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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

During this, the fiftieth anniversary year, of our B'nai B'rith lodge, let us re dedicate ourselves to the purposes of our order. Let us take our inspiration from the men who founded our lodge and those who diligently to bring it to its successful place in District 7.

Times change, but basic needs do not. The need to relate to our fellow man through service our youth through BBYO and Hillel; the need to aid those with physical and emotional needs through Leo N. Levy Hospital and Bellefaires. These needs can only be met by the effort, the talent of each Ben B'rith.

It is my sincere hope and special aim to keep our lodge active, productive and involved in temporary programs and needs of B'nai B'rith for as we know it is involvement and activity that keep our lodge healthy and alive.

To serve as president during this Golden Anniversary year is an honor and a privilege. Over fifty years with great pride, let us look forward with great hope.

Mel Fine
President, B’nai B’rith

AZA

Morris Mayer, “father” of AZA in Lorain was its first advisor when the chapter thirty-five years ago. During his 27 years as advisor the chapter received many district and national citations. In 1939, the Lorain AZA won National Honorable Mention, and in 1940 and 1941 was awarded the National Best Chapter Award.

Mayer was honored by the district for his many years of work with the youth group and his influence and inspiration led many alumni of AZA to continue on with B’nai B’rith and eventually serve as president of the Lodge. The Lorain Lodge has established the “Morris Mayer” fund to aid Lorain Jewish youth in completing training programs and supplying aid to education.

Arthur Goodman, present advisor to AZA, served 13 years as assistant to Morris Mayer before assuming his role as advisor. Goodman, an alumnus of AZA, is now in his twenty-first year of service to the youth group, and last year was cited by the District Grand Lodge for his contribution to AZA.

Under Goodman’s guidance, Lorain has hosted many regional and district conventions, supplied many officers at state and district levels, and continued to maintain the Lorain AZA prestige in the state and district.

David Beller, Aleph Godol of Lorain AZA, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Norman Beller, is a junior at Lorain High School. An honor student and member of the student council, David is also a member of the cross country team. Active in student affairs, he is presently chairman of the school N.A.A.C.P. membership committee.
Lorain Lodge of B’nai B’rith is honored to present David M. Blumberg, vice president of the Supreme Lodge of B’nai B’rith as featured speaker at its fiftieth anniversary dinner.

A graduate of the University of Tennessee, and Washington University of St. Louis, Mr. Blumberg served 4 years in the Navy and was honorably discharged with the rank of Lieutenant Senior Grade. He entered the insurance field in 1948, and his record of achievement led to his election as president of the Knoxville Association of Life Underwriters in 1954, and served as the first president of the Tennessee Leaders Club of Life Underwriters.

After heading many state insurance associations, Blumberg was elected president of the National Association of Life Underwriters, and was a member of the Million Dollar Round Table in 1956, 1957, 1964, 1968, 1969 and 1970. He also won the National Quality Award for 12 years.

Despite a brilliant business career, David Blumberg devoted much time to civic, cultural and fraternal activities, serving as a member of the White House Conference on Youth from Knox County and was president of the Council of Community Services in 1959 - 1960. He also served as president of the Knoxville Chamber of Commerce, and the Knoxville Symphony Society.

Serving in his sixth year as vice president of the Supreme Lodge of B’nai B’rith, David Blumberg has also headed the “Leo N. Levi National Arthritis Hospital” since 1966 and has served as chairman of the International Order of B’nai B’rith Youth Commission. He has also been National Chairman of the B’nai B’rith Membership Cabinet and the B’nai B’rith Fund Raising Cabinet.

Among the many other civic organizations, Blumberg was elected a member of the Sisters of Mercy Board of Regents, and served as chairman of the Lay Advisory Board of St. Mary’s Memorial Hospital since 1965.

