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R E F L E C T I O N S

Monthly Newsletter of Temple Rodef Shalom

* * * CALENDAR FOR MAY * * *

Friday, May 1st 8:15 p.m. Fink Building	<u>SABBATH SERVICE.</u> Sermon: "And Thou Shalt Teach Thy Children . . ." We honor our Religious School principal, Mrs. Ida Auerbach, and the faculty. Candles will be lit by Mrs. Anna Bloch.
Wednesday, May 6th 11:30 a.m. Fink Building	<u>WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING.</u> All women of the Temple are automatically members and are urged to attend the monthly meetings. The program will be the election of officers. We will have an evaluation meeting in which we will welcome suggestions for the Sabbath committee, projects committee, social committee, community affairs, and hospitality. Come prepared to discuss these matters. (Coffee and dessert first . . .)
Friday, May 8th 8:15 p.m. Fink Building	<u>SABBATH SERVICE.</u> In honor of Mothers' Day. Candles will be lit by Mrs. Marian Cohen.
Monday, May 11th 10:30 a.m. 7:30 p.m. Temple Office	<u>TEMPLE WOMEN'S GROUP BOARD MEETING.</u> <u>TEMPLE BOARD MEETING.</u>
Sunday, May 10th Religious School	<u>MOTHERS' DAY OPEN HOUSE.</u> Parents and friends are invited to "observe" classes.
Friday, May 15th 8:15 p.m. Fink Building	<u>SABBATH SERVICE.</u> Sermon. Candles will be lit by Mrs. Muriel Dion.
Sunday, May 17th 2:30 p.m. First Christian Church 220 Leesburg Pike	<u>SHOVUOS CONFIRMATION SERVICE.</u> All members and friends are invited to attend our second confirmation service. Rabbi Berkowits has prepared an inspiring service, and the parents of the confirmands invite one and all to the reception.
Wednesday, May 20th 8:15 p.m. Fink Building	<u>ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING.</u> The agenda will include the election of officers, approval of the budget for the fiscal year starting July 1, 1964, and a report by the site committee. We urge all members to attend this meeting.

CALENDAR FOR MAY (continued)

Friday, May 22nd 8:15 p.m. Fink Building	<u>SABBATH EVE SERVICE.</u> "The Plight of Soviet Jewry" will be the subject of our discussion after the Oneg Shabat. Candles will be lit by Mrs. Dena Leep.
Friday, May 29th 7:45 p.m. Fink Building	<u>FAMILY NIGHT SERVICE.</u> The service is earlier this night so that parents can bring their children. Friends are always welcome to join us with their families. Candles will be lit by Mrs. Renee Goldman.
Sunday, May 31st 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bon Air Recreation Park, Arlington	<u>ANNUAL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PICNIC.</u> This event is open to the entire congregation and friends. Bring your lunches; soft drinks will be sold by the Youth Group.

FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

There are numerous activities and events that go into the making of a Congregation. Worship, study, and work in behalf of the general welfare of the community, are the foundation stones of our Congregation.

Unique to our situation is the fact that we are scattered in the various communities of Northern Virginia, a fact which could impede our sense of unity. Being a "young" Congregation, we have been fortunate to welcome into our midst a new group of fine families and their children. We felt that it was imperative that we learn to know each other, and that our new members be given an opportunity to meet with the rabbi and the "older" members at informal neighborhood teas. We have been pleasantly engaged in this work, every Sunday afternoon throughout the winter. This has been a most pleasant and worthwhile work. I trust that by now, our newer members are very much at home in our congregational family, and that we have strengthened our sense of unity.

We are deeply indebted to our host-families, who were most gracious, and exemplify in the best manner, Jewish hospitality.

We consider it of the utmost significance that in word and in deed, no family of our Congregation feel estranged from one another. We often have guests who worship with us. Invariably, the comment is made that Temple Rodef Shalom is a gracious and warm Congregation. Let us keep it that way, as we strive to go from strength to strength. What we do now, and our behavior toward one another at a given moment in time, is as significant as our hopes for the future.

