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INTRODUCTION

In 1970, when Teaneck celebrated its 75th anniversary, the Teaneck Public Library suggested that the occasion be commemorated by preserving the histories of the township's various municipal, civic and religious groups in the library's archives. Organizations and congregations were solicited to participate and many set about collecting pertinent data. Mrs. Hadassah Weingarten, formerly employed by the library, conceived the idea of portraying the town's Jewish community as a single entity in order not to fragmentize or categorize the Jewish population among its many affiliations.

Mrs. Weingarten proceeded to tape interviews with approximately twelve of Teaneck's prominent Jewish residents and thus began — "The Oral History of the Jews in Teaneck." When she and her family relocated, the project was relegated to the custody of the Teaneck Jewish Community Council, which requested its constituent organizations to contribute their individual histories. National Council of Jewish Women and Hadassah undertook general responsibility for the task's completion. This was accomplished during the administrations of NCJW Presidents, Rosetta Standig (1975) and Margie Smith (1975 to the present), and Hadassah President Rachel Rapaport. Joy Appelbaum, vice-president of Education of Hadassah, was asked to coordinate this effort; Ruth Shain, trustee of National Council of Jewish Women, acted as administrative chairperson; Joan Weiner, president of the Kadimah Chapter of Hadassah, as clerical coordinator; and Ruth Cowan, president of the Teaneck Jewish Community Council, as Council liaison.

After studying the tapes, reinterviewing many of the subjects and reviewing the memorabilia accumulated by these individuals, Mrs. Appelbaum appreciated the enormous potential of the project; the vast extent of Jewish participation in the general community and the amazing scope of its accomplishments. From its most unpretentious beginnings in 1917, commencing with a few unrelated families settling here by chance, to its present thriving and well-coordinated situation, the history of the Jews of Teaneck is a fascinating story of inordinate determination and extraordinary growth and achievement.

In order to update the subject matter (the original intention was not to go beyond 1940) and to include as many people and institutions as possible, Mrs. Appelbaum dispensed with the oral approach and composed an intensive four-page questionnaire. Thanks to the cooperation of the following women — Marjorie Aerenson, Miriam Allenson, Sue Azaria, Barbara Baron, Julie Brenner, Shirley Epstein, Leah Fetner, Rita Gottlieb, Jackie Kates, Debby Kless, Bernice Kramer, Mickey Levitan, Ellen Polevoy, Miriam Schweitzer, Ruth Shain, Joanne Schiffman, Sylvia Singer, Joy Zimmer, Judy Zweig, and Mrs. Appelbaum herself, eventually four hundred personal interviews were conducted. More than one hundred questionnaires were mailed to former Teaneck residents who had moved as far away as California and Canada, with a fifty percent response; an additional one hundred persons were contacted for miscellaneous information. People selected to be interviewed were chosen on the basis of one of two criteria: longevity of residence or extent of participation in civic and/or Jewish communal affairs. An effort was made to include an adequate representation from each congregation, Jewish organization and from the unaffiliated Jewish population; from relatively recent as well as long-time residents and from different age groups. In short, the goal was to achieve as comprehensive a cross-section of the town's Jewish citizenry as possible, as well as an in-depth study of the "pioneers." It is regrettable that due to lack of personnel, additional persons could not be reached and thereby included.

Because of Teaneck's diverse population, participation in civic and municipal affairs is on a heterogeneous basis. It therefore became apparent that interviews with non-Jews would be extremely informative; all those approached were very gracious and spoke with candor. Our thanks are also extended to the many township officials and employees who cooperated by supplying valuable material and official statistics, and to the office staff of the Jewish congregations and associations for their generous help.

In addition to compiling the information gleaned from the interviews, and to augment and authenticate the data which had been submitted orally, Mrs. Appelbaum reviewed Board of Education and Town Council records; examined back copies of the Bergen Record, Jewish Standard, Sun-Times (now defunct), Jewish Chronicle (now defunct), Teaneck News (originally the Teaneck Shopper) and The New York Times; studied organizational minutes and congregational albums and inspected the wealth of memorabilia submitted by individuals.

The entire project was supported and encouraged by the Teaneck Public Library Director Olive Tamborelle, who gave the committee full use of the library's facilities. Mrs. Hilda Lipkin, coordinator of Special Services for the library, worked with Mrs. Appelbaum as liaison. The entire staff of the Teaneck Library is to be thanked for its cooperation and assistance.

After almost two years of intensive work, "The History of the Jews of Teaneck" was published through the Teaneck Jewish Community Council's fund raising efforts. A campaign (suggested by Robert Levine, vice president; chaired by Ellie Nagler, Congregation Beth Sholom representative and assisted by Ruth Milians, Hadassah representative; Sarah Fishman, treasurer, and Arlene Duker, secretary,) to obtain sponsors was successfully undertaken. We express our appreciation to the presidents and representatives of each organization and congregation for their indespensible participation. We also want to thank Gralla Publications for donating the cover design.

Last, but certainly not least, are those who contributed inestimable time typing the seemingly endless manuscript. They are: Paula Richter, Tobey Weiss, Janice Rosen, Arlene Duker, Rose Zimmerman and Betty Hammond. We also want to thank Michael Appelbaum, Max Milians and Rose Zimmerman for their greatly appreciated and sorely needed editing abilities. In addition, special mention must be made of Mr. Milians' artistic talent, generously contributed in the preparation of the book's layout.

It is to be noted that all work devoted to the writing of this book, including that of the author, was done on a volunteer basis.

CHAPTER 1

In the beginning . . .

The year is 1917. President Woodrow Wilson is inaugurated for his second term. Congress passes a resolution declaring war against Germany and the country is mobilizing its men and resources for the confrontation that will "make the world safe for democracy," the war to end all wars.

On the domestic front, women are winning the right to vote as New York State, the first major state to do so, amends its constitution granting women's suffrage. Jeanette Rankin, Republican from Montana, becomes the first woman to be seated in the United States House of Representatives.

For the Jews of America, there is a series of firsts as well. Louis D. Brandeis is appointed, during the previous year, an associate justice of the United States Supreme Court by President Wilson and thus becomes the first Jew to sit on this illustrious Bench. In 1918 the President will designate Bernard Baruch as chairperson of the faltering War Industries Board, giving him broad powers to coordinate all industry throughout the country.

And, in Teaneck, New Jersey, the first Jewish families have moved into town.

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The earliest settlers in Teaneck, the largest community in Bergen County, were of Dutch and Huguenot stock. As a result, such names as Brinkerhoff, Demarest, Vandelinda, Phelps, Westervelt, Banta and Terhune still grace the town's street signs. While a Roman Catholic population had always been present, the vast majority of Teaneck's 7,000 residents (in 1918) were of several Protestant denominations. Jews were unheard of, if not non-existent.

Teaneck's famous Phelps Estate had once comprised 2,000 acres and was the property of William Walter Phelps, congressman, minister to Germany in 1889, and judge of the Court of Errors and Appeals in 1893. Mr. Phelps took great pride in his land and imported beautiful and varied specimens of trees and flowers which he planted throughout his property. Almost as in feudal times the town proceeded to grow around this "baronial estate." So beautiful and charming was this rustic area, with thick woods abounding in deer, pheasant, muskrat, rabbit, opossum and fox, that it tended to attract a more affluent and sophisticated Christian community.

When Abraham and Sarah Etten came to establish Teaneck's first grocery and butcher shop in 1916 on West Englewood Avenue (at what would now be #193)[1], they found that most streets were dirt roads without sidewalks of any kind. The town's only north-south through streets were River Road and Teaneck Road, and the only east-west thoroughfares were West Englewood Avenue and Fort Lee Road. Retail shops were located on Queen Anne Road, West Englewood Avenue and Fort Lee Road, where one could watch the bumper-to-bumper traffic backed up from Edgewater to the Paterson Ferry (there was no George Washington Bridge or Route 4 as yet).

Cedar Lane, now Teaneck's main shopping area, was no more than a couple of unpaved blocks heavily lined with cedar trees, extending from Palisade Avenue to Garrison Avenue. As stores were established in this area, cobblestone was used to pave the street and an overpass was

1) One informant remembers Fried's Butcher Shop opening in 1917 on Forest and Overlook Avenues, on the street floor of a three-family house.

THE SUNDAY SUN OCTOBER 23, 1955

Council Hears Request to Change Name West Englewood to Teaneck

TEANECK—What's in a name? Would a rose be any sweeter or our town be any neater, if the folks living north of Route 4 told their friends that they live in Teaneck rather than West Englewood.

Councilman Adolf C. Robison, who resides in North Teaneck, read a letter from William D. Shambroom of 734 Washburn St., upper Teaneck, which asked for action to urge the Post Office to change their mailing address in the area to Teaneck 2, rather than West Englewood.

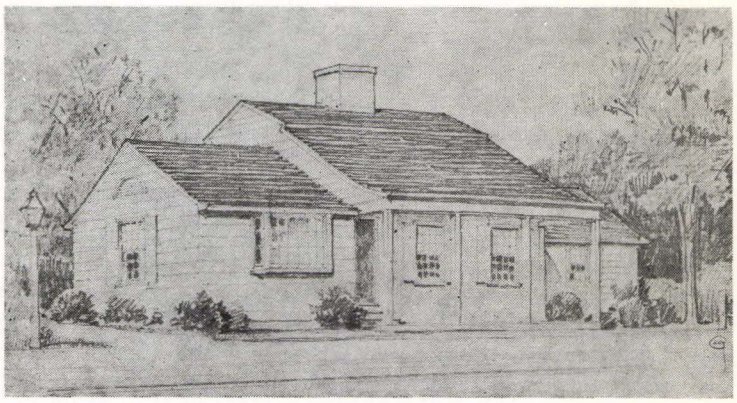
"There is no such place as West Englewood on any map or road sign; many of my friends get off Route 4 at Englewood when they try to locate my home", Mr. Robison said. "Real estate salesmen may think it is nice to call the section West Englewood, but now they state that there are homes for sale in the West Englewood section of Bergenfield, which just adds to the geographic chaos", the irate Councilman pointed out.

Deputy-Mayor T. J. E. Brown told the Council that Congressman Frank Osmers has the name problem "in hand" and had already spoken to Post Office authorities in Washington about the confusion caused by the dual name tag pinned on the Town.

Manager James T. Welsh said that since the Council was talking about Post Office problems it should be brought to the government's attention that the Town's Post Office building (on Palisade Avenue) is a disgrace to our community.

Mayor Henry Deissler said that the local Post Office has been on the government's "preferred list" for the last 20 years.

NEAR MIRACLE IN WEST ENGLEWOOD



The contrast in these two photos vividly portrays the near miracle of West Englewood. Above is the old station of the New York Central Railroad and below is a picture of the new, modern shelter. It will be used as a waiting room by commuters and as a shelter for those wishing to use the park. Architecturally, the new structure will be in conformity with its environment. The cost, in the neighborhood of $35,000, is being borne entirely by the railroad. It includes the installation of a large storm drain through the park to handle flood conditions which occur frequently during inclement weather. The program involving the elimination of the station and the creation of the new building was brought about by the Mayor and Council through negotiation with the railroad.

A Bit of Nostalgia

In 1953 the West Englewood section of Teaneck boasted of a new shelter at its West Shore Railroad station, erected by the railroad.

In 1955, however, residents complained of the confusion caused by West Englewood's separate postal address.

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eventually erected to circumvent the West Shore Railroad crossing. Farms, such as the strawberry farms on Tryon Avenue, Ackerman's Farm on Teaneck Road (where New Jersey Bell is presently located) and the Sheffield Dairy Farm on Chestnut Street, dotted the countryside.

The Ettens' selection of West Englewood Avenue was not surprising. In an attempt to emulate the prestigious "Seven Sister Hill" section of Englewood, Teaneck's West Englewood section began its development in approximately 1914. It was considered fashionable to live "on the hill" or "on the other side of the tracks." West Englewood had its own New York Central Railroad station as well as its own post office and address.[1] An exclusive residential section could support an exclusive shopping area.

Later Etten's Market would be joined by other Jewish-owned stores on West Englewood Avenue, such as Cutler's Pharmacy (1928), Goodman's Hardware Store and the National Glass & Paint Store (originally called Siegel Glass Store, owned by Benjamin Siegel and sold to Sol Gabin in 1936). The Samuel Cutlers never resided in Teaneck, as did the Ettens, Goodmans, Siegels and Gabins. Living in Englewood, they owned their Teaneck pharmacy until 1961 and, for a time, had established a second store on Teaneck Road.

Store proprietors and professionals, for the most part, were the earliest of Teaneck's Jewish residents. Herman and May Schoem[2] operated a candy store on Fort Lee Road in 1922; the family now owns a large Jewish funeral home on Route 4 in Paramus. Harry and Rose Dobrow arrived in 1925 to run the United Cigar Store on Teaneck Road and West Englewood Avenue. Their youngest son, Jack, who is married to Shirley Harris, daughter of the late Dr. Irwin and Rose Harris, still resides in Teaneck.[3] Leo and Goldie Rubin[4] built Cedar Lane Cleaners in 1928. The store later merged with Parisian Cleaners of Cedar Lane, owned by a Mr. Cohen, and conveyed to the Rubins' cousins, Abe and Lillian Teitelbaum in 1935. Today, Parisian Cleaners remains a thriving enterprise on Cedar Lane, presently operated by Howard and Gloria Teitelbaum and their sons, Robert and Lawrence Mace. Abe Daniels established a tailor shop in several different Teaneck locales as far back as 1929. His son, Ben, owns a large haberdashery store in Englewood, which was originally located in Teaneck.[5] Other merchants will be mentioned elsewhere in our history.

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1) The West Englewood Post Office was originally located on West Englewood Avenue between Queen Anne Road and Palisade Avenue. The Zip Code for West Englewood was 07667. By 1965, distribution and carrier service had been terminated and all that remained was the retail counter, which still exists today on Palisade Avenue. Lawrence H. Friedman, Teaneck's Postmaster, who was appointed in 1963, was the first Jew in Bergen County to attain this position.

2) Herman Schoem served as a captain of Teaneck's Volunteer Fire Engine Company #3 on Morningside Terrace. All Teaneck firemen were volunteers until 1920, when the township united the four independent firefighting units and gradually added paid employees. By 1940, the last of the volunteer companies was disbanded. In 1931 Francis A. Murray was hired as Teaneck's first professional fire chief. He is the father of the present fire chief, Joseph R. Murray, who has held this position since 1966 and supervises the department's four companies and 114 members. As far as can be ascertained, Teaneck has had only one Jewish volunteer fireman and one paid fireman.

3) The Teaneck Jewish War Veterans Schweiger-Dobrow Post #498, which was organized in 1947 (approximate date), was named for the Dobrows' second son, Irwin, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schweiger's son, Robert, both of whom died on active duty during World War II. Saul Dobrow, the oldest Dobrow son who now resides in Fair Lawn, was recently honored by the Teaneck organization, Pieces of Africa, for his annual scholarship donation contributed in memory of his deceased brother. He is active in the Big Brother program of Family Services of the Jewish Federation of Community Services of Bergen County. His wife, Florence, served as deputy mayor of Fair Lawn. The Schweigers' daughter, Susan, is married to Dr. Daniel Roth. They reside in Teaneck as does Mrs. Schweiger. Mr. Arthur Schweiger passed away in 1966.

4) The Rubins' son, Jerome, is married to Barbara Bichunsky, whose parents, Abraham and Eva Bichunsky, bought a small rustic farm in 1923 on West Palisade Avenue and St. Mark's Place in Teaneck. Abraham Bichunsky was a metalsmith whose shop was located in Englewood. He is credited with having invented the Honeycomb Radiation Core and having constructed an artificial kidney for Charles Lindbergh.

5) The Daniels' oldest son, Joseph, was publisher of the Teaneck Sunday Sun, Leonia Life, The Times-Review of Bergenfield, Dumont and Haworth; The Press-Journal Review of Englewood, Tenafly, Cresskill and Demarest; and The Bergen Review covering seven other communities, before his untimely death in 1969.

FOND MEMORIES—Israel Doskow, an illustrator and fine artist, displays some of his paintings done recently in Israel. In visit to Europe and Israel, Doskow, 83, who has painted for more than 60 years, finished 16 paintings during the 10-week tour.

Chapter 2

Our First Member of the Board

Israel Doskow was an artist who came to Teaneck in 1917 to build his studio. He decided to look in this area after receiving advice from colleagues that land in Bergen County was both inexpensive and plentiful. After meeting Carl Dingfelder, a German Jew who lived in Bogota and owned substantial property including orchards and a large produce market, Israel Doskow, a Russian Jewish immigrant, purchased what is now 265 Elm Avenue. Dingfelder and Doskow became good friends and the artist helped design the merchant's large home.

As art editor of the magazines, Popular Science, The Delineator and The Women's Magazine, Mr. Doskow commuted daily to New York City. His evenings and weekends, however, were devoted to civic activity and betterment. A soft-spoken, gentle and modest individual, Doskow so impressed his neighbors that he was elected to Teaneck's Board of Education in 1923. During his six years in office, the Hawthorne School (July 1925) and Bryant School (April 1929) were erected. In the main entrance of each building is a portrait of the man for whom the school is named[1], painted and donated by Israel Doskow. When Teaneck High School was built in 1929, Mr. Doskow served as vice president of the Board of Education. One has only to read the minutes of the board during these years to discover how active and dedicated the artist was to his civic office.

Israel and Ida Doskow maintained a religious life and kept a kosher home, importing their meat from New York, Hackensack and Paterson. Finding no synagogue in Teaneck, they attended services in Hackensack and were active in the Men's Club and Sisterhood. The Doskows later attended Temple Emanuel in Ridgefield Park, where their elder daughter, Elaine (Schoenfeld)[2], was confirmed.

When Teaneck's Jewish residents sought to organize in 1932, Mr. Doskow and his second wife[3], Rose, invited the newly-formed congregation to use their studio as a place to conduct services. A large room with a window two stories in height, the studio was an inspiring location for our town's pioneers in affiliated Judaism.[4] This invitation was a magnanimous gesture on the part of the Doskows as there were others whose homes were larger and who were better established. Rose Doskow served on the first Board of Directors of Teaneck's Jewish Community Center and Mr. Doskow always donated his talents, designing scenery and tableaux for the congregation's various activities.

Israel Doskow did not win election to a third term on the Board of Education but still continued to serve his community by supporting all school projects, serving on the Township's 35th Anniversary Celebration Committee and giving of himself to the neighboring Dutch Reform Community Church. Involved with the Red Cross since World War I, his portrait hangs in National Red Cross Headquarters in Washington, D.C., as testimony to his outstanding service to the organization.

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1) Nathanial Hawthorne and William Cullen Bryant.

2) Elaine Doskow Schoenfeld recalls the Hoffman family, known to be Jewish, already living on Larch Avenue when they moved to Teaneck.

3) Ida Doskow died in 1921.

4) The house still stands today.

In 1942, Mr. Doskow[1] left Teaneck in order to seek employment. He returned in 1949 to accept a special award at the dedication of the Prince Street building of the Jewish Community Center upon the invitation of Dr. Morris Kleit, chairperson of the dedication ceremonies. After the demise of his second wife in 1963, Mr. Doskow settled in Lodi. A member of the Bergen County Artists' Guild (originally called the Teaneck Artists' Guild), there was an exhibition of his work at Fairleigh Dickinson University a year later.

Israel Doskow died in 1969 at the age of 88.

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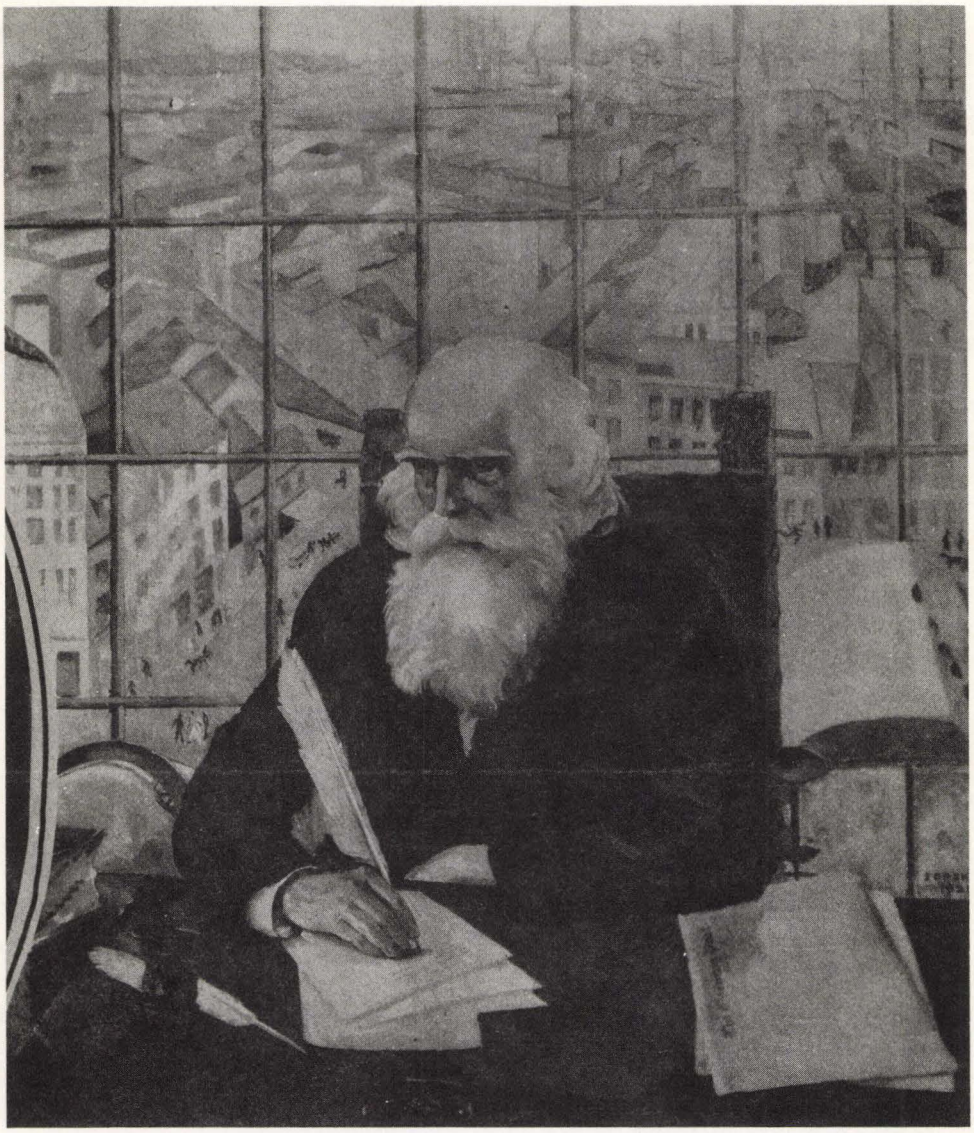
1) Children of Mr. Doskow's first marriage to the former Ida Samson are Elaine Schoenfeld (Maywood), Alexander (Brooklyn, New York), and Ruth Dreyer (Downingtown, Pennsylvania). Children of Mr. Doskow's second marriage to Rose Moskowitz are Nahum (Tacoma, Washington), Julian (Long Island), and Jane (Totowa).



"WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT AS EDITOR OF THE NEW YORK EVENING POST," from a painting by I. Doskow, presented to the new Bryant School at Teaneck, N. J., by the artist and the local civic association. The painting represents the great American poet and journalist at his editorial desk overlooking the rooftops of old New York and the harbor, with its sailing ships in the distance.

Chapter 3

The Founder of the Teaneck Women's Club

Minna and Bernard Lippman lived in Teaneck many years before the Ettens and Doskows ever considered settling here. Through a New York newspaper advertisement, they found and rented the Frank de Ronde house, replete with two and one-half acres of planted gardens, horse and carriages, gardener-coachman and even the family pet dog, for the summer months in the years 1910 to 1918.[1]

So enamored were the Lippmans with the beautiful countryside of Teaneck, located such a short distance from the City, that they decided to move here permanently. Eventually, they purchased 26 acres of land upon which they built a large brick residence in 1919. It was in this house, on what is now Monterey Avenue, that the Teaneck Women's Club was founded in 1925 by Minna Froehlich Lippman, and where its first meetings were held. The building was sold after Mr. Lippman's death in 1926, to the Teaneck Masonic Lodge and, as a Masonic Temple, was rented at one time to the Jewish Community Center for weekly and holiday services. At the end of World War II, the structure was remodeled into a five-family duplex, as it remains today.

Bernard Lippman, whose family name had been Liebman before his father emigrated from Germany, had always been an ardent supporter of Freemasonry. When he moved to Teaneck, he helped to organize the Square Circle Club (it was started in the Lippman home), a social club that formed its own Eastern Star Chapter[2] and became the Teaneck Masonic Lodge No. 274 on May 4, 1929. The Square Circle Club was responsible for making the arrangements for the cornerstone-laying ceremonies of the Teaneck High School (October 28, 1922) and had taken an active part in clearing the land for the high school athletic field. (The field was built before the school![3]) Wood-cutting picnics were the order of the day, with the women serving hot coffee to the men who were chopping down the trees.[4]

In order to raise money for professional removal of the tree stumps, Mr. Lippman rented a calliope that played "Yes, We Have No Bananas" and rode throughout the township encouraging the residents to make a donation. It was Mr. and Mrs. Lippman who, incidentally, selected the exact location for the high school building.

The third Lippman residence in Teaneck, occupied by Mrs. Lippman and their son, Robert, was the Peter Demarest home, built in 1756 and later remodeled by Mrs. Sheffield Phelps[5]. Located at 961 Teaneck Road, its carriage house provided another meeting place for the Women's Club. Shortly after 1945, this historic Dutch colonial house was torn down to make room for a housing development and for the street, Minnell Place, which was named for Mrs. Lippman.

A gifted and community-conscious individual, Minna Lippman served three terms on the Board of Directors of Englewood Hospital. Her husband was actively involved in fund-raising for

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1) Mr. and Mrs. Lippman's son, Robert, remembers a Jewish family named Schuman living on Teaneck Road when his family arrived in 1910.

2) Mr. Lippman was the chapter's first patron.

3) Before Teaneck High School was completed, our students were divided among Bogota, Englewood, Hackensack, Leonia and Ridgefield Park High Schools.

4) The New York Daily News covered one such picnic and printed a picture of Mrs. Lippman holding an ax.

5) Mrs. Phelps added to the already constructed carriage house and stables what was probably one of the first garages in Bergen County.

CLUB PRESIDENT WILL RETIRE

(From the Times-Review)
Feb. 21, 1930

MRS. BERNARD LIPPMAN

Among the trees and natural surroundings which form a great part of her environment, and have been the inspiration of the wonderful work that she has undertaken in the founding of a woman's club, lives Mrs. Bernard Lippman, a club woman, a music lover, and altruist.

In the Spring of 1925, Mrs. Lippman, having decided that the time was ripe for a woman's club in Teaneck, called a meeting at her home, the purpose of which was to organize. There were 135 women present, of whom 112 became members of the club which was formed that afternoon. A constitution and by-laws was drawn and officers were elected. The club voted to federate without delay and send a delegate to the annual federation convention then in session in Atlantic City.

Being a departmental club many of the achievements have been accomplished through the work of the departments. However, the club as a whole has worked for the "Music Studio Fund." Mrs. Lippman having been elected a delegate has represented the club at the annual conventions at Atlantic City where she also received the nomination of vice-president for the State Federation of New Jersey.

One of the greatest charms the president admits is her association with the Juniors and Sub-Juniors, auxiliary clubs which were organized in 1926-1928.

Owing to her intensive study of music, Mrs. Lippman was recently invited by the chairman of New Jersey Federation of Women's Clubs to play for the radio broadcast given by the club women of the State each Wednesday at 1:30 over WOR. Mrs. Lippman was lately honored by the board of directors of the Englewood Hospital, being re-elected for a third term because of her distinguished service to that body.

As president of the Woman's Club of Teaneck, Mrs. Lippman has for the last five years carried forward a splendid program and having as she says, "enjoyed every moment of her administration her last term expiring in May, she is going out of office satisfied that the seed she has planted will grow and thrive as she anticipates.

As one of the original workers and contributers to the Library Association of Teaneck, also one of the first to participate in the Teaneck Athletic Field Promoters of the high school, Mrs. Lippman is a great force for civic betterment in her community.

The Bernard Lippman Memorial, the former home of the late Bernard Lippman and Mrs. Minna Lippman, was also the nucleus of the Woman's Club and though the club will continue to have it as its attractive little "Studio" to meet in through their benefactress, Mrs. Lippman has the vision of another home for the club.

Mrs. Lippman is a member of six women's clubs: the Englewood Woman's Club, the Hackensack Woman's Club and Haworth, the Civic Forum, Political Study Club, of New York City, and the Teaneck Woman's Club. Teaneck may feel justly proud in the knowledge that a woman possessing such talent for organization combined with her executive ability, is one of their community.

the hospital by donating merchandise to its fairs, the most unusual item being his newly manufactured popsicle. Mrs. Lippman was one of the original workers and contributors to the Library Association of Teaneck which helped to establish the Teaneck Public Library. In addition to the founding of the Teaneck Women's Club and serving as its first president for five years, she participated in five other Women's organizations. Known for her ability as a pianist, she was often invited to perform publicly and on radio broadcasts.

Through the dedicated efforts of Mrs. William A.S. Hecking of Bogota, a charter member of the Teaneck Women's Club and former resident of Teaneck, Mrs. Lippman has received full recognition for her achievements. Her portrait, a gift from her son, Robert, is now prominently displayed at the club's present residence, opposite an enlarged photograph donated by Mrs. Hecking, of the group's first anniversary meeting, which was taken in front of the Monterey Avenue home.

The Lippmans never joined an organization consisting solely of Jews, but would never associate with any group that excluded Jews either. During Mrs. Lippman's association with the Women's Club, many other prominent Jewish ladies, such as Sadie Leight[1], Pauline Levine, Cecilia Schwarz, Edna Marx, Beatrice Treinis, Emily Kahn, Ruth Kleit, Frances Bressler and Katherine Spiegelglass[2] (of Hackensack) were also members.

Minna Lippman left Teaneck in 1945. After moving several times within Bergen County she and her son, Robert, settled in Florida, where he still lives. Mrs. Lippman passed away in 1951.

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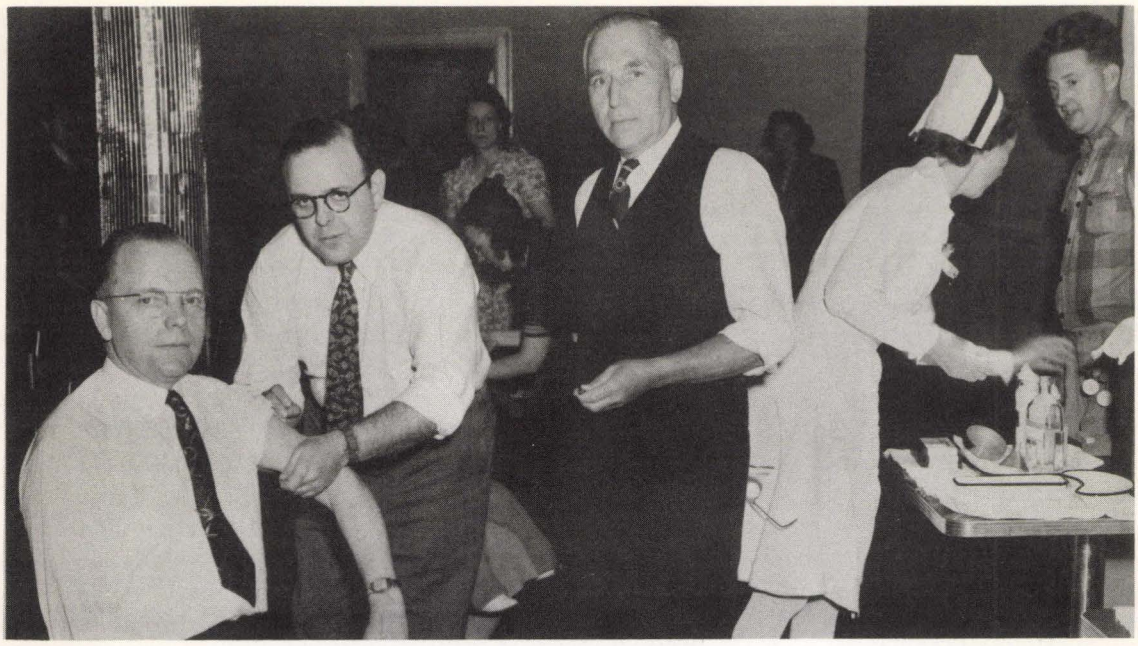
1) Sadie Leight served as treasurer of the organization at one time and was a charter member.

2) Katherine Spiegelglass (married to Dr. Abraham Bennett Spiegelglass) participated in other Teaneck organizations including the Holy Name Hospital Ladies Auxiliary. She was also active in the Bergen County Section of NCJW, the Hackensack Hospital Ladies Auxiliary and the YMHA of Bergen County. The Spiegelglass daughter, Honey Frank (Mrs. Benjamin), was a professional actress who had her own radio program in Detroit. She produced many theatrical events for Teaneck and Bergen County organizations, including the play, "Joan of Arc" with Jim Bishop, at the Teaneck High School. The Franks and Mrs. Spiegelglass reside in Englewood; Dr. Spiegelglass is deceased.

Woodchopping picnic — Bernard Lippman, 9th from right. Minna Lippman is on his right.



Combating an influenza epidemic in Teaneck. Dr. Barnet Bookstaver (center) supervising inoculations at one of the town's health stations. School Superintendent Dr. Lester N. Neulen, is seated on the left and Public Health Nurse Mary Middlemass is on the right.

Township of Teaneck, N. J.

RESOLUTION

No. 1653

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Offered by Councilman PAQUIN

Date of Meeting JUNE 2, 1936.

WHEREAS Dr. Barnet S. Bookstaver for the last four years, without financial compensation, has served as the head of Teaneck's Health Department, and during that time has provided for surveys, tests, clinics, examinations, inspections and immunization treatments, all tending to reduce to a minimum the danger of epidemics and to prevent the occurrence of disease, thus safeguarding the health of all citizens and giving Teaneck a municipal health service of highest efficiency; and

WHEREAS Dr. Bookstaver has recently presented to the Teaneck Police Department a beautiful and costly stand of colors, including a United States Flag and a department banner; and

WHEREAS Dr. Bookstaver has never neglected an opportunity to be of service to his fellow-citizens in connection with any public enterprise; therefore be it

RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Teaneck, on behalf of all the citizens of the Township, that we hereby express to Dr. Bookstaver our high appreciation of the value of his services to the municipality, and of the fine public spirit that prompts all his efforts; and be it further

RESOLVED that this resolution be included in the minutes of this meeting, and that a copy hereof, duly attested by the Township Clerk, be delivered to Dr. Bookstaver, one of Teaneck's foremost citizens, and be it further

RESOLVED that congratulations be extended to Dr. and Mrs. Bookstaver on their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Prepared by

Checked by

Approved by

This is to certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Township Council on June 2 1936

Clara Christensen
Sgd. TOWNSHIP CLERK

DR. BOOKSTAVER NAMED HEAD OF HEALTH BOARD

Denounces Epidemics As Reflection on Public in Inaugural Address

URGES QUARANTINES

Epidemics were denounced as a "reflection on the public," township residents urged to co-operate in the carrying out of quarantines, and detailed recommendations made to the council for improving the municipal health by Dr. B. S. Bookstaver after his election as president of the Teaneck Board of Health was confirmed Tuesday night by the Township Council.

His address made following his welcome by Mayor Van Wagner follows:

"My first object will be in attempting to make Teaneck a healthy and happy place to live in. In our official capacity we can legislate and direct that certain necessary steps be taken, but with that, we need the co-operation of the citizens of the Township to make our efforts fruitful.

"It will please you to know that the present Sanitary Code is exceptionally suited for our needs and requires very little revision.

"At this time, may I mention the

Chapter 4

Teaneck's Dollar-A-Year-Man — The Good Doctor

In 1933, at the suggestion of Supervising Principal Dr. Lester N. Neulen, Paul Volcker, Teaneck's first township manager, appointed Dr. Barnet S. Bookstaver, president of the town's Board of Health. Until his demise nineteen years later, Dr. Bookstaver served in this capacity, as well as full-time medical director of the school system, police department surgeon and fire department surgeon, at the incredible salary of $1.00 a year!

One of seventeen children of a poor, Jewish immigrant family, Dr. Bookstaver came from Russia in his infancy. After attending De Witt Clinton High School in the Bronx, he was graduated from Bellevue Hospital Medical College in 1908. Upon completing his internship at the Bronx Lebanon Hospital, Dr. Bookstaver established his practice of gynecology and obstetrics in Manhattan. Although his medical practice was very extensive and substantial, he managed to devote a considerable portion of his time to civic, religious and social endeavors. During this period, he was physician to the Hebrew Convalescent Home of New York City, physician in charge of the American Red Cross Hospital of New York City and honorary secretary of the Riverside Synagogue.

In 1928 Dr. Bookstaver retired from active practice and settled in Teaneck, because of its beauty and potential for development, with his wife, Anna, and their four children.

Upon receiving the appointment to his municipal position, he rejected the salary of $1,800 per year paid to his predecessor, thus enabling the township to hire three part-time physicians to man the three child hygiene stations (at the Town House, Longfellow and Emerson Schools) without additional budget expenditures.

Dr. Bookstaver was indefatigable in the performance of his duties and every long-time resident of Teaneck can recall some anecdote illustrating his dedication. He was a firm believer in preventive medicine and fought relentlessly to stop the spread of those dread contagious diseases prevalent during that period. He insisted that every child who entered the school system be inoculated against diphtheria and whooping cough and vaccinated against smallpox. He also instituted the tuberculosis patch test that is still given to students in our schools. All cases of contagious diseases were required to be reported to his office and he would then institute rigorous quarantine measures (e.g. even books from the library could not circulate into such homes). So successful were his efforts, that from 1941 to 1942, the number of incidents of contagious disease dropped from 1,143 to 561.

Other Bookstaver innovations were the prohibition of selling loose milk and cream, burning ragweed to ease various allergic conditions, regular inspection and rating of food stores, issuing of fines to landlords and proprietors for accumulated refuse, refrigeration of all cream pastries in bakeries, institution of Child Health Week (during which time parents were encouraged to bring their children to the town's health stations for free medical examinations), institution of free eye clinics (he had intended to establish free dental clinics as well), physical examinations of all food handlers, beauticians and barbers (they had to be medically accredited in order to be licensed), prohibition against smoking in public vehicles (it was not unusual for him to stop a bus on the street in order to penalize a violator of the no smoking ordinance), and countless others. The list is unending and each is a credit to his name.

Dr. Bookstaver added to his above-mentioned responsibilities by appearing frequently as a principal speaker at PTA, American Legion and Boy Scout meetings. He helped organize the Our Savior Lutheran Church, supplied the funds for a second mortgage for Teaneck's American

Legion Post #128 headquarters (as well as donating $100 to this cause), served as a campaign chairperson of the War Bonds drive and was captain of Teaneck's Volunteer Ambulance Corps[1] (he even purchased its first ambulance). During one township Red Cross drive, Dr. Bookstaver tried to stimulate contributions by offering the remarkable sum of $500 if any individual or any family would match it. No one rose to the occasion, as the average gift in those days was $3.65, but Dr. Bookstaver made the donation anyway. He was a trustee and treasurer of the North Jersey College in North Hackensack and its director of the School of Public Health. Dr. Bookstaver participated in the formation of the Teaneck Schweiger-Dobrow JWV Post and donated the group's national colors. In later years he became a charter member of the Bergen County Reform Temple (renamed Temple Emeth). A good friend of the Teaneck Police Force (then consisting of 30 men)[2], the doctor was awarded a silver PBA card granting him honorary life membership.[3]

Barnet Bookstaver, with several other residents, started Teaneck's first Jewish congregation, the Jewish Community Center. A man of inordinate energy and capacity, he was the driving force that encouraged Teaneck's 50 known Jewish families[4] (many others chose not to be identified) to organize and be counted. Dr. Bookstaver served as its president for six consecutive years and was active in every facet of its activity, from donating a Torah to arranging for cemetery plots. Some recall his attempt at bribing the children with sweets in order to encourage their attendance at services; others remembered him carrying furniture and religious articles from his attic to the different locations used by the congregation.

Paul Volcker Jr., now president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, wrote: "I do indeed recall the warm relationship between my father and Dr. Bookstaver and I have a dimmer recollection that Dr. Bookstaver's enthusiasm about Teaneck led a good many of his friends and acquaintances to settle there." Indeed, the good doctor encouraged many a Jewish family to come here[5], and even went to the trouble and expense of helping them establish a business or a practice (more than once he co-signed a note at the bank). If a new Jewish family moved into town, they were certain to receive a visit from this township official, urging them to join the Jewish Community Center. Dubbed the Chaim Solomon of Teaneck by Dr. Morris Kleit, Barnet Bookstaver assisted Jew and non-Jew alike.

A legend in his own time, he could be controversial as well as charming and had a flamboyant sense of humor. One Christmas Eve he broadcast season's greetings in Yiddish over the police radio system. Purim would find him walking up Cedar Lane dressed in costume, lightly tapping passers-by. A man who enjoyed attending high school football games and following fire engines, he lost his life at the old St. Anastasia's wooden school building fire. Here he suffered a fatal coronary attack while assisting in extinguishing the fire. If the details of the doctor's demise were not sufficiently dramatic in themselves, it was ironic that his son, Paul, also a gynecologist and obstetrician, was performing his first major operation at Holy Name Hospital while his father was dying.

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1) The Teaneck Volunteer Ambulance Corps, founded in 1939, is one of the best equipped in the entire country. It runs three ambulances and operates extremely sophisticated life-saving machinery. The corps' 85 members (25 women) serve without any compensation, and are on call 24 hours a day (there is sleep-in coverage by at least three persons every evening). They come from communities other than Teaneck, although the corps only operates in this township. It is estimated that 40% of its enlistment is Jewish, with three generations of some families represented. In 1975 the corps responded to more than 2,200 calls.

2) Teaneck had its first official law enforcement officer in 1914. A year later, two additional men and a police chief were added. By 1920, to protect the town's 4,000 residents, the force consisted of five men. In 1930 the population increased to 16,000 and the Police Department to 30 members. Today, Teaneck's 42,340 citizens can boast of an 88 member Police Force. This total includes 13 detectives, nine women who serve as secretaries and dispatchers, and Police Chief Robert P. Fitzpatrick, whose family has resided in Teaneck since 1928. There have been three Jewish Police officers in the department's history, as well as several Jewish female employees.

3) He was a sustaining member of the Boy Scouts of America and of Teaneck's Rotary Club, as well as a charter member of Teaneck's Friends of the Legion, and of the Bergen County Elks.

4) This is only an estimated figure.

5) Teaneck's first Jewish principal, Sydney Bookstaber of the Lowell School, is a nephew of Dr. Bookstaver. He was encouraged by his uncle to come to Teaneck in 1937, although he never resided here.

B. S. BOOKSTAVER NAMED TO HEAD JEWISH CENTER

Other Officers Will Be Elected By Teaneck Group June 18

$500 CHECK GIVEN

B. S. Bookstaver was unanimously nominated president of the Jewish Community Center of Teaneck last night at a meeting held in the Center Building, Palisade Avenue, Teaneck. Six others, including two trustees, are slated for election June 18. Mrs. J Dewey Schwarz, representing the Sisterhood, presented the Center with $500 as their annual donation.

Bookstaver was named president as soon as the nominations were opened. The whole organization registered approval of the proceedings, indicating the extent of Bookstaver's popularity with the group. He will succeed Dr. J. Dewey Schwarz.

Another matter which was applauded heartily was the donation received by the Sisterhood. This Sisterhood is a group of the Jewish women who make a donation annually to the Center. This year, as explained by Mrs. Schwarz, they were unusually fortunate to have been able to raise such a large amount.

The other officers nominated were Dr. Louis Goldstein, and Dr. Morris Kleit, vice-president to succeed Leonard Mehlman; Miss Fanny Feinstein, recording secretary to succeed Dr. Henry Wolf; Mrs. Jeanette Rosenberg, corresponding secretary, and Henry Simon, treasurer, to succeed Morris Shuster.

For the ensuing year, both a corresponding secretary and recording secretary are to be elected, contrary to previous years, when they used to one secretary. Each year, also

Dr Barnet and Anna Bookstaver - 1946.

JEWS TO DEDICATE BOOKSTAVER GIFT

Auspicious Program Will Feature Acceptance Of Torah

The Jewish Community Centre of Teaneck is preparing for the coming week-end a very auspicious and noteworthy program of events.

To begin with, on Sunday afternoon, March 11, at 3 o'clock, there will be a formal dedication of the Torah to the Centre by its treasurer,

DR. BOOKSTAVER RITES ATTENDED BY 600 PERSONS

Tour Of Teaneck Made Following Service At Center

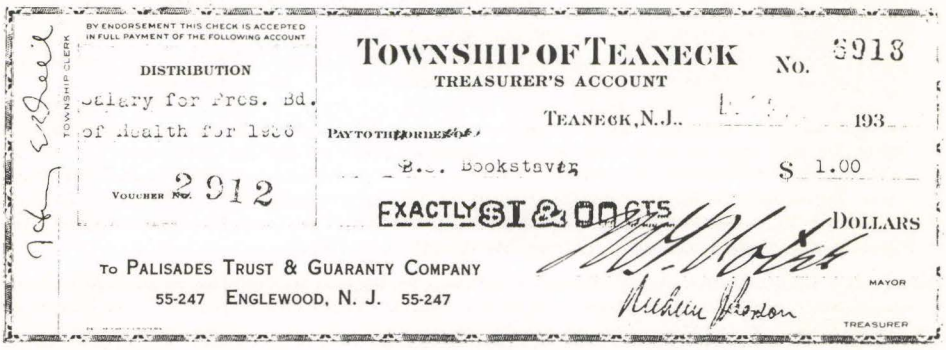
NOTABLES PRESENT

Teaneck—More than 600 persons attended the funeral services held yesterday afternoon in the Jewish Community Center for Dr. Barnet S. Bookstaver, Township Health Officer and Health Director for the past 20 years.

Rabbi Arlo Hyams of the Center and Rabbi Edwin Lissman, chaplain of the New York Fire Department for 31 years and rabbi of the Riverside Synagogue, officiated at the services. Barry Schaefer served as cantor.

Following the hour-long service a funeral procession was held in the Township. The funeral cars were escorted by State Troopers Martin Donohue and John Fredericks, and County Patrolman Robert Underhill.

The procession left the Jewish Community Center and traveled west on Cedar Lane to Queen Anne Road, then south on Queen Anne Road to Bogert Street, east on Bogert Street to Teaneck Road, north on Teaneck Road past the firehouse, Town House, police headquarters, Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Holy Name Hospital, and pass Dr. Bookstaver's home on Norma Road. The procession then went south on Queen Anne Road to Cedar Lane, and through the business section to Hackensack. In Hackensack the procession passed the Y. M. H. A. where Dr. Bookstaver was a trustee and then proceeded to the Riverside Cemetery in Rochelle Park.



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TREASURER

One of the 19 uncashed annual salary checks received by Dr. B.S. Bookstaver during his tenure in office.

Admired and revered by the township, more than 600 persons, including many of Teaneck's dignitaries, attended Dr. Barnet Bookstaver's funeral services at the Jewish Community Center on June 24, 1951. Following the hour-long service, during which time the town's retail establishments honored his memory by remaining closed, state troopers and county patrolmen escorted the thirty-car procession as it made its way past many municipal buildings and Dr. Bookstaver's home.

All that remained of his memory in Teaneck was a plaque at the Jewish Community Center and a stained glass window at Temple Emeth, which was donated by his family.

Twenty-five years after Dr. Bookstaver's demise, a letter dated May 3, 1976 was submitted by Joy Appelbaum to the Town Council requesting that a park in Teaneck be named in memory of the late doctor, as a long-overdue tribute to his unprecedented and incomparable record of service to the township. She was joined in her request by Police Chief Robert P. Fitzpatrick[1]; members of the Board of Education, Lucille Steiner (see Chapter 9) and Robert Morrill, Jr.[2]; Director of the Teaneck Public Library, Olive Tamborelle; President of the Teaneck Chamber of Commerce Frank Panettieri[3]; long-time residents Mr. and Mrs. David S. Synes (see Chapter 8) and numerous other residents who knew and respected Dr. Bookstaver.

The matter was then referred to the Council's Advisory Committee on Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation. On June 16, 1976 Mrs. Appelbaum, Chief Fitzpatrick, Recreation Superintendent Richard Rodda[4], and Mr. and Mrs. Synes appeared before this committee to state their position. The committee, under the chairpersonship of Wallace Cowan, voted affirmatively and forwarded its recommendation to the Town Council.

On August 2, 1976 Joy Appelbaum and Anne Synes personally submitted their request before the Town Council at its open workshop agenda meeting. Mrs. Appelbaum was given permission to address the council, a privilege which is not customarily extended. The following day, at the Town Council's formal general meeting, it was officially announced that the council, consisting of Mayor Eleanor Kieliszek, Deputy Mayor Dorothy Silverstein, Martin R. Cramer, John P. Dougherty, Francis E. Hall, Max A. Hasse Jr. and John E. Jordan, had voted unanimously to rename Station Park, the Dr. Barnet S. Bookstaver Park.

At this point in the history of the Jews in Teaneck, the momentous event of Bookstaver Park's formal dedication ceremonies was eagerly and happily anticipated.

Dr. Bookstaver is survived by his sons, Drs. Paul (who resides in Teaneck) and Nelson, and his daughter, Nita Strauss. His eldest son, Dr. Julian, died on March 17, 1976. Mrs. Anna Bookstaver died in September 1962.

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1) Chief Robert Fitzpatrick is highly regarded by the Teaneck populace. Among his many honors are the Teaneck Jewish War Veterans Man of the Year award and the NCJW Teaneck Section Hannah G. Solomon award. He joined the Teaneck Police Force in 1936 and was appointed its chief on March 1, 1966.

2) Robert Morrill Jr.'s grandfather, Edward Morrill, moved to 321 Rutland Avenue in 1911 from Springfield, Massachusetts. In 1938 his father, Robert Morrill Sr., who now resides in New Hampshire, established the Robert Morrill Insurance Agency, which is still a thriving enterprise on Cedar Lane. In 1958 Robert Morrill Jr. joined the firm. Married to the former Barbara Grofsick, whose family moved to Teaneck in 1948 from Laurelton, New York, the Morrills continue to reside here with their four children. Robert Morrill Jr. has been a member of the Teaneck Board of Education since 1970. He has also served on the Teaneck Youth Guidance Council Adjustment Committee and is a past president of the Teaneck Volunteer Ambulance Corps. His mother, Mrs. Louise Morrill, is deceased.

3) Frank Panettieri settled in Teaneck in 1928 with his parents, Angelo and Anna Marie. They originally came from the Bronx, New York to open a shoe repair shop at 445A Cedar Lane. Today the Panettieri Shop Repair Store is probably the longest established business in town. Frank Panettieri, who moved to Harrington Park in 1958 in search of a larger home to accommodate his wife, Eleanor, and their five children, is now joined as a Teaneck retailer by his sons, Frank Jr. and Michael, who have owned the adjoining shoe store since 1973. Angelo Panettieri is deceased. Anna Marie resides in Harrington Park. Frank Panettieri is a renowned musician. He is a member of the Executive Board of Musicians' Local #526 of Jersey City and belongs to several locals in New Jersey and New York. As a conductor, he arranges 40 concerts during the summer for his musical group which consists of 18 to 45 musicians. In addition to playing for numerous Italian Street festivals, Mr. Panettieri frequently supplies the music for Jewish War Veterans fund-raising activities and senior citizen festivities. Mr Panettieri is a proficient clarinetist.

4) Richard Rodda has been superintendent of Teaneck's Recreation Department since its inception in 1944. Prior to this, he was superintendent at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Married to the former Dorothea Van Duzer, whose family came to Teaneck in 1925, the Roddas have resided in Teaneck for more than 30 years. Mr. Rodda is the recipient of the Teaneck B'nai B'rith Lodge Brotherhood award. He has been honored at numerous organizational testimonial dinners for his dedication to the township.

Chapter 5

Teaneck in the 30's

The nation is in the throes of the Depression. Although President Herbert Hoover has promised that "prosperity is just around the corner," he fails to gain election to a second term. When Franklin Delano Roosevelt is sworn into office on March 4, 1933 estimates indicate that almost one third of America's labor force is out of work and many who have jobs are earning as little as ten cents an hour. The run on banks becomes so acute that some states declare bank holidays. Malnutrition is a fact of life in every part of the country and starvation even appears.

Teaneck shares the same problems as the rest of the country. Prestigious Winthrop Road, lined with impressive custom-built homes on large plots of land, and other attractive sections of West Englewood are nicknamed "Mortgage Heights." Homes are being foreclosed by the banks and For Sale signs sprout up overnight. Retail stores become vacant and anyone with cash or credit can choose from a multitude of choice locations. Peddlers go from door-to-door selling candy, pot holders and various odds and ends to earn enough money for the next meal. Weekly food donations for Teaneck's unfortunate are made throughout the township. Block captains oversee the collections and distribution.

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Samuel and Rose Zelnick came to Teaneck in 1929 from Paterson where Mr. Zelnick had been manager of a silk mill for ten years. The factory closed because of the Depression and, as a result, Mr. Zelnick moved here to buy a paper route from Herman Schoem. Now the elder statesman of Teaneck's Jewish community, Samuel Zelnick remains active in Jewish-oriented functions and interested in township affairs, although he has passed his 95th birthday. His keen memory enables him to recall vividly those early years, especially the trials and tribulations of forming a Jewish congregation. Mr. Zelnick was involved from its very inception, serving as first chairperson of the House Committee. He presently lives across the street from the complex of buildings that is now the Jewish Community Center. Recalling the Doskow Studio, its first congregants and rabbis and all subsequent developments, he appreciates the improved circumstances of Teaneck's Jewish population.[1]

David Hirschmann arrived in 1933 to take over the bankrupt Service Drug Store on Queen Anne Road at the Plaza. He and his parents lived above the pharmacy for a period of time, working long hours, often seven days a week, attempting to establish their new enterprise. Mr. Hirschmann[2] and his wife, Pauline, still reside in Teaneck, although they sold their successful store several years ago. It is now called Parkview Pharmacy.

Two years before the Hirschmanns settled in Teaneck, Beatrice and William Goldin purchased the Cushman Bakery on Garrison Avenue and Cedar Lane and opened a pharmacy. In 1943 they retired and moved to Florida, having sold the store to Philip Miller, whose son, Edward, still operates it in partnership with Burt Friedman.

Others who came to Teaneck for business opportunities during this period were Samuel and Bess Pachman (1931), owners of a stationery store on West Englewood Avenue that sold liquor as well, after Prohibition was repealed. Benjamin and Lilly Rosen (1932)[3] proprietors of the

1) Mrs. Zelnick died in 1956. Their son, Dr. Bernard Zelnick, still resides in Teaneck with his wife, Edna. His dental practice is on Fort Lee Road.

2) Mr. Hirschmann is a charter member of the Jewish Community Center and participated in the Teaneck Kiwanis, City Club and the Jewish War Veterans for many years.

3) The Rosens' son, Harry, was the first boy to celebrate his Bar Mitzvah at the Jewish Community Center. It took place at the Doskow Studio in 1934. After World War II, Dr. Harry Rosen opened a dental practice on Cedar Lane in 1948. The Ben Rosens are charter members of the Jewish Community Center. They now reside in Florida.

Enterprise Dairy Store on Cedar Lane, opened the Cedar Lane Enterprise Liquor Store after Prohibition. Maurice and Esther Weinstein (1932)[1] were owners of the Teaneck Beverage Company on Cedar Lane (a malt and hop store that became Teaneck's first liquor store). David and Edna Musicant (1935) are the original proprietors of the popular Cedar Lane Flower Shoppe. Today Mr. Musicant, along with Gutterman and Kreitzman, operates several Jewish funeral homes throughout New Jersey.[2] David and Anna Synes (1937) moved here after Mr. Synes helped to establish the Big Bear Supermarket on Cedar Lane in 1935.[3] Rachel and Harry Holder (1939) are the original owners of Holder's Stationery Store on Queen Anne Road. During this time, David Orner owned a confectionary store called Orner's Corner, where Rocklin's is presently located on Cedar Lane.

Teaneck became a bedroom community for Hackensack merchants because of the extensive residential construction taking place. Although the Depression slowed the previously rapid pace, building nevertheless continued. Many excellent Scandinavian builders are responsible for much of Teaneck's varied and well constructed homes. Louis[4] and Celia Ginsburg, owners of several Hackensack clothing stores, including Shirlbee's Dress Shop, moved here in 1930; Samuel and Annette Solomon, proprietors of Hackensack's Sam Solomon Haberdashery Store, settled in Teaneck in 1933[5]; Ben and Fanny Herman, who established the first kosher delicatessen in Bergen County in 1937[6], the Famous of Hackensack, came here several years later.

Apart from the unhappy economic situation that confronted many families, Jewish and Christian alike, there were many pleasurable aspects of life in Teaneck during this era. During the winter, many streets, such as Griggs Avenue, North Forest Drive, Beverly Road and Chestnut Street, were closed off to traffic so that the children could skate and sleigh-ride freely. In the summer, families went berry-picking in the many wooded areas in town. People came from such places as Jersey City, Newark and New York to picnic in beautiful Teaneck. The Musicants remember picking foliage from the empty lots of what is now Ayers Court, and thistle from Glenwood Park for their flower shop. Adventuresome youngsters could spend time searching for Indian relics along the banks of the Hackensack River and scout troops planned overnight hikes in the abounding forests. It was a small, quiet, clean, well-established town in which to live. Doors were never locked and people were usually friendly; one resident recalls that the mailman always watered her garden when the family vacationed.

On their way home from high school, students often stopped at Mina's Ice Cream Parlor on Queen Anne Road. The Blue Bird Inn, where Volk's Funeral Home is presently located, was

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1) The Weinsteins' daughter, Florence, married Arthur Weinstein and they now occupy her parents' home on Standish Road (the Maurice Weinsteins have moved to Florida). Esther Weinstein is a charter member of the Jewish Community Center; Maurice Weinstein was active in Teaneck's Chamber of Commerce, Elks and Lions Clubs.

2) The Musicants' sons, Arthur and Alan, participate in this business. Both are married to Teaneck girls: Arthur to Elizabeth, daughter of Etta and Nat Petlack, and Alan to Anita, daughter of Helen and the late Herman Schulman. The David and Arthur Musicants still reside in Teaneck. Arthur's Bar Mitzvah (double Bar Mitzvah), was the second to be celebrated at the Jewish Community Center's building on Prince Street. The Musicant family has actively participated in an impressive number of both civic and religious organizations since their arrival. These include Teaneck's Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Kiwanis, City Club, Chamber of Commerce, Knights of Pythias, B'nai B'rith, Lions and Bergen County's Cancer Care, YMHA and Free Sons of Israel.

3) The Synes' older daughter, Miriam, is married to Dr. Nelson Bookstaver. Their son, Robert, is a television producer in Hollywood for Heatter-Quigley Productions.

4) Louis Ginsburg had been a celebrated wireless operator who once worked with Marconi. While serving in the U.S. Navy and stationed at the keyboard of the ship, Trent, on October 17, 1910, Mr. Ginsburg accomplished the first radio rescue at sea in our country's history. He picked up the distress signals of the blimp, The America, 250 miles away and maintained radio contact for three and one-half hours until its rescue was effected. Upon his return to New York, Louis Ginsburg was honored with a parade organized by his cousin, Billy Rose. The Ginsburg family had another famous relative, Celia's cousin, Irving Florman, who was the U.S. Ambassador to Bolivia during the Truman Administration. One of the Ginsburg daughters, Shirley Gatsik, still lives in Teaneck. Mrs. Ginsburg resides in Hackensack; Mr. Ginsburg is deceased.

5) Both of the Solomons' children continue to reside in town. George is married to Adele Steiner, daughter of Alexander and Esther Steiner, and Ellen is Mrs. Morton Polevoy. The Solomons moved to Florida in 1965; Mrs. Solomon passed away in December 1975. Morton Polevoy's brother and sister-in-law, Milton and Selma, moved here in 1958. His parents, Louis and Sophie, have lived in Teaneck since 1961.

6) The Hermans' daughter, Thelma Hollander, also lives in Teaneck. Mr. Herman is deceased.

reputed to be an excellent restaurant. Palm Gardens, situated on the current site of The Home State Bank, featured dining and dancing. Speakeasies could be readily found. The Tennis Club, on Warwick and Essex Streets (the present site of Christ Episcopal Church) featuring four courts and ample grandstand space, required a ten dollar membership fee. The Phelps Manor Country Club, on the site where the Overpeck Golf Course is now located, was a very pretty private golf club at this time.

The Fourth of July parades were extravagant presentations, with floats and costumed participants making their way down Queen Anne Road from DeGraw Avenue. Prizes for the best floats were awarded at the band shell in Votee Park, and a handsome fireworks display at Ackerman's Farm on State Street (later at Votee Park) concluded the festivities. To this day, Teaneck observes Independence Day with an impressive parade down Queen Anne Road with awards given in August, in the Town Council's chambers. Fireworks displays are now held at Fairleigh Dickinson University. More than one former Teaneck resident admitted returning annually for the purpose of witnessing this special event[1]. From time to time, carnivals were held on the empty lot on Cedar Lane and Garrison Avenue, across from Goldin's Pharmacy, before the five and dime store was built (Bryant Appliance store later was located here).

One could always return to Teaneck at any hour of the day or night via public transportation. The DeGraw Avenue trolley ran from Edgewater to the Paterson ferry until 1939. There were excellent connections with other trolley lines and numerous bus companies with routes that crisscrossed the town. Bus fare into Hackensack was five cents and was twenty-five cents to New York City (where many of Teaneck's Jewish residents went marketing in Washington Heights). Buses ran frequently, as the phenomenon of the two-car family had not arrived. Children, more often than not, walked to school, to their houses of worship, to friends' homes and even to the YMHA in Hackensack. To quote one informant who grew up in Teaneck, "I didn't mind the long walks as much as I was afraid of Indians attacking from the dark woods."

Celebrities found Teaneck suitable to their life style, close enough to commute to the cities where they worked yet far enough away to insure their privacy. Ferde Grofé, who lived next door to Dr. Barnet Bookstaver on Norma Road, often invited George and Ira Gershwin and Paul Whiteman to spend weekends at his Teaneck residence. This distinguished composer allowed the Teaneck High School band to premier his world-famous "Grand Canyon Suite." Radio's famous disc jockey John Gambling, prominent bandleader Ozzie Nelson[2], opera singer Helen Jepson, and writer Jim Bishop, all resided in Teaneck at this time.

Along with celebrities, some important industrialists such as the president of the Canada Dry Company, Mr. Moore, Henry Denzel of Bethlehem Steel and William Richards, vice-president of Pathé News, moved into several neighborhoods in town. A high-ranking executive from the A & P food chain, believed by many to be Huntington Hartford, built what is still considered to be one of Teaneck's most elegant homes.

In 1931 the George Washington Bridge opened and by 1932, Route 4 was completed. Contrary to popular belief, this new accessibility to Bergen County did not encourage a large influx of people from New York. During the '30's, times were difficult and Teaneck's growth rate slowed somewhat[3]. U.S. Census records reveal that by 1936, there were 280 Jews in Teaneck. Our research disclosed that most of these early Jewish residents came from Jersey City, Newark, North Bergen, Bayonne, Hoboken and other areas of New Jersey. They were of Ashkenazic heritage and an impressive percentage were first generation Americans. A few families were recent emigres from Nazi Germany, such as Martin and Leni Thurnauer (1934) and Hans and Anne Teutsch (1938).

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1) Parades were held more frequently and in different parts of town before 1968; e.g., annual Memorial Day and Veterans Day parades.

2) Mr. Nelson's brother, Dr. Al Nelson, was chief of Holy Name Hospital's Dental Department.

3) Statistics show the population figure of Teaneck was 25,275 by 1940.

Some other early families were:

1919 — The Selwins

1921 — Adelaide and Elliot Rothenberg[1] (The Rothenbergs did not practice Judaism; Mrs. Rothenberg, in particular, was a follower of Christian Science.)

1923 — The Ackermans, Dr. Leon and Bea Treinis

1925 — The Schoenbergs

1927 — Antoinette and Henry Eysmann[2], Libbie and Irving Stolzer[3], Eileen and Saul Lippman

1928 — The Bendheims, the Diamonds, Kitty and George Perryman[4], (George Perryman was not Jewish but was most generous in his support of Jewish causes. Inter-religious marriages were not uncommon in Teaneck during the 1920's. Often the couples remained unaffiliated; some identified with Christianity and a smaller number with Judaism.)

1929 — Alice and Bernard Gordon (Mr. Gordon is deceased. Mrs. Gordon, a past president of the Bergen County Section of NCJW, resides in California. It was during her administration that NCJW's Thrift Shop was established.)

(This list is by no means complete; other early Jewish families have been mentioned previously and more will be featured in the forthcoming chapters.)

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1) The Rothenbergs' youngest of seven children, Ruth Eby, (married to Dr. Harold) resided in Teaneck in the 1950's and is mentioned in Reginald G. Damerell's book, "Triumph in a White Suburb," for her efforts in promoting inter-racial neighborhoods in Teaneck. She is a professional writer of significant stature for television and periodicals. One of the Rothenbergs' sons, Murray, was an outstanding athlete. He is regarded by many long-time Teaneck residents, both Jewish and Christian, as a champion of the Jewish community (See Chapter 9). Adelaide and Elliot Rothenberg are deceased.

2) The Eysmanns' daughter, Rosalyn Aronson (Mrs. William), still lives in Teaneck. The Eysmanns are deceased.

3) The Stolzers' daughter, Doris McKercher, is married to Robert McKercher, son of Frank and Bert McKercher, formerly of Bogota. Although Frank McKercher was not Jewish, he and his wife supported many Jewish community functions. Mr. Stolzer died in 1970; Mrs. Stolzer resides in Dumont.

4) The Perrymans' daughter and son-in-law are Perry and William Shambroom. The parents of six sons, they live in Teaneck and have been active participants in many civic organizations. Mr. Shambroom has held prominent positions in PTA, PTA Council, the Boy Scout Organization, the Teaneck Baseball organization and its four divisions and the Township Advisory Board for Parks, Playgrounds, and Recreation. Mrs. Shambroom has been involved primarily with the League of Women Voters, several Board of Education Advisory Committees and other educationally-oriented activities. George Perryman is deceased; Kitty Perryman still lives in Teaneck.

The Jewish Community's elder statesman, Samuel Zelnick, celebrates his 95th birthday (January 2, 1976) at a Horeynu meeting at the Jewish Community Center.

Chapter 6

The Teaneck Jewish Community Center and its Venerable 'Pillars'

In 1930 there were several Jewish congregations in Bergen County accessible to Teaneck residents. There was a choice of Englewood's Orthodox Ahavath Torah, or Reform (now Conservative) Temple Emanu-El, Hackensack's Conservative Hebrew Institute (renamed Temple Beth-El[1]) and Ridgefield Park's Conservative Temple Emanuel. Each of these houses of worship maintained an active sisterhood, men's club, and Hebrew school in which Teaneck's earliest Jews participated. Even after the establishment of a congregation in Teaneck, many of the founders continued to send their children out of town for their religious education. Some used private tutors, usually young rabbis or rabbinical students, to provide religious training at home. Little did they envision that by 1956 their own infant congregation would have grown into an institution with facilities to accommodate as many as 800 children!

In the summer of 1933 the idea of convening High Holy Day services in Teaneck was formulated by a tiny group consisting of Dr. Barnet Bookstaver, Dr. and Mrs. J. Dewey Schwarz, Dr. Morris Kleit, Judge George Marcus, Israel Doskow, Leonard Mehlman and Miss Fanny Feinstein of Bogota. One of their main problems was to publicize their new endeavor and attract worshippers.

Harry Lippman's dairy store in Hackensack was one of the few places in Bergen County where Jewish residents could obtain some of the foods they preferred. Dr. Bookstaver's strategy included obtaining a mailing list of Mr. Lippman's clientele and visiting the store frequently in order to "chat" with the patrons. Etten's Market was a popular meeting place for this ambitious and highly motivated group of pioneers, although Mr. Etten himself could not be very involved.[2] The Bergen Evening Record provided front page coverage of this event and the additional publicity helped to encourage attendance. More than seventy persons sat in Israel Doskow's studio (see Chapter 2) that first evening; there was no charge for seats or for *aliyahs*.

Dr. Bookstaver had borrowed a *Torah* and other essentials from his former New York congregation, the Riverside Synagogue; Dr. Lester N. Neulen (the supervising principal of Teaneck's schools), provided the *Aron Kodesh* (Holy Ark); the Community Church supplied the seats and an organ was loaned by an anonymous Teaneck resident[3] for this special occasion. Rabbi David W. Pearlman and *Chazzan* Dr. Joseph Schreiber presided over the services.

The High Holy Day services proved so successful that the "founding fathers" (and mothers) decided to continue holding services Friday evenings at the Doskow studio and incorporated shortly thereafter.[4]

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1) Today, more than a few Teaneck families maintain dual membership in Hackensack's Temple Beth-El and in a congregation in Teaneck. David Musicant is administrative vice-president of this institution, as well as a life member of the Board of Directors of the Teaneck Jewish Community Center.

2) It was difficult for Jewish retailers to be active in synagogue affairs in those days, as they had to work late Friday evenings and remain open on Saturdays. Most of them managed to close or stay away from the store on the High Holy Days, although their Christian neighbors often were unaware of the reason.

3) Six months later the St. Mark's Episcopal Church presented the infant Jewish congregation with a gift of a foot pump organ.

4) The following public statement was issued at this time: "The principal objects of the Community (Center) are to organize, foster and maintain Jewish communal ideas and synchronize and harmonize them with the highest type of fellowship among Teaneck's Jewish citizens and to maintain a communal place of worship and a Sunday School for the young folks."

DR. BOOKSTAVER CHOOSES RABBI

Rabbi Pearlman, of N. Y., To Be At Teaneck Jewish Center

1933

Dr. B. S. Bookstaver, president-elect of the Jewish Community Center of Teaneck and Bogota, announces the appointment of Rabbi David W. Pearlman, of New York City, for the Jewish center for Teaneck and Bogota which is to be held at the home of I. Doskow, 265 Elm Avenue, Teaneck, near Cedar Lane. Rabbi Pearlman comes highly recommended to Teaneck.

He is a graduate Rabbi of the Jewish Institute of Religion under Rabbi Dr. Stephen S. Wise; a graduate of N. Y. U. with a degree of B. S.; of Columbia College with a degree of M. A., and research student of the Hebrew University of Palestine and the American School of Archaeology at Jerusalem. He is executive director of the Society for the Advancement of Judaism, headed by Dr. Meordecai M. Kaplan.

Rev. Dr. Joseph Schrieber, of New York City, formerly Rabbi of Budapest, Hungary, will chant the service in Hebrew. Rabbi David Pearlman will conduct the English service as well as preach his sermons in English.

The committee announces that reservation for seats may be made by writing or calling I. Doskow, 265 Elm Avenue, Teaneck, or Dr. B S. Bookstaver, Teaneck. Admittance is free. All Israelites of Bergen County are invited to attend.

Jewish Center Has Been Incorporated

Papers of incorporation have just been filed in the Bergen County Clerk's office, Hackensack, for the Jewish Community Center of Teaneck.

Offices are at 210 Main street, and the purpose of the organization was declared to be "to foster Jewish ideals and Americanism."

George I. Marcus was listed as agent, and trustees include Rose Doskow, George Marcus, Barnet S. Bookstaver, David Rossman,

GUIDE DESTINIES OF JEWISH CENTER

—Bergen Evening Record Photo.

These officials of new administration will form policies for Teaneck Jewish Community Center. Left to right, they are George I. Marcus, vice-president; Dr. J. Dewey Schwarz, president; Rabbi David W. Pearlman, Miss Fanny Feinstein, secretary, and Dr. B. S. Bookstaver, treasurer.

Jewish Center to Be Permanent Here

10/6/33 Times

Services To Continue On Each Friday; Consider Sunday School

Following a meeting on Monday night, the administrators of the Jewish Community Center have announced that the services started in Teaneck during the high holy days will continue for the Jews of Bogota and Teaneck in the studio of Mr. I. Doskow, 265 Elm avenue.

Also, during the next four weeks, the committee will consider starting a Sunday school for Jewish children.

Rabbi Pearlman has offered his services to the center and will preach the sermons each Friday night following the religious services. At the conclusion of this, the ladies auxiliary will serve a colation.

The bringing to Teaneck of the Center was an experiment which seems to have been successful for there are more than sixty regular members of the church already. It is estimated that there are nearly 300 in this vicinity. On Friday night and Saturday of last week, special services were held in celebration of the Atonement.

Starting simply in the studio of Mr. Doskow, the Center is a tribute to those who have had the faith to start it. Many persons have contributed to beautify the hall and to see that it is properly equipped for the services. The Center has been fortunate in having unusually fine rabbis present. Services in both

TEANECK JEWS FORM NEW ORGANIZATIONS

Fri. Nov. 17, 1933

Community Center Adopts Constitution and By-Laws

Adoption of a new constitution and by-laws by both the newly-formed Teaneck Jewish Community Center and its Sisterhood, took place this week. Officers of the center, recently chosen, are Dr. J. Dewey Schwartz, president; George L. Marcus, first vice president; Mrs. Israel Doskow, second vice president; Dr. B. S. Bookstaver, treasurer, and Miss Fannie Feinstein, secretary.

Officers of the Sisterhood were elected this week, as follows: Miss Fanny Feinstein, president; Mrs. B. S. Bookstaver, vice president; Mrs. S. Schulz, recording secretary; Miss Minne Feinstein, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. J. Sholen, treasurer.

A meeting of the Sisterhood will be held at the home of Mrs. George L. Marcus, of 637 North Forest Drive, Teaneck.

Gilbert Glasser, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Glasser, will be confirmed into the Hebrew faith this morning at the studio of Israel Doskow, of 265 Elm avenue, Teaneck.

A Chanukah party will be held by the center Dec. 17, at a place to be announced later, according to tentative plans.

The following persons served as the first slate of officers:

President ..... Dr. J. Dewey Schwarz
First Vice-Pres. ..... Judge George I. Marcus
Second Vice-Pres. ..... Mrs. Israel (Rose) Doskow
Treasurer ..... Dr. Barnet S. Bookstaver
Secretary ..... Fanny Feinstein

Trustees - One Year Term ..... Samuel Seidner
David Rossman
Two Year Term ..... Israel Doskow
Jacob S. Levy
Three Year Term ..... Bernard R. Glasser
Leonard J. Mehlman

A Sisterhood was organized almost simultaneously with the formation of the congregation, with Fanny Feinstein as president; Mrs. Barnet Bookstaver (Anna), vice president; Mrs. Julius Sholem (Ruth), treasurer; Mrs. Sol Schultz (Mildred) of Bogota, recording secretary; Minnie Feinstein, corresponding secretary. This rapidly expanding group of dedicated women prepared the after service collations[1], planned fund-raising events to help defray the expenses of the new Sunday school, and held social and family-oriented events to stimulate membership.

Committees of both men and women were constantly formed to organize Chanukah celebrations, Purim festivals, dinner dances and other special events. Professional entertainment (on one occasion, the complete children's cast of the Horn & Hardart radio program performed), as well as congregational participation, was usually featured at these galas together with speeches from township officials. Most of these festivities were held at the Square Circle Clubhouse on Teaneck Road and Monterey Avenue (the former Bernard and Minna Lippman residence that became a Masonic Hall - see Chapter 3).

Over 300 people attended the new congregation's first social event which was held only a few weeks after the first High Holy Day Services!

A Sunday school was an immediate consideration for the young congregation and arrangements were made with the People's Trust Bank on Palisade Avenue and Cedar Lane to utilize the rooms in its building behind the bank for this purpose. Separate classes were formed for three age groups (in a short time 80 children were enrolled). In addition, there was a half-hour assembly period open to all students and their parents.

Rabbi Pearlman was unable to conduct weekly services after several months (although he did return on a few occasions) and a young rabbinical student from the Jewish Institute of Religion, Emanuel Green, was hired. Dr. Green[2], now professor emeritus at Hofstra University and rabbi emeritus of the North Shore Synagogue of Syosset, New York, served as Teaneck's Congregation Beth Am's first religious leader when it was organized in 1964.[3]

Dr. Green vividly remembers travelling with his wife, Anne, to and from Teaneck on Friday evenings via public transportation. Although his infant congregation was heterogeneous, consisting of some Conservative, some Reform and several Orthodox persons, it was decided to use the Union Prayer Book, to conduct services in Hebrew and English and to feature organ music and a choir. Guest speakers, some of whom were religious leaders from non-Jewish pulpits, were often invited. Saturday morning services were rarely held except for holidays or Bar Mitzvahs. It was difficult for the Orthodox congregants to raise a *minyan* on a weekly basis. Many young men recall being commandeered by their fathers to attend a *Kaddish* service in order to be counted as the tenth man.

As the congregation grew, the Doskow studio could no longer accommodate the worshippers and beginning in April 1934, services as well as the Sunday school were conducted at the building

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1) Friday night services and collations became an important social event in Teaneck's Jewish community within a few years. Those who were absent usually received phone calls the following day from solicitous congregants. A few people raised in Teaneck recall their young non-Jewish friends attending services with them in order to enjoy in the sociability of the evening. After World War II, as the Jewish population increased, attendance was considered imperative for those who desired to become acquainted with the rest of the community.

2) Dr. Green has greatly enlarged the Hebrew section of Hofstra's Comparative Literature and Language Department, established its Judaica Department and stimulated the development of cognate courses in many other areas during his ten-year association with the university. He is the recipient of numerous academic awards and has occupied important positions in educational, religious and literary institutions.

3) Dr. Green is rabbi emeritus of Congregation Beth Am as well.

Jewry Of Township Witnesses First Bar Mitzvah Held Here

1933

Local Merchant's Son Is Confirmed In The Jewish Faith

RECEPTION SUNDAY

Harry Rosen Recites His Pledge Of Religious Fealty

The Jewish Community Centre of Teaneck was the scene of the first Bar Mitzvah ever observed in the township when Harry Rosen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Rosen, of 416 Cedar lane, was confirmed in the Jewish faith. The religious ceremony was held last Saturday at the studio of Israel Doskow where the Jewish Community Centre holds its regular meetings.

The induction services were conducted by Rabbi Emanuel Green and Dr. Isaac Bernard acted as the boy's preceptor. The congregation of the Centre, of which Mr. and Mrs. Rosen are members, was present at the confirmation ceremonies.

In celebration of the important event in the life of young Rosen, who is the son of Benjamin Rosen, proprietor of the Enterprise Dairy, areception was held at the Square Circle clubhouse on Sunday afternoon from 2 until 9 o'clock.. Many relatives and friends were present to listen to the youth recite his pledge of religious fealty and to hear talks given by Rabbi Green and Dr. Bernard. Dr. J. Dewey Schwartz, of Teaneck, acted as toastmaster.

An excellent program of entertainment was presented by well-known artists including Mrs. Rose

JEWS URGED TO TAKE CIVIC PART

300 Hear Mayor At Community Center

More than 300 persons attended the party given yesterday afternoon by the Jewish Community Center of Teaneck at the Square Circle clubhouse, Teaneck Road, Teaneck. This was the first social event sponsored by the Center which was formed only a few weeks ago.

Dr. B. S. Bookstaver, president of the organization, introduced Mayor Karl Van Wagner at the beginning of the program and Van Wagner welcomed the Jews who attended the af-

Girls and Boys of Jewish Center Sunday School Score Hit in Play

Adroit Acting Holds The Attention Of Large Audience

Sunday afternoon at the Square Circle Club, the children of the Sunday School of the Jewish Community Centre of Teaneck gave a Purim Play entitled "Sick Purim." The event was quite successful and indicated that the children in the short space of time of their attendance at school and the few rehearsals they had, were able, despite these shortcomings to master not only the play itself, but the spirit of the occasion.

"Sick Purim" depicted a children's ward in an orphanage on the eve of Purim, the festival of the heroism and loyalty of Esther, a Jewess who became Queen of Persia, and of her kin, Mordecai, who not only saved the life of the king, but later became his devoted and distinguished counselor. The children, who are kept strictly to their beds by a nurse of the ward, take advantage of her absence for a short period and give an extemporaneous play of Purim among themselves with the aid of several others who had been enjoying a Purim Party in the orphanage down below.

For costumes, they ransacked a trunk containing several odds and ends in pajamas and robes and even used the nurse's dress. Some of these sick children had been in a regular Purim Play the year before and remembered some of the lines. The continuity of the play is extremely comical and gave the large audience quite a few laughs; they were likewise thrilled by the adroit and skillful acting of the youngsters.

The Cast

Helen Rossman played the part of Miss Jacobson, the nurse; Florence Weinstein appeared in the roll of Kitty, a lame girl who in the play among themselves played Queen Esther; Allan Schultz took the part of Samuel and later played the villain, Haman; Muriel Spector as Lean was cast as Vashti, the first Queen; Henry Caro was Max in the hospital and in the play took the part of King Xerxes; Eleanore Schwarz was Ruth and also played the parts of Scribe, Courtier and Messenger; Edward Levy took the part of John and then played the part of Court Jester; Blanche Pachman was Sarah and enacted the part of Mordecai, the hero.

At the conclusion of the play, the audience, sensing the wonderful accomplishment of these children, gave vent to their emotions by long and loud applause. The success of the play belongs in no small measure to the fine and able coaching of Miss Fannie Feinstein and Emily Maude Finestone.

Six Tableaux

Following the play the Junior League of the Centre contributed to the day's festivities by giving six tableaux depicting the story of Esther and Mordecai in vivid and beautiful scenes. The effects of the tableaux were enhanced by the costumes of the actors and by the scenic background. Israel Doskow, who is a noted artist, designed the tableaux and the scenery and was instrumental in a large measure for this wonderful success. The cast of characters of the tableaux are as follows: King Xerxes, Julian Bookstaver; Queen Vashti, Bob Hirschthal; Haman, Stanley Saviet; two plotters, Leon Heller and Herbert Kapner; scribe, David Seidner; fan girls, Beatrice Levine, Pauline Botwin, and dancers, Anne Wides, Arlene Fried, Phyllis Kaltman and Ide Wolk.

The younger children of the Sunday School also contributed to the festivities by the singing of songs taught them by their teacher, Mrs. Luttan.

Between the play and tableaux, Stanley Saviet gave a short violin recital accompanied by his father, Dr. N. Saviet at the piano. Introducing the play were two short prologues also given by the children of the school.

Rabbi Emanuel Green, who has taken the place of Dr. David W. Pearlman as Rabbi of the Centre, opened the day's program with a short talk on the significance of Purim to the Jews in general and also explained to the young folks and children the story of Esther and Mordecai, employing modern terms to great advantage.

Dr. Merris Kleit, chairman of the educational committee of the Centre, was in charge of the plans and program of the day. He received able assistance from the other members of the committee. Refreshments were served after the festivities and candy was generously distributed among the children. In spite of the snowstorm and inclement weather conditions, the attendance was considerably larger than expected.

JEWS WILL HOLD FIRST SERVICES IN NEW QUARTERS

4-7-34

Community Center Meets Tonight At Palisade Avenue Rooms

ALL AFFAIRS THERE

Tonight, April 6, at 8:30 o'clock, the Jewish Community Center of Teaneck will hold its first services in its new quarters, 780 Palisade avenue, Teaneck. Rabbi Emanuel Green will officiate.

The new quarters will serve the center as a place of worship and also as a meeting place for the organization and its several sponsored affiliates, including the Sisterhood and the Junior League. Then, too, the Sunday School will be located there and the spacious rooms in the rear of the main room will accommodate informal committee meetings and afford ample room for the service of refreshments.

The place is beautifully decorated and fits in well with the future plans of the Center, particularly the services on the coming High Holy Days in September.

Sisterhood Meets

The Sisterhood of the Center held its regular bi-monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Leonard J. Mehlman, Van Buren avenue, on Monday. The attendance was large and the meeting very interesting. Miss Fannie Feinstein presided.

Among the important matters that came up were, the reading of the report by Mrs. J. Dewey Schwartz, who was in charge of the luncheon and card party held last Wednesday at the Square Circle Club. The report was very gratifying. Mrs. Schwartz was complimented by the Sisterhood on the outstanding success of the affair.

There was also a discussion of a plan for a suitable function to commemorate the opening of the new quarters. After the meeting refreshments were served. The next meeting will be held at the new home of the Center Monday, April 16, at 8:30 p. m.

Meeting of Trustees

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Center was held at 265 Elm avenue.

The next meeting of the Center will be held at its new quarters Tuesday, April 10, at 8:30 p. m.

The first applicants for membership in the "Hebrew Community "Club" of Teaneck

Teaneck Jewish Community Center Gains Substantial Growth in Year

Organized In 1933, With Dr. J. Dewey Schwarz As President, It Quickly Outgrew First Quarters And Now Numbers A Hundred Families

Through the enthusiastic support and generous cooperation of its members, the Teaneck Jewish Community Centre has been one of the most active and flourishing organizations in Teaneck since the time of its first meeting, in September of 1933.

The Community Centre was conceived not only with the idea of providing a religious and social meeting place for the Jewish population, but also with the idea of bringing its members together as a people.

DR. J. DEWEY SCHWARZ

"This idea proved to be so popu-

ciety, the National Dental Association, the Elks Club, the Knights of Pythias, and the Kiwanis Club.

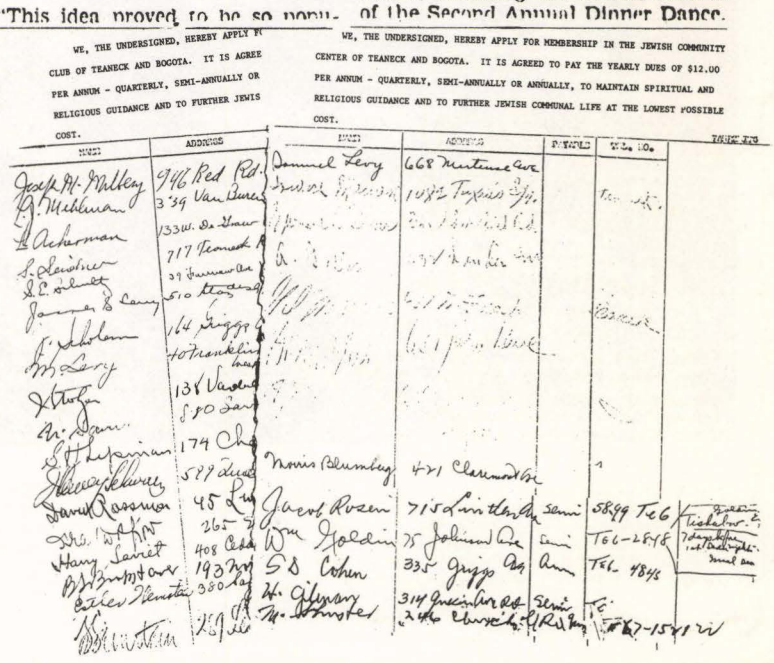
As a resident of Teaneck, Mr. [illegible] very highly of the [illegible] and for the contribution toward making it more attractive. **In his opinion the Township would benefit to a great extent if the powers-that-be were to establish a shade tree commission for the planting and preserving of good looking shade trees throughout Teaneck.**

Speaking as president of the Community Centre, Dr. Schwarz said of his Teaneck neighbors:

"The amicable relationship of our neighbors has been nothing short of a Utopia of the Brotherhood of Man."

The Jewish organization of Teaneck can also well be proud of their Sunday School which is said to be second to none in the State of New Jersey.

Auxiliary to the main Centre is the women's division, or Sisterhood, which, following the recent success of the Second Annual Dinner Dance,



WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, HEREBY APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER OF TEANECK AND BOGOTA. IT IS AGREED TO PAY THE YEARLY DUES OF $12.00 PER ANNUM - QUARTERLY, SEMI-ANNUALLY OR ANNUALLY, TO MAINTAIN SPIRITUAL AND RELIGIOUS GUIDANCE AND TO FURTHER JEWISH COMMUNAL LIFE AT THE LOWEST POSSIBLE COST.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, HEREBY APPLY FO[illegible] CLUB OF TEANECK AND BOGOTA. IT IS AGREE[illegible] PER ANNUM - QUARTERLY, SEMI-ANNUALLY OR [illegible] RELIGIOUS GUIDANCE AND TO FURTHER JEWIS[illegible] COST.

Jewish Community Center
Teaneck, N.J.
New Years Party - 1933-34
Adolphe Studio
Teaneck, N.J.

KEY TO NEW YEARS PARTY CELEBRANTS

1. Mrs. Furman
2. Mrs. Caro
3. Fanny Seebeck
4. Regina Saviet
5. Sydelle Glasser
6. Mae Wells
7. Dr. Nathaniel Saviet
8. Ruth Eisenbrook
9. Miriam Levy
10. Millie Schultz
11. Fanny Feinstein
12. Morris Shuster
13. Bernice Shuster
14. Emily Kahn
15. Rose Doskow
16. Israel Doskow
17. Bess Pachman
18. Samuel Pachman
19. Miriam Victor
20. Joe Victor
21. Mr. Farb
22. Roberta Farb
23. Mr. Furman
24. Jacob Levy
25. ?
26. ?
27. ?
28. Mr. Stein
29. Mrs. Stein
30. Mrs. David Rossman
31. Ruth Sholem
32. ?
33. David Rossman
34. ?
35. ?
36. Alan Appelbaum (Visitor)
37. Julius Sholem
38. Nathan Kahn
39. Sarah Appelbaum (Visitor)
40. Sam Shure (Visitor)
41. Bernie Glasser
42. Elmer Seebeck
43. Sol Schultz
44. Gilbert Glasser

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER OF TEANECK

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REGULAR FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES - 8:30 P.M.
to be held at
STUDIO OF MR. ISRAEL DOSKOW
265 ELM AVENUE TEANECK, N.J.

RABBI DAVID W. PEARLMAN, OFFICIATING

LECTURE - "INTER-MARRIAGE"

OPEN DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS

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At the first Annual Meeting held Monday, October 30, 1933, the following Officers and Trustees were elected:

PRESIDENT - - DR. J. DEWEY SCHWARZ
VICE PRESIDENTS - GEO. I. MARCUS ROSE DOSKOW
TREASURER - - DR. B.S. BOOKSTAVER
SECRETARY (Rec. & Corr.) F. FEINSTEIN
TRUSTEES: One year term S. SEIDNER
D. ROSSMAN
Two year term I. DOSKOW
J.S. LEVY
Three year term B.R. GLASSER
L.J. MEHLMAN

The adoption of Constitution and By Laws which was begun at this meeting will be continued at a meeting to be held following services Friday of this week.

The matter of a Sunday School for the Jewish children of our community is now being given careful consideration. Will those ineerested in enrolling pupils kindly register names with the Secretary at the first opportunity? We are almost ready to start on this project and hope for your sincere co-operation.

BY ORDER OF
THE PRESIDENT SECRETARY

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER of TEANECK
780 Palisade Avenue
Teaneck, New Jersey

October 23, 1935

Dear Member:

As you no doubt know, or have heard, the Center has purchased a tract of land for cemetery purposes, for resale to its members in various size plots. The profits on such sales would of course go to the Center. This purchase was made possible by Dr. Bookstaver who, in order to give the Center a good start to make some real money, paid the first down payment and subsequent payments for principal and interestn the purchase price. To date none of this has been repaid to him.

It is only fair that Dr. Bookstaver be reimbursed for the monies advanced on this contract and therefore the Cemetery Committee feels that some effort should be made at once to sell some of these plots, which are being offered for sale to MEMBERS ONLY at prices and upon terms and conditions set forth below. The Committee has given the matter very careful and deliberate consideration and hopes you will agree with it that these prices and terms are very fair. It is quite likely, however, that at a later date (possibly after formal dedication to the Center) the prices will have to be increased, but more about that at a later date - depending upon general conditions.

We purchased a part of Beth-El Cemetery in Paramus, N. J.; the tract in question is located right at the side of the main entrance and is about fifteen minutes from the Center Headquarters - very conveniently located. The Committee will do their very best to see that the property is laid out practically and attractively in family plots, with provisions for single graves for adults and children. Following is the schedule of prices:

A - Family plots of 6 graves	(front plots)	$300
B - " " " 6 "	(inside plots)	250
C - " " " 4 graves	(front plots)	225
D - " " " 4 "	(inside plots)	200
E - Single graves	(for adults)	60
F - " "	(for children)	50

We are anxious to get your reaction on this very important matter and would thank you to answer the questions on the enclosed slip, sign and mail it at once to the Chairman of the Committee. The Soooner we get this information, the sooner it will help us decide to either continue with this contract, or drop the matter now. We hope you realize the importance of the matter and will respond just as soon as possible. The Center is very willing to live up to the terms of its contract with the Beth-El Cemetery Assn. and make the payments required, if co-operation of the members is obtained, and it would be in a position then to reimburse Dr. Bookstaver for all the money he has paid to date on its purchase.

Fraternally yours,

J. Levy

CHAIRMAN
CEMETERY COMMITTEE, 402 State Street,
Hackensack, N. J.

Jewish Community Center
Teaneck, New Jersey
September, 1934
to
June of 1935

April 24, 1934

Budget

Income

1. Seventy families @ $25.00 per year for membership	$1750.00
2. Holyday attendance	200.00
3. Gifts to center on the occasion of Births, Bar-Mitzvahs, Weddings, and other occasions	150.00
4. Sunday School - 50 children @ $10.00 for year	500.00
5. Ladies auxiliary	800.00
6. One dinner, dance, journal affair	500.00
7. Friday night and sundry contributions	200.00
8. School children social service fund	100.00
TOTAL INCOME	$4200.00

Expenditures

1. Rental, per month	$ 40.00
2. Gas and electricity	10.00
3. Janitor service	30.00
4. Laundry	5.00
5. Stationery, stamps, typing, bulletins, school paper, machine	30.00
6. Choir leader and school music	45.00
7. Rabbi	135.00
ON A TEN MONTH BASIS	$2950.00
8. Cantor for Holydays	150.00
9. Social service fund	100.00
10. United Palestine Campaign	75.00
11. American Jewish Congress	100.00
12. Institution of Jewish Learning	50.00
13. Miscellaneous	50.00
14. Library fund	50.00
15. School supplies	50.00
Total Expenditures	$3525.00
Building fund	560.00
	$4025.00

Jewish Community Center
Teaneck, New Jersey

Activities
September 1934
to
September 1935
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Friday
1. Religious services 8:45 to 9:45 P.M.
2. Once a month, after the services, a meeting of the religious committee to study and arrange meaningful services; integrate prayers, sermon, responsive readings, and the music; special services for festivals, etc.

Saturday
1. Religious services during festivals, and for Bar-Mitzvahs, unless there should be a minyan for an orthodox service every Saturday.

Sunday
1. Older children meet from ..... 9:30 to 10:30 A.M.
2. Confirmation group meets from ..... 9:30 to 10:30 A.M.
3. Assembly for all the children and for parents .... 10:30 to 11:00 A.M.
4. Younger children meet from ..... 11:00 to 12:00 Noon

STUDY GROUPS

1. Modern conversational Hebrew.
2. History of modern Hebrew Literature and selected translations.
3. The message of the Prophets.
4. The romance of Jewish history.
5. Modern Jewish History (1750-1934)
6. The labor movement in Palestine.
7. The philosophy of Achad-Haam
8. Literary forms in the Bible
9. What is a Jewish home?
10. Iddish literature:
11. Theories of Jewish survival.
12. The Jewish American scene.
13. Challenges to Judiasm throughout the ages.
14. Readings in translations of Hebrew classics.
15. The weekly portion of the Bible.

The Early Years of the Jewish Community Center

on Palisade Avenue.[1] The Jewish Community Center began an ambitious adult education program featuring a substantial number and variety of courses and instituted several youth groups such as the Junior League (for young adults), the Junior Circle[2], and the American Jewish Congress (see footnote in Chapter 7). Cocoa parties were held Saturday evenings in the various members' homes for pre-teens and young teenagers, enabling them to meet Jewish youngsters from outside of Teaneck. (Indeed, when a Jewish family wanted to hold a social gathering for its son or daughter, it was almost mandatory to import additional Jewish children from other communities in Bergen County.)

Rabbi Green remained with this young congregation until he was ordained in 1935 and then, for economic reasons, accepted a full-time pulpit elsewhere. Rabbi Charles Freedman was his immediate successor, followed by Rabbi Joseph Sarachek, Rabbi Maurice Teshnor[3], and Rabbi Gabriel Schulman, who conducted the center's first Confirmation service in 1937.[4] The confirmants were Eleanor Schwarz, Jerry Wells, Lenore Sussman, Ruth Rapfogel, Nelson Bookstaver, Jerome Abrahamson and Dorothy Goldstone.

During this interim period, the Jewish Community Center was forced to look elsewhere for new quarters when the Palisade Avenue premises was sold to Dr. Abram Weiss who converted it into a medical center. A small store on Teaneck Road and Golf Court was the next temporary location, but quickly proved totally inadequate for its needs. Some time in 1936, Dr. Bookstaver succceeded in renting the lower floor of the Masonic building (which had been used previously just for the Center's special functions). The congregation remained here until 1939, when it managed to purchase the State Troopers building at 1075 Queen Anne Road near Route 4 (this is now the Christian Science Church). There are many conflicting stories concerning this purchase, but all appear to agree that considerable difficulty was involved. Whether the owner, a mortgage company in Newark, was unwilling to sell to a Jewish organization or to any organization at all, remains in dispute. In any event, it agreed to sell to an individual for $10,000 and Dr. Bookstaver was the person who signed the bond and was liable for all payments. When neighbors discovered the building's new purpose, a petition was circulated against it. It came to naught but this would not be the last time that a synagogue in Teaneck faced petitions, negative legislation and neighborhood reaction (not totally non-Jewish). In its desire not to exacerbate the situation further, the Jewish Community Center never placed a religious symbol outside of the Queen Anne Road building.

To the credit of the township's citizens it is known that all labor and material for repair of the building's basement was donated by Christians and the alterations on the main floor were performed by members of Teaneck's Police Department.

The Jewish Community Center remained there until June 1949, when it moved to the newly-constructed Prince Street building. In the ensuing ten years, the congregation increased in size from approximately 125 families to 450. The Sunday school grew into a Hebrew school, employing at least four teachers, and religious and social functions grew in importance. Affairs were held at Temple Emanuel in Paterson, the Swiss Chalet Restaurant, Casa Mana (situated where the Pathmark Supermarket is presently located on Cedar Lane) and in several New York hotels. High Holy Day services were held, among other places, at the Bergen Junior College (now

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1) It should be noted that Reverend William K. Russell of Christ Church, then located on Rugby Road and Rutland Avenue, (this building later was sold to Congregation Beth Sholom) offered the facilities of his church to the Jewish Center before it moved to its second location. He also invited them to attend inter-faith services at the church on several occasions.

2) The Junior Circle was an organization for girls that was sponsored by the congregation but met at people's homes. It became known as the Scheer Circle when the congregation moved to Queen Anne Road. At one time Mrs. Fay Ettelson formed a Charm Club, which also met in the members' homes and dealt with grooming and other social amenities for young ladies.

3) On November 3, 1939 Mrs. Ethel Teshnor, wife of Rabbi Teshnor, was the first woman to occupy the pulpit of the Jewish Community Center. On the occasion of the synagogue's Matriarch Sabbath, she spoke on the subject, "Were This A Woman's World." A noted author, editor and lecturer, Mrs. Teshnor had delivered many other addresses from pulpits of synagogues and churches.

4) One informant recalls that the young rabbis were originally paid the sum of $50 to officiate at four Friday evening services.

Teaneck Jewish Community Center
Membership List — 1935

Ackerman, Mrs. L.	Teaneck, N.J.
Breitenstein	Teaneck, N.J.
Bookstaver, Dr. B. S.	Teaneck, N.J.
Berck, Victor	Teaneck, N.J.
Bechhofer, J.	Teaneck, N.J.
Butzel, Benj.	Bogota, N.J.
Bernstein, Bernie	W. Englewood, N.J.
Blumberg, M.	Teaneck, N.J.
Bernstein, J. L.	W. Englewood, N.J.
Botwen, Nat.	Bogota, N.J.
Ball, J.	W. Englewood, N.J.
Beispeil, B.	Bogota, N.J.
Bendheim, Mrs. A.	Teaneck, N.J.
Block & Dormer	Teaneck, N.J.
Blum, S.	Teaneck, N.J.
Bressler, H.	W. Englewood, N.J.
Cutler, S.	W. Englewood, N.J.
Caro & Furman	Teaneck, N.J.
Cohen, Sam'l D.	Teaneck, N.J.
Clemens, M. A.	Teaneck, N.J.
Chayse, Dr. A.	Teaneck, N.J.
Cohen, Jacob	Teaneck, N.J.
Cohen, N.W.	Teaneck, N.J.
Daniels, H.	W. Englewood, N.J.
Dobrow, H. W.	W. Englewood, N.J.
Doskow, Israel	Teaneck, N.J.
Dresner, Joseph	Teaneck, N.J.
Ettelson,	Englewood, N.J.
Eysmann, H.	Teaneck, N.J.
Etten, A.	W. Englewood, N.J.
Field, W. H.	Teaneck, N.J.
Fried, Leo H.	Teaneck, N.J.
Fuchs, Dr. Jos. B.	Teaneck, N.J.
Friedel, Lou E.	Bogota, N.J.
Feinstein, Miss F.	Bogota, N.J.
Franklin, Dr. S.	Englewood, N.J.
Fox, A. S.	Grantwood, N.J.
Greenhaus, A.	Bogota, N.J.
Gordon, Benj. E.	Teaneck, N.J.
Gordon, B. M.	Teaneck, N.J.
Gilman, Harry	Teaneck, N.J.
Glasser, Burnhard R.	W. Englewood, N.J.
Goldstein, Dr. Louis	Bogota, N.J.
Ginsburg, L.	Teaneck, N.J.
Golden, Wm.	Teaneck, N.J.
Gallis, Arthur S.	Teaneck, N.J.
Gold, Bnj.	West Englewood, N.J.
Green, Rabbi Emanuel	
Green, M.	New York, N.Y.
Gutterman	Teaneck, N.J.
Harris, Sol	W. Englewood, N.J.
Hirschman, David	W. Englewood, N.J.
Hirschthal, Arthur F.	Bogota, N.J.
Hyman, Dr. J.	Teaneck, N.J.
Holland, A.	Teaneck, N.J.
Jessurun, W. S.	Teaneck, N.J.
Jacobs, Al	Bogota, N.J.
Jackmann, Dr. Philip	Teaneck, N.J.
Kline, M.B.	W. Englewood, N.J.
Kaplan, I.	Teaneck, N.J.
Kalmen, Philip	Teaneck, N.J.
Katzman, Moe	W. Englewood, N.J.
Kleit, Dr. M.W.	Teaneck, N.J.
Keller, C.	Teaneck, N.J.
Katz, R.	Teaneck, N.J.
Krieg, Benj.	Teaneck, N.J.
Kozodoy, I.	W. Englewood, N.J.
Kahn, N.	Teaneck, N.J.
Kurtz	Teaneck, N.J.
Kapp, L. J.	Teaneck, N.J.
Knap	W. Englewood, N.J.
Liftin, D.	Teaneck, N.J.
Lebson, J.M.	Teaneck, N.J.
Levine, Herman B.	W.Englewood, N.J.
Levy, Jacob S.	Teaneck, N.J.
Levy, S.	Teaneck, N.J.
Levine, M.	Teaneck, N.J.
Leight, Mrs. Sadye K.	Teaneck, N.J.
Levy, M.	W. Englewood, N.J.
Lipman, R.	Teaneck, N.J.
Lurrie, L.B.	W. Englewood, N.J.
Litwin	W. Englewood, N.J.
Lenrow	Dumont, N.J.
Marians, Isadore	W. Englewood, N.J.
Miller, Abe	Teaneck, N.J.
McKercher, Frank S.	Bogota, N.J.
Mehlman, Leonard J.	Teaneck, N.J.
Milberg, Jos. M.	Teaneck, N.J.
Marcus, A.	W. Englewood, N.J.
Marcus, Wm. S.	W. Englewood, N.J.
Marcus, Hon. Geo. I.	W. Englewood, N.J.
Matthews, Ben	Teaneck, N.J.
Parent	Teaneck, N.J.
Pachmann, Albert S.	W. Englewood, N.J.
Rosenberg, H.J.	Teaneck, N.J.
Rosen, B.	Teaneck, N.J.
Rosen, J.	Teaneck, N.J.
Rossman, D.	Teaneck, N.J.
Rappaport, L.	Ridgefield Park, N.J.
Rosenberg, A.	Bogota, N.J.
Rash, F.	Bogota, N.J.
Rich	W. Englewood, N.J.
Rubin, Leo.	Teaneck, N.J.
Rubin, Mrs. Beth	Bogota, N.J.
Silver	Teaneck, N.J.
Starr, H.	W. Englewood, N.J.
Seidner, S.	Teaneck, N.J.
Shotin, Mrs. J.	Teaneck, N.J.
Schwarz, Dr. J. Dewey	Teaneck, N.J.
Schwarz, Dr. A. J.	Teaneck, N.J.
Shapiro, L.	Teaneck, N.J.
Stolzer, I.	Teaneck, N.J.
Saviet, Dr. N.	Teaneck, N.J.
Saviet, H.	Teaneck, N.J.
Schultz, S.	Bogota, N.J.
Seebeck, E.	Teaneck, N.J.
Spector, Moe A.	Teaneck, N.J.
Silverman, I. A.	Teaneck, N.J.
Siegel, George	Englewood, N.J.
Siegel, Jules	Teaneck, N.J.
Scholem, J.	Teaneck, N.J.
Solomon, S.	Hackensack, N.J.
Schoenberg, Mrs. H.	Teaneck, N.J.
Schoem, H.	Teaneck, N.J.
Shuster, M.	W. Englewood, N.J.
Siegel, B.	W. Englewood, N.J.
Simon, H.	Teaneck, N.J.
Schiff, Mrs. J.M.	W. Englewood, N.J.
Tannenhaus, Mrs. S.	W. Englewood, N.J.
Turtletaub, H.	Englewood, N.J.
Thurnauer	W. Englewood, N.J.
Victor, Wm.	Bogota, N.J.
Weinstein, M.H.	Teaneck, N.J.
Wells, Nat	Teaneck, N.J.
Wolosin, H.	Teaneck, N.J.
Wolff, Dr. E.	W. Englewood, N.J.
Wollowitz, Dr.	Hackensack, N.J.
Winick, Benj.	W. Englewood, N.J.
Zelnick, S.	Teaneck, N.J.

Fairleigh Dickinson University), at the Bergen County YMHA and the Teaneck movie theatre, to accommodate the increasing attendance.[1] Rabbi Samuel Geffen supervised this development and encouraged a more observant form of worship. He will be discussed at greater length in Chapter 8.

The Founding Families

MISS FANNIE FEINSTEIN — A resident of Bogota, Miss Feinstein became one of the first and most ardent supporters of the Jewish Community Center. Considered the "mother" of the new congregation, Fannie never married and dedicated every spare moment to its formation. She was its first secretary, first president of sisterhood, organist and piano accompanist. She also supervised the festival programs and Confirmations and was actively involved in policy decisions as well. The Sunday school won her special attention and much of her time was devoted to meeting with its faculty and enrolling new students. A career woman, Fannie Feinstein drove her own car and frequently went about calling for the children herself eliminating any excuse for a possible absence. Upon her death, it was learned that she had purchased a large Bible for the center and had bequeathed her entire estate of $250 to the congregation.

DR. J. DEWEY & CECILIA SCHWARZ — The Schwarz family came to Teaneck from Jersey City in 1931, and after several moves within the town settled at 1000 Queen Anne Road, on the corner of Dewey Place (named for Dr. Schwarz). Dr. Schwarz established a dental practice in Teaneck in 1933 and eventually made this his sole office, closing the one he had maintained for many years in Jersey City.

Dr. and Mrs. Schwarz were enthusiastic and gregarious public-spirited citizens; their list of civic activities is an impressive one. Cecilia was active in the Red Cross and fund-raising affairs for Holy Name Hospital, was a past president of the Visiting Nurse Service and held numerous positions in the PTA (she was Program chairperson of the high school PTA before any of her children ever attended the school[2] and ran huge affairs, often attracting as many as 600 people). Several months after they moved to Teaneck, Mrs. Schwarz held the first high school scholarship fund-raiser on their lawn and sometime later appeared in a minstrel show at Christ Church to raise funds for the Citizens School Committee.

Dr. Schwarz was secretary of the Teaneck Masonic Lodge and was elected commander of the Bergen County American Legion; Mrs. Schwarz was active in its Ladies Auxiliary.[3] July 4th festivities in Teaneck often ended at the Schwarz home (it was close to the parade route) for members of the Legion and National Guard and their families. What began as a July 4th birthday party for one of their daughters developed into an annual community fete.

The Schwarzes also devoted much of their time and energy to the development of the Jewish Community Center. Dewey Schwarz served as its first president and Cecilia helped establish the Sisterhood. She supervised numerous fund-raisers for the group including a spectacular Russian Cabaret Night at the Bergen County YMHA in 1935. Five hundred people bought tickets for this glamorous event that occupied two floors of the "Y" and featured two orchestras (one American and one consisting of balalaikas). Exotic refreshments were served including borscht and blintzes, made by the ladies of the Sisterhood, and "bubleechkies" (sweet bagels) and "kilky" (tiny, spicy-tasting fish). Members of the congregation operated booths that featured games of chance and one Teaneck police officer volunteered his services as a fortune teller. Mrs. Schwarz

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1) The orthodox members of the congregation remained at the Queen Anne Road building, refusing to travel to the distant YMHA and considered the Teaneck theatre an unsuitable place for a religious service.

2) During this period in Teaneck, it was customary for everyone to belong to PTA, whether or not they had children in the school system.

3) Their son, J. Donald Schwarz, still resides in Teaneck and is a 30-year member of the American Legion himself. He also belongs to the Sons of the American Legion and was a vice-president of B'nai Yeshurun. His wife, Joan Betty, is a past president of ORT in Teaneck. The Schwarz' daughters are Eleanor Speck of River Vale, and Gwendolyn Schlesinger of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dr. Morris Kleit

Ruth Kleit

Cecilia Schwarz

GIVE PURIM PARTY AT JEWISH CENTER

Mock Wedding, Plays Feature Program At Teaneck Celebration

The third annual Purim party was presented yesterday afternoon to more than 250 friends and members of the Jewish Community Center of Teaneck at Square Circle Clubhouse, Teaneck Road. Featured on the program was a program.