Listed in “Who’s Who in America”, “Who’s Who in World Jewry” and “Who’s Who in Insurance”, Blumberg was accorded the B’nai B’rith Humanitarian Award in 1967. He was also awarded the “Distinguished Service Award” as Knoxville’s 1961 “Man of the Year”. These were only a few of the many distinguished awards won by David M. Blumberg, who was crowned a 33 Degree Mason in 1965. Lorain Salutes You!
50th Anniversary Dinner
of the B'nai B'rith Lorain Lodge No. 863

Program

Invocation ................................... Howard Bernes

Dinner ........................................ Sisterhood Catering Committee

Welcome Address ............................... Mel Fine, President

Toastmaster .................................... Hyman Goldberg

Introduction of Past Presidents
and Charter Members ......................... Jack L. Nedelman

Special Presentation ........................... Ted Marks
President District Grand Lodge #2

Musical Interlude ............................... Betty Goodman

Introduction of Guest Speaker ............... Edward J. Gould

Address ......................................... David M. Blumberg
Vice President of Supreme Lodge

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Howard Bernes
Mrs. Sanford Asch and Mrs. "Motey" Rotem are the present advisors of the B.B.G., and have served for the past four years. Both received their training under Goldie Mayer who was the first advisor of "Hadassah Buds", the forerunner of the B'nai B'rith Girls. Goldie served for twelve years before health forced her to withdraw from youth work.

Under the leadership of Caroline and Jill, the Lorain B.B.G. have been the spark that is keeping Lorain B.B.Y.O among the top youth groups in the district and recognized as one of the best in the country.

Merle Schiffman, president of B.B.G., is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Martin Schiffman, and junior at Lorain High School. She is a member of A Capella Choir, Dramatic Arts Club, and the Ambassadors Field Service.

Merle is presently serving as recording secretary for the Regional B.B.G. in 1970-71.

A message from the Editor

In our attempt to highlight the five decades of the history of our lodge, from the exciting growth of the twenties and thirties, through the post war years, to the present confused and war-torn year 1970, it is apparent that many events, and the dedicated people who sponsored them were overlooked.

Every administration has contributed something of great value to the lodge, every president confronted and overcame the same problems, and all have carried on the principles of B'nai B'rith.

For the error of omission, I offer them my humble and sincere apologies.

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Fifty Long Years! Fifty Short Years! The history of our Lorain Lodge is both long and short, filled with many happy events and some sad ones too. The achievements of the past will always remain alive as long as there remains a Ben B'rith to remember the years gone by.

Fortunately we still have with us members of the Lodge who can recall the beginning of Lorain Lodge #863 and we are proud to present the Charter members who are with us on this golden anniversary celebration: Morris Asch, Morris Berman, Dr. B. B. Freedman, Ed Gould and Abe Rogowin.

In reviewing the first decade of the Lodge these nomadic Jews can count at least eight meeting places before the Lodge welded the Jewish community into one religious Congregation. Some of the first social events were the dances that we held with the Elyria Lodge. The first picnic was held in 1921 and the picnic is still an important annual function. The poker games that lasted beyond "decent hours", the stags, the tornado, the first AZA chapter, the degree team that was famous throughout the state for many years, all of these and many more shall remain treasured memories.

In 1921 under the leadership of our first president, Louis Goldstein, a protest was made against the Gorrell Bill allowing religious teachings in the public school system. A musicale, which was the forerunner to our later "Brevities" was held, and the Pushke (charity box) was initiated as a regular part of the meeting.

With Lou Fields at the helm in 1922 and Harry Bregman in 1923, some suitable furniture was purchased in the form of chairs and lecturns for the President, Vice President and Monitor. Harry Bregman initiated the conversations between the two local Jewish congregations in an attempt to unify the community.

Ed Gould led the Lodge in 1924 during the year of the devastating tornado. The Grand Lodge gave the Lorain Red Cross $10,000 for tornado relief.

During the spring of 1925 while Dr. B. B. Freedman was president, an open meeting was held to discuss the proposed construction of a new Temple. From the time the original talks and ideas were first formulated, until the completion of the new Temple at 9th and Reid Avenue, almost as much time elapsed as was involved in the formulation and completion of our present new Temple at Meister and Pole Avenues.

In 1926 under the able leadership of Dr. I. H. Glucksman we were contributing to disaster funds, protesting the treatment of our brethren in Roumania and working for the new Temple.

Sam Goldstein became our President in 1927 and the Lodge that year sponsored the formation of an AZA chapter. It flourished for a short period but disbanded when most of the members left for college. Dr. B. B. Freedman became recording secretary of the lodge and was to hold this position for a record number of 25 years.

