



## FIRST REPORTS ON EXPANSION

The Advisory Committee, through its Chairman, Sidney Schuster, reported at the December Temple Board meeting that after reviewing the critical shortage of adequate facilities for worship, religious ceremonies, class rooms and meeting rooms, the plans for expansion include 180 fixed seats in a new chapel, 10 classrooms, storage rooms for maintenance, dressing rooms for Rabbi, Cantor, choir, etc., toilet facilities on the second floor, air conditioning for auditorium and chapel, and individual closet space for organizations and committees.

In order to meet the cost of building and equipping the necessary additions, the Board of Trustees passed a motion to borrow \$75,000 as authorized by the congregation at its November meeting. The present plans call for the issuance of bonds in denominations of \$100, \$250 and \$500 to secure the loan. The bonds will pay an interest rate of 4%, payable annually. The term of the bonds will be five years, and the right of prepayment on any interest date will be at the option of the Temple.

## NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY RESERVATIONS LIMITED

In order to provide adequate room in our Temple Auditorium, reservations for the New Year's Eve Party will be limited to the first 100 couples, according to an announcement by Chairmen Morris Emanuel and Irving Fleishman. Some tickets are still available at \$20.00 per couple entitling guests to cocktails and hors d'oeuvres from 9:30 P. M. and a midnight supper. An extraordinary fine band has been engaged to play and entertain until the wee small hours. Noisemakers, hats, and decorations will be provided.

## JOURNAL COMMITTEE INCENTIVE PLAN

Harry Flast, Chairman of the Journal Committee, announces an incentive plan to stimulate the sale of ads in the Temple Journal. The plan will allow the seller of an ad to apply 10 per cent of the value of his ad or ads toward the purchase of tickets for the annual Temple Dinner in March. The sale of \$200 worth of ads will entitle the seller to a pair of free tickets. Sisterhood members will get Donor Credit for their sales.

## SIDONIE GRUENBERG SPEAKS JAN. 15

The Sisterhood Study Group announces with pride that Mrs. Sidonie Gruenberg, author of "The Wonderful Story of How You Were Born" will speak at the Temple on Friday evening, January 15. Mrs. Gruenberg is a pioneer leader and one of the foremost authorities in this country in the field of parent education. She served as Director of the Child Study Association of America for more than twenty-five years and has written and edited many books on child development and family relationships. Mrs. Gruenberg will speak on "Child Attitudes Towards Sex—Facts Are Not Enough".

Everyone is cordially invited to attend this informative and interesting lecture.

Selma Packer

## Calendar of Events

Fri.,	Dec. 18	"WHAT IS THE BASIC DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CHRISTIANITY AND JUDAISM?"—Rabbi Baumgard
Mon.,	Dec. 21	Sisterhood Executive Board.
Fri.,	Dec. 25	"WHAT JUDAISM HAS TAUGHT THE WORLD"—Rabbi Zlotowitz.
Sat.,	Dec. 26	Senior Youth Group Dance.
Thurs.,	Dec. 31	New Year's Eve Party.
Fri.,	Jan. 1	"WHAT DOES THE NEW YEAR HOLD?"—Rabbi Zlotowitz.
Tues.,	Jan. 5	Men's Club Executive Board.
Wed.,	Jan. 6	Temple Show Rehearsal (every Wednesday).
Fri.,	Jan. 8	"SENATOR McCARTHY, HERO OR KNAVE?"—Rabbi Baumgard.
Tues.,	Jan. 12	Temple Board Meeting.
Fri.,	Jan. 15	SIDONIE GRUENBERG speaks. See Page 1.

## SCHOOL TERMS END

The Hebrew School and Sunday School terms will end December 20, and the new terms begin January 3. If there are enough requests a new class will be formed in Beginner's Hebrew for children eight years old and up. The Rabbi reminds us that candidates for Bar Mitzvah and Bas Mitzvah require a minimum of three years in Sunday School and Hebrew School.

