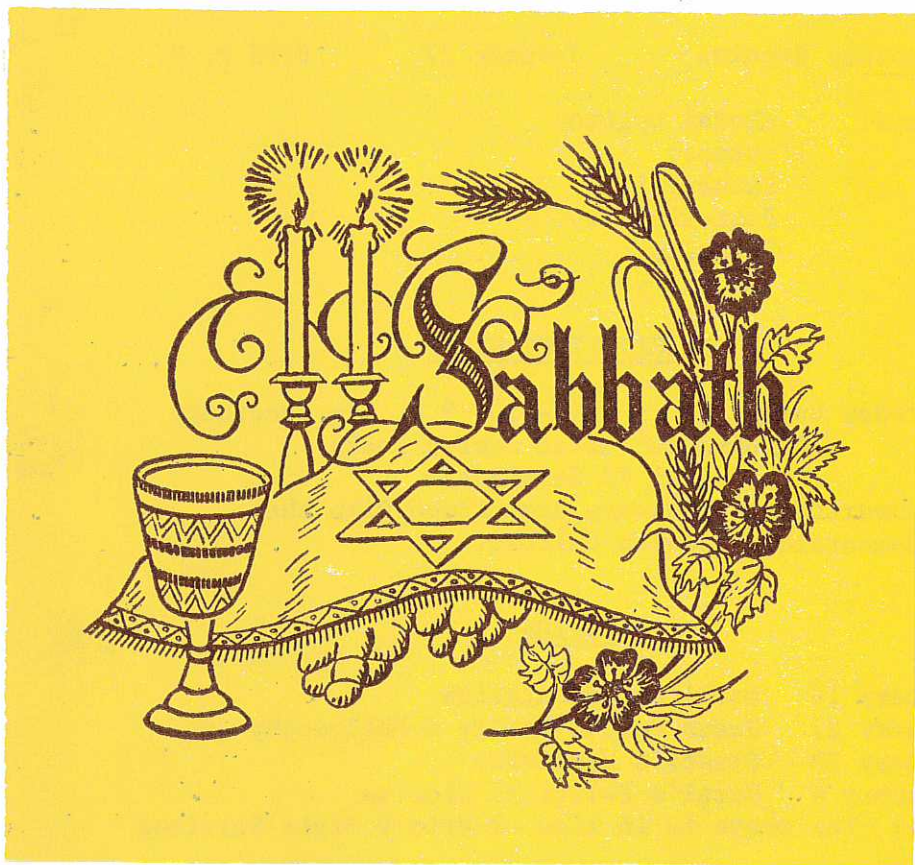


TREE OF LIFE CONGREGATION & CENTER

President: Mr. Julius Broida Rabbi: Melvin S. Sachs  
Shvat 5, 5725 Jan. 8, 1965

"REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY TO KEEP IT HOLY"



Weekly Activities

Thursday night Study Group	8:15-9:30 P.M.
Saturday A.M. Services	9:00-11:00 A.M.
Sunday A.M. Services	8:45- 9:30 A.A.

JEWISH MEDICAL ETHICS FORUM

Sponsored by B'nai Brith

Panelists: Two Oil City Physicians  
Rabbi Meyer Samburg of Farrell, Pa.

Wednesday Evening      January 27      8:15 P. M.

Issues:      Mental Hygiene  
                Autopsy  
                Euthanasia  
                Pastorial Visits  
                Eugenics

WEEKLY STUDY GROUP

Thursday Evening      8:15-9:30 P.M.      In Sanctuary  
                                A survey of Great Jewish Books  
                                in 12 Sessions

An opportunity to become acquainted with the  
fundamentals of Jewish Culture.

