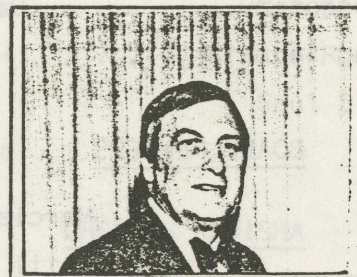


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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1990

7:00 P.M.

The United Jewish Community Center opened its doors December 31, 1959 for its first affair.

A New Years Eve Party!



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UNITED JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER - REVISITED

It really all started in early 1955 with a parlor meeting. Those were the days when Eighth Avenue was congested every Sunday morning with parents picking up their children from Sunday School....over 100 young Jewish boys and girls, if you please. Sunday School was held at the Council House.

Those were the days when the B'nai B'rith rooms were the social center of the community and when the Rabbi's house was on Ninth Avenue downtown. We had three synagogues. The conservative synagogues were Agudath Achim located downtown Beaver Falls and the Tree of Life which was located in Rochester. The reform temple, Beth El, met in the Council House.

Those were the days when our organizations were very active: Hadassah, the Sisterhood, and the Council of Jewish Women for the ladies; B'nai B'rith, Z.O.A., and the Men's Club for the gentlemen; BBYO and Young Judea for the children.

The first official United Jewish Community meeting was held on Thursday evening, November 10, 1955. The site for the new Center was as much a hangup as was the decision to put two sanctuaries in the same edifice. The present Chippewa location barely beat out a lot at 38th Street and Fourth Avenue on College Hill.

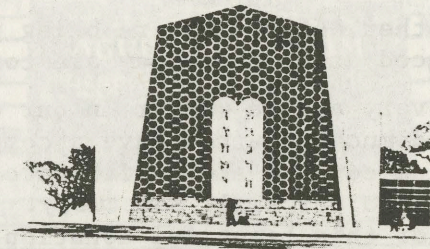
The deed for the site was signed on June 1957; the Charter Night Banquet was held at the Brodhead Hotel in the Spring of 1958, (a banquet that raised \$168,000 in building fund pledges from 160 attendees.) On November 3, 1958 ground was broken, and on August 9, 1959, the cornerstone was laid. On New Year's Eve 1959, the United Jewish Community Center, not completely finished, opened its doors for the first of many affairs.

The building of the Center was indeed a community effort punctuated by spaghetti suppers and picnics; the saving of S & H green stamps; a money-making play "My Dear Sadie"; the Golden Book of Life; Lincoln Continental car raffles; Harvest Dances; fashion shows; and dinners. So very many dinners.

UJC continued

No one person is mentioned in this brief resume of those early years because there was no one person responsible for the result. The building of the UJC Center was a community effort...an effort uncommon even in those days. However, it was an effort that brought pride and satisfaction to a daring community with a goal and with a hope for the future.

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IRVING BENNETT, O.D.



AGUDATH ACHIM NEWS

What's New In 1990

While I am writing this note, several different committees are busy working on coming activities:

The Joint Agudath Achim and UJC picnic was held on August 12. I hope everyone who attended had a good time. Hopefully, this will be repeated every year. We appreciate constructive criticism - good and bad.

The Religious Committee is preparing for the High Holiday Services. We had beautiful and meaningful services last year, and we will try to do even better this year. Anyone wishing to have an Aliyah or honor, please contact Morris Flam at 846-5363 or myself at 774-0800.

Another committee is working on a celebration for the United Jewish Community Center's 30th Anniversary and Agudath Achim's 86th Anniversary. This occasion will be held on October 28th. Mark your calendar! Everybody should attend.

Several other activities are being planned, which will be announced as soon as they are confirmed.

We had a very active winter in our congregation and we accomplished much. We now have a complete new set of Torah and podium covers, along with Parochet. These will add beauty to our small sanctuary. Thanks to the Braun family for this beautiful donation.

Our Tree of Life has been expanded. The wall and the entrance to the main sanctuary has been remodeled with very good taste in a professional way. Thanks to the Decorating Committee for their time and to Sonia and Morton Cohen for this donation.

Our Cemetery Committee, under the leadership of Morris Flam, has been working very hard to beautify our Cemetery. It has never been as beautiful as it is now. Thanks to all their time and endless work.

We have hired the same singer as last year, Sharon Davison, for our Selichos - Penitential Service. Everyone enjoyed her music last year. Hope to see all of you there. It is worth it just to come and listen to her.

Agudath Achim continued.....

