



Calendar of Events

- Wednesday, January 5—Sisterhood Leadership Course, 1:00 to 2:15.
First Rehearsal, Temple Show, 8:00 P.M.
Temple Affairs Committee.
- Thursday, January 6—Senior Youth Group.
- Friday, January 7—**Friday Evening Services.**
Rabbi Zlotowitz will speak: "The Responsibilities and Opportunities of Organized Religion in America."
- Saturday, January 8—Stars of David conduct services. Torah lesson by Rabbi Baumgard.
- Tuesday, January 11—Temple Board Meeting.
- Thursday, January 13—Senior Youth Group.
- Friday, January 14—**Friday Evening Services.**
Rabbi Baumgard's Sermon: "Our Country in 1955".
- Saturday, January 15—Bar Mitzvah, Roger Peltyn. Sisterhood Cabaret Night.
- Monday, January 17—Sisterhood Board Meeting.

IN MEMORIAM

Jan. 4 Philip Kliegman	Teveth 10
Jan. 5 Joseph Ratner	Teveth 11
Jan. 9 Elias Roochvarg	Teveth 15
Jan. 13 Ira C. Turshen	Teveth 19
Jan. 15 Philip F. Rosenberg	Teveth 21
Jan. 17 Julius Koppelman	Teveth 23

ANNUAL INSTALLATION TO BE HELD MARCH 19

An enjoyable and inexpensive evening is planned for our congregation on March 19, 1955, when Temple B'nai Israel will hold its annual installation.

After the conclusion of the installation ceremonies, a hot buffet will be provided by an outstanding caterer. Dancing to the early A.M. will follow.

The cost is \$7.50 per couple. This figure was worked out by your committee after considerable deliberation, with a view to making it possible for the greatest amount of our congregation to attend.

Because of the type of program planned and the low cost involved, it will be necessary to limit our reservations to 250 couples. Therefore, make your reservations early. Mail your check and reservations to the Temple, marked to my attention, or sell \$25 worth of Journal ads for one ticket and \$50 worth of ads for two tickets, or, we'll apply this to your sisterhood donor.

Roy Spector, Chairman

COMMUNITY PLANS 2-PART TERCENTENARY PROGRAM

Plans for a community Tercentenary celebration are well under way. Through the joint efforts of Hadassah, Jewish War Veterans, Elmont Jewish Center, B'nai B'rith, and Temple B'nai Israel, two interesting programs have been planned.

The first program will be presented on Tuesday evening, February 1, at the Elmont Jewish Center. Rabbi Baumgard will be the speaker, and Temple B'nai Israel will put on a play. Laurelton Jewish Center will participate with a Cantata, and Hadassah has prepared a dramatic presentation. The Elmont Jewish Center Sisterhood will act as hostesses.

The second part of the program will be held at Temple B'nai Israel on Tuesday evening, February 22. Rabbi Glazer will be the speaker, and the Elmont Jewish Center will present the play. Temple B'nai Israel choir will perform, and B'nai B'rith will be responsible for a dramatic skit. The Jewish War Veterans will be on hand to present the colors. Temple B'nai Israel Sisterhood will serve as hostesses.

Marilyn Bloom, Chairman

Rabbi's Column

I

"Rabbi," says the mother in mournful tones, "my son doesn't want to come to Hebrew School. What can I do?". The Rabbi can answer that question accurately, or he can sympathize with the mother and permit her to save face. Usually he says, "Send the kid in to me, I'll talk to him."

Next day the kid comes in with the face of an Army corporal at a court martial. Instead of slapping him in the face right away, the Rabbi says, "Who did you want to win, the Giants or the Indians?". The kid's face immediately lights up, and the conversation is most friendly and animated for a few minutes. Then the Rabbi pops the \$64 question, "Why, pal," he says, "is it that you don't like to come to Hebrew School?". The kid puts on the mask of the corporal at the court martial.

