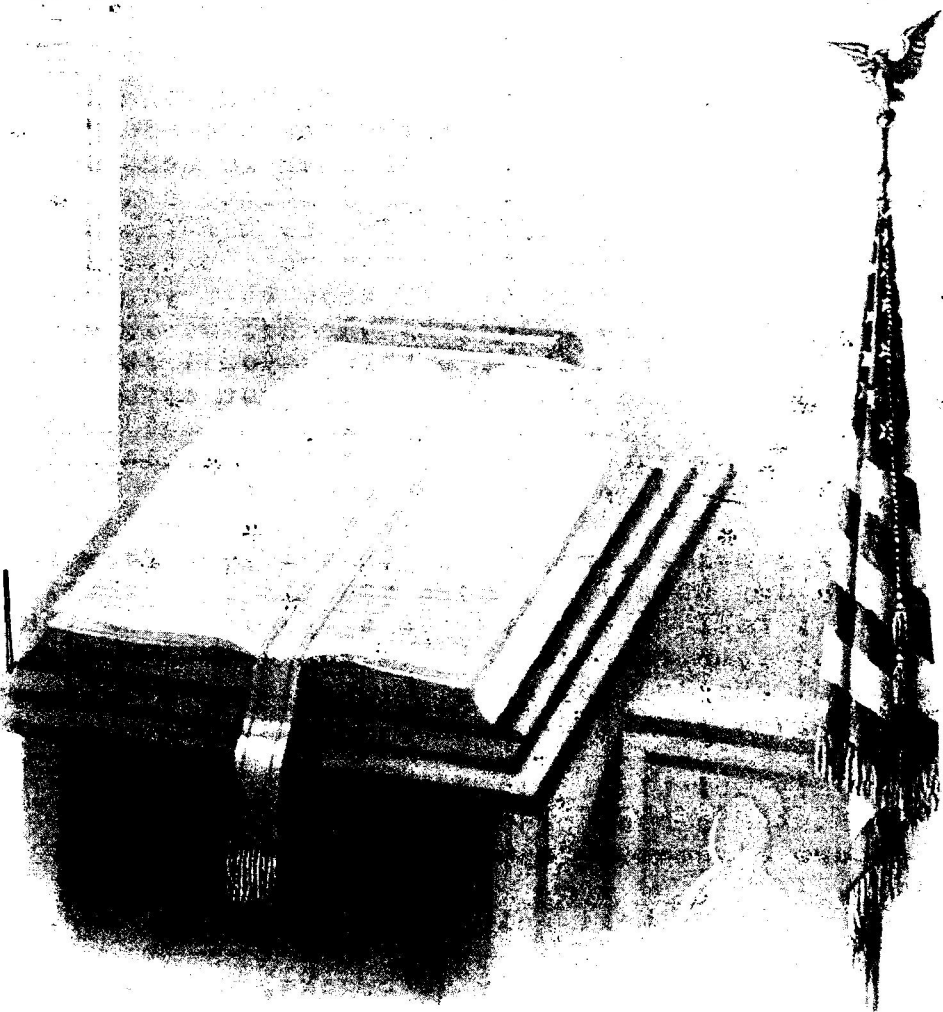


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A MESSAGE FROM OUR RABBI

Dear Men:

For almost a year I have had the high privilege and pleasure of serving as religious leader in your home at Temple Sinai. I have spent many hours worshipping with your loved ones and friends and teaching the children you all know; I have visited all of your homes and dined at your tables many times. Now I can say with all honesty and sincerity that I know each of you very well. For there is never a moment that you are forgotten here; not only in our prayers but in every conversation and in everything that happens here at home you are included.

It may be true that in some sections of our country there are still a few who "don't know there's a war on." But such is certainly not true in Marion. Your families and friends value your efforts on the war-front too highly to forget their own responsibilities on the home-front. We know what you expect to find here after the war and we intend to see to it that all the things you left behind are here in good order when you come back. Marion is a healthy, vigorous and united community looking forward only to a decisive, lasting Peace and your safe return.

