

Jews, Methodists to worship jointly

Rabbi Steven L. Jacobs, spiritual leader of Spring Hill Avenue Temple, will speak in 8:30 and 11 a.m. services Sunday at Dauphin Way United Methodist Church.

THE RABBI will speak on the theme, "The Building of Bridges Between Brethren," during the services, which members of the temple are expected to attend.

In the 11 a.m. service, Harvey M. Gandler, president of the Jewish congregation, will present a yad to the United Methodist

congregation as an expression of appreciation for aid given the Jewish congregation after Hurricane Frederic five months ago. A yad is an artistic pointer used in reading the Torah scroll, or the teachings of Judaism, in services.

THE TEMPLE was without electricity during Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish new year observance. Dauphin Way Church made its facilities available for the Jewish services.

Said Jacobs, "Under the leadership of its senior minister, the Rev. Stephen Dill, Dauphin Way went out of its way to make us feel welcome. For so doing, our congregation will be eternally grateful."

One other Jewish congregation, Dauphin Street Synagogue, is in Mobile. The synagogue underwent "major damage" from the hurricane, according to Rabbi Irwin Cutler, spiritual leader of the congregation.

SAID CUTLER, "Most of our damage was covered by insurance, and most of our repair work has been completed."

Both of Mobile's rabbis have been involved in work with the Area Interfaith Disaster Services, which is providing long-term relief to hurricane victims. Cutler is chairman of the interfaith group's management committee, which is the steering committee. Jacobs is treasurer for the interfaith group.