



## Calendar of Events

Wednesday, February 3—Men's Club Board Meeting.  
Temple Affairs Committee.  
"Murder, She Says!!" Rehearsal; every Wednesday.

Thursday, February 3—Senior Youth Group (Every Thursday).

Friday, February 4—**Friday Evening Services**  
sponsored by Malcom Eisman Post of Jewish War Veterans; Oneg Shabat by Post.

Saturday, February 5—Bar Mitzvah, Stephen Rosenberg.

Monday, February 7—Junior Youth Group (Every Monday).

Tuesday, February 8—Temple Board Meeting.

Wednesday, February 9—Sisterhood "All-Out Luncheon".

Friday, February 11—**Friday Evening Services**  
Guest Speaker, Mr. Guy Brewer, Negro Leader.  
Oneg Shabbat by:  
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bloom, 8th Anniversary  
Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Packer, 11th Anniversary

Saturday, February 12—Bar Mitzvah, Alan Spector.

Monday, February 14—Sisterhood Board Meeting.

Tuesday, February 15—Men's Club Meeting.  
Cerebral Palsy Cake and Apron Sale, 1:00 P.M.

**DON'T FORGET**  
**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, Sunday Evening, February 20. ELECTION OF OFFICERS; Matter of 4th Vice-President in charge of Youth Activities.** Further notice in next Bulletin.

## IN MEMORIAM NAT DRUCKER

The congregation is saddened at the loss of one of its hardest workers, Nat Drucker. Only a few days before his passing, Nat had accepted the chairmanship of the Pledge Committee. This willingness to labor in behalf of the community in spite of impending illness is typical of Nat's behavior. A Memorial to Nat has been set-up by a committee headed by Adolph Klepner and Sol Rothenberg, and friends are invited to contribute to this Memorial. A fitting item in the new chapel will be dedicated to Nat from the funds thus collected.

Lillian and her little daughter may gain comfort from the knowledge that their friends and well-wishers are numerous. May God grant them the vision to find new ways to a rich and meaningful life.

## 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

## FAMOUS CANTOR TO SING

Cantor David Kousivitsky, one of the outstanding cantors in America, will appear at the Elmont Jewish Center on February 20. Members of our Temple are urged to hear this famous Cantor. There is a nominal admission fee.

## TERCENTENARY, PART II TAKES PLACE FEBRUARY 22

The second part of the Tercentenary Celebration in Elmont will take place on Tuesday evening, February 22, at Temple B'nai Israel. Rabbi Samuel Glaser of the Elmont Jewish Center will introduce the program and deliver the running narration. A joint choir under the direction of Cantor David Conviser will sing Lewandowski's "Hallelujah," and several other selections.

As a method of suggesting the contribution which the Jewish Heritage may make to the future civilization, the Elmont Jewish Center will present a portion of Leonard Bernstein's "Jeremiah Symphony" featuring Milton King, Rebecca Ross, and Bess Feinberg. A play reading by Al Schwartz, Arthur Glouberg, Mrs. Julia Nadler, and Mrs. Eleanor Crain of B'nai B'rith is also included in the program.

The Sisterhood of Temple B'nai Israel will act as hostesses for the evening, and there will be a display by American-Jewish Archives. The Jewish War Veterans' Color Guard is scheduled to present the colors.

—MARILYNN BLOOM

## BOY SCOUTS SPONSOR SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE

On Boy Scout Sabbath, the Boy Scouts of our community will gather at the Temple on Saturday morning, February 5, at 10 A. M. to participate in the morning service. There will be a special Oneg Shabbat for the young men.

## GUEST SPEAKERS APPEAR NEXT TWO FRIDAYS

On Race Relations Sabbath as designated by the General Conference of American Rabbis (Liberal), the Temple will present at Services on Friday, February 11th, Mr. Guy Brewer, past President of the Jamaica Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Mr. Brewer will speak on the related problems of segregation in the public schools and segregation in housing with special reference to the situation of Elmont, Valley Stream and Nassau County.

