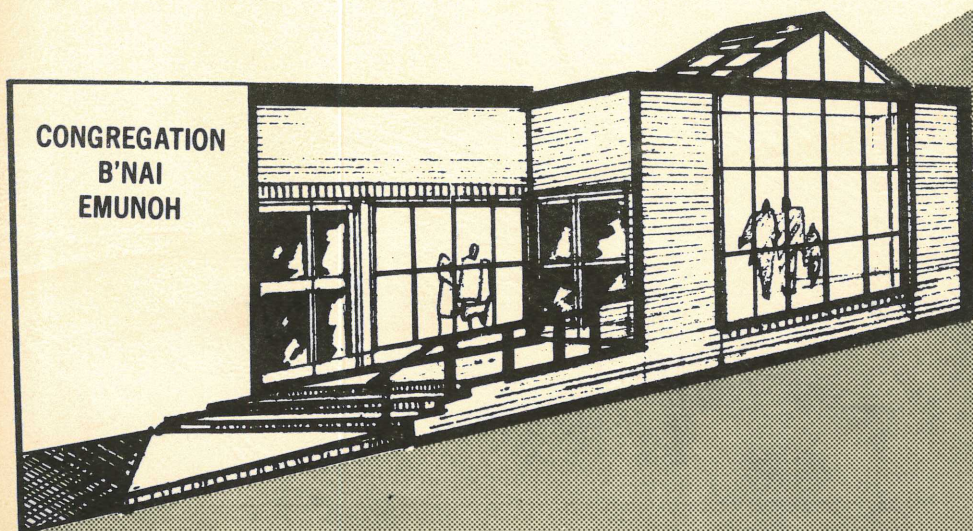




**B'NAI EMUNOH
CONGREGATION**

**Rededication Dinner
1931-1982 — 5691-5742**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 1982



PROGRAM

- WELCOME Mrs. Martin (Goldyne) Cohen
Dinner Chairperson
- HATIKVAH Mr. Milton Zelkowitz
Dinner Co-Chairman
- HA' MOTZI Mrs. Joseph (Sara) Weiss

DINNER

- BIRCHAT HAMAZON Rabbi Joseph S. Weiss
- INTRODUCTIONS Mrs. Milton (Reva) Zelkowitz
Dinner Co-Chairperson
- GREETINGS Mr. Saul Spodek
Congregation President
- GREETINGS Mr. Sol Niderberg
Mens Club President
- GREETINGS Mr. Evan Chapkis
Youth Group President
- REMARKS Rabbi Joseph S. Weiss
- BENEDICTION Mr. Hy Sloan

Dancing to the melodious music of

HELEN MATLAK and ORCHESTRA

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“A BEAUTIFUL ROSE”

A wealthy king had a very large diamond that unfortunately had been damaged; on one of its faces was a one inch scratch. Of course a scratch like this would make this priceless gem worthless if it could not be repaired. The King called all of the jewelers in his kingdom to ask for a volunteer to repair the scratch on the diamond. To the jeweler who could repair the jewel the King offered a \$1 million reward. If the jeweler who volunteered to help was not successful he would have his business confiscated and would be banished from the Kingdom.

All of the jewelers hesitated in fear of the King's conditions. Finally one young craftsman stepped forward and announced to the king that he would return in one month with the diamond even more valuable than before.

At the end of the month the young jeweler returned with the diamond. On the scratched surface was a beautifully carved rose; he had used the ugly scratch as the stem of the rose, making the diamond more beautiful and valuable than before.

These past nine months we have been struggling with the aftermath of the “scratch” that the fire left on B'nai Emunoh. With G-d's help, much time and a great deal of effort we have been able to turn our scratch into a “beautiful rose.”

In the years to come we will have greater possibilities for the use of B'nai Emunoh facilities. Our library is being expanded and made more accessible. The Bais Midrash and classrooms are back in a more modern state than before. The social hall has been refurbished and decorated. But without you — The people of B'nai Emunoh — it cannot be a congregation. Our diamond is here for all of us to use and enjoy, in the Study of Judaism and the Celebration of our Simchas.

May G-d grant us much success in the years to come.

