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R E F L E C T I O N S

Monthly Newsletter of Temple Rodef Shalom

* * * CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER * * *

Hebrew classes for adults, as usual, at 10:00 Sunday mornings at the Thomas Jefferson School

Friday evening November 1st. 8:15 p.m.	WORSHIP SERVICE: FINK BUILDING HONORING OUR <u>NEW MEMBERS</u> . Candles will be lit by Mrs. Lillian Wyner. We hope you will all attend, to meet and welcome our newest congregants.
Friday evening November 8th 8:15 p.m.	WORSHIP SERVICE. Exhibit in observance of Jewish Book Month sponsored by the Cultural Committee. The exhibit will represent various types of Jewish literature from the Bible to the present day. Candles will be lit by Mrs. Pearl Kamber.
Monday evening Nov. 11th, 7:30 p.m.	Temple Board Meeting at Temple Office.
Friday evening November 15th 8:15 p.m.	WORSHIP SERVICE HONORING MR. & MRS. HERMAN FINK. Our organ will be dedicated to Mr. & Mrs. Fink, with thanks for their friendship and devotion to Temple Rodef Shalom. Candles will be lit by Mrs. Ruth Fink. Let us all be there to honor and thank the Finks, who have made available to us a meeting place for a year and a half --since our beginning.
Sunday evening November 17th 8:00 p.m.	Second meeting of the Play Reading Group at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Harold Talisman, 1227 Rebecca Drive, Hollin Hills. Albee's "The American Dream" and "The Zoo Story" will be discussed. Everyone is welcome to join. Call Mrs. Ruth Checknoff: JE 2-4995
Friday evening November 22nd 8:15 p.m.	WORSHIP SERVICE. After the Oneg Shabat, Rabbi Berkowits will deliver his third lecture in the series on Modern Judaism: Renaissance and Reform. Candles will be lit by Mrs. Jean Pfeiffer.
Friday evening November 29th 8:00 p.m. (Note earlier time!)	WORSHIP SERVICE: Family Night. Thanksgiving Worship. This service is a wonderful opportunity for families to come together on this spiritual, American holiday. Candles will be lit by Mrs. Mary Di Antonio.

* * * FROM THE RABBI'S DESK * * *

Are You a Man for the World Series?

The "Cycle of the Great Holidays" is complete. A new year has begun. The beautiful holidays have reinforced within all of us our sense of identity, and stirred all of us to greater involvement in the religious quest for meaning.

Still, there is a strong temptation to say: "Let's take a vacation from the Temple. After all the intensive soul-searching of the holiday season, I need a rest." This would be a grievous error, for instead of lapsing into an old pattern, we should build on newly awakened sensitivities.

Are you a man for the "World Series" only? There are people who go to the ball park only during the World Series, while the loyal fan follows the team through its ups and downs in the course of the season. Going to the World Series only, may be all right with respect to baseball; after all, it is only a game. Will you transfer this attitude to your temple? Judaism is not seasonal, as life is not. Judaism is a matter of day to day living. Sanctifying our lives, building a better community is a continuous ongoing enterprise of our spirit. It is not a matter for a day or two, hallowed by the passing of the years. It is a project for a lifetime.

Rabbi Laszlo Berkowitz

* * * WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS * * *

In addition to the names of new members in the October Bulletin, we should like to welcome Dr. and Mrs. Paul Zilczer (Rose). The Zilczers live at 6431 Lee Highway, Arlington (538-5898).

We always stress that members are urged to bring friends with them to our services and activities.

* * * THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS * * *

Contributions to our new and growing congregation are most needed and appreciated. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are vital in this formative stage. Thank you.

ORGAN FUND

(Our Organ Fund is still not "up to date", and donations to it are especially appreciated!)

We thank Mr. and Mrs. Sily Greenspan for their contribution to the Organ Fund.

GENERAL FUND

Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Keyser and daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Jules Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Al Wyner, Mr. Norman Bernheimer--in memory of Mrs. Ettinger, Mrs. Martha Laupheimer --in memory of Mrs. Ettinger, and Mrs. Burton Thorman, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gelfond.

LIBRARY FUND

Thank you to Dr. and Mrs. Donald Lubin.

A beautiful Purim megillah--a scroll of the book of Esther, in Hebrew, which is 100 years old, was donated to Temple Rodef Shalom by Rabbi and Mrs. Hugo Schiff. We are most grateful for this wonderful gift.