The mock wedding was with a cast including Irving Stolzer, Murray B. Klein, Fannie Feinstein, Dr. N. Saviet, Harry Bressler, Mrs. M. Shottin, Mark Levy, J. Davidson, Henry Simon, Samuel Levy, Sol Schultz, George Marcus, Israel Doskow, Mrs. J. Dewey Schwarz, Mrs. M. Weinstein, Mrs. Morris Kleit, and Mrs. Mark Levy.

Another skit included in the cast Murry B. Klein, Harry Bressler, Miss Fanny Feinstein, Mrs. M. Shotin, Mrs. S. Schoenberg, Mrs. Mark Levy, Henry Simon, Nathan Wells, Hyman Starr, and J. Davison.

The program of entertainment was arranged and directed by Rabbi Charles S. Friedman and Dr. Morris Kleit. Assisting them were George Marcus J. Davidson, Irving Stolzer, and Sol. Schultz.

Prizes for original costumes were won by Stanley Levy, Stanley Marcus, Elaine Marcus, Joy Fields, and Elaine Saviet.

A play, "The Tiny Masqueraders", directed by Miss Selevan was given and in the cast were Stewart Friedlander, John Fields, Sonya Wells, Arnold Spector, Robert Cohen, Joan Saviet, Joyce Simen, Carol Siegel, Pearl Wells, Nahum Doskow, Edgar Davidson, Edward Bressler, Norman Schultz, and Robert Wolowitz.

"The Casting of Lots", another play, directed by Miss Sarah Halpern, was presented, and characters were Lenore Sussman, Muriel Spector, Jerry Wells, Carl Bernstein, Allan Schultz, Jack Dobrow, Herbert Stolzer, Dorothy

First Entertainment, Jewish Community Center Mock Wedding — Top Row - left to right - Sam Levy, Israel Doskow, Judge George Marcus, Dr. Nathaniel Saviet, Julius Sholem, Henry Simon. Bottom - Ruth Kleit, Cecil Levy, Cecilia Schwarz, Esther Weinstein.

Leonard and Anna Mehlman

remembered that many non-Jews attended on this occasion in addition to other early fund-raisers of the Jewish Community Center.[1]

Dr. Schwarz was involved with the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and in 1936 received a special citation from it for his participation and leadership in its campaign for aid to distressed Jews in Germany and Eastern Europe. In Bergen County, he actively fought against the German-American Bund (more will be written about the Bund in a subsequent chapter).

Dr. J. Dewey Schwarz died in Teaneck in 1958. Two years later Mrs. Schwarz moved to Hackensack. She died in July 1976.

DR. MORRIS AND RUTH KLEIT — The Kleits were encouraged to move to Teaneck by their relatives, the Herman Schoems (Chapter 1). They left Passaic in 1931 to take up residence and open Dr. Kleit's dental office. (His office is still located on Cedar Lane.)

Morris Kleit vigorously served the congregation in many capacities; he was first chairperson of the Education Committee and president of the original Men's Club (known as the Shield Club). He continued to participate through the years as chairperson of the board of trustees, chairperson of the dedication ceremonies for the Prince Street edifice and as a member of the Building Fund Committee for the Sterling Place building. Dr. Kleit was a recipient of the board of trustees' annual award for outstanding services rendered on behalf of the Jewish Community Center; he is a lifetime member of this board. Dr. Kleit was a prominent member of the Bergen County YMHA during its formative years and has vivid memories of the many extraordinary efforts extended by the members, including paying maintenance bills themselves when funds were lacking. Mrs. Kleit participated in Jewish Community Center Sisterhood functions and recalls one activity in particular that they sponsored — hiring instructors, for several seasons, to teach ballroom dancing to their high school youngsters who were required to wear white gloves!

Dr. Kleit was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Jewish Welfare Council of Bergen County (now called the Jewish Federation of Community Services, Bergen County) and belonged to the non-denominational Men's Club of the Community Church. He was a prominent participant in early UJA drives.

The Kleits were the youngest of the founding families of the Jewish Community Center. They now live in Hackensack, but still retain their membershp at the Center, and enjoy an active life. Their son, Stuart, is a professor at the University of Indiana Medical School, and their daughter, Lois, is married to Dr. Charles Rose of South Orange.

JUDGE GEORGE AND RUTH MARCUS — In 1930, George Marcus, a lawyer who practiced in Hackensack, was appointed municipal magistrate in Palisade Park. This represented one of the first appointments of a Jewish attorney to such a position.

In 1932 the Marcus family moved to Teaneck and almost immediately became concerned with the formation of its first Jewish congregation. Serving as attorney and first vice-president of the Center, it was Judge Marcus who filed the organization's original incorporation papers. He possessed an outgoing personality and was an active membership solicitor as well as a talented chairperson who organized many early functions.

Some long-time residents remember the judge selling defense bonds from the stage of the Teaneck Theatre. Ruth Marcus was a diligent worker for the Red Cross and the Bundles for Britain program, as well as a dedicated member of the Sisterhood.

Mrs. Marcus passed away in 1953 and the Judge died in 1966. Their daughter, Shirley Marcus Paige, passed away prematurely several years ago. Their son, Stanley, a graduate of his father's alma mater, New York Law School, is a real estate developer in Hackensack. He was a councilperson and member of the Haworth Planning Board.

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1) In 1933, during the Depression, Mrs. Schwarz served on the Town Council's Emergency Relief Welfare Board with Reverend William Russell, Mr. Peiff, Mrs. Van Wagner and Dr. Farr.

Leonard J. and Anna Mehlman — The country air of Teaneck lured the Mehlman family from Jersey City in 1927. They enjoyed the rural surroundings and the company of their small, closely-knit circle of Jewish friends. Their daughter, Naomi Mehlman Fischer[1] who now lives in the Bronx, New York, reminisces about being brought as a child to people's homes and put to sleep crosswise on beds laden with coats (and being awakened after the evening's festivities to be taken home). "Friendships lasted a lifetime — there was closeness and deep affection."

The Mehlmans were committed to the formation of the new congregation. Leonard Mehlman, an attorney, was a member of the first board of trustees and participated in many activities, especially the establishment of the Sunday school. Anna Mehlman sang in the choir, as did Dr. and Mrs. J. Dewey Schwarz and Mildred Bichunsky Korn. (Mrs. Mehlman's brother, Maurice Grudin of Paterson, played the organ and accompanied the choir for many years.)

Mr. Mehlman participated in other organizations such as the American Legion and the Order of the Roundtable[2]. He was an ardent worker for the Democratic Party. Mrs. Mehlman, educated at Hunter College, was active in PTA and studied ceramics (originally with the late Israel Doskow) and did oil painting professionally. Before they moved to Florida in 1969, her works were exhibited throughout Bergen County. Both Mr. and Mrs. Mehlman passed away several years later.

Dr. Barnet S. and Anna Bookstaver (See Chapter 4)

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1) The Mehlmans' son, Bernard, resides in Old Tappan.

2) The Order of the Roundtable was a non-denominational organization that met regularly to advocate civil rights for all people and to attack verbally the German-American Bund. Its membership consisted of professional (one informant recalls that many members were attorneys) and non-professional men.

RUGBY ROAD AND RUTLAND AVENUE • WEST ENGLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY
WILLIAM KNIGHT RUSSELL, RECTOR

February 23, 1939.

Dr. B.S. Bookstaver
193 Morris Road
Teaneck, New Jersey.

Dear Dr. Bookstaver:

I want to thank you and the good people of the Jewish Community Center for the gracious reception you gave me last Friday night. It has been, through these years, one of my happiest experiences to attend the services at the Center.

I remember so well the beginnings in the Bank Building, then your removal to larger quarters on Teaneck Road, and now into a home of your own. Your progress has been steady and well planned and I want to congratulate you all on what you have achieved in a fine home in which you can carry on more effectively your life and ministries. Behind it all, too, you have a good spirit of friendliness and devotion, which means everything.

With every good wish to you all and with sincere appreciation for your many kindnesses to me, I am,

Faithfully yours,

William K. Russell

Jewish Community Centre
Masonic Hall, Teaneck, N. J.

Confirmation Service
Sunday, May the sixteenth
Nineteen hundred thirty-seven

ORDER OF SERVICE

Hymn Processional	Choir
Opening Prayer	Eleanor R. Schwarz
The Decalogue	Jerry Wells
The Floral Crown	Lenore M. Sussman
Seu Sheorim	Cantor and Choir
Blessing over Thora	Confirmants
Reading Scripture	Eleanor R. Schwarz
The Haftoroh	[Nelson Bookstaver [Jerome Abramson
Voluntary	Organ
Yoh Eli	Mr. Jack Davison
Confession of Faith	Confirmants
Yehallelu	Cantor and Choir
Pansies	Dorothy A. Goldstone
Hyacinths and Violets	Ruth P. Raplogel
The American Jew	[Nelson Bookstaver [Jerome Abramson
Closing Prayer	Jerome Wells
Anthem	Choir

Chapter 7

Profiles in Dedication

"He that does good for good's sake seeks neither praise nor reward, though sure of both at last."

William Penn

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Sadie Klang Leight

When Gustave and Sadie Leight decided to move from New York City in 1920, it was a simple matter for them to select New Jersey. Before making this decision, they had spent many free hours riding New Jersey's trolleys and hiking through the Palisades. Although they considered living in Westchester and Long Island, desiring to be near Mr. Leight's legal practice in the City, the beauty of the New Jersey countryside convinced them to reside here.

The Leights bought their home at 263 East Fort Lee Road in the section of Teaneck that was unofficially known as "Manhattan Heights." Whether or not Teaneck had a Jewish community was of little consequence to them because they could always join their family in New York for the holidays or participate in the services and activities of synagogues in other parts of Bergen County[1]. They became involved almost immediately in the establishment of the Bergen County YMHA in Hackensack and were one of its founding families.

Civic endeavors occupied a good part of their time, starting with Holy Name Hospital (Mrs. Leight was a member of its Women's Auxiliary and secretary to the Main Auxiliary[2]); the Teaneck Women's Club (she was a charter member as well as its secretary); the Eastern Star and the Masonic Order (she was a matron of the Hackensack Chapter). The Bergen County Section of the National Council of Jewish Women was very important to Sadie Leight; she served it in many capacities (including president) and continued her work after it evolved into the Teaneck Section. As Social Service chairperson, she undertook the enormously time-consuming task of investigating the needs of the Jewish underprivileged throughout the county and the dispensing of funds and assistance to meet their needs. As a member of Council's Community Welfare Committee, she interviewed and placed volunteers for service with the charitable or welfare organizations to which they were best suited. As an active participant in Council's Jewish Refugee Service Committee, she assisted HIAS in the resettlement of Jewish families that had escaped from Europe even before the outbreak of World War II. Sadie Leight's early position as a young girl working in a non-sectarian Settlement House in New York City provided substantial experience for her future undertakings and gave Bergen County an invaluable asset.

When Gustave Leight died prematurely in 1933 at the age of 40, Mrs. Leight continued her many activities and even added several more. She was a tireless Red Cross volunteer[3] who acted

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1) Their daughter, Rita, was confirmed at Temple Emanu-El in Englewood, and Sadie Leight later organized the Sunday School at Hackensack's Hebrew Institute.

2) Other Jewish members of Holy Name Hospital's Women's Auxiliary were Libbie Stolzer, Rebe Hyman, the late Cecilia Schwarz and the late Henrietta Eysmann who was awarded a service medal for her fund-raising efforts on its behalf. During the war years Mr. David Musicant volunteered his services as ambulance driver for the institution.

3) Among the many other devoted Jewish Red Cross volunteers in Teaneck were Kitty Perryman, a district captain, Miriam Harris, Esther Steiner, the late Cecilia Schwarz, the late Ruth Marcus, the late Pauline Levine, Estelle Schneider, Rebe Hyman, Ruth Lipschitz Wiener and the late Israel Doskow. Ceil Fields was a Red Cross chairperson and, in addition to participating in town, performed volunteer Red Cross work at several hospitals.

as chauffeur during the day and as telephone operator at night. The Bergen County "Y" employed her to organize its youth group and she undertook this responsibility for approximately ten years with outstanding success. As the center of Jewish activity in Bergen County, the YMHA was its most important unifying force until well after World War II. Sadie Leight maintained the interest of Jewish youngsters by planning numerous and varied activities that were certain to attract their participation. An entire generation recalls the Sunday afternoon basketball games and the dances that followed. There were swim parties, picnics, hay rides, discussion groups and even a Boy Scout troop. Other "Y" sponsored young adult organizations were *Raiim,* for boys, and *Avodan,* for girls.[1]

For twelve years Mrs. Leight volunteered her services to the Jewish Community Center as secretary registrar of the Sunday school, succeeding her daughter, Rita, after the latter's marriage. Her status as a volunteer changed when she was officially employed in 1955, and became totally concerned professionally in its ever-expanding Hebrew-Sunday school programs.

Sadie Leight passed away in 1973, but has left a beautiful legacy. The Jewish Community Center's nursery school program has been named in her memory in gratitude and recognition of her devotion to the community, especially to its children.

Her family, Philip and Rita Sher, continue to serve Teaneck's and Bergen County's Jewish community. A member of Englewood's earliest Jewish family[2], Phil Sher offered his services as cantor to the Teaneck Jewish Community Center during its early period, until a full-time professional *chazzan* was hired[3], and was among the members who encouraged the congregation to adopt a more traditional form of service. He is an original life trustee of the Jewish Community Center and has held numerous offices in its various organizations; he has served the Bergen County YMHA as its auditor and in many other positions. Mr. Sher was one of the founders and the second president of the Jewish Federation of Community Services of Bergen County and served as chairperson for many years of its Jewish Family Services County organization. He and Mrs. Sher were honored in September 1976 by Federation during its Bicentennial celebration.

Rita Sher taught Sunday school in Teaneck under Rabbi Samuel Geffen. As one of the first chairpersons[4] of the Teaneck Evening Section of the National Council of Jewish Women her administration was responsible for several important innovations, such as a demonstration project; a Volunteer Service Bureau (ten years later the county implemented this idea on a permanent basis); and a Code of Behavior for school children that was adopted by a non-partisan, multi-faith group of Teaneck residents formed specifically to extend the project throughout the community. Mrs. Sher also served as secretary of the Jewish Community Council and as a member of the Professional Advisory Committee of the Mental Health Board of Bergen County. Mr. and Mrs. Philip Sher were one of the first Jewish families to assume a leadership role in

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1) In the late 1930's a co-ed club of young adults was formed in Teaneck, although its membership drew from all over Bergen County, and was called the American Jewish Congress (not related to the present international organization of the same name). Started by Dr. Robert Shomer and open to married couples as well as to single individuals, it often met at the YMHA and pursued a two-fold program of providing a social and intellectual atmosphere. In addition to sponsoring dramatic productions, dances, etc., it attempted to promote better relations between Jews and Christians and attacked the German-American Bund through a strongly waged public relations campaign. Additional groups of Jewish young adults meeting in various synagogues throughout the county joined in these activities under the aegis of United Jewish Youth of Bergen County with Philip Sher as president.

2) Philip's uncle, the late Rabbi Benjamin Sher, was one of the founders of Englewood's Ahavath Torah, Bergen County's oldest Jewish congregation. In 1895 he and seven other gentlemen (representing each of Englewood's eight Jewish families), decided to hold services on Liberty Road behind what is now the Teaneck Armory. Benjamin Sher was this Jewish community's *shochet* (there was a kosher slaughter house in Tenafly for calves and cows which was owned by a Jewish farmer), *chazzan,* president of the Burial Society, organizer of the Hebrew school and Englewood's Free Loan Association, and secretary and honorary president of the synagogue. Rabbi Sher also supervised the wine and matzoh distribution for the county during Prohibition. (Jews were given special governmental dispensation for religious purposes. The quota was one gallon per adult per year.) Phil Sher reminisces about growing up in a close, *shtetl*-type Jewish community consisting of 100 families. Everyone lived within two or three blocks of each other, used Yiddish freely and had three kosher butchers conveniently at hand.

3) The first full-time professional *chazzan* hired by the Jewish Community Center in 1945 was Barry Schaeffer, the founder and present rabbi of Teaneck's Congregation Beth Sholom.

4) Mrs. Sher was a founder of the Teaneck Evening Section of the National Council of Jewish Women and has been its honorary chairperson since 1955.

Gallery of First Jewish Families

Standing (left to right) Hal Marx, Abe Goodman, Harman B. Levine, Julia Goodman. Seated (left to right) Edna Marx, Al Gresser, Helen Gresser, Pauline Levine, Fred Schneider, Estelle Schneider.

INTERVIEWING VOLUNTEER FOR CHARITY

Sadie K. Leight, left, a member of the Community Welfare Committee of the Bergen County Section of the National Council of Jewish Women, is shown as she interviews a volunteer, Mrs. Morton D. Handler. The Committee acts as a placement service to locate the volunteer with the charitable or welfare organization to which she is best fitted to help.

Pictured left to right Richard Rodda, Teaneck Recreation Department, Co-Chairman; Samuel A. Goodstein, Chairman; Mrs. Abe Goodman, Vice Chairman.

Regina and Benjamin Gordon

The Hannah G. Solomon Award is presented to Mrs. Louis Rappaport (right) by outgoing president Mrs. Fred Stein.

Teaneck's Community Chest drives.

Gerson Sher, Sadie Leight's only grandchild, a product of the Teaneck public school system, received his B.A. degree from Yale University (his father's alma mater), where he was chief carillonneur for two years. He was awarded his Ph.D. in political science from Princeton University and is presently employed by the National Academy of Sciences, handling our country's exchange program of research scientists with the Soviet Union and other countries of Eastern Europe. His articles on Yugoslavia have been featured in such prominent periodicals as "The Nation" Magazine. Gerson Sher is married to the former Margery Leveen, daughter of Teaneck residents A. Alan and Bella Leveen.

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Benjamin and Regina Gordon

In the March 8, 1945 edition of the Bergen Evening Record, the front page featured an article with the following headline . . .

"Jew Buys Ridgewood Home; Agent Escapes $2,100 Fine; Realtor Board Votes 8-7 Not To Invoke So-Called Ridgewood Code - Family To Move In This Spring."

The article read as follows:

"The Ridgewood Board of Realtors has voted 8 to 7 not to take disciplinary action against a member firm on a complaint that it negotiated the sale of an Upper Ridgewood house for $20,000 to a person of Jewish parentage.

"The acquittal, which took place at a meeting specially convened after neighbors of the prospective tenant investigated through credit records his race origin, was described by real-estate agents as voiding a so-called gentlemen's agreement among them not to sell Village realty to Jews.

"The agreement which existed in the form of minutes of a 1943 meeting, provided that an agent accused of a sale to an undesirable should be tried by a jury of the board membership and if convicted should be asked to resign from the board and/or pay a fine amounting to twice the involved commission."

The following day the Bergen Evening Record featured a related article on its front page:

"Ridgewood Bias Hit by Hebrews, 15 Delegates at Meeting Hint at Legal Action."

"Rabbi Irving Silman of the Hackensack Hebrew Institute presided last night at a meeting of 15 delegates to the Public Relations Committee of the Bergen County Jewish Community Council at the Institute building, State and Myer Streets. Rabbi Silman released the following resolution, which he said was passed unanimously by representatives of 36 Jewish organizations throughout the County:

"The Public Relations Committee of the Bergen County Jewish Community Council reads in amazement the news in the 'Bergen Evening Record' of March 8, 1945, regarding the un-American, so-called Ridgewood Code adopted by the Board of Realtors of Ridgewood.

"We are thankful the light of publicity has brought such subversive activities to public attention.

"We resent the implications of such an agreement and condemn such undemocratic practices.

"We have authorized our legal committee to study the implications involved and to take such procedures as will result in the eradication of such iniquities."

Steps were taken! On March 14, 1945 a complaint prepared by Benjamin Gordon was filed before the Real Estate Commission of the State of New Jersey on behalf of the Bergen County Jewish Community Council against the 19 members of the Ridgewood Board of Realtors Inc., asking that the commission revoke their licenses.

On May 22, 1945 the Ridgewood Board of Realtors submitted a written request to the Bergen County Jewish Community Council, asking it to withdraw the complaint before the New Jersey Real Estate Commission for the following reasons:

> *"1. The so-called old Ridgewood code against which you complained has been rescinded and is no longer in effect.*
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> *2. We are now operating under a new Code which was adopted on April 6, 1945, and which, in effect, provided that there shall be no discrimination against Jews or any other faith, creed or nationality merely as such.*
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> *3. You may be assured that members of your faith will be treated with dignity and be given the best advice of which we are capable."*

The Code was rescinded, the complaint withdrawn and Jewish families have resided in Ridgewood ever since.

Benjamin Gordon was a fighter of the first magnitude for the Jewish people. He fought with words and, when necessary, with his fists.

As an attorney who lived and practiced in Jersey City, Ben Gordon decided in 1929 to move his family to the country. Business acquaintances Teaneck real estate agent Floyd Farrant[1] and builder Charles Wolf had brought the town to his attention. His decision to settle here, as opposed to the Oranges, was based on Teaneck's excellent school system, proximity to New York City and the progressive township's fine reputation.

The Gordon family was of the Orthodox persuasion and very traditional in its religious observances. Although Teaneck schools remained open on Jewish High Holy Days during those early years, and for some time thereafter, the Gordon children were among those whose parents would not permit them to attend. This presented some sporadic difficulty for Jewish youngsters when examinations and/or team tryouts were scheduled on Holy Days, but observant Jewish families remained resolute in the face of this unpleasant predicament[2].

The Jewish school-age population was very small and often a youngster was the only Jewish student in a class, or possibly in the entire elementary school; secondary school classes contained a slightly larger proportion. Every year, however, saw a gradual increase. As a result, each of the three Gordon children experienced similar but significantly different situations, due to the growth in the number of their respective Jewish classmates.

Ben and Regina Reitman Gordon were Teaneck's first Zionists. Long before World War II, the Holocaust and the establishment of the State of Israel, this couple devoted their energies to numerous Zionist causes. Regina Gordon is a founder, charter member and past president of Teaneck's Hadassah Chapter; a past president of the Northern New Jersey Region[3] and a member of the National Hadassah Board. Both she and Ben Gordon were very active in the ZOA; he assisted Rabbi Israel Margolies in establishing the ZOA Chapter of Bergen County in 1943, and served as a ZOA national vice-president for many years. The Gordons attended Zionist

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1) The Gordon's son, Robert, was employed by Mr. Farrant from 1958 to 1960 in the Floyd B. Farrant, Inc., Morris County office. He then returned to Teaneck to establish his own real estate company. In 1970 Robert Gordon purchased from the Farrant family the Farrant building on Teaneck Road across from the Municipal Green, where his firm is presently located.

2) Through the efforts of many prominent Jewish residents, such as Rabbi Judah Washer, and Jewish organizations like the Teaneck Jewish Community Council and B'nai B'rith, the Teaneck community became more aware of the Jewish Holy Days and observances. Schools were closed on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur starting in 1960 and students were officially excused from attending classes on other religious holidays. The subject of Christmas observances in the schools is discussed in a chapter devoted to the Jewish Community Council.

3) Mrs. Gordon was honored by the Northen New Jersey Region which had 10,000 trees planted in her name in Israel's John F. Kennedy Memorial Forest.

Robert Gordon (seated center), newly elected king lion, flanked by officers (standing left to right), Arthur Musicant, Ben Williams, and Mark Siegler; (seated left to right), Stanley Shefcik and Tony Raffaele June 14, 1975.

UJA Supper of Significance (left to right) Sidney Silverstein, Julius Schargel, William Rosenwald (guest speaker), Matthew Feldman, Zelda Levere and Gerald LeBoff. **5/19/74**

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JEWISH COUNCIL ELECTS—Theodore J. Ignall (seated) was re-elected president of the Jewish Community Council of Teaneck during the annual meeting last week. Elected with Mr. Ignall were Rita Sher, secretary, and standing, left to right, Jacob Schneider, first vice president; Aaron I. Maltin, third vice president, and Herbert A. Chary, second vice president. (Oxford Studio)

Congresses both in Europe and Israel and served on the National Board of the Jewish National Fund.[1] Admired for her many years of dedication and exemplary record of participation, Mrs. Gordon recalls the difficulties involved in raising funds for Palestine. "People were unaccustomed to giving and had to be educated. Collecting five dollars from one individual was considered an achievement."

Their list of accomplishments, however, does not stop here. In 1969, before his demise, Ben Gordon received a citation for 20 years of service from the Teaneck Community Chest organization. Regina Gordon, who still resides in Teaneck, will always be remembered for her inordinately successful efforts in organizing the Jewish youth of Bergen County. Under the auspices of the Bergen County Jewish Community Council (which preceded the Bergen County Jewish Welfare Council that is now called the Bergen County Jewish Federation of Community Services), and with the cooperation of the county's various congregations and rabbis, she established two co-ed groups (divided according to age) consisting of several hundred members, during the late 30's and early 40's. The youngsters held their meetings in Bergen County and their broad scope of activities included the usual dances, holiday celebrations and theatrical presentations, as well as the unusual debates, essay contests and trips to Bear Mountain.

Prior to and during World War II, the German-American Bund was a widespread presence throughout New Jersey. Bergen County was a popular gathering place for the un-American fascist organization. Teaneck, while not free of Bundists and their meetings, was fortunate that none of its rallies were held here.[2] New Jersey State Troopers and members of the FBI were active combatants against the Bund, as were many of the state's residents.

Benjamin Gordon left his home some evenings after dinner to lead members of the Jewish War Veterans and men of all ages in breaking up Bund meetings. Volunteers would come from different parts of the state (Teaneck had no JWV Post during these early years), when it was learned where a Bund rally was to be held, and by a show of force, disperse the assembly. He was not a young man at this time, but Benjamin Gordon, along with the others, gave no thought for his own safety.

Teaneck had its own Ku Klux Klan headquarters on Teaneck Road and Lindbergh Boulevard before the Cooperative Bakery bought the red brick building. Jewish residents who moved here during the 1920's and early 30's recall seeing burning crosses in open fields. Because of the small size of the Jewish community, its members were rarely bothered by the Klan. They often harrassed the Catholic population, however, especially when Gov. Alfred E. Smith ran for President in 1928.

The tradition of service to community and congregation has been admirably carried on by the second generation of the Gordon family. Zelda Gordon Levere, a Teaneck resident, is an indefatigable worker who is a past president of the Teaneck League of Women Voters, former board member of the New Jersey League of Women Voters, past president of the Smith College Club of Northern New Jersey, former member of the township's Recreational Advisory Board, past chairperson of the Teaneck UJA Women's Division, board member of the Teaneck chapter of Hadassah, former member of the New Jersey State Board of Hadassah, current chairperson (1976) of the Community Scholarship Fund of Teaneck[3], trustee of the Bergen County Jewish Federation of Community Services, member of the Teaneck Township Advisory Board on Architectural Design & Site Review and chairperson of the Adult Lecture Series of the Jewish Community Center. Her husband, Bernard Levere, has contributed impressively with his current membership on the board of trustees of the Teaneck Jewish Community Center and the cabinet of the Men's Division of Teaneck's UJA campaign and his past participation on the Teaneck

1) Regina Gordon is still a member of the National Boards of Hadassah and JNF. She is a past president of the JNF New Jersey Region. Benjamin Gordon was a national vice-president of JNF and B'nai Zion.

2) Several informants recall watching young boys dressed in brown shirts from a Bund Youth Training Camp in New Milford marching on River Road.

3) Other members of the Jewish community who have participated in a leadership capacity in the Teaneck Community Scholarship Fund are past chairpersons, Betty Freint, Judy Kosloff, Clarice Ley, the late Rena Mayer and Ruth Subin; Bea Seltzer and Norma Harris serve on the Advisory Board and Rabbi Judah Washer has been a member of the board of directors since the organization's inception.

PAT BOONE, popular TV and recording star, signs his Community Chest pledge Tuesday night in his home at 730 Mildred Ave., Teaneck. With the young singer are (l. to r.) Mrs. Herman B. Levine, Chest vice president; Dr. Robert D. Weitz, campaign director, and Robert L. Darrell, Chest president. Teaneck Chest workers held their kick-off dinner Thursday night in the Casa Mana Restaurant. Final day of the month-long drive is Nov. 15, by which time the unit hopes to collect about $100,000.

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PROGRESS REPORT — Louis Rosenblum (extreme left), Campaign Treasurer of the Jewish Welfare Council Drive shows his progress report to Philip Sher, Chairman of the Social Welfare Committee, Dr. Robert D. Weitz, General Chairman and Max M. Kleinbaum, Executive Director of the Jewish Welfare Council of Bergen County. A telethon and mail campaign last week raised $19,500 toward the Township goal of $25,000. The Jewish Welfare Council estimates it will achieve the goal.

Board of Adjustment and as a charter member of the Teaneck Schweiger-Dobrow JWV Post #498.

Robert Gordon is a former member of the Board of Trustees and serves on the Religious Committee of the Jewish Community Center. He has been executive vice-president of its Men's Club. As one of the charter members of the Teaneck Lions Club, he serves as its immediate past president[1]. Robert's wife, Gladys, is active in the Jewish Community Center's Sisterhood.

Joan Gordon Heller (married to Dr. David) resides in White Plains, New York.

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1) The original Teaneck Lions Club was founded by the late Judge Lester Kramer, the late Dr. Julian Bookstaver, Jacob Belinky, Dr. Bernard Kruhl, Roy Gelfand, Martin Greenspan, and Maurice Weinstein. Unfortunately, the group disbanded after years of active service and a new club was established in 1970 by Judge Kramer's son-in-law, Theodore Goldfinger, who was first president. Other Jewish charter members of this new organization are Michael Appelbaum, Walter Auerbach, Morton Bogad, Jack Dobrow, Dr. Leonard Glassman, Sidney Leshinsky, Arthur Musicant, Bernard Shwidock, Paul Singman, Mark Siegler, Dr. Frank Bernstein, Richard Norman and Donald Wasserman.

The Kramer family moved to Teaneck in 1943, where Lester Kramer opened his law practice. Several years later he was appointed judge of the Palisade Interstate Park court by Governor Robert Meyner. Judge Kramer served as a counsellor of the Lions Club International for many years. He died in 1957, one year after he and Mrs. Kramer moved to Englewood. Their two daughters, Gay Goldfinger and Lois Jospey, still live in Teaneck. Mrs. Viola Kramer Fox, an active member of several Jewish ladies' organizations, currently resides in Florida.

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Herman B. and Pauline Levine

The construction of the George Washington Bridge made Bergen County a desirable residential area, especially for those who worked in New York City. Herman B. Levine, a certified public accountant from Jersey City, worked on Fifth Avenue, and Teaneck well suited his convenience. When the Levines moved here in 1932, the township gained two prodigious supporters.

A former English teacher at Brooklyn's Boys High School, Herman B. Levine always remained involved in scholastic activities. As education chairperson of the Jewish Community Center (1953-1960) he supervised the curriculum and instruction of the Hebrew school's 800 students and established its school library. Today, that library has been dedicated to the man who devoted his retirement years to the edification of others. Mr. Levine served on the Advisory Committee of Fairleigh Dickinson University and as a trustee and treasurer of the Teaneck Public Library[2]. He was the fourth president of the Jewish Community Center.

Pauline Birnbaum Levine divided her valuable time among civic organizations and the National Council of Jewish Women. As a dedicated worker for Teaneck's Community Chest campaign[3], she served as its vice president in 1949. She was an active member of the Red Cross, the Teaneck Student Loan Association, the Englewood Family Counseling Service and secretary of the Teaneck Advisory Board for Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation.

In 1962 Mrs. Levine was one of six women honored jointly by the Hackensack and Ridgewood YMCA's and the six Bergen County sections of the NCJW at the 50th anniversary celebration of Women's Social Action in Bergen County. A member of the Boards of the Bergen County and the Regional Sections of NCJW, she later served as an officer on the National Board of the organization as well[4].

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2) Today Leonard Gunsburg is president of the Board of Trustees of the Teaneck Public Library; Marvin Heller serves as secretary. Joseph Loring, also a member of the board, serves as Mayor Kieliszek's alternate.

3) Through the years members of the Jewish community have worked in the annual Teaneck Community Chest campaigns. In addition to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Sher, the late Benjamin Gordon and Pauline Levine, the following have also participated in a leadership capacity: Murray Megibow, Mark Levy, Bernice Shuster, Ruth Lipschitz Wiener, Albert Hess, William Lippman, Judge Aaron Maltin, Jacob Schneider, Frank Nagler, Mrs. Jerome Wolf, Julian Silverberg, Jules Edelman, David Musicant, Theodore Ley, Stanley Gladstein, David Kapell, Lester Miller, Jerry LeBoff, Julian Kramer, Postmaster Lawrence Friedman, Herbert E. Mayer, Harvey Greenfield, Paul Eisenman, Stuart B. Freeman, Allan A. Greenberg, Arthur Brody, Dr. A. Milton Bell, Fred Pitofsky, Valerie and Ernest Horn, Dr. Robert Weitz, Julius Schargel and Rabbis Judah Washer, Louis J. Sigel and Stanely Gerstein. Adolph Robison, Theodore Ignall, H.R. Posner and Dr. Philip Stein have served as presidents.

4) Mrs. Levine was awarded Life Membership in the Teaneck Section of the National Council of Jewish Women.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Levine were devoted to the resettlement of refugees. Charlotte Levine Rosenberg remembers her parents as vigorous and enthusiastic workers, rushing off to meetings, giving generously of their time and themselves. A Teaneck resident, she is married to Raphael Rosenberg, whose grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rosenberg, were the first Jewish family to settle in Hackensack back in the 1890's. Coming from New York City's East Side, they discovered Bergen County through their vocation as peddlers. Taken with the countrified surroundings, they established a general store in Hackensack. Mr. Rosenberg recalls stories of his grandparents' adventures in attending services in Passaic and having to remain overnight in Lodi to alleviate the tedium of the journey home. The solution was to establish their own congregation and, in 1921, Samuel Rosenberg with his son, Charles, founded the Hackensack Hebrew Institute (now Temple Beth-El). Early services of the young congregation were originally convened at the Hackensack Odd Fellows Hall before its own building was erected. The late Charles Rosenberg was also founder and first president of the Bergen County YMHA, was active in all other Bergen County Jewish philanthropies, and was a chairperson of Bergen County's Democratic Party.

Charlotte's sister, Joan Levine Farber, was one of the first Jewish valedictorians of Teaneck High School (Class of 1945).

Before Herman B. Levine's demise in 1962, he played a vital role in organizing the local chapters of UJA and B'nai B'rith (in addition to all of his aforementioned activities); Pauline Levine died in 1966.

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Abraham and Julia Goodman

When Julia Belitz Goodman's parents came to the United States with their daughter from Vilna, Lithuania, they decided to move to Bayonne, New Jersey, to avoid the hazards and discomforts of city living. Many years later in 1937, Abe Goodman, whom Julia met and married in Bayonne, would move his family to Teaneck for similar reasons. Learning about the town through some business contacts and a sister, Mrs. David Sussman, who already resided here, Mr. Goodman decided this would be a good place to raise their children (even though he would now have to commute to the family furniture business in Jersey City.)[1]

The Goodmans involved themselves almost immediately in the gradually expanding Teaneck Jewish Community Center, where Mr. Goodman[2] is still treasurer after 30 years of service in this office. He was a vigorous participant on numerous committees and Mrs. Goodman joined the Sisterhood.

The concept of service to the community, as well as to the congregation, was primary with Julia Goodman. After serving as president of the Teaneck Section of National Council of Jewish Women in 1944, she, Estelle Schneider, Ceil Fields and several other members of the organization embarked upon the study of the aged and decided to form the county's first Golden Age Club. The ladies were able to contact seven senior citizens as its first members and began on this modest scale by meeting in the homes of the founding leaders. In 1946 the group's substantially enlarged enrollment of 200 participants was invited to meet at the Bergen County YMHA by Director Irving Warsharsky and was offered the support of the "Y's" Women's Division.

In 1958 Mrs. Goodman was requested by the Hackensack Tuberculosis & Health Care Association to assist it in organizing a non-denominational Golden Age Club that would meet in its own building on Park Street, Hackensack. After several years the facilities were sold and Mrs. Goodman transferred many of its members to the Golden Age Club of the Bergen County YMHA,

1) Another sister of Mr. Goodman, Mrs. Mayme Levinson, moved to Teaneck after the Goodmans and now resides in Hackensack with her husband, Harry. Mrs. Sussman (Hannah) moved from Teaneck several years after her husband passed away in 1965. Their son, Jack, still resides here.

2) Mr. Goodman holds a degree in engineering.

thereby making this group non-sectarian[1].

At present, Bergen County has 140 senior citizens clubs with a total membership numbering several thousands. In Teaneck, in cooperation with Richard Rodda, the superintendent of Recreation, Julia Goodman, Samuel Goodstein and Rita Hall helped to establish a non-sectarian senior citizens program approximately eight years ago. For ten months out of the year, the second Sunday of each month featured a program at a different location within the Central Bergen area, for elder residents. These meetings were sponsored by the various religious and fraternal organizations of the township. The program was discontinued in 1975 because it was felt that inasmuch as a full week's program was being initiated, together with other senior citizens' programs in town, the needs of the aged were being handsomely met without additional gatherings. In 1974 Mrs. Jean Rindlaub established the Senior Services Center. Julia Goodman was an organizer of that committee and is currently a member of the board of trustees. Open five days a week, the center operates and provides a full program of activities and entertainment under the capable and enthusiastic directorship of Marna Gold.[2]

Julia Goodman is a trustee of the Teaneck Senior Citizens Housing Association Board.[3] She participates through the Bergen County Jewish Federation of Community Services in assisting many Jewish senior citizens groups and cooperates with the Bergen County Office on Aging. She sits on the Bergen County Senior Citizen Advisory Board and belongs to the organization, Presidents of Senior Citizens Groups of Bergen County. Mrs. Goodman has been a member of the Board of SPR'Y[4] (Senior Personnel Registry) since its inception in 1970.

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1) Today, the YMHA's Golden Age Club meets three times a week from 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. (lunch is served on Tuesdays and Thursdays). Its long-time director, Eva Bauer, supervises its multitude of activities, including outings to New York City, midweek "weekend" trips to the Catskill and Pocono Mountains and excursions to Florida and Israel. Special programs such as meetings with Hackensack school children to bridge the generation gap, a foster parent program with the Totowa School for Retarded Girls and preparing craft projects to assist the blind and many charitable organizations in their fund raising were among the activities featured by the organization. Thursday is the outstanding day of the week on which special events and regular meetings are held. Members are treated to visits by guest lecturers, artists and entertainers. Weekly classes are held for the membership in different areas such as creative writing and crafts. Transportation is provided for handicapped members.

2) Among those who donate their time and talents to the Senior Services Center are Maria Thurnauer, organizer and frequent participant in its monthly guest artist concert series; Florence Strickler, teacher of quilting; Helen Wolchuk, leader of the sing-alongs; Bettina Harris, its official exercise instructor who works full-time but is paid on a part-time basis; Fred Fisher, one of the several handymen who donate their labor in the repair of articles owned by the senior citizens; Dr. B.R. Bennett, last year's Senior Citizen king, who teaches bridge; and Helen Bischoff, teacher of knitting and creative stitchery. Many additional volunteers come from towns other than Teaneck.

3) The Teaneck Senior Citizens Housing Association is an interfaith civic organization, established for the purpose of planning, constructing, managing and arranging for the financing of well-conceived housing for senior citizens, particularly those of moderate means. It is jointly sposored by Temple Emeth, St. Anastasia, Teaneck's Presbyterian Church, Community Church, Ethical Culture Society, United Methodist Church and Kiwanis. Presently it is concerned with an application for a variance before the Teaneck Board of Adjustment for a site on East Cedar Lane on which it intends to erect a superior senior citizens housing project. Members of the Jewish community who participated in the association, other than Mrs. Goodman, are Ruth Adler, Helene Farber, Milton Rosenberg, Gloria Brett, Howard Guttman and Dr. Douglas S. Lipton, who has been chairperson since its inception in 1972.

Dr. Lipton, while serving as assistant director of Governor Rockefeller's Special Committee on Criminal Offenders, helped to organize an ad hoc committee on drug problems in Teaneck in cooperation with Police Chief Robert Fitzpatrick and Dr. Athos Simotas. Committee members conducted training seminars for administrators, teachers, nurses and volunteers working in drug prevention and with narcotic offenders, and established a telephone hot line. While assistant director of the New York State Crime Control Council and then deputy director of the New York State Division of Criminal Justice, Dr. Lipton volunteered his services for three years to serve on the township's Youth Guidance Council. Since 1972 he has been director of Narcotic Addiction and Drug Abuse Research for New York State and is the immediate past president of Temple Emeth. The Liptons are gourmet cooks; Mrs. Carol Lipton, with Myrna Schrager, has co-edited the Temple Emeth Sisterhood "Favorite Recipes" cookbook.

4) SPR'Y was organized in 1969 by the Teaneck Section of the National Council of Jewish Women and operates in conjunction with the Bergen Central Trades and Labor Council, Church Women United, National Council of Catholic Women and the Bergen County Chosen Board of Freeholders. The concept of an employment center for senior citizens was first developed as a result of NCJW efforts in preparing a county-wide directory of services and activities for older adults (at the request of Mildred Krasnow, director of the Bergen County Office on Aging). It was discovered that there was no agency through which senior citizens could find employment opportunities. By 1970 SPR'Y opened an office in Hackensack under the capable supervision of Evelyn Sosower, its first president.

Mrs. Sosower's long list of civic commitments include serving as a member of the Boards of the Health and Welfare Council of Bergen County, Inc. and Teaneck Group Home Care, chairperson of Teaneck's Mental Health Advisory

For the past eight years, Mrs. Goodman has been co-chairperson of the township's annual Senior Citizens Day[1] sponsored by the Town Council, for all senior residents (whether they belong to the town's Senior Services Center, the Jewish Community Center's Horeynu, or the senior citizens groups of St. Anastasia and the Community Church). Held on the fourth Sunday in May, at the Benjamin Franklin Junior High School's auditorium and cafeteria, an afternoon program of entertainment, dancing and light refreshment is offered to more than 300 guests, with complimentary music provided by the American Federation of Musicians' Local #526, arranged through the kindness and cooperation of Frank Panettieri. During the course of the festivities, a king and queen of the senior citizen community are crowned by a panel of four judges.[2]

A gracious and talented lady, Mrs. Goodman can recall her early volunteer activities that included NCJW port and dock work in which she, Sadie Leight and others would go to the docks to greet disembarking young immigrant girls, help them through customs and try to give them guidance and direction. Today she is lifetime honorary president of the organization.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodman's son, Burton, has been Mayor of Cranford, New Jersey, for the past six years. He is married to Rachel Lehr, daughter of the late Rebecca and Martin Lehr. The Goodman's daughter and son-in-law, Rita and Arthur Gruber, reside in Bergenfield and are very active in the Bergenfield-Dumont Jewish Center. Rita is an officer in the Teaneck Section of NCJW.

Board, treasurer of Bergen County Volunteers for Courts and Corrections, and member of the Bergen County United Fund's Citizens Advisory Council and the Executive Committee of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. She has been chairperson of the Evening Section of Teaneck's NCJW as well as president of its Day Section; she served as vice-president of the Mid-Atlantic District and on numerous national committees. Mrs. Sosower was a secretary of the Teaneck Political Assembly (TPA) and actively participated in its many campaigns and public school integration efforts. Married to Leon Sosower, she is now legislative aide to State Senator Matthew Feldman and manages his Teaneck office.

1) Samuel Goodstein was a co-chairperson of the town's Senior Citizens Day until he moved to Florida. He was particularly active in the township's Heart Fund drive and served on the board of trustees of the Bergen County Heart Association (from which he received the silver and gold medallions). Mr. Goodstein was an important asset to the Boy Scout organization and the Teaneck Housing Committee, which had been established by the Town Council and consisted of seven people, including Julia Goodman. After considerable time and effort, the committee was able to obtain rent subsidies for 135 families in Teaneck from H.U.D. (Department of Housing and Urban Development). This committee no longer functions and has been replaced by the Teaneck Senior Citizens Housing Association Board.

2) One of the most popular of the township's senior citizens is Leon Goldsmith, a native Australian who came to the United States in 1923. With incredible energy and enthusiasm that belie his 86 years, Mr. Goldsmith is an active participant in several senior citizens groups in Bergen County. There is scarely a committee to which he has not rendered outstanding service. Well-known and well-liked, Mr. Goldsmith never hesitates to extend himself for others. He recently received the Democratic Men's Club's Outstanding Senior Citizens Golden Plaque award.

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Pauline Levy Rappaport

Teaneck could always boast of a substantial number of talented, intelligent and dedicated female residents, Christian and Jewish alike, who served generously as volunteers or in professional capacities, for the betterment of the town. One of our most remarkable citizens was a woman who had the capacity to understand and communicate with people of all ages and denominations. Pauline Rappaport's record of contributions and innovations establish her as a woman ahead of her time.

Louis and Pauline Rappaport came to Teaneck in 1938, as a result of having suffered financial reverses during the Depression. Mr. Rappaport was employed in public relations in New York City's doll industry[3], which had been critically affected by the country's tragic economic

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3) During Mr. Rappaport's affiliation with the doll industry, he was able to obtain more than 100 dolls for the Teaneck Section of NCJW's Ship-A-Box program. A contest was held among the members to see who could dress the dolls most attractively. The finely groomed dolls were then sent to European Jewish orphans. He was descended from a long line of well-known religious leaders, including the chief rabbi of Prague, Czechoslovakia, and Solomon Rappaport, cantor to Rabbi Stephen Wise. When Mr. Rappaport passed away in 1947, the entire New York City doll industry closed on the day of his funeral, enabling his colleagues to pay their last respects to a man they held in great esteem.

circumstances. The Rappaports were forced to sell their home in Ridgefield Park, where they had been founders and consistent participants in the establishment of Temple Emanuel, and where Mr. Rappaport was elected a justice of the peace. They then rented a house in Bogota. After only a short time, the owner desired to return to his home and the Rappaport family was forced to move elsewhere. Now they decided to move to a garden apartment and Teaneck contained the best selection and location. Here they remained, to establish roots, to raise their three children, and to involve themselves in the community and the county. It was in Teaneck that the Rappaports bought their second house, where their elder daughter[1], Doris, opened an office as a general practitioner. Their younger daughter is Natalie Bender of Teaneck.

Louis and Pauline Rappaport were two of the founders of the YMHA of Bergen County and of Temple Emanu-El in Englewood. At Temple Emanu-El Mrs. Rappaport initiated the Sunday school[2] and even accompanied the youngsters on the piano. Mr. Rappaport participated in the Bergen County Republican Club, and Mrs. Rappaport devoted herself to the National Council of Jewish Women. She helped to organize the Bergen County Section and served as its second president. She was also president of the NCJW New Jersey State Conference and a member of its National Board and Executive Committee for six years. Pauline Rappaport was NCJW area chairperson for the State of Pennsylvania and a national representative of its Overseas Refugee program, National Jewish Welfare Board and National Speaker's Bureau.

Pauline Rappaport's record of commitment and activities is as overwhelming as it is superlative. During the Depression she was active in the NRA, organizing child recreation programs, parent education groups, programs for unemployed business and professional women and for elderly, retired actors. At this time she began her long and prominent career as a specialist in parent-child relationships, which she continued on a voluntary as well as professional basis. She was a group leader and lecturer for the Child Study Association of New York City, an instructor in the field of parent-child relations for the Extension Service of Rutgers University, New Brunswick, a member of the Tri-State Council on Family Life, a leading participant in radio forums on child care and youth problems, an organizer of discussion groups under the auspices of the Play Schools Association for Working Mothers in New York City's slum areas, a lecturer on parent-child relationships in schools, religious institutions and communities throughout New York and New Jersey, an appointed member of the Teaneck Youth Guidance Council and chairperson of its Adjustment Committee[3].

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1) Dr. Doris Rappaport is married to Dr. Jack Levy. She retired in 1975 after having practiced for 30 years in Teaneck. Dr. Rappaport recalls her mother's insistence that she prepare herself for a second career as a physical education teacher, while studying pre-medical courses at Hunter College (her mother's alma mater), in the event that medical schools refused to accept a female applicant. In addition to her affiliation with many medical societies, Dr. Rappaport performed volunteer service for Hackensack's Baby Keep-Well Station and in its Drug Rehabilitation program. She was affiliated with Hackensack Hospital.

2) Natalie Rappaport Bender, following her mother's example, taught the first pre-kindergarten class at this Sunday school. She supervised the Girl Scout day camp in Ridgefield Park, Camp Treefoil, as well as the Girl Scout troop at the YMHA. Mrs. Bender professionally directed a special group for Jewish boys and girls in Suffern, New York. Currently she is a writer by profession.

3) The Youth Guidance Council of Teaneck was organized approximately 30 years ago by the Town Council. It consists of seven members who are appointed by the Town Council (members usually include a town councilperson, a member of the Board of Education and of the Police Department, and the principal of Teaneck High School). The Council meets once a month to discuss community juvenile problems and to make recommendations to the Town Council for establishing guidelines and policies. The Adjustment Committee of the Youth Guidance Council consists of 25 volunteer members who meet every two weeks to hear cases referred to it by the Youth Bureau of the Police Department. They then confer with these troubled teenagers and their parents. Youngsters who are second offenders are referred to the state courts, often to be removed from their present environments. Bea Levine serves as secretary to the Council (she also is school secretary to Teaneck High School Principal Dr. Melvin Michaels). Other members of the Jewish community who have served over the years on the Council are: Sue Azaria, Bernie Cadel (assistant principal of Thomas Jefferson Junior High School), Judith Ellman, Rose Friedman (guidance counselor), Wilfred Hollander, Adele Holman, Dr. Douglas Lipton, Morris Meislik, Dr. Melvin Michaels, Estelle Miller, Paul Ostrow, Paula Rosenblum, Freyda Sanders (school psychologist), Inez Schwarz, Margo Stern, Arthur Turkel (school psychologist), Dr. Philip Stein and Dr. Robert Weitz (consulting psychologist), who was chairperson from 1949-1974.

Mrs. Levine was the first Jewish secretary to be employed by the Teaneck school system. She was hired in 1956 as secretary to High School Assistant Principal Mr. Clark, and promoted to her present position in 1960. Bea Levine has served on the Teaneck Youth Guidance Council for 18 years. She and her husband, Julius Levine, now live in Fort Lee but still retain their membership at the Teaneck Jewish Community Center.

In the field of mental health, Mrs. Rappaport was a brilliant pioneer. She was an organizer and first president of the Mental Health Association of Bergen County, a member of the New Jersey State Mental Health Association, board member of the Mental Health Consultation Center and member of the Professional Advisory Committee of the Bergen County Mental Health Board.

She was elected the first lifetime honorary president of the Teaneck Section (succeeded by Julia Goodman in 1973), and was the recipient of the Hannah G. Solomon Award, a national award given for outstanding contribution and services to children and youth.

In 1972 the Teaneck Section of the National Council of Jewish women donated a special room, fitted with important equipment designed to assist the emotionally disturbed, to Friendship House (a psychiatric rehabilitation center in Hackensack), in memory of Pauline Rappaport. The beloved memory of this gifted and giving individual that is shared by those who knew her, and the unanimous acclaim in which she is held, is an even greater tribute. She passed away in 1972, two days before her 80th birthday.[1]

1) The Rappaports' son, Solomon, died in Florida in 1973.

SEPTEMBER 14, 1966 BERGEN RECORD

SWINGING ALONG — Senior citizens join for fun and entertainment. Shown at yesterday's party in Teaneck are, from left, Samuel Zelnick, Rabbi Judah Washer, Mrs. Abe Goodman, all of Teaenck, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Allen of River Edge, Mannie Weiss of Hackensack.

Chapter 8

The Geffen Years

In 1940 President Franklin D. Roosevelt is elected to an unprecedented third term with 449 electoral votes to 82 for Republican candidate Wendell L. Willkie. The 40-hour work week, a provision of the Wages & Hours Act of 1938, becomes effective and color television is demonstrated over the Columbia Broadcasting System outlet in New York.

As a result of the enactment of the Selective Service Training & Service Act on September 16, more than 16,000,000 men have registered for the first peacetime military conscription in our country's history. President Roosevelt supports his policy of providing Britain with all possible aid by asserting "that there is far less chance of the United States getting into war if we do all we can now to support the nations defending themselves against attack." The Alien Registration (Smith) Act requires all foreigners to register and be fingerprinted, and prohibits membership in any organization that advocates the overthrow of the Government by force or violence.

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The total population of the country has grown to 132,164,569, but the rate of increase is sharply declining. There is only a slight migration from the countryside to the cities. The population in Teaneck, by contrast, has increased by 50% per cent to more than 25,000. Hackensack has the largest percentage of Bergen County's 6,000 Jewish residents, with its YMHA providing a vortex of Jewish activity in the area. Teaneck's Jewish population is estimated by several informants to be approximately 125 families. (The 1936 U.S. Census had recorded a Jewish population in Teaneck of 280 people.)

The year 1940 also found the Teaneck Jewish Community Center without a spiritual leader. President Barnet S. Bookstaver seized the initiative to approach Rabbi Israel Margolies[1] of Englewood's Reform Temple Emanu-El, requesting that he come to Teaneck, and assuring him of

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1) Dr. Margolies served as rabbi of Temple Emanu-El in Englewood, Bergen County's first reform congregation, where there were many members from Teaneck (e.g., the Gustave Leights, the Louis Rappaports, the Bernard Hasses) from 1937-1952. When he left his pulpit in Englewood to accept one at Beth Am in New York City where he still serves, the Margolies family moved to Teaneck. Dr. Margolies has had a distinguished and multifaceted career in community participation throughout Bergen County. He has devoted himself to such organizations as B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League (he assisted in its fund-raising campaigns and lecture programs) and the ZOA. He belongs to the New York City Inwood Chapter and helped to organize the Bergen County Chapter with Benjamin Gordon and Jules Siegel, serving as its first president. Members of the former Bergen County Section of National Council of Jewish Women recall their enlightening monthly Jewish Studies discussion groups which were brilliantly led by Dr. Margolies. They were held in the evenings and attended by husbands as well.

He was an innovator in interfaith activities, serving as the New Jersey representative at the National Conference of Christians and Jews and assisting in the establishment of the Interfaith Clergy Association of Englewood. He and several Protestant ministers exchanged pulpits on various occasions. In 1938 they initiated the interfaith Thanksgiving service, customarily held on Thanksgiving morning for members of Protestant denominations and Jews of the Reform persuasion. Rabbi Margolies served as chairperson of the Race Relations Committee of the Urban League which he helped to organize in 1938, and was a founder of the New Jersey Chapter of SANE (Sane Use of Atomic Power) in the mid 1940's. He personally assisted German-Jewish refugees who had settled in Bergen County and accompanied Ben Gordon in his activities in combating the German-American Bund. Dr. Margolies has vivid memories of having received anti-semitic hate mail on a few occasions. This occurred when he belonged to the League of Americans Aiding the Allies and when he openly denounced Senator Joseph McCarthy from his pulpit and at meetings sponsored by the American Civil Liberties Union and the League of Women Voters.

Mrs. Rose Margolies, his wife, was born in Russia and came to the U.S. in 1926 with her family after first studying music in Poland (they had decided to leave after the Bolshevik Revolution). As a professional vocalist, she had her own radio program called "Rose Sacks Sings" on WNYC and WOR in the 1940's. Her repertoire included songs from operettas and in many languages. Highlights of her career were performances at the Hippodrome and Coconut Grove in New York City. In Englewood, she participated in many ladies' Jewish organizations. Dr. and Mrs. Margolies still reside in Teaneck.

the town's potential development. Rabbi Margolies remembers that Dr. Bookstaver showed amazing foresight in envisioning Teaneck's present large and dedicated Jewish community which was, at that time, struggling and almost inconsequential. Rabbi Margolies declined the offer but recommended his good friend and colleague, Rabbi Samuel Geffen, then serving in Mount Kisco, New York. He offered his own pulpit for delivery of a trial sermon by Rabbi Geffen. Teaneck residents were invited to attend and a short time later Rabbi Geffen was invited to become the rabbi of the Teaneck Jewish Community Center. He arrived in August 1940 with his wife, Ruth, and remained for eight years (which was the longest tenure of any Jewish Community Center rabbi until the arrival of Judah Washer in 1953). Rabbi Geffen's stay in Teaneck was highlighted by numerous innovations; by a concerted effort to foster more traditional customs and observances, and a spectacular increase in the congregation's membership.

Originally from Atlanta, Georgia, Rabbi Samuel Geffen earned his A.B. from Emory University and his law degree from the Emory University Law School. He was graduated from the Jewish Institute of Religion in New York[1], where he studied under Rabbi Stephen Wise[2] and was awarded the degree of M.H.L. He received his *semichah* from his father, Rabbi Tobias Geffen, the chief Orthodox rabbi of Atlanta and the entire south, and dean of the Orthodox rabbis of the United States.

Despite the unimpressive salary offered, Rabbi Geffen agreed to come to Teaneck. He recalls the persuasive effects of the town's beauty and the intellectual calibre and academic credentials of its Jewish residents. It was a small congregation, meeting in a building on Queen Anne Road, that had nothing more than a bulletin board on its exterior to distinguish it as a synagogue. It had been closed for the summer and Rabbi Geffen made his debut by agreeing to accept the position of rabbi on condition that the congregation discontinue the use of the pipe organ at Sabbath and Festival services. At his suggestion a general membership meeting was called at which the rabbi delivered a lecture informing the group why the organ was not permitted to be used in the synagogue on those occasions. The issue was put to a vote which the rabbi won by a count of 99-1. Due to his continued efforts the Rabbinical Assembly Prayer Book was introduced. Later the Teaneck Jewish Community Center joined the United Synagogue of America, the organization representing the Conservative branch of Judaism.

Rabbi Geffen moved into an apartment building at 995 Teaneck Road and recalls walking to services along Route 4 to Queen Anne Road even during the most inclement weather. Snowstorms hold a special nostalgia for the Geffen family, as their son, Peter, was born on February 20, 1946 during a blizzard. Thanks to the dedication of Teaneck's Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Mrs. Geffen arrived safely at Beth Israel Hospital in New York where their son was born.

In addition to instituting traditional services and encouraging more Orthodox observances, Rabbi Geffen attempted to improve and expand the Sunday school into a *Talmud Torah.* Classes were now held twice during the week, in addition to Sundays. Gifted teachers, such as David Susskind (no relation to the famous television personality), now Rabbi in St. Petersburg, Florida, and his sisters; Sidney Steinman and Marshall Maltzman (presently officiating at their own congregations in Indianapolis and Philadelphia, respectively); and Simon Glustrom[3], Fair Lawn's prominent rabbi, were offered positions. Rabbi Geffen remembers the congregation engaging Jonathan Margolies, a young chassidic student from Jerusalem, who eventually pursued a career as a supporting actor in many Hollywood movies, as *chazzan* for the High Holy Days. During the rest of the year Rabbi Geffen served as his own *chazzan,* as school principal and as instructor to the boys preparing for their Bar Mitzvahs and the girls studying for their Confirmations. In

1) The Jewish Institute of Religion merged with the Hebrew Union College of Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1948.

2) Rabbi Wise was invited to speak in Teaneck at the high school auditorium in the mid 1940's. It was a gala evening for the Jewish community. Dinner for many members and the guest speaker and his wife was held at the home of Hilda and I. Joseph Stein; a reception following the lecture was hosted by Ann and Adolph Robison at their home.

3) Both Rabbi Geffen and Rabbi Glustrom received their Honorary D.D. Degrees in April 1975 from the Jewish Theological Seminary on the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of the Rabbinical Assembly. Rabbi Glustrom taught for three years at the Jewish Community Center while studying at the Jewish Theological Seminary.

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Jewish Community Center Confirmation Exercises. Held at the Paterson Synagogue — June, 1942. Left to right, Top Row - Traude Teutsh, Janice Synes, Joyce Simon, Sondra Hillman, Edna Schwartz. Bottom Row, Judy Moreinis Sultzer, Ruth La Place, Lorene Goldsmith, Bertha Levinson, Gwendolyn Schwartz.

Jewish Community Center Confirmation — 1944 or 1945 Queen Anne Road Building. Left to Right, Joyce Kaplan, Roberta Higier, Susan Comora, Rabbi Samuel Geffen, Gloria Roberts, Rebecca Holder, Joanne Goldsmith.

Ground Breaking exercises of the Prince Street Building. Left to Right - Students, Teacher Miss Suskind, Jules Siegel, Rabbi Samuel Geffen, Herman Levine.

THE SUNDAY SUN

Jewish Community Center Plans New Building Directly Behind Town Hall

Plans for the proposed new Jewish Community Center directly behind the Town Hall on Prince Street were released last week by Adolf Robison, chairman of the building committee.

Robison revealed that the plot on which the new building will be constructed comprises some 50,000 square feet facing Prince Street and Sterling Place, 100 feet in from Cedar Lane.

The gently sloping land will give ample opportunity

and important festivals have been held. The Synagogue Choir was trained and has since participated in all services on high holy days and other occasions. Rabbi Geffen also established a Talmud Torah daily Hebrew school where since 1940 many students have been prepared for Bar-Mitzvah. The Sunday religious school was organized with a capable staff of teachers.

Ground-Breaking Planned At Jewish Center Sunday

Contract, Awarded To Jersey City Firm, Will See Construction Follow 5-Year Drive

Five years of planning for a new Jewish Community Center of Teaneck reached construction stages today as ground breaking ceremonies for a new structure on Prince Street were scheduled for Sunday at 11 A. M. by the building committee.

OFFICIALS INVITED

The plot dedicated for the new Center, located 100 feet north of Cedar Lane and near the Municipal Building and Library, will be cleared beginning tomorrow. Mayor Clarence W. Brett, Township Manager Paul A. Volcker, the Council and Health Director Barnett S. Bookstaver are among officials to be invited to the ceremonies. Book-

chairman I. Joseph Stein and Hal Marx, drive chairman, announced plans for the groundbreaking rites.

"Ceremonies Sunday, and the new building we hope to occupy in time for celebration of the High Holy Days next fall, are the rewards of the untiring efforts of Adolf Robison and his committees," Center President Fred Schneider said.

If the construction schedule proceeds without interruption, the con-

A LETTER TO PARENTS OF BOYS APPROACHING BAR-MITZVAH

Dear Friends:

I know that you are beginning to think of your son's Bar-Mitzvah in the not-too-distant future. It is, indeed, a very eventful day for you and for your son. Have you stopped to think of the preparation that is required for this important occasion? Do you want it to remain in the memory of your son simply as a mechanical routine? Or do you prefer that the Day of Bar-Mitzvah should be a day of true worth and significance in his life? I feel certain that the latter choice is your objective. For that reason, I would like to suggest the following plan:

1. Send you son to our Talmud Torah as soon as possible.

2. Give him an opportunity to learn something about the faith of Judaism; allow him to receive an education in the Hebrew language.

3. Encourage him to take an interest in his Jewish studies; Jewish observances and participation in religious Services and ceremonies.

I am confident that if your son is given sufficient instruction in ample time with the proper home spirit, the Bar-Mitzvah will be a source of lasting inspiration and devotion to Jewish ideals for him throughout his life.

Please enroll your son immediately!

With kindest personal regards and best wishes for a NEW YEAR OF HEALTH AND HAPPINESS, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Samuel Geffen.

SUNDAY RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REGISTRATION DAYS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th and SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd.

OPENING DAY OF SUNDAY RELIGIOUS SCHOOL,

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th.

Registration for the Sunday Religious School will take place on Sunday, September 15th, and Sunday, September 22nd, beginning at 10 A. M., at the Center, 1075 Queen Anne Road. The schedule of Tuition Rates is as follows:

SUNDAY RELIGIOUS SCHOOL TUITION

Members	1 child,	$8.00 per semester
	2 children,	$15.00 " "
	3 children,	$21.00 " "
Non-members	1 child,	$12.00 " "
	2 children,	$23.00 " "
	3 children,	$32.00 " "

All tuition is payable in advance at each semester.

Parents are requested to accompany their children at registration. Members of the faculty will be present to register your children and to furnish all necessary information. Students may be registered for all classes from Kindergarten through High School (ages 5 and up). For further information, please call Rabbi Samuel Geffen at Teaneck 7-2587, or Teaneck 7-7961.

All the information in this Bulletin, relative to Tuition and Registration, is issued by Mr. Philip Kaplan, Chairman of the Religious Committee of the Center.

addition he edited the congregation's weekly bulletin and for the first time in the congregation's history instituted regular weekly Sabbath Morning services.

Along with his many responsibilities at the Jewish Community Center, Rabbi Geffen was honorary chaplain of the Jewish War Veterans, Post #128 in Hackensack; was the organizer and past president of the Bergen County Section, United Synagogue of America; initiated interfaith activities particularly with Teaneck's Methodist Church (he and the minister would exchange pulpits) and volunteered his services to the township as an air raid warden. Rabbi Geffen left Teaneck in 1948, to join his present congregation, the Jewish Center of Forest Hills West.

It was during the Geffen years that the Teaneck Jewish Community Center conceived and implemented its plan to purchase land on which to build a synagogue. Led by several prominent members of the congregation in this effort and encouraged by Rabbi Geffen during these eight years, the group worked diligently to establish the planning boards and fund-raising campaigns that enabled it to achieve its goal. All construction had to be postponed, however, due to the pressures and scarcity of materials caused by World War II.

It is at this time in the Center's history, in 1948, as its congregants are about to celebrate the ground-breaking ceremony of the Prince Street building, that we will relegate its future development to a later chapter, to be included with the histories of Teaneck's five other Jewish congregations.

In the early Geffen years membership at the Center was not large and precisely because of its lack of size participation by everyone was particularly important. The congregation was fortunate in having an inordinate number of tireless workers many of whom were members of the professions. Of the five founding fathers, all of whom have been mentioned earlier, one was a doctor, two were dentists and two were attorneys. Many of the following people as well as members of their families, who preceded Rabbi Geffen, could not be located for an interview. As a result, information about them is somewhat inadequate. They are listed as follows:

Dr. Edward and Henrietta Wolfe — Dr. Wolfe was the first Jewish doctor to be admitted as a member of the staff at Teaneck's Holy Name Hospital. Although his residence had been in surgery, he served as the diabetes specialist. His private office and home were on Queen Anne Road at Cherry Lane. The consensus among our longtime residents was that Jewish doctors were not encouraged to affiliate with Holy Name Hospital for a considerable period of time.[1] Dr. Wolfe served as a secretary of the Jewish Community Center and offered his home for many of the early organizational meetings.

Henry and Ruth Simon were devoted to the establishment of the Jewish Community Center. Mr. Simon, an accountant, served as treasurer of the congregation for many years until succeeded by Abe Goodman. Dr. Geffen recalls the professional manner in which Mr. Simon conducted himself and carried out his responsibilities.

Joseph and Bertha Milberg, prominent members of the Jewish community, donated the Center's first Torah. Mr. Milberg practiced law in Jersey City.

Samuel and Ida Levine — Mrs. Levine, a former teacher in the New York City School system, instructed the Center's post-Confirmation class and assisted in the music curriculum. She was president of Sisterhood in 1940-1941 and is also remembered as an indispensable worker in all synagogue activities. Mr. Levine was an attorney.

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1) Jewish dentists and lawyers found it difficult, at one time, to gain entrance into the Bergen County Dental and Lawyer's societies, respectively. Today, approximately 10% of Holy Name Hospital's doctors are Jewish. Dr. Arthur A. Goldfarb was appointed chief of allergy in 1960 (and has occupied this position at Englewood Hospital, as well, since 1970). He and his wife, June, have resided in Teaneck since 1957. Dr. Goldfarb is a past president of the Bergen County Medical Society (1969-1970) and the New Jersey Allergy Society (1969-1971). His wife is an active member of the Teaneck Section of the National Council of Jewish Women and is especially interested in its efforts to resettle Russian-Jewish immigrants.

Hebrew School Students, Teachers and Rabbi Samuel Geffen of the Jewish Community Center, 1943.

KEY TO HEBREW SCHOOL PUPILS

1. *Eva Fechner*
2. *Lilo Teutsch (Teacher)*
3. *?*
4. *Mr. David Susskind (Teacher)*
5. *?*
6. *Miss Susskind (Teacher)*
7. *Jane Rothschild*
8. *Gerald Greenberg*
9. *Rabbi Samuel Geffen*
10. *Paul Rothschild*
11. *?*
12. *Rosabelle La Place*
13. *Ronald Grober*
14. *Alan La Place*
15. *Barbara Bennett*
16. *Abby Moreinus*
17. *?*
18. *Robert Friedlander*
19. *Carolyn Goldberg*
20. *Laurie Moreinus*
21. *Marcia Gross*
22. *Ruth Sanders*
23. *Bob Feinberg*
24. *Barbara Simon*
25. *Carolyn Stein*
26. *Peter Reim*
27. *B. Burstein*
28. *Sandra ?*

29A Tony Kurtz
29B Miss Susskind (Teacher)

30. *Malcolm Harris*
31. *Mr. Jack Diamond (Teacher)*
32. *Miss Koenigsburg (Teacher)*
33. *Mr. Sidney Steinman (Teacher)*
34. *Martin Speilberg*
35. *Arnold Grossman*
36. *?*
37. *?*
38. *?*
39. *Rebe Holder*
40. *Lorene Goldsmith*
41. *Joyce Simon*
42. *Lilo Perlmutter*
43. *Richard Engler*
44. *Robert Feinberg*
45. *Ruth La Place*
46. *?*
47. *Joyce Simon*
48. *Janice Synes*
49. *Saul Turtletaub*
50. *Sy Sanders*
51. *?*
52. *Joanne Goldsmith*
53. *Bob Synes*
54. *?*
55. *Irwin Sloan*
56. *George Levy*
57. *Judy Moreinus*
58. *Janet Sloan*
59. *Traude Teutsch*
60. *Alice Levy*
61. *Carol Feinberg*
62. *?*
63. *?*
64. *Arthur Friedman*
65. *Ronald Kurtz*
66. *?*

Dr. Nathaniel and Regina Saviet came from Paterson to open his second dental office on Garrison Avenue in 1930. They joined the Jewish Community Center and actively supported its many functions. Both are deceased[1]. Dr. Saviet was a founding member and vigorous participant in the Bergen County ZOA Chapter.

Elmer and Fanny Seebeck partook in Center functions although Mr. Seebeck was not Jewish. Mrs. Seebeck was an attorney. After her premature demise, Mr. Seebeck moved from Teaneck.

Sol and Millie Schultz lived in Bogota from 1927-1936, until they moved to the State of Washington. During this period of residence they served as officers and charter members of the Teaneck Jewish Community Center. Mr. Schultz was an electrical engineer. He was appointed chief electrical engineer for the New York Port Authority and supervised construction of the George Washington Bridge and Lincoln Tunnel. Mr. Schultz was also employed at one time by the Federal Government for the Tennessee Valley Authority and was involved in the construction of the Bonneville and Grand Coulee dams. His brother-in-law, Samuel Levy, also an engineer, served as an officer of the congregation and still resides in Teaneck. Another brother-in-law, Mark Levy, settle in Teaneck in 1930 and moved away fourteen years later for business reasons. Both Mr. Levy and his wife, Cecilia, were charter members of the Center and sang in the choir. Cecilia Levy was president of Sisterhood from 1933-1935 and Mark Levy served as cantor of the congregation[2]. They now reside in Florida.

Bernard and Ann Turteltaub moved to Teaneck in 1927, but stayed for only a short time when they moved their residence as well as their business, Home Awning and Shade Company, to Englewood. The Turteltaubs maintained their membership at the Jewish Community Center (of which Mr. Turteltaub was a founding member), and it is believed that their son, Saul, attended the *Talmud Torah.* The Turteltaubs were also active at the Bergen County YMHA and the Englewood Jewish Community Center.[3] Bernard Turteltaub wrote a column "Just My Thoughts" for the Jewish Standard for many years. He is deceased.

When Jules and Pearl Siegel moved here in 1931 from Weehawken, Teaneck gained two very important assets. Mr. Siegel helped organize the Bergen County Chapter of ZOA, with Benjamin Gordon and Rabbi Israel Margolies, and participated in its anti-Bund activities. Mrs. Siegel was president of Sisterhood and the Bergen County Section of NCJW. Jules Siegel, an architect, was actively engaged in the remodeling of the Queen Anne Road Synagogue and in the construction of the Center's Prince Street building (his wife proudly recalls her husband sprinkling soil from Palestine during the groundbreaking ceremonies). He worked assiduously in assisting Jewish refugees to relocate and in finding them employment and homes. Mr. Siegel[4], who died in 1968, is fondly remembered and held in high esteem by Rabbi Geffen and his contemporaries. Mrs. Siegel now resides in Hackensack.

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1) Dr. and Mrs. Saviet donated the cover for the first Torah. Their daughter, Elaine Rudowitz, a frequent visitor to Teaneck, resides with her husband, Lawrence, and their children in Fair Lawn. She teaches English at Hasbrouck Heights High School and at Bergen Community College.

2) The Mark Levys' son, Edward, is married to Harriet Falk, daughter of Walter and Minnie Falk, and was president of the Boys Club that met at the Queen Anne Road Building.

3) Saul Turteltaub was graduated from Columbia University Law School where he wrote and produced the school's famous musical shows, "Law Revues," He pursued a career in show business and today is a prominent television producer (among his credits are such programs as "Sanford & Son" and "Love, American Style"). Mr. Turteltaub and his family reside in Beverly Hills, California. They belong to the orthodox Congregation Beth Jacob; he is the founder of the Synagogue for the Performing Arts in Westwood, California.

4) Jules Siegel's sister, Bertha Hoffman, married to Dr. Herman Hoffman, moved to Teaneck from Union City in 1937. Their son, Dr. Jules Hoffman, is married to the former Lilo Thurnauer, daughter of Martin and Leni Thurnauer. Bertha Hoffman sang in the Center choir. Dr. Hoffman is deceased.

Jacob and Claire Kurtz left Brooklyn in 1932 to come to Teaneck at the recommendation of their close friends, Teaneck residents Saul and Eileen Lipman, who were enthusiastic members of the Center. (Mr. Lipman was an engineer). Mr. Kurtz, a specialist in tungsten and powder metallurgy, helped develop fabrication methods for nuclear materials for the Manhattan (Atomic Bomb) Project and owned thirty metallurgical patents. He was dedicated to the Jewish Community Center serving as chairperson of the Religious Committee's fund-raising campaigns. Mr. Kurtz also found time to supervise the Center's Boys Club sports activities and to bring several refugee families from Europe. Mrs. Kurtz was the first Jewish member of the Teaneck Garden Club and spent many years assisting the Teaneck Cub Scout organization. When the Kurtzes lived on Grange Road near the Episcopal Church, their home stored many of the Church's materials. They also assisted the Church financially and supported its functions. Mr. Kurtz[1] died in 1974; Mrs. Kurtz still resides in Teaneck.

In 1932 Murray and Dorothy Megibow bought a house on the corner of Lincoln and Cumberland Roads. Teaneck was so rural that the house had no number! Later they moved to 1375 Hudson Road into a home that played a prominent role as the meeting place for numerous organizations in which the Megibows were involved. The first advanced gifts drive of Teaneck's UJA campaign, at which the sizable sum of $40,000 was raised, was held in the Megibows' living room. By reason of her hospitality Mrs. Megibow inadvertently started the Women's Division of the UJA. She was so affected by the words of the guest speaker that she donated $100 to the cause. Some of the men present caught her spirit and began making donations in their respective wives' names. As a result, a luncheon for the ladies was organized a few days later. It took place at the Swiss Chalet with a couvert of $100 per plate; $10,000 was raised.

In 1953 another group of men met at 1375 Hudson Road. The goal this time was to combat anti-semitism at the county level and to extend help to needy Jewish families. The result was the establishment of the Jewish Welfare Council and Murray Megibow served as its first president. Mr. Megibow's credentials are most impressive. He was the fifth president of the Teaneck Jewish Community Center;[2] served on the Board of Directors of the Bergen County YMHA; was president of the now-defunct Bergen County Committee for New Americans (organized after World War II for the express purpose of helping to resettle displaced persons throughout the county); was appointed to the Health Commission of Bergen County by Senator Walter Jones in 1966; was a Bergen County delegate to the National Republican Convention in Chicago in 1960; and was an early and active member of Teaneck's Community Chest campaign. He still serves on the Bergen County Mental Health Commission and is well known for his leadership in institutions outside Bergen County.

Mrs. Megibow has enthusiastically supported all of her husband's endeavors and, in addition, is a charter member of Teaneck ORT. She was formerly active in both the Bergen County Chapter of NCJW, and the Amity Club of the Bergen County YMHA (a now defunct organization of young women who supported the "Y" through its various activities). The Megibows moved to Tenafly in 1955.

Julius and Ruth Sholem are remembered as diligent partakers in Jewish communal activities who extended themselves for numerous Center endeavors. Mrs. Sholem served the Sisterhood in many capacities. She was one of the founders of the Teaneck Chapter of Hadassah and was elected its first president. Mrs. Sholem acted as advisor to the synagogue's fraternity for boys of high school age. Delta Epsilon Phi was established when the congregation met at the Queen Anne Road Synagogue. It

1) Mr. Kurtz's mother, Rose Mendelssohn Kurtz, was a descendant of the famous Mendelssohn family.

2) It was during his administration that the Jewish Community Center's Men's Club was re-established. The original Shield Club had previously been dissolved.

admitted Jewish boys from communities other than Teaneck as well, and provided a social and athletic outlet for them. Jewish boys at Teaneck High School were excluded from the Hi-Y fraternity, an organization that was guided by Christian doctrine. In 1946 a Tri-Hi-Y sorority was organized. The 1946 high school yearbook records that only 30 girls were asked to join out of more than 90 applicants. We know of no Jewish girls who were admitted to the organization during its existence.

Morris and Bessie Spector moved from Jersey City in 1932 and were consistent participants in Center activities. The Teaneck Chapter of Hadassah was organized in the Spector home. Seventy-five women crowded into their finished basement for that first meeting in 1942 to establish the new chapter (even though only 15 signatures were required by the National Hadassah Organization). Mrs. Spector served as the original vice president of Membership. Morris Spector died in 1968; Mrs. Spector continues to reside in Teaneck.[1]

Solomon and Miriam Harris left Bayonne in 1932 to build their home on Essex Road in Teaneck. In addition to becoming involved in various activities (Mr. Harris cooperated with Jules Siegel and Sam Levy in planning the renovation of the Queen Anne Road building, remodeling what had been a State Troopers headquarters into a synagogue), they undertook civic responsibilities. Mrs. Harris was president of the PTA and is warmly remembered by Miss Theresa Bauer, one of Whittier School's senior faculty members, for her leadership. She was also active in the Red Cross and NCJW. Mr. Harris organized Boy Scout Troop #55 at Christ Church.[2] Miriam Harris recollects a meeting of various church leaders that was convened in their home to discuss the German-American Bund and measures to counteract its propaganda. The meeting ended on a positive note with each representative agreeing to solicit the cooperation of his congregation. Mr. Harris died in 1966; Mrs. Harris still lives in Teaneck.

Harold and Edna Marx, well-known members of Teaneck's Jewish community, settled in Teaneck in 1933 having moved from Woodcliff Lake and were dedicated to the Center. Mrs. Marx served as president of Sisterhood from 1941 to 1943, and Mr. Marx held many offices.[3] His vital role in helping to erect the Prince Street building is especially remembered in addition to his participation in the town's growing number of Jewish organizations. Hal Marx passed away in 1967, three years after they moved to Hackensack where Edna Marx still resides. She maintains her membership at the Jewish Community Center and is a frequent participant in Teaneck activities, particularly functions sponsored by NCJW. Mrs. Marx is a founding member of the Women's Chapter of Teaneck's B'nai B'rith Lodge and Hadassah.

Harry and Francis Bressler were popular Teaneck residents. Mr. Bressler, a famous

1) The Spectors' son, Joseph, was the first Jewish boy from Teaneck to be accepted into the United States Military Academy at West Point. Their daughter, Muriel Mauriber, lived in Teaneck until her premature demise in 1972, one year after her younger brother, Arnold, passed away. Muriel's husband, Joseph Mauriber, and two of their three sons still reside here.

2) Jewish children participated in the scouting program in Teaneck as far back as our history is recorded, beginning with Israel Doskow's son, Nahum, who belonged to Troop #72 at the Community Church (see Chapter 2). He remembers being one of the few scouts who did not know the words to "Onward Christian Soldiers." Others joined troops that met at the Presbyterian Church, Lutheran Church, Episcopal Church and at the various public schools. Several boys from early Jewish families, such as Dr. Paul Bookstaver, became Eagle Scouts. Years later, the Bergen County YMHA organized its own Boy Scout troop, followed by the Jewish Community Center when it moved into the Queen Anne Road building. (Chuck Goldstein, one of the singers in the famous vocal group, "The Modernnaires," established and led Troop #168 for several years.) Our research indicates that Brownie and Girl Scout troops were not as popular or as plentiful in the early years. There is no record of them convening at the "Y" or the Jewish Community Center. In subsequent years Brownie and Girl Scouts met at Girl Scout - Brownie House (which later became the PAL building off Route 4 at the Belle Avenue exit) among other locations. Jewish parents who became involved as leaders in scouting on the local and regional levels are too numerous to list.

3) The Marx family sponsors a scholarship at the Teaneck High School in memory of their only child, Mona.

syndicated newspaper cartoonist employed by the Bergen Record, volunteered his artistic ability to many causes. Synagogue bulletins, municipal publications and even the Sisterhood cookbook were beneficiaries of his talents. Today several of his paintings are on view on the walls of the township Municipal Building corridors. He was involved in many facets of Center functions as was Mrs. Bressler, who studied painting and was considered quite gifted. Mr. Bressler is deceased.

Morris and Bernice Shuster moved from New York City in 1933 to enjoy Teaneck's rural environment. They joined the group of pioneers struggling to establish the Jewish Community Center almost immediately after their arrival and participated in the earliest stages of the congregation's development. Mr. Shuster served as treasurer and Mrs. Shuster as recording secretary. One of the few remaining charter members still residing in Teaneck, the Shusters continue their participation in Center programs as well as those sponsored by B'nai B'rith and Hadassah.[1]

The Rodnon families, May and David and Ann and Louis, who owned the Silver Rod Drug Store chain, resided in Teaneck during these early years of Jewish immigration and were supporters of the Center.

Frances and Hyman Starr were both attorneys. She was very active in Sisterhood, serving as president from 1935-1937, and he was a member of the temple's board of directors. After Frances died, Hyman married Ceil Klein, widow of Murray Klein. The Kleins were also deeply committed to synagogue activities; Mr. Klein had been chairperson of the board of directors. Hyman and Ceil Klein Starr now reside in Hackensack.

Dr. Jack and Rebe Hyman[2], former residents of North Bergen, settled here in 1933. He practiced dentistry in Union City. The Hymans recall many of the Center's first functions and members and also remember the enthusiasm and dedication of this small group that attempted to enrich Jewish life in Teaneck. In addition to supporting Center activities, Mrs. Hyman participated in NCJW, Red Cross and Holy Name Hospital's Ladies Auxiliary; Dr. Hyman was a Civil Defense volunteer. They now live in Florida.

Martin and Leni Thurnauer left Germany at Mrs. Thurnauer's insistence in 1934 to emigrate to the United States. The events transpiring in Europe appeared so incredible that Mr. Thurnauer along with millions of others found it difficult to accept reality. They had no difficulty in resettling as Mr. Thurnauer had learned English and cultivated many friendships on a previous trip to our country. He had visited the United States in 1913, as a young man of nineteen, to participate in a 12-month training program. (An attack of measles forced him to miss the last unrequisitioned boat back to Germany; World War I hostilities had commenced and he remained here five years.) The Thurnauers originally stayed with friends in Westchester for a short time until Martin Thurnauer decided to accept a position in Jersey City. Bergen County seemed a suitable location in which to reside and Teaneck had a good selection of homes.

Martin and Leni Thurnauer dedicated themselves to refugee rescue activities, through the Joint Distribution Committee, the NCJW Immigration Resettlement programs and their own personal efforts. After the establishment of the United

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1) The Shusters' son, Carl, is married to the former Claudia Kramer, daughter of Julian and Bernice Kramer.

2) The Hymans' daughters, Marion Hess (Mrs. Albert) and Sylvia White (married to Dr. Edward) still reside in Teaneck. Mr. Hess was an official in the Teaneck Community Chest campaigns and Mrs. Hess served as a chairperson of the NCJW Evening Branch. They have held positions of leadership in Teaneck's scouting organizations.

Nations, Mrs. Thurnauer became an enthusiastic member of the AAUN (American Association for the United Nations). Mr. Thurnauer was an active participant in the Sierra Club (a conservationist organization), the New Jersey Section of the World Federalist Organization (of which he was a charter member), and chairperson of the Associates of the New School for Social Research. Prior to his demise in 1974, when he reached the age of 80, Mr. Thurnauer had enrolled in courses at Fairleigh Dickinson University. The Thurnauers enjoyed dual membership at the Jewish Community Center and Temple Emeth for more than fifteen years. They actively supported the Center during its earlier years with Mr. Thurnauer serving on the board of trustees, and enthusiastically participated more recently in Temple Emeth's many classes and functions. Other Teaneck organizations that merited their conscientious assistance were the League of Women Voters, UJA, the Bergen County Jewish Federation of Community Services and NCJW. Mrs. Thurnauer still lives in Teaneck.

Philip and Sadie Kaplan came from Brooklyn, New York in 1935, to become one of the Center's most prominent couples. Mr. Kaplan, a chemical engineer, worked unceasingly as the Center's first Fund-Raising campaign chairperson, raising funds for the building on Queen Anne Road; he also served as chairperson of the Religious Committee and as the Center's third president, succeeding Dr. Barnet Bookstaver. Mrs. Kaplan was president of Sisterhood from 1937 to 1940 and was active in its many varied endeavors. The Kaplans moved to Sheboygan, Wisconsin. Mrs. Kaplan died in April 1976.[1]

Dr. Karl Meyer had been working in Zurich, Switzerland, on a grant sponsored by the Paris Office of the Rockefeller Foundation when, in 1930, he was recommended by the Foundation for a research position at the University of California at Berkeley. He and his future wife, Marthe, decided to honeymoon in the United States in order to determine whether to leave Europe and settle in America. They remained in California for several years where Dr. Meyer specialized in endocrinology. Later he transferred to New York's Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons. While primarily involved in ophthalmological research, Dr. Meyer developed this country's very first batch of penicillin to be used for domestic medical treatment. In 1936 the Meyers moved to Teaneck at the recommendation of their friends, Dr. and Mrs. Mulinos, already residents of the town.[2]

They joined the Jewish Community Center and became involved in its many functions and organizational meetings. Their children attended the Hebrew school.

The brilliant and multi-faceted Dr. Meyer[2] has been since January 1967 a professor of Biochemistry at Yeshiva University. He has received such international awards as Canada's Claude Bernard award, the University of Toronto Faculty's Gardener award, and France's Pasteur award from the Institute Pasteur, Paris. He is a life member of the Israeli Association for Connective Tissue Research. In this country he has been awarded the Van Slyke award from the American Association of Clinical Chemists; the Albert Lasker award of 1956, sponsored by the American Public Health Association (for his work on rheumatic and arthritic diseases and other disorders of connective tissue); and the T. Duckett Jones award from the Helen Hay Whitney

1) The Kaplans' daughter, Doris, is married to Judge Abraham L. Rosenberg of Bogota, who has sat on the bench of the Hackensack Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court since October 1966. He is the first Jewish judge to be appointed to the State Court from the Teaneck-Bogota area. Prior to this appointment, he served as a Bogota Magistrate for 10 years and was Mayor of Bogota from 1963-1966. Judge Rosenberg has been active in the Boy Scout Organizations of Bogota and Hackensack and serves on the Jewish Committee and County Executive Committee on Scouting. The Kaplans' son, Saul, still resides in Teaneck, as does Philip Kaplan's brother, Dr. Issac Macklin Kaplan, who came from Brooklyn in 1941. Dr. I. Macklin and Dorothy Kaplan's son, Howard, who is married to the former Carol Silber, daughter of Mortimer and Helen Silber, practices law and resides in Teaneck. Howard Kaplan was president of the Teaneck Chapter of B'nai B'rith.

2) Dr. Meyer has earned both his M.D. and Ph.D. degrees.

Foundation. He is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and honorary president of the American Association of Complex Carbohydrates. In honor of Dr. Meyer's 75th birthday, a special issue of the International Journal on Connective Tissue Research was published.

An ardent Zionist and a member of the Bergen County ZOA chapter, Dr. Meyer declined to attend the International Biochemical Congress several years ago because it was convening in Russia. Mrs. Meyer has been involved in the non-sectarian Children's Aid & Adoption Society of Bergen County since its establishment several years ago. The Meyers reside in Teaneck.[1]

David and Anne Synes moved to Teaneck from Philadelphia in 1937, two years after Mr. Synes established his Big Bear Supermarket on Cedar Lane. Although the town's Jewish population was very small at this time, a pleasant social life could be enjoyed by participation at the Jewish Community Center. The Synes embraced the young congregation and remember clearly its early functions and members. Coming from a family that dedicated itself to the development of Jersey City's Jewish community (his parents were among the founders of its first temple; Hadassah chapter; free loan society; homes for the orphans and the aged; and the YMHA), David Synes established his own credentials as a dedicated devotee of Jewish causes. In 1938 he and Herman Levine were among the organizers of Teaneck's first UJA campaign which collected $866. By 1941 this dynamic team managed to increase contributions to $7,500. Even during these first years guest speakers, such as Maurice Samuel, were invited to speak in order to encourage donations. During the 1940's Mr. Synes became involved with ZOA and served as our local chapter's first treasurer. (Ben Gordon was the first president.)

During World War II he helped establish the Bergen County Coordinating Committee (with fellow Teaneck residents Sadie Leight, Adolf Robison and Jules Siegel) at the Bergen County YMHA, for the purpose of bringing refugees into the country. This group worked relentlessly in acquiring affidavits, employment and homes for those desperately seeking escape from the terrors of Hitler, and on many occasions invited refugee families temporarily to reside with them. The Synes family also opened its home to Jewish soldiers stationed at the Teaneck Armory[2] for Friday night dinners and to Fairleigh Dickinson University students for Passover seders.

After Israel was recognized, Mr. Synes was an active participant in Teaneck's three-week food and clothing drive for the struggling young country. Merchandise was

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1) Teaneck has always attracted a large proportion of people, both Christian and Jewish, trained in the sciences. Unfortunately, our resources for investigation were too limited to permit an accurate calculation of the vast number of such professionals that reside or formerly resided in town. (The same applies to the fields of higher education and publishing.) We do know that Dr. Nathan Kline, who is outstanding in the field of psychotherapy and author of the popular book, "From Sad to Glad - Kline on Depression," has been a long-time resident of Teaneck. Dr. Raffaele Lattes, probably Teaneck's earliest Sephardic resident (he was born in Torino, Italy), has been professor of Surgical Pathological Services at the Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center since 1951. He and his wife, Eva, have lived in Teaneck since 1950. Dr. Lattes is regularly invited to lecture throughout this country and the world. (He will be addressing the National Cancer Institute of Milan in the near future.) Along with three other doctors, he was sent on a lecture tour sponsored by our State Department to Israel, Turkey, Iran, Lebanon and Greece. Dr. Lattes is secretary of an international committee of WHO (World Health Organization) that concerns itself with the reclassification of malignant tumors of soft tissue. Among the numerous professional societies to which Dr. Lattes belongs is the International Academy of Pathology. Some other prominent Teaneck pathologists are Dr. Harry Joachim and Dr. Jacob Churg of Mount Sinai Hospital. Dr. Churg, an international authority on renal diseases, has accepted a recent invitation from the State of Israel to serve as a visiting professor. Dr. Mark Zemansky, prominent physicist, and his wife, Adele, settled in Teaneck in 1952, because of its excellent schools. In the mid 1960's, Dr. Zemansky served on an Educational Advisory Committee that evaluated the town's school system. He is a professor emeritus of the City College of New York where a chair in Physics has been established in his honor. Mrs. Zemansky is very active in the Teaneck Garden Club and in Braille transcription with Temple Emeth's Sisterhood. She is an officer of the American Gloxinia and Gesneriad Society.

2) According to the 1941 issue of "Bergen County Panorama," the Teaneck Armory was a PWA project built to house the 104th Engineers Regiment and cost $1,000,000 to erect. Made of brick and limestone, it was the largest armory in the country up to that time and occupied 13 acres of land donated to the state by the county.

stored at the old Acme Supermarket on Cedar Lane (which was on the site now occupied by Linn's Stationery Store). Other commercial establishments in the township supplied vehicles for the collection of contributions. Private citizens donated other essential materials such as cartons and trucks; supplies were flown out of Teterboro Airport in a plane supplied by Adolf Robison. (Both the pilot and the plane remained in Israel).

Mr. and Mrs. Synes also worked for Civil Defense, Community Chest, and the Jewish Community Center, especially its Hebrew school. Mr. Synes, along with Ben Gordon, Philip Sher and Selly Pressburger, encouraged the Center to become more traditional. Today, the Synes are valued members of Congregation Beth Sholom, where Mr. Synes served as treasurer and is part of the daily *minyan.* He was also the Bergen County representative of Yeshiva University for several years. The Synes continue to reside in Teaneck.

William and Ceil Fields came to Teaneck from Brooklyn, New York between 1938 and 1939 and, after renting two houses on Herrick Avenue, built their own home at 182 Vandelinda Avenue. The Fields were gracious hosts and their home served as the meeting place for numerous organizations and Center activities. Ceil Fields was active in NCJW whose various study groups held sessions at her house. The first Bergen County organization for Jewish senior citizens, founded by NCJW, was originated there (see Chapter 7, Part 4). Although the Fields moved to Manhattan after their daughter's marriage, Mrs. Fields[1] has maintained her membership in the Teaneck Section of NCJW and hosts meetings of its literary group in her New York apartment. She has been an enthusiastic supporter and chairperson of the Red Cross for many years and a volunteer worker at Veterans Hospitals. William Fields, who is deceased, is fondly remembered for his dedication to the Center and Teaneck's various Jewish organizations.

Morris and Minnie Spector were also residents of Brooklyn who moved here in 1939. Except for Mrs. Spector's participation as a Democratic district county committeeperson, the Spectors devoted their talents and energies to the Jewish Community Center. Morris Spector could be relied upon to provide from his wholesale produce business the fruit for the synagogue's *Succah* each year. He was an assistant leader to the center's Cub Scout troop of which his son, Stephan[2], was a member, and conscientiously participated in its Sunday meetings. Minnie Spector's activities in Sisterhood were so outstanding that she was honored for her service (after 13 years) by the organization. Mr. Spector was active in the Center's Men's Club, and Mrs. Spector in the Center's well-remembered musical shows. They retired to Florida in 1974.

Percy and Lucille Simon settled in Teaneck in 1939, moving from the Bronx, New York. Mr. Simon first saw our town in 1933, at the height of the Depression, when, as a newly-licensed architect, he took a bus ride across the recently dedicated George Washington Bridge. Not having sufficient funds to ride further he left the bus on the New Jersey side of the bridge and walked on torn soles along Route 4, eventually reaching Teaneck. Mr. Simon writes that he was immediately impressed with the people, the community's potential for expansion and its beautiful suburban atmosphere. With no prospects for earning a livelihood, Mr. Simon managed to convince the owner of a real estate firm on Cedar Lane to rent a corner of his office to him, with telephone privileges, for $5.00 a week. He maintained this base of operations for approximately six fruitless months. During this period, however, he had the opportuni-

1) Ceil Fields' brother, Gad Bernstein, later settled in Teaneck with his wife, Florence. Rabbi Geffen recalls that Mr. Bernstein used the facilities of his business to help in Center activities and was always ready to assist whenever needed. He was invaluable to the synagogue's fund raising efforts and in the establishment of the ZOA Bergen County Chapter.

2) Stephan Spector now practices law in Hackensack and resides in Ramsey with his family.

ty of familiarizing himself with the townspeople, the tiny Jewish community and the dynamic and encouraging Dr. Bookstaver.

Because of his desperate financial situation, Mr. Simon was forced to return to New York City to find employment in federally funded projects. After numerous frustrating experiences he was finally able to return to Teaneck with his family in 1939, where he supervised the construction of his own home at 608 Wyndham Road. Mr. Simon established his practice at 555 Cedar Lane and was the only Jewish architect in the Northern New Jersey area at this time. He designed over 3,000 homes in Teaneck for individuals and developers. He also designed apartment complexes, shopping centers and religious institutions in the surrounding area. Appointed by Mayor Matthew Feldman, he served for one term as Teaneck's building inspector. The Simons retired to Florida in 1972.

The 1930's brought a number of other Jewish families to Teaneck. Among them, some of whom may not have been previously mentioned, are:

— 1933 — William and Sarah Lipschitz, who lived here seven years and then moved to Massachusetts where they presently reside. Their daughter, Ruth Wiener, her husband, Bertram[1], and their children moved to Teaneck in 1952 and became enthusiastic residents involving themselves in the Red Cross, PTA, Jewish War Veterans, NCJW and Community Chest campaigns. Since 1971 the Wieners have resided in Hackensack where the main branch of Mr. Wiener's Colony Sleep Shop is located. They still maintain their membership at Temple Emeth and are active members of the Bergen County Jewish Federation of Community Services.

— 1935 — Abe and Lillian Teitelbaum. The Teitelbaums now live in Florida but their son, Howard, and grandson, Robert, still reside here and own Cedar Lane's Parisian Cleaners & Dyers. Mrs. Howard Teitelbaum was past president of the Bergen County Region of ORT and previously served on the national board.

— 1935 — Harry and Rose Friedlander. Mrs. Friedlander moved to Hackensack after Mr. Friedlander's demise. They are fondly remembered by Rabbi Geffen as consistent supporters of the Center.

— 1935 — Norman and Beatrice Rosner. Mrs. Rosner's family, the Levines, came to Hackensack in 1916 when most of what is now Teaneck was known as Phelps Woods. The Levines participated in organizing and building the first Jewish congregation in Hackensack — the Hackensack Hebrew Institute — now know as Temple Beth-El. The Rosners are now affiliated with Temple Beth-El. Norman Rosner was manager of the Prudential Insurance Company's Bergen County office in Teaneck until his retirement. He was president of the Teaneck Chapter of Kiwanis in 1968[2] and was active in civil defense and U.S. Bond drives. The Rosners have been dedicated members of the Bergen County YMHA since its establishment.

— 1935 — Solomon and Lillian Gabin. Mr. Gabin owns the National Glass & Paint store on West Englewood Avenue. He served on a township Advisory Committee for Transportation and is a member of the Teaneck Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Gabin died in 1962. Mr. Gabin now resides in Hackensack but maintains his membership at Congregation Beth Sholom.

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1) Bertram Wiener's parents, Morris and Ann, resided in Teaneck from 1942-1945 and then returned to Hackensack. Morris Wiener died in 1966. Bertram's brother, Sidney, lives in Tenafly with his wife, Rosalyn, and enjoys a membership at Congregation Beth Sholom.

2) The Teaneck Chapter of Kiwanis always had a substantial number of Jewish members. Some Jewish past presidents were Dr. Stuart Littwin, Dr. A. Milton Bell, Postmaster Lawrence Friedman and Dr. Stanley Rosen. The Kiwanis organization is noted for its many charitable endeavors. Among the many activities of the Teaneck chapter was the sponsoring of a circus in 1967 at the Teaneck Armory to raise funds for the handicapped and orphaned children of Bergen County. The immediate past president is Ron Schneider (1975-1976).

— 1937 — Elliot and Bert Berkwit. The Berkwits moved from Englewood and retained their membership at Englewood's Temple Emanu-El. Their daughter, Pat Solomon, was the third chairperson of NCJW's Evening group. Both Mrs. Berkwit and Mrs. Solomon still reside in Teaneck.

— 1938 — Hans and Anna Teutsch. The Teutsch family were conscientious members of the Center during Rabbi Geffen's tenure in office. They now belong to Temple Emeth, preferring a Reform service. The three Teutsch daughters were born in Nuremberg, Germany, as were their parents, and are graduates of the Teaneck school system. Today they enjoy successful careers: the youngest, Traude Pins, was chairperson of the Hackensack Junior High School's English Department; Lilo Strauss works for the CDC (Center for Disease Control) in Atlanta, Georgia; and the oldest, Erika, is director of the New York City office of the Governor of New York. Mr. and Mrs. Teutsch still live in Teaneck.

— 1939— Rachael and Harry Holder. The Holders recently retired from their stationery store on Queen Anne Road but still maintain their Teaneck residence. Mr. Holder, a member of the Chamber of Commerce, served as its president. They still participate in Center functions after 37 years of membership.

— 1939 — Jack and Helen Siegel. The Siegels joined the Center when the congregation first occupied the Queen Anne Road building. They immediately participated in its many activities and remained members until moving to Florida. Mr. Siegel has since passed away.

Other early Jewish residents who came to Teaneck before 1940 (possibly before 1930), and were well known in the Jewish community included Morris and Henrietta Blumberg, Abe and Ida Rapfogel, Moe and Jean Katzman, Jack and Violet Bernstein, Dr. Sam and Shirley Binder, Joe and Faye Edelson, Harry and Freda Goldsmith, Dr. Clarence and Savina Feinberg and his brother, Dr. Bernard Feinberg, Harry and Lillian Rothschild, Bernard and Sydelle Glasser (their son, Gilbert, was the second boy to have his Bar Mitzvah celebrated at the Center), Ed and Lillian Gilden, Nathan and Mae Wells, Nathan and Emily Kahn, Jacob and Miriam Levy, the Samuel Seidners and the David Rossmans.

Many of the Jewish families who settled in Teaneck prior to the late 1940's (the end of the Geffen years) experienced anti-semitism from realtors, builders and/or neighbors. Rumors, based on unfortunate experiences suffered by some families, to the effect that certain streets (or even entire sections) were restricted against Jews persisted throughout the Jewish community. As far as can be determined, there was no organized prejudice such as occurred in other Bergen County communities like Ridgewood. Exposure to anti-semitism seemed to depend largely on the predispositions and prejudices of the persons encountered by the prospective home buyer.

The one exception to this rule, however, was a large sign which stood on Route 4 near Bernhardt's Restaurant (now the Carriage Club), that stated — *"Welcome to Teaneck - This is a Restricted Community."* Numerous informants recalled the sign, including author, journalist, Jim Bishop[1], who claims to have been instrumental in procuring its removal. Our research did not reveal the persons responsible for the posting of the sign or its tenure. Most estimates indicate that the sign appeared and departed at some time between 1930 and 1936. In any event, by the early 1950's Jews were able to purchase homes anywhere they chose within the township.

Once having bought, however, many new families were subjected to some unpleasantness. Swastikas were found painted on or carved into front doors and on automobiles. On Jewish High Holy Days, garbage cans were sometimes overturned or denigrating names and slogans written in chalk on sidewalks in front of Jewish homes. In many instances the perpetrators (usually

1) Jim Bishop was a good friend to Teaneck's Jewish community. On occasion he would attend a Friday evening service, appear on an *Oneg Shabbat* program, and then write about his experience in complimentary terms in his newspaper column.

juveniles) were apprehended by the police and required to make restitution. In conversations with Christian neighbors, people were told: "You are too nice to be Jewish," or "Teaneck is becoming the Tel Aviv of Bergen County." In some cases anonymous nuisance letters were received. The Jewish populace, nevertheless, remained undiscouraged and continued to expand and become more involved in community life and township affairs. As Teaneck's population increased, so did the influx of Jewish families. By 1954 they comprised 15% of the town's citizenry. Today, it is estimated that Jewish residents aggregate approximately one-third of the 42,340 residents.

On May 18, 1948 after the State of Israel was recognized by the nations of the world, an incident occurred in Bergen County that was interpreted by a large segment of the Jewish population as being anti-semitic.

John Borg, owner and publisher of the "Bergen Record," printed the following editorial:

"IS AMERICAN JEWRY A RELIGION OR A NATION?"

"The writer fully realizes that this expression of his opinion is highly provocative. The problem perturbs him and probably many others of the 140 million American Citizens who together with our 6 million Jewish civic partners comprise the world's richest and most powerful nation.

"The Jews of Europe, assisted by the rich resources of their co-religionists in the United States, have officially established the new state of Israel. It includes the area of Biblical legend and belief to which 140 million American Catholics and Protestants also have a deep spiritual attachment. Having visited it twice within two decades, the writer can understand the spiritual love of all believers for it, but he cannot understand why any realistic American Jew would want any part of it, except by remote control.

"Jews of American birth ought to see that so-called land of milk and honey before they go overboard about it in their sentimentalism. It might be the happy homeland of nomadic Arabs who flit from oasis to oasis in North Africa and Asia pursued by fleas, but for Americans it leaves much to be desired.

"New York is admittedly the largest Jewish city in the world, but at last reports it is still an American city. The recent raising of the Jewish national flag there and the singing throngs in the streets will, I hope, be ascribed to spontaneous enthusiasm rather than deliberate planning. Typical American good humor and tolerance will probably prevent repercussions, but if they should go astray our American Jews and their enthusiasm for a legendary promised land will be solely to blame for the mess in our midst.

"It seems superfluous to tell any American of Jewish ancestry or belief that there can be no hyphenated Americans here. There can be no Jewish-Americans, Irish-Americans, Italian-Americans, German-Americans, or any other kind of hyphenated Americans among our citizenry. All of our neighbors and civic partners are either solely Americans who belong here or hyphenates who belong elsehwere. There can be no divided allegiance between our Land of the Free and any other nation ANYWHERE.

"It therefore seems to this American that with the founding of the new state of Israel all our citizens of Jewish ancestry or religious belief must now declare themselves minority religionists, entitled to Constitutional protection and freedom as such, or Jewish nationalists with a divided allegiance to this land of religious freedom.

"If they are the former, every resource at the writer's command will fight to the death to protect such civic rights; but if they claim to be national hyphenates, he must as an American repudiate such a divided allegiance to this land of religious freedom.

"We do not suggest that such hyphenates be hanged, drawn and quartered in the medieval pattern, but it might not be too inappropriate to suggest that our State Department issue passports to all Americans of Jewish ancestry who think their fealty

to the new Jewish state transcends their obligations to the land of their birth. Thus, and perhaps thus only, will American Jews seeking an ephermeral promised land learn belatedly that their Promised Land and their Acres of Diamonds are all round them, in the priceless U.S.A."

So outraged were many of the Jewish residents of the county that they mobilized a boycott of the newspaper, encouraging people not to buy it and businesses not to advertise in it.[1]

Esteemed Rabbi Stephen S. Wise publicly protested Borg's editorial at the ceremonies installing Rabbi Kalman Levitan of the Bergen County Reform Temple (now Temple Emeth) and at the anniversary observance of Englewood's Temple Emanu-El. He invited Mr. Borg to appear at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York on St. Patrick's Day to determine if it were un-American for Americans of Irish descent to celebrate.

"Would he have the Irish get out of the Country? . . .

". . . If these words were the product of evil minds like those of Joe McWilliams, William Dudley Pelley or Gerald L.K. Smith, I would pay no attention to them. I have not time to waste on the vile attacks of tenth-rate minds on a first-rate people. But this editorial, which is a libel against the entire American Jewish community, is the work of a responsible newspaperman, who, I am told, is in many ways, a constructive citizen; that is what makes this distortion so monstrous . . ."

Dr. Wise went so far as to request the House Committee on Un-American Activities to investigate Mr. Borg.

John Borg never bothered to acknoweldge the criticism leveled against him and no apology, statement, or additional editorial on the subject ever appeared. The only recognition given to the controversy was a reprint of the original editorial on January 3, 1949 accompanied by a statement of policy issued by the American Council for Judaism. This anti-Zionist organization was founded in 1942 by a group of Reform rabbis to protest the Central Conference of American Rabbis' resolution which supported the establishment of a Jewish army in Palestine.[2]

". . . The continuing efforts of the American Jewish Council for Judaism to affirm and act upon its basic principle that we are Jews by religion and to reject fallacious racists or nationalist concepts . . . We therefore emphatically declare that the State of Israel is not the state or homeland of the Jewish people. To Americans of Jewish faith it is a foreign state. Our single and exclusive national identity is to the United States . . .

"It is also essential that the State of Israel confine its nationalism to its own borders. Israel can in no way represent those of Jewish faith who are citizens of other nations . . ."

"Letters to the Editor" pages bristled with controversy during this time. Expressions of opinion, both for and against Mr. Borg, were published in great quantity.

The last mention of the editorial, to our knowledge, appeared in an article in the Bergen Record dated June 9, 1960:

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1) The boycott was only moderately effective, adhered to mainly by purchasers, rather than advertisers, and lasted, as far as can be ascertained, less than two months. For a short time there was an attempt to establish another newspaper to rival the Bergen Record.

2) From its very inception, the American Council for Judaism was the most articulate anti-Zionist spokesman among American Jews. Within one year of its founding, the leadership was turned over from the clergy to laymen. Not only did the council oppose the establishment of Israel, but it remained critical of what it calls, "the Israel-Zionist combination of American Jewish life."The Council primarily used mass communications media to publicize its programs and sponsored a quarterly journal called "Issues," which was discontinued after November 1969. Its first president was Lessing Rosenwald of the famous philanthropic family which established its financial empire through ownership of Sears, Roebuck and Company. According to the Encyclopaedia Judaica, Volume II, the Council's chief spokesman until 1968 was its Executive Vice-President Rabbi Elmer Berger. The Six-Day War of 1967 led several of the most prestigious lay supporters of the organization's 20,000 members to abandon the council for a somewhat active participation in efforts to aid Israel. Most of the Reform congregations originally associated with it have since denied identification with its philosophy.

"BORG EDITORIAL ON ISRAEL CAUSED WIDE COMMOTION"

"One of the most tempestuous incidents in a lifetime studded with them arose from a John Borg signed editorial in 1948. Its title was 'Is American Jewry A Religion Or A Nation?'

"It caused such a commotion that when the great Rabbi Dr. Stephen S. Wise came to Hackensack he not only berated the Publisher but called on the House Un-American Activities Committee to investigate him.

"Now, let us go back 10 years further to 1938. John Borg, as the records show, sensed in public speeches and in signed editorials the great world conflict that was coming. He resented deeply the persecution of any people. In a speech at the Hackensack YMHA on May 7, 1938, John Borg pledged this newspaper and all the resources at his command to fight for Jewry as a minority group fully entitled to every civil liberty. He said: 'Fighting your fight is fighting the fight for all of us for the liberty of all of us . . . When the condition arises in this country that you Jews cannot have complete freedom, my freedom is threatened.'

"That seems to tell the story. Among the other freedoms, John Borg always reserved the right to write exactly what he thought, usually on the most controversial subject of the day.

"A further interesting commentary on this situation is that in 1939, John Borg was congratulated by the Bergen County Historical Society for another signed editorial, entitled 'Fritz Kuhn Should Be Deported.' This blow at the worst of the domestic Nazis was another victory in the fight against intolerance."

