

# NEWSLETTER

## SARAH SEIDEL SISTERHOOD

December, 1981

The next meeting of the Sarah Seidel Sisterhood will be held on Monday, December 14th at 8:00 PM. The board meeting will precede the regular meeting, beginning at 7:15 PM sharp.

We are very pleased to be presenting a dramatic treat for the evening. Mrs. Phyllis Wall and Mr. Bill Freund, two well-known amateur actors in the greater Burlington-Camden county region, will be performing "One Act Play". This is an event we're sure you won't want to miss. Also, who would want to miss the culinary delights of hostesses Marsha Dowshen, Eileen Gale and Bee Busch?

PLEASE!! For those who forgot our "Kitchen Towel Shower" last meeting, please try to remember to bring a towel this time.

Kislev-The month of winter and Chanukah

As the holiday favorite of Jewish children and adults draws closer, the rabbi has taken this opportunity to suggest some gifts to be treasured by all the family members.

Make your books your best friends.

Judah Ibn Tibbon

Dear Congregants:

As you know, the Jewish people have always been known as am ha-sepher, the people of the book. In recognition of the Jewish people's respect for and love of learning, time is set aside each year and designated Jewish Book Month. This year Book Month will be celebrated from November 20 - December 20.

As this celebration approaches, I thought I would take the opportunity to publicly answer a question which many people have asked me recently. The question is: What books should a Jewish family own? My answer is, of course, as many as possible; but here are some practical suggestions, some ideas for a family who wants to build a basic Judaic library.

An English Bible (Tanach) The best translation is from the Jewish Publication Society. It comes in three volumes-Torah, Prophets, and Writings and should be available at any good Jewish bookstore.

An English-Hebrew Humash with Haftorah readings. Either the Hertz, which we use in synagogue, or Soncino Press edition is good.

A Prayer Book There are several good English/Hebrew home prayer books which are available. Go to a bookstore and find one that you prefer.

The Jewish Catalogues (3 volumes) Published by J.P.S., they can be found in any good bookstore. These very popular books contain a "do-it-yourself" guide to everything from finding a professional matchmaker to making cholent-indispensable for any home.

A Survey of Jewish History Everyone has their favorite from more general to scholarly. A suggestion would be Solomon Grayzel:

A History of the Jews, published by Mentor Press. A new popular edition of Jewish history is Wanderings by Chaim Potok.

A Guide to Jewish Practice by Rabbi Isaac Klein. This is a complete guide to Jewish religious ritual observance.

The books which I have suggested are, in my mind, indispensable for a Jewish family. Every family should have these at home and should become familiar with them. You will find them an invaluable resource to learn more about our people and our faith.

So this year, in observance of Jewish Book Month, buy your family a present for Chanukkah and, to paraphrase the Medieval poet, Judah Ibn Tibbon, a new best friend. Celebrate Jewish Book Month!

Rabbi Robert Dobrusin

WELCOME!! SHALOM!!

Please add the following to your sisterhood membership list:

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HURRY UP AND GET WELL!!

Here's to a speedy recovery and lots of words of cheer,  
To three very special people we all hold so dear:

Gloria Gary

Marcel Nissim

Nathan Smulian

We gratefully acknowledge contributions made to our Memorial Fund by the following:

Mr. & Mrs. Albert Reichlin in memory of Russell Wagner.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Gale in memory of Meyer Gale.

THANK YOU!! TODAH!!

We send a very special thank you to Mr. Joseph Groveman for his generous contribution to the Sarah Seidel Sisterhood in memory of George Groveman.

Also, we wish to extend another thank you to Dr. and Mrs. Fred Meltz for their generous contribution to Temple B'nai Abraham in memory of his parents Jacob and Jean Meltz.

A hearty than you to all those hard-working members of the Ways and Means committees, co-chaired by Rocky Harrison, Bee Busch and Norma Goldman, for a lovely Spaghetti Dinner. A delicious and slightly tipsy time was had by all. It certainly was refreshing to see the women relaxing and the men working.

#### REMINDERS

If you haven't as yet paid for the new year's card, please contact Marsha Dowshen.

The rabbi will be leading the services on Friday, December 18th at 8:00 PM and Saturday morning, December 19th at 9:15 AM. Please plan to attend. Oneg shabbat hostesses will be Phyllis Kamer and Charyl Morginstin.

Renee Harrison wishes to remind all that the gift shop has many new and exciting Chanukah gift ideas ranging from candles, dreidls, menorahs, gelt, games and gift wrapping to Jewish art calendars, ceramic plates and wallhangings, adult and children's books, mezuzim and stationery.

If you will be serving a luncheon meal to the rabbi as part of the hostess program, please do write to him well in advance. A brief note is all that is necessary.