



5 Groups Unite for Tercentenary Celebration

United Choir for Tercentenary Celebration



STANDING (left to right): Mrs. Sidney Waldman, Mrs. Louis Cooper, Cantor David Conviser, Mrs. Morris Press, Mrs. William Asher. SEATED (left to right): Mrs. Martin Ulanoff, Mrs. Sidney Schuster, Mrs. Samuel Glazer, Mrs. Howard Davidson, Mrs. Herbert Baumgard.

TWO-PART PROGRAM BEGINS FEBRUARY 1

Jews all over America are celebrating the 300th Anniversary of the Settlement of Jews in this country, and that celebration is known as the "Tercentenary." Here in Elmont five organizations have joined forces to present a two-part program in recognition of the occasion. Participating groups are Elmont Chapter of Hadassah; Jewish War Veterans, P.F.C. Malcolm E. Eisman Post No. 670; B'nai B'rith; Elmont Jewish Center; Temple B'nai Israel. Marilyn Bloom of Temple B'nai Israel has served as Chairman of the entire project.

Part One of the celebration will be held on Tuesday evening, February 1 at 8:30 P.M. in the Elmont Jewish Center Auditorium. The Introduction and Running Narration will be delivered by Rabbi Baumgard. Temple B'nai Israel will present a dramatic reading entitled "Pugnacious Commodore," the life and times of Uriah Levy. Featured in the cast are Monty Margoshes, Herman Frank, Irving Holczer, Sam Krupnick, Dave Resnick, Frank Littman, and Charles Greif. Gloria Lewis is the Narrator. Other highlights of the program include a dance by the Elmont Jewish Center Youth Group, a reading on the life of Henrietta Szold by Ruth Ulin of Hadassah, and a Tercentenary Cantata by the Laurelton Jewish Center Choir. The Elmont Jewish Center Sisterhood will serve as hostesses.

Other interesting features will be a display of historic articles through the courtesy of American-Jewish Archives in Cincinnati, Ohio, and a Boy Scout Color Guard.

MARILYNN BLOOM

Calendar of Events

- Monday, January 17—Junior Youth Group (every Monday)
Sisterhood Board Meeting.
- Tuesday, January 18—Men's Club Meeting; Dr. Postal, Speaker.
- Wednesday, January 19—Temple Affairs Committee.
Show Rehearsal (every Wednesday)
- Thursday, January 20—Senior Youth Group (every Thursday)
- Friday, January 21—**Friday Evening Services.**
Confirmation Club Members Essay Contest Finals: "I Speak for Judaism".
Oneg Shabbat by:
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Link, 14th Anniversary
Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Powell, 11th Anniversary.
Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Friedenthal, 11th Anniversary
Mr. and Mrs. David Brand, 7th Anniversary.
- Saturday, January 22—Bar Mitzvah of Ivan Narasin.
- Sunday, January 23—Social Service Card Party.
- Tuesday, January 25—Sisterhood Meeting; three one-act plays.
- Friday, January 28—**Friday Evening Services.**
Oneg Shabbat by the Sisterhood.
Miss Syd Skolsky, Speaker.
- Saturday, January 29—Bar Mitzvah of Richard Zimmerman.
- Tuesday, February 1—Men's Club Board Meeting.

SONGSTRESS-HUMORIST APPEARS AT SERVICES

Miss Syd Skolsky, nationally known personality, will appear following Services on Friday, January 28, at the Oneg Shabbat. Miss Skolsky will present a program of songs and humor on "300 Years of American Jewish Life". There will be audience participation. Miss Skolsky was invited to appear at the last session of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. She has appeared on TV and radio. She is the authoress of three books on music and has recorded for Columbia.

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DEADLINE

The next deadline of the Temple Bulletin is **Monday, January 24**. 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

Two things have given me special pleasure in recent days. On Saturday morning, January 8, I stepped down from the pulpit and permitted the members of the Stars of David, 14 year old Pre-Confirmation group to conduct the complete service with the singing aid of Cantor Conviser. It was a wonderful vision, this sight of ten young lads going through the service as if it were second nature to them, and enjoying it, taking pride in it. The best part of it all, is that these young men come down to services voluntarily.

(The young ladies of 13 and 14 say they want to be with handsome young men. I don't really believe them. We have the tallest, handsomest lads with us on Saturday morning and only three girls. It is a fallacy that socializing goes on only in the evening. The smart girls will get their men when they can, and especially when the odds are favorable.)

The second item giving great pleasure was the response to the organization of the Social Action committee on a larger scale. Over 25 men are now actively participating in this committee which aims to spell out the religious morals which seldom get projected into real life. A special section of our **Temple Bulletin** will be set aside each week for items in the Social Action sphere which have special interest.

MEMORANDUM TO YOU FROM JOURNAL COMMITTEE

Haven't you forgotten something? Several weeks ago we sent you several ad blanks for the Journal. Have you returned them? The deadline for the Journal is drawing close!

Thank you—

H. F.

P.S. Remember — 50% Sisterhood Donor credit on all ads or \$50 in ads earns two tickets to the Annual Temple Affair.

