



# The Shofar

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Dear U.A.H.C.'er:

On behalf of Temple Sholom, we would like to welcome you to our congregation and our beautiful city. It is our hope that the next few days will not only produce constructive and positive ideas, but also a warm sense of fellowship. We at Temple Sholom are delighted to host this biennial, and are here to help make your stay as pleasant and productive as possible. Please do not hesitate to call upon us for information or assistance.

May we now go from strength to strength as we begin our convention and lead our dynamic movement into the 1980's.

With the blessing of peace,

Rabbi Philip Bregman

Dr. Sidney Kirson

## Temple Sholom's roots at Biennial Convention...

It all began with a Biennial Convention 16 years ago this October. The Pacific Northwest Region of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations met in Vancouver with the hope of sparking formation of a local Temple. The few families that had expressed interest in Reform Judaism were helped by the other Reform congregations and their Rabbis in Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, and the regional office in San Francisco. Services were held, a school started, and more members joined.

A big step was taken in 1967 when the 37 family members of that day decided that full-time rabbinic leadership was essential and Rabbi John Sherwood came to Vancouver. Until that time the congregation had been served by Rabbi Jerry Steinberg and the Rabbis of the Temples in the Pacific Northwest Region.

Membership grew rapidly with a full-time Rabbi - particularly because we could offer a full Religious School program. In 1969 Rabbi Harold Rubens succeeded Rabbi Sherwood as spiritual leader of Temple Sholom. Under his guidance the congregation acquired its cemetery and sanctuary. During this period from the congregation's founding to the acquisition of our building in 1975, services were held in the sanctuary of the Unitarian Church.

Rabbi Richard Messing came to Temple Sholom in 1977 from Mobile, Alabama. Our first Canadian-born Rabbi, he served the congregation actively in the community. Another Canadian succeeded him - Rabbi Philip Bregman, who arrived in Vancouver this summer.

Every Temple member has a personal version of the his-

tory of Reform Judaism in Vancouver. We speak with pride of our first Ark, with doors lovingly carved for us by Rabbi Raphael Levine of Seattle. Those doors, accidentally broken just before High Holy Days in 1978, are behind the doors of our new Ark.

Within the ark is the Czech Memorial Torah, a scroll from the synagogue in Sezlechny, Czechoslovakia. Temple Sholom is privileged to be allowed to hold this Torah in permanent trust to the memory of the Jews of that small town.

Our sanctuary was dedicated in March 1976 during a weekend of services and social events. Official dedication of our Ark was in 1978. Most recently we have celebrated the installation of Rabbi Philip Bregman at a Sunday afternoon service.

In our 16 years, Temple Sholom has been served well by active and dedicated lay leaders. Past presidents are Jack Beckow, Dr. Ken Berry, Arthur Guttman, David Huberman, Dr. Lorne Pearlman, David Poll, Mrs. Janice Pollack, and M. David Stein. Our administrator, Mrs. Lee Harrison, has been a member of Temple Sholom since its earliest days. The current president of Temple Sholom is Dr. Sidney Kirson. Sisterhood President is Mrs. Maureen Neuman; Brotherhood President is Al Holender, and Youth Group President is Richard Wolak.

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Here are a few items that may be of interest to you:

- The beautiful "Siwash Rock" bookmark that is in your Hospitality Kit was designed and silkscreened by Julie Auerbach, our Shofar Editor.
- The Oneg Shabbat on Friday evening was arranged for you by the Sisterhood.
- Your local Convention Committee: Julie Auerbach, Bonnie Gertsman, Arthur Guttman, David Huberman, Marge Lando, Jan Pollack, with Rabbi Bregman and Sid Kirson.

- Jan Pollack will be staying in the Hotel and can help you with any Vancouver information.

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Need directions to Temple Shalom????? Here they are:

- From the Bayshore Parking lot on to CARDERO; up to GEORGIA (first street). Turn LEFT onto GEORGIA (not Pender); along Georgia to BURRARD (7 blocks). Turn RIGHT (at Vancouver Hotel). Along Burrard and OVER BURRARD BRIDGE keeping in the RIGHT LANE. Take the RIGHT TURN-OFF at the south end of the bridge which puts you on CORNWALL (which turns into POINT GREY ROAD) and stay on it all the way to ALMA (almost as far as you can go). LEFT on ALMA to 10TH (3rd light), and RIGHT on 10TH, past the VARSITY THEATRE (4300 block). We are at 4426 W. 10TH. There is street parking only -- try Trimble, 11th or 9th if you can't find a spot on 10th. Good luck!