On behalf of the board of directors and myself,
I wish you all a happy and healthy new year.

L' shona Tovah

ABRAHAM EMANUEL

President, Agudath Achim Congregation



HISTORY OF REFORMED SERVICES IN BEAVER VALLEY

Beth Sholom stemmed from the original Reform congregation, Beth El, that met in the Council House belonging to the Beaver Valley Section, National Council of Jewish Women. This was located on Eighth Avenue in Beaver Falls.

In 1960, when the United Jewish Community Center was built, Beth El became Beth Sholom. Membership was comprised of people mostly from the Upper Beaver Valley. However, members came from Aliquippa, Ambridge, Coraopolis and Sewickley as well. We were a close knit group with members willing and ready to prepare for lay services during the year, provide flowers and bake for the Oneg Shabbats. We had picnics and break-the-fasts in members' homes and other happy memorable times together.

We were affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations which provided us with student rabbis during the year and for the High Holy Days. All enjoyed home hospitality. Our most illustrious student now Dr. Rabbi Stanley Dreyfus, was in recent years, instrumental in compiling the New Reform Services books. His wife, Marianne, is the granddaughter of the late Dr. Rabbi Leo Baeck, renowned and revered dean of Reform rabbis.

After a number of years, we were fortunate in having a retired personage, Rabbi Meir Lasker of Philadelphia (who had established Reform congregations in Cuba and Ireland). He came for the High Holy Days with his charming and knowledgeable wife Sylvia; since deceased. He spent ten days providing inspiring services along with a choir, informal lectures, radio speeches, service club addresses, and member visitation. He continues to reside in Philadelphia.

Our last president was Dr. Max Trobe devotedly assisted by his wife, Gertrude.

The continued interest and dedication of the members can be seen in the furnishing of the small chapel. They were all donated by the generous, devoted people of Beth Sholom Congregation. Upon disbanding in 1986, Beth Sholom left its assets to the United Jewish Community Center.

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UJC WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

This is a year of anniversaries! The Agudath Achim Congregation is celebrating 86 years, the Sisterhood and Women's Auxiliary, 62 years, and our Center, 30 years.

The Auxiliary, from its roots in the Sisterhood, has always been an integral part of our Jewish community. We are proud of our many contributions and look forward to many more years of productive association.

Were you fortunate enough to have attended the Friday night service when Edna Greenblatt gave her outstanding report of the organizational meeting of the original Sisterhood? It was an evening filled with reminiscing, nostalgia and sadness. Edna named many dear relatives and friends who have since gone to their Eternal Rest. These dedicated women were truly the pioneers of the Sisterhood and the present day Auxiliary.

There are many needed renovations for the Center. The first attention of the Auxiliary will be directed to the replacement of the flooring in the halls. We will continue to cooperate with the other committees to solve the more pressing problems, and then the additional re-furbishing.

Everyone knows that these goals cannot be accomplished without MONEY!! Our first fundraiser will be our Annual Thrift and Bake Sale on Wednesday, November 14th at our Center. Start sorting and saving items for this, and also begin to think what you will make for the Bake Sale. The chairmen for the Thrift Sale are Toots Lipsitz and Nellie Shulgold. Rae Cable will be in charge of the Bake Sale. What would we do without these dedicated workers?

Look forward to your call for the Auxiliary's Annual Membership Party which opens our season on Tuesday, September 11th. We always anticipate this event because we can share and enjoy the culinary skills of our members. It is also a time to renew acquaintances; being with women we may not have seen over the summer. Gilda Emanuel, Membership Chairman is already hard at work planning for this.

Auxiliary continued

We are beginning to prepare the schedules for the committees for those who will be in charge of the Oneg Shabbats following Friday night services, and Saturday morning brunches. Hannah Flam will be coordinating the Friday night refreshments, and Toots Lipsitz, the Saturday brunches. We will distribute these at the Membership Party.

Plans for the Annual "Break The Fast" are in the making. My sincere appreciation to Gilda Emanuel who volunteered to chair this enjoyable event. Please offer your assistance to help make this occasion as memorable as it has always been.

We anticipate a banner year! Many events and interesting programs have been planned. We look forward to sharing them with you! To all our members and friends, a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Naomi Sondheimer,
President

THRIFT SALE
WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 14th
9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

BAKE SALE



Bring sale items to Auxiliary
meeting on Tuesday,
November 13th.