Rabbi Joseph Weiss



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF B'NAI EMUNOH

At this (very) moment, as we celebrate the rededication and rebuilding of the synagogue, I feel joy at what started out as remorse. As I have written many times before, it was indeed a sorrowful and emotional experience to actually see my (our) synagogue go up in flames and subsequently view the resulting damages that occurred.

As with any disaster, you must rebuild and that is what we started to do. As the months went by, plans took hold and slowly our B'nai Emunoh was again usable and perhaps in better, sound, aesthetic condition than before.

The thoughts going through my mind now are of a new building, new decor and hopefully new members. All of us know a building alone cannot bring in and retain (new) members alone. We do hope this "new beginning" will encourage **members** of the Jewish Community to become **members** of B'nai Emunoh and also, that our existing **members** will feel encouraged to become active participants.

I sincerely hope all of you are happy with the changes that have taken place in the synagogue and now have a positive attitude toward the future of B'nai Emunoh.

Saul Spodek
Congregation President

A MESSAGE FROM SOL NIDERBERG, President, B'nai Emunoh Men's Club

As B'nai Emunoh' the 'Children of Faith' we are once again worthy of our name. Throughout our history, for 51 years, we have been building a family; a family always building for tomorrow. We have grown from a Minyan which met in a home on Lilac and Frank Sts., to the purchase of a duplex at 4315 Murray Ave. which was converted into a small Beth Hamidroh and social hall to the erection of the new sanctuary and addition and its dedication to today, the rededication of our synagogue. Over these years many people have come through our doors to worship and have joined our family and helped us grow into a leading synagogue in the Pgh. Jewish Community. There have been many years of hard work and financial problems, but we have always prevailed. Many devoted people have put their hearts and souls into our synagogue to make it what it is today. The Mens Club was organized in the Summer of 1943 by a small group of men who felt the urgent need for an organization that might make a valuable contribution to the development and future of B'nai Emunoh. From that day forward we have been there building for tomorrow. I am proud to be a part of the Mens Club today and of its history of long achievements. It is because of the tragic fire that struck our shul this past winter that we are here today to rebuild and rededicate. As a team, the Mens Club, Sisterhood and the men and women of our shul have overcome this tragedy and have helped keep this from becoming a major crisis. We all pitched in to overcome this and our future once again looks even brighter knowing we have such a strong history, and continuing to build for the future. As President of the Mens Club I vow our continuing support in building for tomorrow, and with everyones continued hard work and support our history of building for tomorrow will flourish.

GREETINGS FROM THE SISTERHOOD

On behalf of the B'nai Emunoh Sisterhood, I wish to thank all of our members and friends who worked so diligently to rebuild our Shul. No one can count the many hours that were spent trying to evaluate the damage to the entire Beth Hamedrash, catering rooms, kitchens, and the entire basement.

The Men's Club and Sisterhood worked beautifully together, drawing from each others resources. The dedication and enthusiasm far outweighed the task. We have turned the page on the past and have a bright and exciting future facing us.

The new addition to the front of the Shul is just one of the many changes to be found. The lobby, and secretarys office in the front of the building are also some of the changes made. Our library can now be found at the rear of the new Beth Hamedrash for an easier accessibility. Our new Gift Shop in the rear of the building with a beautiful glass wall in the lobby displaying an array of lovely gift items. The Social Hall was redecorated as was the downstairs lobby.

But the biggest change was the addition of a catering room, lounge, wine room, bingo room and mens club room.

We have a beautiful new Shul dedicated to all of our members over the years who have given so much of themselves. We have accomplished a great deal in 51 years and we have great expectations for the future. We anticipate a Sunday School, Talmud Torah and a Junior Congregation.

B'nai Emunoh stands tall in the community and has taken on a leading role for members and non-members alike. Future generations will look to us, as we have looked to our founding fathers. What better way to build a sturdy foundation.

Mrs. Martin (Goldyne) Cohen
Sisterhood President

GREETINGS FROM THE YOUTH GROUP

Congratulations and best wishes to the members of B'nai Emunoh Congregation. We, of the Youth Group appreciate all of the help we have received from the Sisterhood and Congregation. We hope to continue our program enlisting the aid of all of our members and try to be of some help to the Shul.

Evan Chapkis
President NCSY