On Brotherhood Sabbath, the Temple will present at Services on Friday, February 18, the Rev. Dr. Noble Kime, Pastor of St. John's Methodist Church of Alden Terrace, who will speak on the theme, "The Social Dimensions of the Christian Church." This will be Dr. Kime's first formal appearance in our Temple, and many of his congregants will be present.

## JEWISH WAR VETERANS SPONSOR SERVICE

The Malcolm Eisman Post of the Jewish War Veterans, which includes membership from Elmont, Valley Stream, and Franklin Square, will sponsor the Friday Evening Service at Temple B'nai Israel, February 4 at 8:45 P. M.

The speaker of the evening will be a representative of the National office of the Jewish War Veterans who will relate the program of the JWV to the religious ideals of Judaism.

# BULLETIN

## Temple B'nai Israel

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### DEADLINE

The next deadline of the Temple Bulletin is **Monday, February 7**. 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

The "angel of death" has struck hard in our community of late. Too many close friends have passed away. Always we think, "And they were so healthy. This is so sudden." But when we look more closely into the situation, we find that it is not so sudden. There is inevitably a history of high blood pressure or something that has steadily eaten at the person's health. Look around you now. How many of your friends are suffering from high blood pressure, from ulcers, etc. We are all victims of the high rate of living, and many of us are hastening our own deaths; we are almost guilty of putting a gun to our own head. High blood pressure and ulcers have their own causes. It is these basic causes that we must seek to analyze and do something about. The smart fellow at this point will stop asking the question, "How can I make a million dollars?" and he will begin to ask, "How can I stay alive?" Some of us will shift into low gear for all of a week. A few of us will really learn a lesson. To help the men-folks, in particular, think these problems through, we are planning a series of lecture-discussions in April, following Friday services, on the theme, "How Can I Stay Alive?" Don't wait until then to wonder a little about this.

Several hundred people attended the meeting of Bar Mitzvah parents several weeks ago. We discussed such things as the self-deception of the Jewish community which has accepted the wild and woolly Bar-Mitzvah party as the grand goal of all Jewish experience. We emphasized the fact that the Bar-Mitzvah child is only beginning to learn a few things about Judaism, and we urged the parents to train the children now to expect Confirmation at the age of 16 to be the goal. Spend a little less money on the Bar Mitzvah orgy and a little more time in discussing the problems of living in an atomic age with your child. Spend a little less time on planning the party and a little more time in an Adult Education class. Your child and you will all be happier about being Jewish if you emphasize education for the family as a never-ending process.

### TEMPLE YOUTH ESSAY WINNER

On Friday, January 21, the three finalists in the Temple Youth Essay Contest, presented their essays at Services. The title of the essay was "I Speak for Judaism." Since each contestant was the winner of at least one aspect of the judging, each of them will receive a half scholarship to the Labor Day Conclave of the Greater New York Federation of Temple Youth (Liberal). Miss Wendy Avidon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Van Sharlin, presented the essay most receptive to the audience. Miss Marcia Fuchs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Fuchs, exhibited the best delivery. The essay of Mr. Allan Schneider, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernhard Schneider, presented in his absence by Miss Beverly Scalise, was adjudged the best composition. The cash awards will be divided among the three contestants.

Only one winner is to be chosen by each congregation according to contest rules, and the winner is to participate in the Long Island finals on March 5 at the LIFTY Conclave in Roslyn. So good were each of our contestants, however, that Rabbi Baumgard has asked the GNYFTY Youth Director to permit each of our contestants in the regional finals.

The District winner will be sent to a Wisconsin Camp for two weeks in June at the National Leadership Training Camp, and the national winner will be heard on a coast to coast radio program. Last year Miss Roberta Weiss of our Temple won the District prize and placed high on the national list.

### PARENTS

The Journal Committee has set aside a section of our Annual Journal, devoting it to the Children of Our Temple, and have captioned this Section

#### "BEST WISHES FROM OUR FUTURE LEADERS" "OUR CHILDREN"

This weekend is the latest date that we can accept any more names. If your child's name has as yet not been handed over to their Sunday School Teachers, please attend to this at once. \$1.00 for each name will send "BEST WISHES FROM OUR CHILDREN" to our entire congregation.

