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#### SPECIAL SERVICE HONORS CHOIR

In gratitude for the continued and devoted service of the members of the Temple Choir, a volunteer organization, the Temple will hold a special service honoring the choir on Friday evening, May 28. Those to be honored at that time include Selma Baumgard, June Davidson, Sylvia Geffen, Shirley Kimmel, Eleanor Press, Leona Resnick, Beatrice Schuster, and Florence Walder,

### FLORENCE ULAMOFF

# PTA TO SPONSOR CONFIRMATION BALL

The annual Confirmation Ball sponsored by the Parent Teachers Association and the Senior Youth Group in honor of the young people being graduated from the Confirmation Club will be held on Saturday night, May 29, at the Temple. Those to be honored include Rickey Krawatsky, Judy Schoener, and Joel Friedman. These young people have completed a year in the discussion group under Rabbi Baumgard's direction.

A dance band and special program with guest stars will be a feature part of the Confirmation Ball which always is an elaborate and beautiful affair. Parents of youth group members are invited to be present. Tickets are \$1.50 per couple and may be procured in the Temple office or from the Youth Group Representative, Syd Kreisler, FL 2-5259.

#### FLOWER CEREMONY FOR SHAVUOTH

The annual Flower Service in observance of Shavuoth will be held Sunday evening, June 6 at 7:15 P.M. All members of the Sunday School will participate in the original service by Rabbi Baumgard. This service has received national publicity and has been urged upon other Liberal Congregations. An unusual feature of this service always is the many unique floral decorations.

#### SISTERHOOD ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The Sisterhood held its election at the April meeting, and the following were chosen the new leaders: President, Dolly Kremer; 1st Vice-President in charge of Membership, Esther Gropper; 2nd Vice-President in charge of Ways and Means, Helen Rochester; 3rd Vice-President in charge of Program, Jean Kaufman; 4th Vice-President in charge of Educational Activities and Community Services, Shirley Montner; Recording Secretary, Elaine Holczer; Corresponding Secretary, Irene Levy; Ass't Corresponding Secretary, Edith Krupnick; Treasurer, Shirley Lowe; Ass't Treasurer, Ruth Margoshes; three-year Trustees, Esther Sokoloff and Evelyn Singer.

# CONGREGATION VOTES TO START NEW CONSTRUCTION IMMEDIATELY

By RABBI HERBERT M. BAUMGARD

The congregation has voted to begin adding on to our present building structure immediately. This step has been made necessary by the failure to acquire the K. of C. property next door at this time. The K. of C. is willing to trade for a suitable piece of land, but all attempts to acquire a suitable piece for trading purposes have fallen through.

### Calendar of Events

May 15—Bar Mitzvah, Malcolm Mintz.

May 17—Sisterhood Board Meeting.

May 18-Men's Club Meeting.

May 21—Service Honoring Brotherhood Lodge of Masons. Rabbi Zlotowitz will speak.

May 22—Bar Mitzvah, Jeffrey Robinson.

May 25—Sisterhood Meeting: Installation; Paul Vellard, Balladeer.

May 28—Service Honoring Temple Choir. Special music program.

May 29—Bar Mitzvah, John Pollak. Annual Confirmation Ball.

June 1-Men's Club Board Meeting.

June 4—Annual Confirmation Service, program by members of Confirmation Class, Sunday School Graduation.

June 5—Bar Mitzvah, Harold Emanuel.

June 6—Evening: Annual Flower Service; Shavuoth begins.

June 7-8—Shavuoth; Shavuoth Services.

June 8—Temple Board Meeting.

June 12—Bar Mitzvah, Paul Kovach.

June 15-Men's Club Meeting.

# YOUTH GROUP JOINS INTER-VILLAGE COUNCIL

A new group called the Inter-Village Jewish Youth Council has been formed. It includes nine towns as far out as Rockville Centre. Their first social affair is a dance to be held May 22 at Temple Beth David in Lynbrook. Admission is free to those who hold paidup Temple membership cards.

Rita Compain

The addition to the present structure will give us a large area on the main floor which will be used as a Youth Center. Also on the main floor will be areas for two classrooms with folding doors. The classroom area will combine with the Center area to provide a large auditorium for housing the High Holiday over-flow. Also on the main floor will be a storage room and a toilet area.