While the majority of persons interviewed condemned John Borg, a substantial number of people who claimed to know him personally came to his defense. They considered him to be reactionary, outspoken and provocative; a man who took pride in his opinions, forthright positions and his nationalism — hardly an anti-semite. In an editorial entitled, "What American Citizenship Means," published just three days before the appearance of the controversial article, in commemoration of I Am An American Day, Borg wrote:

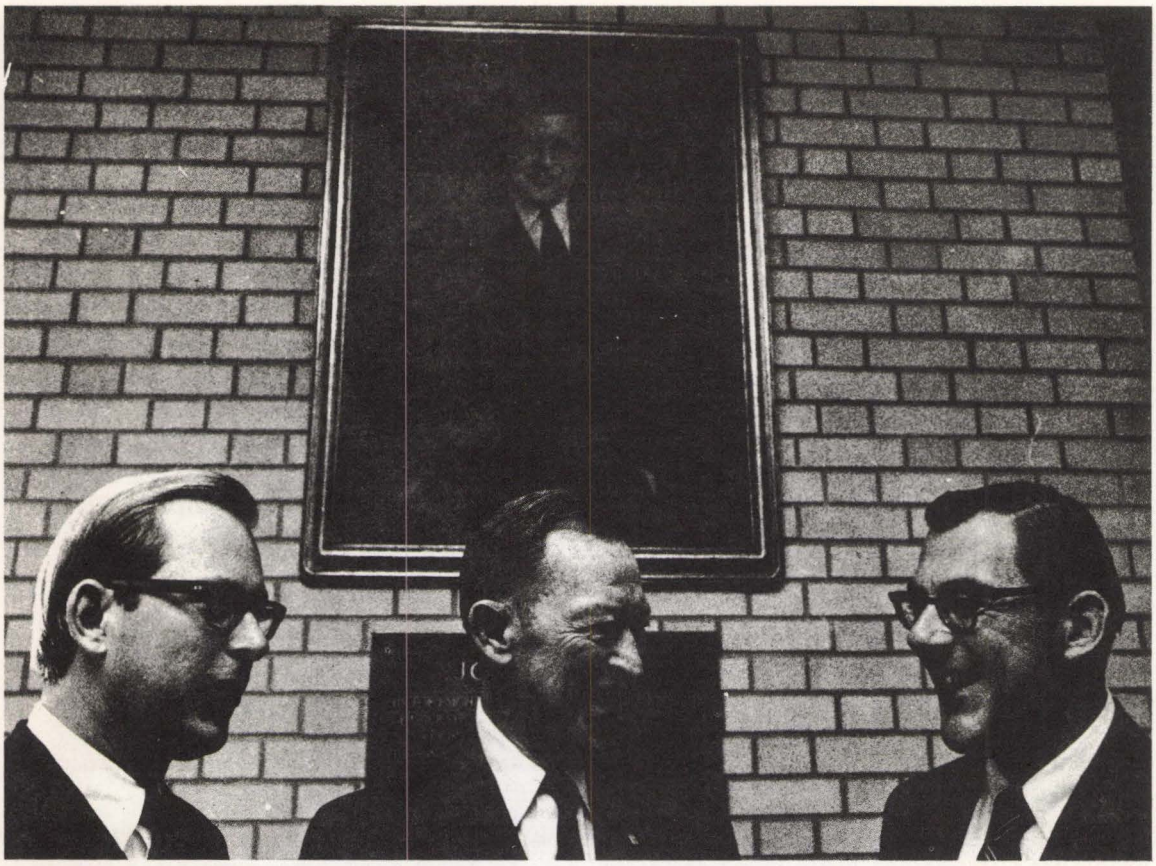
". . . American citizenship is a priceless reality worth living, fighting and dying for . . . Most Americans have been taught how such priceless human rights were obtained by them, but in the hustle and bustle of their daily lives they too often forget that past generations of Americans bought and preserved our priceless heritage with their blood and their lives.

"The proper evaluation of every citizen is based on what he contributes to our vast co-partnership, not on what he takes out of it. Fuller realization of each civic partner's responsibilities to all of his other partners will create a unity and a potency that will more nearly approximate our potentialities as individuals and as a nation. Every partner will thus justify the finest title in the world: I am an American!"

In an October 13, 1938, article, Borg stated:

"We have people come here who under the euphemism of Americanism talk all kinds of un-American doctrines. The Ku Klux Klan taught a doctrine of hatred, and we now have the Bunders, or the Nazis, or whatever they call themselves, who still under the euphemism of Americanism, condemn and spread a gospel of oppression of Jews and others. What they are preaching is the rankest type of prejudice and un-American both in its inception and advocacy but done under a guise of protecting the Flag and the principles for which it stands.

"So I say to you in that regard, whenever any group or individual begins to assail these rights of others it is time to stand up and fight . . ."



Continuity — Donald Borg, flanked by sons Malcolm and Gregory, under John Borg's portrait.

BORG PROMISES TO HELP JEWS KEEP LIBERTIES

5/6/38

Attacks Nazis At Unity Club's Testimonial To Judge Leyden

HARPER IS GUEST

John Borg, publisher of the Bergen Evening Record, last night pledged his newspaper and all other resources at his command to fight for Jewry as a minority group entitled fully to every civil liberty.

"Fighting your fight is fighting the fight of all of us for the liberty of all of us," he told more than 150 members of the Unity Club gathered at the Hackensack Y. M. H. A. in testimonial to Circuit Court Judge J. Wallace Leyden and to

Borg's Denunciation Of Bund Lauded By Historical Society

Signed Editorial 'Fritz Kuhn Should Be Deported' Commended By Resolution

10/30/39

The signed editorial by John Borg, publisher of the Bergen Evening Record, which denounced the un-American activities of the German-American Bund under the heading, "Fritz Kuhn Should Be Deported", has been commended by the executive committee of the Bergen County Historical So-

American Activities to investigate New York Port Authority Commissioner John Borg, publisher of the Bergen Evening Record, and an editorial on Israel signed by the publisher.

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Dr. Wise, who is also president of the American Jewish Congress, spoke at installation services for Rabbi Kalman Levitan, new spiritual leader for the Bergen County Reform Temple, in ceremonies at the Y. M. H. A.

Says Publisher Is A Goebbels And Anti-Semitic

MAY 24 1948

By LEONARD GOLDBLATT

Dr. Stephen S. Wise, leader of Judaism in the United States for more than a half century, last night called on the House Committee on Un-

Mr. Borg's editorials and articles concerning him have been reproduced so that the reader can form his own opinion if he wishes to sit in judgment. Much has occurred in this country and in the world, however, since 1948, to influence, in retrospect, any decision. The McCarthy era was initiated in the name of nationalism and caused irreparable harm to many Americans. Today, certain countries claim to be anti-Zionist but not anti-semitic and attempt to justify their acts of intolerance and terrorism on this basis.

The Judeo-Christian ethic teaches us that all people bear a responsibility toward one another (particularly those in prominent positions). We must be forever cognizant of this obligation and always vigilant against labels, excuses and rationalizations created for the purpose of distracting our reason and arousing our passions.

Teaneck has continued to attract Jews, not only from a multitude of professions and occupations, but the children of Jewish residents as well. In addition to those already mentioned in this and previous chapters, the following chose to establish their practices and/or residences here:

Henry and Ray Berlin moved from Manhattan to Teaneck in 1930 but left in 1937 for business reasons. Their son, Dr. Richard Berlin, returned to Teaneck in 1952 with his wife, Naomi, and served as the town's health officer from 1954-1969, as well as doctor to the high school's athletic teams. Dr. Berlin is past president of the Bergen County Medical Society, a trustee of the Bergen Community Blood Bank, the Northern New Jersey Comprehensive Health Planning Council and the Health Services Agency of Bergen & Passaic Counties. He is an attending surgeon at Englewood Hospital. Mrs. Berlin is a past president of the Teaneck and Bergen County League of Women Voters and is presently a member of the Teaneck Planning Board. Dr. and Mrs. Berlin continue to reside in Teaneck.

Harry and Edith Heftler came from the Palisade section of Fort Lee in 1930 and remained in Teaneck for several years. Their son, George, moved back in 1953 with his wife, Frances, and served Teaneck in many capacities. An attorney, Mr. Heftler's counsel was unofficially sought by numerous township dignitaries; he served as chairperson of the Teaneck Board of Adjustment and Teaneck's Redevelopment Agency. Mr. Heftler was one of the founders of TPA (Teaneck Political Assembly), which was organized to help implement integration in the town's public school system.[1] He also served on the Educational Advisory Committee to Superintendent of Schools Dr. Harvey Scribner. Mr. Heftler donated his ability as lecturer and discussion group leader to the community and many of its organizations.[2] He participated in UJA and State of Israel Bond campaigns and was a leading supporter of State Senator Matthew Feldman's campaign for Teaneck's Town Council. Mrs. Heftler has been active in Braille transcription sponsored by Temple Emeth's Sisterhood, and in the Bergen County Chapter of the Brandeis University National Women's Committee. The Heftlers continue to reside in Teaneck.[3]

David and Deborah Shomer moved from Philadelphia to Hackensack in 1918, after his military service[4], to establish a business manufacturing girls' coats. In 1935 they rented

1) Mr. Heftler is mentioned in Reginald G. Damerell's book, "Triumph in a White Suburb," for his efforts in promoting school integration.

2) Mr. Heftler recalls one public discussion with author Howard Fast, who then resided in Teaneck, concerning the United States Supreme Court and the House of Representatives' Committee on Un-American Activities. During the McCarthy era opinions representing opposition to Senator McCarthy and tactics were openly and emphatically expressed at public meetings held throughout Teaneck. (Demonstrations were not fashionable at this time.)

3) Their son, Thomas, was the first National Merit Scholarship winner from the Englewood School for Boys.

4) David Shomer was a vice commander of the Bergen County Chapter of the Jewish War Veterans. Dr. Robert Shomer, following his discharge from the Army after World War II, was a county organizer of the American Veterans' Committee (a liberal veterans' organization that promotes better housing and schools).

a home on Edgewood Avenue in Teaneck where they remained until their children were grown. Although the Shomers decided eventually to return to Hackensack, their son, Robert, selected Teaneck at the urging of Dr. Bookstaver as the place in which to open his office for the practice of veterinary medicine. Dr. Robert Shomer and his wife, Leona, settled here in 1937; he was the town's first Jewish veterinarian.[1]

The Shomers, exciting and dynamic individuals, are devoted to numerous causes. Dr. Shomer organized the young adult group called the Youth Division of the American Jewish Congress (see Chapter 7, part 1, footnote); participated in the civic organization — Order of the Roundtable (see Chapter 6, footnote); served as county chairperson of the American Jewish Committee and county Boy Scout Merit Badge counselor. Dr. Shomer is a staunch supporter of conservation and the preservation of wild life; recently he traveled to Borneo with a group from the New York Zoological Society. Dr. Shomer serves as the only Jewish delegate (out of 130) to the American Veterinary Association and was the first Jewish secretary-treasurer of the New Jersey Board of Veterinary Examiners (which he served for 13 years). At present, he sits on the Board of Directors of FAHRB (Federation of the Association of Health Regulatory Boards), is secretary-treasurer of the American Association of Veterinary State Boards and belongs to the National Committee for Accreditation of Animal Technicians. He has been instrumental in raising funds for the implementation of the University of Pennsylvania (he was graduated from its College of Veterinary Medicine) exchange program of faculties and doctoral candidates with Israeli universities, and has supported, in a leadership capacity, such organizations as Jewish National Fund, State of Israel Bonds and the United Jewish Fund. He served as a member of the Temple Emeth Board of Trustees for 15 years. In 1967 he and several others organized and financed the Jewish American newspaper, the Jewish Chronicle (now defunct), with Lewis Azaroff[2] as editor. Dr. Shomer was an active member of the county's Fair Housing Council and the county's anti-Vietnam War efforts[3].

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1) Dr. Shomer's practice is still located in Teaneck on Teaneck Road, although the family moved to Englewood in 1956. He has been affiliated with Hackensack Hospital as its Veterinary Consultant for the past 17 years.

2) Lewis Azaroff, who has resided in Teaneck with his wife, Irma, since 1961, has been employed as a sports writer and editor on the Bergen Record for twenty years.

3) Other active Teaneck residents in local anti-Vietnam War efforts were, among others, Esther Stein and Dr. Harold Scales.

Esther Stein was an ardent supporter of the local chapter of Another Mother for Peace (an anti-Vietnam movement that originated in California) and participated consistently in demonstrations and activities of the Bergen County Peace Center (on Cedar Lane). She served as an officer of the Teaneck Hadassah Chapter, on the Board of Trustees of the Women's Division of the Jewish Federation of Bergen County and as a Girl Scout Leader of the Town House troop before her penchant for politics surfaced. Mrs. Stein joined the movement of open-party Democrats in 1971 to campaign for an open primary at the municipal level. After this effort was successful, she worked at the county level and was elected municipal chairperson of the Democratic Party in 1973. She is presently a member of the State Citizens' Committee that works to establish election law reforms; serves on its speaker's bureau and is a county committeeperson.

Mrs. Stein is married to the indefatigable and extraordinary Dr. Philip Stein. He has been the recipient of numerous awards for the many causes he has conscientiously and competently supported, such as the Jewish War Veterans' Man of the Year award, the National Conference of Christians and Jews of Bergen County award, and the Shofar and Silver Beaver Scouting awards. Dr. Stein is a member of the Executive Board of the Boy Scout Council and its Advisory Board; a past member of the Teaneck Patriotic Observance Board, chairperson of the Bergen Ad Hoc Ecumenical Committee, past president of Teaneck's Community Chest campaign (1967-1969); a member of the Adjustment Committee of Teaneck's Youth Guidance Council; a member of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of Community Services of Bergen County, director of its Jewish Family Service, chairperson of its Leadership Development and Interfaith Committees and an active participant in the Bergen County Conference on Soviet Jewry. The Steins have resided in Teaneck since 1941 when Dr. Stein opened his dental practice in Bergenfield.

After the United States' bombing of Cambodia in 1970, Dr. Harold Scales, successfully and with great difficulty, sponsored "End the War" resolutions within the Englewood Hospital Medical Staff, the Bergen County Medical Society and before the Teaneck Town Council. In addition, he founded the Bergen County Doctors' Committee to End the War. Not only a prominent organizer against our country's military involvement in Indo-China, Dr. Scales has been a leader in his profession as well. He was the first physician residing in Teaneck to be elected Diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine (1951) and is an active attending physician on the Medical Staffs of both Englewood and Bergen Pines County Hospitals. Dr. Scales served several years as physician for the Teaneck school system. Under the sponsorship of the Bergen Record, Dr. Scales, as chairperson of the Public Information Committee of

Mrs. Esther Stein participating in an anti-Viet Nam War demonstration.

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Teaneck: Let's End War Now

By ARLENE GILBERT
Special Correspondent

TEANECK — The Township Council has issued its own statement of beliefs about the war in Vietnam.

The unanimous declaration last night answered a proposal two weeks ago from Dr. Harold L. Scales of 185 Cedar Lane urging withdrawal of all American troops by Dec. 31.

Nearly 100 persons turned up at the municipal building for the council meeting despite another meeting of town-wide interest on the swimming pool referendum.

Councilman Bradford Menkes had said he doubted that a statement on the Vietnam war could be found that would be agreeable to all seven councilmen. But, the

PLAN CAMPAIGN — Leaders of the 1975 Teaneck United Jewish Appeal map details for the Womens Division drive. Left to right are Robert Blumenthal, executive director; Lila Scales, Division co-chairman; Gloria Jerome, division general chairman; and Miriam Josephs, also division co-chairman. This year the womens division is looking forward to its "best campaign in Teaneck's history."

DR. HAROLD SCALES

Mrs. Shomer, a graduate of Temple University, taught Sunday school at the Jewish Community Center when the congregation met at the Masonic Hall on Monterey Avenue (the former residence of Bernard and Minna Lippman).[1] She is a charter member of Teaneck Hadassah, Bergen County Chapter of Brandeis University National Women's Committee, Teaneck Evening Chapter of ORT (also served as its third president), Bergen-Passaic Region of ORT and was national treasurer of ORT. She currently serves as chairperson of ORT's Editorial Board of Publication and as national financial secretary.

Dr. Charles Littwin established his medical practice (as an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist) on Queen Anne Road in Teaneck in 1936. Although he never resided in Teaneck (he and his first wife, Carolyn, and their sons, Stuart and Donald, lived in the Palisade section of Fort Lee[2]), Dr. Littwin was a popular figure in town. He established the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Department at Holy Name Hospital (although he was never appointed chief of the department) and was usually the doctor who performed the tonsillectomies, very customary during this time, on Teaneck children. Dr. Littwin made himself readily available to his colleagues as well as his patients and was very paternal toward young doctors (more than one physician interviewed spoke of his many kindnesses). He established the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Department at Pascack Valley Hospital where he was given the head position. Dr. Littwin was president of the Bergen County Medical Society[3] in 1937.

After his first wife's demise, Dr. Littwin was married to the former Ruth Wider in 1951. Although not a Teaneck resident, Mrs. Littwin serves our community handsomely. She is a devoted member of the Teaneck Section of NCJW, alternately serving as an officer; Program, Cultural and Literary chairperson; and participating in its many projects. Mrs. Littwin shares her artistic talent by teaching painting at senior citizens' groups and instructing school children in art appreciation through Teaneck's Operation Community Talent. She exhibits her works throughout Bergen County with Art Center Affiliates of Tenafly. Dr. Charles Littwin passed away in 1961.

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the Bergen County Medical Society, organized and moderated public forums dealing with weight control and alcoholism. He is a lecturer for the Bergen County Heart Association and also supervised "Save A Heart" clinics at the Edgewood Country Club and the Teaneck Jewish Community Center. As a strong supporter of the State of Israel and Jewish causes, Dr. Scales enjoys membership on the Board of Trustees of the Bergen County Jewish Federation of Community Services, the Board of Governors of the Bergen County UJA, in the cabinet of the UJA Teaneck Division and in many other Jewish organizations. In 1972 he was nominated and elected an alternate McGovern delegate to the Democratic National Convention. He is a prolific letter-writer to local newspapers in support of the many causes that he espouses.

Since Harold and Lila Scales moved to Teaneck in 1948, the dynamic Mrs. Scales has compiled her own formidable list of achievements. Serving the Teaneck Hadassah Chapter in many capacities, she was chairperson of its Crystal Ball, held at the Jewish Community Center in 1961. These splendid affairs were attended by several hundred people. As a vice president of the Bergen County Chapter of the Brandeis University National Women's Committee, she chaired many of its outstanding programs. Mrs. Scales served as vice president of the Jewish Community Center's Sisterhood and organized its famous Teaneck Gardens Luncheon and Food Sale. During these annual fund-raising events, at which over 400 meals were served to school teachers, local dignitaries and businessmen, all food was prepared and donated by Sisterhood members. Mrs. Scales was an active member of the Bergen-Passaic Unit of the New Jersey Association for Retarded Children, a PTA officer and the founder of the Teaneck branch of New York University's Liberal Arts in Extension. She has been co-chairperson of Teaneck UJA Women's Division luncheons, Pace-setters brunch, and "Man of the Year" dinners that featured such famous personalities as Robert Briscoe, the former Lord Mayor of Dublin, Ireland, and Captain "Ike" Aronowicz of the ship, Exodus 1947. For the 1976 Teaneck UJA Community Evening, Mrs. Scales and State Senator Matthew Feldman are credited with procuring former UN Ambassador Daniel P. Moynihan as the guest speaker. Her exemplary credentials also include being a founder of Teaneck's NCJW Evening Branch, a trustee of the Bergen County Civic Music Association (since its inception), trustee chairperson of the Teaneck UJA Women's Division, member of the Teaneck UJA cabinet and member of the Bergen County UJA Women's Division Board.

1) During an early Purim celebration at the Center, the *Megillah* used was written by Dr. Shomer's great-grandfather.

2) Dr. Littwin was active in the Palisade Volunteer Fire Department, was president of the Cliffside Park Lions Club (through which he initiated many sight programs) and was involved in voluntary medical rehabilitation projects. He donated his services in eye clinics in many Bergen County and New York Hospitals.

3) The first Jewish president of the Bergen County Medical Society was Dr. Stuart Alexander, Sr.

Dr. Stuart Littwin has carried on his father's tradition of dedication to the welfare of others. He established his residence and ophthalmological practice in 1954, in the same house on Queen Anne Road where his father previously had his office.

When Stuart and Phyllis Littwin chose to move to Tenafly[1] (into a house that is 150 years old), the building at 950 Queen Anne Road would continue to make Teaneck history. Despite the opposition expressed by many of their neighbors and the many difficulties involved, including a lengthy waiting period before a variance could be obtained from township officials, the Littwins sold their house to Congregation Beth Aaron. (This is Teaneck's sixth and newest synagogue. See Chapter on the History of Congregation Beth Aaron.)

Dr. Littwin[2], chief of the Ophthalmological Department of Englewood Hospital, is also affiliated with Hackensack, South Bergen and Bergen Pines Hospitals. He had the distinction of performing the first corneal transplant in Bergen County. Phyllis Littwin has been committed to the Teaneck Section of NCJW, supervising its Junior Group, the Councilettes, and serving on Temple Emeth's school board. Dr. and Mrs. Littwin still retain their membership at Temple Emeth. They serve on the Board of the Bergen County Civic Music Association.

Dr. Harry and Sandra Fermaglich moved to Teaneck from New York in 1936 to establish his practice in general medicine. One of Teaneck's earliest Orthodox Jewish families, the Fermaglichs were regular worshipers and Sabbath observers, first at the Hackensack Hebrew Institute and then at the Teaneck Jewish Community Center. A son, Dr. Matis Fermaglich, a urologist, has practiced in Teaneck since 1971. He served as a *Bal Korai* during his early high school years at the Center and was recently elected to a third term on the Bergen County Jewish Federation of Community Services Board of Trustees. Another son, Dr. Joseph Fermaglich, also served as a *Bal Korai* at the Center. He is an associate professor of Neurology at the Georgetown University Medical School and Hospital in Washington, D.C. Mrs. Harry Fermaglich moved to Manhattan after her husband's demise in 1967.

Joseph and Bessie Victor came to Teaneck from North Bergen in 1939. They remained here until 1965 when Mr. Victor retired from his business in Jersey City, and moved to their present apartment in Lakewood. The Victors joined the Jewish Community Center and supported its various functions. Mrs. Victor was active in Hadassah. Their sons, Dr. Max and Robert, remained in Teaneck[3] and belong to the Jewish Community Center. Dr. Victor was a commander of the Teaneck Jewish War Veterans.

When Moses and Florence Sultzer moved from Ridgefield in 1940, Cedar Lane's shopping area extended only two blocks and was referred to as "The Village."[4] Following their relatives the Jules Siegels and Dr. and Mrs. Hoffman here, the Sultzers[5] brought with them their valuable experience in community participation. They had been exceedingly active in many organizations in Union City (where they had resided before living in Ridgefield) such as Hadassah, the Order of the Golden Chain (Mrs. Sultzer was a matron), the Jewish Community Center of Union City (Mr. Sultzer was president from 1932-1934), and the first United Palestine Appeal of Union City in 1933 (Mr. Sultzer was treasurer).

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1) Dr. Littwin had transferred his practice to Englewood and no longer needed so large a house.

2) He is a past president of the Teaneck Kiwanis Club through which he helped found the Teaneck Community Blood Association in 1959.

3) Dr. Max and Eleanor Victor recently moved to Fort Lee. He still maintains his dental practice, which he opened in 1947, on Cedar Lane. Robert Victor is married to Nyna Victor.

4) According to the 1941 "Bergen County Panorama," Teaneck had a total of 77 retail stores in 1939.

5) One of Mr. Sultzer's brothers is Joe Smith, a member of the celebrated comedy team of Smith and Dale. Mr. Smith was recently honored by the State of New Jersey on his 92nd birthday.

Their tradition of civic involvement continued in Teaneck where Mr. Sultzer[1] served as vice-president of the Jewish Community Center, participated in Civil Defense and a volunteer police force that patrolled at night assisting the township's regular force during World War II. Mrs. Sultzer was a charter member of the Teaneck Chapter of Hadassah as well as its second president. She was an adviser to the girls' group at the Center known as the Scheer Circle when the congregation met at the Queen Anne Road building, and was an energetic participant in the Red Cross, Civil Defense and the township's Blood Donors program. Mrs. Sultzer taught creative stitchery at Teaneck High School's Adult Education program and at the Fort Lee Adult Education program. Today, the Sultzers are affiliated with Temple Sinai in Tenafly where they play an active role.

Their son, Dr. Barnet Sultzer, a prominent microbiologist and immunologist, is a professor at the Downstate Medical Center of the State University of New York. His field of specialization is the activation of lymphocytes by use of microbial antigens and toxins and involves studies into tuberculosis and diseases caused by endotoxins. He was invited to serve as a visiting professor at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden, and has been the recipient of several grants since 1966. Dr. Sultzer's research is supported by the National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Diseases. He and his wife, the former Judy Moreinis,[2] reside in Teaneck. Dr. Sultzer's sister, Rhoda Sultzer Boughton[3], is an artist of significant stature. While attending junior high school in Teaneck, she studied at the Phoenix Art Institute in New York City and then at New York's Art Students' League. Rhoda received an art scholarship upon graduation from Teaneck High School and pursued her studies at the John Herron Art Institute in Indianapolis. She has studied with Reginald Marsh. In the fall of 1973, to commemorate the Bicentennial of Reform Judaism, Mrs. Boughton was responsible for the special exhibit featured at the Newark Museum. She, her husband, Stuart Boughton, and their children reside in Cresskill and are enthusiastic and loyal members of Temple Sinai.

Albert and Helen Gresser left New York City in 1940 to enjoy Teaneck's countrified environment and to be closer to Mr. Gresser's place of business in Jersey City. Before long they assumed various positions of responsibility at the Jewish Community Center. Albert Gresser was chairperson of the Building fund and Helen Gresser was a devoted Sisterhood member, as well as a Sunday School teacher at the Queen Anne Road building. Both are deceased, but are warmly remembered.[4] Their son, Dr. Newton Gresser, established his medical practice at 17 Tryon Avenue in 1950 (and his residence on Maple Avenue in 1952). He has since moved his office and home to Hackensack. Dr. Gresser is affiliated with Hackensack and Bergen Pines County Hospitals.

The onetime phenomenon of women in medicine was particularly unusual before World War II, but Teaneck can boast of a relatively significant proportion of women general practitioners and specialists, both Christian and Jewish.

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1) Mr. Sultzer received his B.S. degree in chemical engineering from New York University in 1920, at a time when only one million students were registered in colleges and universitites throughout the country.

2) Judy Moreinis Sultzer is the daughter of David and the late Sara Moreinis who came to Teaneck in 1941. Mrs. Moreinis was a founder of Teaneck ORT and supported many other Jewish women's organizations. David Moreinis still resides in town.

3) Mrs. Boughton remembers attending the Teen Canteen sponsored by the Jewish Community Center as a young adult.

4) The Gressers' daughter, Judith Handelman, recollects that her parents became involved originally in Center activities to provide her with the opportunity of meeting young people. Prior to their arrival in Teaneck they had never participated in synagogue functions. This was not an uncommon practice for a number of Teaneck's early Jewish residents.

According to the Bergen County Medical Society, Teaneck's first woman practitioner was probably Dr. Irene Pindar, who came to town in 1929 to establish her office and residence on Queen Anne Road. Her extensive practice was very diversified and included several areas of specialization (e.g., pediatrics, gynecology, internal medicine). She served as a school physician and doctor at the Baby-Keep-Well Station in Teaneck and established the Visiting Nurse Service of Bergen County. This year Dr. Pindar was honored on the occasion of her fiftieth year in medicine by the New Jersey State Medical Association at its annual meeting. She continues to reside in Teaneck.

Dr. Gladys Winter, who was Teaneck's first Jewish woman practitioner, moved here in 1931. After short periods at several locations, she opened an office at Norma Court where she and her husband, Christian Yegen, Jr., lived until they moved to Tenafly in 1962. In 1941 her practice in pediatrics was moved to Grange Road. Dr. Winter[1] served as a school physician in Teaneck from 1933-1941, and was the first woman member of the Executive Committee of the Bergen County Medical Society. Before her retirement in 1961, this popular physician, who is held in high esteem by both her colleagues and former patients, was affiliated with Hackensack Hospital.

Dr. Sarah Gordon's ophthalmological practice was started in 1936 in the office she still occupies on Cedar Lane. She is the daughter of Dr. Asher Gordon[2], a founder of Beth Israel Hospital in Passaic. In 1949 Dr. Gordon married Dr. Isaac Nicholas Gato, an obstetrician and gynecologist, who died in 1962. This gentle and gracious woman is affiliated with Hackensack and Englewood Hospitals. She donates her services to Bergen County hospital clinics and was a clinical assistant from 1935-1950 at the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary; she also participates in the annual glaucoma inspection clinic jointly sponsored by the Lions Clubs and the State of New Jersey. In addition to her many professional associations, Dr. Gordon is a member of the Teaneck Chapter of Hadassah and the Bergen County Women's Committee of Brandeis University.

The dynamic and multi-faceted Dr. Rosalyn Barbash, an allergy specialist, opened her office on Cedar Lane in 1936, three years after she and her husband moved to Teaneck.[3] In addition to starting the Allergy Clinic at Englewood Hospital, before her retirement in 1969, she served as a consultant on allergy at Bergen Pines Hospital and as a member of the Vanderbilt Allergy Clinic at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital. With the assistance of many patients, Dr. Barbash is responsible for the formation of a citizens group called Better Air For Bergen.[4] This association developed into the New Jersey Citizens for Clean Air, a state-wide organization, and influenced such important New Jersey legislation as the creation of a separate State Department of Environmental Protection with its own commissioner. Dr. Barbash has served on the Clean Air Advisory Council to the department since its inception in 1967. Today, Dr. Barbash and her husband, Philip Barbash[5], commute between Teaneck and Long

1) Dr. Winter belonged to the Teaneck College Club and was secretary of the Teaneck Girl Scout organization for 15 years. She was a member of the Teaneck Welfare Board for many years.

2) Dr. Asher Gordon was an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist.

3) Dr. Barbash's parents also moved to Teaneck in 1933. Her mother, Dr. Cilie Hirschfield, practiced general medicine in Manhattan; her father, Albert Weichsel, was a pharmacist, chemist and inventor. Both remained in Teaneck until their demise. The Barbashes' daughter, Babette, is a research physician. She and her husband, Dr. Marc Weksler, are members of the faculty of the New York Hospital (Cornell School of Medicine).

4) The organization was responsible for the production of an excellent film dealing with the dangers of air pollution which was supported financially by the Bergen County Medical Society and the TB Association, and was shown in many schools, libraries and service organizations throughout the County. Members of the organization also volunteered their services as guest speakers and testified at public hearings held locally, in Washington, D.C. and in New York.

5) Philip Barbash recently moved his law firm from Teaneck to Rochelle Park.

Island. Intensely enthusiastic about energy conservation, the Barbashes' second home on Long Island was constructed to harness solar energy for heating purposes and is computerized in order to test results. The house attracts numerous visitors, scientists, builders and ordinary citizens who share this interest. The Barbashes do their utmost to encourage and publicize the concept and use of this clean form of energy.

Pediatrician, Dr. Herta Fechner, and her husband, internist Dr. Fred Fechner, came to Teaneck from Europe before 1940. Both are now retired and spend much of their time in Switzerland. They are highly regarded and well remembered by early Jewish residents and their children.

Dr. Doris Rappaport began her practice in general medicine in 1945, and retired last year (see Chapter 7, part V).

Prominent Brooklyn physician Dr. David Zuckerman's two daughters, Doctors Ruth and Betty Zuckerman, both reside in Teaneck. Dr. Ruth Zuckerman, married to Dr. Harold Weinberger, Fairleigh Dickinson University professor of Chemistry, who was president of the Teaneck Board of Education (see Chapter 9), opened her office for the practice of dermatology, now on Cedar Lane, in 1949[1]. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Dermatology, is the current chairperson of the North Jersey Dermatological Society, and is affiliated with Englewood Hospital.

Dr. Betty Zuckerman has earned both her M.D. and M.P.H. degrees, specializing in Public Health and has an impressive record of community service. She serves as chairperson of the Bergen County Public Health Advisory Council to the Bergen County Public Health Department and Environmental Protection, and to the Board of Chosen Freeholders, as well as several public health medical advisory committees in the county (e.g., Hypertensive Patient Compliance program, Post-Stroke programs, and the soon-to-be established Southeast Bergen Community Health Center). Since moving to Teaneck in 1962, she has been a community activist.

Under her married name of Betty Schectman, she serves on the Board of the Teaneck and Bergen County League of Women Voters (working successfully for the establishment of the Teaneck Environmental Commission), served as legislative chairperson of Better Air for Bergen (now a part of the New Jersey Council for Clean Air), and has had a long-standing concern regarding noise pollution. In addition, she serves on the Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation Advisory Committee to the Township Council, and maintains a sustained interest in the problems of public education in Teaneck and in the field of health education. In 1974 she founded FACT (the Feminist Action Coalition of Teaneck)[2], serves as strategist for a number of groups in town, and is a working member of that part of the Teaneck Garden Club that has created the herb garden on the municipal green as a Bicentennial gift to the town.

Dr. Kathleen Shanahan Cohen moved to Teaneck in 1956 with her husband, Morris Cohen, an economist and professor at Long Island University. The two played an

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1) Three of the Weinbergers' four children possess doctoral degrees. The fourth is just entering college.

2) FACT was officially founded in 1973 by Mrs. Schectman. Its first public meeting was convened at the Teaneck Town House on November 26, 1973 and was attended by more than one hundred people. Today, it consists of men and women from various economic levels, religious background, races, political affiliations and age levels, both married and unmarried. The FACT Recreation Committee assisted the Little League and Biddy Basketball in involving girls in their programs. It helped formulate a resolution to equalize recreational opportunities for girls and boys with the Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation Advisory Board. Its Community Affairs Committee endorses candidates for Town Council and the Board of Education. The FACT Education Committee encourages school administrators and teachers to eliminate any sexism in curriculum, textbooks and student athletics, as well as to promote equal opportunity in employment. Most recently, FACT received a grant from the New Jersey Committee for the Humanities to run a series of colloquia entitled "Who Gets What — a question of justice and equality in our society."

active role in township affairs and at Temple Emeth. In February 1960, Dr. Cohen was elected to the Teaneck Board of Education and served for one term. She then went on to complete her residency in psychiatry (see Chapter 9). Prior thereto, she was involved in Public Health medicine and was employed by Pfizer Pharmaceuticals as editor of its periodical, "Spectrum International." Dr. Cohen is a member of the faculty of Newark State Medical College and is affiliated with Newark's Martland Hospital. The Cohens still reside in Teaneck.

Dr. Evelyn Kreel, originally from Winnipeg, Canada, is an anesthesiologist at Fair Lawn Memorial Hospital. She and her husband, a prominent surgeon, also born in Canada, came to Teaneck in 1963. Dr. Isadore Kreel is a clinical professor of Surgery at New York's Mount Sinai Medical Center, where he is also past president of the Association of the Attending Staff. Dr. Isadore Kreel has authored and co-authored more than 40 medical publications and worked in cardiac surgery during its pioneer days in the 1950's. Invited as a visiting professor by Jerusalem's Hebrew University and the University of Haifa's Medical School in 1974, he has been concerned with surgical diseases of the intestinal tract. Dr. Kreel is a participant in a multi-institutional study on cancer of the large bowel sponsored by the National Cancer Institute. He is a former member of the Faculty Senate of the City University of New York. The Kreels have been involved in township activities such as the Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and PTA, and are highly valued members of Congregation Beth Sholom where Isadore Kreel serves as a member of the board of trustees.

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From Teaneck to Europe

Photo by Harris

Rabbi Samuel Geffen, Chairman of the Bergen County Section of the United Synagogue of America, and Mrs. Fred Schneider, local chairman, are pictured alongside the truck which was sent to pick up clothing and food gathered for shipment to Europe. Teaneck contributed approximately 1,500 pounds of material.

Mr. Joseph Rosen teaching an aviation class at Teaneck High School.

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A PRINCIPAL LESSON. It's not uncommon to find a principal of one of Teaneck's elementary schools teaching a class. Rather than bring in a substitute teacher for a day to replace an absent regular teacher, the school principal often takes over the class. Here, Mr. Sydney Bookstaber, principal of Lowell School, does just that and everybody benefits - the principal renews classroom skills and learns first hand the challenges faced by the full time teacher; the taxpayer is spared the expense of paying for a substitute; and the youngster learns to pay extra special attention.

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20-YEAR MEMBERS: Honored at a recent dinner in the Teaneck High School cafeteria were these 13 Board of Education employees who became members of the 20-year club. Seated left to right are Miss Bella Smith, Miss Ruth Walker, Miriam Kitchen, Miss Theresa Bauer, Miss Isabel Dale, Miss Isabell Dance, Miss Eleanor Smith, and Miss Elizabeth Foster. Standing in the same order are John W. Simmons, Millard Smith, Benedict Savage, Johnson Lowell, and Fred Wrocklage. — PNG Staff Photo by Weinberg.

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Chapter 9

"That Each May Learn" — Public Education in Teaneck

In the "Book of First Facts," author Joseph Nathan Kane stated: "The first High School Aviation Course was instituted by the Teaneck High School, Teaneck, New Jersey." While conducting interviews and research for this project, it was discovered that classes in aviation had been taught at the Teaneck High School from 1933 to 1947.

Commenced as an extra-curricular activity in 1930 by several high school students avidly interested in aviation, the glider club was established under the supervision of Teaneck resident "Major" Arthur G. Norwood. A short time later they built a glider and made it operational. During fourteen hundred hours of flight, including more than eight thousand take-offs and landings, not one accident was recorded.

The glider club developed into an aviation club and continued in its semi-official capacity until the end of 1933. Receiving the support of many parents and taxpayers, the Teaneck Board of Education established a department of Aviation and employed Mr. Norwood as instructor. When this action was approved by the New Jersey State Board and the Commissioner of Education, Mr. Norwood was granted the first aviation teacher's license issued by the State of New Jersey.

In 1938 Mr. Norwood resigned and Joseph Rosen[1], an aeronautical engineer from North Bergen, was hired by Superintendent Neulen to replace him. Mr. Rosen, who retired from the Teaneck school system in 1974 but still resides in town, remembers teaching six classes daily with enrollments of thirty-five students during the war years. Meeting in the high school basement, next to the automechanics room, Mr. Rosen expanded the curriculum to three years, enabling 9th graders to participate. Because of his engineering background, the aviation course was extensively enriched by Mr. Rosen's introduction of the scientific study of flight dynamics, in addition to airplane mechanics; the course was elevated to full academic standing. While working at the high school, Mr. Rosen also taught at New York University[2], the Bergen Junior College (now Fairleigh Dickinson) and evening adult education courses in aviation.

Teaneck's aviation classes produced the highest representation of any New Jersey school in the military air forces during World War II. Graduates often returned as flight officers to visit the high school students. The course also trained the first female pilot ever to receive an amateur pilot's license (Mr. Rosen recalls having a substantial percentage of female students in his classes during the days when auto mechanics totally excluded girls!), and educated the entire township concerning the importance of aviation for peaceful as well as military purposes; a relatively obscure and esoteric subject before and during the war years.

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1) He moved to Teaneck in 1957 with his wife, Ethel, and their two children. The Rosens were preceded by Mrs. Rosen's sister and brother-in-law, Sara and Sidney Reissman and their five children. Mrs. Reissman, a teacher in the Teaneck elementary school system, served on the Executive Board of the Northern New Jersey Committee for the United Nations. She was a vice-president of the Northern New Jersey Chapter of the National Women's League of United Synagogue and a member of the League's National Social Action Committee. The Reissmans support numerous Jewish organizations; Mr. Reissman has served the Teaneck Jewish Community Center in many capacities, including being Scout Master of Cub Scout Troop #168. Mrs. Reissman was active in fund raising efforts for Holy Name Hospital. The Reissmans continue to reside in Teaneck.

2) Mr. Rosen was instrumental in improving the construction of the autogiro. While at New York University he was able to test the mechanism in the school's wind tunnel and was awarded a fellowship from the Autogiro Company of America for his achievement.

As originally organized, this co-ed course consisted of a two-year curriculum. First-year students met five times weekly during school hours and were required to have passed their 15th birthday. Second-year students met three periods a week, with an additional two sessions of laboratory or field work. Granted student pilot's permits, Mr. Norwood's second-year pupils practiced in a two-seater Aeronca, which was purchased February 24, 1934 for the sum of $1,890 and maintained in a hangar at Teterboro Airport. During the next four years Mr. Norwood trained 17 licensed airplane pilots with an accident-free record.

Despite appeals submitted by Teaneck's Board of Education and Supervising Principal Dr. Lester N. Neulen, flight training was abandoned as part of the official curriculum shortly prior to commencement of the 1937-1938 academic year because of a ruling issued by the New Jersey State Board of Education. From that time on the course was confined to ground work, using special devices such as a regulation Crowell Trainer with a propeller[1] and stick, wind tunnel, fuselage of an airplane, rotating cross-sectioned engine, meteorology station and numerous other mechanisms. Students still had access to the plane on weekends but instruction was given on a private basis by a Teaneck High School Aviation class graduate, Mr. Mueller. Despite all the aforementioned data, interest in aviation began to wane as students concentrated on the sciences required for college admission. Enrollment diminished to two classes and eventually the course was dropped. Mr. Rosen[2] then instructed courses in physics at the high school from 1947 to 1974.

Teaneck High School has enjoyed an enviable reputation and the ability to attract noteworthy visitors. In 1932 both Eleanor Roosevelt and conductor Edward Franko Goldman were guest speakers. (Mr. Goldman also consented to lead the high school Band on his visit.) As mentioned in Chapter 5, Teaneck resident Ferde Grofé conducted the premier performance of his "Grand Canyon Suite" with the high school Band. Today, luminaries in politics, the arts and professions continue to visit[3].

The high school has traditionally pursued a progressive curriculum which serves further to enhance its image. Mr. Rosen recalls that when Sputnik was launched by the Russians in 1957, Teaneck was one of the first communities to respond to President Eisenhower's program of updating education. Classes in advanced science and mathematics were introduced in the 9th grade and senior students were given college level courses in many areas. In 1959 instruction in Russian was added to the high school's Language department and in 1968 Hebrew classes[4] were

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1) A portion of a propeller now remains on top of a cabinet in Mr. Joseph Karant's classroom at the high school. Mr. Karant is a teacher of Science and Oceanography. He spent his sabbatical year (1974-75) in Israel creating a new curriculum in Oceanography for our school system.

2) Mr. Rosen was active at the Jewish Community Center when it was located at the Queen Anne Road site, even though not yet a Teaneck resident. He regularly attended Saturday morning services and supervised the boys' fraternity that met one evening a week for youngsters from 10th-12th grades. Mr. Rosen recalls a membership of 25 youngsters during the several years he was in charge. He was succeeded by Herman B. Levine who had previously assisted in the planning and implementing of Center youth activities.

3) Through the township's office of Operation Community Talent, visits from Congressional candidates, Democrat Andrew Maguire, incumbent Republican William Widnall and Teaneck resident Independent Milton Gralla highlighted the 1974-75 academic year. Operation Community Talent is the department of the Teaneck Board of Education responsible for the "identification and utilization of community talent in the total educational program." Established in 1966, it has found thousands of people who have brought their expertise to the classroom in order to enrich the Teaneck students' school experience.

Presently, its full-time staff consists of two community resources coordinators and a resource assistant/secretary. Esther Dinerman, secondary school coordinator, involved herself in community affairs since her family came to Teaneck in 1954. A staunch supporter of school integration, Mrs. Dinerman worked with School Superintendent Dr. Harvey Scribner and hosted the first planning session in her home (the meeting is cited in the book, "Triumph in a White Suburb"). She has been a member of the Community Relations Advisory Board, the Townships' 75th Anniversary Committee and the Drug Abuse Advisory Board (on the committee that implemented the Hot Line). Judith Distler (Mrs. Walter) elementary school coordinator, moved to Teaneck in 1968 and immediately worked with the League of Women Voters, PTA (was president of the Washington Irving PTA), Congregation Beth Am and as a classroom volunteer at Whittier School. Currently she also serves on the township's Bicentennial Committee. Naomi S. Hirsch (Mrs. Theodore), OCT secretary, has been a Teaneck resident since 1965. Affiliated with OCT since its inception, she started as a volunteer tutor before assuming the position of part-time, then full-time secretary.

4) It required a three-year campaign, led by Principal David Bloom of the Jewish Community Center Hebrew school and members of his faculty, to institute a Hebrew Language class at the high school.

introduced (bringing to seven the number of foreign and classical languages taught). Other academic subjects range from a plethora of English electives, such as Masterpieces of World Drama and The Horror Mode, Mathematics courses that include college-level Calculus, classes in Science ranging from Astronomy to Physical Oceanography and a generous Social Studies curriculum that encompasses Sociology, Psychology, ten courses in American Studies, a Black Studies class, a Jewish Studies class and many more. This year a pilot program consisting of a four-week unit on the Nazi Holocaust, sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, was added to the Junior and Senior high school curriculum.

The Jewish studies class was instituted in the fall semester of 1972 as a result of two years of concerted effort on the part of several Jewish students at the high school[1]. Only because of the determination and perseverance of Sol Rapaport (son of Morris and Rachel Rapaport), Henry London (son of Morton and Shirley London), and Barry Weinraub (son of Leo and Roslyn Weinraub), was this course introduced. Inspired by the enthusiastic response of the student body to a mini-course (of three sessions) on Jewish history, these three young men requested establishment of such a class as a permanent part of the school curriculum. They were required as prerequisites to obtain a petition of 100 names in support of their goal, to guarantee an enrollment of at least one full class, and to find a teacher, already a member of the high school faculty, willing to instruct this course. (Mrs. Sarah Karant, a teacher of Spanish, volunteered.) Once the original requirements were fulfilled, they were bombarded with additional obstacles. Their unrelenting efforts included numerous appearances before the Board of Education, a letter-writing campaign to mobilize support, the combating of unfavorable newspaper publicity (the Bergen Record condemned the movement as an attempt to compete with the Black Studies program), and the indifference and opposition of a portion of the adult Jewish community which denounced the idea as an endeavor to bring religion into the schools.

After one year with no program in sight, the students, having received encouragement from a few of the religious leaders, particularly Rabbi Macy Gordon, from several members of the Board of Education (especially some of the Christian members), and active support from Dr. Gabe Sanders[2], remained determined. They obtained a syllabus from the American Association for Jewish Education, submitted evidence of existing successful Jewish Studies courses (given in public schools in Long Island, St. Louis and other places) convinced some Jewish parents to speak before the Board of Education, and gradually and painfully overcame the unrelenting pressures to win the support of the overwhelming opposition. Eventually the Board of Education voted unanimously in favor of the course. As it was too late to include the Jewish Studies course in the published curriculum, students were acquired by word-of-mouth publicity. Enough pupils

1) Sol Rapaport was graduated from Teaneck High School in 1972 (as was Barry Weinraub), and never had the opportunity to participate in the course he had helped establish with such diligence and difficulty. He entered Case-Western Reserve University from where he was graduated in June 1976 and majored in History and Political Science. His extra-curricular activities included teaching Jewish History at Ohio Hebrew schools, organizing a Masada group on campus, and forming another student organization devoted to combating Arab anti-Israel propaganda. This summer he will work in a demonstration town in Israel supervising underprivileged teenagers. Henry London was graduated from Teaneck High School in 1973 and enrolled in Bar Ilan University. During the Yom Kippur War, he volunteered as a medical corpsman in a hospital treating seriously wounded soldiers. For his invaluable services he was awarded the Yom Kippur War Battle Ribbon of the Israel Defense Forces. Mr. London still resides in Israel. Barry Weinraub entered the University of Tel Aviv and lives in Israel with his *sabra* wife.

2) Dr. Gabe and Freyda Sanders are recognized as dedicated participants in the field of Education. Since their arrival in Teaneck in 1961 after residing in Akron, Ohio, and Jersey City, Dr. Sanders, who has his Ed.D. from Columbia University in Foundations of Education, has served on the Jewish Community Center's Education Committee. He is active in the Bergen County Jewish Federation of Community Services and is working with it to revive interest of alienated Jewish college youth in Jewish Studies. As of fall 1976 he is the chairperson of the Federation's Community Relations Council.

As chairperson of Teaneck Jewish Community Council's second Holocaust Commemoration, he initiated an essay contest; 20 children from the various synagogues contributed essays. All 20 received cash prizes for either a first or second place award. During 1972 Dr. Sanders wrote a series of eight articles in the Jewish Standard concerning the inadequate and inaccurate treatment of Jews in public school history textbooks. He was dean of Jewish Studies at the Bergen County YMHA and served for two years as co-chairperson of its Cultural Affairs program. Dr. Sanders was chairperson (1969-1973) of the Foundations of Education Department at Jersey City State College. He is former Program chairperson (for delegations of Soviet education) in the New York-New Jersey area for the Comparative Education Society of America (1961-1964). Dr. Sanders has also served as chairperson of the Research Committee for the Teaneck Citizens for the Public Schools and as an officer of Bryant and Thomas Jefferson PTA's. (cont'd)

enrolled to fill two classes that first semester; they were taught by Phyllis Piakowski (now Mrs. Schiff) of the history department.

Commercial subjects are just as numerous and impressive as are courses in the fine arts at Teaneck High School. Vocational studies are offered on the campus of the Bergen County Vocational Technical High School where Teaneck vocational students spend half their school day, with transportation provided by the Teaneck Board of Education. Special programs in independent study, senior service, honors courses, computer technology, the alternative school, communications workshops and the ESAA Cluster program (both designed to assist the underachiever) help to maintain the high standards of Teaneck's secondary educational system.

During the high school's earliest years, its graduates were accepted by top ranking universities without being required to take College Board examinations. Presently our students are still well represented at each of the Ivy League and Seven Sister schools. It is estimated that 78% of this year's graduating class will attend college; 13 youngsters are semi-finalists in the National Merit Scholarship competition. Recent Teaneck alumni have been Presidential and Rhodes Scholars. David Levere, son of Zelda and Bernard Levere (See Chapter 7), was awarded the Presidential Scholar's[1] medallion by President Nixon at the White House in 1970. In 1971 Teaneck's David Nierenberg[2] was also a recipient of a Presidential Scholar's medallion, as well as a United States Senate Youth Scholarship for Student Leadership and Government (funded by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation). Many other graduates are involved in special abbreviated programs in law and medicine. Graduates of the commercial and vocational departments are presently holding responsible industrial positions. Today's 1,718 Teaneck High School students have many opportunities at their disposal with a faculty of 111 to assist them.

No study of Teaneck's educational system would be proper or complete without mention of the distinguished career of former Superintendent of Schools Dr. Lester N. Neulen[3], who served the township from 1920-1958. So exceptional was his dedication, so innovative was his foresight and so demanding was he of his administrators, faculty members and the student body, that through his tenure in office, Teaneck's schools were among the most highly regarded in the country. During and since that time the Teaneck school system has remained one of the prime reasons for families to move to Teaneck.

Dr. Neulen was serving as supervising principal of schools in Glen Rock when he was hired in June 1928 by the Teaneck Board of Education, with Mr. Chris D. Sheffe as board president. The population of the township at this time was 15,000, compared to 40,000 in 1958 when Dr. Neulen retired. The enrollment of the schools was 2,318 as compared with the 1958 figure of 7,861. There were no high school or junior high schools and only six elementary schools. During his brilliant administration, Teaneck's $726,000 high school building was completed and later expanded[4], two

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Freyda Sanders has been a psychologist in the Teaneck school system since 1969; she has earned her M.E. from Harvard University and an M.A. in School Psychology. In Israel, where the Sanders family lived from August 1973 to August 1974, Mrs. Sanders was employed as the supervising psychologist at the Micha School for the Deaf in Tel Aviv. During this period, Dr. Sanders was a visiting professor of Education at Tel Aviv University and conducted research in Israeli education for the disadvantaged. While studying at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, their daughter, Aviva, was hired by the company producing the motion picture "Moses" (starring Burt Lancaster) and appears in two scenes. Freyda Sanders is an officer of the Teaneck Chapter of Hadassah, a former member of the township's Youth Guidance Council Adjustment Committee, a past president of the Eugene Field PTA, and a past chairperson of U.N. Day Observance committee.

During their five-week trip to the Soviet Union in 1958 (with other professors) the Sanders were able to assist Soviet Jews discreetly in many ways; since then they have been vigorous promoters of activities on behalf of Soviet Jewry.

1) Presidential Scholars are chosen automatically from the annual Merit Scholarship finalists, a girl and boy from each state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico (plus another 15 at large), by the Commission on Presidential Scholars. The award is purely honorary and was instituted during President Lyndon B. Johnson's term in office in 1964.

2) David Nierenberg is the son of Ted and Lynne Nierenberg. His sister, Susan, was the 100th recipient of the Teaneck City Club's Junior Citizens's Award and his sisters, Amy and Ellen, were the first and third winners of Benjamin Franklin Junior High School's R.D. Wilber Award for outstanding achievement in instrumental music.

3) In the earlier years, his position was referred to as supervising principal. Dr. Lester and Marion Neulen still reside in Teaneck.

4) The first graduating class of the Teaneck High School was in 1931 and contained 69 students.

elementary schools and two junior high schools were added, and three elementary school additions erected.

To quote from former Whittier School Principal Alice M. Hoek's speech[1] at the testimonial dinner given on February 27, 1958 in honor of Dr. Neulen's retirement —

> "He (Dr. Neulen) found no established policies; he found a curriculum characterized by minimum essentials; there were no accumulative records of any kind, no specified goals and certainly, no philosophy of education in Teaneck. He undertook to renovate and improve that weak structure. By his VISION, his ORGANIZATION, and a PRODIGIOUS ENERGY, and most of all perhaps, by HIS OWN EXAMPLE, he established the goals and he set the standards of quality that have earned the Teaneck schools the reputation we enjoy today.
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> "Those who were here before he came (from Glen Rock) realize how greatly he broadened the scope of the curriculum. He was responsible for introducing many enrichments, among them courses in music appreciation, art and physical education.[2] He undertook to sell these program improvements to the public — and that was not easy for it was a most reluctant public at that time. But he was tireless; he added materials, equipment and devices; he initiated techniques of proven value. All the while this growth in scope was paralleled and matched by a growth in quality. All this meant work, real work. Yes, he was a tough boss!
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> "He (Dr. Neulen) would stand there watching the clock and as soon as the second hand arrived at the time set for the meeting he would begin by distributing long mimeographed sheets with long lists of words — long words! These we were asked to syllabicate, accent, define and use in sentences: 'On this material you will be tested at a subsequent meeting!' You see, he felt that teachers should be able to express themselves in a professional manner. An extensive vocabulary was one of his hobbies. He had so many hobbies — and none of them helped make life easy for us . ."

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1) Mrs. Alice Hoek was offered a teaching position at Teaneck's Washington Irving Elementary School in September 1923, where she taught 7th and 8th grade English, Spelling and Social Studies departmental classes. In 1926 she was appointed Whittier School's teaching principal (teaching the 6th grade while attending to her administrative responsibilties). Erected in 1923, Whittier contained only four classrooms to house its 110 students and seven classes (kindergarten and one in each grade up through the 6th level); the school's auditorium had to be partitioned during the day to accommodate three classes. (With the partitions rolled back, the large school auditorium provided the neighborhood with a much-needed facility for concerts, plays and meetings.) Before additional rooms were built in Whittier's three wings, its basement provided the space for several more classes as the school's enrollment rapidly expanded. Today it is Teaneck's largest elementary school, both in structure and population. Prior to its construction, West Englewood students were assigned to Washington Irving (now the Town House) without benefit of transportation.

During Mrs. Hoek's tenure in office, she proceeded to make Whittier School the most prestigious elementary institution in the township. Her faculty, personally selected, enjoyed an excellent camaraderie as well as strict supervision. Mrs. Hoek never hesitated to incorporate innovative programs, such as departmentalized 5th and 6th grades, and daily homogeneous grouping for reading in the 3rd and 4th grades. The instruction of French, beginning in the 3rd grade, was initiated at this time in all the elementary schools.

As a growing number of Jewish families were attracted to the Whittier School district (real estate advertisements always featured the name of the school and its proximity), Mrs. Hoek took courses in Jewish Customs and Holidays. She firmly believed that success in social relationships is required to realize the potentials of academic learnings. Mrs. Hoek introduced such revolutionary programs as model Seders, Chanukah plays and displays in the school corridors. An elaborate assembly program in 1948, complete with songs, dramatic episodes and choral speaking, "The History and Traditions of the Hebrew People," was performed in conjunction with the partition of Palestine. This spectacular presentation, which included over 15 separate events and/or observances, took several weeks of concentrated effort on the part of Mrs. Hoek and faculty member Theresa Bauer, to write and organize. It was very well received by the students, parents, the community and the newspapers. In the years before the United States Supreme Court ruled against all religious observances in the public schools, Christian holiday programs were commonplace. Mrs. Hoek sought to bring dignity and understanding of Jewish tradition to Christian students who, for the most part, knew very little about them.

In 1948 Mrs. Hoek was presented a citation by the Bergen County B'nai B'rith organization for her outstanding efforts in promoting brotherhood and was the recipient of numerous tree certificates of the Jewish National Fund from the Teaneck Chapter of Hadassah and members of the Jewish community. Mrs. Hoek retired in 1966.

2) Annual Field Day, music demonstrations and school publications, all on the elementary level, were initiated by Dr. Neulen. At this time, Whittier School earned the Medalist Award from the Columbia Scholastic Press (NYC) for its "Whittier News."

1953 **B'NAI B'RITH HONORS TOWNSHIP EDUCATOR**

Teaneck had a new Man of the Year last night as the Bergen County B'nai B'rith presented a plaque of appreciation to Township Superintendent of Schools Lester Neulen for his work to bring brotherhood and understanding. Mayor Henry Deissler presented the award to Dr. Neulen before a crowd of 250 persons in the Bryant School last night. Shown above are: Seymour Hurwitt, president of the Bergen County B'nai B'rith Lodge; Mayor Deissler, Dr. Neulen, and Dr. J. S. Weledniger, Brotherhood program chairman.

Neulen Gets Man-Of-Year Award

Teaneck — Brotherhood was the theme as Dr. Lester N. Neulen received the Man-of-the-Year Plaque from the Bergen County B'nai B'rith last night before 250 persons at Bryant School.

Mayor Henry Deissler, before presenting the plaque to the Teaneck Superintendent of Schools, said the true understanding of other men comes when complex issues are reduced to their simplest terms. He said that Neulen has brought about such understanding over the years by helping town folk to learn basic things about each other.

Deissler also pointed out that Neulen is a past president of the Rotary Club and an active participant in civic affairs and campaigns conducted here each year. Neulen said that the award was an honor upon which he would place great value. "It is a great challenge, in an inspiring and wonderful way," he said.

Brotherhood theme was further expanded by the main speaker, the Rev. Robert J. Clarke of the Fort Lee Episcopalian Church of the Good Shepherd.

"You are standing up to be counted," he told the group, explaining that they were attending the session because they believed in something and are willing to work for it. "There can never be brotherhood among people of no convictions," he said.

Last year's Man of the Year, Recreation Director Richard Rodda, announced awards to winners of the B'nai B'rith essay and poster contests. He presented the essay prizes to Marjorie Chary, Pamela Moore, and Renee Rein of Teaneck High School; and to Carol Goldstein, Elizabeth Pegeese, and Ricky Grossman of Dwight Morrow High School. Poster contest winners were: Teaneck, Henni Larsen, Jill Burford, and Richard S. Clair; and Dwight Morrow, Jacqueline Bendeleus, Janice Yeutter, and Frances Caccavole.

Mrs. Irwin B. Kaplan, president of B'nai B'rith Women of Bergen County, welcomed the group, and Bergen County B'nai B'rith President Seymour Hurwitt made the closing remarks. Operatic singer Bernard Greenberg sang several selections. A clarinet quartet from the Teaneck Junior High School Band appeared, including Claire Buckley, Barbara Habauer, Lynne Gallagher, and Olivia Mattioli.

Dr. J. S. Weledniger, who was chairman, and Mrs. Allan S. Feldman supervised the program. Rabbi Benjamin H. Tumin of Englewood gave the invocation, and the Rev Earnest O. Yarrow of River Edge gave the benediction.

Aubrey J. Sher named Superintendent of Teaneck Public Schools

After an intensive three month search among hundreds of the nation's top educational administrators, the Teaneck Board of Education found the most qualified candidate right in its own system. Aubrey J. Sher, Assistant Superintendent of Schools since 1968 and Acting Superintendent of Schools since the departure of Dr. Joseph Robitaille, was unanimously elected by the Board to the Superintendent's post. The Board's decision was underscored by an enthusiastic standing ovation by the teachers, administrators and public present at the February 11 Board meeting.

Mr. Sher has served in a number of administrative and teaching positions in the Teaneck school system since 1955 when he began his career as an

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Among Dr. Neulen's many outstanding achievements are numerous educational "firsts" for both Bergen County and Teaneck, such as: the introduction of kindergarten and later, pre-kindergarten; the establishment of separate junior and senior high school divisions; the opening of the first educational clinic in Bergen County that offered the services of psychologists, a psychiatrist, and testing assistants to check on scholastic achievement; the institution of the first remedial reading clinic in Bergen County; promotion of the country's first high school course of instruction in Aviation; introduction of the first Special Opportunity classes in Bergen County; encouragement of the development of an excellent Music Appreciation course in the schools; promotion of visual education, organization of a department of school buildings maintenance and operation; and founding of the first Teaneck Council of PTA's.

Dr. Neulen was concerned with a teacher's ability, not religion.[1] In a note of farewell to Dr. Neulen by Miss Theresa Bauer of Whittier School[2], (dated February 27, 1958), she wrote:

> "Thirty years ago . . . I was to graduate from Paterson Normal School. I was in the high ranking group, yet positions were being given to those who were far below on the academic ladder. I applied and was interviewed by many Bergen County administrators who were willing to offer me a contract until I signed the square marked "religion." That closed the door to many positions. It was more than a discouraging situation — it was a desperate one, as I wanted to teach and I needed a job badly.
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> "When you interviewed me — the picture was so different. You were interested in a person's ability to do a job, not in his religious beliefs.
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> "You believed in the dignity of man and practiced it. You believed in the brotherhood of man and fostered it."

When Dr. Neulen came to Teaneck, Jewish teachers (as well as Catholic teachers) in the school system were practically unheard of. Those who were suspected of being Jewish (to this day, long-time residents are still undecided) certainly did not bring their religion to anyone's attention. The few who identified with Judaism such as Joseph Rosen, Mrs. Sadowsky, Ruth Judelsohn, Leo Kessler, Marion Savoy and Mrs. Friedman, lived out of town. Today more than 25% of the high school faculty (including the alternative high school[3]) are Jewish, as is Principal Dr. Melvin Michaels (the high school's first Jewish principal).

Dr. Melvin and Winifred Michaels came to Teaneck in 1969, after Dr. Michaels[4] had served as principal of the Highland Park High School. His administration has fostered such innovations as the alternative high school, Artists in Residence programs, the Senior Service program (in which seniors render service to the community), Foreign Exchange programs with schools in France and Germany, co-educational Physical Education, and an impressive list of courses (Astronomy, Marine Biology, Hebrew, Ancient History, Cluster Program, Third World). Dr. Michaels also participated in enlarging the PTA organization to PTSA (it now includes representatives of the student body) and is responsible for reinstating mid-year and final examinations, a new faculty manual, an annually revised student handbook, orientation program for incoming students, the establishment of senior privileges, the Student-Staff Senate, the principal's Friday lunch "rap" sessions (where students are invited to discuss matters as well as to eat with Dr. Michaels), and numerous administrative procedures and policies.

Teaneck's first Jewish principal was Sydney Bookstaber (nephew of Dr. Barnet Bookstaver, see Chapter 4). At his uncle's suggestion, he came to Teaneck to seek employment in the school

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1) Dr. Neulen was the recipient of the Bergen County B'nai B'rith's Man of the Year Award in 1953.

2) Miss Bauer was first employed by Dr. Neulen when he held his Glen Rock position. She transferred to Teaneck in 1943 and remembers only ten Jewish families enrolled at Whittier School at this time. The 1942 Teaneck High School yearbook indicates that there were five Jewish children in a graduation class of 365.

3) The alternative high school was opened in 1973 with three Jewish teachers, Adrienne Lesser, Rosalind Levy and Sue Tevlin, who with Dr. Michaels, were particularly instrumental in its development.

4) On the township level, Dr. Michaels has been active in the Teaneck Kiwanis Club, Human Relations Advisory Committee, Youth Guidance Council, Community Scholarship Fund, Teaneck Student Loan Association and the town-sponsored retreat to Long Branch, where problems were discussed for three days among some 100 representatives of religious and civic organizations and township officials. He is a member of the Teaneck Chapter of B'nai B'rith and the Teaneck Jewish Community Center.

system in 1936[1]. It was during the Depression and Mr. Bookstaber recalls the difficulty involved in obtaining a position. Supervising Principal Lester Neulen offered him an opportunity as a trial teacher at Whittier School (what we now call a student teacher, working under the supervision of a regular teacher without financial compensation). He was able to earn some wages by tutoring sick children confined to their homes. After one year a vacancy occured at Washington Irving and Mr. Bookstaber was hired. He taught there for 19 years before being appointed principal of Emerson School (then nicknamed the country club school because it was so small). Two years later, in 1958, he assumed his present position as principal of Lowell School.

In addition to Mr. Bookstaber and Dr. Michaels, other Jewish Teaneck administrators are Arthur Lewis, principal of Eugene Field School, Victor Klein, principal of Emerson School and Bernard Cadel, assistant principal of Thomas Jefferson Junior High School. Mrs. Valerie Horn (Mrs. Ernest)[2] presently serves as assistant supervisor of the Teaneck School system's Department of English.

For the first time in the history of Teaneck there is a Jewish superintendent of schools. Hired by High School Principal Charles Steel in 1955 as a teacher of German and English, Aubrey Sher moved on in 1960 to the directorships of audio-visual aids and of the high school's Adult Education program. Four years later Mr. Sher entered the central office as the administrative intern to Superintendent of Schools Dr. Harvey Scribner. In 1965 he was appointed Teaneck's first administrative assistant to the superintendent of schools; in 1966 his title was changed to assistant to the superintendent of schools and in 1967 he became assistant superintendent of schools (all three positions were created for Mr. Sher). Mr. Sher served as acting superintendent of schools twice before being elected by the Board of Education to his present position (before Superintendents Joseph Killory and Dr. Joseph Robitaille assumed the office) and narrowly missed obtaining the office two years earlier.

Mr. Sher played an important role during the very turbulent years of school integration in Teaneck. He has always been committed to racial balance as well as quality education, and has won national awards in recognition of his programs for recruitment, staff development and improvement, teacher appraisal, affirmative action, and for a personnel handbook written by him.

Sensitive to the needs of all students in the Teaneck school system, Mr. Sher acted swiftly in the spring of 1976 to defuse a situation that might have presented serious difficulties to the community. The potentially incendiary issue concerned the scheduling of Friday evening and Saturday morning school activities that would conflict with the observance of the Jewish Sabbath and cause de facto exclusion of many Jewish students. Mr. Sher immediately issued a statement to all school principals, suggesting definite guidelines to be incorporated in the scheduling of their school's events:

> "In fairness to all involved . . . no school activity (should) be scheduled on a Friday night, Saturday morning or afternoon, or Sunday, if at all possible. If there is a

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1) Sydney and Ruth Bookstaber were married by Rabbi Geffen at the Jewish Community Center on Queen Anne Road in 1940.

2) Mrs. Horn has taught English at the Benjamin Franklin Junior High School since 1957 (seven years after her family moved to town). She remembers the school having few Jewish members on its faculty at that time, a percentage that has been increased since then. To Mrs. Horn's literary credit is the publication of a book (1964) based on her research of the original, handwritten manuscript of poems, articles and "Alice in Wonderland" by Lewis Carroll, and the changes made by the author. Having written her book (which was sponsored by the Xerox Corporation) in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the children's classic, Mrs. Horn was interviewed on national radio. In 1971 she was the recipient of the New Jersey Poetry Association award for her original poems.

In civic activities, both Mr. and Mrs. Horn were captains of Teaneck's Community Chest Red Feather campaigns for several years and were given awards in recognition of their outstanding service. They have also been active in the Cub Scout organization, PTA and the Bergen County Civic Music Association. In addition to volunteering his services as a driver for cancer patients and senior citizens, Mr. Horn often travels to Washington with ZOA in an attempt to influence favorable legislation for Israel. He is also an enthusiastic member of B'nai B'rith. Mrs. Horn was vice-president of Teaneck ORT and was instrumental in organizing the township's Tricentennial anniversary observances of the Jews in America.

TEANECK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
STAFF LINES
"That Each May Learn"

From Aubrey J. Sher

May 28, 1976

The end of the school year is rapidly approaching, and up to this date, I would assess it as a rather successful and productive one - for you and me, but especially for our students.

This bicentennial year has seen a marked upswing in the learning performance of our youngsters. The most current state assessment test results indicate that we are on the right track, but more important that you, our teachers, no matter what teaching style you adopt, no matter what organizational pattern you prefer for you and your students, the basic skill areas are being given serious attention. We must still not lose sight of the fact that although the cognitive areas need this important focus, the affective domain requires a very special concentration. One does not live by bread alone.

We must also remind ourselves daily what we are all about, especially as teachers in Teaneck. You must remember that you competed, in many cases, with hundreds of applicants for the positions you hold, that you were selected not because you presented a commendable A or B+ transcript, but because you presented yourselves as understanding, sensitive, and warm human beings.

I have often said that the schools must reflect the needs of the community. Teaneck is a pluralistic community, and therefore is a complex one in terms of its enormous, various, and ever changing needs. I hope none of us has forgotten the uphill battle we waged to desegregate our schools in the mid-sixties. We recognized the kind of community we were, and realized the fact that a changing Teaneck required a change in philosophy, in attitudes, in curriculum, and in priorities. We, as a staff of this school system, involved ourselves and still participate in human relations programs, and we developed a better than adequate affirmative action plan in terms of personnel and curriculum. Through leadership programs and classroom contacts we endeavored to sensitize our youngsters against discriminatory attitudes and practices, against bigotry.

We cannot afford to cease our efforts in these endeavors. We are dealing every year, almost everyday in fact, with new students, with staff members new to the system. We must be relentless in our efforts to see that every minority group in this community receives our very special attention.

Today, we see a growing minority population in Teaneck that worships on Friday night and Saturday morning. This accounts for modifying our regulations concerning scheduled school activities on these occasions, if at all possible. We have a stable Black community and an increase in both our Spanish speaking and Oriental populations. We are indeed a pluralistic community. Our commitment must still apply, no matter how "inconvenient" it may be at times. The schools, as I said above, must reflect the community, and all minority groups are just as part of that community as the majority membership. The majority counts by vote, perhaps yes; but by every moral and ethical fiber in our bodies, the minorities count as well in Teaneck.

Finally, as the year closes with our commitment to quality education and to the needs of all our communities in the district, we also announce our commit-

reason why no other day is possible, the reason must be placed in writing along with a description of all attempts to schedule the activity at other times . . ."

Reminiscing about their Teaneck school days aroused bittersweet memories from the Jewish alumni of the '30's and '40's who were interviewed. Although exuberant about the quality of education and the town itself, they expressed ambivalent feelings concerning relations with their peer group and faculty members.[1] The boys were forced to engage in some fistfighting because of anti-Semitic namecalling, but apparently found easier acceptance than did Jewish girls by their Christian counterparts. Often, when the dust settled, the combatants became friendly and would seek each other out after school hours. The Jewish athletes, in particular, were sometimes permitted entry into the prestigious, virtually exclusive Christian fraternities, and even dated non-Jewish girls. Nevertheless, the Jewish boys would "hang together". Even if not subjected to overt antagonism, they were exposed to prejudicial remarks by their classmates such as, "you are all right for a Jew."

The girls, on the other hand, appeared to have suffered more overtly and severely. As the students advanced in years and grade levels, Jewish and Christian girls rarely associated with each other after three o'clock. No matter how cordial the classroom relationship or how friendly the elementary school experience, high school seemed to signal the end of all social contact. Christian sororities and parties were closed to Jewish girls; few ever attended their senior proms and almost none dated Christian boys.

Jewish students participated in many extra-curricular activities[2], but had difficulty in playing on athletic varsity teams and in making the cheerleading squads. Murray Rothenberg, whose family was mentioned in Chapter 5, was an exception. Now residing in Florida, Mr. Rothenberg had a remarkable record in athletic achievements. As a member of the All-Bergen County Football League he was selected to play semi-professional football for the Teaneck Red Devils and then the Hackensack Steam Rollers. Under the name of Ross Murray he played professionally in the American Football Association. Later Mr. Rothenberg boxed in the Golden Gloves competition and participated in televised wrestling matches. At Teaneck High School in the early 1930's he was captain of the football team and its star quarterback. Nevertheless, he was never permitted to appear in the starting lineup so that his Jewish-sounding last name would not be listed in the program.

Although his parents, especially his mother, attended the Christian Science Church, Murray was constantly provoked into defending the Jewish faith and community. One prominent Christian resident remembers holding the football star's coat on numerous occasions while he dealt with the offensive individuals. (Murray Rothenberg did not require any assistance!) To quote from the last paragraph of his letter in response to the questionnaire sent to him, "I will always remember some of the wonderful people who did accept me." We know that they still remember him fondly.

Ten years later, Teaneck had another varsity football player named Norman Birnbaum[3]. He

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1) Several informants independently revealed that one teacher at the high school required Jewish students suspected of creating classroom disturbances to write an essay entitled "Why, When Being a Member of a Minority Group, One Should be Especially Well-behaved" as punishment. The parents of the children involved brought the matter to the attention of members of the Board of Education and the teacher was reprimanded.

2) Saul Dobrow, before his high school graduation in 1932, was president of the Junior Class, vice president of the Senior Class, president of the Aviation and Debating Clubs, Student Council treasurer, a member of the yearbook staff and the Playcrafters. He was also invited to join the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools before entering the 9th grade.

3) Henry and Lena Birnbaum came to Teaneck in 1941 from North Bergen. Their son, Norman, still resides here with his family, as does Henry Birnbaum (Lena Birnbaum died). Another son, Philip, who lives in Bethesda, Maryland, was a Fulbright Scholar at England's Cambridge University and was awarded his Ph.D., with distinction, in Economics, from Harvard University. He is now chief of Projects and Planning for the Agency of International Development. Norman Birnbaum, a prominent businessman, has been an active participant in Teaneck's Little League organization. A past president and team manager, he donated the cost of construction of the Northern League Club House at Votee Park, initiated the T-Shirt League for younger boys, established additional leagues to permit the participation of more youngsters, and at one time, organized and sponsored a softball league for boys from 8 to 12 who were unable to qualify for the Little League teams.

joined the team in the early 1940's and the coach insisted that he be seated with the substitute players whenever the team was photographed. Although Jewish students frequently excelled academically[1], the first to receive the high school's Honor Plaque was Miriam Stoll in 1942. The first Jewish editor of the high school yearbook was Minna Rodnon, in 1946. She was also the recipient of numercus awards and was the class valedictorian.

The extraordinary reputation of Teaneck's public schools was, as previously mentioned, one of the major incentives for attracting Jewish families.[2] Once having established residence, many Jewish parents participated actively in school matters, either through the PTA or other citizens' organizations such as the Teaneck League for Better Schools, the United Committee for the Referenda, Teaneck Citizens for Public Schools (TCPS)[3], Neighborhood School Association of Teaneck (NSAT), Teaneck Political Assembly (TPA), and Public Funds for Public Schools of New Jersey.

In his book "Triumph in a White Suburb," Reginald G. Damerell stated: (P. 121)

> "The Jews were generally better educated and brought with them a higher cultural level. Above all, they were motivated toward good education . . . The Whittier School, which had the highest percentage of Jewish children, was getting the reputation as the 'best' school in town . . . Altogether, the Jews brought a sophistication and a vitality that made them surpassing activists, willing to participate in every sort of civic, cultural, political and educational activity."

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1) Herbert Bush (Bichunsky) was the first Teaneck High School graduate to receive a scholarship from the Bergen Junior College (now Fairleigh Dickinson University). This occurred in 1938. As president of the public speaking class it was his responsibility to introduce the guest speakers, such as publisher John Borg, at the school assemblies. He was also a member of the school's chorus, newspaper, track and wrestling teams. Herbert, as chairperson of the Class Reunion Committee, can recall many of his contemporaries including Daniel Levine, an outstanding student and now a prominent atomic scientist. Jewish youth continued to win awards and places of distinction in the Teaneck school system as the years progressed and as their numbers increased. This year's (1976) class president is Julian Lowenthal, son of Mark and Arline Lowenthal.

2) In 1966, Teaneck High School had the highest percentage of National Merit semifinalists in the State of New Jersey.

3) Teaneck Citizens for Public Schools came into existence in 1962 as a result of a defeated school budget referendum concerning the additions to the Eugene Field School. A group of residents was so shocked and outraged by this defeat (it was most unusual for a school budget not to pass in Teaneck) that they banded together to campaign for the referendum's passage in a new vote which would occur two weeks later. When the referendum was defeated a second time, some members of the group decided to organize officially. Thirty-nine people were present at its first meeting called by Ruth Glick. Among them were Dr. Harold Glick, Esther Dinerman, Hanni and Frank Duffy, Dr. Orra Davage, Lamar Jones, Rose Levitt, Julian and Bernice Kramer, Stanley Lubow, Ruth and Sam Rosenblum, Maria and William Thurnauer, Boris and Shirley Bierstein and Reverend and Mrs. Arthur Stevenson (Reverend Stevenson served as its first president; Messrs. Bierstein and Thurnauer were succeeding presidents). Officers were elected, by-laws formulated and the organization's identity as a liaison between the Board of Education and the community and as an informative body that sought to stimulate public interest in education (by preparing studies and recommendations) was established.

The Eugene Field School was never voted funds for its expansion. Eventually prefabricated structures were purchased and erected on its property to cope with the overcrowded school. Original motives for defeat of the expansion referendum were largely anti-Semitic. Eugene Field School accommodated an area that was experiencing a large influx of Jewish families at this time.

The first public meeting of TCPS was held on May 5, 1962 and was attended by several hundred people. Although the organization chose to remain apolitical concerning candidate selection for any public office, it played a vital role in educating the public regarding the issues leading to Teaneck's integration of schools and sponsored numerous cottage parties to promote school budget support. TCPS fought against censorship of school books, split sessions and the use of public funds for private schools; it advocated such concepts as sensitivity training for teachers and administrators. Meeting on a monthly basis, it published a newsletter, supplied many newspaper releases, and submitted a series of weekly articles to the Teaneck Shopper (now called the Teaneck News) covering school matters. The group's comprehensive research project evaluating public school support in thirty-three communities has been used as a reference by the Board of Education and numerous other associations. Since 1973 the organization has met several times a year. It's most recent concern has been with racially balanced registration in both the open and traditional classrooms, and educational alternatives at the junior and senior high school levels.

Some additional active members of TCPS, who contributed to the township's understanding of educational issues over the years, were Stanley Gilinsky, Mimi Feigelson, Professor Maury Hilson, Melvin Hausner, Lisa and Paul Heubert, Gene and Sally Stamper, and John and Dorothy Wagner. Herbert Laden served as its president in 1975-76; he is the incoming president of the Benjamin Franklin Junior High School PTA, past president of the Whittier School PTO, a past officer of TPA and a vice president of Beth Sholom's Men's Club.

Despite the interest in education clearly manifested by Teaneck's Jewish residents from 1929 when Israel Doskow completed his second term, to 1956 when Theodore Ley was elected, not a single Jew sat on the Teaneck Board of Education. To be completely objective, it is not known if any sought election during this period. It is safe to assume, however, that the mental climate of the town during this time was not particularly receptive to a Jewish candidate.

By 1954 Jews comprised 15% percent of the total population (approximately fifteen hundred families)[1]. It took the explosive issues of the two expansion referenda of 1954 to unite Christian and Jew in support of proposals totaling nearly three million dollars, for seven- and eight-room additions to the Whittier and Bryant Elementary Schools, the construction of the Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson Junior High Schools and for improvements in the high school. The schools were dangerously overcrowded and, partially to contend with this situation, the Board of Education requested land from the Town Council on which to build a central junior high school. Its request was denied. The Council then proposed its own less expensive plan which called for the expansion of existing schools and reversion to the K-eight-four system (Kindergarten, eight years of elementary and four years of high school), a system from which Teaneck had converted 25 years earlier!

The Teaneck League for Better Schools was formed to mobilize public opinion in favor of the Board of Education's proposal. It was made up mainly of Jewish residents, such as Theodore Ley, president, Morton Handler, Edward Seltzer, George Kaplan, Simon Strickler and Mrs. Himmelman. Later, with the invaluable assistance and encouragement of Captain Clarence Lee and his wife, Virginia, it combined with the PTA, the League of Women Voters and the College Club to form the United Committee for the Referenda. Frank Burr[2] was a major force in consolidating these factions. He became the chairperson of the United Committee and was later elected mayor of Teaneck (1970-1974).

With the backing and support of the membership of the United Committee for the Referenda, Ted Ley[3] won election to the Board of Education in 1956 and served until 1965. During his tenure in office, he recalls the controversy over Christmas observances in the schools. In an attempt to compensate, some principals instituted Chanukah plays. Neither the Jewish nor the Christian communities, however, deemed this an acceptable solution. This matter will be discussed at greater length in a chapter dealing with the Teaneck Jewish Community Council.

Dr. Harold Weinberger served as a member of the Board of Education from 1958 to 1964 during which time he was elected by his peers as president for three consecutive years (he was the first Jewish president of the board). Dr. Weinberger showed his commitment to education in Teaneck as early as 1950 (one year after his arrival) when he served as first vice-president of the

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1) This is an estimated figure. By this time, however, the Jewish population had established three congregations: the Jewish Community Center, Temple Emeth and Congregation Beth Sholom.

2) Frank and Marie Burr have lived in Teaneck since 1944 and have given generously of their time and talents since their arrival from Hasbrouck Heights. As prominent members of Teaneck's Methodist Church, Mrs. Burr served as president of Church Women United. She is an incorporator of Starfish of Teaneck, Inc., an organization consisting of religious and civic groups which was formed to meet emergency needs of Teaneck citizens not met by existing agencies, and whose members serve as volunteers offering free neighborly help 365 days a year. She is a founder of the Martin Luther King Scholarship Fund established in 1968, and a director of the Community Scholarship Fund of Teaneck. Mrs. Burr is also an incorporator of the Senior Services Center of Teaneck. Mayor Burr was a member of the Board of Education (1955-1961) and its president for two years before being elected to the Town Council in 1968. He has extended himself in support of numerous candidates for both organizations regardless of race or religion. He served on the township's Advisory Board on Community Relations for six years (1961-1967) and received an award from B'nai B'rith in 1966 for his humanitarian efforts and civic leadership. The Burrs continue to reside in Teaneck and to render their highly esteemed leadership and assistance to many civic causes.

3) Ted and Clarice Ley came to Teaneck in 1948 from the Bronx, New York and have proven themselves to be extraordinary assets to the township and its Jewish community. In addition to his participation on the Board of Education, Mr. Ley is a lifetime trustee of the Jewish Community Center. He has been a campaign chairperson of Teaneck UJA, a vice president of the local B'nai B'rith chapter and an executive member of the Israel Bond campaigns. Mrs. Ley held numerous positions on the Sisterhood Board, served as chairperson of the Teaneck Community Scholarship Fund and was the local and regional president of the Brandeis University National Women's Committee. Her activities also included working unstintingly as an officer in the NCJW (vice president of Community Affairs) and in PTA.

Longfellow PTA. He founded the Eugene field PTA in 1957. Dr. Weinberger is married to Dr. Ruth Zuckerman (see Chapter 8).

In 1960 both Dr. Kathleen Shanahan Cohen and Seymour Herr were elected to the Board of Education bringing the number of Jewish board members to four, out of a total of nine. This was a rather unsettling development for the non-Jewish population of Teaneck. Dr. Cohen served only one term (1960-62)[1]; she chose not to seek reelection in order to finish her residency in psychiatry (see Chapter 8). Seymour Herr served from 1960 to 1968 and held office during the tempestuous period of Teaneck's school integration. He was president of the Teaneck Jewish Community Center from 1957 to 1959[2].

The integration of Teaneck's public school system, so well publicized by the media during its critical period and the subject of a popular book, "Triumph in a White Suburb," by Reginald G. Damerell, was an extremely painful and volatile period for the entire township. It created harsh and acrimonious rifts that caused some families to leave Teaneck and yet encouraged others, both white and black, to move here. Sharp and virulent differences suddenly appeared between good friends and compatible neighbors and among the members of Teaneck's numerous organizations. According to a substantial number of informants interviewed, in the heat of confrontation, one was forced to choose between two positions leaving no room for differences of opinions, motivating factors or extenuating circumstances. To complicate matters, members of the John Birch Society involved themselves in opposition to the plan, thus casting an unfortunate and highly disagreeable shadow over the proceedings. Feelings were aroused to such an extent that many officials, administrators and laymen in the forefront of the conflict were subjected to anonymous threats, pejorative publicity and hostilities so intense that, on occasion, the police and the F.B.I. were summoned to intervene.

The Jewish community was not immune from the struggle; Jewish residents not only joined both sides of the debate, but took leadership roles. Thus, the integration of Teaneck's schools was effectuated on a non-sectarian, heterogeneous basis[3].

To diminish the Bryant School's black enrollment of approximately 40%, experimental voluntary transfer systems were attempted in 1962 and 1963. Dr. Harvey Scribner, Teaneck's superintendent of schools at the time, promulgated a primary plan to permit parents to enroll their children in a school outside their own district, hoping to accomplish integration on a voluntary basis. At a public meeting on June 12, 1962 the Board of Education, with Dr. Harold Weinberger as its president, voted eight to one in favor of the program. The Board later adopted the following motion:

> "The Teaneck Board of Education recognizes the future potential for racial imbalance in the William Bryant and Washington Irving Schools, and the Teaneck Board of Education favors the initiation of a program prior to the existence of de facto segregation to prevent racial imbalance in any of the schools."

This was the first time that any Board of Education in the entire United States had adopted a policy to prevent segregation. Although the plan was received most favorably by the press and by New Jersey's Governor Hughes, it was not enthusiastically supported by either the white or black communities, and only a handful of families availed themselves of the program. While the voluntary transfer system failed to achieve its objective, it put the Teaneck Board of Education

1) Dr. Cohen has been an active participant in the Girl Scout and B'nai B'rith organizations, serving on the local and regional level of the latter associations. Both she and her husband, Morris Cohen, were members of TCPS and TPA. Mr. Cohen has served as a Democratic committeeperson and as a member of the Board of Trustees of Temple Emeth for several years. Dr. Cohen's maternal grandfather, Cantor Leopold Karpeles, was the first Jewish recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor. He was decorated for his performance during the Civil War and is listed in the book of American Jewish Heroes.

2) The Herrs settled in Teaneck in 1950 moving from East Paterson. Miriam Herr has been active in the NCJW and in 1956, with Shirley Feldman, Mimi La Vine and several others, helped establish Friendship House.

3) It was a well-known fact that Teaneck's four Jewish spiritual leaders, Rabbis Judah Washer, Barry Schaeffer, Louis Sigel and Macy Gordon were among the town's 16 clergymen who supported the Central Sixth Grade School as a necessary step towards integration.

on record as favoring the prevention of racial imbalance in its schools. Each succeeding school board election would prove vital to both proponents and opponents of the plans to change the neighborhood school concept.

The actual vehicle through which integration was accomplished was the establishment of the Bryant Central Sixth Grade School in 1964. Its formation mandated the dispersal of the children in kindergarten through 5th grade in the Bryant school district, which included Teaneck's middle class northeast section and the largest segment of the town's black population, to all the other elementary schools.

In 1963 Dr. A. Milton Bell[1] was the next Jewish resident to win election to the Board of Education, joining Ted Ley and Seymour Herr. During his early years in office (he served until 1975), the board was preoccupied with finding a solution to the inequitable distribution of black children in the schools.

In 1964 two of the three candidates elected to the Board of Education were Jewish residents, Dr. Harry Warner[2] and J. Paul Margolis[3]. Supported by the Neighborhood School Association of Teaneck (now defunct), their platform opposed compulsory change of existing neighborhood school enrollment procedure. (Both men served until 1967.)

At this time in Teaneck's history, Board of Education meetings were required to be conducted in larger quarters to accommodate the overflowing audiences. It is estimated that fourteen hundred people crowded into the Teaneck High School auditorium when the motion to institute the Central Sixth Grade School at Bryant was passed by a vote of seven to two. Despite the turbulence and vitriolics that electrified the community from the evening of decision, May 13, 1964 to the first day of school on September 7, Teaneck's schools opened without incident; there were no demonstrations of any kind to mar the event. Newspaper reporters and television photographers were on hand to record the peaceful entrance of students into their new schools.

While covering this major event and working to maintain a delicate balance, Fanny S. Mach (Mrs. Moses) supervised all the editors of the sister newspapers in the Sunday Sun's chain (Palisades Newspaper group), who had been assigned to the various schools to report any possible "incidents." (Mrs. Mach was commended by the opposing groups for her equitable treatment of the entire integration issue and for maintaining strict neutrality during the complicated and lengthy proceedings.)

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1) Dr. A. Milton and Marilyn Bell moved to Teaneck from Bergenfield in 1952 and have, since their arrival, rendered extraordinary leadership and service to the town and its Jewish Community. Their numerous commitments have included the Teaneck Patriotic Observance Committee, City Club, Teaneck Political Assembly, Community Scholarship Program, Hadassah, B'nai B'rith, ORT, American Field Service, City of Hope, Jewish War Veterans, Jewish Community Center, Bergen County YMHA, and the Civic Music Association of Bergen County.

Marilyn Bell served as the president of three PTA's and as chairperson of the State of Israel Bond Women's Division program in 1975. Milton Bell is a past leader of Scout Troop #168, a charter member of the Teaneck Community Blood Association, past chairperson of the March of Dimes campaign, a former member of the Board of Bergen County Jewish Federation of Community Service, past president of the Teaneck Board of Education, and a member of the Bergen County School Board Executive Committee for six years.

Dr. Bell currently serves on the Executive Board of the Jewish Community Center, as co-chairperson of the Legislative Committee of the New Jersey State Dental Society, and liaison of the New Jersey State Board of Dental Examiners. He was recently admitted as a Fellow of the National Academy of General Dentistry, in recognition of exceptional commitment to continuing education in dentistry.

2) Dr. Harry and Miriam Warner came to Teaneck in 1953 from New York City. Mrs. Warner was an active member of NCJW, ORT and the Cub Scout and Brownie organizations. Dr. Warner is a Diplomate of the American Board of Surgery and the American Board of Abdominal Surgery; he is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, the American College of Chest Physicians and the International College of Angiology. He is the president of the Warner Peripheral Vascular Research Foundation. Dr. Warner has served on the faculties of the University Hospital Post Graduate Division, Polyclinic Hospital and Post Graduate Center, and the Albert Einstein Medical Center. He is affiliated with the Bergen Pines County Hospital, Mt. Sinai and Montefiore Hospitals, the Albert Einstein Medical Center, and the Valley Hospital in Ridgewood. Recently Dr. Warner was presented with the Myra C. Hacker Award of the New Jersey Conservative Union, a citation given for the outstanding contributions to the cause of conservatism in the state. The Warners no longer live in Teaneck.

3) J. Paul and Florence Margolis settled in Teaneck in 1957 from New York City. Mr. Margolis, a CPA, was a member of the Fairleigh Dickinson University faculty for ten years and served as an officer in the Teaneck Rotary Club. Although the family no longer resides in Teaneck, Mr. Margolis still maintains his accounting office on Cedar Lane. At one time, he authored a column on taxation for the Teaneck Sun. Mrs. Margolis is secretary of the Bergen Philharmonic Guild Association.

Mayor Asks Townspeople To Stay Calm

Sunday Sun 6/6/64

TEANECK — An appeal to Teaneck residents "not to use 11-and-12-year-old children in a conflict between adults" was made by Mayor Matthew Feldman Thursday evening in a radio broadcast which he had specially arranged for that purpose.

Speaking on the WJRZ "Nothing But News" program' between 5 and 6 p.m., Mayor Feldman emphasized that in discussing the controversy over the sixth grade school plan he was talking only about its implementation, rather than its merits or manner of adoption.

"It is not my intention to discuss the board

SUN SIDELIGHTS

Sept. 1964

By
FANNY S. MACH
SUN WOMEN'S EDITOR

The fateful day — Wednesday, opening day of school — has come, and has peacefully slipped into the past. All of us who love Teaneck, and want peace and harmony in our town, heaved a sigh of relief and gratitutde that there was quiet and peace on that day.

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SCHOOL ELECTION DIVIDES TEANECK

Bitter Fight Involves Budget and Integrated 6th Grade

By WALTER H. WAGGONER

Special to The New York Times

TEANECK, N.J., Feb. 6 — One of the bitterest school-board election campaigns in Bergen County history is rocking this normally placid suburban community.

As a result a record turnout is expected Tuesday when the township will elect three new members to the Board of Education and vote on a proposed $5.5 million school budget.

The contest has at times been so savage, residents say, that long friendships have been shaken, social engagements have been canceled and members of the same church or temple have questioned each other's motives.

"Has this broken up friendships? And how!" exclaimed F. Paul Margolis, a minority member of the Board of Education and head of an accounting firm here. "It has broken up the town. The town will never be the same."

Board Is Divided

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to 2, with Mr. Margolis and Dr. Harry Warner, a surgeon practicing in New York City, constituting the opposition to the central school, the proposed budget and the busing of pupils it would finance.

The central sixth-grade school was established in the William Cullen Bryant School, in an integrated section in the northeast corner of Teaneck because projections showed that its enrollment would become 64 per cent Negro. The board decided to act against de-facto segregation in the school before being told to do so by the state.

The Negro population of Teaneck is relatively small. There are about 450 Negro pupils in a total enrollment of 8,200, concentrated in the Bryant School district. In the kindergarten there, 60 of 71 youngsters are Negro.

Recently 16 clergymen in the community, representing the major faiths, endorsed the central sixth-grade school.

An alternative proposed by the opposition is voluntary shifts from a racially imbalanced school to another by parents and students willing to do so. The school board argues that it tried open enrollment in 1962 and 1963 with no success.

The Opponents

On one side of the battle is the Teaneck Citizens for Public Schools, which supports the majority on the Board of Education the central sixth-grade and

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ay New York Times, Feb. 7th, 1965

SEPTEMBER 25, 1964

CHURCHES BACK TEANECK PLAN FOR TOLERANCE

Negroes Will Welcome White Visitors On Friendship Day

DUE NOVEMBER 1

Teaneck — In an effort to promote racial harmony and understanding, a Teaneck Friendship Day is being planned under the auspices of local churches and synagogues.

Thirteen congregations have endorsed the volunteer program scheduled for November 1, when white couples will visit in Negro homes to discuss the challenges and frustrations of racial discrimination.

Most of the few remaining Teaneck congregations are expected to join the program when they receive formal permission from higher authority.

According to the chairmen, the Rev. Henry Goodwin, O. Carm., of St. Anastasia's R. C. Church, and Frank Hall, it is hoped that about 150 Negro homes will be opened for the day. The program is patterned after the National Home Visit Day, which has been successful in Chicago and some 100 other cities.

Rabbi Louis J. Sigel of Temple Emeth said that there is a great need of understanding between all members of society particularly at this time of social change.

Father Goodwin said that this

In an article for her column "Sun Sidelights" dated September 13, 1964, Fanny Mach[1] wrote:

"The fateful day — Wednesday, opening day of school — has come, and has peacefully slipped into the past. All of us, who love Teaneck and want peace and harmony in our town, heave a sigh of relief and gratitude that there was quiet and peace on that day.

"While the New York newspapers sent reporters and the television networks had their photographers poised and ready to record the threatened boycott and 'incidents,' we stood, silently praying that all would be well with our children and our town.

"There were some who embraced the new plan enthusiastically, while others had their misgivings or strenuous objections; the children, in the meantime, went gaily off to school, and the objecting parents left their quarrel with the new plan to be settled in the courts and in the office of the Commissioner of Education.

"This is the legal way, the democratic way — and the true Teaneck way."

The conflict among the citizenry did not subside, however, and even greater polarization occurred in the campaign for the February 1965 Board of Education elections. The Teaneck Political Assembly (TPA)[2] was formed to counteract the Neighborhood School Association of Teaneck (NSAT). Each group selected its platform and candidates and conducted a militant, well-organized campaign. Of its three candidates, one Jewish resident, Jay Greenstone, was

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1) Fanny S. Mach was Women's Editor (September 1962-January 1965) of The Sunday Sun. The newspaper merged in 1964 with the Bergenfield Times to become The Sun-Times (now defunct), with Mrs. Mach as editor of Teaneck news. First assigned to edit only women's and church news and writing a weekly column on local activities, Mrs. Mach later covered all major news of the township. She is now editor of high school textbooks at Prentice-Hall, covering English, Health and Home Economics.

Since Moses and Fanny Mach moved in 1950 from the Bronx, New York, they have contributed impressively to the welfare of the Jewish community and the township. Mr. Mach, a member of the board of the Jewish Community Center since 1951, is now a lifetime trustee. He served the congregation on the Education and Religious Committees, as auditor and as a vice president of the Men's Club for many years. Mr. Mach has given outstanding service as treasurer of UJA and vice president of Teaneck's B'nai B'rith Lodge. He was also chairperson of the Center's Cub Scout Pack 168 and Hawthorne's Pack 169.

Mrs. Mach was equally dedicated to the Center, serving on its Education and Youth Committees and as president of its Sisterhood (1957-1959). She was vice president of the Teaneck Chapters of B'nai B'rith and Hadassah, and assumed active roles in the UJA and State of Israel Bond campaigns and in the Hawthorne PTA. Mrs. Mach was in charge of publicity for several Community Chest drives.

Her article about Teaneck's Friendship Day II (an interfaith, interracial home visitation program), published in the April 18, 1964 issue of The Sunday Sun, was inserted in the Congressional Record by New Jersey Senator Clifford P. Case, as a tribute to the town's efforts on behalf of integration.

The Mach sons, Edward and Joseph, and their respective wives, Louise and Joan, reside in Teaneck with their children. Louise has served as a vice president of the Evening Group of the Teaneck Section of the National Council of Jewish Women and as an officer of Bryant and Longfellow PTAs.

2) Leo Gamow, a former Democratic municipal chairperson, was asked to organize TPA's first political action at the group's initial meeting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Heubert. His brilliant strategy was based on the philosophy that elections are won or lost by the people who stay home. He therefore started a program of house-to-house canvassing to locate those sympathetic to TPA's platform, and then a follow-up campaign on Election Day to make certain that these residents reached the polls.

Today TPA, a non-partisan organization, remains viable with an active membership. It publishes a newsletter and meets approximately six times during the school year. Ernest Allen Cohen, who was the Democratic candidate for State Assembly in District 13B in 1969, is its immediate past president (1975-1976). Mr. Cohen has been active in Bergen County politics; he is currently head of Young Leadership for Teaneck UJA.

One of TPA's many ardent workers and past chairpersons is Leo Gans. He has chaired TPA's Election Campaign Committee and the Candidate Selection Committee, whose intent is to discover and support persons best qualified to serve on the Teaneck Board of Education. Mr. Gans was a member of the Education Committee of the Jewish Community Center, sits on the UJA cabinet and is a vice president of the Teaneck Lodge of B'nai B'rith. He is the former editor of the B'nai B'rith Bulletin, which was honored by B'nai B'rith District III as the outstanding Bulletin of the Palisade Council for the year 1975-1976. Leo and Eva Gans have resided in Teaneck since 1965, when they moved from Riverdale, New York.

Mrs. Gans' parents, Norbert and Lila Goldenberg, came here in 1950 from Manhattan. Mrs. Goldenberg, a devoted member of Women's American ORT, has remained in Teaneck; the late Dr. Goldenberg was committed to helping WWII refugees, using his German-Jewish newspaper *Aufbau* as a vehicle for assistance.

Eva Gans has vivid and pleasant memories of growing up in Teaneck. Her keen appreciation of the township is reflected in her participation in PTA, the Teaneck UJA cabinet, Sisterhood and ORT, where she is a vice president of the Northeast New Jersey Region. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gans campaign actively for school referenda and township elections.

placed on the TPA slate; NSA nominated two Jews, George H. Kaplan and Mario Foah. The Letters-to-the-Editor column of The Record overflowed to several pages on certain days and the Teaneck Shopper (now the Teaneck News) carried numerous advertisements backing the candidates and issues. Cottage parties were scheduled seven days a week, several in one day! Never had any township election caused so much dissension, bitterness and verbal brutality.

More than 50% of the town's registered voters, an unprecedented 12,820, went to the polls on February 9, 1965 which resulted in the election of the TPA supported slate, Joseph D. Coffee Jr., Jay W. Greenstone[1] and Orville Sather. When the votes were tabulated and analyzed according to district, it was apparent that religion played no role in influencing the election. The issues had, for the most part, upset the customary voting pattern of the different neighborhoods.

The Board of Education elections for several years thereafter continued to carry some of the intensity of those held in 1964 and 1965.

Today Teaneck's Public School system includes two central kindergarten-first grade schools, five second-sixth grade schools, two junior high schools and one senior high school.

Teaneck's population, overwhelmingly well-educated, is deeply committed to *quality* education. It is exceptionally vocal and energetic in defining what it considers to be quality and, very often, there are substantial differences of opinion. The Board of Education, as well as the Town Council, are often challenged by well organized, well-spoken, and firmly resolute groups with dissenting points of view. This has become the customary pattern in Teaneck.

It would be difficult to list the many Jewish families who have worked eagerly and selflessly for PTA, joining residents of other denominations to make Teaneck's Parents-Teachers Associations the enlightened and consistently performing groups they are reputed to be. Paul and Lisa Heubert, Robert and June Mandelkern and Irwin and Evalyn Brownstein are representative of this large and zealous contingent. They have assumed numerous offices, including the presidency of several school PTAs[2] and participated actively in TCPS; all three women have served as president of the PTA Council.

Jews have continued to seek election to the Board of Education through the ensuing years. Two Jewish candidates who did not win election to the board, but whose credentials are equally praiseworthy are Fay Geier (1964)[3] and Julian Kramer (1973 - see Chapter on UJA). Those who have served subsequently in this office are Boris Bierstein (1967-1970), who participated in the

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1) Judge Jay Greenstone and his wife, the former Myra Shapiro, are second generation Teaneck residents. Their parents, the late Herman and Celia Greenstone who moved here in 1941 from Hackensack, and Israel and Jean Shapiro who came in 1946 from Bayonne, were devoted to the Jewish Community Center. Mr. Greenstone served as the first president of the Center's newly formed Men's Club (during the administration of Murray Megibow) and Mrs. Shapiro was Sisterhood president from 1949 to 1951. In addition, she was president of the Bergen County Chapter of the Brandeis University National Women's Committee. As the civic and welfare leader and chairperson of the Women's Division of Teaneck UJA, Jean Shapiro, with twenty women leaders from fourteen key communities in the United States, undertook a three week study of UJA welfare and resettlement, and immigrant progress in Europe and Israel in October 1964. The Shapiros now reside in Hackensack.

Myra Greenstone has followed her mother's example by rendering unstinting service to UJA. She is the New Jersey and Bergen County chairperson of UJA's Women's Division. Judge Greenstone, who sits on the municipal court bench of Waldwick, was a municipal magistrate in Mahwah and Teaneck as well. He is a trustee of the Bergen County Jewish Federation of Community Services, the Jewish Community Center, Bergen County Civic Music Association and Friendship House. His commendable record of commitment includes active participation in the township's Red Cross campaigns and on the Town Council's Mental Health Advisory Board.

2) Whittier School's Parent-Teacher group is called PTO (Parent-Teacher-Organization) because it has remained unaffiliated with the state-wide PTA.

3) Martin and Fay Geier moved to Teaneck in 1955 from Brooklyn, New York. Mrs. Geier, who served as president and member of the executive board of several school PTAs, was president of the PTA Council. She was awarded honorary life membership in PTA for her outstanding leadership. In addition to her devoted service to the Public Education System, Mrs. Geier served on the Mayor's Advisory Board on Community Relations, and as district leader of the Cancer Society and March of Dimes. She has been a member of TPA's Executive Board since its inception and a member of the New Jersey Board of the Anti-Defamation League. The Geiers have been active in the Cub Scout and Brownie Organizations and were founding members of NECO (Northeast Community Organization), which was established for the purpose of preventing block busting in the northeast part of Teaneck. They continue to reside in Teaneck.

implementation of the Washington Irving Central Kindergarten School[1], Dorothy Belle Pollack (1967-1970)[2], David Kapell (1968-1975)[3], Sandra Glick (1975-)[4], Lucille Steiner (1974-)[5], and Dr. Eric Simon (1975-)[6].

Before concluding this chapter on public education in Teaneck, it is important that we bring to the reader's attention the complete array of special services maintained by the school system, which provides medical, psychological and learning disability services, speech and language therapy, social services, and supplemental and home instruction for all students.

Teaneck's philosophy is to place children in regular classes whenever feasible. In order to evaluate whether or not a student is physically, emotionally, intellectually or socially impaired

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1) Boris and Shirley Bierstein have resided in Teaneck from 1958. Since their move from New York City, Mr. Bierstein has consistently been involved in efforts to improve our educational system. He was president of the Whittier School PTO, a founder and president of TCPS, and a founder and member of the Board of Trustees of TPA. He served as president of Temple Emeth from 1964 to 1967. Mrs. Bierstein is a vice president of the League of Women Voters, a former member of the Board of NCJW, and is active in the Community Scholarship Fund. She is a member of the faculty of the Bergen Community College Adult Learning Center in Hackensack.

2) Dorothy Belle and Sidney J. Pollack moved to Teaneck in 1954. The multi-faceted Mrs. Pollack is an assistant professor of Latin and Greek at the City University of New York, an arbitrator for the American Abitration Association, a translator of ancient Greek and Latin texts, and a free-lance writer of significant stature. In addition to her position as past member and finance chairperson of the Teaneck Board of Education, she has served as volunteer lecturer for Operation Community Talent. Mrs. Pollack was a writer of Board of Education literature, for Community Chest campaigns, Retarded Children's Program and Councilmanic campaigns; she wrote for the booklet "Live in Teaneck."

During the township's 75th anniversary celebration, Mrs. Pollack lectured on Teaneck's history in addition to submitting articles to the newspapers. She has been chairperson of the Teaneck United Nations Scholarship Committee, the Township Advisory Board on Community Relations, and the Fresh Air Fund campaign. Her newspaper column, "Teaneck Topics," appeared in the Teaneck Sun (now defunct) for 7 years and her poetry has been featured in local newspapers; she composed Teaneck's official motto, "Laws and Men." Mr. and Mrs. Pollack still reside in Teaneck. She is currently a member of the Teaneck Board of Adjustment and teaches a classics course sponsored by the Teaneck Education Program. Mr. Pollack is vice chairperson of the Teaneck Planning Board.

3) David and June Kapell settled in Teaneck in 1958 from Manhattan, among other reasons, to be near Mrs. Kapell's sister, Teaneck resident Shirley Kramer (who now resides in Fort Lee). Vitally concerned with the Teaneck Public School system, the Kapells have continually rendered service and leadership to organizations committed to education. They have been members of TCPS, TPA (Mrs. Kapell served as an officer), and the Teaneck Council of PTAs (Mrs. Kapell also belongs to the Bergen County Council of PTAs and is its Legislative chairperson). David Kapell was president of several PTAs before serving as a member of the Teaneck Board of Education, of which he was president in 1973-1974. He has also been on the UN Observance Day Committee and helped with fund raising for the Girl Scout organization. June Kapell has been active in the Girl Scouts, the Patriotic Observance Advisory Board, and is presently a volunteer for Starfish. She was awarded honorary life membership in PTA for her dedication and service. Both are members of B'nai B'rith and participate in UJA campaigns; they continue to live in Teaneck.

4) Jay and Sandra Glick have resided in Teaneck since 1963 when they moved from Manhattan. Mrs. Glick's affiliations are many; she was a troop leader for both the Cub and Girl Scout organizations, and team mother and secretary of Southern Little League. Presently she is a member of Fact, Teaneck Together, TPA, TCPS, ORT, NCJW, Temple Emeth Sisterhood, Bergen County Girl Scouts and Hadassah. She was president of the PTA for Special Education and has served this group in numerous capacities. Mrs. Glick was the 1975 Teaneck delegate to the New Jersey State School Board Association. She is currently vice president of the Teaneck Board of Education.

5) Adolf and Lucille Steiner moved to New Jersey in 1951 as newlyweds. Mr. Steiner's business at that time was located in Hackensack and the young couple was attracted by Teaneck's continually expanding and flourishing Jewish community. Mrs. Steiner has an impressive and unfaltering record of participation in the Teaneck Chapters of ORT, Hadassah (she was a charter member of the Kadimah Evening Group) and the PTA. She is also active in numerous other Jewish and civic organizations, having served as president of the Hawthorne and Thomas Jefferson Junior High School PTAs and as president of the PTA Council. A member of the town's Bicentennial Committee she has played an active role in planning Teaneck's 75th anniversary festivities. In 1973 Mrs. Steiner initiated the "Sitter's Seminar" at the Thomas Jefferson Junior High School, in cooperation with Dr. Bernard Kramer; Teaneck's Fire, Police and Health Departments; and the Volunteer Ambulance Corps. This course, which lasted eight weeks and dealt with responsible child care and home safety, was so outstanding that it received state-wide recognition.

6) Dr. Eric J. Simon and his wife, Irene, have lived in Teaneck since 1954. Dr. Simon was born in Weisbaden, Germany, and emigrated to the United States at the age of fourteen. A professor of Experimental Medicine at the New York University Medical Center, Dr. Simon is engaged in biochemical research on the action of narcotics in the brain. The laboratory he directs was one of three which simultaneously made the important discovery that the brain contains specific receptor sites for morphine and related narcotics. During the past three years Dr. Simon has lectured throughout the United States and in many countries of Europe about his research and has contributed numerous articles to professional journals. He is co-chairperson of the UJA Committee for the New York University Medical Center, a past PTA president and a former trustee of TPA. Irene Simon, is assistant librarian at the Benjamin Franklin Junior High School, a trustee of TPA, a member and former board member of the Teaneck League of Women Voters, and was recently elected Democratic committeeperson for the 12th election district of Teaneck.

and the extent of the impairment, the boy or girl is referred to a Child Study Team (a group of several specialists)[1].

