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Beth Israel Center is pleased to welcome Robert A. Kaufman as its first Rabbi, to be a leader for the congregation, a teacher for the children, and for the adults as well, and to encourage us and help us to formulate a more vital community life.

Rabbi Kaufman, a native of Punxsutawney, Pa., graduated Pennsylvania State University in 1946, obtained a Master's degree at the University of Pittsburgh and served as a social worker for several years before entering the rabbinate. Taking his rabbinical training at the Jewish Institute of Religion in New York, Rabbi Kaufman was ordained in 1955 and was successively Chaplain at Fort Bragg, B'nai B'rith Hillel Director at West Virginia University and Rabbi of the Tree of Life Congregation of Morgantown, W. Va., and B'nai B'rith Chaplain at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn. Since 1959 he has led the conservative Synagogue of Israel in Wheeling, W. Va.

Rabbi Kaufman is accompanied by his wife, Hilda (nee Simon), a native Pittsburgher and graduate of the University of Pittsburgh and the teachers training course of the Hebrew Institute of Pittsburgh. They have two children, Aviva, 9; and Toby Ann, 3; and will reside at 313 West Bruceston Road in Pleasant Hills.

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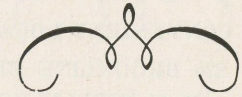
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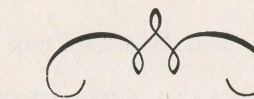
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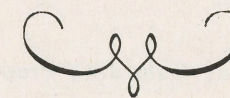
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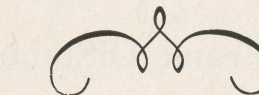
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I want to take this opportunity to thank those members of the congregation, and those who have served on the Board of Directors with me over the past four years, for their untiring efforts and loyalty.

As you all know, it takes many factions to comprise a governing body in an organization such as ours. To all of these groups, I say, "thank you"; for without the "Doers", the "Poke-alongs", and the "Opposition"; we would not have the progress that we have made to date.

To use the word "Progress" alone would be a great injustice to the many hours that have been spent by these people over the past four years in founding, setting up a Constitution and By-Laws, building a Religious Ritual, an Education System, searching for and purchasing land; finding the financial means for our land; planning a building to house our facilities; and culminating those efforts in the acquisition of an Ordained Rabbi, and the construction of the first stage of a building program. This effort must be described as "Extraordinary Progress."

To the newly elected Officers of the Center, Sisterhood, and Men's Club, I wish you well, with the assurance that you will receive the same support and loyalty that the entire Jewish Community and the surrounding Community at-large has afforded me.

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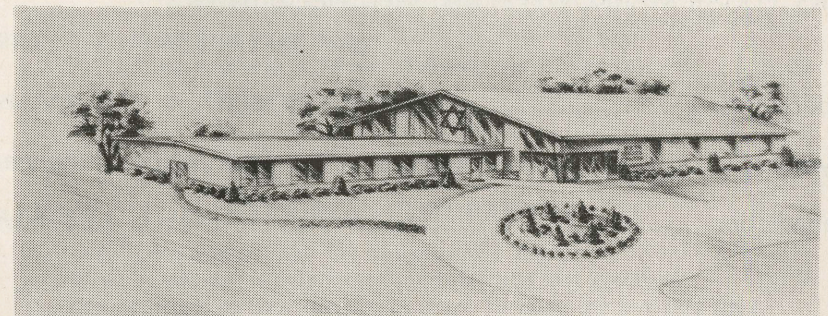
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In the fall of 1960, two years from the birth of the idea, five acres of land were purchased.

This year, with eighty-five member families, with ninety pupils in ten classes on Sunday, with thirty pupils in three grades twice weekly in Hebrew school, Men's Club, Sisterhood, Confirmation and Bar Mitzvahs in increasing numbers, all in borrowed facilities, the Center plans to break ground this Spring, with completion of the building in the Fall of the year.

PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies—SYDNEY FRIEDLANDER

Introduction ----- Singing of America
Invocation ----- DR. BENJAMIN A. LICHTER
"A Word to the Community" ----- DR. JACQUES L. WEISS
Introduction of guests on the rostrum
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A-don o-lom a-sheer mo-lah, b'te-rem kol y'tseer niv'ro.
L'ays na-a'so v'hef-tso kol, a-zye me-leh sh'mo-nik-ro.
V'a-ha-ray ki-h'los ha-kol, L'va-do yim-loh no-ro.
V'hu ho-yo, v'hu ho-ve, v'hu yi-ye b'sif-o-ro.
V'hu e-hod v'ayn shay-nee, L'ham-sheel lo l'hah-bee-ro.
B'lee ray-shees b'lee-sah-lees, v'lo ho-oz v'ha-mis-ro.
V'hu ay-lee v'hye go-a-lee, v'tsur hev-lee b'ays tso-ro.
V'hu ni-see u-mo-nos lee, m'nos ko-see b'yom ek-ro.
B'yo-do af-keed ru-hee, b'ays ee-shan v'o-ee-ro
V'im ru-hee g'vi-yo-see, A-do-noy lee v'lo-ee-ro.

