

AN OUTLINE HISTORY OF THE SHAAREI TFILOH CONGREGATION

Like many other great institutions, the Shaarei Tfiloh Congregation had a modest beginning. Back in the days when the west side of Reisterstown Road between Gwynns Falls Parkway and Elgin Avenue was a huge baseball field known as Brown's Hill, the Jewish community of the neighborhood organized a Minyan which met at 2218 Bryant Avenue for the express purpose of providing a house of worship for the High Holidays of 1920. The late Solomon Seidman acted as Gabbai; and much of the work of securing donations of chairs, fuel, and other necessities was done by Harry Shavitz. The use of this building was the contribution of the builder of the development, Louis Pincus.

In passing, it is interesting to note that a certain tradition of the congregation had its beginning at this early date. On one particular Shabbos, the congregation lacked a Reader of the Torah. The late Wolf Benjamin happened to spy among the worshippers a man who had recently moved to the neighborhood from South Baltimore. Knowing the visitor to be a Talmudical scholar of great reputation, Mr. Benjamin invited him to read the Torah. The new Reader met with immediate general approval; in fact, he was so successful that today he still has the job. Obviously, the Reader was our current President, Gabbai of the Chevra Gemara, Reader of the Torah—Hyman Silver.

The services of the Minyan were well attended. A crowd of 150 persons came to the congregation to pray on the High Holidays. That a larger house of prayer was needed by the neighborhood soon became apparent. To satisfy this need, a committee led by Louis Cordish was authorized to select a lot on which a synagogue could be built. After a period of careful investigation of possible locations, the congregation decided to buy the lot of the present site at a cost of \$16,500.

The profit from the sale of seats for the High Holidays, nine hundred dollars, was used as a down-payment. At this time, a loan was secured from the Calvert Bank for \$30,000, under personal signatures. The congregation was now ready to start its new building. To plan and supervise construction, the following building committee was appointed: Louis Cordish, chairman; David Shapiro, treasurer; David B. Rosenberg, secretary; Simon Goldberg, Benjamin Schwartz, Louis H. Cohen, Israel Hoffman, Israel Margolis, Wolf Benjamin, Robert Lipnick, Morris Richman, Harry Shavitz, Joseph Barron, William Wilner, Isaac Needle, Meyer S. Schwartzman, Harry Lipsitz, Joseph Lipnick, Hyman Silver, Aaron Hurwitz, Z. Sopher, Jacob Janofsky, and others.

Stanislaus Russell having been engaged as architect, ground was broken in April 1921. The construction was carried on by day labor under the supervision of a general foreman who was responsible to the building committee.

On Sunday, July 10, 1921, at 2 P. M., the cornerstone was laid. The exercises included addresses by many prominent men, among whom were Dr. S. Shaffer, Rabbi R. Rivkin and Dr. I. Efros.

During the period of construction, the members of the committee, through their own contributions and whole-hearted effort in securing pledges, raised \$20,000. In addition, \$11,000 was obtained from the sale of seats for the High Holidays of 1921. Because the building was not completed during the seat-selling period, purchasers of seats made their selections from the architect's blueprint. Subsequently, the \$30,000 Calvert Bank loan was replaced by a \$40,000 loan from the Hopkins Savings Bank.

At a total cost of \$85,000 the first floor was completed immediately before the High Holidays of 1921.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF LOUIS CORDISH, 1921-1924

President—Louis Cordish
Secretary—David B. Rosenberg
Treasurer—David Shapiro

On Friday, September 23, at 4 o'clock, the congregation moved from its original location on Bryant Avenue to the new building. As a guest speaker at the dedication ceremonies, which were held on September 23, 24, and 25, Dr. S. Shaffer delivered the first Shabbos sermon from the congregational pulpit; the newly elected cantor, Reverend Louis Novick, officiated. A special feature of the dedication was the presentation of a set of the Talmud by Jacob S. Klein in memory of his parents, Wolf and Belah Klein. As a fund-raising measure, Shaarei Tfiloh certificates, an innovation of President Cordish, ranging from \$5.00 to \$500.00, were sold. The committee for the celebration consisted of Joseph Barron, Sam Applefeld, Morris Richman, and Jacob S. Klein.

