minds and our hands together to work at the task of building a better world. We are people of God; we have committed ourselves to do no less.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

According to our tradition, we greet each other on Rosh Hashana with the wish, "May you be inscribed [in the book of life] for a good year" and on Yom Kippur with "May you end this day with a good signature [in the book of life]." Those are the wishes that the Board of Trustees extends to each of you. May the year ahead truly be sweet and be one of achievement, caring, and forgiveness.

We wish our Temple a good year as well. It is significant that September 19, the Sunday between the High Holidays, marks the first day of Religious School. A special committee of Penny Berger, Rick Meyer, and Suzanne Kalish, working with Cantor Weisser and school administrator, Bobbi Brooks, have put together an exciting curriculum and a talented and energetic teaching staff. One goal we have set for this year is greater parent involvement. Religious and Hebrew School parents soon will be receiving a letter detailing ways in which they can be more involved in their children's religious education. In fact, the whole Congregation is invited to participate in making the Temple on Sunday mornings a place where we can all come together to participate with our students in a brief religious service and to have coffee, juice, and bagels. With your help, it will indeed be a sweet year for the Religious School.

Yom Kippur ends with the longest, loudest sound of the shofar. It is a sound full of hope for the new year. *Shanah tovah*. See you in Temple.

Alan H. Frank  
President

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## MAZEL TOV!

The best wishes of the entire Temple Family go out to:

Ava Askenazi & Andy Harter  
on the occasion of  
their recent marriage.

Ava & Andy were married in Dayton, Ohio on August 15th. Cantor Weisser conducted the ceremony.

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Sara Doran  
for taking second place in the  
statewide poster contest for  
U. S. Savings Bonds

Sara is the daughter of Rita Babbitz and John Doran.

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Peter Hoffman  
recently named  
Associate Justice  
of the Supreme Court of Palau.

(Palau is a group of islands in the western Pacific Ocean. Since 1947 the United States government has controlled Palau under a United Nations trusteeship.) It is a lifetime appointment, but Peter assures us that after two years he will be back in Lincoln, just in time for his daughter Sarah's Bat Mitzvah.

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David Saltzman  
who will marry Diane Callahan  
on October 2  
in Auburn, California.  
David is the son of former members  
Susan and Alan Saltzman.

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If you know of a simcha in our community please let us know so that we may say Mazel Tov! Call the Temple by the 20th of each month with information about happy events for inclusion in the next bulletin.

## **YOM KIPPUR BREAK THE FAST**

This year, as every year, we will join together following our Yom Kippur worship for a "break the fast" repast. We are all grateful that Michelle Schreiber has once again taken on the responsibility of organizing this event for us. Michelle did such a wonderful job last year that we are sure that we are in for a wonderful time with lots of good food to eat.

When you receive a call from Michelle please help out by agreeing to prepare one of your favorite items!

Michelle, many thanks from all of us in your Temple family.

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### **TODAH RABAH - MANY THANKS**

Many thanks to **Marsha and David Rosenberg** for their gift of a new biography of Henry Kissinger which was recently presented to our library.

Many thanks to **Rita Babbitz and her daughter, Sara Doran** for helping Julie Weissner set up and price the Temple's rummage sale.

Many thanks to **an anonymous donor** who has made a significant gift to the Discretionary Fund to help with music expenses.

Many thanks to **all our members and friends** who contributed items for the Temple's rummage sale.

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## **WISH LIST ITEM**

Last month Cantor Weissner wrote an article asking if there were people who would like to underwrite the cost of having our Organist play for our services twice each month during the year and rehearse with the choir throughout the year. The amount needed is \$2400.00.

You can help to meet this need by making contributions to the **Music Fund**. Your contributions will help to beautify our worship all year long! With your help we will accomplish our goal.

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**SCHEDULE  
FOR THE HIGH HOLY DAYS**

**S'LICHOT SERVICE**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 11:30 P.M.  
SOCIAL TIME, 11:00 P.M.**

**ROSH HASHANAH**

**EVENING SERVICE**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 8:00 P.M.**

**MORNING SERVICE**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 10:00 A.M.**

**CHILDREN'S SERVICE**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2:00 P.M.**

**YOM KIPPUR**

**EVENING SERVICE**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 8:00 P.M.**

**MORNING SERVICE**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 10:00 A.M.**

**CHILDREN'S SERVICE**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2:00 P.M.**

**AFTERNOON, MEMORIAL**

**CONCLUDING & HAVDALAH SERVICES  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 3:30 P.M.**

**BREAK THE FAST**

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING HAVDALAH**



## **RECENT DONATIONS**

The following donations have recently been received by our Congregation. The entire membership is grateful for the generosity of these contributors.

