

# Temple Beth El NEWS

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## IT NEED NOT HAPPEN

There is no doubt that the articles which appear in the May issue of the National Jewish Monthly, published by the B'nai B'rith, are receiving considerable attention. The articles I refer to are on "What U. S. Jewry Will Be Like 50 Years From Now", written by Dr. Jacob R. Marcus and Dr. Oscar Handlin. Both scholars are of the opinion that the Jewish community in America is destined for survival, but they differ as to the form and composition into which the community will change. Dr. Handlin of Harvard specifies quite clearly: "The danger is not so much that the community will disappear, but that its culture will become a museum piece, preserved out of curiosity and ancestral piety, but devoid of meaning."

"This must not happen" said a congregant to me on reading the article. His reference, of course, was the statement that Jewish culture will become "a museum piece". My immediate reply was that it need not happen, not if we are serious and determined in making Jewish learning something real, something that is alive and meaningful. I recalled to my congregant the events that led to the establishment of the Jewish Theological Seminary more than fifty years ago. It was this very sense of awareness of what might happen to the American Jewish community that prompted the leaders then to prepare for Jewish leadership in the fields of the Jewish learning and religion. And today, in 1957, Jewish communities, throughout America, are stabilizing themselves with Synagogues, Temples and Educational institutions, guided and directed by scholars and leaders whom the Jewish Theological Seminary of America has taught and inspired.

"It will take vigilance in the future and more conscious effort to keep the spirits of men from being stifled . . ." is the concluding counsel of Dr. Handlin. It will take energetic devotion and whole-hearted cooperation on the part of every Temple member to make possible the continuation of the Higher Educational Program which the Jewish Theological Seminary has so gloriously projected.

In appointing the respective Temple Committees, Carl Zolov has asked Messrs. Lewis Bernstein and George I. Lewis to head the Seminary Committee on the Temple's behalf. The Chairmen are confident of your generous support.

LEWIS B. GROSSMAN, Rabbi

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### SABBATH SERVICES

Friday Evening, May 3 at 8:15 o'clock  
In Honor of the 1957 Graduates  
Richard P. Fisher  
will participate in the Services  
Saturday Morning at 10:30

Friday Evening, June 7 at 8:15 o'clock  
Saturday Morning at 10:30  
Bar Mitzvah of Lawrence P. Lonstein

Friday Evening, June 14 at 8:15 o'clock  
Saturday Morning at 10:30  
Bar Mitzvah of Leon Mark Ross

Junior Congregation Services every  
Saturday Morning at 10:15

### 1957 GRADUATES

The annual service dedicated to the young people who are graduating this year will be held on Friday evening, May 31.

### INSTALLATION EXERCISES

An informal Installation Exercise will be held during the Friday Evening Service of May 24. Mr. Edward J. Berman will act as the Installer, and the newly elected and re-elected Officers of the Temple and members of the Board will be installed.

### BROTHERHOOD NOTES

The Temple Brotherhood held its election recently and the following officers were chosen for the coming season: Joseph Cohen, President; Edward I. Bernstein, Vice President, and Benjamin Hirshon, Secretary-Treasurer.

The final study session will be held on Sunday morning, May 26, and an invitation has been extended to the entire Brotherhood membership to be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Cohen at their camp on Sunday, June 2.

### CANDLE LIGHTING TIME (D.S.T.)

May 31	7:57 P.M.
June 7	8:02 P.M.
June 14	8:06 P.M.

### TEMPLE BETH EL NEWS

Lewis B. Grossman — Rabbi  
Kurt Messerschmidt — Cantor  
Carl Zolov — President  
Charles Cohen — Chairman of the Board  
Mrs. Maurice Elowitch — President of Sisterhood

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Mrs. David Nectow, Mrs. Norman Nielsen

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### BAR MITZVAH RICHARD PEPPER FISHER

The Bar Mitzvah of Richard Pepper Fisher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Fisher, 3 Forest Park, will be conducted in part on Thursday morning, May 30, and in part on Friday evening, May 31.

### REPORT OF SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT

During the past year Sisterhood has participated in many varied activities and I will attempt to report on most of our endeavors, since it is difficult to mention everything that has been accomplished throughout the entire year.

The serving of refreshments following Friday Evening Services has again been carried out this year by a conscientious and devoted committee. A breakfast snack is also served to the Junior Congregation every Saturday morning before Services.

Sisterhood sponsors Children's Holiday Observances, which this year included parties for the Hebrew School children celebrating Simchas Torah, Chanukah, Purim and climaxed by the annual Model Seder for Passover, which was attended by approximately 200 children.