PRAYER BOOKS

Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Gediman, in memory of Mrs. Louise Keyser.

TORAH FUND: IN HONOR OF MR. LARRY SEIF

Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Levin.

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Rosen.

BUILDING FUND

This is a new fund initiated by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bloch in honor of the birth of their new granddaughter.

STAMP BOOKS

Mrs. Nan Rudin. (More books are badly needed to help furnish the office)

* * * HAPPENINGS OF OUR MEMBERS * * *

Welcome back to Mrs. Erna Frankel, who has returned from a trip abroad. We've missed Erna, and are anxious to learn of her experiences.

We are pleased to report that Mr. Hyman J. Cohen, one of our Religious School teachers, and loyal friends, was asked to represent the Jewish Historical Society at the commemorative memorial services conducted by the Richmond Civil War Centennial Committee, the Hebrew Cemetery, and the Southern Jewish Historical Society, on October 20th in Richmond. Mr. Cohen has long been a member of the American Jewish Historical Society.

We are glad that Mrs. Harriet Perry, Dr. Carl Checknoff, and Mr. Henry Lowenstern, who were hospitalized this past month, are feeling fine again.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bloch, grandparents of a baby girl.

Congratulations to Mr. Andrew Kleinfeld, and to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Kleinfeld. At Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut, Andrew was recently awarded the Chadbourne Prize for outstanding scholarship, and was Freshman of the Year.

* * * RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS * * *
by its director: Mr. Joseph Auerbach

Now that our Religious School has flexed its muscles and is on its way to a second and even more successful year, with 137 registered pupils, we feel it is time to inform the Congregation of one aspect of the School's history, which deserves special comment. At our inception we sought help from every possible source. We know our faculty had to be on a volunteer basis. Among those who stepped forward and offered their services as teachers or assistant teachers were a number of young people ranging from seventeen to about twenty-one years of age. They were Amy Auerbach, Linda Silverstein, Kathy Cohen, Susan Abrams, Peggy Funston, Joanne Silverstein, David Harvis, Steve Newburg, and Frank Meltzer. It is readily apparent that without these youngsters we might not have been able to have a school. When the "chips were down", they were there. Perhaps we adults can learn from them. There is no question that they learned their Religious School lessons well, and, having graduated, were ready to take their places in the religious community. This year we see a continuation of the same dedication. Four of last year's confirmation class have volunteered as assistant teachers and administrative assistants. Mickey Behrend, Laura Kahn, Gary Bock and David Koffman come virtually every week to help create in our school a fine learning environment. We hope that some of them will become teachers on our faculty. (The reason the other two confirmants are not with us is that one is away at private school and one is a leader in our Youth Group).

If you, as adults, are called upon to help with our Religious School, please do not say "no". Think about some of these things we've mentioned, won't you?

The Religious School activities reach the parents through the Room Mothers, which form the "Religious School Committee" headed by Mrs. Blanche Cohen. They are as follows:

- Kindergarten-First Grade - Mrs. William Liebson
- Second Grade - Mrs. David Friedman
- Third Grade - Mrs. David Beckler
- Fourth Grade - Mrs. Lawrence Straus
- Fifth Grade - Mrs. Michael Dembo
- Sixth Grade - Mrs. Gerald Luria
- Seventh Grade - Mrs. Harry Feldstein
- Eighth Grade - Mrs. Michael Zuntz
- Ninth Grade - Mrs. Sol Swerdloff

An example of the fine communication by the Room Mothers and the response by the parents was the manner in which toys and clothing for 4 and 5-year old boys, were collected from parents of Religious School Children to send to Junior Village, a home for children dependent on Welfare, in Washington. Under the suggestion of Mrs. Dolores Ebert, Junior Village was visited by a group of Temple members on Saturday, October 26th. They spent the afternoon with sixty 4 and 5-year old boys and gave them a Halloween party. Mrs. Ebert, who

gives the party for the children every year, thanks the following members of the Temple for their participation with her: Mrs. Esther Verona, Mrs. Jane Gonson, Mrs. Irene Friedman, Mrs. Norma Gold, Mrs. Evelyn Peele, Miss Ellen Peele and two of Ellen's friends.

Another wonderful example of effort and response is the way in which Mrs. Charlotte Behrend has contributed her time and talents to the children of our Religious School-- providing Jewish music to our children. She is instrumental in forming a children's choir. The Rabbi and Mrs. Behrend hope that Jewish music will be an important part of our children's experience.

