



# Reflections

SUMMER

June 1972

Temple Rodef Shalom

This space is reserved for our Rabbi. He is currently enjoying a well deserved vacation in Cincinnati with his wife Judy and children, Julie and Debbie. We wish him a most pleasant vacation and look forward to his return after Independence Day.

*Have a Happy Summer*

## Message from the President

With summer just arrived, the grass, trees and flowers around the Temple have all burst forth into new growth. The new Temple officers and Board as well, have all started their new term with a burst of activity. Each of the committee chairman has already started to plan activities for the coming year. Starting with the evening of June 23 and ending on the afternoon of June 25th, the officers and Board, together with the Rabbi, held a retreat at Orkney Springs in order to plan a year full of activity and religious experience.

All of our committee chairman positions are filled, and the chairman are willing to expend the time and energy necessary to prepare and facilitate the Temple's programs. Some committees are devoted to service for the Temple and community, and some are program and education oriented. I urge each of you to choose a committee and participate in its activities. The Temple needs your help and in return will provide a benefit for you. Listed below for your convenience are the names and phone numbers of the individual chairman.

One newly formed committee is the Rabbinic Relations Committee which was established to assist me in assuring that we continue to have mutually beneficial relationships with our Rabbi. Should you have any problem with any aspect of Temple life, please contact me or anyone on this committee.

I am looking forward to this year with great hopes. With your help it will be a rewarding year for all of us.

Shalom,

Leo Rosenbaum

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From the Temple Board

Many times during the last decade the question has been asked, both in this congregation and probably, all over this country, by Jews - "what does it mean to live like a Jew?" What does it mean in terms of each individual and also in terms of the community. Perhaps it is not possible to answer the question with words. The only possible response is by our actions.

To many of us here in Northern Virginia, the Congregation is our "family." It gives us our sense of belonging - but only if we participate as if we do belong.

How, you may ask, does one do that? We'll tell you! Do your own thing. What do you enjoy? Where can you help? What gives you the greatest sense of fulfillment? Pick and choose - then join the rest of the family!

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Reflections on REFLECTIONS

Since this is the beginning of the Tenth Anniversary year of the Temple, my thoughts go back to its early days, and particularly to the development of this Temple communication, "Reflections."

Being editor of "Reflections" for six years, I was very much involved with its formulation as a vehicle to express the ideas of congregants as well as to inform members of our many activities. The name "Reflections" was chosen particularly with this thought in mind. The deep feeling I always had was that our Temple is special, unique, and that the Newsletter/Reflections should "reflect" its uniqueness.

We have come a long way in these ten years in many ways. As we congratulate ourselves on our growth and development, we hope to communicate with each other to an ever growing extent as we meet the new challenges of a building and large congregation.

Indeed a great deal of credit for our success goes to reaching out to each other over these past ten years. "Reflections" is but a small part of this reaching out, but it is an important part; meetings are constantly arranged, and committees are formed for us to know one another through expression of ideas. It is only by communicating openly, wholeheartedly, and often that we can find one another, define our high purposes, and thus achieve the ultimate reason for our existence as a Congregation.

Nan Rudin-

The MAFY Arts Festival

April 21 - 23, 1972

The Mid-Atlantic Federation of Temple Youth held a most successful Arts Festival at Temple Rodef Shalom. Over fifty people attended from Maryland, Virginia, Washington, D.C., North Carolina and Delaware.

The theme of the Festival was "The Traditional Jewish Wedding" capped by the (re) marriage of the advisors of our own Senior Youth Group, Hank and Judy Seiff, by our Rabbi Laszlo Berkowits.

Dress was traditional, the bride was garbed in white with a lace veil and a bridal bouquet (of bread flowers made in the Arts and Crafts workshop), while the groom wore a typical long, smock-type shirt. The officiating Rabbi wore a long frock coat and a fur hat similar to the groom's.

Four attendants held the chuppa, made by our youth group. It will be presented to the Temple during the Tenth Anniversary Year. Designed by Nancy Katz, the canopy has a dove worked in green and gold on a beige background. The attendants wore yarmulkes and shirts without ties.

