

ADATH  
ISRAEL 1923-1963  
CONGREGATION



40TH ANNIVERSARY



# בראשית

IT IS TOLD THAT THE "BEGINNING" can be attributed to Samuel Levin and Sol Phillips Perlman who gathered together eighteen men as an Organization Committee. Recognizing that *The Heritage of Our Fathers Is The Inheritance of Our Children*, the committee set out to establish a Conservative synagogue to keep their children within the fold. These dedicated men saw the need for a House of Worship for the growing Jewish population in the western part of the city and for a new kind of service more suitable to the changing times.

Working closely with the United Synagogue of America and the Jewish Theological Seminary, an audience of more than one hundred persons heard Dr. Raphael Melamed speak of the Conservative movement of Judaism. At the Republican Club on Monday, November 15, 1920, the result was an enrollment of fifty two members. Sol Phillips Perlman has remained an active and devoted member of the Board of Trustees. He has served in many capacities and rose to the office of First Vice President.

Although the first meeting was a success, these men found the path long and difficult. The only existing records for the intervening three years are a few receipted bills for meeting rooms, notices of three Friday evening services, carbon copies of some correspondence, and a few dunning letters for bills that were finally paid by a few individuals. Meetings were held wherever a place could be found and a few Sabbath Services were conducted at the Ahavath Israel Synagogue. A new congregation finally assembled for High Holy Day Services at the Progress Club, located on West State Street.

Through this difficult period, it was Rabbi Samuel M. Cohen, at that time Executive Director of the United Synagogue of America who provided the help and inspiration that kept up the high hopes of this small group.

JOSEPH LAVINE  
Temporary Chairman

SOL PHILLIPS PERLMAN  
Temporary Secretary

LOUIS KAPLAN  
Temporary Treasurer

## Organization Committee, Conservative Synagogue TRENTON, NEW JERSEY

November Tenth  
Nineteen-twenty

Dear

### COMMITTEE

N. H. Aronson  
Bernard Cohen  
Harrie Pissel  
Isaac Ploebere  
Philip Foreman  
Michael Glinatz  
Israel Kohn  
Louis Kaplan  
Samuel Levin  
Joseph Lavine  
Harrie Levin  
J. H. Levy  
Sol Phillips Perlman  
I. C. Redner  
Samuel Shankman  
Solomon Urken  
Philip Vine  
Israel Vine

Are you interested in Judaism?  
Do you not feel deep concern over the fact that Judaism is declining in your community?  
Do you not think you and your children should more faithfully practice its teachings?

Are you not chagrined when, on Yom Kippur, more young Jews are in the theatres than in the synagogues?

Do you not believe that the cause of the present state of our Judaism lies in your going to too great extremes--the orthodox synagogue on the one hand, and the reform temple on the other?

Do you want a remedy, something between these two--an intermediate synagogue?

Then come to a meeting for the purpose of organizing a Conservative synagogue in Trenton to be held at the Republican Club Auditorium, Monday evening, November 15th, 1920, at 8:00 o'clock.

A noted Rabbi and speaker will deliver an address.

There are over 100 of these conservative synagogues in the United States, some of the features of which are:

1. Prayer with heads covered.
2. Sermons by the Rabbi in English.
3. Prayer in Hebrew and English to suit the taste, but unnecessary matter eliminated.
4. Seating together of men and women.
5. No sale of "Eliya's" or "Mi-Sheberachs" during services.

No contributions, pledges or subscriptions are expected on the evening of the meeting. Your presence only is desired and requested.

Faithfully yours,

The Committee

*Sol Phillips Perlman*  
315 Ap. Wash. Bldg.,  
Temporary Secretary.

### NEW CONSERVATIVE SYNAGOGUE

Name *Samuel Levin*

Address *1219 W. State*

*Arthur Perlman*

### ENROLL ME AS A MEMBER OF THE NEW CONSERVATIVE SYNAGOGUE

Name *David Abrams*

Address *807 S. Broad*

### ENROLL ME AS A MEMBER OF THE NEW CONSERVATIVE SYNAGOGUE

Name *Sol Lavine*

Address *318 Centre St*

### ENROLL ME AS A MEMBER OF THE NEW CONSERVATIVE SYNAGOGUE

Name *Louis S. Kaplan*

Address *Alida Apartments*

### ENROLL ME AS A MEMBER OF THE NEW CONSERVATIVE SYNAGOGUE

Name *Harry Weber*

Address *39 Bellwood St*

### ENROLL ME AS A MEMBER OF THE NEW CONSERVATIVE SYNAGOGUE

Name *Solomon Urken*

Address *1207 S. Clinton St*



RABBI S. JOSHUA KOHN

## OUR RABBIS

The fortieth anniversary of Adath Israel is a great event in the history of our congregation and in our community. We are very fortunate that we still have a goodly number of the original members and organizers of the congregation.

Much has happened in the forty years: inflation, deflation, depression, the Second World War, the destruction of six million of our people and the establishment of the State of Israel.

Our synagogue has lived through these vicissitudes but preserved, developed and enhanced Jewish life. The result of the vision and sacrifice of the founders means that today we possess a synagogue with about seven hundred families, a school with more than three hundred fifty children, a youth group with one hundred boys and girls, a Hebrew High School class that attends Gratz College every Sunday, a fine Men's Club, a very active Sisterhood, study groups, a Boy Scout Troop, a Cub Scout Troop, Art Festivals and many other activities.

May I extend my hearty Mazal Tov and that of Rabbi Paul Teicher to all who have shared in this great enterprise of forty years of religious life and devotion to the love of God, Israel, our country and mankind.

S. Joshua Kohn



It is a credit to the members and trustees of Adath Israel Congregation that we have had only three Rabbis and an Associate Rabbi as a part of our Synagogue family.

Rabbi Samuel Rosenblatt served only one year because his strong Orthodox viewpoint prevented a longer tenure.

Rabbi Leon Liebreich came to us in the Fall of 1927 and remained until January, 1946. While with us, he was awarded his Ph.D. by Dropsy College.

Rabbi S. Joshua Kohn, now our Senior Rabbi, began his association with Adath Israel in 1946 and he, too, received his degree of Doctor of Hebrew Literature from the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1947.

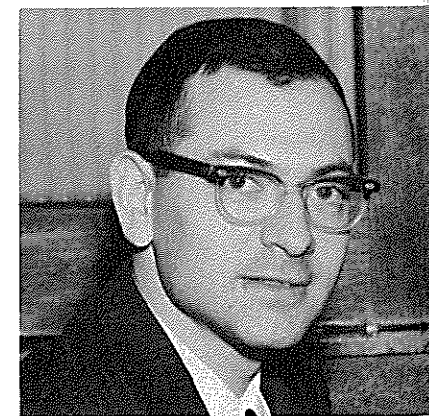
Little did our organization committee of eighteen realize that they had founded an institution that would become so large as to necessitate the services of an Associate Rabbi, Rabbi Paul Teicher who joined us in 1961.



RABBI SAMUEL ROSENBLATT  
1926-1927



RABBI LEON LIEBREICH  
1927-1946



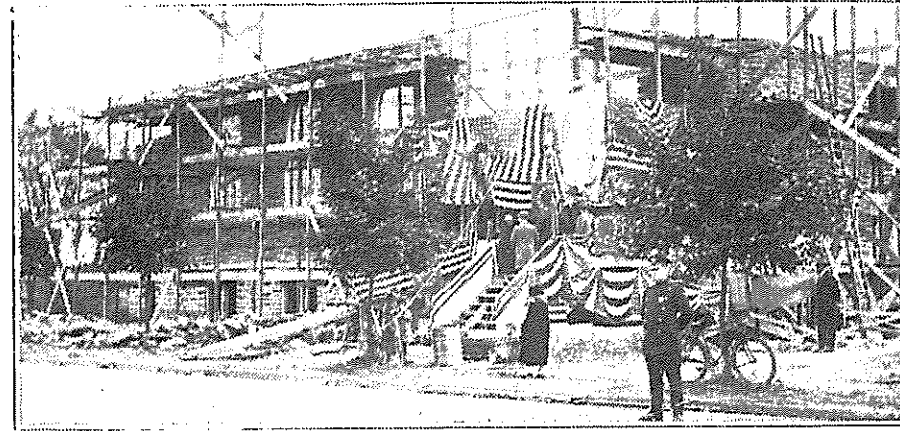
RABBI PAUL TEICHER

to the provisions of "An Act to incorporate trustees of religious societies," (Revision), approved April 9, 1875, and the supplements thereto and amendments thereof.