It turns out that the kid is having trouble for several reasons, first of all his father and his mother don't help him with his homework. All they do is yell at him if he doesn't do it. "Why should I know Hebrew if my father doesn't know it?". Tacki, a good question. The Rabbi quickly shifts the course of prosecution. "You have to go to public school five hours a day. Why do you complain so much about a mere two hours a week in the Hebrew School." Answer, "Dat's different." Here we have the kernel of the problem and neither the Rabbi nor the kid can do anything about this aspect of the problem. For the kid has developed the notion that religious education is "different" from secular education, and different in the sense of less important and less necessary, only because the parents, through some, perhaps unintended means, have given that very impression. Where parents stress the significance of moral education, not only with words, but also in attitude and observance, then, the kid never reaches the point where he says, "Why do I have to go to Sunday School?".

I know a Rabbi who says to his congregants, "Please don't send your kids to me to be convinced that Religious School is important. Convince them yourselves by showing them in your personal lives that religious and moral matters are as significant, if not more so, than a mathematical problem or learning why the Indo-Chinese raise rice. The kid who is not a reflection of his own parents' attitude towards life is a rare bird."

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Some High-Points Of The Autumn Season

The Temple starts its calendar in September. The 1954-55 calendar is

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DEADLINE

The next deadline of the Temple Bulletin is **Monday, January 10**. All copy will be picked up from the Bulletin Box in the Temple office at 8:30 P.M. on that date. Material submitted after that date will be held for a later issue. Please do not phone information.

Rabbi's Column

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one season old, and for most of our congregants this has meant attending the Synagogue once—for the High Holidays. Others of us have shared these experiences . . . on the Saturday before Rosh Hashanah we participated in the original service by Rabbi Baumgard, a Slichoth Service of Meditation without prayer-books of any kind, a service which has received national recognition . . . in mid-October attendants at a Friday evening service thrilled to the group singing and dancing of young people throughout the Metropolitan area who assembled at our Temple to reminisce over experiences at the Labor Day Conclave of the Union . . . Adults observed unbelievably . . . these were surely the new Hasidim . . . The organized effort of the Men's Club to increase attendance at Services was most successful . . . the practice was begun of gathering around tables for tea and cookies after services and group informal singing under Cantor Convisor was instituted . . . The Youth Group made us all proud with an original interpretive service in November . . . the auditorium fairly glowed with warmth on this evening . . . The Chanukah candle-lite service was again a thrill, the 350 people present each held burning candles lit from one candle. It is

odd that adults insist upon absenting themselves from this original service which is intended primarily for them (The magazine American Judaism will reprint this service for national distribution). It seems that we refuse to believe that services can be meaningful for adult Jews. How we have surrendered our birthright without a struggle . . . The Sisterhood rummage sale and bazaar again produced heroic efforts from a small crew which each year labors madly so that you and I will have to contribute less from our own pockets to help ourselves . . . Amazing how we insist on not lending a hand . . . on not bringing in one article of new merchandise . . . on not standing one hour in a booth so that some tired soul can take a break . . . amazing how we insist that the Temple is THEIR Temple not OURS . . . Where will you be at the high-points of the coming season . . . There will be several Tercentenary programs, celebrating the 300th year of Jewish living in the United States . . . There will be several guest speakers, like Pierre Van Paasen and Dr. Henry Slonimsky, outstanding religious lecturer of our generation . . . There will be an entire month of Sisterhood sponsored Services . . . There will be joyous Purim and Shavuoth Services with original programs planned for ADULTS . . . There will be a new Adult Institute schedule of courses, through which you might learn a little self-respect for yourself as an understanding Jew . . . The Journal Committee will urge you to bring in at least one ad to contribute your small share in the effort to save yourself some more money, but you won't do it, will you? . . . Where will you be? We'll be working for and revelling in OUR TEMPLE.

"IT'S TIME TO COUNT NOSES"

This title may sound somewhat strong, but believe me when I say, there is ample justification for taking this attitude.