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### **Memorial Fund**

#### **In memory of Robert Simon by**

Bonnie & Art Lapin  
Helen & Abram Misle  
Lucille F. Nefsky  
Paula Storch Williams  
Edwin & Pauline Wittenberg

#### **In memory of Betty Shapiro by**

Bonnie & Art Lapin  
Paula Storch Williams

### **Discretionary Fund**

#### **In memory of Betty Shapiro by**

Anthony J. & Lilla R. Dignotti  
Gary & Linda Perlman  
Robert L. Nefsky

#### **In honor of the Temple by**

Anonymous  
to provide music for the choir

#### **In memory of Paul Friedman by**

Andrea Paul

#### **In honor of the Temple by**

Bill Brda  
Mohd Hassan Ashari  
David G. Fournell  
Rachel A. Murray

## **Endowment Fund**

### **In memory of Robert Simon by**

Elaine and James Wolf

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### **HALF WAY THERE!**

A special donation has been made to cover half the cost of the plaques which will indicate our Temple's designation as a National Historic Place. You may recall mention of this request in last month's Bulletin. This donation has been made by:

**Marilyn Friend Adland of Chevy Chase, Maryland in memory of the Friend Family.**

Many thanks to Marilyn Friend Adland for her generous contribution.

We hope that another person or two will underwrite the remainder of the cost of the plaques. The amount still needed is about \$350.00.

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### **ADS IN THE BULLETIN?**

You may have noticed that we have begun to run some advertisements in the *Bulletin*. This is another small way in which we are trying to save money in view of our budget deficit. We are concerned, however, that some members may be uncomfortable with this kind of commercialism.

If you have strong feelings that we should not have ads in the *Bulletin*, please call the Temple and let us know.

## **ANOTHER WAY TO OBSERVE THE HIGH HOLY DAYS**

This year we have an opportunity to make our behavior match the words we will say during our worship on the High Holy Days.

In our city of Lincoln, there are many who go hungry every day. The Food Bank of Lincoln does a great job as does the Food Pantry System of the Lincoln Interfaith Council. But, your help is still needed. You can bring canned good to the Temple.

We are a congregation that prides itself on its open door policy during the holy days. We welcome all who come to worship God. Unlike some of our larger congregations we do not require membership or tickets. This year, let your conscience work overtime and cause you to think that you need a ticket. Let your ticket be a few items of canned food each time you enter the Temple during the High Holy Days.

Tables will be set up in the foyer to receive your contributions of food for the hungry. All donations will go directly to our local food pantry which is located at the Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Thanks for your help. It is a great mitzvah to provide food for needy people.

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### **ONEG SHABBAT**

Every week after our Sabbath Evening Worship Service those who have attended join together in the social hall for refreshments and socializing. Each week someone has volunteered to provide the refreshments. During the past couple of months the Oneg Shabbat was provided as follows:

Regina Simon	July 2
Sam & Deb Wineberg	July 9
Cantor Michael Weissner	July 16
Cantor Michael Weissner	July 23
Cantor Michael Weissner	July 30

Michelle Schreiber	August 6
Pat & Rick Meyer	August 13
John Tenopir	August 20
Susan Elek	August 27

All of us are thankful to those who have provided the Oneg Shabbat refreshments during July and August. In September the Onegs will be sponsored by the following persons, and our thanks are due to each of them:

Teri Perkins and	
David Rosenbaum	Sept. 3
Sam & Deb Wineberg	Sept. 10
Leslie Young	Sept. 17

If you would like to volunteer in this way, please contact the Temple (435-8004).

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### **YOM KIPPUR MEMORIAL LIST**

It is our custom at B'nai Jeshurun to read the names of our loved ones who has died during the Memorial Service on Yom Kippur afternoon. If you have names you wish to include (which were not included last year) please call the Temple (435-8004) or send a note. In this way you may join in this moving tradition of our congregation.

Please take care of this as soon as possible. Thanks.

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## **SHALOM FROM HASTINGS**

Marsha just reminded me that the deadline for the September Bulletin is upon us, and it is my turn to write this column.

We have had a very busy month in August with our normal work and other outside activities, not only here in Hastings but around the State of Nebraska.

Several weeks ago we had the pleasure of hosting a party in our home for six Jewish couples from Lincoln as well as some friends from Hastings. I always get the feeling that it is a greater effort for our Lincoln friends and relatives to make the 100 mile trip to Hastings than it is for us to make the hour and a half trip into Lincoln. Some of our guests remarked that they have a greater appreciation for our coming to Lincoln as often as we do. I told them, in this day and time in the 1990's, the trips are so easy, as compared to the days of my childhood in the 1920's and 1930's. I recall the ride being from three to four hours on narrow two-lane gravel roads known as the old D. L. D. Highway (now U.S. 6 paved). Cars seldom had heaters for winter driving and air-conditioning was a thing to come in the future. Today we travel on a beautiful I-80 and the Tom Osborne Expressway, all four lanes, between Hastings and Lincoln in comfort, playing our AM/FM radios, tapes, CDs and visiting with people all over the country on cellular telephones as we speed along in our cars. The grandchildren would describe this as being "a piece of cake." Of course, during the winter months, the trips become more difficult when the Huskers play football during a snow or sleet storm--but, we always seem to make the trips safely and well with God's help.