And we further certify that, pursuant to the said instructions and provisions of the said Act, we have taken upon ourselves the name of "The Trustees of the ADATH ISRAEL CONGREGATION OF TRENTON, NEW JERSEY," for a name of incorporation under said Act.

Given under our hands and seals, at Trenton, the fifteenth day of October, nineteen hundred and twenty-three.

*S. Solomon Urken* (23)  
*Harry Budson* (24)  
*Alexander Budson* (25)  
*Harry J. Gray* (26)  
*David Cohen* (27)  
*Henry Milner* (28)  
*Abraham Kohn* (29)  
*Charles Kohn* (30)  
*Joseph Kohn* (31)  
*P. Kohn* (32)  
*Samuel Kohn* (33)  
*Michael Kohn* (34)  
*Isaac Kohn* (35)  
*Henry Kohn* (36)



THE MINUTES of the first organization meeting of Adath Israel Congregation on September 30, 1923 reveals a determined effort to become established. During the three-year interim, the first fifty-two members had become almost a hundred members. A name had to be selected and a Constitution was ready. Fifteen Trustees were chosen in order to incorporate the congregation in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey.

The certificate of Incorporation is dated October 15, 1923, recognized now as the birthday of Adath Israel Congregation.

The first officers were elected by the trustees two weeks after incorporation. On the same evening the committee was authorized to purchase a strip of land on the "Southerly side of Bellevue Avenue distant 100 feet from the northwesterly corner of Hermitage Avenue". The one hundred feet to the corner was acquired two years later in an exchange of a rear portion of land with the Pennsylvania Railroad. Not until a few years ago, in 1958 was all of the remaining land purchased from the railroad.

Construction of the synagogue building was begun during the summer of 1925. Cornerstone ceremonies in October attracted a large audience. Participants in the ceremonies were such notables as Counselor Alexander Budson, Rabbi Abraham Holtzberg, Mayor Donnelly, the Reverend Samuel Steinmetz, Rabbi I. Bunin, Rabbi Samuel Cohen and Dr. Solomon Grayzel. In order to raise funds, the privilege for participating in the rites were auctioned, a traditional method of raising funds. With Mrs. Rose Lerner Perlman conducting the auction, honors went to the following:

Carrying water for the mortar, Samuel Koppelman; carrying cement, Alexander Budson; mixing mortar, Joseph Kohn; carrying mortar to stone, Samuel Shankman; use of the silver trowel, Alexander Budson, Samuel Shankman, Sol Perlman, Joseph Kohn; laying of cornerstone, Mrs. Solomon Urken, Mrs. Israel Kohn, Mrs. Harry Haveson, Mrs. Harry Siegle, Mrs. Nathan Levison, Mrs. Samuel Levin; closing copper box, Miss Sue Byer, Miss Fannie Randelman, Morris Kohn, Hyman Siegle, Samuel Kohn, Hyman and Maurice Urken; placing parchment in box, Morris Kline.

TELEPHONE CONNECTION



*Mr. S. L. Beckman,*  
*My Dear Sir:*  
*is the conversation*  
*over, along your side and check for*  
*\$15.00 for my son for Mr. Samuel*  
*W. Cohen.* *Yours truly,*  
*Sol. Urken*





BENJAMIN H. GARB, President

## FROM OUR CO-CHAIRMEN

We are profoundly grateful for the opportunity of playing a role in the celebration of the Fortieth Anniversary of Adath Israel Congregation, and we express our most sincere appreciation to all those who worked with us so diligently and faithfully in planning for this significant event.

May our concerted efforts give meaningful expression to the theme of this happy occasion, "The Heritage of our Fathers is the Inheritance of our Children."

Bernard L. Green  
Rhoda Green Nochumson  
Co-Chairmen, 40th Anniversary  
Celebration Committee

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is with a great deal of happiness and pride that I greet you on the important occasion of Adath Israel's fortieth anniversary celebration. I am grateful to our Heavenly Father for the privilege of serving our beloved Synagogue as President at such an important event. I appreciate the untiring and selfless service that our Officers and Trustees render throughout the year; and I congratulate those whose efforts made possible our fortieth anniversary week-end.

In 1923, Conservative Judaism was in its infancy; and in four short decades has grown to an important place in World Religions in general and in Judaism in particular. Adath Israel has likewise grown in size and stature to a position of prominence as a member of the United Synagogue of America.

I pray that all of our members will be happy and well, and able to join in the celebration of our fiftieth anniversary.

Sincerely,  
Benjamin H. Garb

## FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY CO-CHAIRMEN



MRS. MORRIS NOCHUMSON



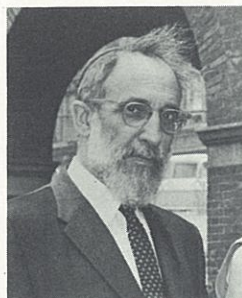
BERNARD GREEN

During the years of World War II, our faithful leaders were ever mindful of the duties of the congregation. All courtesies were extended to men in the Armed Forces stationed in the area.

7-65-1 M. J. J. J.



# GREETINGS



DR. LOUIS FINKELSTEIN  
Chancellor,  
Jewish Theological  
Seminary of America



RABBI BERNARD SEGAL  
Executive Director,  
United Synagogue  
of America

MRS. ALBERT FRIED  
President, National Women's League

THE JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF AMERICA  
NORTHEAST CORNER, BROADWAY AND 122ND STREET  
NEW YORK 27, N. Y.  
CABLE ADDRESS: "SEMINARY" NEW YORK  
OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

December 24, 1962

Dear Mr. Garb:

I am delighted to hear that your Congregation is about to celebrate its fortieth anniversary during the coming year. I am delighted to send you a greeting on behalf of the faculties and the Board of Directors of this Seminary.

The Adath Israel Congregation has been one of the pillars of Conservative Judaism in all the years that it has been in existence. I recall each visit I made to this Congregation and each time I was inspired, both by its rabbinic and its lay division. During the past few years, it has had the privilege of the guidance and leadership of my beloved colleague, Doctor S. Joshua Kohn, who, I do not have to tell you, is one of the outstanding figures in the American rabbinate. He is indeed a very great man, and it is a great privilege for your community to be guided by him.

I look forward to the future years in which I hope that the growth and development of your Congregation will continue in at least the same measure as heretofore.

With warmest regards and all good wishes,  
Cordially, as ever,

*Louis Finkelstein*  
Louis Finkelstein

Mr. Benjamin H. Garb  
Adath Israel Congregation  
715 Bellevue Avenue  
Trenton 8, New Jersey

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# LEAGRAM

Date January 3, 1963

Name Mr. Benjamin H. Garb, President  
Adath Israel Congregation  
Address 715 Bellevue Ave., Trenton 8, N. J.

National Women's League is proud and happy to share in the great joy of the 40th anniversary of Adath Israel Congregation.

It is our fervent hope that God will continue to shower His blessings upon your dedicated leaders and your outstanding community. May you enjoy countless fruitful years of service toward the advancement and enhancement of the cause of Judaism, guided by the distinguished and beloved Rabbi and Mrs. S. Joshua Kohn, of whom we are so very proud. MAZAL TOV!

Most sincerely,  
*Helen Fried*  
Helen Fried, National President

ברכת ה'  
אליכם  
"THE BLESSING  
OF THE LORD  
BE UPON YOU"

psalm 129:8



UNITED SYNAGOGUE OF AMERICA  
3080 BROADWAY, NEW YORK 27, N. Y. • Riverside 9-8000

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

December 27th, 1962

Mr. Benjamin H. Garb, President  
Adath Israel Congregation  
715 Bellevue Avenue  
Trenton 8, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Garb:

I am delighted to learn about the forthcoming fortieth anniversary celebration of Adath Israel Congregation, and I want to avail myself of the opportunity to convey my warmest good wishes to you, and through you to your distinguished rabbi and to all the members of your congregation.

Adath Israel is today one of the foremost congregations in the Conservative Movement, and its anniversary celebration is indeed an occasion for great joy for all of us. Over the years, we have learned to look to quite a number of your members for national leadership in nearly every area of our work (included among these is, of course, your own beloved brother), and we are happy and proud to acknowledge our indebtedness to Adath Israel for much of our progress and attainments.

My prayers are with you for God's continued blessings upon your holy congregation. May the Almighty grant you, your rabbi, and all the leaders of your congregation many more years of good health and happiness, and may you continue with undaunted spirits and with happy hearts to fulfill your sacred tasks so that Adath Israel may ever be a blessing for all who will come under its influence.