Social Action In Review

The following quotations are taken from "Social Action in Review," published by the Joint Commission on Social Action of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Central Conference of American Rabbis. One of its editors is Albert Vorspan who is scheduled to speak at our Temple on March 11.

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Church-State Relationship

On October 14 the Supreme Court of the United States handed down a ruling in which it refused to consider an appeal by the Gideon Society from the decision of the Supreme Court of New Jersey which held that distribution in the public schools of the Gideon New Testament is violative of the principle of separation of church and state. Copies of this important opinion of the Supreme Court of New Jersey may be secured from the American Jewish Congress, 15 East 84th Street, New York City, the agency which led in successfully bringing the test suit.

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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.

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NOTE

"Social Action in Review" is a digest of important social action developments within major religious bodies in the U.S. as culled from religious newspapers and magazines as well as statements and resolutions issued by such groups. This review is designed to assist congregations in their social action programs. It is also made available to local and national agencies associated in the NCRAC. The Commission on Social Action is a joint instrumentality of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods, and National Federation of Temple Youth.)

SUNDAY SCHOOL PLANS OUTING

The winter vacation has ended and we have eagerly begun to occupy the first three completed classrooms. As soon as the others are completed, we will be able to free the Rabbi's office and allow the Library to be used for research and pleasure reading.

At a recent staff meeting, it was decided to enforce the absentee ruling which permits three unexcused absences during one marking period. An excused absence is considered only for illness. These excuses will only be recognized when accompanied by a note from the parent. We look forward to your cooperation.

On January 30, 1955, the Sunday School is planning a trip to the Jewish Museum in New York City. The feature exhibition is the Tercentenary celebration (300th Anniversary of the first Jewish Synagogue in America). This trip should provide an interesting experience for our youngsters. We are hopeful that all children from the 5th - 7th grades will be able to attend.

All our Sunday School children from the 4th - 7th grades receive the "World Over" magazine every other week. This informative paper should be read by the entire family as it contains many interesting stories, biographies of important Jewish leaders, games, puzzles, and comics. We also feel that much enlightenment can result from intelligent discussions of its contents.

We wish to compliment our children for their remarkable behavior during this chaotic building period. They have responded alertly and cooperatively at all times. We further wish to enlist their cooperation in keeping this new portion of our building as neat and clean as they have found it. We feel sure of their help in this matter.

All members are invited to visit these new classrooms and shep-nochus of the wonderful job.

SEYMOUR BLOOM

With the Rabbi

Rabbi Baumgard has been asked to speak at Columbia University for a series entitled, "Jews and Judaism in America". The Rabbi will speak on three Monday evenings in February and two in March.

Rabbi Baumgard has been invited to speak at Hofstra College on February 23 on the topic, "The Value of Ritual".

He has been invited to speak in Buffalo, New York, on January 23. A new congregation is organizing in the suburbs of Buffalo and has asked Rabbi Baumgard to speak at a mass meeting to outline what has been done in Temple B'nai Israel, Elmont.

The liberal congregation in Haverill, Mass. has asked for a copy of our Prayer-book, which it will imitate and re-print. This is the third congregation to adopt the changes we have made in the Prayer-book.

IN MEMORIAM

Shevat 8 Esther Berman January 31
Shevat 8 Jacob Tirman January 31

With the Young People

LONG ISLAND CONCLAVE

Young people 15 years and older are invited to have one of the grandest times in their lives. On Saturday, March 5, the Long Island Federation of Temple Youth (LIFTY), will hold its annual Spring Conclave at Temple Sinai, Roslyn, N. Y. At that time young men and ladies from all of the Liberal Congregations in this area will gather together for dancing, socials, discussions, and services. The Conclave will last from 10 A.M. to mid-night. For further instruction, see Miss Harriet Rosenblum, vice-president of LIFTY and President of the Temple Senior Youth Group. The Conclave was originally scheduled for our own Temple, but we cannot accommodate the 400 young people expected to attend.

Among the Liberal congregations represented will be Great Neck, Roslyn, Port Washington, Elmont, Lynbrook, Laurelton, Rockville Centre, New Hyde Park, etc. Rabbi Baumgard, one of three Rabbinical Advisors to LIFTY, will be present at the Conclave.

CONFIRMATION CLUB CONTEST FINALS

As part of the national essay contest sponsored by the National Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY) the Temple Confirmation Club will hold the finals of its essay contest on the subject, "I Speak for Jewish Youth", on Friday, January 21 as part of that evening's Services. The winner will receive a prize from the Temple and a scholarship to the Labor Day Conclave of the Greater New York Federation of Temple Youth.

Last year's winner of the contest for the entire New York region (GNYFTY) was Roberta Weiss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Weiss, of this Temple.

STARS OF DAVID TO BE HONORED

The "Stars of David", 14 year old Pre-Confirmation Group will be honored at the Service, Friday, January 21, 8:30 P.M. These young men and ladies have been conducting the Saturday morning services when Bar Mitvoth have not been held. Their regular and voluntary attendance, and their high standard of performance has solicited high praise from Rabbis Baumgard and Zlotowitz and Cantor Convisor. Accordingly, each of these people will be honored at the Friday service. They are: Mr. Stephen Wolin, President; Mr. Michael Eisenstadt, Vice-President; Miss Marion Charles, Secretary; Miss Arlene Rothenberg; Mr. Martin Greenberg; Mr. Jack Rose; Mr. Jeffrey Robinson; Mr. Richard Fuchs; Mr. Robert Rothenberg; Mr. Alex Lewin.