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During Meyer Gordon's administration in 1928, a meeting was held at 9th and Reid Avenue, the site of the future location of the Temple. Sam Goldstein served as President of the Ohio – Kentucky Association in 1928. The ritual degree team which made Lorain Lodge famous throughout the District was formed with Ben Lustig, Milton Friedman, Aaron Lertzman and Morrie Mayer as members.

Aaron Lertzman was president in 1929 when the Lodge agreed to make its first payment toward the $1,000 pledge for a lodge room as soon as the contract for the building was signed.

It was during the term of Albert Levin in 1930 that the infamous “picnic” incident occurred when the Elyria Lodge failed to pay $15.00 as their share of the cost of the joint picnic. We haven't forgotten! (Some may not have even forgiven.)

It was in 1931 that the new Temple Building was finally completed and we held our first meeting in the Lodge room in the new building. Joseph Silpe presided and during that year Sam Goldstein appealed on behalf of the Lodge to have Shakespeare’s “Merchant of Venice” excluded from the course of school study. Favorable response was expected.

In November 1931 the formation of a bowling league was presented for study. Dr. B. B. Freedman was elected President of the Ohio State Assn. of B’nai B’rith Lodges in 1931.

The year 1932 found Milton Friedman at the helm of B’nai B’rith. In April, 1932, a motion was passed that the President buy a box of cigars for the Lodge. In the recollection of the authors it seems as though this motion has been ignored for many, many years, and many past presidents owe boxes of cigars to the Lodge.

Sam Goldstein was elected President of District 2 of B’nai B’rith in 1932 to become the first and only member of the Lorain Lodge to achieve this high office.

The election of 1933 brought George Nelson to the highest office of the Lodge. The actions of Adolph Hitler were protested by sending signed petitions to Washington, D. C. A protest over an election in the Lodge was made to the District Grand Lodge. Lunches at meetings were discontinued because of the depression.

Julius Klein was our “Bar Mitzvah Year” president in 1934. The oppression of our brethren in Germany was being felt and the D.G.L. assessed each member $1.00 for the relief of these brethren.

Morris Asch presided in 1935. Minutes from that year are missing and events are not noted. (Morris Asch, we are told, was a very successful president during his term of office.)

1936 brought Dr. I. L. Levin into the B. B. spotlight as president. The Lorain AZA chapter was re-organized amidst a challenge that it wouldn’t last. (In 1970 Lorain AZA can boast of 35 successful years as a youth organization.) A proposal was made that a B’nai B’rith Auxiliary be formed. Morris Mayer became the first advisor of the Lorain AZA chapter.

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Dr. Reichek (Phil) was president in 1937. Since the 1934 assessment of $1.00 per member had not been completely paid, Brother Reichek took the responsibility of collecting the balance of $25.00. The lodge sent flood relief money to Cincinnati.

Milt Friedman came back as president in 1938. He is our only "two-time" president. The proposal of a ladies auxiliary was "filed" for the time being. Funds were collected for Austrian and German relief.

Famed for having headed the Degree team, Brother Ben Lustig was made president in 1939. Attendance at meetings was a problem then and serious note was made of same. Plans were initiated for the 20th Anniversary celebration to be held in 1940.

After several years of lengthy discussion, a fan was finally purchased and installed in the Lodge Room during the reign of Morris Mayer in 1940. Crystal Beach park was the site of the annual picnic. On September 15, 1940 Richard Gutstadt, National Director of the Anti-Defamation League, was the principal speaker at the 20th Anniversary Dinner. A large crowd attended the dinner-dance celebrating the 20th anniversary.

In 1941 Itz Sepsenwol became our president. Lorain AZA won the best chapter award at the National Convention held in Kerville, Texas. Dr. B. B. Freedman moved that the Lodge hold an anniversary affair every year; the motion was carried.

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Good old Bill Klein was elected President in 1943. Lt. Harry Mayer became the first soldier on active duty to become a member of the Lodge. A plaque listing the names of Jewish boys and girls from Lorain entering the military services was purchased and placed in the Lodge room.

Johnny Roth presided over the Lodge in 1944. Aaron Lertzman was the Lodge nominee as the “man who did the most for war service” in Lorain. The Lodge was very active in bond drives, both in promoting the sale and purchasing of bonds.