For myself, may I say that I look forward to the day when I may meet you all in person. I shall feel honored to count myself among the host of your friends and admirers, for you have entered the "valley of decision" and acquitted yourselves like men.

May God bless you and protect you. May He grant His most precious gift of Peace, bimhero b'yomenu, "speedily and in our day".
I am,

Most Faithfully Yours,

Sidney H. Brooks, Rabbi.

THE INVASION

The news of the invasion of Europe awakened the nation and Marion in particular in the early hours of the morning of June 6th. The Leader Tribune was out early with an EXTRA and we have since kept our eyes on the newspapers and our ears to the radio following the subsequent events. We realize that some of you fellows might be participating in this event, and we want you to know how close to our hearts we hold the fighting men and boys who have made this incision into Hitler's belly. Tuesday night, June 6, the doors of the temple were opened for everyone to come and pray as they chose for the success of our fighting forces.

CONCERNING THE MEN IN SERVICE

PVT. JEROME SAVESKY reports he is rapidly becoming accustomed to the environment in England, in fact he is beginning to like it. He particularly admires their "underground", not one which is opposed to the government, but in the British lingo that's the subway. Cheerio Jerry.

CAPT. MAX GANZ has now been overseas a total of 21 months, which we believe is a record for the Marion bunch. Max is in Italy, and writes that he is now located but a short distance from Frank Maidenbergl and they visit quite often.

PVT. HARRY SHIFF IS STILL in England with the 5th Armored Infantry Division. Harry says that thus far he has been enjoying the countryside, but expects the tourist style sojourn to change to some grim business before long.

LT. B. H. GLOGAS (get the new title, boys?) the Gas City kid himself survived the air cadet training and now proudly wears the wings of a Navigator. Bobby came home for a short leave after receiving his commission, and is now located at the Muroc, Calif. air-base where he will get acquainted with the rest of his bomber crew.

PVT. MAX KLAIN writes of a wonderful Pass-over Se'or he enjoyed in the ancient land of Iran. Mitch visited with many of the Jewish families in Teheran who were very hospitable to all the American soldiers. A letter received from him just before this bulletin was completed indicated he has been transferred to IRAQ (Mesopotamia) and has a new APO number.

PVT. BUD FISCHER says the climate at Camp Maxey, Texas is much like Africa by day, and Iceland by night, but he'll take Texas, thank you. Bud is going to be a father again in July, which will raise his allotment another \$20 and help quite a bit. Heh, Heh.

CAPT. SAM BERMAN is still haunted by the bayous of Louisiana, and continues to serve at the induction station in Lafayette, La. where he has now been for more than a year.

CORP. SAM FOX, was promoted to that rank when his C.O. heard he was going to be a father (his wife is the former Annette Abel). Sam is in the medical detachment at Camp Attorbury, Ind. The latter is being readied for a large prisoner-of-war camp and we trust Sam will poke a couple of nasty Nazis in the snout for us.

LT. FRANK MAIDENBERG is stationed in Italy, somewhere along the Adriatic coast, and reports he has climbed to the top of Mt. Vesuvius, but didn't stay long because of the heat from the lava. He also visited the ruins of Pompeii at a cost of ten lira, but, he says, there are a lot of other ruins in Italy which one can view gratis.

PVT. ROBERT SIMONS, a proud member of the 345th Infantry division at Ft. Jackson, S. Carolina, enjoyed a furlough at home where he related some of his experiences. Bob says the only real soldiers are in the infantry, the rest of the army being built around it.

SGT. HENRY FLECK has a new APO number but is still in England and gets into London quite often. Hank heard about the rationing of shoes and sent his civilian shoes home; now Sam has something to wear.

LT. JEROME WEINBERGER, another former air cadet who is now sporting gold bars, finished his training in New Mexico and was commissioned a Bombardier. Jerry is now at Pueblo, Colo. for crew assignment and further instruction in where to plant "them" bombs.

