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The Rabbi Speaks

It is no surprise to me to have read the following in the front page of the Jewish Advocate of November 16, '72:

Dr. Gerson D. Cohen, Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary, (that institution which ordains conservative rabbis) addressing the Biennial Convention of the Conservative Women's League, said "that Conservative Judaism was losing Jewish youth because of the lack of fervency in its ritual. That Conservative Judaism could never be transplanted in Israel." Dr. Cohen continued, "Many young Jews are defecting from Conservative Judaism. Young people are looking to the Orthodox because they seek fervency and uninhibited expression in synagogue worship. They want to become uninhibited Jews."

I believe the above statement speaks for itself. The secularization, commercialization, and superficiality introduced by some of our religious movements have left much to be desired. Young Jews looking for authenticity have turned to Orthodoxy.

In this vein I only wish that more of you could have witnessed the N.C.S.Y. weekend which was held at our synagogue—250 youth surrounded and enveloped by their religion enjoying themselves. The atmosphere was electrifying. The Shabbos was spent in an Orthodox framework.

This was a Shabbos spent in a warm congenial observance. All meals resounded with song and dance. Adults and teens alike actually cried when departure time arrived. One of our older members was so taken that he

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DAY SCHOOL HONORS ISRAEL'S 25th ANNIVERSARY

Israel's 25th Anniversary is being honored by the Abraham S. Levey-Fannie B. Levey Day School - Hillel Academy.

Join other patrons and guests in helping the Portland community welcome some of Israel in its midst at Shaarey Tphiloh Synagogue. The Levey Day School-Hillel Academy will give us the opportunity to do this on Saturday evening, February 3, and Sunday, February 4, 1:00 to 11:00 p.m. There will be an Israeli showcase of Arts, Crafts, Fashions, Jewelry and Furniture:— Works by Israel's finest artists and craftsmen.

Patrons to the affair will benefit from a private viewing and cocktail hour on Saturday, February 3, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., prior to public admission.

The collection will be provided by Yarkon Galleries of Boston. All articles on display will be for sale.

CONGRATULATIONS

To our member and director, the Honorable Edward Israel Bernstein, upon his election as Mayor of the City off Portland. We are all truly proud of you!

NOTE: A breakfast will be held on Sunday, January 21, at 9:00 a.m., in the Mayor's honor. Details will follow.

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even came on the hayride with us on Saturday evening. One woman told me that she had not laughed or clapped her hands like this since before her husband's death. The whole weekend was a sight to behold, a Kiddush Hashem—an honor to our faith.

This affair had a tremendous lift for all concerned. Due to its influence, our teens have formed an N.C.S.Y. Chapter. The following officers were elected: Sue Shapiro, President; Bruce Abramson, Vice President; Heidi Lelansky, Secretary; Becca Waxman, Treasurer. You'll be hearing a lot from our youth!

Much work was put into this authentically Jewish affair—the first of its kind in Portland or even in the tri-state region.

I publicly wish to thank Muriel Shapiro, the Sisterhood, Brotherhood, and the entire congregation for their support and help.

—Rabbi Steven M. Dworken

**A MESSAGE FROM THE
PRESIDENT**

Dear Congregants:

One of my responsibilities as President of the Synagogue is to keep our Shul financially sound. This of course requires that every member pay at least his fair share in dues.

**A MESSAGE FROM THE
SISTERHOOD**

Dear Friends:

Two events occurred recently, which have given us reason to rejoice and be proud.

The National Conference of Synagogue Youth held a conclave here, in Portland, for the first time. It was a truly beautiful experience to see teenagers living Judaism with such verve.

The efforts extended to make the participants in this conclave welcome here were numerous, selfless, and very much appreciated. It is my hope that our youth will continue to be supported by the congregation in this fashion.

Our Package Party was a smashing success. Here, too, efforts were enormous and time consuming. All of the workers from chairman on down, gave the extra effort necessary to put this project beyond expectations.

I am sure that the entire congregation will join me in thanking everyone who helped make both events so magnificent and so successful.

Sincerely,

Marlene Koslow, President

In looking over our new dues structure, I was surprised to find that many of our members are not meeting their full obligations. I know that many of you who are long standing members, to whom the Shul really has meaning, should and will want to do the right thing by paying your fair share.

Please fulfill your responsibilities to the Shul by at least starting to make partial payments on your dues, if you are unable to pay the full amount.

Please do it today so that starting now and for many years to come you will be counted as a full supporter of Shaarey Tphiloh.

My personal thanks,

Saul Brenerman, President

YOUNG COUPLE

The Young Couples Club had another activity-filled year. Gail Hartlass and Neil were chosen for the November Oneg Shabbat. The entire Friday evening service was conducted by members of the Young Couples Club.

Those taking part in the service were Neil and Sandy Gail and Livie Leiberman, R. Hartlass, Jay Ketover, and Sue Dworken. To all who attended their time, we say thank you.

A meeting of the Young Couples Club on Sunday, December 17, will be held at the home of Bruce and Ellen Ruk.

The next meeting will be held Saturday evening, January 13. A meeting will be held Saturday, at the Synagogue.

Anyone interested in the Young Couples Club is urged to contact Jane Zimmerman, 774-6600, or Saul Boxer, 799-8470 for more information.

CONDOLENCE

Mrs. Gerald Cope on the loss of her father, Louis Urdang.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel on the loss of their son, S. The family of the late berg.

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Mrs. Harvey Greenbaum on the loss of her mother.

Rabbi Chaim Yaffe on the loss of his father.

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MEMORIALIZE—

Your departed ones should be memorialized in our Memorial Tablets buting prayer books or in a blessed memory.