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*** MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI ***

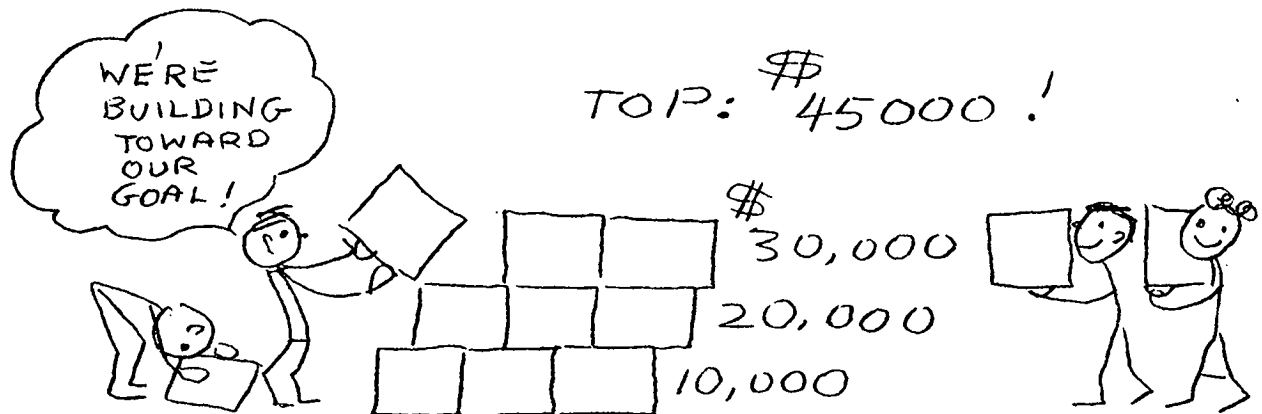
A CALL TO GATHER STONES

According to the calendar it is mid-winter now. However, you could not tell it by the inordinate tempo of activity that pulsates throughout our congregational life. It is not activity for the sake of keeping busy. It is "Holy Busy-ness" that engages the tireless energy of our devoted people whom you had designated as your leaders. They literally work without cease, thinking out and projecting careful and beautiful plans for the immediate task that engages our attention: a home for Rodef Shalom.

Our congregation is indeed fortunate as it is blessed with young, energetic and devoted leadership. However, they need and deserve the whole-hearted involvement of every single family in the decisions that must be made. For us the time has come to gather stones and this task calls for the devoted hearts and loving hands of each of you. So when the call goes out, we know you will respond with a resounding "Here I am, how can I help" and the answer must be by being involved, sharing your knowledge and experience and your gifts with which God has blessed you.

2.

*** TEMPLE LAND ASSESSMENT ***
WE'RE REACHING OUR GOAL! WE'RE CLIMBING TO THE TOP!



THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS HAVE COMPLETED THEIR PLEDGE

Joseph and Edith Abramson
Joseph and Ida Auerbach
Albert and Matilda Baker
Bill and Naomi Bekenstein
Ernest and Anna Bloch
Norman and Hilda Brandt
Joseph and Blanche Cohen
Jules and Marian Cohen
Gil and Esther Davis
Al and Ann Elbau
Leonard and Bea Emmerglick
Henry and Harriet Epstein
Lincoln and Virginia Faurer
Arthur and Joan Fishman
Erna Frankel
Harold and Doris Gelfond
Julian and Annette Hoptman
Pearl Kamber
David and Vera Kahn
Manny and Mae Kintish
Arnold and Dorothy Labson
Harvey and Barbara Levin

Robert and Miriam Levine
Stuart and Judy Liss
Henry and Martha Lowenstern
Gerald and Henrietta Luria
Donald and Sybil Lubin
Robert and Vera Mellen
Louis and Sue Olom
Paul and Jean Pfeiffer
Edward and Lois Proctor
Henry and Bea Raskin
Marcus and Erma Ring
Philip and Beatrice Rudin
Alvin and Molly Rosen
James and Peggy Selonick
Abe and Eleanor Shapiro
Harold and Ida Silverstein
Harry and Deborah Somers
Sol and Bess Swerdloff
Miriam Twynham
Al and Lil Wyner
Ben and Belle Zeff
Samuel and Lillian Zeitlen

If you need an extra Temple
Directory-Calendar, please
call Armand Weiss. Some
are available!

3.