* * * MEMBERSHIP IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS * * *
by Eugene Davidson, Membership Chairman

* * * * * WE'RE SHOOTING FOR 64 NEW MEMBERS IN 1964 * * * * *

As everyone knows, Temple Rodef Shalom is now committed to a program of obtaining a permanent home--with the first step being one of acquiring a site for our Temple. Obviously, this will require resources, human resources in the form of new membership in the Temple. Stated in other terms, the highest and most immediate priority on the part of every member of the Temple is to do his or her part toward obtaining new members.

A Membership Committee is now being organized to expedite this effort. Its objective is to gain a minimum of 64 new members by October 1st. Remember--- 64 new members in 1964. There will be more information furnished as the roster and modus operandi of the Membership Committee are crystallized. However, the drive should not wait until all administrative details are worked out.

Quite obviously, if the Temple is going to sign up 64 new members in the next few months, many more people than that will have to be contacted. What is needed immediately--and this is where the entire membership comes in--is as comprehensive a list as possible of prospective members.

In order to compile a list of Jewish people in the Northern Virginia Community who may be interested in affiliation in Temple Rodef Shalom, there is included with this Newsletter a post-card addressed to Bert Rudin, who is handling this initial phase of Membership activities. Each member is urged to provide names, addresses, and phone numbers of people for the list, as well as their own names. Any problems, questions, or special information about prospects should be made available to Bert Rudin at SO 8-7840. Will all those interested in being on the Membership Committee please contact Bert right away.

Why not fill out your card now, while you are reading this article, so you won't forget it?! We cannot overemphasize the responsibility of each Member for the success of our Membership Campaign. Please act today!

* * * RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS * * *
by Joe Auerbach, Religious School Chairman

The Passover program at the Religious School this year was a gala event featuring a model seder. Members of the Confirmation Class and the Post-Confirmation Class led the service. The whole school participated in making the occasion a moving as well as an educational experience. Many thanks are due Mrs. Charlotte Behrend, our music teacher, and Mrs. Blanche Cohen and her group of room mothers who provided the Passover plates and symbols, and the matzoh and simulated wine.

On Sunday, April 26th, the third grade class is taking a tour of the Israeli Embassy. Mrs. Harriet Beckler arranged the details, and we know how valuable an experience this will be for the children, and the parents who accompany them.

On Mother's Day, May 10th, the School will have "Open House". Parents and friends may observe the classroom activity. No special program is contemplated.

AN INVITATION TO YOU

We are pleased to invite
our members and friends to our
Shavuoth-Confirmation Service
on May 17th, 1964
at 2:30 P.M.
at the First Christian Church
220 Leesburg Pike
(opposite Ravenwood Towers)
Reception
immediately following
the Service
given by parents of the
Confirmands

Alice Abrams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Abrams
Paul Beckler, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Beckler
Richard Brandt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Brandt
Ellen Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Davis
Gene Kane, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kane
Jon Luria, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Luria
Noralyne Olom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Olom
Michael Thorman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burton Thorman
Henry Zinman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Zinman

The nine Confirmation families and their guests are having a luncheon at the Carriage House in Georgetown.

Rabbi and Mrs. Berkowitz have invited the Confirmands to have dinner with them in their home.

The Congregation takes this opportunity to heartily congratulate the members of our second confirmation class! Good luck to you and your parents.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PICNIC

On May 31st, from 11:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. the Religious School will hold its annual outing. It will be at Bon-Air Park, just off Wilson Boulevard, in Arlington. This is an opportunity for all our families to be together socially, and it is an excellent time to bring along friends and those who might be interested in knowing more about our congregation. A program of fun and games is planned. Bring your lunches and prepare for a wonderful afternoon. Let's hope we won't have to cancel plans because of inclement weather!

* * * NEWS OF THE TEMPLE WOMEN'S GROUP * * *

At the meeting on Wednesday, May 6th, the slate of officers will be presented. This slate is composed of the same wonderful group of women that has served so ably since the formation of the Group last winter. Mrs. Ida Silverstein is Chairman, Mrs. Naomi Beckenstein is Vice Chairman, Mrs. Laurel Gould is Secretary, and Mrs. Erna Frankel is Treasurer.

