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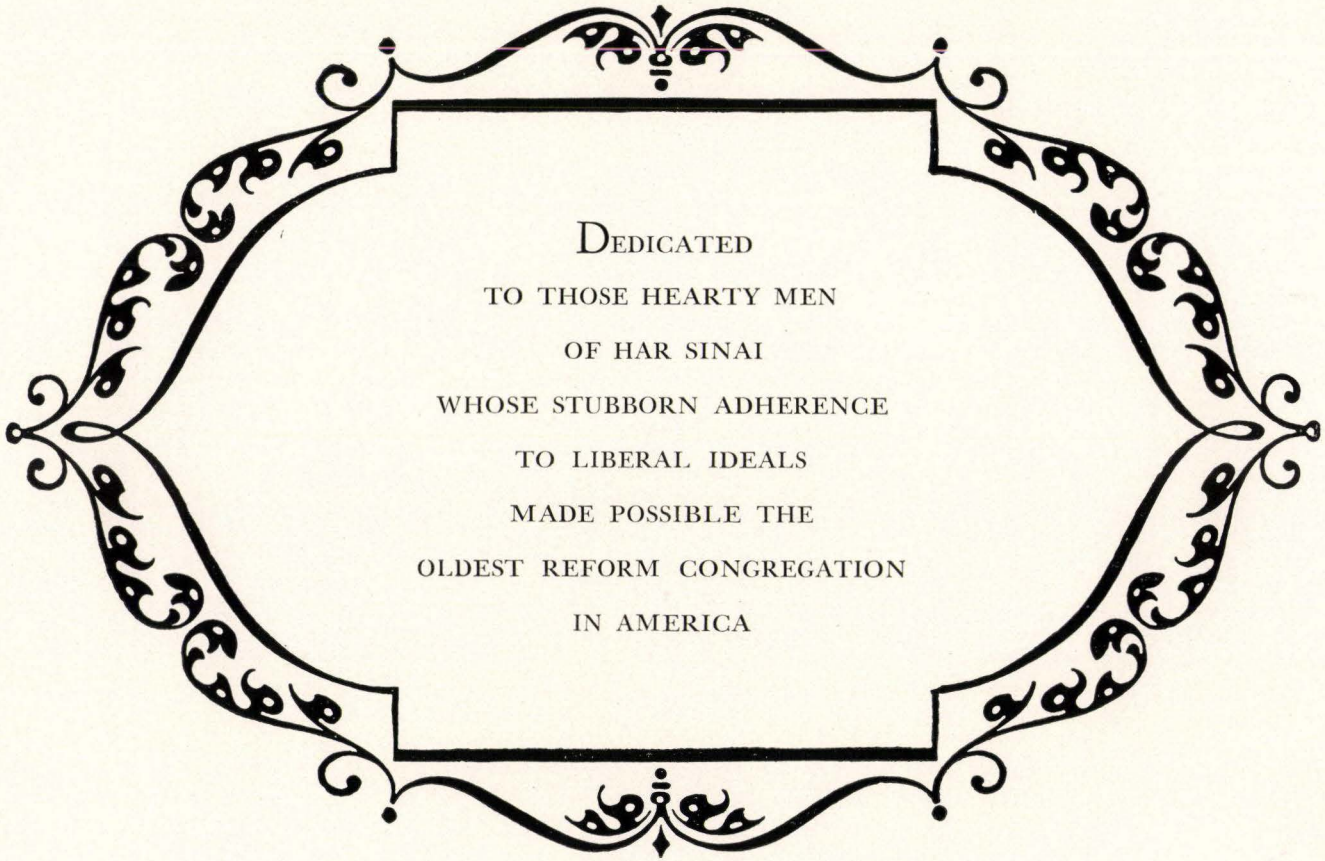
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TO LIBERAL IDEALS
MADE POSSIBLE THE
OLDEST REFORM CONGREGATION
IN AMERICA

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(Trinity '87)

"A *little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation. . . .*"

—Isaiah, LX, 22

A Brief History of Har Sinai's First Hundred Years

A complete library-edition history of America's oldest Reform congregation will appear when the present national emergency ends.

It will be a romantic story of Reform Jewish congregational life in all of its phases because Har Sinai has reflected all the changes in the American Jewish scene. To understand Har Sinai is to understand American Israel. The dominating figure in Reform Jewish religious life in the Western Hemisphere was Isaac Mayer Wise, founder of the Hebrew Union College, of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. Our own congregation was led spiritually by Wise's contemporary, the great David Einhorn. Between Wise, the organizing genius, and Einhorn, the master-theoretician of liberal Judaism, there was unending conflict. Yet, Wise's first disciple, Dr. David Philipson, became Einhorn's successor as rabbi of Har Sinai, and sixty years later Har Sinai's rabbi, Edward L. Israel, became Wise's successor as director of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. It is a romantic tale of antithesis and then of synthesis. In one sense, our congregation symbolizes the confluence of all streams of Jewish liberalism. For the present, we present this outline of Har Sinai's first hundred years, with particular emphasis on the past twenty-five years.

OPEN the musty volumes of Har Sinai's earliest minutes books, turn the yellowed pages and laboriously decipher the spidery German script. The ink is faded now to a pale brown and the sentences it traces are stilted and often difficult to translate, but as we read on with an ever-growing excitement, we realize that here is *History*. Here is the ever-living history of Har Sinai—the history of Reform Judaism in America.

On April 3, 1842, four men met to found a liberal association for religious worship and adopted the name *Har Sinai Verein*. These four men, who must ever be remembered as the fathers of Reform Judaism in America, were:

President.....B. Greensfelder
Vice-President.....Simon Rosenthal
Treasurer.....Samuel Wolf
Secretary.....Samuel Dellevie

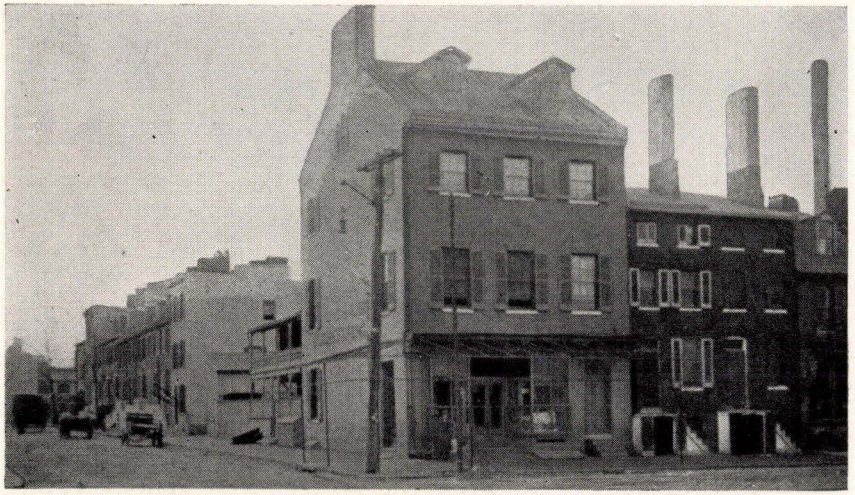
This step—revolutionary beyond our comprehension—was the first formal organized protest against the uncompromising orthodoxy of the rabbi of the Stadt Schul, now the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation.

At first, weekly meetings were held in the homes of the members to discuss and plan the future of the Verein and to "investigate and elect" other liberal-minded young Jews who eagerly sought membership.

According to the record, the first religious service was held on May 15, 1842, at Union Hall (rental, $2.00) to celebrate Shabuoth, and was conducted by Mr. Max Sutro who was selected as reader.

By the end of May, the membership had increased to seventeen and these men contributed $20.00 which, added to $12.00 taken from the treasury, was sent to Hamburg for the purchase of "books of prayers, hymns and musical scores and a copy of the regulations and sermons of the Temple of Hamburg."

Of equal importance to their own freedom of worship in the minds of the Verein members, was the religious instruction of their



THE FIRST REGULAR SERVICE WAS HELD IN THIS BUILDING, THEN THE HOME OF MOSES HUTZLER, AT EXETER STREET AND EASTERN AVENUE

children and to this end provisions were made as early as June, 1842, to provide such instruction. Again to quote from the minutes: "Furthermore, it was suggested that it might be considered a worthy deed to allow the children of poor parents who are not members of the Verein, to attend classes also."

By September those first nebulous ideas of liberal worship had crystallized to such an extent that the president, Mr. B. Greensfelder, felt justified in presenting the following report:

"Truth and Friendship"

'The plan for founding of this organization was conceived in a blessed hour, the aims of which are approved by every intelligent being. We have among our members so many men, honorable and full of vision, that I believe the time has now arrived that we can shape the organization, so that from it may spring most blessed institutions, while at the same time we retain our old motto.

The objectives of the organization shall be:

To organize a regular service both for Friday evening and Saturday morning.

To establish a school so that the children can be brought up in the principles of their parents.

To engage a person for a period of at least two years who will act as a preacher, reader, choirmaster and teacher . . .'

In spite of their high ideals, the Har Sinai members found their path beset with obstructions and difficulties. They were ostracized religiously and often socially as well by other members of the Jewish community. Their request to the Stadt Schul for the loan of a Torah for the New Year Service in 1842 was refused in no uncertain terms and so they were compelled to use a printed Hebrew Bible that year.

By the close of that first momentous year we find that religious services were held regularly on Saturdays, holidays were celebrated, and religious instruction for the children advanced in spite of the many controversies that always evidence themselves in any group of liberals.

THE growing congregation applied to the General Assembly of the State of Maryland for a charter, which was granted in December, 1843. The following were listed as charter members:

Samuel Dellevie	Simon Eytinge	M. Bettman
B. Greensfelder	Isaac Lowman	Simon Rosenthal
Lawrence Lowman	Joseph Lavie	Samuel Pike
Simon Frankenstein	W. Wolf	William Moser
Joseph Simpson	Max Sutro	Moses Hutzler
Samuel Wolf	A. T. Wachtman	

After moving to a building at Albemarle and Pratt Streets, and later to a building at Gay and High Streets, a permanent temple was erected on High, near Lexington Street. This building was dedicated on September 8, 1849, and a school teacher, Reverend Moritz Brown, served as reader until 1850.

Sunday services were started in 1850 and within six months were abandoned.

