



Calendar of Events

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

- Friday, March 18—**Friday Evening Services:**
 "Is Your Child the Only Jew in Your Home?" Panel discussion.
 Oneg Shabbat by:
 Dr. and Mrs. Herman Kremer in honor of the birth of their son, Stephen Daniel.
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller, 10th Anniversary.
- Saturday, March 19—**Bar Mitzvah:** Donald Gottlieb.
- Friday, March 25—**Friday Evening Services**
 "Are We Ready for the Next 300 Years? The Role of the Modern Jewish Woman."—Rabbi Baumgard.
 Oneg Shabbat by:
 Mr. and Mrs. Harry Yoss, 13th Anniversary.
 Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Breidbart, 18th Anniversary.
 Mr. and Mrs. Irving Eisenstadt, 19th Anniversary.
 Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Koppelman, 21st Anniversary.

MEETINGS AND SOCIAL EVENTS

- Tuesday, March 15—Men's Club Meeting: Dramatic Workshop Presentation.
 Wednesday, March 16—"Murder, She Says!" Rehearsal (every Wednesday).
 Thursday, March 17—Senior Youth Group (every Thursday).
 Saturday, March 19—**TEMPLE AFFAIR;** installation, dancing, collation.
 Monday, March 21—Junior Youth Group (every Monday).
 Tuesday, March 22—Sisterhood Meeting: Dramatic Workshop presentation.

COMMUNITY SEDER TO BE HELD APRIL 6

As a result of demands by congregation members, Rabbi Baumgard will again conduct a traditional Passover Seder on Wednesday evening April 6, 1955. This entire affair including "Charoses" and "Bitter Herbs" served "French Style" can be enjoyed by you, your family, and your friends, at the very nominal cost of \$6.50 for each adult and \$3.50 for each child up to 13 years of age. The seating capacity enables us to accommodate up to 200 people only, so reservations will be made on a "first come, first served basis".

A regular home-style cooked meal will be served in traditional fashion by a leading caterer as follows:

- APPETIZER**
 Hard Boiled Eggs and Salt Water
SECOND APPETIZER
 Gefilte Fish Boiled Yellow Pike
SOUP
 Matzoh Ball Soup Clear Consomme
ENTREE
 Roast Capon Boiled Pullet
 Boiled Flanken Roast Beef
DESSERT
 Compote Assorted Cakes and Cookies
BEVERAGES
 Tea Seltzer
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For reservations or further information contact:

- Temple office—FL 4-3636
 Adolph Klepner—CU 5-7509
 Sam Krupnick—FL 4-6885
 Frank Littman—PR 5-7303

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.
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LATE FLASH:

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ANNUAL INSTALLATION, DANCING, COLLATION

Time is running out. Tickets are being sold. This affair is limited to 200 couples, and it promises to be one of the best we've run, so send your check to the Temple, attention "Annual Affair Committee". Those of you who have sold ads for our Journal will find your tickets waiting for you at the door on the night of the affair. Tickets will NOT be sold at the door.

- Time: March 19, 8:45 P.M.
 Place: Temple B'nai Israel
 Donation: \$7.50 per couple
 Roy Spector, Chairman
 FL 2-4465

SISTERHOOD SPONSORING FRIDAY EVE SERVICES

During the month of March the Friday Evening services have been sponsored by the Sisterhood under the auspices of its Religious Education Committee which is headed by Selma Packer and Blanche Wainer.

March 18

"Is Your Child the Only Jew in Your Home?" The panel will consist of Leah Lerner, Gloria Lewis, Esther Gropper and Edythe Marlowe. They will answer such important questions as "Does Religious School Prepare Your Child for Everyday Living?", and "Is Public School More Important than Religious School?" The Congregation will be invited to participate with both questions and answers. What do YOU think?

March 25

On Friday evening, March 25 at 8:45 P.M., Rabbi Herbert Baumgard will speak on the theme, "The Role of the Jewish Woman—The Next 300 Years of American Jewish Life". The Rabbi will draw particular attention to the increased responsibility of American women in the educational process occasioned by the complete loss of the men to the wage-earning process. He will suggest various ways in which the women may meet the new burdens placed upon them. The service is the last in a series sponsored by the Sisterhood of the Temple.

Coming, April 1

The noted author and lecturer, **Pierre Van Paassen**, will speak at Friday evening Services, April 1, 1955. Dr. Van Paassen is a veteran foreign correspondent of the great news agencies of the world and a former minister. He is the author of such best-selling books as, "Days of Our Years" and "The Forgotten Ally". He has been for many years in great demand as a speaker. Dr. Van Paassen will appear at the Temple through the courtesy of the Adult Education Committee. He will speak primarily on the international scene and problems related to world peace.

