

# The South Street Temple

# BULLETIN

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## THE CANTOR'S MESSAGE

Our Jewish religion teaches that we must be thankful for all of the blessings we have received from God. Sometimes we are tempted to dwell on the problems that come our way, and then we seem to forget the blessings which are ours as a gift from God.

At this time of year, when our minds turn to thoughts of Thanksgiving, the holiday, perhaps we should think of Giving thanks, the duty. We have much for which to be thankful, each of us. The very fact that we have life is a gift we seldom acknowledge. And yet life is a gift we have received through no real effort of our own. We were born, but not because of anything we ourselves did. We did not, in other words, earn the gift of life. And the fact that the earth is capable of providing us with the means to sustain ourselves is not something we earned either. It came to us as a gift; it came to us directly through the grace of God.

Let us pause, once and a while, to say and think and feel our thanksgiving. If we practice the art of giving thanks at this time of year, and every day, too, our lives

will be enriched because of our acknowledgment of God, the creator of all.

Take a minute today to give thanks to God for all your blessings.

## FROM OUR HERITAGE

Judah ben Tema said: Be strong as the leopard, swift as the eagle, fleet as the gazelle, and brave as the lion to do the will of your God...

**Babylonian Talmud**

## FROM OUR HERITAGE

Rabbi Yose said: Who honors the Torah will be honored by people; who dishonors will be dishonored.

**Pirke Avot**

## NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to our Temple family.

**Dick Dittmer:** Dick chose Judaism during the past year. He and his wife, Suzanne, own Dittmer's Floral, and Dick is finishing up his doctorate in multicultural adult education at UNL. Dick's children are Christina (15) and Scott (13).

**Sue Kelly:** Sue chose Judaism during the past year after many years of study. She has been an award winning photographer and an intensive care nurse. Sue is currently working to recatalogue our Temple's library.

**Beth Leslie:** Beth came to Lincoln from Wooster, Massachusetts. She is a customer service representative for Video Service of America. Beth and her daughters, Jessica (12) and Rebecca (8), are singers and actresses.

**Pam & Jerome Pler:** Pam and Jerome, who met while they were Peace Corps Volunteers in Africa, come from New York and New Jersey. Jerome is a professor of biosystems engineering in the Department of Biological Systems Engineering at UNL's Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and Pam is a social worker. They have two children, Arianna (5) and Aisha (1).

**Gary Weiss:** Gary recently rejoined the Temple after being away for several years. He currently operates the Bleacher's Bar on Highway 2 at 56th street. Gary has a daughter, Sarah, who is enrolled in our religious school.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

The High Holy Days were a time for introspection, a time to reflect back on the past and proceeding years and to think about how we can do things better in the future. This year many of us were particularly moved by the reflections of Lutheran pastor Barry Deal and Cantor Michael Weisser as they shared with us dramatic events in their lives and explored with us how we could apply the lessons of those experiences to our lives.

Even though the holidays are over, the leadership of the Temple is taking some time to engage in some institutional introspection. On November 20, all Temple Board members and committee chairs are invited to a retreat where, under the guidance of Nancy Myers, we will reflect upon where we are as a congregation, would like to see the Congregation accomplish over the next few years, and how those goals can be achieved. This will give us the opportunity to consider and deliberate about the future on Congregation B'nai Jeshurun free from the agenda and time pressures of the Board's monthly meetings. We will be sharing the results of the retreat with you in the future. Let's hope some valuable and creative suggestions emerge from this process.

**Alan Frank, President**

## **CHOIR NOTES**

The choir has taken a much deserved break following its wonderful performance during the High Holy Days, and now it is time to resume rehearsals.

There is room for YOU in the choir if you can come to rehearsals on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. The requirements for membership in the choir are very simple. You must have a desire to sing and you must have Thursday evenings free. Please give it a try.

The choir will be working on music for performance at the Annual Chanukah Dinner which will be coming up on Saturday, December 11 this year.

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## **TORAH STUDY HAS BEGUN AGAIN**

Each Saturday morning at ten a number of people come together to study the words of our Torah. The discussions are often lively and always far ranging. You can certainly be a part of it every week, or once and a while. The group follows the traditional pattern of Torah readings as it works its way through Torah text, commentaries, statements from the Talmud and other sources, and new insights that arise from time to time. Everyone is welcome to come to Torah Study. It is really a great way to spend time on Sabbath morning.

## **MAZEL TOV!**

The Congregation joins in a hearty Mazel Tov to Rich Rosenblatt and Brenda Robinson. They will be married in our Sanctuary on the evening of November 13. Best wishes to both of you from all of us!