If a youngster's disability is not serious enough to require special class placement, tutorial and supplemental services are provided[2]. For those whose handicaps dictate special placement, Teaneck offers 15 individual classes that are taught by certified teachers trained in the education of handicapped children. Teaneck also offers job placement for its handicapped graduates as a follow-up service. In some instances, where the Teaneck school system cannot meet the needs of the child's disability (e.g., hard of hearing, visually impaired or orthopedically handicapped), out of district placement is arranged at the expense of the township, with State reimbursement of up to 50% of the cost. Transportation is provided for special class students to and from school and to special Board of Education sponsored events.

In conjunction with the Teaneck Recreation Department an ongoing program of physical education, in addition to after school and summer recreation programs, is offered to all special education students. The Special Services Olympics have become an eagerly anticipated annual event. Conducted one day each spring for these elementary and junior high school children, the Olympics include track and field events adapted to their abilities (followed by a picnic lunch and an awards ceremony).

1) In the Teaneck School System, there is a Child Study Team at the district level which meets twice monthly, and within each school where meetings are convened weekly.

2) An example of daily remedial reading tutorial services provided by the township is the Communications Workshop for secondary school students. This program is conducted at the Town House for a full day.

BERGEN RECORD - MARCH 26, 1948

Jews Belong In Palestine, Say Pupils, Presenting Show Based On Bible Study

United States government may have reversed its stand on the Palestine partition, but a group of Teaneck elementary school children has decided that the Holy Land is the rightful home of the Jewish people.

It was a question in their minds, several weeks ago when the Sixth Grade students of Whittier School discussed news reports on tne Palestine question. They decided to find out why one area of the world should be claimed by a group of people, as home.

So they began to study the Bible and the history of the Jewish people.

Result was presented in an hour and a half program at the school Wednesday for an audience of 175 children and 100 adults.

Principal Mrs. Alice M. Hoek and instructor Miss Therese Bauer [volunteered to assist in] the staging, and when the curtain went up the audience included County Superintendent of Schools Roy R. Zimmerman, Teaneck Supervising Principal Dr. Lester N. Neulen, the Rev. John Keene, pastor of the Christ Episcopal Church of West Englewood and leaders of many Township organizations.

Introducing the program, Mrs. Hoek summed things up with the following statement:

"I feel that we are more successful in working together when we realize in what ways we are alike and think less about differences. I am happy that the sixth grade is presenting this program of "The History and Traditions of the Hebrew People", for the work they undertook proved to them that Christians and Jews respect and hold sacred some of the same religious history and that we all share our faith in one God".

For the program large screens bearing the Star of David and Menorah and a pulpit were placed on the stage. A loud speaker placed in the projection room provided the "voice from above" which gave direct quotations from the Bible. Youngest of the children, students of third grade age, failed to lose interest in the program and comments by the adult guests were interesting, the principal said.

The program presented was written by students. Miss Edna P. Robinson and Miss Irene Parentini were accompanists.

A partial list of events portrayed, is as follows:

"Palestine in the News Today", James Gilbert; "The Egyptian Bondage" portrayed by Marjorie Baumgart, Ralph Humphreys, Raymond French, Sally Demarest, Betty Peterson and Eleanor Tinsley; "The Escape From Egypt", Kenneth Burger and Dan McGlynn; "The Giving of the Law", Billy Campbell; "The Spirit of Esther", interpretation in costume of the story of Purim, by Marty Baxter; "The Channuka Story", by David Megibow, James Comas, Judy Levine and Jane Rosenthal.

Also, "The Destruction of the Temple and the Dispersion of the People of Israel", by John Strobehn and Kenneth Burger; "The Sabbath Observances" Myron Shorr and Judy Behr; Judaism as followed in orthodox, conservative and reform services, described by Richard Graves, John Keene and Neal Blair; "The Observances of Traditional Practices" by George Gelb, Carl Shuster.

"Hatikvah", the Hope Song of Palestine as sung by the class was followed by Ronnie Grober's pronouncement of the Ancient Hebrew Benediction, "The Lord Bless You and Keep You".

Important Statistics Concerning the Teaneck Public School System

1822 — Teaneck's first school organized.
1869 — School built next to the present Town House known as "The Little Red School House."
1895 — Teaneck Township officially established; public school population numbered at 221.
1906 — Original School #2 (Washington Irving), now the Town House, completed.
1910 — School #1 (Longfellow) erected.
1912 — School population numbered at 407 students.
1916 — School #3 (Emerson) erected.
1920 — School #1 (Longfellow) rebuilt after being partially destroyed by fire. Additional rooms added in 1921.
1922 — Public school population numbered at 1,154 students.
1923 — School #4 (Whittier) erected.
1925 — School #5 (Hawthorne) erected.
1926 — School #6 (Bryant) erected; Whittier School auditorium added.
1928 — Public school population numbered at 2,318.
1929 — Senior high school erected.
1934 — School #7 (Lowell) completed.
1936 — Dedication of junior high school wing at the senior high school.
1937 — Two side wings added to Whittier School.
1941 — Present School #2 (Washington Irving) completed.
1949 — Construction of Bryant School addition.
1950 — Back wing of Whittier School added.
1954 — Teaneck High School goes on double session (until the construction of the Benjamin Franklin Junior High School).
1955 — Construction of second addition at Bryant School and at high school; public school population numbered at 6,977.
1956 — Renovation of Longfellow School; construction of School #8 (Eugene Field).
1957 — Benjamin Franklin Junior High School erected. (Students go on double session until completion of Thomas Jefferson Junior High School.)
1958 — Thomas Jefferson Junior High School completed; public school population numbered at 7,861.
1960 — Public school population numbered at 8,152.
1964 — Establishment of the township's central sixth grade school at Bryant School.
1968 — Establishment of the township's central kindergarten at Washington Irving School.
1970 — Public school population numbered at 8,267.
1972 — Establishment of the township's central kindergarten-first grade schools at Washington Irving and Bryant Schools; the dissolution of Teaneck's central sixth grade school.
1976 — Public school population numbered at 6,839.

STANDARD — 2/27/76

Teaneck In Pilot Program On Teaching Of Holocaust

Teaneck and Vineland secondary schools will integrate a four-week unit on the Nazi Holocaust into history and social studies courses as part of an Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith national effort "to institutionalize study of the extermination of six million Jews."

The pilot program, to begin next month in the two school districts, is co-sponsored by the New Jersey Education Association and will involve some 900 junior and senior high school students.

According to Theodore Freedman, director of ADL's program and community service divisions, the project is designed to demonstrate "how deep-rooted prejudice, spread unabated, can lead to genocide." He pointed out that "although the lessons of the Nazi era have relevance today and for future generations and young people are unaware of the events leading up to and surrounding the Holocaust."

THE TEANECK AND VINELAND schools were chosen by the League as sites for the pilot project because the residents of the communities are of various economic, racial, ethnic and religious backgrounds.

ADL and NJEA will sponsor a workshop for social studies teachers to review and analyze the unit and the reactions of students and parents upon its completion in the two school districts. The model will be published for use in schools around the country, and the League is planning a national two-day conference on "Teaching the Holocaust" to be held in August.

THE PILOT PROJECT consists of audio-visual and printed materials on events and attitudes before and during the Third Reich which culminated in the Holocaust. These include personal accounts of victims and perpetrators; a chronology of world events; laws and actions taken against the Jews; National Socialist Party doctrines; samples of the poetry and music of concentration camp inmates;

Chapter 10

. . . *a government of the people* . . .

The year is 1954, the nation is entering a mild recession. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that over 3,000,000 persons are out of work during January, representing an unemployment rate of five per cent. President Eisenhower in a television address promises that the Government will use "every legitimate means" to aid the sagging economy. By April 1 the number of unemployed reaches 3,725,000 and does not return to "acceptable levels" until fall.

The U.S. Supreme Court, in *Brown vs. The Board of Education,* makes its revolutionary ruling that racial segregation in public schools is a violation of the 14th Amendment. The unanimous decision asserts that separate facilities are "inherently unequal," and thus overrules an 1896 ruling permitting racial segregation if the facilities provided each race are of equal quality.

The Communist Control Act, which virtually outlaws the Communist Party and denies certain rights to Communists and Communist-front organizations, becomes law on August 24. On December 2, the United States Senate votes 67 to 22 to censure Senator Joseph McCarthy for "conduct that tends to bring the Senate into dishonor and disrepute, to obstruct constitutional processes of the Senate, and to impair its dignity . . ."

In the field of science the first atomic-powered submarine, the U.S.S. Nautilus, is launched at Groton, Connecticut; Linus Pauling, of the California Institute of Technicology, wins the Nobel Prize in Chemistry for his work on molecular bonds; the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission votes to remove (permanently) the security clearance of J. Robert Oppenheimer, known as "the father of the atomic bomb," because of his association with Communists beyond "tolerable limits of prudence," despite Oppenheimer's denials of Communist sympathies.

On the international scene the United States joins Great Britain, France, New Zealand, Australia, the Philippines, Thailand and Pakistan to form the South East Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO) for mutual defense. At a news conference President Eisenhower propounds his domino theory of Communist expansion, asserting that if one country falls into Communist hands it will lead to the takeover of all neighboring countries. When the French are defeated at Dienbienphu by the Vietminh on May 8, a conference is called by Great Britain, France, the Soviet Union and the United States in Geneva. Communist China and the Vietminh representative also attend the conference. The United States' representative, General Walter B. Smith, is the only conferee who refuses to support the agreement that designates withdrawal of both conflicting forces to either side of a truce line pending elections in 1956. Our country issues its own statement saying — "The United States will refrain from the threat or use of force to disturb them . . ."

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And in Teaneck, New Jersey, Adolf C. Robison is the first Jew to be elected to the Town Council.

Dr. Robison served in this capacity until 1958 and went on to establish other new traditions by becoming the first Jewish president of the Teaneck Community Chest organization and the first Jewish member of the Board of Fellows of Fairleigh Dickinson University (he later served as its chairperson and then member of the Board of Overseers)[1]. Described by Leonard Slater in his

1) On May 1, 1964 the building housing F.D.U.'s College of Science and Engineering was named the Robison Hall of Science and Engineering in honor of Adolf and Ann Robison and in appreciation of their generous patronage.

book, "The Pledge," as a "mild-mannered, genial man . . . a successful textile converter in New Jersey . . . (whose) hobby was musicology . . (and who) possessed a phenomenal memory for figures, names . . .," Adolf Robison is a man of great capacity and inner strength, whose activities and philanthropies require a computer-like mechanism to record. When he and his equally dynamic and committed wife, Ann, moved to Teaneck from the Palisade section of Fort Lee in 1941 at the urging of Dr. Charles Littwin, the town gained its most prominent and internationally-known family[1].

Interviewing the Robisons jointly is comparable to watching a highly skilled tennis match. The tempo of the activity is so rapid that it is difficult to follow each important volley. A remark by Adolf Robison may spark a recollection by Ann Robison, and these two (she physically diminutive and he of average height and weight) experientially monumental individuals continue their spellbinding and humor-filled narratives without stopping for breath. It was a fascinating, gratifying and somewhat terrifying evening. They are exceptional people in so many ways that their biographies challenge description; it is a formidable task. Each year features a new array of worthy causes, inspection tours, speaking engagements, positions held, honors bestowed, meetings with dignitaries, trips to near and distant places and a continued commitment to endeavors previously undertaken. Before an attempt is made to enumerate their vast and incomparable portfolio of credits, the primary focus of any Robison biography should be that these Teaneck residents, who are truly citizens of the world, are doers. Their names are never lent without their active participation.

Adolf Robison is a fourth generation American, whose maternal great grandfather came to the United States in the early part of the nineteenth century. His grandfather, Captain Abraham Cohen, who served in the Union Army as a member of the New Hampshire volunteers during the Civil War, was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for gallantry in action in the Battle of the Wilderness. Al Robison is a member of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, a patriotic organization which was founded in 1865 and whose membership is confined to people who are direct descendants of officers who served in the Union Army during the Civil War. As a tribute to this organization, Dr. Robison composed a march called "Proud and Free," which had its debut July 28, 1976, on what was proclaimed Loyal Legion Day in Teaneck by Mayor Eleanor Kieliszek and the Town Council. The selection was played by the Teaneck Community Band during one of its weekly summer evening concerts. Mr. Robison was one of the original members of this group.

Dr. Robison was graduated from Columbia University where he studied with Edwin Franko Goldman, Daniel Gregory Mason and Douglas Moore and earned a B.A. in Music. He played the bassoon for a number of orchestras and symphonic bands (in many of them with his clarinetist wife) including the Columbia Symphonic Band, the Riverside Church Orchestra, the Tenafly Orchestra and the Teaneck Symphony (now known as the Bergen Philharmonic). He also played the piano for the Jewish Community Center Sunday school classes when they convened at the Queen Anne Road Synagogue.

His many compositions and works have been played by such groups as the Columbia University Band and WNYC's New York Musical Festival. Dr. Robison composed special music for the commemoration of Fairleigh Dickinson University's 25th anniversary. Shortly thereafter, he wrote the "FDU Fighting Song." Another march composed by Dr. Robison was commissioned by President Tubman of Liberia; he has recently received a United States Federal grant for a new musical work honoring the Bicentennial to be performed this coming season (1976-77) by the Bergen Philharmonic. One of his songs was featured in a British motion picture.

Aside from his celebrated musical accomplishments, Dr. Robison is a director of the American Friends of Ben Gurion University, a director of the United Jersey Bank of New Jersey, a member of the Executive Committee and Board of Governors of Hackensack Hospital, honorary vice-president of the American-Israel Cultural Foundation, a member of the National Board of Governors of the State of Israel Bonds, on the Board of Governors of Yeshiva University's

1) The Robisons' sons, Peter and Michael, reside in Manhattan with their respective families.

Graduate Schools, a member of the President's Council of Columbia University, a director of the Bergen County Chamber of Commerce and of Histadrut's New Jersey State Board, a member of the Board of the Bergen County YMHA, and New Jersey chairperson of the American Bicentennial Park Project in Israel. Sponsored by the Jewish National Fund of America, the Bicentennial Park is officially recognized by the United States Government and is the second largest Bicentennial project in the world. It is located in the Judean Mountains, twenty-five miles southwest of Jerusalem. Recreation facilities, picnic groves and hiking paths are to be included in this one million-tree forest. Adolf and Ann Robison were co-chairpersons of Teaneck's 25th anniversary celebration of the State of Israel.

Dr. Robison was awarded honorary LL.D. degrees by Fairleigh Dickinson University (1966) and Kyung Hee University of Seoul, Korea (1968). He was elected to Phi Beta Kappa by Columbia University in 1974 and is an honorary Fellow of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He was awarded the Commander of the Star of Africa by the Government of Liberia (1971) and the Israel Army's decoration — *Itur Lochmi Medinat Yisrael.* Dr. Robison served as an officer in the Haganah and is a member of the American Veterans of Israel.

To comprehend fully his unprecedented magnanimity, daring and ability in aiding the State of Israel in its War of Independence, one has only to read Slater's book — "The Pledge." The author quoted Mr. Robison at the end of the book as saying:

> "Here was an opportunity that happened maybe once in a lifetime, maybe not even once in a lifetime . . . It was a great period in our lives. I don't think we'll ever get over it, and I think it changed our lives . . . And I think it gave us a feeling of accomplishment that nothing else we did before, that nothing we did since, has equalled."

His dedication to Zionism stems from his parents, Louis and Paula Robison. Louis Robison had accompanied Rabbi Stephen Wise and his delegation to the Versailles Conference at the end of World War I.

Some of Dr. Robison's experiences as the first Jewish member of the Teaneck Town Council (in which he served one four-year term) combating unfair real estate sales and discriminatory housing practices are recorded in Reginald G. Damerell's book "Triumph in a White Suburb." In his tenure in office as president of the Teaneck Jewish Community Center, the highlight was the building of the Prince Street synagogue. This was no small accomplishment and can be credited to the determination of Dr. Robison, Philip Kaplan and some ten others. To quote Dr. Ann Robison in her July 30, 1976 column "On the Go" in the Jewish Standard: ". . . after several agonizing years of working under and around the pressure of wartime and postwartime restrictions and scarcities, the original building of the Center was constructed."

On Dr. Robison's 70th birthday, he chanted the *Haftorah* and *Maftir* and delivered the sermon at Saturday morning services at the Teaneck Jewish Community Center.

Ann Green Robison, perennially youthful, effervescent and phosphorescent, who regularly confers with prominent people in all areas of endeavor, can also be seen shopping at one of the local supermarkets or attending a meeting. A former teacher of French, Dr. Robison earned a B.A. degree from the University of Maine, an M.A. degree from Columbia University and a Certificate from the Women's Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. She was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi at the University of Maine (1924); named Woman of the Year by Teaneck UJA (1964); awarded the Medal of Merit by Fairleigh Dickinson University (1966); was the first Woman of the Year to be honored by the Bergen County YMHA (1970); was the first woman to be elected to an office of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council where she has been serving as national vice-president since 1973; was honored, with her husband, by the Jewish War Veterans of Teaneck as the first Couple of the Year (1972) and received the Brandeis Award from ZOA (1972). Dr. Ann Robison received the Hannah G. Solomon Award from the Teaneck Section of NCJW (1974), and an honorary fellowship from Hebrew University for her family's contribution of the Robison Wing of the University's School of Education (to house the National Council of Jewish Women Research Institute for Innovation in Education).

TEANECK NEWS — 11/12/75

Adolf Robison named Bicentennial Chairman

Dr. Adolf C. Robison of Teaneck was named New Jersey - Rockland County, New York, Chairman of the American Bicentennial Project in Israel, sponsored by Jewish National Fund of America.

The Bicentennial Park officially recognized by the United States Government is the second largest Bicentennial project in the world. Authorization has been granted for flying the American Bicentennial flag at the construction site.

The Bicentennial Park is to be located in the Judean Mountains, 25 miles southwest of Jerusalem, near Beit Shemesh. Beit Shemesh is an immigrant absorptive town surrounded by settlements of Mahsiya, Nes Harim, Bar Giora, Tsur Hadassah, Mevo Betar, Mata and Zanoach. A road is planned to link the settlements with Jerusalem for marketing agricultural products grown in the area. Recreation facilities, picnic groves and hiking routes will be included in a one-million tree forest.

Dr. Robison, prominent in communal and civic circles is presently a Director of the American Friends of Ben Gurion University, Director of Peoples Trust Co., of New Jersey, Executive Committee Hackensack Hospital, Board of Governors Hackensack Hospital, Vice-President, American Israel Cultural Foundation, National Board of Governors State of Israel Bonds, Treasurer, New York Commandery Military Order of the Loyal Legion, Director, Bergen County Chamber of Commerce, Board of Governors Graduate Schools Yeshiva University, President's Council, Columbia University.

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MEETING THE NEW ENVOY — Kenneth B. Keating, United States Ambassador to Israel, flanked by Mr. and Mrs. Adolf Robison at a luncheon in his honor tendered by the Synagogue Council of America.

SUNDAY SUN — 5/2/64

Robison Hall Dedicated At FDU

TEANECK—The building housing Fairleigh Dickinson University's College of Science and Engineering was named Robison Hall of Science and Engineering at dedication ceremonies, attended by about 300 persons, held Saturday afternoon on the Teaneck Campus.

Long-time Teaneck residents Mr. and Mrs. Adolf Robison, for whom the building was named, were present to unveil an appropriate plaque on the south end of the structure.

Congressman Frank C. Osmers, Jr., was the guest speaker, and Mayor Matthew Feldman of Teaneck extended greetings. The University's Board of Trustees was represented by Edward T. T. Williams, chairman, and Samuel Silberman. Dr. Peter Sammartino, Fairleigh Dickinson president, and Dean Walter A. Wilson of the School of Dentistry, and Dean Harold A. Rothbart of the College of Science and Engineering of the University, spoke for the administration. The Dental School and the College of Science and Engineering are housed in the building which has been known as the Science Bui[illegible]

the Science Building, climaxing their years of interest and participation in the progress of Fairleigh Dickinson, prompted the University Trustees to name the building in their honor.

MR. AND MRS. ADOLF ROBISON

Plaque on Robison Hall, named for them at Fairleigh Dickinson University, reads as follows: Robison Hall of Science and Engineering — Named in honor of Adolf and Ann Robison in recognition of their joint participation in the progress of Fairleigh Dickinson University — May 23, 1964.

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AT COLUMBIA TUESDAY STANDARD — 4/9/76

Robison Song Cycle Featured In Concert

On Tuesday, at 8 P.M. the Columbia University Orchestra under the baton of Daniel Deutsch, will play a Song Cycle composed by Adolf Robison of Teaneck, whose wife Ann Robison is a featured columnist of The Jewish Standard.

The texts in honor of Woman's Year, are all by American women poets, Emily Dickinson, Edna St. Vincent Millay, Sara Teasdale and Adelaide Crapsey. The soloist is Priscilla Magdamo, contralto, who is well known for her work in many choral groups in the metropolitan area.

Mr. Robison, industrialist and banker, regards his musical activities as a "rewarding avocation". Last year, the Bergen Philharmonic played his Gavott[illegible] has commissioned him [illegible] for the [illegible] just [illegible] Mili Leg sun [illegible] wi 11 Y w

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University Confers Honors On The Robisons

Ann Robison, National Council of Jewish Women board member and chairwoman of International Affairs, and her husband Adolf Robison, both of Teaneck, were made Honorary Fellows of The Hebrew University of Jerusalem during NCJW's recent Second Summit Conference in Israel. Hebrew University President Avraham Harman presented the Robisons with a scroll and congratulated them on their life-long commitment to Israel fine work for the Jewish people and for Israel had made them known in their Jewish community, in the United States as a whole, in NCJW, and in countless Jewish causes.

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IN RESPONSE, Ann Robison said that "we Jews measure our contribution not by billions of barrels of oil, but by the leavening influence of our cultural and scientific outpourings for the benefit of acclaim given them, but equally well by the kind of person whose approbation they seek. Ann and I would like to be judged by this distinguished group gathered here today. We can ask for no more; we can ask for no better . . ."

The presentation of the Honorary Fellowships was a highlight of the dedication ceremonies held for the NCJW Research Institute for Innovation in Education, housed in the

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ON THE GO

BY ANN ROBISON

THE MIDDLE EAST

I can hardly believe, that in February 1975 — the month of Adar 5735:

IN CAIRO I danced the hora with young Egyptian Arabs to a tune from "Fiddler on the Roof."

IN BEIRUT, LEBANON, we visited a PLO camp and talked with its leaders.

IN QUNAYTRA, the area in Syria from which Israel withdrew as part of the disengagement agreements, our bus got stuck in the mud. We stood chilled to the bone after the sun went down — as the Peruvian U.N. contingent struggled unsuccessfully to extricate our vehicle with their truck and a winch they didn't understand. We took refuge in the warmth and light of the headquarters of UNDOF (United Nations Disengagement Observer Force) while we waited for another bus — dispatched from Damascus.

IN AMMAN we saw ourselves on television as our hour-long audience with King Hussein in his palace was shown five times during the day, alternately in Arabic and English.

And finally, I can hardly believe that here we are in Jerusalem, safe and sound — maybe a little wiser — explaining to our confounded Israeli friends who saw us on the Jordanian telecast beamed to Israel, how words mean what I want them to mean."

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THE WORD "PEACE" appears surely a hundred times in my 300 pages of notes covering

STANDARD — 1/10/75

PRESIDENTIAL RECEPTION — The only pictures delivered before departure were those taken at the reception at the President's House. Here you see President Ephraim Katzir, I.L. Kenen, American-Israel Public Affairs Committee, Ann Robison, National Council of Jewish Women, and Faye Schenk, American Zionist Federation.

STANDARD'S COLUMNIST AWARDED HONORARY DEGREE

AT THE ROBING, left to right, Dr. Howard Neville, president of the University of Maine at Orono Ann Green Robison, candidate for honorary doctorate; Dr. Elizabeth Russell, commencement speaker, James Page, chairman of the board of trustees; Thomas Weeks, candidate for honorary doctorate.

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$50,000 was raised at the Pacesetters Dinner of the Jewish Federation of Community Services of Bergen County, Wednesday, October 15 at Tammy Brook Country Club, Cresskill, to launch the 1976 Campaign of the Bergen County Agency. Those who participated in the program are shown above left to right: Sidney Silverstein of Teaneck, Toastmaster; Ann Gilbert and Marc Gilbert, Guest of Honor; Ann Robison of Teaneck, Chairperson of the Federation's County Campaign Cabinet; Dr. Leonard Fein, guest speaker and Nat Kameny of Bergenfield, Federation president. Also participating but not shown were Charles J. Rothschild, Jr. and Adolf C. Robison, both of Teaneck.

TEANECK NEWS — 10/29/75

MEETS WITH GOVERNOR — Mrs. Adolf Robison of Teaneck, vice president of the American Lung Association of New Jersey, meets with Governor Brendan T. Byrne to discuss Clean Air Week, May 2 to May 8. The ALANJ is sponsoring Clean Air Week to inform New Jerseyans about the hazards of air pollution and what can be done to maintain clean air standards.

She has also been honored by Rutgers University for her contribution of rare books to its Judaica and Hebraica Library. A girls' dormitory on the Fairleigh Dickinson University Rutherford campus bears her name as well as a fellowship sponsored by the American Association of University Women. She received her honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from the University of Maine in 1975.

Ann Robison was NCJW's accredited representative to the United Nations from 1947 to 1952. She has served the organization in numerous capacities, on many levels and at important national and international conferences.

Locally, Dr. Ann Robison serves as secretary of the Bergen-Passaic Lung Association and vice-president of the New Jersey American Lung Association. She is a charter member of the Teaneck Chapter of Hadassah, vice-president of the Jewish Federation of Community Services of Bergen County and chairperson of its campaign cabinet, senior advisor to the Teaneck Women's Division of the State of Israel Bond drive, and former chairperson of the Teaneck Women's Division of UJA. She is a vice-president of the International Council of Jewish Women and edits its Newsletter.[1] Since October 1965 she has written a weekly column for the Jewish Standard.

Other organizations in which Dr. Ann Robison participates actively are the Women's Guild of the Bergen County Symphony Society, Board of Directors of the Bergen County Community Museum, the American Histadrut Cultural Exchange Institute, American Friends of Hebrew University, Associated Craftsmen, YM-YWHA of Bergen County, Dames of the Loyal Legion of the United States of America, Republican Women's Club of Bergen County, the Teaneck College Club, the American Association for Jewish Education, National Conference on Soviet Jewry, American Association of University Women, American-Israel Public Affairs Committee (she serves as the only women officer), American-Israel Cultural Foundation, and several committees of Rutgers and Fairleigh Dickinson Universities. She has been interviewed on numerous radio and television programs.

Adolf and Ann Robison continually bestow their generosity and talent on their home town. For many years they have sponsored an adult lecture series at the Jewish Community Center. During the 1975-1976 year the series featured six outstanding programs (e.g., author Lucy Davidowicz, Rabbi Sally Preisand, The Lubavitch Chassidic Choir) and was open to the general public free of charge. They also hosted the 1976 Teaneck Hadassah Patron Party at their home. Teaneck is indeed fortunate to count the Robisons among its residents.

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The Honorable Matthew Feldman, president of the New Jersey State Senate, was the first and only Jewish Mayor of Teaneck (1959-1965). Through the years his name has become increasingly celebrated and the honors accorded him are almost too numerous to count. In the course of interviewing many people who had established residence in Teaneck before or concurrently with Senator Feldman, it was commonplace to hear them refer to "Matty" as a long-standing friend.

Throughout the community it is well-known that despite an impossibly busy calendar and overwhelming obligations Matty Feldman can be called upon consistently to speak for a worthy cause, particularly a Jewish cause. Arranging an interview with him is another matter! With all good intentions, the Senator may have to leave in the middle for another commitment or may not appear until an hour or so after the appointed time. He is a very busy man! As soon as as his secretary was instructed not to permit any interruptions, Senator Feldman proved to be a most congenial and relaxed subject to interview and possessed of an excellent memory. He was able to relate incident after incident as if they had just occurred, and spoke openly without hesitation.

Matthew Feldman has little patience with anti-Semites. Before moving to Teaneck from Jersey City in 1947 with his wife, Muriel, and their three children, Beth, Rachel and Daniel[2],

1) Most recently she was the NCJW representative at the first International Year for Women's Affairs held in Mexico City in 1975.

2) The Feldmans' daughter Beth, a psychiatric nurse, is married to Mark Metzger, son of Esther and Henry Metzger, former Teaneck residents who now live in Manhattan. Beth and Mark reside in Ridgewood. Rachel Feldman, a social worker, is the wife of Dr. Michael Silverstein; they live in Somerset. Daniel Feldman still resides in Teaneck.

Senator Feldman spent considerable time fighting the German-American Bund in Union City and Bergen County. Whether co-operating with the FBI or operating with groups of Jewish War Veterans, he was instrumental in identifying Bund members and dispersing their meetings. Mr. Feldman was aided in the latter endeavor by his athletic and pugilistic skill; he had been a member of the University of North Carolina's basketball team and middleweight boxing champion of Fort Monmouth, New Jersey during his career in the army.

When the Chilcroft housing development on Route 17 displayed a "Restricted Community" sign, Matthew Feldman paid a visit to the renting agent. Shortly thereafter the sign was removed; Mr. Feldman had suggested the possibility of a demonstration of Jewish War Veterans, wearing uniforms, decorations, et al.

When the State of Israel was fighting its War of Independence, Matthew Feldman was among those who risked their own security to collect assorted arms for the Israeli forces. A gun from a returning veteran, some machinery sold at auction by the United States Government — anything and everything on which they could lay their hands[1] — was obtained and spirited out of the country.

As a truly dedicated member of the Teaneck Jewish Community Center and past president (1954-1958)[2], he is a firm believer in the unifying potential of synagogues and temples for the Jewish community. In this spirit, he encouraged the establishment of congregations Beth Sholom and Temple Emeth. At present he serves as a *gabbai sheni* and lifetime trustee of the Center and attends services regularly.

Senator Feldman's political career began when, encouraged by Adolf Robison, he ran as an Independent for the Town Council in 1958. A first-time candidate, Feldman stunned the opposition by winning the second largest number of votes despite the opposition of the Taxpayer's League (then Teaneck's most influential voting bloc). He thereby secured the position of deputy mayor.

A highly effective speaker who campaigned unrelentingly, he ran on a positive platform. Among his excellent campaign managers were Julius Schargel, George Heftler, Stuart Brown, Henry Fiestal, George Larson, Jay Greenstone, Louis Rosenblum, Evelyn Sosower and Charles Theobald. As a result he was able to enlist the support of many prominent Christians, among them Mayors Frank Burr and Milton Votee and Councilperson Frank Hall. Matthew Feldman also received the unprecedented public support of the town's non-Jewish clergymen led by the Reverend Van Oort. As tradition still mandates, August Hannibal Jr. was selected mayor by his peers because of his first place finish in the election. When Mayor Hannibal died in February 1959, Matthew Feldman was selected by the Council to succeed him. In 1962 he was re-elected to the Council and assured the mayoralty when he was the leading vote-getter of the 17 candidates.

During his administration Mayor Feldman promulgated important legislation including the formation of the Mayor's Advisory Board on Community Relations (so named because the other members of the Town Council wished to disassociate themselves from it) and appointed Leonard Gould[3] as its chairperson. The purposes of this newly-organized group were to prevent panic

1) He remembers that the Israelis only refused Japanese guns because it was impossible to locate the necessary ammunition.

2) While Matthew Feldman served as president of the Center, his brothers Norman and Melvin served concurrently as presidents of their respective congregations, Beth Abraham of Newark and Beth Judah of Margate. Norman Feldman is a recipient of the Pope Paul VI Humanitarian Award.

3) Leonard and Belle Gould moved to Teaneck in 1953 from Bayside, Long Island. As zealous members of the Jewish Community Center, Mr. Gould was president of the Men's Club and of the congregation (1971-1973) and Mrs. Gould was an active participant in Sisterhood. Leonard Gould also served as president of the Fairleigh Dickinson University Town and Gown Society, an organization that attempts to familiarize the community with the school's facilities and programs. During his tenure in office, he instituted many innovations such as permitting senior citizens to audit university courses free of charge. Belle Gould diligently supported PTA.

The Goulds' daughter, Debbie Pallowitz, married to Dr. James, has been a member of the Teaneck High School English Department since 1971. Their son, Howard, who now resides in Groton, Connecticut, with his family, was awarded the high school's Decade All Stars Plaque in 1970 honoring his ability as the school's outstanding track star.

FOR TEANECK
TOWN COUNCIL 1958

MATTHEW FELDMAN

An independent candidate committed only to the welfare of Teaneck, and dedicated to its service.

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HIS PRINCIPLES:

"Government must serve the best interests of its citizens without favor, or political partiality.

Government must be responsive to the needs and desires of its citizens and members of the council should make themselves available to hear the public and give their views just consideration in a spirit of friendliness and mutual respect.

Government should not be owned by a political clique and should be run by politically uncommitted, qualified citizens.

The Council-Manager form of municipal government is well-suited to Teaneck; my election to the Town Council will contribute to the enjoyment of its fullest benefits.

Government requires the services of capable persons familiar with modern management practices to help make it more economical and less of a burden to its citizens.

My running for Town Council is a logical and constructive extension of my community interests and activities stemming from my devotion to our town and my desire to serve it."

Councilmen Select Hanniball Mayor; Feldman New Deputy

5/28/58

350 Attend Ceremonies in Franklin School

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ssed his ers for his election and promised to serve the community to the best of his ability.

Menkes was given the fifth Council seat by one vote over incumbent T. J. E. Brown in a recount of previously invalidated absentee ballots, Monday.

Miss Clara Christensen, Township Clerk, announced the final vote totals for each man: Hanniball, 5,266; Feldman, 4,682; Votee, 4,131; Costa, 3,828; and Menkes, 3,668. Brown received 3,667 votes.

Hanniball thanked his fellow councilmen for selecting him Mayor. He said it will be a great honor to lead this Council for the next 4 years.

"The majority of the members on this Council are young. They have had no previous Council experience. Milton Votee, who has been a Councilman since 1930, and I, who was elected in 1929 and again in 1956, will try to help and guide them for the benefit of the community," said Hanniball.

"Teaneck is facing 4 hard years and this Council will need all the help and assistance it can get. We urge all of you to attend our meetings and to offer thoughts,

HOWARD HONORED — Teaneck Mayor Matthew Feldman (at microphone) praises fellow resident Elston Howard (right) during Elston Howard Night at Yankee Stadium last week-end. Dr. Peter Sammartino (left), president of Fairleigh Dickinson University, looks on. Howard donated all proceeds from the affair to a scholarship at Fairleigh.

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Feldman To Run For Senate

Matthew Feldman, long prominent in New Jersey Jewish affairs, announced he plans to resign as Bergen County Democratic Chairman, March 22, to seek his party's nomination for the state senate.

A former state senator and Mayor of Teaneck, Feldman said he will maintain a policy of strict neutrality in the election of his successor.

The date of his official resignation coincides with his 54th birthday.

Feldman was a state senator in 1966-67, and assistant majority leader in 1967.

He had earlier made it clear that he considered four years as county chairman as sufficient and he desired to relinquish the role of referee between liberals and regulars in the party.

THE WINNERS: Teaneck's four incumbent Council members, seated in front, smile after being re-elected to 4-year terms last night. Left to right are Bradford Menkes, Deputy Mayor Thomas J. Costa, Mayor Matthew Feldman, and Samuel P. Bartoletta. Elected for their first terms are, left to right, standing, Max A. Haase Jr., John K. Walsh, and Robert H. Henderson. Feldman was high votegetter with 8,400 ballies to Costa's 8,268. (The Record photograph.)

Incumbents And Hasse, Walsh, Henderson Named To Council

that the new Council's 4-year administration will be a productive and good one.

Township Clerk Miss Clara Christensen said because election workers in one district failed to record how many persons voted, she could not tell exactly how many votes were cast. But the

TEANECK NEWS — 12/22/75

SENATOR Matthew Feldman, center, of Teaneck, a member of the Holy Name Hospital Board of Trustees, receives a gift on his election to the Presidency of the New Jersey Senate from John J. Breslin Jr., Chairman of the Hospital Board of Trustees; and Sister Evelyn, Holy Name Hospital Administrator.

THE RECORD, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1976

Feldman acts for Byrne, signs waste bill into law

United Press International

TRENTON — Legislation establishing the framework for a comprehensive solid waste management program for New Jersey was signed into law yesterday by Senate President Matthew Feldman, D-Bergen, sponsor of the measure.

Feldman, acting as governor, signed the bill for Gov. Byrne, who was in Washington at the National Governors Conference.

"The signing of the law represents a milestone in our state's battle to control solid waste," Feldman said. "The densely populated northeast sector has run out of landfill sites, and this bill establishes a system wherein new long-term solutions can be found."

Under the new law, each of the 21 counties and the Hackensack Meadowlands District is designated as a solid waste management district.

Each district is to develop a solid waste management plan, which must be approved by the state Department of Environmental Protection. Guidelines for developing the plans are set forth in the law.

SENATOR FELDMAN "fielding" question from Longfellow fifth grader.

TEANECK NEWS 6/23/76

Senator Feldman Returns to Longfellow

In a way, it was a homecoming for Senator Feldman when he came to the school to speak to fifth grade students taught by Mr. Joseph Marotta, Mrs. Barbara Greenberg, and Mrs. Natalie Gold. Senator Feldman remarked to his interested audience that his own children had once attended Longfellow School. With the affinity about the functioning of state government.

Adding an extra note of excitement to the afternoon was the fact that Senator Feldman was the acting governor of New Jersey on the day he came to Longfellow, since Governor Byrne was out of state.

The girls and boys, as well as their teacher, wish to thank

Feldman Resolution

STANDARD — 5/24/74

Condemns Massacre

State Senator Matthew Feldman introduced the following resolution, passed unanimously by the N.J. Senate, May 16:

Whereas, The conscience of the world has been shocked, and its sense of justice outraged, by the enormity perpetrated in Maalot, Israel, through the terrorist actions of Palestinian guerillas, resulting in the deaths and serious woundings of many innocent children; and,

Whereas, The United States Senate has unanimously adopted a resolution condemning this act as "an affront to human decency and standards of civilized conduct between nations"; and,

Whereas, Similar condemnation has been voiced by numerous world leaders, including the President of the United States, the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, the Secretary General of the United Nations and Pope Paul VI; and,

Whereas, No national cause or political motive can excuse or palliate such bestial violation of the elementary obligations of humanity; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY:

1. That this House does hereby emphatically and unreservedly condemn the recent terrorist action at Maalot, and expresses its disgust and abhorrence thereof, and calls upon responsible leaders of all the nations of the world, including the Arab nations, to denounce and repudiate such terrorist tactics as being incompatible with the attainment of any aim worthy of human beings and eternally disgraceful to any nation, cause or fraction which may thus attempt to attain its objectives.

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Feldman Sparks Senate Blast At UN Action

The State Senate in a unanimous voice vote, denounced a United Nations General Assembly resolution condemning Zionism as a form of racism.

The Senate action, co-sponsored by more than half of the Senate members, called the Nov. 10 UN vote a "striking instance of the cynical manipulation of the United Nations General Assembly for partisan ends."

The Senate further charged the General Assembly with setting an unwholesome precedent for the UN's future effectiveness as an organization for international conciliation and order.

Sponsored by Majority Leader Matthew Feldman (D-Bergen), the Senate action also maintained the UN vote was "instigated by Arab nations as part of their long-standing campaign to undermine and destory the State of Israel."

Those nations which supported the resolution did so out of "cowardly expediency or cynical political opportunism," according to the Senate measure.

SENATOR FELDMAN

Feldman, with emotion ringing in his voice, said, "When the history of the United Nations is written, it will be noted that the world body achieved its greatest distinction in the 1940s when it played such an important role in the formation of the State of Israel, and that it began its decline in the 1970s, when it became an instrument of those whose objective it is to destroy the tiny oasis of democracy in the Middle East.

selling in the northeast section of Teaneck and to initiate avenues of communication among the town's residents.

In January 1961 a six-week workshop was instituted to promote brotherhood and understanding by inviting uninhibited discussion. New York University planned the format and shared the expense for its implementation with the township. One hundred two persons were enrolled by invitation of the mayor, including representatives of every community organization, in the hope that the workshop's program would be transmitted to and continued by each group. Sessions opened with an address by an authority on a particular aspect of community relations. The group would then form smaller discussion groups. This was followed by summary reports to the entire gathering. Some of the topics presented were the movement of whites to the suburbs from the cities, the status of the new middle-class blacks and their involvement in Teaneck affairs, community confict and tension. Instead of the anticipated anti-black feelings surfacing, much to the amazement of the Jewish participants, the Jewish community was the recipient of the prejudicial remarks!

During the six sessions of the workshop series attendance and interest ran high and the series received considerable publicity from local and out-of-town newspapers. Mayor Feldman received commendations from Senators Clifford B. Case and Harrison A. Williams. Chairperson Leonard Gould received letters from mayors of many towns throughout the United States requesting information. With respect to the actual results of the workshop, only 14 of the 102 participants pronounced themselves willing to propose and/or organize similar programs throughout the township. It was generally felt that the workshop helped to prevent mass hysteria and delayed the departure of many white families from the northeast section. It did, however, inadvertently arouse anti-Semitic reactions that did not abate for several years.

Matthew Feldman was elected state senator in 1965 and senate assistant majority leader in 1966. He was defeated for re-election in 1968 and became county chairperson of the Bergen County Democratic Committee for the following four years. In 1973 he was again elected to the Senate and one year later selected by his peers as majority leader of the Senate. He is currently president of that august body.

There is hardly an organization in Teaneck, Jewish or Christian, that has not honored Senator Feldman. He was instrumental in establishing the Jewish Community Council (he was its president from 1953-1957) and the Jewish War Veterans Post #498, which awarded him its Man of the Year citation. He served as commander of the State JWV in 1951 and continually serves the organization as a speaker on the regional level. Senator Feldman is a very active member of B'nai B'rith and ZOA and was awarded the Justice Louis Brandeis Humanitarian award; he supports UJA, Israel Bonds and JNF unstintingly. He received an honorary LL.D. degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University in 1976. As one reads the chapters devoted to the Teaneck organizational histories, the awards given Senator Feldman will be listed appropriately. As director of the Flora Lee Horowitz Malev Fund, which sponsors projects for Teaneck's handicapped youngsters, as a member of the Holy Name Hospital's Board of Trustees, as a

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between 1960-1969. When he was graduated he held three school track records (880 yards, one mile, two mile). Howard was also a member of the record-setting one mile relay team and captained the cross country team. He was co-captain of the '69 track team. Laura Gould, who is presently attending New York University, still resides in Teaneck.

A later chairperson of the Advisory Board on Community Relations was Marion Cerf. Indeed, the subject of community relations cannot be considered without mention of this extraordinary woman who devoted herself to promoting better understanding among people. As far back as 1952 she had attempted to win support for the formation of a town-sponsored human relations board, but was thwarted in her efforts.

Marion Cerf had undertaken a daring rescue of her husband, Julian, from a German prison camp in Alsace in 1940. In their attempt to escape through Spain, the Cerfs were separated. As a United States citizen she had no difficulty in crossing the closely guarded border. Mr. Cerf, however, was returned to France to a civilian prison. After several months of intrigue, he managed to obtain the necessary exit visas and traveled by way of Portugal to the United States to join his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Cerf came to Teaneck in 1948 and were charter members of the Bergen County Reform Temple (now Temple Emeth). In 1966 Julian was honored by the congregation which he had served as president (1952-53), at the annual Reform Jewish Appeal dinner, for his faithful and long-time leadership. Marion Cerf was president of the Teaneck Section of NCJW and served as State Legislation chairperson. She ran unsuccessfully for election to the State Assembly in 1958 and was the first woman candidate for the Teaneck Town Council.

Mr. and Mrs. Cerf moved to Tucson, Arizona, in 1972 where Mrs. Cerf continues to reside. Mr. Cerf died in 1976.

speaker in our public schools, and in many other capacities, Matthew Feldman is a constant and invaluable presence in Teaneck.

History will record his exemplary record in the State Senate, his sponsorship of such Senate actions as the denunciation of the United Nations General Assembly resolution condemning Zionism as a form of racism, and his adroit and successful fight for passage of a state income tax. He is indeed a remarkable man.

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The Teaneck Town Council, unlike the Board of Education, has had only five Jewish members. It required a person of the stature of Adolf Robison to break the barrier in 1954 and become the first. From 1930 to 1954 control of the Town Council was maintained by the Teaneck Taxpayers League, a somewhat conservative organization which was not favorably disposed to providing increased services and more schools for the influx of new residents after World War II. Indeed at Town Council meetings, the influx of Jewish residents was referred to as "the people from across the river." Mr. Robison, who was endorsed by the League (but refused to stand for re-election), was followed four years later by the popular and politically astute Matthew Feldman and S. Bradford Menkes. In the May 13, 1958 election, the names of three Jewish residents, Sherwood Bradford Menkes, Leonard Marcus and Matthew Feldman were on the ballot (bringing the number of candidates who were vying for the five council positions to twelve).

Mr. Menkes, a professor of mechanical engineering at the City College of New York, was the first to file as an independent candidate for the 1958 election. He had served as chairperson of the United Committee for the 1955 Referendum (which favored the construction of Teaneck's two junior high school buildings) and in several other civic drives concerning the school system, where he had previously encountered strong League opposition. The keynote of this campaign was his promise of "An Open Door Policy." Mr. Menkes stated that if elected he would keep himself continually available for consultation or hearings on any issue. He further noted that:

> "While it appears to be a credit to the Teaneck Taxpayers' League that their candidates for office are perennially elected, there is a dual danger in continuance of this practice. Apathy on the part of the voting public which results in control of town policy by one organization alone has resulted in, and will always result in, too close a connection between the town's officers and the officers of the League. There is grave danger of unwarranted influence, resulting in a static and unchanging approach to problems of a growing community."

Despite the combined support of the Jewish and Christian (e.g., former School Board Trustee John Jansson and Reverend Harold C. Letts, director of Social Action for the Lutheran Church in America) communities, as well as support from the recently organized Committee for Good Government in Teaneck, Mr. Menkes was, on first count, defeated by Mayor T.J.E. Brown by the slim margin of nine votes for the last of the five council seats. Requesting a double recount of votes and absentee ballots and represented by Robert Gruen[1], Mr. Menkes was awarded the position shortly thereafter with a one vote victory over the former mayor[2].

Mr. Marcus finished in seventh position despite the support of the Taxpayers' League. The election of Messrs. Feldman and Menkes virtually broke the League's control.

Bradford Menkes[3] served on the Town Council for 16 years. During his tenure in office a master plan was adopted; committees were formed to work on rejuvenation of the business districts, control of narcotics abuse, and the improvement of community relations. Legislation was adopted which established a property maintenance code, upheld zoning integrity, initiated a

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1) Robert Gruen is currently the township magistrate.

2) The deciding ballot was cast by our present township attorney, Jacob Schneider.

3) Bradford and Bette Menkes have lived in Teaneck since 1951 when they moved from New York City. In addition to serving as a member of the Teaneck Town Council, Mr. Menkes was active in several PTA organizations, and the Boy Scouts of America. He also served as a Little League manager. Mrs. Menkes is a past president of the Lowell School PTA and the Teaneck PTA Council; she is an ardent supporter of the League of Women Voters and the Teaneck Community Chest campaign. Her brother, George Kaplan, and his family also reside in Teaneck.

Teaneck Democratic chairman Leo Gamow, second from left, and Teaneck Councilman S. Bradford Menkes, second from right, review the topic they debated — "That the Nonpartisan Form of Government is the Most Advantageous for a Township the Size and Character of Teaneck" — at an open meeting in the auditorium of Eugene Field School last night. Flanking the debaters are Donald Kuykendall, left, who was moderator, and Hyman R. Posner, right, timekeeper. (Bergen Evening Record photograph.)

Should Teaneck Be Partisan? Menkes Says No, Gamow Yes

Councilman, Democratic Leader Clash At League Debate; 200 Attend

Teaneck — Councilman S. Bradford Henkes and Leo Gamow, municipal Democratic party chairman, locked horns in a debate of old style last night on this issue: "That the nonpartisan Form of Local Government is the Most Ad-

en Voters, was chairman of the session and opened it by recalling Teaneck's early political history.

Donald Kuykendall, secretary of the Taxpayers League was moderator and Hyman R. Posner, a trustee of the Town Meeting Association, was timekeeper.

During the question period at the end of the debate former Free-

HE JEWISH STANDARD, MARCH 2, 1973

ON THE BENCH — Robert D. Gruen (left) being sworn in as Judge of the Municipal Court of Teaneck by Judge Roger W. Breslin of Bergen County Court as Mrs. Gruen looks on. Judge Gruen, in addition to his private practice, is municipal attorney for several municipalities and school boards in Bergen County, an instructor at Rutgers University School of Law, Institute for Continuing Legal Education, a member of the board of trustees of Hackensack Hospital Community Mental Health Center, Youth Consultation Service and the Holley Community Mental Health Center, member of Temple Emeth in Teaneck, president of Hackensack The ...

The Energetic Mr. Gruen vs. The Inactive Mr. Osmers

It is generally agreed among politicians that unseating an entrenched Congressman is a most difficult task. It becomes even more difficult in a district that over the years has remained the stronghold of one party.

The position of Frank C. Osmers Jr., serves as an excellent example of this. His return every two years to the House of Representatives has been virtually automatic, with the powerful Republican organization of the Ninth District behind him. In fact Mr. Osmers has rarely had to ... for his reelection.

... would be a bit different. Mr. ... had

TEANECK NEWS — 2/4/76

Jacob Schneider sworn in as Township attorney - 1963. (Left to Right): Tom Costa, Max Hasse, Werner H. Schmid, Leland Ferry (former Township attorney), Jacob Schneider, Matthew Feldman, John Walsh.

FROM LEFT: Mr. Samuel Zywotow, Mayor Eleanor M. Kieliszek and Mr. Oscar O. Epstein, at a get-together on October 19, 1975, in honor of Mr. Epstein who retired as Chairman and member of the Teaneck Planning Board, Mr. Zywotow becoming the new chairman.

THE-SUN-BULLETIN October 19, 1974

TEANECK NEWS

Teaneck Resident runs for Congress

Milton Gralla, a resident of Teaneck for 20 years, has become an Independent candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives in the 7th Congressional district in New Jersey.

The 46-year old magazine publisher is the first Teaneck resident in recent years to run for Congress.

The Grallas reside at 585 Churchill Road. Dennis, 14, is a student at Ben Franklin Junior High. Karen, 20, is a senior at Brandeis U. and a graduate of Teaneck High. Ed, 23, now teaching, is a Teaneck High and Boston U graduate.

The senior Gralla is a Little League umpire, former Community League manager, volunteer teacher in Operation Community Talent, former vice president of Men's Club at the Teaneck Jewish Community Center, Men's Club board member at Cong. Beth Sholom, and active in youth guidance programs. He is executive vice president of Gralla Publications, New York City.

The 7th district includes Teaneck and 33 other towns in central and western Bergen County. Gralla, who has never run for office or been a member of either party, has adopted the slogan "Fight Back Now" to symbolize his anti-politician campaign.

MILTON GRALLA
Wants End to Big Payoffs

In his opinion

Thumbs down on casino gambling

by Milton Gralla

Independent candiate for Congress, District 7

If you wish to protect your community, your state and possibly your own friends and family, I urge you to of which you should be more aware in connection with this legal gambling proposal.

First, it can spread throughout the state. Atlantic City is just the start. There's no permanent guarantee against Pater-

form of rent control, and sought to fight block busting. Mr. Menkes spoke frequently before numerous community groups and debated such issues as "Non-partisan vs. Partisan Form of Local Government," strongly advocating the former for Teaneck. He gave a series of informative lectures on the design and construction of fall-out shelters, as well as the dimensions of the threat of thermonuclear warfare.

Jews currently serving on the Teaneck Town Council are Deputy Mayor Dorothy Silverstein[1] and Martin Cramer[2]. Both officials were elected in 1974 on a platform opposing a high density-high rise development plan for the Glenwood Park area. Today the development of this important area, highly desirable because of its advantageous location at the junction of Routes 80 and 95, is still one of the chief concerns of our town's governing body. Its goal is to encourage tax ratable establishments without changing the traditional suburban character of Teaneck long noted for its desirability as a single family residential community.

In more recent years, Teaneck has employed (or appointed) many Jews to municipal positions. In March 1973 Robert D. Gruen[3] was sworn in as judge of the Municipal Court of Teaneck by Judge Roger W. Breslin of the Bergen County Court. Judge Gruen is municipal attorney for several municipalities and school boards in Bergen County and an instructor at Rutgers University School of Law, Institute for Continuing Legal Education. In 1956 Robert D. Gruen ran for Congress on the Democratic ticket opposing the incumbent and well-entrenched Republican, Frank C. Osmers, Jr. It was a highly challenging undertaking, as this had traditionally been a Republican district. Although Mr. Gruen lost the election, he was praised by the press for his energetic and vital campaign.

Another Teaneck resident, Milton Gralla[4], ran for election as an Independent candidate in

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1) Michael and Dorothy Kershenblatt Silverstein settled in Teaneck, moving from Elmhurst, New York, in 1964. A consistent supporter of several PTA organizations and a member of the Bryant PTA Executive Board, Ms. Silverstein worked to open the political process to those at the grass root level by participating in the establishment of the Open Party Democrats. A founding member of ACT (Aroused Citizens of Teaneck) and supporter of Teaneck Together, she is Teaneck's first woman deputy mayor. Ms. Silverstein, a former coat and suit designer, is presently studying Political Science at Fairleigh Dickinson University. Michael Silverstein is an industrial engineer and an associate professor at the Fashion Institute of Technology.

2) Martin and Naomi Cramer were primarily attracted to Teaneck because of its racially and religiously integrated housing and school system; they moved here in 1970 from Brooklyn, New York. Mr. Cramer, a trial attorney, is a member of the civic organization ACT, formed prior to the 1974 councilmanic election. The group's purpose was to oppose high-density development of Teaneck. Martin Cramer is also a member of Teaneck Together and B'nai B'rith. Mrs. Cramer was concerned with the Peace Center on Cedar Lane and Women Strike for Peace. She is co-president of the Whittier School PTO and was active in the Bryant School PTA and the Open Classroom Association. Mrs. Cramer has taught psychology in several area colleges.

3) Robert D. Gruen came to Teaneck in 1946 when he moved from Hudson County with his wife, the former Rhoda Goldsmith. His in-laws, Milton and Elfreeda Goldsmith, who now reside in Hackensack, had moved here in 1944. The Gruens are charter members of Temple Emeth (originally the Bergen County Reform Temple) and vigorously served the congregation in numerous capacities. Judge Gruen still remains its general counsel.

Judge Gruen's civic involvements are many. He is a former chairperson of the Bergen County Health Board and the Professional Division of the United Fund. He is a member of the board of the Hackensack Hospital Community Mental Health Center, the Youth Consultation Service and the Holley Community Mental Health Center. Judge Gruen is a founding member and past president of the Attorney's Society of Bergen County, an organization established in cooperation with the Honorable Theodore Trautwein, Bruce Losche and Judge Arthur Simpson for the purpose of furthering legal education. Prior to his judicial appointment, Judge Gruen had served as counsel to the Board of Adjustment of the Township of Teaneck. He is a senior partner in the Hackensack law firm of Gruen, Olick and Ritvo.

Mrs. Gruen was a professor of Psychology at Bergen Junior College and a therapist at the Fairleigh Dickinson University Mental Health Clinic. She has been active in fund-raising endeavors for the Girl Scouts, Red Cross and other charitable organizations. The Gruens are still residents of Teaneck.

4) Milton and Shirley Gralla moved to Teaneck from New York City in 1954. Mr. Gralla's local activities include Little League manager, sponsor and umpire; board member of Congregation Beth Sholom Men's Club and Men's Club vice-president at the Teaneck Jewish Community Center; Biddy Basketball sponsor; volunteer lecturer in the public schools for Operation Community Talent. He is vice-president of Gralla Publications. The Grallas' daughter, Karen, married to Louis Gitlin, son of Kenneth and Rhona Gitlin, formerly of Teaneck, was graduated from Brandeis University Magna Cum Laude. The Louis Gitlins own and operate the Rockland Review, a local newspaper they established in March 1976. The Grallas continue to reside in Teaneck with their sons, Ed and Dennis.

the 7th Congressional district in 1974. In this campaign, Democratic candidate Andrew Maguire defeated Republican incumbent William Widnall who had served in Congress 25 years. Mr. Gralla captured six percent of the vote — considered by the press an excellent showing for an Independent new to the political arena. He received the highest vote count of any Independent congressional candidate in New Jersey in more than 20 years, and conducted an exciting campaign which was highlighted by nearly one dozen lively three-man debates. Mr. Gralla's most recent civic commitment was as the 1976 state chairperson of the Concerned Citizens Against Gambling.

Jacob Schneider, Teaneck's township attorney since 1963, was the first Jew to be appointed by the Town Council to this office. He represented the township in the first successful legal action brought in the entire country to enjoin real estate brokers from engaging in the practice of block busting. In 1975 after a contested legal battle, Mr. Schneider was responsible for having the State of New Jersey close the Teaneck dumps. Teaneck zoning cases in which he participated have attracted state-wide attention[1].

In 1962 Township Manager Werner Schmid appointed Joseph Kramer[2] as Teaneck's prosecuting attorney, the first Jew to hold this office. Other current appointed Jewish township officials are Leo Wielkocz, township health officer, who has been affiliated with the Teaneck Health Department since 1959 and has served as its director for the past six years, and Milton Robbins, township engineer, appointed in 1962.

Jewish women who have been employed in the various municipal offices are Laura Lieberman, Gladys Feigenbaum, Freda Unger, Caroline Warach, Jeannette Glass and Elsa Gerstle. Roslyn Endick, Teaneck's current Township clerk, was appointed by the Town Council in 1969.

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1) Jacob and Maybelle Weiss Schneider have lived in Teaneck since 1949 when they were married. Mr. Schneider's family resided in Englewood. His brother, retired County Judge C. Conrad Schneider, currently lives in Tenafly. The Weiss family, arriving in River Edge in 1928, had the distinction of being the town's first Jewish family. Maybelle's sister, Sylvia, also lives in Teaneck.

Devoted members of the Teaneck Jewish Community Center, the Jacob Schneiders have given service to the congregation, the Jewish community and the township. Mr. Schneider is a lifetime trustee of the Center, a trustee of its Men's Club, and was instrumental in the construction of the Sterling Place building. As a founder and president of the Teaneck Jewish Community Council, Jacob Schneider partook in the Council's attempts to exclude religious holiday observances from the public schools' curriculum. He is a former trustee and vice-president of the Teaneck Community Chest campaigns and past chairperson of the UJA campaign (1958). Presently Mr. Schneider is secretary of Teaneck UJA and a trustee of the local State of Israel Bond drive. A graduate of Yale University and Yale Law School, Mr. Schneider is a trustee of the Yale Alumni Association of New Jersey and the New Jersey Yale Law School Association. He is a past president of the Bergen County Bar Association.

Maybelle Schneider served as a vice-president of the Center's Sisterhood and as a chairperson of several Center committees. As a young adult, she was a founding member of the Bergen County Young Peoples League. The group, which met throughout the county, was affiliated with the United Synagogue of America. In 1948 she served as the national secretary of the YPL. Mrs. Schneider has been an ardent supporter of the Joint Distribution Committee, NCJW, ORT, UJA, Hadassah, State of Israel Bonds, Friendship House; the Heart, Cancer, Multiple Sclerosis, Muscular Dystrophy, March of Dimes and Community Chest campaigns. She served as a Cub Scout and Girl Scout leader, becoming Girl Scout Association chairperson of Teaneck, and a delegate to the Girl Scout County Council. Both she and Mr. Schneider have been members of the Jewish War Veterans organization, even before the Schweiger-Dobrow Post was established in Teaneck. Maybelle served two years in the United States Marine Corps and Jacob served four years in the United States Army. Mr. Schneider was a founder and first acting commander of the Teaneck JWV Post. The Schneiders continue to reside in Teaneck. Their son, Stuart, is associated with his father in the practice of law in Teaneck. Their daughter, Tobi, married to Laurent L'Heureux, attends Temple University Law School and retains her maiden name.

2) Joseph and Beatrice Kramer, active and versatile residents of Teaneck since 1946 moved from North Bergen. Long-standing members of the Jewish Community Center, the Kramers have been dedicated to the congregation. Mr. Kramer, a lifetime trustee, also served as president of its Men's Club. He is a charter member of the local B'nai B'rith Lodge and was among the early participants in Teaneck's UJA and State of Israel Bond drives. Mrs. Kramer was president of the Center's Sisterhood (1959-1961) and had leading roles in the synagogue's famous musicals, produced and directed by Moe Jaffe and Chuck Goldstein. She was an officer of the Teaneck Chapter of Hadassah and the Teaneck Section of the National Council of Jewish Women and currently participates in the UJA Women's Division.

Joseph Kramer's parents, Charles and Frieda, and his brother, Howard, followed the Kramers to Teaneck and remained until their demise. The Kramers' son, Stephan, presently resides in Tel Aviv; their daughter, Susan Perry (Mrs. James) lives in Paramus.

Teaneck has three municipal statutory bodies, each organized to act autonomously from the Town Council on township matters. One such group, the Teaneck Planning Board, has had many Jewish participants in recent years and is currently chaired by Naomi Berlin (see Chapter 8). Samuel Zywotow, an architect, is its immediate past chairperson. He was preceded by Oscar Epstein, an engineer, who served for thirteen years, nine as chairperson. When originally appointed, Mr. Epstein was the planning board's sole Jewish member[1], a distinction that existed for some time. The planning board's attorney since 1970 has been Michael Kates[2].

The Teaneck Zoning Board of Adjustment, another statutory body, is chaired by Lawrence Laiken, a builder-engineer. Among the additional Jewish members of this group are vice-chairperson Rolf Feder[3], a real estate executive, who has been affiliated with it for ten years, and Professor Eugene Stamper[4], the immediate past chairperson. Gary Stein is the association's attorney. The third organization in this category is the Teaneck Environmental Commission, which is chaired by Norman Landau, an environmental attorney and author of "The Environmental Law Handbook."

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1) Oscar and Evelyn Epstein have been residents of Teaneck since 1957, when they moved from Brooklyn, New York. During the past 19 years, Mr. Epstein has compiled an exemplary record of civic and Jewish communal participation. He is a past chairperson of the Cub Scout Organization and the Girl Scout Fund drive, a past vice-president of the Fairleigh Dickinson Town and Gown Society, and organizer and chairperson of the Hackensack River Coordinating Committee since its inception. Mr. Epstein is the coordinator and acting chairperson of the Teaneck Library's Bicentennial Committee, a member of the Freeholders' Advisory Board on Lake Hackensack, and the Fairleigh Dickinson Arts Committee. He was instrumental in establishing Holy Name Hospital's Hemodialysis Unit, served as an advisor to the Bergen County Park Commission, and assisted in the planning of FDU's Recreational Cultural Center ("Charette"). He is also a former TPA chairperson and past president of Teaneck's Fine Arts Commission. As a former president of the organization seeking to establish a swim club in Teaneck, Mr. Epstein provided the current president, Murray Firestone, with invaluable assistance in his successful effort. He is the only Jewish public member of the Bergen County Planning Board and serves as a lecturer on planning, environment and ecology at Fairleigh Dickinson University, Rockland Community and Ramapo Colleges. Mr. Epstein is a member of the Fair Housing Council of Bergen County; in 1975 he was designated Citizen of the Year by TPA.

Mr. Epstein is also known as an accomplished song writer. He wrote such popular favorites as "Sam, You Made the Pants Too Long," "Mother Earth" (recorded by Judy Collins), "River on My Mind" (recorded by Johnny Cash), and folk songs for Pete Seeger.

2) Michael and Jaqueline Kates are both second generation Teaneck residents. Michael's parents, Fred and Daisy Kates, moved to town in 1947 from Hackensack, six years after they co-established their well-known shoe store in that city with Mr. Kates' late brother, Joseph, and his wife, Adele. Situated on Main Street and co-managed by Fred's son, Chester, and Joe's son, Lawrence, the family business continues to be a thriving enterprise. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kates moved back to Hackensack several years ago; their daughter, Sharon Sosny (Mrs. Richard) resides in Holiston, Massachusetts. Chester Kates lives in Teaneck with his wife, the former Robbin Koch, also originally from Teaneck, daughter of the late Curt Koch and Evelyn Koch, who still resides here. Jaqueline Kates' parents, John and Helen Bienstock and her sister Andrea, have lived in town since 1957, when they moved from North Bergen.

Michael and Jaqueline Kates have been actively committed to numerous civic and Jewish organizations since they settled in Teaneck in 1969. Michael is first vice-president of the Jewish Community Center's Men's Club, a member of the Bergen County ZOA board, and the Young Leadership Division of Teaneck UJA. He is also New Jersey ZOA Membership co-chairperson and serves on the Middle Eastern Affairs and Civil Rights Committees of the national ADL. Mr. Kates was recently appointed counsel to the Hackensack River and East Bergen Coordinating Committees.

Jackie Kates is a past co-president of the Washington Irving PTA, former member of the board of Teaneck Evening ORT, and served as a Democratic committeeperson from 1972 to 1974. She is currently co-chairperson of TPA, member of the board of the Hawthorne PTA, and secretary of the Board of Education's Textbook Review Advisory Committee. Mrs. Kates participates on the Teaneck Bicentennial Committee, the Teaneck Council of PTAs, the township Environmental Commission, and Teaneck's UJA Women's Division. She was co-director of the 1976 Youth Power By The Hour campaign, an organization that attempts to find summer and part-time employment for school-aged children.

3) Rolf and Helen Feder, born in Germany, came to Teaneck in 1956 from Hoboken. Mr. Feder is a past president of Temple Emeth and a former Democratic committeeperson. He is an enthusiastic participant in B'nai B'rith, and the Temple Emeth Brotherhoood and Chatauqua Society. Mrs. Feder has actively supported the Temple Emeth Sisterhood and the NCJW. She is the past president of Business and Professional Women, Inc.

4) Eugene Stamper, professor of mechanical engineering and associate dean for academic affairs at the New Jersey Institute of Technology, is a nationally known authority on energy usage and conservation in construction. He served as a United States delegate of the International Experts Group on Characteristics of Buildings by the United States Office of Energy Research and Development Administration. An authority on heating and air conditioning development, Mr. Stamper has authored several textbooks. He was selected to judge the entries in New York City's Student Exposition on Energy Resources held in May 1976 at the American Museum of Natural History.

Professor Stamper and his wife, Sally, came to Teaneck in 1957 from Riverdale, New York. He is a past president of TCPS and a member of the Mayor's Advisory Council on Business and Industry. Both Mr. and Mrs. Stamper were Girl Scout Troop leaders and consultants and consistent supporters of several PTA organizations.

At various times, the Mayor and/or the Town Council have formed advisory committees to assist them in researching pending matters and making formal recommendations. During the past 15 years, Jewish residents have participated to a greater extent as members and chairpersons of such groups. A Redevelopment Agency was organized in 1970 by Mayor Frank Burr and the Council to study the most effective use of the Glenwood Park land area. Stanley Gilinsky, who served for five years, was one of the original five committeepersons[1]. The Advisory Committee on Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation is presently chaired by Wallace Cowan, a corporate attorney and naturalist (whose hobby is bird watching) and has several other Jewish members. Jewish residents also serve on the Architectural Design and Site Review Committee.

Teaneck's tradition since the middle 1950's as a multi-ethnic, multi-religious, and multi-racial town has cultivated among township officials and residents a sensitivity for our polyglot composition. Every civic organization, elected or appointed, contains representatives from the diverse elements of the population. Regarded as the model American town by the Civil Affairs Division of the United States Army in 1949, Teaneck was selected to represent our country to the citizens of occupied Germany and Japan. According to Army authorities, Teaneck was chosen from among ten thousand communities for its "fine municipal spirit and the high quality of its governmental services[2]." At this time, Teaneck was overwhelmingly Protestant (containing eleven churches of various denominations) and white. There was only one Catholic parish, a Baha'i Center and a solitary Jewish congregation.

Today Teaneck can truthfully be considered a model American town, for it represents a microcosm of our country. Almost every American minority group has significant representation in the population and a voice in township matters. Should you frequent one of our supermarkets, visit either of our two post offices, or spend some time at the public library, you will witness a parade of many races, religions and nationalities. Some refer to it as the Teaneck mosaic; a more appropriate term would be the Teaneck tapestry.

Teaneck's governmental services continue to be superior; our town manager form of government and Township Manager Werner Schmid[3], are the recipients of much well-deserved praise. Our local politics are non-partisan; all election campaigns are conducted with intensity and vigor in order to "get out the votes."

In regard to our "fine municipal spirit," Teaneck is an extraordinary example of a diversified population that maintains its inherent differences but is able to unite, sometimes with difficulty, for the common good through sensitivity and communication. Issues are rarely settled quietly; every segment enjoys freedom of expression and the right to organize. This diversity of opinion, however, coupled with the ability to compromise has given Teaneck its present stimulating, unique and vital character.

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1) Mr. Gilinsky was employed by the Gimbel Corporation as an executive in store planning and development; he is also an attorney.

2) Army commissioned photographers spent three days taking pictures of township activities. Thirty out of three thousand photographs were selected with captions and text to form the exhibit for the Army's orientation program in occupied areas.

3) Mr. Schmid has served Teaneck since 1955 when he was assistant township manager. In 1959 he succeeded James Welsh as township manager. He, his wife, Irene, and their five children continue to reside in Teaneck.

Chapter 11

Teaneck Today

Probably the best time to view Teaneck is the spring when the entire town is radiant with color. Visit almost any block and be treated to mounds of blazing and contrasting azaleas, magnificent tulips, daffodils, jonquils and narcissus and indescribably beautiful flowering trees, such as quince, peach, weeping cherry, kentucky coffee, callary pear, purple plum, magnolia, dogwood and at least six varieties of crab apple. Wherever one drives, even in the commercial areas, islands laden with flowers and/or shrubbery are encountered. The ring of dogwood at Pershing Circle is only one of the spectacular sights that returns annually. Towering above this lavish and well-groomed landscape are the stately trees for which Teaneck is justly famous[1]. Street after street is lined with an endless variety; parks, municipal grounds and private property feature a dazzling assortment[2].

One no longer finds large plots of land separating neighboring homes but the abundant and brilliant foliage can still be enjoyed. Teaneck residents have the advantage of twenty-one parks, distributed throughout the township; 24 open acres on the Teaneck-New Milford border on Newbridge Road, owned by the township but used by the Board of Education as the Teaneck Environmental Education Site (TEES)[3]; a beautification and recycling center at Lindbergh Boulevard and Glenwood Avenue, maintained by the Department of Public Works, Parks Division. A portion of this center is occupied by the Teaneck Garden Club.

Another aspect of Teaneck's beauty is the variety and quality of its home construction[4]. With the exception of the Phelps Manor Country Club area, the town's most recently developed section (early 1950's-early 1960's)[5] where the split level model is popular, Teaneck's streets offer a startling assortment of one-family housing. An ultra-modern raised ranch home, replete with a second story decorative swimming pool (designed by Edward Durrell Stone), is situated in the

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1) Mr. Joseph Rosen, Teaneck High School's former Aviation teacher, remembers his inability to locate the town from his airplane because of the density of trees. He was able only to sight the high school located on Teaneck's highest point.

2) Species of trees found in Teaneck:

alder
ash - mountain, white and green
ailanthus
birch - red, silver and white
Carolina silver bell
catalpa
chestnut - buckeye and horse
copper beech
cucumber magnolia
elm - American and Scotch
fir - Douglas and Fraiser
hackberry
hawthorne (15 varieties)
hickory - red and shag bark
hornbeam
katsura
linden (12 varieties)
locust (6 varieties)
maple (8 varieties)
mimosa
oak (10 varieties)
persimmon
pine
purple fringe
royal
spruce - blue, red, Norway and Alberta
sumac
sycamore - American and occidental
willow

3) TEES serves as a bird and small-animal sanctuary and introduces students to pond ecology and trail blazing. It was founded in 1975 and conceived by Ms. Lucy Stamilla, director of Primary Education, and William Harrison, principal of the Washington Irving Central Kindergarten and First Grade School.

4) According to the 1970 federal census, Teaneck has 13,037 housing units.

5) The Phelps Manor Country Club, part of the William Walter Phelps estate, was built with private funds. For economic reasons it was opened to the public. The club was later sold to developers who used the land for home construction, thus providing the township with badly needed tax ratables. Construction of schools, streets and other town improvements had incurred a $5 million debt for Teaneck. As a result, municipal authorities capitulated to the demands of builders and relaxed zoning regulations pertaining to tree conservation. Despite the serious economic situation, township officials remained steadfast against permitting commercial enterprises to locate along the Teaneck portion of Route 4.

immediate neighborhood of gracious colonials and traditional Tudors. The town's more modest houses have been updated with family-room additions, modernized kitchens and finished basements.

Long-time residents on occasion will complain of the increasing congestion on main thoroughfares, the additional commercial multi-story enterprises along Cedar Lane and the ever-growing number of banks. There are no complaints registered, however, against the plethora of cultural, educational and athletic events sponsored by the town's civic, religious and administrative organizations. Indeed, the problem is deciding which to attend on any given morning, afternoon or evening.

Other meaningful sights indigenous to Teaneck that come to mind are the signs placed on Route 4 during the winter holidays, wishing passersby season's greetings[1] and a happy New Year; small clusters of school children waiting on various street corners for school buses, children with handsome and different features that complement each other; the town's elaborate Fourth of July parade; blocks closed off permitting *Simchat Torah* festivities to spill from the sanctuary into the street; Jews and non-Jews alike, rallying on behalf of Israel and Soviet Jewry. To say that Teaneck is free from prejudice is to state that none exists in the United States — an ideal situation but one that has yet to be realized. On occasion, derogatory comments or minor juvenile harassment are directed on religious, racial or ethnic grounds, but these are the actions of individuals and municipal efforts discourage and minimize such encounters.

Teaneck's Jewish community encompasses six flourishing congregations (whose histories will follow in Chapter 13): two Orthodox, Congregations B'nai Yeshurun and Beth Aaron[2]; two Conservative, the Jewish Community Center and Congregation Beth Sholom; and two Reform, Temple Emeth (originally the Bergen County Reform Temple) and Congregation Beth Am[3]. Total congregational affiliation at the present time is calculated at 2,350 families; the largest number of which approximately 1,400 families belong to the Conservative branch and the fastest growing, as well as the most recently established, is the Orthodox (315 families). Although membership in most Teaneck congregations, particularly Temple Emeth, includes families from other communities in Bergen County, it is also true that Teaneck Jewish families worship in synagogues in Tenafly, Hackensack, Englewood, Ridgefield Park and Paterson. Statistically, it is more than likely that the number of Jews from out of town worshipping in Teaneck offset the number of residents who attend services elsewhere.

The Teaneck UJA office mailing list presently contains 3,000 Jewish families, indicating that 650 families identify with Judaism but are not currently affiliated. Because there are no actual records (federal law prohibits the asking of religion on various applications), knowledgeable sources estimate that there are at least another one thousand Jewish families in town. The extent of their ethnic or religious participation ranges from private Hebrew language and/or cultural tutoring for their children or celebration of a Bar Mitzvah in Israel, to no observance or identification. It is known that Jewish families belong to the Ethical Culture Society and the Christian Science Church; that some celebrate Christmas and that Jewish people who have intermarried with those of other religions and races are not uncommon. Today, it would be more difficult than ever to ascertain the actual number of Jewish people who reside in Teaneck. Indeed, it would be almost equally difficult to establish a mutually acceptable definition of what constitutes a Jew.

The Jewish population is overwhelmingly Ashkenazic and contains a healthy mixture of first, second, third and fourth generation Americans. A small number of *sabras* reside in town (often married to Americans) but, as you will read, many more Teaneck families and/or their children

1) The season's greetings sign originally offered salutations for a merry Christmas. It was changed by Mr. Schmid in 1975 as a result of a request submitted by Jewish school children.

2) When Beth Aaron was first established by Rabbi Meir Gottesman the congregation used Sephardic texts; the *Nusah Sefard* for daily use and the *Mahzor* for holidays. Services were conducted in Sephardic style until the end of 1974 when Rabbi Stanley Fass assumed the congregation's spiritual leadership.

3) The formation of a Reform congregation in Bergen County in 1947 encouraged many Jews to affiliate who had previously refrained from doing so. Englewood's Temple Emanu-El and the Teaneck Jewish Community Center were originally Reform but later changed to Conservativism. The remainder of the area's early Jewish congregations were either Orthodox or Conservative.

have made *aliyah* to Israel[1]. The Teaneck Jewish rate of divorce is lower than the national percentage, especially among the Orthodox, and the number of juvenile offenders is considerably smaller than our estimated proportion of the school-age population. Families generally consist of two to three children; the Orthodox community averages three to four. The number of Jewish organizations and congregations has dramatically increased since the end of World War II (organizational histories appear after those of the congregations) and Jewish participation in civic matters is at an unprecedented high.

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One of Teaneck's most respected and admired contemporary Jewish residents who has made extraordinary contributions to civic, as well as to Jewish communal welfare, is Dr. Robert Weitz[2]. Since he and his family moved from Jersey City in 1947, Dr. Weitz has played a vital role in the mental and emotional well-being of numerous New Jersey citizens.

As the first practicing psychologist in the State[3], having established his practice in 1939, Dr. Weitz has been deeply concerned with youth guidance, mental health and family stability.

In 1948 he was appointed by Mayor Clarence Brett[4] to the Teaneck Youth Guidance Council. One year later, he was elected council chairperson and remained in office until 1974. In 1964 he was appointed chairperson of the New Jersey State Youth Guidance Council by Governor Meyner and served for nine years. Dr. Weitz has been active in the Bergen County Mental Health Association and served as chairperson of Fund-raising for three years. In 1957 he was appointed by the Board of Freeholders to the County's first Mental Health board. Ultimately he served four terms on the board for a total of eleven years, five years as chairperson. In addition, he served four years on the board's Professional Advisory Committee. He also participated with the Teaneck Community Chest campaign, serving for a total of eight years including several terms as chairperson; and the Bergen Pines Hospital, at which he was chairperson of the Ad Hoc Committee on Psychiatry and coordinator of its psychological training program.

In 1968 he was appointed by Governor Meyner to the State Board of Psychological Examiners, a position he held for six years. He was honored by the New Jersey Psychological Association and given its distinguished service award as New Jersey's outstanding psychologist. Dr. Weitz has been a member of the Bergen County Advisory Board on Drugs and Narcotics, the National Council of Christians and Jews of Bergen County (from which he received its Man of the Year award) and the Teaneck Advisory Committee on Human Relations. As a past president and 25-year member of the Teaneck City Club, he instituted the Junior Citizen's Award granted on a monthly basis 10 months each year to an exemplary Teaneck youngster. Robert Weitz is a founder of the Jewish Welfare Council (renamed the Jewish Federation of Community Services, Bergen County) and rendered versatile and consistent leadership[5].

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1) Sephardic residents number no more than several dozen and, in the main, are married to Ashkenazic spouses. Among these are Eliza Sevillia Gerstein, *rebbetzin* of Congregation Beth Am, who was born in Athens, Greece (see Chapter on Congregation Beth Am), and Lazar Emanuel, whose firm, Garden State Press, Inc. printed this book.

Mr. Emanuel's parents came from Verea, Greece, although he was born in the Bronx, New York. Former president and general manager of Hackensack's radio station WJRZ, he came to Teaneck in 1954 with his wife, Judith. Lazar Emanuel served as the vice-president of the Bergen County YMHA. In 1970-1972 he was chairperson of the Citizens Communication Committee to the Board of Education, to direct the study of the township's school physical plant and to consider the means of expansion. Currently Mr. Emanuel serves on the Teaneck Library Building Committee.

Another Sephardic resident is Joy Zacharia Appelbaum, the author of this book, whose parents, Morris and Clara Telias Zacharia, have Turkish and Greek backgrounds and Spanish and Italian ancestry.

2) Robert and Ruth Weitz moved from Teaneck to Hackensack in 1975. His office, however, is still situated on Cedar Lane. The Weitzes continue to maintain their membership at the Teaneck Jewish Community Center.

3) Dr. Weitz is a graduate of Lehigh and New York Universities and received his doctorate from New York University; he is a Diplomate of clinical psychology of the American Board of Professional Psychology and a Diplomate of the American Board of examiners in Psychological Hypnosis.

4) An interesting anecdote recalled by Dr. Weitz, is being interviewed by Dr. Barnet Bookstaver before the mayor finalized his appointment.

5) At a dinner-dance in 1968 he, Judge Martin Kole and Dr. Daniel Goldstein, were honored by Federation for outstanding services.

Currently, he is a member of the New Jersey Community Mental Health Board (appointed by Governor Byrne in 1974) and a clinical professor and acting director of the Practicum Coordination of Rutgers' new Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology. Dr. Weitz was instrumental in founding the college and served as executive vice-president and acting dean of the Organizing Council for a College of Professional Psychology (1969-1974). He is a lifetime trustee of the Teaneck Jewish Community Center, a Fellow at the Center for Human Development, Hebrew University, Jerusalem and national chairperson of the Psychology Division of the American Friends of Hebrew University.

Ruth Weitz is well-known in Teaneck for her participation in the Community Scholarship program, the PTA (she served as president of the Bryant School organization), the PTA Council, the National Council of Jewish Women, and a member of the Teaneck Mental Health Advisory Board.

Teaneck is grateful that this eminent and dedicated gentleman and his gracious wife have shared so much of their interest, ability and dynamism with the community.

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On a Tuesday evening during the winter concert season at the Orrie de Nooyer Auditorium in Hackensack, as the audience settles in its seats, a tall, slender man appears on stage. Everyone smiles, recognizing Bill Thurnauer as the person delivering the customary announcements concerning the Bergen County Civic Music Association's concert series.

William and Maria Thurnauer are well-known throughout the county, as well as in Teaneck, for their innovative and enthusiastic leadership in numerous cultural and civic endeavors. They have been affiliated with the Civic Music Association since 1952, and have served as president (from 1967) and secretary, respectively. Founded in 1932, the group represents a merger of the Englewood and Hackensack music associations. It provides its audiences with four concerts annually, featuring such outstanding luminaries as Rudolph Serkin, Itzhak Perlman and Gary Graffman. Teaneck residents comprise one third of the subscribers.

Born in Germany, the Thurnauers left Europe in the early and middle 1930's, met for the first time in the United States and settled in Kew Gardens in 1944. They were encouraged to move to Teaneck six years later by their cousins, Leni and the late Martin Thurnauer. Their only Teaneck residence, on North Forest Drive, was designed by the famous architect Edward Durrell Stone and has served as a show place for the community[1]. It is the setting for many meetings for charitable causes; civic and cultural events are frequently held there. The Thurnauers have graciously permitted such groups as the Art Center of Northern New Jersey, the Teaneck Junior Women's Club, the Brandeis University National Women's Committee of Bergen County, Teaneck Section of the National Council of Jewish Women, the Child Development Center of the Children's Aid and Adoption Society (CAAS) and the North Jersey Cultural Council to use their home. They have also played host to foreign students visting our country through the American Field Service program and are often called upon to sponsor cottage parties during township municipal elections.

The Thurnauers are active members of the TPA and the Fair Housing Council, charter members of Teaneck Citizens for Public Schools (of which Mr. Thurnauer served as president), enthusiastic supporters of PTA (Mr. Thurnauer is a past president of the Whittier School organization) and vigorously supported the election of the school board that endorsed the township's school integration policies.

Mr. Thurnauer is a past president of the Bergen Philharmonic (formerly the Teaneck Symphony Society), past president of the North Jersey Cultural Council[2], and accompanies his wife on the piano during many of their public appearances (e.g., State of Israel Bond and UJA

1) The Thurnauers' home has been featured in the New York Times Magazine Section (1951), Newark News, Better Homes and Gardens, the Herald Tribune's This Week Magazine, the Teaneck Sun, the Architectural Forum and a three-installment series in the Bergen Record.

2) Mr. and Mrs. Thurnauer were awarded the Donald B. Salmon award by the North Jersey Cultural Council for their significant contribution to the development of the arts in Bergen County.

campaign dinners). He is also an amateur oboist who performed with the Tenafly Symphony.

Mrs. Thurnauer, locally well-known as a contralto[1], divides her time among the Paramus Day Care Center (which is supported by NCJW), the Senior Services Center of Teaneck (see Chapter 7, Part 4) and the Friends of Music, now celebrating its 25th season of chamber music concerts. She is a founder, performer and prime mover of this group of musicians who contribute their services, performing on college campuses, at the Newark Museum and throughout North Jersey for charitable causes[2]. Maria Thurnauer has performed special recitals of Shakespearian, folk and German songs in the Teaneck school system through Operation Community Talent; she received the 1965 Citizens award from the Bergen County Music Teachers Guild. At present she is engaged in a new career as a portrait photographer of children; an exhibition of her work was held at the Teaneck Public Library (December '74-January '75) and at the Bergenfield Library (July '76-August '76). The Thurnauers travel extensively and delight in showing photographs and slides of their trips.

Thanks to the unstinting, dedicated efforts and many talents of the Thurnauers, life in Bergen County has been immeasurably enhanced and enriched.

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Contemporary Jewish Teaneck residents continue to serve the entire community in diversified areas and contribute to its general well-being. As we have been informed in previous chapters, some participate as municipal employees and others on a volunteer basis.

After the sudden demise of Dr. Barnet Bookstaver in 1951 (see Chapter 4), Dr. Eli Scheer[3] was chosen to succeed him as chief medical inspector of Teaneck's Public School system. In addition, Dr. Scheer was the first Jewish physician to receive an appointment to Holy Name Hospital after Dr. Ted Wolfe (see Chapter 7), who came to Teaneck in the early 1930's. Dr. Scheer served as chief medical inspector until 1974, when he was succeeded by Dr. Vera Grimes (full-time Board of Education physician). He still maintains his private pediatric practice on Cedar Lane. Through the Jewish Welfare Council (renamed the Jewish Federation of Community Services, Bergen County), Dr. Scheer donated his services to assist refugees from Russia and Hungary. He is a participant in the American Jewish Physicians, an organization that supports Israeli hospitals.

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1) Maria Thurnauer studied voice in Germany, England and at the Mannes Music School in New York City. She had given solo recitals in New York at the Carnegie Recital Hall and Steinway Hall; since 1955 has worked with Mr. Carroll Hollister as her accompanist. Her repertoire includes German, English, French, and Italian art songs, folk music of many countries, oratorio works and music, both traditional and modern, for voice with chamber music ensemble or with instrumental obligato.

2) Performances of the Friends of Music have been sponsored by the Ethical Culture Society, the Unitarian Church, the Paramus Adult Education program, the Fine Arts Commission of Teaneck and North Jersey Cultural Council's Festival '70. In appreciation for their participation, the Thurnauers were given the 1971 citation by the organization.

3) Attracted by the loveliness of the community and its superior school system, Dr. Eli and Olive Scheer became residents of Teaneck in 1943. They moved from North Bergen to establish Dr. Scheer's medical office. The Scheers joined the Teaneck Jewish Community Center and involved themselves in its activities. He recalls that most of the incoming Jewish families at this time had migrated from Hudson County where many maintained businesses or professional offices.

During the McCarthy era, the town was alive with controversy. Non-sectarian discussion groups were frequently held throughout Bergen County in public places as well as in people's homes, and the issues were intelligently debated. Dr. Scheer commented on how well informed the participants kept themselves.

Olive Scheer passed away in 1953. Her late brother and sister-in-law, Sidney and Ruth Kantrowitz, also resided in Teaneck. The Kantrowitz' daughter, Myra, married to Dr. Larry Liebster, has remained in Teaneck; their second daughter, Barbara Leff (Mrs. David) lives in Oradell.

Dr. Scheer married the charming Maria Roma in 1956, a long-time and civic minded resident of Teaneck. The Scheers have continued to live here. Their children, products of the Teaneck Public School System, are Richard, an attorney who practices in Jersey City, but resides in Elizabeth with his wife, Penelope, and Audrie Elizabeth Denson (Mrs. Reuben Stuart). The Densons are stationed at the United States Naval Base in Rota, Spain, where Mr. Denson is a petty officer.

Dr. Alan Medoff was appointed Teaneck Police and Fire Department physician in 1960 and became general township medical consultant in 1972. Along with his municipal position and private practice in Teaneck, he is a professor of Biology and director of Student Health Services at Fairleigh Dickinson University's Teaneck campus. Dr. Medoff is also an instructor in Medicine at New York Medical College. His extra-curricular activities include co-founding the Teaneck Community Blood Association in 1960 (with Dr. Stuart Littwin and members of the Teaneck Kiwanis Club) and serving as president of Planned Parenthood of Bergen County[1].

With the appointment of Richard Norman as assistant national commissioner of Biddy Basketball in 1975, the Biddy Basketball program, which has been in existence since 1951, established a branch office in the northeastern part of the country for the first time. In his official capacity, Mr. Norman attends regional tournaments and supervises and recruits northern leagues. As the founder and perpetual director of Teaneck Biddy Basketball, he initiated the program eight years ago in order to ease erupting racial tensions among the township's youngsters. Currently more than 400 children on 42 teams are involved; each team represents a cross-section of the town's residential areas. During the Bicentennial year New Jersey played host to the National Biddy Basketball Championship, when teams came from all over the United States and Puerto Rico.

Prior to his present commitment, Mr. Norman was a vigorous participant in Little League, PAL, Babe Ruth and the Northern Senior Baseball Leagues. In addition, he served on the township Advisory Board on Narcotics and Drug Abuse. He is presently on the county board of directors of the March of Dimes. As a former Bergen County park commissioner (1967-1972) he was instrumental in establishing the Wyckoff Wildlife Center, the Overpeck Golf Course and introducing a golf course to the Bergen Community College campus. Mr. Norman is a realtor developer and is a member of the board of several companies, industrial organizations and on bank advisory boards[2].

After more than 15 years and three major unsuccessful attempts to build a privately owned and maintained open membership swimming pool in town, Teaneck residents will at long last have this recreational facility available to them in 1977. In 1960 the Town Council rejected the idea preferring the concept of a municipally owned pool; in 1965 and 1970 the township itself voted against referenda for the construction of a municipally owned facility. All these measures were defeated despite the strenuous efforts of many capable residents and well-organized groups.

How did the pool finally come about — mainly through the unrelenting persistence and conciliatory expertise of Murray Firestone. Accepting the challenge

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1) Dr. Alan Medoff has resided in Teaneck since 1954 when he and his wife, Rita (born in Zurich, Switzerland), moved from Rochester, Minnesota. They are members of the Jewish Community Center and actively support B'nai B'rith, PTA, the Cub Scout Organization (Dr. Medoff was an officer) and the JWV. He is founder and president of the Teaneck Medical Center, a professional organization that unites multiple medical specialists for the purpose of providing better health care for the public.

2) Richard and Shirley Norman moved to Teaneck in 1950 from Bergenfield with Mr. Norman's parents. His mother still resides in Teaneck, as does Mrs. Miller, mother of Shirley Norman.

Mr. Norman is committed to the Democratic Party and served as Democratic municipal chairperson from 1963-1971. During his tenure in office he was instrumental in reversing the town's political leaning from Republican to Democratic. For three years he served as chairperson of the Bergen County Democratic Executive Board and is currently president of the Bergen County Democratic Men's Club. He served as campaign manager in northern New Jersey for Senator Humphrey in 1968 and again in the primaries of 1972 and 1976. Mr. Norman is a charter member of the present Teaneck Lions Club and belongs to the City Club.

Shirley Norman is a member of Hadassah, ORT and the Temple Emeth Sisterhood. She is also active in the Democratic Women of Bergen County. Mrs. Norman served as a delegate to the 1976 Democratic National Convention. The Normans' younger son, Jeffrey, received the Outstanding Student award at Thomas Jefferson Junior High School (sponsored by the American Legion), the Outstanding Junior Citizens award (sponsored by the City Club) and was the former teenage chairperson of the County March of Dimes campaign. Their son, Steven, a former outstanding high school athlete, presently owns the tape and record shop Good Vibrations in Tenafly.

almost by chance (he was at a social function where associates were lamenting the lack of a pool), Mr. Firestone never suspected the demands which would be made of him . . . the constant and unlimited meetings, the incessant telephone calls, and an almost endless number of factions and municipal agencies to persuade. While devoting extraordinary time and energy to all of the above, he made extensive surveys of the swim clubs in the neighboring communities. With the invaluable assistance of Oscar Epstein, leaders of prior pool drives and other energetic supporters, Mr. Firestone was able to accomplish in 15 months what was thought to be unattainable.

The Teaneck Swim Club, Inc., previously named the Responsible Teaneck Taxpayers for Recreation, established membership requirements consisting of a $650 bond and a $100 registration fee on a first come-first served basis. Senior citizens were exempted from payment of the bond, but memberships in this category were limited to ten percent of the total club membership. The annual family membership fee was set at $175, with single membership at $125. All members are required to be residents of Teaneck. An agreement was made to allot specified early morning hours, several days a week, for the Township Recreation Department to provide swim instruction for children of residents.

By September 1976 the committee reached its goal of more than 600 members. As the Swim Club is a membership corporation, every member family will have the opportunity to vote on policies and procedures. At present, a number of committes are being formed to facilitate operation of the organization. Its board of trustees include Paul Ellis, Murray Firestone, Ruth Fusco, Linda Gissen, Arthur Goins, Jr., Karen Lucania, Marcia Motz and Harold Sussman. Attorneys are Howard M. Kaplan and Robert Carluccio.

Mr. Firestone[1] has recently accepted another civic responsibility, becoming a leading figure in the Teaneck Public Library's building construction program.

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An examination of Teaneck today finds an enormous variety of interesting, talented and concerned residents. Almost every street features a diversity of prominent individuals of different backgrounds, well-known within the town's borders and far beyond. The fields of science, medicine, law, architecture, publishing, higher education, psychology, music, art and entertainment are staggeringly well-represented as well as a substantial group of highly unique vocations. Teaneck's Operation Community Talent office, while possessing the most inclusive available information on the subject, admits its records are not complete. It would require a large team of researchers, equipped with computers, to tabulate an accurate accounting of the actual statistics.

One might live next door to Dr. Heinz Israel Lippmann and his vivacious wife, Alisa, one of Teaneck's many gifted couples. In 1976 Dr. Lippmann, professor of Rehabilitation Medicine, was awarded a lifetime emeritus professorship at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York City. He continues to direct the College's vascular clinic; he is Teaneck's Special Gifts chairperson of the Bergen County Heart Fund and is its immediate past president. Alisa Lippmann is an accomplished artist whose works, which include sculptured paintings, have been exhibited regionally[2].

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1) Murray and Natalie Firestone moved to Teaneck in 1963 from the Bronx, New York. A descendent of many consecutive generations of rabbis, Mr. Firestone, who attended the Mesiftah Torah Vodaath Rabbinical Seminary of America and is a graduate of CCNY, has had a successful career in real estate management. The Firestones are members of Congregation Beth Sholom, B'nai B'rith, ZOA, TPA and Teaneck's Crime Prevention Committee.

2) Dr. Heinz and Alisa Lippmann, born in Breslau, Germany and Rome, Italy, respectively, came to Teaneck in 1948 from New York City. Dr. Lippmann has been an active member of the Teaneck Jewish Community Center, the local UJA cabinet and the City Club. Mrs. Lippmann was a founder and prime mover of Teaneck ORT. It was in their home that the group was conceived. Alisa Lippmann's father, the late Guilio Moscato, was prominent in Jewish philanthropies in Rome, Italy. Dr. Lippman has served on the board of directors of the Bergen Philharmonic for twenty years and the Bergen Youth Orchestra since its inception. He has been a consistent concertising member of the chamber music society, Bergen Friends of Music, since its beginning twenty-five years ago. The Lippmanns were vigorous supporters of the PTA. They continue to reside in Teaneck.

If you lived in another part of town, Dr. Seymore Goldwasser and his charming wife, Ada, might be your neighbors. Dr. Goldwasser is the co-author of numerous articles concerned with the interreaction of chemicals, gases and metals. He possesses at least 15 patents for cleaning compositions, fluorescent dyes and treating phosphates; he conducts seminars on these subjects, as well as on flame retardant fabrics and the care of textiles. Most recently he was invited as a speaker to a national conference on care labeling under Virginia Knauer's auspices. Since 1939 he has been consistently invited to attend one or another of the Gordon conferences (originally called the Gibson Island conferences, but renamed for Dr. Neil Gordon who originated them). They are held every summer and include scientists from 90 different scientific areas considered to be in the forefront of their fields. Attendance is by invitation only[1]. Dr. Goldwasser was responsible for the composition and promotion of a detergent used in laundering flame-retardant fabrics and has invented an ultra-sonic washing machine[2].

Several blocks away from the Heinz Lippmanns live Judge David and Irma Follender. Judge Follender was appointed to the Bergen County District Court as a member of the New Jersey Judiciary by Governor Cahill in 1973. He is the second Jewish county court judge to be appointed from Teaneck; the first was C. Conrad Schneider (see Chapter 10).

Raised in Hackensack, Judge Follender[3] is well-acquainted with Bergen County. He serves as attorney, member of the board and former vice-president of the Bergen County YMHA. He was chairperson of the Teaneck UJA campaign for five years and a member of the UJA National Young Leadership and National Cabinets for a combined total of 12 years. As the only Teaneck member of the UJA Young Leadership Cabinet, Judge Follender was present in Jerusalem when the organization was formed in 1952[4]. He and his wife have been to Israel and other countries countless times to study and aid Jewish refugee problems.

The Follenders were founding members of Moriah School, the only yeshiva in Bergen County. Judge Follender served the institution during the many battles both in court and before various municipal agencies in its five-year effort to establish the school and construct its facilities. He continues to serve as the school's counsel and as a member of the board of directors.

Erna Weill, internationally known sculptress, can be found attending Hadassah, National Council of Jewish Women, B'nai B'rith and the Jewish Community Center Sisterhood meetings; registering voters at a local polling place; informally entertaining groups of youngsters, young adults or organization women in her studio. Born in Frankfurt, Germany, Mrs. Weill studied under H. von Beckerath, herself a student of Rodin. She is known for her architectural sculpture, figures and portraits, and works in such media as metal, stone, terra-cotta and concrete. Among the busts she has created

1) According to Dr. Goldwasser, Teaneck has many other scientists who are also invited in relation to their fields of specialization.

2) Dr. Seymore and Ada Goldwasser have been Teaneck residents since 1952 when they moved from Brookline, Massachusetts. Originally vigorous members of Temple Emeth, Dr. Goldwasser served as chairperson of the Education Committee and was instrumental in formalizing the group's policy on Hebrew instruction. He was chairperson of the Ritual Committee; Mrs. Goldwasser was active in Sisterhood. They later became one of the founding families of Congregation Beth Am and continue their valued participation.

3) David and Irma Follender moved to Teaneck in 1956 from Maywood. During the 1960's Judge Follender donated his services to the National Council of the Joint Distribution Committee and went behind the Iron Curtain. He has served as a member of the boards of the Teaneck Jewish Community Center and of Congregation Beth Sholom. Honored by many Jewish organizations, the Follenders maintain dual membership at the Center and Congregation B'nai Yeshurun. Their son, Jonathan, serves in the Israeli Army and is presently on leave to finish his college education at the University of Pennsylvania. The Follender's younger son, Mark, is a freshman at Hamilton College; their daughter, Nancy, lives at home.

4) The UJA National Young Leadership Cabinet was organized to bridge the gap between American and Israeli young adults. Presently, many members of the National Cabinet come from its ranks.

are those of Linus Pauling, Professor Martin Buber, Dr. Martin Luther King, S.Y. Agnon, Rabbi Leo Baeck, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Leonard Bernstein, Golda Meier, Rudolph Serkin, Nathan Milstein, Andre Kostelanetz, the Hon. Fiorello LaGuardia and Elie Wiesel.

This petite artist's works, some small and some massive, have been exhibited in several outstanding New York galleries and in museums and universities throughout the country.

A teacher and lecturer also, Mrs. Weill has generously contributed her talents and/or her work to many Jewish and non-Jewish organizations, civic groups and the Teaneck school system. She is listed in "Who's Who in American Art," "Who's Who in American Women," "Dictionary of International Biography" and "Living After the Holocaust-Reflections By The Post-War Generation in America," edited by Lucy M. Steinitz. Her most recent achievement was winning first prize in the annual Interchurch Art Exhibition, sponsored by the Artist-Craftsmen of New York in December 1975 for her stone statue, "Joseph and Benjamin."

In December 1975 an exhibition of works produced by 20 of her students was held at the Teaneck Public Library.

Nestled in the midst of the Fairleigh Dickinson University Teaneck campus is the picturesque home and studio of the famous sculptor Norman Rabinowitz and his lovely wife, Lillian. Having moved to Teaneck from the Bronx, New York, in 1962 they purchased their house before the university expanded its facilities which now surround their home. When visiting this hospitable family, it is something of a challenge to locate the road between the school's buildings that leads to their premises. One is greeted by a large sign on a fence that identifies the house, students milling about on their way to classes, and a tall man dressed in casual attire, smoking an unusually shaped pipe.

Norman Rabinowitz, who is listed in "Who's Who in International Arts" and the "Dictionary of International Biography," has been featured in such publications as La Revue Moderne of Paris, New York's—The Villager, "Prize Winning Sculpture, Book VII," "Art in America" and many others. Working primarly with metal, the sculptor's works are exhibited in the permanent collections of Virginia's Norfolk Museum, New York City's CBS and ABC Studios, the New York Cultural Center and Fairleigh Dickinson University. He has had private showings throughout the country.

The creative and capable Lillian Rabinowitz[2], born in Germany, has for the past nine years, supervised the highly successful annual Art Show of the Teaneck Section of the National Council of Jewish Women. She has encouraged many well-known artists to participate and helped to make this fund-raiser an outstanding social event.

A multifaceted artist who resides in Teaneck is Janet Indick (Mrs. Benjamin). Her sculptures and paintings have been featured in many gallery showings and one-artist shows, and were exhibited recently in several shows saluting women in the arts (e.g., Bergen Community College, Woodcliff Lake National Council of Jewish Women's artist-in-residence, New York Citicorp, Bergen Community Museum and the Edward Williams College shows).

In October 1974 the Teaneck Jewish Community Center officially dedicated a large abstract steel sculpture donated by Mrs. Indick, which was executed in memory

1) Erna Weill came to the United States in 1937, after living in Switzerland for one year. She settled in Kew Gardens, New York and moved to Teaneck in 1942. Her works are included in the permanent collections of the Jewish Museum of New York, Tel Aviv Museum of Israel, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Herzl Institute of New York, New Jersey's Fairleigh Dickinson and Rutgers Universities, Georgia State Museum, Birmingham Museum, Hyde Park Library, Teaneck Jewish Community Center, New York Public Library, Atlanta Memorial for Dr. Martin Luther King and the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions of Santa Barbara, California.

2) Mrs. Rabinowitz' sister, Alice Fishman, also lives in Teaneck.

7/21/76 TEANECK NEWS

Swim Club a Swimming Success

PICTURED at the signing of the lease on July 7 were Mayor Eleanor Kieliszek, Mr. Murray J. Firestone, President of the Swim Club, Mr. Howard Kaplan, attorney, Mr. Jacob Berman, chairman of the Club's Finance Committee, Mrs. Marcia Motz, a trustee of the Club, and Mr. Paul Ellis, Treasurer and trustee of the Swim Club. Also present, but not in the photo was Mrs. Dorothy Silverstein, member of the Town Council. The lease signing culminated a year of negotiation between the Teaneck Swim Club and various Township agencies.

After several attempts during the past twenty years to establish a municipal pool in Teaneck, which were turned down in public referenda, a group of Township residents known as the Responsible Teaneck Taxpayers for Recreation have won the right to build a privately financed and privately maintained swimming complex.

The first meeting to recruit members for the Teaneck Swim Club, Inc., as the group is now known, attracted a tidal wave of prospective members. Since then, the re-

Teaneck Church Backs Israel

TEANECK — St. Anastasia's Parish Council recently passed a resolution expressing its "concern" over the UN Assembly resolution equating Zionism with racism. The resolution read: "Resolved that the Parish Council, on behalf of the people of St. Anastasia's Church in Teaneck, expresses its concern over the recent U.N. resolution on Zionism, and that this concern along with a condemnation of every form of anti-Semitism be communicated to the Jewish communities of Teaneck." This resolution was unanimously approved by the Council.

STANDARD — May 24, 1974

INAUGURATE NEW COLLEGE

Teaneck Psychologist Receives High Award

More than 200 prominent Jerseyans attended the inaugural dinner of Rutgers new College of Professional Psychology recently in East Brunswick.

The new college, being built at Rutgers Heights in Piscataway, is the culmination of almost five years of effort on the part of members of the New Jersey Psychological Association and other individuals interested in furthering the field of mental health here.

The college will be one of only three in the country, and the only one east of the Mississippi River to offer a Psy.D. (doctor of psychology) degree.

Dr. Robert Weitz of Teaneck, the first practicing psychologist in New Jersey, having started practice in 1936, was prime mover in instituting efforts to found the college.

He was recently honored with NJPA's distinguished Psychologist Award at the group's spring meeting in Atlantic City. He also served as chairman of the organizing committee's dinner panel for the recent gala.

Senator Matthew Feldman served as master of ceremonies, and remarks were made by Dr. Robert Garber, chairman organizing council; Dungan, former New chancellor of higher edu

DR. ROBERT WEITZ

Teaneck Jewish Community Center, former vice president Jewish Federation of Community Services and a Fellow, Center For Human Development, Hebrew University, Jerusalem.

Both Dr. Weitz and his wife, the former Ruth Handler, are natives of Jersey City. They have three children, Dr. William Weitz, a captain, Medical Service Corp., Psychological Div., acting

THE RECORD — 1/21/66

OPERATION NEIGHBORHOOD — Mrs. Seymour Robbins, Mrs. Harold L. Scales, and Mrs. David Zurit seated, and Mrs. Robert D. Weitz and Mrs. Bradford Menkes, standing, discuss plans for home receptions to aid 1966 Jewish Welfare Council fund drive. Teaneck women hope plan will spread to all Bergen County communities.

TEANECK NEWS — 5/12/76

PLEDGE TO HEART FUND RENEWED - Dr. William S. Hopewell, President of the Bergen County Heart Association, congratulates Dr. Heinz I. Lippmann, Special Gifts Chairman for Teaneck, for his pledge on behalf of the residents to see that the Teaneck quota of $3,000 is met.

MISS LAURI SPIERER, age 17, of 280 Ogden Ave., Teaneck, N.J. was the 207th recipient of the Teaneck City Club's Junior Citizen Award at a luncheon at the Innwood Manor on Tuesday, March 30th. Lauri was presented a Plaque and a Savings Bond, by club Pres. Merrill Gille. Miss Spierer was recommended for the Award by Mr. Stuart Ostrow of the Teaneck Volunteer Ambulance Corps., of which Laurie is a member. Dr. Robert Weitz was innovator of the Junior Citizen Award some 20 years ago at a time when the words "Juvenile" and "Delinquent" were thought to be synonymous when only 3 percent of the kids were troublemakers. Mr. Lawrence Friedman presented Lauri a copy of the City Club "Blue Book," a compilation of letters received from the first 100 Award winners.

TEANECK NEWS — 4/7/76

Sculptress Erna Weill working in her studio.

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Ruth Marx.....Piano

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Heinz Lippmann.....Piano
Carroll Hollister.....Piano

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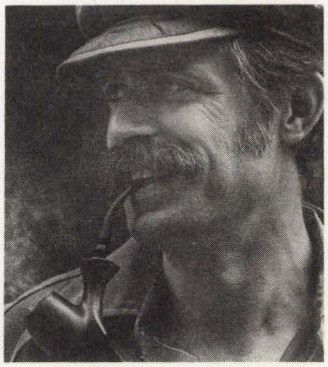

SCULPTOR NORMAN RABINOWITZ

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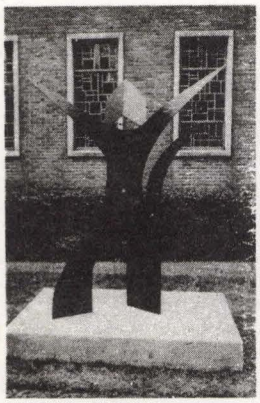
Dedicate Teaneck Center Sculpture Sunday Morning

TEANECK — An abstract steel sculpture by a local artist, Janet Indick of Teaneck, has been installed in the patio fronting the Feldman Chapel at the Jewish Community Center.

Formal dedication ceremonies will be Sunday morning, at 11 in the area of the sculpture. Representatives of Teaneck's synagogues and churches as well as local civic leaders are expected to attend.

Plans have been made to coordinate timing with that of the Bergen County Walkathon on behalf of Soviet Jewry which will reach the Center in time for the dedication en route from Fairleigh Dickinson University to Tenafly.

The sculpture is designed and executed as a gift of the artist to the Center in memory of the Jewish soldiers of Israel who gave their lives in the Yom Kippur War, it is entitled "Netzach Yisrael" after a prayer from the First Book of Samuel which refers to the promise made by God not to forsake the people of Israel



NETZACH YISRAEL sculpture at Teaneck Jewish Community Center to be dedicated Sunday.

Senator Matthew Feldman, Oscar Epstein, Lillian Rabinowitz (special arts events technical coordinator of NCJW) and Dr. Samuel Bieber, provost of Fairleigh Dickinson University, Hackensack-Teaneck campus, at the NCJW annual Art Show.

of the Jewish soldiers killed in the Yom Kippur War. Installed in the patio fronting the synagogue's Feldman Chapel, the piece is called *Netzach Yisrael,* named for a prayer from the First Book of Samuel. Mrs. Indick works successfully in oil, acrylics, graphics, woodcuts, etchings, stone and wood carving. She was elected a member of the National Association of Women Artists.[1]

There are many other streets in Teaneck on which such gifted artists as Laura Mausner (Mrs. Marvin)[2], Ruth Lieberman Schrero (Mrs. Elliot)[3], Elaine Hyman, (married to Dr. Julian), Jerry Goldman, Alexandra Merker, Arthur Glickman, Grace Pologe and Linda Gissen (Mrs. Ira — see Chapter on Congregation Beth Am) reside. Scattered throughout the town are an unprecedented number of multi-ethnic accomplished musicians. Members of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra who reside in Teaneck are Allan Schiller[4] and Theodor H. Podnos[5] (violinists), Gerald Appleman and Thomas Liberti (cellists), Elden Bailey (percussionist), John Ware (trumpeter), Robert Weinrebe (violist), L. William Kuyper (French hornist) and Myor Rosen (harpist).

