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President's Message

by HYMAN JOBRACK

In the past few issues of our bulletin I've made appeals for assistance in the running of our Temple. The response has been nil. Even at our congregational meeting with important monetary decisions to be voted on, we had to send out two mailings, and devote two nights before we finally got enough people interested enough to attend.

Many theories are advanced and many are the reasons, the whys and wherefores, as to why certain people do most of the work in their respective organizations. Almost always the reasons are given not by the workers, but by the non-workers: those people who do not want to get involved, who haven't the time, the interest, or the will to do anything towards the betterment of the organization even if it benefits themselves in the end.

I believe we all are alike in one respect. When we arrive in a new community we don't want to get involved in any local activities because most of us know from past experience, that to do so would deprive our homes and families of time which belongs to them.

There are certain obligations and responsibilities however, which we cannot and should not shirk. One of the most important of these is the obligation we owe our Temple, not only because the Temple is a source of religious learning, but also because most every Jewish family sooner or later has a need for the comfort and solace that can only come from our Rabbi and our religious institution. We cannot wait until that need arises. We must build and prepare long before then. Shelter from a storm must be ready when the storm strikes.

We must have help. Financial help is of course very important, but there is a tremendous need for new blood: men and women who can help us plan, build, maintain, direct, and run our Temple. There is room on every committee for new ideas, fresh enthusiasm, and the vigor that comes with new blood. We want you to attend our board meetings, hear and become ac quainted with our problems, and let us profit by your advice and ideas.

We are soon to congregate for our High Holy Days. We will follow tradi-(Continued on Page 3, Column 1)

HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES USHER IN NEW YEAR 5714

At sundown on Wednesday, September 9, we begin the observance of the High Holy Day services which usher in the Jewish New Year 5714. Our services will be conducted by Rabbi Herbert Baumgard, assisted by our new Cantor David Conviser, and the Choir which consists of Selma Baumgard, June Davidson, Sylvia Geffen, Pauline Hazan, Eleanor Press, Leona Resnick, Bea Shuster, Florence Ulanoff, and Florence Walder. Harriet Rosenblum will be at the organ.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES						
FOR HIGH HOLY DAYS						
ROSH HASHONAH						
Wed.	Sept. 9th	8:15 P.M.				
Rabbi's Sermon: "WHO ARE THE WATCHMEN?"						
	Sept. 10th Musof Mincha Ma'ariv	10:00 A. M. 12:00 Noon 6:15 P. M. 8:30 P. M.				
Rabbi's Sermon—Morning: "THE DANGER OF FAITH WITHOUT DOUBT"						
Rabbi's Sermon—Evening: "DO WE REALLY CARE ABOUT THE INDIVIDUAL?"						
Fri.	Sept. 11th Musof Mincha Ma'ariv	10:00 A. M. 12:00 Noon 6:15 P. M. 7:00 P. M.				
Rabbi's Sermon: "WHAT IS MAN?"						
YOM KIPPUR						
Fri.	Sept. 18th, 1	Kol Nidre 8:00 P.M.				
Sat.	Sept. 19th Yizkor Musof Mincha Nilah	10:00 A. M. 11:15 A. M. 12:15 P. M. 4:30 P. M. 5:00 P. M.				

MEN'S CLUB PLANS MEMBERSHIP SMOKER

The Men's Club of Temple B'nai Israel cordially invites all prospective members to its first Annual Membership Smoker on Tuesday, September 8, at 8:45 P.M., in the Temple auditorium. The program and goals for the coming year will be set forth, and refreshments will be served. A record attendance is expected this year, and therefore members are limited to two tickets per family, but may purchase guest tickets for **non-resident relatives only** at \$10.00 each. Tickets may be obtained by mail or in the office between the hours of 10:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M. and 8:00 to 10:00 P. M. Monday through Thursday; and 10:00 A. M. to 1:00 P. M. Friday and Sunday. To insure prompt attendance we have reprinted the time schedule of all services in column two of this page. Please note also the special children's services mentioned below.

In addition to the High Holy Days of Rosh Hashonah and Yom Kippur we observe S'lichos with an inspiring candlelight service at Midnight, September 5; Succoth, September 23 (evening) and 24; Shemini Atzereth, September 30 (evening) and October 1; and Simchas Torah, October 2. Our heritage is an ancient and magnificent one, and the way to perpetuate it is to participate actively in the celebration of this beautiful holiday season.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

In order to help our young people feel the full impact of the High Holidays, Temple B'nai Israel has planned a series of special Services for children. On Sunday, September 13th at 10:30 A. M., a Rosh Hashonah Service will be held. On Sunday, September 20th at 10:30 A. M., a special children's Service for Yom Kippur will be held. The first regular session of the Sunday School will be on September 27th.

