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# COMPLETION OF TEMPLE BUILDING PLANNED FOR SEPTEMBER, 1954

A committee of forty to be known henceforth as "The Committee on the New Building" has been organized to bring to fruition by September 1954 the proposed plans for the completion of our Temple.

With Rabbis Baumgard and Zlotowitz, Irving Green and Hy Jobrack as ex-officio members, the body has been subdivided into four groups. An advisory committee consisting of men who are most familiar with the needs of our congregation will work jointly with the engineering committee who will draw up plans based on the recommendations of those who know what facilities must be added. This group is headed by Sidney Schuster, and has as its members Seymour Bloom, Leonard Braverman, Al Domin, Al Feinsilver, Irving Fleishman, Sol Koplowitz, Harold Lowe, Morris Meyer, Gerald Singer, and Dr. Steinberg.

### RABBI ZLOTOWITZ TO BE INSTALLED

Rabbi Bernard Zlotowitz will be formally installed as Assistant Rabbi of the Congregation at Friday Evening Services, November 27th, at 8:45 P.M. Dr. Harry Orlinsky, renowned Biblical Scholar, also beloved by his students for his humorous as well as profound comments, will make the Installation Address. Rabbi Baumgard has expressed the hope that the entire congregation will be present to mark this festive occasion.

Rabbi Zlotowitz was ordained at Beth Joseph Theological Seminary in Brooklyn and has held two Orthodox pulpits. Three years ago, however, he found his own religious views to be in conflict with Orthodoxy, and he resigned an influential pulpit to enter the seminary for Liberal Rabbis, the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York. Rabbi Zlotowitz has served in Temple B'nai Israel as an instructor on the faculty of the Hebrew School. His work was so successful, that he was asked by Rabbi Baumgard and the Temple Board to broaden his activities. At the present time, Rabbi Zlotowitz teaches the highest grade in the Sun-day School, conducts the Youth Service on Saturday Mornings, leads several classes in the Adult Education Institute, and otherwise assists Rabbi Baumgard in the vast educational program of our institution. Rabbi Zlotowitz's sermons to our congregants have been well re-ceived, and his sincerity and scholarly aptitude are apparent to all.

### GUEST SPEAKER

The guest speaker for the evening is Presiding Officer of the Faculty of the New York School of the HUC-JIR. He is perhaps the outstanding Jewish scholar in the field of Bible today and has written for most well known magazines in the scholarly world. He is the author of a soon-to-be-released volume, "Israel In The Ancient Near-East". The congregation, says Rabbi Baumgard, will find his remarks alive and humorous.

### CHANUKAH CELEBRATION STARTS DECEMBER 1

The Temple's Annual Chanukah Candle-light Service will be held this year on Tuesday night, December 1st, at 7:45 P.M. Participating in the Service, which is always one of the grand occasions of the year, will be members of the Confirmation Club, Youth Groups, and Religious School.

The first day of Chanukah is Wednesday, December 2nd, and the Holiday continues through Wednesday, December 9th. Special Services will be held at the Temple also on Friday Evening, December 4th and Saturday Morning, December 5th.

Rabbi Baumgard urges all parents to beautify their homes with Chanukah symbols this year. The Temple Parent-Teachers Association has made the purchase of Menorahs, banners, napkins, records, toys, etc., very simple by setting up a booth in the Temple lobby. All sorts of items are easily obtainable from the PTA at very reasonable prices. Chanukah comes very early this year, and parents are urged to be prepared.

### LIBRARY FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO ALL

This is Jewish Book Month. It is a good time to become acquainted with your Temple Library, a most beautiful room dedicated to the memory of Arnold Flast. The library is open at all times for reference and study. A librarian is in attendance on Monday and Thursday from 3:30 to 4:45 P.M. and on Tuesday from 8:00 to 9:30 P.M. to help you locate information and to check your books in and out. Books may be borrowed for two weeks. There are countless hours of pleasure awaiting you and your children in the many books on philosophy, religion, science, and fiction that have been purchased or donated to our collection. Start to enjoy your Temple Library now.