Faithfully,  
*Bernard Segal*  
Bernard Segal

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# Congregational Building Fund Dinner



SUNDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER ELEVENTH,  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY FIVE

## Program

Grace	Dr. Leon J. Liebreich, Rabbi Adath Israel Congregation
...DINNER...	
Welcoming Address	Mr. Harry Levy, President Adath Israel Congregation
Chairman Building Fund Committee	Mr. Samuel Swern
Greetings from the Sisterhood	Mrs. Samuel Swern, President Adath Israel Sisterhood
Vocal Selection	Mrs. Benjamin L. Goodstein
Address	Dr. Leon J. Liebreich, Rabbi Adath Israel Congregation
Guest Speaker	Dr. Max Arzt Jewish Theological Seminary of America
	Mr. Louis B. Shipper Chairman of Initial Gifts



OFFICE STAFF

WITH THE WAR ALMOST AT AN END in April of 1945, preparations for a larger edifice were begun. Sketches of a proposed addition were submitted and discussion was started. At this time, Dr. Liebreich announced that he had accepted a teaching post at Gratz College as of the following September.

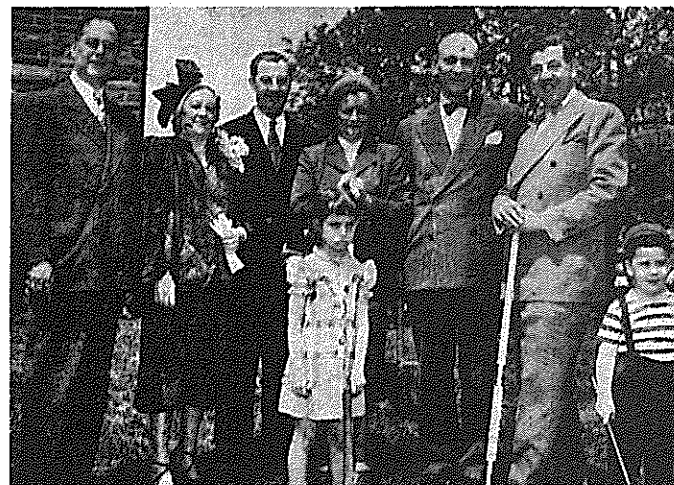
Adath turned once more to the Seminary and Rabbi S. Joshua Kohn was elected as Rabbi as of January 1, 1946. The annual meeting that year was in the form of a farewell dinner to the Liebreich's who had remained until Rabbi Kohn was released from the U. S. Maritime Service.

The first plans had called for remodeling the building. Then discussion of a new building took place. The Board of Trustees approached the final step with fear and trepidation. Comments appearing in the minutes were "Now is not the time to build", "How much would it cost to remodel what we have?", "The plans submitted are not satisfactory", "We cannot have a drive for funds without interfering with other community drives". And so it continued for more than a year. The Sisterhood was constantly shouting about building and the Board of Education continued to complain about the lack of facilities to institute a proper program. It was probably a famous speech made by Rabbi Kohn to the Board during the summer of 1947 that fomented action. A "Town Hall" meeting of the congregation left no doubt that popular attitudes pointed toward the new building.

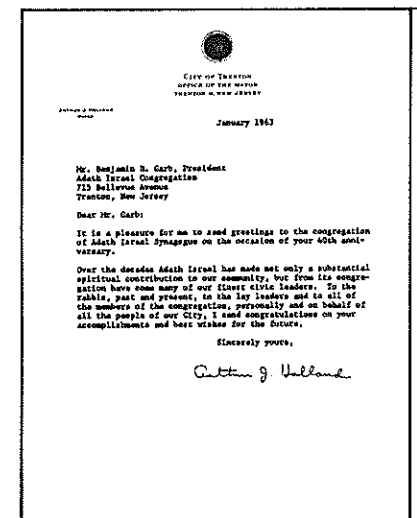
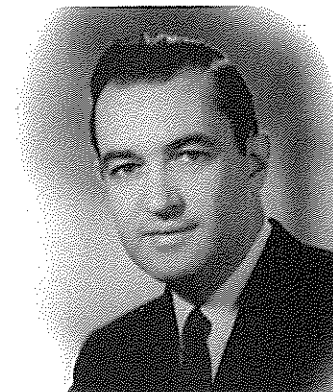
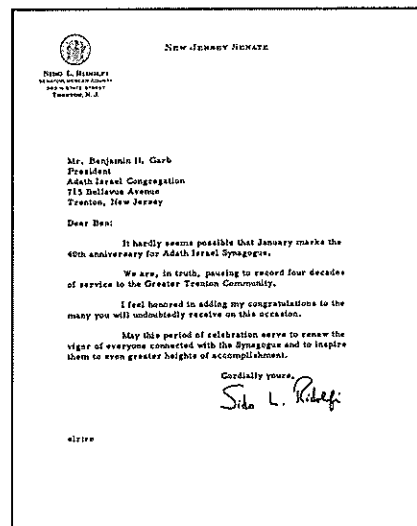
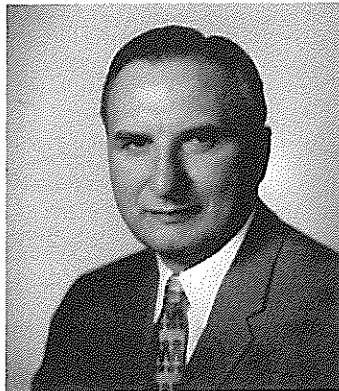
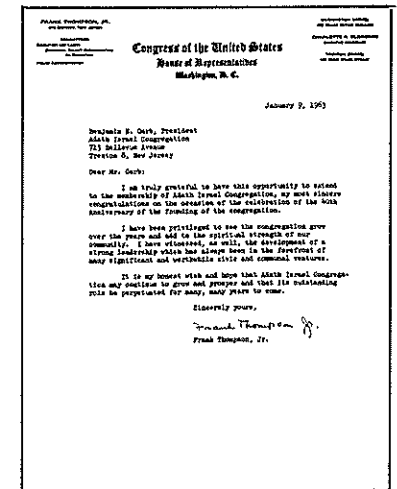
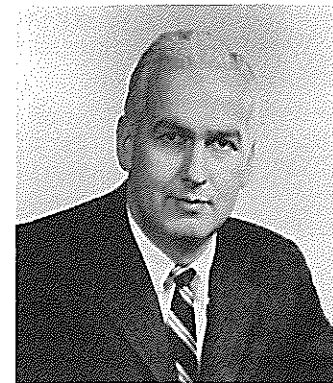
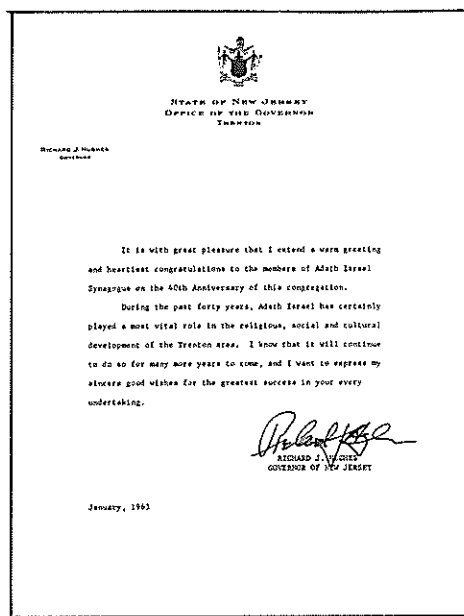
By the Spring of 1948 the Building Committee was instructed to proceed. Pledges were solicited for the Building Fund, requests were made for voluntary increases in dues, a new, large mortgage was placed and on Sunday morning of May 7, 1950, the congregation witnessed ground breaking ceremonies.

The new building had already been in use for nearly a year when it was formally dedicated on January 6, 1952. Dedication had been delayed in order to complete final decorating touches. These ceremonies began on Friday and ended with a dinner on Sunday.

GROUND BREAKING  
EXERCISES







Memorial Rooms listed in the dedication book were: Chapel in memory of Hyman A. Rosenthal, Library endowed by Hyman and Jennie Green, Lounge in memory of Morris and Anna Spiegel, Kindergarten presented by Sisterhood, Office in memory of the parents of Mr. and Mrs. David Gross and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gross, Rabbi's Study in memory of parents of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Goodstein and Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Goodstein, Classrooms in memory of David and Sadye Lewis, Clara Vine, Solomon Urken, Israel and Sarah Cohen and Morris and Annie Himmelstein, Classroom presented by children of Harry and Rebecca Siegel, Classroom endowed by Simon and Mary Shankman. Memorial windows were dedicated at the same time.

