



REFLECTIONS

TEMPLE RODEF SHALOM

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* * * * REFLECTIONS UPON THE COMING YEAR * * * *

As I search my soul and reflect upon the approaching days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, I have the feeling of abiding gratitude for the past year.

The spirit of our congregational life is permeated by a genuine desire to make our Judaism an integral part of our lives. It is my fervent hope to bring the precious dimensions of our heritage to every family of our congregation. No one can do this alone. The achievement of this hope will depend upon the whole-hearted response of our people, upon those who volunteer for the manifold services which our congregation requires, and upon those who stand ready to share God's blessings in behalf of our congregation.

This is not a call to martyrdom. We are a fortunate generation of Jews, free to hammer out our destiny on the anvil of liberty. This has been rare in the annals of Jewish history and even today millions of our brothers are deprived of this blessed opportunity. Our historical situation offers us an opportunity as well as a challenge. It is, I believe, an unparalleled opportunity which tests our mettle as Jews and challenges the depths of our convictions.

"Inscribe us in the Book of Life," we pray, as we begin the new year. Certainly, in good Jewish tradition, there is a lot that we must do as men and women and hope that God's blessings will be upon the work of our hands.

Let this indeed be a new year for our beloved congregation. A year in which all of us shall give of our best in support of our religious life.

Let us always tend with tender care the environment of friendship and good fellowship as we welcome new families into our midst. In this manner we shall go from strength to strength with each passing day.

May the Lord bless each and every one of you with a good year.

Laszlo Berkowits

* * * * NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK * * * *
September, 1966

September is such a busy month, and there are so many topics of interest, that I find it hard to restrict my thoughts to only one subject, or my words to a reasonable length.

The High Holy Days are speedily approaching, and my thoughts are for a HEALTHY and a HAPPY New Year for all of the Members of Temple Rodef Shalom and for all of their Dear Ones. And for Peace in all the World and for positive steps for the betterment of all Mankind.

With the cooperation of the Post Office Department you should have received your copy of our 1966-67 Calendar of Events and Directory of Membership. It is my hope that you will find it a desirable item which will immediately begin to service you. It is intended to provide a convenient and useable calendar and directory, and to serve as a reminder and publicizer of Temple activities and thus increase membership participation. Watch for changes and additions as they are published in "REFLECTIONS" and annotate both the directory and membership roster so that it will always be current. We hope to make this an annual publication. This issue has been made possible by the creative work of Nan Rudin, the typing assistance of Jules Cohen's staff, and advertising sales by Edith Abramson, Fran Jordan, and Bill Bekenstein, and by the untiring labor of my girl-of-all work Barbara Levin. My sincere appreciation to all of them.

The High Holy Day period is the traditional time for joining a Congregation. I hope that our entire congregation will serve as a Membership Committee. August 26 is our Bring a Guest Sabbath, but in truth this should be the theme of each Friday service. All members are encouraged to bring those interested in visiting with us. Don't forget--We Try Harder.

HARVEY L. LEVIN
President

* * * * THANK YOU FOR FULFILLING YOUR LAND ASSESSMENT * * * *

Ernest and Anna Bloch		Henry and Martha Lowenstern
Marcus and Erma Ring	# 45,000	Robert and Miriam Levine
Abe and Eleanor Shapiro	40	Erna Frankel
Albert and Matilda Baker	35	David and Vera Kahn
Joseph and Blanche Cohen	30	Arnold and Dorothy Labson
Jules and Marian Cohen	27	Harvey and Barbara Levin
Leonard and Bea Emmerglick	20	Donald and Sybil Lubin
Henry and Harriet Epstein	15	Edward and Lois Proctor
Arthur and Joan Fishman	10	Harry and Deborah Somers
Philip and Beatrice Rudin	5	Miriam Twynham
Harold and Ida Silverstein		Al and Lil Wyner
Paul and Jean Pfeiffer		Samuel and Lillian Zeitlen
Harold and Doris Gelfond		Sol and Bess Swerdloff
Norman and Hilda Brandt		Pearl Kamber
Gil and Esther Davis		Louis and Sue Olom
Emanuel and Mae Kintisch		Warren and Sylvia Cikens
		Joseph and Ida Auerbach

WE ARE HERE

* * * * SABBATH SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER * * * *

This month all our services will be held, as they have been during the past year, at the First Christian Church, 6165 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church at 8:15 P.M.

