



PURIM SERVICE

The annual Purim Service at which the Megillah (Scroll of Esther) will be read will be held on Monday evening, March 7, at 7:30 P.M. The service is for adults and children. Please bring your groggers.

The annual Purim Assembly in the Sunday School will be held on Sunday morning at both sessions, March 6. Parents will please cooperate in observing instructions in dress, etc., given by Sunday School teachers.

PURIM DECORATIONS AT JUDAICA SHOP

Once again holiday time is approaching, and a jolly time can be had by young and old this Purim. Hang Haman, or Crown Esther, but do it with festive and gay decorations, in costume, and with gifts for all. Betty Jacobs, CU 5-7607, and Renee Marvin, TI 4-8335 advise that all this and more can be secured through your Judaica shop. **Order immediately.**

BRODY, EMANUEL RE-ELECTED; ADJOINING LAND PURCHASED

SISTERHOOD SPONSORING MARCH SABBATH EVE SERVICES

During the month of March the Friday Evening services will be sponsored by the Sisterhood under the auspices of its Religious Education Committee which is headed by Selma Packer and Blanche Wainer. We are giving this advance notice of the dates because we know you will want to make arrangements to be present at all four services to hear the fascinating discussions.

March 4—"My Husband is Indifferent", a panel discussion featuring Dave Cohan, Elias Kagan, and others.

March 11—"Our Right to be Different", Mr. Albert Vorspan, Executive Secretary of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations Social Action Committee.

March 18—"Is Your Child the Only Jew in Your Home?", Panel Discussion, Leah Lerner, Gloria Lewis, Esther Gropper, Edythe Marlowe.

March 23—"Are We Ready for the Next 300 Years? The Role of the Modern Jewish Woman", Rabbi Baumgard.

At the regular meeting of the Congregation held on February 20, Mr. Ben Brody was re-elected as President of the Temple. Also elected at that time were the following Trustees:

3 years—Morris Emanuel, Harry Flast, Charles Harris, Sam Nadler, Sam Schack, Sam Rothstein, Murray Kershaw, Marilyn Brand, Moe Kanner, Myron Leberthal, Irving Hecht and Dave Bauman.

2 years—Bob Miller, Frank Littman.

1 year—Sidney Fenton, Al Streitfeld, Dr. Willard Steinberg.

The Congregation voted to amend the Constitution to create the office of a Fourth Vice-President to serve as chairman and co-ordinator of Youth Activities.

At a special meeting of the Congregation held February 13 it was decided that the 80x120 plot of land adjoining the Temple be purchased at a cost of \$21,000. See "Rabbi's Column," page 2 for detailed information.

—Edythe Marlowe

Calendar of Events

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Friday, March 4—**Friday Evening Services.** "MY HUSBAND IS INDIFFERENT", Panel Discussion. Oneg Shabbat by: Sisterhood Social Service Committee.

Saturday, March 5—**Bar Mitzvah** of Allen Panetz.

Monday, March 7—**PURIM EVENING SERVICE.**

Friday, March 11—**Friday Evening Services.** "Our Right to be Different", Mr. Albert Vorspan. Oneg Shabbat by: Sisterhood Religious Education Committee.

Saturday, March 12—**Bar Mitzvah** of Stuart Feinstein.

MEETINGS AND SOCIAL EVENTS

Tuesday, March 1—**TICKETS ON SALE FOR "Murder, She Says!"**

Wednesday, March 2—Rehearsal, "Murder, She Says!" (every Wednesday). Temple Affairs Committee.

Thursday, March 3—Senior Youth Group (every Thursday).

Sunday, March 6—Sunday School **PURIM PARTY.**

Tuesday, March 8—Temple Board Meeting.

Wednesday, March 9—Audit Education classes begin.

Sunday, March 13—P.T.A. Kiddie Show, 2:00 P.M.

Monday, March 14—Sisterhood Executive Board Meeting.

Tuesday, March 15—Men's Club Meeting.