A guest Cantor, Reverend Isaac Wall sang on the Shabbat. USY'ers had their own celebration on Saturday night. The new auditorium was filled to capacity on Sunday evening. The program included an original cantata, "A Dream Come True" presented by the Sisterhood Choral group. Rabbis Rosenblatt, Liebreich, and Kohn were the speakers.

At a later date the small auditorium was endowed by Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Alexander and the large auditorium was endowed by Mr. and Mrs. Irving Lewis in memory of their parents. Mr. Lewis has always been most generous in his assistance to the synagogue.

The new educational building brought a large increase in membership. This necessitated a larger school staff. The daily minyan increased and Mr. Ichael Garb felt that a permanent Shamash was needed. Reverend Michael Traugut, a refugee and observant Jew was engaged as the first Shamash. He began his duties in the Fall of 1949 and he now became a very busy person. It was also necessary to have a permanent secretarial staff in the office.

**A**DATH ISRAEL CONGREGATION has never hesitated in its service to the community and to K'lol Israel. The Jewish Community Center has been permitted the use of our facilities for their summer camp program on rainy days. When the Golden Age Club needed a meeting place, our auditorium was available at no charge. No time was lost in adding an appeal to our members to purchase Israel Bonds during Yom Kippur. We have been the recipient of awards from the State of Israel for these efforts for many years. These priceless mementos are proudly displayed for all to see.

An annual drive for funds in behalf of the Jewish Theological Seminary was instituted soon after the dedication and for the past few years, this drive has culminated with a dinner in the Spring. Our congregation joined the National Enrollment Plan whereby each member pays ten dollars annually.

The beautiful building needs constant care and improvement. This is now the duty of the Building Committee. The House Committee schedules the use of facilities for all meetings, celebrations, and rental to other organizations.

In the Fall of 1959, an Oneg Shabbat was sponsored by the congregation honoring Mr. Traugut on his tenth anniversary with Adath. His sudden and untimely death in the Spring of 1961 was mourned by all. The second Sexton of Adath Israel is Mr. Morris Silver who joined us in September of 1961.



THE HOUSE COMMITTEE



SOLOMON SCHECHTER  
AWARD



RABBI THEODORE  
FRIEDMAN PRESENTING  
SEMINARY AWARD TO  
RABBI AND MRS.  
S. JOSHUA KOHN



# OUR BOARD



SOLOMON URKEN 1923-1938



HARRY LEVY 1938-1948

THE ADMINISTRATION of the affairs of Adath Israel Congregation is vested in the officers and forty-eight trustees known as the Board. This Board meets once each month to administer the business matters of the congregation. In January of each year, the entire membership is called together for the annual meeting at which time a new administration is elected. In recent years the custom was instituted of presenting an award to one who has distinguished himself in his service to the synagogue. The announcement of "The Man of the Year" is always the climax of the evening.

During the early years, the Board met when necessary, but meetings of the entire congregation were held frequently. This enabled many to serve although they held no office. It was at such a meeting of the congregation that the first fifteen trustees were elected in October of 1923.

Two weeks later, the trustees met to elect their first officers who were:

*President* — Solomon Urken

*Vice President* — Samuel Levin

*Secretary* — Alexander Budson

*Treasurer* — Samuel Shankman

*Financial Secretary* — Henry Millner

Space does not permit the mentioning of all who served without office, but whose deeds merit our deepest and sincerest appreciation for building so fine an institution. Outstanding was Harry Siegel who served in many capacities and in many offices. He actually was elected to the Presidency, but, after a few days, he resigned, preferring to serve as a member of the Board.

Others who have served devotedly are Jack S. Bernstein who was our Recording Secretary for twenty-five years and who was succeeded by Bernard Green who wrote minutes for the next thirteen years.

Much has been told of Herman Stein who kept the synagogue afloat financially during the dark days of the depression. He held no office until 1935 and, a few years later, he left Trenton and moved to Perth Amboy. Samuel Swern can be credited with yeoman service as chairman of the Building Fund Committee toward the construction of the educational building. He was instrumental in securing the adjoining land from the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Our first President, Solomon Urken served for fifteen years until his death in 1938. He was a gentle and lovable person who impressed himself upon the synagogue and the community. Mourned by the entire Jewish community as well as by the congregation, the first Conservative synagogue in Trenton stands as a monument to his untiring efforts. It was he who was constantly on the alert seeking out young leaders many of whom are active today.



BENJAMIN H. GARB, HYMAN URKEN, HYMAN B. GARB, BERNARD ALEXANDER  
1961- 1959-61 1955-59 1948-55

# OF TRUSTEES

Harry Levy led us through the difficult years of World War II. He was highly respected and during his administration the original mortgage was paid off. This paved the way towards the construction of the educational building.

**T**HE DREAM of an educational building came true under the guidance of Bernard Alexander. Through his efforts, the building was enlarged and our synagogue became the vital force for Judaism in our community that it is today. During his term of office, our Board members became aware of the values of the Conservative movement and he made meaningful to the congregation our affiliation with the Jewish Theological Seminary, the United Synagogue of America and its subordinate organizations. He sponsored the National Enrollment Plan in Adath Israel. Recently, Mr. Alexander was appointed as Cavalcade chairman of the National Enrollment Plan in the United States and Canada.

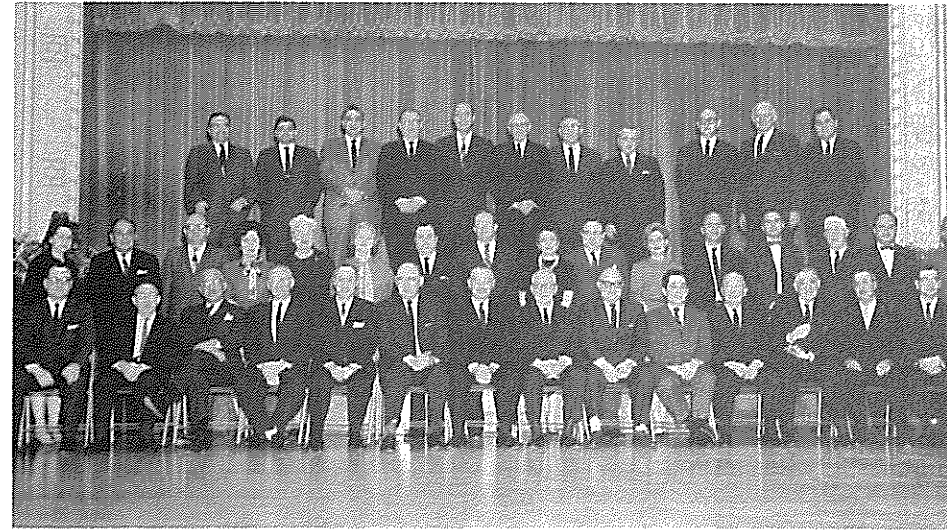
Our fourth President, Hyman B. Garb, had been actively interested in synagogue affairs since he joined one year after the congregation was incorporated. During his term of office, the mortgage on the new building was paid off, the land was purchased, and the parking lot was finished. He also served as President of the Southern New Jersey Region of the United Synagogue and is currently serving as a member of the National Council of the United Synagogue.

Hyman Urken followed in his father's footsteps when he became the fifth President of the congregation. He carried on in the same tradition as our first President.

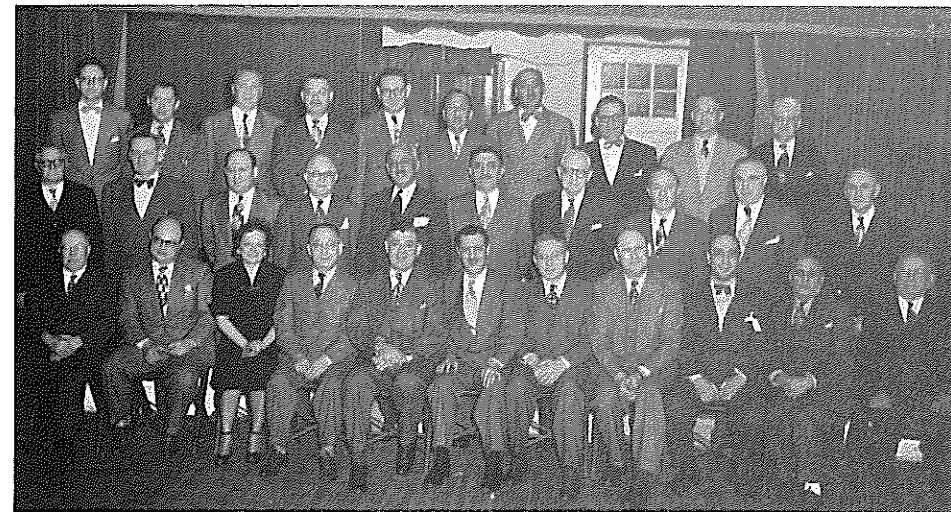
Our present leader, Benjamin H. Garb, joined the congregation as a young man. He, too, is an elected member of the National Council of the United Synagogue. Under his guidance, the congregation is continuing its progressive growth.