One week ago we attended a beautiful wedding in Omaha. During the long weekend we had occasion to be in all three Omaha synagogues. I have always been interested in architecture and design of synagogues and temples all over the U. S., Europe and Israel, especially the sanctuaries within. Although all three houses of Jewish worship in Omaha are large and traditional for the most part (and much newer than our little South Street Temple) I personally feel a certain warmth, charm and feeling of home in the older Congregation B'nai Jeshurun building, which the newer buildings in Omaha seem to lack. So, I hope we can appreciate our temple and surroundings that it has to offer. The people are very nice too! May you and yours have a Happy and Healthy New in 5754 (1993-94) and be inscribed in the book of life for a good year.

David & Marsha Rosenberg

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## **PULPIT COMMITTEE**

By now many of you have been contacted by a member of the High Holy Day Pulpit Committee and have been asked to participate in one of the services during either Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur. We wish there were enough parts for each member of the congregation but unfortunately, there are not. Soon those people who will be participating will be receiving a letter confirming their assigned reading or other participation. We are very thankful that so many of you will take part in conducting our services. Thanks again to the members of the pulpit committee:

Charles Griffin  
Estelle Kominsky  
Kim Kuklin  
David Schor

**SUKKOT CELEBRATION  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2  
5:00 P.M.**

**Our** Sukkot celebration each year is one of the best attended events our Temple offers. We gather together for our Festival with food and friendship, and the feeling of family is pervasive. We always have a good time as we enter the sukkah and wave the lulav and sing the songs of the Festival.

This year we are changing the format a bit. Instead of meeting in early evening as we have done in the past, we will begin our celebration at 5:00 p.m. We hope that this will encourage all of our families to attend and become one of the links in our chain of tradition.

All you have to do is come to the home of Cantor and Julie Weissner. **5810 Randolph Street at 5:00 P.M. on Saturday, the 2nd of October** and bring a potluck item large enough to feed your family and several more people.

Pastas, salads, chicken, desserts, vegetable dishes, etc., are all welcome additions to the pot-luck tables. We don't assign what to bring because we never have, and it has always worked out just fine.

Please mark your calendars now so that you will be sure to be among those who will celebrate Sukkot with your Temple Family this year.

**By the way, the Cornhuskers are not playing football on October 2nd!**

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**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS**

Do you have your registration forms in yet? Several weeks ago we sent registration forms to all of our families with children. Some of them have been returned, but some of them have not yet been returned. We really need your help with this so that we can effectively plan for the upcoming school year. Please, please fill out the form and get it back to us as soon as possible!

Please note: If you have a problem meeting the tuition fee you should contact Cantor Weissner so that other arrangements may be made confidentially.

The Hebrew class survey indicates that the preference of most parents is that we continue with our program as before. That is, Hebrew Classes will continue to meet on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. You should note that given the limited instructional time that punctuality is very, very important. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

**Opening day is Sunday, September 19. Hebrew Class begins at 9:00 a.m. Religious School Classes begin at 10:00 a.m. The School day ends at 12:00 Noon.**

We hope that each and every student will have a great year!



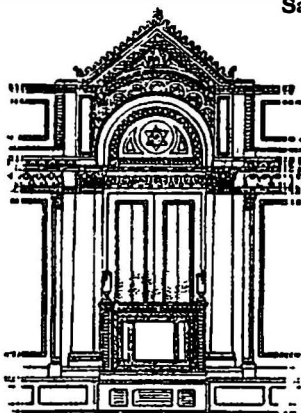
# Vahrzeits

September 3

Alex Bernstein  
Fanny N. Seelenfreund

September 10

Albert Sandlovich  
Blanch M. Zenner  
Leo Himmelreich  
Kate Victoria Nefsky  
Lawrence R. Trapp  
Rosa Schwartz  
George Clayman  
Samuel N. Wolbach  
Samuel M. Zolot



September 17

Leslie Johnson  
Walter Levy  
Arthur George Lenhoff  
Louis Rothschild  
Anna Adler  
Max Ellinger  
Nathan Zolot  
Vi Hoffman  
Julian S. Lyons

September 24

Emma G. Schlesinger  
Morris Zolot  
George H. Williams  
Marion Schimmel Miller  
Irene A. Shire  
Ida Kline Siegel  
Emma E. Storch R.N.

