



CONGREGATIONAL RECORD

SHAAREY TPHILOH SYNAGOGUE

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As this will be the last issue of the Record for this season, we should like to take this opportunity to wish each and every member of the Shaarey Tphiloh family and all its friends a very happy and healthy summer.

FROM THE SHUL OFFICE: SUMMER HOURS: OPEN FROM 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
PHONE NUMBERS: 773-0693 and new number
773-2611, Rabbi's Office.

SAUL BRENERMAN
RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT

Saul Brenerman was re-elected president of the synagogue for his third consecutive term.

Under the terms of the recently adopted by-laws, officers of the synagogue are elected by the board of directors following the annual meeting of the congregation at which time directors are elected.

Other officers elected were Joseph Modes, Bennett C. Webber, Martin Sprince, Maxwell Wiesenthal and Howard Levitan, vice-presidents; Joseph Taylor, treasurer; and Samuel J. Shatz, secretary.

Committee chairmen will be appointed by the president shortly.

HOW'S YOUR STANDING
WITH THE SYNAGOGUE

Under the provisions of the newly adopted by-laws, a member who has not paid his dues by June 30 is considered not to be in good standing, unless he has made arrangements for the payment of dues.

Those, therefore, who are delinquent in dues payments for the current year are not in good standing and should make arrangements for the payment of their dues.

How's Your Standing With the Synagogue: Continued

Tickets for High Holyday services will not be issued to members who have not paid their dues in full.

Therefore, the membership and finance committees urge all members who have not yet made payments toward this year's dues to do so at once.

The synagogue is in dire need of funds, especially during the summer months, when additional expenses are being incurred for the holiday services.

BOARD VOTES TICKET TAX FOR HIGH HOLIDAY TICKET

The board of directors voted a tax of \$5.00 on each ticket issued for High Holyday services at Shaarey Tphiloh Synagogue at Noyes and Newbury Streets.

In addition the charge for nonresident visitors attending holiday services also has been increased.

Visitors wishing plush seats will be charged \$30.00 and for others the ticket charge will be \$20.00.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED FOR PLUSH SEAT HOLDERS

Members of the congregation who have paid for plush seats will be required to make reservations for the seat or seats they desire with the seating committee.

The dates when the seating committee will be at the synagogue will be announced in a special bulletin.

All plush seats are unreserved and unless those who have paid for the use of the plush seats make reservations for definite seats, assignments will be made on a first come-first served basis.

It should be remembered purchasers of plush seats did not buy a specific seat but only the right to sit in the plush seat section.

MAY GOD COMFORT THEM AMONG THOSE WHO MOURN FOR ZION AND JERUSALEM:
OUR CONDOLENCES TO:

Al Jacobson on the loss of his sister
Mrs. Arthur Cope on the loss of her father
Mr. Sam Tellan on the loss of his sister
Mrs. Louis Gordon on the loss of her son, Charles Goldberg
Mrs. Barnett Plavnick on the loss of her mother
Mrs. David Rosengard, Mrs. Louis Gordon, and Dr. Henry Tabachnick
on the loss of their sister.
Mrs. William Ross on the loss of her father
Mrs. Ann Levine on the loss of her father

Shaareying-the-news

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

ANNUAL REPORT

The President's Annual Report is like a day of reckoning. It is a time when we relate to you our failings and accomplishments.

It is hard to believe that two years have already passed since Jerry Pollack passed me the gavel and the burden became mine.

When I took office, I was well aware of the problems confronting us and the many projects in the talking stage, but for some reason or other could not get off the ground. Having been a member of the Finance Committee for many years, I was aware of the financial problems of our synagogue. For many years we worked without a budget. We had no idea how much was derived from various membership categories and other sources. Through the efforts of our Finance Vice-President, Howard Levitan, and Finance Chairman, Joseph Taylor, we worked out a budget where we now know how we stand financially at all times. Two years ago when we reviewed our dues structure, we found that the income was not sufficient to meet our administrative expenses and the dues were raised \$25.00.

In making out the 1973 budget, we again found, due to inflation and high cost of operation, it was again necessary to come before the board and request another \$25.00 increase in dues be voted. Of course, two increases in dues in two years does not make for a popular President, but who was running in a popularity contest?

