

**REFORM TEMPLE RABBI INSTALLATION SERVICES FRIDAY, JAN. 10TH**



RABBI STEPHEN E. WEISBERG (LEFT), LEADER OF THE REFORM JEWISH CONGREGATION OF LAS VEGAS, AND RABBI ERWIN L. HERMAN, DIRECTOR OF THE PACIFIC SOUTHWEST COUNCIL OF THE UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS -- THE PARENT ORGANIZATION OF ALL REFORM SYNAGOGUES.

BY VICKI BERTOLINO

A two-part installation will inaugurate the official beginning of the newly-established Reform Jewish Congregation of Las Vegas. During Friday evening sabbath services on January 10, Rabbi Stephen E. Weisberg will be officially installed as the first spiritual leader of the congregation. Services begin at 8:00 p.m. in the West Charleston Baptist Church located at 2900 Palomino Road.

Rabbi Erwin L. Herman, director of the Union of American Hebrew Congregation for the Pacific Southwest in Los Angeles, and Cantor Michael Loring, from Fresno, California, will install Rabbi Weisberg.

"The climatic moment of this ceremony will be during the reading of the Torah. Everyone will participate at this point," stated Rabbi Weisberg who believes religion is not a spectator's sport but "a lifelong program of involvement in all areas."

Beginning at 8 p.m. Saturday, January 11, the second part of this installation will take place at the Jockey Club.

There will be a stand-up buffet dinner, refreshments and dancing to live music. Tickets are \$6 per person and reservations can be made by calling 870-6897.

There will also be a brief, informal installation of the new board during this installation gala. Dr. Eugene Kirshbaum, well-known local veterinarian, will be installed as president of the Reform Jewish Congregation. Dr. Kirshbaum was one of the congregation's earliest organizers.

Also being installed are Dr. David Wasserman as vice-president, Marilyn Glivinsky as secretary and Adele Welsh as treasurer.

Though there has been a need for a liberal synagogue in Clark County for more than 10 years, this is the first successful attempt to organize one.

Rabbi Weisberg and his wife DeeDee arrived in Las Vegas four months ago. At that time there were only 35 individual and family members. Today there are well over 200 members and the congregation is growing daily, the Rabbi announced.

After spending so much of his life in the east and on the west coast, Rabbi Weisberg has concluded that "There's nothing that exists in Las Vegas that doesn't exist elsewhere."

He said that he and his wife and four children are enjoying Southern Nevada but, unfortunately, "there's not enough for adults and children to do here. When you've seen a casino, what's left?"

He adds, however, that "Living in a desert community and being surrounded by mountains puts life and values in perspective."

"The mountains are so big and impressive and we are so small in comparison that we realize life must be put on a larger scale because, in truth, there is no way to overcome the smallness of life."

Rabbi Weisberg and his family and the Reform Jewish Congregation are here to stay in Southern Nevada.