October 1

Lena Greene  
Samuel Will Lew  
Dov Osiprat  
Solomon Price  
Hymen Rosenberg  
Irwin Dubinsky

May the Memory of the Righteous be for Blessing.

**S'lichot Service**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**  
**11:00 P.M.**

S'lichot is a time of preparation for the High Holy Days. Every year, on the Saturday night before Rosh Hashanah, Jews all over the world gather in their synagogues to recite the prayers of pardon (s'lichot).

The liturgy we use at B'nai Jeshurun is one that was created by Cantor Weisser some years ago. The mood is solemn and hopeful. The late night hour helps to enhance that mood. It is truly one of the most beautiful and moving services of our entire liturgical year.

Please plan to come and help to usher in the High Holy Days this year with friends and family. We will begin on **Saturday, the 11th of September**, with a social time at **11:00 P.M.**, along with some refreshments, and continue with the **S'lichot Service at 11:30 P.M.** The service will conclude just after midnight with the sounding of the Shofar.

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**SADIE MEYER**  
**BAT MITZVAH**

Sadie Meyer, the daughter of Rick and Pat Meyer, celebrated her Bat Mitzvah on Friday evening, August 13, during our Sabbath service. Sadie conducted most of the liturgy, chanted the blessings and the Torah portion for each of those called to the reading of the Torah, and taught the congregation. There were about one hundred persons, mostly from our membership, in attendance.

Needless to say, the entire Congregation was, and is, very proud of Sadie's accomplishment. Alan Frank, our president, presented Sadie with a kiddush cup and candlesticks along with a certificate as a token of our appreciation for her hard work.

Mazel Tov to Sadie and her family from all of us in her Temple Family!

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**ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE**  
**AT OUR CEMETERY**  
**SEPTEMBER 19, 1:00 P.M.**

It has become a tradition at B'nai Jeshurun to formally recall all of our loved ones at the cemetery on the Sunday afternoon between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. We gather together on our section of the Wyuka Cemetery for a quiet time of meditation and prayer. We recall our loved ones as we recite the kaddish. We hear the memorial prayer, Ely Malay Rachamim, its haunting melody of part of the remembrance of our people through the ages.

Come and join with your friends and the members of your Temple Family and take part in this significant part of the Festive Season.

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**DINNERS FOR THE**  
**HIGH HOLY DAYS**

Anyone who is willing to host Congregation members and potential members, as well as Jewish university students at Rosh Hashana eve and Yom Kippur eve meals, please contact the Temple. Anyone who would like to be a guest for a holiday meal should likewise contact the Temple.

Please extend yourselves in keeping with the spirit of this holy season.

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**SPECIAL MINYAN  
A GREAT MITZVAH!**

Alan Gordon of South Africa, a colleague of our member Richard Kaufman, was in Lincoln on business on August 11 which happened to be the date of his father's yahrzeit. Mr. Gordon, an orthodox Jew, to Richard that he wished to observe this milestone in the company of a minyan of adult Jews. So, Richard called the Cantor, the Cantor made a few calls, and within an hour everything was arranged. At five thirty in the afternoon on August 11 Richard and his friend from South Africa arrived at the Temple to join with the Cantor and the following people who participated in the afternoon service and provided a worshipful setting for a friend from far away:

Alan Frank  
Charles Griffin  
Art Lapin  
Jess Nadelman  
Steve Robinson  
David Rosenbaum

John Tavlin  
Deborah Wineberg  
Samuel Wineberg

We may all take pride in the fact that our congregation was able to provide this service for a visitor to our city on such short notice. It is a sign of our religious maturity. Many thanks to all for a mitzvah well done!

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**THE SUNDAY MORNING  
NEW YORK DELI**

Come join us on Sunday mornings when Religious School is in session for **THE SUNDAY MORNING NEW YORK DELI** in the library.

Purchase bagels, sweet rolls, coffee, and juice; converse with your fellow congregants; read the *Sunday New York Times*; see our youth being educated; participate in a brief religious service; and, most importantly, help make our Temple a true community.

See you there.

**I would like to make a donation**

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(Please Type or Print)

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**Thank You!**

## WEEKLY SERVICES

Tuesdays

Adult Ed 7:30PM

Thursdays

Choir Practice 7:30PM

Friday

Shabbat Eve Service  
7:45PM

## SEPTEMBER EVENTS

September 11

S'lichot Social Time 11:00 PM  
S'lichot Service 11:30PM

September 15

Rosh Hashanah Evening Service 8:00PM

September 16

Rosh Hashanah Morning Service  
10:00AM

Rosh Hashanah Children's Service  
2:00PM

September 24

Yom Kippur Evening Service 8:00PM

September 25

Yom Kippur Morning Service 10:00 AM  
Yom Kippur Children's Service 2:00PM  
Concluding & Havdalah Services # 30PM  
Break the Fast immediately following the  
Service

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