*** CALENDAR FOR MARCH ***

- Wed. March 1 10:30 AM WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING at the home of Renee Goldman
3325 Grass Hill Terrace, Falls Church
Guest speaker: Mrs. Mickey Fisher of HEAD START
- Thurs. March 2 8 PM SPECIAL BUILDING PROJECT MEETING
at the Rudin's
- Fri. March 3 7:45 PM FAMILY SABBATH SERVICE
Sermon: "Great Jewish Personalities III:
"Isaac M. Wise"
- Sun. March 5 7:45 PM ADULT STUDY SEMINAR at the Auerbach's
study of Leo Baeck's "The Essence of Judaism"
1:00 PM JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP BOWLING
- Mon. March 6 8:00 PM TEMPLE BOARD MEETING
- Fri. March 10 8:15 PM SABBATH EVE SERVICE at FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH***
Bar Mitzvah of Arnold Kernus, son of Arline and
Barry Kernus.
The Congregation is invited to the Oneg Shabat,
given by the Kernuses in honor of Arnold
- SUN. March 12 8:00 PM SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING at Ravenwood Towers
INITIATION OF THE BUILDING PROGRAM
- Fri. March 17 8:15 PM SABBATH EVE SERVICE
Sermon: "A Faith For Our Time"
- Sun. March 19 7:45 PM ADULT STUDY SEMINAR at the Auerbach's
- Sun. March 19 11 AM-2 PM PURIM CARNIVAL at Ravenwood Towers Clubroom
(No Religious School!)
- Fri. March 24 8:15 PM SABBATH EVE SERVICE
Sermon by Rabbi Saul Besser: "Why We Are What We Are"
- Sat. March 25 7:00 PM PURIM BALL at Westwood Country Club, Vienna, Va.
Cocktails, Dinner, and Dancing
- Sun. March 26 PURIM (no Religious School)
- Fri. March 31 8:00 PM SABBATH EVE SERVICE
Bar Mitzvah of Ira Straus, son of Doris and
Larry Straus
The Congregation is invited to the Oneg Shabat,
given by the Strauses in honor of Ira

* Note no Window to the World on Wednesday, March 8.

*** NOTICE - Services on March 10th will be held at the
First Christian Church, 6165 Leesburg Pike

4. *** NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...MARCH 1967 ***

Last month I wrote to you concerning our past, our present and our future. I expressed my personal prayer for our Temple for 1967 as being the initiation of our full building effort.

At its February meeting, your Board of Directors approved for presentation to the Congregation the report of our Building Committee which recommended that the congregation authorize:

1. Initiation of a full building program.
2. Selection and hiring of an architect.
3. Expenditure of up to \$10,000 for design of our Temple structure.

A Special Congregational Meeting will be held on 12 March 1967 (8 PM, Clubroom, Ravenwood Towers) to consider these recommendations. This is the most significant single action which the congregation will be asked to consider this year. It is essential that each and every member attend this meeting. Only by your active participation can you know that your desires are influencing the course on which we propose to embark.

With the help of God, and the work, devotion and support of every member we will move forward in our task of providing a suitable sanctuary for the worship of God, religious school facilities for our children, and facilities for our youth, cultural and social programs.

HARVEY L. LEVIN
President

*** CONGREGATIONAL CORNER ***

Congratulations and very best wishes to Sylvia and Warren Cikins upon becoming parents of a baby boy, and to Morris and Doris Katz upon the birth of their Grandchild.

We're proud to read about Shirley and Robert Kenny in the Washington Post. The Government has extended them summer research fellowships in the humanities. Good luck to the Kennys!

Our sympathy goes to Sheldon Sacks upon the loss of his father. May his memory be for blessing.

*** CULTURAL COMMITTEE ***

Be sure to mail your QUESTIONNAIRE ON THE RETREAT to Mannie Kintisch AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!

5.

*** THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS ***

LAND FUND

The Women's Group is Happy to Contribute \$500.00 to The Land Fund

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Galant

In memory of Shirley's father,
Samuel Gable

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Levin

In honor of the birth of Sylvia
and Warren Cikins' son

In honor of the 25th Anniversary
of Hilda and Norman Brandt

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Somers

In memory of Debbie's brother and
sister, Solomon Jacobs and Dinah
Jacobs Bloom

Dr. and Mrs. Donald Lubin

In honor of the 25th Anniversary
of Ethel and Milton Myers

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Dr. and Mrs. Donald Lubin

In appreciation of Barbara Berger
and Joel Novak

MEMBERS OF TEMPLE RODEF SHALOM

HEAR YE HEAR YE HEAR YE

COME ONE AND ALL TO THE PURIM BALL

THE MOST ELEGANT SOCIAL EVENT OF THE YEAR

DINNER AND DANCING

TO BENEFIT THE TEMPLE LAND FUND

AT

WESTWOOD COUNTRY CLUB, VIENNA, VA.

COCKTAILS AT SEVEN DINNER AT EIGHT

TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS A COUPLE

Make your check payable to Temple Rodef Shalom and mail:

Mrs. Adolph Bennett
7420 Venice St.
Falls Church 22043

Mrs. Karl Keyak
2332 Hill Place
Falls Church 22043

Phone: JA4-0539

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DONOR LUNCHEON WILL BE APRIL 8

This year we have a record number of members-over 75 women. It will be a pleasure to get together en masse at the Donor Luncheon, to be held this year at the Country Squire on Patrick Drive near Seven Corners. After sherry, a delicious luncheon will be served, and Sol Hurwood, noted Jewish humorist will entertain us. \$15.00 per person.