S'LICHOS (Forgiveness) SERVICES

Temple B'nai Israel will hold its second Mid-night Service in observance of S'lichos on Saturday, September 5th. The original service conceived by Rabbi Baumgard is a candle-light service without prayer-books of any kind. Rabbi Baumgard describes it as a service of meditation. Last year's service was profoundly impressive and most participants came away with wet eyes.

The service is approximately 15 minutes in duration. Cantor David Conviser and the Temple Choir will participate.

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Rabbi's Column

Summer is the time for the things you don't do in the winter-time, like loafing, sunning, and permitting new ideas to overcome the stereotyped thinking of your routine existence. The person who doesn't enter the winter season with some new ideas didn't loaf right in the summer. What have you got to show for your loafing? . . . I sat in on some beautifully conducted lay services this summer. The book reports were uncommonly good, and most of the readers performed like born Rabbis. There is an intimacy and a warmth about the summer lav service that the winter service does not have. . . . The new Menorahs of the Temple give our Ark the last touch it needed to be breath-taking. . . . The Men's Room has finally been completed thanks to our volunteer plumbers and carpenters. . . . The classrooms are also newly painted thanks to our volunteer painter. . . . The Library is now really well organized thanks to the Temple P.T.A. . . . Don't you feel just a little awkward to know that you didn't have a hand in any of our summer activities? The old hands are tired and could use a little help from you. Don't wait until we elect you to the Board before you volunteer. . . . Four members of the Youth Group were again thrilled by the Conclave at Camp Bryn Mawr. The Senior Youth Group will be tripled in size this year and much more active. Members of the Hebrew School will have their own Saturday morning service now, geared to their needs. ... Our Sunday School staff consists largely of professionally trained teachers. We have passed a great milestone here . . . Our Hebrew School staff is without equal this year. . . . Our Cantor and Choir promise some unusual music. . . . All we need now is the third floor and some good sermons from that Rabbi. . . . My son calls a talis an "Adonoy Elohaynu towel". . . Let's make certain that this is a happy New Year for Temple B'nai Israel by promising to work extra hard. I somehow feel that we need that promise more than ever. Can I hope for more participation by the newer members?

Sisterhood News

by JEAN KAUFMAN

Hello again . . . the wheels of the Sisterhood are rolling, and things are really humming.

First Meeting

Be sure to attend our September Sisterhood meeting. Alice Kramer, Program Chairman, says that you will really enjoy yourselves if you make a date (September 22) to see "Your Musical Datebook." And by the way, why not bring your new neighbors and prospective members along.

Food and Clothes

What a combination! That is what you'll be eating and seeing if you come to our luncheon and "Frock and Bonnet" fashion show. (Now isn't that some sentence? What else would you do with food?) Anyhow, this intriguing (what a word for Scrabble) event will take place at the Temple on September 2*x*. There will be Baby Sitters on hand to take care of your offsprings—FREE OF CHARGE. Tickets are \$2.25 and Natalie Rubin is the Chairman.

Rummage, anyone?

Our rummage sale is to be held on October 25 and 26 in Mineola. Esther Sokoloff who is in charge, says that she would appreciate it if you ladies would start bringing your rummage NOW to the depot in the basement of the Argo Beauty Shoppe.

Future Events

In November we are having a Country Supper. (More about this in the next issue.)

Marcia Bauman, Bazaar Chairman, wants me to remind you to start getting merchandise for our bazaar which will be at the Temple on December 13, 14, and 15. Next time you make Blintzes, Brownies, or Bebala (whatever they are) make a few extra and freeze them for the Home-Cooked Food Booth.

I guess you all know we have been working on our Annual Temple Show since May. Well, the book is finished; the place and dates of performances are settled, and the Production Crew is already at work. Tryouts will be held in November. Bye now—

Youth Activities

by HERB BLOOM

Big things are in store for the youth groups this year. Starting with a surprise show for the very first night, the plans include movies, games (with brand new equipment), dancing, carnivals, skating, bowling, etc. Basketball will continue as always in the gyms. Best of all will be the new clubs for model making, photography, dramatics, and journalism. If you want to join a club, or form your own, here's your chance.

On top of all this there will be **refreshments** too! Take advantage of all the things you've been waiting for. Watch the mails for the announcement of the First Night—Registration Night for the Youth Groups. Don't miss it.