On the second floor (Library Floor), we will have four classrooms. The addition will thus give us six classrooms and a Youth Center. The Center, in turn, will be convertible into a Permanent House of Worship, when our needs and means permit.

#### Compromise Plan

Many were the heated arguments on the plans for the addition, but all parties concerned agree that this is the best possible compromise. The entire congregation should cheer the building committee headed by Sidney Schuster which labored arduously on the plans, and, then, patiently, tried to convince everyone that their plan was the best compromise. We should all rise as one man to make certain that the financial means to support this plan (about \$65,000) are promptly forthcoming.

#### Share Expense

Families who have joined the congregation in recent years should know that the new building is made necessary in order to house them and their children. It is unfair to expect that those who gave so much to the original building shall now carry the burden of the new building by themselves. Families who have never given a pledge to the building fund must do so now in liberal amounts. The minimum pledge should be \$150 over a three year period (\$50 a year).

Congregants should know that their Temple dues barely pay for the cost of professional salaries (we are at the minimum level) and for the upkeep of the building. The additional funds for the enlarging of the Temple must come from a mass base, for we have no wealthy people here. Few families can plead impoverishment. We are all poor. And we are all rich. We are rich in our determination and in our vision. We will all give a little, and, in the end, we will all share much.

# BULLETIN

### Temple B'nai Israel

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### Reflections

A very pious man after a full life entered into the Life Eternal. Because of his piety he was told that he would be granted one wish before entering Heaven. He asked only that he be given one glimpse of Hades. His wish was granted and he found himself standing before the Red Gates of the Underworld. The gates swung open and he beheld before him a table, laden with the greatest assortment of foods and delicacies that his eyes had ever seen. And around the table sat hundreds of people. But none tasted a morsel of food. He looked closer, and he saw that no one smiled. Then he saw the reason for the glum faces and the lack of food. Each person had a long silver spoon strapped to his right arm extending from a point midway between the shoulder and the elbow to a point about a foot beyond the fingers. The pious man watched and pitied these poor souls.

Then he was once more before the Gates of Heaven. The gates swung open, and lo, he saw an identical table laden with the same rare foods as before. Hundreds of people were seated around it, and they were laughing and joking, and they were partaking of the food and wine. The man looked closer, and discovered that these people also were handicapped by the same silver spoon strapped to their arms. He wondered, and slowly a smile appeared on his face, for he realized that each was feeding his neighbor.

Morris Emanuel

#### RESPONSE GENEROUS ON PASSOVER WINE

The Passover Wine Distribution Committee expresses its sincerest thanks to the members of the congregation for its generous response. Your favorable comments have been an inspiration, and your continued cooperation will aid us to achieve our goal.

David Bauman

### On The Beam

#### By ELAINE HOLCZER

Though Frank Hyman's illness gave us cause to worry,

We're glad to report he's getting well in a hurry.

We hope soon the same we'll be able to say

About our good friend and co-worker Mike May.

Several others have been ill of late And good health for them we anticipate:

There's Betty Birenbach and Seymour Naroff's Dad,

Ellen Wolpert—be well and we'll be glad.

Some nice new neighbors have come to town

For Irv Fleishman's folks the welcome mat's down.

On the other hand, though, the Meyers depart

To join them out West we go with our heart.

Though we'll miss them we know

Our very good wishes on them we bestow.

The birth of two boys we joyfully announce

For the Bernsteins and Leans the dependents' score mounts.

Congrats and good wishes new parents and sons

May your lives with happiness be always o'errun.

And reluctant we turn from the glad to the sad,

And speak to those who losses have had:

To the Rich and Jacobs families our condolences we send

And hope that of sorrows this will be the end.

When news like this you have some more,

Please call PRimrose 5-3224.

# CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNION

As the Bulletin goes to press, a few families still have not contributed their dollar bill to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the parent organization of our Temple. America's newspapers inform us that many Christian organizations inspired by the Union's many inter-faith programs, ac-claimed the best in the nation, have contributed to the Union. In Atlanta, Ga., the Methodist Church and the Waverly Women's Club have contributed to the Union. Irving Holczer, Combined Campaign Chairman for our congregation is seeking a minimum of one dollar from every family. Please take a moment to send a dollar or more in an envelope NOW with your name and address to Rabbi Baumgard for the Union. Please do not make it necessary for us to call upon you personally for this token gift.

