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BEN & ETHEL CHODASH SUMMER CANTORIAL INTERNSHIP

Thanks to the generosity of Ben and Ethel Chodash, our congregation is once again enjoying the presence of a student cantor on our pulpit during the summer months. The Ben & Ethel Chodash Summer Cantorial Internship, which has been dedicated to the memory of Cantor Abraham Berman, serves as a fitting tribute to our late cantor. The internship provides our congregation with a cantor during the summer and enables our student cantors to enhance their skills.

This summer, we are pleased to have Miriam Miller as our Summer Cantorial Intern. Student Cantor Miller is a student at the HUC-JIR School of Sacred Music. She has just returned from Jerusalem, where she completed her first year in the Cantorial School program. We welcome Student Cantor Miller to Temple Beth-El, and we express our gratitude to Ben and Ethel for their very generous gift.

We look forward to seeing you at our Shabbat evening services which continue at 8:00 p.m. every Friday throughout the summer. Shabbat morning services resume on the morning of the first day of Rosh HaShannah on Saturday, September 11th. Cantor Sergei Schwartz, who is spending the summer with his family in Israel, will be returning to our pulpit at that time.

A Tribute to Rabbi Samuel A. Berman

Enclosed in this Midsummer Temple Bulletin, you will find a copy of a memorial tribute to Rabbi Berman, which appeared in the recent edition of the "Yearbook" of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. The tribute was written by Rabbi Berman's nephew, Rabbi Harold Loss. We thought you would like to read this tribute to Rabbi Berman, who served Temple Beth-El for over 50 years.

HIGH HOLY DAY REMINDERS

Even though the High Holy Days will not arrive until September, we are already very busy preparing for this sacred season. We remind you that High Holy Day tickets will only be sent to Temple members in good standing. Members are being assigned to the same seats which they occupied last year, however, we are encouraging those who sit towards the rear of the sanctuary to consider moving closer to the front. Those who wish to have different seats for this or any other reason should call the Temple office immediately. Also, those who have purchased guest tickets for out-of-town family members in the past will be sent the same number of guest tickets this year, unless you call the Temple office to indicate that you will need more or fewer guest tickets.

We remind you that it is our custom for Temple members to bring their own prayerbooks to High Holy Day Services. Those who need prayerbooks, including new members of the Temple who have joined since last year's High Holy Days, may purchase a set of prayerbooks at the Temple office for \$5.00.

Those who wish to have a memorial plaque placed in our sanctuary before the dedication ceremony on Yom Kippur afternoon must place the order immediately, because it takes 6-8 weeks for a memorial plaque to be made. For more information about ordering memorial plaques, either call the Temple office, or speak to Blanche Dohrman, chairperson of our Memorial Plaque and Simcha Tree Committee.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Any family who is planning to register a child in our Sunday or Hebrew School for the first time this September should call Rabbi Brickman immediately, 333-4229. Space is limited. Returning families who have not registered should also contact Rabbi Brickman.

ARZA/WORLD UNION

Enclosed in this "Newsletter," you will find information about ARZA/WORLD UNION and an ARZA/WORLD UNION membership form (see below). You will also find a related article about the work of ARZA/WORLD UNION, so you can gain a sense of how your contributions are used.

If you are already an ARZA/WORLD UNION member, please renew your membership now. If you haven't yet joined this important affiliate of our Reform Movement, this is the time to do so.

Please return your membership form to the Temple, along with your check for \$36.00, made payable to "Temple Beth-El."