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At Religious School, Chanukah candles, wrappings, and gift items will be sold December 1st and 8th during school hours.

* * * LOOKING BACK AT OCTOBER * * *

On Sunday afternoon, October 6th, the Congregation celebrated the beautiful festival of Sukkoth. We had a picnic and a ceremony under our Sukka at Lubber Run Park, during which canned goods were given by the children, symbolic of the gathering of the harvest, for needy families in the Northern Virginia area. This year, as last year, the foods donated were distributed in the Gum Springs area by Mrs. Fern Walther.

The day of the outing was one of those rare idyllic autumn wonders. To all those who made the afternoon a success, we say Thank You. Mr. Jules Cohen and Dr. Bert Rudin erected the Sukka, and Mrs. Blanche Cohen, Mrs. Doris Straus, and Mrs. Regina Dembo decorated it with appropriate fall foliage, and assisted the Rabbi with the ceremony.

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The consecration of First and Second Graders was a lovely service, which took place early in October. Mrs. Blanche Cohen and Mrs. Doris Straus helped to make it an evening we will all remember.

* * * OCTOBER BOARD MEETING * * *

At the Board meeting it was decided that future Board meetings will be held on the second Monday evening of each month: at 7:30 p.m. in the Temple Office.

Mr. Larry Seiff, chairman of our Religious Practices Committee, expressed thanks to all those members who help to make our worship services dignified and inspirational; particularly Mrs. Herbert Zacharias, who plays the organ so beautifully; our choir, Mrs. Rose Thorman and Mr. Irving Kleinfeld, the ushers who serve each week, and to Mr. Burton Thorman and Mr. Jules Cohen, who have transported the ark to and from our services when we meet in places other than the

Fink Building. Mr. Seiff's Religious Practices Committee includes Mr. Joseph Cohen, Dr. Donald Lubin, Mr. Maurice Odoroff, and Mr. Edward Zieses. This committee is always anxious for suggestions as to how they and Rabbi Berkowits can provide inspiring and spiritual worship services for our congregation.

Mr. Burton Thorman, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, reported that the following are members of his committee: Mr. Ernest Bloch, Mr. Harold Silverstein, Mr. Ben Zeff, and Mr. Norman Brandt.

Mr. Henry Lowenstern, chairman of the Social Action Committee, reported that his committee members are Rabbi Laszlo Berkowits, Mrs. Sara Ehrman, Mrs. Dena Leep (Secretary), Mr. Maury Odoroff, Mr. Louis Olom, and Mrs. Nan Rudin.

It was announced to the Board that the Executive Committee of the Jewish Community Council of Washington approved Temple Rodef Shalom as a member. Our president, Mr. Funston, has appointed Mr. Paul Pfeiffer and Mr. Norman Brandt to be our delegates to the Council.

* * * CONGREGATIONAL MEETING * * *

On October 16th the Congregation held its annual fall meeting. The primary purpose of the meeting was to familiarize the Congregation with our committee chairmen and their progress reports, which have been outlined in this Newsletter for all our members and friends. Rabbi Berkowits gave an informal report, in which he again stressed his availability to members and friends of the Temple, and his desire to be of help. In any time of need he may be contacted, either at the office or at his home.

At the Congregational Meeting, the Temple Rodef Shalom Program for Racial and Religious Justice was unanimously approved. Following is the complete text of our program, as passed:

TEMPLE RODEF SHALOM PROGRAM FOR
RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS JUSTICE

The battle against racial and religious discrimination in America is not the exclusive responsibility of any single group, of Negroes or Whites, of Christians or Jews, but is rather the collective responsibility of all Americans.

We Jews, who every Passover still relive the lash of the taskmaster, who still recall that the ghetto was first invented to segregate Jews, are committed by faith and fate, by theology and history, to help erase the injustices of racial and religious discrimination.

The synagogue, the institutionalization of Jewish ideals, must not be a passive participant in this struggle, but must take initiative and assume positions of leadership true to the essence of Judaism that "not the word, but the deed is primary".

In order to fulfill our moral obligations, we pledge Temple Rodef Shalom to the following program for racial and religious justice:

1. We shall, in all congregation dealings with contractors, suppliers and places of public accommodation, give preference to those following policies of nondiscrimination.