The groom entered first escorted by his "parents". Then the bride, on the arms of her "parents." Under the Rabbi's watchful eye, the unterfierers and the bride made seven circuits with the bride about the chuppa to satisfy the groom that this was truly the bride of his choice.

Music from "Fiddler on the Roof" faded out as the Rabbi read the ketuba or marriage contract and its accompanying conditions. There was wine to confirm the contract and increase the joy, whereupon the groom smashed a wine glass and the whole group retired to the social hall for dancing, food and festivities.

The whole group enjoyed the ceremony, but none more than those who know well our Rabbi and Youth Advisors.

Many were those giving time and support besides Rabbi Berkowits and Hank and Judy Seiff. Thanks are out to all the adults who helped and at the same time had a most enjoyable weekend.

Nancy Katz and Laura Cohen-co-chaired the weekend supported by the following hard workers:

Cleanup-----David Rosenbaum, Candi Chase  
Faculty.....Sara Rosenbaum, Anita Hahn  
Food-----Laurie Adman, Laurie Ferris  
Friday Night----Bruce Newton  
Housing.....Ron Bloch, Shelly Levin  
Publicity, Registration - Vivki Murad, Janie Goldman, Larry  
Abramson  
Saturday Night Program - David Proctor, Kevin Goldstein, Didi  
Coplun  
Transportation - Bob Mintz, Mike Silverstein  
Mark Cloth, L'il Rody President  
The hardworking workshop leaders were:  
Arts and Crafts - Mrs. Richard Cloth, Mrs. Norman Katz and  
Nancy Katz  
Cooking- Judy Seiff, Mrs. Donald Lubin and Mrs. Francis Stein  
Dance- Mrs. Ben Waxman and Ricki Scheneizer  
Music - Rabbi Berkowits and Mrs. John Fitzgerald  
Painting- Mrs. Martin Bennett  
Photography- Mr. Sam Brody, Mr. Richard Cloth  
Drama- Mr. Bart Ferris

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MAFTY Arts and Crafts

To briefly recap the weekend: out of towners had Friday night with their host families and then attended the special Sisterhood Sabbath service. This was followed by films and introductory workshops and closed with an oneg and a friendship circle.

Saturday morning our youth group presented their own creative service. Then workshops until a lunch of submarine sandwiches, chips and sodas. Workshops continued throughout the afternoon until the Havdalah Service.

Dinner (delicious baked chicken and rice, green beans, jello salad, iced tea and ice cream) was preceded by hors d'oeuvres (lox pinwheels, potato and liver knishes, etc.) made by the cooking workshop.

The enjoyment of the wedding (punctuated by several pauses for merriment) was capped with feasting on the cakes decorated in the cooking workshop. Dancing was followed by sociadramas, hilarious MAFTYgrams and a friendship circle.

A tired but happy group appeared again Sunday morning for eggs, bagels and cream cheese and gallons of orange juice and coffee cooked up by some of the Temple men who also thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The weather cooperated to permit a final friendship circle outside on the sunny terrace. Quiet songs, guitars and pleasant good-byes could be heard as a successful weekend closed.

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Congratulations to our Confirmands: \*\*\*\*\*

This year we rejoice in a large and able group:

Judith Carol Berman	Jaye Brian Karnette	David Carl Rosenbaum
Martin Brandwein	Lisa Beth Katz	Linda Beth Rosker
Michael Checknoff	Brad Steven Kernus	David Iver Schwartz
Ann Elizabeth Davidson	Martin Elliot Levin	Michael Albert Silverstein
Laurie Beth Ferris	Shelley Debra Levin	Mark Nathan Stein
Laura Ann Goldman	Martha Luise Lubin	Lynn Ann Teitell
Kevin Arnold Goldstein	Gina Allyson Mondres	Leslie Gail White
Anita Caryl Hahn	Bruce Mitchell Newton	Lawrence Bernard Lantz

The service was conducted with dignity and graced by participation by many of these fine young people.

Read not banayik, 'thy children," but bonayik, 'thy builders.'

