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Monthly Newsletter of Temple Rodef Shalom

\* \* \* Calendar July \* \* \*

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Friday, July 3rd 8:15 P.M. Fink Building	SABBATH SERVICE Candles will be lit by Nan Rudin
Friday, July 10th 8:15 P.M. First Christian Church 200 Leesburg Pike	SABBATH SERVICE BAR MITZVAH OF HAL SLONIM Son of Cdr. & Mrs Charles Slonim. The Congregation is invited to the Oneg Shabat given by the Slonims. Candles will be lit by Louise Slonim
Wednesday, July 15th 8:00 P.M. Club - Room Ravenwood Towers	EVALUATION * WORKSHOP MEETING Appraisal of Temple Programs - Past, Present, and Future. <u>ALL interested Members please</u> <u>attend.</u> (Board Members are especially urged to attend)
Friday, July 17th 8:15 P.M. Fink Building	SABBATH SERVICE Candles will be lit by Janet Smith
Monday, July 20th 7:30 P.M. Temple Office	Temple Board Meeting
Friday, July 24th 8:15 P.M. Fink Building	SABBATH SERVICE Bar Mitzvah of Paul Brandwein, Son of Mr. & Mrs. David Brandwein. The Congregation is invited to the Oneg Shabat given by the Brandweins. Candles will be lit by Helen Brandwein
Saturday, July 25th 8:00 P.M. 1211 Radnor Place Falls Church	TEMPLE RODEF SHALOM SOCIAL Gathering - Chinese Style! Dinner and entertainment; Come one and all to our summer social - \$2.00 per person - send your check to: Renee Goldman, 4505 Exeter St., Annandale, Va.
Friday, July 31st 8:00 P.M. Fink Building	FAMILY NIGHT SERVICE Bring your children - this service is shorter and begins earlier than usual. Candles will be lit by Miriam Twynham

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## \* \* \* LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT \* \* \*

## A report to the Members

As we commence the new Congregational year, I am delighted to announce to the Congregation that the following members have agreed to serve and have been appointed to standing committees for the coming year:

Religious Practices - Joseph Cohon, Chairman  
 Cultural Committee - Robert Boguslaw, Chairman  
                               Ruth Checknoff  
                               Louis Olom  
 Ways and Means - Jules Cohen, Chairman  
 Religious School - Charles Stein, Chairman  
                               Joe Auerbach  
                               Ida Auerbach  
                               Ben Zeff  
 Social Action - Maurice Odoroff, Chairman  
 Public Relations - Ruth Checknoff, Chairman  
                               Lori Zweibel, Press Relations  
                               Nan Rudin, Newsletter  
 Membership Committee - Eugene Davidson, Chairman  
                               Chuck Slonim, Ann Elbau, Ida Silverstein,  
                               Delores Ebert, Dick Beym, Carol Davidson,  
                               Sybil Lubin, Naomi Beckenstein, Dorris &  
                               Larry Straus, Laurel Gould, Burton Zweibel,  
                               Lita & Harold Talisman, Renee & Gerald  
                               Goldman, and Sy Colman.

Other committee assignments are the Site Committee (continuing from last year) and the committee to select a place for worship services:

Joe Auerbach, Chairman, Rabbi Berkowitz, Ed Proctor, and Burton Thorman.

Members who are willing to serve on any of the committees are urged to contact the committee chairman. This is your opportunity to participate actively in the operation of the Temple and to make your membership more meaningful.

I would also like to report that Lilyan Evans has agreed to act as coordinator of the operation of the Temple Office. She will keep the Board advised of any office problems which require action and will supervise the acquisition of supplies and furnishings. One of her first projects will be to try to locate a library table needed for meetings and classes held at the office. Donations of trading stamps for this purpose are most welcome,

Burton R. Thorman  
 President-Elect

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

Let Us Evaluate Our Needs

July begins a new year for our Temple -- a new Board and a new Budget commence operation. We wish all our elected officers good luck - To Burt Thorman we say Thank You for taking over the leadership of the Congregation. We all pledge to aid you in your duties and to support the committees with enthusiasm. As for the new Budget, we are all aware of our obligations and we plan to meet the needs as outlined in the Budget unanimously approved by the Congregation.