The first Constitution which was approved in 1923, specified that 15 members be elected to constitute a Board of Trustees. As the Congregation grew, this number was gradually increased. In 1932 an amendment changed the size of the Board to 24, one of whom may be a woman. This meant that the Sisterhood members attended in full force. After an exciting evening, the wives of members were allowed the privilege of voting and four women were duly elected as trustees in addition to the Sisterhood President.

A new constitution was adopted in 1956 which states that no less than four trustees may be women. This constitution also provides for a Board of 48 trustees. No president can succeed himself more than twice.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 1962



BOARD OF TRUSTEES PRIOR TO DEDICATION OF EDUCATIONAL BUILDING



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Congregation Adath Israel

TEMPORARY QUARTERS

178 WEST STATE STREET

TRENTON, N. J.

Dear Sir:

The Congregation Adath Israel will conduct Rosh Hashona and Yom Kippur services at the Progress Club, 178 West State Street.

Rosh Hashona services:

Evening—Sept. 28 - - - 7:00 P. M.

Morning—Sept. 29 and 30 - - - 8:00 A. M.

Yom Kippur services:

Evening—Oct. 7 - - - 6:30 P. M.

Morning—Oct. 8 - - - 9:00 A. M.

Yourself and family are cordially invited to attend the services and help us build our new temple.

Wishing you a Happy and Prosperous New Year,

SOLOMON URKEN, President

HENRY MILLNER, Secretary

## OUR HOUSE OF WORSHIP

**F**OLLOWING the organization of the congregation in 1923, High Holy Day Services were held at the Progress Club until the completion of the first building. Records indicate that a few Sabbath Services were held during this period.

The first Sabbath Service in the new building was held on Friday, July 23, 1926. Special invitations were sent to members announcing this.

The first wedding in the new building was that of Mr. and Mrs. Max A. Byer and took place on June 27, 1926.

There is no record, at the present time, of the first Bar Mitzvah. However, we note that a request for the use of the vestry room was made for the purpose of a Bar Mitzvah party in November of 1926.

The first Bat Mitzvah took place on March 3, 1961 when Ruth Alexander ascended our Bimah and chanted the Haftorah. Bat Mitzvah is limited to those girls who continue with a more intensive Hebrew education.

Today, there is seldom a Saturday on which there is no Bar or Bat Mitzvah. The use of facilities for weddings must be scheduled far in advance.

The first Sukkah was a temporary structure constructed in 1927. A small one was built each year until the large, portable Pollack Sukkah was dedicated in 1952. During the entire week of Sukkot, Kiddush is sung and refreshments are served in the Sukkah. It is almost impossible to have everyone in the Sukkah at one time because even this one has become too small.

A minyan has always been available for Shahrarit, Mincha and Maariv. During the early years it was often difficult to find enough men for afternoon services during the winter months. With the steady growth in membership, all week-day services have become well attended. Today, the Rosenthal Chapel is a beehive of activity every morning and at sundown each evening.

Special Sabbath Services for children were instituted by Rabbi Liebreich. These were well attended and were of interest to the children. However, with the scarcity of teachers during the war years, the young people had to combine with the adult service.

The youth services were revitalized in 1948 and with the help of Mrs. Bernard Hoffmann representing the Sisterhood, these became very popular. The Kiddush that is provided for the children is most attractive and attendance is so large that the group has been divided into two according to age.

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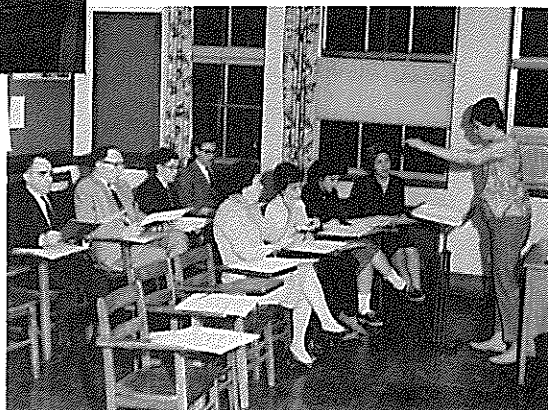
MINHA IN THE ROSENTHAL CHAPEL with Mr. Ichael Garb leading the service. Other Gabbaim of the Minyan have been Harry Siegel, Louis Kleinerman, and Harry Alexander.



PREPARING FOR BAR AND BAT MITZVAH



HAZZAN FELLER PRACTICING



ADATH ISRAEL CHOIR IN REHEARSAL — Members: Mrs. Eugene Greenberg, Mrs. Morris Kaplan, Mrs. Benjamin Goodstein, Miss Trudy Rubin, Mrs. Benjamin Thum, Mrs. A. William Blumberg, Miss Sarah Knobel, Mr. Donald Levinson, Mrs. Donald Levinson, Mr. A. A. Aronson, Dr. Alexander Price, Mr. Charles Adelman, Mr. Benjamin Getten, Mr. Frank Lubitz.

IT IS NOT UNUSUAL to find a total of about two thousand persons worshipping within our building on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. The Synagogue and the Lewis Auditorium are reserved for adults. Services for young people are divided into many groups in order to maintain greater interest. Few people realize or understand the time and effort consumed in organizing the five separate young people's Services. Each one must have its own leaders and each one must have its own outline. Children must be trained to participate as Cantors, Readers, and leaders. The greatest problem encountered each year has been in synchronizing these Services so that they all end at the same time as the adult ones.

Our first Cantor was Asher Goldenberg who came to us in 1926. To date, many of our beautiful melodies which we sing are his compositions. Other Cantors who followed were M. Mashioff, Louis Pushkin, Judah L. Wise, Ralph Eckhaus, Joseph Wieselmann, and our present Hazzan is Irving S. Feller.

There were many lean years, especially during the depression, when we had no Cantor and we had insufficient teachers. The Rabbi taught all classes including those normally taught by the Cantor. There were other years when a Cantor was not available, and there were also years when the congregation had become so accustomed to doing without a Cantor that none was sought. It was then that Hyman B. Garb readily volunteered to help by chanting the services which he did beautifully for many years.

It was always felt that a choir was needed to enhance the services on the High Holy Days. For several years, the "Elitzer Boys" were engaged each Fall. Eventually, the cost of this group became prohibitive. Many attempts were made to train a choir of volunteer members, but this did not prove too successful. When it was approved that the choir could include women's voices, a choir became a possibility. For several years, a volunteer choir sat in the front of the synagogue and led the congregation in song every Friday night. This group was trained and led by Dr. Harry Prebluda.

The present choir has been built up through the perseverance and hard work of Hazzan Feller. Composed chiefly of faithful men and women of our congregation, this group rehearses each week throughout the year and sings once a month on Friday evening in addition to the Holidays.

The community was thrilled by the Music Festivals which were begun in 1957.





BOARD OF EDUCATION

## "...THE FUTURE OF A

OUR FIRST CONGREGATION immediately felt the need for a school as an integral part of the synagogue program. Originally, the school was divided into two separate parts, supervised by two separate committees. These were the Sunday School and the Hebrew School. All children in the community were accepted and all paid the same fee on a weekly basis. Committee members were present each Sunday morning to collect the fees which were twenty-five cents for Sunday School and one dollar for Hebrew School. The number of children in the Hebrew School was less than one third of the total enrollment. In addition to the school classes, a Saturday afternoon session was available to a select group who were taught to read the Torah.

HEBREW CLASS IN SESSION



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FACULTY — Seated are Mrs. Sigmund Helmann, Faye Hafitz, Mrs. Leon Cohen, and Mrs. Irving Levey. Standing are Rabbi S. Joshua Kohn, Hazzan Irving S. Feller, Ralph Shain, Mrs. Arthur Rothschild, Hyman Krebs, Mrs. Nathan Rabinowitz, Nathan Rabinowitz, Mrs. David Pitasky, and Rabbi Paul Teicher. Absent when photo was taken is Mrs. S. Joshua Kohn.



