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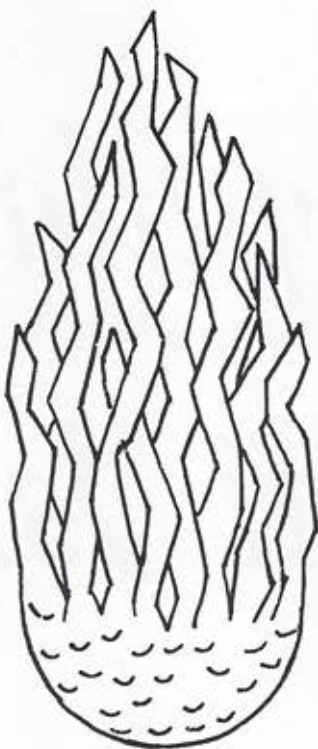
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*Agudath
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MEISTER ROAD AT POLE AVENUE
LORAIN, OHIO

MAY 4, 1969

**Blessed Art Thou, O Lord
Our God, King of the Uni-
verse, Who has kept us in
Life, and has preserved
Us, and has enabled Us to
reach this Season.**



בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי,

אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ

הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחַיִּינוּ

וְקִיָּמָנוּ וְהַגִּיעָנוּ

לְזֶמֶן הַזֶּה:

EDITORS COMMENTS

We wish to give special thanks to the many who have participated in previous Lorain Temple dedications. They have been part of the history of which our congregation can be so proud. Our thanks equally to the members who have worked so diligently to compile this book of memories, which we hope will be enjoyed by the congregation for many years to come.

Our first words of dedication are to the many men and women, whose minds caught the vision, whose hearts held the hope, and whose bodies gave the substance to bring this day about.

Secondly, with as much importance, we dedicate this book to the hope, that there will be a rebirth and rededication by each of us to an active, alive and vibrant congregation.