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DEADLINE

The next deadline of the Temple Bulletin, is **Monday, March 21**. 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

One of the great youth events of the year is the LIFTY (Long Island Federation of Temple Youth) Conclave. It includes members from the youth groups of every Liberal-Reform Congregation on the Island. The Conclave combines serious and social programming. The young people of high school age (15 and up) come together and plan an entire program which includes lunch and dinner, a dance, entertainment, discussions and services. Half of the thrill of these conclaves is the opportunity to meet young people from other areas and to make new friends. Our Temple sent 19 young people to the March Conclave held in Roslyn.

It is of great concern to me why we could not send 50 young people to this conclave. Parents are constantly complaining that there is no "program" for their youngsters, yet when such a golden opportunity is presented, and advertised at long length in the bulletin, few parents care enough to send their youngsters to the conclave.

It is quite apparent that the youngsters of today are more fanatical about "entertainment" and less inclined towards serious reading and study than their predecessors. Part of the cause for this misdirected taste is that the children are merely imitating their parents. Another part of the cause is that

LARGE DELEGATION AT YOUTH CONCLAVE

Temple B'nai Israel's entrant in the finals of the essay contest of the Long Island Federation of Temple Youth, Marcia Fuchs, lost out to Robert Crystal of Lawrence, L. I. Marcia's essay, "I Speak for Judaism", is being considered for national publication by the National Federation of Temple Youth. The Temple is proud of her contribution which was rated best by many people present.

Our youth group presented the luncheon skit at the all day conclave which was held at Temple Sinai, Roslyn, L. I. on Saturday, March 5. Appearing in the skit were Marlene Gross who took Beverly Scalise's role as Queen Esther when Beverly lost her voice; Eileen Sussman as "Haman"; Joy Moonves as "Mordecai"; Barbara Freistat and Dale Zalkin as "Ladies in Waiting to the Queen"; Sheilah Klepner as the "Curtain"; Wendy Avidon, Rita Bittlecomb, and Kenneth Bitner as Narrators; and Rabbi Baumgard, as a substitute King "Herman" nee Ahasuerus.

The large delegation from our congregation at the 225 member conclave included Etta Nathan, Elaine Winters, Barbara Kramer, Bernard Zahn, Leonard Chernila, Michael Rochester, Arden Gross, and Marcia Fuchs.

Other congregations represented included Great Neck, Roslyn, Lynbrook, Lawrence, Wantagh, Jamaica, Port Washington, Rockville Centre, West Hempstead, and others. The Conclave included an evening dance, luncheon and dinner, entertainment organized by the young people, and discussion groups conducted by the Rabbis.

YOUNG PEOPLE RECEIVE AWARDS

The following boys and girls have received awards for perfect attendance at the Young People's Sabbath Services, which they themselves conduct on Saturday mornings at 9:30 A.M. under the supervision of Rabbi Zlotowitz: Rita Koplowitz, Michael Ratner, Stuart Sinder, Leonard Kuttner, Jerry Skolnick, Harvey Kagan, Stuart Breidbart, and Stuart Lesser.

Rabbi Herbert Baumgard, Senior Rabbi of our Temple, has been elected President of the Ministers' Association of Greater Elmont and North Valley Stream, for the year 1955. Vice-President of the Association is the Rev. Gerald Rankin of the United Presbyterian Church and Secretary-Treasurer is the Rev. Theodore Pitt of the Alden Terrace Baptist Church.

the parents lack the fortitude to insist that their children be different from the "mob". I used to sell newspapers on the street and was exposed to boys who gambled most of their earnings away, but my parents never accepted the rules of the mob as suitable for me. Baseball and radio were fine, but there had to be time for other things also. It is the "other things" which we forget to glorify before our children.

If we parents had a little more guts and perhaps a little more direction ourselves, we could help our children develop a more varied program of activities which would include a few serious aspects of living.

Sisterhood Notes

March Meeting

The Sisterhood meeting scheduled for Tuesday evening, March 22, 1955 will feature the **DRAMATIC WORKSHOP OF THE TEMPLE**. Appearing in a one act fantasy entitled "The Ordinary Day of Mr. J.", adapted for the group by their Director, Monty Margoshes, will be Irene Levy, Pearl Osterweil, Paula Gottfried, Harriet Lazaroff, Herman Frank and Monty Margoshes.