Once the festivities were over, President Cordish and his officers got down to the business of running the synagogue. The search for funds continued unceasingly. Furthermore, many synagogue activities which are taken for granted now were started.

The Sisterhood, newly-organized under the leadership of Mrs. Louis Cordish, displaying the splendid spirit of cooperation it so frequently demonstrates today, provided the curtains for the Holy Ark. Mrs. I. Levenstein, a Sisterhood member, contributed the perpetual light over the Ark.

To provide for a Hebrew School, the floor space was partitioned by using panels. As a memorial to Sarah Livingston, Isaac Livingston furnished the pupils' desks. This first Shaarei Tfiloh Hebrew School, with Mr. Pitlick as principal, met with outstanding success. After a few months, it boasted of an enrollment of over 100 students.

On October 16, 1921, as a result of a manifested "interest in the Bible and the problems of the day," a Bible Class, the forerunner of the Brotherhood, held its first meeting. The officers were Harry Kairys, president; Delma Lipnick, vice-president; and Robert Barron, treasurer. At the initial meeting, the 80 assembled members heard a talk given by Mr. Sainotz on the topic, "Jewish Problems—Past and Present." Harry Merowitz, Morris Merrill, Sara Mahr and Ida Lutzky formed the program committee.

At the very outset, the Chevra Gemara, a group that has never missed a class day since its formation, began to meet in the synagogue. This study group held its first meeting with the late Sol Mindel and Hyman Silver as teachers. Now taught by Rabbi Drazin, the Chevra boasts a daily attendance of twenty to twenty-five members. In the absence of the Rabbi, Mr. Silver continues to serve as the instructor for this group.

Morris Cohen, our superintendent, was elected an official of the synagogue on November 3, 1921. Before coming to Baltimore, Mr. Cohen served for thirteen years as assistant librarian at the Jewish National Library of Jerusalem, Palestine.

At the end of his first year with the synagogue, Cantor Novick left and Reverend Bernard Ilmer, of Denver, Colorado, was elected to fill this position.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF JACOB JANOFSKY, 1927-1932

President—Jacob Janofsky
Vice-Presidents—Robert Lipnick, Oscar Meyerhoff
Treasurer—A. M. Hurwitz, Meyer Shulman
Secretary—Max Rudo, J. Max Abramovitz,
Harry Silver, Joseph Weinstein

It was the good fortune of the congregation to have Jacob Janofsky as president during the trying depression years. As would be expected, the expenses of the synagogue remained at the high level established earlier, but its income reached new lows. Frequently, during this period, the treasury was not able to meet immediate obligations. Mr. Janofsky, through personal contributions, prodigious effort, and strong leadership, raised the funds that were needed to keep the ship of state afloat. Led by their president, the members often were forced to resort to the expedient of lending money to the Shul for current obligations until seats were sold for the High Holidays. On one occasion, after the money for the seats had been collected, \$3,500 was repaid to members, of which \$1,500 was due to Mr. Janofsky. For certain emergencies—the boilers were always getting out of order in the middle of the winter—it was necessary to make general appeals for funds at the Shabbos services.

Another of the outstanding achievements of Mr. Janofsky's incumbency was the acquisition of the cemetery. This addition to the congregation's property had been contemplated for a good many years. Finally, in March 1931, a cemetery committee, headed by Louis Cordish and Meyer Shulman, purchased the two and one-half acres on Windsor Mill Road. The property was acquired from Mr. and Mrs. L. Franklin for \$5,000. However, since Mr. and Mrs. Franklin made a beneficent contribution of \$500 toward the cost of the lot, the net price amounted to only \$4,500.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF WILLIAM JACOBSON, 1932-1936

President—William Jacobson
Vice-President—Isaac Needle
Treasurer—Meyer Shulman

On October 20, 1932, William Jacobson was elected president. During this administration, the neighborhood became conscious of the fact that the synagogue is not only a place of worship, but also a Jewish community center where all ages can find social and cultural enjoyment.