Har Sinai, in 1855, extended a call to Dr. David Einhorn, rabbi of the Reform Congregation in Pesth, Hungary, and thereby became

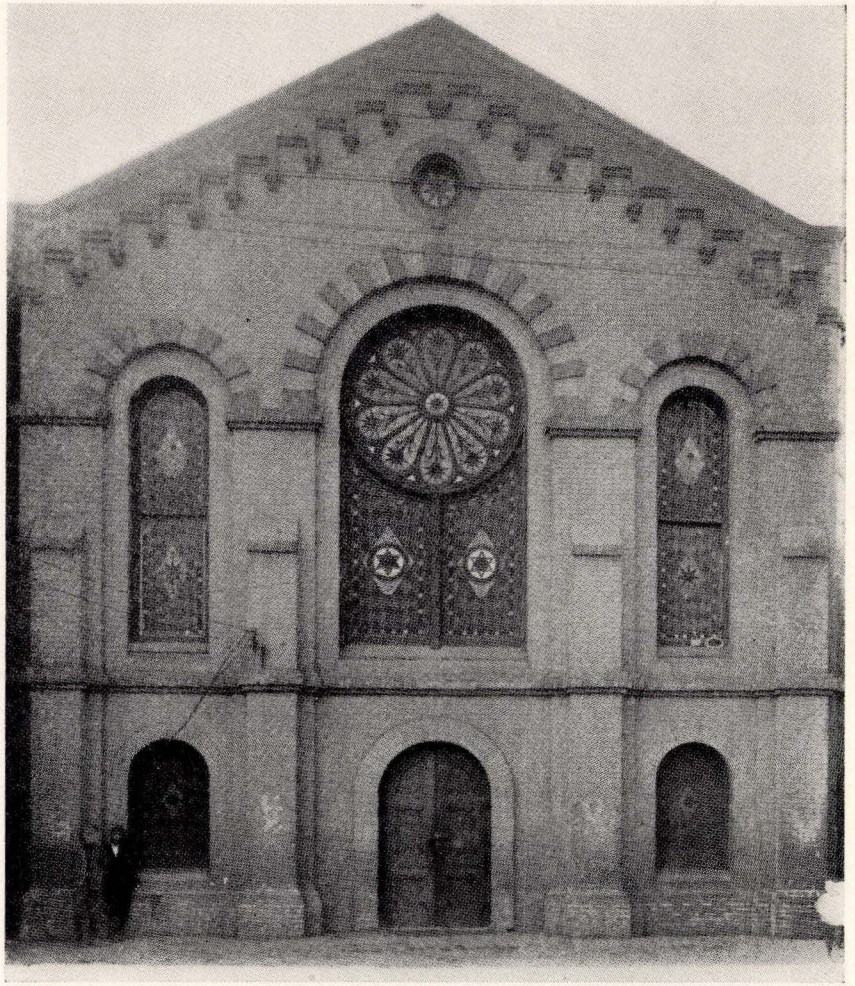
this great rabbi's first American forum for the promulgation of his reform principles. The career of Einhorn at Har Sinai is a vital part of American Jewish history, *e.g.,* his controversies with Dr. Isaac M. Wise of Cincinnati, his publication of *The Sinai* magazine as the organ of Reform, his espousal of the abolition of slavery and his flight from Baltimore in 1861 as the direct result of his abolitionism. In 1909 at the Einhorn centenary a memorial plaque to this great figure was placed in the Bolton Street Temple.

Dr. Solomon Deutsch of Knesseth Israel Congregation of Philadelphia was called to Har Sinai as rabbi to succeed David Einhorn. During his ministry a new charter was obtained, the name of the Verein being changed to Har Sinai Congregation. In Dr. Deutsch's time the wearing of hats was abolished and family pews were instituted. The Lexington Street Temple, located near Pine Street, was dedicated April 4, 1873.

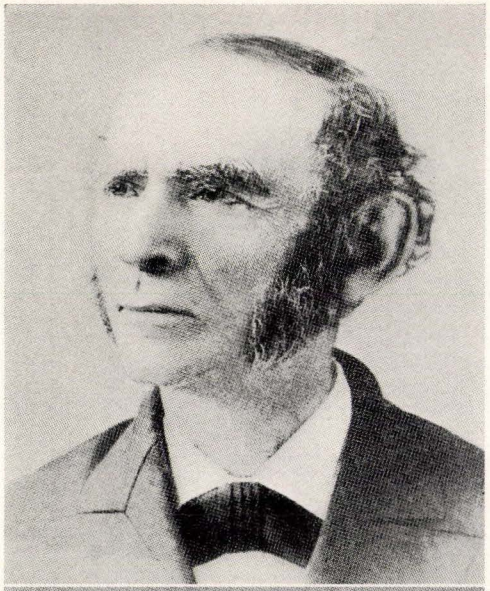
Reverend Jacob Mayer was elected rabbi in 1874, serving until August 3, 1876. Then Reverend Dr. Emil G. Hirsch was called and served until February 1878. Rabbi Hirsch was later to become one of the most colorful figures in Reform Judaism and the son-in-law of David Einhorn. Reverend Dr. Samuel Sale became the next rabbi. Occasional sermons then were delivered in English, at the services held on Friday evenings and Sunday mornings.

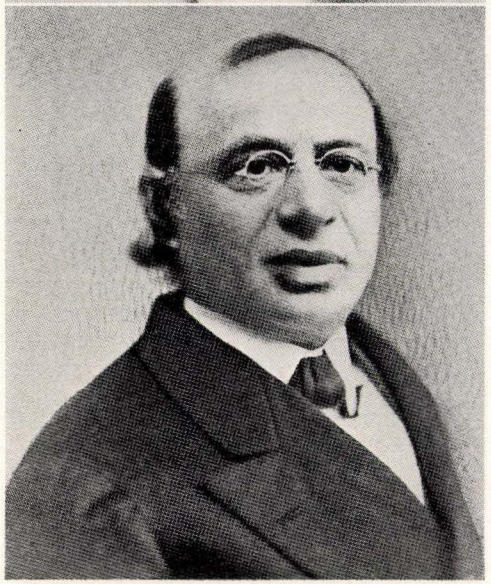
Dr. Sale remained until 1883, to be succeeded by Dr. David Philipson, of the first graduating class of the Hebrew Union College and a disciple of Isaac M. Wise. His call to Baltimore symbolizes the unity of eastern and western Reform Judaism, and marked the end of the Einhorn-Wise controversial period. Beginning with Dr. Philipson, Har Sinai has called to its pulpit, without exception, only graduates of the Hebrew Union College. It is interesting to observe that on October 1, 1885, Har Sinai joined the Union of American Hebrew Congregations of which it has been an active member ever since. Dr. Philipson served until 1888 when he accepted a call to Bene Israel Congregation of Cincinnati.

Dr. Tobias Schanfarber served an entire decade (1888-1898) as our rabbi. During this period (November 8, 1892) we observed our Golden Jubilee with Mr. William S. Rayner, president, as principal speaker. The Ladies Auxiliary was organized February 18, 1894, to succeed the *Ezreth Nashim* of many years before. Mrs. Schanfarber became the first president of the Auxiliary. The growth of the congregation and the northward trend of population resulted in



FIRST PERMANENT TEMPLE ON HIGH STREET





Former Rabbis of Har Sinai Congregation

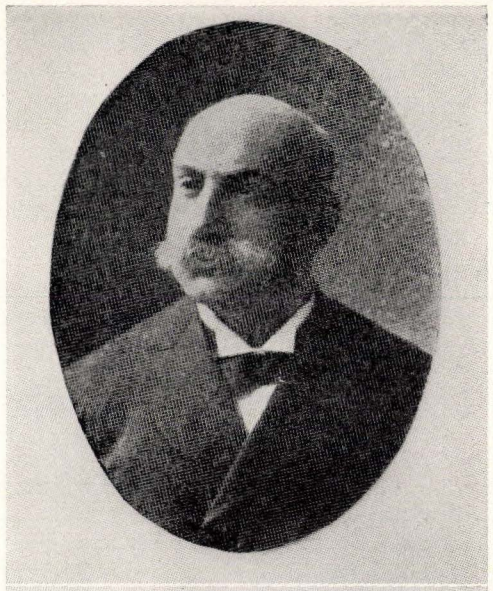
David Einhorn

Emil G. Hirsch

1855-1883

Solomon Deutsch

Samuel Sale









Former Rabbis of Har Sinai Congregation

David Philipson

Charles A. Rubenstein

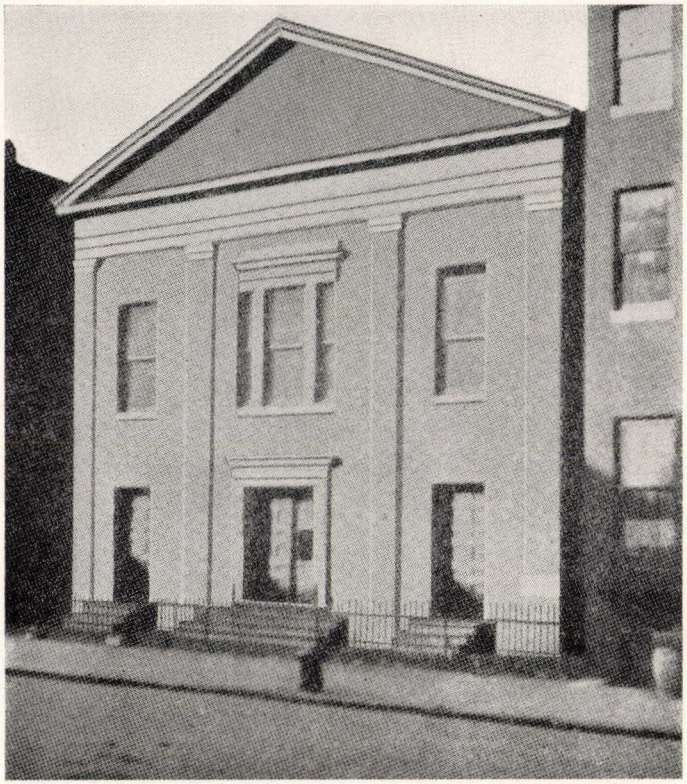
1883 - 1922

Tobias Schanfarber

Louis Bernstein







FOR TWENTY YEARS HAR SINAI WORSHIPPED IN THIS TEMPLE ON LEXINGTON STREET

the dedication (September 28, 1894) of the notable temple building at Bolton and Wilson Streets, which has been the scene of a rich congregational life.

When Rabbi Schanfarber resigned, we called Rabbi C. A. Rubenstein, formerly of Little Rock, Arkansas. He was inducted into office in October 1898, serving until 1920. In this 22-year ministry, late Friday evening services were introduced, the Standard Union Prayerbook was adopted, and the Sinai Society was organized. During this period Bar Mitzvah services were first held, the Ladies Auxiliary joined the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods and adopted the name "Sisterhood of Har Sinai Temple"; Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troops were organized; our Brotherhood was instituted. At the 35th Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations held in Baltimore in 1917, Dr. Jacob Hollander of Har Sinai delivered an address on "The Interest of Young People in the Congregation." In 1918 Rabbi Rubenstein wrote a splendid history of Har Sinai for the Diamond Jubilee.

THE years 1918-1942 bridge the years between the first and the second World Wars. In this period, Har Sinai has advanced from a congregation of local and regional importance to a congregation of national prominence. Until 1920, Rabbi C. A. Rubenstein served as spiritual head of the institution, resigning in that year to enter a different field of endeavor and remaining in Baltimore, his permanent home. His contribution to the growth and expansion of the congregation was very significant and a characterization of his leadership has already been given in outline form. His activities in this capacity fall within the period preceding the Diamond Jubilee in 1918. In the complete history of our congregation Rabbi Rubenstein's long and significant ministry will be evaluated. He is known as an authority on Spanish literature and his lectures on Spanish-Jewish history are mentioned frequently by older members of the congregation. Of all rabbis who have served Har Sinai in its first century of existence, Rabbi Rubenstein's ministry was the longest.

