

# Last Temple Bulletin

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Uniontown, Pennsylvania

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## SCHEDULE OF SABBATH SERVICES:

Friday, May 5, 1995... (NO SERVICE).....8:00 P.M.  
Friday, May 12, 1995..... 8:00 P.M.  
Friday, May 19, 1995.....8:00 P.M.  
(Friday, May 26, 1995.....8:00 P.M.)  
(ONEG SHABAT --Please join us)

## RABBI'S MESSAGE:

On June 10, 1904, a meeting was organized for the purpose of organizing a congregation which was called "Hebrew Congregation of Uniontown". The following officers were elected: Max Baum, President, G. M. Silverman, Vice President, Lee Stern, Secretary and Treasurer. At a subsequent meeting it was reported that the total dues from members of the Congregation totaled \$1235.00. Dr. Isadore Reichart was elected Rabbi of the newly formed Congregation at an annual salary of \$1200.00 per year. At a meeting held on June 21, 1904, the name of the Congregation was changed to "Temple Israel Congregation of Uniontown". On October 19, 1904, a Ladies Auxiliary Society was formed. The officers elected were: Mrs. Julia Fell, President, Miss Bertha Stern, Treasurer, and Mrs. Baum, Secretary. It was decided that there would be an initiation fee of 25¢, and thereafter weekly dues of 5¢.

Plans were made to erect a House of Worship. Andrew Cooper of Uniontown was the architect for the new building. On August 30, 1907, the Service of Dedication was conducted by Rabbi Reichart. Rev. J. D. Gold of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Judge E. H. Reppert of Uniontown, and Rabbi Joseph Krauskoff of Philadelphia were guest speakers.

In a letter addressed to Rabbi Brodey, Dora Davis (Mrs. Benjamin) recalled that a Reform Congregation was organized in Uniontown in 1882. Services were held in private homes and Sunday School classes were held on Church Street.

This month we will formally close our services at our Temple building on Fayette Street. Nineteen years ago I moved to Uniontown to succeed Rabbi Cohen as Rabbi of Temple Israel. Helaine and I have certainly enjoyed our association with Temple Israel. Our children Lisa and Braham celebrated their Bat and Bar Mitzvahs and confirmations at Temple Israel. They both graduated from Uniontown High School.

We now move to a new chapter in the history of our Jewish Community. Helaine joins me in wishing all at Temple Israel a joyful and healthy summer.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

As this is being written, the future of our Temple is quite uncertain; the building has been advertised for sale, a merger with the Tree of Life Synagogue is a possibility, or the close of the Temple is a given.

It is hard not to become reminiscent at this time. A relatively short time ago we were an active, viable congregation. We really needed a seating chart for the High Holidays; we had 80 children in Sunday School, model seders with multitudes of chicken legs being baked-- The "joint was jumping"!! Succoth meant children and their parents decorating the succa with leaves and fruits and vegetables of the fall season. Many who read this will "remember"-- You were the student or parent. Many families were personally involved -- the naming of a baby, bat/bar mitzvahs, confirmations, weddings.

Time moves on relentlessly. We've had our high points and low times; and as everything must, we come to an end. I truly wish all of you -us -many healthy , happy years ahead.

And so, as I have said previously, June 30, 1995 will be my last day as president of Temple Israel. "It's been quite a ride"

SHALOM

J. Leonard Pariser. President

THOUGHTS ON TEMPLE ISRAEL:

We are not "Down and Out" yet! There is much unfinished business that needs the attention and support of all our members and contributors.

When and if we "close our doors", what do we do with our many valuable treasures? Where should their final resting place be? The list includes our Torahs, the many religious artifacts, the several memorial plaques that honor and remember our loved ones who have passed on during the almost one hundred years of Temple Life; the many books and volumes, some of them valuable prayer books, others containing Jewish literature and history, as well as many books for children, including text books. And then there is the Temple building itself and much of its contents.

