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JOINT BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST

SHAAREY TPHILOH SYNAGOGUE

&

TEMPLE BETH EL

at

JEWISH HOME FOR AGED
158 NORTH STREET

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9:30 A.M.

BROTHERHOOD MONTH
OUR BICENTENNIAL YEAR



"THAT THIS NATION
UNDER GOD SHALL
HAVE A NEW BIRTH
OF FREEDOM"

FROM RABBI STEVEN M. DWORKEN:

February, 1976

Recently, I read an article describing college students' reactions to, and thoughts about Judaism. In the article a young lady was quoted as saying "our parents live an assimilated rather than a Jewish life, while expecting us to acquire a substantive Jewish education by merely sending us to Hebrew School. They want their children somehow to acquire an understanding and love for Judaism by themselves and to live a Jewish life without a contribution on their part."

This perceptive young lady has put her finger on the sore spot of American Judaism. Too many parents delegate their responsibility of inculcating Judaism in their children to others where really it should be they who are providing their children an example--a personal living example of how Judaism should be observed.

The Torah tells us "you shall speak of them (the Commandments) when you are sitting at home; when you go out; when you lie down; and when you rise up". The Torah is stressing by repeating the word "you" that parents must be personally involved in shaping the religious life of their children. Just as a child learns to walk at home, so must he learn his Judaism at home.

American Judaism will be strengthened only if families--entire units---receive education, live, and practice Judaism. RE JEW VINATE IT'S NOT TOO LATE.

P. S. In the vein of this article, those of you in shul on Shabbos, January 24, were privileged to hear a young man, pre-Bar Mitzvah, beautifully chant the Haftorah. Why was he motivated? You guessed it. His parents have not only seen to his school education, but his home education, acting as living examples--as practicing Jews.

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BROTHERHOOD NEWS:

On Sunday, January 11, 1976, Maxwell Wiesenthal became Shaarey Tphiloh Synagogue Man of the Year. The breakfast was well attended by members of the congregation, friends and colleagues. Mickey, as he is called, has been a member of the board of directors for many years. He is a Vice President, Chairman of the Religious Committee, Editor of this paper, and one of the dedicated workers for the Brotherhood Bingo. Mickey has also been called upon for advice not only from our President Levitan but also many of our past presidents. The breakfast as always was excellently prepared by the Brotherhood Kitchen crew. Congratulations Mickey and Edith.

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MARK THIS DATE: On Sunday, February 8, a joint breakfast of our Brotherhood and the Temple Beth El Brotherhood will be held. This month, brotherhood is taking their breakfast out of the shul and are having it at the Jewish Home for Aged on North Street. Mr. Jules Krems will be guest speaker. The time will be at 9:30 A.M. so that those who wish to attend morning services at the synagogue will have ample time to travel. Let us have a good attendance.

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SISTERHOOD NEWS

If you have any items of interest to our members, please contact Ruth Rosengard so she can use it for our next bulletin which will be before Purim.

At this time of the year, with snow, sleet and rain, with winter still with us but with spring in our hearts, Shaarey Tphiloh Sisterhood is going full speed ahead. The nominating committee have met; Mother and Daughter Dinner Committee are meeting this week; all other committees making plans for the future and all pregressing very well.

Looking back for a moment, it would be remiss on our part if we did not sing a song of praise to ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE PACKAGE PARTY AND TOMBOLA EVENT. This is our major project and much work goes into it from the planning stages to the day of the affair. We want to give credit and a big thank you to all workers and chairmen who participated to make it such a success.

We just have to mention the beautiful Bicentennial decorated Paid-up Membership Dinner Party which was a patriotic blaze of glory as well as a very delightful evening beginning with the delicious menu and then the wonderful evening of entertainment. The cooks, the planners, the decorations committee and all who worked on the various committees deserve a vote of thanks from the Sisterhood, we salute you who helped to make it such a pleasant memory.

Let the year 1976 be an even better year with Good health to each and everyone of you; and to our leaders, Rabbi Steven Dworken & Mrs. Dworken and family; and to Cantor and Mrs. Samuel Zimelman and their family.

FROM THE DESK OF . . .

Dr. Steven M. Dworken, Rabbi

CONGREGATION SHAAREY TPHILOH

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August 26, 1976

It is with a sad heart but with a joyous spirit that I share with you my plans to accept the position of Rabbi of Anshe Chesed Synagogue-Center in Linden, New Jersey.

This change comes as a surprise to me also, for I did not learn of the position until mid-July and did not interview for it until July 31. In order not to hurt you, my synagogue family, and give you the proper time to find a replacement, I have postponed my departure until December 31, 1976.

After five years with Shaarey Tphiloh, with many relationships and many friendships, I have received an opportunity which I cannot refuse. The synagogue is located in an area which has a day school with almost 700 children, and the facilities of the shul include a modern physical plant, swimming pool, and a gym. We shall also be located $\frac{1}{2}$ hour from New York City, the home of family and many friends.

