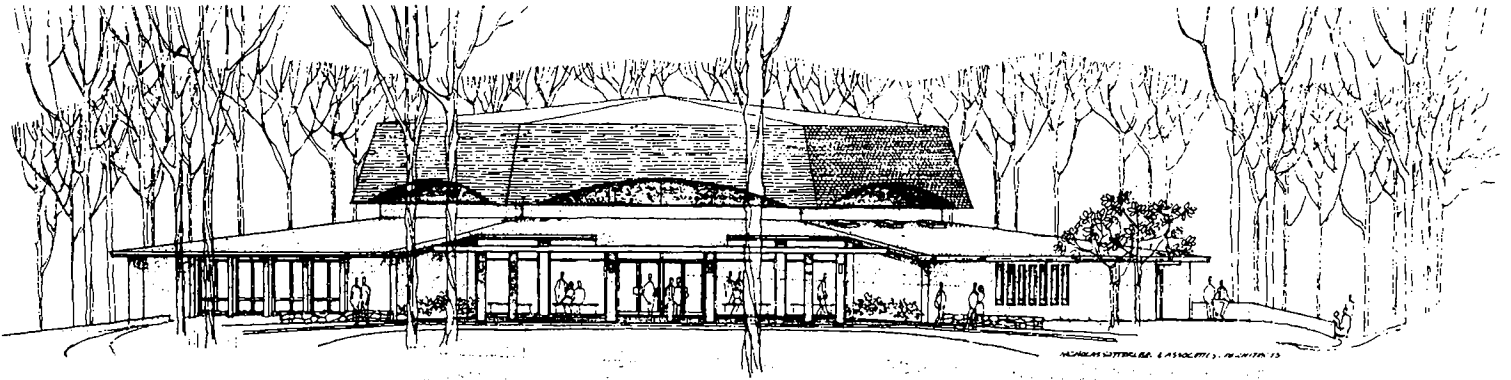


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Hanukkah

The Jewish people, the world over, will celebrate beginning on December 23, the Maccabean victory over the forces of Antiochus Epiphanes in 165 b.c.e. The Maccabean victory was one of physical prowess. Yet we should be mindful that Antiochus was after a more precious goal than mere physical subjugation of the Judeans. He wanted them to forsake their Judaism in favor of Hellenistic paganism. Thus you have the first enemy of Judaism as a religion. Many since then tried through the elimination of the Jewish people, also to kill the Idea for which we stand. But Judaism and the Jewish people survived. The moral teaching that brings life and light to the world is alive.

So as you approach the Menorah on Hanukkah Eve, light a candle for our dark and troubled world. Let the brightness of Hanukkah stand for our spirit eternal and for a renewal of dedication to its glory.

Rabbi Laszlo Berkowitz

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Hanukkah begins on the 25th day of Kislev, December 23, 1970,
and ends on December 30, 1970.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

In our continuing efforts to improve Temple communications and operations, I have formed an Ombudsmen Committee (for lack of a better name). This special committee will be available to receive and independently look into suggestions, problems and complaints from those of our members who, for whatever reasons, do not desire to contact the Rabbi or me directly. The five Ombudsmen are our three Trustees (Ruth Checknoff, as Senior Trustee is chairman; Shy Greenspan and Morris Katz) and two members outside the Board (Hilda Brandt and Abe Shapiro).

The Temple Ombudsmen, as well as the Rabbi, Board of Directors and I, stand ready to hear and act on your ideas and comments.

When you suggest new programs and activities, we hope you will also volunteer your own time and effort to accomplish them.