A/S LEONARD LASKY still pursues his course of studies at Notre Dame under the guidance of the Navy. His studies, he writes, consists of Electronics, Spherical Trig., Polar Co-ordinates, Electrical Oscillations, and a few other subjects equally as ominous sounding. As long as you can walk around the corner and get a hamburger, don't worry about a thing Lenny.

LT. TONY ROSKIN offers the following course in English; "Last night I slipped onto-a tram, gave the conductoress tuppence and sat in the saloon, which holds 24 passengers up and 24 passengers down. Got off at the "roundabout" and headed for the pub. The bitters aren't bad but the stout and shandy.. I cahn't stahand! Splits are scarce as h... and one can't get a boilermaker! After a few was off to the cinema to sit in the stalls. Saw "Human Comedy" (again). Of course before you can catch a tram or see a cinema you have to queue up a mile long. Then the trek for home begins and it's wicked. Without your torch you don't stand a chance. There's a fish and chip store not far from the camp and I stopped there. Got myself sixpence worth and then hit the sack."

T/SGT. MARK KLAIN, to whom we all offer our most heartfelt sympathy on the sudden death of his mother (see News from Home), is stationed on Guadalcanal. Elsewhere in this bulletin we are reprinting an editorial which appeared in the Marion Chronicle and was based on a letter received from Mark.

CAPT. BEN MAIDENBERG participated in the recent Hollandia invasion, but was glad to advise that his section encountered no opposition. Ben has been with the Troop Carrier Command in New Guinea for 10 months.

LT. LEROY JACOBS expects to be a father in August. Leroy is still stationed at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma where he is a Special Service Officer and at present is engaged in organizing a 48 team soft ball league for the men at Ft. Sill.

LT. LOUIS FEHR completed some training at the Caspar, Wyoming Air Base; was sent to Pueblo Colo. for a short while; then to Lincoln, Neb. and finally was shipped to a POE in New York. By the time the bulletin is received by you fellows he will probably be in England, ready for the works. How about it Louie?

PVT. BILL RESNECK and wife Charlotte were in Marion for a few days furlough and returned to Presque Isle by way of Canada, enjoying a tourist trip through some of the interesting spots.

ENSGN EDGAR SIEGEL returned to the U.S. after a "shakedown" cruise aboard the new destroyer of which he is supply officer. Edgar was in Marion a few days, during which he trimmed the boys in a "hot" poker game. He is at sea now, and for all we know may have participated in the invasion.

CAPT. DAN RESNECK, a hot and proud defender of the Air Transport Command, is kept quite busy at his African post. Dan writes that he frequently makes flying trips on ATC business.

LT. JULIAN SECTOR (its 1st. Lt. now) is still in Camp Blanding, Fla. He and Anne have a small house in nearby Starke, Fla. We are expecting them home on a leave one of these days and will get a report on the activities keeping him busy in that spot.

CAPT. M.C.LEVINTHAL is in England. Mrs. Levinthal returned to Marion for a few days, and was welcomed warmly by the community.

PH.M. 1/c MILT ABEL (we said First Class) was married to Annette Gruber of Cincinnati a day after the last bulletin was mailed out. They have an apartment in Memphis, Tenn., where Milt is stationed at the Naval Hospital. After 20 months in the S. Pacific, it just goes to show a fellow isn't scared of anything anymore.

Y-3/c EDWARD BLOCH is still surround with mystery, which perhaps now that the invasion is underway, will be cleared up. Thus far we have heard little about Bud and his mother writes she gets no news only "all's well and don't worry" type of mail. Bud has a new Navy P.O. number. Trust all is well, Pix old boy.

MAJOR HAROLD LAWN is busily occupied with his rehabilitation work at Ft. Knox, Ky. He was in Philadelphia recently to attend a meeting of the American Psychiatrist Assoc. and our scout reported that "Doc" has put on quite a lot of weight, and his beautiful thatch of hair is quite grey.