-Rita Compain

Reuben Peckolick will serve as chairman of the fund raising group. Acting for the men's division will be Morris Emanuel, Harry Flast, Irving Holzman, David Resnick, Sol Rothenberg, and Sam Schack. The women's division consists of Lillian Epstein, Mildred Finegold, Elaine Newberg, Natalie Rubin, and Esther Sokoloff.

The fourth subdivision will handle the publicity for the parent body. Irving Holczer is Chairman, and his committee includes Joseph Gilbert, Bill Golub, Elaine Holczer, and Selma Packer.

At the present time two main plans are under consideration. One is the completion of our present building to include a permanent chapel and six classrooms that can be converted into a youth center, at a cost of \$50-60,000. The alternate plan depends upon the acquisition of an adjacent parcel of land on which a school building could be erected at a cost of about \$40,000.

It has been suggested that funds for the vast project be raised not merely by additional contributions, but through the sale of bonds which will pay annual interest to their purchasers, and which will be redeemed for the purchase price at maturity.

The joint advisory-engineering committee is already at work, and will soon pass on its report to the fund raising people whose job it will be to arrange the financing of the project. The publicity group will keep you and the world posted on all progress. It is a huge task and an inspiring one, and we must all participate enthusiastically in order to reach our goal by September 1954.

(Ed. Note: At the time this article was written all the information herein reported was subject to congregational approval.)

### YAHRZEIT

The following people observe Yahrzeit on the dates indicated:

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Samuel RosenbergNovember	26
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### Rabbi's Column

This column will probably appear after Armistice Day and just before Thanksgiving Day. The word Armist.ce does not send people into tantrums of delirious joy anymore. They rather look at an Armistice as an interim period just prior to the renewal of armed hostilities. The day will probably pass with little reflection on the part of most of us, and with a few parades and patriotic speeches on the local and national scene. Little effort will be spent on this day trying to direct the efforts of the nations into new channels. Inspired thinking no longer is characteristic of Armistice Day. I wonder what we can do to restore real meaning and satisfaction to this holiday? Shall we insist that it be the spring-board for imaginative planning, or will we just take the day off to watch the parades?

Thanksgiving Day seems more meaningful to us in the 1950s. Everybody can let off steam by watching a football game, or he can experience sensual de-light by mixing the taste of turkey and cranberry sauce. We have so many reasons to be grateful in America. We have the physical comforts the Caesars of old yearned for. They waged wars to obtain them. We are in the position where we must maintain world peace in order to keep them. Armistice Day has come and gone. Thanksgiving Day lies ahead. Do you think it can be a day for thinking as well as eating and drinking? Do you think that somewhere in the middle of the browned potatoes we can say a quiet prayer for peace? Will we, on this wonderful day, be anything more than animals gorging ourselves with the bounty of nature? Or will we also assert our spiritual selves by devoting a few moments to plans for alleviating man's inhumanity to man?

A Youth Fund has been established in memory of Sarah Peckolick, beloved mother of Reuben and Charles Peckolick. It will be administered by Rabbi Baumgard. \* \* \*

Roberta Weiss' essay, "What I Shall Teach My Children about Judaism", will appear in the current issue of "American Judaism", publication of the Union of American Hebrew Congragations.

## Sisterhood News

### by JEAN KAUFMAN

FUN AND HOW!

Our November meeting (November 24) is "Mr. and Mrs. Nite", and it is being held jointly with the Men's Club. The well-known humorist-psychiatrist, Dr. Murray Banks, will entertain us. (If you see me with a pencil it's because I'll be copying some of his very funny material). He is a terrific attraction, and there will be excellent refreshments afterward.