Armand B. Weiss

DECEMBER CALENDAR

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| December 3 | Rel. School Teacher's Mtg. Grades 4, 5, 6 | December 16 | Brotherhood Board Mtg, 8p.m. |
| December 4 | Sabbath Eve Worship, 8:15 | December 17 | Sisterhood Study Group 10 a.m. |
| December 5 | Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. | December 18 | Sabbath Eve Worship, 8:15 |
| December 6 | Sisterhood Board Mtg. 9:30 a.m. | December 19 | Bar Mitzvah, Arthur Farren |
| | "Judas Maccabee", Trinity Players, 7:30 p.m. | December 20 | Rel. School Ass'y, 11:15 a.m. |
| December 8 | Rel. School Teacher's Mtg. Grades K, 1, 2, 3 | December 20 | Sisterhood Bake Sale |
| December 9 | Fairfax Players, sponsored by the Sisterhood, 8 p.m. | December 20 | Senior Youth Social, 8 p.m. |
| December 11 | Family Sabbath, 7:45 p.m. | December 23 | Hanukah, First Candle |
| December 12 | Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. | December 24 | Hanukah, First Day |
| December 13 | Brotherhood Breakfast, 9:30 | December 25 | Sabbath Eve Worship, 8:15 |
| 13 | Duplicate Bridge, 7 p.m. | December 26 | Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. |
| 13 | Adult Study Group, 8 p.m. | December 27 | Rel. School Vacation |
| December 14 | Temple Board Meeting, 8 p.m. | December 28 | } JCC Winter Holiday |
| | | 29 | |
| | | 30 | } New Year's Eve Party "A Night To Remember" |
| | | December 31 | |

Editorial Comment

These wonderful people

One room. One mimeograph machine. Two typewriters. Stacks of envelopes. An addressograph...and nine people.

You have just been given the ingredients of a "Temple mailing". Add an incredible level of noise...the machine, voices, laughter, doors slamming, phone ringing, the rustle of paper, squeaks from chairs and drawers, a few words muttered (classified as no-nos). Cook for hours upon hours.

Until you have participated as one of the many people who give a few hours here and there to the Temple Office, you can't imagine how much is involved every single time you receive a simple announcement. If you haven't participated yet, you should, if only to educate yourself. A lot of people work very hard indeed to make the wheels go around. And most of us are so far removed from the mechanics of the office that we take the results for granted. Go once, work once, volunteer once. You will never take it for granted again.

Some people go frequently, give freely of themselves and their time and their energy, and make this religious organization, the Temple, operate as smoothly as any business! In future issues I shall try to give you capsule portraits of these people that make this "Rube Goldberg thing work".

These are not people whose names appear on the roster of Temple officers. These are the kind of people who do, for no publicity, for no money, the kind of thing without which we could not have a Temple. I offer these words as a sweet scented bouquet of thanks, for their hard work.

BRING GIFTS FOR KIDS

ON THE ISRAEL BORDER

You bring, we ship through its "Ship - a - Box" program. The Northern Virginia section of the Council of Jewish Women is sponsoring a drive for new toys and educational supplies to send to Israel.

These items are for children in Israeli border settlements who spend their nights in shelters.

A SAB carton will be placed by the office for your donation. Children will be encouraged to bring donations to Hebrew or Sunday School classes.

Some suggested gifts are school supplies, puzzles, games, sports equipment and dolls. Please, do not bring in games or books in English, or stuffed toys. The collection box will be left at the Temple from November 29 through December 20.

CHILDREN HAVE CHANCE

AT WINTER DAY - CAMP

A three-day victory celebration is in the works for 7-12's at Rodef Shalom.

December 29-30, instead of being bored by those winter holidays, why not send the kids to our Maccabea and day-camp.

Monday there will be sports, arts and crafts, and Israeli singing and dancing. Tuesday we go over to Rockville where there will be a celebration (with swimming, and a torch-light ceremony) at the Jewish Community Center. Wednesday we are back home at the Temple. The three days cost between \$12 and \$17.50 and last from 9:30 to 3:00 except for Tuesday when the trip to Rockville means the day will be a little longer.

Any questions about this activity can be answered at 273-3374.

"Children constitute mans eternity."
.....Peretz

Thank his Honey was great!

FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICES

Family Sabbath Service ordinarily scheduled for the first Friday of every month will be held the second Friday in December, December 11, because of Rabbi Laszlo Berkowits' attendance at the Mid Atlantic Conference in Williamsburg.

The Family Wroship Service seeks to weld home and synagogue together, presenting a "united front" in the unending effort to develop in our children the mental, emotional and spiritual qualities essential to individual happiness and to responsible citizenship.