Thanks to Mrs. Dorothy Labson for her stimulating review of "The Deputy" at the evening Temple Women's Meeting in April.

On June 6th we are planning the Installation Luncheon for the Temple Women. It will be at the Charterhouse Motel, at Shirley Highway and Edsall Road. Reservations are three-fifty per person. To reserve, or for information, please call Barbara Levin at JE 4-8190.

The Horizons Day Camp, an integrated camp, needs help with arts and crafts and general counseling. The camp is on the grounds of the Congregational Church on Route 236 in Fairfax. Please call Mrs. Willis Schaefer at 273-7045 for information or to volunteer to help.

Mrs. Harriet Epstein has a few attractive summer shifts available at \$5.00. Profit from the sale of these shifts goes to the Temple Women. Call her at 532-3132 if you are interested.

* * * SOCIAL ACTION NEWS * * *

Your Social Action Committee urges you to express your concern for passage of the Civil Rights Bill by writing to your congressmen expressing your feelings. Rabbi Richard Hirsch, director of the Religious Action Center in Washington, has sent us a memorandum to this effect. This notification will be placed on the bulletin board where we hold our worship service, so that everyone can familiarize himself with the views of the Religious Action Center toward the Civil Rights Bill. It is of the utmost concern to all of us.

* * * CULTURAL COMMITTEE NEWS * * *

The final meeting of the season of the Play-Reading Group was held at the home of Ann and Al Elbau. We read and discussed Arthur Miller's "After the Fall". Under the guidance of Ruth Checknoff, the Play-Reading Group has had a very successful year in terms of enjoyment and enrichment. Next fall we hope to begin a new series. Those who participated this year were Ruth and Carl Checknoff, Lita and Harold Talisman, Nan and Bert Rudin, Rabbi and Judy Berkowitz, Minnie and Morry Odoroff, and Ann and Al Elbau. We all felt it was one of the finest Temple projects we have participated in--both socially and intellectually!

* * * THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS TO THE TEMPLE * * *

GENERAL FUND

Dr. and Mrs. Donald Lubin in memory of Ethel Wiener,
mother of Nan Rudin

BUILDING FUND

Mr. and Mrs. C. Ira Funston in memory of Ethel Wiener
Rabbi A. James Rudin in memory of Ethel Wiener

PRAYER BOOK FUND

Dr. and Mrs. Phil Rudin in memory of Ethel Wiener
Dr. and Mrs. Marvin Pizer in memory of Ethel Wiener
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Somers in memory of Ethel Wiener

ORGAN FUND

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gladstone .. in memory of Dr. Jerome Baum

TORAH FUND

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Levin in memory of father,
Augustus Levin

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Mrs. Deborah Somers

Rabbi A. James Rudin has donated three books to the Temple Library. We are grateful for these additions to our library.

Mrs. Martha Lowenstern receives our grateful thanks for the beautiful curtains she had made for the Temple Office and for the Rabbi's study. They enhance the appearance of our working quarters, and are much appreciated.

Contributions to the various funds of Temple Rodef Shalom are always very welcome. Our needs have grown, and therefore the thoughtfulness shown to friends and loved ones, as well as to the Temple, is very much noticed and appreciated. We hope you will continue to remember our needs while honoring and remembering friends.

We want to thank Mr. and Mrs. Jules Cohen for the new and excellent mimeographing machine which they have donated to the Temple and which is now in the Temple Office. Mr. Cohen has graciously reproduced and mailed our Newsletters since our beginnings almost two years ago, with the aid of his secretary, Mrs. Brooks, and others in his office. Now that we have a

mimeographing machine, this task will be handled by the Temple secretary. We are ever mindful that Mr. Cohen generously offered his help at a time when it was very much needed. This Temple grew in two years because of the generosity of its members--giving of their time and energy and financial support. Such help must be ever forthcoming if we are to develop and thrive.

