



"MAN'S OPPORTUNITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER FREEDOM"

THE
SHENANGO VALLEY
TERCENTENARY DINNER

MARKING THE THREE HUNDREDTH
ANNIVERSARY OF JEWISH SETTLEMENT
IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

SUNDAY EVENING, MARCH TWENTIETH
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE

TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL
SHARON, PENNSYLVANIA

In the autumn of 1654, twenty-three people arrived in the Dutch colony of New Amsterdam.

They were the first group of Jews to settle in what is now the United States. In the three hundred years that have passed since their arrival, Jews have been a part of the making of America. They have helped build her cities, her industries, and her commerce. They have fought in her wars. They have written songs and stories, and have probed the recesses of scientific knowledge. They have worked with their hands, and have helped organize great labor unions. They have served the community, through great communal and philanthropic institutions and in the various branches of the government. They have maintained and strengthened their ancient faith. They have had a share in making this nation, of which they have so long been a part, a leader of nations in a time of greatness.

All this—the arrival and the participation—we celebrate now in the American Jewish Tercentenary. The view is vast: the whole panorama of America's history, from the earliest colonial days up to the present time. The theme is universal: Man's Opportunities and Responsibilities Under Freedom. The meaning is personal: the devotion and dedication of the individual American Jew to the country of which he is a citizen and to the faith to which he adheres.

PROGRAM

Walter Routman
Chairman, Dinner Committee

The National Anthem

Invocation

Dinner

Toastmaster
Attorney Bernard Goldstone
Chairman, Program Committee

Greetings
Mayor Michael Nevant
Mayor Myron W. Jones
The Honorable Carroll D. Kearns

A Choral Poem: "The Heart of America"
Temple Beth Israel Choir
Mrs. Samuel Routman, Director

Rabbi Meyer M. Abramowitz
Chairman, Shenango Valley Tercentenary Committee

Address
Dr. Jacob Rader Marcus
Professor, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion

Benediction
Rabbi Morris I. Beshkin
B'nai Zion Congregation, Farrell, Pa.

Adon Olom

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