For many years, it had been evident that a fundamental weakness of the congregation was the lack of a permanent spiritual leader—a Rabbi. Nevertheless, this weakness had never been corrected because of the financial problem involved. After many lengthy discussions, Mr. Jacobson finally prevailed upon the membership to invite a Rabbi for Shevuoth of 1933.

Those who attended these services had the pleasure of hearing Rabbi Nathan Drazin at his first Shaarei Tfiloh appearance. Regarding the visit, the secretary of the synagogue recorded that "The Board hears with great pleasure the comments on the sermons delivered by Rabbi Drazin, who was invited here for Shevuoth." On Tuesday, August 22, Rabbi Drazin was elected as the first permanent Rabbi of the Shaarei Tfiloh Congregation.

Soon after the Rabbi took up his duties in the fall of 1933, the congregation took on an atmosphere of unprecedented activity which was extremely gratifying.

The first new feature to appear on the congregational calendar was the Friday Night Open Forum. Meeting bi-weekly through the winter months, the Forum, during its first year, heard prominent local and out-of-town rabbis and orators discourse on popular Jewish subjects. Rabbi Drazin, after addressing the opening meeting, acted as chairman while Cantor Selsky entertained with choice vocal selections. At present, the Open Forum meets monthly and is sponsored jointly by the Congregation, Brotherhood and Sisterhood.

Also, at this time, the Hebrew School was reorganized with Rabbi Drazin as spiritual adviser. A third teacher, Miss Ida Friedman, was appointed to assist Mr. Kurland and Mr. Socolow, who were already instructing the classes. A new curriculum was instituted, and the school was geared to provide for systematic instruction. Later on, a high school department was added to the existing classes.

Furthermore, to stimulate interest in Jewish problems, Rabbi Drazin started a number of cultural groups. A Discussion Group for young men and women between the ages of eighteen and twenty-two began to hold weekly meetings on Sunday morning. For Sisterhood members, a Ladies' Bible Class was conducted. When the Brotherhood organized in the fall of 1934, a Philosophy Class taught by Rabbi Drazin met monthly in the homes of various members.

To round out the program of vital Jewish activities already initiated, the Brotherhood was formed Wednesday, October 10, 1934. Announced at a "Kol Nidre" appeal for members, the Brotherhood's first meeting was attended by 150 members. Harry Kairys was unanimously elected president; Dr. Milton Kirsh and Isadore Trivas, vice-presidents; James J. Hurwitz, secretary; Harry Wilner, treasurer; and Louis Richman and Louis Keiser, trustees.

As a means of keeping the general membership informed concerning the activities of the synagogue, The Shaarei Tfiloh Bulletin made its first appearance on September 7, 1934. This periodical, published semi-annually, is under the editorship of Rabbi Drazin and Sylvan Silver.

The formal installation of Rabbi Drazin took place on January 7, 1934. Among the prominent speakers on this occasion were Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, associate professor of Homiletics, Yeshiva College, New York; Mr. Samuel Sar, registrar, Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary; and Rabbi Samuel Levy of Perth Amboy, New Jersey.

In addition to securing the Rabbi, the administration of Mr. Jacobson was replete with accomplishments in other fields of congregational endeavor. The finances were put in order through a new arrangement with the mortgagee, whereby the accumulated interest charges were abated in return for an agreement that called for a definite payment at stated periods. After this, no financial emergencies arose to threaten the financial security of the congregation.

Worthy of mention, too, is the fact that during this administration the Drovers and Mechanics loan of \$25,000, secured by personal indorsements was repaid in full.

Another Jacobson innovation was the Yeshiva Fund. Heretofore, the worshippers were burdened too frequently with appeals from deserving institutions. To take care of needs of these institutions, without annoying the membership, the FUND was introduced. With Louis Sachs as first chairman, the Yeshiva Fund began the systematic collection of money for the Torah institutions.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF JOSEPH BARRON, 1924-1926

President—Joseph Barron

Secretary—Max Rudo

Treasurer—A. M. Hurwitz

Firmly established as a vital force in the life of the Jewish community, the congregation now faced the task of completing the second floor of the building. As proof of the skillful management of both Louis Cordish and the late Joseph Barron, the treasury contained \$12,000. In response to an appeal, an additional \$20,000 in pledges was obtained. Louis Cordish, Simon Goldberg, and David Shapiro, who were appointed as officers of the building committee, awarded the contract to build the second floor for \$185,000 to the David M. Andrews Company. To finance this project, a mortgage of \$100,000 was obtained from the Hopkins Savings Bank. In addition, the David M. Andrews Company agreed to hold a second mortgage of \$52,000.