Saturday, March 19—**TEMPLE DINNER and INSTALLATION.**

TICKETS NOW ON SALE FOR "MURDER, SHE SAYS!"

Tickets are now on sale for "Murder, She Says!" 6th Annual Temple Show which will take place Saturday evenings, April 16 and 23 at Sewanhaka. Seats are \$2.00 and \$2.50.

Agents:

April 16, \$2.50 Shirley Lowe
44 Fallon Court
FL 2-3715

April 16, \$2.00 Marcia Bauman
49 Newburgh St.
VA 5-8760

April 23, \$2.50 Myra Bossak
111 Warwick Rd.
PR 5-2407

April 23, \$2.00 Leona Resnick
5 S. Frank St., V. S.
CU 5-7726

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DEADLINE

The next deadline of the Temple Bulletin, is **Monday, March 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

It's over! The land next door to the Temple building has been acquired by means of a property transfer with the Knights of Columbus. Those of us who have been on the inside of the negotiations for this property share a sense of accomplishment that you might wish to understand.

First of all, we have been negotiating for the land for several years. A few of us felt that the plot presently occupied for the Temple was too small to satisfy the building needs of our Jewish community. We had to combat the lethargy of our own members and the indifference of the K. of C. in the beginning. Then, as time wore on, and our congregation grew, it became obvious to more and more people that we had to have additional land. The house on our left would cost a fortune. The land beyond the house was quoted at \$50,000. The leadership of the K. of C. in 1953, finally, agreed to an exchange of land, provided that we could get them a piece of land as good on Elmont Road or Dutch Broadway.

Early in 1954 we bid \$12,000 for a piece of land at Dutch Broadway and Fletcher Avenue. The A & P grabbed it from under our nose. This price was considered astronomic, but it was only the beginning. In mid-1954 the K. of C. got an option on a large piece on El-

mont Road for \$20,000. They agreed to pay \$5,000, if we would pay \$15,000. By the time the congregation met and voted the money, the land had been sold. Months went by, and there was no land available. We had visions of a factory, and worse, going up alongside our building. We had visions of never being able to expand, when already we need additional school rooms. Those of us who understood the problem in its fullest implications were criticized for being over-concerned and over-dramatic.

Finally, the real opportunity came when a joint committee of the K. of C. and the Temple discovered that Michael Dexter would sell part of his land on Elmont Road for \$26,000. The K. of C. offered to pay \$5,000. Would the Temple pay the huge sum of \$21,000? None belittled the immensity of the sum for a plot of land 80x120, but we had no choice. We had either to sit in our little corner or to reach out and grow. The congregation voted at an emergency meeting to pay \$21,000.

The contract has been signed by Mr. Brody, President of the congregation. Mr. Sam Nadler, Chairman of the Land Committee, is doing most of the legal work in behalf of the Temple. Though the memory of the high cost of the land is yet green, nonetheless, our ulcers are subsiding. With Benjamin Franklin we can say, "Now I perceive that this is a rising and not a setting sun."

Dear Member:

Temple B'nai Israel was not built for a special few. It was built for the Jewish families of Elmont.

One of the many growing pains suffered by a rapidly expanding congregation is the lack of sufficient support from its members. Don't just join our Temple, but **belong**.

Take advantage of all the Temple has to offer you in the way of sending your children to Hebrew and Sunday school, which are being conducted by Professional teachers. Interest your Teenagers in the Youth Group Program.

Attend Friday night and Saturday morning services. Witness a Bar Mitzvah or Bas Mitzvah. You will be a richer man or woman for it.

Belong to the Sisterhood and Men's Club. Eventually you will become active and help those that will appreciate your cooperation in the work that entails belonging to the Temple.

Hoping to see you at our Temple soon, and more often,

Sincerely,

SAM SCHACK,
Vice-President,
Membership

LIBRARY NEEDS YOU!

Your library needs you!! Have you read a good book lately? Visit your Temple Library. There is always a need for more books. Donate a book in memory of a loved one.