Men's Club News

by JACK JACOBS

Our new president David Resnick has set great goals for our Men's Club, and in order to accomplish them we've got to "buckle" down to work. First and foremost we must be sure that our meetings are well attended, so we are printing our schedule in the various publications to allow plenty of time for you to make arrangements to be present. Not only members, but prospective members as well, are invited to all our meetings to enjoy the program, the refreshments, and the door prizes.

In addition we need your support in our various drives to raise the \$10,000 we want to turn over to the Temple. Our first drive is now in progress: the sale of World Series Score Cards for a donation of \$1.00. Get behind this and earn the valuable prizes which will go to the sellers of the greatest number of cards.

Men's Club Meeting Schedule 1953-1954 September—Adoption of budget, entertainment, etc.

- October—Sports speaker: father and child night.
- November—Mr. and Mrs. night: film and speaker on the 300th anniversary of Jews in America.
- December—Paid-up membership Party and entertainment.
- January—Jewish Chatauqua Society program.
- February—Ping Pong Championship and home talent night.
- March—Talk by Rabbi topic to be announced.

April—Nomination of officers—speaker from the N.F.T.B.

May-Election of officers.

June—Installation of officers and entertainment.

P. T. A. News

by MOLLIE KOPLOWITZ

With school opening, it's time for you proud parents to help the P.T.A. get started on this year's ambitious program. There's a job for you no matter how little free time you have.

The rapidly expanding Judaica shop is now being run in conjunction with the Sisterhood. You people with a flair for selling can help operate it so that it will become community headquarters for any article of a Jewish nature.

The P.T.A. has been put in charge of the Temple library. Our beautiful library should be a vital link in our educational set-up. It will take time, patience and generosity to stock it adequately. Meanwhile we need a staff to organize it properly and keep it available to borrowers at specified hours during the week. Natalie Rubin and her library committee have taken over the reins from Evelyn Brahms, our retiring librarian. They are busy setting up a workable system but they will need help in staffing it during open hours.

Whether you plan to volunteer for committee work or take part in a stimulating discussion, you will want to attend our first meeting of the season on Wednesday, Sept. 16, at 1:00 P. M., at the Temple. The theme will be "The Sabbath".

BABY SITTERS FEATURE AT SISTERHOOD LUNCHEON

Don't let the baby sitter problem keep you away from the Sisterhood luncheon at the Temple on Tuesday, September 29. Bring the kids along, and they will be taken care of by competent baby sitters included in the price of your ticket! For only \$2.25 you will receive not only this service, but a lovely meal planned under the direction of Natalie Rubin, AND a fashion show by "Frock and Bonnet" of Hempstead.

CONFIRMATION CLASS FORMING

Applications for the confirmation class of 1954 are being received now. Rabbi Baumgard will again conduct this group. Last year's club spent a varied and interesting year which culminated in the special Confirmation Ball and the Confirmation Service. Four members of last year's Confirmation Club have received scholarships to the youth conclave in Camp Bryn Mawr, Honesdale, Penna. The Club will begin formal meetings in October. Young people who will be 16 by June of 1954 are eligible.

ROBERTA WEISS WINS CONTEST

Those of you who were spellbound by the beauty of Roberta Weiss' essay "What I Shall Teach My Children About Judaism" will be delighted to know that Roberta has won first prize for that essay in a contest sponsored by the Greater New York Federation of Temple Youth of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Roberta is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Weiss of Elmont, and will serve on our Sunday School staff this year.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (Continued from Page 1)

tion and pray for a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year. Whether we go along with that belief or whether we just attend to satisfy our conscience, one thing we can be sure of, and that is well wishes never hurt anyone.

I want to leave you with just one more thought. All that you pledge, whether it be financial or material aid to our Temple, will bring rich dividends to you and your children.

May the New Year bring you all you wish for, Health, Happiness, and Prosperity.

"Likutim"

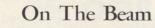
When the Ark is opened for the High Holy Day Services a new Torah will be seen. It is the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Fleishman, parents of Gert and Irving Fleishman, to whom we are deeply grateful, for a Torah is indeed the most precious of gifts. The "Siyum Ha-Torah" last June 28 is recorded as one of the proudest moments in the history of our Temple.

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We thought you'd like to know how well qualified our new Cantor David Conviser is. Not only is he the son of a Cantor, but his musical education and experience is truly outstanding. He is a graduate of Julliard School of Music, and has sung with the Robert Shaw Chorale, and the Harry Coopersmith Choir in Israel. At present Cantor Conviser is a student at the Hebrew Union School of Sacred Music.

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You will be proud to learn that Rabbi Baumgard's original S'lichos (Forgiveness) Service will be used in many Temples this year by other Rabbis who have recognized its beauty and simplicity.



by ELAINE HOLCZER

The summers' gone, we hope you had fun;

Now it's back to work, for Fall's begun. Work is been been work, for Fairs begun. But first to those who kept in touch We'd like to say, "Thanks very much." Without your help we'd be a flop, So please don't let those phone calls

stop.