In 1920 Rabbi Rubenstein was succeeded by Rabbi Louis Bernstein who served until his death in 1922. To his memory the marble pulpit at the Bolton Street Temple was inscribed.

In the interim period following Rabbi Bernstein's ministry, Rabbi Harvey Wessel, now of Tyler, Texas, served as spiritual leader of the congregation for one year.

THE election of Edward L. Israel as rabbi of Har Sinai took place on July 9, 1923. Before coming to Baltimore, Rabbi Israel, a native of Cincinnati, and graduate of the Hebrew Union College, served as rabbi in Springfield, Illinois, and later in Evansville, Indiana. With the growth of Rabbi Israel and his advancement in his profession, Har Sinai's reputation grew. His national prominence resulted

in national prominence for his congregation. Thus the development of Har Sinai between the years 1923 and 1941 cannot be divorced from the personality, idealism and national service of Edward L. Israel.

In the course of Rabbi Israel's ministry, he became a leader of national prominence, meriting the commendation of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who quoted Har Sinai's rabbi in one of his important national messages. This significant ministry reached its apogee in the invitation which came to him in 1941 to become executive director of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the highest position in American Jewry's power to bestow.

As chairman of the Social Justice Commission of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, as spokesman of the Histadruth, as worker for Palestinian causes, as head of the Synagogue Council of America, Rabbi Israel became famous from coast to coast. Wherever he went, eager listeners flocked to hear him. His eloquence and personal magnetism became almost legendary in his lifetime. He attracted into Har Sinai membership hosts of friends and admirers.

Rabbi Israel's interest in social justice and labor problems brought him both national and local prominence in this field. He was permanent arbitrator for the men's clothing industry in Baltimore, unanimously chosen by both employees and employers. Nationally, he was member of many committees and commissions interested in labor and social problems. His outside activities included a weekly column on current events syndicated throughout the nation in many newspapers.

Early in Rabbi Israel's ministry, the residence adjoining the Temple was purchased to provide additional space for the growing religious school. This building became known as "The House Next Door." In these years the age of Confirmation was raised to 16.

Among the special features of Har Sinai's program which stem from Rabbi Israel's time are the lectures on sex hygiene, sponsored by the Brotherhood, and the extensive progressive religious education program under the direction of Mrs. Elsie F. Herman, principal of our school.

Dr. Hugo Weisgall was engaged as director of the choir in 1931. Mr. Henry Oppenheimer, who had been president of the Congregation, became a member of the national executive board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (1921 to 1936) and was made honorary member in 1937. Rabbi Israel served on the board of governors of the Hebrew Union College from 1937 to 1941. From 1917 to 1926 Mrs. Henry Oppenheimer was a member of the executive board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. Mr. Jacob G. Moses served on the board of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods from 1927 to 1930. Mrs. Herman has been a member of the executive board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods since 1935 and its Religious Education Chairman. In 1937 Mrs. Herman was elected president of the Religious School Teachers Association of Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia—the only non-rabbi to be so honored.

The most forward-looking endeavor in the recent history of Har Sinai was the purchase of the extensive suburban property on Park Heights Avenue and its transformation into a religious center. By 1938, it had become increasingly evident that the center of Jewish population would be in the northern suburban area, yet no Reform synagogue was located in the suburbs. The center building was dedicated on September 18, 1938. Throughout the land, congregational growth and the possession of suburban facilities have gone together. By purchasing 6300 Park Heights Avenue, with its extensive grounds, Har Sinai made another important forward step. Possessing more adequate facilities than any congregation in Baltimore, with buildings in both centers of Jewish population, Har Sinai regards the year 1938 as a turning point in its history. Valuable service was rendered in the acquisition of this property and its transformation from a country club to a religious center by the president, Mr. G. W. Rosenbush, and Mr. Sydney Solmson, who devoted great energy and time to this project.

ON October 16, 1938, Mr. David Kemper passed away. A whole congregation was plunged into sorrow over the passing of their former president. With specific reference to Mr. Kemper's sixty years of service to Har Sinai, a bronze memorial plaque was prepared and placed in the Bolton Street Temple opposite the plaque dedicated to the memory of David Einhorn. Mr. Kemper left a bequest, the income of which is to be used "for prizes in the religious school."

In 1941, after Rabbi Israel had resigned, but as the result of activities initiated during his rabbinate, Mr. Stanley Cahn was invited to serve on the national board of the Commission on Synagogue Activities. In these years the religious school, under the guidance

Presidents of Har Sinai Congregation During the Past Quarter Century



DAVID KEMPER



MAX NUSBAUM



HENRY OPPENHEIMER

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ALEXANDER WOLF



GABRIEL W. ROSENBUSH



JACOB G. MOSES

of Mrs. Herman and Mr. Oliver Bacharach, chairman of the board, achieved national prominence through its advanced program of education. The publication of the Har Sinai Yearbook, begun in 1939, has been a most prominent feature of the Temple year. It bids well to become a treasure house for Temple historians of the future. Such activities as the Sisterhood Quota luncheons, Oneg Shabbat meetings, Brotherhood Father-and-Son dinners, enrich the social and the Jewish life of the membership of our Temple. The Sinai Society and Senior Sinai Societies continued to progress under Rabbi Israel's leadership, meeting on Sunday evenings for a Sisterhood-sponsored supper, Candlelight services and serious discussions. Thus, the ministry of Rabbi Israel was marked by congregational growth and activity. In 1939, he delivered the Council sermon at the annual convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and in 1940 he was elected president of the Synagogue Council of America, organized to serve all branches of American Jewry.

With the passing of the years, Rabbi Israel's health began to decline. On June 1, 1940, Rabbi Ely E. Pilchik, director of the Hillel Foundation at the University of Maryland, was elected assistant to Rabbi Israel and in this capacity he served until the fall holidays of 1941.

In April, 1941, Dr. Louis L. Mann of Chicago addressed the biennial convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, then meeting in Detroit. In the course of his address, Dr. Mann declared that no stone should be left unturned in drafting into service an outstanding figure as Executive Director of the Union to succeed Rabbi George Zepin who was about to retire. Between April and June the leaders of the Union surveyed the field. At the convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis in Atlantic City, a committee approached Har Sinai's rabbi and on June 27, 1941, told him that he was "commandeered" for the post. Offered "full and unrestricted authority in reorganizing and directing the Union of American Hebrew Congregations," Rabbi Israel regarded this call as "a mandate to lead a revival of Reform Judaism in America, a mandate that could not be refused." He concluded his request to be released by Har Sinai with this statement, "I need not tell you how deeply and earnestly desirous I am for Har Sinai to grow in strength and influence. My interest in Har Sinai and my love for it is so much a part of my being that I shall ever prize its welfare most fervently." On June 30, 1941, the board of the congregation met and accepted Rabbi Israel's resignation with profound regret. This resignation was to take effect on October 1. On September 12, a city-wide testimonial was held in Rabbi Israel's honor and on September 26, a final farewell service was held at Har Sinai Center. At this service appropriate gifts in the name of the congregation and auxiliary bodies of Har Sinai were tendered Rabbi and Mrs. Israel. Har Sinai was proud that its rabbi had been chosen to serve American Jewry in the most important post of director of religious activities of American Reform Judaism.



RABBI ISRAEL GREETING SOME OF THOSE WHO ATTENDED THE FAREWELL SERVICES IN HIS HONOR—SEPTEMBER 1941



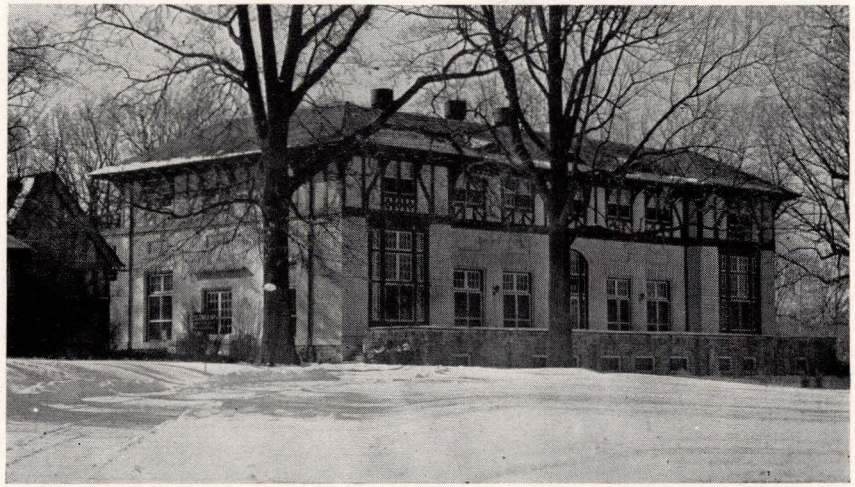
Midtown Temple and Suburban Center of Har Sinai Congregation

Vital Statistics:

Har Sinai Temple, at Bolton and Wilson Streets, built in 1894 at a cost of about $96,000, was dedicated by Rabbi Tobias Schanfarber on September 28, 1894. This building, considered one of the finest synagogue edifices in America when built, will seat about 1100 persons.

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Har Sinai Center building, formerly the Maryland Country Club, was completed in 1920 at a cost of about $120,000. The building and property, comprising more than 17 acres fronting on the 6300 block of Park Heights Avenue, was dedicated as Har Sinai Religious School on September 18, 1938, by Rabbi Edward L. Israel.



ON August 19, 1941, Dr. Abraham Shusterman of Tulsa, Oklahoma, was invited to become rabbi of Har Sinai, succeeding Rabbi Israel. Dr. Shusterman, an alumnus of the Hebrew Union College of the class of 1931, with the graduate doctorate received from the college in 1938, had served the Reform Congregations in Athens, Georgia, and Tulsa, Oklahoma. Beginning with the holy days, Dr. Shusterman assumed office and in November, he and his family moved to Baltimore.

In the meantime, Rabbi Israel went to Cincinnati to confer with the Board of the Union. The first session was to be held on October 19, 1941. While speaking for the plan of changing the Union office from Cincinnati to Washington, Rabbi Israel was stricken and passed away immediately. American Jewry and Har Sinai were overcome with grief at the news of his untimely passing. Following a service in Cincinnati, services were held at the Bolton Street Temple, with Dr. Stephen S. Wise and Dr. Shusterman as officiating ministers. Literally thousands of mourners of every race and creed thronged the Temple to pay their respects to Rabbi Israel's memory. In the resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of Har Sinai, this tribute was paid to his memory:

> "Rabbi Israel was cut down at the very moment his sphere of greater usefulness was enlarging, whereby his talents of leadership were to be extended throughout America, thus applying to the national scene the exemplary qualities of leadership which he demonstrated so diligently during his ministry of Har Sinai Congregation."

Appropriate steps have already been taken to memorialize Rabbi Israel.

DR. SHUSTERMAN was installed as rabbi of our Congregation on November 12, 1941. The installation services were conducted by Rabbis David Philipson and Louis Wolsey.

Three short weeks later America was plunged into the second World War, and the congregation found itself preparing to observe its hundredth anniversary while many of its families were seeing their sons off to war.