The household of Myor and Esther Rosen[6] features the superb musicianship of Mr. Rosen and the widely recognized artistic ability of Mrs. Rosen. Myor Rosen received his early training as a student of the New York Philharmonic Scholarship Committee, studied at the Juilliard School of Music with Marcel Grandjany, and was a member of the National Orchestral Association Training Orchestra. He appeared with the Indianapolis, Minnesota, Mexico City and CBS Symphonies and the NBC Symphony, under the direction of Arturo Toscannini. Since 1960 he has been solo harpist with the New York Philharmonic Orchestra; he has made many guest appearances on radio and television programs and recorded for major record companies.

Esther Rosen, who teaches sketching, has had her works exhibited throughout the state and elsewhere.

Teaneck residents who perform with the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra are Mark Topolsky (string bass player), Scott Brubecker and Richard Reissig (French hornists), Herbert Wekselblatt (tuba player) and David Uchitel (violist)[7]. Richard Hauser has been property master of the

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1) Janet and Benjamin Indick moved to Teaneck in 1963 from Plainfield. The Indicks joined the Jewish Community Center; Mrs. Indick was instrumental in establishing its nursery school. Benjamin Indick, a pharmacist by profession, has won three awards for playwriting. His plays have been performed in Philadelphia, St. Louis and Lexington, Kentucky; three have been published. He is widely known in science fiction and fantasy fandom, particularly for his expertise on the life and works of H.P. Lovecraft. Many of his articles have been published in magazines and books.

2) Marvin and Laura Mausner have lived in Teaneck since 1959, when they moved from Ridgefield. Mrs. Mausner has been deeply committed to TCPS, SANE (she was its first president) and the United Nations Association Teaneck Chapter (she served as president of this group for many years). Mr. Mausner is a member of the Teaneck Advisory Board on Community Relations. They actively participated in the Fair Housing Committee and are members of the Adelphi Chamber Orchestra (a semi-professional community orchestra that performs locally) where Laura plays the cello and Marvin the violin. Mrs. Mausner has been a Democratic committeeperson for five years.

3) Ruth Schrero is married to Dr. Elliot (Mitch) Schrero, a James Scholar, who teaches English at Rider College. His articles have been published in numerous professional journals.

4) Allan Schiller's wife is Eleanor Schiller, an accomplished violinist, who performed with the American Symphony Orchestra, the Maestro Virtuosi Chamber Music Ensemble and the Clarion Music Ensemble. Currently Mrs. Schiller is a member of the Amorosa String Trio, with cellist Sandra Appleman (Mrs. Gerald) and violist Shirley Braun (Mrs. Matitiahu). The group has performed chamber music recitals throughout Bergen County.

5) Mr. Podnos authored the book — "Bag Pipes and Tuning."

6) Myor and Esther Rosen have participated in many cultural programs of the Bergen County YMHA, Bergen Community Museum, North Jersey Cultural Council, Teaneck and Paterson Public Libraries and the Teaneck Jewish Community Center. In addition, Mrs. Rosen has been an active member of the Teaneck League of Women Voters and the Modern Artists Guild. Mr. Rosen's two brothers, Abraham Rosen and Robert Maxwell are also professional harpists. Mr. Maxwell is the composer of the popular song — "Ebb Tide."

7) David Uchitel's son, Paul, is a free-lance guitarist who has performed in such Broadway productions as "Godspell," "Seesaw" and "Leaves of Grass." He is collaborating with renowned studio guitarist and teacher, Allen Hanlon, on a forth-coming guitar chord dictionary.

Metropolitan Opera Company for 19 years.[1] Another talented musician is free-lance flautist Kenneth Harris, formerly with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra who operates a flute studio in town.

Prominent classical composer Ezra Laderman, who contributed to the celebration of our country's Bicentennial festivities with his brilliant compositions, has lived in Teaneck for a number of years. Operatic singers Will and Nancy Roy, who sing bass for the New York City Opera Company and soprano for many opera groups, respectively, share their ability with the community and appear in such concert series as Teaneck Artists Perform. Opera diva Gilda Cruz Romo continues to reside in town, as did Placido Domingo before he moved to Spain, and Helen Traubel before her demise.

The field of jazz has had generous representation. Teaneck can boast of such luminaries as Thad Jones, Nat Adderely, Rudy Collins, McCoy Tyner, Eddy Locke, Rudy Stevenson, Idris Muhammad, Yusef Lateef, Sam Jones, Ben King, Milt Jackson and Roland Hanna.

Entertainers like Shakespearian actor Phillip Bosco[2], who has the lead in the current revival of Joseph Papp's "Three Penny Opera," television star Bob McGrath (of Channel 13's Sesame Street), Broadway star Jerry Jarrett, rock stars the Isley brothers and Chuck Jackson of the Fifth Dimension, ballad singer Al Hibbler, folk singer Robbie Wedeen, songwriter Wally Gold, comedian Jay Jackson and television, radio and motion picture musical arranger George Cole also reside in Teaneck. Blues singer Phoebe Snow was raised in Teaneck; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Laub, and sister, Julie, continue to reside here[3]. Former professional athletes Elston Howard, Roosevelt Brown and Carl "Spider" Lockhart have made Teaneck their home and can be called upon to participate in civic activities.

Driving through Teaneck, one might see Dr. Bryant George, a member of the New Jersey State Board of Higher Education; Dr. Jerome Pollack, president of Fairleigh Dickinson University; Dr. Samuel Bieber, provost of Fairleigh Dickinson University Hackensack-Teaneck campus; Jerome Wilson[4], former New York State Senator and Channel 13 television personality who hosts — Dateline: New Jersey; Marvin Einhorn[5], a director of television's Today Show and the NBC news; Frank Casey, of the Channel 11 News; Sheldon Binn, political editor of The New York Times; William Luce, cultural editor of The New York Times; George James, New York Daily News columnist[6]; Robert Oksner, popular cartoonist (see Chapter on Temple Emeth); Max Milians, noted newspaper promotion manager and political cartoonist (see Chapter on Congregation B'nai Yeshurun; Benjamin Lightman, chief librarian of Time, Inc. and his wife, Dr. Marjorie Lightman, executive director of the Institute for Research in History. Hillel Black, executive editor of the publishing firm, William Morrow and Company, Inc., worked with Moshe Dayan on his recent autobiography, with Margaret Truman on the book she authored about her father, and Harry Kemelman, the writer of the popular ". . . the Rabbi . . ." series. Mr. Black also edited Reginald G. Damerell's "Triumph in a White Suburb," the book written about the integration of Teaneck's public school system. He and his family moved here in 1967, having been attracted to Teaneck as a result of the information gained by working with Mr. Damerell.

Poets and authors abound in Teaneck. The following are among the many who have received public recognition:

Rose Leiman Goldemberg's CBS television special "Land of Hope" was aired last

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1) The Hausers' talented daughters are Lauren, a member of the New York City Ballet Company, Susan, a student at the School of American Ballet; Caroline, a professional model and Christine, who trains horses at the Overpeck Riding Center.

2) Mr. Bosco was a member of a Lincoln Center Repertory Theatre Company. He performed in the Delacorte Shakespearian Festival Production of "Henry V," and the Lincoln Center production of "A Street Car Named Desire."

3) Other performers who lived in Teaneck at one time are Ed Ames of the Ames Brothers, Billy Williams of the Billy Williams Quartet, Pat Boone, Richard Castellano, Leon Janney, and Sylvia Maslow of the Yiddish theatre.

4) Mr. Wilson practices law with the New York firm of Rogers and Wells.

5) Mr. Einhorn's wife, Anne, is the coordinator and public relations director of the off-off-Broadway Joseph Jefferson Theatre Company.

6) Mr. James' human interest column "In Queens" appears twice weekly.

spring. She is now expanding it into a novel for William Morrow and Co., Inc., developing another television pilot for CBS, "The Medicine Men," and scripting a feature movie, "Doubles," for Talent Associates. With her husband, Robert L. Goldemberg[1], she has written two other books: "Here's Egg on Your Face" and "The Complete Book of Natural Cosmetics." Her play, "Gandhiji" will be performed at Washington's Back Alley Theater early in the spring; another musical play, "Apples in Eden" will be produced in New York.

Murray Rubenstein[2], author of "To Join With The Eagles" (Doubleday) and "Airbrushing for Modellers" (Almark Publication Company, England), worked with the Israeli aircraft industry from 1961-1964 and has just completed a history of the Israeli Air Force, which will be published by Prentice-Hall.

John A. Williams, who has written eight novels, the most recent — "Mothersill and the Foxes" (1975-Doubleday) and seven non-fiction books concerning America's minority groups and African history, has edited five and contributed to 29 anthologies. He has lectured and had poetry readings at numerous colleges throughout the country; written and narrated for television; contributed articles to many newspapers and served as a foreign correspondent. This prolific author and poet was honored by the National Institute of Arts and Letters in 1962 and received Syracuse University's Centennial medal for Outstanding Achievement in 1970. His credentials include teaching in such institutions as CUNY, LaGuardia College, University of Hawaii, University of California at Santa Barbara, Sarah Lawrence College, College of the Virgin Islands and City College of New York.

Poet and playright Lewis Gardner, the winner of the William Carlos Williams Poetry Center 1975 competition, is listed in the spring 1976 supplement edition of the Directory of American Poets. He is a founder and an executive board member of the organization Poets and Writers of New Jersey, and has had poetry readings in Massachusetts, Virginia, New Jersey and throughout the New York City Public Libraries. His poems have appeared in many periodicals and anthologies; he has participated with the New Jersey State Council on the Arts-Poets in the Schools program. Two of Mr. Gardner's plays — "Chariot of the Sun" (music by Oscar Brand) and "Hadleybug" have been produced by the APA — Phoenix Portable Repertory Theatre and the Barnard College Theatre Company, respectively. His most recent production — "Hot Dimes," was performed in 1976 at New York City's Off-Center Theatre. Mr. Gardner[3] is also an editor for Scholastic Magazine.

Grace W. Weinstein received the American Psychological Foundation 1975 National Media citation for her book — "Children and Money: A Guide for Parents." She writes a monthly column for the Elks Magazine called "You and Retirement." By 1977 she will have had three more books published: "Retire Tomorrow — Plan Today" (Dell), "A Teacher's World" (McGraw-Hill) and "Money of Your Own" (Dutton).

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1) Robert Goldemberg is president and chairperson of the board of the Society of Cosmetic Chemists. He is owner-president of Rakuma Laboratories and has been research director of such top cosmetic firms as Coty, Charles of the Ritz and Shulton.

2) Mr. Rubenstein's wife, Sondra, is a candidate for her Ph.D degree in political science. She teaches Political Science and International Relations at Fairleigh Dickinson University and leads the Vital Issues discussion group at the Teaneck Senior Service Center.

3) Mr. Gardner's wife, Sandra, started writing poetry in December 1975 and has had six poetry readings in five months. One was held at the Teaneck Library as part of the "Women in the Bicentennial Year" series where Mrs. Gardner performed with Alice Twombly and Peggy Mangogna. She is listed in the Journal of New Jersey Poets, Vol. I, No. 2.

Dr. John E. Cowen, who has studied with Xoce Garcia Villa the national artist of the Phillipines, has had his poetry featured in four editions of the "National Poetry Anthology," and the "Anthology of Contemporary American Thought." His poems also appear in several magazines, like California's Cafe Solo and St. Petersburg, Florida's Poetic License. As a principal of the New York City publishing firm King Cowen, Dr. Cowen has published a book of poems entitled "Introducing Mr. Vanderborg," written by Arthur Vanderborg. The firm expects to publish "The Complete Poems of Xoce Garcia Villa," its consulting editor.

John E. Cowen is a member of Teaneck's Special Education Department.

Robin Fidler Brancato is a writer of children's books. Two of her works — "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree" and "Something Left to Lose" have been published by Knopf. She is a member of the faculty at Hackensack High School where she teaches English and Journalism.

Three Teaneck residents who pursue uncommon professions are Bunny Dell, gourmet chef and teacher, known as The Happy Cooker; Miklos Pinther[1], free-lance cartographer, who teaches cartography at Columbia University and is a consultant to the Newberry Library of Chicago; and Morris Janoff, publisher and managing editor of the Jewish Standard, New Jersey's oldest Jewish-American weekly newspaper. Founded in 1931, the paper circulates in Bergen and Hudson Counties.

Morris Janoff is a relative newcomer to our town. Having moved here in 1972 from Jersey City, he, his wife Ruth, and their two children are among Teaneck's most enthusiastic residents. A past president of the American Jewish Press Association, a member of the Bergen County delegation to the Board of Directors of the Jewish Hospital and Rehabilitation Center of New Jersey, and listed in "Who's Who in World Jewry," Mr. Janoff has established an impressive record of dedicated leadership in both civic and Jewish communal organizations throughout Jersey City and Hudson County[2]. The family has since become immersed in Teaneck and Bergen County activities.

While many who live in Teaneck have achieved prominence, numerous children raised in Teaneck have become eminent elsewhere. Today, one of Teaneck's most celebrated former residents is Burt Lee Ross, the son of David and Rose Ross[3], who moved to Teaneck in the early 1940's from the Bronx, New York.

Burt Ross, the former mayor of Fort Lee, is currently the State Energy administrator. His election as mayor on the Democratic ticket terminated a twenty year scandal-ridden Republican administration. His four-year term was highlighted by his refusal of a $500,000 bribe, offered by underworld characters. He and his wife, Laurie, were placed in Federal protective custody for nearly four months before the actual

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1) Mr. Pinther was chief cartographer for the American Geographical Society prior to the Society's association with the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee. He is a member of the editorial board of "The American Cartographer."

2) Morris Janoff was awarded his bachelor's degree by Newark University and is a graduate of Rutgers University Law School. He has been honored by the UJA, State of Israel Bonds organization, JWV, Histadrut, American Jewish Congress, the National Conference of Christians and Jews and the Jewish Federation of Community Services of Bergen County. He recently received the 1976 Freedom Award from the New Jersey Region of ZOA.

Ruth Janoff is a life member of Deborah Hospital, Yeshiva of Hudson County, Hadassah, ORT, Pioneer Women, Sisterhood of the Teaneck Jewish Community Center and other organizations.

3) David and Rose Ross were zealous members of the Teaneck Jewish Community Center before they moved to Fort Lee in 1963. Mr. Ross served as a member of the board for ten years and was active in the Center's fund-raising efforts. He and Leonard Marcus co-chaired the first local State of Israel Bond drive. The Rosses worked unstintingly for the Jewish Welfare Council (renamed the Jewish Federation of Community Services of Bergen County). Mr. Ross was a member of the board and Mrs. Ross helped to organize the Women's Division.

indictment of the criminals involved. When Ross returned to Fort Lee he and those who worked closely with him wore bullet-proof vests. His is a remarkable adventure, accurately recorded in a book called "The Bribe" by Philip Ross[1], Burt's older brother (published by Harper and Row in the summer of 1976). It is likely that a movie version will follow.

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Whether or not your neighbors in Teaneck, Jews and non-Jews alike, pursue celebrated or unusual careers, you can be sure that a goodly number have achieved local recognition. For example:

If you lived next door to Milton and Shirley Cooper, you might know that Mr. Cooper is a past president of the Teaneck City Club and Blood Bank Association; a former member of the Teaneck auxiliary Police Department and, at one time, director of the Explorers Program of Bergen County. They are valued members of Temple Emeth where Mr. Cooper is a member of the board of trustees.

Neighbors of Seymour and Jeanne Stopper recognize them as members of PTA, TPA and B'nai B'rith. Mrs. Stopper is the current president of the Teaneck League of Women Voters.

Arnold and Clare Mowitz are well-known for their many and diverse commitments. Mr. Mowitz is listed in the 11th and subsequent editions of "American Men of Science" and the 16th edition of "Who's Who In the East." He is a past president of the Teaneck Little League (1964); has been associated with Bergen Council Boy Scouts of America since 1963 as assistant scoutmaster of Troop 94, neighborhood and district commissioner (1968-1974), and as district Program chairperson since 1974. Mr. Mowitz was the recipient of the Jewish Scouting (Shofar) Award in 1975. He was the first master of the Teaneck Masonic Lodge[2] (1970) of the Jewish faith and served again in 1974. He has also been a long-standing member of the Teaneck Jewish Center Religious Committee. Mrs. Mowitz has been a consistent participant in the Cub Scouts of America, PTA and the National Council of Jewish Women. Currently she is active in recording the Talking Newspaper distributed by the Teaneck Library and is director of the Bergen County Senior Personnel Registry (SPR'Y).

Judith Ellman (Mrs. Sol) has devoted considerable time and effort to promoting community relations. She served as a member of the Township Advisory Board on Community Relations for the past nine years; as chairperson of the Youth Committee, she helped to initiate a human relations pilot program at Teaneck High School to cope with the difficulties of integration.

Involved with youngsters and their problems, Mrs. Ellman has participated in many youth oriented community agencies and organizations, such as the Adjustment Committee of the Youth Guidance Council, the Teaneck Recreation Center, Little League, Teaneck Health Department, Girl and Boy Scout Organizations, Bergen County PTA Youth Guidance, Teaneck PTA Council, and the Teaneck Jewish Community Center Girls Club. She was a founding member of Youth Power by the Hour, chairperson of the American Field Service Americans Abroad Committee, and organizer of the Stokes Forest Youth and Community Retreat.

When the Teaneck Board of Education established the office of Community

1) Philip Ross earned his M.A. degree in journalism from Columbia University and has been a reporter for both the Bergen Record and Newsday of Long Island, a writer for television and a senior writer for the American Museum of National History.

2) The 1976 master of the Teaneck Masonic Lodge is Leonard Alter. The first recorded Jewish lodge member was J. Dewey Schwarz (see Chapter 6) who served as secretary.

Relations Coordinator in 1975, Mrs. Ellman was the obvious choice. Her extensive experience in civic affairs and her professional expertise in psychiatric social work, made her the most qualified candidate. Unfortunately, due to withdrawal of Federal funding and the collapse of the ESAA (Emergency School Aid Act) program, this office was abolished in June 1976.

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Visit almost any household in our community and you are certain to find people engaged in interesting pursuits. The diversity of information gleaned from each interview was truly amazing.

Paul and Helene Emanuel have three delightful and talented daughters who are brilliant musicians. Each plays the harp and piano plus other orchestral instruments. Irene, the eldest, has done graduate study in piano at Arizona State University and is presently a free lance harpist. She plays with the Phoenix Symphony and the Music Academy of the West in Santa Barbara, California. Carol, a harp major at Rochester-Eastman School of Music, is studying for a year at the New England Conservatory of Music. She has performed as soloist and with orchestras at Alice Tully Hall, Carnegie Hall, and at the Tanglewood and Waterloo Village Music Festivals. Ruth, the youngest (age 13), is studying harp and piano at the Manhattan School of Music while attending Teaneck's Benjamin Franklin Junior High School. She is proficient in the flute as well, and recently won the national competition, junior division, sponsored by the American Harp Society. Mrs. Emanuel, a piano teacher, has been president of the New Jersey Federation of Music Clubs. Mr. Emanuel is pharmacist.

Martin L. Cohen, retired Manager-Secretary of a large New York Local of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union is chairperson of the United States Hapoel Association (the sports arm of Histadrut, Israel's trade union federation). Hapoel has made a major contribution to physical fitness in Israel, encouraging young athletes to develop their skills, and has helped to improve international understanding through sports. Its International Games are held every four years and are open to athletes of all races, religions and nationalities. Some of the 1,500 participants are Olympic champions from other countries. Mr. Cohen notes that a number of American athletes who visited Israel for the first time in previous athletics competitions have now made *aliyah*. Mr. Cohen is a trustee at the Jewish Community Center.

In 1975 Mr. Cohen and his wife, Harriet, played host for two months to Moshe Levi, winner of Israel's Medal of Valour (awarded for heroic participation in the Yom Kippur War), while he received medical treatment and a prosthetic device to replace his right arm which he lost in the War.

Gerald LeBoff, a successful manufacturer, apportions his spare time by serving as chairperson of the Montclair State College Board of Trustees, chairperson of the Council of State Colleges and thereby a member of the New Jersey Board of Higher Education. Honored at the eleventh annual Brotherhood Awards dinner of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, Mr. LeBoff is trustee of New Jersey's Council on Economic Education. He is a lifetime trustee of the Teaneck Jewish Community Center, a past general chairperson of Teaneck UJA and a former member of the steering committee of the Teaneck Advisory School Board.

Tess Siegel[1], chief executive of the New Jersey branch of Furman, Feiner and Company, of New York City, is the first woman advertising agency officer in the

1) The late Kelly Siegel, who passed away in 1974, was a dedicated member of Congregation Beth Sholom. Mrs. Siegel served as Sisterhood president from 1958-1961 during the transition of the synagogue's premises. She and Robert and Helen Levine originated the synagogue's Man of the Year Breakfast festivities. Mr. Siegel was the first president of the Men's Club. They moved to Teaneck in 1950 as newlyweds. Mrs. Siegel continues to reside here and participate at Congregation Beth Sholom where she is currently a member of the board of trustees.

county. Moreover, the agency is staffed by women only. Mrs. Siegel acts as co-ordinator of the Bergen County Miss United Fund Beauty contest, responsible for selecting the judges and guiding the contestants. She is the public relations advisor to the American Society for Personnel Administration and sits on the Art Center of New Jersey Executive Board.

When Max Krauser shakes your hand, you won't forget his grip. As the former undefeated heavy-weight wrestling champion of Europe (1935-1938), Mr. Krauser has accumulated a huge scrapbook of clippings written in Polish, Russian, French, German, Yiddish, Rumanian, Czechoslavakian and, thank goodness, English.

Born in Stanislaw, Poland, Mr. Krauser was the eleventh child of the proprietor of the province's largest leather factory. He attended a major Polish university, majoring in Chemistry, to prepare himself for his father's business. Sports always attracted him and he started his career in wrestling by performing for Jewish charities. When the Nazis turned sporting competitions into a political weapon, trying to prove their claim of racial superiority, Mr. Krauser entered professional wrestling to defend his country's honor.

He encouraged all types of competition while traveling extensively throughout Europe and became known as "a Jewish phenomenon of the Ring." An outstanding exponent of the Graeco-Roman style, he developed the famous airplane spin and won more than eighty matches. Among his many titles, Mr. Krauser won the Baltic championship in the Bucharest Stadium before the King of Rumania and successfully competed in the first Maccabiah in Tel Aviv. He was hailed by the European Press as being scrupulously fair in the ring and devoted to his Jewish heritage.

When World War II threatened, Max Krauser came to the United States by way of Australia. Here he defeated such stalwarts as Ed (Strangler) Lewis, Jim Londos, Jack Sherry and Hans Steinke. His last wrestling demonstration was during World War II, as part of Jack Dempsey's physical fitness program. Since that time, Mr. Krauser has prospered in the business world.

Max met his wife, Margaret, while on a wrestling tour in Vienna. They were married in the United States and moved to Teaneck in 1951.

Lowell Zimmer, professor of music at New Jersey's Kean College where he coordinates the music therapy program and directs the woodwind division, is an outstanding special music consultant in education. Working throughout New Jersey, as well as in Teaneck, Mr. Zimmer is responsible for numerous curricula in teaching the handicapped. He has written many pedagogical texts on music instruction for the young and for the special child which have enjoyed wide circulation. A member of ASCAP, his original musical competitions have been performed publicly. Mr. Zimmer's most recent selection, "Yankee Cakewalk," written for woodwind ensemble and published by Joseph Boonin, also of Teaneck, was featured during a performance of the Teaneck Community Band[1] during its 1976 summer concert season. He and his wife, Joy, moved to Teaneck in 1967.

Rudolph and Irene Bloch are veterans of the 1948 War of Liberation in Israel and have lived in Teaneck for the past 15 years.

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1) The Teaneck Community Band is only one of an infinite number of activities sponsored by the Teaneck Recreation Department and its superintendent, Richard Rodda. Since the department was founded in 1944 it has endeavored to satisfy the manifold recreational interests of Teaneck citizens, from pre-school age through the senior citizen division. Programs include a multitude of athletic instruction and tournaments, a summer theatre musical program for participation by the high school and college age population (started in 1967), a barber shop quartet, an adult theatre guild, a jazz ensemble, numerous exercise programs, ski trips to places nearby and as far away as Canada, special education recreation, camera, philately, chess and bridge clubs and summer playground programs.

The Teaneck Symphony Orchestra, organized under the aegis of the Recreation Department, was subsequently relegated to a group of Teaneck citizens who expanded it into the Bergen Symphony. It is now known as the highly successful Bergen Philharmonic Orchestra.

Irene Bloch grew up on a kibbutz, then pursued her studies in piano in New York. She has been the recipient of scholarships at Jerusalem's Academy of Music and New York's Julliard School of Music. A member of the faculty of Bergen Community College, she teaches piano and recorder privately and is the founder and co-director of early music workshops in Vermont and New Mexico. Mrs. Bloch is currently a doctoral candidate in musicology.

The Bloch's daughter, Tamar, who was born in Israel, is an accomplished pianist and composer. Many of her compositions have been publicly performed; she has given solo recitals as well as accompanying singers and dancers. Presently she is on the faculty of the Preparatory Division of the Peabody Conservatory.

Rudi Bloch holds a master's degree in physical therapy and was chief therapist at Mount Sinai and Hackensack Hospitals. In 1955 he coordinated Israel's first veterans rehabilitation center (the Chaim Weizmann Center at Tel Hashomer). He served as a medic for the Palmach Brigade from 1948-1949 under the command of such auspicious Israeli generals as Yitzhak Rabin.

Specializing in the rehabilitation of nursing home patients, Mr. Bloch participated in a research project for the rehabiliation of nursing homes sponsored by the National Institute of Health from 1958-1960. Today he is an active member of APTA and treats patients at the Teaneck Nursing Home.

Mr. Bloch is a champion skier as well. In 1936 he won the German Maccabiah championship; in 1940 he won the United States International Downhill Ski Jump, participating for the University of Wisconsin. During World War II, Rudi Bloch was a ski trooper and has been a senior member of the National Ski Patrol for the past 25 years. The Bloch's son, David, is an avid skier and has already been awarded several medals.

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After exploring the Jewish community's history and reviewing its status in contemporary Teaneck society, it is appropriate to speculate about its future.

In an article entitled "Jerseyans on the Move" which appeared in the New York Times New Jersey Weekly section on Sunday, June 20, 1976 the United States Census Bureau was quoted as estimating that a major migration of residents was under way from the eight northern New Jersey counties nearest Manhattan (to more rural areas in the state). Despite Bergen County's recent decades of rapid growth, Federal figures show a net loss of 22,600 residents in the four year period from July 1970 to July 1974. Bergen County's total population, according to the latest available official Federal figures, is 874,700.

State authorities are not in agreement with the Federal statistics. The New Jersey Department of Labor and Industry's findings show only a slight outward migration which is more than compensated for by the excess of births over deaths. Their figures indicate that Bergen County had a population of 911,800 in 1975, a net gain of 14,600 since the 1970 Federal census. The state attributes the discrepancy to different methods of computation. Which is correct? No one will know for certain until the next official census in 1980. These findings, while contradictory, suggest that Bergen County's population is relatively stable.

In 1969 the Bergen County YMHA sponsored a survey to determine the most densely populated area of Jewish concentration in the county, for the purpose of locating its new building. The survey showed an influx of Jewish population in Washington Township, Paramus, Fort Lee, Ridgewood and Fair Lawn. Although the Hackensack-Teaneck area exhibited no appreciable growth, it remained part of the county's largest concentration of the Jewish households (representing 27% of 26,000 families[1]). This survey, however, preceded the considerable growth of

1) In 1960 the number of Jewish families in the same Bergen County study area was placed at 20,000. (These surveys excluded Englewood, Englewood Cliffs and Tenafly.)

Teaneck's Orthodox community. Future population trends, both Jewish and non-Jewish, will probably depend largely on the nation's economy and the general condition of its eastern cities.

How do Teaneck's residents regard Teaneck? The results of a public opinion survey, conducted in the fall of 1975, sponsored by the Town Council, indicated that out of 300 persons interviewed, favorable attitudes outweighed unfavorable attitudes by a 15 - 1 to one margin. Opinions expressed about the town's fire, police and ambulance services, the public library[1], town maintenance, hospital and health services, as a place in which to raise children, and the overall quality of Teaneck public education were strongly positive.

Opinions elicited from those interviewed for this project were somewhat ambivalent. While some long-time residents expressed concern about Teaneck's transition into a complex, more densely populated, cosmopolitan suburb, others, like Clem and Ellie Kohlman[2], were genuinely pleased. More recent residents spoke with satisfaction about Teaneck's tempo, registered some complaints concerning various township issues, and, for the most part, were deeply committed.

Generations come together in Teaneck. Sidney and Bess Simon live in the same house they bought in 1947; their daughter and son-in-law Audrey and Edward Dorman, settled here in 1964. Mildred Srulovitz (Mrs. Harry) continues to occupy the residence that she and her late husband purchased in 1957; her daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Gary Schneeweis became Teaneck residents in 1974. Harry and Esther Zullow now reside once more in their first Teaneck home, which they selected in 1952; their daughter and son-in-law, Frances and Philip Friedman have owned the Zullow's second residence since 1970.

An impressive number of former residents continue to maintain memberships in our organizations and/or congregations and are frequent visitors. Among the many are David and Eleanor Rukin, of Saddle River; Jules and Evelyn Casser, of Hackensack; Max and Pearlann Marco, of Fort Lee.

What is special about Teaneck? The purpose of this Bicentennial project is to portray the individuality and vitality of this multi-ethnic, multi-denominational and multi-racial township and to illustrate the sensational dynamism and productivity of its Jewish community — a combination found all too infrequently in our country and throughout the world.

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1) The Teaneck Public Library is an important institution in the community. It offers its services to all residents — the very young and the elderly, the student and the teacher, the working person and the professional, the handicapped and the housebound.

Its highly trained professional staff of 12 librarians, under the direction of Olive Tamborelle, provides reference and research service in all areas of learning in the reference room and over the phone; conducts story periods for per-school and school age children; provides activities and excursions for senior citizens and coodinates outstanding lecture, movie and concert programs, as well as unique exhibits, for the general public.

At its inception in the 1930's, when it was established by Mrs. A.M. (Louise) Jordan on her sun porch at her Larch Avenue residence, the library featured a rental collection borrowed from the state. Today it offers its patrons extensive resources, housing thousands of books, magazines, newspapers, records, tapes, cassettes and framed pictures. Reciprocal borrowing arrangements exist with seven neighboring libraries. One of the major highlights of the Bicentennial year in Teaneck was the formulation of plans and the raising of funds for a new library building to be erected in 1977.

2) Clem and Ellie Kohlman have lived in Teaneck since 1947. Mrs. Kohlman's parents, Benjamin and Caroline Lerner, resided here briefly in 1936 and then returned to Ridgefield Park, where Clem Kohlman was also raised. The Kohlmans, who were active in several civic organizations, were members of the Bergen County Reform Temple (now Temple Emeth). Mrs. Kohlman still participates in Hadassah. The Kohlmans share vivid memories of the sometimes unpleasant conditions to which early Bergen County Jewry was subjected.

Chapter 12

An Album of Teaneck Participation in International Jewish Causes . . .

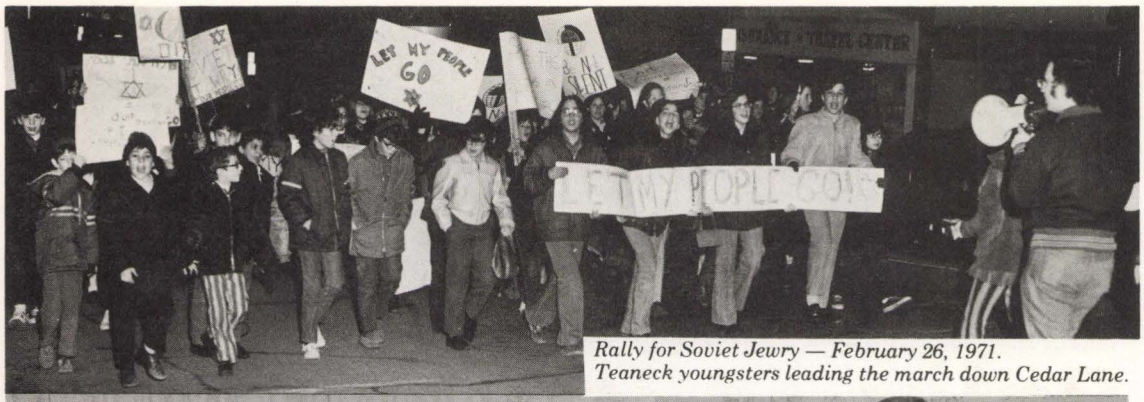
As Teaneck's Jewish residents increased in number, they devoted their boundless energies, initiative, and philanthropic instincts to the establishment of six congregations and innumerable organizations. Participation on the county level attracted their enthusiasm and extraordinary ability as well, and such associations as the YMHA and Jewish Federation of Community Services continue to benefit from their resourcefulness and generosity. Once their local and regional affiliations were securely established, Teaneck Jews, often in cooperation with other communities and/or their non-Jewish friends, expanded their horizons to include assistance for Israel and Jews in other areas of the world. The following chapter is a pictorial history of many of their efforts on behalf of international Jewry.

N.Y. DAILY NEWS — 2/7/73

They Speak For Jews Of Russia

Robert Levine from Congregation Beth Shalom — Beth Levine

← Dressed in traditional prison garb, high school students eat "horror meal" of hard bread and water — the kind they say is served to Jewish prisoners in Soviet jails — near the Isaiah wall across from the UN. Mayor Promyslov canceled UN tea.



Rally for Soviet Jewry — February 26, 1971.
Teaneck youngsters leading the march down Cedar Lane.

Rally for Soviet Jewry in New Jersey — Feb. 26, 1971.
Standing: (Left to Right) Isaac McNatt, Matthew Feldman, Rabbi Isaac Swift, Sister Rose Thering, Senator Harrison Williams, Rabbi Larry Kaplan, Rabbi Judah Washer, Senator Henry Helstoski. Seated: Rabbi Aryeh Gottlieb, Rabbi Saperstein, —.

IN THE VANGUARD — Leaders of the 61-organization strong Bergen County contingent shown as they prepared to march in Sunday's Solidarity Day parade

SOLIDARITY DAY

STANDARD — 5/3/74

200,000 March on 5th Ave. To Support Soviet Jews

BY DAVID FRIEDMAN

NEW YORK (JTA) — An estimated 200,000 Jews from the New York Metropolitan area showed their support of Soviet Jews seeking emigration by marching down Fifth Avenue in the annual Solidarity Day Freedom March, Sunday. Thousands lined the streets under sunny skies to watch as the marchers of all ages, but predominantly young, filed by carrying such signs as, "They Can Stop Soviet Jews E... Street.

Conference chairman, presided at the rally.

Among the marchers were 40 prominent Jewish and Christian clergymen representing Soviet prisoners of conscience; academicians in caps and gowns showing support for their beleaguered colleagues in the USSR; youths in prison garb and a huge float depicting a Soviet labor camp tower.

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THE MARCH

PRINCIPALS AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS
Gathered at the Fairleigh Dickinson Field House before the walkathon in Bergen County on behalf of the freedom of Soviet Jewry (l to r) Councilman Jerry Jersch, Englewood; Councilman Martin Kramer, Teaneck; Andy Maguire, Mayor Eleanor Kieliszek, Teaneck; Senator Raymond Garramone, Senator Matthew Feldman, Al Robison, Councilman Arthur V. Gallagher, Bergenfield; Congressman William Widnall, Aaron Wine, chairman Bergen County, Conference on Soviet Jewry, James Grossman, Tenafly; Assemblyman Byron Baer, Bergen County Police Chief Arthur Abrams. Not shown Assemblyman Albert Burstein

STANDARD — Nov. 1, 1974

STANDARD — 4/27/73

Bergen Jews Salute Israel

Unprecedented, Massive Month-Long Observance By Entire Community

THE JEWISH STANDARD JUNE 8, 1973

Bergen Celebrates Anniversary With Dancing In The Streets

They danced the Hora on Sunday, in the normally staid courthouse area of Hackensack, renamed Israel Square for Bergen outdoor celebration of Michael J. D'Arminio, Mayor of Hackensack; Matthew Feldman, Chairman of the Jewish Federation United Jewish Appeal Committee and former State

abloom with fruit and flower. Israel has given new life to the land, has created democracy afresh, has welded together a diversity of nationalities into a

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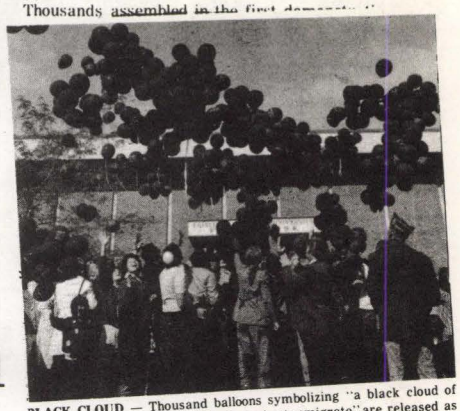
Rally To Israel's Side

TEANECK RESPONDS — Part of the more than 2,000 who assembled in Teaneck Jewish Community Center to contribute more than $1,000,000 to Israel's cause following a stirring invocation by Rabbi Judah Washer and impassioned pleas by Matthew Feldman and Jules Edelman.

Hudson, Bergen Mass Assemblies Pour In Support

A tremendous outpouring of concrete support for Israel was recorded in rallies of Jewry in Hudson and Bergen Counties on the heels of the outbreak of the Yom Kippur War.

Thousands assembled in the first demonstration



BLACK CLOUD — Thousand balloons symbolizing "a black cloud of hopelessness engulfing Soviet Jews trying to emigrate" are released as a prelude to this Sunday's Bergen County Walkathon.

1974 — JEWISH STANDARD — 5/24/74

Pressure Arabs, protesters deman

PROTEST MA'ALOT — 500 Bergen County Jews who maintained an all-night vigil at the United Nations on

STANDARD — 10/18/75

STARTS IN TEANECK

Bergen Soviet Jewry Walkathon Gets Under Way Sunday at 9

The Bergen County Soviet Jewry Walkathon gets under way at 9 A.M., Sunday, at the Field House of Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck.

Participating leaders will include Senate Majority Leader Matthew Feldman, Teaneck County Conference on Soviet Jewry), was completed last Sunday. Morris Stillman, chairman of the Walkathon, assisted by Seymour Berkowitz, carried out the program.

As a special gesture, each organization president or officer

November 18, 1974 75 cents ®

Newsweek

What We Do Now?

David Graeme Baker—Sipa; Robert R. McElroy—Newsweek

Arafat and anti-PLO demonstration: The tightest security precautions in U.N. history
Arrow points to Jack Fruchtman of B'nai Yeshurun.

Arafat at the Storm Center

THE JEWISH STANDARD April 2, 1976 Page 14

PLAN FOR SOLIDARITY SUNDAY

Bergenites For Soviet Jewry Announce Markman Schedule

Bergen County Conference on Soviet Jewry, through its chairman, Aaron Wine, announces the following partial schedule of talks by Vladimir Markman, former Soviet prisoner of conscience:

Today — Press conference with Congressman Andrew Maguire, Ridgewood Public Library, 3 P.M.

Saturday — Teaneck Jewish Community Center at morning services.

Sunday, 9:45 A.M., Temple Emanuel, Westwood; noon, UJA workers training seminar, Fort Lee Jewish Center.

Nov. 1, 1974
STANDARD

1,000 Bergenites Participate

Chapter 13

Teaneck's Hebrew Congregations

Teaneck's six synagogues stand as testimony to the diversity, capacity and determination of its Jewish community. Although the town's early Jewish families demonstrated their belief in Teaneck's potential by stepping forward to identify and to organize its first congregation, they could not have anticipated the far-reaching results of their efforts.

The following chapter is devoted to the histories of each house of worship, submitted by one of its congregants, and includes its many facets and vast selection of activities. They are arranged in chronological order and are preceded by biographies and Bicentennial messages from their spiritual leaders . . .

1972 • *Rabbis Judah Washer (Jewish Community Center), Aaron Opher (Congregation Beth Am), Barry Schaeffer (Congregation Beth Sholom), Macy Gordon (Congregation B'nai Yeshurun), and Louis Sigel (Temple Emeth). Rabbis Stanley Gerstein (Congregation Beth Am) and Stanley Fass (Congregation Beth Aaron) did not assume their respective pulpits until later.*

Teaneck Jewish Community Center

THE BICENTENNIAL

The Jewish Community Center of Teaneck is pleased to extend hearty congratulations to the American community on the occasion of its Bicentennial anniversary.

In the history of world civilization, America is, comparatively speaking, a young country. It is highly significant that the last two decades have witnessed a proliferation of newly independent countries. America's own experience in attaining independence, is responsible in great measure for supplying the motivation for this outreach toward national self-expression.

The Bicentennial is an appropriate moment for national reassessment and self appraisal.

While the Industrial Revolution was spawned on the European continent, it was in America that it received its greatest impetus. Per capita earnings in America are the highest in the world. Public school and higher education opportunities are greater than in any other country. Public libraries, cultural institutions and research centers are unequalled in other lands.

The drive against sweatshops, child labor and other early labor practices, received greatest public support here in America and led to the implementation of Federal laws governing these areas.

The dream of civil rights, though not completely, has been largely realized. Other areas of the world are still struggling with the problems of human rights, human dignity and equal opportunities.

With all these legitimate accomplishments to our credit, we find ourselves somewhat anxious over some of the underlying fundamentals of present American life. Our national moral fiber has become loosened and we seem to be uncertain about our national direction. Selfishness and dishonesty are widespread in official, government and corporate life. The pioneering spirit of our founding fathers has been replaced by a rather ignoble crass motif. Too many of us stress rights and overlook responsibilities.

Are these ills part of the growing pains of a maturing nation? I believe America is far too great to experience a decline in world influence. The Land that opened its arms to the tired and the weak of the world has too much good still to realize, to allow itself to waste away.

America is still the Land of beautiful ideals and its real dream and vision is yet to be realized.

Dr. Judah Washer, Rabbi

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Rabbi Judah and Helyne Washer and their family were invited to Teaneck in February 1953[1] from Toronto, Canada, when Rabbi Washer was appointed the spiritual leader of the Jewish Community Center. Teaneck's first (and largest) Jewish congregation selected as its rabbi, a man of vast professional experience with an excellent educational background. Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, Rabbi Washer was graduated from Yeshiva College, attended the Graduate School for Jewish Social Work, and received his ordination from Yeshiva University. He was awarded his Ph.D. degree by the University of Pittsburgh. Helyne Bass Washer is the daughter of one of New York's prominent rabbis.

Their son Sid is associated with the New York Public Health Service and resides in New York with his family. The Washer's daughter, Dassa, (married to Dr. Howard Wang) lives in Paramus with her husband and children.

1) In 1953 the Jewish Community Center's membership was approximately 400 families.

Rabbi Washer occupies a prominent position in both the Jewish and civic communities of Teaneck. He introduced the system of *kashruth* supervision of food stores and caterers now current in Teaneck, which has been accepted by many other Bergen County congregations.

No matter how controversial the issue, such as religious observances and exhibitions in the public schools or the scheduling of extra-curricular school events on the Jewish Sabbath, Rabbi Washer is always present to explain the Jewish position and to bring understanding to the situation. It was for the purpose of uniting Teaneck's rapidly expanding Jewish population and establishing a common spokesman that he was instrumental in the formation of the town's Jewish Community Council.

A long-time supporter of Zionism and the State of Israel, Rabbi Washer has been honored for his efforts by the United Jewish Appeal, State of Israel Bonds, the Jewish National Fund and the Jewish War Veterans. He participated in the reorganization of the Teaneck JNF Chapter. A scholarship has been established in Rabbi Washer's name by Teaneck Friends of Yeshiva University.

During his term as president of the Bergen County Board of Rabbis, Rabbi Washer introduced the first and highly successful inter-denominational seminar on Israel. As president of the New Jersey Board of Rabbis, he worked closely with state-wide Protestant and Catholic religious leaders. Presently Rabbi Washer is a vice-president of the New York Board of Rabbis.

Rabbi Washer served on the boards of the Hackensack Family Counseling Service, the Jewish Welfare Fund of Bergen County, the T.B. Association and the Bergen County Red Cross. Together, with representatives of the Catholic and Protestant faiths, he conceived and implemented the Ecumenical service which introduced Teaneck's Bicentennial observance. One of Rabbi Washer's special interests at the Center is the adult courses and lecture series. His Saturday afternoon class has maintained an unbroken attendance record for the past twenty-three years. Since his arrival in Teaneck, Rabbi Washer has offered courses in Bible Study, Talmud, Jewish History and Literature, Jewish Mysticism, Jewish Law and Modern Questions and, for the past two years, a course on Death and Dying from the Jewish Viewpoint.

Rabbi Washer played a leading role in the establishment of the Englewood and Hackensack Hospital chapels and served as the volunteer Jewish chaplain at Bergen Pines Hospital and the Bergen County Correctional Institutions for many years. He has lectured to the nursing staffs of various hospitals and was chaplain of the Teaneck Police and Fire Departments and of the Bergen County Police Force.

Mrs. Washer is a member of the Teaneck chapters of Hadassah and the Mizrachi Women's Organization, and the Teaneck Section of the National Council of Jewish Women, at whose meetings and functions she is a most welcome and frequent participant. She has served as chairperson of Teaneck's Women's Division of UJA. During the formation of Horeynu, the Center's senior citizen organization, in 1953, Mrs. Washer coordinated the arts and crafts program. She has also conducted workshops relating to the maintainance of a Jewish home. In 1971, Mrs. Washer was honored at a luncheon given by the Center's Sisterhood for her invaluable support of its activities. A woodland in Israel was named in her honor by the Teaneck JNF Chapter at a special breakfast in 1976.

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The year is 1948. World War II is over and as the nation prepares for its first election in 16 years in which Franklin Delano Roosevelt is not a candidate, Teaneck's only Jewish congregation embarks upon its long delayed plans to construct a synagogue. The ground-breaking ceremonies for the Prince Street building of the Jewish Community Center marked a milestone for Teaneck. Although the congregation had been in existence since the High Holy Day services of 1933, its needs had never been adequately served by any of its previous homes. From Israel Doskow's art studio on Elm Avenue, to the People's Trust Company's upstairs offices on Palisade Avenue and Cedar Lane, to a store across from the municipal green, to the Masonic Hall (the former residence of Bernard and Minna Lippman, see Chapter 2) on Monterey Avenue, and to the former State

Troopers house on Queen Anne Road, the congregation had continued to move, attempting to find facilities to accommodate its steadily-increasing membership.

Factions within the synagogue were divided; some wanted to maintain the status quo and others wanted to erect a totally new structure. With all the force they could muster, this latter group attempted to persuade the others and to raise funds. It was no easy task. Led by Adolf Robison, men like Jack Siegel, I. Joseph Stein[1], Hal Marx, Dr. Morris Kleit, Dave Zurit, Henry J. Simon, president Fred Schneider, Gad Bernstein and several others, devoted countless hours and extraordinary effort to this endeavor.

Where should the synagogue be built? The obvious answer was the center of town, near the municipal green and its buildings.[2] How could they obtain the land? Through the help and friendship of a non-Jewish real estate broker[3], a parcel of land was discreetly purchased directly behind Town Hall. Architects were hired, plans were examined and a vast number of fund-raising activities were undertaken. Matters were complicated by the onset of World War II, which delayed construction plans because building materials were unobtainable.

After five years, on Sunday, May 9, 1948 the Teaneck Jewish Community Center held its long-awaited ground-breaking festivities. It was a gala occasion with Councilmen Walter Cummins, Dr. Cecil J. Haggerty and Henry Deissler present to extend congratulations from the municipal government. Rabbi Kalman Levitan of the Bergen County Reform Temple pledged the cooperation of his congregants; Dr. Barnet Bookstaver was master of ceremonies and Rabbi Samuel Geffen, the spiritual leader, addressed the assemblage. Cantor Barry Schaeffer led the singing. A highlight of the day's activities was the presentation of an ancient Torah from Czechoslovakia by H.J. Birnbaum.

The cornerstone was laid on Sunday, October 17, 1948 before an audience of 400 persons. The honor of placing the stone was given to I. Joseph Stein and Adolf Robison. Municipal officials in attendance included Mayor Clarence Brett and Councilpersons Henry Deissler, Walter Cummins, Milton Votee and Assistant Township Manager James Walsh. The Board of Education was represented by Supervising Principal Dr. Lester Neulen, Teaneck High School Principal Charles Steel and Washington Irving School Principal Robert Harris. Rabbi Ario Hyams was now the Center's spiritual leader with Barry Schaeffer continuing as *chazzan*. Dr. Barnet Bookstaver delivered the invocation.

The building, which cost $150,000, was dedicated on June 5, 1949; ceremonies for the day were arranged by Dr. Morris Kleit. The keys to the synagogue were presented to President Fred

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1) I. (Isadore) Joseph and Hilda H. Stein moved to Teaneck in 1940 from Jersey City. Here they found a small, vibrant Jewish population whose social life revolved around the Jewish Community Center (then meeting at the Queen Anne Road synagogue). The Steins became strongly identified with and committed to the congregation which, Mrs. Stein remembers, in spite of limited physical facilities, provided its membership with intellectually and culturally stimulating programs (often held in members' homes).

Mr. Stein, a real estate attorney, was not only instrumental in obtaining the land on which the Prince Street building was erected, but worked indefatigably in supervising and raising funds for its construction. Hall and Meslin, two of his clients, were selected as the synagogue's builders. The architects were Beach and Hess. Joseph Stein was chairperson of the Jewish Community Center Board of Trustees and Teaneck's first State of Israel Bonds chairperson. He held both positions for several years and provided responsive and creative leadership, bringing many Israeli dignitaries to Teaneck. He passed away in 1969.

Hilda H. Stein, highly regarded by today's Teaneck Jewish community, remains an active and valued participant in several organizations. A past president of the Center's Sisterhood (1944-1946) and of Hadassah (1952-1954), she was also responsible for writing the Sisterhood and the Bergen County Section of National Council of Jewish Women's Bulletins for many years. Mrs. Stein was chairperson of the county's first State of Israel Bond Women's Division function in 1960, at which Bess Meyerson moderated an Israeli fashion show. She was co-chairperson, with Rose Nowack and Florence Strickler, of one of the earliest Teaneck UJA Women's Division luncheons. Mrs. Stein recalls how diligently all participants worked, lacking the assistance of a professional staff. She was equally devoted to PTA, Red Cross, Community Chest and the Douglass College Alumnae Association. A familiar figure at Jewish functions, her presence always lends stature to the occasion. She continues to reside in Teaneck.

2) Because of the location selected, it was decided that the synagogue's appearance should conform to the style of architecture of the neighboring municipal structures.

3) The broker returned his commission to the congregation.

Schneider[1] by Construction Committee Chairperson I. Joseph Stein and committee members Harold Marx, Gad Bernstein and Jack Siegel. Mayor Brett, Supervising Principal Neulen and the United Synagogue of America National Educational Director Dr. Abraham E. Millgram, were invited to speak before the large audience. The day ended with a reception and dance in the evening, under the direction of Moe Jaffe[2].

Although Teaneck's first Jewish congregation now had a sanctuary that accommodated 200 people (and could be enlarged for High Holy Day services to seat 500), a social hall that permitted 450 attendees, full stage facilities and nine classrooms, these quarters proved inadequate almost immediately. The membership rosters were rocketing beyond anyone's anticipation. It was a period of unprecedented growth for Teaneck's Jewish community. While an increasing number of Jewish organizations were being formed throughout the town, plans for another building at the Jewish Community Center (one that would include youth, health and athletic facilties with a swimming pool, as well as a large auditorium and sanctuary) were formulated.[3]

Ground-breaking ceremonies for the Sterling Place building took place on May 17, 1953, nine days before the official installation of Rabbi Judah Washer as spiritual leader. Harry Freilich was now *chazzan,* succeeding Barry Schaeffer who had become rabbi of another Teaneck Conservative synagogue, Congregation Beth Sholom. Construction Committee chairpersons Irving Marron and Leo Goodman, with President Louis Stein[4], received the honor of placing the cornerstone.

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1) When Fred and Estelle Schneider came to Teaneck in 1943 from Monmouth County, Teaneck gained two inestimable assets. They provided the Jewish community with outstanding leadership and the township with exemplary participation.

Mr. Schneider was president of the Jewish Community Center when the congregation dramatically increased its membership and dedicated the cornerstone of its Prince Street building; he worked unstintingly for the building's construction. A lifetime trustee of the congregation, he has served it in almost every capacity.

Fred Schneider's long and impressive list of commitments include serving as Teaneck UJA chairperson (he succeeded Herman B. Levine in 1944 and occupied the position for eight years); member of the board of the Bergen County YMHA, and chairperson of Teaneck's Community Chest campaign. He was a founder and charter member of the local B'nai B'rith lodge and a charter member and past president of the Jewish Welfare Council (renamed the Jewish Federation of Community Services, Bergen County). Mr. Schneider continued his active roles at the Jewish Community Center and UJA. He was the first recipient of the Teaneck JWV's Man of the Year award.

Estelle Schneider was an enthusiastic member of the Center's Sisterhood and NCJW, where she served as an officer for many years. In 1957 she was certified by the Library of Congress as a Braille transcriber. Since then, she has transcribed many high school and college textbooks and helped establish a free Braille greeting card service, which Mrs. Schneider maintains up to the present day. She worked tirelessly for the Red Cross, Bundles for Britain, in resettling World War II refugees, and was a co-founder of the Golden Age Group in Hackensack. Mrs. Schneider initiated what has become an indispensable institution, the Jewish Community Calendar, and served as co-chairperson of the Women's Division of UJA with Bessie Stein and Muriel Marcus. It is with sincere appreciation that the community recounts the Schneiders' many achievements. As of July 1976, they have made Florida their permanent residence.

2) Moe Jaffe, reknowned composer of such all-time favorite American popular songs as "Bell Bottom Trousers," "I'm My Own Grandpa," "Collegiate," "If I Had My Life To Live Over," "If You Are But A Dream," "Gypsy In My Soul" and many more, came to Teaneck in 1947 with his wife, Gladys. A graduate of the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce and the University of Pennsylvania Law School, Mr. Jaffe never practiced law. While attending classes, he wrote school shows and was the leader of his own dance band which played at school and fraternity functions (as well as professionally). After graduation Mr. Jaffe entered the fields of music publishing, recording, composing and performing, and achieved celebrity status. The Jaffes were recommended to Teaneck by Irving and Selma Shavitz. They bought the home of one of the members of his band who had preceded them as Teaneck residents.

Moe and Gladys Jaffe were deeply committed to the Jewish Community Center and to Teaneck's Jewish organizations. Despite the heavy demands imposed by his professional career, Mr. Jaffe spent much of his time and energy producing and directing the Center's musicals; in 1949 he even composed a special "Center Song." Moe Jaffe could always be relied upon to participate in UJA and State of Israel Bond campaigns; he was a past president of the Center's Men's Club. Mr. Jaffe died in 1972. Mrs. Jaffe was president of the Sisterhood (1951-1953) and helped to establish the Center's Horeynu organization. She has been an ardent supporter of Hadassah and continues to reside in Teaneck.

3) The Sterling Place building also contains the Herman B. Levine Library and the Feldman Chapel for daily worship.

4) Louis and Bessie Stein, who now live in Miami Beach, Florida and Ventnor City, moved to Teaneck from Fort Lee in 1945. During the many years they resided in town, Mr. Stein, formerly president and then chairperson of the board of directors of the Food Fair Supermarket chain, played dominant roles at the Jewish Community Center and in UJA drives. He served as president of the Center, was a driving force in the raising of funds for the Sterling Place building and worked as UJA chairperson of the Teaneck campaign.

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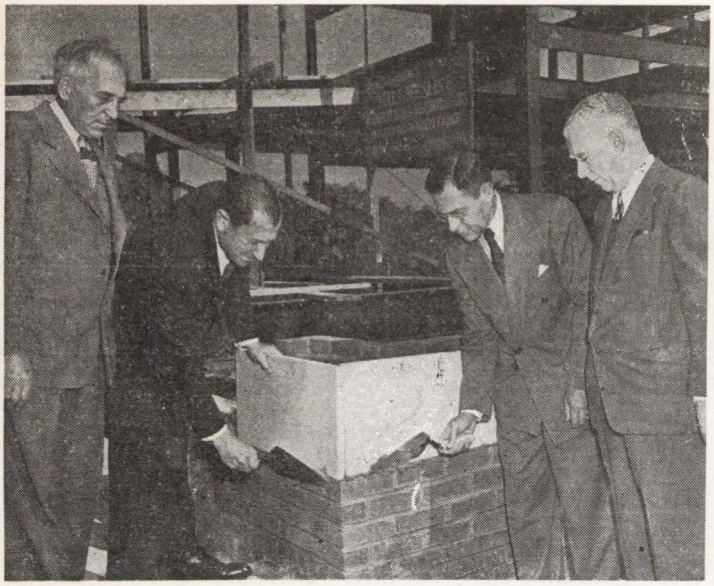
CORNERSTONE OF $225,000 JEWISH CENTER



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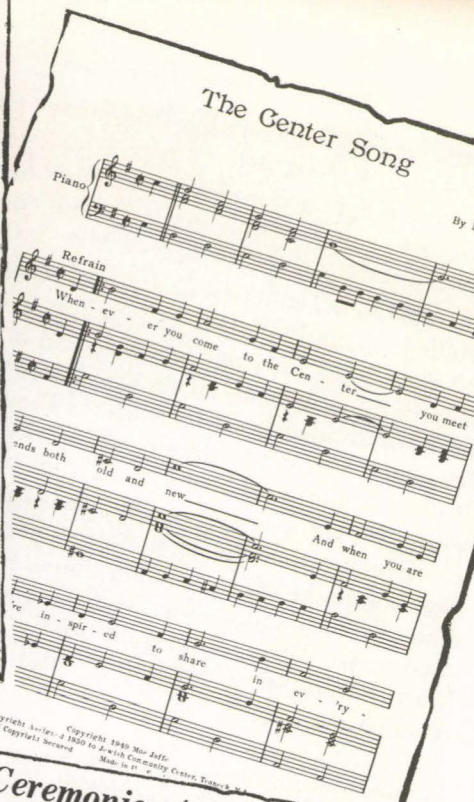
Dr. Barnett Bookstaver, Teaneck Health officer, and Fred Schneider, look on as J. Joseph Stein, building chairman, and Adolf Robison apply cement to the cornerstone of the new $225,000 Jewish Community Center, on Prince Street, Cedar Lane, Teaneck, yesterday. Ceremonies at the Center followed a workers' breakfast at the Hackensack Y. M. H. A.



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400 Attend Ceremonies At Cornerstone Of Jewish Community Center Building

The cornerstone for the new Teaneck Jewish Community Center was laid yesterday at an impressive ceremony before 400 persons. The stone was laid by I. Joseph Stein, chairman of the building committee for the new center and Adolph Robinson, a member of the building committee, while Dr. Barnett S. Bookstaver, medical director of Teaneck, and Fred Schneider, president of the center, stood in attendance.

Presidents of all the Center's organizations, turned over to Cantor Barry Schaeffer a list of all members of their organization. The lists were placed inside the cornerstone as well as a Bible which was turned over by Cantor Schaeffer.

The stone contained the names of members of the Center, the Sisterhood to the Center; the Zionist Organization of America; Hadassah Organization; Boy Scout [illegible]

tan of the Reformed Temple of Bergen County, who could not attend.

"We have attained a goal whereby we have been relieved of throwing ourselves from pillar to post", Dr. Bookstaver said, "and we now have attained a permanent home wherein all the activities pertaining to Jewish life and religion can proceed without any difficulties. It is my aim and purpose, as a founder of the institute, in appealing to you as Jews of Teaneck, not to let this beautiful edifice stand idly by without your partaking of its religious services and other functions pertaining to your faith."

TOWN OFFICIALS SPEAK

Dr. Bookstaver introduced President Schneider and guest speakers, Mayor Clarence [illegible]

supervising principal of the Board of Education; Charles Steel, principal of the High School, and Robert Harris, principal of School 1.

Mayor Brett expressed how proud he was to have such a beautiful building in Teaneck. All the speakers congratulated the Jews of Teaneck in obtaining their purpose of having permanent quarters for their use.

Rabbi Ario Hyams, final speaker, encouraged the members to use the building for prayer, repentance and righteousness and not to fall to support the institution once it is occupied.

Benediction was led by Rabbi Hyams and the singing of the Star Spangled Banner and Hatikvah, the national anthem of the [illegible]

Dedication ceremonies of the Sterling Place Building. Left to right: Louis Stein, Rabbi Judah Washer, President Matthew Feldman, the late Albert Zorn, the late Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg of Temple Emeth, (at podium), Al Robison and Fred Schneider. — October 5, 1956

The Yom Kippur Dance at the center brought out the usual full house for dancing, refreshments, and fun.

The dedication of the Jewish Community Center's Sterling Place building. — October 5, 1956.

AN INTERFAITH FIRST — Members of religious community meet to discuss common problems. The panel discussion, conducted for 82 religious and lay teachers yesterday in Teaneck, explored the problem of moral law as absolute or relative. Panelists, from left, are: the Rev. Clement Birkelback and the Rev. Harold Van Oort, standing, both of the Community Church; the Rev. Francis Blum, St. Anastasia's R.C. Church; the Rev. Kenneth Moore, St. Joseph's R.C. Church in Demarest; and Rabbi Judah Washer, Jewish Community Center.

Jewish Community Center Choir Rehearsal — Left to right — Hilda Stein, Ben Lubitz, Elaine Schraier, Bernard Nowack, Gertrude Dicker, Eleanor Thess, Bernice Troup, Idelle Schaeffer (at piano), Helen Bloom and Leon Schwartz — 1951.

The Honorable Itchak Rabin, Israeli Ambassador to the United States, appearing as a guest speaker at the Jewish Community Center Adult Education Series.

A CHILDREN'S NURSERY has been formed at the Teaneck Jewish Center, increasing the Center's services from pre-kindergartners to senior citizens. Busily engaged under the watchful eye of Rabbi Judah Washer are Joel Aush, 3, Laurie Ludmer, 4, Jay Poskanza, 3, Stayce Rothbard, 3, and Miles Koenigsberg, 3.

Dedication of the one million dollar Sterling Place building on October 5, 1956 a splendid affair that featured many local and state-wide dignitaries, was led by President Matthew Feldman. Musical renditions, conducted by Cantor Freilich, were offered by the adult and childrens' choirs; Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg of Temple Emeth, and Rabbi Barry Schaeffer of Congregation Beth Sholom also participated. The Teaneck Jewish Community Center's membership would soon reach an all-time high of 1287 families; as an affiliate of the United Synagogue of America, it currently lists 1125 member families. Beautiful works of art embellish the premises and grounds, including five unique stained glass windows in the sanctuary; the sculpture "Jacob's Dream" by Erna Weill, and a welded metal work *"Netzach Yisrael"* by Janet Indick (see Chapter 11). A permanent exhibit of Judaica, either owned by the Center or loaned by Center members, is on display in the lobby. Other works of art by Center members are on view throughout the building.

The first building, erected on Prince Street, now houses the Mannie Weiss Auditorium[1]; the Sadie Leight Nursery School, started by Janet Indick in 1966; the *Talmud Torah* and the Irving Shavitz Hebrew High School (see Chapter on Horeynu); and the recently established Solomon Schechter Day School (see Chapter on the Solomon Schechter Day School).[2] The Center is headed by Rabbi Judah Washer, spiritual leader, who is assisted by Rabbi Anthony Glickman, assistant rabbi and principal and director of youth activities[3], Cantor David Osen and Executive Director Morris Berger[4].

The Center offers a wide assortment of youth activities and clubs for young people that range from arts and crafts, dancing, and baton twirling, to self-defense classes and life-saving courses. Children are divided into three categories, five to nine age group, 4th to 9th grade clubs and the Kadimah Club, which precedes membership in the United Synagogue Youth (USY). USY is co-ed and has ninety members.

The *Tallis* and *Tefillin* Club, a program for post Bar Mitzvah boys, offers services, breakfast, gym, swim and sauna sessions on Sunday mornings. The youth service arm of Sisterhood is Junior Sisterhood, a group that furnishes club leaders and serves at various functions. It was started in 1956.

A full holiday program of activities is offered throughout the year to all young members of the Center; get-togethers for college students are held during school vacations.

For the past ten years, scholarships have been available for the Talmud Torah and the Center Summer Day Camp, augmented by several annual scholarships to Camp Ramah.

Young people are encouraged to attend Shabbat services. The junior congregation is divided into two age groups — eight to twelve years of age and high school age. An innovation of this past year was the successful "shul-in" weekend, which combined attendance at services with gym,

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1) Mannie Weiss, prominent businessman and philanthropist, played a significant role in community efforts on behalf of the Bergen County YMHA, UJA and State of Israel Bond campaigns. Before he moved to Florida, where his daughter, Helene, currently resides, he was honored in 1966 by the Teaneck Friends of Yeshiva University, on behalf of the Rabbi Judah Washer Scholarship Fund. Mr. Weiss is deceased.

2) Nursery school enrollment stands at 36 children; *Talmud Torah* and Hebrew high school combined registration is 275.

3) Rabbi Glickman's predecessors were Jack Weinstein (1950-1954), Mortimer Blum (1954-1956), David Bloom (1956-1973) and Rabbi Martin Sofer (1972-1973).

4) In 1953 Morris Berger moved from Toledo, Ohio, with his wife, Ada, to become the executive secretary of the Teaneck Jewish Community Center. Prior to his appointment, he served the Jewish Community Center of Toledo in the same office. Involved in every aspect of Center activity, Mr. Berger has become closely identified with the institution.

When the Bergers first came to Teaneck, the Center boasted a membership of 400 families and conducted its services in the Prince Street building. Facilities were limited; while soccer and kickball could be accommodated in the Weiss auditorium, school gymnasiums were rented for basketball games. The youth lounge, now the Sadie Leight Nursery School, was donated by Sisterhood. The Men's Club, responsible for the annual dinner-dance, worked unceasingly to raise funds for construction of the Sterling Street building. Despite the relatively small quarters, however, Center activities flourished; everything from ballet and social dancing to horseback riding and boxing were offered to the membership.

A former member of the Teaneck Youth Guidance Council, the City Club, the Jewish War Veterans, B'nai B'rith and ZOA, Mr. Berger has had little time for activities unrelated to the Center. He has enjoyed partaking in the synagogue's multifaceted development and contributing his expertise.

The Bergers continue to reside in Teaneck.

social and cultural activities in an overnight program.[1]

Four major adult organizations that cater to the needs of its members are Sisterhood, Men's Club, Young Marrieds Club and Horeynu, the senior citizens group (see Chapter on Horeynu). Sisterhood, in existence since 1933, was established concurrently with the congregation; Fannie Feinstein served as its first president. Affiliated with the National Women's League of the United Synagogue of America, it has over 400 members and works to further the religious, educational and spiritual values of congregational life. Sisterhood advises and supports Center youth programs and Talmud Torah activities, as well as those of Horeynu. In cooperation with the Jewish Braille Institute, in 1956 it was the first organization in Teaneck to transcribe books and communicate in Braille with blind people all over the world. Members became so proficient, that they served as instructors to other groups within the county. Sisterhood members perform a multitude of services for the congregation and conduct their own fund raising, social action, intellectual and physical activities.

The objectives of Men's Club have been to promote the interests of the Jewish Community Center, to sponsor social and cultural activities, to broaden its members' knowledge and appreciation of their Jewish heritage and to further youth activities. The originators of the Center's annual dinner-dance and the highly professional Center musical productions[2], the Men's

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1) Stanley and Mollie Fisch came to Teaneck in 1958 as a result of Mr. Fisch's teaching position at the Jewish Community Center's Hebrew School (1952-1970). His sister, Paula Fisch Pernikoff, had preceded him as an instructor; later Mrs. Fisch joined the faculty (1959-1962). *Talmud Torah* teaching at this time was a full-time position because of the necessity for split sessions at the high school (the two junior high schools had not yet been constructed).

In addition to his teaching responsibilities, Mr. Fisch served as a USY faculty advisor, supervising the many weekly activities and chaperoning its weekends away and socials held throughout the county. The socials were fund raising events and on one occasion the youngsters used these funds to purchase a silver breast plate for a new *Sefer Torah,* (donated by Horeynu). For two consecutive years, 1959-1960, the Center's USY group, which had grown from 9 to more than 90 members, hosted statewide conventions. Mr. Fisch recounts with pride that many of his youngsters served on the regional and national levels of the organization and often were selected as study group leaders during the annual conventions.

Mr. and Mrs. Fisch refer affectionately to Sadie Leight, whom they had the pleasure of knowing while working at the Center:

> "She was a grandmother to all the students, loving each and every one of them. She took all new teachers under her wing and kept them motivated. Mrs. Leight had tremendous insight into the Jewish community and people; she knew what was good for them and how to go about getting it. She was a superb catalyst."

Mr. Fisch, along with Hebrew School Principal David Bloom and Mr. Judah Ebstein, was instrumental in having Hebrew added to the Teaneck High School curriculum, an effort that required three years before reaching fruition. He later served as an advisor in the formation of the high school's Jewish Studies course, once it was accepted by the Board of Education.

Currently Mr. Fisch is a charter member and an active participant of Congregation Beth Aaron. He served as its first *gabbai* and is presently chairperson of the Religious Committee. He and Mrs. Fisch presently teach at Congregation Beth Am's Hebrew School. Mollie Fisch is chairperson of the Beth Aaron *Kiddush* Committee. She teaches pharmacology at the Holy Name Hospital Nurses' School and at Bergen Community College, and is a staff pharmacist at Holy Name Hospital. Mrs. Fisch offers her services through Teaneck's OCT (Operation Community Talent) to lecture on drug addiction and career awareness.

Mr. Fisch has served on the township's Youth Guidance Council and on the national level of the Jewish Committee for Scouting. In Bergen County, he serves as the Jewish Scouts' *Ner Tamid* advisor and counsellor for the *Ivrit* patch. In 1973 he accompanied American Boy Scouts to France and to Israel for the International Silver Scouting Jamboree. Mr. Fisch is the only New Jersey adult to have earned the *Ner Tamid* award (given in recognition of his completion of an extensive historical and languge study program). Recently he was awarded Scouting's *Shofar* citation. Mr. and Mrs. Fisch are founding members of the Bergen County Chug Ivri and Chug Tanach organizations, both of which started in Teaneck and grew to encompass other parts of the county. They still reside in Teaneck.

2) Chuck Goldstein, a member of the famous vocal group, the Modernnaires, moved to Teaneck in 1943 with his wife, Ruth. Although his career preempted much of his time and required him to travel extensively, he was an enthusiastic member of the community and gave generously of his talent. Mr. Goldstein organized the Jewish Community Center's first Boy Scout troop and remained actively involved with the organization for many years. He and the popular song writer Moe Jaffe produced and directed the Center's legendary musical productions which were often written by Phil and Helen Bloom. Mrs. Goldstein recalls the dedication of cast and crew members, such as Marty Protel, Jack Rutt, Carey Cohen, Bea Kramer, Bob Synes and Bernie Knee who participated annually. Both Chuck and Ruth Goldstein were ardent supporters of B'nai B'rith and devoted time and talent to its many programs.

During his career with the Modernnaires, a group consisting of three school chums from Buffalo, Chuck Goldstein appeared with the Paul Whiteman and Glen Miller bands. Because of his association with Mr. Miller, he assisted author George Simon in researching the band leader's biography. (Both Mr. and Mrs. Goldstein are mentioned throughout the book.) Chuck Goldstein was featured in several Hollywood movies; one of his most famous, "Orchestra

Club numbers approximately 350 members. It jointly sponsors winter weekends, the New Year's Eve party, adult lecture series[1] and additional special functions with Sisterhood and other branches of the Center. It is especially active in coordinating youth athletic events.

The Young Marrieds Club was organized in 1971 to encourage young Jewish newcomers in the community to meet and participate in social activities. From its charter membership of ten families, it has grown to 40 families who devote much of their time to raising funds for the Center, UJA and the Israel Emergency Fund. Currently, their membership is trying to donate its time and services to an old age or nursing home. Social activities revolve around square dances, progressive dinners, game nights, scavenger hunts and swim and gym program. A *Shalom* Committee welcomes new families in the warmth of home surroundings and at teas.

Zelda Levere

PRESIDENTS

Dr. J. Dewey Schwarz	Albert L. Zorn	David Goldman
Dr. Barnet Bookstaver	Louis Stein	Jules Edelman[3]
Philip Kaplan	Leonard Marcus	Sidney Roffman[4]
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Wives," starred Milton Berle and Jackie Gleason. Before his demise in 1974, he had an eminent career as a radio and television commercial producer. He was also the originator of many popular advertising jingles, such as "Use Ajax, the foaming cleanser . . ." It is interesting to note that throughout his professional life he never found it necessary or desirable to change his name, a custom popularly observed by the vast majority of people in show business during this era. The Goldsteins moved to Fort Lee in 1961. Mrs. Goldstein currently resides in Hackensack.

1) In more recent years the adult lecture series has been coordinated by a congregational committee, sponsored by the Ann and Adolf Robison Fund.

2) When Archie Struhl passed away in August 1976, the Teaneck Jewish Community Center mourned the death of one of its most dedicated supporters. Praised by leaders of the congregation for his many acts of charity and worthy endeavors, he is remembered as a former Center president, chairperson of the Teaneck Jewish Memorial Association, veteran member of the board, and assistant director (under Herman B. Levine) of the Hebrew School.

Prior to and since Archie and Betty Struhl's arrival in Teaneck from East Orange in 1949, Mr. Struhl was an active participant in the Yeshiva of Hudson County and the Jewish Hospital and Rehabilitation Center of New Jersey. He assisted in local UJA and State of Israel Bond campaigns and was a member of the Jewish Welfare Council (renamed the Jewish Federation of Community Services, Bergen County). His parents, the late Sarah and Morris Struhl, were pioneer Jewish residents of Jersey City and among the founders and supporters of the Yeshiva of Hudson County, Congregations Agudath Sholom and Ohab Shalom, the Hebrew Home, the Jersey City Hebrew Free Loan and Israel institutions.

Betty Struhl, who continues to live in Teaneck with two of their four children, served as a member of the Boards of Hadassah, NCJW and the Teaneck Jewish Community Center. She is a charter member of the Bergen County Chapter of the Brandeis University National Women's Committee, the Hudson County Hebrew Home and Hospital and is active in the Women's Division of the State of Israel Bonds.

3) The name of Jules Edelman is so prominent in Teaneck and New Jersey, that his roster of activities and philanthropies defies classification. Highly esteemed residents of Teaneck since 1955, Jules and Lola Edelman previously lived in East Paterson, Elmont, New York and the Bronx.

Mr. Edelman has been the recipient of the Bergen County YMHA Man of the Year award (1975); the Justice Louis Brandeis Humanitarian award from the New Jersey Zionist District (1975); New York Federation of Jewish Philanthropies (1971); Bergen County Chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews Brotherhood award

(1964), The Teaneck Schweiger-Dobrow JWV's Man of the Year award (1963), Teaneck State of Israel Bonds citation (1960), and the B'nai B'rith National Award of Merit (1961-62). He is past president of the Jewish Community Center; past chairperson of the Teaneck Community Chest campaign; a trustee of the Jewish Hospital and Rehabilitation Center of New Jersey; member of the National Board of Governors, State of Israel Bonds and the Israel Bonds Prime Minister Club; a director of the Cosmopolitan Young People's Symphony of New York, of JNF and ZOA; chairperson of the 1972 Teaneck UJA campaign; immediate past treasurer of the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of Northern New Jersey and a member of the Board of the Bergen County YMHA. He was instrumental in establishing the Solomon Schechter Day School and served as chairperson of the board during its formation. On March 7, 1976 Mr. Edelman received his most recent and well-deserved accolade at a special breakfast for the Lubavitch Youth Organization at the Jewish Community Center.

The Edelmans continue to reside in Teaneck.

4) Sidney and Ruth Roffman have been residents of Teaneck since 1946, when they left North Bergen, New Jersey. Mr. Roffman's family discovered Teaneck in 1905 when his father came here via the 125th Street Ferry to buy cattle from the Phelps farm.

Sidney Roffman, received a B.S. degree from City College of New York in 1934 and an LL.B degree from St. Lawrence Law School (renamed Brooklyn Law School) from where he was graduated Cum Laude in 1937. He has been a vigorous member of the Jewish Community Center; was chairperson of the Religious and Education Committees, a representative to the United Synagogue Council of America and congregation president (1967-1969). He is currently chairperson of the High Holy Day Honors Committee. A founder of the Solomon Schechter School, Mr. Roffman continues to serve as a member of that board and is that institution's first Scholarship Committee chairperson. He was an early participant in Fairleigh Dickinson University's Town and Gown Society and has been a member of American Jewish Congress for many years. Ruth Roffman, a former school teacher, was a member of the board of the Teaneck Chapter of Hadassah.

5) Howard and Marilyn Reinert have lived in Teaneck since 1954, when they moved from Forest Hills, New York. As zealous members of the Teaneck Jewish Community Center, the Reinerts have rendered exceptional and consistent leadership to the congregation and to Zionist causes.

Mr. Reinert is president of the Center, chaired its Education Committee for the past ten years and implemented many of its programs and social functions. He served as general chairperson of the local State of Israel Bond drives from 1958-1960 and she was chairperson of the Women's Division. In 1966 the Reinerts were the first American recipients of Israel's Prime Minister's medal. The award was presented by Mrs. Joan Comay, wife of Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, at a Dinner of Tribute at the Center.

Howard Reinert currently serves on the State of Israel Bonds Board of Governors. He has long been active in UJA and was general chairperson of the Teaneck campaign for two years (1971 and 1972). Marilyn Reinert frequently serves as Teaneck's UJA dinner chairperson.

On the civic level, the Reinerts have been concerned with PTA activities and municipal election campaigns, serving the general community with equal dedication.

6) When Major and Natalie Landau came to Teaneck in 1954 from Brooklyn, New York, Mr. Landau was returning to a familiar neighborhood; his parents, Jacob and Freda, had lived in Bogota since 1946, when they moved from Jersey City.

Major Landau has given inspiring service and leadership to the Jewish Community Center since he and his wife settled here. He was chairperson of the Athletic, Youth, Dinner-Dance and High Holy Day Donation Committees. As a past president of the Men's Club, he worked to make programs meaningful as well as entertaining, inviting outstanding speakers and performers. He remembers with particular satisfaction the father-daughter dances, Purim parties, musicals sponsored in conjunction with the Teaneck Schweiger-Dobrow JWV Post, and special interest forums. Mr. Landau serves as first vice-president of the congregation and is a member of its board of trustees. He is chairperson of the Center's Coordinating Committee, the body responsible for unifying the institution's manifold activities and which sponsors the Yom Kippur dance. One of the group's most significant functions was an all-day festival for Jewish persons in need at Chanukah in 1974. People were brought from local and distant places, such as Far Rockaway, and Teaneck High School students provided the entertainment. Major Landau was also active in the Cub Scout organization, the JWV, as an assistant Little League coach, and is an enthusiastic participant in UJA and State of Israel Bond campaigns. He was the recipient of the 1972 Jewish Federation of Community Services, Bergen County award.

Natalie Landau, a woman of exceptional ability and initiative, helped institute an evening section of Sisterhood for the Jewish Community Center which lasted several years and attracted women with young families. As the immediate past president of the regular Sisterhood organization, she participated in implementing many of its well-attended programs, such as book reviews given by prominent individuals in the community, mother-daughter fashion shows, antique shows and the publication of a new Sisterhood kosher cookbook. Mrs. Landau is an active member of ORT and has served the organization in many capacities. Major and Natalie Landau continue to reside in Teaneck.

The Jacob Landaus became members of the Teaneck Jewish Community Center in 1948, finding few Jewish families in Bogota and almost no affiliated Jewish neighbors. They had originally joined Temple Emanuel in Ridgefield Park but wanted a more traditional service. Freda Landau passed away in 1974. Jacob,a most extraordinary and dynamic octogenarian, was graduated from Pratt Institute in 1937 and received a scholarship from New York University. He is an inventor who owns two electrical patents, builds and repairs clocks as a hobby and is a part-time employee of Guinta Associates, repairing medical equipment. Mr. Landau enjoyed excellent relations with his Jewish and non-Jewish clientele at his tavern on Oak Street and Queen Anne Road, which he owned for seventeen years. It was the scene of many friendly inter-religious discussions. This remarkable individual possesses a keen memory and vividly recalls the developmental stages of Bergen County's Jewish community. He continues to maintain his membership at the Jewish Community Center and attends services regularly.

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1) Selly and Lena Pressburger settled in Teaneck in 1943 from Ridgefield Park. Mr. Pressburger had the distinction of owning Teaneck's first kosher butcher shop. While today the community can boast of at least four such establishments, in former times one had to travel out of town to obtain kosher products. Bergen County's first kosher butcher shop was opened in Hackensack in 1926 by Bernard and Ida Ring. The Rings, who had relocated their business from East Rutherford, eventually moved it to Teaneck in 1947. Although they never resided in Teaneck, their son Dr. H. Raymond and his wife, Rhoda, moved here in 1949.

   Mr. and Mrs. Pressburger, who had emigrated from Germany to come to the United States, worked assiduously to assist refugees. In favor of a traditional form of worship, the Pressburgers were among those who encouraged the Teaneck Jewish Community Center to pursue more observant practices and attitudes. Selly Pressburger has served as *gabbai* since 1943 and is a lifetime trustee of the congregation. He is also a member of the board of directors of the local State of Israel Bonds and an enthusiastic supporter of ZOA and UJA. Recently he assisted in the founding of *Chevra Kadisha* (Holy Group), an organization which fosters the observance of traditional methods in Jewish funeral and burial procedures and attempts to insure the observance of *shiva*. Mrs. Pressburger is an active participant in Hadassah and the Center's Sisterhood.

   The Pressburgers continue to reside in Teaneck as do Mrs. Pressburger's sister and brother-in-law, Alma and Fred Friesner.

2) Described by Dr. Morris Kleit at the dedication cermonies of the Jewish Community Center's Prince Street building as "Mr. Perpetual Motion," David Zurit was immediately recognized as a dynamic individual of exceptional ability when he and his wife, Rose, moved to Teaneck from Brooklyn, New York in 1944. He served as president of the Center's Men's Club, vice-president of the congregation, a member of the Bergen County YMHA Board of Directors and was a charter member of the local B'nai B'rith lodge.

   Rose Zurit, equally committed to the Jewish community and no less talented, was a member of the board of the Bergen County chapter of the Brandeis University National Women's Committee, an enthusiastic member of the Center's Sisterhood, Hadassah, ORT and NCJW and remains active in the Jewish Federation of Community Services, Bergen County. The Zurits moved to Tenafly in 1967 but still maintain their membership at the Teaneck Jewish Community Center.

   Their daughter, Debby Kless (Mrs. Benjamin), resides in Teaneck with her husband and three children. A former teacher at the Whittier School, she currently serves on the regional level of Hadassah. The Zurits' son, Jonathan, lives in Mahwah, New Jersey with his family and daughter, Abby Brower (Mrs. Charles), resides in Glen Rock with her husband and daughter.

3) Dr. Matthew and Shirley Feldman came to Teaneck in 1947 from St. Louis, Missouri. Impressed by the town's development, its reputation as an ideal community, and its superior school system, the Feldmans selected Teaneck as the place in which to raise their family. Shortly after, they were joined by their cousins Senator Matthew and Muriel Feldman.

   Affiliated with Hackensack Hospital since 1948, Dr. Feldman is a Fellow and Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatrics. His office is located in Hackensack. Through the Jewish Federation of Community Services, Bergen County, Dr. Feldman has contributed his professional services to aid resettled refugees.

   The dynamic Shirley Feldman, involved in a multitude of activities, is the first woman to sit on the Teaneck Jewish Community Center's board of trustees. She has held this office for the last 17 years. A vigorous member of the NCJW, she served as Community Welfare chairperson in 1959 and was instrumental in establishing Friendship House (later serving as the institution's chairperson of the board and still continues to offer her participation). Mrs. Feldman was an officer of Hadassah and Sisterhood and contributed to the formation of the local State of Israel Bonds Women's Division. In 1958 she was honored by this latter organization at a special reception. Other groups that have merited her valued assistance are UJA and the Jewish Federation of Community Services, Bergen County.

   The Feldmans continue to reside in Teaneck.

4) Norman Goldklang, the honored guest at the 1976 Teaneck State of Israel Bond dinner, has demonstrated his unstinting devotion to Jewish causes throughout the years. Serving as general chairperson of Teaneck's State of Israel Bond Committee, Mr. Goldklang led the Bergen County delegation to the Prime Minister's Conference on Israel's 1976 economic needs, held in Brussels and Jerusalem. Mr. Goldklang has been an active participant in Teaneck's UJA campaigns and is a trustee of the Jewish Community Center. He was state chairperson for the American Red Mogen David after the '67 War and undertook a national campaign for the organization after the Yom Kippur War.

Norman and Belle Goldklang moved to Teaneck in 1958 from Bayonne. Since their arrival, Mrs. Goldklang has rendered dedicated service to Hadassah and the Women's Division of the State of Israel Bond drives. Her devotion to PTA is well known; she was president of four different schools and has held numerous other positions. The Goldklangs continue to reside in Teaneck.

5) Burton and Frances Karp came to Teaneck in 1962 from Westbury, Long Island with their four young children and joined the Teaneck Jewish Community Center where they became active shortly thereafter.

Mr. Karp began participating by volunteering his services as Cub Scout Master of the Center's troop. He later served as chairperson of the Athletic Committee and was vice-president of the Men's Club. Mr. Karp currently serves as a member of the board of trustees and also contributes his time and efforts to the local UJA and State of Israel Bond campaigns.

Mrs. Karp, a diligent member of Sisterhood, is now the organization's president (1975-). She is a former president of the Teaneck Kadimah Chapter of Hadassah (1968-1970) and still participates actively as a member of the board. The Karps continue to reside in Teaneck.

- Alexander and Esther Steiner of Hollywood, Florida and Edgewater, established residence in Teaneck in 1940. Mr. Steiner, who received his B.A. and B.S. degree from Cooper Union College in 1918, was graduated with honors. He has been listed in "Who's Who in America" and is a member of the construction firm of Steiner and Massari. He and his company worked in Teaneck as early as 1933 and were responsible for the erection of the Cedar Lane and Hendrik Hudson Garden Apartments. Other area firm projects were Paterson's Kent Village, Englewood's Tracey and Chester Apartment complexes, many private homes (including the Steiners' three homes in Teaneck, at 500 Martenese Avenue, 125 Cherry Lane and 1140 Trafalgar Street), and the paving of Sussex Road, Garrison Avenue and part of Cedar Lane. Mr. Steiner recalls the difficulty in finding an apartment that confronted the veterans returning from World War II and how he, and others in his position, tried to give preference to returning service men and women. At this time in our nation's history, the housing shortage was an overriding problem in Teaneck and throughout the country.

  Alexander Steiner, formerly active at the Teaneck Jewish Community Center, was a synagogue trustee and one of the men most instrumental in the construction of the Sterling Street building. He also belonged to the Teaneck Architectural Board, Rotary Club and was a charter member of the Teaneck American Jewish Congress Group, which was founded in the Steiner home. Esther Steiner assisted the Red Cross in Teaneck and on the regional level; she volunteered her services at the Englewood Hospital's Ambulance Corps. As a long-time member of the Center's Sisterhood, she recalls how conscientiously the Sisterhood worked to assist the Red Cross.

  The Steiners' daughter, Rita, recently moved from Teaneck to Hackensack. She is married to William Slachower, formerly of Teaneck. Their other daughter, Adele, married to George Solomon, son of Samuel and the late Annette Solomon, formerly of Teaneck (see Chapter 5), continues to reside here.

- Estelle and the late Steve Johnson came to Teaneck in 1948 from Brooklyn, New York. The Johnsons were active members of the Teaneck Jewish Community Center, PTA, and JWV. Their daughter and son-in-law, Sue and Murray Azaria, have lived in Teaneck since 1967. Sue Azaria was a member of the Teaneck Youth Guidance Advisory Board, and is an enthusiastic supporter of NCJW and PTA.

- Mr. and Mrs. Jack A. Dubin settled in Teaneck in 1952 and became zealous participants in the Teaneck Jewish Community Center where they were long-time members of the choir. For many years prior to his demise in 1975, Jack Dubin worked unstintingly in UJA, State of Israel Bond and JNF campaigns. At various times he was a member of the boards of the Jewish Community Center, ZOA, Jewish Community Center Men's Club, Jewish War Veterans, and the Community Scholarship Fund. Estelle Dubin, who is currently a professor of Biological Sciences at Fairleigh Dickinson University, was a staunch supporter of the Center's Sisterhood, active in PTA groups and a den mother. Mrs. Dubin and her children, Claire and Israel, still reside in Teaneck.

A Successful Sisterhood "Petite Party".

Hostesses Mrs. Merwin Levine, Mrs. Bernard Levine and Mrs. Edward Anfang.

Mrs. Moses Mach, Mrs. S. Schaefer, Hostess Mrs. Harold Marx, and Mrs. Judah Washer.

AT DEDICATION OF NEW JEWISH REFORM TEMPLE IN CO

Taking part in dedication of the ark of newly organized Bergen County Reform Temple A., Hackensack, last night were (left to right) Samuel Fox, president of the Temple; Kalma just installed as its resident rabbi; Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of Ame Congregations; State Senator David Van Alstyne, a speaker on the program; Dr. Phillip Jac tary of the Temple; and Alvin I. Gardner, its public relations chairman.

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Dr. Jacob B. Bookstaver
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Dear Dr. Bookstaver:

I have been informed by my colleague, Dr. Max Raisin, that there is a group in Teaneck, New Jersey, which is interested in organizing a Liberal Jewish Congregation.

I am ready to assist in the plans. The Union of American Hebrew Congregations has commissioned me to serve communities in the metropolitan areas, for the sole purpose of aiding such groups as yours. I would be most happy to meet with you and with those others who are interested in a Liberal Congregation at any time which you may designate.

Your brother, David, Chief Rabbi of Harrisburg, was most kind to me while I served as a Chaplain in the Navy. I should like to reciprocate the courtesy.

May I hear from you soon?

Sincerely yours,

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Installation of Rabbi Jacob Lantz of the Bergen County Reform Temple.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18,

OFFICIALS OPEN REFORM TEMPLE AT CEREMONIES

200 At Dedication Rites Hear Rabbi Goldenson Define Judaism

BUILT IN TEANECK

Teaneck — The dedication last night of the new Bergen County Reform Temple building at 687 Larch Avenue is also a dedication to the ways of Judaism, said Rabbi Samuel H. Goldenson, rabbi emeritus of Temple Emanu-el, New York, at ceremonies attended by 200 persons last night.

He defined Judaism as a way of life morally disciplined and suffused by the consciousness of God's presence.

Mayor H...

Temple Emeth

A Time For Celebration

It is a captivating idea, this oral transmission of attitudes about the history of Jews in Teaneck and in America. I'm a bit wary, though, of the act of publishing those felt experiences. Once committed to the permanence effected by writing, "oral" histories tend to become fixed and considered as immutable as the physical laws of nature. The human events they describe then become characterized as philosophic necessities. Learned tomes are produced delineating the rules by which one may predict how groups will behave in the future based upon how they behaved in the past. "It had to have happened the way it happened and it will most assuredly happen again because . . ."

The "oral" history of Teaneck's Jews, of America's Jews, defies what earlier written histories have tried to teach us. How many times were we warned that Jewish ethnic survival is possible only in socio-economic conditions of second-class citizenship; that, were certain external pressures to be removed, the Jew would quickly assimilate within the majority culture. Yet, in a land unfettered by Old World traditions of Church-State symbiosis, where American Jews since 1654 were free and remain free not to be Jews, this community has unabashedly opted for Jewish survival. Historians have further warned us that if Jews might possibly survive, Judaism, Jewish spirit, Jewish culture, could not have much of a future in a post-religious, materialistic society. Yet, in this most secular of modern states, Jewish faith grows and Jewish learning proceeds apace. There is evident a thirst for the living waters of our ancestral religion although newer cisterns are being fashioned to contain them.

The Bicentennial is a time for celebrating the past and a time for hope in the future. For Jews, it is a time for celebrating the revolutionary nature of our people who have never stopped defying certain historial expectations, and for a faith that sacralizes and gives purpose to that defiance.

Rabbi Louis J. Sigel

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Rabbi Louis and Miriam Sigel have lived in Teaneck since 1960, when Temple Emeth members unanimously approved his appointment as their new spiritual leader. He was born in Derby, Connecticut. His parents were from Palestine, his father from Safed and his mother from Tiberias. Miriam Williams Sigel was born in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Rabbi Sigel earned both his B.A. in Biology and M.S. in Zoology from Yale University and received his M.H.L. degree from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was ordained. In 1976 he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Divinity, Honoris Causa, by his seminary. Mrs. Sigel received her B.S. degree from New York University.

At Temple Emeth, Rabbi Sigel encourages innovation in his congregational service such as: greater use of the Hebrew language, less formality and more female participation (women are even permitted to carry the torah). He teaches two evening adult education classes for his members, a Bible Study course and a course based on Jewish history and texts.

Rabbi Sigel frequently extends himself to address various community groups, including senior citizens and students at the Teaneck and Bergenfield High Schools. He often meets at the synagogue with children from local public and private schools. In 1961, he initiated a series of dialogues with St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Later, St. Anastasia and the Galilee Methodist Church participated in these sessions, which continued until 1967, and from which emanated the Teaneck-Bogota Interfaith Clergy Council.

Rabbi and Mrs. Sigel led a group of thirty-five Temple Emeth members which toured Israel in 1974. He has instituted an annual Jewish "Experiential" Workshop (JEW), in which an entire weekend is centered around the synagogue in work sessions aimed at eliciting from the congregants their feelings about religion. With his encouragement, the temple sponsors an annual weekend of study at a retreat in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. He was honored by Temple Emeth this year on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of his ordination.

Rabbi Sigel is a member of the Central Conference of American Rabbis; Association of Reform Rabbis of New York and Vicinity; the Bergen County, Essex County, New York and New Jersey Boards of Rabbis; and is a past president of the Teaneck-Bogota Interfaith Clergy Council. Until 1975, he was on the faculty of the School of Sacred Music at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, in New York City, teaching classes in Hebrew and Liturgy. Mrs. Sigel teaches at the Musical Primer Nursery School.

The Sigels reside with their daughters, Judith and Deborah.

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The movement toward the establishment of Temple Emeth began in 1947, when Fred and Rhoda Bohrman moved to Hackensack from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The lack of a Reform congregation in her new surroundings prompted Mrs. Bohrman to contact Dr. Phillip Bookstaber, Reform rabbi of Harrisburg and seek his help. Several months later, on June 18, 1947 a meeting was held at the Town House in Teaneck where initial steps were taken to form a new congregation. With the assistance of Dr. Barnet Bookstaver, the Teaneck health director, and the support of Rabbi Albert G. Baum, director of new congregations for the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, interest in the proposed organization gained impetus. On July 29, 1947 an organizational meeting was held in Teaneck, and the Bergen County Reform Temple, as it was first known, came into existence.

Committees were appointed to arrange regular and High Holy Day services. Visiting rabbis aroused the interest of prospective members in the Reform movement. A membership campaign was started, and an information program, consisting of county-wide publicity and public notices, was launched. No other suitable place being available, first High Holy Day services were held in the Hackensack auditorium of the Odd Fellows Temple. Arrangements were made to conduct the regular Friday evening services at the Bergen County YMHA.

By November 1947, with a membership of less than 50 families, the new congregation instituted a Religious school (with an enrollment of 14 children), developed an active Sisterhood and Brotherhood, and found itself in need of a full-time spiritual leader.

On December 19, 1947 with a membership that had now grown to more than 80 families, the congregation received its formal charter from Dr. Maurice Eisendrath, president of the UAHC. The ceremony, in the auditorium of the YMHA, attracted more than 500 persons from all over the county and surrounding communities in both New York and New Jersey.

The new congregation set forth its objectives confident that many unaffiliated Jewish families would find the Reform movement attractive to them and their children. The standard reform ritual was adopted and the official Union Prayerbook was used. Men did not wear hats, there was no segregation in the seating arrangements and both Hebrew and English were used in services.

The Temple's first rabbi was Kalman L. Levitan, who came to the congregation after service in the United States Navy and with a background in youth and community work. During the first year, 50 to 100 people attended Friday night services. Rabbi Alton Winters became the Bergen County Reform Temple's second spiritual leader in September 1949, and by November of that year there were 85 children in the religious school. The original volunteer teachers had been replaced by a paid staff.

Rabbi Jacob Lantz succeeded Rabbi Winters in July 1951 and, in December of that year the temple took its first "giant step." Members of the congregation felt the need of a "home of its own" for the temple. The congregation voted to purchase a private home which had to be altered

and "altared" to accommodate a temple. Heading the fund-raising campaign were Adolph Lund and Frank Asher. The drive was successful and 687 Larch Avenue became the temple's first permanent home on March 26, 1952.

The temple's move to Teaneck was made somewhat stormy by a Larch Avenue neighbor who initiated a court action against it. Judge Wallace Leyden dismissed the charges, and in his decision noted that a church was already situated on the next corner and that temple traffic did not appear to be any more hazardous than that of other churches. The same neighbor then attempted different nuisance tactics such as placing his radio on a sun porch facing the temple and turning the volume as loud as possible. Judge Leyden again came to the temple's aid, warning the noisy neighbor to desist or face contempt charges.

The summer of 1953 was an important one in the Temple's history, because it selected a rabbi who was to lead it through a dramatic period. Joshua Trachtenberg, a scholar and a leader in Reform Judaism, was named spiritual head.[1] Six years later, the president of Temple Emeth said of him: "He took this body (the Temple) and breathed life into it. He animated it and gave it a heart, so that the Bergen County Reform Temple, a religious institution, became Temple Emeth, a warm, vibrant, eager congregation."

At that time, Emerson School was being used for the Temple's religious school, and High Holy Day services were being held at the YMHA. Thus, Bergen County Reform Temple again felt the need to expand. As the Board of Education refused further use of Emerson School, and a committee was unable to arrange for space in the Bergen County Vocational School, classes were once again held at the YMHA. It was then decided to buy land on Windsor Road for an entirely new temple building. By February 1957, the desired 156,000 square feet of land was acquired, mostly through the efforts of a Building Fund Committee led by Simon Strickler and Theodore Ignall. One year later, on a cold, blustery Sunday afternoon, ground was broken for the Temple's new building. Temple activities, however, were not suspended during the building process.

In September 1955, a petition to change the congregation's name to Temple Emeth, Emanuel, or Israel, was presented to the trustees, who selected the first. Percival Goodman was retained as architect for the new edifice. The Larch Avenue building was later sold to the Bergen Ethical Culture Society.

Although the building was close to completion, the finishing touches took longer than expected. Finally, moving day — from Larch Avenue to Windsor Road — took place on January 27, 1959. Temple Emeth dedicated its new building with a weekend of festivities and ceremonies on May 15, 16 and 17, 1959. Charles Rothschild, Temple president[2], received the key to the new building from Ted Ignall, Building Committee chairperson, and Si Strickler, Finance Committee

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1) Rabbi Trachtenberg was born in London, England. He held degrees from the College of the City of New York, Hebrew Union College and a Ph.D. from Columbia University. Before coming to Teaneck, he was spiritual leader in Easton, Pennsylvania. Rabbi Trachtenberg contributed to many educational and religious periodicals. He achieved world wide recognition when he was awarded second prize in the contest, "How to Combat Anti-Semitism in America," sponsored by "Opinion," and second world prize in the New History International competition on "Universal Disarmament." Rabbi Trachtenberg's books, "The Devil and the Jews," "Jewish Magic and Superstition" and "Consider the Years" have been highly acclaimed and were highlighted in a recent exhibit at New York's Jewish Museum.

2) Charles J. Rothschild, Jr. and his wife, Margery, have resided in Teaneck since 1952, having lived previously in Flushing, New York, Cleveland, Ohio, and other parts of New Jersey. They have established an unprecedented record of unparalleled leadership for Temple Emeth and Reform Judaism. Mr. Rothschild was the congregation's president from 1957-1960 and has been a member of its board of trustees for 23 consecutive years.

He was president of the Metropolitan Council of Reform Synagogues from 1962-1966 (this organization is comprised of all New Jersey's Reform congregations) and is currently the vice chairperson of the National Board of Trustees of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, on which he has served for 15 years. At this organization's recent Bicentennial Convention in Dallas, Mr. Rothschild chaired a study committee whose recommendations on the structure and financing of the UAHC were passed overwhelmingly. He was recently elected to the board of governors of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and sits on the board of trustees of the Jewish Historical Society of New York. In addition to this extensive list of time-consuming commitments, Charles Rothschild handsomely served the local Jewish community as a member of the Teaneck B'nai B'rith and Bergen County Jewish Federation Boards of Trustees; as a member of the board of directors and the Executive Committee of Teaneck UJA and chairperson of its 1976 inaugural campaign; as a member of the New Jersey Advisory Board of the American Jewish Committee; as past

chairman. The principal speaker was Dr. Maurice Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. A youth service of dedication was held Saturday morning, and a festive dinner dance that night. The new Temple was filled at an open house Sunday with hundreds of people, including town and county officials and ministers of all faiths.

One week later the congregation voted life tenure to Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg, the man whose name had become synonymous with the congregation. The religious school continued to grow, and in June the rabbi's first high school class was graduated.

On September 14, 1959 as the Temple prepared to celebrate its first full year in the new building tragedy struck. Rabbi Trachtenberg suffered a fatal heart attack. The news of his death spread quickly. Men, women and children openly expressed their grief. It was as if each had lost a member of his family. Messages of sympathy poured in from Jewish leaders all over the world to the rabbi's family and to the congregation[1].

Despite its great loss, the Temple moved on. The Union gave Temple Emeth its director of Jewish Education, Rabbi Eugene Borowitz, to conduct High Holy Day services, and Rabbi Herbert Brichto was appointed interim rabbi to conduct services during the year.

Rabbi Trachtenberg's widow presented to the Temple the late Rabbi's personal collection of 300 volumes of Judaica, theology and philosophy, and that became the nucleus of the Temple's flourishing Joshua Trachtenberg Library. Mrs. Trachtenberg currently resides in Manhattan.

For its Bar Mitzvah year, Temple Emeth acquired a new rabbi. Louis J. Sigel of Malden, Massachusetts became the Temple's fifth rabbi. At its annual congregational meeting in July 1974, Temple Emeth awarded Rabbi Sigel life tenure.

As Temple Emeth moved on into its "adulthood," it has grown in stature in the eyes of the Jewish community and in the regard of its Christian neighbors. During the last eight years there has been an increasing emphasis on interfaith activities with several Christian congregations. We have also grown from within, by expanding our religious school to include a high school department,[2] by instituting compulsory Hebrew classes commencing with the third grade, and by introducing a Friday night Torah Service, previously reserved for Saturday morning. In 1969 midnight *Selichot* services were instituted.

Temple Emeth's Sisterhood not only undertakes the responsibility for numerous congregational and Religious School functions, but has contributed to projects in the general community. Sisterhood members are accomplished Braillists; as a group they have transcribed more than 125,000 pages. Community scholarships have also been a focus of their efforts.

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president of the Teaneck Jewish Community Council and as a member of the Township Advisory Board on Ethics.

Margery Rothschild has achieved her own laudable record of accomplishments. She was president of the Temple Emeth Sisterhood (1961-1963) and currently serves as third vice president of the congregation. She is president of the New Jersey Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, a member of the board of the Jewish Braille Institute of America and a founding member of the Bergen County Conference on Soviet Jewry, which is sponsored by the Bergen County Jewish Federation's Community Relations Committee.

Mrs. Rothschild, as a representative of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, attended a 1973 Leadership Conference of National Jewish Women's Organizations held for the purpose of alerting all Jewish women to the plight of Soviet Jewry. As a result, on December 10, 1973 she convened a meeting of sixty women at the Bergen County YMHA. This was one of many simultaneous gatherings held throughout the country. Teaneck's Ann Greenblatt, who had returned recently from the U.S.S.R., was the inspiring guest speaker. At this primary session, those in attendance decided to enlist the services of men, as well as women, for so important a cause. With the cooperation of the New York office on Soviet Jewry and Mr. Max Kleinbaum, the Bergen County Conference came into existence headed by Mrs. Rothschild and Messrs. Aaron Wine and Jerry Goldwin of Bergenfield. Since its inception, this organization has been responsible for implementing numerous actions and coordinating local participation in marches and demonstrations in the greater metropolitan area. The Bergen County Conference on Soviet Jewry has successfully raised the consciousness level of our local citizenry and inspired our youth to act on behalf of their fellow Jews.

1) In memory of Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg, Temple Emeth sponsors the annual Trachtenberg Memorial Lecture on the Friday evening service closest to the late rabbi's *yahrzeit* date. Foremost Jewish scholars and authors have been invited each year to deliver the Memorial sermon, a fitting tribute to Rabbi Trachtenberg. Some of the notables have been Isaac Bashevis Singer, Professor Irving Howe and Professor Nahum Glatzer.

2) In September 1954, Mr. Moishe Yassur was welcomed as the new educational director to co-ordinate the Religious school programs.

Temple Emeth Brotherhood continues its attempts to further religious, cultural and educational pursuits, while engaging in social activities and service to the congregation. In September, 1973 it presented the Holocaust Scroll on the occasion of the Temple's 25th anniversary — a Torah salvaged from a Czechoslovakian synagogue destroyed during the war.

Cantors at Temple Emeth were Harold Orbach, Seymour Schwartzman, Arthur Asher (first full-time cantor who also served as Religious school principal), Irving Shulkes, and Baruch Greisdorf. Cantor Donald Slonim, who came in September 1971, presently serves Temple Emeth. Under his direction, and with the assistance of organist Janet Montgomery, the choir has been revitalized.

In May 1968 the dedication of the Temple's new sanctuary and youth lounge signaled the beginning of a new phase with enlarged facilities and an enriched religious environment. Architect Percival Goodman was responsible for the superb design. Temple Emeth's Senior League, consisting of eighth through twelfth graders, has expanded its involvement with the congregation's religious service and world Jewry. In 1964 it distinguished itself in the township by establishing a tutorial service for public school "underachievers." The program was so successful that it was adopted on a town-wide basis and grew to include adult participation.

In the summer of 1971 the Ritual Committee, under the chairpersonship of Robert Aerenson, introduced a new tradition of summer services led by lay leaders during the Rabbi's vacation. Mary Hauptman served as cantor, later alternating with Morton Cavitz, and Fred Stein[1] served as organist. This new tradition has grown in acceptance and participation and has become a continuing experience.

Temple Emeth's many other divisions, such as the Institute of Living Arts, Social Action Committee, the Temple Emeth Players, the Singlehood Program and a Temple Emeth Museum Committee all contribute to the enlightenment and enjoyment of our membership, which now numbers 470 families. As we progress, however, we should bear in mind the words spoken by Dr. Maurice Eisendrath at the dedication service:

> "As we rejoice on this occasion, we must realize our obligations to uphold the high principles and ideals of Judaism . . . There still is work to be done for the world and for religion."

Marjorie Aerenson

PRESIDENTS:

1947-1949	Samuel Fox	1961-1964	Robert Oksner
1949-1950	Jerry Springer	1964-1967	Boris Bierstein
1950-1951	Isidore Silverman	1967-1969	Jerome Trupin
1951-1952	Julian Cerf	1969-1971	Rolf Feder
1952-1954	Theodore Ignall	1971-1973	Albert C. Meyer
1954-1957	Milton Tucker	1973-1975	Dr. Douglas Lipton
1957-1960	Charles J. Rothschild, Jr.	1975-	Paul J. Kaufman
1960-1961	Simon Strickler		

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President	Paul J. Kaufman	*Treasurer*	Harold Warshaw
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Vice Pres.	Eileen Nahm	*Secretary*	Ada Mae Stein
Vice Pres.	Margery Rothschild	*Asst. Secretary*	Joan Posage

1) Fred and Ada Mae Stein moved to Teaneck in 1949 from New York City and have been highly valued members of Temple Emeth and ardent supporters of the Temple's many activities. Mrs. Stein is presently secretary of the congregation, a past member of the board of trustees and a participant in the Education Committee. She has served as president of the NCJW, is a charter member and past officer of the League of Women Voters, a member of the Board of the Holly Day Care Centers and is a former member of the Bergen County and New Jersey State Boards of the Visiting Homemakers Association. Mr. Stein, a fifty year member of B'nai B'rith, is financial secretary of the Teaneck Lodge. He was a Cub Scout Pack commander and served actively in the Boy Scout Organization for many years. The Steins continue to reside in Teaneck.

THE FIRST SPADE OF EARTH was turned over by Theodore Ignall at the ground breaking ceremony held last Sunday for the new building of Temple Emeth. The event took place at Windsor Rd., Teaneck. Awaiting their turn are Charles T. Rothschild, Irving Warshawsky, Simon Strickler, Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg and Harold Warsawer.

Rabbi Sigel Takes Post In Teaneck

LOUIS J. SIGEL

TEANECK — At a special congregational meeting last week, members of Temple Emeth, unanimously approved the selection of Rabbi Louis J. Sigel as their new spiritual leader.

Rabbi Sigel, a native of Derby, Conn., comes to Temple Emeth from Temple Tifereth Israel, Malden, Mass., where he has occupied the pulpit since 1951.

GIFTS GALORE—Packages are piled high as symbols of cheer. Mrs. Louis Sigel prepares Hanukkah table at holiday program last night presented by Sisterhood of Temple Emeth, Teaneck. Members of group described symbolism of items on eight tables, one for each major Jewish holiday.

RK TIMES, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1959.

DR. TRACHTENBERG OF JERSEY TEMPLE

Rabbi in Teaneck Since 53 Dies—A Leader in Reform Judaism Was Writer

Dr. Joshua Trachtenberg

Special to The New York Times.

TEANECK, N. J., Sept. 1[illegible]—Dr. Joshua Trachtenberg, rabbi since 1953 of Temple Emeth, Teaneck, formerly the Bergen County Reform Temple, died today of a heart attack at his temple office. He was 55 years old and lived at 801 Catalpa Avenue, Teaneck.

Dr. Trachtenberg was long active in Reform Judaism. He came to the temple here after a long fact-finding trip in 1952 in Israel in behalf of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Central Conference of American Rabbis. His [illegible]ne the needs [illegible]igns to furnish in Israel.

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TEMPLE LIBRARY NAMED FOR RABBI

Honors Late Joshua Trachtenberg With New Designation

Teaneck — The board of trustees of Temple Emeth has voted to honor the memory of the temple's late spiritual leader, Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg.

The temple library and collection will be known as the Joshua Trachtenberg Library. The Brotherhood is having an oil painting of the late Rabbi made and will present it to the temple for the library.