When this Temple was founded, one of the greatest assets the group had was that everybody, **but everybody** without exception took a part in getting Temple B'nai Israel going. Not only financially but it included personal work, time and effort. Only as a result of this group's pitching in to a man were we able to realize what we have today.

When the original Building Fund Drive was made we were successful in getting **only 50%** of our membership to make a pledge and complete it. This means that 50% of our members actually carried the load for the rest. This should not happen again.

It must be remembered, and this is the main point that I wish to make. The members of this congregation are not wealthy in the sense that a small group can pay for completing our building. **Everybody, but everybody** must give a little. Only in this way can we pay for completing our new building and only in this way can we go further in additional construction and planning for a youth and recreation center, and expansion of our school system.

Now the time has come to again "Count Noses". Now we **must** have the complete membership contribute not only in time, but financially as well. This doesn't mean that each of us must assume a staggering obligation. It sim-

ply means that each and every one of us must make a pledge and pay it promptly.

Don't let the other fellow carry your load. Assume your obligation and be proud that you have done your share.
Roy Spector, Vice-Chairman

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

The Social Action Committee will meet at the Temple on Wednesday evening, January 12, at 8:30 P.M. At that time Rabbi Baumgard will distribute materials which have been received to the committee members and a program of speakers and discussion meetings will be planned. Reports will be made on the book-banning controversy in Elmont and on the problem of youth recreation needs.

Following is a portion of the material from "Social Action in Review", Vol. II, No. 1, November, 1954, published by the Joint Commission on Social Action of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, parent body of our Temple.

"IMMIGRATION

Jewish organizations, including the UAHC, are among the 50 or more groups which have joined hands in an effort to secure a more humane and forward-looking U. S. immigration policy than that represented in the McCarran-Walter Act. Among the organizations are the National Council of Churches of Christ, C.I.O., A.F.L., American Civil Liberties Union, NAACP. These organizations have constituted an American Immigration Conference to coordinate educational efforts by organizations. At the same time, a distinguished group of individual leaders, from all walks of American life, are organizing a national Citizens Committee which will spearhead the effort to develop an increased understanding in communities throughout the U. S. of the need for a more constructive approach to U. S. immigration policy.

"ISRAEL

Jewish religious leaders were part of the Jewish delegation which met with Secretary of State Dulles on October 25 to urge against arming the Arab states as long as they refuse to make peace with Israel. Sixteen major Jewish organizations were represented in the delegation which urged that the U. S. should maintain the balance of power in the Middle East by extending to Israel the same kind of military and political agreements that have been offered to the Arab countries."

MINYAN QUESTIONNAIRE

The Temple has had many requests from people saying Kaddish to organize a morning Minyan at 7:00 A.M. or thereabouts. Anyone interested in participating in such a service is asked to send his name, address, and phone number to Rabbi Baumgard immediately.

MEMO TO ALL TEMPLE ORGANIZATIONS

The 1955 Journal is now in the process of being compiled. All organizations should turn in complete listings of Officers, etc. to the Journal Committee box in the Temple Office.

With the Young People

Homecoming—Young people of college age gathered at the Temple on Friday night, December 31 for services. Among those present were Richard Ulin, Trudy Friedman, and Michael Goodman.

Stars of David—The 14 year old pre-confirmation group which meets regularly on Saturday mornings at 11:30 journeyed to New York on Thursday morning, December 30 with Rabbi Baumgard. The group visited the Jewish Museum with its new exhibit on 300 years of Jewish life in America, lunched together, and then went "on the town". The trip to the city was made by chartered bus. Among those present were Michael Eisenstadt, Stephen Wolin, Alex Lewin, Martin Greenberg, Richard Fuchs, Jeffrey Robinson, Marion Charles, and Arlene and Robert Rothenberg.