Our splendid Center buildings immediately became especially useful for civilian defense needs, and within a short time, Red Cross first-aid classes and other defense courses met regularly in the Center. (In another section of the Yearbook is printed a detailed description of Har Sinai's current Civilian Defense activities.)

The outstanding event of 1942 was naturally the Hundredth Anniversary celebration of May 1, 2 and 3. Special anniversary services were held on Friday evening and Saturday morning, followed by a banquet on Saturday evening. Principal participants included Dr. James G. Heller, president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and former Har Sinai rabbis, David Philipson and C. A. Rubenstein. The Religious School celebrated with a special pageant presented by the children on May 3.

In times of war and peace, in specifically Jewish and in general humanitarian ventures, Har Sinai marches on, the servant of all that is good and true. Ideally situated with a Temple and a Center in the old and the new areas of Jewish population, organized democratically with educational, religious and social advantages unparalleled in Baltimore and probably in the nation-at-large, Har Sinai enters its second century of existence confident that the best is yet to be—that its future will be a glorious chapter in American Jewish history. May God establish upon us the work of our hands!

RABBIS AND READERS OF HAR SINAI CONGREGATION

Joseph Simpson
A. T. Wachtman
Max Sutro
Rev. Moritz Brown
Dr. Morris Wiener
William S. Rayner
— Readers and lecturers from 1842 to 1855

David Einhorn, Rabbi.....1855-1861
Solomon Deutsch, Rabbi.....1862-1874
Jacob Mayer, Rabbi.....1874-1876
Emil G. Hirsch, Rabbi.....1877-1878
Samuel Sale, Rabbi.....1878-1883
David Philipson, Rabbi.....1883-1888
Tobias Schanfarber, Rabbi.....1888-1898
C. A. Rubenstein, Rabbi.....1898-1920
Louis Bernstein, Rabbi.....1920-1922
Harvey Wessel, Rabbi pro-tem.....1922-1923
Edward L. Israel, Rabbi.....1923-1941
Abraham Shusterman, Rabbi.....1941-

PRESIDENTS OF HAR SINAI CONGREGATION

B. Greensfelder.....1842
Samuel Dellevie.....1843-6, 1856, 1861, 1864-6
Samuel Wolf.....1847
Lewis Lauer.....1848-51
Joseph Blimline.....1852
L. Lowman.....1853
S. G. Putzel.....1854, 1859, 1872-5
Abraham Nachman.....1855
Moses Gutman.....1857-8, 1860; 1870-1, 1876
Lewis Sinsheimer.....1862-3
Charles Winternitz.....1867-9
S. Fiteman.....1877-8
D. J. Goldenberg.....1879-82
Moses Brownold.....1883
William S. Rayner.....1884-92
William L. Wolfe.....1893-7
Levi Witz.....1898-9
Meyer Hollander.....1900-1
Dr. Samuel Frank.....1902-3
Moritz Shakman.....1904-12
David Kemper.....1912-20; 1922-27; 1928-31; 1933-35
Max Nusbaum.....1920
Henry Oppenheimer.....1920-22
Alexander Wolf.....1927-28
Jacob G. Moses.....1931-33; 1935-37; 1941-
Gabriel W. Rosenbush.....1937-41

PRESIDENTS OF HAR SINAI SISTERHOOD

Since the Ladies Auxiliary became the Har Sinai Sisterhood, the following have served as Presidents of the organization:

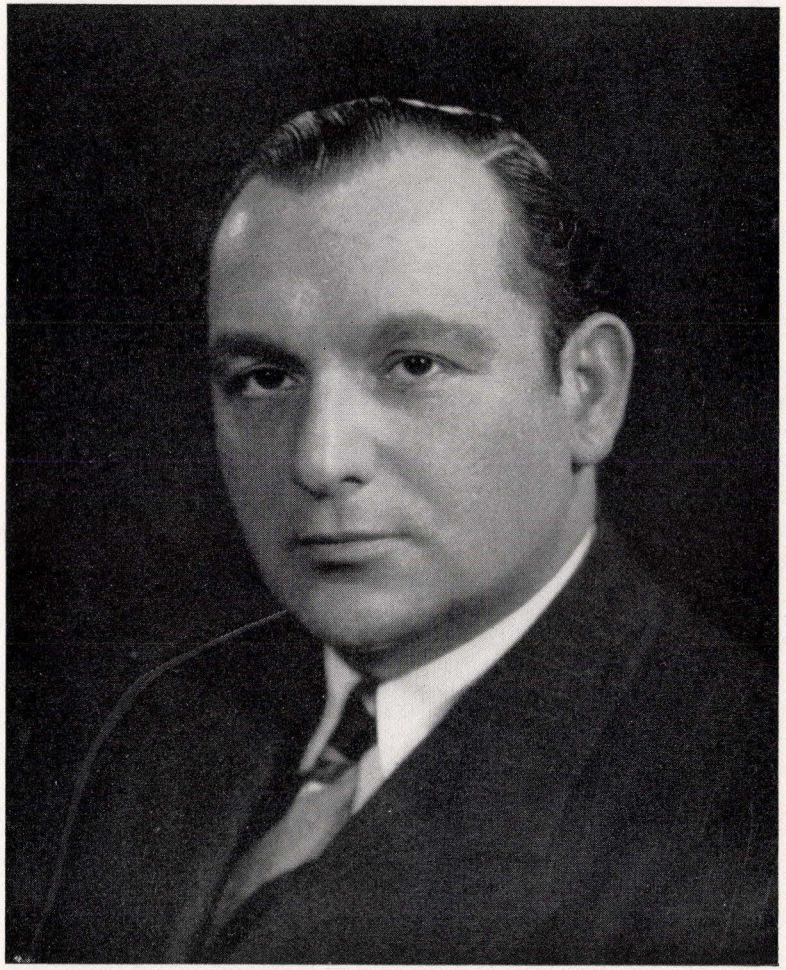
Mrs. Henry Oppenheimer
Mrs. Jacob Engel
Mrs. Elsie F. Herman
Mrs. Charles L. Wolf
Mrs. Abraham Weigel
Mrs. Isaac Sachs
Mrs. Joseph Zamoiski
Mrs. Harry B. Wolf
Mrs. Joseph Katz
Mrs. Abraham Watner
Mrs. Melvin Marcus
Mrs. J. D. Holly

PRESIDENTS OF HAR SINAI BROTHERHOOD

In 1918, Har Sinai Brotherhood was organized. The following have served as presidents:

Eugene I. Rosenfeld, Sr.
Elmer Greensfelder
Armand Kemper
Emanuel Daniel
Jacob G. Moses
William S. Samuel
Gabriel W. Rosenbush
Myron Oppenheimer
Leroy V. Strasburger
Morton P. Fisher
Edward L. Putzel
Stanley L. Cahn
J. Leo Levy
David Lampe
Martin E. Dannenberg, Jr.

EDWARD L. ISRAEL



THE joy of our Centennial is tinged with sadness over the absence of Edward L. Israel.

Men and groups of men, amazingly diverse in character and interests, appreciated him in life and mourn him in death; but to none was he bound by ties more intimate or more dear than those which linked him with Har Sinai. For nearly two decades, and until so recently, he moved in our midst as ministering rabbi, respected leader and loyal friend.

The tragedy of our loss derives additional poignancy from the realization that he was not destined to witness the fruition of the plans for this celebration, which were hopefully outlined by him a few months before he departed this life. It is natural that on this occasion our minds should dwell in contemplation upon the significance of his life and ministry.

Rabbi Israel did not narrowly interpret the rabbinic function. Religion he regarded as coextensive with life, not something to be carefully insulated from the affairs of this world With his lofty idealism he combined an acute grasp of practical problems.

We thrill to recall his early denunciations of the evils of unemployment, and his ringing demands not for the occasional tonic of charity but for the daily substance of social justice. He dared to cry out against the anarchy of lynching, and against bigotry directed to the injury of other groups as well as our own. His tireless devotion to civic betterment was the inescapable corollary of his religious conviction.

Hence, his sermons were not frozen essays upon safe and non-controversial subjects in the higher themes of theology, for though he was inherently religious in spirit he could not content himself with preaching theological abstractions alone. In the messages uttered in his pulpit he based himself on this earth, where man meets man, interest clashes with interest, and earthly considerations such as selfishness and pride influence human conduct.

This is not to say that Dr. Israel's colleagues, congregational members and friends did not often differ with him in judgment upon highly controversial social and economic questions. In every generation it is the fate of those who preach an advanced doctrine to meet with opposition, and it was not to be expected that this man should be entirely spared. There were those who dissented sharply from his concrete application of religious ethics to the intricate problems which beset the relationships of men in factory and market place.

But no one could deny the deep sincerity of his motives or doubt the moral force of his personality, or fail to admire the forthright, steadfast courage of this gallant fighter. These high qualities in his character were acknowledged no less by his adversaries than by his most enthusiastic followers. As we recall the causes which he espoused, we are struck by the number of them which, despite early misunderstanding, have now been fully accepted and are the established law of the land.

Nor did he find it necessary in his ardent labors for the promotion of the general human welfare, to ignore or minimize the legitimate specific interests and needs of his own people. Outstanding in his thought and sentiment was his deep and passionate loyalty to the cause of Jewry. This loyalty compassed not merely Har Sinai and Reform Jewry, but *K'lal Yisroel*—the entire community of Israel. He abhorred the petty artificial social and geographical distinctions which have often unhappily been permitted to divide us. Again and again he preached to his fellow Jews the lesson of the oneness of our people. The same earnestness characterized his constant efforts, in his writings and on the platform and over the radio, to interpret us and our faith to the non-Jewish world.

And with all the severe tasks he laid upon himself, Edward Israel cultivated his garden of friendship. He was a friendly man; and friendship begets friendship. It was especially inspiring to see how each class of confirmands joined the lengthening list of its predecessors in idolizing "Uncle Ed."

How sad, that nature failed to endow him with a body strong enough to endure the inexorable demands made upon it by his active mind and resolute soul!

We in our day, and after us future generations in Har Sinai, will cherish the memory of Edward L. Israel for the charm and warmth of his personality and for the great measure of his achievement, but even more perhaps for the nobility of his aspiration.

—Simon E. Sobeloff

Report of the Rabbi for Our Centennial Year

To the Members of Har Sinai Congregation:

Because of the incompleteness of the records covering the early part of this congregational year, it is not possible to bring you as detailed a report of Har Sinai activities as has been customary, since I have lived in your midst only five months.

It has been most difficult to piece together the record of Dr. Israel's activities and of the ceremonies he and Rabbi Pilchik performed in the first seven months of the congregational year. If there are any omissions I will fill in the records so that my report may be accurate, and to this end your cooperation is requested.

BEREAVEMENTS

We have experienced great sorrow in the past year. My own ministry began in the shadow of congregational bereavement. In sadness we record the names of those at whose funeral services I officiated since coming to Baltimore:

Rabbi Edward L. Israel
Sarah Bisgyer
Babette Bacharach
Jacob Goldenberg
Laura Schwab Heyman
Abraham November
Isaac Walsky
Selma Mayer
Bella Gargare
Abraham Cohn
Anna Katz
Bertha Wildman
David Kemper, II
Albert J. Dornblatt
Beatrice Faeder
Rebecca Metzger
Myra Kerngood

We record with sorrow the passing of Dr. Tobias Schanfarber of Chicago, who served Har Sinai as rabbi from 1888 to 1898.

