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## R E F L E C T I O N S

Monthly Newsletter of Temple Rodef Shalom

\* \* \* LETTER FROM THE EDITOR \* \* \*

Dear Friends:

Our Newsletter is a bit late this month! Excuse the delay--it is due to various changes of our year-old organization: a new Board is assuming responsibility, and a Rabbi has become our spiritual leader. We've spent some time "reflecting" upon the year we've had in Temple Rodef Shalom, and the challenging future before us.

We welcome Rabbi Berkowits to our pulpit; and his wife, Judy, and baby daughter to our congregational family. Welcome to our community, and to the leadership of our Congregation.

Rabbi Berkowits conducted his first service for us on July 5th. His warmth and sincerity moved us, and his beautiful singing added greatly to the dignity of our service. Mrs. Rose Thorman, Mr. Irving Kleinfeld and Mrs. Adele Zacharias also provided us with inspired music, as always, to which the Congregation added its voice.

We look forward to our worship together each Friday evening throughout the summer, at 8:15 p.m. in the Community Room in the Fink Building. Members will continue to participate in parts of the service, and Rabbi Berkowits will officiate. He looks forward to meeting all those wishing to worship with us; members and friends. Strangers are urged to come and be with us, and to share our Oneg Shabat after each service.

\* \* \* Happenings of our Members \* \* \*

Our heartfelt condolences go to Mrs. Charlotte Behrend and to Mrs. Helen Abrams, who recently lost their fathers.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Levin, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lowenstern: both couples are proud parents of baby boys.

We congratulate Dr. Carl Checknoff for again being elected Vice President of the Virginia Podiatry Association.

We hope that Mrs. Sue Olom and Mrs. Eleanor Shapiro, who have been hospitalized recently, are feeling well again.

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The Congregation mourns the passing of Mrs. Maurice Eisendrath.

\* \* \* DONATIONS \* \* \*

Organ Fund

Mr. and Mrs. Werner Goldman...in memory of the father of  
Mrs. Charlotte Behrend.  
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pfeiffer ...in honor of the confirmation  
of their daughter, Andrea.  
Miss Sylvia Berman .....in honor of the Bar Mitzvah  
of David Cohen.  
Mr. and Mrs. Nat Margulies ...in honor of the birth of their  
grandson, David Ross Levin.

Torah Fund

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Thorman have established a Torah fund, to acquire a second Torah for the Temple, in honor of Mr. Larry Seiff.

Mrs. Erna Frankel has donated a Chanukah Menorah to Temple Rodef Shalom, in memory of her husband, Mr. Eric Frankel.

Anyone wishing to contribute to any of our funds, please mail your check to our treasurer, Mr. Harvey Levin, 305 Hillsborough Drive, Falls Church, Virginia.

\* \* \* THE TEMPLE OFFICE \* \* \*

Donations for furnishing the Temple Office are gratefully received. The Temple has rented an apartment in Ravenwood Towers, in the same building where Rabbi Berkowitz resides. The apartment contains an office for the rabbi, a meeting room, and a kitchen. Furniture in good condition for the office and meeting room, file cabinets, a typewriter, tables, chairs, bookcases, and lamps would be appreciated. Cash donations to help purchase any of these would be welcome. Please call Mr. Burton Thorman (JA 8-7209) for further details.

\* \* \* NEW MEMBERS \* \* \*

We welcome into our Congregation Mr. and Mrs. Sol (Bess) Swerdloff, 5509 31st Street, N., Arlington, Virginia.

Our Membership Chairman is Mr. Irving Kleinfeld (Telephone 768-0926). He is most anxious to receive calls regarding prospective members, and new people whom you feel may be interested in our Temple. We suggest that you bring new friends to Temple: we can all help our membership grow.

\* \* \* STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE TEMPLE \* \* \*

The officers of the Temple met Monday evening, July 1st, and approved the following members to be chairmen of our standing committees, and thereby members of the Board. It can't be said too often that the Board exists to serve the needs and expectations of all the members. We urge anyone who is interested in serving on any of the following committees to call the chairman. Chairmen will be selecting their committees within the next few weeks and would be delighted to know if you would help with the following activities:

Religious School:	Mr. Joseph Auerbach	(JE 3-3758)
Cultural Program:	Mrs. Ruth Checknoff	(JE 2-4995)
Ways and Means:	Mr. Burton Thorman	(JA 8-7209)
Religious Practices:	Mr. Larry Seiff	(KI 9-8174)
Public Relations:	Mr. Robert Schweitz	(CR 3-2763)
Membership:	Mr. Irving Kleinfeld	(768 -0926)
Social Action:	Mr. Henry Lowenstern	(JE 4-5529)

In your next Newsletter you will have a complete list of the committees and chairmen. Plans are in the formulative stages, and any suggestions you have will be most welcome. Please call our President, Mr. C. Ira Funston (WE 1-0415).

\* \* \* REMINDERS \* \* \*

Please change the following address in your directories:

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Perry  
6713 Wilkins Drive  
Falls Church, Virginia

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Auerbach once again request that you return all Sunday School text books to them. There are many books that are not accounted for, and they belong to the Religious School.

The Temple has received information about the Washington Area Conclave for College Students sponsored by the Young Adult Group of Temple Emanuel. It is held at Camp Waredaca in Sunshine, Maryland, thirty minutes from Silver Spring, from September 6th to September 8th at \$10.00 per person. For further information, please call the Temple office.

\* \* \* IN CLOSING \* \* \*

We hope you all are having a pleasant summer-- with time for the many things you want to do, and with time for doing no things at all! Some moments in the day for solitude, reflection, can be among our most spiritual. We thought about all this when we read the poem of a ten-year old child, who wandered into the morning at dawn, found her spiritual moments, and expressed herself this way:

Sweet and Low

I was walking, walking in the grasses,  
This very morning, all alone--just me,  
I chanced to look at the sky so pale in color,  
When on a wire I saw a mourning dove,  
Cooing softly.

All other birds, huddled up in trees,  
Or flying, alert, alive, together, and free,  
Would move away from this bird so sad and lonely,  
As lonely as the old moody sea,  
Booming loudly.

The mourning dove against the clear gray sky,  
Or bathing in the dust, so wild and free,  
Cooing as if in grief or sorrow or death;  
Like a peddler trudged o'er the lea, the lea,  
Crying gently.

I was walking, walking in the grasses,  
This very morning, all alone--just me,  
I chanced to look at the sky so pale in color,  
When, on a wire, I saw a mourning dove,  
Cooing softly.