

MAY 1979



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## SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday May 4th	8:14 p.m.	Shabbat Service - Yom Hatzmaut
Friday May 11th	8:15 p.m.	Second Friday - Guest: Dr. Philip Pinkus; Nider Baby Naming
Friday May 18th	8:15 p.m.	Bat Mitzvah: LORRAINE GOZRA
Friday May 25th	8:15 p.m.	Sisterhood Service
Friday June 1st	8:15 p.m.	Bar Mitzvah: DAVID UNICKOW Shavuot
Friday June 8th	8:15 p.m.	Shabbat Service

## TEMPLE HAPPENINGS

Tues. May 8th	Adult Education - Rabbi's home - 7:30 p.m.
Mon. May 14th	Adult Education - Rabbi's home - 7:30 p.m.
Tues. May 15th	NO Jewish Community High School Classes LAG B'OMER
Tues. May 15th	"Ivan Sayers Fashion Show" at Temple - 8:00
Tues. May 22nd	Adult Education - Rabbi's home - 7:30 p.m.
Wed. May 23rd	Bar/Bat Mitzvah Parents Meeting
Sun. May 27th	CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING - 8:00 p.m. at Temple
Tues. May 29th	Adult Education - Rabbi's home - 7:30 p.m.
Fri. June 1st	SHAVUOT
Wed. June 6th	LADIES GOLD PLATE DINNER - Four Seasons Hotel



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THANKS

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES.....

May 4 8:13 p.m.  
May 11 8:23 p.m.  
May 18 8:32 p.m.  
May 25 8:41 p.m.  
June 1 8:49 p.m.

A VERY SINCERE THANK YOU.....

to Elinor & Alan Charles,  
Bud & Faye Riback, Tzipi &  
Robert Mann, and Judi &  
David Korbin

for hosting Oneg Shabbats  
during the month of April.

SECOND FRIDAY.....

Dr. Philip Pinkus will speak  
on "If we are God's Chosen,  
why doesn't he pick on someone  
else?" -- or -- A View of  
Jewish suffering as seen from  
the Book of Job. This will  
take place immediately fol-  
lowing the regular Shabbat  
Service on Friday May 11th.



Dear fellow congregants -

Rowena, Jay, Jonathan and Jeffrey join me in expressing to all of you our warmest thanks and deep appreciation for the magnificent honour tendered us on Sunday evening, April 8th. Words alone cannot adequately express our deep appreciation for the outpouring of affection and appreciation. We were simply overwhelmed. The evening will, for our entire families, be long & warmly remembered and the magnificent painting presented to us, which now hangs proudly in our home, will serve as a continuing reminder of Temple Shalom and of all of you.

It has been, and continues to be, a distinct personal pleasure for Rowena & for me, to have you as our friends and to work with you in the building of a significant institution.

Todah rabah.

Affectionately,  
Rowena & David  
Huberman

CHOIR.....

Once again the choir is in need of female voices -- both soprano and alto. Only prerequisites are the ability to read music OR some choral experience. Don't be shy! Give Elizabeth Wolak a call today, and join our Temple Choir.

MAZEL TOV.....

- to Ben Leboe on his appointment as Deputy Minister of Tourism and Small Business (provincial government).



# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



Religious School classes are now in the final semester and will end SUNDAY, JUNE 3. We will wind up the 1978-79 term with a special Closing Assembly to be held at the Temple, commencing at 9.30 a.m. that day. Each grade will give a presentation on what their class did during the term just completed. All parents are asked to reserve this day on their calendar and should plan to attend our Closing Assembly.

MID-WEEK HEBREW classes continue every Wednesday with the last session to be held on WEDNESDAY, MAY 30.

Mickey Gerchak, mid-week Hebrew teacher, apologizes for any inconvenience caused to her pupils and their parents due to her inadvertently being absent from Hebrew class on Wednesday, April 4.

\* Temple Sholom Religious School held its Second Annual Purim Carnival March 11 with a fun-filled morning of activities. Costumes once again were original, creative and delightful and most of the teachers got into the act this year with their own 'designer' creations.

Thanks are extended to LITA LOTZKAR and her hamentashen bakers -- HANNAH BILD, NORMA EVENSON, BETSY MENKES, JULIE AUERBACH, LEONOR ETKIN, MRS. S. GREEN -- Also to Hannah, Betsy, Lita and SANDRA WELSH for their assistance in the kitchen that morning.

A very special thank to you to ALLEN HOENDER who was our guest Master of Ceremonies that morning. He did an outstanding job for us and it was greatly appreciated.

