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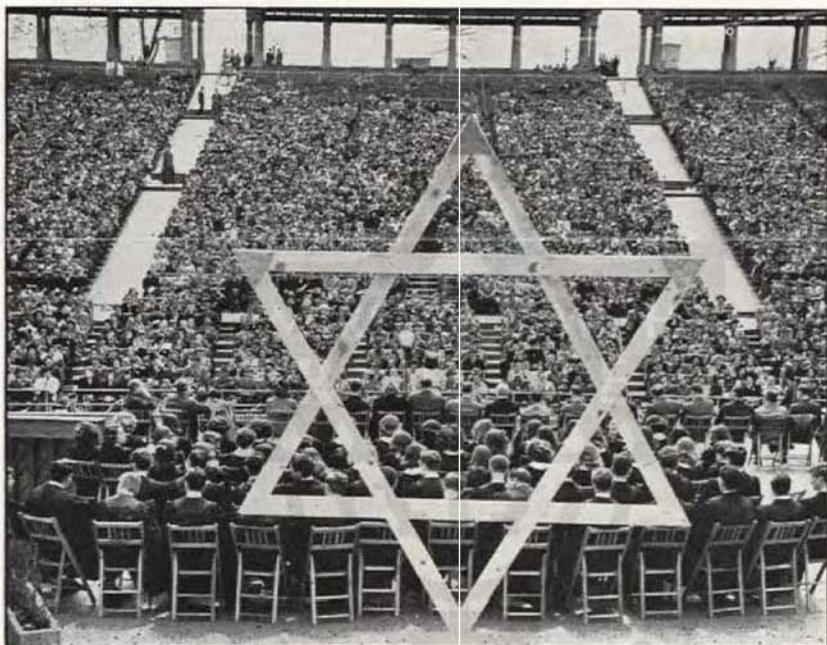
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AT THE MUNICIPAL THEATER, APRIL 13, 1947

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## SABBATH SERVICES

Friday Evening ..... 8:00 p. m.

**RABBI ISSERMAN**

will speak on

## "Judaism, a Just and Enduring Peace"

Sabbath Candlelighter: **Mrs. David A. Radloff**

Sabbath Tea After Services

To Be Blessed on the Altar: **Norma J. Cross** and **Richard H. Schweig**

Saturday Morning—

SERVICE AND TORAH LESSON ..... 10:30 a. m.

BAR MITZVAH — **EARL SALSMAN**

SON OF MR. AND MRS. WALTER SALSMAN

Sunday Morning—

Station KSD, **Rabbi Isserman** (by transcription) ..... 8:15 a. m.

Station KWK, **Rabbi Jerome Grollman** ..... 9:30 a. m.

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The Tribute Fund of Temple Israel gives the members of the Temple an opportunity to honor their friends and relatives on joyous occasions, and also to commemorate their dear ones. It is administered by Rabbi Isserman, and the funds are used only for the worthiest causes. Members of the Temple are encouraged to make use of this Tribute Fund. It is one of the oldest funds of its kind in the city, and was founded by the late Rabbi Leon Harrison.

**Hostesses**

The following will serve as hostesses at the Sabbath Tea after services this coming Friday evening:

MESDAMES: MEYER MILLSTONE,  
DANIEL SAFIER, and ERWIN V.  
WINSTON.

**Condolences**

We extend our heartfelt sympathy  
to the families of

PAUL J. ELLMAN  
CLARENCE HARTMANN

**Floral Offerings**

Flowers will be placed on the altar this coming Sabbath by MRS. ETHEL ORCHARD AND FAMILY in memory of their husband and father, HERMAN C. ORCHARD; and by MR. and MRS. DAVID A. RADOLFF in honor of the birth of their son, GARY BRUCE.

All arrangements for flowers for the altar should be made with Mrs. Ralph D. Lowenstein, 29 Southmoor Drive, CA. 7161, or with Mrs. Emil Tamm, CA. 2121.

**Magnificent Memorial For  
Mark Steinberg**

Richard K. Weil and Elliot Stein, the trustees of the Mark C. Steinberg estate which was left for charitable purposes, have announced a gift of \$1,000,000.00 to the Jewish Hospital for a new building. This building is to be known as the Mark C. Steinberg Memorial. The widow of Mark Steinberg, Etta Steinberg, and their children approved this magnificent donation. It is the largest single Jewish donation made in the city of St. Louis for any cause. Twenty-five years ago Mark Steinberg donated \$100,000.00 to the YMHA to build the Mark Steinberg Gymnasium. In his memory, his daughter, Mrs. Ellen S. Berkman, donated the Mark Steinberg Playground at the St. Louis Nursery Foundation.

**Mrs. Milton Berger In Europe**

Many members of the Temple have wondered why they have not heard for some time the singing of Mrs. Milton Berger, for many years a member of our choir. Mrs. Berger has been in Europe and will return to St. Louis the middle of June.

