



Temple Sholom

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DRINK A TOAST §

The advent of a new year occasions continual rounds of toasts to this and to that. The prevailing spirit of gaiety and carefreeness preclude any serious lifting of our cups to the important needs of the year and our dedicated commitments to them. Therefore, let me toast all those things of the past year that helped bring us nearer to a better humanity. I hail everyone who made his and her contribution by hand or by word of mouth to the cause of justice and decency. I cheer the valiant who gave of themselves so that others might have a better chance. I sing the praises of the selfless, who in their lives bespeak God's will on earth. I pray that this small but ever-growing army will assure that the coming year will witness peace in the world founded on justice and understanding. May each of us consciously give some little bit of ourselves so that our tomorrows may be made meaningfully secure. HERE'S TO THE NEW YEAR !

Rabbi Sidney E. Nathanson

Don't miss.....

Temple Sholom's Annual
Dinner-Dance

" A Carribean Cruise "

Saturday, Feb. 6, 1965

Cocktails

Dancing

Awards

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- Fri., Jan. 1 - Sabbath Services 8:15
Sermon: "THE FORWARD THRUST"
- Sat., Jan. 2 - Services 10:30 A.M.
- Tues., Jan. 5 - Sisterhood Meeting
Program: Holiday Tables 12:30
- Fri., Jan. 8 - Sabbath Services 8:15
Sermon: "Life's Slaverics"
- Sat., Jan. 9 - Services 10:30 A.M.
- Fri., Jan. 15 - Sabbath Services 8:15
Sermon: "THE GREAT RENEWAL"
- Sat., Jan. 16 - 10:30 A.M. Chapel
JUNIOR CONGREGATION SERVICES
- Fri., Jan. 22 - Sabbath Services 8:15
MEN'S CLUB SABBATH
- Sat., Jan. 23 Services 10:30 A.M.
- Sun., Jan. 24 - Men's Club Breakfast
- Fril, Jan. 29 - Sabbath Services 8:15
- Sat., Jan. 30 - Services 10:30 A.M.
- Tues., Feb. 2 - Joint Meeting 8 P.M.
Sisterhood and Men's Club
- Sat., Feb. 6 - Annual Dinner Dance
and Awards Night
Temple Sholom Social
Hall

A THANK YOU

To the college students who spoke at our Annual College Sabbath on Dec. 25: Geoffrey Sadwith, Joel Miller, Walter Frank and Judy Litchenstein. It was a most stimulating evening.

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President - Joseph B. Hyman

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Jr. Congregation Family Services

In order that the children of our Religious School may experience the joy and holiness of family worship, the Temple is scheduling monthly family services abbreviated to meet the needs of our school children.

The children are being taught the basic prayers and the traditional Shabbos songs in their religious school classes so that they may meaningfully partake in the services. Mrs. Secna Wahsanger has graciously volunteered to handle the musical accompaniment, and our Sisterhood will sponsor the Oneg Shabats following the Services. Mrs. Lila Mayberg, Religious School board member, will assist the members of the faculty in supervising the services.

There will be only five such Family Services this year, commencing Saturday morning, January 16th, at 10:30 AM. Future dates are listed in the Sisterhood Journal.

Only you can fulfill your children's complete religious needs by seeing to it that no appointments are made on these dates, and that the child is accompanied and seated with at least one parent. The Service will last approximately thirty to forty-five minutes.

The success of these Services depends to a large extent on your family's attendance and participation.

THANKS

To Virginia Ross for her help in cutting the stencils for this issue, and to Pauline Gold, chief addresser, mimeographer, and "put-er together" of Temple Topics. E.H.

WHAT'S NEW?

Elinore Heyman, Editor

Does it mean we're getting old when we no longer bother to prepare a list of New Years Resolutions - or are we just getting more realistic? But even the most blase of us must look at the fresh calendar with a degree of anticipation. Who knows what 1965 will bring to us, our families, our country, the world? We hope the good will outweigh the bad, and the joys outshine the sorrows. Happy New Year to you all.