We want to welcome you and your families and friends to join with us in worship each week.

- Friday, September 2nd: Sermon: "Violence at our Doorstep"
- Friday, September 9th: Sermon: "What Shall we Teach our Children"
- Friday, September 16th: Sukkos Service
- Friday, September 30th: Sermon: "Our Frailties and Strengths"

* * * * HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES * * * *

* * * * ROSH HASHANAH * * * *

- * Wednesday evening, September 14 8:15 P.M. *
- * Thursday morning, September 15 10:00 A.M. *
- * Children's Service, Thursday, September 15 1:30 P.M. *

* * * * YOM KIPPUR * * * *

- * Friday evening, September 23 8:00 P.M. *
- * Saturday morning, September 24 10:00 A.M. *
- * Children's Service, September 24 1:30 P.M. *
- * Memorial Service, September 24 3:00 P.M. *

*A REMINDER: All members in good standing are entitled to tickets for High Holiday Services for members of their immediate family. Be sure to fill in and send to the Temple Office the form requesting tickets which you received several weeks ago.

*HIGH HOLIDAY PRAYER BOOKS are needed and donations are appreciated. Fill out the prayer book order blank which you received, or call Shirley Cloth (534-1465) for information.

*NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS can be extended from you, personally, to the other members of the Congregation by a dollar donation to our Flower Fund. Beautiful blossoms will adorn the altar during the High Holy Days. Your name will appear in the next Newsletter, so please mail your dollar to: Mrs. Shirley Cloth, 2628 Sigmona Street, Falls Church.

* * * * A WORD ABOUT DONATIONS TO THE TEMPLE * * * *

Various funds have been established in our Congregation. As you know, the one with the greatest need is our Land Fund. Other funds deserving your support are: General Fund, Social Action Fund, Library Fund, Religious Objects, the Children's Choir, Floral Fund, and Prayer Books. No amount that you may wish to contribute is too large or too small. We are grateful for each and every effort you make to help Temple Rodef Shalom.

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

LAND FUND

In honor of the 40th Anniversary of Bea and Phil Rudin:
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Zeff Mr. and Mrs. Harry Somers
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rubin Mrs. Adele Zacharias

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Somers In honor of the marriage of
 Stephen Brandt and Carol Bock

Dr. and Mrs. Berton M. Rudin In honor of the marriage of
 Stephen Brandt and Carol Bock

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Auerbach In memory of Mrs. Samuel Bergson

Mrs. Minnie Levin In honor of the presidency of
 Harvey L. Levin

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey L Levin In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of
 Mitchell Bruce Mellen

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Greenberg In memory of Henry Peters

PRAYER BOOK FUND

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Feldstein In memory of Rebecca Feldstein

CHILDREN'S CHOIR FUND

Mr. and Mrs. Max Blatt

BUILDING FUND

Ruth Erno

* * * * WE ARE ALL ON THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE * * * *

Please contact Armand Weiss (356-7564) with the names of prospective members. Help our Temple grow by encouraging people to get to know us and what we offer.

* * * * THE CONGREGATIONAL CORNER * * * *

We are sorry for the error: Hyman and Ann Cohen's daughter was married to David Wilson (not David Wolfson).

Congratulations and very best wishes to Hilda and Norman Brandt upon the marriage of Stephen and Carol Bock.

Welcome back to Abe and Eleanor Shapiro, 2746 Welcome Drive, Falls Church.

Marvin and Lorri Lavin have moved to 6205 Kellogg Dr., McLean (telephone 356-5138)

Bon Voyage to Ann and Al Elbau, bound for Europe in early Sept.

Congratulations are extended to Miriam Twynham on being elected president of the Women's Club of Waycroft.