We also lost by death these members of our congregation: Paul S. Levy, at whose funeral Rabbi C. A. Rubenstein officiated; and Bessie Jules, at whose funeral Dr. William Rosenau officiated.

Our records show that, prior to my coming to Baltimore, Dr. Israel, Rabbi Pilchik and Rabbi Rubenstein spoke the final words at funeral rites for:

David Baum
Frank K. Willman
Henry F. Strouse
Mary Westheimer
Meyer Herstein
Barney M. Schutz
Frank L. Caplan
Walter Reizenstein
Samuel Iseman
Sadie Strauss
Rose Cohen
Mano Swartz
Isidore L. Myers
Solomon M. Uhlfelder
Jeannette H. Strasburger
Augusta Gorfine
Ida Wheatfield
Sadie F. Goldsmith
Mollie S. Goldman
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Amelia Weil
Arthur Hecht
Helen O. Lewin
Rosa G. Folb
Abram Nelson
Rena Bamberger
Adair W. Herman
Albert Lowenstein
Clara Blaut Glickstein

I officiated at dedicatory services for placing tombstones on the graves of:

Max E. Goldsmith Copal Lazerhoff Rosa G. Folb Frank L. Caplan

Prior to my coming, my predecessors dedicated tombstones in memory of:

Leon Baer Katherine Cohen Adele F. Binswanger

(records incomplete)

MARRIAGES

A rabbi always derives great joy from the marriage services at which he is privileged to officiate. This year many of the young men who were married are in the armed forces of the nation. Since coming to Baltimore I united in marriage:

Frank L. Blumberg and Grace Lillien
Leo A. Heringman and Shirley Roos
Maurice W. Coplan and Lucille Podell
Jack Cooper and Sophie Schneyer
Herbert L. Panoff and Doris Leonard
Aaron I. Rosenberg and Grace C. Donnelley
Julius Bronstein and Norma Perina
Samuel Horowitz and Dorothy Dudonis
Nathan Spiegel and Frances Gitlin
Herbert Ritter and Lillian Baer
Sol D. Goosman and Bernice Weinberg
Jack Henry Harris and Muriel Goodman
Morris Roseman and Myra Goldenberg
Harry M. Abramson and Betty Spritz
William Colton and Jeanne C. Victor
Milton Epstein and Evelyn Shiverts
Sidney F. Sherr and Bernice S. Miller
Nathaniel Parker and Mary Kitt
Stanley Kahn and Helen B. Skaggs
Arthur Goodelman and Freda Halpert
William Sutcliffe and Mitzie M. Cohen
Samuel Zibit and Mildred Belsky
Leo N. Cowan and Janet Rosenbush
Albert Woolfson and Thelma Cohn
Ferdinand Kohner, Jr., and Mindelle Kann
Charles Kramer and Betty Edzant
Morris Newberge and Hermina Levenson
Arnold R. Cutler and Hazel Lowne
Frederick S. Kroel and Rosalind Seligman
Fred Kabelin and Estelle Rosenberg
Martin J. Freedman and Hilda A. Miller
Edward I. Lederman and Roberta F. Rosenthal
Aaron C. Sollod and Ethel C. Lett



DR. ABRAHAM SHUSTERMAN

MARRIAGES

Har Sinai records reveal that Dr. Israel united these couples in marriage:

Morris Alexander and Gertrude Adler
Bernard L. Adler and Evelyn Leo Gordon
Sylvan W. Binswanger and Grace V. Barnes
Albert I. Bass and Frieda Schloss
Philip Barsh and Audrey O. Posner
Reuben Cohen and Thelma Lamden
Nathan J. Cohen and Lillian Levin
Claude F. Doherty and Mildred Koch
Louis Diamond and Gertrude Warshaw
Martin E. Dannenberg, Jr., and Esther A. Salzman
Harry O. Davidson and Jean Morawski
Henry Einwohner and Helene S. Braffman
Morris J. Ehrlich and Froma Meyer
Julius Einbinder and Ina Glassman
Ralph Friedlander and Marion Lasky
Abraham I. Fogel and Elizabeth Greenwald
Samuel S. Himelstein and Gene Jones
Meyer Hurwitz and June Figenbaum
Leonard S. Jaffe and Marjorie I. Dorf
Herbert Klawans and Ethel Lillien
Kenneth L. Zierler and Margery Shapiro
Jules Kawick and Theo Melhado
Harold Manekin and Mildred D. Lebow
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Morris Perl and Hilda Fivel
Henri E. Reinhard and Sylvia L. Herzog
Samuel H. Rosenthal and Elsie Janavitz
Bernard M. Rose and Alice J. Wolf
Bernard Randman and Mildred H. Schwartz
Irving H. Sisenwein and Sadye Winters
Samuel Smith and Edith Hechtkoff
Jesse E. Salzman and Anne L. Rice
Harry E. Sadle and Delma H. Selko
Arthur E. Sachs and Carolyn Cohen
Robert B. Shoolman and Rae L. Plimack
Charles R. Schloss and Gertrude K. Greenberg
Manning E. Schwirk and Jessie Gluck
Samuel B. Straus and Jeanne D. Golden
Frederick A. Schroeder and Naomi L. Rosenberg
Sylvan P. Wesalo and Phyllis E. Patz
Philip Weis and Betsy P. Eisenberg

Rabbi Pilchik officiated at the ceremonies uniting the following couples:

Frank C. Borenstein and Audrey A. Hornstein
Meyer Tartasky and Dorothy M. Thomas
Harry D. Schwitzer and Edith Trivers
Manuel J. Hyman and Louise D. Cavalier
Isador Kaplan and Theodora M. Samovitz
Edward S. Jackman and Lilyan G. Barnstein
Morris J. Haber and Edna M. Barnett
Morris Migden and Hermina Klein
Fred. B. Helmus and Betty Bogdanoff
Louis Peters and Kate Cohen
Uriel Benjamin and Ethel Moskowitz
Solomon Rosenbaum and Pearl S. Cohen
Seymour Putterman Halbert and Jeanette M. Rode
Herman Michaels and Adele Silverman
Louis Rabinowitz and Cecelia Davis
Samuel Weiss and Lillian Saul
Harry Zelinger and Jean S. Berman
Gerald R. Aptekar and Jane P. Schkloven
Nathan Baranoff and Fay Rubenfeld
Allan Berger and Bernice E. Lipsitz
Joseph N. Bloom and Sylvia Goldberg
Sab Chandler and Roxane Bender
Aaron S. Cummings and Marjorie G. Brawer
Eli Davis and Abbye L. Gladstone
Sylvan Engel and Della Vera Gordon
Samuel Goldenberg and Lynn R. Kaufman
Armand B. Gordon and Bernice R. Hirschman
Herman Sydney Neyman and Lena Schein
James Klompus and Janet Wilson
Harold M. Kotzin and Nina L. Hurst
Morris Krucoff and Sylvia Karasik
Sidney Lasko and Dina Kadinoff

Bernard A. Simons and Ruth M. Bernstein
Harold Steel and Yetta Lieman
Hy Warshawsky and Eleanor Udcoff
Carnet C. Lee and Faye E. Givner
William E. Makaden and Frances Rudnick
Simon Manatsky and Frances Shapiro
Leopold R. May and Mary E. Like

EVENTS OF JOY AT HAR SINAI

Prior to October 1, 1941, Rabbis Israel and Pilchik officiated at Services at which the following boys became Bar Mitzvah:

Frank Burton Abrahams
Charles Heyman
Irvin Gomprecht, Jr.
I. Robert Goodman

Since my coming to Har Sinai the following boys have been prepared for Bar Mitzvah and they will become Bar Mitzvah at our Temple before May 1, 1942:

Philip Macht
Howard Rymland
Richard J. Greenspun
David Gamse
Morton Lapides
Jerry Ginsberg
(Rabbi Pilchik officiating)
Irvin Falk
Bobby Hammerman
Kenneth Moser

Although no records of the naming of babies are available for the period between the publication of the last Year Book and the resignation of Dr. Israel, I report with deep joy that I read prayers at the naming of Roger Louis Kohn, Ronald Edward Lieberman, Joan Roos Snyder, Raymond Gordon, Jr., and Barbara Fein.

The Confirmation Class of 1941, whose photograph appeared in the last Year Book, was prepared by my predecessors and confirmed by Dr. Israel, assisted by Rabbi Pilchik and Dr. Hugo Weisgall. The following were members of the Class of 1941:

Phyllis Adler
Gordon Cader
Ries Daniel
Carl E. Hecht, Jr.
Lee Kaufman
J. Leo Levy, Jr.
Peggy Mayer
Mildred L. Schlenger
Mannie Berg, Jr.
Beverly Cahn
Corinne Sonia Dorf
Wilma Heller
Howard Milton Kern, Jr.
Harry H. Lowengard
Morton Meyer
Virginia Watner
Madeline Brodsky
Jean Sylvia Cohen
Milton Fox, Jr.
Barbara Adele Hyman
Alvin Caplan
Morton Marcus
Bert Louis Reinhart
Herbert J. Leavey

The Confirmation Class of 1942, which will be confirmed on Shabuoth of this year, includes:

Anne Adalman
William Osler Goldstein
Jane A. Holly
Robert Levy
Alvin J. Myerberg
Irving Simon
Ida Cohen
Howard Gottleib Goodwin
Betty Mae Klein
Leroy H. Lowenthal, Jr.
Beryl Oppenheimer
Adele Pearl Sinsky
Murrey D. Goldberg
Louis A. Herstein, III
Bettie Krieger
Max J. Miller
Ellen Harriet Rosenthal
Merelyn Farber



MEMBERS OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES PRESENT AT APRIL MEETING

This will be my first confirmation class at Har Sinai. As soon as I came to Baltimore I took over the work of Mr. Oliver Bacharach, who had been serving as *pro tem* teacher of this class. My work as their teacher and as director of their confirmation activities has been delightful and I anticipate this confirmation with growing affection for my first confirmands.

OTHER SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

It is obviously impossible for me to recount all the activities and services engaged in by my predecessors between the publication of the last Year Book and October 1, 1941, when Dr. Israel resigned as rabbi of Har Sinai and December 1, 1941, when Rabbi Pilchik became my successor as rabbi of Temple Israel of Tulsa, Oklahoma. I am almost entirely dependent upon the Har Sinai Bulletin for data, which may be incomplete.

On April 9, 1941, the annual dinner-meeting of the congregation was held, with Dr. Elmer L. Kayser, dean of George Washington

University, as principal speaker. At this time, Mr. Jacob G. Moses was elected president of Har Sinai, succeeding Mr. G. W. Rosenbush.

At the Sisterhood meeting on May 5, 1941, Mrs. J. D. Holly was elected president to succeed Mrs. Melvin O. Marcus. Mrs. Holly's election is an evidence of continuity in Har Sinai membership and leadership, for her mother, Mrs. Charles L. Wolf, is one of her predecessors in office.

