

A Woman of Valor

A Gracious Woman Obtaineth Honour.
—Proverbs 11:16

THROUGHOUT THE YEARS, THE SISTERHOOD of Beth Israel has been engaged in a vigorous program of service to the Congregation.

Active, interested, and devoted, blessed with responsible leadership and willing followership — many many women down through the years, have developed the Sisterhood into a model congregational organization. The warmth, the love, the service given to us by the women of our Sisterhood have enabled us to exist as a synagogue.

This congregation has been most fortunate in being able to retain the constant interest and concern of its elder statesmen. This is no less true of our women. Behind the scenes in Sisterhood is a woman of valor whose intelligence, experience and judgment are constantly called upon.

Bess Minsky gives graciously of her unusual qualities of insight and vision. She has done a great deal to develop leadership, to intensify and broaden the scope and interest of Sisterhood's growing program. Bess' continued warm interest and guidance is a source of gratification and inspiration to all.



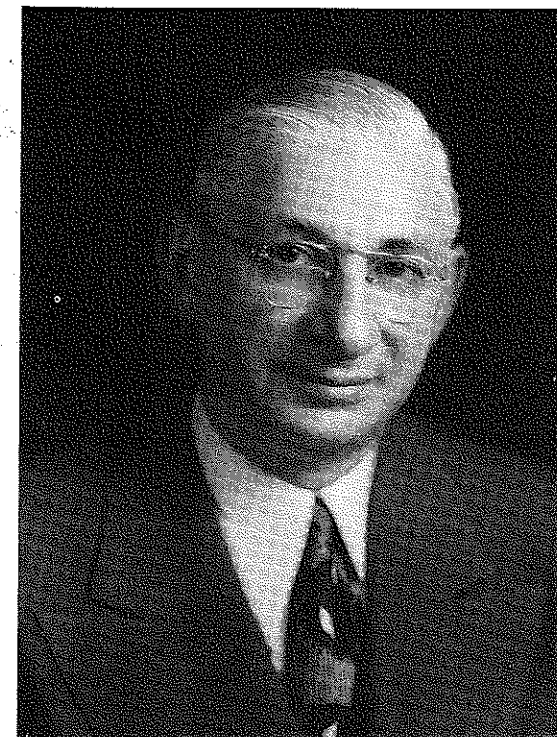
MRS. MYER MINSKY

... Whose guiding influence
has helped to foster the
highest ideals of
womanhood in our
Congregation

A Man In His Community

The story of Max Kominsky, son of one of our Founders, Simon Kominsky, is the story of a man's good works on behalf of his community and his faith. There is scarcely a facet of Jewish life in Bangor that does not bear the imprint of the Kominsky hand. There are monuments of brick and stone that form evidence of his deep communal spirit, but more important than these are feelings of respect and admiration he has engendered in the hearts of those with whom he has worked.

The writing of a check for a substantial sum has never been Max Kominsky's idea



MAX KOMINSKY

of rendering communal service. He has always given generously of his means, but his service has never ended there. Throughout the years he has given without stint the energy and ability, and time needed to advance the cause of cherished projects.

Max Kominsky has continued to serve Congregation Beth Israel as a member of the Board of Directors, Chevra Kadisha, and and its fund-raising and building campaigns. To this task he has brought the same judgment and capacity that always characterized his public service. Max Kominsky was one of the three men who founded the United Jewish Welfare Fund. He took a leading role in establishing the Community Center in 1938, and more recently was instrumental in carrying to fruition the new Hebrew School building.

Max is prominent in the fraternal affairs of B'nai Brith, Kiwanis, and many other civic groups. He is a member of the Urban Renewal Authority and a director of the Bangor-Brewer United Fund.

In everything he has undertaken Max has always surrounded himself with capable workers, giving them a reasonably free hand to do what has to be done. He was, and is, impatient with inefficiency. Sometimes he expresses his views with considerable vigor.

To his communal responsibilities Max Kominsky has always brought those qualities of heart and mind vital to the successful carrying out of tasks involving large numbers of people and substantial sums of money. In reviewing his achievements of the past 30 years, one is struck by the fact that in his mind the Jewish community as a whole, was always more important than its parts. In other words, he never permitted his judgment and objectivity to become distorted by undue absorption in any single cause.