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O say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?

And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

HATIKVAH

Kol od ba-lay-vov, pnee-mo, ne-fesh y'hu-dee ho-mi-yo,
U-l'fa-a'say miz'roh ko-dee-mo, a-yin l'tsi-yon tso-fi-yoh.
Od lo ov-do sik-vo-say-nu, ha-tik-vo sh'nos al-pa-yim,
Li-yos ahm hof-shee b'ar-tzay-nu, b'eretz tzi-yon
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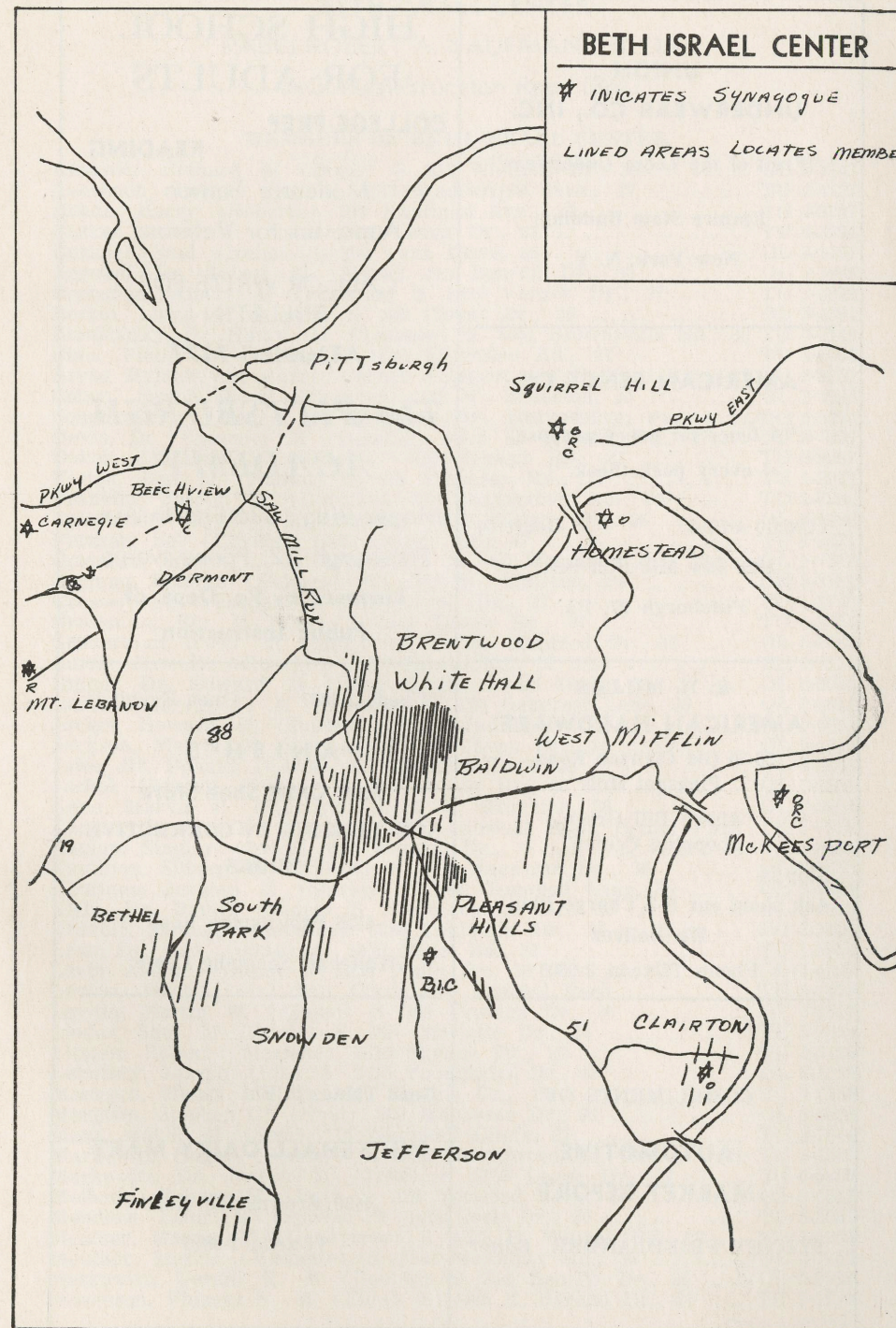
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