**Perpetual Memorial**

FLORA ALTSCHUL  
EMMA ITTLESAN COHN  
J. WILLIAM FRANK  
\*LOUIS E. HIRSCHBERG  
HERMAN C. ORCHARD  
LEWIS B. PETCHAFT  
\*Died for his country

## Starving Judaism

A crisis exists within the ranks of reform Judaism in the United States. It was caused by the action of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in decreeing that students matriculating for the rabbinate in the New York School must spend the last three years at the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati and must be ordained there. This means that the Jewish Institute of Religion in New York will cease to be a full-fledged rabbinical seminary, but will be reduced to the status of a rabbinical preparatory school. This action has been bitterly attacked by all the reform rabbis in New York City. They contend that New York City, being the stronghold of Judaism in America, should have a dynamic, vital reform rabbinical seminary. At a meeting addressed by Dr. Nelson Glueck at which he explained the plan to the New York Board of Reform Jewish Ministers, the plan was overwhelmingly disapproved with only one vote cast in favor of it. Besides the reform rabbis of New York, the plan has aroused the open opposition of graduates of the Jewish Institute of Religion and others. Dr. Glueck, in explaining the action of the Board, stated that it was an economy measure. With the funds at the disposal of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, it is impossible to maintain two first-class rabbinical seminaries. Dr. Glueck does not believe that second-rate seminaries should be maintained. To keep the New York school functioning with high standards would require an additional \$300,000.00 per year. Until this money is forthcoming, it is his opinion that he has no choice but to reduce the New York School and to conduct at least one first-class seminary.

It does seem a pity for reform Judaism, after opening the House of Living Judaism in New York City, to retreat from that metropolitan area and leave it without a full rabbinical seminary. The fault is not with Dr. Glueck, and it lies not with the Board of Governors. They did not have much choice. American reform Jews have not given them the funds they have needed to carry on

## Perpetual Memorial During August

(At Union Services at Temple Israel)

### AUGUST 7:

HENRY LANDAUER  
LOUIS E. WASHAUER  
JACOB FIHN  
MAX LITTMANN  
ALFRED J. LEVY

### AUGUST 14:

JOSEPH BERGER  
LOUIS ARONSON  
TILLIE POLLACK  
HARRY ORCHARD  
EMIL WEIL  
HENRY STRAUSS

### AUGUST 21:

MARTHA ROSEN  
NINA ETTMAN STEIN  
LEON J. FRIEDHEIM  
FLORA K. JACOBS  
BIRDIE STRAUSS

### AUGUST 28:

RAE ABRAMS HORIVITZ  
FANNIE FRANK COOK  
JANEY ROSS

## Congratulations

To RUTH GORDON and ROGER G. NEWTON who are to be married June 18.

To MRS. DOROTHY A. HOLZMAN and EUGENE J. MEYER who are to be married June 19.

To NORMA J. CROSS and RICHARD H. SCHWEIG on their engagement.

To MRS. NATHAN BLACKMAN who was the Women's Division chairman for Big Day, June 14.

their activities. American reform Jews have starved Judaism. They have given huge sums for philanthropies, and the widow's mite for Judaism. In great congregations like Temple Israel, less than fifty per cent of its membership make any contribution to the Combined Campaign, and Temple Israel has a very high average of giving in comparison with other congregations. "Without bread," said the rabbis, "there can be no Torah." Without the bread of support, reform Judaism will starve from lack of nourishment.—F. M. I.

## The Westward Movement of Temple Israel

The following record of changes of residence of members of the Temple Israel family as recorded on our records indicates the westward movement of our congregation:

5539 Waterman to No. 53 Crestwood Drive  
Park Plaza Hotel to 9500 Ladue Road  
4405 West Pine to 15 Anfred Walk  
Congress Hotel to 8401 Delmar  
5636 Waterman to 734 South Hanley  
1345 Blackstone to 4305 St. Cecelia Lane  
5804 Theodosia to 7018 Plymouth  
501 Purdue to 897 Golf Course Drive  
5654 Delmar to 6301 South Rosebury  
6021 Westminster to 7343 Shaftsbury  
5837 Clemens to 523 Midvale  
1311 Hamilton to 835 Long Acre Drive  
1435 Montclair to 7800 Monroe Drive  
7545 Oxford Drive to 2 Wendover Place  
5535 Waterman to 7407 Buckingham Dr.  
5798 Kingsbury to 8344 Delmar  
5764 Westminster to 815 Leland  
6216 Northwood to No. 8 Enfield Road  
1218 Hamilton to 6815 Melrose  
7551 Delmar to 2 Ladue Manor  
5765 McPherson to 7301 Lindell  
5569 Enright to 7070 Melrose  
4616 Lindell to 7653 Carrswold Drive  
5528 Pershing to 2857 Lawndell  
4337 Laclede to 7550 Washington  
4909 West Pine to 725 S. Skinker  
5055 Cabanne to 7251 Cornell  
5540 Delmar to 1424 Cheshire Lane  
5455a Gravois to 8335 Cornell  
530 Union to 725 South Skinker  
5263a Kensington to 7240 Tulane  
3647 West Market to 6048 Stoneham Dr.  
4163 Manchester to 8706 Teasdale  
707 Westgate to 1576 Jackson  
6321 Southwood to 8341 Delmar  
1920 Falcon Drive to 7301 Lindell  
768 Hamilton to 706 Syracuse  
752 Syracuse to 59 Ridgemoor  
6403 San Bonita to 11 Highgate Road  
5775 Kingsbury to 6900 Cornell Avenue  
4166 Lindell to 7401 Oxford Drive  
5514 Pershing to 8307 Delcrest  
5193a Kensington to 7258 Tulane  
5574 Waterman to 6936 Cornell  
4750 Westminster to 8310 Gannon  
5007a Page to 6826 Julian  
6361 Washington to 1052 S. McKnight

## Temple Israel In the Service

LT. COMMANDER LEON SEELIG, USNR, is on two weeks' annual naval reserve training duty aboard the USS Navarro (APA 215), an amphibious attack transport, in the Atlantic.