# PEOPLE LIES IN THE EDUCATION OF ITS YOUTH"

It was about 1941 that the Sunday School and the Hebrew School committees were combined as one Board of Education. For many years Molly Shapiro was principal of the Sunday School where she worked hard to build the school. The Board of Education works closely with the Rabbi in setting policy for the entire school. It meets each month and often during the heat of summer.

Eventually, the school had to be limited to the children of members only, primarily because of the lack of space. Other reasons make this a practical move. Fees are now collected once a year along with membership dues. It is interesting to note that our school fees have not increased but are the same as they were many years ago—forty dollars a year for Hebrew School and ten dollars a year for Primary School.

However, the standards of the school have been raised. The number of hours of instruction has been increased as well as the number of years required for Bar Mitzvah, Bat Mitzvah and Confirmation.

Teachers have been selected with great care in order to provide the best possible education for our children. Gradually, our Sunday School has given way to the Primary School and the proportion of pupils in Primary School is less than one third of the total enrollment. The aim of the Conservative movement is to eliminate completely the one day school and increase the years in Hebrew School.

Our school is currently meeting the minimum standards set by United Synagogue. However, we have started along the path to bring our level far above this.

This year, nine of our young people are attending Gratz College for their High School studies in Hebrew. This has been a great achievement.

Many of the improvements in the school became possible only with the increase in our professional staff. In the Fall of 1952, our Board of Education saw success in the addition of an Educational Director. Mordecai Levow was able to make many changes that improved our entire educational department. When he left us to go into the business world, he was followed by Joseph Cohen and then by Zalman Diskind. It was finally decided that the educational department could best be supervised by an Associate Rabbi who would primarily be responsible for our enlarged program and also serve the congregation in his Rabbinic capacity.

An excellent Nursery School was an important adjunct of our program for several years. It was a joy to watch how quickly these little ones absorbed Hebrew and religious customs. After several years of operation, it became impossible to find certificated teachers and it was necessary to suspend the school rather than continue one that would not be accredited by the State of New Jersey.

The first Confirmation class consisted of nine girls who were confirmed by Rabbi Rosenblatt in 1926. Confirmation has always attracted girls to our Hebrew School and the opportunity for greater learning has given us

better mothers in Israel. Today the standards to be achieved before Confirmation are high; however, the class continues to increase in size. Confirmation ceremonies are most impressive and beautiful. Contests have stirred up great enthusiasm that has resulted in greater learning. The Sadye Lewis essay contest is one of the most exciting and most popular. The Tomor award is given to an outstanding pupil of the Confirmation class. Scholarship awards are given by the Rathaufer Fund and the Rabbi's Scholarship Fund has given partial scholarships to Camp Ramah and to the Israel Pilgrimage. Awards are also made by various groups within the Synagogue family and many contests are sponsored by the school.



CONFIRMATION CLASS 1963



FIRST CONFIRMATION CLASS — Reading from the left Cantor Asher Goldenberg, Rosalind Gross, Irene Shankman, Miriam Epstein, June Love, Mildred Kohn, Mr. Morris B. Siegal, Rabbi Samuel Rosenblatt, Etta Gordon, Ruth Movshovitz, Ruth Gross, Lillian Stein, and Mr. Segal.



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## WEEKLY BULLETIN

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<b>FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES 8 P.M.</b> Light your Candles at 4:25 P.M. * SACRIFICE FROM OR FOR WHOM? * Rabbi S. Joshua Kohn Cantor Ralph Kohn will chant the prayers.		
<b>SABBATH MORNING SERVICES 9 A.M.</b> Weekly Portion -- Vayera		
<b>CHILDREN'S SERVICES - 10 A.M.</b> On this Saturday morning we are beginning once again our children's services. The first service is important. Please be sure to send them and you are welcome too.		
<b>WOMEN'S CLUB - Tuesday, November 12, 1946</b> Enclosed is an invitation to our organization meeting of the Men's Club. Come and show your loyalty to Adath Israel.		
<b>SECOND LECTURE SERIES</b> <b>DR. MORTIMER J. COHEN</b> - Famous Rabbi, author and lecturer will speak on Wednesday, November 13 at Adath on "Rambles in Jewish Bookland". Reserve the evening. It is a "must" on your program.		
This is the first weekly bulletin. All beginnings are small Watch for bigger and better Adath Israel bulletins.		

# ADATH ISRAEL NEWS

**ADATH ISRAEL NEWS** is an important method of keeping members informed on all activities within our Congregation and often contains news of national prominence. It is printed and mailed to members twice each month from early September until the end of June.

It is surprising to note that in 1941 a request was made for clerical help that would also assist in production of a "house bulletin". After a month of study, a committee reported that full-time clerical help was not needed and neither was the bulletin necessary.

This eventually prompted the Sisterhood to issue a bulletin of its own and the Congregation submitted limited news for which it shared proportionately in the cost. By 1946 the editor could not continue and it seemed likely that the bulletin would be suspended.

The first issue of *Adath Israel News* appeared on November 8, 1946 as a mimeographed weekly bulletin. It is surprising to see how much information could be included in two pages. As activities increased, it was found necessary to obtain professional help. Five years after the first issue, the paper took on a new format when it was mimeographed by a firm outside the Synagogue.

On March 27, 1953, the first printed issue was mailed to members. From then on it has appeared as it does now. Attempts are made to cover all phases of Synagogue activity in as newsy and interesting a manner as possible. A complete history of the Congregation can be gleaned from its pages since Vol. 1, No. 1 was first published. Many events not reported in the minutes of Board meetings are noted here for posterity.

In the bulletin we discover that so much has been offered in the field of Adult Education. Lecture Series and Study Groups were in evidence from the early days of our Congregation. A Bible Study class was organized by Rabbi Liebreich in 1927 and we find articles about this class many years later under the guidance of Rabbi Kohn.

A Young Peoples Discussion group was begun in 1946. This is now called Dorshei Daas and still meets regularly. A new group has recently been formed and is led by Rabbi Teicher.

Lectures were the order of the day for a long time and many notables have appeared as speakers. Some of these have been Mortimer Cohen, Dr. Simon Greenberg, Dr. Evelyn Garfiel, Dr. Solomon Grayzel as well as many others.



## ADATH ISRAEL

## NEWS

Trenton, New Jersey

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### Rabbi's Pen

By Rabbi S. Joshua Kohn

A Search for Brotherhood

It was a great thrill to accompany one of our members on their last ride to Philadelphia. It was an impressive occasion that I spent, accompanying our children to Great College the other day. School for Hebrew Teachers in Philadelphia.

To have our High School youth continuing their higher Hebrew education in a wonderful thing. To actively witness them in their, to gather with hundreds of other exceptional youngsters from Philadelphia and the entire Delaware Valley and to see them work diligently and enthusiastically, from the wall of Jewish knowledge makes one feel proud.

During the course of the Sunday afternoon I was privileged to witness our children extremely happy and participating in the different Hebrew classes, two Bible classes, a Hebrew class and even two classes in Yiddish. Certainly these children will be among the future leaders of the Jewish community.

As a stranger, one who does not know the city, the Rabbi of Philadelphia in the afternoon till he found the youth in their last journey.

Camp Ramah Enrollment

Enrollment for Camp Ramah for next summer is open now. Closing November 15, 1952. For more information, contact the nearest camp or the Executive Director, Mr. S. J. Kohn, 1000 E. 10th St., Trenton, N.J. 08611.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Every Evening ..... 8:00 P.M.  
 Sabbath Morning ..... 9:00 A.M.  
 Daily Minyan ..... 7:00 A.M.  
 Sunday Morning ..... 10:00 A.M.

### Schedule of Religious Services

Rabbi S. Joshua Kohn      Cantor Ralph Kohn

Friday, November 15, 1952

Lighting of Candles - 4:15 P.M.  
 8:15 P.M. - SABBATH EVENING SERVICES, Friday, Nov. 15, 1952  
 9:00 A.M. - SABBATH MORNING SERVICES, Saturday, Nov. 16, 1952  
 Late Vesper - 7:00 P.M.

Friday, November 22, 1952

Lighting of Candles - 4:15 P.M.  
 8:15 P.M. - SABBATH EVENING SERVICES, Friday, Nov. 22, 1952  
 9:00 A.M. - SABBATH MORNING SERVICES, Saturday, Nov. 23, 1952  
 Late Vesper - 7:00 P.M.