The following essay is an edited version of a talk given by Edna Greenblatt at a Friday night service. In the second part of her talk, Edna told some anecdotes about old-timers of the community. Because of space limitations, we could not include that information in this issue. If you want to know more about these folks who once belonged to the Agudath Achim, a copy of the minutes may be obtained from Edna.

OUR MOTHERS IN JUDAISM *** THE SISTERHOOD

by Edna Greenblatt

Recently I had the opportunity to read the Minute Books of the Agudath Achim Sisterhood. The minutes speak of our mothers, grandmothers, aunts, friends -- and even of ourselves. The minutes reveal love, caring, and hard work have sustained the Sisterhood from the earliest days.

The minutes describe the first meeting. "On Thursday evening, July 12, 1928, a meeting was called for the purpose of organizing a Ladies Auxiliary. Twenty-four women were present. After brief talks on the importance of a ladies organization to the congregation by Messrs. Miller, Hostine, and Felsher, the meeting was turned over to the ladies. Mrs. S. Gilbert was appointed temporary chairlady for the evening, and nominations and election of officers were in order".

The first officers were: President, Mrs. S. Gilbert; Vice President, Mrs. J. Friedlander; Secretary, Mrs. J. F. Felsher; Treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Hostine. Trustees were Mrs. C. Ganelin, Mrs. M. Wilner, and Mrs. C. T. Leuin.

The group decided to become a combination social and fund-raising organization which would meet the first Tuesday of each month. After some discussion, the majority voted to call themselves the Sisterhood. For their first event, they planned a picnic at Klein's farm, featuring a Female Beauty Contest and a Male Beauty Contest. (Alas, there is no mention of the winners!)

From the beginning, the Sisterhood raised money for the maintenance and improvement of the Shul. What was their first project? They installed a curtain on the balcony railing in the Shul to protect the modesty of the women sitting in the front row!

The Sisterhood continued...

Frequently, men of the congregation came to Sisterhood meetings asking for help on projects. Often the help was reciprocal. The men offered to construct a kitchen in the basement of the Shul if the Sisterhood furnished the Cheder room. Eventually, the Sisterhood took responsibility for all kitchen expenses.

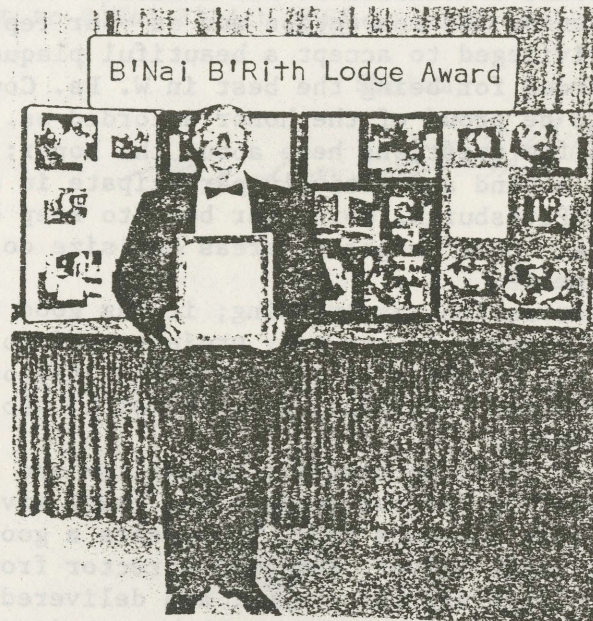
The Sisterhood gave money to needy members of the congregation -- without revealing the names of the recipients. During that first year, the Sisterhood paid medical bills for a "charity case" and provided the Bar Mitzvah clothes and kiddush for a Bar Mitzvah boy.

For some 62 years, the Sisterhood has contributed to the financial, social, and religious welfare of the Shul and of our community.

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Marty Berk was recognized recently for his hard work in the Western Pennsylvania Council of B'Nai B'Rith. This recognition was accompanied by the honor of sitting at the dais during a banquet held at the B'Nai B'Rith District Convention.



Marty Berk, President of Beaver Valley B'Nai B'Rith Lodge #777 at the B'Nai B'Rith District Convention.

The B'Nai B'Rith Beaver Valley Lodge #777 was also presented with an award for recruiting four new members for the 1989-1990 year.

By now we have already said goodbye to summer and we anticipate scheduled Fall activities.

Much has transpired since the last issue of the Spotlight; up - date follows:

In June, I attended a Council meeting in Pittsburgh and amongst the important matters of local interest is that Northwest Council was considered for merger with our Western Pa. Council; this was finalized in July at the annual district convention at the Concord.

