

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is with a feeling of joy and gratification that I join the Jewish community of Bangor in celebrating the fortieth anniversary of its Hebrew School. I am indeed privileged to be associated with a community which holds its Hebrew School as close to its heart as does the Bangor community. This is as it should be, for, after all, our very future as Jews depends upon the measure of importance we attach to our educational institutions.

As a newcomer to this community, I regret that I cannot share in the laurels of your past achievements. I am, however, fully aware of my responsibility to the present and future generations of Bangor's Jewish children. I am also aware of the fact that I have assumed this responsibility at a most tragic and crucial period in our history; a period which has witnessed the destruction of the great centers of Jewish culture in Europe, the entire burden of keeping alive our cultural and religious heritage having been placed squarely upon the shoulders of American Jewry.

In view of this, our school can no longer be content with a minimum program of Jewish studies. Rather, we must intensify our curriculum in order to carry on the rich cultural traditions which our martyred brethren kept alive throughout the ages.

Because we can no longer depend on European centers to supply our spiritual leaders as we have, in a large measure, done in the past, we must make our community spiritually self-sufficient: we must train our own leaders, educators and communal workers.

Jewish learning has always been associated with sacrifice; the Torah has always been regarded as a burden; but Jews have always carried this burden with a love and devotion which have merited for them the honorary name of "The People of the Book". We must instill within the hearts of our children the same love and devotion, that same willingness to carry the burden of Jewish learning proudly and joyfully.

The successful achievement of our new goals will, more than ever, require the wholehearted cooperation of the school, the home, the synagogue and community center. Because of your proud record of the past forty years, I feel sure that those of us who are actively engaged in the field of Jewish education will not be alone in our efforts to meet this historical challenge, but that through the harmonious efforts of the entire community the Eternal Light shall be kept burning more brightly than ever.

Nathan H. Fish

Principal Bangor Hebrew School



Bangor Hebrew School Staff

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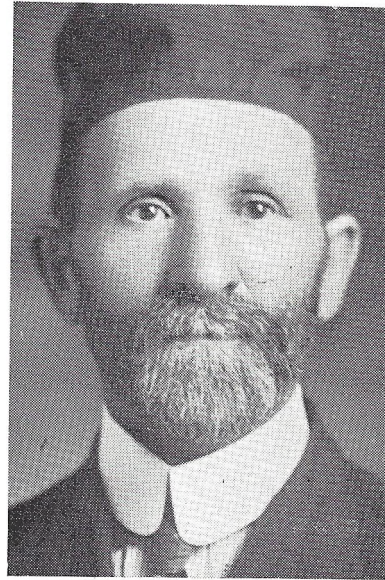
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Philip W. Lown

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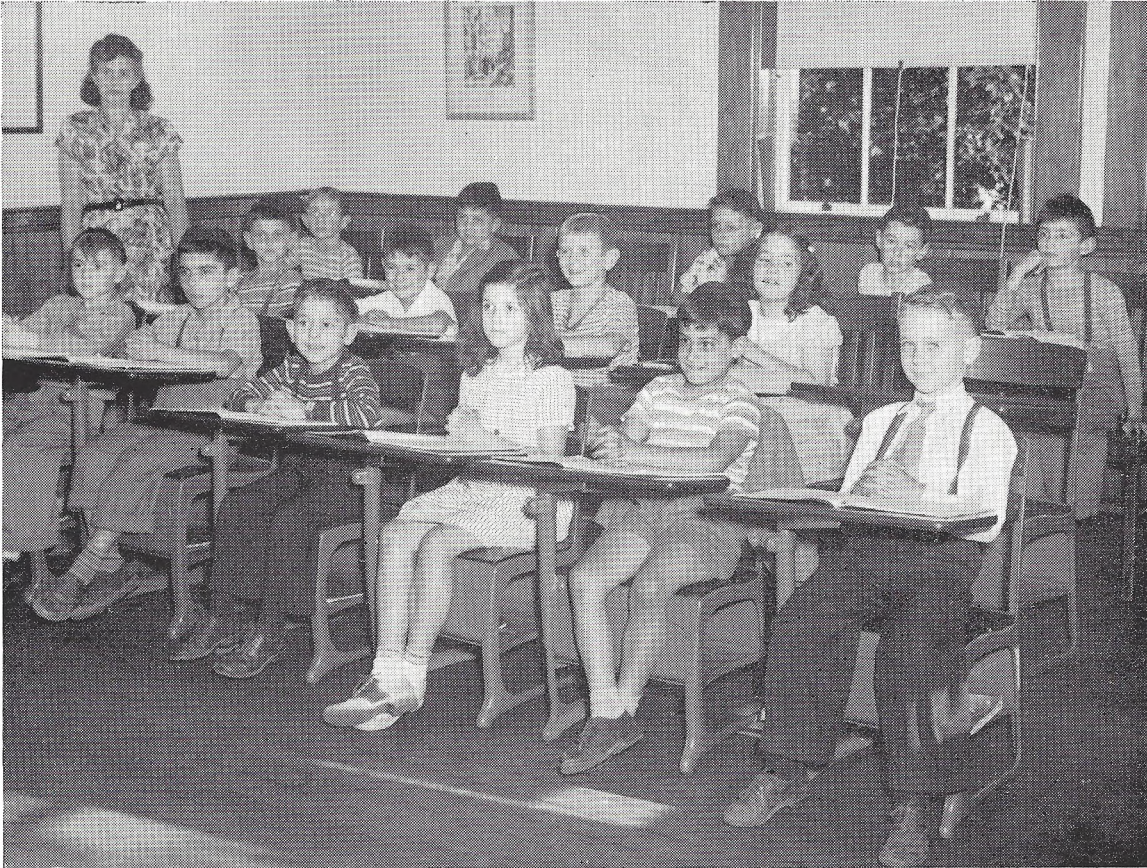
It is my pleasure and privilege to greet the Bangor Hebrew School on the occasion of its fortieth anniversary celebration. It is a celebration in which all Jews of Maine proudly join, for the advancement of Jewish education in one community in this state is the concern of all of us in the rest of the state.