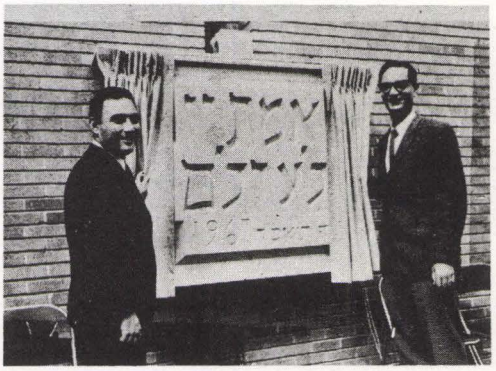
In addition, the Rabbi's personal library of 3,000 volumes of Judaica, theology, and philosophy, which has been presented to the temple by his widow, Mrs. Edna Trachtenberg, will soon be available to temple members and scholars.

Contributions will be received to furnish and maintain the library.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1967

"Time Capsule" Box Sealed Into Temple Emeth Sanctuary

Ceremonies for placement of a centerstone for its new Sanctuary were recently held at Temple Emeth, Reform Jewish Congregation. Simultaneously a 'time-capsule' box containing items of interest to the community and to Temple Emeth was sealed into the wall behind the stone for the benefit of posterity. It is expected that the new structure will be fully completed by January 1, 1968.



Jerome Trupin, President of Temple Emeth on the right with Joseph Loring, Chairman of Building Committee in front of Centerstone of new Sanctuary at Temple Emeth. Inscription in Hebrew reads: The Truth of the Lord will Endure Forever.

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NEW SANCTUARY BUILT

Placing of the Centerstone ceremonies for new Sanctuary of Temple Emeteh, Teaneck. The speaker is Robert A. Aaronson, Vice President of Temple Emeth.

Temple Emeth Dedication Attended By 600 Persons

Uphold High Principles And Ideals Of Judaism, Rabbi Eisendrath Tells Congregation

Teaneck — "As we rejoice on this occasion we must realize our obligation to uphold the high principles and ideals of Judaism," said Dr. Maurice Eisendrath at last night's dedication service for Temple Emeth's new building.

HISTORY IS REVIEWED

Rabbi Eisendrath, president for life of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, reviewed the history of the temple since its formation in June 1947 and told the 600 persons present that he was amazed at the growth of the congregation.

He compared the simple lines of the building with the reform movement which is shorn of embellishment.

He told those present that their new building is not the end of their work.

"There still is work to be done for the world and for religion," he said.

Dr. Joshua Trachtenberg, rabbi of the temple, gave the invocation and conducted the service. He was assisted by Cantor Arthur Asher.

Charles J. Rothschild Jr., president of the congregation, accepted the temple's key from

YOUTH CHOIR — 1969

Back Row — Janet Rothbart, Marianne Pita, Eddie Baumgarten, Gail Scarino, Rick Robinson, JoAnn Treuman
Middle Row — Barbara Cohen, Mark Cohen, Eve Warner, Richard Scarino, Madeline Holman, David Windell
Front Row — Thom Jonson, organist, Philip Benamy, Lisa Goldberg, Jonathan White, Janet Wolf, Leonard Benamy, Stacey Peterson.

THE JEWISH STANDARD April 30, 1976

Celebrate Unique Seder Marking Bicentennial

BICENTENNIAL SEDER — Shown at the interfaith Seder at Temple Emeth, seated, left to right, Father Joel Schevers, pastor of St. Anastasia R.C. Church of Teaneck; Senate Majority leader Matthew Feldman, Assemblyman Robert Burns. Standing, (l. to r.) Roy Kern, president of Metropolitan Council, Union of Hebrew Congregations (UAHC); Mayor Eleanor Kieliszek of Teaneck, Rabbi Bernard Zlotowitz, director of Metropolitan Council (UAHC); Congressman Andrew Maguire, Rabbi Louis J. Sigel, Temple Emeth; Paul Kaufman, president, Temple Emeth; Assemblyman Byron Baer, Charles Rothschild Jr., chairman of Seder and vice chairman, UAHC; Monsignor John Koenig representing Roman Catholic Archbishop Peter Gerity and Bishop George E. Rath of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark.

Temple Emeth Will Honor Local Team

Charles and Margery Rothschild (Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Rothschild Jr) of Teaneck, who will be honored for many years of service to Temple Emeth and the community, at the Temple's Embassy Ball dinner-dance, May 22.

Trustees

Robert Aerenson
Milly Beer
Sidney Berger
Boris Bierstein
Sidney Broder
Lea Brody
Milton Cooper
Morton Covitz
Theodore Dashman
Curt DeJonge
Jay Drossman
Spencer Evans
Rolf Feder
Jerome Fisch
Betty Goldstein
Irving Hauptman
Gloria Jerome[1]
Martin Lasky
Douglas Lipton
Joseph Loring
Mark Lowenthal
Albert Meyer
Robert Oksner[2]
Mildred Otten
Murray Prester
Charles J. Rothschild, Jr.
Betsey Silverman
Jerome Sokol
Robert Spiewak
George Sturm
Stanley Swersky[3]
Stephen Traiman
Jerome Trupin
Zipporah Ulman
Robert Woog
Rita Zimmerman

Naomi Koncius
Rosalyn Schnee
Sisterhood Representatives

Seymour Yegelwel
Brotherhood Representative

Founding Members
December 14, 1947

Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Balbot
Mrs. Joseph Barend and Family
Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Berg
Mr. and Mrs. Irving Bermann
Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Bohrman
Dr. and Mrs. Julian Bookstaver
Dr. and Mrs. B.S. Bookstaver
Mr. and Mrs. Julian Cerf
Dr. and Mrs. H. Milton Cooper
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Cowen
Mr. Arthur L. Dembow
Mr. and Mrs. J. Finder
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Feldman
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Fox
Mr. and Mrs. Alvin I. Gardner
Mr. and Mrs. Nat Gatsik
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gatsik
Mr. and Mrs. William Gatsik
Mr. and Mrs. William Genser
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Goldin
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Goldin
Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Goldstein
Mr. and Mrs. William Goldweber
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Goodkind
Mr. and Mrs. Nason Gordon
Dr. and Mrs. Werner Gould
Mr. and Mrs. Martin D. Greenspan
Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grossman
Mr. and Mrs. Felix Hartheimer
Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Hass
Mr. and Mrs. Lester J. Hausen
Mr. and Mrs. S. Hertzberg
Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hoffman
Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Horwich
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hunt
Dr. and Mrs. Phillip Jackman
Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Jerome
Mr. and Mrs. John Joseph
Mr. and Mrs. Sidney J. Kaplan
Mr. and Mrs. Milton Kopf
Mr. and Mrs. Sydney A. Kramer
Mrs. Fannie Kramer
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred P. Levin
Dr. and Mrs. Irving Lipschultz
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lowits
Dr. and Mrs. Sanford A. Luria
Mr. and Mrs. George I. Marcus
Dr. and Mrs. Harold I. Mark
Mr. and Mrs. B.C. Myers
Dr. and Mrs. Harry Phillips
Mr. and Mrs. H.B. Pier
Mrs. Beatrice Plager
Mr. and Mrs. H.V. Reichert
Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Rosenthal
Dr. and Mrs. Francis Rosner
Dr. and Mrs. Harold Ross
Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Sallee
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schiff
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph J. Shagin
Mr. and Mrs. I. Silverman
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Sloan
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Springer
Mr. and Mrs. Morton Springer
Mr. and Mrs. H. Sturmdorf
Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Weinstein
Mr. and Mrs. David Zurit

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1) Dr. Bernard and Gloria Jerome have lived in Teaneck since 1949, when they moved from Ridgefield Park. As charter members of Temple Emeth, they have supplied the congregation with unflagging and inestimable leadership and support. Mrs. Jerome served as secretary of the congregation for five years, as the Temple's librarian for ten years and as a member of its board of trustees for twelve years. Enthusiastically committed to many causes, she was a past president of NCJW (1959-1961) and organized, through Council, the community's first Mother's March for the March of Dimes. Presently, Mrs. Jerome is enjoying her second year as chairperson of the Women's Division of Teaneck UJA. She was former secretary of the Teaneck Jewish Community Council and Temple Emeth's representative to that organization for many years. Gloria Jerome is a member of the Teaneck Chapter of Hadassah and has served as vice-chairperson of the Teaneck Community Scholarship fund. They have both been active in various PTAs. Dr. Jerome is a member of the Jewish War Veterans.

2) Robert and Patricia Oksner moved to Teaneck in 1951 from Englewood, and joined Temple Emeth two years later. Mr. Oksner is a past president and was honored by the congregation at its *Chai* anniversary dinner in 1966. The Oksners are vigorous supporters of B'nai B'rith, NCJW and the American Jewish Committee. Mr. Oksner served as vice president of the New Jersey Council of Hebrew Congregations and for three years as a member of the National Board of Jewish Education.

A cartoonist by profession, Mr. Oksner is employed by National Periodicals; he has written the newspaper comic strip "Dondi" since 1967 and has drawn "Superman" since 1970. His latest enterprise is the new cartoon series 'Welcome Back Kotter." Mr. Oksner was awarded the Best Cartoonist citation by the National Cartoonists Society in 1960 and 1961, and has also received the Best Comic Artist award. He was a contributing cartoonist to the Hebrew Union Congregations' publication — "Keeping Posted." The Oksners continue to reside in Teaneck.

3) Dr. Stanley Swersky, married to the former Louise Rosen, moved to Teaneck from the Bronx, New York, in 1947 when he was thirteen. His parents, I. Richard and Augusta Swersky, were former New Jersey residents and had always wanted to return. The Richard Swerskys joined the Teaneck Jewish Community Center, B'nai B'rith (he was a charter

member), Bergen County Chapter of the Brandeis University National Women's Committee (she was a charter member) and Hadassah, and enjoyed active membership. Their children, Drs. Stanley and David (now in Aspen, Colorado) were consistent participants in the Bergen County YMHA Youth Center and have pleasant memories of its many events and activities. The Swersky family was responsible for resettling many refugees during and after World War II, offering their home as well as their support. Richard Swersky died in 1957.

Augusta Swersky, who is now married to Henry Marmorstein, resides in Fort Lee but still maintains her membership at the Teaneck Community Center and in Teaneck Hadassah, B'nai B'rith and NCJW. Mr. Marmorstein is a member of the boards of Jersey City's Temple Beth-El and Jewish Hospital and Rehabilitation Center; he is president of the Jersey City Red Mogen David organization.

Dr. Stanley Swersky has resided in Bergenfield with his family since 1960, where he established his dental practice. The Stanley Swerskys are active members of Temple Emeth; Dr. Swersky has been a member of the congregational board for several years, its UJA chairperson and Israel Bond representative. Mrs. Swersky is active in numerous Temple activities, the Teaneck Section of NCJW and Teaneck's UJA Women's Division.

Stanley Swersky was chairperson of his 1950 Teaneck High School class 25th reunion. Held at the Inwood Manor on June 28, 1975, it was attended by eighty graduates (and their spouses), out of a class of three hundred. Two hundred alumni had responded to the invitation; an overwhelming majority, Christian and Jew alike, expressed affection for their alma mater and a regard for their classmates, despite some religious tensions that may have existed during their school days.

Max and Marcella Braunschweiger came to Teaneck in 1949 from New York City and have been devoted members of Temple Emeth. Following the example of her grandfather, Marcus Cohn, who settled in Paterson about 1870 and was a founder and the first vice-president of the Hebrew Free School and an active member of Paterson's Barnert Memorial Temple, Mrs. Braunschweiger served on Temple Emeth's Board of Trustees for many years. She was president of Temple Emeth's Sisterhood (1959-1961), vice-president of the New Jersey Federation of Temple Sisterhoods and occupied many offices in Teaneck's B'nai B'rith Women's Chapter. She also served on the Lowell School PTA Board. The Braunschweigers are still residents of Teaneck.

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BOOKS FOR BROTHERHOOD — Dean Marinus Galanti of Fairleigh Dickinson University scans one of many books on Jewish learning and lore given to the school last night by the Jewish Chautauqua Society of Teaneck's Temple Emeth. The books were presented by Rabbi Louis J. Sigel, right, as chairman Robert Aerenson looks on.

Congregation Beth Sholom

MY COUNTRY TIS OF THEE . . .

The Scene . . .

A local courthouse where new Americans are being tested for naturalization as potential citizens . . .

The people . . .

Mainly Europeans, are visibly nervous, fearful about the outcome of the ordeal. They have been preparing a long time for the day of Judgment. Their minds are beset and confused with strange long words in a difficult foreign language, for them . . . English. Words like Judicial, Legislative, Constitution, Congress, Senate, Democracy . . .

Among the applicants for citizenship are my parents. My mother is better prepared for the examination. Her English, while poor, is relatively "yankee-doodle-dandy" to that of my father's. He is struggling with the new sounds and words and being by nature tense and anxious, is literally trembling in a near state of trauma at the thought of standing before the man in the long black robe, the Judge.

Finally my mother is called in and after awhile comes out beaming. She's been successful and is now a happy American. Now my father is led into the Judge's presence. That grave gentleman begins the routine of the opening question — but is stopped in the middle by my father's flow of words. "Your Honor Judge, I know you must ask questions about the government of the United States — all I can say is that I love America. I would die for this country. I came from Russia. I escaped the poison of Europe. Let me be an American, your Honor Judge, please." The worthy representative of American Justice is looking at the man before him. Seeing his earnestness, his sincerity, he says "David Schaeffer *you are* an American."

My father, like so many of his fellow Jews, was grateful for the opportunity of citizenship and offered prayer daily for America's well-being. Like him, I would then join all Americans thanking G-d for this country. For with all her faults, we know that this is the world's most blessed country.

As America celebrates the 200th year of her founding, we seek G-d's bountiful grace upon her that she be always a model for social justice and equality.

I believe that the American achievement of the past, great as it is, will be dwarfed by the future accomplishments of her citizens.

Rabbi Barry Schaeffer

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Rabbi Barry and Idelle Schaeffer have been residents of Teaneck since 1945[1], when Rabbi Schaeffer became the Jewish Community Center's first professional, full-time *chazzan.* Rabbi Schaeffer's magnificent voice has long been admired and appreciated throughout the township, where the rabbi has generously given of himself and his great talent. Prior to his position in Teaneck, he had been employed as a baritone soloist in radio, concert and opera and as a cantor in other communities. He received his B.A. and M.A. degrees in music from New York University and completed a four-year course for ordination in two years at the Orthodox Yavnah Yeshiva of Brooklyn after he was asked to lead the soon-to-be-established Conservative Congregation Beth Sholom.

Idelle Ralph Schaeffer earned her B.S. degree in music from New York University and was awarded her M.A. in Music Education and a degree in Music Therapy by Montclair State College. She has worked as musical therapist at the various local veterans hospitals and the

1) Rabbi Schaeffer was born in Rumania; Mrs. Schaeffer was born in Easton, Pennsylvania.

Totowa Training Center for Girls. In addition to having conducted the adult and childrens' choirs at both the Jewish Community Center and at Congregation Beth Sholom, Mrs. Schaeffer, a highly gifted musician in her own right, creates and directs the extravagant annual Beth Sholom Hebrew school Chanukah and Purim presentations. She has taught vocal and instrumental music in the public schools and religious music for the Jewish Education Committee of New York. One of her most outstanding contributions to Teaneck is the Sunday school class she initiated in 1969 for handicapped Jewish youngsters at Beth Sholom (this is the only class of its kind in town and is open to all special children). Mrs. Schaeffer plays viola in the Bergen Philharmonic Symphony.

Rabbi Schaeffer serves his congregation in many capacities; he is their *chazzan,* as well as the spiritual leader, and teaches Bar and Bat Mitzvah students, a post Bar Mitzvah class, a morning Bible Study class and an evening adult education class. He assists Father Greco at the St. Dismas Rehabilitation Center in Paterson, and serves as a lecturer at numerous meetings and school and college programs in the community and elsewhere (e.g. at Teaneck's St. Anastasia and Alpine's St. Theresa). Rabbi Schaeffer participated in a Comparative Religion course at Bergenfield High School for two years with several Christian clergymen.

Rabbi Schaeffer is a member of the Bergen County Board of Rabbis and the Jewish Liturgical Music Society. A special ZOA chapter in Teaneck has been named in his honor; the rabbi was awarded the Israel Bonds Solidarity Citation for his leadership and service on behalf of Israel. Mrs. Schaeffer is a member of ASTA, the Jewish Liturgical Music Society, National Association for Musical Therapists, Urban Federation of Musical Therapists and the Musical Educators' National Conference. They have a daughter, Davina, and son, Elijah.

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The idea of a congregation traditional in its conception of Judaism and bound, but not tied down, to the Talmudic interpretation of customs and rituals, was conceived in the minds of some Teaneck residents in the summer of 1951. The transformation of this idea into reality began with a meeting held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Apollo on Briarcliffe Road in West Englewood. At this gathering, Cantor Barry Schaeffer of the Teaneck Jewish Community Center, and his wife, Idelle, met with the following families to form the nucleus of what was to become Congregation Beth Sholom: Mr. & Mrs. Dan Alexander, Mr. & Mrs. Max Bauer, Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Bohr, Mr. & Mrs. Irving Brower[1], Mr. & Mrs. Louis Bruman, Mr. & Mrs. Herbert

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1) Irving and Rose Brower became part of the Teaneck community in 1940 as a newly, married couple. Mrs. Brower had lived in town with her parents, Sam and Sarah Mazer, who moved from North Hackensack in 1935. The Mazers now reside in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Brower joined Teaneck's only Jewish congregation, the Community Center, participated in its many activities and on its ever-increasing number of committees. Although they now reside in Hackensack, the Browers are once again members of the Center.

Approached by Benjamin Gordon to help establish a Bergen County ZOA chapter, Irving Brower, together with Irving Shavitz, Herbert Chary, Rabbi Israel Margolies, Jules Siegel and David Musicant were among the charter members of the organization. Because of World War II and the desperate situation of European Jewry, enthusiasm ran high and their roster included 600 members at the end of the first year. Mr. Brower accompanied Ben Gordon to national ZOA conventions for many years during the 1950's. In 1949 the two men traveled to Israel on behalf of JNF. Rose Brower was an avid member of the Teaneck Chapter of Hadassah.

The Browers were staunch supporters of the Bergen County YMHA. Mrs. Brower affiliated with the "Y" as a young woman when she joined its Amity Club (now defunct), a group restricted to women under thirty years of age. PTA, Community Chest and the Scouting organizations also occupied their time.

As one of the thirteen founding families of Congregation Beth Sholom (Mr. Brower served as its first president), the Browers have vivid memories of the monumental effort involved in starting a new congregation (especially with very limited funds). Its first services were conducted in two adjoining renovated stores on West Englewood Avenue, laboriously cleaned and painted by the small membership. In 1952, when Beth Sholom purchased Christ Church, some dissatisfaction was expressed by its neighbors. After complaints were filed, the court ruled in favor of the congregation; the judge holding that since the premises had previously been a public place, there was no prohibition against it being public again. The Browers, along with the other early members of Beth Sholom, had the satisfaction of seeing the synagogue develop into the vital institution it is today.

Chary, Mr. & Mrs. Irving Dicker, Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Joseph, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Kuhn, Mr. & Mrs. Abe Markoff, Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Nowack, Mr. & Mrs. Leon Schwartz[1], Mr. & Mrs. Nat Seldin, Mr. & Mrs. Nat Wachs, and Mr. & Mrs. Leon Weissman.

The first religious service was held on *Succoth*, in Cantor Schaeffer's living room, using a china closet for the Holy Ark! Subsequent organizational meetings were held, at which a membership of more than 25 families were present. The original "pioneers" had been joined by Mr. & Mrs. George Bashlow, Mr. & Mrs. Irving Bendetson, Mr. & Mrs. David Bolson, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Cohen, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Faber, Mr. & Mrs. Ben Fried, Mr. & Mrs. Morris Frieder, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Friesner[2], Mr. & Mrs. Erwin Hyman, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Gellis, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Lipack, Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Mazer, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Simon and Emanuel and Helene Weiss. Plans were conceived, committees established and officers elected.

Shortly thereafter, the congregation rented quarters at 202-204 West Englewood Avenue at the Plaza. The enthusiastic and inspired membership, dressed in coveralls and workclothes, armed with paintbrushes, hammers and very little experience, laboring long and intensive hours, transformed two empty stores into a warm, friendly place of worship. Forty-eight families were present for the initial service in this first sanctuary; thirty children were registered in Hebrew and Sunday school. Classes, at this time, were conducted at Cantor Schaeffer's home. On November 21, 1951 the constitution and by-laws of Congregation Beth Sholom were adopted, and, on that date, by unanimous vote, Cantor Barry Schaeffer was designated as the rabbi of the new congregational family. The first High Holy Day services (1952) were celebrated at Bergen Junior College (now Fairleigh Dickinson University).

On July 17, 1952 steps were taken to acquire buildings on Rugby Road, then occupied by Christ Church. This culminated in acquisition of the premises one year later. Our first meeting

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1) When Leon and Gladys Schwartz moved to Teaneck in 1947 from North Arlington, they found a lovely community with a growing Jewish population. Gifted with a beautiful singing voice, Mrs. Schwartz, who studied at the New York Juilliard School of Music, was immediately asked to join the prestigious Jewish Community Center choir (called the Choral Group). She sang with fellow choir members Henrietta Luchan, Lillian Rothschild, Eleanor Fluss, Etta Bashlow, Beatrice Lubitz, Helen Bloom, Lillian Gabin, Beatrice Troop, Hilda Stein, Rose Brower, Arlene Bolson, Bea Kramer, Frank Apollo, Leo Pascal, Bernard Nowack, Harry Luchan, Dan Alexander, Sidney Liben and others.

In 1950 the Schwartzes were one of the 28 pioneering families instrumental in the formation of Congregation Beth Sholom. This small, but inordinately zealous group was responsible for every facet of the synagogue's development. Leon Schwartz served as the institution's third president (1955-1957); as board chairperson, and supervised the Hebrew school for eight years with Joan Samuels and Blanche Freint. Gladys Schwartz was an exceptional asset, devoting herself to Sisterhood's many functions and to the choir.

Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz concerned themselves with many local Jewish organizations to which they rendered consistent and exemplary support. She is a past president of Hadassah (1966-1968) and remains an active and highly esteemed board member. In addition, Mrs. Schwartz is a charter member of the Bergen County Chapter of the Brandeis University National Women's Committee and was an officer and enthusiastic member of NCJW. To all of the aforementioned groups, she gave generously of her vocal talent. Mr. Schwartz is a member of ZOA, and works diligently for UJA. He has co-chaired local State of Israel Bond drives and helped initiate the synagogue High Holy Day State of Israel Bond campaign.

Leon and Gladys Schwartz still live in Teaneck and are now members of the Jewish Community Center where Mr. Schwartz has served on the board of trustees (for ten years) and on the Board of Education.

2) There is only one Fred Friesner and Congregation Beth Sholom is privileged to count him in its ranks! This indomitable and irrepressible gentleman, whose second home is the synagogue, is the congregation's devoted *gabbai*. From the onset of his association with the congregation, which was at the group's inception, he has been a stalwart pillar of dedication.

In 1935 Fred Friesner came to the United States after fleeing Nazi Germany. It was in night school that he met his beloved Alma, also a recent German emigre, who had traveled extensively before reaching the United States. Teaneck became the Friesners' home in 1944 when they were urged to settle here by Mrs. Friesner's sister and brother-in-law, Lena and Selly Pressburger. The United States had declared war; Messrs. Pressburger and Friesner were entering military service and they wanted their wives to be together.

Originally the Friesners joined the Teaneck Jewish Community Center and were eager participants. Later they joined Beth Sholom and were among the first families who worked unstintingly for this new and struggling congregation. Mr. Friesner was honored by the group as its Man of the Year. In addition to his activities at the synagogue, he has given outstanding service to the local Free Sons of Israel Lodge.

Alma Friesner has been an esteemed member of Sisterhood, participating on the board and involving herself in almost every activity. She recalls with particular pride and pleasure the annual model seder dinners prepared by Sisterhood for the *Talmud Torah* students. Mrs. Friesner has also been dedicated to Hadassah. The Friesner's daughter, Beatrice Kurtz (Mrs. Norman), who now resides in Livingston, has the distinction of having the first Bat Mitzvah to be celebrated at Congregation Beth Sholom. Fred and Alma Friesner continue to reside in Teaneck.

was convened there on June 10, 1953. Thanks to the cooperation of Reverend Lyman B. Greaves, minister of Christ Church, and other Christian spiritual authorities, the purchase and transformation of the church into a synagogue proceeded with a minimum of difficulty, despite the dissatisfaction expressed by several neighbors.

Four years earlier Teaneck had never heard of Congregation Beth Sholom! Now, on June 5, 1955 a happy congregation dedicated the newly renovated and beautiful buildings. At this time, 240 members formed our intimate, family group. Dedication ceremonies, a festive affair, included such honored guests as Teaneck Councilpersons Edward G. Allen and Adolf Robison, Bergen County Judge Martin Kole, President of the Board of Education Orville Sather, Superintendent of Schools Lester N. Neulen, Jewish Community Center President Matthew Feldman, Bergen County Reform Temple President Milton Tucker, Hackensack Hebrew Institute Rabbi Mordecai Simchas, Rabbi Jerome Blass, Harry Price of the New Early-Christian Church and Dr. Joseph M. Blessing of the Teaneck Methodist Church.

Featured speakers were Reverend Lyman B. Greaves, director of the Christ Episcopal Church; Alfred W. Kiefer, president of the Bergen County Council of Churches; Mayor Henry Deissler, Assistant Attorney General Harold Kolofsky, Congregation Beth Sholom President Ben Fried and Ladies Auxiliary President Rose Nowack.

What was once three separate structures would shortly be one lovely edifice, improved and enhanced to meet the growing needs of the congregation. *Kol Nidre* services of 1962 officially launched the Beth Sholom building campaign; ground-breaking ceremonies took place in December. Cornerstone laying festivities were celebrated on June 16, 1963. Greetings were extended by Mayor Matthew Feldman, President Albert M. Shulman and Building Committee chairperson David Palloff. Walter Plaut[1] then recited in Hebrew, while Sisterhood President Tess Siegel translated the prayer into English. The cornerstone was unveiled by Walter and Meta Plaut, David Baratt, Ellie Nagler[2], and Ben Rosen. The honor of placing the cornerstone was bestowed upon Henry Rothschild, Harry Kodish, Edgar Rothschild and Herman Singer. Both Temple Emeth President Robert Oksner and Jewish Community Center President Archie Struhl were presented with trowels. Our chapel's rustic beauty was later beautified with magnificent stained glass panels, donated by Melvyn and Joyce Fein and executed by Jan Ooms.

By 1963, the new wing, a tribute to our relatively small membership who cared enough to

1) Often referred to as "Mr. Beth Sholom", Walter Plaut worked indefatigably for his synagogue. Although he never wished to serve as president, he rendered consistent and exemplary leadership to the congregation in varied capacities.

Born in Germany, the Plauts met in 1936 on board a ship bound for the United States. They were married six months later and moved to Teaneck in 1952. Deeply affected by the tragedies of the Holocaust, Mr. Plaut devoted himself to Jewish causes. In a speech delivered in 1963, at a ceremony held in honor of the Plauts, he admonished his audience as follows:- "The words I am about to use are simple and come from my heart. I came to this country with my life in my hands. My pockets were empty. I had no sense of belonging except to my G-d and my people. Even before I landed on these shores, I had promised that if I and my family were spared, I would not live selfishly in the years granted me." Prior to his demise in 1975, UJA, B'nai B'rith, JNF, ZOA, State of Israel Bonds, American Jewish Congress and the Jewish Federation of Community Services, Bergen County, were the recipients of his boundless energies. Each and every Jewish organization has paid tribute to this extraordinary person. On December 14, 1975 he was honored posthumously by UJA at Congregation Beth Sholom.

Meta Plaut has contributed to the welfare of Teaneck's Jewish community in her own right. Active in UJA, co-chairperson of the State of Israel Bond dinner in 1968, president of Beth Sholom's Sisterhood (1958-1959) and a member of its board for sixteen years, Mrs. Plaut also played vital roles in the local chapters of ORT, The Deborah Hospital, Hadassah and the Brandeis University National Women's Committee. In recognition of the Plauts' devotion, the Beth Sholom sanctuary was named in their honor.

Meta Plaut still resides in Teaneck. Their son, Marcel, married to Ellen Nickelsporn, daughter of Lillian and the late Abe Nickelsporn, formerly of Teaneck, resides in Hackensack and is a deputy attorney general for the State of New Jersey. Their daughter, Leonore Dorfman (Mrs. Allan), resides in Fort Lee.

2) Isidor and Ellie Nagler, born in Poland and Austria respectively, moved to Teaneck in 1955 from Brooklyn, New York. Attracted by the excellent school system and handsome selection of housing, the Naglers became staunch supporters of Congregation Beth Sholom. Among their many offices, Mr. Nagler served as financial secretary of the synagogue and Mrs. Nagler was president of Sisterhood (1958-1960).

Despite retaining a full-time position, Ellie Nagler works diligently for many Jewish organizations. A long-standing member of Hadassah and American Jewish Congress, she served as an officer of both organizations. Recently she has lent her talents to the Jewish Federation of Community Services, Bergen County and to the Teaneck Jewish Community Council, where she chaired the Sponsorship Committee for the publication of this book. The Naglers, who lost many relatives during the Holocaust, helped resettle many World War II refugees. They continue to reside in Teaneck.

PICTURED HERE are the choir and officers of Beth Sholom at our first High Holy Day Service. From left to right, they are: Arlene Bolson, Carol Massarsky, Beatrice Lubitz, Eleanore Fluss, Rita Hyman, Mae Gellis, Gertrude Dicker, Helene Weiss, Morris Frieder, Edna Alexander, Irving Brower, Joseph Kuhn, Rabbi Barry Schaeffer, Frank Apollo, Isidore Zahler, Leo Mazer, Arthur Gellis, Dan Alexander, Larry Berns, Bernard Nowack, Leon Schwartz, Benjamin Fried, Jack Simon, Leon Weissman. We regret that the following were cut off by the photographer: Idelle Schaeffer, Rose Brower, Bernice Troop.

ANNOUNCEMENT
TO THE
Jewish Residents of Teaneck
AND VICINITY

by: Congregation Beth Sholom
202-204 W. Englewood Ave.
West Englewood, New Jersey

It is with great pleasure that CONGREGATION BETH SOLOM of TEANECK, N. J., extends an INVITATION to the JEWRY OF TEANECK to participate with its members in PRAYER and MEDITATION during the HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES commencing on the evening of September 19th, 1952, at 7:30 p.m.

We are proud to inform you that RABBI BARRY SCHAEFFER will conduct the Services for ROSH HASHONO and YOM KIPPUR . . . assisted by the BETH SHOLOM CHOIR of 20 people under the capable leadership of MRS. IDELLE SCHAEFFER. Rabbi Schaeffer's awe-inspiring Services are very well known throughout the metropolitan New Jersey area.

Location of Services: Main Auditorium of BERGEN JUNIOR COLLEGE located on River Road near Route 4, Teaneck.

Type of Services: Services will be CONSERVATIVE with the use of both Hebrew and English.

Reservations: Reservations may be made by mail or by calling in person at CONGREGATION BETH SHOLOM at 202-204 West Englewood Avenue, WEST ENGLEWOOD, N. J. Monday through Thursday evenings from 8 to 10 o'clock or on Sunday mornings from 9 o'clock to Noon.

Rates for Reservations are as follows:

$15.00 per person.

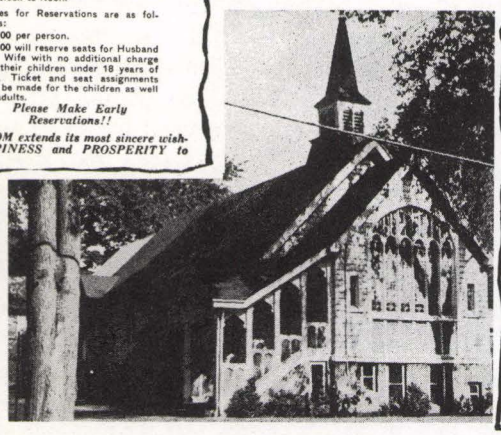
$30.00 will reserve seats for Husband and Wife with no additional charge for their children under 18 years of age. Ticket and seat assignments will be made for the children as well as adults.

Please Make Early Reservations!!

CONGREGATION BETH SHOLOM extends its most sincere wishes for a Year of HEALTH, HAPPINESS and PROSPERITY to JEWS EVERYWHERE!

Representatives of Congregation Beth Sholom and Christ Episcopal Church are shown above at the closing of the Sale of the Christ Church property at Rugby and Rutland Roads, West Englewood to Beth Sholom. Left to right, Leon Schwartz, Beth Sholom treasurer; Bernard Nowack, secretary; Irving Brower, former president of the congregation; Rabbi Barry Schaeffer and Ben Fried, president of Beth Sholom congregation; Rev. Lyman B. Greaves of Christ Church; Judge Leland Ferry, attorney; E.R. Tatge, secretary of the vestry; C. Stansfield and Herbert Chary, attorney. Seated is Walter Cleaver of the United States Mortgage Guarantee Title Company in whose office the transaction took place. Christ Church will occupy new quarters on Essex Road in the fall.

The original edifice when purchased from Christ Episcopal Church in 1953. Pictured below, how it appears today.



BERGEN RECORD — 1/23/53

Congregation Beth Sholom Buys New Religious Home

Permanent Headquarters Will Be Located On Rugby Road, Present Home Of Christ Church

Teaneck — The Congregation Beth Sholom today announced the purchase of the group of buildings now housing Christ Episcopal Church, on Rugby Road, West Englewood, as its permanent synagogue. Occupancy of the new quarters is expected to take place on or about Sept. 1, simultaneously with the closing of the title.

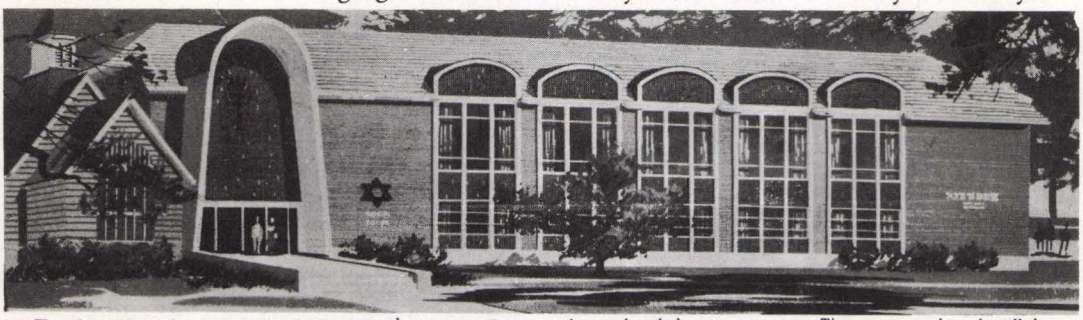
TEMPORARY QUARTERS

Purchase of the property, which includes the chapel, auditorium and rectory, was consumated approximately 1½ years after the inception of the new congregation, which at present has temporary headquarters at 202 West Englewood Avenue.

The permanent headquarters is the realization of the aim of a small group of charter members who together with Rabbi Barry Schaeffer formed a conservative Synagogue designed to meet religious, educational, and social needs in the community.

Largely instrumental in bringing

Future Home of Congregation — Yesterday's Dream — Today's Reality



The largest and most enthusiastic attendance meeting overwhelmingly voted approval for the continuation of the Building program which includes the construction of a 10 room Hebrew School; an auditorium which will double the present size; large gymnasium; kitchen, youth lounge, library rooms for worship, study and many additional facilities to meet the demands of the congregaton. The present chapel will be renovated with an air condition system installed. Many other improvements will be incorporated in the new construction.

In connection with the Building plans, the Membership Committee, headed by David Palloff, will conduct an intensive drive to interest residents within the vicinity of Beth Sholom

NOV. 4, 1951

THE SUNDAY SUN

Soloist

Cantor Barry Schaeffer, spiritual head of the congregation Beth Sholom of Teaneck, will be guest soloist at 2:00 this afternoon on Station WEVD's program, "Music of the Synagogue." This regular Sunday program features canters of the United States assisted by a professional choral group.

MORNING JOURNAL

באריימסען "מוט ביז'ן לעצטען טראָפּען" טעם ווי נאָר איהר ביטראָג היינט זאָסער.

נעדעקטרוישע צו הערען חזן שיעו פעד היינט, זונטאָג — אין יעדען זון טאָג אין דער זעכסער צייט אָן אנדרע באריימסען חזן, אין דער פּראָגראָם "שוהל נעגונים", שטעלטראָן אויף וואדיאָ אויף סטרישאָן דאבליוואיי ד'ן 1330 אויף אייער דייעל.

JEWISH STANDARD — 11/14/75

Honor Plaut In Teaneck

WALTER PLAUT

TEANECK - This evening, at Congreg. Beth Sholom, Mrs. Meta Plaut, widow of Walter Plaut, will accept the United Jewish Appeal Leadership Award for Mr. Plaut's "outstanding devotion to Israel and the Jewish people tachliss. The words I am about to use are simple and come from my heart. I came to this country with my life in my hands. My pockets were empty. I had no sense of belonging except to my G-d and my people. Even before I landed on these shores, I had promised that if I and my family were spared, I would not live selfishly in the years granted me; that I would dedicate my life to such causes as were dear to my beloved parents, aleyhem hashalom.

"Walter did not just speak these words, he lived them every day of his life, and those of us who are fortunate to have called him friend, try to the best of our ability to emulate him in every way possible."

APRIL 19, 1953

Victory Dance Fetes New Home Of Beth Sholom

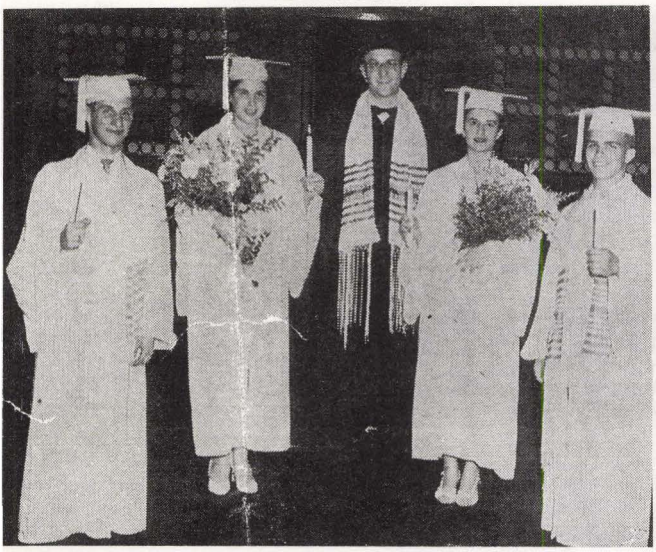
Approximately 250 members and guests last night attended the first annual dinner sponsored by the Congregation Beth Sholom at the Hackensack YMHA on Essex Street. Last nights' affair was called a Victory Dance to celebrate the acquisition of Beth Sholom's new quarters on Rugby Road which will be vacated by the Christ Episcopal Church in the late summer.

The invocation, delivered by Rabbi Barry Schaeffer, preceded an address by General Chairman of Arrangements, Ben Fried, Irving Brower, extended greetings and delivered a message concerning future plans of Beth Sholom. Acting as master of ceremonies was Erwin Hyman who introduced the line-up of Broadway performers, including Larry Best, noted raconteur and comedian.

Acknowledgement was made to all captains and lieutenants responsible for the success of the Journal drive was made by Mr. Fried. Copies of the Journals were distributed. The Journal committee was headed by David Bolso...

April, 1960

1957 SUNDAY SUN



CONFIRMATION RITES were held last Sunday at Congregation Beth Sholom, West Englewood, young people. Left to right, Stephen Malamud, Ruth Katz, Beatrice Friesner and Milton Erman Barry Schaeffer, who addressed the confirmands, is in the center.

Prize Winners in Purim Party

SCHOOL NEWS

Our Annual Purim Masquerade and Car-

many Jesters. The masquera mendous success and every ting received a beautiful prize

make it happen, was erected. Now our facilities included the spacious Albert M. Shulman[1] auditorium, music room, classrooms, youth lounge, gymnasium and the Irving Shakin Library, named in memory of the father of members Audrey Rabinowitz and Renee Rakow[2].

As the years have passed, we can still boast that Rabbi Schaeffer is able to identify every child in our *Talmud Torah* by name and knows each of our 300 member families. Congregation Beth Sholom never wanted to be too big; we value that special warmth that initially brought our membership together.

Through the years, Beth Sholom has honored individuals for outstanding service to the synagogue by sponsoring a Beth Sholomite of the Year breakfast. Originated by Robert and Helen Levine and Tess Siegel, a biographical playlet about the honoree is performed by members of the congregation. The Levines have continued to write, direct and produce this annual event.

People who have been so honored are:

1963 ..... Henry Rothschild
1964 ..... Joan Samuels[3]
1965 ..... Fred Friesner
1966 ..... Richard Dreazen
1967 ..... Walter Kohn & Siegfried Engler
1968 ..... Pearl Berg
1969 ..... Helen & Robert Levine
1970 ..... Marvin White
1971 ..... Miriam Heitlinger
1972 ..... Janice & Gerald Rosen
1973 ..... Roy D. Smith
1974 ..... Anita Nemery
1975 ..... Martin Solomon
1976 ..... Ida Goldstein

Sisterhood, originally called the Ladies Auxiliary, was formed for the purpose of furthering the spiritual, cultural and philanthropic interests of the congregation, and the educational needs of the children. Its members contribute to Oneg Shabbat festivities and to scholarship awards; help supervise junior congregation services[4] and the rabbi's *Tallis* and *Tefillin* (post Bar-Bat Mitzvah) class, and assist in the beautification of our premises. Through numerous fund raisers, Sisterhood is also able to support the Teaneck Community and Bergenfield High School Scholarship Funds, UJA, Serve-A-Committee, the National Women's League Braille Institute and the Mathilda Schechter Residence Hall. The most recent Sisterhood fund raiser, which was donated entirely to the congregation, is the handsome "Tree of Life" that graces the wall of the large ante-room. Our members volunteer their services at Hackensack Hospital, and at the local offices of UJA, State of Israel Bonds and the Jewish Federation of Community Services of Bergen County. For the last four years, we have participated in an all-day educational seminar with the Sisterhoods of New Milford's Beth Tikvah and of the Bergenfield-Dumont Jewish Community Center. Sisterhood also sponsors its own cultural and intellectual activities.

The Men's Club, started in 1955 as a social and cultural arm, soon devoted itself to the serious business of shul support. In addition to sponsoring the *Lag B'omer* picnics and other social gatherings, it supervises the youth activities program and contributes to all facets of synagogue maintenance and life. A frequent event sponsored by the Men's Club is a meeting devoted to current political issues featuring political candidates and officials.

It is customary for the three arms of the synagogue: Men's Club, Sisterhood and congregation, to join in a special event specifically geared for entertainment and sociability,

1) Albert M. Shulman was and continues to be an invaluable asset to the congregation, although he now resides in Florida with his wife, Helen. In addition to serving as president, he played a vital role in the synagogue's fund raising efforts. Mr. Shulman instituted the weekly news flyer and updated the standards of cultural awareness by engaging well-known speakers for Friday evening *Oneg Shabbats*. Both these traditions have been maintained. He appreciated the importance of education and sponsored several ZOA scholarships in honor of other dedicated members of the synagogue (e.g., Pearl Berg, Joan Samuels, Nathan Glasser). These scholarships enabled worthy students to spend time in Israel or in accredited Jewish camps.

Mr. Shulman helped establish the Rabbi Barry Schaeffer ZOA Chapter and succeeded in enlisting 225 members. A tribute to his efforts is the hand-engraved membership roster which hangs in Rabbi Schaeffer's study. Albert Shulman is the former publisher and editor of the now defunct Jewish Review.

2) The Irving Shakin Library was not only donated by Mesdames Rakow and Rabinowitz, but is maintained by them as well. These dedicated ladies can be found there, every week, attending to the needs of the library and to the many who use it.

3) Joan Samuels (Mrs. William), a former Sisterhood president, has been devoted to our *Talmud Torah* for the past 16 years. She is the current chairperson of the Board of Education and serves on a volunteer basis. Her wonderful rapport with the teaching staff, our rabbi and with all committees; her abounding energy, knowledge of protocol and dedication, has given our school its high standing. Our current enrollment is 150 students.

4) Weekly junior congregation services are divided into three pre-Bar or Bat Mitzvah age groups.

allowing old and new members to meet again in a cordial atmosphere.

Beth Sholom's policy of free religious education[1] for members' children is supported through our one big fund-raising activity, the Childrens' Education Fund Journal, run in conjunction with a dinner-dance[2]. Here, too, an honoree is singled out for his or her dedication and services; our appreciation is shown by the overwhelming response in attendance.

Beth Sholom is an active sponsor of the Bergen County High School of Jewish Studies and encourages the post Bar and Bat Mitzvah boys and girls to continue their higher Jewish education by attending classes here. We also support the Solomon Schechter Day School by underwriting a scholarship.

Beth Sholom youth groups have included a Young Judea Youth Group under the leadership of Robert B. Levine. The young adults, known as Club *Sharot*, specialized in Israeli dances choreographed by Iris Kodish. The boys and girls, much in demand, toured New Jersey entertaining at meetings and fund-raising affairs; they participated in a mammoth Israeli celebration at the Felt Forum in New York City where they were awarded a prize for their outstanding performance. Currently we are affiliated with United Synagogue Youth and sponsor two groups: USY, for 9th graders and older, and Kadimah for 7th and 8th graders. The groups have been functioning most successfully and enjoy a wide range of activities. Boy Scout and Brownie groups have used our facilities for meetings without charge.

Through past years, and we hope for many more to come, Beth Sholom has been referred to as "the friendly congregation". Although relatively small in numbers, we are large in warmth, achievement and spirit.

Tess Siegel

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1) From 1965-1967, Herman M. Schulman was president of Congregation Beth Sholom. Prior to his election, he served the synagogue as treasurer and was instrumental in raising funds for the new building. It was Mr. Schulman who conceived the policy of free tuition to the *Talmud Torah* for the membership's children.

Herman M. "Kelly" and Helen Schulman moved to Teaneck in 1955 from Staten Island, New York. Former president of the Staten Island Jewish Community Center and of its Women's Division, respectively, the Schulmans brought their tradition of outstanding communal leadership with them.

In a relatively short time, Mr. Schulman's diversified capabilities were recognized and appreciated. He was appointed the first Jewish chairperson of the Industrial Division of United Fund of Bergen County; was a member of the boards of the Lodi Boys Club, the Jewish Hospital of Jersey City, the New Jersey Section of the National Jewish Welfare Board, the Jewish Federation of Community Services of Bergen County, and served as a delegate to Israel's Prime Minister's Economic Conference (held every three years). In addition, he was a member of the National Jewish Welfare Board. Mr. Schulman was a highly esteemed participant at the Bergen County YMHA where he served as president (1967-1968) and then chairperson of the board. In 1968 he was awarded its Man of the Year citation in appreciation of his dedication and devotion to the organization. Prior to his demise in 1975, he was feted as the Bergen County Philharmonic Society Man of the Year. The first and only Jewish president of the Drug, Chemical and Allied Trade Association (a national trade organization), Mr. Schulman received the 1973 Man of the Year award from the Sales Association of the Chemical Industry (SAACI).

Helen Schulman, known for her own record of achievement, is a former president of the Teaneck Day Chapter of ORT (1965-1967) and a member of the Teaneck board of the Deborah Hospital and the Yeshiva of Hudson County. She was a consistent participant in the Teaneck UJA and the Bergen County State of Israel Bond campaigns. Currently Mrs. Schulman serves on the board of the Bergen County YMHA.

The Schulmans moved to Hackensack in 1972. Their daughter, Miriam Allenson (Mrs. Andrew) now resides in the Schulmans' former Teaneck home with her husband and family. Their second daughter, Anita, is married to Alan Musicant, son of David and Edna Musicant of Teaneck, and lives in Park Ridge. The Schulmans' son, Mark, resides in Cleveland, Ohio with his wife, Shelley.

2) Irving Friedman served as congregational president and in numerous other positions including Youth Activities leader for three years. In 1974 he was honored at a most successful annual Beth Sholom dinner-dance. He and his wife, Mimi, have lived in Teaneck since 1962, when they moved from the Bronx, New York. Attracted by the town's superior school system, sizable Jewish population and proximity to his family in Paterson, the Friedmans became enthusiastic members of the Jewish community and of Congregation Beth Sholom. Mrs. Friedman was an invaluable member of Sisterhood, vigorously participating on the board for many years and initiating a multitude of functions.

As a solider in the United States Fifth Army during World War II, Irv Friedman fought in Italy alongside Britain's 8th Army and the Jewish Brigade. Lasting friendships were made between the American and Jewish forces. It was here he developed and has since maintained his long-standing commitment to the Jewish homeland. After the war Mr. Friedman participated in many local efforts to assist the Irgun and recalls the aid received from many prominent Christians, particularly from Irish-Americans.

Currently Irving Friedman divides his time among the local ZOA organization and the UJA and State of Israel Bond campaigns. He is known for his outgoing personality and is a boon to any group that has his support. The Friedmans are still familiar figures at Beth Sholom, lending festivity and warmth to every occasion they attend.

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1951-53	Irving A. Brower	1961-62	Leonard Stone	1968-70	Nathan Glasser
1953-55, 59-60	Ben Fried	1962-64	Albert M. Shulman	1970-72	Robert B. Levine
1955-57	Leon Schwartz	1964-66	Herman M. Schulman	1972-74	Irving A. Friedman
1957-59	David Bolson	1966-68	David Palloff	1974-76	Charles W. Shain
1960-61	Herbert A. Chary				

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Jacob and Florence Klein were encouraged to move to Teaneck from Jersey City in 1948 by their cousins, Teaneck residents Abe and Ida Rapfogel. In this post World War II era, apartments were difficult to obtain and Teaneck featured several new garden complexes.

Originally members of the Teaneck Jewish Community Center, Mr. Klein helped establish the Young Men's League of the Center. This group attracted many of the younger men moving into apartments and sponsored its own fund-raisers and social functions (e.g., the Cotton Ball). The Kleins later became vigorous members of Congregation Beth Sholom; Jacob serving on the board of trustees and Florence occupying many positions in Sisterhood. A former member of the board of the local Levi Eshkol B'nai B'rith Chapter, Mrs. Klein supervised a BBG group for a number of years. Mr. Klein, the proprietor of a children's apparel store on Queen Anne Road at the Plaza for 25 years, served on the Chamber of Commerce.

Currently the Kleins divide their time between Teaneck and Florida and maintain their membership at Congregation Beth Sholom.

Albert M. Shulman, Chairman of Bergen County Zionist Scholarship Committee, presents scroll to Mrs. Joan Samuels (center) and Mrs. Pearl Berg in recognition of the scholarships to Mollie Goodman High School in Israel named in their honor.

The Bergen County Zionist District will award five one-year scholarships to the Mollie Goodman Academic High School in Israel to students attending Hebrew and religious schools in the county. The announcement was made by Albert M. Shulman, chairman of the Scholarship Committee.

At Beth Sholom it will be known as the Joan Samuels — Pearl Berg Scholarship and will be financed by members of the congregation. Mrs. Berg was the honored guest at the 1968 Man of Year Breakfast and Mrs. Samuels received a similar honor in 1964.

The establishment of the Mollie Goodman Academic High School in Israel is to provide the American boy and girl with a high standard secondary education, and to afford the significant benefits of absorbing knowledge of Judaism and experiencing the exciting pioneering spririt of Israel.

Congregation B'nai Yeshurun

SOME THOUGHTS ON THE BICENTENNIAL OBSERVANCE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The celebration of the Bicentennial of American independence is a time of reflection, introspection and self-evaluation, just as it is a time of joy and thanksgiving.

The 200th anniversary of our national independence comes at a time of economic crisis and social upheaval. While many suggestions have been set forth to alleviate these crises, not enough has been heard about the spiritual and moral crisis that besets our country. In its implications, it is no less real and no less critical than those which affect our economy and our material well-being.

This nation was founded on the inalienable rights of man. Included in these is the right of religious freedom. The majority of the early settlers were religious refugees, who believed in G-d and His Word, and came to settle here free of religious persecution. The belief in G-d that brought many settlers to these shores permeated every aspect of their lives, and especially the education of their children. Our very constitution, in granting freedom to practice religion according to one's conscience, in prohibiting the establishment of a state religion, and in affording the right of non-affiliation to those who reject belief in a Supreme Being, established the foundations of love, tolerance, and mutual respect that are the ideals of Americanism.

We are witness today to a sad phenomenon. The constitutional guarantee of freedom of religion has become a wedge to undermine the religious foundations of American life. So careful are we to avoid the "establishment of religion" that little by little G-d has been weeded out of the fabric of society. The courts have proscribed educational aid to schools where children are taught to believe in G-d. Even the mention of a Supreme Being in public schools is considered offensive by some.

An old Jewish parable tells of two children who were asked by their teacher, "Where is G-d?" One gave the expected answer: "G-d is everywhere!" The second responded more thoughtfully: "G-d is, wherever He is permitted to enter." In our zeal to protect freedom of religion, have we reached the stage where we deny to G-d entree into our public lives?

The intent of the Founding Fathers was certainly to preserve religious freedom, but not to deny religion; to preserve religious equality, but not to wean the nation away from its sacred heritage.

The United States of America has been a beacon of freedom and an inspiration to the world for nearly two centuries. It is precisely during the last two decades, the decades of moral and spiritual upheaval on all levels of society, that it has suffered a tarnishing of its image abroad, and an unprecedented wave of domestic crises.

As we pray for the future of our country, let us resolve to seek out the values on which its freedom is based, and become once again: "One nation under G-d, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Rabbi Macy Gordon

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Rabbi Macy and Hadassah Gordon[1] settled in Teaneck in 1961 when Rabbi Gordon assumed the spiritual leadership of B'nai Yeshurun (his first pulpit), as the congregation's first permanent rabbi.

He received his B.A. degree from Yeshiva University, his M.A. in Guidance from Columbia University and was ordained at Yeshiva University, where he presently is a member of their faculty (teaching Religious Studies) and a Doctoral candidate at the Ferkauf School of

1) Rabbi and Mrs. Gordon were born in Everett, Massachusetts, and Albany, New York, respectively.

Education. Hadassah Mordkoff Gordon received her B.A. degree from the State University of New York in Albany, and her M.A. in Guidance from Columbia University.

Rabbi Gordon teaches three evening adult education courses (in Talmud and Bible) for his membership, is secretary of the Rabbinical Council of Bergen County, a member of the executive board of the Rabbinical Council of America, and has held positions in several other organizations (e.g., Moriah School Board of Trustees, Commission on Soviet Jewry, Medical Ethics Commission of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York). In addition to the aforementioned impressive array of commitments, Rabbi Gordon has always involved himself in township civic and Jewish communal affairs. He is a familiar figure (and speaker) at meetings of the Jewish Community Council, Board of Education and Town Council.

Mrs. Gordon participates in the Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, the Teaneck Mizrachi Chapter, the Moriah School and the Sisterhood Executive Board. The Gordons have four children who are Shira, Etana, Uri and Yechiel.

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It all began 18 years ago . . . May 1958 to be exact. Three Teaneck couples — Irwin and Rhoda Grundman[1], Irving and Lillian Kopitnikoff and Harold Z"L and Henny Landau, were attending classes in the newly established Adult Study programs of Yavneh Academy and Congregation Ahavoth Torah in Englewood. Rabbi Abraham Atkin was conducting the Yavneh program while Rabbis Bernard Walfish and Jack Goldman led the Ahavoth Torah classes.

During one of Rabbi Goldman's sessions there was a discussion as to the possibility of organizing an Orthodox synagogue in Teaneck. It resulted in Rabbi Goldman's contacting Yeshiva University for guidance and an immediate call-back from Y.U.'s Mr. Victor Geller suggesting to Irwin Grundman that he arrange a meeting with all interested parties. No sooner said than done. Grundman called the Kopitnikoffs, Landaus and two other families he knew would be interested: Harry Braverman Z"L and Bill and Esther Manischewitz. These five families attended the first organizational meeting with Mr. Geller on May 29, 1958 . . . historically establishing the five families as B'nai Yeshurun's founders, and the date of our shul's beginning. The Kopitnikoffs[2] offered their basement as a prayer room, and the required religious articles were assembled for the services.

Two weeks later on June 14 (26th of Sivan 5718), the first Sabbath morning services were held. The weekly portion was *"Schlach."* Joining the five original families in prayer were Rabbi Goldman, Simcha Fishbein — a Yeshiva University student, E. Mark Kohlhagen, Rabbi Jack Leiter, Harold Rhodes and Eliyahu Rosen Z"L.

Three months later, in September 1958, a New Jersey State Charter was issued. While the shul was affectionately being referred to as "Cong. Lil's Basement" the official B'nai Yeshurun name was adopted. The 12 charter members were: Messrs. Braverman, Irving Gleich, Rabbi Goldman, Grundman, Kohlhagen, Kopitnikoff, Landau, Rabbi Leiter, Manischewitz, Rhodes, Rosen and Lawrence Smallman.

At about this time, Rabbi Goldman left the community and Rabbi Label Dulitz volunteered to officiate as guest rabbi during the High Holy Day and Succoth services. When by December of 1958 the congregation had grown to 15 members, it was decided to engage Rabbi Dulitz as

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1) Irwin Grundman served in 1958-1959 as the congregation's first president and later, in 1967-1968, assumed the presidency for a second term. Prior to his association with B'nai Yeshurun, Mr. Grundman served on the Religious Committee and Boards of Directors of Congregation Beth Sholom and the Bergenfield-Dumont Jewish Community Center. In 1969-1970 he was Teaneck campaign chairperson of the Bergen County Welfare Council. Mrs. Grundman has been a supporter of B'not Yeshurun, the Teaneck Chapter of Hadassah, the Teaneck Section of NCJW and volunteered her services at the Englewood Hospital and Edna Conklin Children's Home in Hackensack. The Grundmans moved to Teaneck from Dumont in 1953.

2) The congregation accepted the Kopitnikoffs' hospitality for approximately ten months, which included a weekly *kiddush.* The Kopitnikoffs moved to Teaneck in 1950 from Newark. Mrs. Kopitnikoff was the first president of B'not Yeshurun and has been an active member of the Teaneck ORT and Mizrachi Chapters. Their son, Barry, who now resides in Israel, rose through the ranks of the Englewood Masada Youth Organization to become the national president. Their two daughters, Marcia Siegel (Mrs. Mark) and Sharon, still reside in Teaneck.

congregation rabbi on a part time basis. A month later, January 1959, the membership bought an old house on the corner of West Englewood Avenue and Jefferson Street which required considerable alterations. During June of 1959 the *minyans* were moved from Lil's basement to our "bigger" quarters, permitting greater shul functions and the start of the B'not Yeshurun.

Rabbi Dulitz left in 1961. With the help of Yeshiva University, Rabbi Macy Gordon became B'nai Yeshurun's rabbi in December of 1961. The shul underwent frequent breaking of walls to accommodate increasing worshippers and, in 1970, it was necessary to tear down the old house to erect our present edifice on the same site. For two years, and during the construction period, B'nai Yeshurun's High Holy Day services were held at the Whittier School. Chairpersons of the Building Fundraising Committee were Jay Levy and Jerry Bachrach. Supervising the construction were Julie Horowitz and Henry Wertheimer[1]. Although construction was not officially completed until the spring of 1971, High Holy Day services of 1970 were conducted in the new building. Little did we dream that in five years we would be bursting at the seams.

When the congregation was established, the consensus was that there was no need for a Hebrew school to be added because of the proximity of three Hebrew Day schools. At that time, and presently, most children of B'nai Yeshurun members attend one of these schools.

B'nai Yeshurun attempted to pioneer certain patterns in contemporary orthodoxy. Honors are never auctioned or sold, funds are never solicited during services and donations are never announced at B'nai Yeshurun. Many religious, cultural and social activities are available both to the congregation and to the public. Among these are: Sabbath youth services held separately from the adult services; the Rabbi's series of Sabbath and weekly study classes; adult lecture series; social gatherings to celebrate various Jewish holidays such as Chanukah and Purim; body building, baseball games and gym nights; and other communal activities. As the congregation grew, so did its degree of participation in rallies, dinners, and other activities on behalf of the UJA, State of Israel Bonds and Russian Jewry. Through this participation in community-wide and county-wide activities, B'nai Yeshurun has truly become an integral part of the Teaneck and Bergen County scenes.

The B'nai Yeshurun Historical Committee

As the nation celebrates its Bicentennial year, Congregation B'nai Yeshurun is taking a hard, but happy, look at itself. So rapid has been our growth that we now number 240 families, (the congregation's median age is in the early 30's[2]) and have had to adopt several measures to meet the challenges of growth. These include scheduling two services on Shabbat morning (at 7:30 A.M. and at 9:00 A.M.), a half-dozen youth groups while services are in progress, and even a separate Teen-Age service, complete with the religious requirement for *minyan* over the age of 13.

Under the energetic leadership of Renee Rubinson, the congregation has planned to open a Nursery School during the fall of 1976 in a house next door purchased and renovated for this purpose. Its head teacher Renah Taubes comes from the congregation's own ranks although she has built her professional reputation and a large following of devoted children and parents in many years of service at the Bergen County YMHA. There is progress in B'nai Yeshurun's drive to build a *Mikva.* This effort is headed by such capable leaders as Dr. Steven Katz, Dr. Sol Rosenberg, Dr. Joseph Danto, and others, who in cooperation with the Jewish Community Council, are searching for a location within Teaneck that will be suitable for the congregation as

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1) Henry and Ruth Wertheimer, born in Frankfurt and Berlin, Germany, respectively, came to Teaneck in 1959, from New York City. Their first home was a garden apartment on River Road where Fairleigh Dickinson stands today. In addition to his many commitments to B'nai Yeshurun, such as past president, member of the board of directors, House chairperson and chairperson of the synagogue's UJA and State of Israel Bond campaigns, Mr. Wertheimer served on the Teaneck Landlord-Tenant Advisory Board and the Teaneck Rent Board. He is the immediate past chairperson of the Teaneck Landlord's Association. Wertheimer was honored by Yeshiva University in 1974. Mrs. Wertheimer is a past president of B'not Yeshurun and served as an officer of Teaneck Chapter of Mizrachi for many years.

2) One fourth of the congregation are newly-weds, or have children of pre-school age.

Orthodox Jews Forming Plans For Synagogue

Teaneck — A new house of Jewish worship following the orthodox tradition is being organized in the Township by the Community Service Division of Yeshiva University, New York City, it was announced last night by Irwin Grundman, temporary chairman for the project.

In announcing the undertaking, Grundman said that a group in Teaneck has long felt the need for a truly traditional service in the area and with the aid of the Yeshiva division has organized and is developing plans for the establishment of an orthodox synagogue.

First services of the new congregation were conducted Saturday morning and night at temporary quarters at 752 Downing Street, Grundman said. The services were directed under Yeshiva rabbinic leadership, he added.

Saturday at 9 A. M., services again will be conducted in the

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TO GET CHARTER

New Jewish Congregation Plans Ceremony Sunday

Teaneck — The formal charter ceremony for the newly organized Congregation B'nai Yeshuran will be conducted Sunday night when the group ushers in the Hebrew new year with its first Rosh Hashanah service.

Irwin Grundman of 393 Churchhill Road announced that the new congregation will conduct morning and nighttime services Monday and Tuesday at its temporary place of worship

JEWISH STANDARD — July 17, 1959

New Orthodox Congregation In Teaneck Now In Own Quarters

The newly organized Congreg. B'nai Yeshurun of Teaneck, is an example of the "upsurge of orthodoxy" discussed at the recent convention of the Rabbinical Council of America.

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HAROLD LANDAU was unanimously elected president of Congregation Yeshurun at the first elections held recently. Also elected were: Vice presidents, Jack Leiter and Louis Reich; treasurer, Irving Kopitnikoff and secretaries, Mrs. Harold Rhodes and Mrs. Donald Schwarz, Directors, Jerome Bienenfeld, William B. Manischewitz, Bernard Kolitch, Har-

New Temple To Hold First Holiday Rites

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HEBREW CLASSES HELD IN TEANECK

B'nai Yeshurun Offers Sessions Thursdays For Adults

Teaneck — Congregation B'nai Yeshurun is conducting Hebrew classes for adults

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Sabbath Services Are ...ucted By Youth

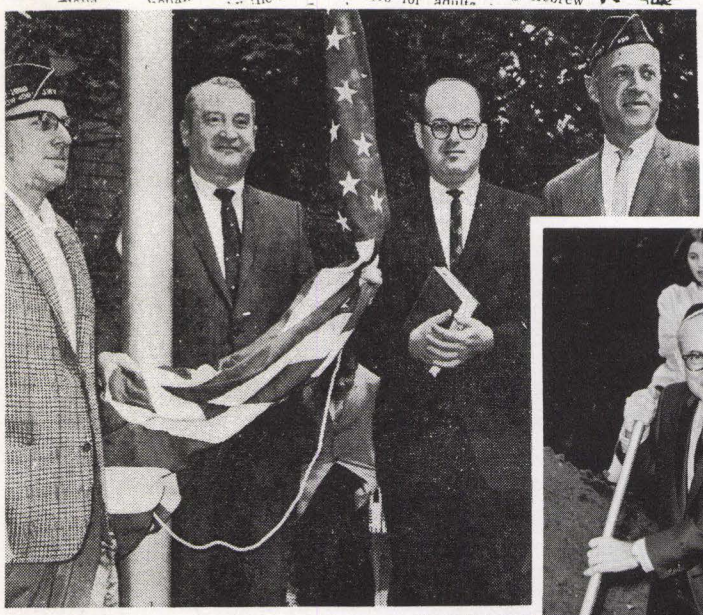
...k — Jefferey Bienenfeld, ...r at Yeshiva University ...hool, New York City, con- the initial regular chil- sabbath services at Con- ion B'nai Yeshurun yeste- morning.

...nenfeld, son of Mr. and M ...ne Bienenfeld of 971 Ph ...l, also conducted High ... services for children a ...gregation, newest in the ... honor stud ... of their

SUNDAY SUN 1958

B'nai Yeshurun Marks Bas Mitzvah; Passover Rites Start Tomorrow

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Kopitnikoff of 752 Downing St., West Englewood, sponsored a kiddush following sabbath services yesterday at Congregation B'nai Yeshurun for th...



FLAG PRESENTATION: Harold Landau, past president of Teaneck B'nai Yeshurun holds 50-star flag presented to congregation by Schweiger-Dobrow Post 498, J.W.V., of Teaneck yesterday. Julius Horowitz, past commander of the post, Rabbi Macy Gordon of B'nai Yeshurun, and Jerry Weiner, post commander, left to right, were on hand at the ceremonies.

BERGEN RECORD — June 1963

UNIQUE LASER BEAM, lent by Holobeam, Inc., of Paramus, signals start of groundbreaking and construction of new B'nai Yeshurun synagogue on November 9, 1969. Photo shows from left to right in front: Jules Horowitz and Henry Wertheimer (co-chairpersons of Building Committee); in back, left to right are Lillian Kopitnikoff (with camera) and Dr. Gary Abend, president of B'nai Yeshurun.

JEWISH STANDARD — Sept. 17, 1971

Teaneck Orthodox Synagogue Dedicates New Sanctuary

TEANECK — An overflow crowd was on hand, Sunday, for the dedication of the new sanctuary of Bnai Yeshurun, Teaneck's orthodox synagogue.

The event, at 8:30 P.M. in the synagogue's year-old building at Jefferson and West Englewood Ave., attracted members and friends of the congregation, as Gary Abend of Teaneck, chairman of the dedication committee. Speakers included Abraham Wechsler of Teaneck, president of the congregation: Arnold Stiefel of Bergenfield, vice-president and Gloria Grossman of Teaneck, president of Bnot Yeshurun, the synagogue's female unit.

Teaneck's Mayor Frank Burr Matthew Feldman. Telegrams from Senators Clifford Case and Harrison Williams were read, and letter of congratulations from Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshivah University.

The featured speaker of the evening was Rabbi Fabian Schonfeld, spiritual leader of the Young Israel of Kew Gardens Hills

Orthodox Jews Bergen bound

By KEVIN CUNNINGHAM and BILL HENDRICKSON
Staff Writers

Shortly after sundown each Friday, Ralph Marcus arrives home after synagogue services, and all is ready.

In Bergen, new communities have been formed and are being formed by small groups of pioneering families. Teaneck's Congregation B'nai Yeshurun, of which the Marcuses are members, has grown from 80 families in 1970, when synagogue at 641 W. Englewood Ave., to 225 fam- Fair Lawn's Shomrei Torah at 19 Morlot Ave. om 27 families four years ago to 115 today. is an enormous growth in the two private wish day schools — in Englewood and Para-

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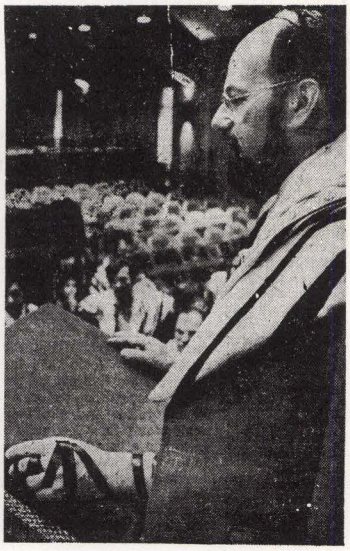
LIFESTYLE '75 RECORD — 9/75



Rabbi Macy Gordon conducts services at Teaneck's Congregation B'nai Yeshurun.

New Teaneck Nursery Under

TEANECK — By a 4-
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But it said the
has a valid need for a nursery school and that it was an educational, social, and religious benefit.

There was little council debate. Some members gave as a reason for their approval the fact that other religious groups had been given permission to start nursery schools in residential areas in the past.

Voting for approval were Mayor Eleanor M. Kieliszek, Frank Hall, Martin R. Cramer, and Dorothy Silverstein.

THE RECORD
Sept. 3, 1975

CONGREGATION Bnai Yeshurun, Teaneck's first Orthodox synagogue, will hold a Chai Dinner on April 4th, celebrating its 18th year of growth and commemorating the work of the synagogue's founders. Shown planning the event are (standing, left to right) Norman Stark and Jacob Berman, General Chairmen and (seated, left to right) Lillian Kopitnikoff and Irwin Grundman, who head the Journal Committee and Mimi Schacter, who is chairing the Dinner Committee. Congregation Bnai Yeshurun is located on West Englewood Avenue at Jefferson Avenue in Teaneck.

FOUNDERS and original charter members of B'nai Yeshurun accepting congregation plaque during "Chai" Dinner Dance April 4, 1976 celebrating the synagogue's 18th birthday. Left to right: Irwin Grundman, Dorothy and Irving Gleich, Rhoda Grundman, Lillian and Irving Kopitnikoff, Hannah Landau, Esther and William Manischewitz, Sylvia and Harold Rhodes, Lee and Lawrence Smallman.

well as the general community. Another top priority of B'nai Yeshurun is an *eruv* surrounding the West Englewood area, in order to facilitate the observance of ritual practices. Chairperson Lee Weinblatt and his committee have been working with township officials and the utility companies to accomplish this.

In 1976, celebrating its 18th, or *Chai* birthday, Congregation B'nai Yeshurun sponsored its first journal dinner, supervised by Norman Stark and Jacob Berman. In typical fashion, it was also used as a fund-raising function and was successful on both scores. The Dinner Committee was headed by Mirian (Mimi) Schacter; the Committee for the Journal, published in conjunction with this event, was co-chaired by Irwin Grundman and Lillian Kopitnikoff, with many professional touches contributed by Max Milians[1] and several others.

Among our relatively young membership are more than 30 men whose educational background includes *semichah,* Orthodox rabbinical ordination from a recognized yeshiva. Of these, one actually serves as rabbi of a nearby synagogue, (Rabbi Harvey Senter of Congregation Beth Abraham, Bergenfield). Another local rabbi is a former member of the synagogue and its board of trustees, (Rabbi Stanley Fass of Congregation Beth Aaron, Teaneck).

Further occupational breakdown of the membership rolls would include a myriad of professions, such as school principals, teachers and professors, lawyers, engineers, accountants, social workers, psychologists, medical doctors, nurses, dentists, pharmacists, and many scientists. Our roster also contains persons involved in Jewish communal services. In the business world, we enjoy a cross-section of individuals who are realtors, stockbrokers, bankers, craftsmen, and are involved in other areas of sales and services or who manage self-owned busineses. Homemakers, five fulltime students and six retired persons fill out the occupational profile of the congregation as of the time of this publication.

About a half-dozen families have already made a successful *aliyah* and settled in Israel. Others are members of *aliyah*-planning groups. Many of our teenage boys and girls have spent a semester or year of study in Israel; the numbers increase each year as part of the congregation's personal commitment to Israel.

Stanley Schwartz

The religious leadership of Congregation B'nai Yeshurun has happily continued for the past 15 years in the competent hands of Rabbi Macy Gordon. The lay leaders have included the following:

PRESIDENTS

1958-1959	Irwin Grundman	1968-1969	Rabbi Alvin Schwartz
1959-1963	Harold Landau	1969-1970	Dr. Gary Abend
1963-1965	Rabbi Jack Leiter	1970-1973	Abraham Wechsler
1965-1967	Henry Wertheimer	1973-1975	Abraham Levine
1967-1968	Irwin Grundman	1975-1976	Avram Ruditzky

1) Max and Ruth Milians moved to Teaneck in 1956 from Washington, D.C. Mr. Milians' extensive career in journalism and public relations included staff membership with the Hearst Newspaper chain, Washington Post, Washington Times Herald and Westchester (NY) Newspaper chain, doubling as editorial cartoonist and promotion director. His cartoons appeared in the above newspapers, the Chicago Tribune and papers using the Associated Press Feature Service. When the German-American Bund became active in the late '30's, Mr. Milians drew special cartoons for the Jewish Daily Bulletin (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). Very devoted to UJA and State of Israel Bond campaigns, Mr. Milians' memberships also include America-Israel Friendship League, Judaica Historical Philatelic Society, Society of Israel Philatelists, the National Press Club and the Retired Officers Association. (Mr. Milians rose through the ranks from private to lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army.) It was Mr. Milians who originated the idea of honoring the late Dag Hammarskjold by naming the UN plaza in his memory. Mrs. Milians has contributed substantially to Teaneck's Jewish community. As an officer of Hadassah, she supervised a Junior Hadassah group for young women and has provided programs for many Institute Day and Study Group sessions. It was Mrs. Milians who conceived the idea of B'not Yeshurun and helped implement its formation. As a member of NCJW she assisted in the resettlement of Egyptian and Polish Jewish families. She has served as Teaneck Community Council Calendar chairperson.

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Third Gabbai ..... Dr. Ralph Marcus

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Jerome Landau
Abraham Levine
David Lew
William Manischewitz
Fred Nagler
Louis Reicher
Gerry Samuel
Stanley Schwartz
Arnold Stiefel
Bert Subin
Henry Wertheimer

Congregation B'nai Yeshurun members who have made *Aliyah* in Israel (and still retain membership) are: Marc and Beckie Goldstein, Dr. Ira Hammerman, Drs. Jerry and Rivkah Horvitz, Saul and Carol Hymowitz, Rabbi Jack and Nikki Leiter and family, Phil and Lillian Levine and family, Larry and Blume Odess and family, Abe and Cecille Wechsler and family.

All of the aforementioned have maintained contact with Congregation B'nai Yeshurun. To quote from one of their letters — "All Jews should be in Israel, but if you have to be in *galut,* Teaneck is probably the next best thing."

Individuals who were members of the congregation during their student days and have progressed to serve the Jewish community in different capacities: Rabbi Jeffrey Bienenfeld — Serving as rabbi in the major Orthodox congregation of New Orleans, Louisiana; Rabbi Jon Bloomberg — Teaching Jewish Studies at Yale; Rabbi Stanley Fass — a former member (and board member) of B'nai Yeshurun, now serving as rabbi of Congregation Beth Aaron, Teaneck; Rabbi Kenneth Hain — Rabbi in Houston, Texas, recently appointed assistant rabbi (for the coming year) at the Fifth Avenue Synagogue, NYC; Rabbi Alvin Marcus — Now serving the Orthodox community in West Orange; Rabbi Alan Odess — Teaching in Kfar Saba at Midrashiat Noam, Israel; Gary Rosenblatt — Editor of the Baltimore Jewish Times (an influential Anglo-Jewish newspaper in the Capital area); Rabbi Avi Walfish[2] — Teaching Religious Studies at Hartman Institute in Jerusalem.

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1) Avram Ruditzky moved to Teaneck with his wife, Melodye, in 1971 from Forest Hills, New York. On May 16, 1976 he was given the Yeshiva Community Heritage award at a metropolitan New York dinner. The university's highest accolade for volunteer leadership was presented to Mr. Ruditzky for exceptional achievement in both his professional and philanthropic endeavors.

Former president of the Automatic Investors Data Services, Inc. and the current president of Numerax, Inc., Avram Ruditzky serves as a member of the board of directors of Yeshiva University's Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary and of the Gesher Foundation. He is a member of the executive committee of Teaneck UJA and a former member of the Moriah School's Executive Committee and UJA and Board of Directors. The Ruditzkys continue to reside in Teaneck.

2) Rabbi Bernard Walfish and his wife Hindy moved to Teaneck in 1959 from Englewood, where he had served as spiritual leader of Ahavath Torah. The family immediately became part of Teaneck's fledgling Orthodox Jewish community by joining newly-founded Congregation B'nai Yeshurun.

Rabbi Walfish retired from the active rabbinate to join Yeshiva University's Community Services Department which, for many years, used his wide rabbinic experience as a field liaison and adviser to rabbis across the country. He continues to conduct adult study groups, to sit on Yavneh Yeshiva's Board of Education and to volunteer his energies in the interest of local and area handicapped young people. Rabbi Walfish has served two terms as president of the New Jersey Association for Retarded Citizens (1966-8) and has been its trustee-at-large since 1972.

Recognizing the problems of Orthodox Jewish travelers, the Walfishes innovated "Olam," which features kosher food and religious activities on cruises, tours and overseas hotels. Hindy Walfish is the sister of Teaneck's Norman Goldklang. Their children are Rabbi Avi, Tova and Joshua.

Congregation Beth Am

Teaneck As I See It

Having only lived in Teaneck for three and one-half years, my comments may seem only peripheral. However, I believe that they are indicative of the aspects that make this community so unique. I pray that they will continue to attract newcomers on a wide spectrum of the socio-economic scale.

The township provides most of the public services that one would expect only in a small or medium sized city. Quality education, with a large variety of approaches, is a central drawing factor. Although taxes could be temporarily stabilized by introduction of high-rises and other industrial ratables, residents have believed, and continue to believe, that long-term problems cannot be settled by short-term solutions. Consequently the township remains highly taxed. Yet, it has the quality of being a refuge from the storm and fury of neighboring metropolitan area problems.

The people are forward and cosmopolitan in their outlook, yet conservative enough to be positively critical in their outlook on modern methods touted as panaceas. Innovations are checked and critically appraised. Some have worked while others have had to be discarded because new liberal plans are not always pragmatically effective. A case in point is the present working-through of the traditional versus open classroom project.

I believe that the Township Council is too large and unwieldy for the future. But it does reveal an interesting characteristic of those living here. They demand both voice and representation and pursue an active role in township affairs. The openness and receptivity of their leaders encourage them to make their voices heard. New arrivals have a ready ear at Township Council meetings and the Human Relations Advisory Council. Their comments and suggestions are taken at an equal par with the sage wisdom of Teaneck's founding fathers. The results of such strivings have brought, and will continue to bring, the maximum available Federal grants-in-aid to new programs whose aims are to promote friendly equal opportunity for the diverse racial and religious groups that make up the community.

Twenty-three churches and synagogues work together in a united clergy council joined by the small one-square mile town of Bogota. Frequent joint projects of this Teaneck-Bogota Clergy Council have enriched both communities. A resultant high morale is demonstrated by the many suggestions accepted from the area's houses of worship as made through the Clergy Council.

Although Teaneck has the unmistakable aura of a "bedroom community," I have found that its voters have a very high percentage of community concern and pride. In comparison to its neighboring communities, Teaneck has a high percentage of active registered voters who do not hesitate to pass important bond issues which relate to present and future upgrading of educational facilities and physical services.

Teaneck was the city of the future twenty years ago, and still has a positive outlook which will make it an ideal town in which to live in the future. Its methods of handling political and social unrest are not prompted by crisis reaction. They are of a far-sighted democratic nature not usually found in such a young area and make one proud to be a part of the community.

I pray for the continued dedication and enlightened leadership of the township of Teaneck. May it continue to be the largest community in Bergen County and qualitatively one of the finest suburban dwelling places for sympathetic and altruistic people in the State of New Jersey.

Rabbi Stanley Gerstein

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Rabbi Stanley and Aliza Gerstein moved to Teaneck in 1973, with their son, Etan, and daughter, Ariana, after the rabbi finished his tour of duty as an Army chaplain in Nuremberg, Germany. Born in Kilgore, Texas, Rabbi Gerstein has lived in many areas of the United States. His parents last resided in Rochester, Minnesota, where his father, the late Rabbi Joseph Gerstein, presided over a Conservative congregation. Aliza Sevillia Gerstein was born in Athens, Greece, but raised in Israel before her parents brought her to the United States. She is one of Teaneck's few Sephardic residents. Since their marriage, the Gersteins have lived in many parts

of our country as well as in Europe.

Rabbi Gerstein received his B.A. degree from the University of Minnesota and was ordained from the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, Ohio. Mrs. Gerstein also attended the University of Minnesota, then transferred to the Otis Institute of Art in Los Angeles before attending the Art Institute of London, England. Today she has reached a position of prominence as a talented painter, sculptor and art teacher.

In addition to his rabbinic responsibilities, Rabbi Gerstein teaches an adult education class, an 8th-9th grade Values Clarification and Confirmation class and children's Bar and Bat Mitzvah classes. (This year he hopes to institute adult Bar and Bat Mitzvah classes.) He generously participates in township affairs, having served on the Human Relations Advisory Council, the Teaneck Community Chest Board of Directors, at the Senior Citizens' Services Center, and attends numerous civic meetings. Rabbi Gerstein is the only Jewish chaplain in the New Jersey National Guard. He is also a licensed instructor of P.E.T. (Parent Effectiveness Training). Rabbi Gerstein is a member of the New Jersey Board of Rabbis, the Teaneck-Bogota Interfaith Clergy Council, Bergen County Board of Rabbis and the Central Conference of American Rabbis. Mrs. Gerstein is active in Sisterhood and congregational functions.

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Congregation Beth Am is now 12 years old, although its roots in Teaneck go back more than 25 years. Among its charter members were many who were instrumental in the establishment of the first Reform Jewish congregation in Teaneck. At its inception, the congregation conducted its services and programs, as did many other congregations and organizations, in the "Y" of Bergen County. It moved to its present location at Claremont and Helen Streets in Teaneck in 1966, two years after its founding. Beth Am purchased the Grace Lutheran Church building after the Lutheran congregation moved to River Road. An addition built to house the Simon H. Strickler Religious School[1] was dedicated in 1971. The present congregation consists of 145 families (85% of

1) Simon H. and Helen Strickler followed his brother and sister-in-law, Abraham and Florence Strickler, to Teaneck in 1950, when they moved from Paterson. Exceptional members of Temple Emeth, Simon Strickler served as president of the congregation and chairperson of the Building Committee. Prior to their membership here, Mr. Strickler was active in the Jewish Community Center's building campaign for the Sterling Place edifice.

When it was decided in 1964 by a number of Temple Emeth families to hold High Holy Day Services elsewhere, plans were made at the Simon Strickler home. The result was a new congregation, Beth Am, in which Simon and Helen Strickler were to play an extraordinary role. Three weeks after the first services were conducted, Mr. Strickler expended herculean effort to establish the Religious school. Classes for approximately 35 students were to be conducted at the YMHA. A short time later, Si Strickler passed away; the Religious school was dedicated in memory of this dynamic and truly dedicated man. He was succeeded by Dr. Lawrence Kovall, who fully implemented his plans. Simon Strickler's passing was mourned by the community. In addition to the aforementioned activities, he had been an outstanding participant in Teaneck UJA campaigns, the Jewish Community Council, the Cub Scout organization and the League for Better Schools.

Helen Strickler is no less dedicated, deeply committed to ORT and actively involved in many State of Israel Bond and UJA campaigns. She is unstintingly devoted to Congregation Beth Am, has chaired its School Committee, served as president of the Sisterhood and presently sits on its board of trustees. She has resided in Hackensack since 1974.

When Abe and Florence Strickler moved to Teaneck from Cliffside Park in 1947, the township and its Jewish Community gained two invaluable assets. At first the Stricklers were enthusiastic participants of Temple Emeth; Mr. Strickler served as congregational treasurer for six years and chairperson of the Building and several other committees. Mrs. Strickler was active in the Sisterhood, PTA and the American Cancer Society drive. She was the fourth president of the Garden State Regional B'nai B'rith Council. The Stricklers have rendered exemplary service to Teaneck UJA campaigns, serving on the executive board, the Jewish Welfare Council (now the Jewish Federation of Community Services, Bergen County) and to the Jewish Community Council (Mrs. Strickler was a founding member and co-editor of its newsletter.) To add to their substantial roster of activities, Mr. Strickler was a Teaneck Community Chest captain and a member of the Bergen County YMHA Board of Directors for six years.

In 1964, Abe and Florence Strickler became founding members of Congregation Beth Am together with approximately 40 other families. Mr. Strickler served as president of the temple in 1969 and has been active in all synagogue matters. Florence Strickler, who assisted in the formation of the Religious school's curriculum, was the first president of the Sisterhood (1968-1970), which was conceived in the home of Ruth Brown. Beth Am's Sisterhood operates in complete conjunction with the congregational board; all its fund raising activities are subject to board approval and all funds raised are donated to the congregation. Beth Am has no Brotherhood organization. It was with the Stricklers that Rabbi Gerstein and his family first resided when he became the congregation's spiritual leader (until a residence of his own could be obtained). Abe and Florence Strickler still reside in Teaneck, continuing their participation at Beth Am. Florence Strickler also volunteers her services on a weekly basis at Englewood Hospital.

JEWS FORMING A NEW TEMPLE

Services Conducted By Reformed Group

Hackensack — A new Jewish Temple is in the making here.

Feeling the lack of a Reformed Synagogue in Hackensack, about 60 residents banded together to form the Congregaion Beth-Am. It holds Friday night services weekly at the Y. M. H. A. at 211 Essex Street.

About 80 worshipers attended

9/3/69

Rabbi Opher has Accepted Pulpit At Temple Beth Am

RABBI AHRON OPHER has accepted the Pulpit of Congregation Beth Am of Teaneck and began his ministry on August 1.

Dr. Opher came here from Kansas City where he was Rabbi of Temple Beth El of Over-

New Cantor At Beth Am

CANTOR KENNETH BUTENSKY, one of four cantors in the present Butensky family and representing the third generation to hold cantorial positions, will be the cantor at Congregation Beth Am in Teaneck for the coming year. Singing in choirs from the age of eight, he studied at the Brooklyn Conservatory of Music under Bernard Kwartin and continued his studies with perhaps the most outstanding cantor of all, David Kusevitsky.

SUN TIMES — 10/28/64

Simon Strickler Memorial Fund Honors Late Communal Leader

TEANECK — A memorial fund has been established by Congregation Beth Am in honor of the late Simon H. Strickler. According to Julian E. Silverberg, congregation president, the fund was set up in response to th by Mr. Strickler's mar to perpetuate his memo gible form in the e through memorial contr

Mr. Strickler in his gave long and devoted numerous civic and causes in Teaneck, where and in Paterson, where ticed accounting. It is i tion of his years of s others that the Fund formed.

He was a leader in m serving the needs of Juc was active in the Tean munity Chest, Teaneck Community Council, Un ish Appeal and Bonds f At the time of his deat chairman of the Religio of Congregation Beth Strickler was also a m the New Jersey Society tified Public Accountant on its Board of Trus several years, and was president of the Passai Chapter.

The money contribute Fund will be used to

of: Theodore J. Ignall, Chairman, Irving Altshuler, William B. Thomas, Burton Wiener, Mrs. Alvin Subin, all of Teaneck, and Murray Saks of Hackensack. Advisors to the committee are Mayor Matthew Feldman and Leonard Brawer and Lawn.

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Beth Am Ground Breaking

CONGREGATION BETH AM at Helen Street and Claremont Avenue, Teaneck, held the ground-breaking of the Simon H. Strickler Religious School on Sunday, November 15. Pictured from left to right are members of Beth Am: Irwin L. Brownstein, school committee chairman; Dr. Law-

STANDARD — 5/4/73

Rabbi Stanley Gerstein

Install Rabbi In Teaneck

TEANECK — Rabbi Stanley R. Gerstein will be installed as the new rabbi of Congregation Beth Am today at 8:30 PM.

Rabbi Gerstein recently returned from four years service as a U.S. Army Chplain in Germany. During his tours with the army, he attended the Fort Bragg Flying School, Fort Benning Airborne School, Nord Bayern Drug Abuse College and the National Training Laboratory Human Relations Institute in Stuttgart, Germany.

Installation will be conducted by Congreg. Beth Am Rabbi Emeritus

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT — Representatives of Congregation Beth Am look over their new Teaneck home which for the past 29 years belonged to Grace Lutheran Church. From left are Grace's pastor, the Rev. Theodore W. Beiderwieden: Arthur Pachman, president of Beth Am; Charles Scholtes, president of Grace Lutheran; and George Marcus, attorney for Beth Am, who conducted the closing. (Staff photo.)

Beth Am Gets Its Own Building

Teaneck — Leaders of Grace Lutheran Church signed over the title to their building on Claremont and Helen Streets yesterday to Congregation Beth Am which will make its permanent home there once alterations to the sanctuary and vestry are complete.

The final services here for members of the Lutheran congregation will be at 11 A. M. Sunday when there will be a special service of farewell and dismissal. The next service to be conducted in the building will be for Beth Am congregants at 8 P. M. New Year's Eve.

The closing was conducted yesterday in the Hackensack law office of George Marcus who represents Beth Am. The Jewish group, which has been meeting at the Hackensack Y. M. H. A., located here after a 2-year search.

Congregation Beth Am is the second reform group to locate in Teaneck and the Township's fifth Jewish Congregation. It is also the second to locate in a converted church.

For the Grace Lutheran Church, the sale marks the next phase in a long-range expansion program. Now all the congregation's facilities will be consolidated on its new property on River Road just north of Route 4, which presently accomodates its parochial school. The congregation will temporarily worship in the school until final plans can be drawn for a new church building north of the school.

The expansion program was started in 1950 under the leadership of the Rev. Theodore W. Beiderwieden who also helped establish the old church building in 1937.

Representing Grace Lutheran Church at yesterday's legal proceedings were Mr. Beiderwieden and Charles Scholtes while Congregation president Arthur Pachman and Secretary Mrs. Irving Altshuler, represented Beth

RECORD — 1966

THE RECORD, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 1976

Sharing Passover

Jews and Christians join in seder

Rabbi Stanley Gerstein shares his awe for Torah with Presbyterian guests. With him is Linda Gissen, of Congregation Beth Am, and James Wyatt, moderator of the Presbytery of the Palisades.

MEMBERS OF TEANECK'S Congregation Beth Am joined in the celebration of the temple s first adult bat mitzvot. Doris Friedman and Aliza Gerstein who shared the pulpit honors

CONGREGATION BETH AM's Junior Choir starts rehearsals.

Beth Am Sisterhood to present Spoon River anthology

THE CAST of Spoon River Anthology. From left to right Soloist Lin Harris, Judy Distler, Walter Distler, Fred Binder and Paulette Zisk.

Congregation Beth Am welcomes new principal

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JEWISH BOOK MONTH was celebrated at Congregation Beth Am's Religious School with dramatizations of stories. Suzie Hollander, Jessica Harris, Laura Gissen and David Moser showed youngsters in grades 1-4 that the Temple library is an exciting place to visit...with somethin

Beth Am...Installation & Rededication

Congregation Beth Am installed temple and sisterhood officers during a moving ceremony of rededication. Members and friends gathered to honor those who will lead the congregation next year and to accept gifts which will beautify the sanctuary.

Generous contributions...gifts of the heart...included yahrzeit boards, pew cushions, a torah stand, flower holders, bima seating; and a magnifieent pulpit tapestry, lovingly stitched by members Marianne Bier, Fern Dreyfus, Doris Pape and Berta Wiener.

SISTERHOOD INSTALLATION: (left to right) Dori Lorber, Carlene Fleishman (president), Florence Strickler and Elaine Steinberg (outgoing co-president).

whom live in Teaneck) who possess an unusual degree of commitment, cohesiveness and cooperation worthy of the name Beth Am, which means House of the People. Among its members are individuals who have held, and currently hold, positions of leadership in various agencies concerned with aspects of Jewish life (both locally and on a national level). Many of its members are active in the civic life of Teaneck as well.

Among the committees through which the congregation carries on its religious, educational, and communal activities are: Adult Education, School, Pulpit and Ritual, Library, Social Issues, Sociability, Youth, Membership, House, Fine Arts, Publicity, Finance, and Fund Raising which includes such activities as bazaar, dinner dance, etc. The Sisterhood is active in initiating and supporting activities of the congregation.

There are 140 children enrolled in the religious school which has a curriculum spanning the first through the tenth grades.

The first rabbi of our congregation was Dr. Emanuel Green who was most instrumental in providing the necessary spiritual guidance during the first five years while the congregation was struggling with matters of organization and renovation of its Teaneck facilities. In 1969, Rabbi Green retired although as rabbi emeritus he still attends many of our services and functions. Dr. Ahron Opher served as rabbi from 1969 to 1973 when he retired to Florida. Our current rabbi is Stanley Gerstein, under whose guidance since April 1973 school and youth activities have grown.

Other key staff members of the congregation are Mr. Kenneth Butensky, cantor and director of the adult choir; Mr. Hans Karlsruher, organist; Mrs. Frances Hyman[1], principal; and Mrs. Marjorie Cohen, office secretary. Mrs. Pearl-Lin Harris, a member of the congregation, is the director of the junior choir.

Irwin L. Brownstein,
President (1974-1976)

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SINCE THE FOUNDING OF THE CONGREGATION

Mrs. Sophie Altschuler, Mr. Marvin Bernstein, Mr. Harold Bier, Mrs. Marianne Bier, Dr. Frederick Binder, Mrs. Joan Bodner, Mr. Lawrence Bressman, Mr. Gilbert Brown, Mr. Irwin L. Brownstein, Mr. Arthur Caslowitz, Mr. Alan Davis, Mr. Edgar Distler, Mrs. Mildred Distler, Mr. Walter Distler, Mr. Hugo Feingold, Mr. Harold Finkelstein, Mrs. Carlene Fleishman, Mr. Seymour Fleishman, Mr. Alan Fox, Mr. Seymour Gillman, Mr. Ira Gissen, Mr. Neil Goldenberg, Dr. Seymore Goldwasser, Dr. Leslie Harris, Mr. Stanley Hollander, Mr. Theodore Ignall, Mrs. Marjorie Kahn, Mr. Felix Kalin, Dr. Lawrence Kovall, Mr. Seymour Lazar, Mr. Leonard Levinson, Mrs. Dori Lorber, Mr. Ronald Lynn, Mr. Walter Moser, Mr. Arthur Pachman, Mr. Irving Pape, Dr. Eugene Rawitt, Mr. Lee Richman, Mrs. Mildred Richman, Mr. Arno Rosenberger, Mr. Joel Rudich, Mr. Murray Saks, Mr. Lewis Schloss, Mr. Moe Segal[2], Mr. Julian Silverberg, Mrs. Elaine Steinberg, Mr. Martin Stark, Mr. Abe Strickler, Mrs. Florence Strickler, Mrs. Helen Strickler, Mr. Alvin Subin, Mr. Norman Tell, Mr. William Thomas, Mr. Bruce Tucker, Mr. Milton Tucker, Mrs. Berta Weiner, Mr. Burton Wiener, Dr. Samuel Wilen.

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1) Charles and Frances Hyman became residents of Teaneck in 1955, when they moved from New York City. Prior to his demise in April 1974, Mr. Hyman was a past president of the Bryant School PTA and chairperson of the Adult Committee of Boy Scout Troop 93. Mrs. Hyman served as an officer of the Benjamin Franklin Junior High School PTA Board and as Teaneck president of the American Field Service (an organization that sponsors the exchange of American and foreign high school students).

The Hyman family, previously long-time members of Tenafly's Temple Sinai, served the congregation in numerous offices. During this time, Charles was president of the Brotherhood and co-chaired with Frances the temple's youth activities and the State's JFTY (Jersey Federation of Temple Youth) programs. Mrs. Hyman was an ardent supporter of the Sisterhood. Currently, she enjoys dual membership at Fair Lawn's Temple Avoda and Beth Chavairuth, a new Bergen County Reform group, of which she is a charter member.

Mrs. Hyman, long active in Reform Judaism as was her late husband, was state president of the Sisterhood of Reform Congregations from 1966-1968. She is the incoming president of the Metropolitan Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, which consists of 50 reform groups from all of New Jersey and Orange, Rockland, Sullivan and Ulster Counties of New York State. When Frances Hyman assumes this office, she will be the first woman to hold the position of Reform Congregations' Council president in the entire country. She continues to reside in Teaneck.

2) Moe and Fanny Segal, founding members of Congregation Beth Am, moved to Teaneck in 1948 from Elmhurst, New York. Originally members of Temple Emeth, Mr. and Mrs. Segal were zealous participants in the congregation's Brotherhood and Sisterhood, respectively. Fanny Segal, related to Teaneck resident Abe Schlussel, also served as Temple Emeth's professional secretary. The Segals currently reside in Florida, but still retain a membership at Beth Am, which they served in numerous capacities prior to their departure.

Congregational Presidents

1964-65	Mr. Julian Silverberg	1969-70	Mr. Lawrence Bressman
1965-66	Mr. Arthur Pachman	1970-72	Dr. Lawrence Kovall
1966-68	Mr. Gilbert Brown	1972-74	Mr. Norman Tell[1]
1968-69	Mr. Abe Strickler	1974-76	Mr. Irwin L. Brownstein

Officers (1975-1976)

President ..... Irwin L. Brownstein
1st Vice-Pres. ..... Walter Moser
2nd Vice-Pres. ..... Walter Distler
3rd Vice-Pres. ..... Dr. Frederick Binder
Treasurer ..... Lee Richman
Assistant Treas. ..... Seymour Lazar
Recording Sec. ..... Elaine Steinberg
Corresponding Sec. ..... Carlene Fleishman

Trustees (1975-1976)

Seymour Fleishman, Alan Fox, Ira Gissen[2], Stanley Hollander, Ronald Lynn, Lewis Schloss, Florence Strickler, Helen Strickler, Bruce Tucker, Berta Weiner. Sisterhood Representatives — Suzanne Bisig and Harriet Nachman.

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1) Norman and Jeanne Tell settled in Teaneck in 1953, when they moved from New York City. Vigorous members in the Bergen County Reform Temple (Temple Emeth), Mr. Tell served as a member of the board, president of the Brotherhood, assistant treasurer and chairperson of the House Committee. Mrs. Tell was active in Sisterhood and on the Pulpit and Ritual Committee. Civic activities in which the Tells participated were PTA, Englewood Hospital and the Cub and Boy Scout Organizations. Their son, Peter, earned the distinction of being the first Eagle Scout of the Eugene Field School troop and his brother, Richard, was a Star Scout. Today Peter, an attorney, is a member of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of Greater Miami.

During the summer of 1964 the Tells were one of the families who founded Congregation Beth Am. As the first secretary of the new group, Mrs. Tell recalls the initial organizational meetings chaired by Julian Silverberg and Arthur Pachman. Ted Ignall offered to make arrangements with the Bergen County YMHA for the forthcoming High Holiday Services and Dr. Gene Rawitt agreed to chair the first Pulpit Committee. Harold Bier volunteered to conduct weekly services and to contact Rabbi Emanuel Green to officiate at the first High Holy Day Services. Rabbi Green, then teaching at Hofstra University, performed yeoman service as part-time rabbi for the young congregation, traveling to and from Long Island to conduct Friday night services and returning Saturday mornings to perform at a Bar or Bat-Mitzvah. He served in this capacity for five years until ill health prevented him from continuing; he still returns annually to attend congregational functions.

The Tells have always played a vital role at Beth Am. Norman Tell, a past president (1972-1974) and lifetime trustee and has chaired numerous committees (e.g., Membership, Building); Jeanne Tell is a former treasurer of Sisterhood and is a member of the Adult Education, Honors and Memorial, and Pulpit and Ritual Committees. The Tells were early supporters of the Jewish Federation of Community Services of Bergen County and helped in the rehabilitation of refugees through NCJW by providing employment opportunities. They continue to reside in Teaneck while their sons Peter and Richard and daughter Constance are currently dispersed across the country.

2) Ira and Linda Gissen have lived in Teaneck since 1967, when they moved from River Edge. They were attracted by our town's school system, quality of government and racially integrated character.

Originally the Gissens enjoyed dual membership at the Teaneck Jewish Community Center and Tenafly's Temple Sinai (where Mrs. Gissen taught in the Religious school). In 1973 they joined Congregation Beth Am. Both are members of the congregational board of trustees. Ira Gissen is chairperson of the Adult Education Committee. He is responsible for procuring many of Beth Am's outstanding speakers and programs. Linda Gissen is chairperson of the Religious School Committee and sits on the Sisterhood board. Both she and Ira play a vital role on the Pulpit and Ritual Committee.

Mr. Gissen, who is employed by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, is in charge of its National Discriminations Committee. He is a past commander of the Teaneck Jewish War Veterans Post and served for several years on the Bergen County Jewish Federation of Community Services Community Relations Committee.

Mrs. Gissen, a former director of the Bergen County Urban League Man Power program (1967-1970), worked to establish training programs in industry for the hard-core unemployed and to alert communities to their special needs. In more recent years she has expanded her career as a professional artist and has established a widely celebrated reputation in enamel art. Her works, which include traditional examples of cloisonne, limoges, painting and wet inlay, also contain experimental items that display new enamel techniques. Linda Gissen is an active member of the Jewish Community Council, representing Congregation Beth Am and chairing the Council's Special Issues Committee, and NCJW, where she is a member of the board and is responsible for its National Affairs Study Group.

Congregation Beth Aaron

BICENTENNIAL MESSAGE

As we celebrate the Bicentennial anniversary of the establishment of this nation there is much for which to give thanks and also much on which to ponder. Two hundred years is hardly a very long period of time when one is considering the ages of nations. But yet the American nation has succeeded in accomplishing much in this period of time that is very unique. It has absorbed in its midst people from many differing cultural backgrounds and fused them into a single national group. For this we must certainly give thanks to G-d.

At the same time, there is much concern about where America is heading. Have we reached our pinnacle after two hundred years and will the future generations witness only the decline of this great nation? There are some who pessimistically say yes. But for those who refuse to accept such an answer perhaps they would do well to learn from the lessons of the Jewish people, a nation whose culture has been retained for four thousand years.

In "Ethics of the Fathers" Rabbi Gamliel taught, "Three things allow the world to exist — justice, truth and peace." This statement implies that a society in which there is an erosion of the above three principles must worry for its very existence. The American people and its leaders would be wise to adopt these words of Rabbi Gamliel as its guiding principle.

The concept of justice referred to in the above statement is twofold. On the one hand, it refers to the need to deal with all members of society with equal justice. On the other hand, it is also as important for a people to protect its members from the criminal elements in its midst. This is done by removing both the criminals and the injustices that cause much of the crime. When a society can combine both these aspects in the proper proportions, it is achieving justice as defined by Rabbi Gamliel.

Truth must certainly be the guideline for all Americans, be they public figures or private citizens. As all the recent scandals show, the American people should no longer be satisfied with pat answers that hide the truth. They demand, and rightfully so, to be informed of all the details of government. And in private dealings, between all the citizens of our nation, truth is always the best guideline for establishing relationships.

Most important of all is the principle of peace, *"sholom"*. For Jews this has always been of supreme importance, the word used both as a greeting and as a farewell message. The American people must learn the importance of peace if they want their greatness to endure and increase. Peace must be a guiding principle in all our dealings with our friends and neighbors. In the words of the psalmist, one must strive to be a "Lover of peace and pursuer of peace."

To teach the people this lesson is a tremendous task. But it must be undertaken if we want this nation to go on "from strength to strength."

Dr. Stanley Fass,
Rabbi

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Rabbi Stanley and Shlomit Fass[1] came to Teaneck in 1969 and first resided in an apartment on Westgate Road. Working for the Exxon Corporation in New Jersey, the rabbi selected our town because of its proximity both to New York and his place of employment and because of Teaneck's Orthodox community.

They joined Congregation B'nai Yeshurun, which at that time consisted of approximately 70 families; Rabbi Fass served as a member of the board of trustees and as chairperson of the Adult Education Committee. He offered classes on Talmudic Study twice weekly at his residence.

1) Rabbi and Mrs. Fass were born in North Bergen and New York City respectively.

Rabbi Fass received his B.S. degree in Chemistry, his M.H.L. degree and his ordination from Yeshiva University. He also possesses Bachelor and Master degrees in Chemical Engineering from New York University and is presently a Doctoral candidate at the same institution. Rabbi Fass is employed by the Allied Chemical Corporation in its process engineering department in Morristown, New Jersey. Schlomit Gershinsky Fass is a graduate of City College, where she was awarded a B.S. degree. At Yeshiva University's Teacher's Institute for Women she earned her diploma for teaching Hebrew.

The spiritual leader of Beth Aaron since 1973, Rabbi Fass' first contact with the young congregation was when he attended a Saturday morning service as an interested observer. They were then convening at Dr. Stuart Littwin's office and had no rabbi (Rabbi Gottesman having already accepted his new pulpit in Canada). Rabbi Fass was called upon to address the worshippers that morning; everyone was so pleased that they requested he return.

Because of his affiliation with B'nai Yeshurun, Rabbi Fass[1] agreed to preside over evening services only and volunteered to hold a class between *Mincha* and *Marev* services. Approached by the members to become their full-time leader after a four-month trial period, with Rabbi Gordon's encouragement, Rabbi Fass consented to do so. At present he and his wife reside in the synagogue's parish (the home adjoining the synagogue) with their four young children, Dovid, Esther, Penina and Zvi.

Rabbi Fass conducts two evening classes during the week for members of his congregation. He is a member of the Rabbinical Council of Bergen County, the Association of Orthodox Jewish Scientists and the Council of Orthodox Congregations of Bergen County. Both he and Mrs. Fass are charter members of Bergen Friends of Yeshiva of Hudson County. Mrs. Fass is a member of the executive board of the Teaneck Chapter of Mizrachi.

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Congregation Beth Aaron may well be one of Bergen County's newest houses of worship. Yet, in the short time it has been in existence it has grown by leaps and bounds and has developed a warm sense of community. It constitutes Teaneck's second Orthodox congregation.

Beth Aaron began as a basement *minyan* on January 1, 1972 with just a few members, some of whom were under twenty-one years of age. It has graduated to its own facilities adjacent to the house where the synagogue's rabbi, Stanley Fass, now resides with his family on 950 Queen Anne Road. Rabbi Fass became the congregation's spiritual leader in 1973. From bare walls and borrowed furnishings a few months ago, the synagogue itself — formerly the office of Dr. Stuart Littwin — has been completely transformed into a beautifully panelled and carpeted sanctuary by the efforts of its members.

Founded by Rabbi Meyer Gottesman, who now holds a pulpit in Toronto, Canada, the group first met in the Merrison Street home of Mitchell and Sarah Rudich (Beth Aaron's first president). Shortly afterward, its services were hosted for more than seven months by Martin and Carol Faber in their home, also on Merrison Street[2]. When the synagogue outgrew this location, Principal Alfred Mitchell graciously permitted the use of the Eugene Field School to serve as its third home. Desperately in need of its own residence, Dr. and Mrs. Littwin were approached by the congregation when it was learned their house and office were for sale. Despite rejection by the

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1) Rabbi Fass' brother, Marvin, is a chaplain at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

2) Martin and Carol Faber decided to establish residence in Teaneck in 1955 when they moved from Ridgefield. They were attracted to Teaneck's school system, central location and extensive selection of housing. Before the establishment of Beth Aaron, the Faber family were active participants at the Jewish Community Center. Their daughters, Deborah and Bonnie, were presidents of the Center's USY groups; Deborah later served on the National USY Board and traveled to Russia with that organization. Mrs. Faber was a member of Sisterhood and a leader of the Kadimah Youth Group.

Beth Aaron first came to the Fabers' attention when daughter, Deborah, met Rabbi Gottesman at an occasion where both were speaking on behalf of Soviet Jewry. This chance encounter has led to a meaningful and dynamic relationship between the family and Teaneck's youngest congregation. They opened their home and hearts to Beth Aaron, donating their finished basement for weekly and High Holy Day services for almost eight months. Even after the congregation moved to the Eugene Field School, many religious articles remained stored in their house for reasons of security.

Carol Faber has continued to render service unstintingly as president of Beth Aaron's Sisterhood (1974-1976) and

JEWISH STANDARD
8/24/71

New 'Shtibel' For Teaneck

JEWISH STANDARD 8/24/71

TEANECK — A 30-year-old "shtibel," or a little shul, which had to close its doors last year in Jersey City after its founder, Rabbi Aaron L. Gottesman, passed away, will reopen soon with a new location and a new name — but with a Rabbi Gottesman still as its spiritual leader.

Rabbi Meir Irving Gottesman, son of the late Rabbi, announced this week that the old shul has been renamed Congregation Beis Aron, in honor of its founder, and will soon reopen in Teaneck.

"Those who knew the old shul know that it had a spirit that was unique. Its beauty was its Chassidic warmth, its informality and the fact that every one was important," said Rabbi Gottesman.

Rabbi Gottesman comes from an unbroken line of more than ten generations of Rabbis, including the founder of the Chassidic movement. His grandfather, Rabbi Yitzchok Isaac of Stretin, was the scion of East Europe's most esteemed Rabbinici families.

Following a family tradition there will be no official "members", membership dues or board of directors. However, there will be some changes.

"Gone are the days when Traditional Jews could sit bac and be complacent," said Rabb Gottesman. "The Baal Shem To the founder of Chassidus, tau that the Jewish people are and that we are responsible each other. We will reach ou all Jews."

Rabbi Gottesman, who te Talmud at the Yeshiva of H County, requests that all who are interested in partic in the new shtibel contact 833-8313.

TEANECK SHOPPER — 7/19/72

An Open, Personal Letter To Teaneck Jews Who Are Seeking A Meaning To Their Jewishness.....

Dear Fellow Jew:

There is a new Orthodox congregation in the Cedar Lane area of Teaneck its name is Congregation Beth Aaron. We are still very small as Shuls go- we don't even have permanent facilities yet - but that does not matter. Rather it is a dream come alive . . . . where young and old alike find new meaning to their Jewishness.