This year Sisterhood worked together with Rabbi Grossman in the planning of the Community Seder, held on the second night of Passover. It was well attended and was an enjoyable religious experience.

Sisterhood has again added to our ever-growing kitchen, with the purchase of a dishwasher and disposal which are in the process of being installed.

Thirty-eight new members have joined Sisterhood this year.

Our first Fund Raising event was our Harvest Dance, which was a success financially and enjoyed by all. We also worked together with the men on our joint fund raising affair, the Purim Bazaar. The financial results were most gratifying and the profits will be divided.

The serving of Sunday morning breakfasts to the Brotherhood has been continued, thus making it possible for some of our women to earn their money for the Donors' Project. This work has been carried on until our Donors' Luncheon, held on May 22nd.

To all the women of Sisterhood goes my most grateful thanks for jobs well done, for it is through their efforts that this year has been one of progress and accomplishment.

SYLVIA ELOWITCH, Pres.  
Temple Beth El Sisterhood  
April 25, 1957

### IN APPRECIATION

The Sisterhood wishes to thank Mr. and Mrs. Ben Brilliant for their contribution to the Friday evening Oneg Shabbat and the Saturday Morning Breakfast Snack in honor of Irwin's Bar Mitzvah.

### CONDOLENCE

The Temple extends heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Louis Silverman on the death of her brother, Abraham L. Smith.

### SISTERHOOD INSTALLATION

Sisterhood held its Installation and Dessert Meeting on Tuesday, May 2. Mrs. Sidney Wernick, chairman of the day, introduced Mrs. Lewis Bernstein, who gave a resume on Sisterhood and its accomplishments.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Wernick, Mrs. Bernstein and the following people for their contribution to the program: Cantor Kurt Messerschmidt for the musical selections, Mrs. Abraham Simonds for the beautiful posters, Bonnie Godfrey for her rendition of "Bless This House", Mrs. Harry Turitz and Mrs. Maurice Packet for the narration, Mrs. Barnett I. Shur, Joan Berman and Nancy Novick and the Officers who shared in the arrangement of the program.

MIRIAM GREEN  
Program Chairman

### PERSONALS

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bornstein, on the birth of their son, Bruce Eric.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Dworkin on the birth of their daughter, Roberta Marie. Mrs. Dworkin is the former Ruth Berman.

Congratulations to Mrs. Harold Karl Halpert on the arrival of her grandson, Karl.

Mrs. Saul Marcus wishes to thank her host of friends for their good wishes during her recent illness.

Good wishes for a speedy recovery to Mr. Louis Leiberman, Mrs. Hermine Schreiber, Mrs. Newell Potter, Mrs. Gertrude Mestetsky, Mrs. Sarah Astor and Mr. Julius Elowitch.

Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. David Nectow on the arrival of a grandson, Daniel Scott. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Nectow, live in Marshfield, Mass.



**BAR MITZVAH  
LAWRENCE PAUL LONSTEIN**

The Bar Mitzvah of Lawrence Paul Lonstein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lonstein, 84 Granite Street, will be conducted on Saturday morning, June 8. Lawrence will also take part in the service on Friday evening.

**CONFIRMATION**

The Confirmation Service will be held on the first night of Shavuoth, Tuesday, June 4, at 8:15 o'clock. The confirmands are: Joan Ellen Berman, Sandra Ruth Bernstein, Barbara Ann Brenner, Harriet Bernice Caplan, Phyllis Gail Fineberg, Nancy Michaela Fleischer, Ellen Ruth Godfrey, Nancy Charlotte Novick, Nancy Helene Sax and Barbara Merrie Silverman.

**HAPPY DAY FUND**

A speedy recovery of Mrs. Saul Marcus

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bernstein  
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Matluck  
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Berman

A speedy recovery of Mrs. Gerald Waxman  
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Waxman

**CONGRATULATIONS**

to the following whose wedding anniversaries occur during the period of May 25 - September 7:

- May 27—Mr. and Mrs. William Clenott  
May 29—Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Nelson  
May 30—Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kaplan, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Pollack  
May 31—Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sussman, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cohen  
June 2—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clenott, Mr. and Mrs. David Farber  
June 3—Dr. and Mrs. Maurice Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Sohn  
June 5—Mr. and Mrs. Shepard Cutler  
June 8—Mr. and Mrs. Julius Litman  
June 9—Mr. and Mrs. Ben Brilliant, Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Hugo, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Pinansky  
June 12—Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sher, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Potter

**Yahrzeits**

The names of the following whose Yahrzeits occur during the week of May 25 - June 1, will be read at the Services, Friday, May 24:

