

SEVENTY

YEARS



1869



1969

Congregation Sons of Jacob

Congregation Sons of Jacob Centennial Anniversary

— 1869 —



1888 — FIRST STRUCTURE BUILT ON COLLEGE AVENUE

— 1969 —



1950 — PRESENT STRUCTURE BUILT ON AVENUE
PORTLAND

WE DEDICATE

*"This is the day which the Lord hath made;
Let us be glad and rejoice in it."*

Of all the institutions that man has created, the Synagogue is that with the longest continuous history. It is the most important institution in Judaism, because it serves as the best medium of identification with one's fellow Jews and the stream of Jewish life.

A Congregation in Israel historically has been not merely a House of Worship, but a meeting place for every important religious, educational and communal gathering and the center for every significant Jewish activity—daily Hebrew and Sunday classes for the young, daily and Sabbath Minyanim, adult education classes, religious, social, fraternal and Zionist activities for both young and old—all these have found in the Synagogue a sounding board for their appeal.

It must be gratifying to the families of the venerated founders of our Synagogue to look upon a flourishing congregation, devout in its adherence to the eternal way of Israel, now one hundred years old.

Our Synagogue, the Sons of Jacob, which is considered to be the oldest traditional Synagogue in this area, is also recognized as one of the finest and most resplendent Orthodox Synagogues in the Northwest.

We are, indeed, overjoyed to have been granted the privilege of reaching this milestone in the history of our Congregation. We can take justifiable pride in our past achievements. Many are the people who are responsible for attaining this goal. Throughout the years they have given of themselves, their time and their means, to see a dynamic Traditional Judaism in St. Paul. To all of them and to all of you—the deep and sincere appreciation of Sons of Jacob Congregation.

A Tribute to Our Founders . . .

Samuel Coddon, Nathan Blumenthal, Simon Jacobs, David Goodman, Wolf Goodman, Abraham Kaufman, Nathan B. Cohen, Charles Polski, Moses Calmenson, Raphael Machinsky, Ephraim Skorish, Mayer Rosenholtz, Jasha Rosenholtz and Aaron Mark.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Records cite the names: Nathan Blumenthal, Aaron Gottstein, Simon Jacobs, Harry Kahn, Isaac Abrahamson, Louis Pavian, Alex Silver, Louis Goldman, Philip Greenberg, Samuel Coddon, Max Grazovsky, Mendel Copilovich, Wolf Resnick, Morris Oglansky, Ben Schmuckler, Morris Kieffer, William Applebaum, Samuel Schmuckler, Samuel Neren, Nate Kuller, Leslie Sains, Morris Steinman, Sam Lechtman, Jack Karter, Nathan Levinsohn, Jerry Londer, Yale Libman, Mike Handler, Israel Begam.

Regretably, the unavailability of comprehensive records renders a complete listing impossible.

PAST RABBIS and CANTORS

Among the Rabbis were: J. Goldstein, B. Rosenthal, J. D. Friedman, H. Simon, Alperstein, Rivkin, Baer "Prager" (Kadad Rabbi), J. B. Hurwitz, M. C. Katz, and E. J. Kahn.

The Cantors included Jacob Goldstein, Aaronson and Eli Kreidberg.

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Rabbi's Message for the Centennial Year

Within these halls and consecrated walls of the Sons of Jacob Synagogue there is imbedded memories of one full century. These walls which are the heirs of other Synagogue walls of the old West Side carry with them the sounds of an entire lifetime. If the theory were possible or that time waves and sounds could be picked up by a machine, as one would record a record or see the vision on a video tape, I am sure that the tears would flow from your eyes, to hear your grandparents, great grandparents, and parents, and yourselves as young children expounding forth the prayers of G-d to the various Droshtot and sermons, of the great reknown scholars, the singing of the children in the Synagogue and in the Talmud Torah and the Melamed beating time with his ruler or with his hand on a tear stained Siddur teaching the Aleph Bas. We would be listening.