It will not be easy to leave Shaarey Tphiloh, but I hope that the congregation will view my departure as a young Rabbi's responding to a significant challenge. As coincidence has it, there too, I shall be succeeding a rabbi who had served for 23 years, but in this case has moved to Israel. I feel honored that of 16 candidates, it was I who was selected.

I leave Portland with feelings of great love and gratitude for the many cherished moments and growth opportunities which we shared. I hope I go with all of your blessings.

Sincerely,



Dr. Steven M. Dworken
Rabbi

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FROM THE RABBI:

The world in which we live puts a premium on inventions and the discovery of new techniques and gadgets. However, the piling up of labor and time-saving devices has not measurably increased human happiness.

Perhaps instead of trying new methods and ideas, it might be wise to bring out some of the old, time-tested ones to find in them the clue to inner tranquility.

It cannot be denied that life today is characterized for most people by strains and tensions. For relief from tension, I want to suggest something unbelievably simple--RETURN TO THE OBSERVANCE OF SHABBOS IN THE TRADITIONAL WAY. As arguments I want to leave out strictly religious reasons, nor do I want to touch on the preserving influence of the Sabbath on the Jewish people. Let us discuss only the therapeutic value of Shabbos.

Intensify technique
Shabbos gives the housewife (forgive me Women's Lib) a complete day of relaxation from daily tasks--no shopping, no cooking, no cleaning, etc. The meals mean more than the consumption of food. Members of the family come to know one another. Problems and interests are shared. No hastily devoured T.V. dinner (Kosher) but leisurely, enjoyable, mutually fulfilling experiences.

The services in Shul provide an opportunity not only for public worship, but also for the Jew to meet his friends, and to listen to words of Torah.

But as important--a relaxation from tension under which we labor the whole week. The Shabbos gives a tranquility of spirit and peace of mind and is like a refreshing bath which removes all the impurities of the work-day week.

I suggest therefore that more Jews try Shabbos observance as a remedy for distress and tension. Let us bring back its traditional observance and thus help purge neuroses and complexes. It certainly is worth trying.

Shaarey-ING The News

OCTOBER, 1975

Synagogue President, Howard Levitan
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Rabbi: Dr. Steven Dworken
Cantor: Samuel Zimelman
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JEWISH FEDERATION
PRESENT'S
DR. CHAIM POTOK

On October, 20, 1975 at Temple Beth El, 400 Deering Avenue, at 8:00PM. the Jewish Federation is proud to present to the Jewish Community of Portland Dr. Chaim Potok, noted author of many books, such as The Chosen, The Promise, My Name is Asher Lev, and his new book, In The Beginning. Dr. Potok has been described by Mark Van Doren as "The most powerful storyteller living, in this or any other country".

The novels of Dr. Chaim Potok have won critical as well as popular acclaim. Their universal appeal has made them international best-sellers and contemporary classics. It is the special magic of Chaim Potok that he has been able to render his particular world with a depth of feeling and intensity that makes it immediately fascinating to people of the most diverse backgrounds.

A summa cum laude graduate of Yeshiva University, where he majored in English Literature, Chaim Potok went on to receive rabbinic ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and a Ph.D. in secular philosophy from the University of Pennsylvania. He served in the Chaplaincy Corps of the United States Army and spent 15½ months as a First-Lieutenant with a front-line combat engineer battalion in Korea. He has been writing fiction since the age of fifteen. He paints, teaches, travels and lectures.

Dr. Chaim Potok has selected as his topic for the evening "Jews, Gentiles, and the Bible".

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A date to reserve will be November 13, 1975, when the Jewish Federation will be presenting to our Jewish Community, another interesting evening. As guest speaker, they will be presenting Bernard Kalb, noted news correspondent for CBS TV and Radio and author of the book "Kissinger".

Mr. Kalb will be appearing at our synagogue that evening. Watch for future announcements.

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Space does not allow us to thank individually each person who worked so diligently for the Tay-Sachs screening. It was through the tireless efforts of these committed people that our screening was so successful. Our very warmest thanks.

Jane Zimmerman & Rita Novak

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GARAGE SALE

The Abraham S. & Fannie B. Levey Day School(Hillel Academy) is having a garage sale on Sunday, October 19 at 76 Austin Street. If you are fall cleaning your closets, attic and/or garage, we will be more than happy to help you get rid of your no-longer needed items. We can use anything from clothing, to books, toys, dishes, appliances and white elephant.

Please contact Miki Romanow, 773-5110; Micki Lelansky, 4-8589, or Debbie Forman, 773-4579, and they will be more than pleased to take your items away. Of course you are welcome to come and browse--GARAGE SALES ARE FUN.

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COLLEGE CORNER:

Once again, we are asking the parents to fill in the form below to let us know the address of their children living away at school. The Rabbi likes to keep in touch, Sisterhood sends at Chanukah time, menorah and candles, and the synagogue bulletin is sent to them. So please, if your want your synagogue to have contact with your child, return the form. We would also like the name of your child even if he or she is attending college locally and living at home

Name of Student _____

COLLEGE: _____

ADDRESS _____

Year at school _____

signed: _____

Date _____