Truly, "A chip off the old block"

Jewel Scroll

*Lo, children are a heritage
of the Lord; the fruit of the
womb is a reward. — Ps. 127:3*

Ruth Esta Allen
David Arthur Allen

Joel Alpert
Stephen Alpert
Bruce Alpert

Bernard Sanford Alpert
Francine Ruth Alpert
Michael Howard Alpert
Cynthia Helen Alpert

Robyn Jill Berger
Andrew Berger

Phyllis Berger
Laurence Berger

Marcia S. Berson
Deborah Lynn Berson

Robert Scott Blocher
Steven Mark Blocher

Susan Braveman
Bunny Braveman
Norman Braveman

Sheri P. Broder
Cindy Broder
Janet Lee Broder

Denise Ann Brody
Stephen Arden Brody
Lewis Arthur Brody

Arlon Brown
Jalon Brown

Judythe M. Chamoff
Jon R. Chamoff
Zelda Chamoff
Denise Chamoff
James Chamoff

Marlene Chason
Stuart Chason
Lori Chason

Jay Irwin Chason
David Perry Chason

Daniel Stuart Cohen
Richard Scott Cohen

Melanie Cohen
Stuart Cohen

Joshua Paul Cohen

Marcia Cohen
Barry Cohen
Lee Cohen
Mark Cohen

Cynthia Jill Cohen
Scott Jason Cohen

Debora Dee Cutler
Edwin Stephen Cutler

Nicholas Day

Michele Dennis
Ronald Dennis
Mark Dennis
Hayden Dennis

Brenda Sylvia Elfman
Amy Lou Elfman
Cathy Helene Elfman

Sally Ann Emple
Robert Mark Emple

Lisa Faith Emple
Janet Hope Emple

Elaine Epstein
Bruce Epstein
Carol Epstein

Patty Finn
Susan Finn
Hester Finn

Allan Freedman
Anne Susan Freedman

Mark Randall Friedman
Mitchell Alan Friedman

Michelle Lois Garson
Gregg Scott Garson

Marvin Howard Glazier
Lynn Ann Glazier
Rachel Enid Glazier

Jerome B. Goldsmith
Diana L. Goldsmith
David J. Goldsmith
Dana L. Goldsmith
Jody A. Goldsmith
Bette Ann Goldsmith

