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R E F L E C T I O N S

Monthly Newsletter of Temple Rodef Shalom

*** Calendar for May ***

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| Fri., May 10
8:15 p.m. | Worship Services in the Fink Professional Bldg. Discussion after service on "Wealth & Housing Inadequacy in Northern Virginia." Speaker: Mr. Edmond L. Kanwit, Vice Chairman of the Citizens Committee for Adequate Housing in Fairfax County. Hostesses: Mrs. Erna Frankel, Mrs. Marian Cohen, Mrs. Nan Rudin, Mrs. Sybil Lubin |
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| Sun., May 12
9:30 a.m. | RELIGIOUS SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE. Parents are invited to visit the classrooms. No special programs are planned. RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 1963-1964 IN THE JEFFERSON SCHOOL LOBBY |
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| Wed., May 15
8:00 p.m. | FIRST ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING in the Fink Building Community Room. Election of officers, adoption of the constitution, and several other vital decisions must be made at this meeting. |
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| Fri., May 17
8:15 p.m. | Worship Services Hostesses: Mrs. Lee Hurwitch, Mrs. Blanche Cohen, Mrs. Hilda Brandt, Mrs. Erna Frankel |
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| Thurs., May 23
12:00 Noon | WOMEN OF TEMPLE RODEF SHALOM "GET-TOGETHER" at the Community Room in the Fink Building. Bring your lunch! Strictly Social: Cards, chatting, exchanging recipes, discussing plans for more meetings. |
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| Fri., May 24
8:15 p.m. | WORSHIP SERVICE: BAR MITZVAH OF DAVID COHEN. The Congregation is invited to join Mr. and Mrs. Jules Cohen for the Oneg Shabat |
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| Sun., May 26 | LAST DAY OF CLASSES AT RELIGIOUS SCHOOL |
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| Wed., May 29
8:15 p.m. | CONFIRMATION SERVICE at Arlington Unitarian Church on Arlington Boulevard. All members and friends are invited to attend. |
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Fri., May 31 8:15 p.m.	WORSHIP SERVICE: BAR MITZVAH OF GARY BEHREND The Congregation is cordially invited to join in the Oneg Shabat by Mr. & Mrs. Jack Behrend
Sun., June 2 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PICNIC. The place will be announced in Religious School. All congre- gants are invited to bring lunch, and play equipment.
Fri., June 7 8:15 p.m.	WORSHIP SERVICE: BAS MITZVAH OF JAN THORMAN The Congregation is invited to attend the Oneg Shabat given by Mr. & Mrs. Burton Thorman

*** OUR CHILD IS GROWING UP ***

Our congregation is approaching its first birthday!
June 27th, in fact!

Like any child, there are many "firsts" we are
experiencing in this momentous year.

For instance, on May 15th, our first Annual Congre-
gational Meeting will take place. There are decisions to
make that night that will affect the future of the Temple:
the adoption of the constitution, the election of a new slate
of officers, the discussion of our search for a rabbi, and
consideration of a purchase of land for a future building site.

On May 29th our first Confirmation will take place.
This exciting event will be a proud one for all of us--the
confirmants, their parents and all their friends. Those
being confirmed are David Koffman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis
Koffman; Gary Bock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Bock; Laura
Kahn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Kahn; Michelle Behrend,
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Behrend; Jan Hurwitch, daughter
of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hurwitch; and Andrea Pfeiffer,
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pfeiffer.

Plans will be made for a First Birthday Party by
Mrs. Debbie Somers and our social committee. We will keep
you informed as to the date and place.

*** MEETING OUR FIRST MATERIAL NEED ***

During this year, we have been blessed with
generous donations and contributions, which have added to
the dignity and beauty of our worship service.

We are in need now of meeting the financial
obligation necessary for the purchase of our new organ--
which the Congregation voted to purchase in honor of
Mr. and Mrs. Herman Fink.

Many of you have seen the beautiful electric organ at services the past few weeks. This is a sample of the permanent organ, which will be delivered in early May. This will add a great deal to the beauty of our inspiring service.

The cost of the organ is \$495.00--just a few dollars above the wholesale cost. At this time the Organ Fund has only \$142.00. We hope that those who wish to honor an occasion, or memorialize a dear one will keep in mind a donation to our Organ Fund. Contact Mr. Harvey Levin, 305 Hillsborough Drive, Falls Church, Virginia.

*** DONATIONS TO THE ORGAN FUND ***

Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Levin--in memory of the father of Harvey:
Augustus Levin.
Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Merkle--in memory of Mrs. Rose Sultan.
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Cole --in honor of their new grandson,
Jeffrey Paul Block.
Dr. & Mrs. Berton Rudin --in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of
Gary Behrend and David Cohen, and
Bas Mitzvah of Jan Thorman.