Seeing the property adjoining our parking lot take shape as additional parking area, and extending into attractively landscaped grounds, we doff our hats to the foresight of the men who guide our Temple's progress, and who do the work to turn ideas into realities.

Which brings to mind the fact that a committee had been appointed to select Temple Sholom's "Man of the Year". There are so many deserving candidates - I wish the committee luck. We eagerly await the naming of the recipient of the outstanding award - to be announced at our Annual Dinner Dance on Feb. 6th.

And what an affair that will be!!! Art Lavenhar and his Social Committee have really planned an evening no one will want to miss. The theme of this February Fiesta is a Caribbean Cruise, Beginning with a fabulous "Bon Voyage" Cocktail Party in the lounge; continuing with dancing to the merry music of Herb Zane and his orchestra; highlighted by a gourmet dinner, the menu for which reads like the first class dining room on the most elegant ship. Art has even arranged for a Viennese Coffee Table to round out the evening. This affair will be one to remember....make your reservations early!

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CONGRATULATIONS to the Alan Greenspans on the birth of their new daughter.

BEST WISHES to Dr. and Mrs. Sidney Livingston on the engagement of their daughter Andrea, and to Dr. and Mrs. M. Kunzman on the marriage of their son Kenneth.

CONDOLENCES to the families of the late Abraham Sandow, Isaac Fortig and Alexander Smith (son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Kunzman), and to Mrs. David Mauro on the loss of her brother.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Milton Simkin, chairman
Marvin Blaustein, Principal

Parents of students in grades 4 and 5 are invited to a curriculum discussion group on Sunday, Jan, 17, at 10 A.M. in the Social Hall.

The Religious School board meets in January on the 19th at 8 P.M. Thereafter, it will meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Parents are invited to attend these meetings.

The Rabbi is meeting regularly on Sundays from 9:30 to 10:30 with the 10th grade students for a stimulating session.

The Sunday School students are now spending 15 minutes of the Sunday curriculum on specific prayers and hymns found in the regular Jr. Cong. Services. Ninth grade students lead the services and deliver the sermons at these Sat. services, to which all parents are invited. An Oneg Shabbot follows. Next service is January 16th.

Grades 6 and 7 in the Sunday Religious School are now split so that the boys and girls meet separately in small groups. Two teachers are assigned to each grade, and emphasis has been placed upon History and Ethics.

Temple Youth Group members are now working as teacher aides in the Sunday Religious School in the office, library and grades 1, 2, and 3.

SISTERHOOD'S PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM

Children of pre-school age are invited to attend the Saturday morning programs conducted by Mrs. Lila Mayberg.

In addition to learning the stories music, rhythm and customs of the holidays, the children will plant seeds, make arts and crafts projects such as a Shabbos meal out of colored play dough, Purim masks and grogars (noisemakers), and a Passover matzoh cover. Dates are:

January - 9, 30
February - 13, 27
March - 6, 27
April - 3, 24
May - 1, 22

SISTERHOOD

by Mrs. M. Raphaelson, President

January 5 is the date of our next regular meeting. Doris Ostroff and Babara Schnur, together with a large committce, are planning a beautiful afternoon. We will see tables decorated in the holiday manner, complete with food, the story and the music. This is a must program for all of us. A sitter will be available.

Remember to reserve Wed. nights for duplicate bridge. An open game, with professional direction, is held in our Social Hall at 8 PM. Fee is \$1.25. If you enjoy playing bridge, this is an easy way to support our fund-raising program.

The director, Norman Dickheiser, has offered us a Duplicate Bridge Seminar on Wednesdays at 1 PM, to be held in the Maimonides Room, without charge. Call Judy Haskin (Pl 5-5767) for details.

Hanukah was indeed a happy holiday this year. We served refreshments to the children in the school, under the chairmanship of Lenore Field and Beverly Arnold, assisted by home room mothers Babette Bramnick, Janet Clark, Dorothy Zimeles and Zelda Bayer.

At our Hanukah Tea, Sisterhood, was hostess to all the Jewish Women's Organizations in town. The reception, chaired by Doris Ostroff, was well attended and well received. A special thank you to all the women who baked-you outdid yourselves!!!

