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R E F L E C T I O N S

A Newsletter from Temple Rodef Shalom
Services each Friday night at 8:15
at the Fink Professional Building

* * * CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER * * *

Friday, December 7th	8:15 P.M. Discussion following services: "Great Personalities in Jewish History", #1 - Moses: Leader - Mrs. Ruth Checknoff Oneg Shabat Chairman - Mrs. Mildred Adelson
Sunday, December 9th	Chanukah gifts, wrappings, candles and menorahs sold at Religious School.
Friday, December 14th	8:15 P.M. Our guest Mr. Jack Frankel, area director of the Jewish Welfare Board, will conduct services. After services he will lead a discussion of the Jewish Welfare Board. Oneg Shabat Chairman - Mrs. Erna Frankel.
Sunday, December 16th	9:30 A.M. Each Religious School student is to bring an inexpensive gift (maximum cost - 35¢), wrapped, to exchange for Chanukah. Parents are urged to join their children for the Chanukah program which has been prepared.
Monday, December 17th	8:00 P.M. Board meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Auerbach, 310 Anneliese Drive, Falls Church
Friday, December 21st	8:15 P.M. Sermon by Mr. Jules Cohen. CHANUKAH EVE COFFEES after services in members' homes. Edith Abramson is chairman.
Sunday, December 23rd	NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
Friday, December 28th	Sermon by Andrew Kleinfeld. Oneg Shabat chairman - Mrs. Leona Merkle.
Sunday, December 30th	NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
Friday, January 4th	8:15 P.M. Discussion led by Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Levin on "David".

* * * WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS * * *

Since our directory was distributed in September, we are happy to welcome the following new members to our Congregation. Please add their names and addresses to your directories:

Brock, Herman & Alma, 1401 Hewlit St., F. C. JE3-9350
Goldman, Gerald & René, 4505 Exeter St. Annandale CL6-3503
Peel, Mrs. Evelyn, 311 Martha's Road, Alexandria SO5-6753
Siegel, Dr. Irving & Phyllis, 1817 Hamilton Dr.,
Fairfax 273-3883
Wolozin, Harold & Ruth, 219 N. Edison St., Arl.3 JA2-8865
Please change the phone number of the Edward Proctors
to 356-8138.

We welcome our new members and hope they will become known to all of us. We have a "member-to-member" committee under the chairmanship of Mrs. Esther Davis and Mrs. Edith Abramson. This is one of the ways we keep in contact with the needs and activities of all our members. Mrs. Louise Slonim is chairman of our "SUNSHINE COMMITTEE". Please call her (534-0031) when you know of any occasion of our members.

* * * THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS * * *

ORGAN FUND

We have established an organ fund whereby we plan to purchase an organ for Temple Rodef Shalom in honor of Mr. & Mrs. Herman Fink. We are grateful to Dr. & Mrs. Donald Lubin for their contribution to our Organ Fund. We welcome all others. Please contact Mrs. Rose Thorman.

LIBRARY FUND

Mrs. Ruth Checkhoff Handled the Book Sale from which the library fund will receive about \$25.00. Mrs. Checkhoff thanks the following people who helped her: Mr. Sam Yudkin of the Airport Book Store, Mrs. Ida Silverstein, Mrs. Pauline Proschan, Mrs. Joan Schweitz and Mrs. Miriam Twynam.

RELIGIOUS OBJECTS

We thank Mr. Larry Seiff for our Torah Tie.

PRAYER BOOKS AND HYMNALS

We thank Mr. & Mrs. N. J. Margulies who have contributed hymnals in honor of their grandchildren, the children of Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Levin.

GENERAL FUND

We thank Miss Nancy Smathers for her contribution to the general fund.

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Any one wishing to contribute to any of our various funds please contact Mrs. Edith Abramson at 532-2217.

* * * ACTION TAKEN AT BOARD MEETING * * *

The Board Meeting in November was held at the Thorman's on the 26th. At this time our president Ira Funston appointed a committee which will work under the executive board to look into acquiring a rabbi. Manny Kintisch is chairman, and Bert Rudin, Larry Seiff, Jules Cohen, Norman Brandt, and Harvey Levin are the committee. They will meet with Rabbi Hirsch, regional director of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, during the first week in December.