This is the essence of a Synagogue. It is not only a house of worship. It is a house of daily practice, learning, as we derive a great deal of spiritual satisfaction for our immortal soul. It is the foundation upon which we now stand. The efforts of those who have gone before us who have given of themselves heart and soul to build this edifice—the Enai Yakov—The Sons of Jacob. Today we carry on the practices of the prayers being uttered three times a day. The Minyan is the backbone of all Snagogues. The Religious School still continuing on, teaching the words of the Torah and fulfills the commandment, "The study of the Torah supersedes all and we shall teach it diligently to our children." The joy of the "Yechi Hadad" of the S.Y.O. Youth Group, as they partake in the Synagogue with a new modern feeling intermingling the religion and faith with the joy of living. This was promulgated by the founder of the Chasidic movement at the beginning of the 16th century, the Baal Shem Tov. The activities of the Sisterhood, the Men's Club, the Couples Group are all participating into the one central theme — to build and carry on as heirs to perpetuate this structure, and to carry on the heritage of the Sons of Jacob.

One would think that at the end of 100 years, as it is a life time, that such an institution has seen its day and is ready now to retire from the scene. Many feel that this is the situation with Orthodox Judaism. This thinking has proven wrong. We note that Abraham gave forth his fruitful ac-

complishments in his old age, at 100 when his son Isaac was born. He went through his most difficult trial, and came through it beautifully at the age of 137. Certainly we can recall all of the great deeds and accomplishments of Moses, who lead the children of Israel, out of Egypt to one of the greatest spectacular moments in the history of mankind by receiving the Law at Sinai. Yet we read that when Moses was 120 years old his eye did not dim or did his flesh wither neither in his life or in his death. He became even more fruitful, even more vibrant as the years went on. The psalmist tells us, "A man shall wax fresh, even in his old age." They shall remain full of sap and vigor forever, to declare that G-d is upright by rock in whom there is no injustice." If anyone or any institution indulges in the work of declaring the name of G-d and that He is just then truly it shall wax it fresh even as the years go on. It shall be vigorous with the sap of life to carry on even more productive accomplishments. We have looked back over 100 years. We are impressed and enveloped with feelings of nostalgia. We shed tears of joy and sentiment, but we must remember that this Synagogue which is a pillar of Torah Judaism must continue in its work. It must develop within itself an "Or Hatorah Em Or Panav" — The light of the Torah with the light of the countenance to show that even after all of this 100 years we are now just beginning to develop and strengthen ourselves. We are carrying on the traditions of our heritage of the past and bringing it to light in this new modern era still retaining the beauty of the days gone by. This scintillating force still remains in the air. Let us capture it and let us bring it here into the walls of this Congregation. At this historical moment the we observe our Centennial year at Sons of Jacob, the year of 1969 corresponding to the Hebrew year of 5729 and 5730. All of you standing here with pride and participating with joy and Nachas will remember this. You will derive satisfaction and pride knowing that you were part of this life time, this century, this 100 years.

You are ready to bridge the gap in the traditions of Abraham, and Moses, and all of our great personalities who have gone before. In the end you will invoke the eternal blessings from Him on high and truly be given the honorable name "Bnai Yahakov", The Sons of Jacob.

Our Rabbi and Rebbetzin

Rabbi Fine was born and raised in Sioux City, Iowa and graduated High School from the Chicago Jewish Academy in 1951, attended the Hebrew Theological College or Beth Midrash L'Torah from 1951 to 1960 and graduated and was ordained as a Rabbi in 1960 with a Bachelor of Hebrew Letters. Attended DePaul University graduating in June 1956 with a Bachelor degree in Literature. Rabbi Fine entered the United States Army as a Chaplain (First Lieutenant) in 1961 graduating from the United States Chaplain school basic course in March 1961 and reporting to Ft. Jackson, South Carolina where he served for 2 complete years during which he earned for himself a citation for meritorious service from the Commanding General at Ft. Jackson.