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## **PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

Your Program Committee hosted its first event on Sunday, October 24 in celebration of the newfound hopes for peace in the Middle East.

About 35 of our members and children turned up for Israeli Folk Dancing (which was done on the parking lot) led by Orly Gilat. It was a wonderful time as the music played and the people created the various formations.

Following the dance everyone went to the Community Room for a delicious meal of Middle Eastern delicacies which were provided by the participants, pot luck style. Before eating, everyone sang Hevenu Shalom Aleichem and Hatikvah and joined in the Motzi.

Many thanks are due to committee members Audrie Berman, Eva Sartori and Beth Schenker who organized this wonderful event. We also thank Michael Cohen and Joe Eisenberg for their help with setting up the sound system outdoors, and to Leslie Young for her help in creating a flyer for this event.

We all hope that this will be the first of many activities sponsored by the Program Committee. We have had a success in our first outing. Let's build upon that success!

## GROWING INTO THE FUTURE

### Board of Trustees Committee Chairpeople Retreat Scheduled

A retreat for the members of our Board of Trustees and the Chairpeople of our Committees has been scheduled for November 20 between ten a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Suzanne Kalish has graciously offered her home for this event.

The participants will explore general ideas for the future of the Temple, choose several of the ideas, create action plans for the identified goals, and commit to their implementation.

Nancy Myer has agreed to serve as facilitator for this event, and with Cantor Weisser has come up with promises to be an exciting format.

A report on the accomplishments of the retreat participants will be included in our next Bulletin. Our Temple is Growing into the Future!

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## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

Our Religious School has grown! What a great pleasure it is to see nearly fifty children attending religious school classes every Sunday.

The Temple comes alive at nine as children arrive for Hebrew instruction with Gaby Berger, Stacie Bleicher, Tiffany Franklin, Jennifer Stern, and Cantor Weisser. At ten, as the children not involved with the

Hebrew Program arrive the children gather in the front of the Community Room for twenty minutes of music before going off to their classes with Bobbi Brooks, Neil Feldman, Suzanne Kalish, Michelle Schreiber, and Jennifer Stern. The children work in their curricular activities, with a short break for a snack and blessings until 11:40, at which time they gather with their teachers and parents in the Sanctuary for a brief worship service to bring the day of learning to a close.

You should also note that during Religious School hours the library becomes the New York Bagel Deli for parents and others. Arnie's New York Bagels, coffee, and the New York Times are available to all comers. You see, there is something for everyone at Temple on Sunday mornings! Come join with your friends, and do feel free to attend the children's worship service at the end of the morning

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## GIFT SHOP NEWS

There comes a time that we must confront what we have done or have not done in the past. *NOW IS THAT TIME.*

If you have a past due account with the Gift Shop, **PLEASE** make an effort to get in touch with Griff or the Temple or send your payment to the Temple.

Thank you for your cooperation in getting everything caught up to date.

**The Gift Shop**

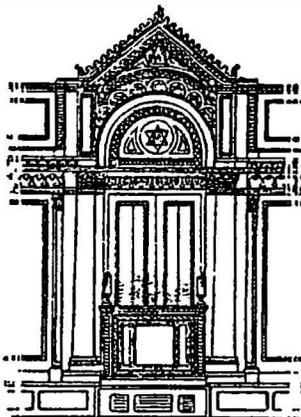
# Gahrzeits

November 5

Abraham Davidson  
Wolfe Fink  
Joseph David Goldberg  
Max Lehman  
Lewis J Messer  
Norman Weiss  
Walter Wessel

November 12

Max Froesch  
Meier Kaufman  
Jerrold Kohn  
Bella Nefsky  
Kate Williams  
Hattie Dryfoos Wolf



November 19

Ida Byron  
Herbert Gordon  
Mathilde Kaufman  
Rosie Kohn  
Henry Miller  
Helen Speier Silverman  
Helen Speier

November 26

Beatrice Gelsin  
Edwin Katskee  
Thekle Wolf Kaufman  
David Mayer  
Lorraine Peckler  
Frieda Pels  
Goldie Rothkopf  
William Seelenfreund

December 3

Edmund G Dittmer  
Frida Schlesinger Drew  
Nathan Hill  
David Jacobs  
Nella S Kohn  
Frances Kline Novick  
Joseph Simon  
David Storch

May the Memory of the Righteous be for Blessing.

# **ANNUAL INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

**Thursday, November 25  
10:00 a.m.**

It is our turn once again to host the Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Morning Service. As many of you know, during the past five years we have participated as a congregation with several area churches in providing a service of thanksgiving, utilizing words and music from our various traditions on Thanksgiving morning. This service has been most meaningful to those who have attended.