You will have the opportunity to build up your **DONOR CREDIT** at the meeting on March 22. Bring your unsold merchandise to the Temple, and set up a booth at our local **COUNTY FAIR**. This is one of your last chances to make enough credit to attend the fabulous Donor Luncheon—so be at the Temple by 8:00 P.M. on Tuesday evening, March 22 with your Bazaar items.

Study Group

The next meeting of the Sisterhood Study Group will be held on **Thursday**, April 14 at the home of Harriet Zaldin, 555 Bieling Road. The topic for the very interesting evening is "Israel", and will feature color films, with a discussion led by Muriel Miller, Sylvia Berkell, and Marilyn Brand.

Uniongrams

Have you sent a Uniongram lately? Call Sophie Heller at FL 2-5287 or Mildred Hyman at PR 5-2017. They will write the message for you (compose it if necessary), address the envelope, stamp it, and mail it!

In Memoriam

For the nominal sum of \$2.00, our Temple is offering you the opportunity to donate a Prayer Book, beautifully inscribed "In Memory of" some one dear to you. Call the office and place your order with the Secretary. She will send out a letter for you informing the family of the one thus remembered of your gift.

—BERNICE LANE

SOCIAL SERVICE

The Sisterhood Social Service Committee, chaired by Ceil Weinhaus reports on two successful projects undertaken recently, and announces a third to be held March 23 for hospitalized veterans at Mitchel Field.

In December a Chanukah party was held for 100 poor children at the Hendrix Street Day Nursery in Brooklyn. Sophie Sussman, Edith Auerbach, Esther Chernoff, Shirley Montner, Miriam Scalise, Sylvia Gartner, Helen Rochester, and Ceil Weinhaus served as hostesses. Shirley Montner began the party by lighting the Chanukah candles.

Toys, bags of candy, ice cream, and cookies helped cheer up 40 sick children at Meadowbrook Hospital in January. The ladies responsible were Sophie Sussman, Miriam Scalise, Helen Rochester, Blanche Littman, Theresa Wagner, Tillie Levine, Fay Smith, Ray Lawrence, Edith Auerbach, and Ceil Weinhaus.

On March 23 the group will give a party for hospitalized veterans at Mitchel Field. They ask that you save January, February, and March magazines, playing cards, pocket book editions, and records, which will be distributed to the boys. Depots for these items are Ceil Weinhaus, 182 109th Avenue; or Ceil Layton, 2087 Baylis Avenue.

—CEIL WEINHAUS

Home Observance of Passover — Part I

RABBI HERBERT BAUMGARD

The first night of Passover is celebrated with a Seder. No Jew should be absent from a Seder on this evening. No child should be denied the glories of this festival.

Haggadah: means "narrative". The story of Passover is recited at the Passover meal. It is found in Hebrew and in English in most Traditional Haggadoth. Revised new Haggadoth include the Union Haggadah and the Reconstructionist Haggadah. Both are excellent. We have them available. We have prepared a transliteration of the basic prayers in the Hebrew for those who desire it. The new Haggadoth describe the meaning of every symbol required for the table.

Home Atmosphere: The Jewish home should take on a new atmosphere at this season. Every attempt should be made to point up the holiday. New tablecloths, new dishes, new foods, new clothes help accent the importance of the occasion. Bread should not be eaten during the holiday. Symbols of spring, flowers, etc. should be around the house.

Meaning of Holiday: The Pesach ceremonies are designed to help us identify ourselves with our fathers who were slaves in Egypt. Through this identification, it is hoped, we will be inspired to help other peoples gain their freedom. The union of the Spring motif with the historical search for freedom of the Jewish people has profound implications. The Elijah ceremony is the symbol of our hope that "tonight", "tomorrow" universal freedom and peace will be achieved. (The coming of Elijah the Prophet, according to tradition, will usher in that grand day.)

Attendance at Services: Passover was in Israel one of the great pilgrimage festivals. Next to the High Holidays, it is the holiday with greatest meaning in modern times. Every Jew should attend Services during the festival.

Bible Reading: Take out your Old Testaments and read the first 20 chapters of the Book of Exodus, (just a few pages), for the full story of the historical event behind the Holiday.

PASSOVER FOR HOME AND TEACHER

In spite of the importance western Jewry gives to the High Holy Days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, PESACH is the most important Jewish holiday down through history. Teachers should properly present it as THE Jewish holiday.