Dear Rabbi Brickman:

I(We) want to strengthen Israel, build Reform Judaism in Israel and around the world, and join the fight for religious pluralism in the Jewish State. Please enroll/renew (circle one) the following as member(s) of ARZA/WORLD UNION:

Name(s) _____

Address _____

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Please include check for \$36.00 payable to "Temple Beth-El" and return this form to:

Rabbi Kenneth Brickman
Temple Beth-El
2419 Kennedy Blvd.
Jersey City, NJ 07304

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Contributions have been made:

In memory of beloved husband, Harold B. Nickelsporn by Miriam Nickelsporn

In memory of beloved husband, Max Druz by Rita Druz and Richard

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In memory of beloved Louis Bauer and Anna Bouer by Eleanor Bouer

THANK YOU

The Temple is grateful to Abe Wellen for his very generous contribution in memory of his beloved parents, Nathan and Sarah Wellen.

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS!

Congratulations to Sara Miller who was the winner of the Brotherhood's 50/50 Raffle. We also express our gratitude to Sara for making a very generous contribution to the Temple from her winnings.

NEWS FROM ARZA/WORLD UNION

This summer there are four summer camp sessions for teenagers and young people in the Former Soviet Union. The camps, sponsored jointly by the World Union for Progressive Judaism and the Jewish Agency, provide many Russians with their first exposure to the traditions of Progressive Judaism. 120 campers will attend each session with staff members representing the local and Israeli movements. Campers, who come from throughout the Former Soviet Union, are often inspired to continue learning and practicing Progressive Judaism in their home communities. Meanwhile in Israel in the town of Mevasseret Zion, just outside of Jerusalem, the members of the Progressive(Reform) congregation laid the cornerstone for their new synagogue/community center. Rabbi Maya Leibovich, the first Israeli woman ordained as a Reform Rabbi, nurtured the congregation from a handful of families praying in private homes to a thriving community of hundreds. MAZEL TOV!

Rabbi Kenneth Brickman
Tenth Anniversary Celebration

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TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1999.

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Contributions have been received from:

Ceal Bauer, in memory of beloved father, Isaac D. Rosen on the occasion of his Yahrzeit;

Miriam Nickelsporn, in celebration of all her simchas;

Sandy & Buddy Frank, in honor of a Speedy Recovery to Marcia Gutterman;

Sandy & Buddy Frank, to Marcia and Stephen Gutterman, in honor of Andy's engagement to Sandy.

CONDOLENCES

The Rabbi, Cantor and members of the congregation extend sincerest sympathies and heartfelt condolences to Helen & Joseph Pfeifer on the passing of Helen's beloved mother, Libbie Feinberg; to Sidney Auslander on the passing of his beloved wife, Lillian; and to the families of Minna Rose Davis and William Balene.

HELEN AND MAX SCHNEID MUSIC FUND

Contributions have been received:

In honor of Judy & Ben Kaplan for their many Simchas, with continued happy occasions, from: Sara Miller;

In honor of Jordan, grandson of Shirley & Murray Haar, on the occasion of his graduation from: Sara Miller;

In honor of Samantha Weston, granddaughter of Evelyn S. Brauer, on the occasion of her Bat Mitzvah from: Ruth & Sol Lubow;

In honor of Rose Goldman, on the occasion of her granddaughter's marriage from: Shirley & Murray Haar.

In memory of Melvin and Howard Tupper, beloved brothers of Ruth Lubow from:

Harold & Toby Rosen

Sara Miller

Shirley Bouer

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Joseph and Josephine Ames on the birth of their daughter, Jade Danielle.

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A VERY SPECIAL FUND-RAISER FOR THE TEMPLE

Perfume-Cologne Bottle Demonstration

***Sunday August 15th
at 2:00 p.m.***

***at the Home of Ruth and Sol Lubow
225 St. Pauls Avenue
Refreshments following***

Minimum Donation - \$18.00

Checks made payable to Temple Beth-El

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SAMUEL BERMAN

Harold Loss

Rabbi Samuel Berman served Temple Beth El in Jersey City for fifty years. In 1995, at the age of 89, he published a scholarly work *Midrash Tanhuma Yelamdenu*, which included in the dedication an expression of gratitude to his congregation: "whose friendship, loyalty, and devotion made fifty years of service a richly rewarding experience."