JULIAN EDISON, who has just graduated from the School of Business Administration at Harvard, is awaiting call to the service.

BURTON MANDEL, who has just graduated from the Taylor School, has enlisted in the Coast Guard.

RICHARD BERGER is home after a tour of duty with the Army.

PVT. CHARLES FISHER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Fisher, is stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas.

PVT. MARVIN DAVIDSON, son of Mrs. Isadore Davidson, is home on eleven days' leave. He has completed his basic training at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky, and will leave for Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, on June 21.

Please telephone news of Temple Israelites in the service to the Temple Office, RO. 7921.

## The High Holy Days

This year services for Rosh Hashona will be held on Wednesday evening, September 9, and Thursday morning, September 10. Services for Yom Kippur will be held on Friday evening, September 18, and Saturday, September 19. Succoth begins Wednesday evening, September 23, and ends Wednesday, September 30. Chanukah begins on Tuesday evening, December 1. Purim is Friday, March 19. Passover begins Saturday evening, April 17, and Shavuoth is on Monday, June 7.

## Memorial Book

Members desirous of inscribing the names of departed ones in the Memorial Book should communicate with Edwin Schiele, chairman of the Memorial Committee, or with Rabbi Isserman.

6463 San Bonita to 8050 Watkins Drive  
5614 Waterman to 7437 Cromwell  
18 St. Kingshighway to 115 Lancaster Drive

Resolution to be presented to the CCAR  
23 June 1953

I. In relation to the unification plan for the HUC-SIR adopted by the Board of Governors on 26 March 1953, the CCAR recognizes that the Board of Governors is the body charged with the responsibility of administering the College-Institute, but earnestly feels that the decision arrived at is of such consequence to the future of the Reform Movement that the CCAR should be able to concur.

This it cannot conscientiously do, because no opportunity had been presented before the promulgation to study the plan and its possible effects on American Liberal Judaism by this Conference.

II. The CCAR further takes note of the fact that three large regional groupings of its members, in New England, New York and Chicago, plus many individual rabbis throughout the land, have indicated their unwillingness to accept the plan without study.

III. Therefore, the CCAR resolves:

1. That implementation of the present plan be deferred pending further study.
2. That a Committee of this Conference be appointed by the President to analyze the implications of the plan; to confer with the Board of Governors; to report back to the Executive Board of the CCAR with recommendations.
3. That the UAHC, as the principal partner in our Reform Movement, be urged to appoint a similar Committee to study the plan and confer with the Board of Governors, either jointly with our Committee, or separately if the UAHC prefers.

IV. It is the feeling of the CCAR that these steps will ensure a process whereby we will arrive at a plan that shall best meet the needs and interests of our Liberal Movement.

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June 8, 1953

Dear Rabbi:

On May 18th the Student Body voted unanimously to write Dr. Glueck and express our disapproval of the newly passed "Merger Plan." We wish to bring this to your attention so that when the plan is debated at the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the feelings of the students will be known.

It appears to us that if the present merger plan is carried out, in the New York School will be found only undergraduate students, still working for their B.A. degree, and ordained rabbis who are serving their intern year. Every Reform rabbinical student, regardless of his desire will be compelled to spend the most important years of his studies outside of New York.

Our considered opinion is that New York City is the center and mainspring of Jewish life in America. Any future plans for the HUC-JIR should call for a complete rabbinical school in New York. The experience and knowledge to be gained by a student living in the metropolitan area cannot be equalled elsewhere in the country.

Many students who spend their first two years in New York would prefer to complete their studies there. It is our firm belief that they should be given this opportunity.

Similar communications have been sent to the Board of Governors.

Sincerely,

Student Body, New York School

Ludwig Aron, President

committee to study the plan and confer with  
the Board of Governors.

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It is the feeling of the CCAR that these  
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~~situation~~ ~~entirely~~ ~~satisfactory~~ to all and designed to  
~~guarantee the future growth of Reform Judaism~~



- In relation to the original plan for the HUC-JIR, adopted ~~by the Board of Governors~~ by the Board of Governors in March 1953,
- I. The CCAR, ~~author of the merger plan~~ recently adopted by the Board of Governors of the HUC-JIR, indicates that it cannot lend its support to this plan. The CCAR recognizes that the Board of Governors ~~is~~ <sup>is an</sup> autonomous body charged with the responsibility of administering the ~~HUC-JIR~~ <sup>College-Institute</sup>, but <sup>earnestly</sup> feels that the decision arrived at is of such consequence to the future of the Reform Movement in America that the CCAR should be able to concur. This it cannot conscientiously do because no opportunity had been presented before <sup>the promulgation for the study of</sup> ~~to study~~ the long-range effects of the plan, and its possible effects ~~on American Jewish life~~ <sup>on American Jewish life</sup> by the Conference.
- II. The CCAR <sup>further</sup> takes note of the fact that two large regional groupings of its members in New York and Chicago, plus many individual rabbis, <sup>throughout the land,</sup> have indicated their ~~plan of resolution to accept the plan without study,~~ <sup>intent to accept the plan,</sup> ~~for substantially the same reason.~~ <sup>as the Board of Governors.</sup>
- III. Therefore, the CCAR resolves that a committee of its members be appointed to study the present