Beginning this month, Rabbi Weisberg will

**BETH SHOLOM SERVICES JAN. 10TH WELCOMES 111 NEW 1974 MEMBERS**

NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED THE TEMPLE IN 1974

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| Wilma & Burton Bass            | Rodica & Roland Feldman         | Nancy & David London         | Barbara Shapiro            |
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| Eather & Benjamin Bonioff      | Jean & Jerald I. Friedman       | James S. Nadler              | Mollie R. & Louis Simon    |
| Eleanor & William Borsellino   | Dorris & Sidney Gathrid         | Helen & Arthur H. Novick     | Sylvia Solomon             |
| Louis & Julian Broitman        | Nancy & Dr. Robert M. Goldman   | Carl Oken                    | Abby & Irv Stein           |
| Florence & Dr. Donald E. Brown | Roberta S. & Alan Ira Greenberg | Arlene & Dr. Michael Peikoff | Susan & Stephen Stein      |
| Katsuko & Harry Brown          | Esther & Dr. Arthur A. Gresen   | Mary Lou & Furl D. Porter    | Ruth & Harvey Stofsky      |
| Pamela Cantor                  | Lucille Halop                   | Natalie & Gilbert D. Potter  | Joan Sullivan              |
| Beverly Chamine                | Susan & Edward H. Hexter        | Bernetta Reisman             | Marlene & Jack Super       |
| Sallye Coburn                  | Sid Hudson                      | Karen & Stuart Reisman       | Susan & Thomas Sylvia      |
| Marilyn & David Cohen          | Barbara & Howard Hyzen          | Bernadine & Ronald Reiss     | Deann Trepaner             |
| Heather & Gil Cohen            | Shane & Borrie Kanter           | Rose & Samuel L. Rich        | Don Unger                  |
| Mildred & Harry A. Cohen       | Fay Rachel & Ben Kaplan         | Pauline & Allen Rieder       | Irene & Allen D. Vogel     |
| Elizabeth Cohn                 | Gerry & Paul Kares              | Roberta & Robert Roggen      | Miriam & Harry Vogel       |
| Fay & Kurt Cramer              | Jeannine & Marv Karnofsky       | Lynn & Arne Rosenblatt       | Harold Vosko               |
| Gertrude & Philip Cramer       | Tani Jean & Robert A. Katz      | Sandra & Kenneth Rowe        | JoAnne Morke Warren        |
| Ruth & Sam Dashosh             | Irene & Al Klein                | Rose Rubel                   | Dale S. & Phil Weed        |
| Rebecca & Elyahu Dayan         | Michelle & Richard Knoll        | Barbara & Nicholas Salvato   | Sylvia Weinstein           |
| Jane & Nathan Dorman           | Elizabeth & William Kozloff     | Marcia & Leon Samberg        | Bertha & Irvin Weisman     |
| Judith Douglas                 | Mary & Louis Laurence           | Faye & Sam Schein            | Ronni & Harvey Winer       |
| Doris & Sidney Drobkin         | Emily B. Lazar                  | Judith & Kenneth M. Schmidt  | Rachel & Jack Wolinsky     |
| Andrea & Barry Eisner          | Violet & E. Wm. LeGrande        | Jean Schnitzer               | Marsha Worth               |
| Karen & Hyman H. Feinberg      | Anna Levin                      | Linda & Kenneth Schnitzer    | Ruth & Herman Youngman     |
| Michele & Robert Feinberg      | Linda & Michael A. Levin        | Paula & Richard Schwager     | Sarah & David Zweig        |
| Fay & Don Feldman              | Audrey Litman                   | Eva Seitz                    |                            |

Mel Exber, President of Temple Beth Shalom, announced that 111 new members who joined the Temple family during the calendar year 1974, will be officially welcomed at Sabbath Services Friday evening, January 10, 1975.

Rabbi Philip Shairson will conduct and officiate at the services which will be held in the Main Sanctuary beginning at 8:30 P.M.

Cantor Joseph Kohn will chant the liturgy, assisted by the Temple adult choir, conducted by Anthony Thomas with Martha Olson at the organ.

Sisterhood will host the congregation to an Oneg Shabbat refreshment period in the Social Hall immediately after the conclusion of the services.

**Great Idea**

By Rabbi Samuel Silver

A great idea has been hatched at Sinai Congregation, Chicago, where the rabbi was once the late, great Dr. Louis Mann and is now Rabbi Samuel Karff. A splendid scholar and orator, Rabbi Karff will be eventually going to Temple Beth Israel, Houston, to replace another powerful rabbi, Dr. Judah Schachtel, who is retiring.

But back to Chicago. At Sinai a cluster of speakers is holding forth. Now a forum program is nothing new at Sinai; they've had the finest speakers in the country.

But the new lecture series will be offered by members of the congregation. And the theme is an intriguing one: "Moral Issues in My Vocation."

Get the idea? The speakers will highlight the fact that religion is not confined to the synagogue. Moral precepts are talked about in the sanctuary, but they are to be carried out where we work and where we live. So an accountant will tell the congregation what ethical challenges he finds in his profession. Then a lawyer will do likewise. And then a real-estate developer, followed by an educator and a retailer. An excellent idea. Commendable. Imitable. Congratulations, Sinai Congregation, on making it clear that spiritual values are not just to be admired but to be executed.

have a 15 minute television show airing over TV-8 called Rap with the Rabbi. He has a monthly bulletin going out to several hundred homes each month; the congregation has an acting cantor, David London; and religious and adult education classes are enlarging all the time.

Most of the Rabbi's services are original; ones he created himself.

Recently, he completed a two year term on the Central Conference of American Rabbis and the Union of American-Hebrew Congregations Joint Commission on Liturgy where he was assigned the task of composing a sabbath morning service for the newly revised prayerbook of the Reform Movement.

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