## NOMINATING COMM. PRESENTS SLATE

At the December meeting of the Board of Trustees the Nominating Committee reported that it unanimously endorses the following candidates for election to the Temple Board in February:

Trustee for one year: David Bauman, Charles Harris.

Trustee for three years: Nathan Drucker, Adolph Klepner, Alice Kramer, Samuel Krupnick, Irving Holzman, Edythe Marlowe, Marvin Newberg, Leon Rochester, Sidney Schuster, Alvin Schwartz, Julius Spector, Roy Spector.

For President: Sidney Schuster.

The nominating committee itself consisted of the following members of the Congregation elected by the Congregation: David Resnick, Irving Holzer, Sidney Schuster, Alvin Schwartz; and the following Board Members appointed by the Board: Morrie Lerner, Irving Fleishman, and Morris Emanuel.

## BOARD SET UP FOR ADULT EDUCATION

At a recent meeting of the Adult Education Committee, men and women outstanding in civic and cultural affairs in the community, and aware of the needs for a wide fresh Jewish cultural program, formed sub-committees to effect such a program. Edwin Newman will head the committee on Community Service and Human Relations; Bob Link, co-related cultural programs; Bea Link, publicity. Other representatives include Sadie Kagan and Martin Krauss for B'nai B'rith; Marilyn Brandt for Sisterhood; Sam Krupnick, Men's Club; and others for P.T.A. and Hadassah.

One of the problems arising in the implementation of such an ambitious program is the lack of classroom space. It is hoped that public school classrooms can be made available if the February registration is as large as expected.

A new course is being offered beginning Tuesday, February 2. It is entitled "Problems of Inter-dating and Inter-marriage," a series of four lectures by Rabbi Baumgard. This course is being given at 1:00 P.M. especially for the benefit of those who cannot get out in the evening when most of the other classes are held. Call LAurelton 5-4574 to sign up for this new course and for other information.

Shirley Montner

# BULLETIN

## Temple B'nai Israel

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## A Letter to the Editor

Dear Editors:

I am a constant attender at Services at your Temple, and I want I should ask you a key question, "Why is it that children should have all the fun?" On the first night of Chanukah I went to such a service as I have never seen in any other synagogue. The lights went out and nobody ran for the exits. Instead some little fellow came down the aisle balancing a little candle, and with it the "Eternal Light" was rekindled, just like Judah the Maccabee. Then, from that candle another candle was lit, and so on, until everybody in the Temple was holding a lit candle. It was thrilling. The old folks who were there had never had such a time in a synagogue. Only there weren't many old folks there. The children had a monopoly on the place. Why, I ask you, must children have all the fun? Why must they take all the seats. Are we who were robbed of an enjoyable Jewish life in our youth never to experience the pleasures of modern Jewry? Are our children only to be happy Jews while we cry in our borscht?

Then there was the Simchas Torah Service some months ago. The joint was jumping. Such singing, and marching. Everybody carried a Torah. Even me. There was candy and cake for all, but most important was the happiness of being a Jew. Why is it, Mr. Editor, that only the kids were there to be happy? Why is it that most of us parents refuse to be happy Jews?

If you can answer this question, Mr. Editor, you can bet I'll ask another. Better than that, my wife will send you over some gefilte fish. Fish with chrane!—ah, it's such happiness to be a Jew.

Yours with much oblige,  
 BASIL MASHUGA.

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Dr. and Mrs. Harry Evans  
 Mr. and Mrs. Irving Greenberg  
 Mr. and Mrs. Harry Beck  
 Mr. and Mrs. Morris Greenwald  
 Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Racklin  
 Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Pelton  
 Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Posner  
 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Littman  
 Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Wagner

## Rabbi's Column

I have often been approached by members of our Temple with the remark: "Rabbi, when I went to Hebrew School I hated it. But my children love it. What accounts for the difference?"