CORP. ELI MARK has written an interesting report from England, and we quote in parts: "The English countryside is quite breathtaking in its beauty..Gen. Alexander, and not Gen. Montgomery is given the credit for the African victory...there are visible signs of the air punishment all around and the English have proven they can take it..they do not like our gum chewing habit, and are irked when American soldiers give a stick of it to their children..soap is very scarce...I know where Tony and Henry are but it is impossible for me to see them."

6.

The sudden death of Mrs. Lawrence Klain on the morning of Memorial Day, May 30, plunged the community into sorrow. Mrs. Klain had not been seriously ill. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, May 31 at Indianapolis. Mark, on duty in the South Pacific, was notified through the Red Cross, and it is hoped he will be permitted a leave to return home.

To our Marion boys abroad we would like to offer a report on the old home town.

Spring has arrived as everyone predicted it would and the bench sitters on the square are tilting their grizzled old faces toward the sun. One of the super-markets had water-melons for sale today but at so dear a price that only the most indulgent would dish out the coin for it.

The Sinai Temple had its face lifted this spring and you wouldn't know it. The basement, the former hole of Calcutta, now looks like a club room minus bar and slot machines. We have a new floor, new tables and chairs, new kitchen equipment and a new lease on life. The National China Co. didn't make cent on the Lords chosen-people, they say.

Rabbi Sidney Brooks delivered his last sermon Friday night, May 26, and a reception followed. We are sorry that Rabbi Brooks is leaving us for we have all enjoyed him as a rabbi and as a friend. He is to be married in June and will take another pulpit in the fall. The members of the Temple presented him with a pair of lovely silver candlesticks which we hope will remind him of us at least every Friday night.

7.

Nettie Witcoff has returned to Marion from the glamour town of New York; she will spend the summer here. She says she loves New York but the country air is cooler than the city. Pauline Berman is also here for the summer solstice. Probably wants to see that heir or heiress of Bess and Sol's at first hand.

Several members of our social set are making plans for a summer sojourn. Helen Zimmerman and Nan Maidenberg, Mae Roskin and Jeanne, Belle Weinberg and the three offsprings, Louise Perlberg and Jules are all planning to spend several weeks at Michigan City at the same time. We can just hear those mahjong tiles clicking furiously already. Hope they can find time to soak up some vitamin D. Whats left of the youth group will just gather in Milt and Irma's back yard and cool off their red hot heels.

Jason Klain has been threatening to build an outdoor fireplace in his yard but to date has not stirred that mass of inertia to action. We have a feeling that he won't "till Johnny comes marching home."

There are probably several Victory gardeners in our midst but we have the lowdown on just two. Its operators are Meyer and Milt and the garden is quite extensive. Last year it yielded a goodly bounty and they are hoping for satisfactory results again this summer. Meyer really knows his onions and whatnots but Milt has an air of bewilderment about him that he's unsuccessfully trying to overcome.

The Abels are going around puffed up with pride these days. Milt up and married his girl friend from Cincinnati and the bridal couple are living in Memphis, Tenn. And just in time for this edition of the bulletin Annette Abel Fox announced she will become a mother this coming October.

The town turned out en masse for the farewell party for the Glogas' who left for sunny California to make their home. We'll miss you Willie!

Joe and Tillie Kuppin just returned from Baltimore where Joe had a checkup at Johns Hopkins...they then traveled to Washington where they were shown the town by Betty Savesky (Marion's Dorothy Thompson) and her mom who also visited there. Tillie reports she spied Senator Taft but wasn't impressed.

And now comes a tale of wartime America. Rochelle and Eddie Fuchs had a maid...one they'd had for months and things were going along smoothly in the Fuchs household. Late one night the phone rang and Eddie jumped from bed clad in his birthday clothes (he always sleeps that way) to answer...the call was for the maid so Eddie hastened to tell her still ala nude...two days later the maid quit!