RITA COMPAIN
FL 2-1034

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 collation 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

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Rabbi Daniel Davis, Director of the New York Federation of Reform Synagogues, will be the installing officer, at the annual Installation-Social on Saturday, March 19, at 8:30 P. M. Immediately following the brief installation ceremony, which will be held in the new Chapel, members who have purchased tickets at the nominal fee of \$7.50 per couple are invited to dine and dance downstairs in the "Green Room." The serving will be a compromise between a full course dinner and smorgasbord in order that the entire membership would find it possible to purchase tickets. 250 couples are expected, but attendance will be limited to that number. An early purchase of tickets is encouraged. Phone Mr. Roy Spector, FL 2-4465.

IRVING GREEN CHAIRMAN COMBINED CAMPAIGN DRIVE

The annual breakfast sponsored by the Temple in behalf of the Combined Campaign of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion will be held in the Temple auditorium on Sunday morning, March 13.

Mr. Irving Green, Chairman of the Temple committee for the campaign and Secretary of the New York Federation of Reform Synagogues, has announced that Judge Emil Baar, of Brooklyn, longtime friend of our congregation, will probably be the speaker. The food will be excellent, and a full house is expected.

SEWANHAKA IS SCENE OF BROTHERHOOD PROGRAM

There will be a mass Brotherhood meeting at Sewanhaka High School on Wednesday, March 2 at 8:30 P.M. There will be a showing of the celebrated film, "Almanac of Liberty". All synagogues, churches, and patriotic organizations will participate. A Community-wide choir will be featured.

P.T.A. PRESENTS KIDS' MATINEE

Florence Cooper, Chairman of the P.T.A. of the Temple announced that a Variety Show and movie for children will be presented at the Temple on Sunday afternoon, March 13, 1955 at 2:00 P.M. Donation is 69 cents, and tickets may be purchased from the Chairman of the affair, Selma Roochvarg, LO 1-0510, Co-chairman, Sylvia Bassis, CU 5-8238, or at the Judaica Shop.

YOU MISSED THE BOAT

A few months ago I wrote an article entitled, "Where Were You?" Sunday evening, February 20, the Temple held its annual Congregational meeting. Two separate flyers were sent out by the Youth Group Committee specifically inviting parents of the teenagers to join in an extended discussion of the Youth Group, its progress and its problems. The Youth Program of our Temple services about two hundred children. The attendance at this Congregational meeting was very low. Not more than fifteen were parents of our teenagers. "Where were you?"

From this response, or rather the lack of it, I am to assume that the Youth Program is perfect. No parent has a single complaint or a single suggestion for improvement. These parents are also not very interested in next year's budget, or how we plan to enlarge our program. Most of the members of our Congregation who attended our special meeting February 13 and voted to spend \$21,000 to buy the property next to the Temple were not even interested enough to come back one week later and discuss what the property could be used for. The general concensus is that it will be purchased for a Youth Center. Where were these parents of our teenagers for whom this Center will eventually be built? The answer is simply that they are either not interested enough to attend the meetings, or that they are willing to leave their children's future to other people. Whichever the answer is, it makes our job much easier, because we obviously have your approval for whatever we do.

While we are speaking of lack of interest, are you also uninterested in your children's safety? Is it all right with you that your thirteen year old boys and girls walk home alone from the Temple at ten-thirty at night? The Temple's responsibility ends when the children leave the building. From there to your home six, eight, or ten blocks away they are your responsibility. Instead of sitting home and worrying until they reach the front door, why don't you form car pools and pick them up? At most it would amount to one five minute trip a month.

We assume you want a well-supervised diversified program. All we want of you is some display of interest in your own children.

MARTIN RUBIN

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES RESUME WEDNESDAY, MAR. 9

Adult Education classes resume on March 9. Have you registered yet? Hurry, before you miss out on a terrific session.