Each Saturday morning following services this group meets with Rabbi Baumgard for an informal "smoosh" session as part of their Pre-Confirmation training. There are approximately 12 boys and three girls in the group.

TEMPLE SHOW IN REHEARSAL

The first rehearsal of "Murder, She Says!" took place on Wednesday, January 5, and the committee was very pleased with the results. Ray Edelstein brought forth a very professional rendition of his first choral effort, although three more **MALE** voices would greatly enhance its magnificence. The dramatic group read through the script for the first time, and actually laughed in the right places, so we were all very much encouraged. Director Harriet Lazaroff has done a most competent job of casting. You will see Harold Richter as a "tough" private eye; Moe Kanner making his debut in a surprise role; Arthur Hiller in an even more surprising role; and Mike Kliegman, as a script writer. Leading feminine parts are being handled by Paula Gottfried, Dotty Scharlin, Pearl Blank, Ruth Schwartz and Mimi Edelstein. Another surprise is the part to be played by Zelda Klein.

The technical committee headed by Milt Goldschmidt, with Arnold Levy and Faith Avidon thrilled the producers with their plans for scenery lighting and costumes, complete with phosphorescent paint and genuine fur, so we think you are in for a treat that you can't afford to miss. Watch for news of the ticket sale in the next issue, and keep April 16 and/or 23 open for "two (or more) on the aisle".

Who's Who

From time to time some of our members receive recognition for their achievements in fields outside the Temple, and we thought you ought to know about them.

Henry R. Shields of Parkhurst Road, attorney and Executive Director of the Kings County Jewish War Veterans has been appointed by President Justice Daniel Gutman to the post of referee of the Municipal Court of the City of New York—Small Claims. Mr. Shields is a member of the New York State Commission Against Discrimination of Kings County, Special Assistant Attorney General of the State of New York, a member of the Board of Directors of the Brooklyn T.B. and Health Association, the Brooklyn Human Relations Conference, and director of the New York Committee on Inter Group Relations, Inc.

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Blanche and Sid Levens were written up in the B'nai B'rith "Gateway Bulletin" as the "Couple of the Month" of December. Blanche is very active in fund raising and membership, and served as Chairman of two dinner dances. Sid is a member of the Jewish Relations Committee of the Nassau County Council of Boy Scouts, a Trustee in the Lodge, and Chairman of the A. D. L. Committee for the second consecutive year. Through Sid's office as Chairman of A. D. L., that Committee received a citation for outstanding work done in Nassau and Suffolk Counties, and Sid received a personal citation for his work.

Sisterhood Notes

Personal

There are now three openings in the ranks of the famed Millman Dancers! This is an opportunity that many of you have been waiting for, so if you are sylph-like, graceful, and gorgeous, with the ability of a Rockette, call CU 5-6986. Fame and fortune lie no further than your telephone.

Calisthenics, Anyone?

All those who missed out on a terrific session of Calisthenics will have another chance. The girls who had been taking it are so thrilled with the results that they will continue, and want you to join them. Come join the fun, and shed some inches. For further information and registration, call Marilyn Brand, PR 5-3753. By the way, if you have any suggestions as to courses the Adult Education Institute might sponsor in the Spring semester, call Marilyn at the above number, and give her your ideas.

Sisterhood Services

The Sisterhood is planning a series of four exciting and stimulating evenings. Make a note of these dates on your calendar and be sure to attend: March 11, "Our Right to Be Different"; March 18, "Is Your Child the Only Jew in Your House?"; March 25, "My Husband is Indifferent"; April 1, "The Next 300 Years—The Role of the Modern Jewish Woman".

Social Service

On Sunday Evening, January 23, the Social Service Committees of the Men's Club and Sisterhood are sponsoring a card party for the benefit of needy families in Elmont. Subscription is \$1.00, and includes refreshments and door prizes, so be sure to attend. On December 12 the television set that Dave and Gloria Lewis donated, and which was repaired by Dorothy Levy's husband, was delivered by Dorothy Levy, Ceil Weinhaus, and Sylvia Gartner, to the children's Polio Ward in Meadowbrook Hospital. Toys to be distributed throughout the year were donated to the children by Sylvia Gartner in memory of her daughter Pamela. The group making Cancer Dressings now meets at the Temple every Tuesday from 12:00 to 2:00 P.M.

Sisterhood Meeting

The next meeting of the Sisterhood on January 25 promises to be a very special one. The Program Committee takes pleasure in presenting three One Act Plays by the members of the Threshold Theatre, a professional group of actors. Members of the cast have appeared on such television shows as the U. S. Steel Hour. This meeting is open to Paid Up Members only (their husbands are also invited) and the meeting will start promptly at 8:30 P.M. since the program will run a full two hours. No one will be admitted to the auditorium during the entertainment part of the evening!

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