At the meeting of the Brotherhood Mr. Martin Dannenberg, Jr., was elected to succeed Mr. David Lampe as president and re-elected in March, 1942.

During the summer of 1941 the Baltimore Hebrew and Oheb Sholom Congregations joined with Har Sinai in holding Union services at our Temple.

At the closing school assembly the following awards were announced: The Sisterhood awards went to Phyllis Adler and Morton Meyer; the David Kemper Memorial awards to Beverly Cahn and to the following post confirmands—Alvin Loreck, Charles Myers and Virginia Kramer.

Following Dr. Israel's resignation the Sisterhood meeting of September, 1941, was held in his honor.

On Friday evening, September 26, the Congregation honored Rabbi Israel with a farewell service, which was participated in by all the Temple organizations and attended by more than 500 persons, among them the rabbinical leaders of other congregations. At this service gifts were presented Rabbi and Mrs. Israel by the Congregation, the Board of Trustees, the Sisterhood, the Brotherhood, and the Sinai Society.

Since I assumed office in the Fall of 1941 a number of outstanding events have taken place. First came my induction into office on November 12, at which Rabbis Philipson and Wolsey were the principal speakers, followed by a reception in our honor sponsored by the Sisterhood.

The Sisterhood Quota Luncheon was successful in many ways. Mrs. C. J. Zamoiski deserves great credit for its success and to her and her committee we express our sincere thanks. This meeting brought latent dramatic talent to light and the Brotherhood immediately requested that the play, directed by Mrs. Harry Coplan, be repeated for their benefit.

The Brotherhood Father-and-Son banquet was a noteworthy affair. The committee, chairmanned by Benjamin Silesky, did an outstanding job and to them we express our deep gratitude.

At present the Brotherhood is engaged in preparing for the appearance of Pierre Van Paasen on April 20.

Details of the Sisterhood Bible classes and the Oneg Shabbat book review meetings are given elsewhere in the Year Book. These sessions were unusually well attended and created a most favorable impression.

The Sinai Society and the Senior Sinai Society, under the leadership of Ralph Rosenheim (now in the Navy), Charles Myers and Morton Oppenheimer, continued to meet regularly. We are grateful to the Sisterhood Committee, headed by Mrs. Harry Chessler, which provided such delightful Sunday evening suppers for the Sinai Society.

Too great credit cannot be given to the leaders of our religious education program—to Mrs. Elsie F. Herman, principal, and to Mr. Oliver Bacharach, chairman of the Religious School Board, and to all their faculty members and co-workers. Long before I ever dreamed of being rabbi of Har Sinai, reports of its progressive school had reached me and I am proud to work at the side of Mrs. Herman, Mr. Bacharach and all their associates. My own endeavor has been to integrate the children into the Friday evening and Sabbath morning services, by having our girls bless the candles and our boys participate in the Torah and prophetic services. We have started two week-day Hebrew classes, with twenty-four children enrolled.

Through the generosity of a number of our members we have introduced the standard Union ritual into the Friday evening service.

I would like to report that two Union services were held in cooperation with our sister synagogues—one at Chizuk Amuno on Thanksgiving Day at which I delivered the sermon, and one at Eutaw Place Temple on January 1, 1942, which President Roosevelt designated as national day of prayer.

Our center is now being used for every conceivable defense activity. There are several first-aid classes. The Center will be used as a fire-fighting station, an auxiliary hospital and an air-raid shelter. The Bolton Street Temple will also be put into use in the service of our country.

At this time we should mention the names of our loved ones in the service of the nation. Mrs. Edward L. Israel is now serving

through the U. S. O., stationed at an army camp where she is bringing the richness of her own spirit to the men in the armed forces.

To the best of our knowledge the following Har Sinai young men are in the army, navy or air corps:

Kenneth D. Baum	Morris Goodhart	Elliot Michelson
Alvin J. Blum	Sandy Goodman	Gordon Pelton
Stanley Blumberg	Jerome A. Hurwitz	Bernard M. Rome
Morton Brenner	Sigmund M. Hyman	Bernard Rosenberg
Marvin Coplan	Millard Kemper	Ralph Rosenheim
Daniel Reis Daniel	Ferdinand Kohner, Jr.	Max Silverstein
Seymour Deutsch	Bernard Kuder	Allen I. Spear
Royce Diener	Edward S. Levy	Ted Stern
Stanley H. Fried	Victor Mayer	

To these names others will be added. May God bless, guide and guard these patriot sons of Har Sinai.

It is impossible for me to thank every one to whom we are so greatly indebted for cooperation, hospitality and friendship. You have received us with open arms and warm hearts. To President Jacob G. Moses and the Board of Trustees, to Mrs. Holly and the Sisterhood Board, to Mr. Dannenberg and the Brotherhood officials, to the leaders of the Sinai Societies, to Mrs. Herman and the religious school workers, to Dr. Weisgall and the choir, to the leaders of the Scout troops and the Brownies—to all our officials I offer my sincere gratitude. Your cooperation has encouraged me greatly. To the special committee leaders—to the Year Book publisher, Mr. Jacob G. Moses and the co-chairmen, Mr. Stanley Cahn and Mrs. David Abrahams, Mr. B. Lewis Posen, Mr. Al Goldberg, and Mrs. Samuel Schiff—to the Centenary committee under Mr. Cahn and Mr. David Lampe—to all you whose names are too numerous to mention, I say "God bless you and reward you for your devotion to His cause." No congregation has a more loyal personnel than Har Sinai. Last but not least, I am indebted to Mr. Harold Paris, our executive secretary, who has done everything humanly possible to lighten my tasks, and to Miss Sara Ellis, my secretary, whose faithfulness has been most helpful.

I shall not enumerate the outside addresses I have delivered as Har Sinai's rabbi. They have been numerous and, I trust, helpful to the cause of righteousness.

May I continue with certain observations with which this report might have begun but which I have reserved for the last? No rabbi ever began his ministry under more soul-stirring conditions, conditions with which every one is familiar. Dr. Edward L. Israel, who served Har Sinai for eighteen years as rabbi, brought honor to America's oldest Reform congregation, even to the very close of his ministry, when he was invited to become Executive Director of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the highest post in American Jewish life. But all too soon were the congregation and community, the Union and the nation, crushed with the news of his untimely passing. The esteem in which he was held was brought home to us at the funeral service at our Temple, which was attended by Jews and Christians, governmental and ecclestiastical dignitaries, rich and poor, white and negro. Dr. Stephen S. Wise delivered the eulogy and your rabbi, as Edward L. Israel's successor, conducted the rites. In keeping with our tradition a thirty-day mourning period was observed at Har Sinai. A number of national organizations are planning suitable memorials in honor of Rabbi Israel, and Har Sinai Congregation, with Mr. C. J. Zamoiski as chairman of the committee, contemplates the erection of an Edward L. Israel Memorial Building on the grounds of the Center.

Just at the moment when it appeared I might begin to give our congregation the benefit of new-born enthusiasm, the attack on Pearl Harbor occurred; many of our young men were called into service; immediately we began to place Har Sinai on a war-time basis. First-aid classes and other defense activities replaced adult education. Our center became a beehive of activity. Under most trying circumstances we entered our relationship as rabbi and congregation. Our eyes were dimmed with tears over Dr. Israel's passing and over the news of strongholds stormed and ships sunk. In a dignified and serious manner, with sincere words of welcome and by generous expressions of greeting, you have shown us your good-will. Responding to your friendship I have endeavored to serve you in joy and in sorrow. It is my earnest desire to give Har Sinai my whole heart. I hope Har Sinai is ready to accept it.

Without exaggeration I say that Har Sinai should have a greater future than any congregation I have ever known. Already an important democratic, liberal synagogue with a background of a century of achievement, its accomplishments of the future should bring it even further glory and a higher place in Israel. As your rabbi I am fully conscious of my opportunity and my responsibility.

—Abraham Shusterman.

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April 20, 1942

To The Members Of
Har Sinai Congregation:

It is most gratifying to have been accorded the privilege of joining with you in ceremonies marking the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of your Congregation.

I congratulate you, first, because of the venerable age attained but, secondly, and of far greater moment, because of the standing and influence in the community which the years have brought.

My earnest hope is that nothing will arise to prevent my personal participation in the anniversary ceremonies at the Belvedere Hotel on Saturday evening, May 2nd.

With kindest personal regards,

Herbert R. O'Conor
Governor of Maryland.

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HOWARD W. JACKSON
MAYOR

April 20, 1942.

Mr. Jacob G. Moses, President,
Har Sinai Congregation,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Mr. Moses:

I wish to congratulate you, Rabbi Abraham Shusterman and all members of Har Sinai Congregation on the occasion of the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of your Synagogue.

The Rabbis in charge of the congregation over the century have contributed greatly to upbuilding the religious life and moral standards of thousands of Baltimoreans. Members of the congregation have taken a leading part in the city's cultural, professional and business progress.

I extend my most cordial official and personal greetings, and express the hope that the Har Sinai Congregation will continue its splendid endeavors in future years.

Yours sincerely,

Howard W. Jackson
Mayor

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Har Sinai Is Organized and Equipped for Defense Activities

IN keeping with the best traditions of our people and our Temple, Har Sinai has kept pace with the preparations of the nation and of Baltimore to aid in the defense effort. Many of our members are engaged in Civilian Defense activities. Many of our fine boys are in the armed forces. And the properties of the Congregation, under the supervision of Mr. Melvin Fuld, have been made ready in accordance with the best advices from Civilian Defense headquarters and offered to the proper authorities for use in the public good.

Effective fire-fighting equipment has been installed. This equipment is strategically placed to assure maximum effectiveness. The staff has been trained to assure the use of our equipment to best advantage for the protection of both life and property.

Black-out panels have been installed at both the Temple and the Center. This makes our buildings usable as shelters in case they are needed.

The facilities of our properties have been placed at the disposal of defense organizations both for social and training purposes. So far the U.S.O. have used the center for dances sponsored by the Sisterhood. Red Cross basic first-aid courses have been given under the auspices of the Sisterhood by Mrs. Henry Hecht; the Brotherhood by Mr. Louis G. Katz, and by outside groups. These basic courses were followed by advanced first-aid courses given by the same instructors.



FIRST-AID CLASS PRACTICES ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION

The Center has also been used as a meeting place for community groups who are interested in specific problems of neighborhood protection.

