

Temple Happenings

Beth El V'Shalom

- Dec. 7 - Confirmation Class Trip to Cincinnati (thru 12/9)
- Dec. 9 - Chavurah Daled, evening
- Dec. 14 - Chanukah Family Dinner; Chanukah Family Service, 8:15 p.m.
- Dec. 16 - Chavurah Gimel, evening
- Jan. 7 - Temple Board Meeting
- Jan. 13 - Director of UAHC Camp Coleman to speak, 10:15 a.m., Shalom Park

Israel

- Dec. 13 - Business Torah Luncheon with Rabbi Millgram, Noon-1:15 p.m. RSVP: 376-2796
- Dec. 14 - Family Night Chanukah Shabbat Dinner, 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 15 - TOT Shabbat, 10:45-Noon
- Dec. 16 - Rabbi Millgram's Bible Study Class, 10:45-11:45 a.m.

Bar/Bat Mitzvahs

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- Dec. 15 - David Cooper, son of Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Cooper
- Dec. 29 - Joshua Berkowitz, son of Nancy Anderson & Dr. Gerald Berkowitz
- Jan. 5 - Michael Hirschel, son of Mr. & Mrs. David Hirschel

Temple Israel

- Dec. 1 - Michael Jacobsohn, son of Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Jacobsohn
- Dec. 8 - Corinne Brier, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Brier
- Jan. 5 - Colee Curtis, daughter of Roslyn Segal

Temple BEVS Sisterhood Holds Fashion Show

On Oct. 16, Temple Beth El V'Shalom Sisterhood held its annual paid-up membership luncheon and fashion show in Gorelick Hall, Shalom Park. It was attended by 60 women. Fashions were from The Treehaus, a specialty sample shop showing one-of-a-kind clothing, shoes and accessories at whole-

sale prices. In this pricey world of ours, what a wonderful way to shop for women's clothing and accessories.

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Temple Israel Sisterhood Sponsors Brownie Troop

Temple Israel Sisterhood's newly sponsored Brownie Troop 662 is off to a grand start. Troop Leader Judy Miller has introduced the ten 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders to the wonderful world of Girl Scouting. Through scouting they will be learning important skills that will be carried with them throughout their lives. On Saturday, Oct. 22, the

troop attended HarvestFest, a fall festival of art, games and dance, sponsored by the Hornets' Nest Girl Scout Council. The girls had an enjoyable day and were delighted to learn that their scarecrow had won first place in the scarecrow decorating contest. The girls decided to decorate their scarecrow as a Brownie Scout with

each girl being responsible for one part of the costume. The girls learned the importance of cooperation through this activity. This was indeed an honor for a newly formed troop.

On Dec. 10 an Investiture/Rededication ceremony will be held at Shalom Park for the Brownies and their families.

— Susan Coen

Stein Speaks on Middle East at Temple Israel

By Cynthia Chapman

The Iraqi invasion of Kuwait was the topic of a well attended lecture given by Dr. Kenneth Stein at Temple Israel on Oct. 30. Dr. Stein, associate professor of Near Eastern History and Political Science at Emory University and director of the Middle East Programs at the Carter Center, outlined several objectives Saddam Hussein had in invading Kuwait. These included territorial needs, economic interests and political motivations. Control of Kuwait would allow him to control 20% of the oil reserves and allow him to ignore the large debt owed by his country to Kuwait. Politically he could gain from the residue of anti-Western feeling in the Arab world. There was no real success in the Iran-Iraq war, said Dr. Stein, so a successful invasion by Saddam would help him politically, as well as fulfill his vision of himself as successor to Nassar's legacy of leadership of the Arab world.

But something went wrong, said Stein. Saddam Hussein "saw the opportunity and he had the means" to carry out the invasion. He believed no one would contradict his actions. He made, according to Dr. Stein, several miscalculations.

He did not think that the Saudis would invite in the United States and the Western powers because of the long history of European occupation of the Arab world and the lingering hostility toward the West. He did not believe his "Arab brethren would immediately align against him." Saddam Hussein also counted on bringing Israel into the fray, but Israel instead has managed to maintain a rather low profile. As Dr. Stein noted, Israel "took out his nuclear reactor in 1978" which has been proved by this recent conflict to be a blessing.

How does Israel benefit from the invasion? Dr. Stein pointed out that the Israelis have been trying to tell the world that Israel does not have such nice neigh-

bors. Saddam Hussein has shown his true nature by killing his own population and by his actions in the war with Iran.

What will happen in the immediate future? According to Dr. Stein, Saddam Hussein could "win by using diplomacy." If the conflict is resolved through diplomatic efforts, Saddam "could live to fight again." If this happens, Stein suggests, it could well be that within a decade Saddam Hussein "will probably be fighting Israel."

What impact has the invasion had within Israel itself? The invasion created the situation in Israel where "Israelis had to focus on their security." This focus on security "solidified Likud's position" within the government. It has also given a setback to the efforts of those within Israel advocating peace and negotiation on the Palestinian question. This was brought about also because Saddam Hussein was embraced by Arab-

What about the effects of the incident at the Temple Mount?

Dr. Stein sees a "temporary weakening" of Israel's position. One result, however, is that the United Nations vote following the incident "showed Israel that the international community is focused on oil" and not on the security of Israel. Israelis responded to the U.N. vote by feeling that the international community was "ganging up against Israel." Israel believes that allowing an international group from the U.N. in to investigate is a certain prelude to an international conference on the Palestinians, which Israel does not believe would be in her best interests.

How do Israelis feel? Kenneth Stein described the Israelis he has talked with as feeling "demoralized," in part by the reaction of the American Jewish community. Tourism is down 75%, and Dr. Stein said this makes Israelis "question the nature of the relationship" between Israel and the American Jewish community.

Stein asserted that the Bush administration is "restoring a continuity" to the U.S. approach toward Israel. American administrations have tended to try to "push the Israelis and the Arabs together" at a bargaining table. Anwar Sadat "made it kosher" to like an Arab, said Stein, when he went to Jerusalem. The Arabs did not like him, but the rest of the world began to see him as an Arab good guy. The "special relationship" of Israel and the United States which existed before Sadat went to Jerusalem "will not be restored," asserted Stein.

The Reagan/Bush team was "unparalleled" in its support of Israel because of Reagan's fear of the Soviet Union and his support of Israel as a strongly ally against Soviet influence in the region.

According to Stein, the reality is that "Israel is captive to those who have oil" and "no amount of involvement from the American Jewish community will change this." Just as oil and its importance in the world market have created "envy and greed in the Arab world," so the focus in the rest of the world on oil will only be increased in the next decade.

Dr. Stein suggested that the U.S. may have a "continuous presence" in Saudi Arabia for years to come.

The impact of Saddam Hussein's invasion has been a postponement of the possibility of Israeli-Palestinian negotiations. Optimistically speaking, Stein said that Israel may have the "opportunity to make peace with her Arab neighbors, perhaps with Syria" because of what has happened in Kuwait. Then may be resolution of the Palestinian conflict can follow.

The bright spot in all this, he said, is that "each Arab state has put its own self first." Also, according to Kenneth Stein, the Palestinian issue is not "as significant in the Arab states as was the case in the 1950s." Israel,

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