1. That implementation of the present plan be deferred ~~until~~ pending further study.
2. That a committee of this ~~body~~ <sup>Conference</sup> be appointed, <sup>by the President</sup> to analyze the implications of the plan, to confer with the Board of Governors; to report back to the Executive Board of the CCAR with recommendations.
3. That the UAHF, ~~the~~ <sup>as</sup> the third partner in our Reform movement, be <sup>urged</sup> ~~urged~~ to appoint a similar

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## NEW REFORM SEMINARY IN N. Y. SEEN



RABBI LOUIS I. NEWMAN  
*Another Seminary?*

### HUC-JIR 'UNIFICATION' VIGOROUSLY OPPOSED

NEW YORK (JP)—Rabbi Louis I. Newman of New York City has warned that implementation of the proposed "Unification Plan" for the Reform Hebrew Union College and Jewish Institute of Religion may lead to an opposition bid to build another Reform seminary.

Rabbi Newman made the statement, The Post was informed, at a May 25 meeting of the New York Federation of Reform Synagogues, which adopted a resolution asking postponement of the plan (JP May 29, 1953).

#### 'PROGRAM UNKNOWN'

It could not be learned whether Rabbi Newman had any specific

program in mind when he issued his warning, which was obviously directed at Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of the HUC-JIR, who conceived the proposal.

Under the plan, all Reform rabbinical students would take their last three years and be ordained at the Cincinnati school.

#### 'REDUCTION . . . TO NOTHING'

"If this plan goes through," Rabbi Newman told the Federation meeting, according to Post sources, "it will mean reduction of the Jewish Institute of Religion to nothing. This will mean another seminary."

The Post learned also that Dr. Glueck did not discuss the plan with any of the elements of the American Reform movement before seeking to implement it. This applied not only to the various national and sectional Reform rabbinical bodies and to the Union of American Hebrew Congregation, but also to the boards of the HUC and JIR, The Post was told.

# AMERICAN ZIONIST COUNCIL

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June 10, 1953

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman  
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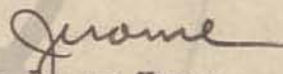
Dear Herbert:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter that  
I have just sent to Rabbi Fink.

I have also sent a copy of this letter  
to Rabbi Berman as well as to Dr. Nelson Glueck and  
Dr. Maurice Eisendrath.

With warm greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
Rabbi Jerome Unger  
Executive Director

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(Enc.)

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June 10, 1953

Rabbi Joseph L. Fink  
Temple Beth Zion  
599 Delaware Avenue  
Buffalo 2, N. Y.

Dear Joel:

I am chagrined that I find myself unable to attend the 64th Annual Convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis in Colorado this month. As I read the program, my regret increases because it appears that this convention will be a significant one, of deep interest to me and our colleagues.

May I express to you and through you to our colleagues who will be at the convention my warm and affectionate greetings. May the work of their minds and hands there be indeed blessed.

I am further disturbed by not being able to attend because I rather suspect that there will be a debate on an utterly unnecessary issue which has been raised by the present administration of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. The plan which has been put forth by the HUC-JIR administration seems to me to look towards the liquidation of the New York School. In the light of the needs of the great Jewish community of New York, in the light of the needs of our own Reform movement, and in view of the destruction of seminaries throughout the world, the plan to my mind is fraught with tragedy. I sincerely hope that the Conference will take a strong, positive stand condemning the proposal.

Dr. Stephen S. Wise undoubtedly believed in a merger of the two schools that could produce one school, one faculty and one student body. The implementation of his dream certainly is not carried forth by the present proposal, as I have studied it. If we who oppose this proposal could have in our possession all the fiscal facts and statistics, all the material evidence, we would be in a better position to formulate a counter-proposal. In the meantime the President of the HUC-JIR and his administration are charged with the implementation of that merger. The present proposal appears to be a confession of failure. If that is so, let the administration call in a responsible group of the Alumni to take counsel with them in order to evolve a better plan.

I hope that these views of mine, which I believe are shared by others in the Conference, will prevail. If a vote is taken on

Rabbi Joseph L. Fink

June 10, 1953

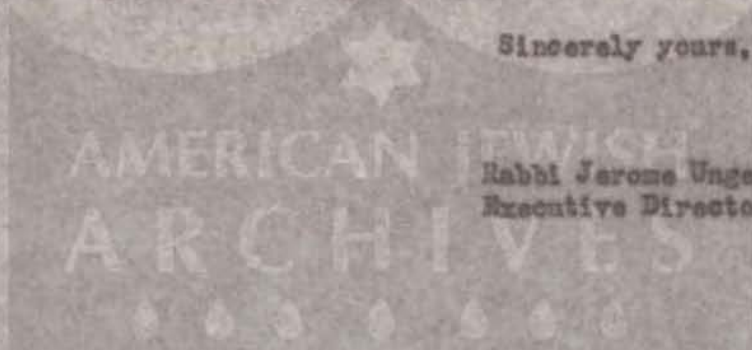
on resolutions with reference to this debate, and if it is within your power or the power of the Conference to honor the following request, I sincerely hope that you may regard this letter of mine as my proxy and authorization to you to vote against the proposals of the administration of the HUC-JIR and in favor of the ideas expressed by me above.

