

(A) INTRODUCTION

Good Evening - & Welcome to the
25th Anniversary of Beth Israel Center -
Our Silver Celebration. And where have the years
gone? It's hard to believe that 25 years have
flown by since we all had little children back in 1959.

Our Sisterhood, led by Pres. Jo Ann Freed,
deserves credit for sponsoring this evening -
and more particularly Jan Davidson & Bly Freeman
were the driving force in initiating this affair.
They are the food committee for tonight.
Sisterhood realized that our Past Presidents
have plaques on our honor wall - but that most have
never been recognized in person. - At the same time, Sisterhood
also wanted a fine Installation for incoming Pres. Estelle
Weissburg and her new slate of officers. So
I guess that is how I got this job of Master of Ceremonies
and Jon Baker was fortunate enough to return here for
the 3rd weekend in a row to be the Installing Officer.
We are happy to have many honored guests with us tonight & I
would like to introduce them.

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And now for our Past Presidents —
Did you realize that we have 10 Past Presidents
and that of course is a MINYAN. But more
specifically it was a MENION — until
ESTELLE happily changes that tonight.

How do you honor a Past President?

We had many ideas —

- ① We could have each man come forward & tell us about
his Administration — NO — NOT A GOOD IDEA — Probably ^{LONG WINDED} & BORING
- ② We considered a telegram from Western Union
or maybe a visit from a Belly Dancer with a Bellygram
but — NO — This would not be dignified enough
for our Past Presidents.
- ③ How about a ROAST for our Past Presidents
AGAIN — NO — not worthy — ~~and I'm afraid to men~~
— and someone said the roast might not be KOSHER.
- ④ How about inviting back some of our Rabbis
another NO — This would be far too dangerous.

So we finally decided that a simple religious reading would be dignified and in keeping with the occasion.

May he who blessed our fathers Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob vouchsafe his blessings upon these worthy men who dedicate & maintain Synagogues & who faithfully devote themselves to the needs of the Community

And it came to pass, in the year of our Lord 5720 that a certain man of Pleasant Hills (Dr Jacques Weiss) sent tidings to the multitude who dwelled in the land of Whitehall, Pleasant Hills, and surroundings to tarry not - but come forth to a great convocation at the Fire Hall of Pleasant Hills to establish a school to diligently teach all their children in the ways of the Lord

And those who dwelled in these lands heeded the call & were moved to establish a Congregation to celebrate the Holy Days of the Lord - and they called its name Beth Israel Center. And the Lord in his Mercy provided sanctuary at the Pleasant Hills Presbyterian Church - and the Congregation gave Thanks for their blessings. And Dr. Weiss expuded great Exultation. (We have a plaque for Jack who now lives in Mississippi & could not be with us tonight. It reads -

FRIEDLANDER

And after 3 years, the Congregation meditated and passed the mantle of leadership to Sidney Friedlander, a man of modern chariots, who had come forth from the lands of Beaver Falls and of Butler to dwell in the land of Maury Drive. And Sydney took up the torch in 5723 and led the Congregation through the wilderness to Gill Hill Rd where a great Temple was created in 5724 - THOUGH THE

problems were a heavy yoke to bear. And the faithful rejoiced and brought forth Rabbi Robert Kaufman

& they grew & were surrounded by many new tribes and this land flowed with milk & honey. (Sydney Friedlander passed away this past year & is sadly missed. I ask you all to rise & observe a Moment of Silence. SYDNEY'S PLAQUE)

MARKOWITZ

And it came to pass in 5726 that Dr Joseph Markowitz, a learned man of the land of Wilkes Barre, who had greatly assisted the multitude in understanding the scripture, took up the task. And Joe Markowitz a scholar and a disciple of education, emphasized "Thou shalt teach your children diligently" & he personally taught Torah to the children - which pleased him greatly. And a Nursery School was brought forth, And a great manse was erected as an abode for its spiritual leaders. And from the land of Transylvania, Rabbi Meir Leifer travelled not by camel, but by Cadillac, to take up the covenant of leadership and to deliver a Kosher Torah and to make life interesting & mysterious for all.