The work on the second floor, started in the fall of 1925, was completed for the High Holidays of 1926.

When in the fall of 1925 Cantor Ilmer obtained another position, our present Cantor, Abraham Selsky, was elected to fill this vacancy.

Before coming to Shaarei Tfiloh, Cantor Selsky had won distinguished success as a singer. Born in a small Russian town, he was recognized early for his love of music and his exceptional voice. At the age of ten, he was much sought after as a choir boy. In 1908, he came to the United States, accepting an offer from a congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He next moved to Toronto, Canada, where he became the choir leader and first tenor for the famous Cantor Bernard Wlodowski. While engaged with Cantor Wlodowski, Reverend Selsky exercised his musical talents as composer and director of the orchestra and chorus of the Toronto Jewish Theatre. Before accepting his present position, Cantor Selsky also served as the Cantor of the University Avenue Synagogue of Toronto and the Ahavath Achim Congregation of Atlanta, Georgia.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF HARRY LIPSITZ, 1926-1927

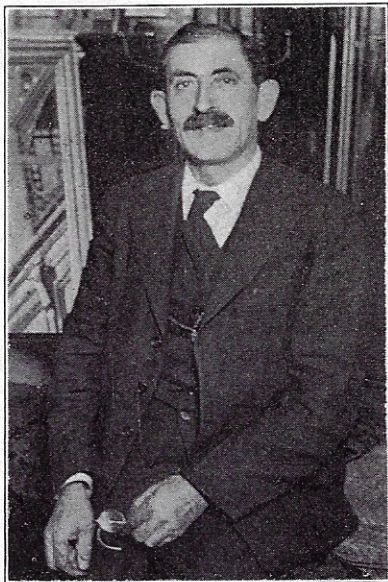
President—Harry Lipsitz

Vice-President—Louis H. Cohen

Treasurer—A. M. Hurwitz

Secretary—Max Rudo, Elias Epstein

When the newly-completed building was occupied in the fall of 1926, the executive responsibilities were put into the capable hands of Harry Lipsitz. In spite of the loans mentioned above, it was found that additional funds were needed to meet the financial obligations of the synagogue. On February 17, 1927, therefore, the congregation borrowed \$25,000, secured by personal signatures, from the Drivers and Mechanics Bank. The signators were Harry Lipsitz, Louis H. Cohen, Jacob Janofsky, Simon Goldberg, F. L. Applestein, Solomon Ashman, Joseph Barron, Israel Hoffman, Louis A. Gann, William B. Jacobson, Louis Sachs, Joseph Lipnick, I. M. Schwartzman, Joseph Jacobs, Samuel Ladensky, Aaron M. Hurwitz, Hyman Silver, A. Pleet, Sam Lichtenstein, R. Lipnick, William Salzman, Meyer Schwartzman, William Wilner, Joseph Gelman, and M. Paymer.



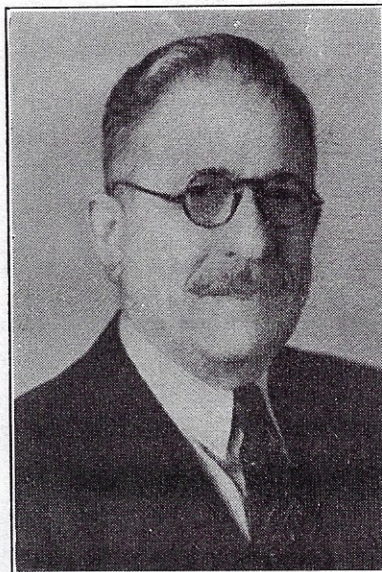
JOSEPH BARRON
President 1924-1926



JACOB JANOFSKY
President 1927-1932



WILLIAM JACOBSON
President 1932-1936



JACOB GERBER
President 1936-1940

THE ADMINISTRATION OF JACOB GERBER, 1936-1940

President—Jacob Gerber
Vice-President—Hyman Silver
Treasurer—Meyer Shulman
Secretary—Robert Lipnick, Koppel Weinstein