Again with warm greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Jerome Unger  
Executive Director

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June 5, 1953

Dear Colleague:

*2 to 1  
for  
similar  
resolution*

The Chicago Board of Reform Rabbis urges your attendance at the Annual Meeting of the Chicago Federation UAHC on Tuesday, June 9th at the Standard Club. Dinner will be served at 5:30, and the meeting will commence at 6:45 or 7 P.M. In view of the discussion of the new plan for unification of the College-Institute, this will be an important part of the agenda.

MAY WE URGE YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING AND  
LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU.

Sincerely yours,  
Ernst Lorge

P.S. If you desire a dinner reservation, please telephone the Federation Office--Wabash 2-7445.

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June 4, 1953

Dear Colleague:

At a special meeting of the Association of Reform Rabbis of New York City and Vicinity, held on May 21, 1953, to consider the announced Unification Plan of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, the following resolution was adopted with one dissenting vote:

"In view of the serious misgivings expressed at the Association of Reform Rabbis on May 21st regarding the specific Plan of Unification passed by the Board of Governors of the H.U.C.-J.I.R., we urge that its implementation be deferred until rabbis and interested laity may have ample opportunity to study the Plan and to suggest modifications."

Present at the above meeting were the following Rabbis:

\*Bernard J. Bamberger  
\*Abram Vossen Goodman  
Daniel L. Davis  
Irwin M. Blank  
\*Samuel A. Berman  
Albert G. Baum  
\*Samuel H. Baron  
\*Emanuel Gamoran  
\*Ephraim Frisch  
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Max Schenk  
\*Eugene J. Sack  
\*Harold Saperstein  
\*Sam Silver  
  
\*Mr. Richard Stern  
and  
\*Mr. Richard Bluestein

Sincerely yours,

Nathan A. Perilman, President

B.A. Tintner, Secretary

\*Participated in the discussion.



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## **Divine Worship**

**THIS FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 15th, AT 5:30**  
Vesper Services on Sabbath Eve Until the Autumn

**THIS SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 16th, AT 10**  
**CONSECRATION SERVICES**  
for the Confirmation Candidates, their Parents and Friends  
Michael A. Abrahams will speak for the Class;  
Presentation of Bibles and Certificates

**WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 20th AT 9:30**  
**SHAVUOT AND CONFIRMATION SERVICES**  
A Class of 48 will be Confirmed

**SATURDAY EVENING, MAY 23rd, AT 8:30**  
**CONFIRMATION DANCE AND PARTY**  
in the Temple House

**MONDAY EVENING, MAY 25th, AT 6:30**  
**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION**  
Preceded by a Supper, at which Temple members will be our guests  
in the Marcus Loew Auditorium

REPORTS OF THE YEAR'S ACTIVITIES  
PLANS FOR THE COMING SYNAGOGUE YEAR  
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**NOTICE TO CONGREGANTS**

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**OUR CONGRATULATIONS**

We are pleased to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cohen, whose son, Ernest Cohen, Jr., a Confirmant of Rodeph Sholom in 1940 and a member of our Youth Division, will graduate from Chicago Medical School on June 27th. He will intern at Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago. On the same day he will be married to Miss Julia Berman of Chicago, daughter of Mrs. Clara Berman. May every blessing attend the young couple throughout the years!

We are happy to congratulate Mrs. Marion V. C. Lippman, for many years a member of our Congregation, on her appointment as editor-in-chief of the publication. "The High School Teacher." Mrs. Lippman has been active in the High School Teachers Association for many years and is a member of the Executive Committee.

**TO OUR CONGREGANTS**

We have had a request, directed to Mrs. Joseph Pulvermacher, from the Kings Park State Hospital for contributions of clothes and materials for its inmates. There are 1,360 Jewish patients at this hospital and two Rabbis serve the religious needs of this institution. Gifts of wearing apparel, cosmetics, correspondence paper, playing cards and recreation material are solicited. In doing spring housecleaning our families are asked to keep this worthy institution in mind. Gifts may be left at the Temple in care of Mrs. Pulvermacher.

**CONFIRMATION PLANS**

Candidates for Confirmation are expected at rehearsals of the Class on Friday afternoon, May 15th, at 4 o'clock, Sunday morning, May 17th, at 9.15 o'clock, and Monday evening, May 18th, at 7 o'clock. Individual rehearsals are held during the week with the Rabbis, and each pupil must report for instruction.

Saturday Morning, May 16th, at 10 o'clock, Consecration Services will be held in the Temple, at which Michael A. Abrahams will speak for the Class; there will be brief addresses by representatives of the School Committee and the Congregation. Bibles and certificates will be presented to each pupil. Parents, members of the family and friends are invited to be present. No special cards of admission are required.