GOING, GOING, ALMOST GONE! Your chances, I mean, to earn some extra donor credit. Instead of playing Canasta or Scrabble some afternoon, why not take a trip into the city to get some donations of merchandise for our Bazaar, which is to be held at the Temple December 13, 14, 15. OPERATION TOYS

Don't forget to bring a toy to The November Sisterhood meeting. Wrap it gaily and mark the age and whether it is for a girl or boy on the outside. These toys will be donated to the Hendricks Street Day Nursery at a Cha-nukah Party sponsored by our Social Service Committee.

### YOU'LL BE SORRY

If you don't pay up your annual dues, you will be sorry. The paid-up Mem-bership Party on December 9 is going to be a dilly. (Shades of Fu Manchu.) CULTURE

The Study Group will hold a Book and Author Tea on Friday evening January 15 after the regular service. Our guest will be Mrs. Sidonie M. Gruenberg, one of the foremost authorities in the field of parent education.

BAZAAR SET FOR DECEMBER 13, 14, 15 Owing to sudden illness, Marcia Bau-man has been forced to resign as Bazaar Chairman, and Ethel King has agreed to execute the elaborate plans made by Marcia and her committee. The dates are December 13, 14, 15, and a goal of \$5,000 has been set.

In order to achieve this goal, huge quantities of merchandise are needed. Everyone is urged to contact all possible sources of supply, and to watch the mails for notices of depots. Full donor credit will be given on all mer-chandise. Some of the features of the Bazar which promise to make it the biggest yet are its theme "Winter Won-derland" which will be carried out in the color scheme and decorations; the children's program which will provide movies and a grab bag in the after-noons; the raffle with a grand prize of a wrought iron dinette set; and the res-taurant run by Kate Schack and Sophie Sussman (which, incidentally will give full donor credit for food donated for use in the kitchen).

If you are unable to get merchandise or knitting for the "Hand-Made Ar-ticles Booth" under the direction of Frieda Farbstein and Lee Resnick respectively. If your talents are culinary, try baking or cooking for the "Home-cooked Foods Booth". Last but not least, volunteer to serve on the sales force, and watch the mails for addi-tional information on this important event. Ethel King's telephone number is PR 5-2252.

## Men's Club News

### by DAVID RESNICK

Just a reminder that there will not be a Regular Meeting of the Men's Club. on Tuesday, November 17th, 1953. Instead, our Men's Club Meeting will be held jointly with that of the Sisterhood, on Tuesday, November 24th, 1953. This Joint Meeting promises to be a jampacked event, with first come, first seated. The program is jointly spon-sored, and features Dr. Murray Banks, humorist - psychiatrist. This meeting will also see the Men's Club presentation by Fund Raising Chairman Sol Rothenberg of \$3,000 to The Temple Building Fund.

Our regular meeting nite on Novem-ber 17th, 1953, at the Temple, will be devoted to the Ping Pong Tournament elimination matches conducted ander the supervision of our audacious, hand-some and dignified Chairman, David Cohan. At this moment he reports 60 entrants. It's not too late to enter the tournament.

A reminder to the members that dues not paid on or before December 15th, 1953, will prevent you from attending our first annual paid-up membership party. This annual event has replaced our Donor Supper. Admission to partake in the eats and entertainment is free to members in good stand-

We have been asked why our Men's Club has refrained from sponsoring any dances or other social functions for 1953-54. At the beginning of our year, we coordinated our programming with that of the Sisterhood in order to avoid a pile up of one activity on top of an-other. The planned Sisterhood Social Functions for their members, husbands, and open to all guests, will amply serve our own needs for social outlets, pro-viding we men actively support and attend these affairs. It all adds up to the same purpose, since we well know that Sisterhood plans are geared towards the financial support of the Temple. Their Annual Bazaar coming up in December will require the help and contributions of the men. We urge you to go all out in aiding the Sisterhood to make this event their most profitable undertaking to date.