When his family and congregation gathered at Temple Beth El to say farewell to their spiritual leader, teacher, mentor and friend, Rabbi Ken Brickman, who followed Samuel Berman at Temple Beth El, addressed the gathered friends and family: "As many of you know, the rabbinate was a natural career choice for Sam Berman, who followed in the footsteps of sixteen generations of his family within which there were individuals in each generation who were spiritual leaders of the Jewish people. Rabbi Berman was ordained in 1932. After his ordination, he served as Rabbi of the Floral Park Jewish Center, and then as Rabbi of Temple Emanuel of Englewood." Quoting from the *Jewish Standard* in a tribute to Rabbi Berman published on the occasion of his 40th anniversary with the congregation, Rabbi Brickman continued: "No cloistered clergyman is Rabbi Berman. He has gone into the thick of battle in every civic, communal, and religious cause in this area. His voice may be quiet, and his speech modulated, but he is always there to speak his mind." At the conclusion of a letter that Sam wrote to the congregation on the occasion of his 40th anniversary he noted that "There is much to remember and there is much to be grateful for and we, as people of faith, can do nought else but thank our God for His beneficence, and offer the heartfelt and humble prayer, that we may go on together, in peace, keeping step with one another, ever loving and devoted to the end."

Samuel Berman's professional life reflected the highest values of our calling and he was privileged to be a part of a community that cherished his many contributions. He was teacher, confidant and friend to generations of his members, who remember his willingness to stand by their side in times of crisis and celebrate with love the wondrous moments in their lives. Sam Berman turned his beliefs into action: Rabbi Brickman states in his eulogy, "He served on the board of CANDO, Jersey City's anti-poverty agency as well as on a number of other organizational boards within our community that sought to improve the quality of life for all the citizens of Jersey City. He spoke his mind from the pulpit and on the streets of Jersey City on every significant issue of the day, from the rise of Nazism in Europe, to the Vietnam War and the civil rights movement—all issues on which Sam Berman took stands which represented the highest ideals of our faith and tradition. When changing demographics saw an increasing number of Jews move to the suburbs, Rabbi Berman did not despair. He remained loyal to this congregation and to its members." In a letter published in the dinner journal celebrating the congregation's 130th anniversary in 1996, Sam quoted Florence, his beloved wife of 65 years, as once having said: "Though Jersey City may be one of the least attractive cities in the country physically, its people are the warmest, the friendliest, the kindest that any Rabbi has been privileged to serve."

Twenty-seven years ago Sam Berman participated in my installation at Temple Israel in West Bloomfield, Michigan. In his address to the congregation he spoke of the rewards of a Rabbinic career. He challenged the congregation to demand the best from the next generation in our family. He reminded each of us that a Rabbinic career is not measured in years alone, but rather in contributions to the soul and spirit of the Jewish people. As a Rabbi who had worked tirelessly for the State of Israel, dedicating himself to the cause of social justice and Jewish education, he reminded his younger colleague that there is no higher calling than service to *Am Yisrael*. Samuel Berman lived by the ideals that he brilliantly articulated on that Shabbat.

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Help in the effort to promote and sustain a vibrant Reform community in Israel where ARZA/WORLD UNION, North America supports a growing network of Reform institutions including the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR), creates educational programs, subsidizes Israeli kindergartens and grade school classes and supports a vast array of community outreach programs for native Israelis and new immigrants.

Help Jews in the former Soviet Union; support developing Progressive Jewish communities including more than 50 congregations and chavurot, summer camps, educational seminars and Russian language publications.

Help ARZA/WORLD UNION, North America...bring Israeli policy makers to the U.S. to learn first-hand about American Reform Judaism and meet national and local government and Jewish communal leaders.

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**ARZA/WORLD UNION, North America...is the
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**We support the Israel Movement for Progressive
Judaism (IMPJ) and the Israel Religious Action
Center (IRAC) in their fight for religious rights for
Reform Jews, new immigrants and all Israelis.**



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