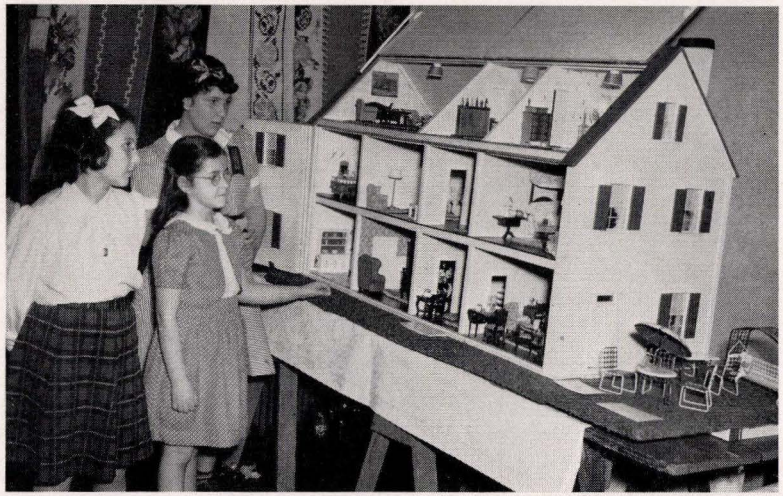
Har Sinai is one of a limited number of churches and synagogues designated by the Red Cross for immediate use for emergency housing and feeding should any disaster make this necessary. A committee has been set up from graduates of Red Cross courses in Home Nursing, Nutrition and Canteen, and First Aid, which will be on constant alert to respond to any Red Cross call. Arrangements have already been made to supplement our facilities to any extent necessary. Har Sinai is ready if the necessity arises.

As part of the general plan, Sinai Hospital has designated our Center as an evacuation point. We are prepared to turn the Center into an emergency hospital if and when the need arises, and on very short notice.

Ample air-raid protection devices for the fighting of incendiaries and fires have been installed on our properties. For incendiaries, pumps, sand and necessary fire-fighting equipment is in place at various points and ready for any emergency.

In the event of an air-raid warning being sounded, the alarm at the Center will be given by the ringing of a gong—three short strokes and one long stroke—repeated several times. If a warning should be sounded while services are in progress at the Bolton Street Temple, announcement will be made from the pulpit.

Har Sinai Newsreel



ONE OF THE MANY EXCITING EXHIBITS AT THE 1942 SISTERHOOD HOBBY SHOW



PART OF RELIGIOUS SCHOOL STAFF SMILE NICELY FOR OUR CAMERAMAN



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SOME ACTIVE WORKERS FOR THE 1942 HAR SINAI YEARBOOK AT SUNDAY MORNING MEETING



JANE HOLLY PRESENTED ISRAEL MEMORIAL GIFT OF TORAH CROWNS

The Sisterhood Year—Worthy of Our Anniversary

DURING this year in which Har Sinai is celebrating its hundredth birthday, the Sisterhood has shared in all its joys and sorrows.

The year started with a very successful series of "Salad Luncheons" under the chairmanship of Mrs. William Wilfson. Besides being a financial success, these luncheons contributed much to the sociability of the Sisterhood.

Members were hostesses at the fine farewell service given for our late lamented Rabbi Israel, sharing his joy at the great honor which had come to him. Rabbi Israel's passing was a great loss to the Sisterhood, as it was to all reform Jewry.

When Dr. Shusterman was installed as our new leader, our members were happy to be hostesses in welcoming the Rabbi, Mrs. Shusterman and their children to the Har Sinai family.

The war has found our women ready, willing, and able to contribute much to our country's needs. The Defense Chairman, Mrs. Harry Coplan, planned a Supper Dance held at the Center during the summer for our service men. The Sisterhood and Brotherhood served as hosts and hostesses. Members participated in the Victory Book campaign, and helped furnish rooms at the various camps with Mrs. Coplan doing much herself. The collection of tin foil for defense and the selling of Defense Savings Stamps all found enthusiastic response at Har Sinai Sisterhood meetings. Several First-Aid courses have been completed, others will be started as the demand or emergency arises. The Sewing Committee, under the direction of Mrs. Milton Strasburger, met twice a week this year and completed 458 garments for the Red Cross. Many saleable articles were completed and sold to defray the expenses of the committee and four beautiful afghans were made and donated to the Red Cross.

Regular committees, vital to the Sisterhood, have continued to function, each chairman earnestly devoting herself to her committee.

The major achievement of the year was the most auspicious "Quota Luncheon" under the very able chairmanship of Mrs. Calman Zamoiski. This very successful money-raising affair made it possible for the Sisterhood to give the Congregation a very substantial Hundredth Birthday present towards the amortization of the mortgage. The full Einhorn Scholarship also was sent to the National organization, thus helping another boy prepare for the rabbinate.

Mrs. Melvin Marcus represented the Sisterhood in all matters concerning the Religious School. The children received prayer books for Bar Mitzvah and Confirmation, menorahs and candles for Chanukah, and Hamantoshen were given to all for Purim. A contribution was also made to the community Chanukah Party.

In January a series of luncheon Bible Study classes given by Rabbi Shusterman were most stimulating as well as sociable.

Delightful Oneg Shabats on consecutive Sabbath afternoons were held during February. Tea was served beautifully, with six charming hostesses presiding. Current fiction was discussed by Rabbi Shusterman, who closed each afternoon with the beautiful Havdalah service.

In April the annual Mother and Daughter service was held—and was followed by a Hobby Luncheon with a very interesting program prepared by the capable chairman, Mrs. Gustave Bisgyer.

The women of Har Sinai Sisterhood extend to the parent body, the Congregation, their heartiest congratulations on this auspicious birthday. It is earnestly hoped and prayed that the years ahead will hold much that is good for Har Sinai and for all Jewry.

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The Sisterhood Celebrates the Centennial in Its Usual Active Way



MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT AT APRIL MEETING



A MORE OR LESS INTIMATE VIEW OF THE SEWING GROUP



THE QUOTA LUNCHEON ENTERTAINMENT IN FULL SWING



OUR RABBI GIVES A POPULAR BIBLE CLASS SERIES

Har Sinai Brotherhood Obtains Its Largest Membership

HAR SINAI BROTHERHOOD began the centennial year of the Congregation with the largest membership in its twenty-four years of existence. Almost 300 members made up this valuable auxiliary of the Temple.

Belatedly, the season was opened on November 25 with a meeting devoted to welcoming our new Rabbi. Dr. Shusterman addressed the members on "A Rabbi Looks at the Future," and received the enthusiastic greeting of a large audience.

The December meeting was "Vice-President's Night," as Simon Sobeloff revealed the hair-raising experiences of Uncle Sam's counter-espionage agents in the last war. Mr. Sobeloff was special prosecutor for the U. S. Government in connection with the settlement of war claims arising from the famous Black Tom and Kingsland munitions explosions. His subject was particularly timely, because our country had just entered World War II.

"Jewish Wishes for a Post-War World" was the topic of the Town Hall of the Temple that took place in January. The participants, Edward Putzel, Max Miller, and Dr. Moses Gellman, provided stimulating material for the vigorous discussion that followed.

Our annual Father and Son Dinner on February 22 maintained the high standard we have set for these affairs in the past. The high point in the evening's entertainment was the three champion weight lifters who thrilled the group with their feats of strength.

Next on our schedule of the season was the brilliant patriotic revue, "Har Sinai Has a Job to Do," written, produced and presented by the ladies of our Sisterhood, under the direction of Mrs. Harry Coplan. Sisterhood members were our guests on this occasion.

The Brotherhood made a welcome contribution to the Temple Fund through the presentation of the outstanding writer, lecturer and news analyst, Pierre Van Passen, who spoke to a capacity audience in the Temple on the subject "The War of the Hemispheres." This meeting took place during April, having been postponed as a result of the blizzard of March 29.

The officers of the Brotherhood for 1941-42 were: Martin E. Dannenberg, Jr., President; Simon E. Sobeloff, Vice-President; William Wilfson, Secretary; Albert I. Goldberg, Treasurer. Members of the Board of Directors were the officers and the following committee chairmen: Albert I. Goldberg, Entertainment; Simon E. Sobeloff, Speakers; B. Lewis Posen, Publicity; Sidney Goldstein, Sisterhood Co-operation; Louis G. Katz, Boys' Work; James D. Blum, Hospitality; Irvin Kaufman, Membership; David Lampe, Advisory; Benjamin Silesky, Father and Son Dinner; Herbert Milhauser, Budget; Roy Rascovar, Refreshment; Nathan Greenspun, American Jewish Congress; Dr. Ernest Edlow, Temple Affairs; Ralph Olswang, Hundredth Anniversary; Asher Coplan, Joint Brotherhood; Isador Weil, Visiting; and Benjamin Kline and Mack Esterson.

During the past year, a growing number of our younger members took up arms in defense of our country. Among these were:

Morris Goodhart	Bernard Rosenberg	Ralph Rosenheim
Bernard Kuder	Millard Kemper	Ferd Kohner, Jr.
Stanley Blumberg	Seymour Deutsch	

Also, a number of Brotherhood members joined the Maryland State Guard. Among them were:

Roy Rascovar	Herman Kerngood	Stanley Cahn
Simon Halle	William Kemper	Martin E. Dannenberg, Jr.
Gilbert Halle	Carl Lehman	Daniel Wilfson, Jr.

In assistance to the local Civilian Defense effort the Brotherhood sponsored classes in standard and advanced Red Cross First-Aid, which were instructed by Louis G. Katz. Many members are also enrolled as air-raid wardens and in many other Civilian Defense posts.

For almost a quarter of Har Sinai's first century, the Brotherhood has played a prominent role in the social and cultural life of our Congregation. In recent years, the Brotherhood has become an even more important adjunct to Har Sinai Temple, since its embarcation on its annual endeavor to make a financial contribution to the Congregation. It is in this spirit, therefore, that the Brotherhood wishes all possible success, vitality and unity to Har Sinai Congregation as it strides on into its second century of service to Reform Judaism.

The Yearbook Camera Unfolds Brotherhood's Activities



MEMBERS OF BOARD PRESENT AT MARCH MEETING



EVERYBODY ENJOYED THE 1942 FATHER-AND-SON DINNER



SOME FAIR SISTERHOOD CHORINES WHO ENTERTAINED



FIRST-AID INSTRUCTOR KATZ DEMONSTRATES "TRACTION"

Har Sinai's Scout Program Serves Boys and Girls from 9 to 19

SCOUTING for years has been the major Boys' Work activity of the Temple. In our centenial year, Scouting has followed the pattern of past years, expanding and enlarging the fine work.

There are three Scout groups at Har Sinai—the Cub group for boys 9 to 11, Scouting for boys 12 years of age and over, and an absorbing program for the older boys, called Sea Scouting.

This year, under the capable leadership of Mr. Simon Halle, our Cub Scout activities have grown. The membership has increased more than 25 boys, all kept busy with a regular program of work.

The Boy Scout Troop celebrated its fifteenth anniversary this year. In keeping with true Scout tradition, the troop has been very much a part of the Civilian Defense effort. The boys have collected aluminum and waste paper, distributed air-raid warning leaflets and are always ready to assist governmental agencies. This group is ably led by Robert Levy as Assistant Scoutmaster, and Max Miller as Senior Patrol Leader.

Our Sea Scout story is again one of greater activity and increased membership. Under the guidance of Mr. Alvin Shugam, the boys have added a great deal to the strength of the ship by their application and the number of new boys attracted. They study seafaring lore and practice, which most older boys find so absorbing.

The Brotherhood, which sponsors the Boys' Work Program, is proud of the record of its committee. And the 100 boys who are participating in Scouting at Har Sinai have every reason to hold their heads high for their many achievements.