By the time you will be reading this column, our Men's Club Membership will have reached 300 (181, in June, 1953), with 100 more to go towards our goal of 400 by our June Meeting, in 1954. George Hart, Chairman of our National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods' Committee reported that he and his committee attended a meeting of the Nassau-Suffolk Regional Committee at Temple Beth-El of Great Neck, on October 29th, 1953. A round table discussion disclosed that our Men's Club is far outstripping any other Men's Club in our Region, in percentage growth of membership, attendance at regular meetings, fund raising and program ideas.

To those members of the Temple, new and old, and to non-members of the Temple, who are not yet members of the Men's Club, we invite you to join us at a Regular Monthly "Nite Out" with your neighborhood friends every third Tuesday of the month, except July and August - Dues only \$5.00 per annum.

## President's Message

### by HYMAN JOBRACK

This is a message of urgency. We must bring to our entire membership an awareness of a situation that necessitates immediate action. We are always making pleas for funds; we are always asking for help. We will probably continue to do so until our house of worship is completed. But, as is usually the case, when we cry wolf too often, we are apt to find ourselves in a real emergency, with people taking our appeals in their stride without too much concern.

We must, at this time, build classrooms to take care of a student enroll-ment that demands four times the amount of room that is now available. It is physically impossible to take care of our children adequately at the present time.

This concerns all of us. Those of us whose children are still too young, must at this time see to it that facilities are provided in time. Those who have grown children must remember that, not only is it a civic duty, but it is a sound investment and makes good sense to have a place where our youngsters can congregate off the streets, can meet their own kind, can absorb a little culture and learning, and it certainly vitally affects those people whose chil-dren are attending our Sunday and Hebrew School today.

We are organizing our committees now. When our volunteers contact you, please remember it is our mutual problem. It is our responsibility to our We cannot and must not let youth. them down.

## Youth Activities

#### by HERB BLOOM

#### SENIORS:

Keeping pace with our wonderful start, the Seniors held programs during the past month that were great fun for the 75 young people who attended. There was a terrific presentation by our own "Dragnet" troupe which told all about future programs. Another highlight of our activities was the meeting with Dr. Crain who discussed important problems with us. So far the Seniors are going great.

#### JUNIORS:

The Juniors are shaping up with some good plans being carried out. We now have our four Ping Pong tables, deck tennis, and shuffleboard equipment. A Ping Pong Tournament has been started by Simon Schwartz, Eddie Meyer, and Mickey Rochester. We also met the leaders of our special interest clubs, Lee Singer and Monty Margoshes. Dancing instruction with Sue Ronson and a Charm School program are also under way. Looks like we'll have lots to do—and we're doing it too.

### WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

On behalf of the officers and myself, we welcome you as Members of Temple B'nai Israel. It is our wish that your stay with us will be a lasting and pleasant one. We hope you will participate in congregational activities, and in so doing will meet our congenial members.

Samuel Schack, Vice-President In Charge of Membership

Mr. and Mrs.:

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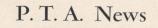
## Tales Out of School

### by SEYMOUR BLOOM

In spite of the handicap of not having adequate rooms for our children in Sunday School, the teaching is meeting top quality standards. The wonderful job the teachers are doing is evidenced by the extremely high attendance that we have been consistently having. All that we have to do to keep our children interested is to help them with their studies so that they come prepared each week and contribute to success of the class. Please see that your child takes his books, papers and pencils when he is off to school. In this way you can be sure that he will be attempting to do his best.

The Temple's P.T.A. has been exceptionally gracious to our school. We were given sufficient money to purchase the large 10 foot screen that is hanging in our auditorium; a strip film machine and several strip films. We all are aware of the importance of visualaids in the class room. We wish to thank our P.T.A. for the wonderful job that they are doing and ask that all parents join them in getting for our school the things that we need. A 100% P.T.A. membership will make the job much easier.

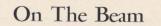
See you at the Chanukah Party. . . .



### by NATALIE RUBIN

On December 1 we begin the celebra-tion of the "Festival of Lights", that is, the holiday, Chanukah. In Sunday School your child will learn why the Jewish people rededicate themselves at this particular time. They will also learn what a Menorah is, and why and how the candles are lit each night for eight nights. They will discover that Chanukah is a time of family celebration when little gifts are exchanged. Are YOU as well prepared to enjoy this holiday as your child will be?