This question can best be answered by comparing the philosophical, psychological, and methodological approach to education of the traditional Hebrew School (in which most of us were educated) with that of the modern progressive Hebrew School (in which the children of our Temple study).

The aim of the traditionalists as expressed by their philosophy of education is to have every student measure up to set and definite goals already determined without taking into account the child's interests, abilities or capacities. They look upon the school as an end in itself rather than as a preparation for life now and later. So their curriculum becomes one that is centered about the subject matter rather than around the child, family, and community.

The modern progressive school, on the other hand, realizing the inadequacies of such a philosophy introduced an entirely new curriculum based on new educational concepts. The primary aim and function is to develop the pupil's interest, capacities, abilities, and potentialities to the highest degree. The subject matter, therefore, is no longer rigid but flexible, and the goals are no longer fixed but fluid, according to the felt needs of the child. Such a program becomes child-family-and-community centered rather than subject-matter centered.

Another faulty educational aspect of the traditionalists is that they emphasize what is known as "faulty psychology"; that is, the human being is supposedly divided into various chambers (e.g. memory, reasoning, etc.) with each acting independently of the other. Consequently, in the traditionalist school the subjects are compartmentalized—each subject being taught as a unit unto itself.

The modern progressive school realizes that a person reacts as a total organism and not as individual parts. Therefore, our method of instruction is geared to the entire personality of the child which consists of an integrated program of all the subject matter.

The differences in the philosophies and educational psychologies of the two schools is reflected in the method of instruction. In the traditionalist school, the teacher demands conformity. The result is that in the classroom the pupil is passive—he listens and recites. In the modern progressive school the pupil is active and taught to think for himself. Hence, the teacher is looked upon as a guide and adviser. Such a concept of education naturally stimulates the pupil to study and take an interest in his work.

—RABBI BERNARD ZLOTOWITZ

## President's Message

by HYMAN JOBRACK

Three years ago on Chanukah Eve we gathered here to dedicate our new Temple for the first time. The walls were bare and unpainted; no drapes hung from the windows. There was no curtain on the stage; no organ in our auditorium. Our kitchen was empty except for a few essentials.

Yet we were happy and thrilled. Dedication meant more to us than just a ceremony. It meant dedicating ourselves to finish and pay for our house of worship.

We have done a lot in three short years, and what we have done speaks for itself. You have only to look about you to see what has been accomplished.

Today we are again gathered together. This time to celebrate the anniversary of our dedication. As we did then, so must we now dedicate ourselves to finish the job we have so ably done up until now.

We propose to do that by our bond drive. Is it sound? Will your money be safe? Let the facts speak for themselves. In a five year period we have reduced our indebtedness from \$110,000 to about \$27,000. All this while our operating costs have increased.

Thanks to our hard working volunteers and our splendid Sisterhood and Men's Club, we need have no fear for our investment. I predict that in the next five years our affiliates will raise \$20,000 per year for a total of \$100,000. And we will need every penny of it to give our youth and our community all they deserve.

We expect everyone to buy at least one bond. From a business point of view it is sound and profitable. Practically it makes sense, Morally and Ethically it is our duty for our sake and the sake of our children. We cannot and must not shirk this responsibility.

## HELP WANTED

The Sisterhood needs volunteers for the Telephone Squad. Please contact Dotty Soefer or Marion Braverman if you can help.

If anyone is willing to lend round tops for bridge tables to be used at Cabaret Night, please contact Dotty Friedman FLoral Park 2-8507.

Donor Credit will be given for fabrics, trimmings, zippers, nails, paints, and lumber donated for use in costumes and props for the BIG SHOW. Please call Jean Kaufman, FLoral Park 2-6341.

## \$5,000 PRESENTATION AT JOINT MEETING

The highlight of the joint meeting of the Sisterhood and Men's Club, November 24, was the presentation of \$5,000 to Hy Jobrack for the Temple Building Fund. Sol Rothenberg represented the Men's Club with a check for \$3,000, and Esther Gropper the Sisterhood with \$2,000. It was at this meeting that Dr. Murray Banks left a packed house laughing, yet better informed about Kinsey and women.