My Congregation has asked me to personally invite you to our first annual HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES, which will soon be upon us, beginning Fri- day Evening, September 8th and set for the Eugene Field School. Our Services will be simple, traditional and intimate. We want you to feel that you are an active participant in these joyous prayers to our Father in Heaven.

The cost of all seats are the - family. There will be n... are frankly inter... support o... to t...

0 per individual and $18.00 per ol or college students. But we dollars to cover our costs and u for yourself. We want you We want to speak to those shness and Jewish identity. r year. Our congregation w Jews in the area. It

hy joyous New Year.

New Shul Aims at Youth

March 17, 1972

By RON WERTHEIMER
Staff Writer

"A rabbi is like a radiator. Unless he's hot, Judaism becomes frozen."

The man speaking is a rabbi. A paradoxical blend of yesterday and tomorrow, he comes from a line of 10 Hassidic rabbis and he goes to anti-Soviet demonstrations sponsored by the Jewish Defense League.

"The religious revolution I have in mind needs a spark," he says. He seems anxious to be that spark himself.

Rabbi Meir Gottesman, 30, sits at his worn desk looking at one of the posters he has distributed around Teaneck. The posters proclaim the founding of a new Orthodox shul. (pronounced "shool," it is the Yiddish word for synagogue.)

In two months, the posters and an intensive word-of-mouth campaign have brought 60 people to the fledgling congregation which holds services ... finished base-

RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

The rabbi's study is sparcely furnished, as is the rest of his new home at 285 West Englewood Ave. He came to Teaneck from Cliffside Park, where he was spiritual leader of the conservative Temple Israel.

Although furniture is lacking, books abound throughout the house. As the rabbi speaks about his dreams for the shul, ... Aaron, 2, plays with a

"We don't cut a boy's hair until he's 3."

The rabbi and his wife, Susan, have a daughter, 4-month-old Elisheva. The choice of Hebrew names is deliberate, part of the Gottesmans' emphasis on their heritage. Once the rabbi was known as Irving, his middle name. He has abandoned it for his Hebrew first name.

One of his major concerns, he says, as he seeks to bring all Jews back to the basics, is winning the affiliation ... young people. At least 10 ... the 25 worshipers who re... larly attend Sabbath servi... are under 21.

Some of his young follow... are attracted by Rabbi Gott... man's activity on behalf of ... viet Jews.

"Kids come to me beca... of my involvement," he sa... "This issue has done as m... for American Jews as it ... for Soviet Jews."

Young Zionist

Three of the rabbi's y... friends who share his attit... ...nt for thi...

invited him to make his new congregation's home in her parents' basement at 33 Merrison St.

Miss Faber was attending college in Maryland when she became ill and returned home to Teaneck. She had already visited Europe, Russia, and Israel. The trip confirmed her Zionism and her feelings that Jews live under cruel suppression in the Soviet Union.

"I wore my Jewish star openly in Russia," she recalls

Staff photo by Emmett Francois

THEY'RE SERIOUS — Sol Rapaport, Divi Faber, and Bill Zanker in living room.

...ISH STANDARD, SEPTEMBER 1, 1972

A TEANECK EXPERIENCE

First The Prayer, Then The Dancing

After Sabbath services it is ... congregation to ...

Rabbi at the Lubavacher Yeshiv... Continuing in his work wi... youth, he now publishes ...kly newspaper called "T... ...ich he repo...

Orthodox Group Seeks Building

TEANECK: Leaders of Congregation Beth Aaron, the new orthodox synagogue in the Cedar Lane area, presently meeting at the Eugene Fields School on ... Ave. in Teane...

permanent house of worship in t... vicinity.

Until ...

SUNDAY RECORD — 8/2/73

Congregation likely to lose office haven

A new congregation of 23 Orthodox Jewish families will probably be barred from using a doctor's office in Teaneck for a permanent temple.

The Teaneck Board of Adjustment has opposed the use in an executive session because of parking and density problems. It is expected to formally reject the group's request for a variance this Tuesday.

"We're a small group if we lose this, there's no other op... in Teaneck," said Rabbi

The ... temple ... B'nai Je... wood ... of town... Sind... grou... offic... app... na...

Teaneck sued by synagogue over zoning

By BARBARA ARCHER
Staff Writer

Congregation Beth Aaron has filed suit against Teaneck, charging that the township's zoning laws for houses of worship have deprived it of its constitutional right to practice its religion freely.

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A 1st for Cong. Beth Aaron

Sept. 5,'76 TEANECK

Own Rabbi to conduct Holy Day Services

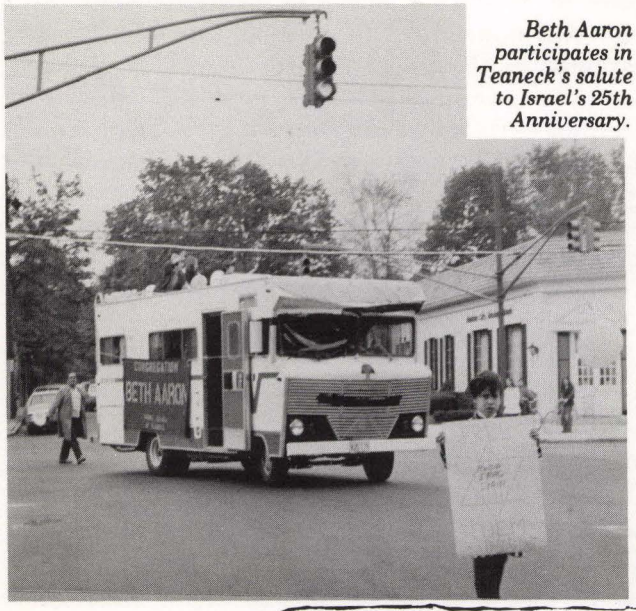
A year ago the newly formed Orthodox Shul in Teaneck, Congregation Beth Aaron, was conducting religious services in a basement with just a handful of Jews observing the Sabbath in the tradition of their forefathers. They had dreams of the day when the struggle to obtain a minyan (quorum of ten men required to hold a service) without any difficulties would come. They also had [illegible] of a Rabbi who would [illegible] ship with Stanley Fass has, for the past several months been the rabbi of this, now maturing congregation. Born 29 years ago, Rabbi Fass is a native of North Bergen. He graduated from the Yeshiva of Hudson County in Union City and graduated from Yeshiva University High School in New York City in 1957. He received his Rabbinic ordination (Smicha) in 1969 with a Master's in Hebrew Literature. To round out his personal history, he married Shlomit Ger- [illegible] in 1967 and they now time at home to high sch[illegible] students as well as to peop[illegible] the professions such as [illegible] sicists, professors, acc[illegible] ants, lawyers, etc.

Every Saturday after[illegible] between afternoon and [illegible] ing services Rabbi Fa[illegible] ducts the discussion gr[illegible] prayers; an understan[illegible] customs, their mean[illegible] discussion of the in[illegible] tions handed down b[illegible] through the centuri[illegible] as how they relate t[illegible] blems of today.

These discussion[illegible] whet the appetite o[illegible]

STANDARD — 7/5/74

TEANECK CONGREGATION BETH AARON INSTALLS OFFICERS — (Left to Right): Joshua Adler, secretary; Eric Leleton, 2nd vice-pres.; Daniel Feldlaufer, pres.; Rabbi Stanley Fass, installing officer; Mitchel Rudich, immediate past pres.; Sheldon Levey, lifetime hon. trustee, and Bernard Papernik, 1st vice-pres.



Beth Aaron participates in Teaneck's salute to Israel's 25th Anniversary.

No decision on Teaneck temple case

District Court Judge Harvey Smith has reserved judgment in Congregation Beth Aaron's suit to force Teaneck to grant a variance to establish a temple in its neighborhood.

Members of the orthodox congregation appeared before Judge Smith Friday to argue their case. The small congregation charges that Teaneck's zoning laws for houses of worship have deprived it of its constitutional right to practice its religion freely.

Last August, the Teaneck Board of Adjustment denied the 23-family congregation permission to convert a doctor's attached office and home into a permanent temple. The zoning code requires one acre for a house of worship and the site was too small. The plot also did not meet setback re- [illegible]

11/28/75 — STANDARD

Dedicate Torah At Beth Aaron

TEANECK — Chanukah will have extra meaning at Cong. Beth Aaron this year. On Sunday, the congregation will dedicate a Torah scroll donated by Mr. and Mrs. Martin Faber, formerly of Jersey City, family and friends in honor of the Golden Wedding of Mrs. Faber's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Harry Silberman of Jersey City.

During the morning services, commencing at 9 the community will be dedicating the new scroll at the first ceremony of its kind held in the synagogue. The scroll will be borne into the synagogue by members of the Faber family and will be marched ceremoniously outside the synagogue in a festive procession together with the other scrolls which will be removed from the ark to symbolically greet the new scroll.

Upon re-entering the synagogue the portion of the [illegible]

THE RECORD — August 7, 1974

Teaneck won't fight Orthodox temple

TEANECK — The Township Council will not appeal a District Court ruling allowing Congregation Beth Aaron to occupy a temple in a neighborhood zoned for one-family homes.

In a 3-[illegible] four were necessary t[illegible] orize an [illegible] —the court [illegible] of the congregation were being denied First Amendment rights to religious freedom.

The board last August denied a variance to the 25-member Orthodox congregation to establish the temple [illegible] 950 Queen Anne Road. The [illegible] posed were Councilmen Martin Cramer and Francis Hall and Councilwoman Dorothy Silverstein. Councilman John Jordan was absent.

Mrs. Kieliszek argued that the legitimacy of Teaneck's zoning ordinances had been We [illegible] the W [illegible] co [illegible] ac [illegible] W [illegible]

TEANECK NEWS — 5/19/76

Dedication of Congregation Beth Aaron in Teaneck

The dedication of Congregation Beth Aaron at 950 Queen Anne Road in Teaneck place on Sunday, 1976.

[illegible] on Beth Aaron by Rabbi Meir [illegible] a small group [illegible] wanted to es- [illegible] rthodox syna- [illegible] Queen Anne [illegible] of Teaneck. [illegible] ginnings, using [illegible] ments as their [illegible] ip, the congre- [illegible] he point where [illegible] ok for its own [illegible] were found [illegible] at 950 Queen [illegible] ch is now the [illegible] of this young [illegible] latively few in number, the members of the congregation are strongly devoted to their synagogue and heartily appreciate the excellent efforts of their spiritual leader, Rabbi Stanley Fass.

At the dedication, the congregation will be honored to welcome as its guest speakers the Honorable Matthew Feldman, President of the New Jersey Senate; the Honorable Eleanor Kieliszek, Mayor of Teaneck; and Rabbi Macy Gordon of Congregation Bnai Yeshurun in Teaneck. Rabbi Stanley Fass will deliver an address and Mr. Bernard Papernick, President of the Congre- [illegible]

TEANECK NEWS 4/7/76

Melave Malka

On Saturday night, March 27th Congregation Beth Aaron held its first annual melava malka in the synagogue on Queen Anne Road.

The guests of honor were Mr. & Mrs. Danny Feldlaufer, in recognition of their [illegible] ing efforts for the synagogue. In his welcoming address President Bernie Papernick announced that the Board had un- [illegible]

BETH AARON UJA MEETING — (Left to right): Rabbi Stanley Fass; Rabbi David Golovensky, guest speaker; Dr. Lawrence Feder, UJA chairman for Beth Aaron; Arthur Joseph, Teaneck UJA general

Teaneck Board of Adjustment of an application for a variance, opposition by neighbors and lengthy legal proceedings, the Littwins remained resolute in their determination to sell to this small group. (They permitted the congregants to use the office even before the Littwin family vacated the home and also made a substantial monetary contribution.) In addition to receiving financial support from its membership, Beth Aaron was assisted to a smaller degree by most of Teaneck's other Jewish congregations.

Although the congregation boasts a membership of only 55 families, Beth Aaron provides a full range of activities for its members. Torah Study is a very important facet of the synagogue's activities as shown by its two weekday classes in addition to several classes and study groups during the Sabbath. An active Sisterhood, which was formed in December 1972 with Mrs. Sheldon Levey as its first president, complements this with a wide variety of social and fund-raising functions. This year's programs have included a theater party and an "Instant Art Show" with Morris Katz, as well as many interesting speakers. The children are not forgotten either; they have enjoyed holiday celebrations, such as a Chanukah party, and regular junior congregaton services.

In addition to its own functions, Beth Aaron has been an active participant in the Jewish community. Last fall's Walk-a-Thon for Soviet Jewry and the annual UJA drive are only two of the township events which have included Beth Aaron members. In addition, Congregation Beth Aaron and Rabbi Fass have been very involved in the newly formed Council of Orthodox Synagogues of Bergen County.

In summary, Beth Aaron can best be described as a young and growing family. There is much to be said for a synagogue so small that no new face escapes a hearty welcome, and where a *kiddush* every Shabbat is "just something we can't give up!" It characterizes the intensity of our shul — it's our one chance during the week to relax and talk and renew our friendships. Beth Aaron is one of the youngest, fastest-growing and unique families of which Bergen County is proud.

Elcya Subar Weiss

PRESIDENTS

(1/1972 - 4/1974) Mitchell Rudick (1974-1975) Daniel Feldlaufer (1975-1976) Bernard Papernik

OFFICERS (1975-1976)

President ..... Bernard Papernik
First Vice-Pres. ..... Ivor Brown
Second Vice-Pres. ..... Joseph Rosenberg
Corresponding Sec. ..... Barbara Feinberg
Recording Sec. ..... Daniel Chazin
Financial Sec.-Treas. ..... Henry Holland
Honorary President ..... Daniel Feldlaufer

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Mollie Fisch
Nat Hinden
David Klavan
Mitchell Rudick
Sylvia Rosenberg — Sisterhood Liason

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as the synagogue's representative to the Jewish Community Council, the State of Israel Bond campaign and the Jewish National Fund drive. She has served as a volunteer for the State of Israel Bond, UJA, and JNF offices. Mrs. Faber is a past officer of the Teaneck Section of the NCJW.

Mr. and Mrs. Faber are devoted, as well, to the non-denominational William D. Quick Teaneck Lodge #164 of the Knights of Pythias, which holds its meetings at Temple Emeth. Martin Faber is a past chancellor and has been active on the state level of the organization; Carol Faber is an honorary past chancellor. Current lodge chancellor is former Teaneck resident, Jerome Weiner (son of Meyer and Ruth Weiner). Other past Jewish chancellors from Teaneck are Dr. A. Milton Bell, Les Blair, Ira Kaplan, Howard Nadell, Jack Siegel and Martin Solomon. Among its most recent charitable achievements is a new resuscitator for the Teaneck Volunteer Ambulance Corps, handsome contributions to the Cystic Fibrosis organization, St. Peter's College, the Association of Retarded Children of Hudson County, and a new room at Deborah Hospital, Browns Mill, New Jersey, dedicated in loving memory of the charming and gifted Deborah Faber (who passed away prematurely on June 18, 1976). The Fabers still reside in Teaneck.

Honorary Lifetime Trustees

Sheldon Levey[1] Daniel Feldlaufer

Founding Members

Carol Faber
Dr. Samuel and Shirley Doller and children, Benjamin and Shira
Stanley Fisch
Simon Frank
Harold Freed and daughters, Beth and Debbie
Jerry Hoberman
Eric K. Leveton
Sheldon Levey
Henry London
Bernard Papernik
Sol Rapaport
Mitchell Rudick
Jonathon Schwartz

1) Sheldon and Janet Levey moved in 1969 to Teaneck from Paramus. As the first honorary lifetime trustee of Beth Aaron, Mr. Levey is recognized as one of the congregation's most ardent supporters. In face of the many difficulties encountered in the establishment of Teaneck's youngest congregation, he worked relentlessly to prevent the group's dissolution. The Leveys vividly recall the early years of Beth Aaron, under the leadership of Rabbi Gottesman who, in the true Lubavitch Orthodox tradition, set about attracting the non-religious and the young. It was his goal to teach the joy, rather than the obligation, in worshipping and observing the sabbath.

After Rabbi Gottesman's departure, Mr. Levey arranged for use of the facilities of the Eugene Field School by the congregation on a weekly basis. He remembers the magnanimity of Principal Alfred Mitchell and custodian Matthew Pokrywka in making them as welcome and comfortable as possible. During the 1971 High Holidays, which were also observed at the school, Rabbi Rubin, an associate of Rabbi Gottesman, conducted the services. He and his wife stayed at the home of Sarah and Mitchell Rudich. Until the congregation retained the services of Rabbi Fass, it was served by several temporary rabbis, including Rabbi Seymour Hertzberg. When Beth Aaron became incorporated, it was Sheldon Levey who prepared its constitution. He also maintained a barrage of publicity in the local newspapers in order to attract additional worshippers.

In addition to his dedicated efforts on behalf of Beth Aaron, Mr. Levey has been an active leader in the Boy Scout movement for the past 15 years. He was scout master of the Teaneck Jewish Community Center's troop for three years and since 1972, supervises the Moriah School's Webelo and Boy Scout groups (one of New Jersey's two *shomer shabbat* troops; the other being from Elizabeth). Mr. Levey was recently awarded Scouting's Shofar citation. He is also a charter member and former *gabbai* of the Paramus Jewish Community Center daily *minyan* and a charter member of Paramus' Congregation Beth Tefilah.

Mrs. Levey served as the first president of Beth Aaron's Sisterhood and continues to participate actively in all congregational and Sisterhood functions. The Leveys still reside in Teaneck.

Presentation of Awards to the Presidents of Teaneck's Five Jewish Congregations by the Bergen County Welfare Council — 1970. Left to right - Temple Emeth's Rolf Feder, Beth Sholom's Robert B. Levine, Beth Am's Dr. Lawrence Koval, Jewish Community Center's Leonard Gould and B'nai Yeshurun's Abraham Wechsler.

Teaneck Congregation Presidents honored by Jewish Federation at Temple Emeth — 1974. Standing left to right are Edward Anfang, President of the Jewish Community Center; Abraham Levine, President of Congregation B'nai Yeshurun; Mitchell Rudich, President of Congregation Beth Aaron and Norman Tell, President of Congregation Beth-Am. Seated left to right are Dr. Philip Stein, who received a special tribute; Dr. Douglas S. Lipton, President of Temple Emeth; Irving Friedman, President of Congregation Beth Sholom and Adolf Robison, toastmaster.

Chapter 14

The following local fraternal and/or philanthropic organizations, listed in alphabetical order, are handsomely supported by Teaneck's Jewish community. While a few are indigenous to the township, others are branches of national or international associations. Several exist on a county-wide level.

As in Chapter 13 (Jewish Congregational Histories), each group's story was submitted by one of its members based upon organizational records and information.

The American Jewish Committee in the Community

This year marks the 70th anniversary of the American Jewish Committee. As the oldest human relations agency in our country, the American Jewish Committee was formed to assist Jewish victims of persecution in Czarist Russia and to protect the rights of Jews in America and elsewhere throughout the world.

The Committee supported the establishment of Israel, United States recognition of the new State, and its admission to the United Nations. The Committee helps to interpret Israel's role as a friend and ally of democracy in the Middle East and has mobilized local and nationwide support whenever its existence or security has been threatened.

AJC members also deal with a wide variety of community issues: conflicts and tensions between racial and ethnic groups, the need for more jobs, better education programs, an increased housing supply, anti-Semitism of Left and Right extremists, crime in the streets, problems of welfare, and many others. It cooperates with other responsible organizations — both national and local — in dealing with issues of mutual concern. Members also advance AJC's point of view and program through participation in other community groups — Jewish and non-sectarian.

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AJC's effectiveness in local communities, such as Teaneck, depends largely on the efforts of its members who work through chapters in major cities and units in smaller communities. AJC members in Teaneck who are part of the Bergen County Unit include the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice B. Abraham
Mr. and Mrs. Wallace B. Cowan[1]
Mr. and Mrs. Rolf Feder
Hon. Matthew Feldman
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Feldstein
Mr. and Mrs. Ira Gissen
Dr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Goldfarb[1]
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald LeBoff
Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Maier
Rabbi and Mrs. Samuel Mendelowitz
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Norman
Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Preuss
Mr. and Mrs. Adolf Robison
Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Rothschild, Jr.
Dr. Henry S. Singman
Mr. and Mrs. Jerome B. Weinberg

Arthur Rifkin

1) Ruth Cowan and June Goldfarb serve on the executive committee.

American Jewish Congress

The Teaneck Chapter of American Jewish Congress was formed in September 1953. Prior to its founding, Mr. Sam Brown, New Jersey regional director, met with Teaneck residents Mrs. Edna Levine, Mrs. Jeannette Tannenbaum, and Mrs. Ruth Cooper, already members of Congress, for the purpose of establishing a chapter in the Bergen County area. A tea was held in the home of Mrs. Ceil Fields, where it was decided to organize a Teaneck chapter with Mrs. Florrie Bialler as acting chairperson.

The Teaneck chapter is a branch of the National Women's Division of American Jewish Congress. The programs offered always pertain to the concerns and purposes of the national organization, which are:

To unite American Jews, to preserve and extend the democratic way of life.
To eliminate all forms of racial and religious discrimination.
To achieve the democratic organization of the American Jewish community.
To stimulate an informed awareness of Jewish affairs.
To protect the civil, religious and economic rights of Jews everywhere.
To help Israel develop in freedom, security and peace.
To affirm the unity of Jewish people.

Chairpersons are appointed to head the following committees which were formed to promote the doctrine and goals of the organization: Law and Social Action, Community Interrelations, Jewish Living, International Affairs and Israel, Louise Waterman Wise Youth Hostel (In Israel), Study Groups, Membership, Fund Raising, and Publicity. Stimulating programs are presented by these committees and informed, provocative speakers are often invited to speak on related topics at meetings open to members, guests, and the community at large. The Teaneck Chapter of American Jewish Congress became a charter member and active participant of the Teaneck Jewish Community Council when it was formed. It also awarded yearly scholarships through the Teaneck Scholarship Fund.

Presiding over the activities of the chapter since its inception, were the following women: Mesdames Jeannette Tannenbaum, Shirley Bernstein, Ruth Cooper, Dora Reiner, Adele Levine, Esther Gilbert, Ethel Meislik, a presidium of three - Florrie Bialler, Lila Frankfort and Miriam Kander, Blanche Borenstein and Elsie Stelzer. Regular meetings were held the first Wednesday of the month, and board meetings, the last Wednesday. During the past few years, the chapter has been meeting spontaneously without a set group of officers.

Ruth Cooper

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The Geula Chapter of the American Mizrachi Women

Established in 1925, the American Mizrachi Women's Organization is the major women's religious-Zionist organization in the United States. Boasting of a membership of 50,000 women, it has been organized into more than 350 chapters.

The prime focus of the organization is the sponsorship and maintenance of an extensive network of child care, social service and educational projects in Israel. The guiding principle of American Mizrachi Women has always been to meet the changing needs of Israel, and to provide innovative, standard-setting services to meet these needs.

Among the better known institutions sponsored by American Mizrachi Women are Kfar Batya, situated in Raanana, Israel, a complete model community in which some 350 children live, work and study within a religious-oriented framework; Masad Aliyah Childrens' Village at Petach Tikvah, providing care and education for some 300 immigrants and underprivileged

children; the Bakka Settlement Houses in Jerusalem, which provide extensive social service programs for immigrants, and many more.

In the United States, American Mizrachi Women is a member of the American Zionist Federation as well as the Coordinating Committee for Youth Aliyah. American Mizrachi Women cooperates fully with the United Jewish Appeal and actively supports the State of Israel Bond drives and the work of the Jewish National Fund. It also conducts a program of educational and cultural activities among its membership.

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In the fall of 1957 Ruth Waldman Sacks, of the New York region of Mizrachi Women of America (the former name of the organization), contacted Esther Manischewitz[1], of Teaneck for the purpose of establishing a chapter in this town. She had heard of Teaneck's expanding Jewish population and felt there would be adequate support for the organization.

Mrs. Manischewitz probably Teaneck's first *sabra,* together with Sonya Karsch of Hackensack (wife of the cantor of Temple Beth-El in Hackensack), was instrumental in organizing Sinai chapter. It was decided to name the group after the Sinai campaign of 1956.

Although this was primarily a Teaneck chapter, members were residents of Hackensack, Englewood, Fort Lee and Bergenfield as well. The charter members are: Esther Manischewitz, Ann Appleton, Pearl Blum, and Annette Lauer of Teaneck; Sonya Karsch and Lillian Eisenstein of Hackensack; Doris Schlesinger, Phyllis Schlesinger, Emily Trepp and Elinor Braun of Englewood.

Esther Manischewitz served as the first president.

The following women have also served as presidents — Bertha Bienenfeld, Marves Rosenbaum, Jeanette Goldberg, Sarah Hertzberg, Sheva Gartenberg, and Lillian Kopitnikoff.

In 1972 an evening Teaneck branch was formed, called the Daganya chapter, with Suzanne Naimark as its president. Two years later the two groups merged to form the present Geula Chapter of American Mizrachi Women. Today we have a membership of 130 women, eleven of whom are life members.

OFFICERS (1975-1976):

President ..... Marcia Weinblatt
Membership Vice-Pres. ..... Carol Tillman
Fundraising Vice-Pres. ..... Rella Feldman
Marsha Jacobwitz
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Lillian Kopitnikoff, Bunny Hain and Marylin Danto

1) William and Esther Manischewitz have lived in Teaneck since 1953, during which time they have spent several years in Israel. Mr. Manischewitz was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, but was educated and celebrated his Bar Mitzvah in Jerusalem (a family tradition). Mrs. Manischewitz was born in Jerusalem. She was a member of the Haganah (Israel Defense Forces) and came to the United States in 1950. She founded and was the first president of the Teaneck Sinai Chapter of Mizrachi Women. Mrs. Manischewitz has been an active member of B'not Yeshurun and is responsible for suggesting the name of Teaneck's first Orthodox congregation. During the years, she has graciously served as a guest lecturer at meetings of many of the town's Jewish ladies organizations. She is also a teacher at the Jewish Community Center Hebrew school.

Mr. Manischewitz is a staunch supporter of Israel and Orthodox Judaism. For three years, beginning in 1955, he opened his home on the High Holy Days to hold Orthodox services. A founder of Congregation B'nai Yeshurun, he remains an active member of its board of trustees. Mr. Manischewitz is a founder of Israel's Bar-Ilan University and the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He is the past president of the American Friends of Israel's Hebron Yeshiva, past chairperson of the publication "Talpioth" of Yeshiva University and a member of the National Executive Board of the Religious Zionists of America (Mizrachi).

Mr. and Mrs. Manischewitz' daughter, Ofra, has studied art at the Bezalel School of Art in Jerusalem. She recently held an exhibit of her work that featured forty-eight oil paintings, etchings, silk screens and drawings at Rutgers University (from which she was graduated in 1976). Their other daughters are Leora and Sharon.

B'nai B'rith Lodge #1694 of Teaneck

On May 27, 1947 the Bergen County Lodge of B'nai B'rith was chartered in Teaneck at the Jewish Community Center after almost one year of intensive planning. A series of meetings had been convened by a group of eight men in the home of Arthur Schwibner on Standish Road. Acquainted with the B'nai B'rith organization, they decided that the Jewish community of Bergen County would derive considerable benefit from its unique program. The group grew from eight to twenty, to fifty, and finally surpassed the one hundred mark. Its members were primarily from Teaneck, although some came from surrounding communities. Throughout this entire period, Arthur Schwibner and his wife were gracious hosts.

Arthur Schwibner, the first president, was assisted by a group of other dedicated founders — among them Seymour Hurwitt, Matthew Feldman, Goodman Singer, Harry Peck and Louis Kisloff. Their activities included starting an AZA (Boys) Youth Group, assisting in Hillel functions at Rutgers University and Douglass College, involving the Anti-Defamation League in the needs of the Bergen County Jewish Community, introducing our Vocational Training Counseling Service to high school youngsters, and helping in local projects, such as UJA, State of Israel Bonds, County Welfare, Red Cross, March of Dimes, etc. Membership in B'nai B'rith provides the opportunity to serve, to enjoy the camaraderie of others and to be the recipient of many benefits, such as the organization's blood bank.

After a period of seven years, when the lodge had increased its membership to 300, members from Englewood petitioned the district organization for permission to start their own group. At the same time, new lodges were forming in Fort Lee, Fair Lawn, Bergenfield, Northern Valley, and Pascack Valley. The name of the Bergen County Lodge soon became a misnomer. After ten years of excellent work, it was changed to the Teaneck Lodge of B'nai B'rith. Devoted men like Aaron Maltin, Abraham Schlussel, Dr. A. Milton Bell, Morris Sher, Alan Feldman, Arthur Gilbert, Leonard Alter and Curt DeJonge, assumed numerous responsibilities as the Teaneck Lodge continued its growth and progress.

With the construction of the new building at the Rutgers-Douglass Hillel Foundation, the lodge succeeded in raising $10,000 for the establishment of the Lieutenant Albert Hurwitt Library, in memory of the son of Seymour Hurwitt who died in the service of his country during World War II. The need for a Hillel foundation on the Teaneck campus of Fairleigh-Dickinson University soon became apparent. The committee to form the new group, which was enthusiastically received by university officials, was headed by Abe Schlussel. Rabbi Samuel Mendelowitz was asked to supervise formation of the organization which today remains active and vibrant.

During the years of its existence, many men who have served the lodge have been promoted to the so-called upper echelons of the B'nai B'rith organization. Through the efforts of Seymour Hurwitt and representatives of other lodges in the area, the Palisades Council of B'nai B'rith was established. Seymour Hurwitt is recognized as the founding president of the Council. Other men from Teaneck have also served as its president, among them: Harry Peck, Abe Schlussel, Arthur Gilbert, and most recently, Paul Littman. All of the aforementioned presidents have served as members of the district board of governors. Arthur Gilbert, in addition, has served as district secretary.

Nathan Shapiro, who is now a life member of the B'nai B'rith Board of Governors, joined the Teaneck Lodge in 1956 after serving as president of the North Hudson Lodge, and the Northern New Jersey Council of B'nai B'rith. In 1959 he served as president of the District Grand Lodge Number Three. (The District embraces four states which include New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and West Virginia.) In this capacity, Mr. Shapiro headed one of seven American delegations to the first international B'nai B'rith convention held in Israel. The convention, which substantially augmented Israel's tourist industry, set an example for other American Jewish organizations; its 1300 men and women delegates constituted the largest peace-time invasion of Israel.

Approximately five years ago, a group from the Teaneck lodge started an Israeli Stock Club for the sole purpose of collecting funds to invest in Israel's economy. The club has a varied portfolio consisting of investments in banks, mortgage companies, plywood, textiles, tires, foods, citrus farms, oils, and many other industries and institutions that contribute to improvement of Israel's standard of living. When the Yom Kippur War erupted the group donated $1,000 from its treasury to the UJA. At this time of crisis when many individuals discontinued their personal investments, the Teaneck Club, along with similar B'nai B'rith Investment Clubs throughout the U.S., provided one of the few sources of foreign assistance for the hard pressed Israeli economy.

At present, the Teaneck lodge has an enrollment of approximately 460. Our members not only serve the Teaneck Jewish community, but the Bergen County Welfare Board, the various state Hillel Foundations, the State of Israel Bond campaigns and the different temples and synagogues in the area. In short, wherever there is a need for service, B'nai B'rith men are ready to lend a hand.

Nathan Shapiro

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1) Abraham Schlussel, prominent member and leader of many organizations, moved to Teaneck in 1958 from Fair Lawn, with his wife, Sheila. Mr. Schlussel has zealously supported the B'nai B'rith organization; serving as president of the Teaneck lodge from 1962-1964, as president of the Regional Palisade Council in 1965, and as a member of the board of governors (1966-1969), where he sat on the administrative board for several years. He has been the Adult Jewish Education district chairperson (covering a territory of several states) and for two years, the national commissioner of Adult Education. Before election to the presidency of the Teaneck lodge, Mr. Schlussel initiated a highly successful Sunday discussion group called "Living Room for Learning." These meetings were conducted in various homes and led by different members of the lodge. Rabbi Bernard Walfish volunteered his services as a discussion leader in *Chumash* study during one series. Mr. Schlussel was instrumental in the organization of the Fairleigh Dickinson University Hillel Chapter, was president of its Advisory Board from 1965-1972 and has served as its chairperson since 1972. The Fairleigh Dickinson University Hillel Library is named in memory of Mr. Schlussel's deceased brother, Samuel, who helped establish a Hillel chapter at Stony Brook University.

Abe Schlussel has demonstrated his ongoing commitment to the Jewish community by serving on numerous committees and as vice president of the Teaneck Jewish Community Center. He served as president of the Teaneck Jewish Community Council (1964-1966) and as co-chairperson of the Bergen County YMHA Cultural Affairs program. During his tenure in office at the "Y", such eminent guest speakers as Theodore Bikel, Rabbi Robert Gordis, Yitzhak Rabin and Elie Wiesel were featured. He also serves on the Board of the Jewish Federation of Community Services, Bergen County.

Sheila Schlussel, a certified speech therapist, has the distinction of being the first Jewish faculty member of the Ridgewood Elementary School system, in which she taught from 1953-1955. Her activities in Teaneck have included being vice president of Education of Hadassah and teaching English to foreign born in programs sponsored by NCJW.

B'nai B'rith Women of Teaneck — Levi Eshkol Chapter

Early in 1948 approximately ten women joined together to form a B'nai B'rith chapter in Teaneck. As a result of the efforts of Lillian Schwibner, Rosalind Levy, Edna Marx, Bess Simon, Loretta Levine, Pearl Singer, Betty Kisloff, Blanche Flamm, Honora Bernstein and Belle West, a charter was granted to the 88 members of the newly organized B'nai B'rith Women of Bergen County, Chapter #637, on April 30, 1948.

B'nai B'rith is a family organization. The women's sections are called chapters and supervise the B'nai B'rith Girls organization; the men's are called lodges and direct the activities of the AZA Boys groups.

Within three years our membership exceeded 400. Shortly thereafter, however, many member families moved to outlying communities and each town formed its own chapter. Thus, although our chapter decreased in numbers, the B'nai B'rith organization gained in national enrollment. It was then decided to change our name to B'nai B'rith Women of Teaneck.

B'nai B'rith is a service organization and renders important assistance to Teaneck. With the permission of the superintendent of schools, complimentary book covers are distributed to elementary school students, advocating brotherhood among children. Comic books are placed in the schools and in dental and medical offices, with the moral message to fight anti-Semitism. Small books are given to all teachers explaining the Jewish holidays. Literature on brotherhood is also distributed in the maternity wards of the hospitals.

Our accomplishments are many. Our Dolls for Democracy are replicas of actual people such as poetess Emma Lazarus, baseball player Jackie Robinson, St. Francis of Assisi, President Abraham Lincoln and botanist George Washington Carver, and are used for the purpose of presenting programs on brotherhood in classrooms and at Scout and church meetings.

During Brotherhood Week, February 12th to 22nd, B'nai B'rith plans many gala events. All school personnel are invited to attend the annual presentation of the Merit award. The first recipient was Miss Norton, former director of the Teaneck Library; she was followed by Dr. Mason Gross, former provost of Rutgers University, and later the Teaneck Volunteer Ambulance Corps. Another kind of program is an interfaith discussion group that features several clergymen who speak on brotherhood in relationship to their house of worship.

Our services are many. Each month the B.B. girls and women have visited the Totowa School for the Mentally Retarded. We adopted Cottage #3 and celebrate birthdays with the girls, bringing them gifts and entertaining them. At the Edna Conklin Children's Home in Hackensack, we read stories and play with the children. Updating our various activities, we have served as hostesses during community blood drives (our past president, Ruthe Landau, was president of Teaneck's Community Blood Bank), assisted the Holy Name Hospital in the purchase of a dialysis machine, and substituted for clerical workers and volunteers at the Holy Name Hospital on Christmas Day (thus permitting them to spend the holiday with their families).

Every year we give Date and Memo books to each teacher in the schools, as well as well as to the Library, in which all holidays are recorded. This is intended to assist teachers in scheduling examinations and other activities.

Aside from local services, the organization raises money to help the sick and needy by supporting the Leo N. Levi Hospital in Hot Springs, Arkansas, a non-sectarian facility founded in 1914 for the treatment of arthritis; a Social Service department at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota; and the National Jewish Hospital in Denver, Colorado, for the care of tuberculosis patients. We, in New Jersey, have undertaken to maintain the children's and infant's wing of the latter institution for which we knit afghans and booties and hem terrycloth wash cloths. This, too, is a non-sectarian hospital. Last, but not least, our fund-raising activities helped to build a home for emotionally disturbed children in Israel.

Our headquarters in Washington, D.C. is proud of its deep, moral roots. On the outside of the building is imprinted this creed — "The World Stands on Three Foundations, On Study, On Benevolence, On Service." Our emblem is the menorah; whoever wears the menorah pin does so with pride and honor.

PAST PRESIDENTS FROM TEANECK ARE:

Pearl Singer
Blanche Flamm
Estelle Kaplan
Florence Strickler
Pearl Grossman
Dorothy Lewis
Ruthe Landau[1]
Lillian Feldman
Sylvia Peck
Lynn Jason
Rose Waldenberg
Anne Hafler
Ella Abrams
Rose Rutter
Maxine Newman
Muriel Schneider
Ruth Lissner
Claire Cohen
Evelyn DeTorres

1) Mrs. Landau served as the chapter's 7th and 15th president.

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TRUSTEES

Lil Silver, Bess Rustin, Janice Weiss, Eva Weitz, Tilly Lazarus, Freda Levinson

We hope to continue the wonderful work both locally and nationally. Our motto is, "Fidelity — Service — Devotion."

Lillian Feldman, Past President

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Bergen County Chapter of the Brandeis University National Women's Committee

Brandeis University was established in 1948 in Waltham, Massachusetts, as the first non-sectarian, Jewish-sponsored university in the Western hemisphere. It has become one of the most selective and prestigious institutions of higher learning in the United States. In 1961, just 13 years after its founding, the university was authorized to establish a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the first time since the eighteenth century that a school so young was so honored. More than 70 major buildings have risen on the expanded 300-acre campus since its inception. The library and laboratory facilities are among the finest in the world.

Dr. Abram Leon Sachar, Chancellor of the University, served as president from its founding in 1948 until September 1968. It was due largely to his devotion, dedication, energy, and wisdom that Brandeis University owes its present distinguished position in the communty of colleges and universities in this nation. The university is now served by Marver A. Bernstein, who became its fourth president in September 1972.

The Brandeis University National Women's Committee is the largest Friends of a Library group in the United States. It has been called a living endowment because it contributes each year through its fund-raising activities, the equivalent of the income of a 12 million dollar endowment.

The Women's Committee was started in 1948 by eight women who accepted the responsibility of providing books for the library. When the first 107 students arrived the library contained 2,000 books. It now houses more than 550,000 volumes and the membership of the organization

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Anti-Semites In Germany Theme Of Chapter Play

Sketch Points Up Problems Posed For American Jews By Acts Of Bias Abroad

Teaneck — "The German Dilemma", a playlet dealing with the increase of anti-Semitism and nationalism in Germany today, and the problems it poses for American Jews, was presented at a meeting of the local chapter of American Jewish Congress Wednesday in the Jewish Community Center.

CAST OF 12

Mrs. Joseph Gilbert was in charge of the performance as chairman of the local chapter's commission on international affairs. Twelve members comprised the cast.

Mrs. Joseph Bailer, chairman of the nominating committee, presented the following slate of officers: Mrs. Samuel Reiner, president; Mrs. Alvin Garfield, Mrs. Bernard Levine, and Mrs. Martin Singer, vice-presidents; Mrs. Irving David, treasurer; Mrs. Erwin Finsterwald, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Richard Kander, financial secretary; Mrs. Harold Freed, recording secretary; and Mrs. Morris Cooper, honorary vice-president. Elections will take place at the March meeting.

The chapter's annual luncheon

INSTALLATION — Geula Chapter, American Mizrachi Women, set as new staff for the coming year. Left to right, Becky Goldstein, membership chairman; Marilyn Danto and Bunnie Hain, presidium; Suzanne Naimark, past president; Vera Cohen, national vice president; Shlomit Fass, programming chairman; Mimi Fine, recording secretary; Evelyn Nagler, corresponding secretary; Lillian Kopitnifoff, vice president, fund raising.

GROUP DISCUSSES JEWISH PROBLEMS

Talk Is Led By Mrs. Rosenberg And Mrs. Appleton

Teaneck—Mrs. Hyman Appleton and Mrs. Joseph Rosenberg led a discussion on current Jewish problems at a meeting of the Sinai Chapter of Mizrachi Women Wednesday night at Congregation B'nai Yeshurun.

Mrs. Leonard Lauer, cultural chairman, was moderator of the discussion.

MIZRACHIS' TOPIC IS JEWISH MUSIC

Mrs. Schlesinger Lectures Unit, Marking Special Mon

Teaneck—Mrs. Herbert ...ger presented a lecture ...torical background and ...ment of Jewish music ...eting of the Sinai Cha... ...rachi Women We... ...it in Congregation ...hurun.

...e chapter observed ...th annual observance ...Music Month ...

...program was "Peace and ...as Reflected in Jew-

...m Manischewitz and ...Karsch sang Jewish ...songs. Mrs. Isaiah ...as accepted as a new

MIZRACHI UNIT SETS PROGRAM

Chapter Offi...

UTH LISSNER, Anti-efamation League Chairman nd past President of the Levi shkol Chapter of B'nai B'rith Vomen, and Howard Kaplan, resident of B'nai B'rith Lodge 394 of Teaneck, continued a adition of many years by resenting Memo and Date ooks to Superintendent of chools Aubrey J. Sher for distribution to all staff members.

Nathan Shapiro, past president, B'nai B'rith, District Grand Lodge Number Three.

Teaneck Chapter of B'nai B'rith presenting books to the Teaneck Public Library - 1964. Left to right - A. Gilbert, Matty Feldman, Olive Tamborelle, Director of the Library, and President Abe Schlussel.

ew Books for Old" Book Sale sponsored by the rgen County Chapter of the Brandeis University tional Women's Committee. The project was conicted as a fund raiser to support the Brandeis Univer- Library, and to provide new books, as well as used, ll categories, at very moderate prices, to residents of rgen County. Held for three consecutive years in the ly 1960's in a store in Hackensack, the sale rquired ost twelve months of concentrated effort to acquire excellent variety and quality of inventory featured the committee.

Latin America Likes U.S. Aid, But Resents Attitude

By JOAN W. KONNER
(Staff Writer)

Teaneck — The countries of Latin America are glad to have help from the United States, but they do not like the pressures the United States puts on their ...ernments, M... author, journa... correspondent ... terday.

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pondent for The Economist of London and a frequent contributor to the New York Times, Business Week, and Foreign Affairs, spoke on the subject, "How Latin America Views the U. S." She recently ...

history. The picture they receive is not always accurate.

"We have not made clear the American way of life.

"All they know is about Ameri... know ... reform ... period ... much ... They ... but ... sup... not ... are ... for ... in ... the ... the ... th...

"Are Our Schools In Danger" Subject at Brandeis Forum

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"Are Our Schools in Danger?" will be the subject of an open forum sponsored by the National Women's Committee of Brandeis University on Wednesday, October ...

the School of Education, New York University.

Dr. A. T. Johnson, Union County New Jersey Superintendent o... Schools.

Dr. Harry Adams, Superintendent of Schools, Elizabeth, N. J. ... be discussed

numbers 65,000 women. It not only supplies the books and journals, but also pays for the maintenance and staffing of the liberal arts library called the Goldfarb Library, the special collections in the Rapaporte Treasure Hall and the Leo Gerstanzon Science Library.

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Shortly after the library opened, Selma Liben (Mrs. Sidney)[1], a native Bostonian and a frequent visitor to her family there, decided to help the young library by asking friends to contribute $5.00 a year for the purchase of new books. She was so successful, that in the year 1950-51, the many enthusiastic supporters of Brandeis formed a chapter here. The Bergen County Chapter of the Brandeis University National Women's Committee was among the first chapters to be established in the United States. Selma Liben was its first president. Her vice-presidents were Rose Zurit (Mrs. David) and Clarice Ley (Mrs. Theodore).

The Brandeis University National Women's Committee of Bergen County is now a thriving organization of 600 members who support the Brandeis libraries financially by fund-raising activities, such as trips to the opera, the museums and the theater and also give their members a continuing education through monthly literary groups, world affair seminars and programmed luncheons. Present board members from Teaneck are Sylvia Mager, Nettie Levy, Marcia LaPoff, Shirley Waldstein, Louise Wexler and Sally Warsawer.

Rosalyn Levy, President

CHARTER MEMBERS

Jean Shapiro (Israel)
Ruth Plotnick (Murray)
Carol Goodman (Leo)
Carolyn Protell (Seymour)
Gloria Silber (Gene)
Bea Rappaport (Jacob)
Mae Zoberg (Joseph)
Rose Zurit (David)
Eleanor Rukin (David)
Hilda Stein (Joseph)
Viola Kramer (Lester)
Clarice Ley (Theodore)
Selma Liben (Sidney)
Bea Cooper (George)
Bea Kramer (Joseph)
Selma Shavitz (Irving)
Rhea Fink (Sam)
Phyllis Le Boff (Gerald)
Eleanor Silverstein (Sidney)
Rose Baum (Arthur)
Yvette Simon (Herman)
Julia Simon (Philip)
Ceil Fields (William)
Ada Hinden (Sam)
Gladys Cooper (Milton)
Augusta Swersky (Richard)
Sylvia Mann (Richard)
Olive Scheer (Eli)
Bea Nashel (Sam)
Helen Linsey (Lou)
Gertrude Richman (Bernard)
Martha Richman (Sam)
Bert Friedman (Jesse)
Muriel Marcus (Leonard)
Charlotte Binger (Charles)
Maybelle Schneider (Jack)
Mimi Herr (Seymour)
Clarice Fiestal (Henry)
Muriel Feldman (Matthew)
Rose Ross (David)
Sylvia Mager (Nathan)
Bea Seltzer (Edward)
Ruth Malin (Henry)
Gladys Jaffe (Moe)
Gladys Willner (Harold)
Pat Diegel (Joseph)
Shirley Feldman (Matthew)
Edna Marx (Hal)
Dollie Hellman (Manny)
Rhoda Booth (Lee)
Rose Miller (George)
Sylvia Kristal (John)
Bernice Kramer (Julian)
Lilian Fine (Saul)

PRESIDENTS

1950-52	Selma Liben	1958-60	Ruth Kroin	1967-69	Joyce Reider
1952-54	Clarice Ley	1960-61	Sherle Davis	1969-70	Sandy Le Winter
1954-55	Jean Shapiro	1961-63	Ruth Sussman	1970-72	Ann Moscovitz
1955-56	Muriel Goldman	1963-65	Harriet Krass	1972-74	Diane Samuels
1956-58	Lilian Fine	1965-67	Charlotte Gluck	1975	Rosalyn Levy

1) Sidney and Selma Liben came to Teaneck as newlyweds in 1940. The young couple found the Jewish population small but vital and joined the town's only Jewish congregation, the Jewish Community Center. Mr. and Mrs. Liben worked in many facets of Center activity and held, among other positions, the offices of vice president of the congregation and president of the Sisterhood, respectively. They contributed their time and talents to the Center's development and in support of its many functions. Of the earlier years they recall a wide variety of programs which included social action groups, youth activities, a First Aid course taught by members of the Red Cross, and Braille transcription. In addition to her many commitments at the synagogue, Mrs. Liben formed the Bergen County Chapter of the National Women's Committee of Brandeis University and served as Women's Division chairperson of Teaneck's first State of Israel Bond drive. Eleanor Roosevelt was the guest speaker at the first campaign dinner. In 1956 Selma Liben and Senator Matthew Feldman were honored by UJA for their dedication and service. The guest speaker on this occasion was James Roosevelt. The Libens still reside in Teaneck.

Chug Ivri of Bergen County

The Chug Ivri (Hebrew Society) is composed of people of diverse backgrounds whose love of Hebrew brings them closer together on the first Saturday night of each month (excluding July and August). Due to the diversity of their backgrounds, the members themselves often lead the discussions entirely in Hebrew on various topics, which are followed by a very lively question and answer period and social hour. Through their contacts, the members also invite guest speakers who prove to be extremely interesting. The Chug, as a member of the Histodrut Ivrit (the National Organization for the Furtherance of Hebrew), also suggests professional guest speakers, such as Israeli graduate students, representatives of the Israel Consulate in New York or to the United Nations, etc.

In 1960 the late David I. Bloom, who was then the principal of the Religious school of the Teaneck Jewish Community Center, conceived the idea of a Chug Ivri in Teaneck. After discussing his idea with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Fisch, teachers at the school, the three proceeded to recruit speakers of Hebrew. The group was started with the following members participating: Rudy and Irene Bloch, David I. Bloom, Helen Ebert, Yehuda and Shoshana Ebstein, Lillian Eisenstein, Stanley and Mollie Fisch, Rabbi Chaim and Sarah Halpern, Rabbi Isaiah and Sarah Hertzberg, Ezra Laderman, Nikki and Jack Lester, Max Lifton, William and Esther Manischewitz, Adolf and Ann Robison, Rabbi Max and Ilse Rothschild, and Dr. Edward and Elizabeth Singer.

Mr. Bloom was the first president and served for four years. Stanley Fisch was Program chairperson, serving for five years, and Mollie Fisch served as secretary for ten years.

As the Chug gained in popularity it was expanded to include all of Bergen County. Other members then began taking an active part by becoming officers or serving on the Chug's Executive Committee. They are: Chaim Holland, Howard and Mira Manko, Lewis and Ann Mechanic, Ruth and Aryah Neuwirth, Aharona Ohring and Barner and Shofrira Tiefenbrunn.

The Chug meets at the members' homes, and is not affiliated with any synagogue, temple or other organization within the county.

Stanley Fisch

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Chug Tanach of Bergen County

The Chug Tanach (Bible Society) of Bergen County was established in April 1975 by a group which met at the Teaneck Jewish Community Center. The introductory session led by Dr. Chaim Gevaryahu, the director of the World Bible Institute in Jerusalem, was dedicated to the Book of Joshua. Dr. Gevaryahu is currently acting as a visiting professor at Dropsie College in Philadelphia.

During the academic year 1973-1974, Rabbi and Mrs. Chaim Halpern of New Milford and Rabbi and Mrs. Max Rothschild of River Edge, took a Sabbatical leave for study in Israel. While there, they met with and studied under Dr. Gevaryahu and other Bible scholars. After returning to the United States, they were apprised of the fact that Dr. Gevaryahu would be at Dropsie College for the spring 1975 semester. Rabbi Halpern and Rabbi Rothschild then arranged for him to visit Teaneck in April in order to aid in organizing the Chug. They contacted friends who were interested in the study of the Bible and the group was begun.

The members are: Mr. and Mrs. David Anafi, Abraham Birnbaum, Sam Ebel, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Epstein, Shlomit Fass, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Fisch, Sidney Friedman, Rabbi and Mrs. Chaim Halpern, Mr. and Mrs. Chaim Holland, Sam Israel, Joseph Meisel, Arthur Rabin, Rabbi and Mrs. Max Rothschild, Mr. and Mrs. Barner Tiefenbrunn, and Dr. Max Van Dam.

The group decided to study themes in the Bible, the first being "Prophets and Kings." The May meeting dealt with the relationship between Elijah and Ahab; the June meeting with Samuel and Saul; and the July meeting involved the story of Nathan and David.

The meetings are conducted in English each second Wednesday evening of the month and refer to the Hebrew text only to bring out the essence of the Bible in its original form. They are held at different synagogues, temples and centers throughout Bergen County. The initial meeting was held at the Teaneck Jewish Community Center and the fourth meeting was held at Congregation Beth Aaron in Teaneck. Other institutions in Bergen County will host meetings of the Bible Society in the future.

Stanley Fisch

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Free Sons of Israel North Jersey Lodge #210

A group of 50 men convened at Leo's Restaurant in Englewood Cliffs on December 28, 1961 for a preliminary meeting of the proposed Bergen County Branch of Free Sons of Israel, a national organization founded in 1849, dedicated to the principles of Friendship, Love, Truth, and Community Service. Free Sons of Israel Grand Secretary Joseph Seide addressed the meeting and accepted the charter application. This was the inception of North Jersey Lodge #210. Its first regular meeting was held on Thursday, February 1, 1963 in Teaneck's Washington Irving School auditorium. The official charter was presented by Grand Secretary Joseph Seide. Grand Master Harry Rabinowitz introduced and installed the following officers:

President ..... Aaron Kutzin
Vice-President ..... Yale Carroad
Financial Secretary ..... Milton Kutzin
Recording Secretary ..... Robert Leo
Treasurer ..... Fred Friesner
Trustees ..... Nat Pearl, Manfred Meyer, Abe Avrick
Chaplain ..... Herbert Selig
Tyler ..... Henry Jacobius

President Kutzin's first official duty was to introduce the Honorable Matthew Feldman, mayor of Teaneck, who noted in his address to the lodge, that the Free Sons of Israel was the oldest Jewish fraternal organization in the United States. The mayor concluded his remarks by applying for membership in the new lodge and was inducted as a charter member.

The following, most of whom are Teaneck residents, are the charter members of North Jersey Lodge #210, Free Sons of Israel:

Henry Berlin
Raphael Brooks
Henry Chiger
Robert Cohen
Murray Cooper
Matthew Feldman
Sheldon Fisher
Gerald Friedman
Fred Friesner
Milton Gellis
Joseph Goldman
Abad Grange
Reuben Greenfield
Dr. Max Griffel
David Gross
Maurice Hyman
Henry Jacobius
Arthur Kahn
Sheldon Kamens
Harry Kodish
Leonard Koenig, M.D.
Aaron Kutzin
Milton Kutzin
Bernard Lander
Robert Leo
Al Malamud
Allan Marcus
John Markus
Arthur Mayer
David Musicant
Harold Pollack
Dr. Joseph Pomerantz
David Posner
Walter Reutlinger
Sherman Rosenshein
Alexander Schwartz
Herbert Selig
Philip Solomon

From this beginning, North Jersey Lodge #210 grew and expanded its activities in the local community and in the county. The community programs, in accordance with the tradition of the Free Sons of Israel, included contributions to various charities and worthy causes, high school athletic awards and high school memorial scholarships. The scholarship awards are presented to a high school student in the town of a deceased lodge member as a memorial.

Past Presidents of Lodge #210:

1962-63	Aaron Kutzin
1964-65	Gordon Golt
1966	Robert Leo
1967	Milford Rydell
1968	Milton Kutzin
1969	Arthur Kahn
1970	Raphael Brooks
1971	Murray Bittman
1972	Julius Brown
1973	Arthur Robbins
1974	Murray Bittman, Julius Brown, Arthur Kutzin (Co-Presidents)
1975	Murray Bittman, Julius Brown (Co-Presidents)

Under the leadership of these presiding officers, the membership of Lodge #210 dedicated itself to carry on in the tradition of the Free Sons of Israel. Their efforts resulted in the following awards and contributions.

— Memorial scholarship award. Selections are based on scholastic rating, personal character and financial need.

— The athletic award is given to promote a brotherly spirit of good sportsmanship. Awards were presented to outstanding athletes of Bergen County High Schools.

— Contributions to Phoenix House; Hebrew Home for the Aged; Jewish Guild for the Blind; V.A. Hospitals in the metropolitan area, including the hospital in South Orange; New Jersey Association for Retarded Children; the State of Israel Bond drive; and the United Jewish Appeal.

Lodge #210 celebrated its tenth anniversary at a gala dinner party Saturday evening, March 11, 1972. A highlight of that evening was the announcement that the lodge was opening its membership to women in recognition of the tremendous support and assistance that wives of members had given to the lodge's charitable works.

Since that evening, the lodge has functioned as a co-ed organization and meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month from September through June at the American Legion Hall, 47 Legion Drive, Bergenfield. The 1975-76 slate of officers are:

Co-Presidents ..... Julius Brown, Murray Bittman
1st Vice-Pres. ..... Jerome Sachs
2nd Vice-Pres. ..... Paul Fox
Financial Sec. ..... John Markus
Recording Sec. ..... Belle Lichtman
Corresponding Sec. ..... Phyllis Posner
Treasurer ..... Fred Friesner
Chaplain ..... Reuben Greenfield
Tylers ..... Joseph Fluss, Erwin Wikow
Three Year Trustees ..... Sylvia Friedman, Aaron Kutzin

All members participate in a foundation fund, scholarship fund, drive for toys for handicapped children, a credit union, an athletic association, an insurance fund, a major medical-hospital plan, a medical and dental specialist plan, a hospital relief association and cemetery privileges.

The lodge has committed itself to raise funds for a contribution to help support the life saving hemodialysis work of Hackensack Hospital. Plans were formulated to raise these funds solely through the efforts of the lodge members for presentation to the hospital during June 1976.

Joe Fluss, Publicity Chairperson

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Hadassah . . . Fulfillment of a Vision 1912-1976

In a foreword to the remarkable story of Hadassah's achievements as set forth by Marlin Levin in her book "Balm in Gilead", Golda Meir writes:

> "Looking back at the changes in American Jewish life which I myself witnessed, I would put the growth and influence of Hadassah high on the list. Out of a little volunteer group of Zionist women organized some sixty years ago, has come a force of great dimensions, a force for health, education and the salvation of human beings. Hadassah has been making a contribution of basic importance to the development of the State of Israel and — clearly because of this to the survival and enhancement of the Jewish community in the United States. Notably it has, at the same time, developed in thousands of women skills and talents unknown even to themselves . . ."

When the late Henrietta Szold and her mother visited Palestine in 1909, they were overwhelmed by the sights that greeted them. Public health and sanitation were non-existent; people lived according to ancient codes — doctoring themselves with amulets and herbs, the population was ravaged by diseases such as leprosy and trachoma which had largely disappeared from the modern world. On their return to New York City, Henrietta Szold reported her experiences and observations to a small group of women who reacted immediately to the tragic report of human suffering by dedicating themselves to "the healing of the daughter of my people."

Who was Henrietta Szold? A dynamic and genteel woman from Baltimore who had acquired a considerable reputation as a founder of the night-school movement for immigrants; her vast circle of friends included such prominent individuals as the Hon. Fiorello La Guardia, Frances Perkins, Justice Louis D. Brandeis, Dr. Judah Magnes and Eleanor Roosevelt.

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The story of Hadassah from its formal organization in 1912 until the present, is a continuing and remarkable saga of faith and wisdom propelled by a corps of selfless women who have made Hadassah not merely an organization, but a way of life. Thus, their numbers have rocketed to a national membership of over 340,000 in 1400 chapters and groups embracing every state in the Union and Puerto Rico. It is to the credit of Teaneck that today we count 600 members, including 210 life members and four lifetime associates — Senator Matthew Feldman, Burton Karp, Stuart Weiner and Arthur Joseph. Charter member and past President Mrs. Regina Gordon currently serves on the national level of Hadassah; her daughter, Mrs. Zelda Levere, served as a regional officer; Mrs. Debby Kless of Teaneck's Kadimah Chapter, has been a member of the Regional Activities Board since 1973. Our chapter, the Teaneck Chapter of Hadassah, comprises the umbrella group for the Kadimah Chapter of younger women who find it difficult to attend daytime activities and the newly-formed Evening Group for the busy career woman.[1]

How did Hadassah come to Teaneck? At the outset of World War II and the encroachment of the Nazis upon so many countries in Europe, the Jewish population of the Teaneck, limited as it was, realized the need to organize and provide a unified force within the community. Several Teaneck women already belonged to the Hadassah Chapter of Englewood and under their impetus, and with the assistance of the National Organization Department of Hadassah, Jewish women from the township were solicited to form a Teaneck chapter. By the spring of 1942, 65 members were enrolled at the first official meeting held at the home of Mrs. Bessie Spector. Mrs. Ruth Sholem was elected first president for the year 1942-43.

If one were to ask what is the main thrust of Hadassah, we would answer: "Our hospitals." On Mt. Scopus, Hadassah established its original institution when Henrietta Szold laid the cornerstone of the Rothschild-Hadassah University Hospital in 1934. After the War of Liberation in 1948 and the tragic ambush of Dr. Chaim Yassky, the Hadassah Medical Organization director, Hadassah women immediately undertook the creation of an even more ambitious project — the Hebrew University-Hadassah Hospital at Ein Karem on the outskirts of Jerusalem. Following the Six Day War of 1967 and the reclamation of Mt. Scopus, Hadassah women once again acted courageously by undertaking the rebuilding and refurbishing of the original hospital. In October 1975 Hadassah women from all over the country, including the Teaneck chapter which was represented by Kadimah President Mrs. Joan Weiner, marked this historic opening and rededication.

Hadassah members support the following projects:

Hadassah Medical Organization — Comprising Ein Karem Medical Center, Hadassah Hospital and Rehabilitation Center on Mount Scopus, Kiryat Hayovel Family and Community Health Center, Nathan and Lena Strauss Health Center and over 300 Health Welfare Stations

1) During several periods in our history, Junior Hadassah groups were formed for girls between the ages of 18 and 21.

now under the auspices of local authorities (having been instituted by Hadassah initially).

YOUTH ALIYAH — Hadassah is the principal supporting agency in the United States of Youth Aliyah children. With the aid of our annual Youth Aliyah Bonds we have assisted Hadassah in its contribution of $2.5 million annually towards the maintenance and development of these young immigrants and children rescued from overcrowded homes, in 267 installations throughout Israel. It is estimated that 20% of Israel's population has been trained by Youth Aliyah including some of the country's most prominent leaders.

HIES - HADASSAH ISRAEL EDUCATION SERVICES — A sizable portion of the chapter's quota is devoted to maintaining educational services in Israel. These include the Hadassah Comprehensive High School in Jerusalem (combined from the original Seligsberg School for Girls and Brandeis School for Boys); the Hadassah Community College; and the Hadassah Vocational Guidance Institute, which is the first and only one of its kind in Israel.

In order to finance its many endeavors, the Teaneck chapter has been fortunate in recruiting dedicated and resourceful women who have initiated a score of successful fund raisers such as the perennial Date and Guide Book (first published in 1959-1960), bazaars, Chinese auctions, fashion shows, book fairs and such social events as the Crystal Ball (1961), Orchid Ball (1962), Youth Aliyah Chanukah party (1970 and 1971), and the Progressive Dinner Dance (1975).

Hadassah originated as a study group and this essential part of its work has never been neglected in the Teaneck chapter. Over the years we have had an ongoing monthly Study Group concerning itself with the history of the Jewish people, current trends in Israeli literature, book reviews and a veritable plethora of topics, interesting and relevant to the American Jewish woman.

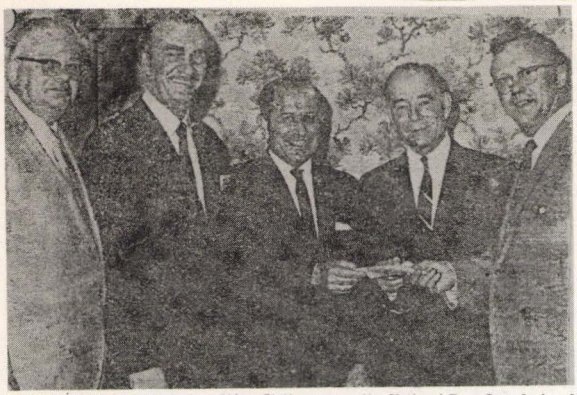
A comprehensive Education report emphasizing current happenings involving American, Israeli and World Jewry, with special emphasis on the plight of the Jew in Soviet Russia and the Arabic Jewish communities, is given at the onset of every chapter or group meeting. Active letter writing campaigns to our senators and congressmen and our national government officials are strongly emphasized.

Another responsibility of the Education vice-president each year is the presentation of an Institute Day program directed by and involving the research and talents of many of our members. In 1964, one such program centered on the Golden Age of Spain. It consisted of a discussion of Sephardic History and the singing of Ladino folk songs during the afternoon. The evening's program featured the eminent Mrs. David De Sola Pool (a past national president of Hadassah) as guest speaker. Some outstanding programs in recent years written and directed by Mrs. Joy Appelbaum covered the following topics: "The History of American Judaism: From Its Inception to the Present" (1971); "The Immortals: The Story of Ten and One-Half Jewish Women Whose Genius Made History" (1972); and "The Effects of the American Presidency on Judaism: From Washington Through Nixon" (1974).

Among our other educationally-oriented activities have been — Sunday evening livingroom discussion and book review groups which involved both our members and their husbands; several lecture series co-sponsored with the Teaneck Zionist District and the Jewish Community Center Men's Club and Sisterhood, featuring such prominent personalities as Dr. Robert Gordis and Dr. Ruth Gruber; Beginners and Intermediate Hebrew Classes as well as *Ulpan* sessions conducted by past President Mrs. Helen Levine.

All Hadassah chapters traditionally observe Jewish Music Month with an appropriate program of musical presentations.

Hadassah, although funded for the purpose of aiding the Jewish homeland, has not divorced itself from the local community. Prior to the establishment of the State of Israel, our chapter sponsored several essay contests on the Palestine Problem, open to all students from grades 7-12, regardless of church affiliation. Presentations of the $25.00 Victory Bond awards were made during school assembly programs. The Teaneck chapter participates in the Teaneck Council of Jewish National Fund, the Teaneck Jewish Community Council and was actively involved in the township's celebration of Israel's 25th anniversary. Vitally concerned with the welfare of children, our chapter was instrumental in the establishment of a curriculum at Teaneck High School for classes in Hebrew language and the Jewish Studies program. We have sponsored a



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Mr. Sidney Sislin representing National Free Sons Lodge, Mr. Ray Brook President of North Jersey Lodge 210, Mayor Thomas Costa of Teaneck and Mayor Walter Nowakowsk of Hackensack are presenting check to Mr. John Crowley, Director of the Bergen P NARC.

Jewish Community Center of Teaneck, New Jersey
1075 QUEEN ANNE ROAD, TEANECK, NEW JERSEY

February 15th, 1948

Dear Friends,

News has just reached us of the death of Henrietta Szold - May She Rest In Peace - in Jerusalem. The Jewish people have suffered a great loss in the passing of this outstanding leader of Israel.

The Teaneck Chapter of Hadassah will sponsor the Friday Evening Service at the Jewish Community Center on this Friday Evening, February 16th, at 8:15 P. M., in tribute to the memory of this "foremost Jewish woman of contemporary time."

Rabbi Samuel Goffin will deliver the eulogy in honor of Miss Szold, Aloni Hashulim. His topic will be: "Honor To The Memory of Henrietta Szold." The Hazkarah - Memorial Prayer - will be chanted.

You are invited to be with us this Friday Evening and thus join with the Jewish people throughout the world in expressing our grief at this loss of sorrow.

May the Almighty remove all sadness from our midst and may He bring comfort and consolation to all who mourn in the human family.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely,

Rabbi Samuel Goffen

Rabbi Samuel Goffen.

Lodge Aids Retarded Children

Hackensack — The Free Sons of Israel, North Jersey Lodge 210, has given its annual charity award to the Bergen-Passaic Association

Mel Rydell, Lodge 210 president, presented a check for $500 to Rabbi Bernard Walfish, head of the Bergen-Passaic unit, marking the first time the Lodge made its award to a local charity in support of children.

North Jersey Lodge #210, Free Sons of Israel, presents 1975-76 donation to UJA. Mr. Fred Friesner, treasurer of the lodge, is shown presenting the check to Mr. Robert Blumenthal, executive secretary of United Jewish Appeal of Teaneck, as lodge co-president Julius Brown looks on.

STANDARD 11/18/74

Hadassah month in Teaneck — Standing, left to right; Mrs. Rachel Rapaport, president, Teaneck chapter, Mrs. Minette Salzman, membership chairwoman; Mrs. Joan Wiener, Kadimah group president, and Mayor Eleanor Kieliszek. Seated, Mrs. Dorothy Silvertein, Councilwoman.

MEMBERSHIP GALA — The annual Hadassah paid up membership party at Congreg. Beth Sholom, features "Hadassah Returns to Scopus" through music, narration and pictures. Helen Levine directed. Shown preparing for the event are (left to right) Helen Levine, Toby Schneider, Marcia Fox, Donna Zisholta, Minette Salzman, and Molly Kolodny.

Hadassah Unit Sponsors Program Marking World Jewish Child's Day

— April 12, 1954 —

Teaneck — A program was presented by youth groups of the Township Jewish congregati the April

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"MEXICALI RAINBOW" - 1946 - presented by the Teaneck and Hackensac Chapters of Hadassh. Teaneck participants were Dorothy Schweiger, Oscar & Hele Kumble, Ada Kohlreiter, Florence & Hy Grover, Manny Rosenberg, Phil Comor Violet Lamb, Jack Birnbaum, Ray Plotnick, Joe Henry, Natalie Rappaport, Sara Ludwig, Claire Marams, Yvette Simon, Betty Zintz, Lillian Gildin, Lillian Golde Charlotte & Nat Schoenfeld, Beatrice, Donald & Murray Canter, Abe & Hele Markoff, and Nat Cohen.

winter festival for the children of Teaneck's Special Education classes, a memorable occasion chaired by Joy Zimmer with the aid of her talented husband, Professor Lowell Zimmer. Throughout the years Teaneck Hadassah has hosted holiday and social functions for Young Judea groups in cooperation with the Bergen County ZOA Chapter.

Let us conclude with the words of Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis, whose words epitomize the destiny of the Hadassah woman: "To be good Americans, we must be better Jews, and to be better Jews, we must become Zionists."

Helen Levine

CHARTER MEMBERS (A PARTIAL LISTING)

Regina Gordon, Hilda Stein, Nettie Stein, Bessie Spector, Freda Chasan, Florence Sultzer, Ruth Sholem, Dorothy Slatkin, Lena Pressburger, Lillian Gilden[1], Sadie Kaplan, Ada Kohlreiter, Selma Liben, Roberta Farb Kapiloff[2], Ann Chary, Leona Shomer, Anna Mehlman, Mae Wells, Bernice Shuster, Edna Marx, Rose Zelnick, Beatrice Rosner, Rose Dobrow, Gertrude Krieg, Rose Brower, Sandra Fermaglich, Beatrice Goldin, Ruth Plotnick[3], Dorothy Schweiger, Lillian Gabin, Anne Synes, Ceil Fields, Minnie Spector, Lucille Simon, Ann Robison, Rose Sloan[4].

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1) Edward and Lillian Gilden have resided in Teaneck since 1939 when they moved from Cleveland, Ohio. Finding a small, determined Jewish community, the Gildens played active roles in the development of Teaneck's first Jewish congregation, the Community Center. Lillian Gilden joined NCJW shortly after her arrival; she later became a charter member of the Teaneck Chapter of Hadassah and served the organization in many capacities. The Gildens' children, Aldalee Casser (Mrs. Joseph) and Dr. Jay Gilden now reside in Englewood and Ramsey, respectively.

2) Joseph and Roberta Farb became Teaneck residents in 1941, moving from Sunnyside, New York, and rendered exceptional service to the Jewish community. Before his premature death in 1947, Mr. Farb was a member of the Jewish Community Center's Board of Trustees and an active participant in the Men's Club. He diligently supported UJA. Mrs. Farb was president of the Center's Sisterhood (1946-1947), secretary of the New Jersey Women's League for Conservative Judaism and a devoted member of Teaneck Hadassah. Her sister, Mrs. Berde Schonwit, and nephew, Howard, also settled in Teaneck in 1941; they remained until 1972 before moving to California. Mrs. Schonwit passed away in 1973.

Four years after Joseph Farb's demise, Roberta Farb married Saul Kapiloff and went to live in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. There, they were instrumental in establishing Jewish communal organizations and activities; Mrs. Kapiloff assumed the presidency of the local chapter of Hadassah and enthusiastically supported Temple Emanuel's Sisterhood. When Mr. Kapiloff retired in 1961, the couple returned to Teaneck where Roberta continues to reside. Saul Kapiloff passed away in 1973.

The Farbs' daughter, Ina, and her husband, Dr. Marvin Miller, have occupied the former Farb residence on Cherry Lane since 1957, where Dr. Miller established his practice in optometry. Dr. Miller is a past commander of the Teaneck Schweiger-Dobrow JWV Post and a former president of the Teaneck Lions Club. He has been an officer of the Northern and Southern Little Leagues as well as a team manager. Mrs. Miller was an officer of the Jewish Community Center Sisterhood and currently participates on the Education Committee. She is a past officer of the Teaneck JWV Ladies' Auxiliary and served the Teaneck NCJW and Evening Branch in numerous offices for many years. Ina is a former officer of several PTA boards. She was employed as a supplemental instructor for learning disabled children in Teaneck and presently is a learning disability specialist in the Leonia school system.

3) Murray and Ruth Plotnick, originally from Hudson County, moved to Teaneck in 1941 concurrently with Mrs. Plotnick's parents, Jules and Yetta Pelinger.

Devoted members of the Jewish Community Center, the Plotnicks worked assiduously in many offices, such as executive positions on the Center's Sisterhood, Shield Club (the original Men's Club), and congregational boards; and by co-chairing several of the annual dinner dance committees.

Ruth Plotnick served as president of Hadassah (of which she is a charter member). Her other activities include Braille transcription (a Sisterhood activity), Women's UJA (co-chairperson of the first Women's Division luncheon), the Bergen County Chapter of the Brandeis University National Women's Committee (a charter member), PTA (the first Jewish officer at Whittier School), the American Association of University Women, and League of Women Voters.

Murray Plotnick's additional activities have included significant participation in the Cub Scouts and Little League organizations, State of Israel Bonds, United Jewish Appeal, and membership in B'nai B'rith. He was one of the original life-members of the Teaneck Chapter of ZOA, which he served as a vice-president.

Their three children, Gary, Sondra, and Karen who were educated in Teaneck, were instrumental in forming the town's original USY (United Synagogue Youth) chapter. Gary was its first president and Sondra its first vice-president. The three children were among those selected (on a national basis) to participate in the first USY pilgrimages to Israel (1958 and 1959). All three children are married and reside in nearby communities.

The Plotnicks still reside in Teaneck, and continue to lend their esteemed support to the many organizations.

4) Isador and Rose Sloan moved to Red Road in Teaneck from Jersey City, in 1941 and became vigorous members of the Jewish Community Center. Mrs. Sloan was a dedicated life member of Hadassah, serving the organization unstintingly prior to her demise in 1973. Mr. Sloan, who passed away in 1964, was a vigorous supporter of JNF. Civic groups that received their valued participation were PTA and Community Chest. The Sloans' son, Erwin, and his family have lived in the former Sloan residence since 1967. He and his wife, Marya, are enthusiastic participants in PTA, School Board elections, education referenda and programs.

The Sloans' two daughters, Janet Roesch (Mrs. Bernard) and Barbara Sloan, who currently reside in Paramus, as well as their daughter-in-law, are also Hadassah life members.

CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

1942-43 Mrs. Ruth Sholem
1943-45 Mrs. Moe Sultzer
1945-48 Mrs. Benj. Gordon
1948-51 Mrs. Harry Slatkin
1951-52 Mrs. N. Lewis Lesser
1952-54 Mrs. I. Joseph Stein
1954-57 Mrs. Morris Kohlreiter
1957-58 Mrs. Murray Plotnick
1958-60 Mrs. Benj. Ginsberg
1960-62 Mrs. William Bodenstein
1962-63 Mrs. Abraham Black
1963-65 Mrs. Bert Wagenberg
1965-66 Mrs. Macy Siegler
1966-68 Mrs. Leon Schwartz
1968-70 Mrs. Albert Spiegel
1970-72 Mrs. Stephen Gardner
1972-74 Mrs. Arthur Levitan
1974- Mrs. Morris Rapaport

KADIMAH PRESIDENTS

1962-63 Mrs. Perry Jacobs
1963-65 Mrs. Arthur Levitan
1965-66 Mrs. Robert Levine
1966-68 Mrs. Herman Lipkovitz
1968-70 Mrs. Burton Karp
1970-72 Mrs. Alex Hirschler
1972-74 Mrs. Alex Hirschler
1974- Mrs. Stuart Weiner

CHAPTER OFFICERS (1975-1976)

Honorary President ..... Mrs. Arthur Levitan (Mickey)
President ..... Mrs. Morris Rapaport (Rachel)
Vice-Pres. Education ..... Mrs. Michael Appelbaum (Joy)
Vice-Pres. Fund Raising ..... Mrs. Alex Hirschler (Alice)
Vice-Pres. Fund Raising .... Mrs. Richard Darwick (Barbara)
Vice-Pres. Fund Raising ..... Mrs. Jerome Koizim (Harriet)
Vice-Pres. Membership ..... Mrs. Meyer Salzman (Minette)
Vice Pres. Program ..... Mrs. Walter Brenner (Jewel)
Treasurer ..... Mrs. Jack Simon (Julia)
Recording Sec. ..... Mrs. Julian Kramer (Bernice)
Administrative Sec. ..... Mrs. Joseph Yanovich (Lenore)
Financial Sec. ..... Mrs. Abram Kolodny (Molly)
Financial Sec. ..... Mrs. Morris Aroesty (Cynthia)
Financial Sec. ..... Mrs. Gusta Birnbaum
Financial Sec. ..... Mrs. Benjamen Kwitel (Hadassah)
Social Sec. ..... Mrs. Stanley Morgenstern (Lore)
Corresponding Sec. ..... Mrs. Sidney Blumenthal (Gail)
Evening Group Liason ..... Mrs. Robert Levine (Helen)
Evening Membership Co-ordinator ..... Mrs. Isadore Colloff (Shirley)

KADIMAH OFFICERS (1975-1976)

President ..... Mrs. Stuart Weiner (Joan)
Vice-Pres. Education ..... Mrs. Howard Zweig (Judy)
Vice-Pres. Fund Raising ... Mrs. Lawrence Schweitzer (Mimi)
Vice-Pres. Fund Raising ..... Mrs. Norman Epstein (Shirley)
Vice-Pres. Fund Raising ..... Mrs. Edward Zizmor (Linda)
Vice-Pres. Membership ..... Mrs. Steve Farber (Sharon)
Vice-Pres. Program ..... Mrs. Marc Bratman (Carol)
Vice-Pres. Program ..... Mrs. Larry Perl (Beverly)
Vice-Pres. Program ..... Mrs. Paul Zisholtz (Donna)
Financial Sec. ..... Mrs. Bernard Kremen (Ayala)
Recording Sec. ..... Mrs. Robert Rabkin (Susan)
Corresponding Sec. ..... Mrs. Richard Fox (Marcia)

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Bar — Bas Mitzvah of Horeynu

(Written October 7, 1966)

Thirteen years ago the Jewish Community Center Sisterhood became aware of the fact that many of their parents, coming from different cities and states to live with their children in Teaneck, had left old friendships and interests behind, feeling stranded and lonely. They, therefore, conceived the idea of a senior citizens group.

A handful of people, both men and women, and three volunteers of Sisterhood, gathered in the Youth Lounge to start this project. We were seeking a name that would bear dignity, and explain, at the same time, what our purpose would be. We decided upon the Hebrew translation

for "Our Parents" and so *"Horeynu"* was born. A meeting place for friendships, for fun and industry.

We have grown rapidly since that first meeting of October 1953. The purpose of life is to matter — to be progressive and to be useful; to have it make some difference that we lived at all. We have adopted these concepts. Words are inadequate to express our deep appreciation and thanks to the officers and members of the Center, giving us wonderful facilities and a program director; to Sisterhood for the dedicated volunteers, who neglect their household duties for Horeynu meetings, during all these years. They inspired us to exploit our hidden talents, such as painting, ceramics, arts and crafts, which were displayed at the Bergen Mall and Teaneck Library.

We look forward to Wednesdays. Of 140 members, we usually have an attendance of 90 or more, and that will give you an insight of how we love to be together. It is like one happy family. Our workshop is a revelation. Besides working at our own hobbies, we make useful items for the less fortunate in hospitals and other institutions, to whom we send packages twice a year. We also contribute to the United Jewish Appeal. We visit with our sick members and cheer them with plants and get-well cards. We take notice of pleasant occasions; we make friendships in and out of meetings.

We don't believe in all work and no play. We have birthday parties, observe traditional holidays, give luncheons, take bus rides to interesting places, and have many other social events. At our spring luncheon, we are extremely grateful to Mr. Simmons, principal of Benjamin Franklin Junior High School, and Mrs. Sidney Kronish, who so ably conducts the Choral Group of 75 boys and girls, who come to entertain us. Once a month, we meet with other senior citizens groups, both Christian and Jewish, for social gatherings which we enjoy very much. Once a year we have a fund-raising function; the money provides the means for our service projects and our pleasure trips. During the years we gave gifts to the Center. One crowning achievement was the presentation of a *Sefar Torah.* The United Synagogue Youth Group donated the exquisite plate on the *Torah* — thus filling the gap between youth and old age. All this made Horeynu an outstanding and respected organization in the community, and we are proud to belong.

We are grateful and thankful to Dubin Bros. Printing, who never charged for their services all these years; to Moe Jaffe for dedicating a song to Horeynu; and to everyone who has contributed in any way to our pleasures and welfare — especially our rabbi, our cantor and his choir who have made possible this Happy Evening.

The things that have happened are now history. Our training period for this Bar Mitzvah has taught us, that you are as old as your doubt; as young as your faith; as old as your fears; as young as your self-confidence; as old as your despair; as young as your hopes.

G-d Bless you. Thank you.

Helen Kaplan[1], President, 1953-1970

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1) Helen Kaplan was a founder of Horeynu and served as its dynamic president for the first seventeen years of its existence. She came to Teaneck in 1953 with her daughter and son-in-law, Rhea and Samuel Fink, and shared their residence. Her daughter, Selma, married to the late Irving Shavitz, had moved to Teaneck seven years earlier. Mrs. Kaplan died in 1970. Helen Kaplan and her family were staunch supporters of the Jewish Community Center. Samuel Fink and Irving Shavitz served in many capacities; the former was a chairperson of the Adult Lecture Series, and the latter, a chairperson of Education (the school's Hebrew high school is named after Irving Shavitz). Both men were awarded membership on the board of life trustees.

Rhea Fink and Selma Shavitz were active in Sisterhood, especially in its Braille transcription program which was introduced to the Center by Mrs. Fink. Today Mrs. Shavitz serves as vice president of the Jewish Braille Institute of America. Mrs. Shavitz was also a starring participant in the now legendary Center musicals, written and directed by Moe Jaffe and Chuck Goldstein, and as an advisor for a club the Sisterhood sponsored for girls from the sixth grade through high school. Mrs. Fink served in many positions on the Sisterhood Board. The Finks, who still reside in Teaneck, continue to participate in its Jewish community. Rhea Fink is involved in Teaneck's Women's Division of UJA, of which she is a past president and Mr. Fink remains active at the Center. Mr. Fink was also chairperson of the Teaneck Symphony Orchestra, now called the Bergen County Philharmonic.

Mrs. Shavitz moved to Manhattan after her husband's demise in 1964 and devotes herself to numerous activities including serving as co-chairperson of the Greater New York Women's Division of UJA; she was recently seen on television at the UJA telethon. Mrs. Shavitz is a member of the Board of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, which meets throughout the country four times a year. She still maintains her membership at Teaneck's Jewish Community Center.

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Horeynu was organized in 1953 through the efforts of many people, including Helen Kaplan, Rabbi and Mrs. Judah Washer, Mildred Kent[1], Paula Lipson, Ada Hinden and Esther Schiffman of Sisterhood, during the administrations of Gladys Jaffee and Selma Liben. Miriam and Eda Millstein were also active participants during Horeynu's early years. They obtained the professional services of Janet Sainer[2] who, after assisting for many years, was succeeded by Bert Atkins (originally a volunteer) and later, Mildred Lande.

Horeynu, now serving 120 members, continues to meet at the Jewish Community Center every Wednesday afternoon. Subsidized to a great extent by the Center's Sisterhood and Men's Club, we raise funds ourselves by charging membership dues, making contributions and holding our annual "Monster Card Party."

Horeynu can be best described as a friendship club, enjoyed by both men and women. In addition to sponsoring many purely social activities, such as guest speakers, card parties, bingo and trips (four years ago we went to Israel), we observe the holidays with meaningful celebrations that are highlighted by the presence of our gracious Rabbi Washer and Cantor Osen. Many of us are involved in making cancer dressings and crocheting washcloths, lap robes and ditty bags to be distributed to veterans hospitals and nursing homes.

An afternoon at Horeynu is well spent, judging from the friendly faces that greet you when you arrive and the reluctance of many to leave.

Our current officers are:

President, Mrs. Louis Finn (Clara)[3]; *Secretary,* Mrs. Anna Ludwin[4]; *Financial Secretary & Treasurer,* Mrs. Esther Schiffman.

Bess Susan Sachs

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1) Mildred Kent, a founder of Horeynu, lived in Teaneck for twenty-five years before she and her husband, Robert, moved to Fort Lee in 1974. As Teaneck residents, the Kents devoted themselves to the Jewish Community Center Men's Club and Sisterhood (Mr. Kent also served as a Cub Scout leader to the Center's troop #167), Hadassah and the Bergen County Chapter of the Brandeis University's National Women's Committee.

Their daughter, Marjorie Levine (Mrs. Louis), whose enthusiasm for Teaneck remains undiminished, continues to reside here (since 1971) with her husband and children. She is an officer in the Evening Branch of ORT, a past officer of the Washington Irving PTA and a member of Teaneck's Bicentennial Committee, representing both ORT and the Washington Irving School.

2) Janet Sainer is currently the director of Programs for the Aging with the Community Service Society of New York, the oldest and largest family agency in the country. She was recently honored by the National Council on the Aging Inc. of Washington for her leadership and service in the field, and received their 1976 Community Service award in Regions I and II (the New England States, New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands). Mrs. Sainer was cited for her work in initiating and developing SERVE (Serve and Enrich Retirement by Volunteer Experience) in 1966. The program was so successful that it was used as the model for federal legislation in establishing the national Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). Today there are approximately 700 RSVP units operating throughout the United States with a membership of 165,000 senior citizen volunteers. Mrs. Sainer is a Fellow of the Gerontological Society.

3) Anna Ludwin, Horeynu's secretary for many years, moved to Teaneck in 1968 to be near her children, Estelle and the late Jack Dubin (see Chapter on the Jewish Community Center). Mrs. Ludwin's daughter, Ruth, is married to the famous actor Lou Jacobi, The Jacobis are members of the Jewish Community Center and although they reside in Manhattan, are frequent visitors to Teaneck. Mrs. Ludwin's third daughter, Evelyn, a former Teaneck resident now living in Michigan, is married to Cantor Arthur Asher who served as full-time cantor and Religious school principal at Temple Emeth. Her late son, Maurice, and his family lived in Teaneck in the 1950's and were also active members of the Jewish Community Center.

4) Although Clara Finn, Horeynu's president, came to Teaneck only four years ago, she has committed herself to additional organizations such as the Jewish Community Center Sisterhood and the Teaneck Chapter of Hadassah. Her husband, Louis Finn, a Teaneck resident since 1957, is an officer of the Retired Men's Club and an enthusiastic participant in several other senior citizen groups and the Starfish organization.

The Jewish Community Council of Teaneck

On January 4, 1954 representatives of seven Jewish groups — Jewish Community Center, Congregation Beth Sholom, Bergen County Reform Temple (Temple Emeth), Jewish War Veterans, B'nai B'rith (Men's and Women's Divisions), NCJW (Evening Branch) and American Jewish Congress — convened a meeting for the purpose of forming an umbrella organization. The intention, as stated by Matthew Feldman, pro tem chairperson, was "to enable us to discuss religious, educational, and community problems which may arise in Teaneck and to establish good public relations with our community at large." It was to be patterned after the National Community Relations Advisory Council.

A motion was made by Ted Ignall[1] and passed by the group, that its preliminary function was to research any problems that may exist and to discuss them with representatives of all Jewish organizations in town. Thus, a single course of action could be decided upon and, in this way, assist the growth and development of the Jewish community.

A constitution for the group was approved on October 27, 1954 and a nominating committee appointed. On January 31, 1955 the following officers were elected:

President ..... Matthew Feldman
Vice Pres. ..... Ted Ignall
Second Vice Pres. ..... Ben Fried
Third Vice Pres. ..... Jacob Schneider
Secretary ..... Phil Sher

At this meeting, plans were made for participation in the Teaneck Tercentenary festivities, celebrating the 300th anniversary of Jewish settlement in America, which included the preparation and participation in an historically documented pageant. Written by Edna Levine, Elaine Zimmerman and Helene Emanuel and approved by the Jewish Historical Society, it was called "Proclaim Liberty" and was presented on Saturday evening, April 2, 1955 at the Teaneck High School. Plans were initiated as well for a Youth Tercentenary program, with Valerie Horn as chairperson. Three Synagogue Sunday school groups were involved and 1000 youths were present.

On December 15, 1954 the first annual letter was sent to all Jewish organizations informing them that a study commission was being formed to deal with all Christmas-Chanukah concerns. It urged them to handle these problems, should they arise, through the Jewish Community Council. During the following years there would be much discussion and correspondence on this subject. Jewish residents were disturbed by the continual observance of the Christmas holiday through the presentation of religious pageants at assembly programs in the schools. After a period of more than one year, which included discussions among ten different groups and an in-depth study of Christmas-Chanukah observances in eight schools, the members of the Religion in the Public Schools Committee, chaired by Milton Tucker , unanimously proposed that —

"Religious emphasis be reduced in a tactful and practical manner. 'Carefully chosen'

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1) In May 1959, Theodore J. Ignall was honored at a reception and dinner sponsored by Teaneck UJA. Upon presentation of an award to commemorate the occasion, it was stated, "In recognition of his selfless devotion and unstinting service to his community and to the causes of Judaism."

Ted and Etta Ignall moved to Teaneck in 1952 from River Edge, and consistently committed themselves to numerous civic and Jewish communal endeavors. Mr. Ignall served as president of Temple Emeth (1952-1954), the Teaneck Jewish Community Council and the Teaneck Community Chest campaign. He was elected to Temple Emeth's Board of Trustees for several terms. Mrs. Ignall was president of the Temple Emeth Sisterhood (1956-1958) and an officer and board member of the Jewish Welfare Council (later renamed Jewish Federation of Community Services, Bergen County). In 1964 the Ignalls became founding members of Congregation Beth Am, where Ted Ignall served as a member of the board of trustees for many years. He has been active in State of Israel Bonds and UJA campaigns. Recently he was elected chairperson of the board of Friendship House in Hackensack. Today, Mr. Ignall offers his services with other retired businessmen, through SCORE (Small Business Administration), a national organization that advises those in need of practical expertise in the management of their business enterprises.

Etta Ignall passed away in May 1975, two years after the couple had moved to Hackensack. Ted Ignall still maintains his membership at Congregation Beth Am.

members would meet with the superintendent of schools for the purpose of 'reduction or elimination of the Christological content of . . . celebrations and programs in the schools.' "

Furthermore, a majority of the committee proposed that Chanukah celebrations in the schools be opposed.

The decision of the Religion in the Public Schools Committee was finally implemented with the appointment of a group consisting of Milton Tucker[1], Aaron Maltin[2] and Marian Cerf. On March 25, 1958 they met with Dr. Theos Anderson, the new superintendent of schools. The committee was informed that since 35%-41% of school children were absent on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the schools of the township would be closed on those days. (This ruling did not become effective, however, until 1960.) Six months later Superintendent Anderson issued a proposed change of policy in reference to Christmas observances in the schools —

"All Christmas programs are to be in keeping with this particular season. Music and dramatic portions may be of a seasonal and/or religious nature."

This policy was adopted by the Board of Education on September 10th. The Religion in the Public Schools Committee notified Dr. Anderson of its opposition to the word "religious," but, in general, approved the considerable progress which had been made and recognized the fact that individual decisions lay with school principals. Previous policy had stated —

"All Christmas programs must be restricted exclusively to the celebration of the birth of Christ. Songs should be of the religious type, although the inclusion of a few songs appropriate to the season would not be objectionable. The Chanukah and similar observances must be kept separate and distinct from the Christmas program."

The following Christmas (December 1958) observers reported that out of eleven schools, Longfellow was the only one considered satisfactory in terms of compliance with the new regulation; nine schools presented a Chanukah program. The Religion in the Public Schools

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1) Milton and Anita Tucker settled in Teaneck in 1950 from Great Neck, Long Island and handsomely served the Jewish Community. Originally active members of Temple Emeth, Mr. Tucker was a congregational president for two years (he was honored as their Man of the Year) and Mrs. Tucker devoted her time and talents to the Sisterhood. Milton Tucker worked with the YMHA's Golden Age Club and was president of the Jewish Community Council. He represented Teaneck at the 1955 State Conference of Jewish Community Councils. In 1964 the Tuckers were among the forty families who founded Congregation Beth Am. Until his demise in 1972, Mr. Tucker served as a member of its board of trustees. Today, there is a library fund established in his memory at the temple. Mrs. Tucker, who continues to reside in Teaneck, has rendered the congregation outstanding service and leadership by participating in its many endeavors.

2) Aaron and Jacqueline Maltin moved to Teaneck in 1953 from New York City and were immediately welcomed by the Jewish Community Center. Mrs. Maltin,who had studied voice at the Juilliard School of Music, graced the synagogue's choir for ten years and was asked to sing at the dedication ceremonies of the Sterling Street building. Her beautiful voice and talent are well-known throughout the township and county; she has performed for many Jewish organizations and senior citizens groups. Mrs. Maltin is active in the Bergen Philharmonic Women's Guild (originally the Teaneck Symphony which was sponsored by the town's Recreation Department) that raises funds for scholarships for music students. Annual auditions leading to the selection of four winners are held; the first prize includes performing with the Bergen Philharmonic. The competition is open to all applicants, most of whom come from greater New York.

Judge Maltin, who recently retired after serving twenty-two years as New Jersey's immigration judge with the responsibility of presiding at all deportation hearings, has returned to the private practice of law in New York City. He has served his community most nobly as past president of the Jewish Community Council and the Teaneck Lodge of B'nai B'rith and, for many years, as an officer in our local Community Chest campaigns. Judge Maltin is a member of the New Jersey Anti-Defamation League Executive Committee.

The Maltins' sons, Leonard and Bernard (Bud), have pursued and excelled at somewhat unique careers. Leonard, former editor of the Teaneck High School yearbook, manifested an early interest in writing about motion pictures and was encouraged by his teachers to persevere. He has since authored many valuable books on the subject (his most popular is the latest edition of "TV Movies") and was the publisher and editor of the magazine Film Fan Monthly, a project he initiated at the age of fifteen. At twenty-five years of age, he is currently the guest programmer of the Museum of Modern Art's Bicentennial salute to American film comedy, an instructor of the history of film animation at the New School for Social Research, and a writer for Downbeat and Jazz magazines. Bud Maltin, nicknamed the "jazz pied piper of Teaneck" by the New York Times in 1974, organized the Teaneck Jazz Ensemble for three summers (1974-1976), a jazz workshop sponsored by the township's Recreation Department which affforded jazz musicians the opportunity to play arrangements used by Duke Ellington and other prominent names in the field. A graduate of William Paterson College, majoring in music, Bud plays the saxophone, flute and clarinet professionally as a member of the five-piece jazz-rock group "Nite-Watch."

Committee continued to function actively, expressing discomfort with the religious induction service of the high school HiY Club and displeasure with Chanukah celebrations in the schools. It also took the initiative and mailed the dates of Jewish holidays to school principals and the superintendent of school. (By January 1963 the Jewish Community Council could finally report that there had been **no** Nativity scenes during any of the schools' Christmas programs.)

As the years progressed, membership in the Jewish Community Council gradually increased and the organization concerned itself with such matters as: supporting the Herald Tribune Fresh Air Fund by publicizing its need for homes to which needy city children could be sent for short vacations outside of their usual environment; sending representatives to the Teaneck Community Chest organization; preparing a directory of Jewish organizations and youth groups for all new Jewish residents; endorsing rallies in support of United States aid to the Middle East (held at Congregation Beth Sholom in 1956 and attended by Congressman Frank Osmers and Publisher Meyer Pesin); and on behalf of Soviet Jewry. It advocated the formation of a Teaneck Human Relations Commission, joined the Teaneck Committee on Youth, sponsored a forum for teenagers that dealt with a "Code of Behavior," and prepared the publication of its own (now defunct) newsletter (with George Kaplan and Florence Strickler acting as the first co-editors in 1958). In 1957, the Council fought the passage of the Fox-McCoy Bill that permitted the recitation of the "Grace" prayer in state-supported schools and in 1965, took action opposing the Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders' raising of a "One Nation Under G-d" banner for the county. Other concerns were: assisting UJA and the Bergen County Jewish Welfare Council in their programs and fund raising efforts; reacting to the 1967 Israeli emergency; and soliciting financial aid for the Hillel chapter of Fairleigh Dickinson University. (Samuel Bieber, then dean of the university, reported to the Council that as of February 1971, 40% of the school's enrollment was Jewish.)

Highlighting the more recent achievements of the Jewish Community Council are: the presentation of the fifteen-volume Jewish Encyclopaedia to the Teaneck Public Library in 1971; sponsorship of the township celebration of the State of Israel's 25th anniversary — coordinated by chairperson Minna Coleman[1] and attended by approximately 4,000 people — which included the planting of a tree on the municipal green in Israel's honor and a highly successful parade and mass rally at Votee Park; the observance of the first Holocaust Commemoration program in 1974 with Dr. Gary Abend as chairperson (followed by Gabe Sanders as chairperson in 1975).

The years 1975 and 1976 have found the Council occupied primarily with organizing a sponsorship campaign for the publication of this book, cooperating with the Board of Education in expanding the availability of student activities so as not to infringe on the Sabbath or religious holidays and participating in the selection of a suitable location for a *mikvah.*

The Jewish Community Council endeavors to encourage continuous communication and cooperation of all Jewish groups within the township. Through such vehicles as the Jewish community calendar, sponsorship of joint activities and its quarterly and emergency meetings, it has succeeded in fostering unity within its ranks and representing the Jewish community in township matters.

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1) Since Samuel and Minna Coleman moved to Teaneck from Brooklyn, in 1955, they have provided the Jewish community with dynamic leadership and a long list of achievements.

Mrs. Coleman was the first woman president of the Jewish Community Council (1966-1967). She served as the chairperson of the Women's Division of State of Israel Bonds, chairperson of the Adult Education Program at the Jewish Community Center and chairperson of Teaneck's twenty-fifth Israel anniversary parade. She recalls this last position with particular pride and satisfaction because of the excellent cooperation received from all the Jewish organizations — "It was a tremendous highlight in the history of the Jews in Teaneck." Minna Coleman is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Teaneck Jewish Community Center and was also a member of the boards of NCJW and Jewish Community Center Sisterhood as well as general co-chairperson in charge of the UJA Women's Division.

Mr. Coleman, an accomplished photographer, organized and supervised photography clubs at the Center and supervised the construction of its well-equipped darkroom. He has offered his services at numerous Center and Jewish organizational functions and was the official photographer of the town's 75th anniversary celebration. Mr. and Mrs. Coleman were Jewish Community Center delegates to the 1974 Jerusalem Convention of the World Council of Syngagogues. Mrs. Coleman served as a delegate to the Jewish Federation of Community Services Bergen County, and as a member of the Executive Board of the local branch of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council.

The Colemans were among those who have generously participated in contributing to the Teaneck Library Bicentennial fund and have been fund raisers and workers for numerous civic organizations. They continue to reside in Teaneck.

Organizations with membership in the Council are:

Congregation Beth Aaron
Congregation Beth Am
Congregation Beth Sholom
Congregation B'nai Yeshurun
Jewish Community Center
Temple Emeth
B'nai B'rith Men
B'nai B'rith Women
Hadassah
Jewish War Veterans
Mizrachi Women of America
National Council of Jewish Women
Women's American ORT
Zionist Organization of America

PAST PRESIDENTS

Mrs. Benjamin Bernstein
Mrs. Samuel Coleman
Matthew Feldman
Theodore Ignall
Julius J. Schargel
Aaron Maltin
Charles Rothschild, Jr.
Jacob Schneider
Abraham Schlussel
Milton Tucker (Deceased)

OFFICERS (1975-1976)

President ..... Ruth Cowan[1]
Secretary ..... Arline Duker
Treasurer ..... Sara Fishman
Vice Presidents ..... Robert Levine
Gloria Jerome
Burton Greenblatt

Ruth Cowan

1) Wallace and Ruth Cowan moved to Teaneck in 1957 from Palisades Park. A registered physical therapist, Mrs. Cowan has donated her services since 1973 as supervisor of the NCJW Swim-in for the Handicapped, a weekly social, recreational and therapeutic program for multiple sclerosis patients of Bergen and Passaic Counties. In September 1975 she was placed in charge of the exercise portion of the Post Mastectomy Rehabilitation Project of Bergen County. This program is jointly sponsored by Teaneck NCJW and the Hackensack YWCA and scheduled to commence in the autumn 1976. It will utilize the Teaneck Jewish Community Center's swimming pool.

Mrs. Cowan is a past president of the Teaneck Section of NCJW (1971-1972) and former secretary of the NCJW New Jersey State Committee. She continues to participate on the organization's national level through its New Americans and International Relations Committees. She is the current president of the Teaneck Jewish Community Council, under whose administration this book was published. Mrs. Cowan is a member of the Board of the Bergen County Jewish Family Service and chairperson of its New Americans Committee (devoted to the resettlement of Russian Jewish families in Bergen County). She was recenty elected to the National Executive Council of the American Jewish Committee and serves on the executive board of the Bergen County chapter.

A member of the Hillel Advisory Committee of Fairleigh Dickinson University; a former member of several Teaneck PTA and PTA Council boards; a past chairperson (for three years) of the Teaneck Citizens for UNICEF and an active member of the UN Day Observance Committee; a participant in the organization Public Funds for Public Schools of New Jersey, Ruth Cowan's extraordinary efforts as a volunteer have received their due recognition — she was the recipient of a citation from the National Center for Voluntary Action of Washington, D.C.

Wallace Cowan presently serves as chairperson of the Teaneck Advisory Board on Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation. He is a former chairperson of the Northern Valley Commuters Association. The Cowans continue to reside in Teaneck and are valued members of Congregation Beth Sholom.

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Standing (left to right) Sadie Leight, Robert Nowack, Bernard Nowack, Rose Nowack, Phil Sher, Dr. Robert Weitz, Fred Schneider, Lee Sosower, Louis Rosenblum and Abe Goodman. Seated (left to right) Charlotte Gluck, Rita Sher, Ruth Weitz, Ada Mae Stein, Evelyn Sosower, Paula Rosenblum, Julia Goodman at a planning session of Jewish Welfare Council (now the Jewish Federation of Community Services, Bergen County).

A Brief History of the Jewish Federation of Community Services, Bergen County

The Jews who originally settled in Bergen County, as with Jews everywhere, were concerned with the welfare of their co-religionists. It cannot be said that the Federation of Jewish Community Services of Bergen County, which was originally called the Jewish Welfare Council, was conceived on any specific date. The beginnings of the organization can best be described as a coalescing of forces rather than the sudden birth of a new one. Possibly before the establishment of Bergen County's first Jewish synagogue in Englewood in 1896, a burial society *Chevra Kadisha,* a free loan society *Gemiluth Chesed* and a Ladies Aid Society were formed in Englewood, comprising the first Jewish communal organizations to be established in Bergen County. Shortly thereafter similar societies were formed in Hackensack. Jews in Bergen County to a large extent however, at first had to rely upon Jewish organizations in Passaic County.

The founding of the YMHA in Hackensack in the early 1920's and the arrival in Bergen County of Irving Warshawsky, of blessed memory, gave an impetus and focus to organization for the relief of our more unfortunate brethren. For many years the problems of Jewish misery and Jewish defense in Bergen County were dealt with on an adhoc basis, there being no central and continuing organization. When the Nazis threatened in the late 1930's, a federation of the various separate communities was attempted but it did not outlast the war. When Jewish aged could not be maintained in their or their children's homes, facilities in Paterson, Passaic and Jersey City were utilized on an individual and "poor cousin" basis. The Englewood community entered into an agreement with the Daughters of Miriam Home for a limited number of individuals. Many others had no place to go but the County Poor Farm.

Meanwhile, the end of the war brought home to the Jews of America, and of course Bergen County, the horrors of the Nazi death camps. Every community, including ours, made heroic efforts to resettle as many European Jews as our country would permit to enter. In Bergen County, the National Council of Jewish Women spearheaded by the Teaneck section, with massive support from Englewood, Hackensack and Westwood, took over this program. The women who devoted untold time and energy to this effort are too numerous to mention. However, one cannot omit the names of Sadie Leight, Sylvia Mann and Rose Nowack[1]. Funds were raised for this purpose by personal appeals to the various local UJA funds and synagogue treasuries.

In 1952 a meeting of concerned community leaders was called by Mr. Warshawsky to discuss the work of resettlement of refugees. He also discussed whether what we were doing for our European brothers should not also be done for our own parents, children and friends. Mr. Warhsawsky brought to our attention cases of teenagers and younger Jewish children who were in serious difficulty and who required extensive hospitalization or psychiatric care to avoid being sent to inadequate state institutions; of the elderly Jews living in the poor house because there was no other place for them, of marital discord and outright poverty among Jews in our county; situations which cried out for help, where none was available. Questions were raised as to why the Paterson and Jersey City and New York facilities, for example, were not utilized more. The

1) Rose Nowack, whose constant and varied services to Jewish causes within Teaneck and Bergen County, was honored as a longtime activist in Jewish affairs by the Jewish Federation of Community Services on Sunday, February 8, 1976.

Bernard and Rose Nowack moved to Teaneck from Brooklyn in 1947 and became involved in many worthy causes and organizations, such as UJA (Mrs. Nowack served as co-chairperson of the Women's Division in the 1955-1956 campaign with Hilda Stein and Florence Strickler); NCJW (liason to HIAS); secretary-treasurer of the Community Center's Cub Scout Troop (the first Jewish-sponsored troop in Teaneck); PTA (Exceptional Child chairperson); Council of Churches activities; Hadassah; ORT and were among the founding families of Congregation Beth Sholom (Mrs. Nowack served as president of the Sisterhood). When the Nowacks had to leave Teaneck for business reasons, they were jointly honored by the many groups which they had served faithfully, and continued to maintain close relations with Teaneck's Jewish community.

After Bernard Nowack passed away in November 1968, Mrs. Nowack moved back to Bergen County with her son, Robert, and his family. Although they reside in Fair Lawn, the Nowacks enjoy an active membership at Congregation Beth Sholom. Robert's brother, Leonard, now lives in Mohegan Lake, New York with his wife and children. Both sons were eager participants and leaders in Teaneck Jewish youth activities. Rose Nowack continues her many organizational and charitable commitments and is a frequent and most welcome visitor to Teaneck.

answer was very simple. These organizations advised us that the Bergen County Jewish community had the numbers and wherewithal to care for its own.

The logic was inescapable and, accordingly, the Jewish Welfare Council was organized on January 22, 1953. Murray Megibow of Teaneck was the first president; representatives from Teaneck, Englewood, Hackensack, Cliffside Park, Hasbrouck Heights and Westwood participated. As other communities recognized the problems of their residents, they joined the Welfare Council. Today the organization includes all 35 Jewish communities of Bergen County from Rutherford to the New York State line and from the Hudson River to the Passaic. Some communities contiguous to Paterson continue to use the Paterson Jewish Family Service for some purposes, although in matters of community relations they form a united front with the rest of Bergen County. Currently the Federation (its name was changed in 1974) provides many services in addition to those supplied for the aged and to new Americans, such as: family counseling, special schools and camps, chaplaincy service to hospitals and jails, coordination and aid to Jewish education particularly of high school students, community relations, etc.

Mr. Megibow was succeeded as president in 1956 by Philip Sher, also of Teaneck. Until 1958, when an executive director, Max Kleinbaum, was engaged, the organization utilized volunteer social workers under the guidance of Mr. Warshawsky and Mrs. Leight. The organization currently employs six caseworkers, a consulting psychiatrist, an assistant to the executive director (Lenore Israel) and a program associate (Rabbi Arthur Vernon), although it still utilizes and relies most heavily on dedicated community members. The third president of the organization was Fred Schneider of Teaneck, followed by Benjamin Labov of Fort Lee, Solomon Weinstein of Haworth and Arthur Rose of Tenafly. Nat Kameny, Bergenfield, is new president.

The Jewish Federation of Community Services of Bergen County today is a planning, coordinating and fund-raising body that provides necessary services in our local Jewish community through its various departments and divisions. Each of these has its own board and develops its own programs under the direction of the Federation Board of Trustees. They include the Jewish Family Service, the Jewish Community Relations Council, Bureau of Jewish Affairs, Youth Division and the Women's Division[1]. At present, the Federation is concerned with the totality of Jewish life in Bergen County. Plans are under consideration with UJA and the National Jewish Welfare Board which could result in a "federated" campaign for all Jewish causes — local, national and international. If this dream comes to fruition, our eforts to strengthen the Bergen County Jewish Community so that it can assume its responsibility as one of the ten largest in the United States, will have been realized.

Philip H. Sher, Past President

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1) On April 8th, 1976, Betty Freint was honored by the Women's Division of the Jewish Federation of Community Services of Bergen County as its first Woman of the Year. During the presentation, it was stated that: "Her lifetime of services to the Jewish community and years of leadership as a founder and past president of the Women's Division have merited her a special place of affection and esteem".

Dr. Stanley and Betty Freint moved to Teaneck in 1955 from River Edge. Mrs. Freint always resided in this area, having grown up in Hackensack. Her uncle, Clem Plager, was a founder of the Bergen County YMHA, and her father, Heyman Plager, was an active member. Mrs. Freint is currently a member of the Boards of the YMHA and the Bergen County Chapter of the Brandeis University National Women's Committee; a past chairperson of the Teaneck Community Scholarship Fund, a former Girl Scout leader and Cub Scout den mother and a past PTA officer.

Mrs. Freint's sister and brother-in-law, Natalie and Irving Rappaport, also reside in Teaneck.

HERMAN M. SCHULMAN

LAUNCH DRIVE — The 1975 Teaneck-Hackensack campaign for Federation was launched at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Marcus, Teaneck, Jan. 26. Mr. Robert Spiewak, general chairman of the campaign (on left).

BETTY FREINT recipient of Women's Division first "Woman of the Year" award. — 3/31/76

Jewish National Fund Council of Teaneck

The Jewish National Fund was founded at the fifth World Zionist Congress in 1901 for the purpose of acquiring land in what was then Palestine. The settling on that land became the first practical step in the Zionist objective of re-establishing the Jewish State on its ancient site. Almost immediately, the little blue box became a familiar symbol of *tsedaka* throughout the Jewish households of the world. It took the tragedies of the Holocaust, however, to heighten the consciousness of our people to enforce fully this important program. JNF land is owned by the *entire* Jewish people. Long term leases were and are still available to individuals, *kibbutzim, moshavim* and institutions.