On November 18 at 1:30 P.M. at the Temple, the P.T.A. meeting will feature a display of Chanukah decorations, stories, Menorahs, and suggested gifts from the Judaica Shop. Rabbi Zlotowitz will review Jewish books for children at every age level. These recom-mended books will make excellent gifts. Family participation in a joyous religious holiday makes for a happy home. Please attend this meeting, and we'll celebrate together.



### by ELAINE HOLCZER

Last month we tried to hold the press. Until Sir Stork found the Baumgards' address.

He beat the deadline by the slimmest margin.

So our brief words we would enlargen. Our warm congrats we officially extend.

To the Rabbi, and Mrs., and Big Brother Jonathan we send

Best wishes on the arrival of baby Shira With a hearty welcome we hereby cheer her.

Another family has had a blessed event: The Hellers, you know, Son 3 were sent. To them all we say, "Congratulations, May your happiness last for generations."

For Howard Schweitzer and Steve Wolin Bar Mitzvah wishes are in order

And more of the same for Renee, the Hymans' daughter.

While so many good wishes we are expressing

We have some for those who with illness are messing: Eleanor Wagner, Tess Rubelow, Rita

Zimmerman, Baby Feinsilver, Esther Horowitz's grandson, Sally Dundy, Phil Fenton, David Lewis' mother, Ed Ross' father, and Marcia Bauman.

We hope they'll all be well real soon

And won't get sick for many a moon. Once again sorrow has struck

To these bereaved we wish better luck: Rose Gold, Vivian Furer, Betty Jacobs,

Helen Cohen, Elias Bomser. If of news you have some more, Call PRimrose 5-3224.

### **ONEG SHABBAT** — WHAT'S THAT?

According to Rabbi Baumgard "Oneg Shabbat" means "Joy of the Sabbath". Traditionally, it is a session of singing z'miroth (songs), partaking of refreshments, and participating in discussion, all related of course to the spirit of the Shabbat, the period which Jews set aside for study and self-improvement. The "Oneg Shabbat" period at the Temple provides Temple members with the opportunity to celebrate the joyous occasions of their lives, like wedding anniversaries and birthdays, with their friends of the community. Refreshments are served in this period, while Cantor Conviser takes over at the organ and leads willing followers in informal song. It's a period for relaxation and "camaraderie".



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### Calendar of Events

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Nov. 1	6	Sisterhood Executive
		Board Meeting
Nov. 1	8	1:30 P. M., P.T.A. Meet
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		Adults Institute Classes
		(also every Wednesday)
Nov. 1	0	Youth Groups Meet (also
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Nov. 2	1	Joint Meeting of Men's
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		Club and Sisterhood: Dr
NT 0	-	Murray Banks.
Nov. 2	9	Additional casting for
NT O	-	Temple Show
Nov. 2	1	Installation of Rabbi
-		Zlotozitz
Dec.	1	Chanukah evening ser-
		vice; Children's Chanu-
		kah Party.
Dec.		Chanukah
Dec.	5	Bas Mitzvah: Renee Hy-
		man
Dec.		Temple Board Meeting
Dec.	9	Sisterhood Paid-up
		Membership Party
Dec. 13	3-14-15	New Merchandise Ba-
		zaar

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### **B'NAI B'RITH SABBATH**

"B'nai B'rith Sabbath" will be held at the Temple on Friday night, November 20th at 8:45 P.M. Representatives of both the men's and women's organizations of the local B'nai B'rith will read portions of the Service, while Rabbi Baumgard will speak on the theme, "Religion and Social Action". B'nai B'rith will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat.

Members of other local congregations who are affiliated with B'nai B'rith are invited to attend the Service of our Temple. Similar Services are held in congregations throughout the nation to evidence the relation of B'nai B'rith to the synagogue as a source of inspiration for the Jewish community.





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