

Reception Lounge

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Brownsville Congregation Burns Mortgage

Approximately 200 persons were on hand Sunday, November 14, for the banquet and program at Temple O'Have Israel, Brownsville, which celebrated the 25th anniversary and the burning of the mortgage. Right to set fire to the mortgage was auctioned off and the honors went to Henry Ziskind. Souvenirs presented to those present were wicks from a large candle.

An added feature of the program was a historical document prepared and read by Attorney Max J. Laponsky, dating from incorporation of the congregation in 1907 to the present. Albert Davis, president of the congregation, was the recipient of a beautiful wrist-watch given to him by the members of the congregation as a token of appreciation for his constant hard work and loyalty.

As the principal speaker Dr. Sidney Leeder, dean of the Theological Academy, Brooklyn, N. Y., dwelt on Biblical significance of the occasion. Dr. Leeder, speaking on "The Burning of the Bush," said that "the warmth and fiery spirit that is found traditionally in the hearts of Israel through these thousand of years has kept up the spirit through these trying times. By the celebration of the mortgage they symbolize the fact that all obligations and painful situations in which they might find themselves shall be burned to ashes and vanish, and that the spirit which was granted as their heritage on Mt. Sinai when the Torah was given unto Israel shall last through thunder and fire." He stated that "if we could keep united through the smelting process of time then once again Israel shall gain back its lost homeland and prestige."

A. H. Neaman, formerly of Brownsville, now of Pittsburgh, presided over the burning of the mortgage burning ceremony.

The original congregation was organized in 1906 at the home of Sam Birkenfeld in West Brownsville. Max G. Krause, Joseph N. Cooper, I. Herskovitz, John Altman, Edward Gottesman, Morris Lebowitz, Harry Levy, Abe Miller and B. Wise were charter members. The Rev. William P. Myer was the first man employed to look after the religious functions of the congregation.

From 1906 to 1915 the members met in the homes of various members. In 1916 a frame structure was built on Arch Street between High and Prospect Streets, but this building burned in 1918. On April 17, 1919, a contract was entered into with the Brownsville Construction Company to erect the present temple at a cost of \$25,857.25.

The congregation was incorporated in 1907. Property on which the present structure stands was purchased from Eli Barr in 1919.

Cornerstone laying ceremony took place Sunday afternoon, August 19, 1919, with addresses by Rabbi S. Zahler, Pittsburgh; the Rev. E. M. Bowman, Brownsville, and Rabbi J. Shapo of the congregation. Opening prayer was by Margaret Gottesman and closing prayer by Florence Shapo. Remarks were made by Harry Levy and A. H. Neaman and music was furnished by the Brownsville Citizen's band. Borough officials also participated.

The temple was dedicated Sunday, September 5, 1920. The two-story brick veneer building had a seating capacity of over 300.

Present officers of the congregation include: Albert Davis, president; Isadore Charlap, vice president; Henry DeZure, treasurer; Maurice H. Grossman, recording secretary; William Zelkovitz, financial secretary, and Joseph Berkovitz, gabbai. Trustees are Louis Alaman, Charles Cazen and Julius Davis.

UNVEILINGS

A monument in memory of Laura Brukoff Horwitz will be unveiled Sunday, November 28, at 1 o'clock at the Beth Shalom Cemetery. Rabbi Lichter will officiate.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family of the late Bessie Lincoff wish to thank their relatives and friends for the kindness and sympathy extended during its recent bereavement.

Mrs. Marian Mellinger wishes to thank her relatives and friends for the kindness and sympathy extended during her recent bereavement.

OBITUARIES

Abraham Bernstein

On Wednesday, November 17, Abraham Bernstein, father of Mrs. Gertrude Silverman and Mrs. Ruth Clair, passed away. Services were held from Blank Brothers Funeral Home on Thursday, November 18, interment in Beth Shalom Cemetery.

Ethel Marcus

Ethel Marcus, wife of Julius Marcus, passed away on Wednesday, November 17, in her 71st year. She was the mother of Mrs. N. Kanowitz and Ben Marcus, of Pittsburgh; Mrs. J. Gorel and A. Marcus, of Houston, Texas; Herbert Marcus, of Galveston, Texas. She was the sister of Louis Hamburg, Mrs. Phillip Jacobs, of Pittsburgh; Jacob Hamburg, of Fort Wayne, Ind.; Mrs. A. Labinsky, of West Aliquippa, Pa. Twelve grandchildren survive. Services were held from the Ralph Schugar Chapel on Thursday, November 18, with interment in Poale Zedeck Cemetery.