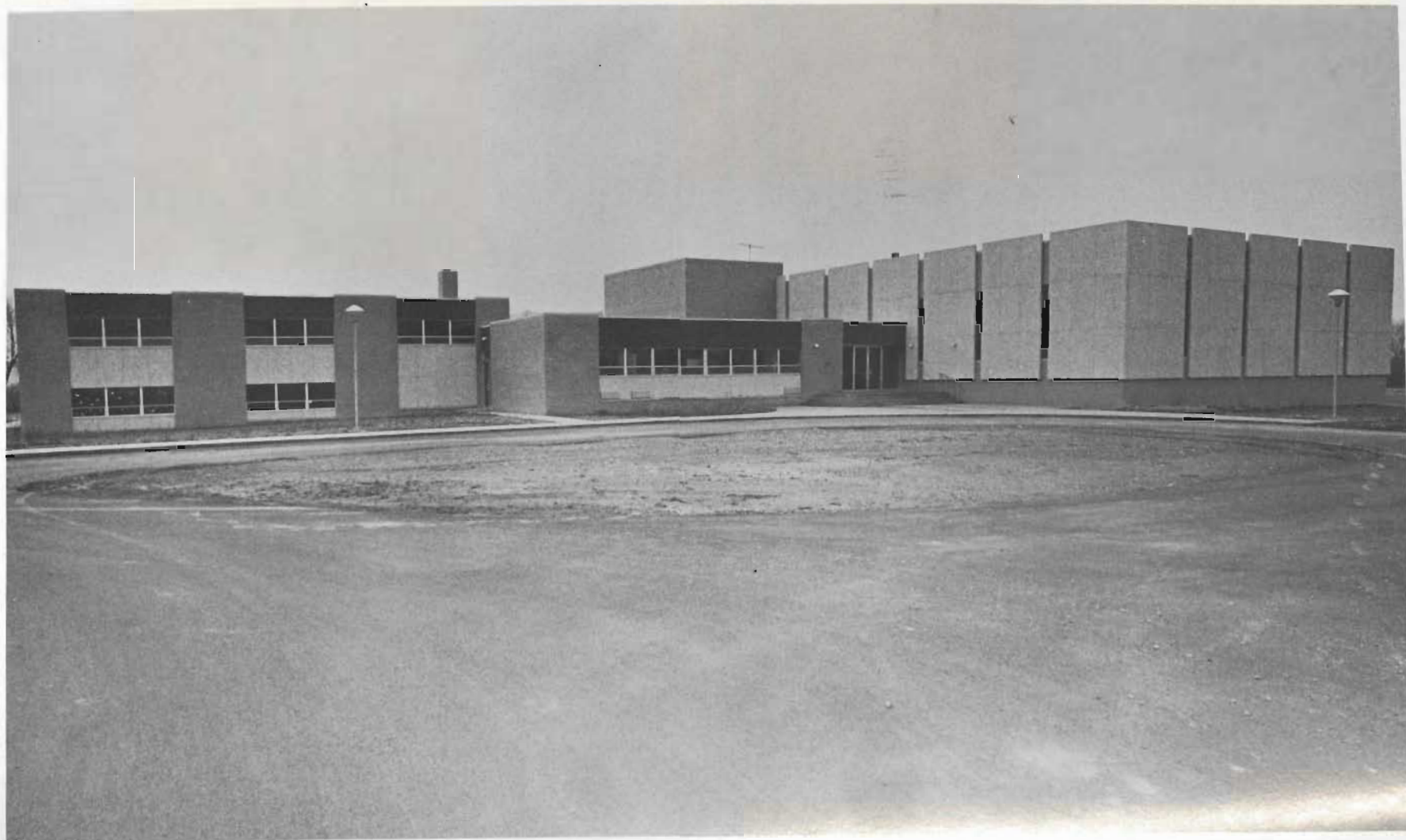
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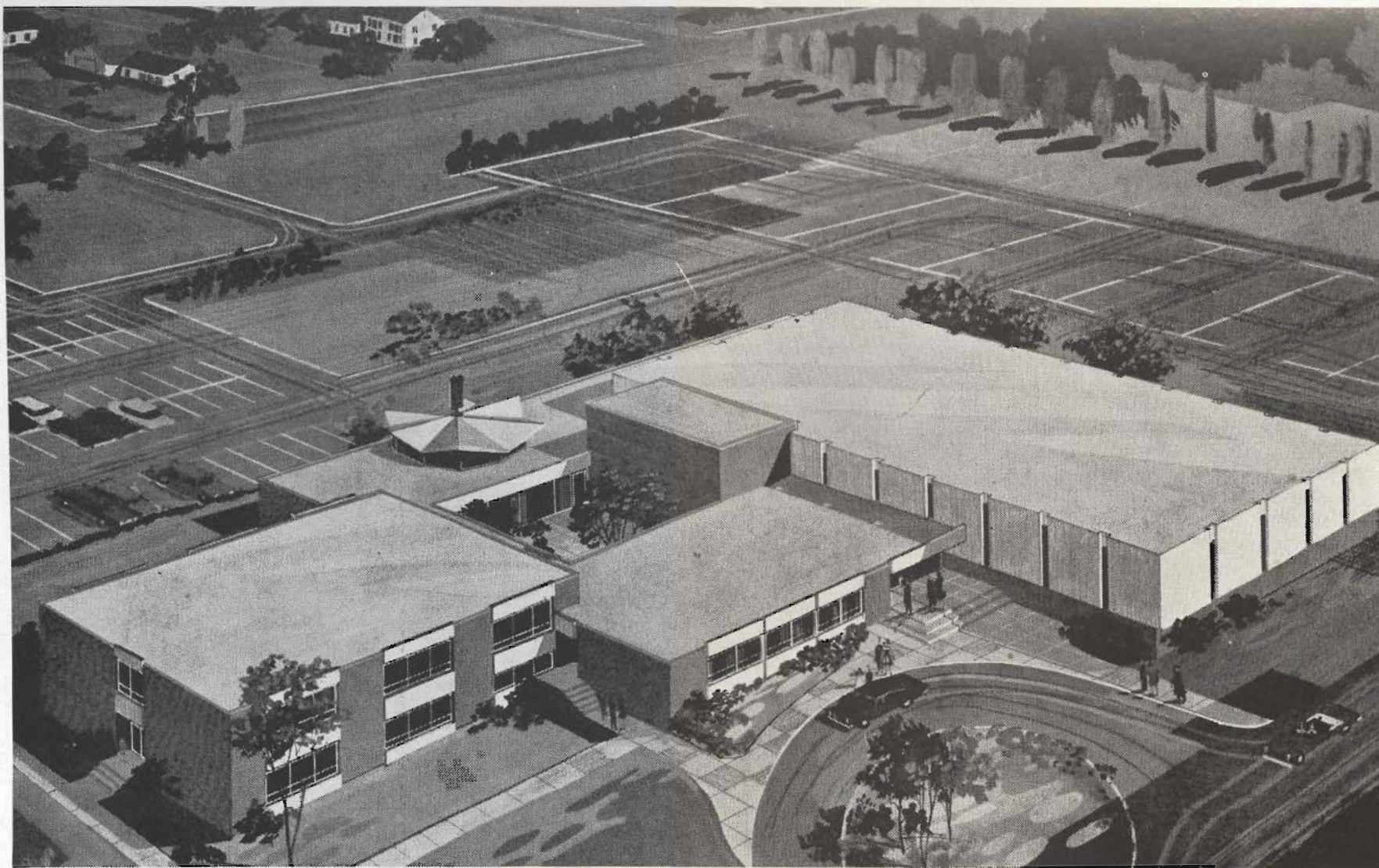
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OUR DREAM HAS NOW BECOME A REALITY



Front View — Taken In March, 1969



ARCHITECT'S SKETCH USED DURING THE CAMPAIGN



Rabbi's New Study



Mrs. Carl Lepon — Head Librarian and Rabbi in our new Jacoby Memorial Library



Main Hallway leading to offices and schoolroom—also to our courtyard

RABBI'S MESSAGE

RABBI SAMUEL MEYER



For me, the dedication of this House of God, culminates almost twenty years of discussion and debate, research and rebuttal. The much needed educational facilities are now here, after two decades of "making do". We have used the basement rooms without ventilation, the gym as a classroom, the sanctuary as a lecture hall and have inconvenienced parents with two shifts on Sunday Mornings.