We wish the sick list could be shorter: Ruth May and Mike; Flo Walder and daughter;

And Esther Gropper, we hope you're all well

Your illness made us sadder than words can tell.

We had more bad news, we hate to say Into these lives sorrow found its way Vivian Falter, Beatrice Bernstein, Lil-

lian Meyer May God with new hope your hearts

inspire.

We're grateful for that silver lining We're told behind the clouds is shining. So we can say congratulations To these our friends and their relations:

The Shusters, Eisenstadts, Levines Whose Bar Mitzvah boys begin their teens.

And Leo Montner who is so clever He won a scholarship for high endeavor. We like to hear good things like this We'd feel real sad if any we'd miss So if of news you have some more Call PRimrose 5-3224.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ON PROFESSIONAL BASIS

Achieving a five year old dream, our Sunday School has now placed itself on a professional basis. In order to assure for our children the finest type of religious education, the congregation has voted to provide funds for the payment of professional teachers for the morning classes. Teachers Sunday with academic degrees and teaching experience have, for the most part, been delegated already to positions in the school. A few of the teachers do not have teaching degrees but have unusual experience in the religious field which qualifies them for teaching.

In addition to the regular "home-room" teachers, the School will have at least two full-time teachers instructing in Arts and Crafts and Music. At the present time the Sunday School staff includes Rabbi Baumgard, Superviser; Rabbi Zlotowitz; Cantor Conviser, Music; Leah Lerner, Principal; Sey-mour Bloom, Evelyn Gurman, Eleanor Schwartz, Sam Krupnick, Muriel Miller, Lillian Meyers, and Ralph Kingsley. Evelyn Newman will be in charge of Arts and Crafts. Substitute teachers will include Isidore Grutman, Augusta Rothstein, Ruth Ulin, Dorothy Koppleman, Tobey Klein, Blanche Gold-schmidt, Arthur Hiller, and Roberta Weiss. Acting as aides to teachers of the lower grades will be Geraldine Sparber and Sheila Grossman. Rabbi Baumgard believes this to be one of the finest over-all staffs on Long Island.

With the hiring of professional teachers, Temple B'nai Israel joins the vast majority of Liberal Congregations who employ professionals. A more inte-grated and efficient program can be expected in the years ahead.

HEBREW SCHOOL HAS UNUSUAL STAFF

The Temple Hebrew School will have one of the finest staffs in the country this year. Teaching in the school will be Rabbi Baumgard, Rabbi Zlotowitz, and student Rabbi Arthur Sofer. Mr. Sofer is studying for his Ph.D. at the University of Pennsylvania while he attends the Hebrew Union College in New York. Rabbi Zlotowitz is known to our congregation for his unusually fine work last year.

Hebrew School Adds Saturday Morning Service

In addition to the two classes per week which are compulsory in the Hebrew School, there will be another session on Saturday morning for mem-bers of the School, attendance at which is voluntary. On Saturday there will be a "Junior Service" conducted by members of the school and geared to their needs. Rabbi Baumgard, Rabbi Zlotowitz, and Cantor Conviser will work with the young people. Members of the Post Bar-Mitzvah Clubs are expected to continue to aid with the regular Saturday morning service.

Calendar Of Events

September 1 to October 15

September 1 September 5 September 6 September 8 September 9, 10, 11 September 13 September 15 September 16 September 18 September 19 September 20 September 21	Sisterhood Membership Tea Men's Club Board Meeting S'lichos service (midnight) Registration for Sunday School and Hebrew School Temple Board Meeting Men's Club Meeting ROSH HASHONAH Children's Rosh Hashonah Service Men's Club Meeting P T A meeting 1:00 P. M. Kol Nidre (evening) YOM KIPPUR Children's Yom Kippur Service First Session Hebrew School	September 26 September 27 September 29 September 30 (eve) October 1 (eve) October 2 October 3 October 3 October 8 October 10	Sisterhood Meeting and 24 SUCCOTH services Bar Mitzvah: Alex Levin, Alan Peckolick First session Sunday School Sisterhood luncheon and October 1 SHEMINI ATZER- ETH—Yizkor services Simchas Torah Party SIMCHAS TORAH Bar Mitzvah: Stephen Shapiro Youth Group Bar Mitzvah: Joel Stein, Andrew Lowenberg Temple Board Meeting
September 21	First Session Hebrew School Sisterhood Board Meeting	October 15	Youth Group

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