In 1945 Nate Wittow served as President. A B’nai B’rith Auxiliary was again proposed and tabled. Returning veterans were given a year’s free membership in the Lorain lodge. The War ended and the Lodge was rightfully proud of its war year’s contributions to the national defense effort in money, material and manpower.

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Dave Rieger had the honor of being President for a year and a half, from January, 1946 to June, 1947, when the Lodge decided to have the term of office changed from Jan. 1 to June 1. The annual picnic was resumed after discontinuance during war time. Vocational guidance and veteran rehabilitation were of great concern to the Lodge during this period.

The first mid-year president was Dave Gary. The Lodge authorized the expenditure of $15.00 for the annual picnic. The lodge undertook to raffle a car. The first meeting of the fall season was a "Bowling" meeting. A golf outing was held for the first time in October of 1957. Rabbi Samuel Meyer was elected to membership in 1947, shortly after his arrival in Lorain.

The first of the war veterans to become president was Bob Goldstein in 1948. A softball league was formed that played every Sunday morning at Lakeview Park. The Lodge gave $1,000 to Jewish Welfare Fund. The by-laws of the Lodge were amended for the umpteenth time in Lodge history. It seems to be a perennial problem.

In 1949 the Lodge divided the secretarial duties by electing a recording secretary and a financial secretary. Dr. B. B. Freedman was elected financial secretary and Frank Gary recording secretary.

"B. B. Brevities" was a huge artistic and financial success during 1950 when Lou Danzig was president.
Hillel House at Ohio University received $400 from the Lodge and additional funds were contributed to other charities. The Lodge also contributed to the furnishing of a room at St. Joseph Hospital and gave $750 to Lorain Jewish Welfare Fund.

Art Lipsin followed into the "catbird seat" of the Lodge in 1951. The Lodge went on record as favoring a Fair Employment Practices Ordinance in the City of Lorain. Money was raised to replace and refurbish the ritual paraphernalia of the Lodge.

In 1952, Sid Gotliffe assumed presidency. Over $70,000 was raised in an Israel Bond Drive. Dr. B. B. Freedman retired as secretary after 25 years of service to the Lodge, and Brother Julius Klein retired as treasurer after 15 years of service. The Lodge signed up 25 new members during the last six months of 1951, which was a record breaking achievement.

President for 1952-53 was Dr. Sol Alpern. The Lodge raised over $1,300 for Little League Baseball in Lorain. A discussion of the Monte Carlo to be held resulted in a vote forbidding dice games from being held at the affair. The Lodge oversubscribed the package plan in response to an appeal by Grand Lodge President Phil Klutznik. We won the "Outstanding Lodge Award" at the district convention.

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Harry Mayer attained the office of presidency for 1953-54. A big party was planned at the Temple for the “Paint-up, Clean-up” project. Profits were reported both on the golf tournament and the picnic events held during the summer. The Monte Carlo made $650 which was split with the Women’s Chapter.

President during 1954-55 was Harold Margolis. To stimulate attendance, “birthday” parties were held monthly honoring those members whose birthday occurred during the month. Another Monte Carlo made about $262. The by-laws were being changed—yet.

Howard Maier followed into the presidency. The picnic again returned to Lakeview Park after having traveled to Cedar Point. The Lodge had its “first annual” dance during the summer at the Saddle Inn and it was very successful. The Lodge contributed $135.00 as our share of the cost of giving vocational guidance tests to 18 local AZA Boys and BB Girls.

Leadership of the Lodge during 1956-57 was accepted by Lloyd Bornstein, under whose tenure the second B.B. Brevities was produced. This was a bigger production and was presented at Lorain High School and the Lodge gave $1,000 of its profit to the Temple Building Fund.

Henry Berg served as President during 1957-58. The Metropolitan Raffle was an excellent fund-raising project. Joint meeting with AZA resulted in better understanding of AZA program by Ben B’rits. The Barnyard attracted an enthusiastic turnout of members who hoped to be lucky winners of turkeys and chickens. The real winner was the Lorain Lodge as a result of increased proceeds for B’nai B’rith charities.

During Ben Margolis’ administration in 1958-59, the Lodge attained a high of 266 members. The Lodge sponsored the purchase of 120 ADL car cards which were placed in Employee Transit Buses. A Brotherhood Sabbath Service was held with the Masons as guests and Marty Gluchow as guest speaker. Brother Morris Mayer was awarded a B’nai B’rith Youth Services Pin by the Grand Lodge in honor of his many years of service to AZA.