I attended the convention and as your representative was privileged to accept a beautiful plaque for our Lodge---awarded for being the best in W. Pa. Council. All of us should be proud of the honor accorded us. There have been a few questions here about the honor: for clarification, I attend and actively participate in all council meetings in Pittsburgh, doing our best to keep our lodge a viable one. Most lodges in areas our size do not hold meetings anymore.

The convention was exciting; it was good to hear latest developments in our many projects and to compare notes with our brothers in B'Nai B'Rith. Keynote speaker was International President, Seymour Reich, who gave a stirring address.

On July 15th, we hosted a deluxe lox and bagel breakfast-meeting for our members and their wives; 26 attended and from comments made, it appears a good time had by all. Mitchell Silver, Regional Director from the Pittsburgh Office was the speaker and delivered an interesting and informative message. Above mentioned plaque was officially presented to us. Sherman Samuels of New Castle (past Council President) favored us with his invaluable insight and opinions. Morry Flam received his 50 Year Membership framed certificate and several lodges (including Beaver Valley) were presented citations for participation in the "Cavalcade of Giving". Many thanks are deserved by our ardent workers for this event: Morry and Hannah Flam, Bob Stein, Milton Harris, Ann Rosenberg and Harriet Berk.

On August 19th, I attended Council Installation Brunch in Greensburg, where Armin Abramson was installed as new Council President.

All of us are apprised of greater anti-semitic activities in Europe, Russia and the Middle East and it

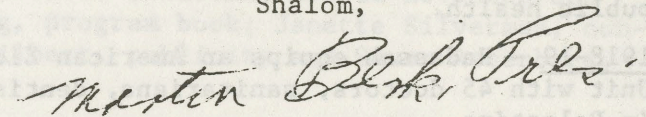
B'Nai B'Rith continued....

behooves all of us to support B'Nai B'Rith, to retain our clout in fighting these wide spread attacks against our people. We are reminded of the saying "If I am not for myself, who will be?"

Best wishes to Agudath Achim on occasion of their 86th Anniversary and to the UJC for its 30th anniversary.

The officers extend best wishes to the entire Jewish Community for a happy, healthy New Year and one in which commitment to B'Nai B'Rith MUST be pledged.

Shalom,



B'NAI B'RITH

HADASSAH

With the dual celebration of Agudath Achim Congregation's 86th year in existence and 30 years for our U.J.C.C., I would like to highlight the early years of Hadassah and bring history up to date in our local chapter.

1912 - National Hadassah is organized as a study group under the direction of Henrietta Szold, social worker, noted scholar and teacher, to foster Zionist ideals in America and to begin training nurses in Palestine for public health.

1918-19 - Hadassah equips an American Zionist Medical Unit with 45 doctors, sanitarians, dentists and nurses in Palestine.

1921 - Hadassah Hospital opens the first house of healing in Tel Aviv. (Turned over to the community in 1931.) The first infant welfare station in old city of Jerusalem established.

1923 - An American "first" the School Luncheon program is started. (Turned over to Israeli Gvt. in 1950.)

1935 - Hadassah becomes the official American agency for Youth Aliyah.

1945 - Beaver Valley Chapter of Hadassah is organized in March with Dorothy Markson President. Later on Dorothy became our Honorary President with Mollie Levenson, Honorary Vice President.

1949 - The Hebrew University Hadassah Medical School in Israel opens in Jerusalem with 50 students.

1957 - October 28 - Beaver Valley Donor Reception is held at the Brodhead Hotel ballroom with Miriam Penn, President; Ruth Zeiden and Eileen Wayne, co-chair reception; Esther Robbins, solicitations; Claire Mervis, program.

1960 - Beaver Valley Chapter met at the Council Community House at 8:45 p.m. A presentation entitled "Forward Together," celebrating Young Judaea's 50th anniversary, was the program. Young Judaea members participating were: Lorraine Cohen, Stanton Elias, Laureen Froimson, Louise Feinberg, Jeffrey Hollander, Susan Levenson, Jonathon

Hadassah continued

Markson, Norman Sondheimer, Debbie Simon, and Randy Tenor. Mark Greenblatt provided the musical accompaniment. Advisors were Phyllis Kane and Evelyn Levenson.

1965 - November 14--20th Youth Aliyah luncheon was held at U.J.C. Officers were: Pauline Elias, President; Rae Ortinberg, solicitation; program, Mollie Levenson; mailing of letters, Lil Soodek; and mistress of ceremonies, Faye Kardon.