The Newsletter is printed and distributed by Mr. Jules Cohen and his office staff. The deadline for material for the Newsletter is the 25th of each month, so that we may have your Newsletter in your mailbox by the first week of the following month. Again we stress--all contributions are welcomed and desired. Please send them to Mrs. Nan Rudin, 316 Westmoreland Road, Alexandria, by the 25th of each month.

The Board is appointing a committee on Youth Activities; its chairman will have a board position and will work with room mothers and senior youth to implement a program for our young people.

The Program Committee under Mrs. Ruth Checknoff has arranged for the first Friday evening of each month (following services) to be devoted to a study of great Jewish personalities. The program is outlined on the calendar on page one. You are urged to read any source on the life and times of these personalities so that the discussion will be stimulating for everyone and stimulated by everyone.

* * * DUES * * *

Bills for dues will be sent to the members by mid-December for the convenience of those who would like to pay their quarterly dues before January 1.

* * * PARTICIPATION * * *

Tonight, November 30th, our temple is being represented by Manny Kintisch, Ira Funston, Burton Thorman, Bert Rudin and Edith Abramson at the Mid-Atlantic Conference Council Meeting in Washington. Tomorrow a group of our members will attend the workshops and luncheon honoring the dedication of the Social Action Center of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Thus, our temple is participating actively in the affairs of the Reform Jewish Community. It reemphasizes our strength and our existence, not only for ourselves, but for larger endeavors.

Speaking of participating, we on the Board would like to urge everyone to "add their voice" where and when they can. Specifically, anyone who attends Friday night services and enjoys singing can perform a most needed service by offering to sing with our choir. We greatly need more of you to sing. Please call Mrs. Rose Thorman to discuss this with her. There is so much satisfaction to be gained through participation. We are such a "spread-out" congregation. Our residences are ten or fifteen miles from one another. Therefore, we don't know each other and our interests as thoroughly as we hope to. That is why we stress over and over that we hope our members will feel warm and comfortable and desirous of adding their fuel to the fire that burns brightly and steadily. Along these lines, the women of our congregation met on November 13 and decided to plan a cocktail party to be given in January. This will be a way we can get to know each other better. Even sooner than that, on Chanukah eve (December 21st) after services, all members will be invited to homes of other members. We hope as many as possible will want to participate in this lovely social event. You will be contacted by our member-to-member committee.

* * * IN CLOSING * * *

In these days before we have a permanent Rabbi in Temple Rodef Shalom, many of us have sermonized on Friday nights and have tried to "be our own rabbi". This has been inspirational and a fine way to participate in a necessary function of temple life.

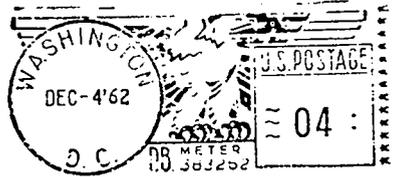
When it comes to sermonizing or philosophizing, I enjoy--even relish--the opportunity to put some of my thoughts into print sermonizing, if you will, until a rabbi can perform this function so much more eloquently.

Today I came across a message that I liked and I shall seize the opportunity here to pass it along.

"By the way, what is your favorite quote? An unfair question. We want to ask, "about what:", or "when?", or even, "by whom?". Mine? Well, I am not sure and I hate to let Emerson down but I don't think anyone ever beat the Golden Rule.

That one is so far out in front that none of us can catch up to it. If we do we are going to have a world that will certainly be wonderful to live in. Imagine it. Even nations treating nations as they would have nations treat them as nations. Parent-child, teacher-pupil, doctor-patient, automobile mechanic-customer, seller-buyer, policeman-customer, white-colored.

I have had just enough of the Golden Rule treatment to know what it feels like. Sometimes I have practiced the piece myself. Together these experiences are the best of my life. But there I go, getting personal again like the baseball pitcher who wears glasses, Jim Bronnan, who submits his quotation from the Keener's Manual (I don't know): "I am you, and you are me, and what have we done to each other?" "



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