But, contrary to public opinion, our religion is not a child's religion. It is a religion of commitment, a religion which requires from each participating member a commitment of effort, belief and action. It is not a "one day" or "two day a year" religion. It is not one of minimum requirements. It calls for a full measure of devotion and dedication to the principles of our faith and the needs of the community. True, children must be educated, but adults must be committed. So, our lack of educational facilities was not our primary problem, nor our greatest weak point. We, who took pride in the unity of our Jewish community, were actually a divided community.

Now, with the sanctuary fashioned in beauty and dedicated to the joy of worship, we are a united community, even for those who serve but once a year. The spaciousness of our facilities bringing us together as Jews, not Orthodox, nor Conservative nor Reform Jews, but as Jews to worship our "Father in heaven" removes the hyphens. We are Sons of Israel, (B'NAI ISRAEL).

The theme suggested to the artisans who created the walls, and brought meaning to our building, making it a "house of God" and a "gateway to heaven" have captured the spirit of Judaism.

THE BURNING BUSH which was never consumed . . . Judaism. The flames leaping to the pulpit, to the Ark itself, expressing from whence we draw our strength, our longevity, our eternity.

THE DIASPORA. Exile. Hated and shunned. Harried and chased from pillar to post the eternal march of our people from continent to continent, from country to country, from village to village. And, always the journey heads towards the sanctuary of the Torah. The umbilical chord which has never been severed, which binds us to our God. The Ark. Standing, solitary, but proud. Simple but precious. When our material possessions are taken away, when our wealth is dissipated, when our houses crumble before the winds and vicissitudes of nature, always, there is the Torah, always THERE IS God . . . There is always warmth and shelter and light in the bosom of God.

It is in this spirit that we dedicate our new Temple.

We dedicate it to those who have seen this need for so many years. Who gave of themselves and of their substance, of their time, effort, strength and body.

To the memory of Lew Jacoby who dreamt so many dreams of this House of God.

To the spirit that inspired the presidents of this Temple who never let the dream fade.

To the devoted members of the building fund who never let us forget the dream and to the building committee, who made our dream come true.

To all of them we dedicate this House of God. To all of them, to God and to YOU.

May you always find here, shelter from the storm outside. . . Warmth and meaning, light and knowledge, peace and brotherhood, Amen.

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Out-Going President



Howard L. Bernes

Ten years ago the leadership of this Congregation formulated plans for the building of our new synagogue. The realization of this dream represents many years of dedicated work marked by frustration and determination.

The past year has seen the gradual completion of our new home. This momentous event would not have been possible without the financial support of our membership, the Herculean efforts and broad vision of our many devoted leaders, and the direction and guidance of our Rabbi.

The past year has also seen a gratifying increase in activities and interest as our synagogue has neared completion. However, much work lies ahead before we can say that we have truly taken possession of our new home; work that will challenge all the members of our Congregation. I am confident that the vision that beckoned us onward and the glorious ideals that we have set as our goals, will give us the stamina and the zeal to provide us with the courage and faith to continue to work and financially support our new home.

May the house of worship which we dedicate be a constant rallying place for our consecration to the will of G-d and to the service of our fellowman.

Hyman S. Goldberg

Agudath B'nai Israel by the construction of its new synagogue has challenged itself to sustain the spirit which has prevailed in the Lorain Jewish Community for many years. This achievement has come about because the community has inspired its leaders by its attitude of willingness. With few exceptions, each member has contributed valuable time and material wealth for the advancement of Judaism.

What is it that makes Lorain a great community? The same principles that apply to any progressive community: pride in its heritage, a history of accomplishment, and a continuity of effort. Certainly at this point it is tempting to rest, but Agudath B'nai Israel must not rest on its laurels. Once the continuity of effort is broken, it may take a generation to regain the spirit. It is the effort of progress that gives us pride, and results in respect for each other, respect for ourselves, and a love for our religion.

There is little need for words of thanks to any individual no matter how great his effort. In each of us there is a sense of accomplishment that transcends words of gratitude. Let us always be willing to accept the challenge to work for progress and for the ideals of Judaism.

Howard L. Bernes

In-Coming President



Hyman Goldberg

A. B. I. Building Fund Committee



The Men Who Accepted The Task With
Dedication, Determination And Love

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E. J. Gould, G. Jacoby, L. Weingarten
T. Jacobs and E. Wexler

Temple Building Committee



T. Ecker, H. Shiff, L. Weingarten
E. J. Gould and M. Goldberger

Building Fund Chairman



Edward J. Gould

Dear Friends,

It is with a great feeling of joy and satisfaction that I extend my best wishes to the members of our Congregation at this rare moment of the Dedication of our new Temple. Hopefully I pray that we all re-dedicate ourselves as well to fulfilling the three-fold function of our Temple; that we truly shall make it, Bet Tephillah — a House of Prayer, Bet haMidrash — a House of Study, and Bet haKnesset — a House of Assembly.