Thanks also to our new 'resident' photographer, ROBERT STEINER, who did a wonderful job in photographing the children in their costumes. Mr. Steiner also took pictures at our Tu B'Shvat Tree Planting Ceremony earlier this year, as well as at the Grade 5 Wedding held last term. A collage of these pictures will be on exhibit at our June 3 Assembly.

\* Our good-bye and thank you wishes go to BETH STEINHAUER, our Grade 1 teacher who returned to Toronto this month. MARYANN TIGERT will be teaching this class for the remainder of the term.

PLEASE NOTE - - - - MAY 30 -- LAST DAY OF MID-WEEK HEBREW

JUNE 3 -- CLOSING ASSEMBLY AT TEMPLE SHOLOM



EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING-CONGREGATION TEMPLE SHOLOM-APRIL 23, 1979

President David Huberman in the chair. Forty-five members in attendance.

Moved by Arthur Guttman, seconded by Howard Nemtin that:

To restructure the finances of Temple Sholom by, among other things:

- a) Re-mortgaging the Temple's building located at 4426 West 10th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C. for an amount of \$100,000 (such sum to comprise the existing mortgage debt plus the Temple's current accumulated deficit of approximately \$38,000), repayable over the next five years;
- b) Requiring each member to participate in a five year programme to pay off the Temple's accumulated deficit, as of this date;
- c) Requiring each member to pay (over so many years as is required) a minimum of \$1,500 to the Temple's Building Fund, with full credit being given towards such commitment for any monies paid to date in this regard by each member of the Congregation.

Question: 43 for; 2 against. Passed.

Moved by Arthur Guttman, seconded by Howard Shapero that:

To authorize by extraordinary (special) resolution the granting by Temple Sholom of a mortgage for \$100,000 to such lender as may be approved by the Board of Directors of the Temple and upon such terms and conditions as may be negotiated by the Executive Committee and recommended to the Board of Directors provided the mortgage include provision for prepayment at anytime without penalty; and as a goal it be for a term of five years; and that any monies received not be applied or used for operating purposes without a motion approved by the membership.

Question: 45 for. Passed unanimously.



John & Astrid Gozra  
extend their cordial invitation  
to all members of Temple Sholom  
to worship with them  
FRIDAY MAY 18TH  
on the occasion of the  
BAT MITZVAH  
of their daughter,  
Lorraine.

Service  
8:15 p.m.

Oneg Shabbat  
following

TEMPLE  
YOUTH  
GROUP

Temple Sholom TYG will be  
sending delegates to the 1979  
WESTY Spring Conclave, May  
4, 5, 6 at Camp Seabeck on the  
Hood Canal. The Conclave  
will deal with the subject of  
"Arabs & Jews: History, Con-  
flict and Cooperation".



## SHAVUOT

### Why read the Book of Ruth on Shavuot?

Ruth is one of the five "scrolls" or "megillot" read on special holidays during the Jewish year. Ruth is particularly appropriate for **Shavuot** for a number of reasons.

Let's review the story. After a series of painful family tragedies, Ruth journeys with her mother-in-law Naomi and her sister-in-law Orpah on the road back to Naomi's homeland in Judah. Realizing that Ruth and Orpah will have difficulty in adjusting to life in Judah, Naomi urges them to remain in Moab, their birthplace. Orpah turns back, but Ruth refuses, uttering some of the most beautiful words in all of Jewish literature: "Entreat me not to leave thee and to return from following after thee; for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people and thy God my God."

Later commentators note that this speech was not only an expression of loyalty and devotion but also a formal act of conversion to Judaism! Surprised? It's

true. Ruth was not Jewish. In the future, when we examine biblical stories, we will see how this book became one of the most powerful Jewish affirmations of the equality of converts within the Jewish community.

Ruth continues with Naomi, settles with her, and cares for her, going out to the fields each day to gather that part of the harvest left for the poor in accordance with Jewish law. The field is owned by a man named Bóaz, a distant relative of Naomi. He falls in love with Ruth and marries her. Their child, Obed, becomes the father of Jesse, the father of David. The loyal convert Ruth, then, is recorded as the great-grandmother of David, king of Israel.

Three reasons, therefore, are offered as explanations for reading Ruth on **Shavuot**. First, and most obviously, the story takes place during the summer harvest. Second, say the rabbis, the book reminds us of our responsibility to Judaism. If Ruth, a convert, could be so committed to Judaism in spite of many obstacles, we too can find a continual source of blessing in our tradition. Finally, say some scholars, we read the Book of Ruth because it reminds us of the great King David.