RABBI ARTHUR L. FINE

Rabbi Fine then assumed the position of spiritual leader and educational director of the Adath Yeshurun Synagogue in Augusta, Georgia, for 3 years during which he was the Rabbi of the Congregation and Principal of the Hebrew school and Augusta Hebrew Day School. Upon leaving Augusta, Rabbi Fine served with Rabbi Manuel Laderman of the Hebrew Educational Alliance of Denver, Colorado where he was the Educational and Youth Director. It was during that time he married the former Barbara Gold of Denver. Rabbi Fine has now been the spiritual leader of the Sons of Jacob Synagogue since August 1968. Rabbi Fine serves on the Tri-Faith Counseling Committee of the Traffic School under the supervision of Judge Archie Gingold. Rabbi Fine is also the Chaplain for the Junior Chamber of Commerce and honorary State Department Chaplain of the Jewish War Veterans

Rabbi Fine is a guest lecturer for certain courses at Anoka Ramsey Junior College. He is also a Chaplain in the United States Army Reserve, having served at such posts at Fort Gordon, Georgia, Fort Carson, Colorado, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and also has attended the advance mobilization course at the Chaplain school at Fort Hamilton, New York. Rabbi Fine who now holds the rank of Captain hopes to receive the rank of Major in the very near future.



MRS. ARTHUR L. FINE

Mrs. Fine, the former Barbara Ann Gold, was born in Denver, Colorado and attended school there. She was graduated from the University of Denver, cum laude, and Phi Beta Kappa, in 1964 with a B.A. in mathematics. She completed one year of graduate work at the Iliff School of Theology before leaving for a one and a half year stay in Israel. Part of the time there she lived on a kibbutz and then in Jerusalem, as a student in Hebrew University and also working in the Ministry of Education and Culture. Prior to coming to St. Paul, she taught junior high mathematics.

CENTENNIAL FUND OBJECTIVES



1. To remove the financial burden that has shackled the progress of development of the Synagogue for years.
2. To increase the capability of the Sunday School of the Sons of Jacob by improving the facilities utilized, and to increase the teaching capability to perpetuate the Jewish Orthodox Heritage in St. Paul.
3. To establish a program that will continue the progressive religious service to the Jewish community for the second hundred years.

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

To our members, friends and well wishers:

May I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all those who have helped make this Centennial year and this Historic Brochure a huge success,

The many hours, days and months spent, by the Steering Committee and their co-workers to make this auspicious occasion a epic event in the annuals of our Synagogue have not been in vain.

The encouragement and well wishes expressed within these pages will always be cherished by the Congregation Sons of Jacob.

A Very Heartfelt Thank You
SAUL FIDELMAN



SAUL FIDELMAN
General Chairman

STEERING COMMITTEE



First row, left to right, Jack Karter, Saul Fidelman, Bernard Modelevsky, Sol Bornstein, Yale Rutzick. Second row, left to right, Morris Katz, Nathan Neren, Mrs. David Winnick, Mrs. Joe Rosenzweig, Mrs. Arthur Johnson, Mr. Louis Sher, Mrs. Sol Bornstein, Mrs. B. J. Singer, Mrs. Yale Rutzick, Israel Bogam.

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A Message from the Synagogue President



YALE M. RUTZICK

It is commonly accepted that a Synagogue is a House of Worship. Indeed it is — but it is more than that. It must include every phase of Jewish activity — religious, cultural, educational, social patriotic, and philanthropic.

When we look back in retrospect at our Synagogue's history, we encounter many significant milestones in the life of our community. We are determined, however, not to be satisfied with what we have achieved in the past. We have greater aspirations and many more achievements ahead of us. Our forefathers laid the foundations a century ago. Now it is incumbent upon us to build upon that foundation and to foster our Synagogue's role of meaningful community leadership. May God grant our congregation the inspiration to continue serving Israel's time-honored heritage with dedication and permit us to witness the vision of our fathers become a reality.

Providence has privileged me with the honor

Officers of the Sons of Jacob Congregation

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of serving as President during the Centennial Year of our Synagogue. Together with the Board, I have, therefore, been striving to make our Synagogue a focal point for all our members and at the same time to manage the heavy financial burden.

This Historical Brochure marks the culmination of a successful drive. It is, therefore, my great pleasure to extend heartfelt congratulations and deep appreciation to all the participating firms and all the members and friends of Sons of Jacob Congregation for their cooperation and assistance and for their untiring efforts on behalf of this drive and our Synagogue. I shall be ever grateful for having such loyal and devoted members with whom to work.

It is my sincere hope that the Congregation and its affiliated groups may continue to grow and prosper, binding us closer to one another, to our Synagogue and to our sacred heritage.