There are so many persons I should like to thank for their unselfish contribution of time, energy, counsel and determination to achieve the finest possible facilities, with the funds so generously provided by our members and friends. Space does not permit me to name them individually; however, their names shall be permanently engraved in the history of our Congregation and always remembered with deep affection in my own heart.

Your Building Committee has labored long and hard, but our effort represents only the beginning of the task ahead. The Sanctity of this Temple does not derive from its location, or from its structure or from its furnishings. Sanctity rests in the hearts of our worshipping congregation. May we all go forward together preserving and passing on the traditions set forth by our fathers and their fathers before them.

Sincerely,

Hyman M. Shiff
Building Committee Chairman

Dear Friends,

It is with a great deal of pride that I bring you greetings on behalf of your Building Fund Committee.

It is because of the dedicated efforts of the men on this committee and the desire of a community that we have reached this wonderful occasion of the dedication of our new Temple Home.

On behalf of the committee and myself, I want to say Thank You to the members and friends in our community who did their "FAIR SHARE." I want to thank my co-workers for a job well done — but **our job** and **your job** is far from over. We won't be finished until our building is complete with a gymnasium and our Mortgage is no more.

I hope and pray we can all enjoy many "simchas" together in our new home.

Sincerely,

Edward J. Gould
Chairman, Temple Building Fund

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Hyman Shiff

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**THE MEMORY OF OUR 9th STREET TEMPLE BECOMES PART
OF OUR RICH HERITAGE AND PAST.**



AGUDATH B'NAI ISRAEL — 9th and Reid dedicated to Judaism and God in 1932

It is with both joy and sadness we pause and recall the many happy occasions we shared together. The Religious Services, Weddings, Bar-Mitzvahs, Confirmations, basketball games and endless meetings.

It will always hold a place of honor in our memories as it now joins The South Lorain and 15th Street Temples.

History of Our Jewish Community

Foreward: Due to the span of years covered 1884-1969 and the many loyal, untiring workers involved in the evolution of this community, most names will of necessity have to be omitted. Many events will have to be telescoped into a mere sentence or two due to the limitation of space.

We hope that we will succeed in bringing out the highlights of the determination and inspiration of the preceding generation of loyal G-d fearing Jews to provide facilities to carry on the work of Judaism and to teach its ideals to future generations. Bereshis — (in the beginning —) our story starts in 1884 when the name of the first known Jewish settler was recorded. With the building of the U.S. Steel works in 1895, more settlers arrived attracted by the commercial field opening up. In 1901, there were eight permanent settlers who formed the first minyan. When there were not enough transient Jews to complete a minyan, men were hired to come from Elyria or Cleveland.

These men were the nucleus of the first congregation — the Agudath Achim Congregation chartered in 1902. The services were Orthodox. Mr. Joseph Gould was its first president. A Sefer Torah was rented. Later one was purchased for \$160. Rabbi London was hired for \$8 per week to serve as cantor, teacher, shochet, mohel and spiritual leader. Minyanim and school for the 12 children were held in his home. A hall was rented for the High Holy days.

In 1905 with the size of the Jewish community grown to 35 members, a lot was purchased on 15th Street between Broadway and Reid Avenue. The purchase price of \$500 was quite a sum for these men, most of whom were poor or of modest means. Work was started in May, 1905; the cornerstone laid in August; the dedication held in October.

The synagogue building was a plain wooden structure, containing the sanctuary, used as an auditorium as well, on the upper floor; a balcony where the women sat; a ritual bath or mikve; one room for meetings or classes; living quarters for the Rabbi or Shamas on the ground floor. All built for the magnificent sum of \$8,000.

After completion of the Synagogue, the problem of a suitable burial site arose. The Lorain Jewish Cemetary Association was formed. In 1909, a five acre plot was purchased southeast of Lorain. Foresight of the founders has been proven correct by the fact that the cemetary has been adequate to the present time.

Although a unified religious group, the Jewish community was geographically divided — the South Lorain, central and downtown groups. By 1908, the South Lorain group decided that due to the hardship, for the Orthodox Jews to avail themselves of the services at the 15th Street Temple, requiring a long walk or Riding on the Sabbath or Holy Days, they should build a Temple in their section of town. The difficulty of sending their children to daily Hebrew school classes was another deciding factor. In 1908 they started holding services at Kohlmeyer's Hall on Pearl Ave.

In 1914, Beth Israel Congregation was organized. It was chartered in 1917. A site was purchased on Pearl Avenue between 32nd and 33rd Street. Construction on the one story brick building was started in early 1918 and completed for the Rosh Hashariah services. Mr. Jacob Friedman served as its only secretary during its 13 year existance. It served its members well for five or six years until many of its members left town or moved downtown. By 1926, the activities of the Temple were at a standstill.

During these years, the Agudath Achim Congregation was passing through a period of growth. The Ladies Auxiliary was organized in 1906. Lorain Hebrew Ladies Aid Society was formed in 1912. This organization carried out the mandate to care for the sick and needy and the stream of transients coming from the Old World to seek a haven and new life in the "new" land.