TOPICS

January 14      Rashi's Commentaries  
January 21      Judah Halevi Poetry & Philosophy  
January 28      Graetz's Histories  
February 4      Herzl's Political Zionism  
Note: The above is in lieu of Friday Night Services

TU B'SHVAT PROGRAM

Sunday Night      January 17      7:30 - 8:30 P.M.  
                                For the Children  
FILM      ISRAELI FRUIT  
                        Hebrew Songs

SISTERHOOD MEETING

Wed. Evening.      Jan. 13      8:15 P.M. be prompt  
                                Program before meeting

                                Keith of Maison Decor  
                                Will Speak on Interior Decorating  
Note: Same night as B'nai Brith Meeting  
                                You can come with your husband.

B'NAI BRITH MEETING

Wed. Evening      Jan. 13      8:15 P.M.

Program presented by Rabbi Melvin Sachs  
Topic: Chaplaincy in the University and  
                The Armed Forces

A Film will be shown  
Note: Same night as Sisterhood meeting  
                You can come with your wife

CONTRIBUTIONS TO SISTERHOOD

Mrs. Abe Levine, honoring Bar Mitzva of grandson John  
Mr. & Mrs. Ellis Mintz, in memory of Jane Mintz  
Dr. & Mrs. H. Schleider, in memory of Jane Mintz  
Mrs. L. Salkin, for the recovery of Mrs. Max Posner  
Sunshine of Sisterhood, for the recovery of  
                                Mrs. Abe Silverman  
Mrs. Abe Levine, for the recovery of  
                                Mrs. Abe Silverman  
Mrs. L. Salkin, for the recovering of  
                                Mrs. Abe Silverman

## BOOK REVIEW

### THE DEED

by Gerold Frank

Reviewed by Susan Brodman, member of Youth Group

On a November day in 1944, Lord Moyne, the British Minister in the Middle East, was shot while getting out of his car. He died a few hours later. Leaders all over the world condemned the deed and his assassins were tried and hanged.

But before one assumes that justice has been served, it is necessary to study the facts in proper context and perspective.

Responsible for committing the deed were two young Palestinian boys, Eliahu Bet Zouri, twenty-two and Elihu Hakim, seventeen. They had never met each other until they were brought together to accomplish the deed. But they had in common a strong love for the Moledet -- "The land, the soil, the history, the mother earth from which one springs, and to whom one gives all loyalty." They also had in common a hatred for the British who had come and made laws in this land, the historical homeland of the Jewish people, a place where foreigners had no right to rule.

One of the many dramatic events which affected both Eliahus deeply was the fate of 1800 Jews fleeing from Nazi Europe. They had boarded tramp steamers in an attempt to reach safety in Palestine. But as soon as they reached the land which they felt to be theirs by birthright, the British interned them behind barbed wire. A few days later they were forced aboard the S.S. Patria to be deported for illegal entry and forbidden ever to return. So miserable were these people over the treatment they had received in Palestine, they blew themselves up as the ship was leaving the harbor in Haifa.

This was just one of the hundreds of times that the British, to maintain their authority over the Arab lands, prevents refugees from entering Palestine. If the ports of Israel had been open, thousands of Jews might have been saved from death in the concentration

camps.

And so both Hakim and Bet Zouri, as very young men, felt it necessary to join the F.F.I., fighters for the freedom of Israel. This was one of the two small terrorist groups which believed that since talking and compromising had failed to win independence for Israel, violence was now necessary.

To be a political assassin, one must believe that a single act can change the course of history. To this belief, the two Eliahs held fast. They did not know their victim as a person, but as the highest British official in the Middle East. To them, he represented England's repressive policy in Palestine. They believed their act would focus the attention of the world on England's cruelty and that changes would necessarily result.

The first part of their prophecy came true immediately. Reporters from all countries came to attend the trial of these two terrorists. Thus, they used the court as a platform from which to tell their story, the story of Israel. They rejected their attorney's plans for a defense on the grounds of temporary insanity or youth, even though it might have saved their lives. Instead, Bet Zouri conducted their defense himself and cried out, "Our deed stemmed from our motives, and our motives stemmed from our ideals, and if we prove our ideals are right and just, then our deed was right and just!"