Welcome to our new members: Daniel and Catherine Arons,
4133 Southern Ave. S.E.
Washington, D.C. (Telephone 538-8330)

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

PLEASE COME TO THE NEWCOMER'S COFFEE..... On September 7th at 10:30 A.M. at Judy Weiss's; all the ladies of the Temple, and their friends - please come !

Those working on the membership committee with Harriet Epstein are Martha Lowenstern, Janet Kwass, and Mary Jane Merkle. Dues may be paid by mailing your five dollar check to Ann Elbau, 7120 Oak Ridge Drive, Falls Church, 22042. Be among the first to join the Women's Group for the coming year.

BOWLING starts on Tuesday, September 6th. All interested should call Lorri Lavin at 356- 5138, or Sybil Lubin at 356-8591.

PARENT TEACHER MEETING AND RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration of students for the forthcoming year will be combined with a meeting of parents and the school staff on Thursday evening, Sept. 8th from 7:30 to 9:30 P.M. On this evening all parents who will have children in our Religious School are asked to be at the Haycock Elementary School to submit registration and classroom fees and to receive classroom assignments. There will be a discussion of the character of the school and your ideas will be welcome. Be sure to attend this important meeting.

PARENTS ARE NEEDED FOR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL ACTIVITY PROGRAM

We hope to make available to our children a variety of activities: dramatics, journalism, art, music, dancing, crafts, etc. Every fifth or sixth Sunday each group will meet to work on a project, as a play, publication of a book of poetry, or stories, an art exhibit, planning a musicale for an Oneg Shabat, etc. We need the assistance of the parents for our eager and talented children. Please give these ideas some thought. If you can help in these areas, or any others, call our Principal, Mr. Stanley Kaplan at 299-6481.

* * * * YOUTH GROUP NEWS SEPTEMBER, 1966 * * * *

With the summer now behind us, the youth group is ready to welcome in a new year. Our last event of this year will be an Havdallah night at the home of Jo-Ann Kwass on September 10. We hope to meet and get to know all the new members of the youth group.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS (continued)

Since the main feature of the September calendar are High Holy Day services, we'll be ushering at the. Our plans for the New Year are many and varied: a study program on Torah, a "bake hike", a visit to Junior Willage, working with mentally retarded children, a weekend with a youth group from Philadelphia, and MAFTY Fall Conclave, to name a few.

We wish you a happy New Year, full of health and happiness !

* * * * SOCIAL ACTION * * * *

THE CONFERENCE ON PEOPLE, RELIGION, AND A CHANGING VIRGINIA will be held in Richmond at the John Marshall Hotel on November 28th and 29th. Clergy and laymen of all religious backgrounds are expected to attend.

It is an exciting thought that over fifteen hundred persons will gather to work together in the light of our Judaeo-Christian heritage to achieve solutions for critical human problems in this time of significant social change.

The Conference is sponsored by the Virginia Council on Human Relations in cooperation with the leaders of the statewide religious community.

We hope that many of you will be able to attend this meeting. Registration is \$7.50, which includes the conference dinner. Interested persons should contact Warren Cikins at 521-4473.

* * * * IT WAS A LOVELY EVENING * * * *

The Cookout on August 13 couldn't have been nicer. The weather was delightful. Our thanks go to Carol Davidson, who did much of the legwork and planning. Her committee was of great help with the ideas and setting up the party. Without the help of many, the affair would not have been the success that it was.

The Chernocks made the grounds of their lovely home available to us and were most hospitable. Thank, also, to Dorothy and Arnold Labson, Blanche and Joe Cohen, Sybil and Don Lubin, Shirley and Ray Gallant, Belle Zeff (Hard-working chairman of the social committee), Zelda Ferris, Renee Goldman, and Nan Rudin (responsible for the flyers). A special word of gratitude goes to Gene Davidson, who volunteered for some strenuous hauling and carrying of tables and equipment, as well as expert grilling. One of the highlights of the evening was Steve Leshner playing his guitar and leading us in song. Many thanks to Steve and Sylvia, and to everyone who attended and joined in the fun.

The National Memorial Park wishes us to note that Community Memorial Services will be held at the King David Memorial Garden in Falls Church on Sunday, September 18 at 3:00 P.M.

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