Beginning on October 29, 1936, the presidency of Jacob Gerber resulted in an era of marked progress for Shaarei Tfiloh. In the first place, the release of the second mortgage, which had been under consideration for a number of years, was consummated. To celebrate this event, on December 1939, a "Mortgage Burning" banquet was held jointly by the Congregation, Brotherhood, and Sisterhood.

It is gratifying to note that at this writing the only indebtedness of the synagogue is the first mortgage, which has been reduced to \$79,000.

Under the supervision of Simon Goldberg, with the cooperation of the Brotherhood and Sisterhood, the interior of the synagogue was redecorated. Another physical improvement, also a Congregation-Brotherhood-Sisterhood project, was the rebuilding of the balcony to improve the ladies' view of the services.

Until 1937, all the honors on the High Holidays were auctioned to the highest bidder. In order to stop this degrading practice, for the Yom Kippur services of 1937, Mr. Gerber introduced a plan for arranging the distribution of the honors before the holidays. This new system has done much to improve the dignity and decorum of the services.

In addition, this regime made an outstanding record for obtaining new members, a total of 125 new members being voted into the organization.

Then, too, due to the guidance and encouragement of the Rabbi, the cultural activities were further improved and expanded. In the fall of 1938, children between four and five years of age were included in the Hebrew School Kindergarten program. The first Bas Mitzvah and graduation exercises were held in June 1939. To get the cooperation of the parents in solving Hebrew School problems, a Parent-Teachers' Association was organized, with Mrs. Milton Adler as the first president. Sponsored by the Brotherhood and Sisterhood, Boy and Girl Scout Troops began to function at the synagogue. Henry O. Berman is the very active Chairman of the Brotherhood Boy Scout program.

During this period, Rabbi Drazin added much to the prestige of the synagogue through his many distinguished spiritual and academic achievements. On March 26, 1935, the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Yeshiva granted Rabbi Drazin the additional degree of "Yodin-Yodin," the highest rabbinical degree obtainable at the present time. The Orthodox Rabbinical Council of America elected our Rabbi to the office of vice-president in 1937. He received his Ph.D. degree from the Johns Hopkins University in 1937. He was the sole Baltimore delegate to the 1939 World Zionist Congress held in Geneva, Switzerland. In 1940, the Johns Hopkins Press published the Rabbi's creative work, **History of Jewish Education from 515 B.C.E. to 220 C.E.** His magazine articles have been printed not only in the leading national Anglo-Jewish press, but also in such distant places as Shanghai, China, and Bombay, India.



HARRY LIPSITZ
President 1926-1927



MEYER SHULMAN
Treasurer 1930-1942

THE ADMINISTRATION OF HYMAN SILVER, 1940-

President—Hyman Silver
Vice-President—Oscar Meyerhoff
Treasurer—Meyer Shulman
Secretary—Koppel Weinstein, Milton P. Friedmann

On November 6, 1940, the Congregation elected, as the seventh president, Hyman Silver, who had been associated with the synagogue since its inception. This Administration lost no time in beginning to build on the work of its predecessors. In the fall of 1940, Benjamin Krasnow, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, was elected as the first full-time Hebrew School principal.

At this time, it became apparent that a Hebrew School building was urgently needed in the community. To form plans to take care of this need, a building committee headed by William Jacobson, Chairman, and Jacob Gerber, Co-Chairman, was appointed. As in the past, when an appeal for funds was made, the community responded nobly. For a building site, the lot adjacent to the Woodbrook Avenue fire house was purchased at the cost of \$3,300. However, because of "existing conditions" brought about by the war, the matter of completing the new Hebrew School building is being held in abeyance.

