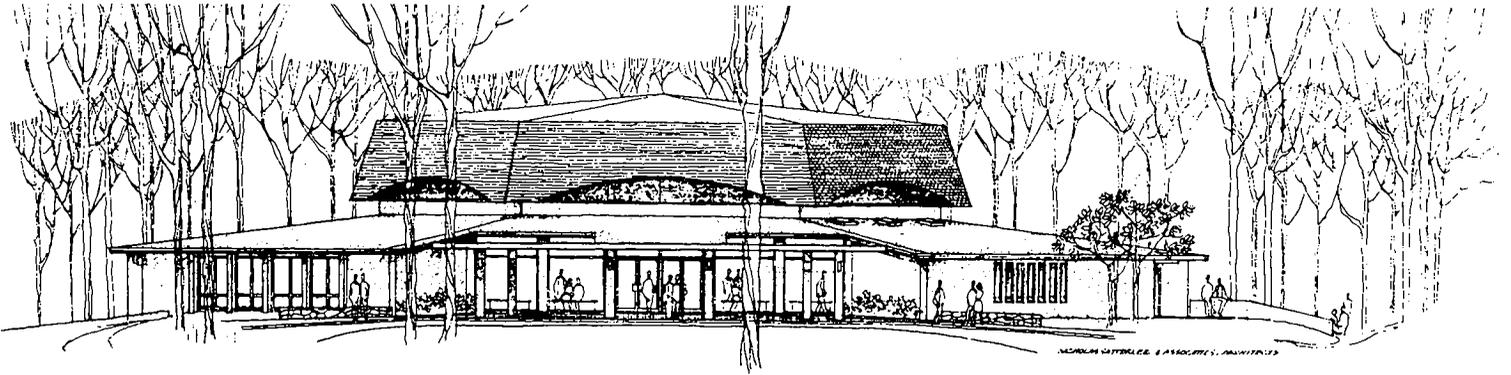


# TEMPLE RODEF SHALOM

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## REFLECTIONS

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From the Rabbi's Desk...

In the Chapel of the Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, Ohio, the chair of the President is empty, vacated by the sudden departure of our beloved and respected Rabbi, archeologist and president, illuminative and illustrious leader of Reform Judaism, Dr. Nelson Glueck.

Born at the turn of the century in Cincinnati, he went on to become the second master builder of Reform Judaism. During his presidency the Hebrew Union College grew in dimension and significance to the point where we now have schools in Los Angeles, New York and Jerusalem. Indefatigably he worked for a personal vision of Judaism and the Jewish people. His cause, always greater than lifesize, included all of Jewry in the best tradition of American Jewry. He was a man of grace and power; a man who could shed tears in front of his students, and yet be firm as steel.

I am inordinately proud to use his favorite expression; to have been ordained a Rabbi, by him, and shall remember him always in kindness..."Zecher, Tsaddik, Livracha..."

May the memory of the righteous be a blessing.

ABOUT THE \$500 BUILDING FUND CERTIFICATES

If 66 families would lend the Temple \$500 each, an immediate financial crisis could be eased. To put it very simply: the \$500 is a loan!

If you do not have ready cash, and still would like to help, it is possible to borrow from a bank at a cost to you of approximately \$30 a year in interest... (tax deductible).

All Temple members and good friends of our Congregation are invited to help. Any questions??? Call the Temple office, 532-2217.

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CUR OWN THESPIAN...

Joel Gerstle is an active member of Rodef Shalom, but he also finds time for the Springfield Community Theatre. He has the lead in the mystery-drama, "Monique." The macabre adult drama is a good evening's entertainment with a touch of the super-natural...and Joel too! Myra (Gerstle), also a super-energetic, is producing it. Show dates are March 5, 7, 13, 14, 19 and 21. The place is Congressional School at 8:30. For tickets and information, call 451-1569.

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HAVE YOU HEARD...

...that Lennie Gold and Diane Rice were united in Holy, you-know-what, in a Synagogue in Baltimore, on January 23. Both immediate families were present. She is a good cook, and they're both very happy. Lennie was one of our most popular Sunday School teachers and we wish him the very best.