The jury found both guilty and so three lives were lost because of the deed. One cannot really say if it did change history. We know that the British eventually became so harassed with their problems in Israel they turned the situation over to the United Nations and Israel was partitioned. Whether the deed was really necessary no one can say. Gerold Frank wrote this book, I believe, not as indisputable proof that the two Eliahus freed Palestine, but as a memorial ode to them and all the members of their group who gave up their lives for their ideals.

### ASK THE RABBI

Question: How can an Orthodox Rabbi in a one-synagogue community, which caters to a variety of religious beliefs and practices, minister to a majority of members who may not subscribe to his views.

Answer: The Rabbi himself practices his Orthodoxy for he believes that G-d throughout the ages has maintained a relationship of love for the Jewish people. The Torah which he has given us is our opportunity to reciprocate that love and prove ourselves worthy of it by following the Torah as a manifestation of G-d's will. The Rabbi accepts his calling because he loves his fellow Jew and wants him to share in that relationship which has given him so much personal satisfaction.

Even if the members chose not to do everything their Rabbi would like them to do, nevertheless by electing an Orthodox Spiritual leader they indicate their willingness to subscribe to his program-namely the preservation of Torah Traditions. For throughout the ages Judaism has never survived through its less than 100% movements.

Also people may want to be able to practice the way they are accustomed to but they don't want to deprive their children an opportunity to make a fair choice as to how much Tradition they will want to keep. It is like a book handed down from generation to generation. If pages are torn out, the binding is ruined and the book collapses. On the other hand, one may only read half of the book, or a few pages in it, and the book still remains intact for the next generation. The role of the Orthodox Rabbi in the Non-Orthodox community is to preserve that book.

### HADASSAH NEWS

Mrs. Paul Goldberg announces that the organization has had a very active year to date. Activities began with a dinner meeting in Titusville, with a Reginal speaker, a joint open meeting with Sisterhood, a book review, a Chanukah program and a very successful rummage sale.

#### Contributions and Messages:

Tree planted in memory of Merrell Davis by Oil City Chapter of Hadassah.

Tree planted in memory of Harry Mermelstein by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Goldberg.

Tree planted in memory of Mrs. C. A. Mintz by Oil City Chapter of Hadassah.

Tree planted in memory of Sam Levinson by Mr. and Mrs. Sigmund Klivans.

Message in memory of Sam Levinson by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brodman.

Best Wishes message for a Happy Future to Mr. and Mrs. Julius Broida by Oil City Chapter of Hadassah.

Get Well message to Mrs. Max Posner by Mr. and Mrs. Sigmund Klivans.

Mrs. Bert Samuels,  
Publicity Chairman

### YAHRTZEITS

Mrs. Harry Mermelstein	5 Shvat	Jan. 8
Charles Tucker	6 Shvat	Jan. 9
Dr. Julian Potts	9 Shvat	Jan. 12
Jacob Phillips	11 Shvat	Jan. 14
Lewis Samuels	12 Shvat	Jan. 15
Flora Cohen	16 Shvat	Jan. 19
Leah Brody	17 Shvat	Jan. 20
Sarah Silverman	20 Shvat	Jan. 23
William Goldberg	20 Shvat	Jan. 23
Bernard Salkin	20 Shvat	Jan. 23
Arie Slesnick	21 Shvat	Jan. 24
Sol Cohen	21 Shvat	Jan. 24
Jennie Zuckerman	26 Shvat	Jan. 29
Jacob Broida	30 Shvat	Feb. 2
Harry Kessler	2 Adar I	Feb. 4

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Leo Levine,	Jan. 8	Mrs. I. Schwartzman	Jan. 14
Joe Wein	Jan. 19	Tom Wein	Jan. 21
Robert Cohen	Jan. 21	Bruce Rosen	Jan. 23
		Bert Rosen	Jan. 29

### HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Friedman	Jan. 14
Mr. and Mrs. Israel Backer	Jan. 26

### SHABBOS CANDLE LIGHTING TIME

Jan. 8	4:54 P.M.	Jan. 22	5:09 P. M.
Jan. 15	5:01 P.M.	Jan. 29	5:17 P. M.