In 1913, a Sefer Torah that had belonged to the Jewish Division of the Czar Nicholas Army was donated to the congregation. It is over 125 years old. From its inception there was a succession of Rabbis and teachers. Rabbi Steiner, 1914-1916, left the most lasting changes. The women, for the first time, sat with the men during services instead of being segregated in the balcony, unified the Hebrew school of both congregations, organized a Sunday School that lasted only during his stay.

Meanwhile a third group dissatisfied with the inadequate facilities at the 15th Street Temple and the strictly Orthodox services, entered the scene. This group, under the presidency of Dr. B. B. Freedman, contemplated the organization of a B'nai B'rith Congregation.

The leaders of the three groups, realizing that only through a unified Jewish community could their aims and ideals be served, each appointed a committee to meet with the others and iron out their differences. This succeeded. Late in 1925, the Agndath Bnai Israel Congregation was formed. The name derived by taking the first name of the three groups. The 15th Street Temple was to be the center of activities. Conservative services were agreed upon. The Beth Israel Temple was sold. The \$30,000 derived from the sale was donated to the new Temple building fund. The school activities were transferred to the 15th Street Temple.

After a quarter of a century of service, the 15th Street Temple had outgrown its physical usefulness. In 1928 a movement was started to build a modern house of worship and provide for social, athletic and fraternal activities. In 1929, active steps were taken to build the Temple at Ninth and Reid; consisting of a domed sanctuary, a large meeting room, three classrooms, gymnasium and social hall, kitchen, storage rooms, secretary's office and Rabbi's study adjoining the sanctuary.

It was built at a cost of approximately \$85,000. Every segment of the Congregation, young and old, took an active part in raising the money. Harry Bregman was president during this period of unification, planning and organizing activities. Edward Gould, chairman and the other members of the Building Committee deserve great praise for the splendid job they did in overseeing the work of the architect and contractor. The cornerstone was laid on June 28, 1931. Impressive dedication services were held January 3, 1932 at which time Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland and Rabbi Saul Silber of Chicago delivered the principal addresses.

Only through the efforts of Harry Bregman who re-negotiated our bank loans, was our Temple able to weather the financial crisis of the Depression. Through the efforts of a committee headed by Morris Asch, all outstanding pledges were collected and the mortgage was burned in 1943.

Rabbi Max Dobrow 1927-1934; Rabbi Julius Kerman 1934-1947 and Rabbi Samuel Meyer were the spiritual leaders during this period. During their ministry the membership increased from 123 to 270. The religious school enrollment tripled; a choir director was hired; the Junior Congregation was organized and disciplined to conduct services; Reform services for the High Holy Days were established; both Sunday School and Hebrew School were constantly improved and upgraded; our late Friday night services became an integral part of our religious life as well as attracting many non-Jews to enjoy the spiritual messages.

Eighteen years later, the Temple was "busting at the seams!". Meetings every night; thirteen Sunday School classes, necessitating two sessions; the kitchen space and equipment inadequate for the increased membership; the High Holy Day services overflowing the gym; cried aloud for expansion. Our finances were at their lowest, following the post-war years when so much money was sent overseas for relief.

In 1954, President Jacob Levin, appointed Harvey Karas to head a Temple Expansion Committee. Many sites and offers were considered; the offer of the Gary Brothers of an East Side site, accepted then rejected; the purchase of adjoining Temple property. Nothing was formalized until the Tower Boulevard property was purchased in 1957 for \$35,000. At the same time, the committee was authorized to assess each present and incoming

member, the sum of \$200 to replenish the Temple treasury for the purchase price. A committee headed by Lewis Jacoby was authorized to recommend an architect. After visiting many Temples to see at first hand the work of the Jack Bialosky & Manders Architectural firm, the committee recommended this firm.

The building committee headed by Lewis Jacoby, "kicked off" the fund raising at a Founders Day dinner in February 1960 honoring the founders of the present Temple. At this dinner the "Torch of Jewish Progress" was passed from the older generation, the builders of the Ninth Street Temple, to the younger generation for the building of a new structure. This committee organized a campaign to raise \$500,000 as its goal.

In 1963, the Congregation approved the plans presented by the Bialosky firm and entered into a contract for the construction of the Temple. Hyman Shiff accepted the chairmanship of the new building committee and has become its driving force, conscientiously checking on all details.

In 1964, after the passing of Lewis Jacoby, one of the most zealous workers for the new Temple, Howard Bernes assumed the presidency doing all in his power to keep the momentum going. In October, 1964 due to the efforts of a three man committee, Ed Wexler, Robert Fields and Ted Jacobs who collected \$50,000 in cash and bonds and an additional \$100,000 in pledges from 60 members, the fund raising campaign finally forged ahead. Edward Gould accepted the Fund Raising chairmanship.

"The Lord works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform."

In December 1966, the Everett Davidson property on Meister Road was made available through the efforts of Louis Garfield. This site had been the number one choice for its location and saved the expense of making the Tower Blvd. property suitable for building. With the vote being 80 to 1, the Congregation voted \$50,000 for purchase of this 10 acre site. Leo Weingarten negotiated the sale of the Tower Blvd. property to the Catholic Diocese.