William Webber	Hyman S. Marcus
Samuel Bernstein	Rebecca Abelson
I. Mark Polakewich	Samuel Oxman
Sophie Minnie Finkelman	Hyman Julius Levy
	Bernard Carp

The names of the following whose Yahrzeits occur during the week of June 1-8, will be read at the Services, Friday, May 31:

Sadye Slosberg	Edna Ruth Mayerson
Jacob Stewart	Max Bernstein
Jacob Paitchel	Annie Wernick
Elias Greenstein	Louis Samuel Lane
	Jennie Weisberg

The names of the following whose Yahrzeits occur during the week of June 8-15, will be read at the Services, Friday, June 7:

Jacob Edelstein	Martha Cohen
Dora Micholofsky	Rose Cohen
Morris Mason	Israel Greene
Isabelle Waxman	Frankenstein Leo Golodetz
	Sara Dorfman

**CONGRATULATIONS**

to the following whose birthdays occur during the period of May 25 to September 7:

- May 25—Richard Carvel  
May 26—Deborah Herman, Morris Blumenthal  
May 27—Donald Cutler, Mrs. Kurt Messerschmidt, Joel Diamon  
May 30—Robert Loeb, Mrs. Philip Finn, Myer Brinn  
May 31—Adacie Mersky, Judith Wheeler, Stanley Sax  
June 1—Mrs. Morris Benjamin, Mrs. Anna Sacknoff, Joseph Bornstein, Dr. Gisela Davidson, Ruth Nelson, Mrs. Harold Sher, Maurice Gleckman, Ira Brand  
June 3—Stanley Greenberg  
June 4—Mrs. Harry L. Silverman  
June 5—Mrs. Maurice Ross, Stanley Pollack, Dr. Cyrus Briggs  
June 6—Michael Sandler, Gary Brynes  
June 7—Leonard Barnstone  
June 8—Nancy Sax, Nancy Ross  
June 9—Dorothy Bress  
June 10—George Lewis  
June 11—Elaine Crasnick  
June 12—Ellis Greenstein  
June 13—Norman Brenner, Mrs. Saul Chason, Dr. David Davidson  
June 14—Barry Vinick, Carl Cooper, Mrs. David Berlowitz

**U. S. Y. NOTES**

The Temple U.S.Y. is proud of its year's accomplishments.

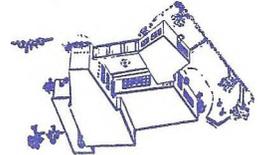
A total of 20 U.S.Y. members represented the local Chapter at various regional and national conferences.

We take pride in the fact that 7 members attended the Tuesday Morning Services during the year. We delight in mentioning their names: William Weiner, Stan Hallet, Harvey Elowitz, Ronnie Mack, Len Slosberg, Sid Minkin and Steve Levine.

ELEANOR FINN, Scribe

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## MEMORIAL FUND

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Mr. and Mrs. Harry Turitz  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kaatz  
Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Goldberg  
Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Sohn  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wolman
- In memory of Mr. Louis Lebovitz  
Mrs. Philip Bornstein  
Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Matson  
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Fish  
Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hirsch  
Mr. and Mrs. Abe Zimmerman  
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Brilliant  
Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Davis  
Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Kane  
Miss Esther Matson  
Miss Anna Branz  
Dr. and Mrs. Henry Tabachnick
- In memory of Mrs. Ida Wilfont (Newton, Mass.)  
Mrs. Jacob Potter
- In memory of Mrs. Eva Sandler  
Mr. and Mrs. David Ebenstein  
Mr. and Mrs. David Davidson  
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Turitz  
Mr. and Mrs. William Cohen  
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sacknoff
- In memory of Mrs. Paul Berman  
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Marcus
- In memory of Mrs. Antonio Leo  
Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Davis
- In memory of Mr. Benjamin Gordon  
Mr. and Mrs. Josh Murinson  
Mr. David Finkelman and Molly  
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Turitz  
Mr. and Mrs. Yoland Potter  
Mrs. Jacob Potter  
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sacknoff  
Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Blumenthal
- In memory of Mr. Hyman Bernstein  
Mr. and Mrs. David Davidson  
Mr. David Finkelman and Molly  
Mr. and Mrs. George Finberg  
Mr. and Mrs. Percy Finberg  
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Turitz  
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Mr. and Mrs. Carl Webber  
Mr. and Mrs. Newell Potter  
Judge and Mrs. Louis Bernstein  
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Berman  
Mr. and Mrs. Mayo Levenson  
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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Litman  
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