### PASSOVER PARTY HUGE SUCCESS

The Passover party was a huge success. Well over 400 children, in two sittings, had a wonderful Seder Service led by Rabbi Zlotowitz. The tables were made festive by having all the ritualtistic items on them: Seder plate, wine, matzohs, gefulte fish and Passover candy.

The Model Service was created by Rabbi Baumgard several years ago, and it gave the children an excellent idea of just what was to be expected in their homes. Several children asked the Four Questions, and the audience responded.

The singing was led by our Cantor. Mrs. Lerner arranged the program and we got wonderful service from Evelyn Singer and Harriet Riesman's party committee. The following mothers helped make this party a wonderful success: Jo Fogel, Pearl Kreisler, Jean Kaufman, Helen Rochester, Natalie Rubin, Ruth Rothstein, Fritzi Schwartz, Irma Gordon, Edith Krupnick, Sophie Heller, Sylvia Weinstein, Elaine Newberg, Shirley Montner, Evelyn Newman, Gloria Lewis, Marian Braverman, and Ruth Margoshes.

These holiday parties have gone a long way toward making our Sunday School highly successful. The youngsters always look forward to celebrating our various holidays in the joyous manner in which our School Faculty provides. It takes a great deal of planning and foresight to properly see these parties through. Cooperation by the house staff, teaching staff, and special party staff are very necessary in order for these affairs to turn out successful.

We wish to thank Ruth and Roy, our building custodians, for cooperating so nicely and always having things ready for us. Naturally, Harold Lowe, our ubiquitous Executive Secretary who has personally overseered many school functions can only be given our everlasting gratitude for his fine job.

We certainly look forward to the final sessions of our Sunday School to wind up this, our most successful year, which saw us inaugurate a paid teaching staff which worked under very trying conditions and yet, taught the most children we have ever had. Our consistently high attendance attests to this success story. We certainly hope for an equally successful year in the future, in our New Classrooms, we hope.

Seymour Bloom

# DONOR LUNCHEON CLIMAXES SISTERHOOD SOCIAL SEASON

At last the Grand Finale of our 1953-54 Sisterhood Season "hast cometh"—the Donor Luncheon. It will be held on Sunday afternoon, May 23 at the Riviera Yacht Club in Port Washington. A delectable lunch will be served. Each guest will receive a surprise gift, and there will be some very good entertainment. Call Helen Rochester, PR 5-2768, for table reservations.

Renee Marvin, TI 4-8335, is still accepting orders for flower bulbs to be delivered in the Fall. You cannot beat the Sisterhood's prices.

At our May meeting Irene Levy will announce plans for the summer dinner dance of which she is chairman.

To everyone who had any part (acting, sewing, singing, printing, dancing, directing, typing, ushering, etc.) in making "Hero with a Halo" such a tremendous success, may I gratefully and humbly say, "Thank you so very much".

Jean Kaufman

# BOARD HONORS ELAINE NEWBERG

Forty-six members of the Sisterhood Executive Board paid tribute to Elaine Newberg, its outgoing president, at a luncheon held on Tuesday, May 4, at the Au Petit Moulin restaurant in Great Neck. In the charming atmosphere of a typical French cafe the affair was a complete success, and was a fitting testimony to the sincerity and capating testimony to the sincerity and capating testimony to the Board Esther Gropper made the presentation of a silver serving tray given in appreciation of a job well done.

Also honored at the luncheon were five other outgoing elected officers: Marcia Bauman, Tillie Breidbart, Ann Flast, Rose Klee, and Natalie Rubin. These functions have become a part of Sisterhood tradition, which yearly strengthen the ties binding us to Temple B'nai Israel.



### **Annual Temple Show Is Superb Production**

"Hero with a Halo" received more enthusiastic raves from a near capacity audience at Sewanhaka High School at the conclusion of the show's brief two night run than any other similar Temple production. President Ben Brody, in announcing some of the credits from the stage after the final curtain, drew a spontaneous burst of applause from an enthusiastic audience. As thrilled as most of the rest of the audience, the Bulletin Editors deem it worthy to put its praises in print.