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VERSTEHEN SIE????

One of our livlier members, Abe Shapiro, has found a unique way to make meetings sound like fun. Wouldn't you go if you were asked this way?

"MYNE TAIERHER FRYNT:

Yich vill dir zuggen ahz dir bridderen foon Rodef Shalom vet hubben ah gesheft, Ocht ah zayger, Mitvuch nacht, der zibbetzen tug, de zelba munat vus iz yedzt. Yich vell doz glaichen ahz alleh menah vus hut eppus tzu ton mid dem gesheft, vet kummen dem nacht. Der platz, Temple Rodef Shalom. vu mir reddin de bichker.

Dyne mishuggener geshriber,  
A finah buchker"

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SOCIAL ACTION...

what SHARE is a community-help organization sponsored by 19 churches in the McLean-Falls area. The aid given ranges from financial support for a teen club for troubled youth to helping an indigent family receive needed food. At the McLean Baptist Church there are storerooms of clothing and food to be given out on emergency basis, at the discretion of the Family Assistance group of SHARE.

what  
can we  
do?

We at Temple Rodef Shalom can help in several tangible ways. There will be boxes at the Temple on Sunday mornings to collect good, usable clothes & food staples to be put in the storeroom. There is also a need for volunteers for the following jobs:

1. Family Assistance Coordinator. This entails telephone duty (at home) for one week every two months to be the contact point between those seeking help and those able to give the aid.
2. Visiting Aids. The worker who visits the family in need and helps, or finds whatever is necessary.
3. Storeroom Aids. Someone willing to work in the McLean Baptist Church occasionally to sort clothes and food.
4. Drivers. Someone willing to drive on a regular basis, such as a couple of hours every other week.

Isn't it time for all of us to become a functional part of our community? For more information, contact Nan Rudin, 481-5629 or Jan Saferstein, 273-5325.

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TEMPLE CHOIR

The Choir would especially like to thank those who helped with the Interfaith Concert: Joe Auerbach, Judy Berkowitz, Elizabeth Winer, Robin Karnette, Sara Rosenbaum, David Rosenbaum, Mark Stein & Jay Karnette.

NO SCHOOL MARCH 14 - PURIM CARNIVAL

# SPOTLIGHT ON SISTERHOOD

President's Report...

Please note these dates on your calendar: Board Meeting, Sunday, March 7, 9:30 a. m. in the Temple Library. Sisterhood Meeting, Wednesday, March 24, 12:15, Temple Social Hall.

Our thanks to our three guests from SHARE, Mrs. Mahar, Mrs. Marlen and Mrs. Dodd for making our February meeting so interesting and informative. SHARE is a McLean charitable group sponsored, supported and staffed by volunteers from 19 area religious institutions. I hope that we too can participate in this worthwhile community project. Case workers are needed now; to become one you don't need professional training, only common sense and an appreciation of the dignity of every man, and compassion. Our thanks to Jan Saferstein, our new community services chairman for bringing this group to our attention. Please call Jan for more information and VOLUNTEER...273-5325.

Looking ahead to June and our Donor Luncheon, Mickey Levine our donor chairman is busy working on plans for this year's luncheon and Sheila Ruffine and Barbara Levin are busy lining up a super program. Circle June 2 and save that day for DONOR!

This month on our March 24 meeting we will hear a panel of women from the UJA and we will finally get to vote on that by-law amendment, and we will get a full report on the Art Auction. Join us for coffee and cake...bring a friend.

Any ideas or suggestions on Sisterhood programs or projects etc., call Judy Liss, 560-5342; Lucille Brown, 538-4242; Barbara Levin, 534-8190.

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UJA DAY...No donation or charge. Join us for coffee and cake and cake and a special program put on by a panel of Women Speakers from the Women's Division of United Jewish Appeal. Last year the panel presented us with a moving and educational panel discussion of Israel. This year they are planning a different and interesting program. The panel will include Mrs. Sylvia Kruckoff, Esther Plotkia, Addie Schwartzman and others.

