

TREE OF LIFE CONGREGATION & CENTER

Pres.: Mr. J. Broida      Rabbi: Melvin Sachs  
Adar 1-3, 5725                      Feb. 5, 1965



Sat. Ser. 9 A.M.

Sun. Ser. 8:45 A.M.

### BROTHERHOOD NITE OF MUSIC

Sponsored by the Synagogue Teenage Group

Featuring: Aileen Goodman of KDKA fame  
Hebrew, Yiddish and English songs

Wed. Nite Feb. 24 7:30 P.M.  
\$1.50 donation adults \$1.00 students

Proceeds for Givat Washington School  
in Israel.

Note: The school trains Religious  
Teachers. Dr. & Mrs. H. Schleider  
have labored untiringly on its be-  
half in our community.

### RABBI STUDY GROUP

Thurs. Nite 8:30 - 9:30 A.M.

Feb. 4 Herman Wolk's "This is my G-d"  
Feb. 11 Ethics of Fathers  
Feb. 18 The Prophets  
Feb. 25 The Prayer Book

### PAST PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON

The Sisterhood is proud to announce a  
dairy luncheon honoring our past pres-  
idents

Mrs. Simon Goldberg Mrs. H. Schleider  
Mrs. Abe Salkin Mrs. David Cohen  
Mrs. Julius Broida Mrs. Leo Cohen  
Mrs. Leo Levine

Sunday, Feb. 28th, 12:30, Kays Smorgasod  
Special Days-Shared with Special people-  
make for very special memories.

Please phone your reservations in early

Mrs. Isadore Adelson 649-7652  
Mrs. Louis Salkin 649-3502

### ANNOUNCING A B.B.B.B.B.

(A Big B'nai Brith Businessmen's Brunch)

Sunday (After minyon) 10A.M. (Jewish time)  
Feb. 14 (don't bring your Valentine)

A delicious meal cooked up by our top-  
notched chefs--Stan Regal & Irv Schwartzman  
(No refunds guaranteed)

A surprise program cooked up by our top-  
notch chief - Mort Teig  
(No walking out allowed. He might resign  
and help a younger man take over)

A brief Torah message by Rabbi Sachs (no  
plugging for Pennzoil or the Chaplaincy.  
It might be humorous as he is taking  
lessons from Rabbi Samburg).

Note: Since you might not be satisfied  
with it all we have arranged our trip  
to Polk that afternoon. If you want to  
have the above named committed just see  
Joe Schultz with 10 signatures.

For B'nai Brith publicity see Sam Levine  
as he has a finger in every B'nai Brith  
pie. His only serious competition for  
B'nai Brith Worker title is Herman Mag-  
dovitz, the only outstanding B'nai Brith  
hold out left in Oil City. So reports  
Maralyn Regal, the never forgetting (or  
is it ever forgetting) unofficial  
secretary of the group (due to the  
official secretary's vested handball  
interests).

BOOK REVIEW - HERZOG - by Saul Bellows

Most Rabbis are trained in moving as many adults as fast as possible to studying the Bible, Talmud or other Classic Jewish texts. Intellectually we prefer books which answer the questions: What does it mean to be Jew and how do we pray? But many of our congregants will remain untouched unless we give our book reviews on Jewish novels. Our people may read but not old books. They want ideas in story form and concepts embedded in characters. So the novel becomes our meeting ground for religion and culture for the Jew of our day who is waiting to be entertained.

Some of our novels center on man's search for meaning with its occasional Jewish overtones. The Rabbi in his capacity of book reviewer can contribute to the discussion though often in dissent or extension. This brings us to "Herzog" where we meet Moses the Jew who is an active being as well as intellectual. There may be more little people in the world than thinkers but the problems modern man faces are the result of his destructive rationalizations and his social manipulations. Bellows understands the system by which modern man becomes enmeshed in the current conflict of values. He has created a novelistic device through a series of letters, which not only makes Herzog's (Modern Man) pathology vivid but shows

us the inadequacy of philosophy to meet our reality.

Herzog can not settle for middle class substitutes for true living. He is not his brother. He is Moses. But the search for an existence true to his potential almost destroys him. The book is his "Pilgrim's Progress" from disintegration to at least a fresh start in life. This is an accomplishment by refusing the sanctuary of illusion.