—YALE M. RUTZICK

NATE BERKOVITZ
Firt Gabbai



SIDNEY GOLDFARB
Second Gabbai



SAM SAIDE
Third Gabbai

History - Congregation Sons of Jacob

The Congregation Sons of Jacob is observing its Centennial anniversary this year. It has been one hundred years of glorious expression of Jewish religious life that finds the sons and daughters and grandchildren of the founders observing daily, Sabbath and holiday services in an edifice that is a far cry from the original frame dwelling on Payne Avenue near Seventh Street where services were held as far back as 1869, six years before the group was incorporated into a congregation.

The Congregation of the Sons of Jacob (originally called B'nai Jacob) was incorporated and organized March 20, 1875, with only 12 members at 252 Robert St. Rev. J. Goldstein officiated at the organization and the following officers were elected: Nathan Blumenthal, President; Moses Coddon, Vice-Pres., Aaron Mark, Treas.; G. Caplin, Secretary; Adam Kaufman and Daniel Goodman as Trustees.

On April 6, 1877, the cemetery was purchased. From Payne Avenue, services were held at the place of organization, but on the 15th of August 1879, the Jacobs House at 16 W. College Avenue was purchased and converted into a house of worship. The rabbi at that time was Rev. B. Rosenthal and the membership was about 75.

With the enormous and sudden influx of new settlers, the quarters soon became too small and a new splendid brick structure was erected in the fall of 1888 on the same College Avenue site between Wabasha and St. Peter Streets. It accommodated six hundred people and had a fine library and a large collection of sifre torah. It had its own Hebrew and Sunday school. Jacob Aronsohn served as rabbi for fifteen years. Among those who formulat-

ed the blueprint for the new Synagogue were several members of the Coddon family including Samuel Coddon, Nathan Blumenthal, Simon Jacobs, David Goodman, Wolf Goodman, Abraham Kaufman, Nathan B. Cohen, Charles Polski, Moses Calmenson, Raphael Machinsky, Ephraim Skorish, Mayer Rosenholtz, Jasha Rosenholtz, Aaron Mark and, of course, others who are not listed.

The Constitution was drawn up and was adopted and approved on Feb. 17, 1897. The signers of the constitution in addition to Mr. Alex Gottstein, pres.; were L. Steinberg, vice-pres.; Nathan Blumenthal, sec., and Alex Silver, chairman of the constitution committee. The membership grew. Each of the incoming set of officers did a magnificent job.

Writing the history of the Sons of Jacob Synagogue is a difficult task. All the material that was taken from the "History of St. Paul" published in 1890, the "St. Paul Daily Dispatch" from the years 1869 through 1875 and the history of "The Jews in Minnesota" published in 1959, plus recollections of this writer's childhood trips to the "College Avenue Shul" and then to the "Holly Avenue Shul" with her father, Israel Abrahamson (a charter member) had to be compared and sifted for the most complete accuracy. Here and there may be a name or event omitted. If such be the case, it has been done because the date just was not obtainable. Therefore, we ask the reader to bear with us in our shortcomings.

Rabbi Joseph B. Hurwitz guided the lower town community, even though at first he was Rabbi of Sons of Jacob only. He was a small frail man, but full of effervescent vitality, a preacher of considerable note and a man whose knowledge was greatly admired.

History - Congregation Sons of Jacob

He soon was a familiar figure in St. Paul, with his quick steps and flowing red beard, known by many as "Der Roiter Rov" (the Red Rabbi), even long after his beard had turned to grey and silvery white. Serving with Rabbi Hurwitz at the Sons of Jacob was Cantor Eli Kreidberg, a modest man and fine musician whose choir was the training ground for many a good voice.

As the city grew, so did the Jewish population. Residential and business districts soon blossomed. No longer was there a center of Jewish population. The Jews moved to the Hill District, Midway and Highland Park among other sections. Each year the distance between the home and the Sons of Jacob Synagogue grew further and further apart. The need for another synagogue closer to the Hill District soon became apparent. In the mid 1930's the Shul moved to Holly Avenue between Dale and St. Albans Street.