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GREETINGS FROM OUR RABBI

Under ordinary circumstances, this would have been a year of festivity for all associated with the Shaarei Tfiloh Congregation that has now completed the first two decades of its existence. Present world conditions do not permit our thoughts to tarry on the past. Our attention must be focused on the present and the future.

I am glad to note that the Brotherhood has answered and cooperated in every appeal made to us by the war emergency.

Let us remember that in the hard days ahead of us the synagogue is a fortress of strength, a source of moral fortitude and courage.

May God grant that we see soon evil thoroughly uprooted from the face of the earth, the triumph of justice and humanity, and the fulfillment of the Divine prophecy, "And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

DR. NATHAN DRAZIN



HYMAN SILVER
President of Our Congregation



REV. A. SELSKY
Our Cantor

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BROTHERHOOD



"Ike" Mervis and his Committee have done a grand job, and everybody is grateful.

And while the band plays, and the dance goes on, let's take "time out" for a moment to remember—

Our nation is at war. Many members of our Brotherhood are not dancing with us tonight—because they're already in the armed services of our country.

Until final Victory is ours—there are now tasks and new obligations which the Shaarei Tfiloh Brotherhood must assume—in addition to our many other duties. If every one of us will continue to work with the same enthusiasm and the whole-hearted cooperation as we HAVE been working for so many years—we shall not fail in any of them!

ISIDORE TRIVAS

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE SISTERHOOD

Another successful accomplishment has been scored by the Brotherhood and it is indeed a pleasure for the Sisterhood to extend greetings and hearty congratulations to its Officers, Committee and members.

This outstanding occasion is due in no small measure to the many loyal workers in the Brotherhood whose cooperative spirit made this evening possible.

Because of the seriousness of our times, programs have been expanded and activities are more numerous. Today we are not only to provide Jewish cultural values for our members, give valuable support to the many worthy Jewish causes, but pledge ourselves to aid, support and serve our Nation in its great defense program.

Best Luck! May the Brotherhood continue to maintain its high standard and enjoy even greater success in its future endeavors.

MRS. M. MILTON ADLER



THE MARCH OF BROTHERHOOD TIME

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HARRY KAIRYS

President of our Brotherhood
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- Oct. 10th—Rabbi Drazin calls meeting to organize a Brotherhood. Things start humming. Harry Kairys elected First President.
- Nov. 14th—First official regular monthly meeting. Speaker, Rabbi David Pearlman, Executive Director of "Y."
- Dec. 9th—Brotherhood holds first Chanukah Dance. Everybody's happy.
- Dec. 12th—Rabbi David Silver, of Harrisburg, Pa., talks on "Jews on the Economic Bandwagon!" Hot discussion follows.
- Jan. 9th—The Symposium on Marriage! Hall is packed as Rabbi Drazin, Dr. Guttmacher and Judge Adams give their ideas on marriage. Committee runs out of hot dogs.
- Feb. 6th—Judge Wm. L. Lewis, of Philadelphia, Pa., pays first visit to Brotherhood. The first Ladies' Night!
- Feb. 11th—The first Cabaret Dance! Ataboy, Lou Miller!
- March 13th—Home Talent Night! Members strut their stuff—and nobody gets the book.
- March 24th—The first Purim Dance. Another success.
- April 10th—Dr. Sidney Hoenig, brother-in-law of Rabbi Drazin, talks on "Gentile Misconceptions of the Jew."
- May 16th—Rabbi Irving Miller closes a splendid successful year. The Brotherhood's on top of the world!

Sept. 18th—Members called to first meeting of new season by special telegram. Harry Kairys starts his second term.

Oct. 9th—Lee L. Dopkin speaks on Social Security. Lou Miller starts ball rolling for second annual Cabaret Dance.

Nov. 10th—New Membership Night, with Abram C. Joseph, guest speaker.

Dec. 11th—Judge Eli Frank talks on "Problems Demanding Solution!" Usual big crowd applauds.

Dec. 25th—The Second Annual Chanukah Dance. Bigger and better than the first one.

Jan. 13th—The Alliance Players put on a show. And what a show!

Feb. 5th—Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein delivers historic lecture, "Is Judaism a Religion?" Meeting transferred to main auditorium because of the record crowd.