Henry A. Goodstein
Lawrence N. Goodstein
Kenneth B. Goodstein

Louis Jeffrey Gotlib
Marcia Jean Gotlib

Roger Green
Kenneth Green
Nancy Green

Debbie Greenberg

Barbara R. Grodinsky
Aura K. Grodinsky

Carol F. Gross

Richard Alan Grossman
Mark David Grossman
Beth Lynn Grossman

David Honig
Jeffrey Honig

Heidi Jill Israel

Candace Beth Kagan
Leslie Jane Kagan
Nikki Lee Kagan
Daniel Gelb Kagan

Michael Kahn
Jonathan Kahn

Peter Kaminski
George Kaminski

Anne M. Kaplin
Jill M. Kaplin
Peter Maury Kaplin

Barbara Helen Kominsky
Norman Scott Kominsky

Susan L. Laeger
Jane N. Laeger
Allison L. Laeger

Rachel Linda Lait

Diane Wendy Lieberman

Lauren Beth Levine
Scott Edward Levine

Alan Jay Lincoln

Stephen Miller
Sybil Miller
Mickey Miller

Howard Marc Miller
Randi Ilene Miller
Lori Ann Miller
Stephen Richard Miller

Emily Beth Miller
Mark Warren Miller

Robyn Miller
Scot Miller
Alisa Miller
Kimberly Miller

Marilyn Beth Minsky

Steven Jay Mogul
Carolyn Beth Mogul
Debbie Ann Oliver
Stephanie Lynne Oliver

Maxine Beth Ollove
Michael Lewis Ollove
Peter Stuart Ollove

Marilyn Ina Ornstein
Louis Andrew Ornstein

Stephen C. Paul

Gail Ellen Plesset
Robert Jordan Plesset

Elaine Susan Povich
Lou Fredric Povich

Bruce L. Rapaport

Esa Jane Rapaport

Scott Rapaport
Jane Rapaport
Susan Rapaport

Bonnie Lisa Rappaport
Randy Michael Rappaport
Louis Ira Rappaport

Edward Rice
Gary Rice

Lauren Rich
Karen Rich

Lawrence Alan Rolnick
Rena Bess Rolnick
Elcanor Lee Rolnick

Anne C. Rolsky

Robert Rolsky

Vicki Anne Rolsky

Michael Rosen
Richard Rosen
Phillip Rosen

Richard Lewis Rosenthal
Susan Jane Rosenthal
Leslie Ann Rosenthal

Ruth Rothseid
Andrew Rothseid

Jeffrey Bruce Rudman
John Steven Rudman

Margo Ellen Rudman
Lisa Lee Rudman

Robert Kolker Rudman
Samuel Kolker Rudman
Lewis James Rudman

Jeffrey Zade Rudom

Hope Ellen Schiro

Susan Lynn Schiro
Jeffrey Craig Schiro

Mark Andrew Segal
Stephen Erik Segal

Jane Alice Segal
Hope Amy Segal
Elizabeth Ann Segal
Richard Myer Segal
Robert Bacon Segal

Susan Gale Serota
Michael Silver Serota

Paul A. Shapero
Sue J. Shapero

Jeffrey Alan Silver
Scott Eric Silver
Stephen Paul Silver

Stephanie Slon
Dennis Slon

Barry Alan Sokol
Amy Jo Sokol

James Steinberg
Margot Steinberg

Brenda P. Stone
Richard I. Stone

Wendy Ellen Striar
Sherry L. Swankin
Robin Swankin

Matthew Richard Tabenken
Lee Marcus Tabenken

Karen Beverly Trembowler

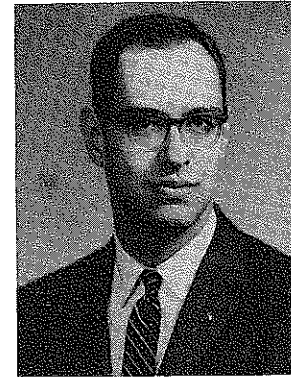
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Richard Peter Viner

Jonathan Viner
Robert Viner
Diane Viner

Bonnie Wittner
Ilene S. Wittner

Beth Israel Members In Public Service

The scions of the Jews who were described in 1888 as "sober, industrious, and law-abiding," have become less self-conscious and more expressive both in their Judaism and in their Americanism. Beth Israel has



NORMAN MINSKY

been a congregation of splendid men and women, many of whom have been fired by the vision of Israel's teachers to do justly and to love mercy. They have known that their religion demands service to their fellowman, and they have served human beings without distinction of color or creed. They have endeavored to apply the ideal of the Levitical commandment "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Leaders in many philanthropic, civil and cultural enterprises have marched from their ranks. They have been good American citizens, ready to serve their country, their state and city. Here



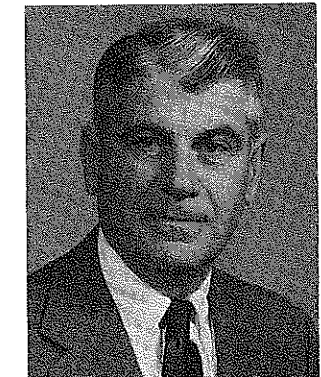
BRIG. GENERAL
BERNARD S. WATERMAN

in Bangor, they have developed industrial and commercial institutions, nationally known, for integrity and fair dealing. The record of these men is a source of pride and a precious legacy. It is an inspiration to the

members of Beth Israel, not merely to carry on a noble tradition, but to add to its significance.

Before the half way mark of the present century was reached, the Jews of Beth Israel, with all their involvement in the fortunes of their fellow-Jews the world over, had become associated with all phases of civic life. More and more of them rose to importance and distinction. The preponderant majority of them were now native to the soil. This modest chronicle, at the risk of dissent, must restrict itself to naming only a few whose contributions have enriched our community life. The members of Beth Israel include eminent judges, physicians, attorneys and prominent merchants and industrialists. Many are active in public affairs. Public service and personal achievement are a measure of the journey from the small frame building on Center Street, to the concrete and steel structure on York Street. The achievement of Congregation Beth Israel has been the achievement of America. So its future is the American future.

If at this point a few may be named who rose to a high level in the state's industrial enterprise, the list



LAWRENCE M. CUTLER, M.D.