JNF is presently responsible for land reclamation, afforestation, the preparation of sites for new settlements, absorption of new immigrants, and the construction of border and access roads throughout Israel. Land purchases continue on a limited scale. Methods of raising funds for the organization have been conducted through the aforementioned and everpresent blue box, the traditional planting of trees, which can be purchased in amounts of one to ten thousand at a time, annual fetes honoring outstanding individuals in the community, and many youth-oriented activities. A major aspect of fund-raising in our country for this program, and one which has been emulated by many subsequent organizations, was the conception of individuals remembering Jewish National Fund in their wills, bequests and foundations. In addition to fund-raising for its vital work in Israel, JNF conducts an effective domestic and international Youth and Educational program, including Teaneck.

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Since the inception of Jewish communal life in Teaneck, there has been interest in Jewish National Fund. Activities were initially directed from the state office in Newark. Both Regina Gordon and her late husband, Benjamin, served as New Jersey State presidents of JNF and participated at the national level.

In 1967 the Jewish National Fund Council of Teaneck was formed at a meeting at the Jewish Community Center which was called by Rabbi Judah Washer, who had been an ardent supporter of JNF before coming to Teaneck. The council is comprised of representatives of organizations and congregations, as well as persons dedicated to JNF. Mrs. Minna Coleman was the unanimous choice for its first president. To bolster JNF fund-raising it was decided to hold a breakfast honoring Senator Matthew Feldman who with his family, have been life-long supporters of JNF.

In 1969 Albert M. Shulman was feted for service to Israel and the community. The following prominent Teaneck residents have rendered selfless service to Israel and the Jewish community of America and have been honored by the Council: Dr. Jacob Englander and Dr. H. Raymond Ring in 1970: Judge David Follender in 1971; Rabbi Macy Gordon, Rabbi Ahron Opher, Rabbi Barry Schaeffer, Rabbi Louis J. Sigel, Rabbi Judah Washer, the five community spiritual leaders in 1972; Jack Urdang in 1973; George and Miriam Josephs in 1974; and Helyne Washer, wife of Rabbi Judah Washer, in 1975. Woodlands and groves of trees have been planted in the names of these honorees in the Teaneck Forest near Kfar Saba, Israel.

Myron Dubin, elected second council president, was followed by Jack Urdang. Present

officers of the Council are: President, Robert B. Levine[1]; Vice Presidents, Mrs. Mickey Levitan, George Josephs, Morris H. Rapaport; Secretary, Mrs. Rose E. Wilson; Treasurer, Mrs. Sara Hertzberg. Mr. Meyer Pessin of Teaneck, a former state-wide president, is the national president of the United States JNF organization for a second term.

Residents of Teaneck are cordially invited to visit the New Jersey regional offices at 545 Cedar Lane, where a variety of literature, brochures, films and visual aids are available without charge.

The following former residents still participate in Teaneck JNF campaigns: Joseph Raymond (Hollywood, Florida), Albert M. Shulman (Miami Beach, Florida), and David Rukin (Saddle River, New Jersey).

Ben Waldman (Executive Vice-President) and Regina Gordon

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Jewish War Veterans Teaneck Schweiger-Dobrow Post #498

In October 1949 the Reorganization Committee of the Jewish War Veterans Post #498 held its first meeting at the home of Matthew Feldman, national deputy chief of staff of Jewish War Veterans, 110 Cherry Lane, Teaneck, New Jersey.

Among those attending were Jacob Schneider, judge advocate of the JWV New Jersey Department; Irving Etish, county commander of Bergen County; Rabbi Ario S. Hyams, chaplain of the JWV New Jersey Department and rabbi of the Teaneck Jewish Community Center, and Bernard Zelnick. It was decided to reorganize and the post made application for reissuance of a charter.

Temporary officers selected to serve until the reorganization was completed were:

Commander ..... Jacob Schneider
Adjutant ..... Gene Silber
Quartermaster ..... Bernard Zelnick
Recruiting Officer ..... Philip Bloom

The Schweiger-Dobrow Post is named for the first two men of the Jewish faith from Teaneck who were killed in World War II. Cadet Robert J. Schweiger, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schweiger of 140 Johnson Avenue, died on a training flight at Bush Field, Georgia, two weeks before he was to receive his wings. Lieutenant Irwin Dobrow, a bombardier who died in action in the European theatre of War, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dobrow of 17 West Englewood

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1) Robert and Helen Levine, who moved from Brooklyn, New York in 1961, have been prodigious and indefatigable supporters of Jewish causes, devoting themselves to numerous Zionist organizations. As president of the Teaneck Council of JNF, New Jersey treasurer of JNF, vice president of the New Jersey Region of the ZOA, vice president of the Teaneck Jewish Community Council, High Holy Day Chairperson of the Teaneck State of Israel Bonds campaign, member of the UJA cabinet of Teaneck, member of the National Executive Committee of the ZOA, and of the Board of Trustees of the World Council of Synagogues, Mr. Levine is known to attend several meetings in a single evening. He is a past president of Congregation Beth Sholom (1970-1972) and remains actively involved in synagogue matters. Mr. Levine served as vice president of the Bergen County ZOA Chapter from 1969-1975 and aided in establishing the Rabbi Barry Schaeffer ZOA Chapter. He was co-chairperson of Teaneck's celebration commemorating Israel's 25th anniversary.

Helen Levine, equally dedicated to the State of Israel, is a past president of the Kadimah Group of the Teaneck Chapter of Hadassah and has been an invaluable asset to this organization which she serves in many capacities. In addition to preparing programs and teaching the members Hebrew, she presently serves as the chapter's liaison to the Working and Professional Women's Section that she helped to create. Mrs. Levine is an active member of Congregation Beth Sholom's Sisterhood and annually writes and directs the synagogue's famous Beth Sholomite of the Year breakfast. She also teaches Hebrew classes for the synagogue's Adult Education program. In 1970 Mr. and Mrs. Levine were jointly honored as the Beth Sholomites of the Year. They continue to reside in Teaneck.

Avenue. His brother, Jack, a charter member of the post, has served it in numerous capacities and was active in the JWV movement before the Teaneck organization was formed.

On March 30, 1950 the Schweiger-Dobrow Post #498 Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America held its first installation of officers at the Teaneck Jewish Community Center. The roster reads as follows:

Commander ..... Gene Silber
Sr. Vice Commander ..... Jerome Schuman
Jr. Vice Commander ..... Philip Bloom
Judge Advocate .....Nathan Levine
Quartermaster ..... Bernard Zelnick
Adjutant ..... Albert Morrows
Public Relations ..... Rabbi Ario S. Hyams
Comm. Relations .....Valentine Block
Liason Officer ..... Matthew Feldman
Service Officers ...Macy Siegler, Stuart S. Brown
Post Surgeon ..... Dr. Daniel B. Roth
Color Sergeant ..... Raymond Ehrlich
Patriotic Instructor ..... Maybelle Schneider
Program Chairman .....Murray Zweigel
Membership Chairman ..... Morton D. Goetz
Trustees ..... Leo Goodman, Milton Cohen, Matthew Feldman, Rabbi Ario S. Hyams, Sidney Denker, Leo Kahn, Jacob Schneider

Deputy Mayor Henry Deissler and Center president Adolf Robison greeted the assembly. Judge William Lipkin, state department commander, served as the installing officer and Cantor Barry Schaeffer chanted the *Kadish.* The Schweiger and Dobrow families chanted the memorial service. The Schweiger and Dobrow families donated the post colors and Dr. Barnet S. Bookstaver donated the national colors.

The Schweiger-Dobrow Post has actively worked for all Jewish causes, but primarily for the benefit of the Jewish war veteran. It was the first post in New Jersey to obtain films, slides and tape recordings on George Lincoln Rockwell and to bring the John Birch Society's propaganda to the attention of the populace. It has cooperated with all posts and other veterans organizations, such as the American Legion Post #128 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1429. The JWV is part of the Teaneck Patriotic Observance Advisory Board. It has produced shows at the Veterans Hospital in East Orange. Parties, visits and donations to that, and other Veterans' hospitals are among the many services it renders. Recently our post has given a dialysis machine for kidney rehabilitation to Holy Name Hospital. We have also suported Little League teams and the Community Scholarship Fund program. JWV members enjoy a special life insurance program and blood bank privileges.

In July 1955 the Teaneck Independence Day celebration, including the parade and other ceremonies, was directed by JWV Post #498 for the first time. Jacob Schneider, an early post organizer, was selected as grand marshal. Other highlights in our post's history are our Man of the Year award breakfast[1] where an outstanding veteran is selected as recipient of this special citation and the proceeds raised are donated to charity; annual commemorations of Brotherhood Week, observed in conjunction with non-Jewish organizations (1961 featured Elston Howard as

1) A. Alan Leveen, a recipient of the Man of the Year award, and his wife, Belle, settled in Teaneck in 1952 moving from Lodi. Mr. Leveen has engaged in distinguished activities in many areas including community service, aid to Israel and within his profession. As a certified public accountant, he was instrumental in perfecting the cost accounting procedures under the Marshall Plan Aid program of the United States Government and reporting practices for firms operating under the WW II G.I. Bill of Rights.

Mr. Leveen is a fellow of the New Jersey Society of CPA's; his practice is located in Hackensack. He has lectured on taxes and accounting and is the author of several texts on auditing, payroll taxes, accounting for inventory control, preparation for civil service examinations in taxes, the income tax law, and many law articles for newspapers, trade journals and magazines including: "An Accountant Travels;" "26 Million Voices," "An American CPA in Israel" and numerous others on varied subjects.

Mr. Leveen is a former chairperson of the Board of Trustees of Congregation Beth Sholom of Teaneck; past New Jersey State membership chairperson for the National Jewish Welfare Board; past president of the Bergen County YMHA Health Center for a record term of six years, former chairperson of the Y Health Center Board of Governors and a past president and former campaign chairperson of the Hackensack Area Community Chest. For outstanding services, he was awarded a colonelcy and made an honorary citizen of the City of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Mr. Leveen was awarded the Certificate of Merit by the USO; he was named Man of the year by the Bergen County YMHA, was the recipient of the Award of Honor of the National Jewish Welfare Board and the Certificate of Honor by the Girl Scouts of America.

He is listed in the Israel Honorarium for his continuous efforts on behalf of the State of Israel and his cooperation with the Jewish Palestine Brigade of the British army dating back to 1944. He received the Fighter's Award in 1971 from the State of Israel and is reputed to be the only ex-U.S. naval man to be honored by Israel with its *Eyetoor-Lokhmi* award.

The Leveens continue to reside in Teaneck.

guest speaker, and films of the 1960 World Series games); original musical productions, the JW Vanities; the annual Father and Son/Daughter Sports Night presentation (Mel Allen came to Teaneck to receive the JWV Sportcaster of the Year award. Admission was free and open to the public); a program honoring the United Nations at the Teaneck theatre, co-sponsored with several civic and fraternal organizations.

The post's membership swelled to great numbers and has kept growing. Its commanders are listed in order of their tenure in office:

Gene R. Silber	Herbert Punyon	Leonard Alter
Jerome Schuman	Bernard Blumenthal[1]	Ira Levy[2]
Philip Bloom	Dr. Marvin Miller	Herbert Miller
Richard Nussbaum	Bernard Ostrov	Arthur Podolsky
Dr. Max Victor	Jerome Weiner	Ira Gissen
David Jacobus	Eliot Graime	Martin Shilan
Theodore Feingold	Morris Fischer	Carl Steinfeld
Martin Solomon	Manuel Kasson	Eli Warach
Jules Horowitz	Herbert Gelles	Maybelle Schneider

In this Bicentennial year, Martin Smith has assumed the office of commander.

Maybelle Schneider

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Jewish War Veterans Auxiliary

Many years prior to the creation of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Jewish War Veterans, Jewish men who served in the American Armed Forces found that even in military service they were subjected to bigotry, discrimination and prejudice. Their wives, sisters and mothers knew they could assist their men because they had more time and opportunity and had access to many non-sectarian influential groups. Slowly, but steadily and eagerly, this organization was established.

The JWVA is the only Jewish woman's organization which receives patriotic recognition for its veteran status. We are part of one of the few Jewish organizations permitted to lobby in

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1) During Commander Bernard Blumenthal's tenure in office, the Teaneck JWV net gain in membership led the nation in both percentage and number; one hundred twelve new members were added, bringing the total enrollment to 400. The post was awarded ten out of the eleven prizes for membership gains and post activities at the 1961 Department of New Jersey convention. Commander Blumenthal was named Bergen County and New Jersey Post Commander of the Year and was awarded a complimentary trip to the national JWV convention in Baltimore.

2) An outstanding member and past commander of the Teaneck Jewish War Veterans Post is Ira Levy. A Teaneck resident since 1959, he and his wife, Pauline, came from Forest Hills, New York. Mr. Levy has served the Jewish War Veterans organization on the local, county and regional levels in numerous offices; he is the first Teaneck representative to serve as state commander. Mr. Levy was also a Boy Scout master in Teaneck for ten years and has rendered services to the town's Patriotic Observance Advisory Board, the American Legion and the Community Chest organization. He is an officer of the Jewish Community Center Men's Club.

3) Morton and June Handler have been versatile and dedicated residents of Teaneck since 1951, when they moved from Brooklyn, New York. Enthusiastic members of Temple Emeth, Mr. Handler served the congregation in many capacities including on the board of trustees; Mrs. Handler was a member of the Education Committee. They were instrumental in organizing the League for Better Schools in 1953, a civic group formed for the promotion of the referenda for construction of Teaneck's two junior high schools.

Morton Handler is a former member of the Board of TCPS and the Jewish Welfare Council (renamed the Jewish Federation of Community Services of Bergen County), chairperson of the Church-State Committee of the Bergen County branch of the American Civil Liberties Union and is currently a member of the Rent Leveling Board in Maywood. He has occupied executive positions on the board of the Teaneck JWV Post and was responsible for implementing many of its programs and activities.

June Handler is a former Education chairperson of the League of Women Voters, a PTA officer, Brownie leader and an assistant Cub Scout pack master. She has served the NCJW in many roles. Mrs. Handler is currently a professor of Early Childhood Education at Kean College and chairperson of the Early Childhood department.

Washington; the only Jewish organization which belongs to the Women's Forum on National Security; and are also represented at the United Nations. Thus, JWVA is able to rally to the defense of all veteran families and to all Jews.

The JWVA assisted its men in the creation of a national shrine to perpetuate the memory of the Jewish men and women who have fought in America's wars, to document their history and to stand as a beacon in troubled times. By meeting other men and women from every walk of life and area of the United States through the common ground of having served, we do much to correct wrong impressions about Jewish patriotism and Jewish concepts.

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The Teaneck JWVA was founded on February 2, 1961 at a membership tea held at the Jewish Community Center. Acting Chairperson Lenore Miller (who was elected as our first president shortly thereafter) and her able committee, consisting of Pearl Graime, Adele Blumental, Ruth Wiener, Barbara London, Betty Horowitz, Roslyn Graime and Ada Forman, were responsible for recruiting thirty-five women that memorable afternoon. Eventually the list of charter members grew to fifty whose names are listed below:

Lorraine Abrash
Frances Adler
Edith Berlin
Adele Blumenthal
Gisela Brandes
Rebecca Cooper
Shirley Eisenberg
Estelle Feldman
Muriel Feldman
Helene Feuereisen
Nellie Fischer
Renee Friedman
Ada Forman
Selma Gladstein
Hannah Goldstein
Florence Grabel
Pearl Graime
Roslyn Graime
Laurie Goode
Shirley Harris
Betty Horowitz
Sarah Karger
Jean Kasson
Evelyn Lafer
Barbara London
Shirley London[1]
Annette Lowenthal
Anita Miller
Lenore Miller
Ina Miller
Miriam Ostrow
Irene Posner
Gloria Punyon
Frances Ratner
Betty Reissman
Jean Robbins
Joyce Rosen
Paula Rosenblum
Susan Roth
Dorothy Schweiger
Bea Segal
Bertha Silberberg
Lucille Silverstein
Gladys Sobel
Hope Victor
Ruth Wiener
Janice Weiss
Roslyn White
Edith Wides
Helen Zubalsky

The founders were inspired and generously assisted by Ellen Kaplan, Bergenfield, New Jersey department president, Ladies Auxiliary; Molly Tragash, Saddle Brook, president, Bergen County Council, Ladies Auxiliary; and Stanley Wides, commander, Bergen County Council.

As a group, our Ladies Auxiliary works in our community on tangible missions of benevolence and patriotism such as staffing the Holy Name Hospital Salk Vaccine Clinic and assisting in the registration of Bergen County residents at the Hospital's Public Health Clinic. When we do hospital work we are with the hospitalized veteran, building his confidence and morale. When we aid in the welfare of children at the Totowa Girl's Home or the Edna B. Conklin Children's Home in Hackensack, we are on the scene lending a physical presence as well as enthusiastic material support.

FIRST ROSTER OF OFFICERS

President ..... Lenore Miller
Sr. Vice-President ..... Adele Blumenthal
Jr. Vice-President ..... Pearl Graime
Treasurer ..... Ruth Wiener
Chaplain ..... Ada Forman
Conductress ..... Renee Friedman
Guard ..... Joan Kasson
Patriotic Instructor ..... Ina Miller
Historian ..... Giesela Brandes
Trustees .... Betty Horowitz, Annette Lowenthal, Shirley Dobrow
Delegate ..... Barbara London
Alternate Delegate ..... Roslyn Graime
Secretary ..... Laurie Goode

1) Morton and Shirley London moved from North Bergen to Teaneck in 1958. The Londons have been ardent supporters of numerous Jewish and civic organizations, such as Hadassah, UJA, State of Israel Bonds, the Teaneck Political Assembly, American Cancer Society, and several PTA groups. Dedicated members of the Jewish Community Center, Mr. London served on the congregation's board of trustees and Mrs. London on the Sisterhood board. Morton London is a former national commander of the Jewish War Veterans (1962-1963). He was treasurer and chairperson of the Budget and Finance Committee of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations, and a member of the Executive Committee of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council. The Londons continue to reside in Teaneck.

Horeynu members - (left to right) - Mrs. Paula Lipson, Mrs. Schatz, and Mrs. Helen Kaplan, presenting a check to Rabbi and Mrs. Judah Washer for the Jewish Community Center.

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HOREYNU MEMBERS played host Wedn esday night to some 700 residents who can to view their projects exhibit in the Jewish Community Center. After examinin arts and crafts work and cancer dressings made by the senior members of the Cen ter, about 500 of the guests stayed on for Horeynu's annual card party. Serving a an official welcoming committee (l. to r.) were Mrs Lena Kranowitz, board men ber; Herman Rosenfeld, vice president; Mrs. Helen Kaplan, president, and Mrs. Li lian Weiss, vice president. The club, whose Hebrew title means, "our parents," boast more than 120 members.

FIRST JEWISH SETTLEMENT TO BE CELEBRATED

BERGEN RECORD — 10/1/54

Men and women helping to plan the Teaneck Jewish Tercentenary Celebration look on as Mayor Henry Deissler signs a proclamation which launched the program at the Jewish Community Center. Left to right, are Matthew Feldman, Center president and president of the Jewish Community Council; Mrs. Rita Sher, secretary of the Teaneck Jewish Community Council; Joseph Schneider, Milton Tucker, president of the Bergen County Reform Temple; Councilman Adolf Robison; Mrs. Edna Levine, assistant tercentenary celebration chairman, and Ben Fried, president of Congregation Beth Sholom.

teaneck's salute to israel's twenty-fifth anniversary

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 1973

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS

Congregation Beth Am
Congregation Beth Sholom
Congregation B'nai Yeshurun
Jewish Community Center
Temple Emeth
Congregation Beth Aaron
American Jewish Congress
B'nai Brith Men and Women
Hadassah - Afternoon and Evening
Hillel - Fairleigh Dickinson Univ.
Jewish War Veterans and Auxiliary
Mizrachi Women
National Council of Jewish Women
Womens' American ORT
Zionist Organization of America
Israel Bonds
Jewish National Fund
United Jewish Appeal
Affiliated Youth Groups

Mrs. Leonard Alter
Herbert Argintar
Mrs. A. Milton Bell

Activist Prosper Touitou, Chairperson Minna Coleman, Consul Yitzak Leor and Jewish Community Council President Julius Schargel witnessing candle lighting ceremony.

Mayor's Proclamation Opens Jewish Tercentenary Events

Program Of Events In Teaneck Includes Ceremonies Until Next May

Teaneck — Mayor Henry D... can Jewish Tercentenary ... when he issued a proclamatio... monies which will last until ...

MAJOR EVENTS IN MARCH

The celebration, which marks the 300th anniversary of Jewish settlement in the United States, is part of a nation-wide program. The Jewish Community Council of Teaneck, with Matthew Feldman as chairman, as organized the tercentenary committee here.

Jack Schneider, chairman of the committee, last night greeted Mayor Deissler, Councilman Adolf Robison, and presidents of Jewish organizations co-operating in the program. Schneider also gave details on the activities of the local program, which will be highlighted with a pageant as part of the major observance in March.

Deissler's proclamation said that the observance will provide a unique occasion for Americans to strengthen their understanding of the principles of democratic freedom and the tradition of harmony among all citizens.

The tentative schedule of activities was presented by Schneider. In November, the National Council of Jewish Women, evening group, will present a film, "Life of Chaim Solomon".

For December, the American Jewish Congress will present a program on Civil Rights of the American Jew.

A local history night on the story of Jews in Teaneck will be held in January. The history will be written by Mrs. Sadie Leight.

Brotherhood Month,

1200 Jam H.S. Auditorium For Tercentenary Pageant

TEANECK — Twelve hundred persons jammed into Teaneck High School auditorium last Saturday night an more than 100 others were turned away as the Jewish Community Council presented "Proclaim Liberty," a pageant ... the Jewish Tercentenary.

Program

"PROCLAIM LIBERTY"

A Pageant in Many Scenes with Many Songs telling the story of 300 years of Jewish life in America.

by EDNA LEVINE, ELAINE ZIMMERMAN and HELENE EMMANU

Directed by ..... MOE JAFFE
Settings by ..... BOB SYNES
Costumes by ..... ETTA BASHLOW
Cho...

THE JEWISH STANDARD December 21, 1973

RECOGNITION — Rabbi Schaeffer presents Woodland of Trees certificate to Jack Urdang in recognition of his labors for the State of Israel. Left to right: Howard Reinert; Robert B. Levine, JNF Council president of Teaneck; Rabbi Schaeffer; Jack Urdang holding his granddaughter, Kari; Mrs. Rose Goldman, guest speaker; Joseph Raymond, vice president, Teaneck Council NJF; Mrs. Rose Wilson, secretary.

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Rabbi Judah Washer, presents Woodland plaque to his wife, Mrs. Helyne Washer, at Jewish National Fund breakfast. (Left to right) Robert B. Levine, president of Jewish National Fund Council of Teaneck and Mayor Eleanor Kieliszek.

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PRESIDENTS of Teaneck Jewish organizations planning JNF breakfast at Teaneck Jewish Center January 18th. Seated left to right: Carol Faber, arrangements committee chairman, Robert B. Levine, president JNF Council, Bernard Papernik, Cong. Beth Aaron. Standing: Suzanne Bisig, Sisterhood Cong. Beth Am, Bernard Kremen, Bergen ZOA, Eli Warach, JWV Teaneck Post, Pauline Levy, JWV Auxiliary, Frances Karp, Sisterhood Teaneck Jewish Center, Rachel Rapaport, Teaneck Hadassah, Charles Shain, Cong. Beth Sholom.

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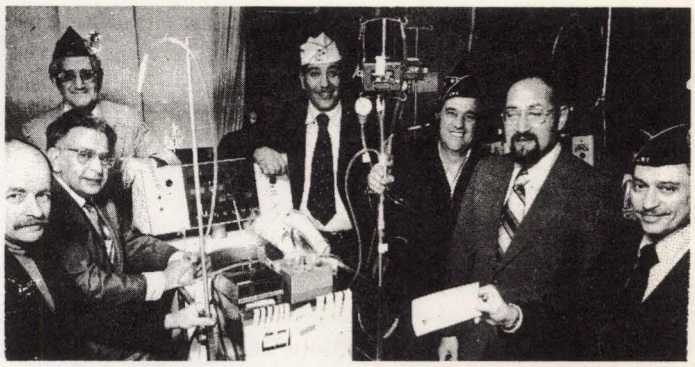

Equipment Given

TEANECK—In conjunction with the O.R.T. Day commemoration, three Teaneck chapters of O.R.T. presented new nursery school equipment to the Washington Irving-Bryant school at pre-kindergarten House reception to the children represented the New Windsor Chapter, the Teaneck Afternoon and Teaneck Evening Chapters.

Included in the were Mrs. Al Belsky, Herman Brown, Mrs. thur Feld, and Mrs. Schenck.

The cast and crew of the JWV Vanities 1960, posing on the steps of the East Orange Veterans Hospital. Bernard Blumenthal, Jack and Eleanor Tanenbaum, Helen Weiss, Helen and Milton Zubalsky, Julius Horowitz, Gloria Gladstone, Henry Berlin, Edith Martin, Bernard Schwindler, Edward Kramer, Lee Berk, Irving Jentis, Fran Berk, Marvin Miller, Janice Margolis, Rosalie Tannenbaum, Gloria Punyon, Claire Feingold, Rene Mandel, Judy Davis, Morris Fischer, S. Ted Feingold, Max Alberg, Florence Maslow (director), Arline Birnbaum, Harry Maslow, Pauline Jalowsky, Jeanette Weinstein, Lola St. Lifer, Norman Birnbaum, Bertram Wiener, Ruth Wiener, Lillian Walther, Nyna, Hope, and Max Victor, Joyce Joseph, Vicki Baskin, Joyce Rosen, Herb Punyon.

g Slutsky, president of the Teaneck Chamber of Commerce, changed the Cedar Lane sign at Garrison ue to ORT Lane at 2 p.m. Wednesday climaxing ORT day activities of Afternoon and Evening Chapters eaneck American Women's Organization for Rehabilitation Through Training. Looking on are Mrs. Emil cher, George A. Koller, executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, and Mrs. Robert Shomer. After dgn changing ORT members adjourned to a nearby sweet shop for ORT Day sundaes. (Nieh Photo)

SALUTES ORT — Mayor Frank W. Burr, Mayor of Teaneck, is shown signing the proclamation declaring March 17-24, ORT Week in the township. Looking on, left to right, Mrs. Elaine Lasky, president, Teaneck Evening Chapter; Mrs. Ruth Schnitzer, president, New Windsor Chapter and Mrs. Ethel Lee Schaffer, president Teaneck Afternoon Chapter.

National Council of Jewish Women Teaneck Section

The National Council of Jewish Women is the oldest major Jewish women's organization in the United States. It was founded in Chicago in 1893 by Hannah G. Solomon, who served as delegate at the Parliament of Religions, a part of the World's Fair. She had been requested three years earlier to summon together a Jewish woman's congress for that occasion, and organize it for whatever ends she saw fit.

As she surveyed the American scene in those waning years of the nineteenth century, Mrs. Solomon saw there was much to be done. A woman of serious nature, she felt that an organization of Jewish women could do together what no Jewish woman could do alone.

At the conference, there were 94 other like-minded Jewish women. During the course of their sessions the women jointly decided that the National Council of Jewish Women, a name suggested and acclaimed instantaneously and unanimously, would be established to seek four goals. These were: 1) unity of women interested in solving problems in the areas of religion, philanthropy and education; 2) the study of underlying principles of Judaism; 3) application of knowledge gained in this study to improve Hebrew schools and further social reform; 4) to secure aid of persons in public office so that such programs could be implemented. This was the beginning of the national organization.

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Today, 83 years after those hopeful beginnings, National Council of Jewish Women stands 100,000 women strong with sections and branches in every center, both small and large, of Jewish life in the 50 states. In 1923, the Council philosophy appealed to 14 Jewish women residing in Bergen County. On March 20th they were awarded a charter from the national organization. Thus the Bergen County Section, later to be known as Teaneck Section, was born. The group first met at the centrally-located Hackensack Hebrew Institute.

Led by its first officers, Mrs. B. Lowits, president; Mrs. Israel Doskow, vice-president; Mrs. Charles Rosenberg, treasurer; and Mrs. M. Goldstein, secretary; the group was aware of its community's many pressing needs. They felt, after some reflection, that they could best meet those needs by supporting the newly built Hackensack Hospital. In April, barely a month after having come into existence, the fledgling section decided to donate $400 to the new facility for the endowment of a room and pledged $50 towards its annual upkeep which it still maintains.

That was the first of many Council community services. Through those early years, the section also gave assistance to needy families and donated ". . . a schekel (sic) for each member on the roster . . ." to the Palestinian Milk Fund. They held Purim and Chanukah parties for all the Jewish children of the area.

During the following decade, the 30's, Council established a scholarship fund for local students, a committee to serve the foreign born, classes in Americanization and Citizenship, and donated an annual scholarship to the day camp at the Bergen County YM-YWHA. The organization was also closely involved in the formation of the Jewish Social Service Agency, forerunner of today's Bergen County Jewish Federation of Community Services. It sponsored the Coordinating Committee to Serve Refugees prior to the onset of World War II.

During the war itself Council women concerned themselves with student loan projects. They set up and furnished recreation rooms and libraries for soldiers in Fort Monmouth and Camp Shanks and became aides in the War Activities Fund.

From the beginning, the section involved itself deeply in those issues that most concerned its members as Jews. In 1924 it helped form the first Hebrew school in the county. It made arrangements for it to be housed in the Hackensack Hebrew Institute, and hired its first teacher. Council women were involved in the development of the YM-YWHA as an institution in which to provide a wholesome atmosphere for Jewish youth. They were interested in educating the Falashas, an ethnic group from Ethiopia claiming to be of Jewish origin.

After World War II, the increased Jewish population and its wider geographical distribution in Bergen County made possible the formation of six additional NCJW sections. In 1957, to reflect the residence of the majority of its membership, the Bergen County section was renamed the Teaneck section. It had changed its meeting place a number of times; first to the home of Mrs. Lunin, then to the Bergen County YMHA, to the Teaneck Jewish Community Center and then Temple Emeth where it meets presently. The group increased its roster from an original membership of 14 in 1923, to 360 in 1948, and 710 in 1955. Today, the membership stands at 750 women. To accommodate women unable to attend daytime sessions, the section instituted a junior branch in 1948 which is now known as the Teaneck-Bergenfield Evening Branch. Councilettes, the Council youth group, has had a spotty history. Begun in 1925, it disbanded, only to be formed again. Presently it has an active enrollment of teenagers as vitally concerned with Council projects as their adult counterparts.

A result of World War II and the Holocaust was the recognition of the urgent needs of Jews around the world by Council women in Teaneck and across the country. In 1946 Teaneck section began its Ship-a-Box program, which is still functioning today. The program involves sending play-things, school-work materials and clothing to children in Jewish institutions abroad. In conjunction with HIAS, Council has reached out to settle as comfortably as possible, people who have emigrated because of upheavals in their homeland. In the late 40's, they came from Europe; in the 50's from Egypt, Morocco, and other parts of the Near East; in the 60's and early 70's from Russia and Eastern Europe. Council actively seeks to find and furnish their homes, secure employment, and help them make the difficult social adjustment. In 1974-76, Teaneck section in cooperation with the Jewish Federation of Community Services of Bergen County assisted eight families.

Even before the birth of Israel in 1948, Council was continuously involved with the well-being of the Jewish homeland. NCJW sees the survival and development of Israel as central to Jewish identity. The women of Teaneck section, like all Council women, have been concerned with the quality of education in Israel. From 1949 to 1970 Council made an annual contribution of $48,000 to the Hebrew University School of Education. Teaneck section contributed to this sum. Over and above this commitment, a decision was made in 1960 to build a new center for the University High School. This center was used by the School of Education for its teaching training program. Pilot projects begun there have been devoted to new methods of teaching culturally disadvantaged children. Concurrently, Council granted fellowships for advanced study in the United States in Social Work, Education, Nursing Services, Psychological Counseling, and voluntary leadership training to Jewish leaders in Europe, South America and Israel.

By the early 1960's, Israeli educators realized that Israel was facing an acute problem posed by the large numbers of immigrants who had come to the new nation from non-western countries inadequately prepared by their background for life in a modern technological society. Council was asked to fund two research projects designed to solve this problem. Out of these projects grew the NCJW Research Institute for Innovation in Education. The center, which is devoted to education of the culturally disadvantaged, is highly regarded by Israeli educationists. They see it as an effective and practical tool in their fight to solve Israel's most serious domestic problem.

While their support for Israel is ongoing, Council women remain involved in issues at home. On the local level there are still many pressing problems. Many of these concerns are in the areas with which the Bergen County section was originally involved in 1923. When the need for a halfway house for persons afflicted with mental illness became apparent, Teaneck section provided the funds to start it. Friendship House, now located on Atlantic Street in Hackensack, began as a voluntary service project in 1956. It was officially incorporated in 1964 by the City of Hackensack as a non-profit charitable organization. Council women still maintain a vital interest in this facility.

The Council Thrift Shop, which is located on West Englewood Avenue in Teaneck, has a two-fold purpose. While the proceeds garnered from the sale of goods serve Teaneck section as one of its two major sources of income, the Thrift Shop is primarily community service. It is a place where people can go to buy clean, used clothing, knick-knacks and accessories at rock-bottom prices. The Thrift Shop has been at its present location since 1960. Originally, in 1950, it was

located on 33 Mercer Street in Hackensack when it was instituted as the Resale Shop during the administration of Alice Gordon. In that same year Council women began the Teaneck Golden Age Club which was the first in the county and became the model for subsequent senior citizen groups.

Council tradition has always been to support scholarship programs in many areas. In 1957, when the Teaneck Scholarship Fund was initiated, the Teaneck section was one of the first groups to contribute to its pool. Through the years, Council has maintained this commitment.

In 1970 in the tradition of emphasizing the importance of education and to enhance the quality of Jewish life, a Council priority, the Jewish Education scholarship was established. Scholarships are awarded to college and graduate students who are committed to teaching in Jewish education.

When it became apparent that there was an overwhelming need for a facility to house the increasing number of children showing signs of emotional disturbance in their home atmosphere, Teaneck section provided funds and volunteer know-how to start the Holley Community Mental Health Center. Under the auspices of the Youth Consultation Service and co-sponsored by Council, Holley opened its doors in 1971. It is the only residence and day care facility for troubled children in the State of New Jersey.

Two years later the section co-sponsored the opening of the Sandpiper Day Care Center with the Children's Aid and Adoption Society. Known today as the CAAS Child Development Center, the facility is located in the Unitarian Church in Paramus. It services fifty-two children between the ages of two and five. In November 1975 an expanded facility was opened to infants and kindergarteners, the children of working mothers, in the Teaneck Ethical Culture building.

In 1973 Teaneck section members were among Council women throughout the United States who participated in a year-long study of the juvenile justice system in their local communities. One of the many problems of which they became aware is the damage done to children when the "status offender" and the serious delinquent are jointly categorized. (The "status offender" is the runaway, the truant, or the unwanted child.) In 1974 the Teaneck section, in coalition with The Adjustment Committee of The Teaneck Youth Guidance Council, established the Teaneck Group Care Home. It provides a home-like atmosphere and supportive services for eight teen-age girls who cannot stay in their own homes.

While Council women are proud of the hours they devote to these projects, it is clear that programs cannot function without monetary support. As previously stated, the Thrift Shop provides the funds for many projects. In the late '60's, however, it was realized that Thrift Shop could not carry the burden alone. As a result, the Council Art Show, which has since become an annual affair, was born. Today it is also a gala social event in addition to being a fund-raiser; a dress-up occasion attended by county leaders as well as the general public.

In 1955, when Teaneck parents expressed concern about a growing inability to set standards for their children, a NCJW study group on family relations examined the subject in depth. From this study, a community-wide group was formed representing students, school authorities, parents, and the Teaneck Committee for Mental Health. As a result, a code of ethics was evolved called the Teaneck Common Sense Conduct Code, which set standards of dress, behavior and curfew.

Council women were active in tutorial programs even before the onset of OCT (Operation Community Talent). They pushed for the bond issues that funded both Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson Junior High Schools. In 1968 Council women helped register senior citizens in Teaneck for rent subsidies to which they were entitled under federal law. In the middle '60's Council women were actively involved in the central 6th grade school issue. They kept the community informed through constant publicity concerning the issues. The section provided scholarship funds to township employees in order that they might attend workshops on Human Relations held at Rutgers University.

In 1925 it was the Bible Bill. In 1942 it was the War Activities Fund. Today it is support for the Equal Rights Amendment. The women of Teaneck section are as active now in areas where there is a need for social action as they are in community service. Teaneck section, like other New Jersey sections, has worked for the passage of the state income tax and for more stringent laws to

protect migrant laborers in agricultural camps.

It is customary for the Teaneck Section of NCJW to bestow its highest form of recognition, the Hannah G. Solomon Award, every few years to an outstanding individual known for his or her service to the community. The recipients of this citation have been: Pauline Rappaport, Police Chief Robert P. Fitzpatrick, Paula Rosenblum[1], Ann Robison, and Doris Quarles, Teaneck health educator.

Council women, always ready to fill an unmet need, initiated two new projects in 1975. In coalition with the Bergen-Passaic Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Teaneck NCJW developed a Swim-in for the Handicapped which brings vital recreational and social activities to handicapped adults. Another growing need was to provide a telephone link between people in trouble and the agency or service that could best serve them: an Information and Referral Service was the solution. Joining with the Junior League of Bergen County and the Health and Welfare Council of Bergen County, volunteers were trained to man the telephones on a regular basis.

In 1893 Hannah G. Solomon was concerned with the quality of community life and of Jewish life in America. In 1923 the founders of Bergen County section found they agreed with her. Today the women of Teaneck section concur. They continue to walk the paths set for them, to try to do together, what no Jewish woman can do alone.

Miriam Allenson

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Mrs. W. Weinberg — Hackensack
Mrs. B. Botzel — Bogota
Mrs. Hantman — Hackensack
Mrs. L. Meyer — Maywood

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1) Louis and Paula Rosenblum have lived in Teaneck since 1952 when they moved from Brooklyn, New York. Known for her unstinting service to NCJW, Mrs. Rosenblum is a past president and was devoted to many of its important undertakings (e.g., Friendship House, resettling New Americans, Hackensack Day Care Center). She was involved in the development of the Holley Child Care Center where she still serves on the executive board. Mrs. Rosenblum is also a member of the Youth Consultation Services board. In 1972, she was the recipient of the organization's highest accolade, the Hannah G. Solomon Award. Paula Rosenblum presently serves on national committees of the NCJW.

Two of Mrs. Rosenblum's other highly successful activities have been the Herald Tribune Fresh Air Fund and the Teaneck Group Care Home. The Fresh Air Fund was initiated in Teaneck in the early 1950's with only a handful of disadvantaged children of varying backgrounds coming to town. They were transported by volunteers to a central meeting place within the township and then called for by the host families. Paula Rosenblum, who was the 1956 chairperson, remembers how anxious the children appeared at the onset of the experience; they were concerned about how they would be treated and how they should behave. She also warmly recalls the excellent cooperation she received from our local residents who had their own swimming pools. Mrs. Rosenblum, Dorothy Belle Pollack and other former chairpersons worked to increase the number of participants to fifty children each summer who came for a stay of two weeks. Other active Jewish participants in this non-sectarian endeavor were Henny Abrams and Adele Holman.

The Teaneck Group Care Home was established by Teaneck's NCJW and the Township's Youth Guidance Council. Paula Rosenblum had served as director of the home since its inception. Its board of directors consists of 15 members representing NCJW, the Youth Guidance Council and the community at large. Some of those who have served in this capacity are Inez Swartz, Cynthia Rosen, Anne Levenstein and Evelyn Sosower.

In March 1976 Mrs. Rosenblum was appointed by Governor Byrne to serve on the State Law Enforcement Planning Agency (SLEPA) of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Advisory Committee.

Mr. Rosenblum has rendered laudable service to B'nai B'rith (a past president of the Teaneck Lodge); JWV (a

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1930-32	Mrs. W.C. Kohlman	1949-51	Mrs. George Shub	1966-68	Mrs. Leon Sosower
1932-34	Mrs. D. Corn	1951-53	Mrs. Harry L. Smith	1968-70	Mrs. Louis Linsey
1934-36	Mrs. B. Gordon	1953-55	Mrs. Leo Zimmerman	1970-71	Mrs. Wallace Cowan
1936-38	Mrs. Jules Siegel	1955-57	Mrs. Julian Cerf	1971-73	Mrs. Louis Zalaznick
1940-42	Mrs. S.K. Leight	1957-58	Mrs. Michael Kosloff	1973-75	Mrs. Jules Standig
1942-43	Mrs. Louis M. Sosnow	1958-60	Mrs. Harold J. Gottlieb[1]	1975-	Mrs. Morton Smith

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trustee of the Teaneck post); Teaneck Jewish Community Council; the Bergen County Jewish Welfare Council (former chairperson); the Bergen County YMHA; and the National Conference of Christians and Jews, where he is a member of the board of trustees. He has been an active member of the Teaneck City Club, Community Chest Drive, and the Bergen County Chamber of Commerce; he organized and supervised a Boy Scout troop for many years. Mr. Rosenblum was elected in 1975 as the first Jewish member of the board of trustees of Mary Holmes Junior College in West Point, Mississippi, a Presbyterian Junior College that has served the black community since 1892. He was the recipient of the National Conference of Christians and Jews special award in 1968.

Another interesting item concerning the Rosenblum family is that Mrs. Rosenblum's brother, Joseph D. Resnick, formerly of Ellenville, New York, was the first Jew (and probably the first Democrat) to be elected to the House of Representatives from that district.

1) Harold and Rita Gottlieb moved to Teaneck in 1946 from Brooklyn, New York. The family joined the Jewish Community Center where Mr. Gottlieb participated in its Men's Club and Mrs. Gottlieb in its Sisterhood. In 1948 Mrs. Gottlieb became a member of NCJW never realizing how much of her time and energy she would devote in later years to this organization. Active in NCJW's Volunteer Service Bureau, Thrift Shop, Golden Age Club, program to resettle refugees and Friendship House (which she helped to organize and where she served as a volunteer for several years), Rita Gottlieb assumed the presidency from 1958-1960. She then assumed the chairpersonship of the Bergen County Coordinating Committee of NCJW (1960-1963). Mrs. Gottlieb served as a member of the board of such NCJW projects as CAAS, where she is now vice-chairperson and SPRY (Senior Citizen Personnel Registry). Mrs. Gottlieb is the NCJW Teaneck Section historian and is a member of the NCJW National Community Activities Committee. She was president of the Women's Division of the Jewish Federation of Community Services of Bergen County from 1968-1972 and now serves on its Camp Scholarship Committee and as vice-chairperson of the Jewish Family Service board. Mrs. Gottlieb is the 1977 Woman of the Year honoree of the Jewish Federation's Women's Division. She is a psychiatric social worker by profession. The Gottliebs continue to live in Teaneck.

2) Margie Smith, the current president of the NCJW Teaneck Section, settled here in 1963 with her husband, Dr. Morton Smith. They moved to New Jersey from Chicago when Dr. Smith accepted an appointment at New York Medical College, where he is now professor of medicine.

Mrs. Smith joined NCJW in 1964, became active as a volunteer in several Council community services, and has held many elected offices. Her special interest in Jewish history led to the formation of Council's Living Room Learning, an informal study group of members and husbands, who have been meeting monthly since 1971. During her tenure in office, a new community service project to benefit women recovering from mastectomy was initiated by the Teaneck section in coalition with the YWCA of Hackensack. It is during her administration that this book was published. The Smith family still resides in Teaneck.

3) Jules and Rosetta Standig have lived in Teaneck since 1961. Serving the NCJW Teaneck section in many ways, Mrs. Standig undertook various offices and positions of responsibility before being elected to the presidency (1973-75). In November 1974 Mr. and Mrs. Standig represented the Teaneck Section of NCJW at the dedication ceremonies of the Morris I. Lewisohn wing of the NCJW Research Institute for Innovation in Education, which is located in Hebrew University's School of Education on Mount Scopus in Jerusalem, Israel. As trustees of the estate of their uncle Morris I. Lewisohn, the Standigs were instrumental in obtaining the contribution for the new wing.

During Mrs. Standig's administration, several new community service projects were instituted. Among these were the Group Home for Girls, the Swim-in for the Handicapped, and the Information and Referral Service. Also during her administration, this project, "The History of the Jews of Teaneck" was adopted by The National Council of Jewish Women and Hadassah.

Council of Jewish Women Hold Annual Meeting and Celebrate Third Anniversary

The Bergen County Council of Jewish Women held their annual meeting and celebrated their third anniversary in the auditorium of the H. A. on Wednesday evening. ... spacious hall ...

rs. Leight Installed as Jewish Council Pr

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Mrs. Sadie K. Leight of Teaneck yesterday was installed president of Bergen County Section, National Council of Jewish Women, at the Section's annual May luncheon at Bergen County Y. M. H. A. Building, 211 Essex Street, Hackensack.

More than 190 members and guests attended the luncheon, which closed the season's monthly activities of the Section. Mrs. Herman B. Levine, financial secretary of the National Council of Jewish Women and a member of the County Section, installed the newly elected officers. Their are in ...

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TEANECK NEWS 5/12/76

NATIONAL Council of Jewish Women held their Mid Atlantic District Convention on April 25th-28th at the Sheraton Hotel in Hasbrouck Heights. The Teaneck Section Delegation standing left to right - Helen Linsey, Evelyn Sosower, newly elected district Presdient, Nancy Boonin, Tobey Weiss, Alice Kanrich, Susan Katz, Barbara Fishman. Seated left to right - Marilyn Taffet, Miriam Allenson, incoming Evening Branch Chairwoman, Marge Smith, Teaneck Section President, Marge Aerenson, newly elected Area 9 Chairwoman, Barbara Zasky, Joanne Schiffman, Beverly Gelber, not shown Bobbe Singer.

NCJW Offers scholarships

Teaneck Section, National Council of Jewish Women, offers tuition-aid scholarships to those college and graduate students who have committed themselves to a course of studies in the field of Jewish education. Students residing or teaching in Bergen County are eligible to apply.

Awards are made after a personal interview with the Jewish Education Scholarship Committee, based on financial need, scholarship, and a teacher's dedication to the movement and furthering Jewish education ...

Hannah G. Solomon Award Presented To Police Chief

ONE HUNDRED twenty-five ladies gathered at the Florentine Gardens, 90 River Vale Road, River Vale, on May 11, for the annual installation luncheon of the National Council of Jewish ... aneck Section).

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LEFT TO RIGHT: Mrs. Miriam Allenson, Mrs. Elaine Laikin, Arline Seidman, Mrs. Margie Smith and Mrs. Marilyn Sirulnick, representing the library staff.

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By DOROTHY BELLE POLLACK

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TEANECK NEWS

NCJW Pay Final Installment

Margie Smith, President of the National Council of Jewish Women, Teaneck Section, presents to Elaine Laikin, member of the Teaneck Bicentennial Library Fund, the final installment of the organization's pledge to the Teaneck Library Building Fund. This pledge was made by NCJ ... Bicente ... headed ... Feldm ... donor ... for th ... the Teaneck ... The Teaneck Section, with members in Teaneck and neighboring communities, followed the mandate of its resolution ...

STANDARD 11/8/74

OFF TO ISRAEL — Three Teaneck couples, the Adolf Robisons, th Jules Standigs and the Harold Gottliebs, are attending the NCJW Second Summit Conference in Israel until Nov. 13. Mrs. Standig president of the Teaneck Section, and Mrs. Gottlieb, a former section president, attend as delegates, Ann Robison, as co-chairman of the Conference. One of the major events will be the dedication of three wings in the newly-built School of Education complex, on the Mt. Scopus campus of the Hebrew University. The Robisons and the Standigs will be especially honored at these festivities — The Robisons contributed the first wing in 1971 and the Standigs, as trustees of the estate of their uncle M...

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STANDARD 2/27/76

TEANECK NEWS 3/24/76

FIRST GRADERS at the Solomon Schecher Day School of Bergen County bake challah to bring home to their family's Shabbat table as part of their unit on the Sabbath. Above, Ethan Davis and Erica Grabscheid, both of Teaneck, joyfully knead the dough for their own loaves. The children can be seen in person at the Day School's final daytime open house from 9:15 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24th. The staff will be available for questions and discussion at the final evening open house on Monday, March 29th at 8 p.m. Registration is now being accepted for September 1976 kindergarten, first, and second grades.

STANDARD 1/30/76

CHILDREN PARTICIPATE — Solomon Schechter Day School children from all over Bergen County participate in the lighting of the Chanukah candles and the singing of Chanukah songs in Paramus Park.

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• Ruth Shain is a trustee of the Teaneck Section of NCJW. She has been the administrative chairperson and Council's liaison for the project "The History of the Jews in Teaneck." Mrs. Shain and her husband, Charles, moved to Teaneck in 1956; they have been consistent supporters of Jewish causes. Mr. Shain is the immediate past president of Congregation Beth Sholom and remains active in synagogue matters. He is also an enthusiastic participant in Teaneck UJA and Israel Bond campaigns. Mrs. Shain is a past president of Beth Sholom's Sisterhood. The Shains are still residents of Teaneck.

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ORT: Rooted in Jewish History . . . Helps Celebrate America's Bicentennial

ORT, which stands for the "Organization for Rehabilitation through Training," is the vocational training agency of the Jewish community. It is a world-wide organization whose basic purpose is to help people throughout the world, both Jew and non-Jew, by teaching them modern trades and skills. ORT's aim is to enable young men and women to become economically secure and independent. It seeks to give what we believe is the greatest gift one can give a man; the opportunity to build and live a life of dignity and hope.

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As our nation celebrates its Bicentennial, the proud women in the Teaneck ORT Evening and Teaneck ORT New Windsor Chapters are celebrating their Silver anniversary. From its beginning, the members of our chapter strove to fulfill the important goals of the ORT program in Teaneck. Conceived by Alisa Lippman, Sylvia Bohr, Leona Shomer, Bea Edelman, Shirley Kramer Zuckerman, Lilo Goldenberg, Shirley Meyerson, Lillian Kopitnikoff, Valerie Horn, Ann Zuckerberg, Bea Siegel, Dudie Taub, Lil Kriegel, Pearl Kimmelman, Bea Jaeger, Irma Chernichaw and many others, the Evening Chapter began with a membership of 45 women under its first president, Shirley Meyerson. In five short years it grew to over 300 strong and spawned an afternoon branch that was born in 1954, numbering well over 100 women by the following year. Still yet another chapter was to be formed in 1960-1961 . . . the Teaneck-New Windsor group. Currently there are two ORT chapters in Teaneck — the Evening and the Teaneck-New Windsor Chapters.

ORT day is the beginning of the spring membership drive in the community and is celebrated every March. Like ORT chapters throughout the country, the Teaneck chapters observe it by renaming Cedar Lane, "ORT Lane." In 1955 Miss Helen Jepson, famed member of the Metropolitan Opera and prominent Teaneck resident, and Mayor Henry Deissler joined Leona Shomer, the ORT Teaneck Evening president, and Marge Lowen, the Teaneck Afternoon president, in celebrating the 75th anniversary of Women's American ORT. One of the features of ORT week in Teaneck that year was a special showing of the film "Genevieve" at the Teaneck theatre. In the theatre's lobby an exhibit of the work of the ORT students from vocational schools throughout the world was featured.

Other important annual events are the ORT Sabbath, celebrated each year in different temples and synagogues in Teaneck to inform our fellow Jews of the important activities carried out by ORT throughout the world, and the grant of the outstanding student award to a deserving vocational student at the Teaneck High School.

Many of the early leaders of the Teaneck Evening, Teaneck Afternoon, and Teaneck-New-Windsor Chapter have played important roles in the national, district and regional levels of the organization after serving as chapter presidents. Leona Shomer presently serves as treasurer of the National Women's American ORT while Florence Fleischer is a national vice president. Elaine Lasky is currently the president of the Northeastern New Jersey Region while Eva Gans and Bunny Ritzer serve as region vice presidents and Elaine Hertzog as region treasurer.

The following are some of the presidents of the Teaneck ORT Chapters:

TEANECK EVENING — Stephanie Bernstein, Gloria Teitelbaum, Ruth Rosen, Shirley Liden Katz, Marcia Levy, Lois Feld, Pearl Rosenbloom, Elaine Manberg, Elaine Lasky, Eva Gans, and Jean Loeb.

TEANECK AFTERNOON — Marge Lowen, Florence Fleischer, Helen Schulman, Nancy Brenner, Lil Waxman Fields, Joan Betty Schwarz, Ethel Lee Schaffer.

TEANECK NEW-WINDSOR — Ann Duddy Taub, Doris Jacobs, Naomi Fishman, Alice Flateman, Ruth Schnitzer, Arlene Cohn, Elaine Hertzog and co-presidents Pat Knapp and Zelda Federer.

As a mass membership organization, the Teaneck Chapters of Women's American ORT have been active on the American scene marching in support of Soviet Jewry; donating its services to the Rehabilitation Center of Hackensack (a key vocational retraining facility for residents of Teaneck, as well as other communities in Bergen County); serving an important role in the Teaneck Community Relations Council and the Bergen County Federation of Jewish Family Services; actively supporting UJA, State of Israel Bonds; and being one of the most active groups in recent years to support the new vocational shop classes and library of Teaneck High School.

The 500 members of the Teaneck Chapters of Women's American ORT are pleased to join the entire community of Teaneck in celebrating our nation's 200th birthday. We confidently look forward, along with all Americans, to the next 200 years; a period in which we are certain Women's American ORT will continue to play an important role in both Teaneck and the entire country.

Elaine Lasky — Teaneck Evening Chapter

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The Solomon Schechter Day School of Bergen County

The Solomon Schechter Day School of Bergen County was formed to provide an alternative to the Jewish day school education that was previously available in the community. A group of parents approached Rabbi Judah Washer in 1973 to ask that a day school that follows the tenets of Conservative Judaism be established. Due to the Yom Kippur War, active efforts to found the school did not commence until 1974. In January of that year, meetings were held with parents and community leaders who might be interested in lending their efforts to the establishment of such a school.

Mr. Jules Edelman of Teaneck was recruited as the chairperson of the board in formation. Rabbi Harold Halpern of New Milford accepted the chairpersonship of the Board of Education. The school was officially incorporated in April 1974 by a Teaneck based group and would be housed in the Teaneck Jewish Community Center, the home synagogue of half the original student body. It was to be affiliated with the United Synagogue of America, the Conservative movement. Rabbi Arthur Vernon of Bergenfield was engaged as its first principal. When the school opened its doors in September 1974, twenty-one students were enrolled in kindergarten and first grade. The original teaching staff included Mrs. Shifrette Cohen of Ridgewood, Mrs. Sara Hertzberg of Teaneck and Mrs. Shafrira Tiefenbrunn of New Milford.

The philosophy of the school is based on respect for the wide variety of Jewish commitments present on the American scene. Students come from homes ranging from Orthodox to ethnic. The curriculum is structured to meet the needs of each student with equal emphasis on Jewish and general studies. Such concepts as individualized instruction, integration of Jewish and general studies and humanistic education are an integral part of the framework in which the school is developing. The school is strongly committed to developing a fluency in Hebrew among its students.

The second year of the Solomon Schechter School has seen the student body increase to thirty-five. An experiment was launched in the kindergarten with the engagement of two full day teachers. Miss Adrienne Wolk of Hackensack serves as the General Studies specialist and Miss Daphna Schneider of Cliffside Park serves as the Jewish Studies specialist. The presence of these two teachers brings the school closer to the implementation of integration of studies. As of the 1976-1977 academic year, Mr. Michael Wolf will serve as principal. This year the number of communities in the county being served has increased to more than ten.

The Solomon Schechter Day School is truly becoming a Bergen County Jewish day school providing alternative quality education.

Rabbi Arthur Vernon

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State of Israel Bonds Committee Teaneck, New Jersey

Although State of Israel Bonds were sold in Bergen County in 1951, the year when the first Israel Bond drive was launched in the United States, it was not until 1955 that a permanent Israel Bond headquarters was established in Teaneck for Bergen County. The first area manager was Martin Adolph.

Through the efforts of Mr. Adolf Robison, Eleanor Roosevelt appeared at the first State of

Israel Bond dinner in Teaneck. This first successful campaign and dinner was co-chaired by Messrs. Leonard Marcus and David Ross. Mr. Marcus, incidentally, was honored with his wife, Muriel, in June 1975 for his pioneering role.

In the late 1950's and early 60's, with communal leaders like Mr. and Mrs. Adolf Robison, Mr. and Mrs. Jules Edelman, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Reinert, then Mayor Matthew Feldman and the rabbis playing a major role, the Israel Bond drive was progressively more successful each year. It was during this period that the High Holy Day appeal for Israel Bonds on Yom Kippur became a tradition in each congregation's annual effort in support of Israel's economic development.

Another phase of each year's campaign, which also raises thousands of dollars in Israel Bond proceeds annually, is the separate Women's Division campaign, which has been highlighted during the years by a number of record-breaking Israel Bond fashion shows and luncheons.

In the twenty year history of the State of Israel Bond campaign in the Jewish Community in Teaneck, virtually every Israeli foreign minister, Israeli ambassador to the United States and the United Nations, as well as leading members of the United States Senate, have visited Teaneck to address major Bond events.

The outbreak of the Six Day War in 1967 brought forth an outpouring of Israel Bond subscriptions both from previous purchasers of Israel Bonds as well as hundreds of new subscribers. During the critical Yom Kippur War, so many thousands of Israel Bond subscriptions poured into Bond headquarters from the Teaneck community, that it took many weeks to catch up with the backlog. Without the wonderful assistance of many volunteers, Jews and non-Jews alike, this overwhelming task would have been most difficult to accomplish.

Under the chairpersonship of Arthur Joseph[1] during the past two years, the Teaneck State of Israel Bond drive has achieved a new high,making the community one of the most productive, medium-sized bond communities in the United States. One of the highly successful phases of the drive during the past few years has been the establishment of a Prime Minister's Club under the chairpersonship of David Rukin. This is an honor society of persons who have purchased $25,000 or more in Israel Bonds.

The current area manager for the State of Israel Bond drive is Mr. John Paradise.

The members of the board for Israel Bonds for 1975-76 are as follows:

Norman Goldklang ..... *Gen. Chairperson Israel Bonds*
Arthur Joseph ..... *Regional Chairperson*
David Rukin ..... *Pres. Prime Ministers' Club*
Dr. A. Milton Bell ..... *Co-Chairperson*
Jules Edelman ..... *Chairperson Pension Fund Comm.*
Hon. Matthew Feldman ..... *Chairperson Bank Sales Comm.*
Howard Reinert ..... *Campaign Co-Ordinator*
Robert B. Levine ..... *High Holy Day Committee Chairperson*
Mrs. A. Milton Bell ..... *Chairperson Women's Div.*
Mrs. Isaac Suder ..... *Chairperson of Sponsors*
Mrs.Morris Rapaport ..... *Immediate Past Chairperson of Women's Division*
Mrs. Jules Edelman ..... *Women's Division Campaign Coordinator*
Mrs. Howard Reinert ..... *Women's Division Campaign Coordinator*

RABBINICAL COUNCIL:

Rabbi Stanley Fass, Rabbi Stanley Gerstein, Rabbi Macy Gordon, Rabbi Barry Schaeffer, Rabbi Louis J. Sigel, and Rabbi Judah Washer

1) The dynamic Arthur and Joyce Joseph have enthusiastically participated on behalf of the Jewish community and the cause of Israel since they moved to Teaneck in 1954 from Manhattan, New York. A familiar figures at functions sponsored by Jewish organizations, the Josephs are known and admired for their dedication.

Arthur Joseph is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Teaneck Jewish Community Center, vice president of the Bergen County Jewish Federation of Community Services, a former chairperson of the local Israel Bond drive, a

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ISRAEL BOND DINNER TO WELCOME ABBA EBAN TO TEANECK DEC. 9

A huge community-wide Reception and Dinner welcoming Israel's distin- ... Ambassador to the United States and Chief Delegates to the United ... Than, was announced this week by the Teaneck

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TEANECK BOND LEADERS MEET DAVID BEN-GURION — David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first Prime Minister, receives Mr. and Mrs. Jules Edelman of Teaneck, for a private interview in his study. Mr. and Mrs. Edelman are outstanding Israel Bond and Jewish communal leaders.

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SET TO GO — Teaneck Pace Setters for U.J.A. are ready for kickoff dinner tonight. From left, seated, are Jules Edelman, Pace Setters' chairman; and Ed (Tootie) Rosen. Standing from left, David B. Follender, general chairman; Stanley Marcus, and Leo Goodman.

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AN EXHUBERANT GROUP at the home of Marilyn Reinert to formulate plans for this year's State of Israel Bonds Dinner honoring Arthur Joseph for his many years of service to Israel and Jewish people everywhere and commemorating the 25th anniversary of State of Israel Bonds. Seated, left to right: Belle Goldklang; Shirley London; Miriam Josephs, Women's Dinner Committee Chairman; Fran Suder, Rachel Rapaport, Hilda Stein; Edith Goldsmith. Standing, left to right: Gerry Levine; Rasha Kantor; Marilyn Reinert; Jennie Joseph, Gloria Jerome; Magda Quittner; Eve Alter; Etta Rosen; Helayne Washer; Madelon Bornstein; Selma Polevoy and Leonore Levine.

Heads Bond Delegation

NORMAN GOLDKLANG

SINCEREST GIFT EXCHANGE

STANDARD March 8, 1974

TEANECK UJA WOMEN — Leaders of the division shown planning future events. Left to right, seated, Zelda Levere, Miriam Josephs, Joyce Joseph. Standing, Hilda Stein, Pearlann Marco, Inez Swartz, Estelle Schneider, Marsha Cohen, Gloria Jerome, Rhea Fink and Joan Robbins.

Half Million for Israel Bonds — Rabbi Barry Schaeffer (left) of Congreg. Beth Sholom, Teaneck, presents the Masada Award to Mr. and Mrs. Melvyn S. Fein of Teaneck for recent work in behalf of Bonds for Israel. Mr. Fein of Wachtel, Duklauer & Fein, Inc., headed a drive which resulted in the purchase of over one-half million dollars in Israel Bonds.

REPRESENTATIVES of areas through Bergen County plan "Y's" fund drive campaign. Left to right are: Charles E. Freeman, Hackensack, chairman of the "Y" board, members of the "Y" board, Betty Freint, Teaneck, Sylvia Bohr, Fort Lee, administrative vice-president, and Alan Musicant, Park Ridge, vice-president, programs.

ISRAEL BOND DINNERS —

	SPEAKERS	HONORED GUESTS
1955	Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt	Adolf C. Robison
1956	Abba Eban	Louis Stein
1957	James G. McDonald & Robert Merrill	Shirley Feldman
1958	Ambassador & Mrs. Abba Eban	
1959	Justice William O. Douglas	
1960	Avraham Harman	Jules Edelman
1961	Jan Peerce	David W. Goldman
1962	Moshe Sharett	George W. Kaplan
1963	Mrs. Avraham Harman	Margit Weiss
1964	Wayne Morse	
1965	Sen. John O. Pastore	
1966	Mrs. Michael Comay	Mr. & Mrs. Howard Reinert
1967	Shabatai Rosenne	Albert M. Shulman
1968	Pincus Sapir	
1969	Nehama Lifschutz	
1970	Leonard Slater	Congregations
1971	Mrs. Ruth Dayan	Benjamin Rosen
1972	Chaim Yavin & Nat Holman	Bernard B. Levine Martin L. Cohen
1973	Mrs. Jan Peerce	Joseph Raymond
1974	Amb. Theodor Meron	Ozzie Silna
1975	Hon. Jaakov Morris	Arthur H. Joseph

The Israel Bond Office

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Teaneck United Jewish Appeal

On the night of November 10, 1938 synagogues in Germany were burned and scores of Jews were beaten and killed by the Nazis. Under the impact of this shocking event in late 1939, known as *Kristall Nacht,* the three major fund raising agencies of American Jewish communities, The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), the United Palestine Appeal (UPA) and the National Coordinating Committee for Refugees (NCCR) merged to form the United Jewish Appeal.

The Joint Distribution Committee was founded in 1914 to meet the welfare needs of East European Jewry whose homelands had been converted into a battleground following the outbreak of World War I. In 1925 the United Palestine Appeal (today the United Jewish Appeal) was established to coordinate fund raising efforts in America devoted to the upgrading of Jewish life in

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founder-member of the State of Israel Bonds Prime Ministers Club and a member of both the Executive Committee of Teaneck UJA and the National Campaign Cabinet of Israel Bonds. As a life member of ZOA, he was co-chairperson of its 1976 Louis D. Brandeis Humanitarian Dinner award and ball. Arthur Joseph is an associate member (one of four) of the Teaneck Chapter of Hadassah.

On December 7, 1975 Mr. Joseph was honored at a dinner sponsored by the Teaneck Area State of Israel Bonds Committee at which he received the Prime Minister's Medal, Israel's highest civilian award. The event raised an unprecendented amount in the sale of bonds and was attended by more than 460 persons.

Joyce Joseph, always ready to assist, renders outstanding service and leadership to such groups as Teaneck's Hadassah, ORT, NCJW, Deborah Hospital, Jewish Community Center Sisterhood, UJA, Israel Bonds, PTA, Community Chest, the Girl Scout Organization, Jewish Federation of Community Services, Bergen County and the Public Library Committee. She recently was the recipient of the State of Israel Bond Woman of the Year Award.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph, with Mr. Jack Urdang and Mr. Adolf Robison, represented Teaneck at an extraordinary International State of Israel Bond Conference, convened in 1974 by Prime Minister Golda Meir and Finance Minister Pinchas Sapir. Five hundred delegates from the United States, Canada, Western Europe and other parts of the free world were invited to study Israel's critical economic situation following the Yom Kippur War of 1973. The Josephs continue to reside in Teaneck.

Palestine. When Germany was taken over by the Nazis in 1933, the National Coordinating Committee for refugees was organized to settle European Jewish refugees in the United States. Today the work of the NCCR has been assumed by the New York Association for New Americans (NYANA) and the Hebrew Immigrants Aid Society (HIAS). Both these organizations are totally funded by the United Jewish Appeal.

United Jewish Appeal came into existence because the leaders of American Jewry realized that only a centralized fund-raising body could mobilize fully the material resources needed to meet the crisis confronting the Jews of Europe on the eve of World War II. Since its inception the agencies it supports have rescued and rehabilitated more than 3,000,000 men, women and children.

The first chapter in the saga of United Jewish Appeal encompassed World War II, 1939-1945. During this period, 162,000 Jews were rescued from the Nazi death machine. UJA funds made possible the sending of food parcels and money into the Nazi-controlled ghettos and even into concentration camps. Immediately upon the conclusion of hostilities in 1945, United Jewish Appeal funds began to pour into Europe to aid concentration camp survivors. Relief and welfare were provided for an ever-widening mass of Jewish displaced persons which numbered more than 250,000 by the end of 1946. Responsibility for this program was given to the JDC. The historic climax to this era came with the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948. Since that time, the United Jewish Appeal funds have helped 2,000,000 Jews to emigrate to the State of Israel; 380,000 to resettle in other free countries; to reconstruct European Jewish communities; and strengthen and maintain the economic, cultural and religious foundation of underprivileged Jewish communities in various countries of Asia and Africa.

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The history of UJA in Teaneck is a long and commendable one which began in 1938 prior to the organization of the national UJA. At that time, Herman B. Levine began to develop this organization to raise needed funds for world Jewish causes. In the words of Fred Schneider, one of the founders of Teaneck UJA:

> "In the spring of 1945, I received an invitation to attend a UJA organizational meeting at the home of David Zurit, another newcomer to Teaneck.
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> "The meeting was opened by Herman Levine who had been the previous year's chairperson. He asked for nominations for the current campaign and his name was promptly put on the floor by I.J. Stein, and just as promptly refused by the chair! It seemed that Mr. Levine had been the chairperson for the past seven years and he thought it was high time someone else took over."

There were only a handful of people there. Finally the meeting concluded with David Zurit and Fred Schneider becoming the co-chairpersons. For the next seven years the meetings were replicas of this one except that Fred Schneider continued to accept the position by himself. After that period there was no difficulty in getting new men to take the helm in the campaigns.

The following dedicated individuals led the Teaneck UJA Campaigns from 1952-1975:

Matty Feldman	*Sidney Silverstein	*David Follender
Jack Schneider	Jules Edelman	Howard Reinert
Irving Shavitz	*David Goldman	Julius Schargel

*Members of National Board, UJA

During the last three decades the United Jewish Appeal of Teaneck has developed many great leaders. Some have moved from town and are now lending their experience and expertise, which they acquired while living in Teaneck, to their present communities. David W. Goldman and Leonard Marcus, who were members of the group responsible for making Teaneck's Jewish community one of the major New Jersey contributors to UJA campaigns, are now living in Fort Lee and helping to develop its campaign. Leo Goodman moved to Miami, Florida and, because of

the experience he gained in Teaneck, has become Miami's campaign chairperson. Mrs. Selma Shavitz presently resides in New York City, and is now one of the driving forces in the Greater New York-Federation Women's Division.

The Teaneck Jewish community takes pride in the fact that it was responsible for the development of leaders who are now prominent in other campaigns.

Robert Blumenthal

OFFICERS (1976):

President ..... Julius J. Schargel[1]
Honorary Pres. ..... Jules Edelman, Sidney Silverstein, Howard Reinert,
Hon. Chairperson ..... Senator Matthew Feldman
Gen. Chairperson-Treasurer ..... Arthur Joseph
General Chairperson - Women's Division ..... Gloria Jerome
Secretary ..... Robert Levine
Inaugural Div. Chairperson Charles Rothschild, Jr.
Pacesetters Div. Chairperson ..... Arie Simon and Dr. Stanley Swersky
General Solicitations Chairperson ..... Julian Kramer[2]
Young Leadership Chairperson ..... Ernest A. Cohen
Cash Collections Chairperson .... Fred Goldsmith

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1) Julius and Pearl Schargel moved to Teaneck in 1947 from New York City to open a spacious and well-supplied children's apparel store called Just Kids, at 493 Cedar Lane. As with many other young couples settling in Teaneck at this time after returning from active service in the Armed Forces, the Schargels were attempting to establish roots. Although their business is no longer located in Teaneck (it remained on Cedar Lane for seventeen years), the Schargels have become invaluable residents of the township and its Jewish community.

Mr. Schargel, a lifetime trustee at the Jewish Community Center, occupied many offices on the Men's Club Board. He is a founding member and past president of the Jewish Community Council (1973-1975); past chairperson of the Community Chest campaign and the Township Advisory Board of Commerce; a member of the first UJA and Israel Bond cabinets; a charter member of the Jewish War Veterans Post; chairperson of the Cub Scout and Boy Scout organizations, and a former member of the Chamber of Commerce, City Club, League for Better Schools, and the original Teaneck Lions Club. He served on the Mayor's Advisory Board on Community Relations, the Bergen County Jewish Federation's Youth Committee, and campaigned actively in Town Council and Board of Education elections and referenda. His business establishment sponsored Little League baseball and adult bowling teams.

Julius Schargel is the current president of Teaneck UJA, a member of the Israel Bond cabinet and president of the Bergen-Passaic Chapter of the Iletis and Colitis Chapter.

Mrs. Schargel has devoted her services to NCJW, Jewish Community Center's Sisterhood and all matters relating to the public school system.

2) Julian and Bernice Kramer have supported numerous causes and organizations in Teaneck since their arrival from the Bronx, New York in 1955. They are known to be dedicated, committed and active participants. Mr. Kramer serves as Teaneck UJA chairperson of General Solicitations and was honored by this organization in 1975. He was chairperson of Teaneck's Tercentenary Celebration Committee which observed the 300th anniversary of Jewish settlement in America, and has worked diligently on Israel Bond and Community Chest campaigns. Mr. Kramer was a member of a Township Educational Committee, formed to study the school system's physical facilities. He has been a member of the Board of the Bergen County Civic Music Association for fifteen years.

Mrs. Kramer was an officer of the Jewish Community Center Sisterhood, National Council of Jewish Women (where she was concerned with the resettlement of foreign families), Bergen County Chapter of the Brandeis University National Women's Committee (of which she is a charter member as well) and currently is a member of the board of the Teaneck Chapter of Hadassah. She has rendered many years of voluntary service at Hackensack Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Kramer participated as hosts to foreign students during the annual Teaneck UN Day Observance. They were 9th District Democratic County committeepersons for six years and were members of the Teaneck Municipal Democratic Committee. Mr. and Mrs. Kramer are officers in the recently organized West Englewood Neighborhood Association.

● In recognition of and gratitude for their outstanding communal achievements, George and Miriam Josephs were presented with a Woodland, planted in the Teaneck Forest at Kfar Saba, Israel, by the Jewish National Fund Council of Teaneck on December 15, 1974.

The Josephses, who moved to Teaneck from Brooklyn in 1955, have been co-chairpersons of the 1974-1975 Teaneck UJA campaign (Men's and Women's Divisions, respectively). George Josephs is a member of the executive board of the Israel Bond organization, vice-president of the JNF Council of Teaneck, and served on the national board of the Joint Distribution Committee. Miriam Josephs is an active member of the Women's Division of Israel Bonds, Hadassah, the Community Scholarship Fund program and served on several PTA executive boards.

The Josephs' daughters, Barbara and Debra, exemplary products of the Teaneck Public School system, have been recipients of numerous honors from the Teaneck City, Elks and Women's Clubs and the American Legion. They also received the Girls' State Award (given in recognition of academic achievement). The girls were responsible for innovating ecology drives and a pep squad that traveled with the athletic teams. Barbara, who is married to Michael Cohen, was president of the Teaneck High School senior class and given the school's highest honor, the Plaque Award. She was graduated Summa Cum Laude from Tufts University, where she was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa Society. Debra attended the University of Pennsylvania and Hebrew University in Jerusalem. She now lives in Israel with her husband, Joel Givon. The Josephs continue to reside in Teaneck with their son, Neil, an outstanding school athlete.

JULIUS SCHARGEL, of Teaneck, offers the blessing over the wine, at the Bergen County UJA mission luncheon in the Knesset. Seated (from left) are Jay and Myra Greenstone, of Teaneck, and Natanel Lorch, Secretary of the Knesset.

RALLY TO TEANECK UJA — Shown at the Beth Sholom session, (left to right), seated, Mo Blackman, Irving Friedman, pres. of Beth Sholom; Rabbi Barry Schaeffer, David Steinberg; stanc Ida Singer, Rose Nowack, Herman Singer, Roy Smith, Janice Rosen, Arthur Kugelmass, Ma Kugelmass, Marty Solomon, Paul Ellis.

Bergen County UJA Goes to Israel

On the evening of October 30, 102 men and women, and two children, boarded Boeing 747 airliner for a ten-day visit to Israel. It was to be a mission of discovery, to meet Israel is face-to-face,

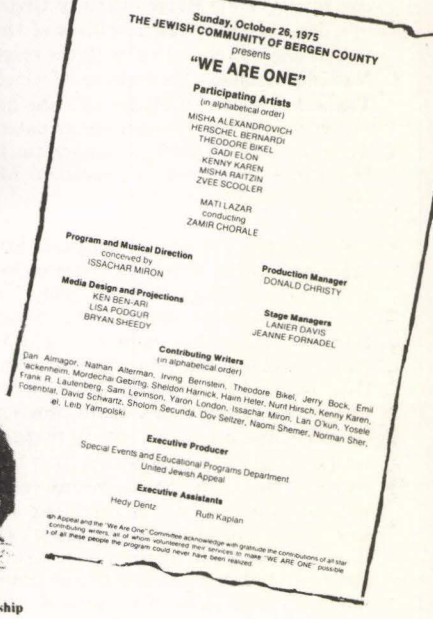
Daniel P. Moynihan Teaneck UJA Speaker

Senate President Matthew Feldman and Mrs. Lila Scales, co-chairpersons of "Proclaim Liberty," this year's Teaneck UJA

Special Assistant to the Secretary of Labor, Executive Assistant to the Secretary of Labor, and

May 17, 1970 — U Dinner honoring R bi Judah Washer. I to right, Past U Campaign Chairm Joseph Raymor Samuel Goodste Matthew Feldm Howard Reinert, I Yehuda Hellman, I ecutive Director of Presidents' Conference, Rab Washer, Sidn Silverstein, Da Goldman, Ju Edelman.

SUPPER OF SIGNIFICANCE — At the dais (left to right) seated, Senator Matthew Feldman, William Rosenwald, guest speaker; Mrs. Zelda Levere, supper co-chairman; Howard Reinert, president Teaneck UJA; George Josephs, gen. co-chairman; Rabbi Judah Washer, Teaneck Jewish Community Center; Rabbi Louis Sigel, Temple Emeth; standing, Rabbi Stanley Fass, Congreg. Beth Aaron; Rabbi Barry Schaeffer, Congreg. Beth Sholom; Sidney Silverstein, past president, Teaneck UJA; Gerald LeBoff, supper co-chairman; Mrs. Myra Greenstone, national women's div. chairman, Northern, N.J.; Julius Schargel, gen. co-chairman; Mrs. Pearl Ann Marco, Women's Division chairman.



Sunday, October 26, 1975
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Teaneck Womens' Division — United Jewish Appeal

The Holocaust left 1,400,000 Jewish survivors in Europe with little hope, no source of sustenance and no place to turn. In the face of this great need, 300 women met in St. Louis in March 1946 and launched the National Womens' Division of the United Jewish Appeal. Reacting to this historic challenge the women raised the unheard sum of $18 million, almost ten percent of the total for UJA's critical campaign for 1948. Through the enusing years the untiring devotion of this organization has met each crisis as it arose with unceasing commitment to *tzedakah:* "Operation Magic Carpet", opening doors of freedom to 650,000 oppressed Jews from Iraq; the Sinai Campaign, the Six-Day War of 1967, with the reconstruction, the sacrificing and the rebuilding; a million and one-half emigrants to Israel since its founding, including the great immigration of Soviet Jews, and the Yom Kippur War, a day of infamy in the annals of the Jewish people. By 1973, the Womens' Division had evolved into a far-flung network of 280 chapters across the nation and was prepared to meet any crisis. Through the Israel Emergency Fund, the women raised an unprecedented $61 million for UJA during the Yom Kippur War.

The Women's Division is now in the forefront of the renaissance in Jewish life . . . helping to provide the necessities of life to those less fortunate than we, in Israel and wherever they may be throughout the world. Through its programs of humanitarian activities, the individual woman expresses herself on an equal footing with her male counterpart and fulfills an ancient commitment by assuming moral and financial responsibilities for fellow Jews in need.

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In the year 1948, under the aegis, guidance and inspiration of the National Womens' Division, UJA, the Teaneck women launched their first UJA campaign at a luncheon honoring the founding of the State of Israel. Estelle Schneider, Bessie Stein, and Muriel Marcus, with Julia Simon as treasurer, co-chaired this initial function at which the sum of $35,000 was donated by the women of Teaneck to the cause of Israel. In 1949 Sylvia Mann and Sadie Kaplan worked zealously to coordinate and develop an active organization. Bea Lebson continued their tireless efforts in 1950.

In 1955-56, because of her many devoted years of service as treasurer of Teaneck UJA, Julia Simon was appropriately honored at a campaign luncheon. Campaign chairpersons for that year were Hilda Stein, Rose Nowack and Florence Strickler.

A hiatus existed until 1962, when Ann Robison and Jean Shapiro further encouraged and developed in the Jewish community a Womens' Division of the United Jewish Appeal of Teaneck. Other chairpersons have been:

Ann Robison	1963-1964
Jean Shapiro	1964-1965
Zelda Levere	1965-1966
Bea Kramer	1966-1967
Helyne Washer	1967-1968
Eleanor Silverstein	1968-1969
Myra Greenstone and Rita Feldman	1969-1970
Lenore Witt	1970-1971
Rhea Fink	1972-1973
Pearlann Marco	1973-1974
Gloria Jerome	1974-1975

Each year the Womens' Division gained stature and prominence in the community, with every leader adding more impetus and strength. At the present time the Womens' Division is a vital ongoing organization proudly numbering approximately 500 donors and supported by all areas of the community. During the Yom Kippur War, Womens' Division accepted additional responsibility. The warmth and fervor of its leadership and supporters earned their organization its rightful place of prominence throughout Bergen County. For the fiscal year 1975 the women of Teaneck, through the Womens' Division, have donated more than $118,000 to the United Jewish Appeal as they continue to "Keep the Promise."

Gloria Jerome

The Bergen County YMHA

The YMHA was chartered in 1924 to serve the recreational, informal educational, and cultural needs of Jews living in every part of Bergen County.

From its inception, the institution has viewed its central function as providing a vehicle for the Jewish people of Bergen County to identify with their cultural heritage. At the same time, it has always recognized its obligation to serve the general community as well. For fifty years membership in the "Y", its services and facilities, have been available to all residents of the county without regard to religion, ethnic origin or place of residence.

It began late in 1923 when several prominent men from towns throughout Bergen County met in the Hackensack office of the late Charles Rosenberg, in an attempt to develop a central Jewish organization and meeting place. A campaign to raise funds for a "Y" building was organized and a goal set to solicit 500 members. At that time, there were at most 500 Jewish families living in Bergen County and no more than five synagogues. With guidance from the National Jewish Welfare Board and a bank loan, the drive was a success and resulted in the purchase of what once had been a Catholic school located at 211 Essex Street, Hackensack. Charles Rosenberg was elected the first president and William Weinberg appointed the first executive director in 1924.

When Clem Plager of Hackensack assumed the presidency of the "Y" in 1927, his goal was to see plans for the construction of a new "Y" building materialize. A campaign to raise $100,000 was concluded in the fall of 1928 and was supported by Herman Greenstone, the Ben Gordons, the Louis Rappaports and the Herman B. Levines, all Teaneck residents. The building was dedicated in 1929.

Then came the Depression. In January 1931 the building was forced to close for a short period. A survival campaign was initiated by Clem Plager. It was during this critical period that Irving Warshawsky became the "Y's" new executive director. He served in this capacity until his death in 1965. The "Y" was kept open, although it was a herculean task from any point of view.[1] In the 34 years that Mr. Warshawsky served as the "Y's" executive director[2], he became a well known and highly respected individual throughout the county because of his service to both the general and Jewish commmunities.

The Jewish community in Teaneck had not yet been established. Its few Jewish families welcomed the opportunity to participate in all areas of activity of the institution — from programs to fund raising. Louis Rappaport was a member of the Solicitation and Building Committee. His wife, Pauline, was later to become president of the National Council of Jewish Women, Teaneck Section. She led Child Study Groups at the "Y" for many years. Mrs. Herman B. Levine, (Pauline), became state president of the National Council of Jewish Women while the Teaneck Section had its meeting place at the "Y."

The "Y" serviced the Teaneck community as a center for many social events before construction of the Jewish Community Center's Sterling Place building. Many of its important fund raisers were held there. The late Harold Wilner of Teaneck was the first boy to celebrate his Bar Mitzvah at the "Y."

World War II saw a turning point in the "Y's" history. When the army set up a base in Bergen County, Irving Warshawsky converted the "Y" and its meeting rooms into a vast system of dormitories to care for some 3600 men stationed in the area. The "Y" gained national prominence in this effort, and the rental of the third floor of the building to Bendix Aviation, reversed the institution's financial insecurity.

The "Y" provided a dynamic and unifying agency in Bergen County for the Jewish community during the second quarter of the century. It has been the cradle for many organizations in the county which are totally independent, such as:

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1) Long-time Bergen County residents recall how many members paid various "Y" bills out of their own pockets. In order to raise funds for an electric bill, several officers had to organize a card game. These were extremely difficult times.

2) As of July 1976 Mr. Wilfred Herrup is the new YMHA executive director succeeding Aaron Zucker, who served for three years.

THE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER — originally established by the National Council of Jewish Women, Teaneck Section, with Julia Goodman in charge. The group had met in several homes during its first years when Mr. Warshawsky offered the "Y" as a meeting place. The "Y's" Women's Division later became a co-sponsor.

THE BERGEN COUNTY REFORM TEMPLE — now Temple Emeth, used the "Y" as its place of worship until it was able to purchase its own edifice, under the spiritual leadership of Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg.

THE BERGEN COUNTY SERVE-A-COMMITTEE — which until recently was headed by Rose Miller of Teaneck.

CONGREGATION BETH AM — formed in Teaneck in 1964, occupied the "Y's" facilities for its services and Religious school until it bought its own building.

THE UNITED FUND OF BERGEN COUNTY — began with the help of "Y" leadership, particularly that of Irving Warshawsky, Jack Rosenberg and, until his recent demise, Herman M. Schulman.

THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, BERGEN COUNTY — (see chapter on Federation).

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL OF HACKENSACK — which still maintains its headquarters here.

The "Y" was the only facility in the county which offered a swimming pool, bowling alley, tennis courts, and a host of cultural events that featured prominent lecturers and artists, such as Pierre Van Paasen, Maurice Samuel, Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan, Upton Close, Ludwig Lewisohn, Issac Stern and Dorothy Maynard. Lectures took place at the "Y" building and concerts at the Teaneck High School auditorium. Athletic events attracted spectators from miles around and the "Y" was the setting for boxing events, basketball competition, swim meets, etc.

During the mid-1940's, Judge George Marcus chaired the concert series whose first guest was Helen Jepson. Sponsors included Teaneck residents Mr. and Mrs. David Beloff, Dr. and Mrs. Barnet Bookstaver, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Herman, Dr. and Mrs. M.A. Seldin. More recently, Teaneck residents Dr. Gabe Sanders and Abe Schlussel co-chaired the "Y's" Cultural Affairs program, which included such luminaries as Theodore Bikel, Elie Wiesel, Rabbi Robert Gordis and Yitzhak Rabin. Dr. Gabe Sanders also served as the "Y's" dean of Jewish Studies.

Others who played a major role in the Teaneck contribution to earlier "Y" activities include Dr. and Mrs. Morris Kleit, Dr. and Mrs. J.M. West, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Faber, Mr. and Mrs. Manny Rosen, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Higier, Mr. and Mrs. A.H. Freint, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Greenstone, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Megibow, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Brower[1] and, of course, Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Leight. Sadie Leight was the first president of the "Y" Women's Division established in March 1930. She will always be remembered for her devotion to the "Y" Youth Center, located on the third floor. Hundreds of Bergen County youngsters and young adults flocked here - the largest number coming from Teaneck - and were afforded the opportunity of wholesome activity and the enjoyment of companionship. Mrs. Leight was the first director of the Youth Center and served in that capacity for many years. Her daughter and son-in-law, Rita and Philip Sher, were not only active at the 'Y" but in the Jewish Federation of Community Services, Bergen County.

The YMHA's Student Scholarship Fund has, over the years, granted financial aid to a number of Teaneck High School seniors. The members of the Student Scholarship Committee today include Joseph Berg, Betty Freint and David Musicant.

Even after the establishment of the Teaneck Jewish Community Center, Teaneck residents have continued to play a significant role in the "Y" through their support and participation. In the "Y's" 52-year history it has elected fifteen presidents, including Morris Wiener, 1946-1947, Leonard Marcus 1957-1960, the late Raymond Bohr, 1961-1967,[2] Alfred P. Levin, 1968-1969, and

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1) Mrs. Brower, as well as Mrs. Etten and Mrs. Megibow, were members of the "Y" Amity Club (now defunct), a group of young women between the ages of 18-28 who worked to support the institution.

2) Raymond and Sylvia Bohr came to Teaneck in 1948 from the Bronx, New York. Mr. Bohr, a *sabra,* born in Jerusalem, was a founder of Congregation Beth Sholom and president of the Bergen County YMHA for an unprecedented term of seven years. Mrs. Bohr is currently a vice president of the "Y" and is vitally concerned with its Golden Age Club and gives dedicated service to every phrase of the institution's activity. She is also a charter member and vigorous supporter

the late Herman M. Schulman, 1969-1971, all formerly of Teaneck.

Traditionally the "Y" honors a man and/or woman each year in recognition of outstanding service and dedication to the organization and community. Among the thirty who have been so honored, fifteen were Teaneck residents and include Leo Grossman, Raymond H. Bohr, Leonard Marcus, Murray Megibow, A. Alan Leveen, Alfred P. Levin, Aaron Bloom, Raymond D. Cohen, Sam D. Zaro, Herman M. Schulman, Ben Rosen, Ann Robison, David Musicant, Matthew Feldman, and Jules Edelman.

The honorees for this Bicentennial year were a Teaneck couple, Merwin and Gerry Levine. This choice represented two firsts for the "Y." One, it was the first time that a son had followed his father as a "Man of the Year" (Henry Levine, Moe's father, was honored in 1967), and, it was also the first time that a couple had been honored.

Some of the many dedicated Teaneck individuals whose names should be noted for their assistance to the "Y" are —

Al Robison — for his involvement with youth activities and Ann Robison for her dynamic lectures and membership on our board of directors.

Dr. H.B. Fermaglich — who, in 1938 was the Teaneck correspondent for the Jewish Community Center "Teaneck News" which appeared in the "Y's" Bulletin.

Leonard Marcus and Muriel Marcus — former residents of Teaneck whose involvement with the "Y" has been on every level.

Today "Y" membership roles include approximately 250 Teaneck families; this figure does not include the hundreds who are involved in the broad scope of individual program activities provided for the county's residents. Enrollment of Teaneck youngsters in the "Y" Day Camp numbers more than 50%. Generation follows generation and, as an example, David and Edna Musicant's two sons, Alan and Arthur, were among the "Y's" first-day campers. Now two of the Musicant grandchildren, Robin and Richard Musicant (children of Anita Schulman Musicant and Alan), are third generation members. Alan Musicant initiated a new organization in 1975 at the "Y" called Widowed to Widowed. With a grant from the Jewish Funeral Directors of America, the group was formed to assist the widows of Bergen County in coping with their situation. Its outreach program is guided by a committee and staff of volunteers who have also been widowed.

No article would be complete without attempting to acknowledge the many others, who include:

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Apollo
Milton and Marilyn Bell
Alan and Shirley Bloom
Sol and Minna Feldman
David and Irma Follender
Stanley and Betty Frient
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gordon
Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Greenblatt
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Herman
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lazar
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Lehr
Bernard and Lenore Levine
Mr. and Mrs. George I. Marcus
Richard and Shirley Norman
Irving and Natalie Rappaport[2]
William and Lillian Ratner
Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Reass
Ben and Etta Rosen
Mr. and Mrs. Manny Rosen
Ed and Joyce Rosen
David and Eleanor Rukin
Julius and Gertrude Schwartz
Phil and Rita Sher
Abraham and Florence Strickler
Sam and Edith Zaro
Rose and Dave Zurit

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supporter of Teaneck ORT. Sylvia Bohr is affiliated with the Louise Wise Adoption Agency in New York City. Before his demise, Raymond Bohr was a UJA campaign chairperson and State of Israel Bond drive officer in New York City. Mrs. Bohr has resided in Fort Lee since 1968, but retains a membership at the Teaneck Jewish Community Center.

1) Irving and Natalie Rappaport came to Teaneck in 1956 from River Edge, following Mrs. Rappaport's brother-in-law and sister, Dr. Stanley and Betty Freint. Born and raised in Hackensack, Mrs. Rappaport was acquainted with the early Teaneck Jewish families, the YMHA being the focal point for the Bergen County Jewish youth. Her uncle, Clem Plager, was a founder and president of the YMHA and her father, Herman Plager, an active member. Her memories of being one of the few Jewish families in Hackensack are not always pleasant.

The Rappaports have been enthusiastic members of Temple Emeth, occupying many offices. Irving Rappaport sits on the Board of the Bergen County YMHA; Mrs. Rappaport has participated actively in Little League, Cub Scouts, NCJW and its activities (e.g., Friendship House and the resettling of Jewish refugees), PTA and the Teaneck Community Scholarship Fund. As a professional social worker, she was employed at the Bergen County Child Welfare Department. She is currently affiliated with the Bergen County Jewish Federation of Community Services serving on its Shalom Committee.

The Rappaports continue to live in Teaneck, as do the Freints.

As community and human needs have changed over the past half century, the "Y" has adapted its programs, services and facilities to provide continued opportunities for growth and development for its constituents, from pre-school children to older adults, regardless of religion, ethnic origin or economic capacity. It is committed to expand and intensify its services in the decades ahead.[1]

The YMHA Office

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Secretary ..... Sunny Halperin
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Teaneck ZOA

On the timeless canvas that is Judaism, the activities and achievements of the Teaneck District of the Zionist Organization of America have not been recorded in terms of calendar meetings, fund raising or cultural endeavors, but rather in its historic perspective.

Theodor Herzl, a Viennese journalist, while covering the trial of Captain Alfred Dreyfus in Paris for his home newspaper, *Die Neue Freie Presse*, witnessed the degradation of an innocent man and heard the cries of "Down with the Jews" in the streets. In spite of the fact that Herzl was far removed from his Judaism, having been raised in a home where his mother emphasized German literature and culture, Herzl realized that Dreyfus was not being tried for espionage but because he was a Jew.

Up to this point in his life he had hardly concerned himself with the Jewish community, which was seeking to submerge itself in the surrounding world. Gradually, Herzl began to realize that the homelessness and minority status of the Jewish people needed a permanent solution which, he reasoned, would restore to Jews that measure of self-respect, dignity, and sense of purpose in life of which anti-semitism had robbed them. Those Jews who were physically oppressed and improverished would find the answer to their needs in constructive work, not in demoralizing philanthropy.

For almost three years he agonized and labored until he created the concept of a Jewish state achieved through a worldwide organization. Its core would be a representative body of Jews who would provide unified political leadership and obtain universal recognition. This control group became a political reality when the first World Zionist Congress convened in Basle, Switzerland on August 31, 1897.

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1) Supervising the "Y" Physical Education program is Director Ted Vidair. He was hired by Irving Warshawsky in 1947. Mr. Vidair was honored at a dinner in 1971 commemorating his 25 years of outstanding service, which was attended by 400 people.

1897-1939 — The early days were a saga consisting mostly of bitter struggle and frustration, but also of some limited progress. The odds were overwhelming. For Herzl it was a constant and frequent heart-breaking effort to enlist the aid of influential people throughout the world for his visionary plan. For the pioneers in Palestine it was a continuous battle with arid land, lack of water, indolent Arabs and hostile British authorities. For the Jews in the Diaspora there were the problems of bigotry and the impulse of flight into assimilation, both of which could spell extinction. For the Zionist Organization of America there was the urgency to expand to keep pace with these needs.

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For Bergen County Jewry there were the disadvantages of too few families scattered throughout the area and no formal organization. The first Zionist membership list, dated 1938-1939, records 38 paid members from eight communities. Messrs. Gad Bernstein, William Fields, Arthur Gellis, Benjamin E. Gordon, Dr. N. Saviet, Dr. Robert Shomer and Mrs. Sadie K. Leight represented Teaneck.

Hitler's outrageous attempts to make Germany *Judenrein* and his invasion of Poland in 1939 aroused and inflamed the Jewish world. Teaneck's ZOA district grew rapidly in strength and numbers. The first president was Herbert Chary. Over the years, other leaders were Messrs. Irving Brower, Louis Bruman, Abe Chazin, Godfrey Cohen, Senator Matthew Feldman, Fred Friesner, Dr. David Goldberg, George Herman, Arthur Houtz, Robert B. Levine, Dr. Karl Meyer, Herbert J. Pollack, Samuel N. Poritz, Selly Pressburger, Leon Schwartz, Mortimer Silber, I. Joseph Stein, David Synes, Jack Urdang, Benjamin Waldman, Morris Rapaport[1] and the hundreds of other members who truly dedicated themselves to the program. The selfless devotion of Benjamin E. Gordon manifested itself in ways too numerous to mention. He served as an elected delegate to the World Zionist Congress in Basle, Switzerland in 1945 and in Jerusalem in 1951 and 1956. He was also a national vice-president and national chairperson of the American

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1) Morris and Rachel Rapaport have lived in Teaneck since 1959 when they moved from Hackensack. Mr. Rapaport was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan and Mrs. Rapaport in Germany (although she was brought up in France and England). The Rapaports have a long and inspiring history of dedication to Zionist causes. Mrs. Rapaport has been an ardent member and officer of Hadassah, having served as president of the Hackensack chapter, and is presently serving her third term as president of the Teaneck chapter. She was chairperson of the Women's Division of Teaneck's Israel Bond campaign for two years.

Morris Rapaport was chairperson of the 1970 Teaneck Israel Bond campaign but his commitment dates back to twenty years earlier when, in 1950, he established the organization's bank committee. He also initiated the concept of local synagogue Israel Bond campaigns, which is still functioning successfully. Mr. Rapaport helped to organize the Teaneck chapter of JNF and served as its vice president. He is also a member of the Teaneck UJA executive board. In addition to his unstinting devotion and service to all of these organizations, his primary source of gratification is participation in the ZOA and its youth group, the Masada organization. Mr. Rapaport has served as vice president of the Northern New Jersey Region of ZOA, national vice president of Masada and president of the Bergen County ZOA chapter. He and his son, Sol, served simultaneously on the National ZOA Executive Board. In 1960, he was the recipient of its Herzl Award.

Mr. Rapaport was accorded the privilege of confering with Dr. Chaim Weizmann in 1946 at New York's Biltmore Hotel, as a Masada representative. In 1948, while attending the Masada convention in Washington, he and two other representatives were received by President Truman at the White House. Mr. Rapaport recalls it as a very pleasant experience; the President was most cordial and the meeting resulted in favorable publicity for the organization. Mr. Rapaport regards the formation of a Bergen County Masada Chapter as one of his most important contributions to the ZOA organization. This successful group of enthusiastic and committed youngsters orginally convened at Teaneck's Beth Sholom but due to logistic difficulties moved its headquarters to the Englewood Jewish Community Center. To complete Mr. Rapaport's distinguished list of accomplishments, it is necessary to mention his active membership in the Jewish Federation of Community Services, Bergen County; his participation in organizing the county's first rally for Soviet Jewry (held at the Jewish Community Center); the rally for Syrian Jewry (held in Paramus); and his work with JWV.

In 1948, as co-chairperson of the JWV of the New Jersey Region, Mr. Rapaport, in cooperation with Senator Matthew Feldman, organized a march on Washington. The 10,000 members dressed in uniform, demonstrated for two days at the Washington Monument urging our country's Administration to espouse a policy of open immigration to Palestine. Recently, as the Teaneck ZOA chairperson of Public Affairs, he organized the chapter's participation in a demonstration in Washington, urging Congress to adopt a more favorable financial attitude towards Israel. The Rapaports still reside in Teaneck.

Zionist Emergency Council. At the same time he engaged in constant and endless tasks for the district.

In cooperation with ZOA's American Christian Palestine Committee, speakers were sent far and near to disseminate information on Zionism to service clubs — such as Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions — to fraternal organizations, synagogues; churches and chambers of commerce. This undertaking played a tremendous part in activating American support for Jewish Palestine.

An American Zionist Emergency Council, representing seven national Zionist organizations to insure an authoritative Zionist leadership in the Western Hemisphere, was created at this time. Co-chairpersons were Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, renowned statesman and national president of ZOA, and Dr. Stephen S. Wise, noted rabbi and orator. By train, bus, and car whenever necessary, caravans of members journeyed to Washington to be informed. In turn they briefed their respective senators and members of Congress on the plight of their Jewish brethren in the European Theater of War, and attempted to enlist sympathetic aid. The Zionist search for support branched out from planks in the 1944 National Republican and Democratic convention platforms to public legislators and to all segments of public opinion.

It was not until 1946 at the Twenty-Second World Zionist Congress in Basle, Switzerland when the delegates learned that Hitler had annihilated 6,000,000 Jews, and nowhere in the world were doors open to the war-shattered remnants of our people. There was constant political intrigue and interplay. The delegates concluded to press for Palestine as a Jewish homeland and accordingly, laid the foundation for a state at this Congress.

No longer able to cope with the Palestinian situation, the British turned the problem over to the United Nations. On November 29, 1947 the United Nations voted the State of Israel into the family of nations. President Truman was the first head of state to give official recognition. On Saturday, May 15, 1948, the day after Israel declared its independence, all the Arab countries attacked. When Jerusalem was besieged, its roads were closed and all supplies including food were cut off. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, as coordinator of the A.Z.E.C., played a brilliant and successful role in the proceedings that followed. At this point, ZOA organized the Food for Israel project to safeguard the health and lives of the people of Israel. Each district was mandated to organize a station and to procure as much food as possible within 90 days. A local newspaper carried a full page ad listing 43 specific items including 1,750,000 lbs. of tinned meat; 1,105,000 lbs. of tinned fish; 1,870,000 lbs. of tinned vegetables; 570,000 lbs. of milk powder; 1,000,000 lbs. of sugar; and 8,800,00 lbs. of flour. A store on Cedar Lane which was used as the Teaneck station was a beehive of activity. Merchants volunteered the use of their trucks and station wagons, willingly picked up donations and added their own. Others in automobiles, on bicycles and on foot brought their packages in person. The entire town, regardless of race, creed, and color constituted a steady stream of donors. The response was warm and gratifying and the results were overwhelming.

During World War II, Teaneck members of ZOA were equally faithful to their responsibilities as American citizens. They not only met but exceeded their given quotas for the sale of War Bonds. A citation in recognition of this achievement was awarded to the national organization by a member of the U.S. Treasury Department who expressed sincere appreciation to all members and officers for the enthusiastic and whole-hearted manner in which they responded to the nationwide War Bond drive.

Many Teaneck youths have been members of a very active coed high school group, Masada, another successful program of ZOA. Seminars, lectures, study groups, the study of Hebrew and Hebrew music, and leadership courses prepare the members to understand the challenges of the world and to assume tomorrow's responsibilities of the Jewish people.

On May 13, 1952 the ZOA House, 9 Rosenbaum Street, Tel Aviv, was formally opened. (The guest book includes the names of scores of Teaneck tourists who have visited ZOA House.) In honor of this occasion the Israeli government issued a commemorative stamp and a first day cover. This complex was built by ZOA to serve as an educational, cultural and social center for Americans and Israelis. Meetings, seminars, classes, conferences, concerts, theatricals, banquets and dances are ongoing activities in the House, gardens and open air amphitheater.

An international Jewish National Fund project, which aroused the imagination and admiration of Teaneck ZOA members who visited the engineering feat, was the Hula in Israel. It required eight years (1951-1958) of complicated and scientific engineering to drain its malaria-infested swamps which resulted in the redemption of 100,000 dunams (2,500 acres) of land and became the breadbasket of the country. Cotton, peanuts, vegetables and wheat are among the many products grown here. A section was set aside as a sanctuary to preserve for all time the vast array of wild life. Food is basic to life, and since Israel was still importing much of its food from abroad, ZOA and the General Zionist Party of Israel built an agricultural training school and village in the Negev. 300 students, ages fourteen through seventeen, new immigrants and *sabras,* receive three years training in farming and school education. This citadel of learning, Kfar Silver, was named for a fearless leader, the late Dr. Abba Hillel Silver. The school has expanded and continues to flourish as a vital institution today. A number of Teaneck teenagers have attended the school.

The dream and artistry of Herzl, the good will of men and women throughout the world, and especially the back-breaking struggles of the Israelis gloriously attest to the creation of the Jewish State as the noblest enterprise of the modern day. All sections of the Jewish community — Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform — are embraced in the membership of the ZOA. This organization invites you to join its ranks and share responsibility with those men of practical vision and idealism who labor for the rebirth of a people and the security of its future.

Regina Gordon and Rose Wilson

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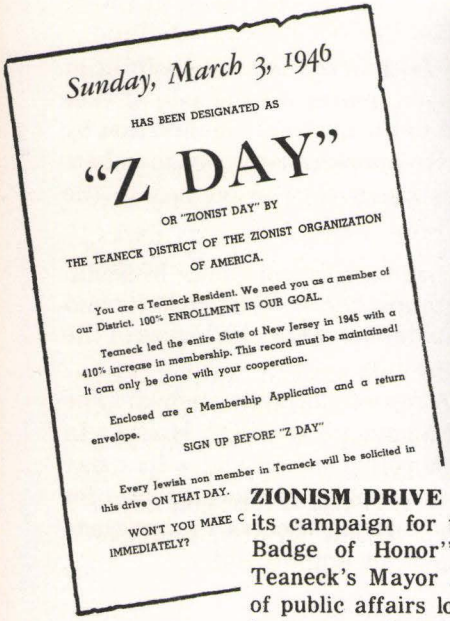
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HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS
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OR "ZIONIST DAY" BY
THE TEANECK DISTRICT OF THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA.
You are a Teaneck Resident. We need you as a member of our District. 100% ENROLLMENT IS OUR GOAL.
Teaneck led the entire State of New Jersey in 1945 with a 410% increase in membership. This record must be maintained! It can only be done with your cooperation.
Enclosed are a Membership Application and a return envelope.
SIGN UP BEFORE "Z DAY"
Every Jewish non member in Teaneck will be solicited in this drive ON THAT DAY.
WON'T YOU MAKE C
IMMEDIATELY?

ZIONISM DRIVE — The Bergen County Zionist District inaugurates its campaign for the distribution of buttons, reading, "Zionism Is a Badge of Honor" as President Bernard Kremen pins badge on Teaneck's Mayor Eleanor Kieliszek, and Morris Rapaport, chairman of public affairs looks on. Bergen County Z.O.A. will distribute 10,000 badges out of 1,000,000 countrywide.

ARTHUR JOSEPH

New Jersey co-chairman of the 1976 ZOA Brandeis Humanitarian award dinner and ball.

Chapter 15

Teaneck Update

The following is the latest information concerning the Teaneck Jewish community as this book goes to print:

On March 19, 1976 the Jewish Standard announced the formation of a Bergen County Chapter of Men's American ORT. Daniel Laitman of Tenafly is the first president. The board of directors includes Herman Aronson, Assemblyman Albert Burstein, Milton Handis (who also serves as Teaneck area chairperson), Matthew Magidson, Irwin Scheinert, Dr. Harvey Schrier and Al Stone.

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The Teaneck Jewish Community Center changed its name to the Teaneck Jewish Center as of June 1976, in order to highlight its religious rather than social orientation.

During the summer months, the Center appointed Rabbi Charles Simon as assistant rabbi and education director, succeeding Rabbi Anthony Glickman. Rabbi Simon is a graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary and the University of Wisconsin. He has had extensive experience and skill as a teacher and educator and received wide recognition for development of the current Morris County High School of Jewish Studies. Rabbi Simon wrote, directed and produced an original rock musical based on the life of the Biblical Jonathan and a play based on the life of the pseudo-Messiah Shabbatai Zvi. He has developed a *Havurah* in the Westchester-Putnam area.

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The *Mikvah* Association, consisting primarily of Teaneck residents with participation from the Englewood and Fair Lawn Jewish communities, purchased a small section of municipal land along Windsor Road in July 1976, for the purpose of constructing a *mikvah*. The association bought the land for $10,600 and is planning to erect a 24-by-60-foot building that will accommodate all Jewish women desiring to use it. It will be the first Jewish ritualarium in Bergen County and will have an attendant and her family living on the premises.

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Teaneck High School Principal Dr. Melvin Michaels submitted his resignation and became the Director of Secondary Education at the North Penn School District in Lansdale, Pennsylvania. The official date of his departure from office was October 1, 1976. Assistant Teaneck High School Principal, James De Laney, was appointed to succeed him.

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We record with great sorrow the passing of Abraham Goodman, beloved husband of Julia (see Chaper 7, part 4); and Irving Rappaport, beloved husband of Natalie (see Chapter on the Bergen County YMHA) during October 1976.

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The dedication of the Barnet S. Bookstaver Park took place on Sunday afternoon, November 7, 1976. Guest speakers included Mayor Eleanor Kieliszek, Rabbi Barry Schaeffer of Congregation Beth Sholom, Wallace Cowan, chairperson of the Advisory Committee on Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation, Police Chief Robert Fitzpatrick, Fire Chief Joseph Murray and Joy Appelbaum. Representatives of major civic organizations and municipal offices were present on the reviewing stand.

At this point it is interesting to note that Teaneck's ragweed control program, initiated by Dr. Barnet Bookstaver in the 1940's and recognized as one of the best in the state, was reviewed on Channel 4's Six O'Clock News Broadcast on September 16, 1976. The filmed segment, part of a nightly science and medicine report by NBC's Dr. Frank Field, singled out Teaneck as an example of a municipality taking effective measures in controlling ragweed. Television crews were in town earlier that week to film spraying operations by the Department of Public Works in conjunction with the Health Department.

Township of Teaneck, N. J.
RESOLUTION

No. 220-76

Dept.

Offered by Councilman Silverstein

WHEREAS, Dr. Barnett S. Bookstaver gave more than 19 years of service to the Township of Teaneck as:

Head of the Department of Health
Police Department Surgeon
Fire Department Surgeon
Board of Education Chief Medical Officer

and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bookstaver was responsible for the school requirement of inoculations against diphtheria, whooping cough and vaccination against smallpox as well as the tuberculosis patch test; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bookstaver instituted rigorous quarantine measures, prohibitions against smoking on public vehicles and physical examinations for good handlers; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bookstaver gave of himself and his funds to many causes and organizations regardless of denomination; and

WHEREAS, it is the purpose of the Dr. Bookstaver's many years of the people of Teaneck by h permanent and not soon for

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Bergen Record 8/4/76

Teaneck park renamed

Bookstaver, a physician, is honored

TEANECK — Everybody was happy, finally, as plans to rename a park in honor of Dr. Barnett S. Bookstaver, a former health officer and philanthropist, became a reality.

Original proposals to rename Sagamore Park were summarily rejected by Mayor Eleanor Kieliszek, who said she didn't want to offend American Indians by removing an Indian name — Sagamore is the Delaware term for Chief — from a Teaneck park.

She suggested that Station Park, near Sagamore Park, be renamed instead. This suited Joy Appelbaum, who had led the group proposing the name exchange, and last night it became official.

Mrs. Appelbaum fended off a last-minute alternative proposition.

"Dr. Bookstaver certainly deserves this type of recognition, but perhaps in line with his interest in community service, it might be better to name the [proposed] community center after him," said Councilman Max Hasse at Monday's work session, when the de tails were being worked out.

"I'll settle for a park in the hand in stead of a community center in abey ance," said Mrs. Appelbaum.

Dr. Bookstaver, born in Russia, cam to America as a child and was educate in New York City. He was head of th Teaneck Board of Health, was polic surgeon and fire department surgeon was with the Board of Education med cal office from 1933 to 1951 on a $1-a year basis.

A founder of the Volunteer Ambu lance Corps, he was also an enthusiasti fund-raiser for both Jewish and Chris tian activities. He died of a heart attac in 1961 after helping to rescue nuns an children from the fire which devastate the old St. Anastasia's R.C. School.

Barnet S. Bookstaver Park Dedication Nov. 7, 1976. (L. to R.) Fire Chief Joseph Murray, Police Chief Robert Fitzpatrick, Joy Appelbaum, Dr. Nelson Bookstaver and Wallace Cowan, chairperson, Advisory Committee, Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation. Obstructed from view are School Superintendent Aubrey Sher, Rabbi Barry Schaeffer, Mayor Eleanor Kieliszek and Dr. Paul Bookstaver.

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