### When do we celebrate Shavuot?

**Shavuot** falls on the sixth and seventh days of the Hebrew month of Sivan, corresponding to May or June of the secular calendar. Orthodox and Conservative Jews celebrate two days of the holiday, while most Reform Jews observe one day.

### When did Shavuot, as we know it today, begin to emerge?

Sometime after the destruction of the Second Temple. The Mishnah refers to **Shavuot** as "Zeman **Matar Toratenu**," the "Time of the Giving of the Law." **By that** period in history, it was already customary on **Shavuot** to read, as we do today, the section of the Torah containing the Ten Commandments—as well as the biblical Book of Ruth.





# SISTERHOOD

TEMPLE SHOLOM SISTERHOOD  
invites all members  
of Temple Sholom  
to worship with them  
at the annual  
SISTERHOOD SERVICE  
Friday May 25th, 1979  
at 8:15 p.m.

\* \* \* \* \*

At 8:15 p.m. on Tuesday May 15th, Temple Sholom will turn the pages back for an exciting and informative look at fashions from the 1890's to the 1950's. Ivan Sayers, Curator of the Centennial Museum, will be bringing professional models to show you the fashions of the past. A collector of antique clothing as a hobby and a profession, Mr. Sayers presents a complete picture, discussing everything from undergarments to accessories, and delving into the why's and the wherefore's of the various articles of clothing within the framework of their era. This event, which was originally scheduled for last June, promises to be an enjoyable and enlightening evening for all.

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SEDER.....

90 people attended this year's congregational seder which was an unparalleled success. Thank you to Chairman, Sara Ciacchi and her Committee, including: Bonnie Gertsman, Klara Lacko, Mary Lou Lexier, Mary Cohene, Tsipi Mann, Pnina Granirer, Fraidie Martz, Laverne & Sandra Davidon, Leonard Alvarez, Judy Oberlander and Leonor Etkin, as well as Lindy's Restaurant for cutting the meat.

MORE THANK YOU'S.....

This time to the Temple Sholom Newcomers' Committee (including Gisela Schlect, Bella Bild and Tsipi Mann) who hosted and served refreshments on Sunday April 22nd at a special program for Russian immigrants held at the JCC.

*Sara A. Ciacchi*



## HISTORY PROJECT.....

Joan Berlow and Glenda Guttman are interested in gathering together all the scrapbooks, clippings, programs, pictures, and other such collectable items relating to Temple Sholom's history. If you have such treasures, they would be pleased to hear from you. Material can be picked up at your convenience. Call Glenda at 263-7156.



## J.C.C. SCULPTURE SHOW.....

On Thursday May 17th, an exhibition of Contemporary Sculpture will be held at the Jewish Community Centre between 7:30 p.m. and 10:00.

The unique show will consist of stone carvings by the members of J.C.C. sculpture class taught by Mrs. Ketty Magil. These works reflect the modern styles prevalent in contemporary sculpture.

As an additional feature, Mrs. Magil will demonstrate the methods and tools used in this art form.

Refreshments will be served.

## INCREASE YOUR JEWISH WORDPOWER...

One of the high-frequency words in the Jewish lexicon is CHESED, which means "kindness, goodness, grace, affection, love, benevolence" all rolled into one word. Perhaps the best translation is the old-fashioned but still luminous English word, "loving-kindness".

On the foundation of CHESED we build the concept of GEMILUT CHASADIM, "acts or deeds of lovingkindness". These are personal acts of goodness performed unselfishly, wholly out of kindness. In practising GEMILUT CHASADIM, we have no expectation of either gratitude or repayment. Among the acts regarded as GEMILUT CHASADIM are visiting the sick, comforting mourners, burying the dead (who certainly cannot repay us!), and generally helping others.

The Mishnah includes "acts of lovingkindness" among those things for which "no limit is prescribed". In giving financial help, for instance, our generosity need not exceed a fifth of our possessions. But practising lovingkindness knows no limits. Further, anyone can perform GEMILUT CHASADIM -- the young, the old, the rich, the poor, the humble and the

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**GREAT PERSONALITIES  
IN JEWISH HISTORY**

**Shalom Aleichem** ("peace be unto you") was used as the pen name for one of the most popular Jewish writers of all time — **Shalom Rabinovitz**. Born in 1859 in the Ukraine, his tales and sketches in Yiddish depicted with humor and pathos the contemporary life of the Jews in the Pale of Settlement.

Rabinovitz took his pseudonym to disguise his identity from his father — a prominent figure in the Enlightenment who loved Hebrew but despised Yiddish. Through his life he experienced sharp reversals of fortune. He made two trips to the United States hoping for better luck, and it was here that he died in 1916.