Confirmation Services take place on Shavuoth Morning, May 20th, at 9.30 precisely. Pupils are expected at 8.30 o'clock in the Marcus Loew Auditorium where the Class photograph will be taken, and the floral bouquets for the girls will await them. Robes and stoles will be worn by the Confirmants, white by the girls and blue by the boys. The Confirmation Procession begins precisely at 9.30 and parents and friends are invited to be in their seats in good time before the entrance of the Class. Admission is by card, and application for these cards can be made to the Temple Office, ENdicott 2-8800.

Saturday evening, May 23rd, at 8.30, the Confirmation Dance and Party will be held in the Temple House. Admission will be by card. A special Committee of Parents is cooperating in the arrangements for this Annual event.

**ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING**

Letters of invitation have been mailed to our members for the annual membership supper and meeting to be held on Monday evening, May 25th. We ask our Congregants to return the reservation cards enclosed so that adequate provision can be made to accommodate our membership at the supper.

This Annual Meeting will feature the report of activities to be presented by our President, Mr. Jacob S. Manheimer, who is retiring from office after four years of distinguished service to our Temple. In his report he will make recommendations as to the progress of our Synagogue. The election of officers, Trustees and Nominating Committee members will also take place on this evening. A novel attraction will be a twenty minute musical sketch written by George Kaufman and Jacob S. Manheimer titled "Bored Trustees" dealing with the trials and tribulations of the Board of Trustees in a Temple. We hope that there will be a large attendance of our Temple families. Those unable to attend the supper are invited to the meeting at 8 o'clock.

# CONFIRMATION CLASS

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## PARENTS

## ADDRESS

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Weber, Jill S.	Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Weber	322 Central Park West
White, Barbara G.	Mr. and Mrs. Lew White	25 Central Park West
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## A CRISIS IN REFORM JUDAISM

By Rabbi Abram Vossen Goodman

The most important event of the past year in terms of Reform Judaism recently occurred in New York. It took the form of a decision that will vitally effect the future of our movement, and it is no exaggeration to say that it will impair its growth and cripple its progress. Yet at the recent Biennial of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations with its long programs and discussions not a whisper was heard about this most important subject. The truth would have been too embarrassing to face.

What has happened is that the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion voted in unseemly haste to reduce the Jewish Institute of Religion from the status of a rabbinical seminary to a preparatory school.

Beginning with next Fall, students for the rabbinate may take their first two years either at the Jewish Institute of Religion or the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, and then all must go to Ohio to pass the following three years and be ordained. Following their ordination they will go to New York for a year of "internship."

This is an outstanding step. It means that Reform Judaism no longer cares to contribute to the intellectual life of New York, the greatest Jewish center of the world. It is an act of abdication from the field of Jewish culture in favor of the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Even more important is what is going to happen to new congregations. During the last ten years new synagogues have proliferated in the New York area. This has been made possible by students at the Jewish Institute of Religion who are willing to serve these congregations for week-ends at minimum salaries during their last two years at school. By the time they are graduated the pulpits have grown sufficiently to pay adequate salaries for permanent rabbis.

All this will be discarded. There will no longer be men available for their two years term of service. An official of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations has told me that they will have to fill the pulpits with students of the Jewish Theological Seminary who will naturally affiliate the congregations with the United Synagogue and not with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Thus will the growth of Reform Judaism be halted in the Metropolitan area.

This may gladden the hearts of those who feel that New York has too strong an Orthodox influence on Reform Judaism and want to go back to the attenuated Reform of 1900. It appears, however, as a tragedy to those of us who believe that our branch of Judaism has a special role to play in American life and who recognize in New York a rich field for service.

They do not want to see our cause abandoned. Let their voices be heard in vehement protest! Perhaps the decision with its death wish may yet be rescinded.

### BROTHERHOOD ANNUAL MEETING

On Tuesday evening, June 2nd, our Men's Association will hold its Annual Meeting and its election of officers. Mr. Leo Diamond, President of the Brotherhood, will deliver his Annual Report and there will be a discussion of the program of our Men's Association for next season. A supper will precede this Annual Meeting for which reservations are required and there will be a nominal charge for this supper.

### LEAGUE DANCE

This coming Sunday evening, May 17th, the Rodeph Sholom League will hold its final dance for the season. Music will be furnished by Phil Sands orchestra and there will be entertainment featuring Anabel, the popular radio singer. Admission is \$1.25 a person and the profits of this affair will be turned over to the Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropies.

# CERTIFICATE OF HONOR

Mr. Jacob S. Manheimer, President of the Congregation, received recently at the Convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations a Certificate of Honor awarded to Congregation Rodeph Sholom, New York City in appreciation of having achieved its quota in behalf of the Combined Campaign for the Support of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Hebrew Union College — Jewish Institute of Religion as the National Institutions of American Reform Judaism for the fiscal year of 1952-1953. The other New York congregation receiving a similar award was Congregation Emanu-El. Mr. Walter W. Weismann is the Chairman of the Joint Campaign of the U.A.H.C. - H.U.C. - J.I.R. in the Greater New York area, and Mr. Felix Greenhut is Rodeph Sholom Chairman for the Campaign. Our Temple contribution was materially increased this past week by a generous donation by Mr. Paul Hahn of our Congregation, to whom we express our appreciation. In addition to the Temple donation to the Campaign, a substantial addition was made to the Aaron Wise Scholarship and Loan Fund of the H.U.C. - J.I.R. for the use of students at the New York School.