Feb. 9th—The Second Cabaret Dance. Lou Miller does it again.

March 11th—Judge Lewis returns! And the crowds there!

April 15th—Dr. Louis L. Kaplan gives the Brotherhood a break!

May 16th—We wind up with a Banquet. Harry Kairys gets a gift—and deserves it! And Louis Miller is our second President.

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Oct. 14th—Harry Greenstein starts us off for our third year! Tells of "Jews Uprooted."

Nov. 18th—Mrs. Estelle Sternberger, first Lady of Peace—first lady to address the Brotherhood. The house is packed.

Dec. 9th—Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein tells us things we didn't know till now about Orthodox Judaism.

Jan. 13th—Alliance Players score again.

Feb. 3rd—A Smoker—and the boys tell stories. The Rabbi listens, too!

Feb. 7th—The third Cabaret Dance, and Abe Krulewitch is tired, but happy.

March 11th—First Father and Son Night. Boy Scouts put on a program—see the American League baseball picture.

April 14th—Judge Edwin T. Dickerson explains the law!

May 19th—Judge Wm. L. Lewis pays his annual visit for the final meeting. Extra! Lou Miller re-elected.



LOUIS MILLER

President of our Brotherhood
1936-1937 - 1937-1938



ABE KRULEWITCH

President of our Brotherhood
1938-1939 - 1939-1940

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- Oct. 13th—Harry Greenstein leads off again. Describes visit to Mexico and Trotsky. The ladies are here, too.
- Nov. 10th—Harry Cooper, of the Secret Service! We see some counterfeit money.
- Dec. 8th—Leo Weinberg, of Frederick, tells about the "Builder of Dreams."
- Jan. 12th—Rabbi Irving Miller again! And what a crowd!
- Feb. 2nd—Father and Son Night! The kids meet the Orioles.
- Feb. 11th—The Fourth Annual Cabaret Dance. And Abe is happier than last year.
- March 8th—Annual show of the Alliance Players!
- April 13th—Rabbi Louis Schwefel tells the story behind the news from Palestine.
- May 18th—The big Dinner Meeting and Abe Krulewitch takes the chair and Lou Miller get his gift!
- June, 1938—The Great Carnival. The night Joe Louis knocked out Schmeling.

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- Oct. 19th—We're off for the fifth year! Abram C. Joseph is the starter!
- Nov. 9th—Simon Sobeloff speaks. Professor Quiz quizzes!
- Dec. 14th—Jacob Tarshish comes home as the "Lamp-lighter!" Standing room only.
- Jan. 11th—Dr. Guthrie Speers, the "Champion of Tolerance," speaks on Inter-Faith Relationships!
- Feb. 8th—Dr. Leslie Hohman discusses "Improving Adult Life."
- Feb. 12th—The Fifth Annual Cabaret Dance! Dave Brenner keeps up the tradition!
- March 12th—Father and Son Night! G-Man Cooper thrills the kids. Boy Scouts put on program. Movies of Army-Navy football game.
- April 12th—Dr. Broadus Mitchell makes one of his final addresses in Baltimore.
- May 19th—The Banquet Windup. Bargain meal for 49c. Abe Krulewitch is "it" again!

THE MARCH OF BROTHERHOOD TIME—Continued

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Oct. 11th—Round six begins! Rabbi Drazin turns war refugee and tells the boys about it! And we hear things about Europe the censors wouldn't pass.

Nov. 8th—Dr. Leon Sachs gives his ideas on Neutrality! And some terrible quartets make recordings—but no one is hurt!

Dec. 13th—Rabbi Ely Pilchik, the Rabbi from the University of Maryland, lives up to a reputation.

Jan. 10th—Professor D'iz finds that lots of folks don't know what they think they know! And others get passes to movies—with a "dime to pay the tax!"

Feb. 7th—"Col. Harry Jones," the "Man of Merit" is introduced by Louis Azrael, and all the gals applaud.

Feb. 11th—The Sixth Annual Cabaret Dance! Bigger and just as good as the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th. It's TWO IN A ROW for Dave Brenner!