Next for consideration is our monies. It is true, that one of the two factors that has brought Temple Israel to this crucial point has been our lack of funds needed to operate a viable Temple. (The other being our loss of members). However there will be funds eventually from the sale of our Temple building in addition to the aforementioned valuable treasures and assets. How should the membership decide on the final disposition of these f

Our Rabbi -- How can the congregation best recognize Rabbi Sion David for his contribution and service to Temple Israel over the past nineteen years?

Still another area for serious consideration is a New Uniontown Jewish Congregation that would include all the remaining Jews in our community, worshipping as one congregation. Our present Temple involvement centers around an active merger committee headed by Scott Pollock, assisted by Leonard Freeman, Dr. David Goodman, Leonard Pariser, and Art Snyder. Much progress has been made in these efforts to date. Certainly, there is the "unfinished business" of working toward this goal for the sake of our membership and the Jewish community as a whole.

Our special thanks to all those former members who no longer reside in our community, their children and grandchildren, plus our many friends who have supported our Temple over the past decades with their contributions. We trust we have their understanding and confidence in our efforts to resolve our problems, and our attempt to keep Liberal Judaism alive in our area.

No doubt you will be hearing from our officers and board concerning these on-going matters over the next several weeks. When their term of office has been completed, an interim committee will be appointed to assess the membership and benefactors on the progress of the above matters. We hope you will attend any further meetings that will be necessary . ----Art Snyder

SISTERHOOD NEWS:

A meeting of the Sisterhood was held on Tuesday, April 4, 1995, at the Pasta Place, with Eunice Freeman presiding. At this time the slate of officers was presented and accepted by the members present:

RECORDING SECRETARY.....Joan Goodman  
FINANCIAL SECRETARY.....Myra Piwowar  
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.....Marge Abels  
TREASURER.....Alma Silverman

BOARD: Betty Pariser, Trudi Pariser, and Helen Snyder--2 years.  
Helaine David and Eunice Freeman-----1 year.

WINE: Contact Joan Goodman

UNIONGRAMS: Contact Marge Abels

REMEMBRANCE FUND: Call Betty Pariser. (Please note: Any checks for the Remembrance Fund should be made out to "Sisterhood of Temple Israel" and forwarded to Betty Pariser, 96 Montview Street)

DUES: Send your check (\$25.00), made out to "Sisterhood of Temple Israel", and forward to Alma Silverman, 85 Byrer Ave.

The Sisterhood is planning an Oneg Shabat after our May 26th Sabbath Service. Please plan to join us.

CONTRIBUTIONS:

ESTELLE T. ROSENBAUM REMEMBRANCE FUND:

To Mrs. Edward Krupa and family , in memory of John Lyons:  
Mr. Sol J. Michael .

To Judge and Mrs. Gerald Solomon, best wishes for son's recovery:  
Mr. and Mrs. Morton Rosenshine.

To Rabbi and Mrs. Sion David, best wishes on Lisa's engagement:  
Mr. and Mrs. Morton Rosenshine, Mr. and Mrs. Art Snyder.

To Miss Lisa David, bestwishes on engagement:Mr. and Mrs. Art Snyder.

To Mr. Myron Kirshner, best wishes on 75th birthday:Mr. and Mrs. Morton Rosenshine,

To Mrs. Charles Hagan and family, in memory of husband and father:  
Mr. and Mrs. Art Snyder.

To Mrs. Lorraine George, get-well wishes:Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Pariser,  
Dr. and Mrs. David Goodman.

To Rabbi Susan Marks and Mr. Bruce Black, best wishes on birth of daughter: Temple Israel, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Pariser,

To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sidehammer, in memory of brother Albert:  
Dr. and Mrs. David Goodman.

To Mrs. Bernice Mazin, get-well wishes: Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Freeman,  
Mr. and Mrs. Art Snyder.

To Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Abels, congratulations on birth of granddaughter to daughter Nancy and husband Ed Caccia: Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Pariser, Mrs. Trudi Pariser, Mr. and Mrs. Art Snyder, Temple Israel

To Mr. and Mrs. Edward Caccia, best wishes on birth of daughter, Molly Elizabeth: Temple Israel, Mrss. Trudi Pariser.

To Mrs. Milton Gottesman, in memory of husband: Mrs. Trudi Pariser,  
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Freeman.

TEMPLE FAMILY:

Best wishes from all to Marge and Gerry Abels on the arrival of granddaughter #4, Molly Elizabeth Caccia, daughter of Nancy and Edward Caccia, born in March.

A daughter, Madeline Hannah Black, was born to Rabbi Susan Marks and her husband Bruce Black. Rabbi Marks is the assistant regional director, Pennsylvania Council, UAHC. Our best wishes ...

NEW BEGINNINGS--- Perhaps these new arrivals in the spring of the year are a good omen for all of us.

To you and your loved ones we wish the best -- good health, long life, and happiness. SHALOM.

ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS:

ESTELLE T. ROSENBAUM REMEMBRANCE FUND:

To Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Abels, congratulations on the birth of granddaughter: Dr. and Mrs. David Goodman.

To Mrs. Debbie Banchefsky, get-well wishes: Dr. and Mrs. David Goodman

To Mrs. Francesca Balling, get-well wishes: Dr. and Mrs. David Goodman.

To Ceecee and Robert Boas, congratulations on birth of daughter, Emily Margaret: Aunt Trudi Pariser

To Mrs. Anabel Boas, congratulations on birth of granddaughter, Emily Margaret: Trudi Pariser

To Pat and Don Santa-Emma, congratulations on the birth of your granddaughter, Emily Margaret: Mrs. Trudi Pariser.

To Mrs. Arthur Diskin, in memory of beloved son: Dr. and Mrs. David Goodman.

To Mrs. Ann Scrodik, in memory of beloved brother: Dr. and Mrs. David Goodman.

Yahrzeits:

TEMPLE FAMILY:

Friday, May 5, 1995.....Bertha Cohen  
 Joseph Datko  
 Bertha Friedberg  
 Mrs. Max Rosenberg  
 Sarah Roberts  
 Eric Strassman  
 Ruth Weinberg  
 Dr. Theodore T. Levy

Friday, May 12, 1995.....Dorothy Auslander  
 Morris M. Barry  
 Mrs. Sol J. Rosenbaum  
 Flora Michael

Friday, May 19, 1995.....Hannah Michael  
 Samuel A. Weiner  
 Joseph Stern  
 Dorothe Fisher  
 Bertha Fisher  
 Alfred Arefield

Friday, May 26, 1995.....Henry J. Cooper  
 Rose Ficks  
 Leila Axelrad  
 Gates B. Stern  
 Sarah Meyer  
 Lt. Donald Rosenthal  
 Yetta Miller

Friday, June 2, 1995.....Hattie Nussbaum  
 Mrs. Rose Faigen  
 Anna Kotler  
 Lillian Lusthaus  
 Daniel Frank Pariser  
 Bertha Baum

Friday, June 9, 1995.....Albert J. Tumpson  
 Maurice Cohen  
 Jack Jacobson  
 Leon Kingley  
 Martha Belfer  
 Alexis Ficks Welsh  
 Leona Wechsler

Friday, June 16, 1995.....Louis Cowan                   Dorothy Hawks  
 Bertha Stern               Alex Rosenberg  
 Henry Epstein  
 Aaron David  
 Fannie Lambert

Friday, June 23, 1995.....Esther Goodstein  
 Jerome Axelrad

Friday, June 30, 1995.....L. Irving Silverman  
 Abe Klein  
 Rabbi Arthur Brodey  
 Donald Levin  
 Louis Kamons  
 Gertrude W. Klein  
 Louis Hirsch  
 Max Rosenberg  
 Samuel Fell  
 David Cohen