These preceding events attest to the tremendous efforts by many Congregation committees and the men who served on them. Many Temple organizations have labored for the success of this project notably the Sisterhood, Men's Club and Temple Couples Club organized in 1964. Their reward came at the ground breaking services on July 16, 1967.

None labored as long and with such determination as Rabbi Samuel Meyer. He reasoned, pleaded, cajoled and pointed out the deficiencies of the present building. From the pulpit and at every occasion, he demonstrated leadership, inspiration and drive to attain the success of this project. Truly the driving force in this project, our Rabbi.

In closing this history, let us review the services rendered by our 9th Street Temple. It encompassed all of Jewish life — from the naming of the infant — induction to Hebrew school — confirmation — weddings — to the opening of the doors at the time of death — the last act of life.

It nurtured the spirit through its religious services and functions; fed the inner men through the kosher food prepared by the catering committee of the Sisterhood. It executed the three requirements of a Temple to be A House of Torah — A House of Prayer and A House of Meeting.

For years it was a second home for young and old. We leave it, not with sorrow, but with the joy of realization that it has fulfilled its destiny and has inspired a new generation to spread its wings and experience the joy of accomplishment in building for its children a home befitting the worship of the Lord.

May this home surpass the accomplishments of the old.

IN PICTURES WE CAN

GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY



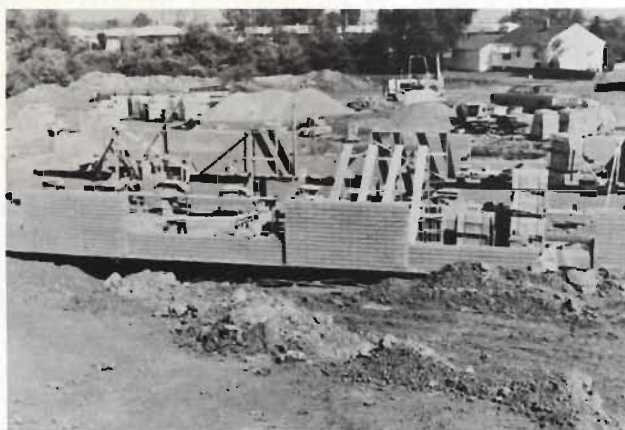
July 16, 1967
E. Gould, H. Shiff, G. Jacoby,
H. Bernes and G. Alpern

"IN THE BEGINNING"



A Lonely Steam Shovel

WITH BRICKS AND MORTAR



A Building Takes Shape

FROM A FIRM FOUNDATION



And Structures of Steel

A SANCTUARY BEGINS



To Take a Form

SEE OUR TEMPLE'S CREATION

A BUILDING TAKES SHAPE



WITH HUNDREDS OF SIDEWALK SUPT'S.



VIEW FROM MEISTER ROAD



Entrance To Social Hall

MAIN ENTRANCE



PARKING LOT ENTRANCE



Showing Elevated Chapel

SOCIAL HALL



Partial View of Gould Auditorium

CHAPEL IN THE ROUND



Weingarten Chapel

THE SANCTUARY



THE GUARDIANS OF OUR YOUTH



Our Teachers

TEMPLE OFFICE



Ruth Sepsenwol Temple Secretary

NOT FOR US - BUT FOR OUR CHILDREN

BOARD OF EDUCATION



A. J. London

The Board of Education of the Temple is appointed by the President of the Congregation and derives its authority from the Temple Board of Trustees. Its primary functions are to supervise the educational system, Temple youth groups and to promulgate educational and youth activity policies. (A list of the latter is available to any member of the congregation upon request.) It also acts as a Board of Appeals for the community in case an individual wishes to lodge a complaint against the educational system or staff.

Members of the Board are selected on the basis of their interest and willingness to serve. However, great care is taken to maintain a balance between the three religious groups that comprise our congregation, so that the Board is fully representative of the congregation. The Board is also unique in that it is one of the very few Temple committees that includes women and as a result has become an excellent sounding board for community views.

In closing, I wish to commend and thank all the members who have served on the Board for the last 20 years. Almost without exception, they have been dedicated, enlightened people who have helped greatly in moving our educational system to its present level. No small task when you consider the 1967-'68 enrollment of 107 children in Hebrew School and 197 in Sunday School is almost comparable to a secular grade school enrollment.

A. J. London
Chairman of the Board of Education

BOARD OF EDUCATION



YOUTH LEADER



Morris Mayer

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL



Mrs. B. B. Freedman

SUNDAY SCHOOL



1st Kindergarten Class In Our New Temple

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Class 5



Class 3



Class 2



Class 4



Class 1



TO THEM THE TORCH WILL PASS

FOR THEM - AND THEIR CHILDREN

Confirmation



Class 7



Class 9



Class 8



Class 6



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Harvey Karas

Temple Choir



TEMPLE SISTERHOOD

In 1906 — a group of twenty-one women organized the Ladies Auxiliary of Agudath Achim Congregation the object being to assist in the religious education of the children, and to aid in the work of the congregation. In 1918, the auxiliary merged with the Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society, and expanded its program to take care of the poor and the sick, as well as transients who were in need of food, shelter, and financial assistance. Subsequently, this program was assumed by the Jewish Social Service Federation, a Real Feather Agency (and continues to be a part of the unknown and unheralded work of a group of unsung heroes). Following the merger of the Agudath Achim Congregation with the Beth Israel Congregation in 1926, we became known as we are today — the Agudath B'nai Israel Temple Sisterhood, and united two groups of women, who now, as then, could work together toward a common goal. Our objective is to promote the welfare of the Temple and the religious school, to further Jewish education in the home and to broaden the vision of our membership by Jewish cultural activities. (We have indeed been fortunate to have had at the helm of Sisterhood, women, who by virtue of their very sincerity and dedication, have been a true inspiration to the general membership.)