## PTA TO SPONSOR OPEN SCHOOL NIGHT

On Wednesday, January 20 at 8:30 P.M. at the Temple the PTA will sponsor its annual Open Night. It will provide an opportunity for the parents to meet their children's Sunday School and Hebrew School teachers and to learn something of the curricula covered in the classrooms.

The PTA has had a gratifying increase in membership, but the attendance at meetings has been disappointing. Those who have attended have found the programs interesting and timely. Open School Night should be of vital concern to all interested parents. Plan to be present on January 20.

Natalie Rubin

## CHANUKAH PARTY SUCCESSFUL EVENT

Both sessions of our Sunday School had a delightful time celebrating the Chanukah Party. Close to 500 children sang the Chanukah songs with great gusto as our Cantor led the singing. Mrs. Leah Learner, supervised the preparation of the program which gave the children much delight.

The early session enjoyed the Kindergarten's dance and poem that Mrs. Lillian Meyer and Mrs. Ruth Gurman had taught to them. Karen Karshmer recited the poem about latkes which Mrs. Schwartz taught her. Mrs. Bloom's class told the story of Chanukah, and Mrs. Muriel Miller's grade 4 put on a play which told of celebrating Chanukah today. The players were Ellen Schwartz, Alan Beck, Susan Yourman, Arlene Kaplan, Stephen Sugarman, Karen Rothstein.

The later session saw a repeat performance with these additions; the first grade sang a song. These third grade students recited poems: Susan Yusselman, Meryl Panetz, Herbert Koplowitz, and Elliot Packman.

Evelyn Singer's refreshments committee of Edith Krupnick, Evelyn Newman, Harriet Reisman, and Marcelle Ronson supplied the chocolate Chanukah Gelt candy. Mr. Rubin Peckolick once again contributed the comic magazines. The Sunday School supplied the Chanukah Dreidels. The kids had a grand time.

Under the auspices of Leah Lerner and Evelyn Newman our Art Teacher, the 2nd and 3rd grade children prepared many very colorful packages of candy which were sent to the Lincoln Hospital in the Bronx for the little patients. A letter of thanks was received from Sander V. Smith, Medical Superintendent.

Seymour Bloom

## SENIOR YOUTH GROUP TO HOLD DANCE

On Saturday night, December 26, the Senior Youth Group will sponsor its annual semi-formal dance. Music will be supplied by a super band, and a variety show will be put on by the members themselves. Tickets are \$1.50, refreshments included. Youth groups of other towns are invited.

Herb Bloom

## On The Beam

by ELAINE HOLCZER

The experts find the birth rate on the wane

But our records show they're slightly insane.

Inside of a month we've had four additions—

We'll name them here with your kind permission:

For brand new Jeff Scharlin and William Hyman too,

There's a pair of baby girls who are just as new as you:

Maxine Golub and Anne Dubowy are November's little cuties

We wish you all the best of luck as you assume life's duties.

And while good luck is on the agenda

To Fred Soefer we've some to render:

Of his new venture we're very glad;

Turn to Page 4, and read his ad.

Our sick list once again's too long.

That folks are ill we think is wrong.

And of course, it goes without saying,

For their speedy recoveries we all are praying:

Al Domin, Bernice Lane, Harriet Zaldin, the Birenbach Twins, Marty Rubin's mother, LeRoy Zimmerman, Ida Gordon's father, and the Ross' daughter.

Extending condolences always makes us feel sad—

Sincerest sympathy to those who losses have had:

Edith Perlstein, David Pitter, Ed Ross, Pearl Halpern.

If of news you have some more,

Call PRimrose 5-3224.