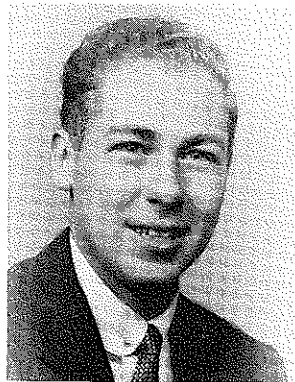
would have to include James Gimpel Striar, who came to America in his teens, and became a leading figure in the textile industry. He was even more famous as a philanthropist, especially in the promotion of Jewish learning and all phases of the United Jewish Appeal. Nor could the list omit Max Kagan and Joseph Emple, nationally known figures in their respective fields. Kagan, a pioneer in the shoe industry in this area, and Emple, operator of one of the largest knitting mills in the East, are both distinguished for their philanthropy and active aid to the State of Israel. Samuel Goodman is remembered for the numerous refugee families he brought to these shores and his zeal in nurturing and developing the Home for the Aged in Portland.

On the local, state and national levels, Jews of Beth

Israel were elected or appointed to office, and figured prominently in the less-defined areas of civic affairs and public service. Michael Pilot was appointed Assistant United States Attorney in 1935 and served with credit both to himself and his office for four years. Edward I. Gross was named Judge of the Bangor Municipal Court in 1953, and nine years later acceded to the Mayoralty of the City of Bangor. He, too, has been prominently identified with many Jewish endeavors.

The judiciary appears to have enlisted many prominent American Jews throughout the land. It has been said of them that because of their Jewish backgrounds "they viewed the law not as a hardened system of logic and precedent, but as a living organism designed to serve the needs of an evolving society." Abraham Moses Rudman was designated a Justice of the Superior Court of Maine in 1954. Justice Rudman has brought honor to Maine Jewry and added lustre to an already distinguished reputation. He served as the first president of B'nai Brith Lodge and this same honor was accorded him in 1938 with the establishment of the Jewish Community Center.

Several Bangor Jews are making important contributions to the progress of medicine in this region. Jews came to America with a tradition of reverence for the art of healing that went back to the Middle Ages. Many of our great medieval scholars, philosophers and poets had been practitioners of the art. In the New World the tradition retained its vigor and in the dreams of several Beth Israel members the first choice of a calling for their sons was that of physician. Names such as Dr. Lawrence M. Cutler and Dr. Eugene E. Brown have figured prominently in Maine medical circles. Dr. Cutler is also active in the field of education. He served as chairman of the Bangor School Board and presently



JULES MOGUL

is chairman of the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine.

The American Jewish community is proud of the splendid record of our men and women who have taken part in two world wars. We of Beth Israel have voiced our debt of gratitude elsewhere in this publication. We are especially proud of a former resident, Brigadier Gen-

eral Bernard S. Waterman, named after his grandfather, Reb Yehudah Wasserman (Waterman). General Waterman is the son of Samuel Waterman now residing in Lewiston. Reb Yehudah Wasserman will be remembered by some of our members as the Principal of the Free Hebrew School established by Beth Israel in 1903. General Waterman commanded an artillery battalion at Saipan, Tinian and Leyte and led the 419th Field Artillery Group through the Okinawa campaign. After serving with the Logistics Division of The General Staff of the U. S. Army, Europe, and as commander of the 30th Field Artillery Group of the 7th Army. Since February 1962 he has been artillery commander of the 5th Infantry Division.



MILFORD COHEN

- Myer Epstein, Chairman Bangor City Council 1917-1919
- Milford Cohen, Bangor School Committee
- Sidney Epstein, Trustee Bangor Water District
- Max Kominsky, Commissioner Urban Renewal Authority
- Norman Minsky, Member Maine Legislature; City Planning Board
- Edward Stern, Recorder Bangor Municipal Court; Acting Judge
- Diane Cutler, Recreation Advisory Committee
- Albert Schiro, Trustee Recreation Center
- Samuel J. Rosen, D.M.D., Dental Health Advisory Committee
- Howard L. Kominsky, D.M.D., Dental Health Advisory Committee
- William C. Viner, Industrial Development Advisory Committee
- Gerald E. Rudman, Civil Service Commission
- Jules Mogul, Complaint Justice District Court
- Abraham J. Stern, City Solicitor Bangor
- Edward I. Gross, Judge Bangor Municipal Court; Mayor of Bangor
- Lawrence M. Cutler, M.D., Chairman, Board of Trustees University of Maine; Bangor School Board
- Abraham M. Rudman, LL.D., Justice Superior Court; Bangor School Board

Military Service

"The Lord is With Thee Valiant Warrior"
Judges 6:12

"The American people need no reminder of the service which those of Jewish faith have rendered our nation. It has been a service with honor and distinction. History reveals that your people have played a great and commendable part in the defense of Americanism during the World War and prior wars, and have contributed much in time of peace toward the development and preservation of the glory and romance of our country and our democratic form of government."