Conclave—The Greater New York Winter Conclave was held at The Free Synagogue in New York City on Tuesday, December 28. Approximately 20 boys and girls of our youth group attended. The Conclave began in the morning with Services and continued through lunch, discussion groups, socials, dinner, and dance. The young people planned and participated in all activities. The Conclave is part of the activities of the youth of Liberal congregations in this area.

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 - 3—Sermonette will be published in late fall 1955 issue of American Judaism Magazine.
- C—To final NATIONAL WINNER
- 1, 2, 3, as described above plus
 - 4—Personal delivery of sermonette on "Message of Israel", coast to coast Radio Broadcast.

Address Inquiries to National Federation of Temple Youth, 838 Fifth Ave.

Know Your Teachers

Abraham Krantz holds a B.S.S. degree from City College, and an M.A. from Columbia University. Prior to entering Rabbinical school he attended the H.U.C. School of Education for a year and taught Sunday School at Temple Emanu-El of Yonkers. During the past four years he has been a Rabbinical Student at the H.U.C.-J.I.R., and performed all the Rabbinical duties at the Monroe Jewish Temple in Monroe, N. Y.

REMINDER TO PARENTS

Classroom photos for the Temple Journal will be taken on Sunday, January 23. Please see that your children come prepared with polished faces and combed hair.

Men's Club News

Self-Analysis

The Executive Board of the Men's Club is anxious to find out what activities interest the men of Temple B'nai Israel. You owe it to yourself to choose at least one activity on the list enumerated below, preferably more. If you do this, and make your preference known at the next Men's Club meeting, Tuesday, January 18, 1955, you'll find a chairman who will follow through with the details.

- Sports
- Temple Activities
- Publicity and "Stag-Line"
- Program
- Fund-Raising
- Social Service
- National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods
- Membership
- Other Activities

Relax, enjoy yourself, and participate in activities of your Men's Club.

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Lesser on Board

The Executive Board accepted with regret the resignation of Herb Cohen, who relinquished his seat in order to devote full time as Financial Secretary of the Temple. Herb has served with distinction on the Men's Club for several years. The Executive Board, as authorized by the Constitution, elected Chet Lesser to fill the unexpired term. Chet was formerly co-chairman of the Sports Committee.

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Show Time

"Murder, She Says!", title of the sixth annual Temple Show, being sponsored jointly by the Men's Club and Sisterhood, goes into rehearsal Wednesday evening, January 5. The producers wish to thank Edith and Sam Krupnick and the Sisterhood Typing Squad for their cooperation in the preparation of the scripts.

Sisterhood Notes

Members who attend the January 25 Sisterhood meeting will be in for a real treat. "The Threshold Theater", a group of professional actors, will present three one-act plays. Husbands of members are also invited.

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The Social Service Committee has scheduled a Card Party for Sunday evening, January 23 for the benefit of needy families in Elmont. They request that you save nylon hose, bed sheets, pocket editions, playing cards, and records. Depots for these items are the homes of Ceil Weinhaus, 182 109th Avenue and Ceil Layton, 2087 Baylis Avenue. At the January 25 Sisterhood meeting the Social Service Committee will make its annual collection for passover boxes to be sent overseas by the J.W.B. Armed Services Committee. The Senior Group of the Sisterhood is planning to knit afghans. Please bring leftover and used yarn to the January meeting.

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Betty Jacobs, Judaica Shop Chairman, wishes to extend sincere thanks to her co-chairman, the committee members, and all others who pitched in so diligently and helped staff the Judaica Shop during the busy pre-Chanukah season.

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The Chairman and Committee of the January 15 Cabaret Night affair want to thank the Sisterhood members for their response to the ticket sale, for the quota has been completed.

Personals

Congratulations to the Pitters on the birth of their daughter Amy.

Warmest get-well wishes to Sylvia Spector and Belle Perez.

Sincerest sympathy to Sylvia Geffen and Jo Fogel on the death of their fathers, and to Mrs. Fishman on the death of her husband.

—Harriette Reisman

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