Howard Bernes occupied the presidential chair during 1959-60. On November 9, 1959 David Rubinoff, renowned violinist, presented a concert at Lorain High School sponsored by the Lodge, which was a huge success culturally and financially. Earlier in the afternoon Mr. Rubinoff gave free concerts in several of the public schools. Judge Albert Woldman of Cleveland, Ohio spoke on the “Life of Abe Lincoln” at the annual Brotherhood Sabbath service before a large crowd at the Temple. The Lodge went on record urging members to support the Salvation Army Building Fund Appeal.

On May 6, 1960, Lorain AZA celebrated their Silver Anniversary with Dr. Max Baer, National Membership Chairman of B’nai B’rith as speaker at the banquet, where Morris Mayer was honored for his long years of service as chapter advisor. $200.00 was contributed to the AZA Silver Anniversary Fund.
LORAIN LODGE #863

Jack L. Nedelman served as President during the 40th anniversary year of Lorain Lodge in 1960-61. Howard Bernes received the BB National Gold Achievement Award for outstanding work in membership retention and membership gain during 1959-60. Inflation resulted in an increase of membership dues to $20.00 per year effective January 1, 1961. A speaker from Lakelands’ Woman’s Club addressed the Lodge on the “New Hospital Bond Issue” on November 1, 1960. Vocational training program for mothers on welfare was supported by a contribution from the Lodge. Sidney G. Kusworm, National Treasurer of Supreme Lodge, was principal speaker at memorable 40th Anniversary Dinner held on April 23, 1961, before a capacity crowd. The affair was an outstanding success.

On June 6, 1961, Bob Deutsch was installed as president for 1961-62 year. Arnold Rosenthal presented an Israeli Flag to the Lodge on June 20, 1961. Joe Guserov spoke on “Inside Russia” after returning from his visit to his brother in Russia. On November 7, 1961 Ed Gould presented a motion that the Lorain Lodge help sponsor the Hillel councillorship at Oberlin College commencing with the year 1961-62, and contribute $500.00 as our share. The motion was passed unanimously, and the Lodge has been supporting the Hillel councillorship at Oberlin every year from 1962 to 1970 in the annual amount of $500.00. A “Night at the Races” was a new innovation in fund raising. Luncheon meetings were instituted on a trial basis in an attempt to increase attendance at meetings. The turnout was good. However, the idea was dropped because there was not enough time after the meal was served to have a program and conduct Lodge business.

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In June of 1962 a joint installation dinner of the B'nai B'rith Lodge and B'nai B'rith Women's Chapter was held at the Aquamarine. Hy Goldberg was installed as President of the Lodge and Donna Hart was installed as President of the Women's Chapter. Baron Gold, newly elected President of District 2, was the keynote speaker. The weekly Bowler's Jack Pot for B'nai B'rith charities was inaugurated at the BB JWV regular Weekly Bowling Night at the Slovak Lanes. More than $300.00 was raised the first year under the chairmanship of Ted Ecker and Hy Goldberg, and $300.00 or more has been raised every year since 1963. A Bagel & Lox breakfast was held at Oberlin Hillel. For the first time in many years a joint meeting was held with the Elyria Lodge at the Temple which featured a program about Hillel with students from Western Reserve University and Oberlin College participating. The Elyria Lodge, we are happy to announce, shared the cost of the expenses for the evening and paid for their share immediately.

In June of 1963 the gavel was passed to Hy Margolis, who became the third member of the Margolis family to become President of the Lodge. The AZA beat B'nai B'rith in the annual softball game at the picnic. The Barnyard featured the famous musical group known as the "Dogpatchers" who entertained the largest crowd in barnyard history. At the meeting of December 2, 1963, the following resolution was adopted: "Resolved that this Lodge of B'nai B'rith does hereby express its sorrow and regret over the untimely death of the President of the United States, John F. Kennedy, and for the purpose of memorializing this sad event this resolution shall be entered into the minutes of the meeting." Seymour Gorchoff, ADL Ohio Director, addressed an open meeting in February, 1964, on "Germany Today".

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At the annual installation dinner in June of 1964 Ted Ecker accepted the challenge as head of the Lodge.