In connection with this thought, at the last Congregational Meeting we voted to assess each family three hundred dollars for land acquisition. The first hundred dollars is due July First. In order to take advantage of a possible tax reduction in 1965, the Board suggests that some members may desire to pay the entire three hundred dollar assessment this year.

* * * HAPPENINGS OF OUR MEMBERS * * *

The Congregation extends its heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Betty Harvis, whose husband, Dr. Jules Harvis, passed away this month. To Mrs. Harvis and her two children goes our deep sympathy. David Harvis was a teacher in our Religious School last year. He now attends the University of Georgia.

Our deep sympathy goes to Mrs. Wanda Boguslaw, whose mother passed away this month.

Mr. Norman Brandt has had to go to the hospital because of a back condition. We hope that very soon Norm will be feeling better and be on his feet again.

Word has come to us that Mrs. Muriel Dion, who will light our Sabbath candles on Friday night, May 15th, will be celebrating a tenth anniversary that night. The Congregation sends its congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Dion.

* * * REMINDER OF THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING * * *

On Wednesday night, May 20th, at 8:15, the second annual meeting of the Congregation will take place in the Fink Building. A new budget will be presented by the treasurer, Mr. Harvey Levin, as approved by the Temple Board. Also, the nominating committee, composed of Mr. Emanuel Kintisch, Mrs. Blanche Cohen, Mrs. Esther Davis, Mr. Gerald Goldman, and Mr. Harold Silverstein, has prepared the following slate of officers to serve for one year as of June 1st, 1964:

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| for President | Burton R. Thorman |
| for First Vice President | Berton M. Rudin |
| for Second Vice President | Alan J. Gould |
| for Recording Secretary | Mrs. Pearl J. Kamber |
| for Corresponding Secretary | Mrs. Mollie Rosen |
| for Financial Secretary | Mrs. Miriam Twynam |
| for Treasurer | Harvey L. Levin |
| for Trustee (until June 30, 1967) | Ralph I. Cole |

This slate will be voted on by the Congregation.

We thank the Budget Committee, composed of Mr. Harvey Levin, Mr. Ralph Cole, and Mr. Harry Somers, for their efforts in preparing the Budget which has been proposed, and we thank the Nominating Committee for selecting people who are willing and capable of assuming the responsibilities that Board membership entails. We hope the Congregation will attend this important meeting to vote on the issues at hand and to hear a report by the Site Committee on the possibilities for acquiring land.

* * * THANKS TO THE YOUTH GROUP * * *

The Youth Group service was one of the most inspiring we've had. Thanks to David Cohen and all those who participated in this fine, original service.

* * * BY THE WAY * * *

The Board of the Temple would like the Congregation to know that our Rabbi has performed a "mitzvah" for the Jewish Community by converting persons to the Jewish faith when they come to him to seek his services. The Board endorses his desire to be of service to those who need him, even if they are not presently members of the Temple, and he has aided several people to become converts to Judaism.

Rabbi Berkowits should be notified by members when they feel his services would be appreciated by someone who is ill, or otherwise in need of his help. Don't hesitate to call the Temple Office. Either the Secretary or the answering service will contact the Rabbi for you. The door of his study is always open to all who need him.

* * * IN CLOSING * * *

by Nan Rudin

The other day I was thumbing through my current "Time Magazine" and found some good philosophy on an ad for a gas company. It says that a thousand years ago a wise old sage gave this formula for happiness. Said he, "A man should have some work to do, someone to love, something to look forward to". Aim, inspiration, hope . . . I got to thinking about how nice and convenient it is to find such profound thoughts in a news magazine. I then dwelled upon this formula for happiness--how realistic it is--and how many of us are happy without even realizing it! This is in itself a heartwarming reflection.

This point--being happy without being aware of it--brings me around to "happiness in Temple life"; being satisfied or dissatisfied with aspects of the Temple, and the necessity to be realistic about the Temple, just as we should be about our own personal goals. We do need to keep in mind that we

have a good thing--one that satisfies our own personal needs for "some work to do, someone (or something) to love, something to look forward to." Temple life fulfills these requirements. In order to devote ourselves to meeting these needs, we have to overcome feelings of sensitivity and annoyance whenever they might arise. Negative attitudes like these only keep us from the task at hand, from loving it, and from clear vision of the goals we hope to attain.