Morris Sabin

On Friday, November 19, Morris Sabin, husband of Stella Sabin, passed away. He was the father of Harold, Jacob, Frank and Pauline Sabin; the brother of Barnett Sabin, of New York City. Services were held from Blank Brothers Funeral Home on Sunday, November 21, with interment in Millvale.

Jacob Silverman

Jacob Silverman, husband of the late Jennie Silverman, passed away on Saturday, November 20. He was the father of Frank Silverman, of Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. A. Friedman and Mrs. Samuel Silverman; the brother of Mrs. Max Gilbert, Mrs. Max Silverman, Abe Silverman. He leaves eight grandchildren. Services were held from Blank Brothers Funeral Home on Sunday, November 21.

Mollie Schaffer

Mollie Schaffer, wife of the late Louis Schaffer, passed away on Sunday, November 21, in her 70th year. She was the mother of Mrs. Ellis Kopelman, Mrs. Charles Mallet, Celia, Harry, Maurice, Isadore, William and Alex Schaffer. Services were held from the Ralph Schugar Chapel on Monday, November 22, with interment in Beth Shalom Cemetery.

Ida Friedman

On Sunday, November 21, Ida Friedman, wife of Morris Friedman, of 6315 Waldron Street, passed away in her 74th year. She was the mother of Mrs. Saul A. Landau, Mrs. Saul Luick, Jack H. and George R. Friedman. She is survived by one brother, Jacob Orlandsky, and 10 grandchildren.

A resident of Pittsburgh for 42 years, Mrs. Friedman was a member of the Ladies' Hospital Aid Society, the Jewish Home for Babies, Beth Shalom Sisterhood, Jewish Home for Aged, Bickur Cholim Society and Mizrahi. Services were held from the Ralph Schugar Chapel on Tuesday, November 23, with interment in Beth Shalom Cemetery.

Max Cohen

Max Cohen, husband of Anna Cohen, passed away on Sunday, November 21, in his 82nd year. He was the father of Hyman Cohen, of New York City; Morris Cohen and Mrs. Sarah Fine, of Pittsburgh. Services were held from the Ralph Schugar Chapel on Tuesday, November 23, with interment in Beth Abraham Cemetery.

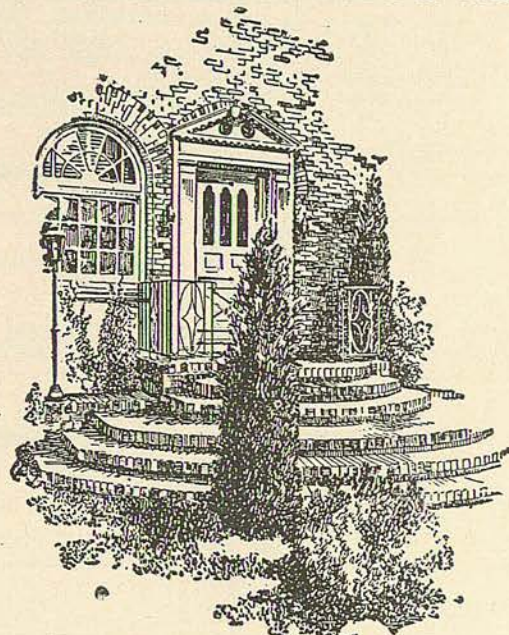
Ida Kass

On Sunday, November 21, Ida Kass, wife of William Kass, passed away in her 60th year. She was the mother of Mrs. Harry Friedman, of New Castle, Pa.; Beverly Kass, of Pittsburgh; Leonard Kass, of Atlanta, Ga.; Pfc. Gerry Kass, U. S. A.; the sister of Jacob Brett, of Altoona, Pa. Services were held from the Ralph Schugar Chapel on Wednesday, November 24, with interment in Beth Shalom Cemetery.

Max Weintraub

Max Weintraub, husband of the late Regina Weintraub, passed away on Monday, November 22. He was the father of Dr. Fred S. Weintraub; the brother of Mrs. Goldie Strassman, Mrs. I. Perlstein, Joseph, Jacob and Morris Weintraub. He leaves two grandchildren. Services were held from the Ralph Schugar Chapel on Wednesday, November 24, with interment in Beth Shalom Cemetery.

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