At the annual golf outing a minyon was held at the Vermilion Country Club Golf Course grounds on the occasion of the Yahrzeit of Jack Ecker. Rabbi Meyer brought prayer books and skullcaps and led the golfers in prayer for the first minyon ever held in Vermilion. A petition was signed by the members and sent on March 2, 1965, to the West German government requesting that the Statute of Limitations for trials of Nazi war criminals be extended beyond May 8, 1965, expiration date. The Lodge went on record in April of 1965 supporting Issue No. 7 for building class rooms for retarded children.

William Evenchik accepted the presidency for the year 1965 - 66. ADL Memo and Date books explaining holidays of all religions were distributed to school principals, PTA presidents and city officials. The "Thanksgiving Help the Needy Program" was adopted and instituted for the first time under the chairmanship of Ralph Stillman. The response and support by the Lorain Jewish community exceeded expectation. The members were impressed with families visited and suggested that a different group of members be assigned each year to distribute baskets so that everyone has an opportunity to observe the need that exists. In April, 1966 the bylaws were changed to provide that one regular meeting be held each month on the first Tuesday of the month. It was felt that greater effort could be concentrated on getting a better turnout for one meeting each month instead of a smaller turnout for meetings held twice a month.
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Marvin Shaw (who became District 2 President in 1969) installed Dr. Harold Copperman as President for the year 1966-67 at the Holiday Inn installation dinner. Mort Friedman accompanied 18 children from Green Acres by bus to "A Day at the Ohio State Fair" in Columbus, sponsored by the Zion Lodge of Columbus. Many members attended the lecture by Max Dimont, author of "Jews, God and History" sponsored by Oberlin Hillel at Oberlin College.

In May of 1967 Lorain Lodge responded to the Grand Lodge Leadership by sending telegrams to President Johnson and Congressmen urging U.S. support of Israel in the Mid-East crisis.

Arnold Rosenthal presided during the year 1967-68. The summer picnic was a huge success at Lakeview Park. In November, 1967 Hy Goldberg was elected President of the Ohio State Association at the annual convention held in Columbus. Lorain joined the Elyria Lodge in sponsoring a night at the Lakewood Little Theater, at which event Admiral King senior honors class students were guests. "A Day at the Races" was one of the fund raising projects in addition to the annual N.Y. Metropolitan Raffle. "B'nai B'rith - Story of the Covenant" was distributed to the Temple and city libraries.

Under Erwin Froman's direction in 1968-69 the Lodge sponsored 21 children from Green Acres for a "Day at the Fair in Columbus". The controversial Democratic National Convention of 1968 was discussed at the September meeting by eye witnesses Betty Levy and Jack Wolf. ADL material was furnished to the Lorain County Supplementary Educational Center located at the Lorain County Community College. The rising costs of maintaining the B’nai B’rith Program nationally necessitated an increase in dues to $25.00 per year effective January 1, 1969. Veterans Chanukah Gifts and Seder Packages for Servicemen were supported by the Lodge. Thanksgiving baskets for the needy met with popular approval.

In May of 1969 the Bowling League and Lodge held their first joint banquet at the New Temple before the largest crowd ever to attend an installation dinner. Ivan Bergman accepted the position of President. In June of 1969, Art Goodman was honored with the presentation of a 20 year gold Advisor's pin at the District 2 Convention held in Cleveland. Lodge members served as drivers and waiters at the GOC BBYO Convention held at the new Temple in December. The Lodge memorialized Ralph Stillman by officially designating and endorsing "Ralph Stillman Thanksgiving Baskets for Needy Program" as an annual B’nai B’rith project. Matzoh Fund, United Appeal of Lorain County and United Jewish Appeal were supported. Letters and telegrams were sent to Congressmen and State Department officials concerning the U.S. attitude toward Israel, in the current Arab-Israel conflict.

Temple Sisterhood catering committee served an elegant meal at the second annual joint dinner of the bowling League and Lodge. Mel Fine was installed as President during this 50th anniversary year of Lorain B’nai B’rith. Mel also became the first delegate from the Lodge to be subsidized to attend the District 2 convention held for the first time in Miami Beach, Florida in June of 1970. He returned filled with enthusiasm to make this one of the greatest years in the history of Lorain B’nai B’rith.
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