Family Sabbath Service begins at 7:45 and is concluded early enough to permit all school age children to attend.

EQUIPMENT IS COMING...

EQUIPMENT STILL NEEDED

Our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Zeff for their donation of a film strip projector and screen to the Religious School.

Thanks to all those who have donated equipment to the school. We can still use more pencil sharpeners, clocks, teacher's desks, book shelves, record players, records and so on, and on.....

COMMUNITY CENTER PLANS A SOCIAL GET-TOGETHER

The Northern Virginia Extension of the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington is planning an evening with a Russian-Jewish flavor for Saturday, January 23, 1971. Time and place to be announced shortly. The price of admission, \$2.00, will include refreshments, entertainment and a social evening. This is the first adult get-together sponsored by the Virginia group, although other programs are well underway. For information on the Extension, call the office at 273-3374.

Thanks to:

Barbara & Marshall Cohen
Reservations
Shirley & Ray Galant
Promotion
Myra & Joel Gerstle
Refreshments/Publicity
with Senior Youth Group Hostesses
Carol Brandwein, Stephanie
Deutsch, Robin Karnette, Made-
laine Murad and Lani Udovin.
Roberta & Harvey Gold
Cocktail Party
Lea Udovin - Reservations
Springfield Community Theater
Wonderful Show
Telephone Committee:
Mrs. E. Abramson, Mrs. R.
Adler, Mrs. A. Bennett, Mrs.
A. Brown, Mrs. M. Chesy, Mrs.
M. Cohen, Mrs. H. Dalsheim,
Mrs. J. Dingfelder, Mrs. Eve
Harvey, Mrs. P. Schwartz, Mrs.
B. Udovin & Mrs. Adele Zacharias

My sincere thanks to all.

Bert Udovin
Social Chairman

DECEMBER IS JEWISH BOOK MONTH!!!

NEW FACES

We are happy to welcome to the Congregation some newcomers:

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Freed
Mr. Josph O. Simon
Mr. and Mrs. S. Harry Slavitt
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Vorhaus
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hahn
Mr. and Mrs. Norman Beckman
Mr. and Mrs. B. Michael Berger
Cdr. and Mrs. Stanley Hinden
Mr. and Mrs. Avron G. Berman
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Kerness
Mr. and Mrs. Scott Newton

Adult Study Group meets December 13.

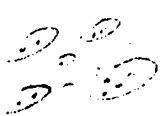
JUDAS MACCABEUS

A 20-piece orchestra, 40 voices, and a quartet of professional soloists will bring to Temple Rodef Shalom on December 6 Handel's Oratorio "Judas Maccabeus." Rabbi Laszlo Berkowits will provide his own narration to accompany the work.

Ecumenics This is a very exciting ecumenical occasion, since the Oratorio will be performed first in the Trinity Presbyterian Church in Arlington. Both performances begin at 7:30 p.m.

The 40-voice chancel choir of Trinity Church will be under the direction of Lloyd Farrar, former conductor of the Prince Georges Symphony. The dramatic director is Dorothy Ezrow, who has staged other productions at Trinity Church. Four magnificent singers are handling the solos...Manuel Melendez, recently returned from Tanglewood where he was resident tenor for the summer, will sing Judah. The high priest, Simon, will be sung by Donald Boothman, whose Carnegie Hall debut last May won praise from the New York critics. Rosemary Waterworth, Trinity's music director, and Marilyn Sherman, alto soloist, will handle the women's roles.

This is the kind of musical event that would be of interest to high school and college students, as well as adults, and to those who love drama as well as to those who love music. We are very lucky that this production will be coming to our Temple. May you all enjoy it! (Suggested donation: \$1.00.)



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HERBERT KAPLOW WILL SPEAK AT BREAKFAST MEETING



His itinerary permitting, Mr. Herbert Kaplow, NBC News Whitehouse correspondent, will speak at the December 13 Brotherhood breakfast meeting.

We told you about him a few issues back, when we thought he would be with us...about his reporting experience with the Armed Forces, his long and successful career with NBC, covering freedom riders in Alabama and Richard Nixon fresh from a stoning in Caracas. Unfortunately, the Temple was not available for use and when it was, Mr. Kaplow's calendar could not permit him to speak to us; if you know anyone in the news business, you can understand why. That's why, this time we say "itinerary permitting" he will be with us.