In 1956, when our congregation became affiliated with the United Synagogue of America, we became a part of the National Women's League. This association has proven to be a most rewarding and fruitful one.

Sisterhood attempts to provide spiritual and cultural growth as well as entertainment. Treats significant of the occasion are given the children at holiday time. Books and supplies are provided for the teachers and choir, as are the gifts which serve as a visible compensation to them. Through our gift shop, we make available to our members the religious and holiday symbols not readily found elsewhere. The flower fund is largely responsible for the beautiful floral decorations throughout the Temple during the High Holidays, and other holy days of the year. The Leagram is Sisterhood's unique way of carrying special messages for a great variety of occasions. This device was initiated by the National Women's League and its message: "The blessing of the Lord be upon you" has cheered many a heart.

No summary would be complete without mentioning the work done by our catering committee — a group of dedicated women who, for so many years, cheerfully and tirelessly cooked, baked, and served many a delectable meal. As a direct off-shoot of this group, the Kiddish committee came into being. This group has done a truly outstanding job catering Bar Mitzvah luncheons. The proceeds have been allocated for furnishing our new kitchen. A new Sisterhood catering service is being organized to meet the expanding needs of our community.

It is not possible that due credit be given each and every individual who has so diligently and so faithfully given her services over the years. With the completion, however, of this magnificent house of worship and the realization of the fondest hopes of Sisterhood, we have gained new spirit and strength, and now we re-dedicate ourselves and pledge our fullest co-operation to the congregation and to the community.

Mrs. John Roth
Past President

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Linda Wexler

Please share a special memory with me. Recall the emotional fulfillment you experienced last Erev Rosh Hashannah when you entered this magnificent structure. As we all gathered to welcome in the New Year, WE transformed this building into a House of God.

Since that day, we, the women of this Congregation continue to add the touches to our New Home that lovingly give us the titles of "Yiddisha Mamas". We financially help the children in our religious school and in all their synagogue activities. From the well earned Sisterhood kitchen, we provide kosher catering for our special "Simchas". We provide Judaica for our homes from the gift shop.

As the needs of our Congregation grow — Sisterhood's responsibility grows. We pray we will always be able to be an integral part in making our Home — God's Home.

Mrs. Edward Wexler
Sisterhood President

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Kitchen Planning



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TEMPLE COUPLES CLUB

Couples Club is the most recent addition to the Temple family. Its formulation in 1964 resulted out of the need for an organization in the community where husbands and wives could work together, in a basically social atmosphere, toward a common goal. Its purpose aims at bringing the community closer to the Temple through a series of monthly meetings based on a religious, cultural, or social theme.

Couples Club annually contributes to the scholarship fund and accepted the privilege of sponsoring a classroom in the new Temple. Membership is open to all members of the Temple. The enthusiastic response of the community and a steadily increasing membership attest to the success of the club's endeavors. Because of its flexibility, Couples Club has a promising future as it strives to serve the needs of its members as a proud arm of the Temple family.



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A.B.I. JR. CONGREGATION



Is it really 21 years? It was only yesterday that a young rabbi in conference with his superior discussed the feasibility of creating a Junior Congregation to "supplement in the Temple, on God's Day" what had been taught during the long afternoon hours in the Religious School.

Rabbi Kerman gave his full support, and on February 1, 1947 the Junior Congregation was born.

The prayers were given meaning and understanding. The youthful voices lifted in prayer, chanting the age old words in new tunes and melodies, taught by a rabbi never blessed with the gift of a golden voice. But they came.

Sisterhood provided a Kiddush. The now defunct Parents Teacher's Organization arranged for monthly birthday parties and luncheons and blessings. Soon the effect was felt. Once a month the young members joined the adults, they chanted and sang. The elders smiled and soon as the years joined one another in the chain of tradition, the elders joined in the singing, in the chants, in the ceremonial march with the Torah, before and after the reading of the weekly portion.

The boys grew, became Bar Mitzva. They asked for and received the privilege of conducting the services.

Then, Marge Slutzker, bringing new tunes, new dedication, assumed the responsibility of conducting the Sabbath Services for our younger members.

Swift flowed the years, and with the knowledge of the services, depth and meaning were given to the Bar Mitzva ceremony. With the feeling of being "at home" in our Temple or any synagogue, our youth gave evidence of a loyalty to tradition and a hope for the future.