Our Hanukah Festival was attended by 120 children. They enjoyed lunch, a magic show, and games, ably supervised by our Templers. We are grateful to the following, whose efforts were responsible for the success of the Festival: Nan Levy, Ruth Brandt, Selma Green, Lila Mayberg, Phyllis Broad, Roma Brown, Eileen Gilman, Doris Dresdale, Susan Salowe, Dorothy Zimeles, Lillian Kunzman, Melvin Fincke, Joseph Fincke, Peter Herstein, Barbara Chance, Bruce Shear, David Soloman, Mark Mazur, Joel Rutenberg, Arnold Cohen, Irving Shear, and the Plainfield Tobacco and Candy Co.

Our thanks to Ruth Miller for her work on College Sabbath, and to Evelyn Koblentz, Ruth Pines, and Herb Polskin for arranging the college brunch, and to moderator Isaiah Von.

TEMPLERS

President - Anne Arnold
Editor - Peter Dreier

Eight members of Templers returned from JFTY Winter Conclave, full of ideas, inspired by the lectures and seminars, and overwhelmed by the number of new friends they had made in just one week-end.

Anne Arnold, Jeff Raphaelson, Sue Gross, Peter Dreier, Joe Fincke, Eric Berger, Bob Tobey and Marc Lipis all took part in the activities of these wonderful three days at Har Sinai Temple in Trenton. The theme, "The Bible Speaks to Youth," was presented through discussion and more discussion. The dance on Saturday night was marvelous and the entire city of Trenton was over-flowing with what is commonly known as "JFTY Spirit."

The programming for the entire year has been mapped out. First on the agenda is an athletic night with the Westfield youth group on Dec. 19. Templers went to St. Mary's Church in Plainfield on Christmas Eve. The Pre-Templers had their first dance on Dec. 26. On Jan. 2nd, the Templers will attend the "Hangover Hop" at Temple Sharey Tefilo in East Orange.

We are all looking forward to Friday, Jan. 29th, which has been designated as "JFTY Goes to Temple Day" by Alan Shakin, JFTY chaplain. If it works out right (and knowing Alan, it will), over a thousand JFTYites, from Closter to Trenton, will be attending Sabbath services in their respective temples.

More is to come. For all those who have not paid their full dues, do so. You won't want to miss all that Templers can offer. For those skeptics who still doubt, come to a meeting. We hope parents will encourage all teen-agers to join Templers; so much more can be done with more members.

TEMPLE SHOLOM LIBRARY

Anne Fox - chairman

Our library is bursting with new books. Please use it.

TEMPLE YOUTH AT NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

by Peter Dreier

They say a picture is worth a thousand words. If that's the case, then I wish all of you could see the faces of those youngsters at the Neighborhood House here in Plainfield, when members of Templars walk through those big blue and white doors every Saturday morning.

When I went down to talk with Miss Mollie Fayson, the director of the Neighborhood House, I was a bit disappointed. She didn't come right out and herald our offer with a lot of pseudo-gratitude. She was testing me, and Templers, to see if we were sincere. I honestly didn't know what to think.

A week later, about twelve of us met at the Neighborhood House to discuss just what we could do to help. There, with the enthusiasm shown by that initial group, I knew why I was offering my services. Miss Fayson, said, "Kids don't want to study. You have to motivate them; get them interested in study first."

She had offered me and the others a challenge. Playing with these kids, singing, working together in the library - we had to get to know them first. The group is small now; we still don't know them well enough, or they, us; but we will. Our efforts won't be seen right away; it will be a slow, gradual motivation. But we will have accomplished something. We are taking strides. What more can I say?

Anne Arnold, Norma Simkin, Jeff Raphaelson, Mark Mazur, Lois Livingston, Joel Taub, Ricky Bromberg, Robert Shesser, Judy Pines and especially Janet Wachtel - THEY HAVE SHOWN THE WAY.

All I can do is thank them. But they don't need my thanks. That indescribable, wonderful expression on the faces of those kids when the TEMPLERS come through those big blue and white doors of the Neighborhood House - that is thanks enough.

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