Saturday, November 23, 1952

Lighting of Candles - 4:15 P.M.  
 8:15 P.M. - SABBATH EVENING SERVICES, Saturday, Nov. 23, 1952  
 9:00 A.M. - SABBATH MORNING SERVICES, Sunday, Nov. 24, 1952  
 Late Vesper - 7:00 P.M.

Sunday, November 24, 1952

Lighting of Candles - 4:15 P.M.  
 8:15 P.M. - SABBATH EVENING SERVICES, Sunday, Nov. 24, 1952  
 9:00 A.M. - SABBATH MORNING SERVICES, Monday, Nov. 25, 1952  
 Late Vesper - 7:00 P.M.

**ANNUAL MEETING JAN. 20TH RESERVE DATE NOW**

The week-end Kallah led by Dr. Mortimer Kaplan was the greatest achievement of the Adult Education Commission. A very large number attended all sessions from Friday evening through Sunday morning.

Classes in history, beginner's Hebrew, advanced Hebrew, Music and Literature as well as other subjects have proved of great interest and have started many adults on the path of continued study. There is much to tell about the efforts in this area, but space does not permit it.

Noted Rabbis have spoken from our pulpit. Progress of all the groups of our Synagogue family are noted in the pages of the Bulletin. So much has been done and, yet, there is also room for improvement.

## GREEN LIBRARY

The Green Library is one of our proudest achievements. Well stocked with valuable and useful books, it is one of the best in the area. In May of 1957, a citation was awarded our Library by the Jewish Book Council of America.

The Library is open every afternoon and is staffed by a librarian. Library cards can be obtained by members and these are issued to all pupils in the school.



## CEMETERY

AS THE ORIGINAL building neared completion, it was felt that this was the time to acquire land for use as a cemetery. A special meeting of the Board was called in 1925 where it was unanimously approved to purchase a large plot of ground from the Greenwood Cemetery Association for use by Adath Israel Congregation.

More land was needed by 1952, but nothing desirable could be obtained at Greenwood Cemetery. Furthermore, the cost would have been prohibitive.

A large section of Fountain Lawn was obtained in 1952 at about this time. It has always been the desire of the committee to maintain this as a beautiful spot and a dignified one. Of great importance is the fact that arrangements have been made toward assuring perpetual care of this sacred place.





SISTERHOOD BOARD 1962-63

## SISTERHOOD

THE SISTERHOOD has always been an inspiring force behind the affairs of our Synagogue. Keeping in mind the well-being of the members, Sisterhood women have fought for the reforms to bring the women of the Congregation to their rightful place. This is illustrated by one comment appearing in the minutes that the Sisterhood President announced several coming activities of the Sisterhood. "She also made the usual demands of the men". We can rest assured that these demands were in the best interests of the majority of the members.

To write a full or even an outline of the history of Adath Israel Sisterhood would consume more pages of this booklet than are available. An over-all picture of highlights is all that is possible.

The distaff side of the Congregation was organized by the wives of the leaders in 1926. Records at the office of National Women's League in New York show that our Sisterhood affiliated in 1927. Our founders were foresighted enough to realize the value of such an affiliation. These dedicated and tireless women devoted themselves wholeheartedly to the service of the Synagogue and laid a firm foundation for the present group. Service meant raising funds for the Synagogue, educating themselves, taking care of the welfare of the school children, and feeding the Congregation members.

In 1928 we find that the women took complete charge of the refreshments served at the "Sabbath Receptions" each Friday night. Sisterhood women still prepare and serve at each

Oneg Shabbat far more magnificently than in the small, cramped vestry room of the old building. It is interesting to note that on October 12, 1927, the second day of Sukkot, the women served refreshments to the children at a party in the afternoon.

In his report to the Board of Trustees, Rabbi Liebreich writes that there was not a single festival on which the Sisterhood did not do something for the boys and girls.

A Study Circle supervised by the Rabbi met each week and concentrated on Hebrew. Another

group met with Mrs. Liebreich to discuss books of importance to Jews. Funds realized from the sale of Leagrams were used to purchase pictures for the walls of the office and classrooms. The placing of flowers on the pulpit on the Shabbat was begun by the Sisterhood in 1927. Sisterhood provided the food for the reception in the first Sukkah immediately after Services.

A report of Sisterhood activities today would read in the same vein. However, the size of the group has grown tremendously and activities have increased. An annual report given in brief outline cannot be done in less than fifteen closely typewritten pages. Study groups, Hebrew classes, Holiday Institutes, appropriate and meaningful gifts to the school children, providing refreshments at an Oneg Shabbat, are in the program in addition to the regular meeting each month where opportunity is taken to impart some of our wonderful heritage.



Fund raising is vital to Sisterhood. Money is needed to carry on its programs and gifts have been made to the Synagogue. But fund raising is a means to an end and not an end in itself. Dutch suppers were in vogue in the early days and these were famous. The various methods used for raising money during the past 36 years are too numerous to list, but these were often devices for teaching as well as for providing sustenance.

A fantastic sum of money was contributed by the Sisterhood towards the new building. It was the constant prodding of the Sisterhood that helped in the construction of the new building.

This year witnessed the 30th anniversary of the annual Donor. An early Donor chairman was Molly Fox and she has been the driving force ever since. Originally held in the Spring, this has always been the leading social event of the year. In recent years, the Donor has been held in the Fall to avoid conflict with other organizations. A Journal has been added to the Donor which has increased the treasury.

The eighth annual Festival of Jewish Arts is currently in the planning stages. This has proved to be of great educational value to the entire community. The cultural advantages of this Festival have been recognized nationally and many Sisterhoods have instituted similar Festivals.

The entire Jewish community of Trenton, and some of the non-Jewish, eagerly await our annual "Breakfast With the Rebbetzin" when Mrs. S. Joshua Kohn reviews a book of Jewish interest. This too, is an educational project. We were proud that Mrs. Kohn was selected as New Jersey Mother of the Year in 1960 by the American Mothers Committee.

A Sisterhood Choral Group gave outstanding service to our congregation, our community, and our Branch for a number of years. This is no longer in existence because women cannot give time for rehearsal and because a director is not available.

Adath Israel Sisterhood has contributed to Branch affairs. Service was given to the New Jersey Branch of National Women's League, then to the Northern New Jersey Branch, and now the Central New Jersey Branch. One of our members, Mrs. Morris Nochumson, has had the distinction of serving as the first President of the Central New Jersey Branch which she completely organized. For this she has been elected as Honorary President and will serve as such for always. Throughout the years many have served on the Branch level as Chairmen and as Officers and today, another of our members is currently President of the Branch.

Our members are also active in the National organization. Distinction was brought to our Sisterhood when one of our members was elected as National Vice President. In addition, the greatest and most vital department of National Women's League, the Mathilde Schechter Residence Hall, is headed by Mrs. Bernard Alexander. In her honor, the Sisterhood has contributed \$5,000 towards the Residence Hall project.

Sisterhood leaders of today recognize the fine contribution that was made by our organizers in 1926. Some of these women are still active members of the group today. For what we have become, we are indebted to Mrs. S. Joshua Kohn who is constantly teaching all women how to develop innate talents and abilities. She shows us how to grow to greater heights.



GIFT SHOP



A DONOR PROGRAM



NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1948



# MEN'S CLUB

ONE MEMBER of the Adath Israel family that has its finger on the pulse of the congregation is our Men's Club. This group meets once each month offering programs that have grown rich in educational content and religious experience.

This group of busy, devoted, and vibrant men is quick to discover the needs of our congregation. It was the influence of the Men's Club that expedited the installation of air-conditioning and the paving of the parking lot.

On November 12, 1946 a new group was organized. Reports show that an outstanding speaker was listed on the program of each meeting.

During the following years, emphasis began to be placed on religious observances and educational activities. The annual fund raising event was an economic interlude to provide money for their activities and contributions to the synagogue.

Study groups and Hebrew classes have been formed. The Father and Son banquet is one annual event that originated during the first year of reorganization and is still popular today. The Tallit and Tefilin Club is completely supported by the Men. Through the persistent efforts of the Men's Club and with the help of the Rabbi, this group has been given continuity and has been most successful. Boys of Bar Mitzvah age and over meet every Sunday morning for prayers and for learning which is followed by a breakfast.