# THE PHILADELPHIA STORY

On Wednesday and Thursday evenings, May 13th and 14th, at 8:15 o'clock, the Dramatic Society of Rodeph Sholom is presenting "The Philadelphia Story" by Philip Barry. This comedy on manners and politics is one of the outstanding plays of the American theatre. The following is the cast of characters for our Temple presentation:

Tracy Lord	Renay Granville
Dinah Lord	Sheila Nicholas
Margaret Lord	Jeanne Stein
Alexander (Sandy) Lord	Kay Goldfine
William (Uncle Willie) Tracy	Morris Charlai
Liz Imbrie	Phoebe Katz
Mike Connor	Charles M. Shapiro
George Kittredge	Alan Heyman
C. K. Dexterhaven	Edward Fertel
Seth Lord	Bob Steinhardt
Elsie	Rosemary Taylor

The production is being staged and directed by Mr. Leonard Burton and will be presented on Wednesday night under the auspices of the League and on Thursday night under the auspices of the 65th Street Alumni. Tickets of admission are \$1.00 each and can be purchased at the door.

# SISTERHOOD NOTES

At the Annual Meeting of the Sisterhood held on Monday Afternoon, May 11th, the following Officers and Board Members were elected:

President — Mrs. Irving J. Nethe

Vice-Presidents—Mrs. Milton Cohen

Mrs. Ira Goldenblum

Treasurer — Mrs. Samuel Kolin

Corr. Secy — Mrs. Julius R. Steinhardt

Financial Secy. — Mrs. Henry Scheer

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Board of Directors to serve for three years:

Mrs. Samuel Abrams	Mrs. Ernst Mayer
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Mrs. Monroe Lewison	Mrs. Bernard Zerner
Mrs. Alfred D. Lind	

We wish to express our appreciation to Mrs. Joseph Glanzer who has been President of the Sisterhood for the past four years. Her administration has been marked by notable achievement.

We extend our best wishes to the newly-elected Officers and Board members, and we trust that their administration will continue and develop the high traditions of our Sisterhood which is now in its 63rd year.

We also wish to express our gratitude to all those who participated in the Pledge Luncheon held last Monday. With the help of our many friends a substantial sum of money was realized to continue our program of Religion, Education and Philanthropy. Special thanks are due Mrs. Milton Cohen, the Chairman, Mrs. Ira Goldenblum, Vice-President and Chairman of the Nominating Committee and to all the women who helped prepare the Luncheon and served it.

# "AMERICAN IDEALS"

On Thursday evening, May 14th, Rabbi Newman will lead a seminar at the Vanderbilt Hotel under the auspices of the American Association for Jewish Education on the "Impact of the Jewish Law on American Ideals and Ethics." Members of the Congregation interested in attending this seminar are invited as the guests of the Association.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We gratefully acknowledge the following generous donations:

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Mr. Abraham W. Ast  
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*in memory of Cora G. Schwartz;*

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*in memory of Mollie Herman;*

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Mr. Abraham W. Ast  
*in commemoration of the Birthday of  
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Mr. Alexander Kane  
*in memory of Bertha Kane.*

## OUR BOOK OF LIFE

We are grateful to Mr. Harry Jacobson, Executor of the Estate of Bertha L. Friedman, for his cooperation in obtaining a contribution of this Estate for the inscription of three pages in the Book of Life in memory of Isaac Liebmann, Jeanette Straus-Liebmann and Bertha L. Friedman. Mrs. Friedman in her lifetime was a constant attendant at our Religious Services.

## In Memoriam

Congregation Rodeph Sholom extends heartfelt sympathy to the families of

CHARLES M. SIEGEL  
LILLIAN L. AARONSTAMM  
NATHAN STONE  
ABRAHAM WEISS  
HATTIE STARK  
REBECCA SIEGEL  
HERMAN SCHICKLER

who have passed away.

Memorial Lights will be kindled at the Nameplates on the Bronze Memorial Tablets in the Temple in memory of

CECILIA GUNZENDORFER  
FLORA MEYER  
FANNIE STERN  
HANNAH STERN

The Pages in the Book of Life have been dedicated to the memory of

MATTHEW I. FENNELL  
BERTHA L. FRIEDMAN  
SAMUEL LAM  
ROSE G. LIVINGSTON

The Yahrzeits of the following departed will also be observed and the Kaddish recited in their memory at the coming Sabbath Services:

Jacob Auslander	Lena Kleban
Lena Baylinson	Sophie Koch
Sol Berliner	Phillip Latz
Nathan Bloch	Sarah Le Boyer
Harry Bladé	Grace Lenzberg
Dr. Harry Bowman	Ben Levy
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RESOLUTION AGAINST THE NEW "UNIFICATION PLANS"  
Regarding the H.U.C.-J.I.R.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Congregation Rodeph Sholom, 7 West 83rd Street, New York City, Wednesday evening, May 13th, it was unanimously resolved:

That Congregation Rodeph Sholom desires to associate itself with other Congregations of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in their disapproval of the "New Unification Plans" for the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, recently announced.