It is not only valuable, but essential, to take stock of our direction and our progress from time to time. One cherished aspect of congregational life in Temple Rodef Shalom is the Evaluation Workshop, set up to air opinions, viewpoints, gripes, suggestions, and ideas. In short, here is an opportunity for a hashing and rehashing of thoughts about the many issues involved in the Temple. These thoughts are invaluable to the new Board in shaping policies and programs. Therefore, we urge all previous Board members, new Board members, and all congregants who have an interest in the welfare of Temple Rodef Shalom to come to this important Evaluation Workshop meeting on Wednesday evening, July 15th at 8:00 P.M. in the Club Room at Ravenwood Towers.

Nan Rudin  
Editor of "Reflections"

\* \* \* THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS \* \* \*

PRAYER BOOK FUND

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Behrend.....in honor of Richard Brandt  
and Michael Thorman

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Mrs. Helene Braun & Mrs.  
Erna Frankel.....in honor of Mrs. Max Mitman

GENERAL FUND

Dr. & Mrs. Philip Rudin

BUILDING FUND

Mr. & Mrs. Burton Thorman.....in memory of Leonard  
Emmerglick's Mother.

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Cohen  
Mrs. Jules Harvis, David,  
and Nancy.....in memory of Dr. Jules Harvis

Dr. & Mrs. Bert Rudin.....Book of trading stamps to be  
used to help furnish Temple  
Office.

Dr. & Mrs. Donald Lubin.....in memory of Gertrude Cowan,  
contribution to the music fund.

\* \* \* HAPPENINGS OF OUR MEMBERS \* \* \*

Congratulations to Mr. Leonard Emmerglick, who was elected president of the D.C. division of the American Cancer Society.

Congratulations to Dr. Carl Checknoff, who is president of the Podiatry Society of Virginia.

Bon Voyage to Erna Frankel, and to Anna & Ernest Bloch, who are going abroad in July.

Best wishes to Miriam Twynham -- heading for a trip to California this month.

Congratulations to Henry Epstein, who was elected Senior Vice Commander of the D.C. Jewish War Veterans.

Harriet Epstein has been elected first Vice President of the B'nai B'rith women of Alexandria.

We all want to express our best wishes to Norman Brandt for a speedy recovery.

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

We are happy to welcome Dr. & Mrs. Burton (Lori) Zweibel to Temple Rodef Shalom. The Zweibels live at Ravenwood Towers, 221 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, (533-0008). Burt is a Captain in the Army Dental Corps at Ft. Myer. He is a graduate of the School of Dentistry of the University of Pittsburg, and has recently passed the Virginia State Dental Board examinations. The Zweibels have two children -- Stuart, age two, and Elizabeth, age six months.

Lori is on our public relations committee and Burt has agreed to work on the membership committee. We welcome the Zweibels and hope they will make Northern Virginia their permanent home.

Welcome to Maurice and Birdie Malin. The Malins live at 3216 Valley Drive, Alexandria. Their phone number is TE 6-2755. Mr. Malin is a management analyst with the United States Marine Corps. The Malins have lived in our area since 1953. Maurice is originally from Philadelphia; his wife is from St. Louis.

\* \* \* WOMEN'S GROUP NEWS \* \* \*

Our thanks go to Barbara Levin and her co-workers for the delightful Installation Luncheon on June 6th. The atmosphere, menu, and program were a delightful combination.

The women present voted unanimously to present the Religious School with a film-strip slide projector. Thanks to all those whose efforts on projects and affairs made this gift possible.

The Women's Group looks forward to a rewarding year of activities. Plans are being made to enhance hospitality at services and through special events. Programs are being planned for our meetings--we look forward to seeing all the ladies participate. Ideas are most welcome. Please call Ida Silverstein JE 2-4407. You will be contacted regularly by the member-to-member telephone committee. Give your comments when you are called and they will be passed along to the appropriate people.