During this period our membership remained stable. We lost a few members through deaths, relocation and other reasons, but gained enough new members so that we had no great loss in this area.

We still continue to have a maintenance problem. But we hope with one full time man and one part time man, the building and grounds will be well taken care of.

For the past three years there was a clamor for a new parsonage for our Rabbi and his family. The House Committee was instructed to seek such a home if one was available to suit our needs and our pocketbooks. This past October such a home was found on Holwell Street, and for the first time in the history of our synagogue, we own this parsonage. Through the combined efforts of our Brotherhood, Sisterhood, and a few ardent Board members, the financing of this parsonage was made possible.

Now that a new home was found for our Rabbi, in order to protect our equity in the Kenwood Street property, it was necessary to put the wheels in motion to sell the Kenwood Street house. The property was originally purchased by the Vaad Hoir and a large mortgage was held by the Cemetary Association. I took the initiative and called a meeting of the old Vaad members and this group met with Attorney Jack Schwartz. It was decided to put the property on the market. The sale was completed. From the proceeds, the Cemetary Association was paid \$14,500 and \$2,000 to the Chevrah Kadisha, and the balance was placed at a local bank until such time when the complicated mess could be straightened out among the individuals and

President's Annual Report Continued.

the Etz Chaim Synagogue, claiming to have an investment in this property.

For a number of years the disposition of Newbury Street Syn had been in the talking stage. Up until two years ago when I assumed the office of the presidency of this synagogue, I had been a regular attendant at Newbury Street. I witnessed the Jewish population of the Munjoy Hill area dwindling from year to year and so had the membership attending Newbury Street. Morning minyans had to be discontinued. Saturday services are being held jointly with the Etz Chaim Synagogue. High Holy Day services this past year were held in the downstairs chapel due to the lack of congregants to make it worthwhile to use the upstairs sanctuary.

At an executive committee meeting of January 27, I brought the matter up for discussion. As a result, the executive committee recommended to the board of directors at the February meeting that they approve taking the necessary steps to endeavor to sell the shul property at Newbury Street and in anticipation of such sale, the president was authorized to appoint a committee to arrange for moving the Memorial Plaques to Noyes Street as expeditiously as possible.

In order to dispose of this building which this year has reached its 70th year of existence, it was necessary to make plans to build a new mikvah at Noyes Street. These two projects are a tremendous undertaking. At the present time work has been started in both directions. ABC Electric has been engaged to remove the tablets and Al Hutcheons Associates is designing the plans for a new mikvah. It is our hope that we can complete both projects by the end of this year. In addition to the mikvah, we are adding a much needed storage house.

For many years, we worked without a Constitution and By-Laws. This year, I was successful in writing a new Constitution and By-Laws with the help of Morris Cox and Howard Levitan. These were presented at the Annual Meeting in May.

This year our Brotherhood established a Man of the Year award. The first recipient of this award was Joseph Modes, Vice-President in charge of Bingo for many years. This award to Joe was well earned. Through his efforts and his Bingo committee we were able to pay up the mortgage on this building.

Again I must compliment the many men and women who work so diligently each Monday evening on Bingo. It is through their efforts that we were able to accomplish the many projects in the past and the projects we hope to accomplish in the future. Their selfless devotion to a cause they believe in is beyond words.

Another item on the past year agenda and which was not completed, was the burning of the mortgage on this building. In March, I called a meeting of all the past presidents of the synagogue and sisterhood and the wheels were set in motion for a mortgage burning ceremony for the weekend of October 20, 21, and 22, under the joint chairmanship

President's Annual Report Continued

of Bert Silverman and Esther Goldstein We are looking forward for a gala event this fall.

This year your President and the President of Beth El again exchanged New Year greetings at their respective synagogue and Temple We again joined together in celebrating Simchas Torah with a well known speaker as guest. Our Brotherhood were guests at a joint breakfast at the Temple with an Israeli paratrooper as guest speaker..

This year we lost two prominent members of our synagogue and community. Nathan Weinman, our Gabbi Rishon, and Arthur M. Waterman executive Vice-President. Both served with distinction in their official capacity and their passing will be sorely missed by all of us.