## Social Action In Review

### Civil Liberties and Communism

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations, along with other Jewish organizations, denounced anti-Semitic overtones in connection with the suspension of Wolf Ladejinsky by the Department of Agriculture. In a telegram to President Eisenhower, Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, President of the Union, declared that the Ladejinsky case is "only the most recent manifestation of a morally deteriorating climate in federal security matters." Rabbi Eisendrath reiterated the appeal, which had been embodied in resolutions adopted by the UAHC, for the creation of a commission of leading citizens to formulate methods of combating communism without jeopardizing individual freedom.

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The First Unitarian Church of Berkeley, Calif., announced that it had decided to pay annual taxes of more than \$2,200 rather than to sign a loyalty oath required of religious organizations in California in order to continue to enjoy tax exemption. The church officers declared that they were taking this action on the grounds of religious conviction and pointed out that the trustees and leaders of the congregation were extremely conservative politically, but felt they could not, in good conscience, take such an oath.

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### Notes on Synagogue and Social Action

The Committee on Social Action of Temple B'nai Israel of Elmont, L. I., met at the home of Rabbi Herbert Baumgard to outline areas of study and action for the "specific purpose of projecting the religious ideals of Judaism into the real problems of community and nation."

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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.)

### Yahrzeit

Shevat 12	Sophie Chandros	Feb. 4
Shevat 12	Samuel Newman	Feb. 4
Shevat 13	Hyman Kaplan	Feb. 5
Shevat 15	Adele Shapiro	Feb. 7
Shevat 12	Max Marienberg	Feb. 15

## What I Have Learned In Adult Education

By Mrs. Selma Packer

Most of my knowledge of what Judaism is has come to me as the result of my classes in the Adult Institute of Temple B'nai Israel. It was startling for me to learn, for example, that Abraham was a Jew not by birth but by choice. It was his belief in the just nature of God which distinguished him from his contemporaries. Abraham was the representative figure of a social and economic revolt against the norms of his fathers, and his religion projects a more intimate association of man with his God and a more meaningful purpose for man.

Through my adult study classes I was able to trace the evolution of a god concept which finally emerged in Micah's proclamation of a God who wished us "Only to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly. . ." (6:8)

I was moved by the grand "chutzpah" of Job who could not accept injustice and countered the traditional arguments concerning God in this manner, "Notwithstanding, I would speak to the Almighty, And I desire to reason with God" (13:3).

I have learned that one of the great virtues of Judaism in our own day is the optimistic attitude toward life that Judaism possesses. To the present time, Judaism stresses that life is meaningful, that each man has within him the power to make his life here on earth rewarding and rich in experience. This is the majesty of Judaism. This is our heritage.

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By Mrs. David Brand

The Adult Education courses which I have taken at our Temple have given me a great deal of knowledge and a new meaning to life. When I first joined Temple B'nai Israel, the Jewish religion meant to me a set of rituals based on superstition and fear. Adult Education has taught me that Judaism has basic moral and ethical codes as well as customs and ceremonies. The fears and superstitions have been erased from my mind by education. I have learned that the customs which I thought were all of Judaism are only a small part of our great heritage. We have been taught that, as modern Jews, we still have something singularly worth-while to offer the world and to make it a better place in which to live.

I recently experienced a great loss in my life when my young mother passed away. Without the knowledge which I had gained from my Adult Education courses, I feel that I couldn't have recovered as well and as quickly as I did. Having studied the marvels of creation, I no longer was afraid of death, for I saw it as but one phase of the eternal process of re-creation. My negative attitudes toward death were erased by a positive study of God's creativeness and kindness.

My studies have given me a greater desire to attend Friday night services and to participate in Temple affairs. My home life has become fuller and happier. We now employ selected ceremonies, and I am able to use them with a sense of their deeper meaning. We observe symbolism now because we want to and not because we have to.

## Sisterhood Notes

### All-Out Luncheon

You are cordially invited to attend the Sisterhood's "All-Out Luncheon," to be held at the Temple on Wednesday, February 9, 1955, at 12:30 P.M.