We hope you will make your reservations early for the summer social on July 25th. This will be a chinese-style evening with food and fun for all. Call Renee Goldman (CL 6-3503)

Ida Silverstein  
Chairman - Women's Group

#### ONEG SHABATS

We thank the women who volunteer to bring cookies each week to the Oneg Shabat following Sabbath Service. Blanch Cohen is our chairman and she would appreciate calls to help out during the summer months, (560-3053). Those who volunteered in June as hostesses were Anne Bloch, Belle Zeff, Esther Davis, Sue Olom, Nan Rudin, Erna Frankel, Laurel Gould, Rose Thorman, Mae Kintisch, Mollie Rosin, Ruth Checknoff and Edith Abramson.

#### \* \* \* YOUTH GROUP NEWS \* \* \*

On May 24th the Temple Youth Group held elections for officers at David Cohen's home. Mike Thorman was re-elected President; Rick Brandt was elected Vice President; Noralyn Olom was elected Secretary; David Cohen Treasurer; and Gary Bock, MAFTY representative.

We would like to thank the Congregation for supporting us at the Carnival. This was the first time we have ventured something like this, and we appreciated the enthusiastic participation it received. Our thanks also to Dr. Phil Rudin for the beautiful wishing-well and chest which he let us raffle off.

Thank you very much.  
Sincerely,  
Jan Thorman

## \* \* \* NOTES ABOUT THIS AND THAT \* \* \*

Please change the address of Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Rosen to 2707 Longstreet Ct., Annandale. (CL 6-7035)

Pearl Kamber is looking into the "Double Chair" Organization. This group is for men and women who have lost their husbands or wives and are interested in meeting together socially. Please call Pearl if you are interested in this group. (931-3896)

The Religious School Picnic on May 31 was a delightful day. It was well attended by many families and friends of the Temple. Thanks to the Youth Group for planning a variety of events to arouse old and young alike!

We received a warm letter from Larry Seiff:

"Dear Nan:

I am writing this "letter to the editor" because I don't know of any better medium than the Congregation's bulletin for reaching the many dear people... both members and associates of Rodef Shalom... who thrilled Marion and me with their warm expressions of friendship at the second anniversary dinner on May 24.

We will always be most grateful to you all for your wonderful send-off and for the feeling it gave us that we are leaving behind us so many who are our friends in every sense of the word.

The two years of our absence will pass quickly, and we pray sincerely that on our return our Congregation will have grown not only in numbers but also in service to the community and to our faith.

In the meantime, our friends (including not only the editor of the newsletter but also the financial secretary) can reach us at the following address:

USAID

American Embassy

Tunis, Tunisia

May God keep you all in health and prosperity.

Sincerely yours,  
Larry Seiff"

We have had warm thank you's, too, from Ida and Joe Auerbach, and from Ira Funston for the tribute the Temple paid to them on May 24th, and for the silver trays presented to each of them. All we can do is repeat that it was a real honor to have had these wonderful people as our leaders these past two years, and that they shall serve as inspirations in the years to come.

\* \* \* SOCIAL ACTION NEWS \* \* \*

Our Temple is dedicated to the cause of human rights. On a nationwide scale our American government has adopted a Civil Rights Bill -- an essential step toward insuring equality under the law. The major idea is now, as it always has been, the commitment that every one of us makes, as individuals, to the cause of freedom for all.

We have an opportunity in this regard. We can join our local Human Relations Council. There are Councils in Fairfax, County, Alexandria, and Arlington -- working to improve inter-group relations; firm in the belief that each member of the community shares the responsibility of bringing constructive abilities to bear for the welfare of our country, state and Northern Virginia Community.

As individuals our role is a vital one. Pearl Buck said, "Children will not believe in racial equality and the right of people to believe differently in religion unless the parents truly and wholeheartedly so believe and so act. They will not treat everyone with the same unconscious friendliness unless this attitude is sincere and unconscious in the home. Parents, above all people, cannot preach and not practice. Better is it, indeed, to practice and not preach."

You will find programs and plans in the Virginia Council on Human Relations that will interest you and perhaps excite you to participate. Call our social-action Chairman (Maury Odoroff SO 5-6668) for information about how you can support this organization, which works so hard for human rights.