Shalom Aleichem had great admiration for Charles Dickens, and like the Englishman, he created a galaxy of remarkable characters whose adventures appeared in instalments over a number of years. The stories of Tevye the Dairyman span a period of twenty years; the ups and downs of Menachem Mendel, the ever-hopeful small speculator who never gets rich, with his caustic and common-sense wife, Sheine Shendel, were spread over a similar period. It is realized that under the guise of comedy, Shalom Aleichem accurately reflected the hardship and the tragedy of Russian-Jewish existence, together with the unbroken spirit and sheer talent for survival of his people.

Exchange



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mighty. Only some of us have the means to be great philanthropists, but all of us have within ourselves the capacity to perform GEMILUT CHASADIM without measure.

Watch this column next month to increase your Jewish word-power.



#### SHARE A SMILE . . .

A pious Jew who reached the age of 105 suddenly stopped going to synagogue. Alarmed by the aged man's absence after so many years of faithful attendance, the rabbi visited his venerable congregant. Finding that his friend Mendel was still in good health, he asked:

"How come after all these years we don't see you in shul?" "I'll tell you rabbi," the centenarian said, "when I reached 105 I figured that God must have forgotten about me - and I don't want to remind Him."

#### FOR THE BOOK WORM.....

In conjunction with Yom Hatzmeut, Israeli Independence Day, May 2, a short list is offered to increase your awareness of Israel:

- z 950.13 Israeli Defence Forces: The Six Day War by General Bar-On.
- z 950.1 A History of Israel by Howard Suchar -- see book review, clipping files.
- z 950.11 The Arab-Israeli War 1948 by Edgar O. Ballance
- z 950.12 Diary of the Sinai Campaign by Moshe Dayan
- z 953 The Israelis by Harry Golden
- z 957 Art in Israel by Ran Shechori
- z 641.5 At the Table of Israel by Sandy Lesberg

On May 28, we will be pleased to welcome the B.C. Association of Congregational Libraries to hold their monthly meeting here and view our library. David and I will be attending the upcoming Church and Synagogue Association Convention at UBC, June 8-9, and hope to bring back some new ideas to add to our service to you.

On May 29, the Library will be sponsoring a Travel log of David Jacobs most interesting trip around the world with slides and commentary at the home of Hal & Leonor Etkin at 8:00 p.m. Please phone Leonor or myself to reserve a seat.

To prepare for the coming of Shavuoth June 1, The Jewish Festivals by Hayim Schauss and The Shavuoth Anthology by Philip Goodman offer enlightening information.

WANTED: Book ends -- any size -- any description -- !!!

Our thanks to Susan Aizenman, Pearl Ingre, Cora Goldschlager, Dr. & Mrs. Peter Oberlander, and Dr. & Mrs. E. Wolak for their contributions.

Maryann Tigert



Mel & Audrey Unickow  
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CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 27, 1979 - 8:00 p.m.

The Annual Meeting of Temple Sholom will be held on Sunday, May 27th, 8:00 p.m. at the Temple. The election of the 1979 - 1980 Board of Directors will take place at this meeting; Rabbis' report, Presidents' report, etc. Mark this date on your calander and make effort to attend.



CAMPAIGN FOR REFORM JUDAISM IN  
ISRAEL: \$5.00 PER FAMILY.....

Despite major gains made by the Reform Movement within the World Zionist Organization, our institutions in Israel continue to receive little or no funding from the Israeli Government. Even though we are confident that this problem will be over-

come in time, we must continue to be aware that until that happy day, we, in North America, remain the only reliable source of support for our friends in Israel.

Since 1967, more than \$1 million have been raised through the \$5 per Family Campaign. These funds have been essential in developing:

Congregations. There are now thirteen Reform (Progressive) congregations in cities and towns throughout Israel. These serve large cities (Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa), suburban areas (Ramat Gan, Ramat ha-Sharon, Ramat Aviv, Kiryat Ono) and smaller towns (Netanya, Nahariya, Rishon le-Tzion, Upper Nazaret, Beer Sheva).

Youth Movement. Consistent with the pattern of Israeli life, we have established a National Youth Movement for Israelis between the ages of 13 and 23.

Kibbutz Yahel. Israeli government and Jewish Agency funds provide the housing, agricultural and industrial installations which make Yahel a Kibbutz. We must supply the human and material resources to make Yahel a Reform Jewish kibbutz.

The Leo Baeck School, Haifa. Now serving more than 1000 high school and junior high students, the school continues to be a major factor in building a Reform Jewish future in Israel.