1975 - May 27 - Beaver Valley Hadassah Medical Organization salutes Mt. Scopus Reborn: Margaret Gerstle, President; Clarissa Arfield Chairman; Mollie Levenson and Sydney Steinberg, program book; Janette Silverman, contact; Shandel Gilbert, publicity and Susan Rosenberg, decorations.

1980's - Hadassah remains largest world contributor to Youth Aliyah, the Child Rescue Movement from the Holocaust to caring for physical and emotional needs of Ethiopian children and now from the Soviet Union.

1990 - Hadassah continues a partnership with Jewish National Fund with 2 dams under construction in the Negev to expand agriculture, redirect damaging floodwaters, and fight soil erosion. Hadassah Institute of Technology in Jerusalem offers career counseling to meet needs of students in new technology. Hadassah's pride is its 800 bed teaching hospital with centers for bone marrow and heart transplant as well as an operating theater with 17 surgical suites. Fifty of the world's leading heart surgeons attended a conference at Hadassah to observe the 25th anniversary of open heart surgery.



Claire Mervis



On the occasion of the 85th Anniversary of the Agudath Achim Congregation and the 30th Anniversary of the United Jewish Community Center, Congratulations and Best Wishes are extended from NCJW.

As we pause to reflect upon our own existence, we remember that this Council Section had been organized in 1917. Nettie Silverman of Rochester was the first president (1917-1922) and was then named the Honorary President. The Council Community House at 1123 Eighth Avenue was dedicated on November 5, 1928, and became the central meeting place for many organizations in Beaver Falls. Attorney Effie Solomon handled the rentals. In 1927 we became an associate member of the Beaver County Federation of Women's Clubs. During the 1930's, Council sponsored a Jr. Council for teen-age girls.

Through our affiliation with the BCFWC, Council has always served as the Jewish organization that supported the social service agencies of the county, through donations and volunteer services. Millie Mann, Lena Berkman and Florence Pettler were well known for their work with the 'Friendship Room' which was sponsored by the B.C. Mental Health Agency. Our members did the door-to-door solicitation for the United Way for many years.

In the mid-seventies, a pilot inoculation project for all elementary school children in Beaver County was developed by the County Health Dep't. and Council was asked to be in charge of the seven schools in the Beaver Falls School District. By working with the school nurses it took six months to implement (had to screen the children not fully inoculated) and one day for our team of seven to visit the designated schools and complete the project.

The Council House was sold so that Council could become an integral part of the United Jewish Community Center; Council provided the funds for the furnishing of the center's Lounge.

All through the years, Council has concerned itself with the religious education of our Jewish youth in Beaver Valley through the operation of a Sunday School at the Council House known as the Beaver Valley Hebrew Religious School. The many photographs of Confirmation classes that are now to be found in

the UJCC Library attest to the history of Jewish education in our community. When the Center was built, Council furnished the Sunday School classrooms and has presented Bibles to the Confirmands. Nellie Shulgold and her committee prepared the children's Seders on the Sunday that fell during Passover.

The groundwork for our local Council was laid by the social pioneer Hannah G. Solomon in 1893 when she organized NCJW for programs of aid to destitute immigrant families; promotion of child labor laws; public health regulations as well as the furtherance of Jewish education and culture. NCJW is the oldest Jewish women's organization in the United States today.

1930 marked the beginning of NCJW's enactment of resolutions to support family planning and women's reproductive autonomy. 1989 catapulted NCJW's Choice Campaign. We take pride in NCJW's domestic programs which address the critical needs of a growing elderly population; women's issues and children and youth at risk. We take pride in the NCJW Research Institute for Innovation in Education at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem where over 25 research projects are aimed at improving the education of Israel's disadvantaged children and their families. We take pride in the NCJW Center for the Child where applied research and dissemination of findings help increase public awareness and understanding of children's issues.

Our membership reflects the shrinking Jewish Community in our area. Even though our section cannot set up community programs that are implemented by the large sections in the cities, we continue to do our share of community service when called upon. We register senior citizens at the mall; have worked on Department store inventory projects; serve Christmas Dinner to residents of the Geriatric Center; staff Christmas Gift-Wrap booth for the Red Cross, etc. We serve on the county board for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) which distributes federal funds to agencies and churches that provide food for the needy.

Again, Best Wishes to the Agudath Achim and the UJCC for your continued success!

Mollie Levenson
President