Do you know what the prophets taught? Did you realize the similarity in the problems the prophets encountered to our present day problems? Did you know that Congress almost voted Hebrew as the language of the United States? Do you know who some of the Jewish Leaders were in early American history? Did you know that one of the requirements of a Harvard graduate was the Hebrew language? These are just a few of the things that will be covered at our coming sessions.

JEWISH IDEALS AND MODERN SOCIAL PROBLEMS

Rabbi Baumgard, 8:15 to 9:15

AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY

Rabbi Zlotowitz, 9:15 to 10:15

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Sue Ronson, 9:15 to 11:15

HEBREW FOR BAR MITZVAH PARENTS

FRIDAY evening, 8:15 to 8:45

Rabbi Baumgard

Registration fee is \$5.00 for two courses, except Mambo which is an additional \$3.00, and Hebrew which is FREE. For further information call Marilyn Brand, PR 5-3753 or Edythe Marlowe, CU 5-8420.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONCLAVE AT ROSLYN TEMPLE

Registration for the Conclave of the Long Island Federation of Temple Youth has been so heavy that registration per congregation will be limited. The Conclave will be held at Temple Sinai, Roslyn. Young people 15 and up are eligible to attend provided that they are paid-up members of the Temple Youth Group.

What is the Conclave? It is an all day "party" for young people which includes serious as well as recreational programming. All of the planning is done by the young people, and the most of the programming is done by the youngsters. For example, the conclave starts with Saturday morning services on March 5. The sermon will be given by a young person. Then there will be a social followed by lunch. Temple B'nai Israel Youth Group will then present a humorous skit. Then there will be a discussion group with the various Rabbis of Long Island Liberal Congregations serving as leaders. During these discussions Elmont and Valley Stream youngsters will have the opportunity to sit next to young people from Great Neck, Roslyn, Lynbrook, etc.

Following the discussions is another social, dinner, then a huge dance with young people providing entertainment. The cost is a few dollars. Register now through Harriet Rosenblum, Youth Group President, and Vice-President of the Long Island Federation of Temple Youth (Liberal). About 350 youngsters will be in attendance.

CANTOR CONVISER RECEIVES HONOR

Cantor David Conviser has been chosen to conduct the Cantorial School choir as made up of about forty cantors, choir is made up of about forty cantor, some of whom are about to accept full time pulpits around the country. This is the first time in the history of the School of Sacred Music that anyone but a recognized Jewish musician will be permitted to conduct at graduation.

IF YOU REQUIRE THE SERVICE OF A RABBI

Our Rabbi is available to the members and their families for any service which he may be in a position to render.

He visits the sick at home or in the hospital, when requested by a member of the family. He is available for counseling at appointments which may be arranged by a telephone call.

Thoughtful members will not set the date of a wedding or the time of a funeral without first consulting with the Rabbi if they wish him to officiate. The Rabbi may be reached at all times through the Temple, FL 4-9659.

SO YOU'RE HAVING A BABY

Parents of new-born children should know that they are properly named in the synagogue. The Temple prepares a special beautifully decorated certificate for every child named in the Temple. While male children receive a name in the circumcision ceremony, the name is confirmed at the first Saturday morning service following the circumcision. A female child is named only in the synagogue at the first Saturday morning service following birth.

Our congregation has initiated an additional ceremony of naming a child at a Friday evening service when the mother also is able to be present. Arrangements in all cases must be made in advance through Rabbi Baumgard. We must know the Hebrew name of the child and the Hebrew name of the father and mother. If this information is not available to you, we will help you.

WANT TO PAY YOUR RESPECTS TO A GRIEVING FRIEND?

Instead of bringing another box of cookies or candies which usually goes wasted, contribute a Prayer-book to the Temple "In Memory of X." The inscription will be placed on the front binding of the Prayer-book in gold lettering. The price is only \$2, actually less than the cost of the Prayer-book, and so much more meaningful than a box of candy! Call the office or Sam Krupnick, FL 4-6885.

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