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That pretty red head you have seen over the keyboard of the organ is our new organist, Mrs. John Fitzgerald (better known as Pat). She is also our music director. We are happy to welcome her.

After eight beautiful years we have lost the services of Jean Pfeiffer and her mother, Mrs. Adele Zacharias. We are sorry they had to retire yet we are grateful for what they have done to make services beautiful and meaningful.

We mean positively (and there's little doubt that Mr. Kaplow will make it this time). There's no doubt at all about the breakfast, though (and there's little doubt that Mr. Kaplow will make it this time). This is a paid-up membership breakfast, with no charge to members who have paid the \$6 dues. Those who wish may mail a check (make it payable to Temple Rodef Shalom Brotherhood) to Mr. C. Farren, Treasurer.

You may also pay at the door, December 13. Wives and guests are welcome, but we collect \$2 a head for them. Join us for news and views over bagels and lox.

SPOTLIGHT ON SISTERHOOD

Café Theater - Fairfax Players - Sheila Ruffine, Program Chairman.

December 9 - Our December 9 meeting is our Hanukah Gift to you. Join us for an unusual and exciting evening of theater. For Sisterhood members and friends. For reservations call: Sheila Ruffine 525-9132 or Doris Parnas 560-6146.

Daytime Study Group - Thursday, December 17, 10 a.m. Temple library. Nan Rudin is the discussion leader on Conservative Judaism under the guidance of the Rabbi.

Day Care Center and Cerebral Palsy Center - Ruth Checknoff, Chairman. Clerical help still needed. Volunteers, call Ruth 532-4995.

Sisterhood Printing Shoppe - Sally Ackerman, Chairman. Let Sisterhood Printing Shoppe help you with all your printing needs. Phone Sally Ann 461-1323.

Uniongram Luncheon - Harriet Epstein, Chairman. First Uniongram Luncheon was held October 14 and we are grateful for all who helped make the day a success. The luncheon helped push sales over the top. We qualify for the NFTS Uniongram Role of Honor. To order Uniongrams, call Harriet 560-4137 or take advantage of our sending service by calling Eve Harvey 560-4068.

Judaica Shop - Erna Frankel, Chairman. Beautiful gifts and Israeli objects for sale in our Judaica Shop in the Temple Lobby. Buy now for all occasion gifts. Remember that Hanukah is soon. All stationery also available for all needs. Call Erna TE6-8183 or Nan Rudin 481-5629.

Bake Sale - Ellen Cantor, Chairman. December 20 at the Sunday School. Earn Donor credit for your goodies. Call Ellen and volunteer, 280-5310.

Donor - Dollars for Donor - A successful start. Eve Harvey was the first winner of our new Dollars for Donor Program. She won a full paid-up Donor. The program was begun at the Uniongram Luncheon and will continue at other occasions. Sisterhood members have a chance to buy a one dollar chance to win a paid-up donor. The drawing will be held at the conclusion of the affair. No losers. For those who don't win, the dollar they've spent on the chance will be credited toward their donor account. Take a chance...maybe you'll be our next winner. Earn donor credit by: Baking for an Oneg Shabbat; purchase at the Judaica Shop; Sell Manischewitz products for Passover...other ways later.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This past month has been a most exciting one. Our Sukkot booth at Tysons Corner Charity Fair was a financial success and won honorable mention for design and beauty.

I welcome Barbara Levin as our new second vice president...a most capable addition to the Sisterhood Board.

Our new kitchen has been installed and is now in full use. As with all new facilities, we have had some difficulties, however all repairable. The kitchen is Sisterhood's donation to the Temple and we hope all will enjoy the use of it. However, there is an outstanding debt of \$1,500 and only through your membership, contributions and participation in our various programs can we continue to fulfill our obligations to the bank and our services to the congregation.

Ida Silverstein, Kitchen Chairman, is preparing regulations for the safe and clean maintenance of the kitchen. The rules will be available to all.

We wish you all a bright and happy Hanukah.