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REFLECTIONS IS LATE! I'll tell you why. It seems our REFLECTIONS editor, Wyn Greenwald decided to try Indian - wrestling with her sons. Guess who won, and it wasn't Wyn! She wound up with a sprained wrist which of course made it difficult to type. Anyhow Wyn is better and I imagine she gave up Indian - wrestling. Hey, Wyn stick to tennis!

## NEW BROOM BRUSHES UP

Les Tanzer, newly installed Chairman of the Religious School, promises changes next year. He has a number of committees working on aspects of the reforms he has in mind; it is too early yet to outline what will come of their labors.

We have faith ---in Les and in the Temple---- and expect next year's Religious School to be a real challenge.

## CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER

Reflections would like to congratulate the scholars in our midst.

First, a bouquet to Judy Weiss, who received her Masters in Elementary Education.

Then to our many High School Graduates, laurel wreaths and warm wishes for fulfilling years ahead. We are naming below all the ones we know of, and if we missed you, let us know and we will make up the omission, for we are proud of All of you. It was a good year for graduates, and will bear fine fruit for Judaism.

Scott Merkle	Barbara Checknoff
Arnold Kernus	Larry Schmukler
Jonathan Rudin	Janey Goldman
Robert Davidson	Elizabeth Podell
David Proctor	Susan White
Ron Block	Diana Levin
Mark Cloth	Janeł Berman
Lani Udovin	Barry Goldman

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Introduction to a talk given by Nen Rudin as part of the Sisterhood Cultural Program Series on the three branches of Judaism.

"The modern Jew has inherited a rich Tradition from the 3000 - year- old experience of his people, which has been shattered into fragments. His tragedy is that he does not know what to do with it; his glory, that he is unwilling to do without it. The history of world Jewry in the last two centuries is the record of various creative if unconscious attempts to restore the original quality of Judaism. In struggling for meaningful survival, the Jewish tradition wishes to make its contribution to the solution of problems confronting the free society of today and the world community of tomorrow. The various movements dedicated to a revival of Jewish religion, to a quickening of Jewish culture, and to a rebuilding of the Jewish people, both in Israel and throughout the world, are not ends in themselves, but instruments for the fulfillment of the prophetic injunction to 'be a light unto the nations, a covenant to the peoples.'

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Welcome!

We wish a warm welcome to :

Eugene and Sharon Leiderman  
and their young sons, David and Marc.

The Leidermans live at 2628 North Potomac Street  
Arlington, Virginia 22207  
832-0690

We're happy to have you with us!

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Junior Youth Group

The Junior Youth Group has been contributing to the Temple's needs by a series of Bagel and Bake sales which have given money to the Temple's hungry coffers.

Many of the group participated in the "Walk for Mankind" sponsored by their schools April 29, the day that a picnic has been planned. It seemed a better use of the time. In May, though, the outing took place as planned and the group went to Marshall Hall Amusement Park via the Wilson Boat Line. This was the final event of the year.

Boy and Cub Scouts

Troop 1920 of the Boy Scouts wound up this year's business with the annual father-son overnight frolic in the Shenandoah Valley, May 6-7. Now plans are in progress for summer camp August 6-19 near the Chesapeake Bay.

The troop now has 18 boys; there still is room for more 10½ year olds. Any interested young men or their parents are welcome to attend out troop meetings Wednesday evening at the Temple. For further information call 634-1254.

There was some interest in starting a cub pack at the Temple, but not enough people indicated support this year to make a go of it. If you think this is a good idea for your 8 to 10 year old boy, let Bob Adler (or the Temple office) know about it.

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NURSERY SCHOOL Is a



of a Success!

(that's a whale)

Applications continue to come for our highly successful nursery school. However, since we are expanding there is still room left. Next year's school will be more than twice as large as this year's! We will offer five day, three day, and two day, a week programs. Applications are now on a first come, first served basis.

Once again (since we'll be equipping additional rooms) we ask that you look through your homes for toys or small furniture which might be used in the Nursery School. The Nursery School is run on a non-profit basis and all money above cost and salaries are turned over to the Temple. For applications or information call Judy Seiff at 534-7860 or the Temple Office 532-2217.