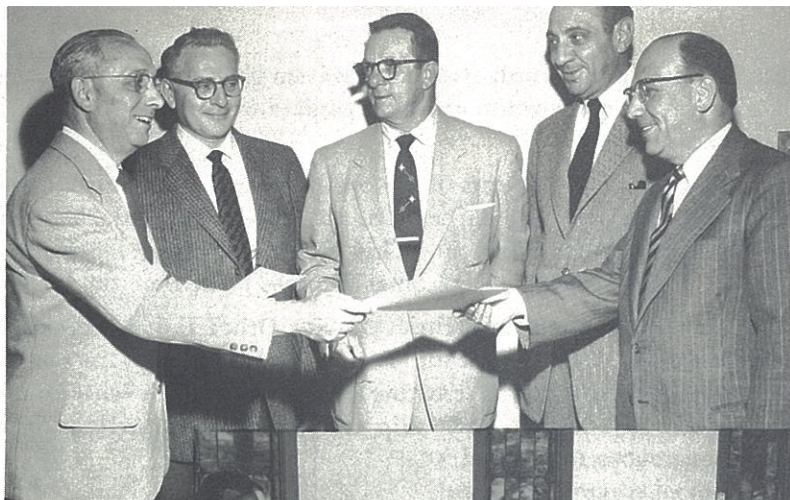
The Mothers Day Sabbath on the Friday evening preceding Mothers Day is eagerly anticipated by the congregation when the selection of the Mother of the Year is announced. The first Mothers Day Sabbath in 1950 honored all mothers and each lady was presented with an orchid. In 1951 and 1952 the same pattern was con-



MEN'S CLUB BOARD, 1962-63



WAITERS AT A CONGREGATIONAL DINNER MEETING



**PRESENTING  
CERTIFICATES TO  
PAST PRESIDENTS**



**TALLIT AND  
TEFILLIN CLUB**



**RECENT MEETING**

tinued with the addition of special corsages to the oldest and youngest mothers present. It was in 1953 that one woman was singled out as Mother of the Year for contribution to the Synagogue and to her family. This custom has prevailed until this day. The one exception was the most recent Mothers Day Sabbath when a Woman of the Year was chosen for service to the Synagogue who had no children of her own.

In addition to the annual events listed here, Men's Club has sponsored many fund raising projects that have contributed ample sums for the Synagogue. Today, it is a mark of distinction that all methods for obtaining much needed money are of a dignified nature and a credit to the Congregation.

Soon after the group became well established, it affiliated with the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs. Three members are at this time serving on the Board of the Middle Atlantic Region of the National organization. These members are Irving Schwartzman, Harry Ginsberg, and Bernard Popkin.

Adath Israel Congregation can look with pride upon the continuous progress that has been made by our Men's Club.







JUNIOR YOUNG PEOPLES LEAGUE, 1950

**M**OST OF THE STORY of our youth activities has been gleaned from the pages of Adath Israel News. There have been many youth groups organized within our Congregation during the forty years of our existence.

A Daughterhood for girls over 18 years of age continued as a Junior Sisterhood for many years. A group of young men and women between the ages of 18 and 25 began meeting in 1935 with Bernard Green as its President. This group continued for many years and then combined with a similar group at Har Sinai Temple to become the 20-30 Club.

Girl Scout Troop #7 was famous throughout the city. Other Troops were organized and Brownie Troops were formed. Our Girl Scout Troops forged the way in our community for a more enlightened Girl Scout Council resulting in fewer city-wide events on the Shabbat. Eventually, it was the lack of available leadership and the increased activity of our young people that caused these troops to disband.

## ADATH'S

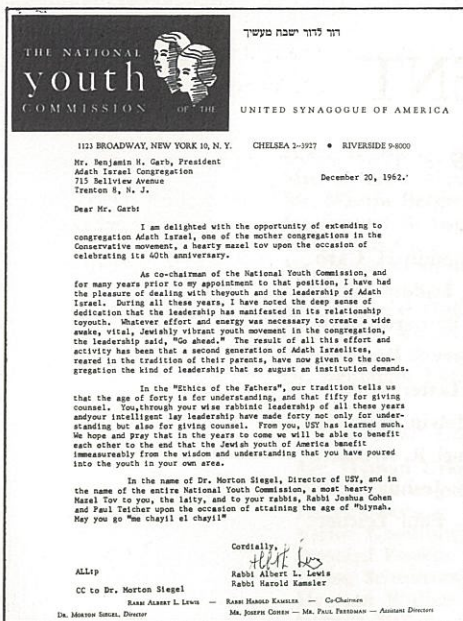


USY BOARD, 1962-63

Boy Scout Troops have been sponsored by our Men's Club, but sponsorship has been taken over by the Knights of Pythias. Our Men's Club still sponsors a Cub Pack jointly with Knights.

All girls who have been Confirmed at Adath Israel are automatically members of Adath Confirmation Alumnae or ACA.

A Youth League of high school age boys and girls was in existence for several years. The number of members fluctuated from large to small and it was difficult to keep this group together. On November 11, 1951, this group was re-organized as Trenton Chapter United Synagogue Youth. Affiliation with National USY seemed to be the answer to



keeping our youth interested and active in the Synagogue. Delegates were sent to the Charter Convention and the group has been an important member of our Synagogue family ever since.

Designed towards keeping the high school youth closely tied to the Synagogue, USY has a program that is religious, cultural, and social. Our USY chapter has grown steadily until the present time when its membership has reached a total of 95 boys and girls. The Sisterhood, Men's Club, and Congregation give wholeheartedly towards its financial support. Youth are subsidized to attend National Conventions, Regional Kinusiim, and Summer encampment. There is no doubt that the secret of holding our youth as an organization lies in affiliation with a National organization. The excitement of meeting young people from other areas is most alluring.

Our local chapter has participated on Regional and National levels. Many have served as officers and chairmen on the Regional level and one of our members, Arthur Pestcoe, rose to the office of National President. We have also had several who have held National chairmanships. Four of our members have participated in the Israel Pilgrimage and a fifth is preparing to go to Israel this summer. Estelle Phillips, Ted Schvimmer, Stuart Gertman, Stephen Rothschild have visited Israel.



SELIHOT



SHAHARIT ON THE BUS

Our Synagogue has been the scene of several week-end Kinusiim sponsored by the Region. Congregation members have been most gracious in providing home hospitality and physical help in making these most successful. Our Rabbis have given assistance to the point where they have become beloved by our own youth as well as by those of the Region who live outside our community.

A Junior USY follows a similar but more abbreviated pattern of USY. These boys and girls are still pupils in the Hebrew school and their program is less extensive because of necessity.

All youth activities are supervised by the Youth Commission which is composed of adults representing all arms of our Congregation. The Commission works closely with Rabbi Teicher and Rabbi Kohn and the present Advisor, Harold Pakman.

The Commission looks forward to the time when there will be a greater number of youth groups serving all ages that are beyond our Hebrew School.

The future strength of Conservative Judaism is in the hands of these young people.

YOUTH



# ADATH OFFICERS -- PAST and PRESENT

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It was the original thought of the committee that this would be a history of the congregation. However, after careful study, came the realization that a true history would fill more pages than are available in this volume. The result is this story which gives an outline of the highlights of our first forty years.

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# 40th ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM

Friday, January 18, 1963, 8:00 P. M.

Fortieth Anniversary Sabbath  
Sabbath Evening Service  
and  
Oneg Shabbat  
Honoring Adath Israel Sisterhood  
and its Past Presidents

Sermon: Dr. S. Joshua Kohn  
*The Heritage of Our Fathers is the  
Inheritance of Our Children*

Keynote Address: Benjamin H. Garb, President

For the Sisterhood: Mrs. Henry Suval, President of  
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Special Choral Program: Hazzan Irving S. Feller  
and Adath Israel Choir

Benediction: Rabbi Paul Teicher

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Saturday, January 19, 1963, 9:00 A. M.

Fortieth Anniversary Family Sabbath Service  
Honoring Adath Israel Men's Club  
and its Past Presidents

Sermon: Dr. S. Joshua Kohn  
*Men of Israel*

For the Men's Club: Bernard Popkin

Chanting of Service: Hazzan Irving S. Feller

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Saturday, January 19, 1963, 8:00 P. M.

Fortieth Anniversary Dance and Celebration  
for  
Adath Israel Youth

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Sunday, January 20, 1963, 11:00 A. M.

*Our Future — Our Children*  
Religious School Assembly Program  
Rabbi Paul Teicher

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Sunday, January 20, 1963, 6:00 P. M.

The Fortieth Anniversary Banquet  
and  
Annual Meeting of the Congregation  
Honoring

Founders of the Congregation,  
Rabbis, Past Presidents,  
Men of the Year and  
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