Don't forget, you get donor credit from Round Robin Bridge and Bowling!!

WE NEED BETTY CROCKER COUPONS

We have been able to purchase some badly needed flatware with the coupons we have already received from helpful people. Please keep saving yours and mail them to:

Mrs. Shirley Cloth,
2628 Sigmona St.,
Falls Church, Va.

On Wednesday, Feb. 1 we met at the Chesterbrook Presbyterian Church. Rev. Richard LeForge gave a most interesting talk-- We were delighted to meet him, and the ladies of the Church.

MARCH 1ST MEETING WILL FEATURE SPEAKER ON PROJECT HEAD START

We hope many of you will plan to attend the meeting on March 1, at 10:30 AM, at the home of Renee Goldman, 3325 Grass Hill Circle in Lake Barcroft. Our Guest will be Mrs. Mickey Fisher, Coordinator for Volunteers for the Head Start program in Fairfax County. It will be an excellent opportunity to become better informed about the program, and we look forward to greeting Mrs. Fisher, who is a warm and gracious person. Thanks to Renee for extending us her hospitality.

*** YOUTH GROUP NEWS ***

*** SENIOR YOUTH ***

Projects for March include helping run the Purim Carnival, attending a conclave given by Temple Oheb Shalom of Baltimore, study sessions, and a Havdallah night. Our new project will be working at the Hebrew Home for the Aged.

*** JUNIOR YOUTH ***

On Saturday night, Feb. 18, a Valentine's Party was held at Terri Berger's home. Committees planned the fun and games, and the snow didn't dampen the enthusiasm. A Bowling Party is scheduled for Sun. March 5 at 1 PM

TEEN CANTEEN: ARLINGTON FAIRFAX JEWISH CENTER -SUNDAY, FEB. 26, MARCH 5 & 19: 7:30 PM. LET'S ENCOURAGE OUR 9TH THRU 12TH GRADERS TO ATTEND !!!

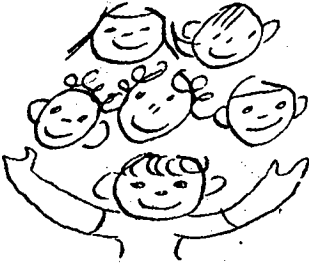
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*** COME TO THE PURIM CARNIVAL ***

Sunday, March 19, 11 AM to 2 PM at Ravenwood Towers Clubroom

Run by the Junior and Senior Youth Groups for all Temple children, their friends, and parents.....

Games, Prizes, Fortune Telling, Hot Dogs, Soft Drinks
Hamentaschen, Prizes for best Haman, Esther,
and Mordecai costumes.



All proceeds benefit the Junior and Senior Youth Groups !!!!!

*** PUBLIC RELATIONS ***

YOU CAN HELP US PUBLICIZE THE TEMPLE !!!

If you live in an area that publishes a community directory, you can insert information about the Temple, such as the name, address, phone number, and name of our Rabbi. If you can be of help in this way, please call Harriet Epstein (560-4137). We have enjoyed excellent newspaper publicity and it would be a great help to be listed in as many of the local directories as possible.

*** THE TEMPLE MAILBAG ***

Marymount College
Arlington, Va., 22207

January 13, 1967

Dear Rabbi Berkowits,

Thank you for giving us such an inspiring talk. The girls were pleased. In fact, my seminars later yesterday were taken care of with open discussion on your talk.

We look forward to having you with us again some time.

Sincere thanks,

M. Raphael R.S.H.M.

A very worthwhile article on Israel appeared in the January 14 SATURDAY EVENING POST. It is entitled, "Israel, Land of Unlimited Possibilities" and is written by Barbara Tuchman. Her descriptions are moving, particularly this description of the Yad Vashem.....

..."A central archive of material on the extermination has been established. ..The archive is housed in the dark new memorial to the dead called the Yad Vashem, unquestionably the most impressive new building in Israel. Nowhere has architectural form more clearly and unmistakably expressed an idea and an emotion. It stands on a hill outside Jerusalem—a low, square, forbidding structure on a dark plaza, with walls of huge, rounded stones, each like a dead man, surmounted by a heavy lid of wood that seems to press down with the weight of centuries. The building is unadorned by lettering or decoration of any kind. Indoors a raised walk behind a railing surrounds a bare stone floor. Flat on its surface, so that one looks down on them, lie in metallic letters the names of the concentration camps...A memorial flame burns in one corner. There is nothing else, and nothing else is needed. The building is a coffin and a grave, a monument to death...Groups of visitors, Israeli and foreign-Americans Scandinavians, Italians, French—come daily to stand at the railing, shaken, or silently weeping, or just uneasy. Like the seated Lincoln brooding in his marble hall on the Potomac, the Yad Vashem leaves no one unmoved. Israel, as the state whose people were the immediate victims, is the nearest heir of the tragedy (apart from Germany, which is another matter). As such it keeps the memory alive, not merely to mourn but with a sense, perhaps, of some mission to history.

Barbara Tuchman

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