## BAR MITZVAH CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

Stephen Wolin was elected President of the Bar Mitzvah Club of 1953 at a meeting following Religious Services on Saturday, December 12. Vice-President of the Club which aids in the conduct of Sabbath Services is Howard Schweitzer; Secretary - Treasurer is Michael Eisenstadt.

Club members will take a trip into New York in the near future to see points of Jewish and general interest. All boys and girls who have been Bar Mitzvah or Bas Mitzvah, or who have been graduated from the Sunday School are eligible to participate.

## MEN'S CLUB SPONSORS "CHANCE OF A LIFETIME"

The Men's Club is sponsoring its most ambitious fund-raising project in the form of a drawing for a three-week European luxury vacation for two. The winner (and guest) will fly from Idlewild to London, and then spend three glorious weeks visiting England, Paris, Rome, Lucerne, Capri, Naples, and other world-famous cities and resorts. All hotels and meals are first class and are included in the prize, as are all travel costs, tour and entrance fees, services of an English speaking chauffeur, and in addition the winner receives \$250.00 for pocket money. The fabulous itinerary and details will be sent to all members of the Temple in the near future. The drawing will take place at the Temple on Tuesday, March 16, 1954. Tickets are \$25.00, and the sale is limited to 350 tickets.

Ticket sellers will be rewarded for efforts. The seller of the winning ticket will receive a week's vacation for two at the Hotel Mount Royal Manor in Miami Beach including plane transportation. Fund-raising Chairman Sol Rothenberg has announced a list of additional prizes including a Shuratone portable 3-way radio-phonograph, leather luggage, lighter sets, and golf balls.

Two lucky people are going to Europe in royal style next year. Will one of them be you? Call Sol Rothenberg, CU 5-7190 for details. This is really the "Chance of a Lifetime"!

## SISTERHOOD PLANS BUSY SCHEDULE

"French Cabaret Night" will take place at the Temple on Saturday, February 27. Real Parisian atmosphere is promised by an able committee headed by Dotty Friedman and Ruth Margoshes. The Spring will be ushered in by a Blintze Luncheon and Card Party in March; another Rummage sale; and a fun-filled week-end at the Hotel Flagler. The culmination of these incredible activities is of course the Donor luncheon in May.

On January 6 the annual show goes into rehearsal, although it has actually been in work since last May. It will be known by the title of "Hero with a Halo", and has about 85 parts, which leaves plenty of room for YOU.

Jean Kaufman

## YOUTH GROUP ORGANIZES INTERMEDIATE CLUB

To accommodate young people who fall between the Junior and Senior Youth age groups, the Temple has organized another club for girls who are high school freshmen and boys who are high school sophomores. This group, with Arthur Zweiganoft as adviser will meet every other week on the same evenings as the Senior Youth Group.

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**EXTRA!!**

At 10:07 P.M. on Tuesday, December 14, with still another day to go our Bazaar grossed \$3,166. The Bazaar was sponsored by the Sisterhood with the support and co-operation of the Men's Club. Ethel King was Chairman, and Leonard Braverman headed the Men's Division. The Dining Room "Bazaar-B-Q" under the direction of Kate Schack, Sophie Sussman, and Helen Rochester contributed a sizable portion of the total. The sales force was phenomenal with its untiring devotion to its task. More about this fabulous event in the January issue.

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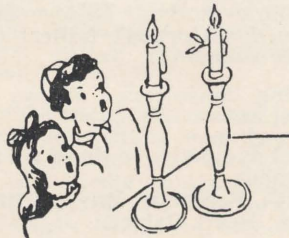
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**ADULT ART CLASS EXHIBITS**

Mrs. Edythe Marlowe's Adult Art Class exhibited over a dozen of its oil paintings in the Temple Library during Chanukah Week. The exhibit showed promising talents from a group which only a few weeks ago put brush to palette for the first time. Most of the paintings showed a religious element, and varied from the abstract through still-life to the realistic. It is hoped that the class will resume next semester.



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