MARKOW
(JOE)

DUKER

And in those times, the Congregation had always been blessed with JONATHAN DUKER - 10TH child

of a religious family - sent from heaven to Pgh. from Pittsfield, Mass - to be the Cantorial leader - our wise religious sage - and teacher of Bar Mitzvahs & BAS MITZVAHS, And this great man took unto himself the added burden of Beth Israel President in 5729 and his great strength & wisdom wrought wondrous deeds in holding the tribe together through the problems of that time were sorely weeping. And though his EXODUS To Buffalo divided us by distance, this man of God continues to honor us with his most welcome visits And there is rejoicing in the land

DUKER

HORVITZ

And the year 5732, brought forth out of the land of Squirrel Hill, Fred of the house of HORVITZ, to soothe the troubled waters and FRED, a merchant of many ventures, hearkened to the task and arranged a departure cruise for

FRED HORVITZ

Rabbi Leifer. And there was great EXULTATION IN THE LAND. And the religious leadership was entrusted into the hands of RABBI ABRAHAM GARMAIZ who dwelled in the manse with DISTINCTION

GLICKSTEIN

In 5735, Dr. Stan Glickstein didst come forth to lead the people of

Jefferson. This most willing missionary from the
 SHITEL of Brooklyn, found no task too great.
 And during his reign, he bore the yoke of leading the
 multitude where there was no rabbinic leadership
 And he exhibited clean hands & a pure heart as he
 led with wisdom & courage. - And this
 spirit & devotion & positive attitude continue
 to the present era. (GLICKSTEIN)

(BURACK)

The year of our Lord 5738 saw the
 coming of another Brooklyn Bacher -

Of tall stature, this calm leader,
Bob Burack, remained peaceful & unruffled through
 his sojourn. A new edifice was erected
 for bountiful storage & the religious school hallway
 were spatted with fine woods. Rabbi Philip Siegel counselled
 the flock in that era.

And Glorious - the Congregation
 Mortgage was consumed by fire (like
 a burning bush) at that golden time

WEINGART

The Brooklyn era was interrupted ^{briefly} when a man of New Rochelle ^{didst} come forth. An Engineer - and later a barrister, Ed Weingart - brought forth to our tabernacle his trumpet sounding shofar and melodious voice - singing praises to the Lord. And his keen and controversial mind exhibited his devotion to the cause.

WEINGART

REGAL

And in 5742, Beth Israel Center turned in supplication for aid - and again Brooklyn provided assistance. Art Regal, a merchant, - a purveyor to the masses of sight and sound & domestic aids, addressed the financial needs of the flock with the institution's entry into BINGO and ART AUCTIONS

HARVEY
HORVITZ

And our last Past President, in 5743,
was known throughout the land for his
friendly smiling countenance. Harvey
Horvitz, host of the annotated Waters of
Picture Drive, exhibited gallant devotion
& ZEAL beyond the call of duty in keeping the
flock together. In his noble effort to seek
rabbinical leadership for his loyal followers,
he summoned help from far & near - but the
times were fraught with complexities -
making the task insurmountable.

- PLAQUE -

Would each of our Past Presidents stand
in place for a Round of Applause for a
job well done. I congratulate you Gentlemen

NOW WILL THE LONG SUFFERING WIVES OF THE PAST PRESIDENTS PLEASE
I would now like to call upon ^{RISE}

Past President Jon Duker to conduct our
Installation of new Officers.

CLOSING REMARKS

Congratulations to all of our Past Presidents
and new Incoming Officers.

MY DEAR FRIEND
ESTELLE ISK
IN HER ELEMENT
AS BIC PRESIDENT
BOWLING

I am sure that this Silver Anniversary
will be the beginning of a new
GOLDEN AGE for Beth Israel Center.

There are many other people who helped

This Evening in their own special way
At the risk of forgetting someone, I would like to mention
PHYLLIS POMERANTZ - MAE ROSENBERG - BARBARA

REGAL - LEE GROSSMAN - SHARON MUSIKAR - MAXINE

HORVITZ - JOAN GLICKSTEIN - EILEEN KAUFMAN

and our affair coordinators - Jane

Markowitz who has a few ^{appropriate} remarks

at this time.

& NOW A HIGHLIGHT OF THE EVENING - ESTELLE WEISSBURG

Thank You all for Attending