*** OUR SOCIAL ACTION IDEAS ***

A vital "first" for our congregation is the establishment of a Social Action Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Henry Lowenstern. It is hoped that this committee will be guided by your interest and determination that our Temple exert itself for good influence in the community in which we live. It is felt that we are motivated by our high sense of purpose to become aware of local problems and to act whenever possible to ease the burden others bear. The discussion on Friday evening, May 10th, led by Mr. Ed Kanwit, will be most stimulating and provocative. Mr. Kanwit is not only an expert on housing, but also an accomplished and entertaining speaker. He is Housing Chairman for the Fairfax County Human Relations Council and Housing Chairman for the Falls Church-Fairfax Welfare Council. Mr. Lowenstern will appreciate anyone's calling him (JE 4-5529) who is interested in the Social Action Committee. At the Congregational Meeting on May 15th he plans to bring up for Congregational approval several ideas for us to put into social action.

*** HAPPENINGS OF OUR MEMBERS ****

The Congregation extends its heartfelt condolences to Mr. Paul Pfeiffer and Mrs. Amy Zlotnick.

We hope that Mr. Charles Slonim will soon be home from the hospital and feeling fine.

We congratulate the Ralph Coles on the birth of their grandson.

Congratulations to Andrew Kleinfeld, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Kleinfeld, who was named to the honor roll at Wesleyan University.

*** REMINDERS ***

Please call Louise Slonim (534-0031) if you know of any news of any of our members so that she can send a card from the Temple. We all appreciate a thoughtful card, and Louise is happy to send one when she is contacted.

The Women's Group met in April. There were sixteen women present, and an informal discussion was held on the structure and activities of the group. While not a sisterhood, as such, it was felt that the group would select a chairman and would set up several committees to handle various coordinated programs for the Temple hospitality and for the women's get-togethers.

The new Oneg Shabat Chairman is Mrs. Alvin Rosen. Call her to volunteer your services for helping on Friday nights as hostesses (JE 3-9610). Our thanks go to Mrs. Charlotte Behrend, who has been our Chairman of Hospitality since last Fall.

Our membership list was checked through recently for accuracy, as far as information was available, and several typographical errors have come to light which we shall list below, so that each of you who is maintaining the list can make corrections accordingly:

Mr. & Mrs. David L. Berliant, 3605 Trinity Dr., Alexandria
Mr. & Mrs. Dominic J. Bock, 601 Hillsman St., Falls Church
Mr. & Mrs. Herman Brock, 1401 Hewitt Street, Falls Church
Dr. & Mrs. Carl Checknoff, 1011 Hillwood Ave., Falls Church
Mrs. Erna Frankel, 405 Argyle Drive, Alexandria
Mrs. Esta Schiff, 925 Ware St., SW, Vienna: DU 5-5993
Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Schmukler, McLean: EL 6-3503
Mrs. Herbert Zacharias, Alexandria: King 8-2220

*** IN CLOSING ***

In saying Thank You, we think of the many who have contributed hours and energy throughout the year to launch this Child of ours--to get it started on a healthy life. We are grateful to all those who sustained the Temple and nourished it with dedication and devotion.

While perhaps it is not in order to single out any particular members, a few personal thoughts of my own come to the printed page at this point--as, I'd like to give particular recognition to Mr. Larry Seiff, who has guided our worship services with a loving heart throughout the year; and to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Auerbach, who have made possible for our children a glowing "first" year in the Religious School of Temple Rodef Shalom. To all the other planners, callers, bakers, Board members, readers, teachers, builders, sewers, designers, putter-away'ers, typists, stamplickers, arrangers, and pick-up'ers, we say, with feeling, Thank You for giving our Child a firm foundation, a healthy body, a pat on the back, and a push in the right direction.

Welcome to the New Board, and welcome to new strivings and reaching and achievement that our Child will attain in the coming years: THANKS TO THE WONDERFUL, COMBINED EFFORT OF ALL OF US IN TEMPLE RODEF SHALOM.

TEMPLE RODEF SHALOM

Cordially Invites You To The
Shovuos Confirmation Service

On Wednesday Evening
at 8:15 P.M.

May 29, 1963

Arlington Unitarian Church, 4444 Arlington Blvd.

Reception immediately following Service tendered by the parents of the
confirmands:

Mr. & Mrs. Louis Koffman, Mr. & Mrs. Dominic Bock, Mr. & Mrs.
David Kahn, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Behrend, Mr. & Mrs. Robert
Hurwitch, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pfeiffer.

No R.S.V.P. needed - Come!

Come one, come all, young and old, to the Religious School picnic !

Date: June 2, Sunday
Time: 11 A. M. to 2 P.M.
Place: Lubber Run Park (just off Arlington Blvd.
(at 2nd Street No. and No. Columbus Street)

Students, Parents, and ALL Members of Rodef Shalom (with or without children)
are welcome and urged to come to the picnic. Bring your own lunch and game
equipment. In case of inclement weather, picnic will be cancelled.
Any questions? Call Joe Auerbach, JE 3-3758.