Tickets, at \$1.25, will be mailed to each member, and additional reservations may be made by contacting Phyllis Cooper at PR 5-1999. Bay Sitters will be provided—and a delightful afternoon is planned for all featuring a delicious luncheon, a personal gift, an hour-long variety show, door prizes, and an opportunity to win a Maytag Washing Machine.

### Treasure Chest

Treasure Chest Tickets are coming your way. This is a wonderful way to supplement your Donor Credit. Soon you will receive 2 tickets worth \$1.00 each for you to sell. Extra tickets are available by calling Kate Schack at VA 5-2410 or her co-Chairman, Miriam Scalise. Think of it—one of the prizes is a used car!

### Week-End

Because of the wonderful time we had last year, we are repeating our Week-end in the country. Make your reservations now for the weekend of May 6, 1955, at the Young's Gap Hotel, Liberty, New York, by calling Chairman, Millie Dickstein, CU 5-2977 or her Co-Chairman Norma Smooke, CU 5-9078. Enjoy a Cocktail Party, a beautiful golf course and all other summer services which will be available free of extra charge. Cost \$55.00 per couple for room with bath; \$45.00 for room without bath. The girls are taking deposits now so get in touch with them and insure yourself a glorious weekend in the country.

### Senior Group

The Senior Group of the Sisterhood is running a Joint Luncheon and Theatre Party. Plans call for a bus ride to New York, a lovely luncheon and a wonderful show. Get in touch with Kate Schack, VA 5-2410 for particulars.

The Sisterhood Senior Group now meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 12:30 at the Temple.

### Social Service

The Social Service Committee meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 A.M. at the Temple.

Under the auspices of the Jewish Welfare Board, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Weinhaus and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Skolnik recently served refreshments to one hundred Service Men and Hostesses at the U.S.O. in Hempstead.

Toys, games, golden books, comic books and greeting cards were delivered to Kings Park Hospital by Dorothy Levy, Edith Auerbach, Blanche Littman, Miriam Scalise, Sylvia Hordes, Sophie Sussman, Esther Chernoff, Sylvia Gartner and Ceil Weinhaus.

### Cerebral Palsy Sale

Mrs. Rose Goldman, Chairman, has announced that there will be a CAKE AND APRON SALE on Tuesday, February 15, 1955, at Temple B'nai Israel of Elmont under the auspices of the Elmont Auxiliary of the United Cerebral Palsy Association of Nassau County. The public is invited to attend from 1:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.

—BERNICE LANE

## MODERN DANCE CLASSES FOR CHILDREN 4-10

A new venture being undertaken in our Temple building is a course in Modern Dance and Rhythmics for Boys and Girls. The classes are being sponsored by the Community Arts Council of Valley Stream, a non-profit organization. Registration will be held February 2, 3, and 4 at the Temple, and instruction will begin February 7.

### Schedule of Classes

Age 4 (an introduction to group cooperation through dance play)—Tuesday, 11:10 to 11:50 A.M.

Ages 5-6-7—Tuesday, 3:30 to 4:10 P.M.

Ages 8-9-10—Tuesday, 10:00 to 11:00 A.M. and 2:20 to 3:20 P.M.

The cost for twelve lessons is \$15.00 plus membership fee to the Community Arts Council, for those who are not already members. For further information call Mrs. Robert Glazer, VA 5-2831. Anyone wishing to apply for the position as pianist for these classes may also contact Mrs. Glazer.

During the first stage of these classes the teacher molds the children into a group, and establishes a satisfactory discipline, at the same time teaching the connection between body motion and music. Then she teaches the children to associate the dance with imaginative ideas which she gives them, and in the final stage they create their own imaginative dances.

## Personals

Sincerest sympathy to Bert Gropper on the death of his father; to Shirley Lowe on the death of her mother; and to Lillian Drucker on the death of her husband, Nat. Condolences to the Lurie family on the loss of Ro Lurie, one of our Sisterhood members.

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Get well wishes are in order for Esther Chernoff.

Hearty congratulations to the Zimmernans on the birth of their son.

—HARRIET REISMAN

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