The Hebrew Seminary Congregation, organized for services in 1944 at 1426 Portland for those who had moved from the vicinity of the West Side. Their High Holiday services were held in a public hall on Grand Avenue until they merged with the "College Avenue Shul" on November 10, 1946 to form the

enlarged Sons of Jacob Congregation at 1466 Portland. By 1950, we had outgrown our building and had to expand to our present addition.

Former Rabbi M. C. Katz was largely instrumental in securing the funds needed to build the present beautiful home of the Sons of Jacob Congregation as were many of the prominent families. The Hebrew Institute, organized in the early 1900's by Rabbi Simon, also used the premises of Sons of Jacob for its Hebrew School classes.

Under the leadership of its present Rabbi, Arthur L. Fine, who assumed the post August 15, 1968, the Religious School and the Junior Congregation were re-organized and the youth activities of our Synagogue Youth Organization (S.Y.O.) jumped to new heights. With his vivacious personality, Rabbi Fine is leading the congregation members into helping themselves achieve a hundred year goal of burning an every existing mortgage.

Without the dedicated efforts of Rabbi Fine and devoted officers and members, the Sons of Jacob Congregation could not have aspired to its lofty goals, not achieved its many milestones. With the same kind of loyalty and sincere endeavor in the future, it can strengthen Traditional Judaism in St. Paul.

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A Message from the

President of the Men's Club



MORRIS KATZ

In the Centennial Year of our Synagogue, the Men's Club is very proud of its achievements and the part that it has played in the growth of the Congregation.

Success has always attended every affair sponsored by the Men's Club.

The Men's Club not only offers its membership a monthly get-together for social and cultural advancement, but we have been very proud to sponsor the Sunday morning Tallis and Tefillin services, youth activities, and Friday Night Oneg Shabbat.

In its ultimate goal of assisting in raising funds for the Congregation, the Men's Club is very proud of the fund raising activities, and substantial proceeds were turned over to our Congregation.

To all the officers and committeemen and chairmen of the various affairs sponsored by us and to every member, I say, thank you for your ardent support.

—MORRIS KATZ

Men's Club Officers

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From Our Constitution of Yesteryears

ARTICLE 1.

1. This Congregation shall be known as Sons of Jacob, which name shall never be changed.

ARTICLE 13.

1. The President has the right to reject any motion which he thinks is contrary to the Constitution and By-laws, and he shall so explain to the brothers.

ARTICLE 20.

The duties of the Trustees are the following:

3. Should any urgent outlay be demanded for fixing up the house, the sum of Five Dollars stands at their disposal, which amount they charge to the Sons of Jacob.

4. That during prayers, order is prevalent and visitors received with kindness and a seat offered. That no talking is allowed during prayers.

ARTICLE 22.

Every member who has bought a seat at the Synagogue of the Congregation Sons of Jacob, shall be entitled to one lady's seat in the gallery of the same number, and those two seats shall belong to the member and his heirs forever.

ARTICLE 23.

Every member who has bought a seat in the Synagogue Congregation Sons of Jacob, shall pay the following sums: 20 per cent as a down payment on the purchasing sum and the balance to be paid in ten annual equal payments; the member must, besides his annual payment on his seat, pay \$3.00 dues per annum, same can be paid either monthly or quarterly. If he fails to pay monthly or quarterly, he must pay \$3.00 dues together with his annual payment on his seat.

ARTICLE 24

A member donating any money while he gets an aliyah will be credited to the amount of \$3.00 on his dues. Any donations in excess of \$3.00, must be paid as regular assessments or dues.

ARTICLE 25.

Every member who has bought a seat in the Synagogue Sons of Jacob and fails to pay on the day before the Hebrew New Year his annual payment together with his \$3.00 dues, shall not be allowed to take his seat, and in such case when the member did not pay at such a date and neglects to pay 90 days from that date shall forfeit all his rights to the seat and that seat shall belong to the Congregation Sons of Jacob.

ARTICLE 28.

If any outsider wishing to buy a seat in Synagogue Sons of Jacob, shall send in a written application to the Secretary and the Secretary shall submit same application to the Chairman of the Committee on Seats, the Chairman shall call a meeting of the whole Committee to consider said application; if such applicant is found not suitable, his application shall receive no further consideration by the Congregation. But should his application be received favorable, the Committee on Seats shall have full power to fix the price for the seat, and the action of this Committee must be approved by the President.