To Mr. Schoenbrun fell the responsibility of keeper of the flame. The spark was not to be allowed to die with the Bar Mitzva ceremony. So, in 1961, the Alumni group was formed. The monthly visit of the Jr. Congregation was to be a great event in the Sabbath Service.

Teenage boys, post Bar Mitzva, recently inducted into our Temple membership, were encouraged by Mr. Schoenbrun to participate in the services, act as cantors, prepare a new Haftarah.

Twenty-one years? such a brief period of time compared to our history. Now, truly come of age, an integral part of our religious life. A link in the chain of Judaism.

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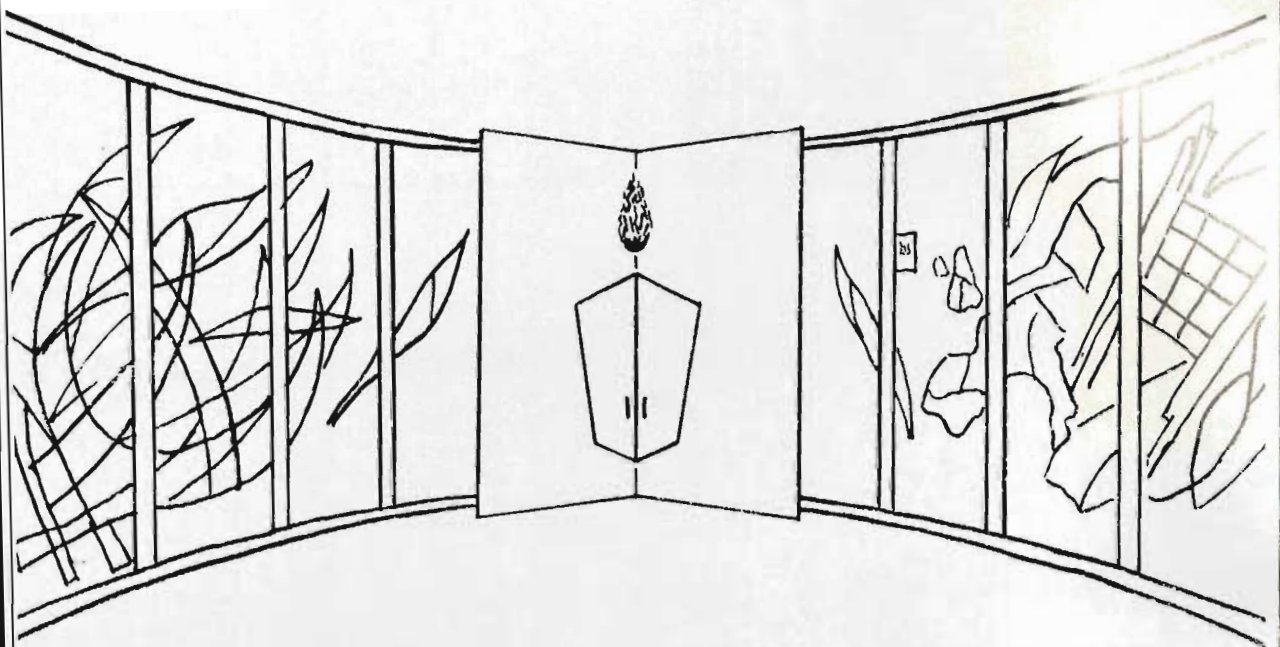
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WE PAUSE To Remember Two Of Our Departed Members:

Mr. Harry Bregman

Mr. Lewis P. Jacoby



HARRY BREGMAN

Harry Bregman in 1927 was named chairman of the Building Committee to build our 9th Street Temple, and thus began a 40 year term of uninterrupted service and leadership by Harry Bregman, serving as watch-dog and guardian of our Temple. In 1929, Harry was elected president and re-elected every year for an unequalled term of 17 years. In 1946, after leading us through a depression and serving until he saw our mortgage paid in full, Harry Bregman stepped down as president, only to be elected treasurer, an office he held for 21 years. In 1967 he was elected Treasurer Emeritus by the Trustees. Mr. Bregman set an example of devotion to G-d and synagogue unequalled in our congregation. No page of Agudath B'nai Israel history can be turned without reading of Harry Bregman. We pause . . . to remember with love and respect, and to say a silent thank you to Harry Bregman. The guardian of our congregation for over 40 years.



LEWIS P. JACOBY

If Harry Bregman can be called the Guardian of our congregation on 9th Street, Lewis Jacoby was the dreamer of our new Temple home. Lou served as a Trustee, as chairman of the Architect Selection Committee, as chairman of the Building and Building Fund Committee, as Vice President and then as Temple President, an office he held until his untimely death in 1964. Lew worked and fought for this building. His drive and determination set the ground work so others could pick up his torch and keep running. Lew personally secured most of the original pledges for this building. His efforts set in motion what is happening today. His too is an example of love and dedication to ones ideals and principles. We can't help but think how much "Naches" he would have felt on this day. Yet, Lew left a lasting mark upon us that will always be a part of this building.

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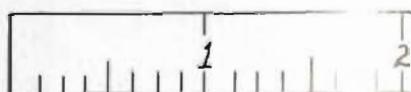
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