We note Herzog's critical decisions apt references where Jewish values assert themselves. Bellows brings Herzog through the movement of the book to the realization that G-d is the essential factor in determining our identity. This does not mean that Moses takes on the yoke of Judaism. In the book there is a crack about the same old suffocating Shuls and Churches. Moses has ascended his mountain (The Berkshires) and found G-d in the burning unconsuming days of late summer that left him temporarily satisfied but silent. Will he discover the need for more-could be the plot to a sequel to Herzog.

MAZEL TOV

To Mr. Joseph Schultz upon his receiving an award of recognition at a Bonds for Israel Pitts. dinner Sun. Jan. 31st.  
To Mr. & Mrs. Herman Stahl upon their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary.

### ASK THE RABBI

QUESTION 1 - Why is it necessary to wear a yarmulka when eating a meal or studying Torah in other rooms of the synagogue besides the sanctuary. For if this is a requirement why should attendance at meetings and social gatherings also obligate head covering.

ANSWER: All prayers at home or at a Jewish public gathering, whether in Hebrew or in English should be recited with a head covering. For eating and Torah study is but another form of religious activity in the same category as prayer. It is not the room that is sacred, it is the form of activity be it in a synagogue, home or public hall. Only in the sanctuary where there is a special respect of a skull cap even though for the moment no prayers are recited. The skull cap symbolically shows that we submit ourselves to a higher discipline. While it might be desirable to look upon the entire synagogue as sharing in the sanctity of a sanctuary nevertheless as the minimum of requirement of Conservative & Orthodox Congregations, the proper respect should be accorded the religious meal accompanied by blessings and Torah study.

QUESTION 2 - Is it necessary to recite Kaddish at the morning as well as evening minyon on the occasion of a Yahrtzeit.

ANSWER: Since many people find it difficult to attend the morning minyon they

have often found it necessary to satisfy requirements of paying respect to the memory of their dear ones with an evening Kaddish. Tradition however teaches us that it is not Kaddish that is really important but our being in Shul and our emulating the way of life that was dear to them. For the greatest blessings for a parent is to have a child follow in his footsteps.

The morning minyon is not only the recital of Kaddish but is the performance of ritual, the tallis and the tefillin. Kaddish is not a prayer for the dead. It is a sanctification of G-d's name through prayer and actions. While Maariv itself may accomplish something in the way of paying respects nevertheless it could never compensate for the lack of the features of the morning services.

### HADASSAH

We hope to see all of you at a DESERT MEETING

Wed. Feb. 17th 1:00 P.M.  
Mrs. Stan Regal, Program Chairman promises you an enjoyable afternoon.

### BON VOYAGE

To Lester Baltrotsky & Joe Schultz who are going to Las Vegas.  
To Mrs. Tom Wein, Mrs. Abe Levine and Mr. & Mrs. J. Stahl who are going to Miami  
To Mr. & Mrs. C. Wein who are going to Israel

### ANNUAL POLK PROGRAM

Sunday, Feb. 14-will leave Shul at 1:30 PM  
Teenagers will feature talent program  
We need your support, cars and magazines

### YAHRTZEITS

Julie Slesnick	14 Adar 1	Feb. 16
Nathan Schleider	14 Adar 1	Feb. 16
Morris Yudin	22 Adar 1	Feb. 24
Ida Lifshitz	22 Adar 1	Feb. 24
Esther Salkin	28 Adar 1	Mar. 2nd

Note: Yahrtzeit begins the evening before. A light is lite by the name on the memorial board.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Herman Magdovitz	Feb. 11
Mrs. David Cohen	Feb. 11
Neal Rosen	Feb. 12
Marjorie Friedman	Feb. 20
Rosalyn Wein	Feb. 20
Albert Schleider	Mar. 4

### IN SYMPATHY

Our extention of sympathy to Mrs. Herman Magdovitz upon the loss of her dearly beloved brother Meyer Marcus of Harrisburg, Penn..

### SABBATH CANDLE LIGHTING TIME

Feb. 5	5:26P.M.	Feb. 19	5:42P.M.
Feb. 12	5:34P.M.	Feb. 26	5:50P.M.

Next bulletin will be the Purim issue to be edited Mar. 5th. Please send us all organizational and personal news at that time. During the month we will send out a questionnaire for information so that we can include it in our monthly bulletins.