Satisfaction means different things to each of us, but I think that this philosophy about happiness, or satisfaction, is one we all share, and one that well expresses the need to be unified in our efforts to create a meaningful spiritual environment.

In my "Changing Times" Magazine each month there's a quote from Emerson: "This time, like all times, is a very good one if we but know what to do with it." I like that one, too--and it fits into my philosophical mood. Thank goodness we can come upon such food for thought where least expected. We ponder about the formula for happiness leading off an ad for the Tennessee Gas Transmission Company, but we're real glad they decided to plan their ad that way. It led to some constructive reflections for me--and maybe for you.

Sincerely yours,

Nan Rudin

P. S. --Your Editor begs you to remember the deadline for the Reflections Newsletter is the 18th of each month. Please have your news or contribution in writing to Nan Rudin, 316 Westmoreland Road, Alexandria, by the 18th.

TEMPLE RODEF SHALOM
B U D G E T
July 1964 thru June 1965

RECEIPTS:

DUES: 140 Members at \$113 * average dues (less allowance for late membership enrollment)	\$ 19,000.
U.A.H.C. DUES: 10% of Congregational Dues	1,900.
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL: 160 Students at \$7.50 Fee	1,200.
High Holiday Seats:	300.
Contributions:	500.
TOTAL PROJECTED RECEIPTS	\$ 22,900.

DISBURSEMENTS:

RABBI:

Salary	\$ 9,500.	
Pension	890.	
Convention Expenses	500.	
		10,890.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES:

Church Rentals	350.	
Janitor Expense	180.	
Choir & Music	50.	
Chair Rental	100.	
Miscellaneous Expenses	50.	
		730.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL:

Salaries	2,800.	
School Rental	950.	
Books & Supplies	900.	
		4,650.

COMMITTEES:

Cultural	50.	
Membership	75.	
Public Relations	350.	
Social (Oneg Shabot)	100.	
Social Action	25.	
Youth Groups	180.	
		780.

OFFICE:

Rental	1,200.	
Secretary Salary	1,000.	
Telephone Services	500.	
Supplies & Services	950.	
		3,650.

GENERAL:

Insurance	85.	
J.C.C. Dues	15.	
Miscellaneous	200.	
U.A.H.C. Dues	1,900.	
		2,200.

TOTAL PROJECTED DISBURSEMENTS \$ 22,900.

* - 140 is estimated membership by the High Holidays.
 \$113 is the current average dues based on \$150 basic annual dues considering those members paying above and below the basic. Receipts from dues was reduced to the figure shown since dues from new members do not commence until the date of membership.

TEMPLE RODEF SHALOM

BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 1965
July 1964 thru June 1965

The Executive Board has adopted the attached Budget for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 1964.

Basically the disbursements shown are consistent with those experienced during the current year, and have been maintained at a minimum level consistent with the carrying out of our program.

Our receipts are based upon attaining a membership of 140 by the High Holidays. An active membership program is currently being organized under the guidance of our First Vice President. Your Executive Board is confident that, through a well organized membership campaign, this goal can be attained.

The income from this membership is based upon our current average dues of \$143. taking into consideration those members paying both above and below our basic dues of \$150. Dues receipts from the projected membership have been reduced to the figure shown, taking into consideration the fact that dues from new members commence on the date of membership.

In accordance with our commitment made last year to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, in addition to our Congregational dues, the dues to the Union amounting to 10% of congregational dues will be assessed to each member.

The Executive Board has adopted the following dues structure, excluding the 10% for the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

Family Membership	\$150.
Single Membership	100.
Young Married Membership (a)	100.
Young Adult Membership (b)	50.

(a) Young Married is defined as the husband being under 27. This category shall only be applied for the first three years of membership.

(b) Young Adult is defined as self-supporting under 25 years of age.

The above represents the basic dues schedule and voluntary increases are encouraged.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Harvey L. Levin

Treasurer