March 13th—Father and Son Night — Boy Scout Night—and NAVY Night. Coach "Swede" Larson of the Navy football team is mobbed for autographs and we see how the Navy beat the Army!

April 10th—Dr. Justinus Gould speaks on "Who Guarantees our Liberties." The Ladies beat the husbands in a "True or False" Contest. We eat coddies, crackers, and mustard.

May 15th—"Ihr hert a stimme!" . . . The Annual Brotherhood Banquet . . . Abe Krulewitch gets a wrist watch—Is Trivas a brief case—Dave Brenner is President . . . and Dr. Eric Kohler is just Plain Bill Sims who sets the big crowd on its heels—while Harry Shaivitz and Jesse Hurwitz discuss the "doctor's" radio lectures which they never miss! . . . Abe Krulewitch smiles—and smiles—and smiles—and smiles . . .

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Oct. 9th—The "lucky seventh" year with Dave Brenner the boss. It's "between the holidays" and before the election . . . so Dr. Leon Sachs discusses the Gallop Poll . . . and says it's "Roosevelt in the Bag!" Abe Krulewitch pays Max Siegel's dues!

Nov. 13th—The first Ladies Night of the year. Max Baer describes the B'nai Brith Vocational Service Bureau. Maurice Katzen is the 1941 Dance Committee chairman and starts the ball rolling.



DAVE BRENNER

President of Our Brotherhood

1940-1941

Dec. 11th—Dr. David W. Petegorsky explains the "Strategy of Hatred." (Note to other organizations—This observer considers Dr. Petegorsky's lecture the clearest and ablest presentation of the whys and wherefores of Anti-Semitism and other "Anti"-propaganda, ever made in Baltimore. We've heard plenty others, too!) . . . Prof. Vaysich Vos distributes some nickels.

Jan. 8th, 1941—We laugh and laugh and LAUGH while Irving Davidson discusses Jewish Wit and Humor—with plenty of samples! The hall is packed—Eddie runs out of Chairs—and the speaker is finally allowed to stop at an hour before midnight.

Feb. 5th—The Alliance Players come to meeting and go to town! It's almost ZERO HOUR for the SEVENTH Big Cabaret Dance!

And that's not everything! We didn't say a word about the Bowling League, about the many things we've done for the Shul, for the New Hebrew School, and every important Jewish cause for the Jewish community of Baltimore!

Feb. 9th—The SEVENTH Annual Brotherhood Dance hit an all-time high! Maurice Katzen—here's to YOU and your committee.

Mar. 12th—Another Father and Son Night! Dads and Sons, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts see Fight Pictures from Dempsey to Louis. Henry Berman says—"next time the Cubs stay home!"

Apr. 9th—Katherine Jeanne Gallagher of Goucher College is the second woman guest to address the Brotherhood.

May 14th—The annual Banquet packs them in again. Dave Brenner steps down—gets a handsome watch—while Is Trivas becomes President and immediately appoints all former presidents on the Publicity Committee.

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Oct. 8th—The Eighth Year Begins. And Richard Cleveland, son of President Grover Cleveland, explains the Fight for Freedom.

Nov. 12th—Dr. Robert Seliger talks on "Psychological Aspects of Happiness in Marriage!" It's a Stag Meeting—and some members expected a strip tease! Ike Mervis is Dance Chairman.

Dec. 10th—We meet under grim circumstances. The nation is at war—and the Brotherhood mobilizes for all-out service to the country. Emmett White, former Far East Red Cross Director, discusses the Japanese onslaught.

Jan. 11th—The return of the Alliance Players! House is packed—and the women go for the hot dogs and beer in a big way.

Jan. 14th—The Membership Dance is revived—and every paid-up member has a good time.

February 11th—Leon Sachs speaks to the Brotherhood for the third year in a row. It's also the third Ladies Night in a row—and everybody is impressed as the Director of the Baltimore Jewish Council outlines the struggle for the Defense of Jewish Rights. And it's only three days before the dance.

February 15th—It's here again! The Eighth Annual Cabaret Dance goes over in a big way—and Ike Mervis can shake hands with Maurice Katzen, Lou Miller, Abe Krulewitch and Dave Brenner!

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