Pesach is the Jewish **spring** festival. It begins on the eve of the 14th day of the month of Nisan. Originally it was a 7 day festival and is so observed today in Palestine. In Palestine and among Reform Jews, the 1st and 7th days are days of rest. European Jewry and Orthodox Jewry observe the two days at the beginning and the end of the holiday as days of rest because it was difficult to determine when the holiday started and ended.

Pesach marks the beginning of the major **grain harvest**. It is one of the four major harvest holidays. To it, however, has been added a historical significance which makes it supreme among Jewish holidays. Spring is the time of **redemption**. It is the time when the earth stirs from its winter slumbers, arises from its frozen death, and evidences fertility and life. The pagan peoples interpreted the cycle of agriculture in terms of a God who died in the winter and arose (was redeemed) in the spring. The Christians associated spring with the resurrection of Jesus. The Jews alone give the advent of Spring an association with an historic event involving not only God but an entire people. The "resurrection" is the emergence of a people from bondage; the "re-birth" is the dedication of a people to the moral code of life.

The Exodus from Egypt is the historic background of Pesach. Teachers should glorify Moses, Aaron, Miriam, the Jewish people. The Exodus is the great symbol of man down through the ages, whereby he gains courage to revolt against tyranny. Teachers should point out that the American Revolutionists used the slogans of the Jews in Egypt. The Negroes today consider themselves the "new Israelites" awaiting the great liberation.

To be continued in next issue, April 1.

PASSOVER ITEMS AT JUDAICA SHOP

Don't "pass over" the wonderful display of holiday wares we have for "Pesach". Available at your Judaica Shop are many items to grace your table and enhance its enriching loveliness, such as Kiddush Cups, Matzoh cloths, plastic tablecloths, candlesticks, Passover and Seder plates, holiday napkins and place mats; and the unusual decorations to make your home reflect the holiday mood. We always have various items suitable for gift giving. ORDER NOW.

—BETTY JACOBS
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STEPHEN SHAPIRO PASSES HEBREW REGENTS

It pays to study your Hebrew, girls and boys. One of our students, Stephen Shapiro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Shapiro, has successfully passed (a 92%) the two year Regents exam on Hebrew by virtue of the Hebrew he has learned in our school. Accordingly, Stephen will receive college credit towards a foreign language. Advanced Hebrew instruction is available to all who desire it in our school. Please consult with Rabbi Zlotowitz or Rabbi Baumgard.

DRAMATIC WORKSHOP

In October, a group interested in the theatre got together and formed a Drama Workshop. We have no instructors, and meetings have consisted of readings and discussions of current and past plays with regard to everything from acting to staging.

The Workshop has aroused the interest of the Program Chairmen of the Men's Club and Sisterhood, and they have prevailed upon us to take over the March meetings. A one-act play has been written by a number of the group. Rehearsals are now in progress, and the finished product will be ready for presentation to the Men's Club on March 15, and to the Sisterhood on March 22.

This is an invitation to all members who are interested in witnessing a play that is a little different, perhaps a little bizarre, and certainly a lot more interesting than the usual run of presentations. Come down to the meetings on the above mentioned dates, and take part in a most enjoyable evening.

MONTY MARGOSHES

FOR BAR MITZVAH PARENTS 1955-1956

Parents of young men (or ladies) to be Bar Mitzvah (Bas Mitzvah) in 1955-1956 are reminded of the main conclusions of our successful group meeting several weeks ago. 1) Start teaching your child that Confirmation at age 16 is much more important than Bar Mitzvah. 2) Help your child understand the importance of Bar Mitzvah and Confirmation by attending Services with him at least once a month and by discussing matters of ethics and current matters Jewish at home. 3) Play down the Bar Mitzvah party and play up the Confirmation Party. 4) If you have plans for a Bar Mitzvah party at the Temple, make arrangements now to avoid conflicts. It is not too soon. Within a few months, services will be held upstairs in the chapel proper and the collation will be held downstairs in the auditorium. See Mr. Lowe for arrangements.

FREE HEBREW LESSONS FOR BAR MITZVAH "DADS"

On Friday evening, March 11, the first in a series of Hebrew lessons for fathers of Bar Mitzvah Boys (and others who wish to attend) will be held at the Temple. Rabbi Baumgard will be the instructor assisted by Rabbi Zlotowitz. The time is Friday at 8:15. The class will last only 30 minutes and the Rabbis promise that anyone attending the first class will be able to read a few words after the session.

YAHREZIT

Adar 23	Max Phillips	March 17
Adar 24	Lorraine Klepner	March 18
Adar 27	Molly Feldshuh	March 21
Adar 29	Arnold Flast	March 23
Adar 29	Mrs. Cohen	March 29

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