The community of Bangor has always been aware of its mutual relationship with the other communities in Maine. While it has built its own educational institutions with much care and devotion, it has also sought, through its active participation in the Maine Jewish Council, to help develop educational facilities in other areas in Maine. The Council's endeavors to bring Jewish education to the small towns and rural sections in this state and to coordinate the educational programs of all our communities, has met with the warm support of Bangor Jewry.

On this occasion of your celebration, it is fitting that we all renew our common efforts to strengthen our Jewish educational institutions throughout the state.

Faithfully yours,

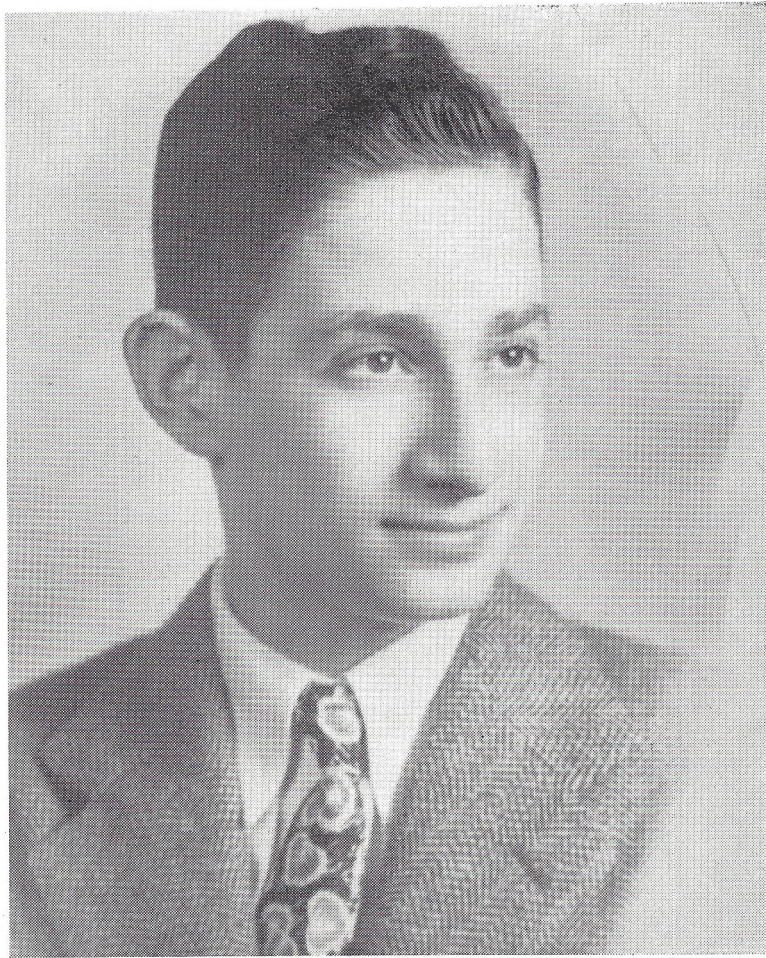
PHIL W. LOWN



Beginners Class

1947-1948

Third row: Max Allen, Maxwell Miller, Walter Rosen, Gerald Rolnick, Arnold Gordon, Mrs. Fish (instructor).
 Second row: Jerome Gotlieb, Michael Striar, Darrell Cooper, Judy Medwed.
 Front row (left to right): Stephen Bernstein, Fred Hartstone, Bernie Alpert, Eleanor Rapaport, Mark Bornstein,
 Not in picture: Donald Silver, Susan Rapaport, Jerome Fisher, Eleanor Epstein, Ruth Singer.
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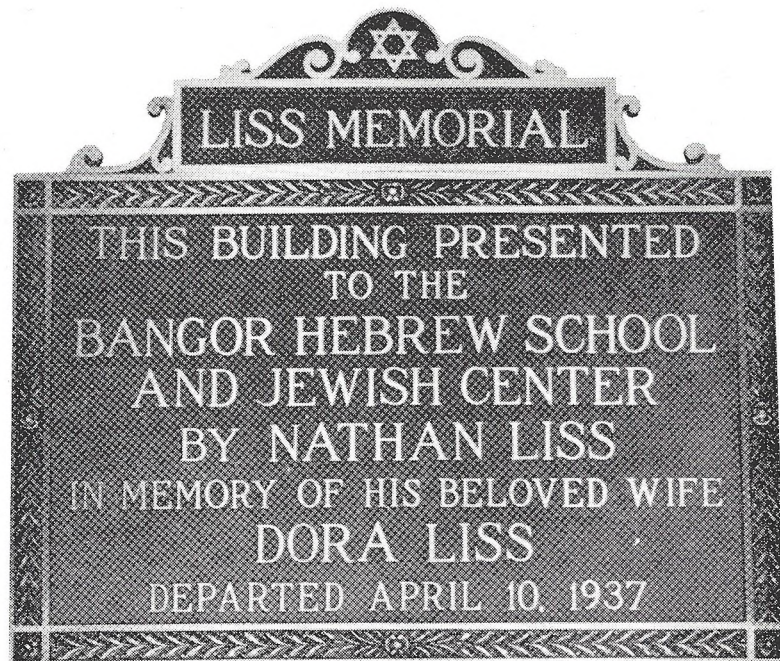
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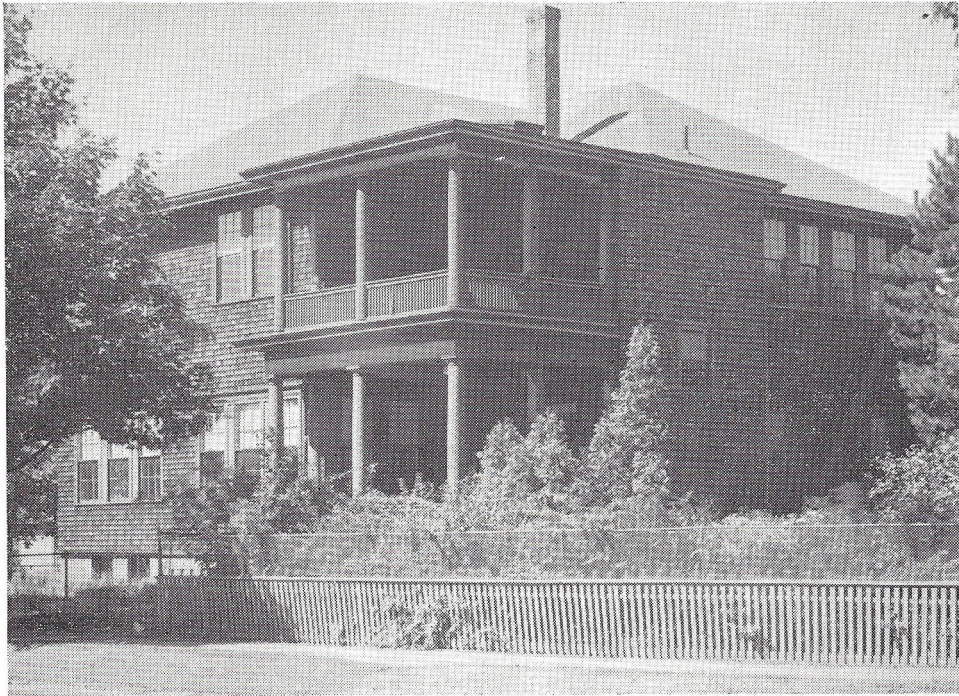


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