ARTICLE 30.

Any one wishing to join the Congregation Sons of Jacob without buying a seat, then his payments shall be in the following manner: 25 cents per month dues, and pay every New Year for his seat to the Congregation Sons of Jacob according to the amount fixed by its Stockholders. Such member shall have no right to vote for election of officers, or for any matters pertaining to the Congregation's property. Said member can not be elected to any office, but to aliyos and other benefits he shall receive an equal benefit as other members who have bought seat.

ARTICLE 31.

A member who does not own a seat in the Congregation and fails to pay his dues for 6 months in succession, shall be declared in arrears, and in case he fails to pay his dues for 12 months and 8 days he shall be expelled from membership of the Congregation Sons of Jacob.

ARTICLE 35.

1. If a member uses indecent language he shall be fined 25 cents for the first offense, 50 cents for the second offense, and for the third he shall be suspended for three months.

12. If a member uses indecent expressions towards an officer, he shall be liable to be fined by the President two dollars for the first offense and for the second offense he shall be suspended for three months.

3. Should a member use disrespectful language to the President or Vice-President, he shall be suspended for the first offense for five months, and should the majority of members agree with the President they can suspend him for eleven months.

ARTICLE 34.

Every member who desires to address the meeting must first obtain the permission of the President, and shall not speak until said permission has been obtained.

ARTICLE 55.

A member wishing to propose a person for membership has to ascertain himself of the time of his residing in this city. It must be at least six months. He has to be a respectable Hebrew, healthy, and not over 55 years of age. Should any objection of this kind be raised towards his acceptance he will not be allowed to become a member of our Congregation.

ARTICLE 79.

It is hereby prohibited all new members that will join our Congregation in the future to alter or add anything not in accordance with our religious belief, known as Orthodox Judaism, and every man wishing to join our Congregation shall pledge himself to sustain our Constitution and by laws; all ceremonies shall be performed in accordance with the customs of Orthodoxy as it is prescribed in our Holy law and as our sages have said. This is an unchangeable law until the coming of the just Redeemer very soon in our day. Amen.

S i g n e d

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Couples Club

The Sons of Jacob Couples Club had its inception on Succoth 1959 mainly to instill additional social and cultural activities which could afford both husbands and wives the opportunity of enjoying together an additional activity in an informal and congenial atmosphere. Simultaneously, the Couples Club offers an opportunity for religious fulfillment and assisting the Synagogue, which in turn, is the source of its strength and inspiration.

The Couples Club in the past has handsomely contributed its share from proceeds of its New Year's and Purim balls in improvements for the Synagogue.

On behalf of the Sons of Jacob Couples Club and officers, I wish to extend greetings to all of its friends and well-wishers on the occasion of the Centennial Anniversary and hope that the next 100 years will be even more satisfying and fruitful.



SAMUEL SLOANE,
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Greetings from Our Sisterhood President

*When Crew and Captain
understand each other to the core,
It takes a gale and more than a
gale to put their ship ashore . . .*



MRS. ARTHUR JOHNSON

This short poem seems adequate enough to symbolize the Sisterhood of the Sons of Jacob. If each organization were symbolized as blocks to build a pyramid, the block representing our Sisterhood could very well be used at the bottom as a base. Life at Sons of Jacob centers around the Sisterhood from the many sponsored Oneg Shabbats, Youth Scholarships, community relations to the many money-raising functions too numerous to mention. In addition, contributions of the Sisterhood activities has swelled greatly. With special gratitude to our dedicated members we have prevented our "Ship from being put to shore." — we have indeed reached our goal.

My thoughts on this Centennial climax reminds me of a song which could be considered a fitting theme for the efforts made to bring about this great occasion—"To Dream the Impossible Dream".

In behalf of Sisterhood, I would like to extend our heartfelt greetings to Rabbi and Mrs. Arthur Fine and to the entire congregation.