2. We shall, through our worship services, our religious school and our adult education program, give continuing emphasis to our dedication to the cause of racial and religious justice.

3. We shall join with other groups in the community in common efforts to break down the barriers to equal opportunity in housing, education, employment, voting and public accommodations.

4. Finally, because we recognize that the ultimate responsibility rests with the individual, we shall urge our members to support and participate in efforts to achieve racial and religious justice in their own communities, businesses, unions and professional societies.

* * * NEWS OF THE TEMPLE YOUTH GROUP * * *

Temple Youth held a general meeting, October 20, at the Temple Office. One item of concern to those present was the financial position of the group. Although we have money in our treasury from last year, our coming activities will require more money than we have available. This money can be raised through dues. It becomes immediately clear that unless dues are paid promptly, the group cannot continue with all of its many plans for the year.

The Youth Group includes grades eight, nine, ten, eleven, and twelve. Dues are \$1.50, payable to Rick Brandt, 2515 N. Randolph Street, Arlington, Virginia. He will accept checks made out to him. MFTY dues are an additional \$1.75 for those interested, who are fifteen or older.

The group has tentative plans for the following: roller skating, bowling, folk dancing, social dance(s), youth services, discussion groups with the Rabbi, visits to a local museum, providing wine and candles for Friday evening services, community projects, bake sale. Dues are DUE!

Johanna Kreiner, Publicity Chairman

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A further word about youth activities is that the Temple sponsors two youth groups: a college-age group, and the High School Age Group mentioned above. This latter group has thirty-six young people attending its functions. Last month they enjoyed a barbecue at the Thorman's home. The activities of the Youth Group interest all of us, and we hope it will be one of the most vital and energetic instruments of the Temple.

LOOKING AHEAD TO NOVEMBER

* * * NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST * * *

A Golden Age Club for Jewish men and women has been organized. It meets at the Arlington-Fairfax Jewish Center every three weeks. The next meeting is November 7th at 8:30 p.m. (For information, or if you know anyone who may be interested, please call KE 8-5066)

The B'nai B'rith Women of Alexandria announces that its meetings for 1963-64 will be held on the third Wednesday night of each month at 8:15 p.m. at Agudas Achim Synagogue in Alexandria. Prospective members may attend the meetings, or contact the president, Tecla Goldberg, TE 6-8058, or the membership chairman, Diane Kizner, 684-6575. A member of Temple Rodef Shalom, Mrs. Harriet Epstein, is Publicity Chairman of the organization, 532-3132.

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Don't forget our News Deadline: the 25th day
of each month!!!

TEMPLE WOMEN OF RODEF SHALOM
221 Leesburg Pike
Falls Church, Virginia

Let's mix business and fellowship and start the "Temple Women" off with friendship and a 100% working core !

DATE: Wednesday, December 4, 1963

TIME: 11:30 A.M.

PLACE: Club Room, Ravenwood Towers,
221 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church

COST: 50¢ (plus your own sandwich)

Agenda will consist of election of officers, adopting of by-laws, setting a regular meeting date, and selecting a project.

Business first - break for sandwich, coffee and danish - then cards and social chit-chat.

If you like-make up your own foursome for bridge; or call: SYBIL LUBIN at 356-8591 to arrange for your partners. Bring your own cards.

SEE YOU ON DECEMBER 4th ! EVERYBODY (Female, that is) IS A MEMBER OF "THE TEMPLE WOMEN".

Edith R. Abramson
Chairman, Pro-Temp
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JE 2-9359

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GET SET ! GO!

TO THE

CHANUKAH LATKE PARTY

WHEN: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1963

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

WHERE: ROMANY ROOM, ROUMANIAN INN, 815-13th St. N.W.
Washington, D.C.

COST OF ADMISSION: \$5.00 Per couple (Plus B.Y.O.L.)

(Your teenager is welcome at \$2.50 each)

Call in your reservations by Thursday, December 5, 1963 to:

Barbara Levin - JE 4-8190

Harriet Epstein - 532-3132

Debbie Somers - JA 2-7967 (Social Chairman)

Make your check payable to: Temple Rodef Shalom, and

Mail to: Temple Rodef Shalom
221 Leesburg Pike, C15
Falls Church, Virginia

PLAN TO ENJOY A SOCIAL HOUR WITH DANCING AND FELLOWSHIP

THEN

HERE COME THOSE POTATOE LATKES! DANISH & COFFEE