We hope that many of you will take time out from your Thanksgiving preparations to come to Temple and join with people from various traditions in giving thanks to God for the wondrous bounty of our earth. Please plan on attending. If you wish you may bring a platter of something sweet for the social time which has traditionally followed this service.

Thanks for your attendance; thanks for your help.

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## **UNL JUDAIC STUDIES PROGRAM**

We are so fortunate here in Lincoln that our University is steadily building toward having an Institute of Judaic Studies. Several courses have already been offered as a part of the program, and students from campus as well as from the general and Jewish communities of Lincoln have enrolled.

A course offering for the Spring Semester will be "The Jews in the Middle Ages."

taught by Stephen G. Burnett, Visiting Professor of History.

The course will be offered on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:30 to 10:20 a.m. in room 212 at Avery Hall on the University campus. Early registration dates are October 18th through November 12. Register for History 397. (Graduate credit available: Register for History 889.)

If you are interested in taking this course and want to learn medieval history from a different point of view, please get yourself up to the University and register as soon as possible.

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## **ADULT EDUCATION AT TEMPLE**

We continue to meet every Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. (except when our Board Meeting is scheduled). The Adult Ed group is for those who are interested in Judaism and is welcoming to Jews and those who are not Jewish, as well. We would love to have a few more in attendance on Tuesday evenings.

During the month of November we will be discussing a variety of topics, including the minor holiday of Chanukah, its celebration and some little known facts about the Festival of Lights. We will also learn to make potato latkes (and we will get to eat the fruit of our labor!). So plan to join us for one or more sessions of Adult Ed at Temple during the month.

## SHALOM FROM HASTINGS\*

This has been a busy month. On August 29, Bob Wolfson, director of the Plains States Region of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, came to Hastings for our periodic gathering to tell us of some of the things with which the ADL is involved. Jim and Elaine Wolf of Hastings, Gary and Linda Perlman of York, David & Marsha Rosenberg (all members of our congregation) as well as the Manchiks and the Greenbergers from Grand Island, and some of our Hastings neighbors, were in attendance at that time.

Football season has started and, for David, this means more frequent trips to Lincoln to cheer on BIG RED. It is also the beginning of activities after a slow Summer which means trips to Lincoln as secretary of the now Jewish Federation of Lincoln.

September 12th brought Cantor Weisser to Hastings to conduct a memorial service at our very own Mount Sinai cemetery in Hastings. As David says, we have more Jews buried in our cemetery than we do currently living in Hastings.

Three days later we joined our Temple community in Lincoln to celebrate Rosh Hashanah. We again made the trip to be a part of the full house for Kol Nidre on Yom Kippur eve and Yom Kippur day. The beautiful music and the inspiring services made our long trek worthwhile. We enjoyed breaking the fast with both our old and new friends.

Thank you to those of you who have given kudos for our literary efforts. We enjoy sharing our lives in our small town of almost 23,000 with you.

Shalom,

Marsha & David Rosenberg

\*This article missed the deadline last month and is printed now instead.

## RECENT DONATIONS

The following donations have been received recently:

### IN MEMORY OF

**Beatrice Miller Frank**  
by Bob and Mary Nefsky  
by Randy & Beth Theiss-Morse  
by Bonnie & Art Lapin

**Sam Davidson**  
by Bob and Mary Nefsky  
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by Marion Zolot

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### IN HONOR OF

**B'rith Chayim of Helene Posner Karp  
Bat Mitzvah of Shira Posner Karp**  
by Sue G. Schreiber

**Cantor Weisser's community work**  
by Ephraim Goodman

**The High Holy Days Services**  
by Joyce Pocras  
by Hilda Raz

**The Temple**  
by Bill Brda  
by Mr. & Mrs. Quentin Mortensen

Many thanks to all of you. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

## WEEKLY SERVICES

### TUESDAYS

Adult Education 7:30 P.M.

### THURSDAYS

Choir Practice 7:30 P.M.

### FRIDAYS

Shabbat Eve Services 7:45 P.M.

### SATURDAYS

Torah Study & Service 10:30 A.M.

### SUNDAYS

Hebrew School 9:00 A.M.

Religious School 10:00 A.M.

## NOVEMBER EVENTS

**Board Meeting** 2 Nov. 7:30 P.M.

NO FAMILY DINER ON 12th

**Interfaith Thanksgiving Service**

25 Nov. 10:00 A.M.

**Bat Mitzvah** of Abby Schor

Daughter of David Schor & Susan Elek

- 26 Nov. 7:45 P.M.

- No Adult Education on 2 Nov. due to Board Meeting

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