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Spanish-American War 1898
Myer Kominsky
Morris Hall

World War I
Sgt. Harry Allen
Pvt. Louis L. Byer
Pvt. Moses Byer
Pvt. Robert Cohen
S 2/c Harry Epstein

Pvt. Louis A. Frankel
S 1/c George S. Ginsberg
Sgt. Abe Goldsmith
Pfc. Bernard K. Hillson
*Cpl. Hyman Hillson
Sgt. Philip Koritzky
S 1/c George Levenson
*Pfc. Henry Lait
Pfc. Louis Lieberman
Pvt. Samuel Lipsky

S 2/c Sam Marcus
QM Maurice Miller
Pfc. Myer Minsky
Pvt. Harry Morris
Pvt. Samuel Richardson
Sgt. William Rosen
Pvt. Samuel Rosen
S 1/c Abraham Rudman

*Killed in action

WORLD WAR II

Many young men of Beth Israel were called into active service in the Armed Forces and their congregational dues were waived for the duration. Soldiers from neighboring camps were cordially received at Synagogue functions and entertained in many of the Jewish homes. The men and women of the congregation distinguished themselves in war service work.

Cpl. Lawrence Baron
Lt. Arthur Bayer
Capt. Hayden Bayer
T/Sgt. Albert Bernstein
S 2/C Robert Bernstein
R3 Selden Bernstein
Theodore Braveman
1st Lieut. Irving Broder
Lt. Eugene E. Brown
Sgt. Irvin Byer
Sgt. Myer Byer
Lt. J.G. Walter Cahners
Capt. Martin Cantor
S/Sgt. Seymour Chamoff
Pfc. Harold Chason
S/Sgt. George Cohen
Pfc. Milford Cohen
Col. Lawrence Cutler
Capt. Donald Day
S/Sgt. Kenneth Elfman
Pfc. Herbert Emple
Pfc. Irving Emple
Pfc. Lawrence Emple
Sgt. Maurice Emple
1st Lt. Sidney Epstein
PhM 3/C Herbert Freedman
Maj. Albert Friedman
S/C Neil Glazier
S/Sgt. Joan Golden
S. F. 3/c Edgar Goldsmith

Sgt. Joseph Goldsmith
T/4 Milton Goldsmith
Pvt. Marvin Goldstein
1 C PO Benjamin Goodstein
Cpl. Max Gotlieb
Sgt. Harold Grodinsky
Capt. Edward Gross
1st Lt. Jerome Grossman
HA1c Harvey Hillson
Cpl. Archie Kamen
Cpl. Nathan Kamen
Pfc. Donald Kominsky
Maj. Howard Kominsky
S 2/C Morris Koritzky
F 1/C Millard Koritzky
1st Lt. Leo Kupsenal
Pvt. Lawrence Lait
FCS Samuel Levine
BM 2/c Harold Maisel
S/Sgt. David Miller
S.Sgt. Henry Miller
S 2/C Sanford Miller
1st Lt. Morris Ollove
1st Lt. Murry Oppenheim
1st Lt. Dorothy Kamen Ornstein
Maj. Joseph G. Ornstein
Sgt. Irving Paul
Cpl. Sidney Paul
Sgt. Lewis Plessett
S 1/C Abraham Podolsky

SK 2/C Shirley Povich
SK 3/C David Rapaport
S/Sgt. Isadore Rolnick
Pvt. Louis Rolnick
Pfc. Simon Rolsky
2nd Lt. Daniel Rosen
Capt. Lawrence Rosen
Sgt. Morris Rubin
Maj. David Rudman
Cpl. Elmer Saltzman
Cpl. William Saltzman
Ensign Martin Schneider
S/Sgt. Benjamin Segal
2nd Lt. Louis Segal
S/Sgt. Vernon Segal
Capt. Jacob Serota
T 4 Sumner Shafmaster
Maj. Benjamin Shapero
Capt. Lawrence Slon
Cpl. Shelton Sokol
Sgt. Isadore Solomon
Pvt. Abraham Stern
Cpl. Arthur Stern
T/4 Max Striar
T/Sgt. Nathan Sucher
Ensign Gerald Tabenken
Lt. Comdr. Ben Viner
Sgt. Leo Viner
S/Sgt. Harry Weinstein
Cpl. Nathan Weinstein