Respectfully yours,

MRS. ARTHUR (Zelda) JOHNSON
President, Sons of Jacob Sisterhood

CENTENNIAL CULMINATION DINNER

November 9, 1969

28 Heshvan 5730

Chairman — Mrs. Yale Rutzick

PROGRAM

MORTGAGE BURNING CEREMONY - - - 6:00 P.M.

DINNER

Master of Ceremonies - - - - - Nate Neren
Hamotzi - - - - - Rabbi Arthur Fine
Toast - - - - - Mike Handler
Berat Hamazon (Grace after Meal) - - - Rabbi Arthur Fine
Bereat

GREETINGS

Yale Rutzick - - - President, Congregation Sons of Jacob
Rabbi Arthur Fine - - - Spiritual Leader, Sons of Jacob
Honorable Thomas R. Byrne - - - Mayor of St. Paul

GUEST SPEAKER - - - Judge Edward J. Devitt

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS - Saul Fidelman, General Chairman

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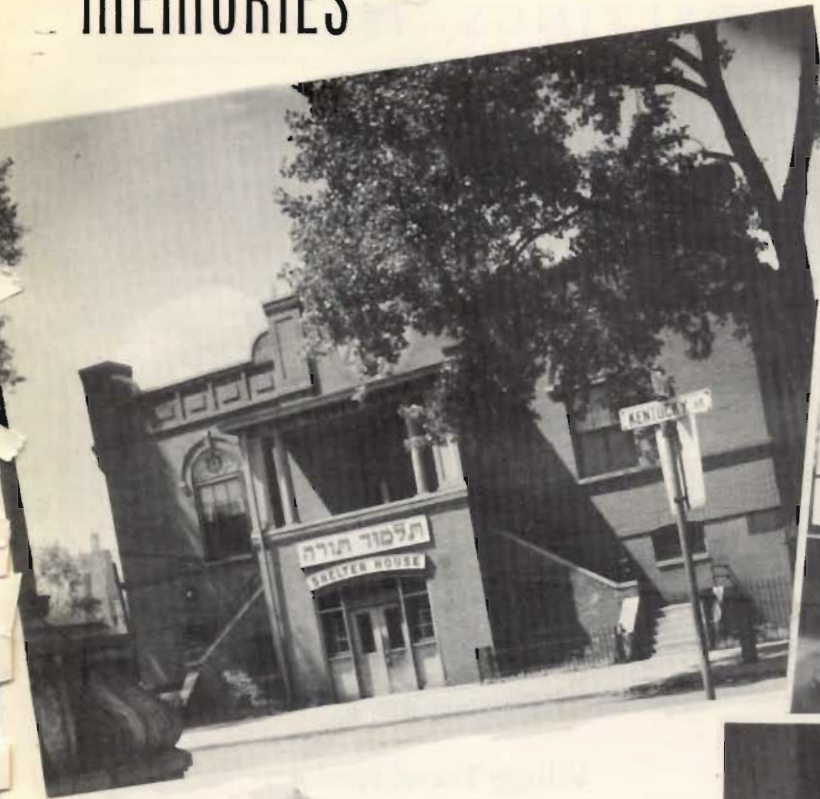
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1969

High Holiday "YAASHER KOACH"

to: Cantor Leib Raskin

formerly of Montreal, Canada, who performed for the High Holiday Services. The Sons of Jacob engaged Cantor Leib Raskin as their Baal Musaf for the High Holy Days. Cantor Raskin came to us highly recommended with a most beautiful and melodic voice certain to inspire and stir up within everyone the true feeling of these Holy Days.

to: The High Holiday Seating Committee

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for their outstanding efforts in servicing the Congregation for Membership, Processing and Seating.

to: High Holiday Gabbaim

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 for preparing and lining up of the honors, and supervising the "Bimah".
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 who serve as Gabbaim every Saturday morning. Mr. Goldfarb also serves as Saturday afternoon Gabbai and Dave Katz as evening Weekday Gabbai. Morris Berezovsky acts in the capacity of Sexton and Weekday morning Gabbi with Nathan Berkovitz.

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 whose efforts aided in the keeping de
 during the Services.

to: Choir

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to: Samuel Lechtman

who was cantorial co-ordinator for the Holidays.

to: Cantor Leib Raskin—Baal Musaf

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