BOY SCOUT TROOP COMMITTEE

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Albert I. Goldberg
Milton Stark
Louis G. Katz, Scoutmaster

SEA SCOUT SHIP COMMITTEE

Louis G. Katz, *Chairman*
Leroy Lowenthal
Charles Stern
Alvin Shugam, Skipper

CUB SCOUT COMMITTEE

Louis G. Katz, *Chairman*

Stanley Cahn
Ira Fader
James Blum
William Wilfson
Harry Halpern
Simon Halle, Cub Master

THERE are three Girl Scout Troops at Har Sinai—

The first is Brownie Pack No. 170, for girls from 7 to 10 years of age. This group has recently been organized under the leadership of Mrs. Ruth Owings Janof and Mrs. Janice Lenysert. The Brownies have made raffia baskets for handicraft and kits for first aid.

The second group of Scouts, Troop No. 112, are girls from 10 to 12 years of age, under the leadership of Mrs. Esther Berney. These girls have done outdoor cooking, have acted as hostesses, and are busy knitting squares for an Afghan to present to the Red Cross. Also registered with Troup No. 112 are five senior scouts, 15 years old, who are working on the Senior Service Scout Program. They have finished the regulation Red Cross First Aid course given by Mr. Joseph Berney and are now studying the Care of Children under the direction of Mrs. Rena Abramowitz, Registered Nurse.

The third group of Scouts, Troop No. 27, are from 12 to 14 years of age. This is the largest and oldest troop at Har Sinai and is under the leadership of Mrs. Connie Levinson, with Mrs. Bernard Klein and Mrs. Alan Wolf as assistants. This troop has participated in many activities for community service, such as the aluminum drive, the Good-Will Industry collections and the distribution of O.P.M. pamphlets for the salvage of waste paper, rags, rubber and metal. Troop No. 27 has also made 18 pillows from scrap materials for the Red Cross.

Scouts of all ages joined in the city-wide Scout project to make candy and send it to the soldiers at Camp Aberdeen. In fact, every Girl Scout at Har Sinai is willing and anxious to join the fight for victory.

SCOUT COMMITTEE

Mrs. Lester Robinson, *Chairman*
Mrs. Lewis Levy
Mrs. Simon Halle
Miss Marjorie Moun

BROWNIE COMMITTEE

Mrs. LeRoy Strasburger
Mrs. Moses Gellman
Mrs. Maurice Reinhart

The Largest Group of Active Scouting Units in Baltimore



OUR BOY SCOUTS PERFORM ACTIVE DEFENSE DUTIES



SEA SCOUT MEMBERSHIP HITS A NEW HIGH



THESE CUBS WERE ON HAND FOR MARCH PACK MEETING



GIRL SCOUTS COMPLETE ACTIVE YEAR OF WORTHY WORK

THE GOLDEN TABLETS O

1842

"Behold He that keepeth Israel doth neither slumber nor sleep."
Psalm CXXI:4

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*"I rejoiced when they said unto me:
Let us go unto the house of the Lord."*
Psalm CXXII:1

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HAR SINAI CONGREGATION

1942

"So teach us to number our days that we may get us a heart of wisdom."
Psalm XC:12

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"Except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it."
Psalm CXXVII:1

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The Religious School Continues Its Exemplary Progress

RELIGIOUS education has become a very important factor in the life of the nation. National leaders not only suggest more religious education in order that a more workable democracy may be evolved, but they themselves are showing by example the importance of its practical application.

Har Sinai Religious School is doing its best to meet the challenge of the day! The curriculum of our Religious School is planned with the thought that religion must be a vital and stimulating force. A certain amount of factual information of Jewish history and tradition must be learned in order to transmit the cultural heritage of our people to the pupils. Interest is aroused and sustained by realizing that the past is not a detached and unrelated part of our history, and that the faith, courage and hope which enabled our ancestors to survive will allow us to do the same if we be but sincere and loyal in our efforts to preserve the basic values of life and religion.

The Special Interest activities have been limited to the Upper School,—the ninth, eighth, and seventh grades, and include Arts and Crafts, Art, Current Events and books of current Jewish Interest, Public Expression. These activities bring out the native talent and proclivity of the individual and also allow detailed discussion of Jewish problems in the light of world events.

The emotional appeal of all holidays is stressed by symbolic ceremonials and colorful pageantry. The Sisterhood contributes most generously to the joyousness of these holiday occasions by appropriate treats. Home ceremonies are encouraged and urged.

A new impetus is being given to the study of Hebrew by having additional week-day classes taught by the Rabbi. Thru the efforts of Dr. Louis L. Kaplan, Executive Secretary of the Board of Jewish Education, teaching standards have been improved.

The Student Council has helped to carry out the school policy. It is also helpful in selecting the communal projects to be presented to the school for financial support. In the disbursement of the school funds by the children, interest and understanding in temple and communal affairs are acquired. Projects considered are along the lines of charity, culture and philanthropy for fellow Jews and non-Jews.

The sale of Defense Stamps is being handled by Mr. Fleischer and very fine results are reported.

A Memorial Service for Rabbi Israel took place on Sunday, April 19. The children remembered his affectionate leave taking just before severing his official connections with Har Sinai. The vitality of his spirit will ever be a motivating force for the worthwhile values of Judaism.

Our Religious School, thru curricula and experiences, begins the work of developing the Jewish potentiality which every Jew possesses. When it is understood that religious education is a never ending process, that it must have continuous strengthening both for child and adult; that this Jewish potentiality must be fully developed in order to have a complete and satisfying existence,—then the Temple will have adequate support and strength to carry on the important work which is its great mission.

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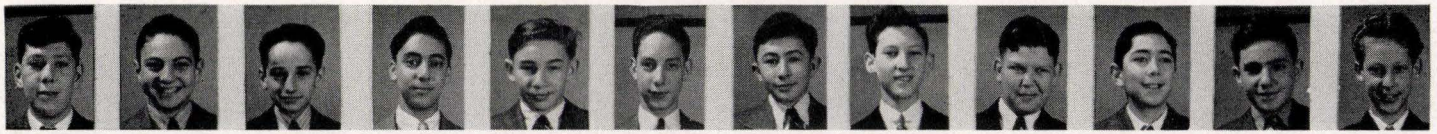


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The four pages you have just read represent a task that could not have been accomplished without the willing co-operation of many persons. To mention but few, Messrs. David Lampe and Ben Posen worked for five Sunday mornings to do the photography, while the staff of the Religious School was most helpful, particularly Mr. Morton Fleischer. Even so, last reports reveal that four children of the School are not pictured. We regret this circumstance, as it was our sincere hope to include every pupil in this Yearbook. —*The Editors.*

The Sinai Societies Grow in Strength and Interests

THE SINAI SOCIETY began the year 1941-42 under various handicaps, but it succeeded in making important contributions to the welfare of its members. It entered a new stage of extra-group activities when it formally applied for membership in the Middle Atlantic Federation of Temple Youth Groups at the Executive Meeting of that body, held in Baltimore, November 8-9, 1941, at which Har Sinai and Oheb Sholom were hosts. The Sinai Society did not wait long to become active in Federation affairs. On January 10, Benson Sundheim, Mickey Fox, Carl Hecht, and Charles Myers traveled to Philadelphia, there to engage the K'neseth Israel Youth Group in a Round Table Discussion on the topic, "Wanted, a New, Dynamic Judaism." The discussion was hailed as a success and set a fine example for the other Federation groups.

Four successive meetings were devoted to "Fireside Chats" on the individual's personal approach to his religion, from the standpoints of God, Prayer, Reverence, and Awe. These discussions took place about the beautiful fireplace at the Har Sinai Center; and, as one member puts it, "There is nothing so stimulating as a blazing fireplace for releasing a person's innermost thoughts." Also on the evening's programs were the regular candlelight services and supper meetings. Through the aid of the Sisterhood, the suppers provided excellent fare.

The Sunday Morning Discussion group was an outgrowth of these meetings. Each Sunday morning, the members met in Dr. Shusterman's study for one of a series of lectures which viewed our religion with the perspective of the non-Jew. This served to give the members a better understanding of the "other man's" viewpoint. One Sunday morning the entire group journeyed to a nearby Christian Church to attend a morning service there.

As this book goes to press, the Sinai Society is undergoing a period of reorganization, from which will emerge a revitalized, stronger youth group, whose future endeavors will be a credit to Har Sinai.

The officers for the past year have been Charles M. Myers, President; Gordon Cader, Vice-President; Alvin Loreck, Treasurer; and Judith Kline, Secretary.

SENIOR SINAI SOCIETY ACTIVE SOCIALLY AND INTELLECTUALLY

The Senior Sinai Society conducted very enjoyable semi-monthly get-togethers under the guidance of Rabbi and Mrs. Shusterman. These meetings, in the form of informal discussions, were held at the homes of the members.

Until his induction into the U. S. Navy, the group was led by President Ralph Rosenheim. The membership comprised the young people of the Congregation and their friends.

Rabbi Shusterman acted as chairman at the meetings. Members were made to feel at ease in offering their personal opinions and philosophies on the topics under discussion. Since so many subjects were covered, the sessions were varied and intensely interesting. The group consisted of twenty boys and girls whose interest and co-operation served to make the meetings spirited.



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Shabuoth (Confirmation Day)—Friday, May 22nd.

Rosh Hashanah Eve (5703)—Friday, September 11th.

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Yom Kippur Day—Monday, September 21st.

Succoth, First Day—Saturday, September 26th.

Shemini Atzereth—Saturday, October 3rd.

Chanukah Eve—Thursday, December 3rd.

Chanukah (First Day)—Friday, December 4th.

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Purim Eve—Saturday, March 20th.

Purim, First Day—Sunday, March 21st.

Seder Evening—Monday, April 19th.

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Passover, Last Day—Monday, April 26th.

Shabuoth—Wednesday, June 9th.

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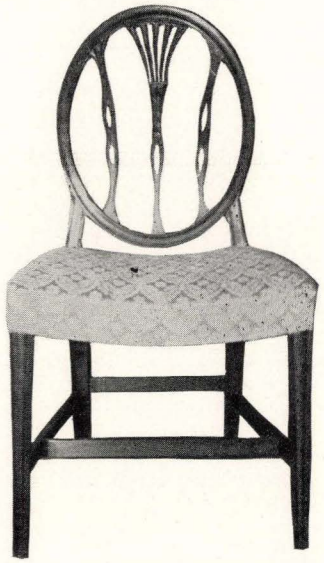
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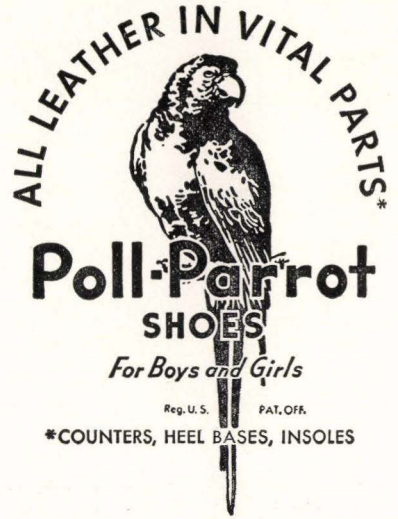
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