This year we voted to grant our Cantor Samuel Zimelman a final two year contract which will round out his 30 years as Cantor of our Congregation. His new contract expires May 1, 1976. We also awarded a new contract to our Rabbi Steven Dworken. His contract expires on December 31, 1975.

There is still one big project which one of our benefactors has agreed to build but has yet not reached the final stages. However, we have not given this project up as yet. We are waiting to complete phase one, which is the removal of the Tablets from Newbury Street and the building of the mikvah before we pursue the other project further.

I have just outlined to you the accomplishments of my administration. I cannot take full credit for this but what I will take credit for is the motivation of the men working with me. And to them, I owe my gratitude for their cooperation.

In closing, I would like to express my personal thanks to my officers, executive board and board of directors. To Rabbi Dworken and Cantor Zimelman, for their whole-hearted cooperation. To Mrs. Morrill Shapiro, Sisterhood President, Jay Ketover, Brotherhood President, Bertha Thorner and Edith Wiesenthal, office staff, my thanks..

I am proud of my administration and its accomplishments and am looking forward to the completion of the projects we have started. It has been a thrilling experience and a personal pleasure to have served as President of Shaarey Tphiloh. An experience which I shall always remember..

Saul Brenerman

Staff brand non-dairy coffee lightener(powder) is Kosher but milchig. It is the only Kosher powdered creamer available in our area.

Estee Sugarless gum is Kosher. Can be purchased at A & P as well as Big Buy.

Sweet'n'Low sweetner is milchig. Sweet Magic, made by the same company, is pareve.

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ANNIVERSARY PLANS

Congregation shaarey Tphiloh will observe the 70th anniversary of its founding with a weekend to remember.

Starting with Friday evening services October 18 and ending with a breakfast October 20 at which time there will be a mortgage burning ceremony, the three-day event will be chock full of activities in which all members are being urged to participate.

On Saturday October 19 there'll be a rededication Sabbath Service, and Saturday night there'll be an anniversary ball.

Bertram H. Silverman, a former president, is chairman of the anniversary planning committee and his able assistant is Mrs. Jack Goldstein, a former president of the Sisterhood. Members of the committee include former presidents of the synagogue and Sisterhood.

In conjunction with the celebration, a souvenir journal is being published, and advertising solicitors are now out in force obtaining ads from individuals and business.

If you haven't already been contacted, please get in touch with the office in order to place your ad.

Robert Harrisburg is chairman of the journal committee.

More and detailed information about the big event of the decade will be forthcoming in special mailings.

Suffice it to say circle October 18, 19, and 20 on your calendars.

ABRAHAM S. & FANNY B. LEVEY DAY SCHOOL-HILLEL ACADEMY

ATTENTION ART LOVERS: The Abraham S. & Fanny B. Levey Day School is having another "First".

On Sunday, July 14, 1974, we will proudly present a Summer Art Show to be held outdoors at 76 Noyes Street, Portland, Maine. Circle your calendar. . . . Keep this day open. . . . We'll be there from 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

We have been very fortunate in obtaining various art media to be represented in this unique outdoor display. Original oils, watercolors, woodcuts, sculptures, and graphics done by such well known Maine citizens as Lenny Hatch, Frank Staples, Norman Therien, Jeff Peters, Joe Cousins, to name just a few. Prices on all art works will be reasonable. Most selling for under \$125.00.

Refreshments will be served for the hungry and picnic tables will be set up for the public convenience.

This unusual event will be worth that trip in from the beach or camp. Bring along friends, in or out-of-staters. There will be an interesting auction along with the bargains in art.

In the event of rain the show will be held indoors.

Look for further details on T.V , radio, and newspapers.

Admission is free.

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WITH THE RABBI:

Co-chairman of Yeshiva University Rabbinic Alumni Convention to be held in the fall.

Lectured at State Street Church
Cape Elizabeth High School
Gorham High School
Bonnie Eagle High School

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Our congratulations to Cheryl Zimelman on her graduation from the Abraham S. & Fanny B. Levey-Hillel Academy.