# CONFIRMATION CLUB PRESENTS PLAY

The members of the current Confirmation Club, under Rabbi Baumgard's direction, will present an interesting playlet as part of the Annual Confirmation Service on Friday, June The play is entitled, "Jerusalem Holiday", and is based upon the Academy Award picture "Roman Holiday". In starring roles will be Rickey Krawatsky, Judy Schoener, and Joel Friedman, among others. At this service also, the members of Rabbi Zlotowitz's Sunday School class will receive diplomas graduating them from the intermediate department of the Religious School and making them eligible for the High School Department to be organized next fall.

# SOCIAL SERVICE RECEIVES PLAQUE

The Social Service Committee of the Sisterhood, under the able chairman-ship of Helen Rochester received a plaque for having donated a post-operative bed to the Hadassah Hebrew University Medical Center in Israel. The money for the gift was raised at a card party in January, and through a donation from the Men's Club.

# MEN'S CLUB INVITES ALL TO JUNE MEETING

The June meeting of the Men's Club promises to be the outstanding meeting of the year. In addition to the installation of officers, the program will feature Doreen DuBois and Larry Best. Larry Best has created some of the funniest characterizations in show business, and is a favorite at many of the nation's supper clubs and cafes. Miss DuBois, of the Metropolitan Opera, was judged by Jan Peerce as the possessor of one of the finest new soprano voices in a decade.

The meeting, to be held at the Temple on June 15, will be an Open Meeting. Clearly, this is a night to put down on your calendar now. Don't miss it.

The book, written by Nettie Frank, proved to be a supercharged vehicle for transporting the happy blending of words, music, acting, decor, costumes, etc. Under the direction of Herman Frank and Monty Margoshes, the story of a tyro's successful venture into show business evolved dramatically while serving as a showcase for the musical and dancing talents of the large cast.

#### Dances Outstanding

Garie Millman who served as choreographer and dance director brought in a dance group that delighted and drew superlatives from everyone. The dancers displayed a precision and talent that showed many months of patient rehearsal and study.

The tuneful melodies were arranged by Ray Edelstein who orchestrated the entire score, and in addition wrote original words and music for several of the specialty numbers. Ray's talents enabled the musical numbers to bridge the narrative scenes delightfully, and paced the story with distinction.

Special note is made of the sensa-

Special note is made of the sensational costumes designed and executed by Vivian Furer and Dorothy Levy. In addition to enhancing the visual effect of the show, it is significant to note that the cast enjoyed wearing the costumes.

The sets in every scene were remarkable. Faith Avidon's genius for creating a set gave the production a realism that suited the professional tastes of Broadway devotees. The execution of the sets under the direction of stage manager Milton Goldschmidt showed a rare skill and a patient devotion to detail.

#### Others Deserving

Also worthy of mention are Business Manager Shirley Lowe, Make-up Artist Blanche Rich, Property Manager Elaine Holczer, and Larry Kellem, Rehearsal Pianist. We are all eagerly awaiting Shirley Lowe's financial report.

The more than sixty people who comprised the incomparable cast have been named before in the Bulletin columns. It is only proper to point out again, however, that each of them who gave unstintingly of their more than adequate talents deserve a long low bow from all of us.

#### Producer Amazing

A musical show such as "Hero with a Halo" is a large and complex organization. Only a person who would be willing to devote months and months of untiring effort could possibly cope with the assignment of attempting to put such a show together. It would be a tribute to the resourcefulness, strength, and skill of any human being that such a production could take final form. To Jean Kaufman, the indefatigable producer who bore the responsibility for the show, goes a sincere and heartfelt thanks for a tough job very capably done.

#### HEBREW SCHOOL BUS ON YEARLY BASIS

All those who contracted to ride on the Hebrew School Bus were fully informed that the contract was on a yearly basis. Those who seek to withdraw their children now are violating this clear-cut understanding. Transportation for next year may be withdrawn because of this attempt to take advantage of the Temple to the temporary advantage of the individual family. Families using this service should know that it costs the Temple at least twice the fee the families are charged for the service.

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