Charlie Siegel's new address is 3420 W. 9th. St. Los Angeles 5, Calif...Allen Zimmerman was inducted into the Navy and is at present stationed at Great Lakes, awaiting further assignment...Dick Simons, the other half of the Simon's brood, is working for the Tipton Ind. press and doing quite well.

This letter was written by T/SGT. MARK KLAIN and was printed in the Marion Chronicle:-

"Well, here I am, somewhere in the South Pacific on rest leave, the first one I've had in 14 months; in fact the first since I came overseas.

"It's such a wonderful feeling, seeing civilization again, people, thousands of them, men, women, boys and girls, dressed in clothes such as people back home wear; street cars, buses, automobiles and stores --yes, restaurants and drug stores, places where you can sit down and order what you want, clean linen, knives, forks and spoons, and milk--all you can drink and fresh, too--not canned.

"The first night I got here as I went to bed and as I crawled between the sheets I laughed so much I thought my sides would split it was such a glorious feeling to sleep between those cool sheets and soft mattress; it was so cool I had to have extra blankets. I slept until 9 A.M., took a shower in hot water (also the first), then had breakfast--peaches and cream, cereal, eggs, toast and coffee--boy, what a feeling!

"The people here are extremely friendly. They're glad to talk with us, though of course we're not the first, as they've had plenty of opportunity to understand the American soldier and they're very hospitable.

"This evening I'm invited out to dinner with some family that has been knighted--Sir somebody. It will be my first experience of this kind.

"Just had breakfast of fresh figs, milk, eggs, toast and coffee and feel pretty good. Am going downtown after while. That sounds odd, and see if I can buy something to send home. You see censorship regulations are very strict and that might not be possible and I can't tell you where I am either."

10.

USELESS CHATTER

Wrapping a new suit, Witcoff the tailor remarked, "You know, I'm letting you have this suit at less than it costs me to make it." The customer retorted, "You're always telling me that. Then how do you make a living?" Shrugging, Witcoff answered. "I make a small profit on the paper and string."

Edgar Siegel: "Some moon out tonight."

Gal: "Some stars."

Edgar: "Some dew on the grass."

Gal : "Not me."

Yeoman Butch Bloch is in full charge of the admiral's bridge; Butch places it in a glass of water every night.

Who was the big executive, who proudly told his wife he had had his tailor make him up a pair of pants with 14 inch zippers? She was unimpressed, so he roared at her, "My God, woman, didn't you hear? 14 inch zippers, dear!" To which she replied skeptically, "Listen, honey, our neighbor next door has got a three car garage, but what comes out every morning? Just a little bicycle."

Twas at one of those servicemen's dances in New York that the British sailor, dancing with one of the Junior hostesses, finally was moved to remark upon the daringly low-cut gown worn by his partner. "I sye, miss, is the 'V' for Victory?"

The gal nodded. "Uh-huh," she said. "But the bundles are not for Britain!"

11.

PEACE! IT'S WONDERFUL!

When the waitress brings me pie
Without spitting in my eye;
Then I'll know it's over, over there!
When my laundry is returned
In a week with nothing burned;
Then I'll know it's over, over there!
When there's sugar on the table,
And the catsup flows forsooth--
When I butter all I'm able
Of the sweet corn of my youth,
When it says: 'Scotch' on the label
And I know it tells the truth
Then I'll know it's over, over there!

A man went to the bar and ordered a Martini,
drank it, chewed off the bowl of the glass,
swallowed it, and threw the stem of the
glass over his shoulder. He continued this
for about six Martinis and noticed that the
bartender was staring at him.
"I guess you think I'm crazy, don't you?",
he asked.
"I sure do," the bartender answered, "the
stems are the best part."

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Pvt. Max Klain
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APO 795-A % Postmaster
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433rd Group
APO 713 Unit 1
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Sgt. Sidney Jacobs
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