Israeli Rabbinical Program. A qualified Israeli-born and Israeli-trained rabbinate is essential for the future.

Rights, Recognition and Financial Support: Where We Stand. There has been some progress. Kibbutz Yahel and the Leo Baeck School do receive government and Jewish Agency funds, but only for items of a "general" nature. Programs specifically oriented toward Reform Judaism receive no funds. Our congregations, similarly, rely entirely on the support of their members, and Reform Jews throughout the world.

Ultimate victory in this continuing struggle depends, in large measure, on building a strong Israel Movement. At present, financial responsibility remains with those of us in North America who are sensitive to the situation.

Please help by sending your donation of (minimum) \$5.00 \* per family to the Campaign for Reform Judaism in Israel to the Temple office.

Our chaverim and chaverot in Israel thank you in advance for your help.

\* Cheques may be made out to Temple Sholom OR "Israel Reform Judaism".



# THOUGHTFUL PEOPLE WHO REMEMBERED THE TEMPLE ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

## HIGH HOLY DAY PRAYERBOOK FUND

- In memory of Mark Schnitzer - Evalyn Kantor, David & Rowena Huberman  
 A speedy recovery to Ken Golden - Max & Adele Chechik  
 In honour of David & Rowena Huberman - Ben & Toby Moyls  
 In honour of David & Rowena Huberman - Jack & Edith Barnett, Jeffrey  
 & Hilda  
 In honour of Iris & Les Andrews on their 25th Anniversary - Nissan &  
 Audrey Goldman  
 In honour of his wife, Karin - Rene Van Haren  
 In memory of Mae Prosterman - David & Rowena Huberman  
 In honour of Rabbi R. Levine - Max & Adele Chechik  
 In honour of David & Rowena Huberman - Howard & Coleen Nemtin  
 In honour of the Yahrtzeit of my Husband, Max Springman - Rose  
 Springman  
 In honour of the Yahrtzeit of my Father, Max Springman - Mel &  
 Audrey Unickow & Family  
 In honour of Mike & Pat Bruser on the birth of their first Grandchild  
 - Arnold & Gail Bobroff  
 A speedy recovery to Allan Mandleman - Arnold & Gail Bobroff  
 In honour of Mr. & Mrs. David Cohen on their 50th Anniversary - Evalyn  
 Kantor  
 In memory of Colman Cristall - Evalyn Kantor  
 In honour of Mr. & Mrs. I. Morris on their 25th Anniversary - Evalyn  
 Kantor  
 To David Huberman - In appreciation - "Harlene Riback Dedication  
 Service" - Bud & Faye Riback, Barry & Howard  
 To Rabbi Richard Messing - In appreciation - "Harlene Riback Dedication  
 Service" - Bud & Faye Riback, Barry & Howard  
 To Rabbi Raphael Levine - In appreciation - "Harlene Riback Dedication  
 Service" - Bud & Faye Riback, Barry & Howard  
 To Marilynn Greene - In appreciation - "Harlene Riback Dedication  
 Service" - Bud & Faye Riback, Barry & Howard  
 To Natalie Kohn - In appreciation - "Harlene Riback Dedication Service  
 - Bud & Faye Riback, Barry & Howard

## SANCTUARY FUND

- In honour of David & Rowena Huberman - Max & Adele Chechik

## PRAYERBOOK FUND

- In honour of Mr. & Mrs. Hy Sabblut on their "Birthdays" - Ruby & Toby  
 Rothstein  
 In honour of the Yahrtzeit of Harry Gedeger - Bud & Faye Riback

## HARLENE RIBACK SCHOLARSHIP FUND

- In honour of David & Rowena Huberman in recognition of their devoted  
 service to Temple Sholom - Bill & Noemi Gruenthal

## RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

- Mrs. Frances Posner

## LIBRARY FUND

- Peter & Cornelia Oberlander  
 Susan Aizenman

- In honour of the memory of our Grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Wolak  
 - Richard & Arthur Wolak



# YAHRTZEITS

## MAY 4

Dr. Frederick Oberlander

## MAY 11

Max Menkes  
Lilo Philipp

## MAY 18

David Brown  
George Edward Robbins

## MAY 25

Zalman Bild  
Harry Gedeger  
Julius Kirson  
David Shugarman  
Erwin Weistubb

## JUNE 1

Edith Shugarman  
Isadore Stein  
Leo Vines

## JUNE 8

Rebecca Ziskrout

## JUNE 15

Esther Becker  
Ruvim Pomuss  
Esther Scholnick