Mark the date on your calendar. It is a date change from March 17.

RUMMAGE SALE...Yes!!! There will be another rummage sale. Planned for the fall of this year. Save everything, particularly those things outgrown over the winter. Call June Levine, 968-7341, if you could begin to store rummage now.

CATERING SERVICE...Eleanor Shapiro, Chairman. For a truly professional catering service, whether a simple kiddush or a sumptuous buffet or luncheon, large or small, or any other special occasion, call on the expert services of our Sisterhood Caterers. Call Eleanor, 534-3792.

JUDAICA SHOP...Erna Frankel, Chairman. Beautiful Passover Plates are available, plus other eye-catching items to fulfill all your gift needs. Gift Shop hours are: Wednesdays, 11-12 and Sundays, 11-12. Call Erna, 836-8183 for more information.

PRINTING SHOP...Sally Ackerman, Chairman. Don't forget the Sisterhood Printing Shop for your next printed announcements. Call Sally, 461-7323.

SPECIAL NOTICE: FLASH...JUST IN...Carolyn Stein, chairman of Daytime Study Group announces a meeting Thursday, April 18 at 10 a.m. on "Is there a Contemporary Jewish Woman?" Everyone is welcome...Bring your friends.

# RABBI ISAAC M. WISE...

Coming up is the 152nd anniversary of the birth of one of the great Reform Jewish Rabbis. Maybe some of you know all about Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise, but for those of you who don't, here are some facts about his life.

He came to this country from Bohemia when he was 27 years old, and changed the face of Judaism in the United States. He believed that Judaism would regain its original vitality by interpreting the Bible and other Jewish sources in ways that bear directly on contemporary life. This is the essence of Reform Judaism today.

Judaism, Rabbi Wise taught, is a religion for all times; he didn't want to stay hooked on the outworn pegs of ritual for the sake of ritual. Rabbi Wise had two specific goals: he wanted to form a seminary to train Rabbis, and he wanted all Jewish congregations to form a union, because he knew the seminary would be viable only so long as it served the needs of those congregations.

He formed the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in 1873.

Two years later, he founded the Hebrew Union College.

And in 1889, in Detroit, he founded the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

These institutions have played a vital part in breathing new life into the Jewish community of our country in his time, and have continued to be among the channels through which the great religious movement of Reform Judaism has been able to influence the world. The vitality and challenge of Reform Judaism today keep active in the religion thousands of young people who, like Rabbi Wise, would have rejected the static form of Judaism.

To learn more about this remarkable man, read his biography by another great Rabbi, James Heller. The book, Isaac M. Wise, is published by UAHC.

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## CAMP ACHVA NEEDS TEEN AGE HELP!

Temple Rodef Shalom will provide the "country setting in the heart of suburbia" for Northern Virginia's only Jewish oriented day camp, Camp Achva, when its 1971 session meets here from July 6-31.

Several Junior and Senior staffers, age 16 and up, are needed. Applicants are invited to send a resume, including both camp and Jewish backgrounds, to 9127 St. Mark's Place, Fairfax, Va. 22030.

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The Library Committee appreciates the card catalogue which was built and donated by Dr. Philip Rudin. Have you noticed the plants in the library? Many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Morris Katz for them...their green thumbs and dedication are appreciated.

Watch your April calendar for a Book

Book Review by the Rabbi etc....

## HADASSAH LAUNCHES MEDICAL CENTER DRIVE

Northern Virginia Chapter of Hadassah has launched its annual fund raising drive for the Hadassah Medical Organization in Israel.

Hopes are high for a record campaign in this tenth anniversary year of the 21 building complex of the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center, based since 1961 at Ein Karem, Jerusalem.

Letters have been sent to some 1,300 Northern Virginia doctors, dentists and allied professionals asking them to contribute to the campaign. They will be listed as professional sponsors in a calendar which the Chapter will publish this summer. Contributions may also be made anonymously.

Send contributions to Mrs. Marvin Rosenberg, 280-5756.

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