The feature of the plan which requires students for the Reform or Liberal Rabbinate to spend their 3rd, 4th and 5th years in Cincinnati, and which forbids ordination in New York, obviously converts the New York School into a mere preparatory school, contrary to the understanding under which the merger was originally entered into.

This plan nullifies the central purpose for which the late Rabbi Stephen S. Wise established the Jewish Institute of Religion in New York in 1922, namely, to enable men to study and be ordained as Reform or Liberal Rabbis in the great center of Jewish life in New York.

We believe that the suggested plan will endanger the growth of Reform or Liberal Judaism in New York City and throughout the country, especially because it will reduce the number of men available in the Reform or Liberal Rabbinate for service in the increasingly numerous new Congregations in the Greater New York area and elsewhere.

JACOB S. MANHEIMER  
President

## Reform Rabbi Charges JIR Is Being Reduced to 'Preparatory School'

15 May 53

LAWRENCE, N. Y.—Rabbi Abram Vossen Goodman of Temple Sinai here declared last week that the board of governors of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion "acted in unseemingly haste" when it voted that, beginning next fall, Reform rabbinical students will have to take their last three years and receive ordination at the Cincinnati school.

This action, charged Rabbi Goodman, in effect reduced the Jewish Institute of Religion (the New York School) "from the status of a rabbinical seminary to a preparatory school." Students will be permitted to take their first two years at JIR.

The action, the Reform spiritual leader asserted in an article in the Temple Sinai Bulletin, "is an outstanding step. It means that Reform Judaism no longer cares to contribute to the intellectual life of New York, the greatest Jewish center of the world. It is an act of abdication from the field of Jewish culture in favor of the Jewish Theological Seminary."

"Even more important," Rabbi Goodman continued, "is what is going to happen to new congregations. During the last ten years, new synagogues have proliferated in the New York area. This has been made possible by students



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Rabbi Goodman termed the action "the most important event of the past year in terms of Reform Judaism . . ." and noting that "at the recent Biennial of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, with its long programs and discussions, not a whisper was heard about this most important subject," asserted that "the truth would have been too embarrassing to face.

# REFORM BODIES ASK DELAY IN SEMINARIES' 'UNIFICATION'

29 May 53  
NEW YORK (JP)—The New York Federation of Reform Synagogues and the Association of Reform Rabbis of New York City have adopted identical resolutions asking postponement of the implementation of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion "Unification Plan."

The groups urged postponement to allow time for discussion of the plan throughout the Reform movement.

## 'PREP SCHOOL' SEEN

According to the plan, all Reform rabbinical students will take their last three years and be ordained at the Cincinnati College. Critics have described the plan as reducing the New York Institute to a "preparatory school."

The Association adopted the resolution at a meeting Thursday night, May 21, attended by more than 40 rabbis, with only one dissenting vote reportedly cast.

At the Federation meeting Monday night, May 25, the resolution was adopted without a dissenting voice by lay and rab-

binic representatives of 65 Reform congregations, following a long talk in defense of "Unification" by Dr. Nelson Glueck, HUC-JIR president. Opposition was led by Rabbi Edward E. Klein of the Free Synagogue and Rabbi Bernard Bamberger.

## 'UP IN ARMS'

A Reform spokesman told The Post that "New York Liberal Jews are up in arms against present plans," and that opposition—being joined by an increasing number of Reform synagogues—will be carried to the convention next month in Estes Park, Col., of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

The Post was told, however, that virtually no time has been set aside on the convention agen-

da for discussion of the "Unification Plan."

One significant development in the opposition to the plan, The Post was informed, is that "the question has been raised whether the board of the HUC-JIR considers itself completely detached from any opinion expressed by congregations in the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, despite the fact that the campaign for funds for the College-Institute depends on the co-operation and leadership on the constituent congregations.

"A number of substantive reforms are being projected whereby the HUC-JIR will represent correctly the sentiment and judgment of the constituency of the Reform movement."

## Chicago Temple in 'Solemn Protest' Against HUC-JIR 'Unification' Plan

CHICAGO (JP)—Temple Isaiah Israel, whose spiritual leader is Rabbi Morton Berman, expressed last week its "solemn protest" against the unification plan adopted in March by the board of governors of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

This opposition to the plan whereby all Reform rabbinical students will have to take their last three years and receive ordination at the Cincinnati school, followed the charges of Rabbi Abram

Vossen Goodman of Lawrence, N. Y., that the effect of "unification" was to reduce the New York school "from the status of a rabbinical seminary to a preparatory school." Many other Reform leaders are believed to be opposed to the plan (JP, May 15, 1953).

### ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

In a statement adopted unanimously, the board of directors of Isaiah Israel declared that "this plan does not fulfill the promise of adequate merger for the two schools in New York and Cincinnati,

"a since it permits the separation of every entering class for two years with part of the same class in New York and another part in Cincinnati;

"b since it permits two separate duplicating faculties for the first two years, with one section in New York and another in Cincinnati."

The statement continued:

"This plan is highly discriminatory in that it compels the students at the New York school to make transfers of themselves, their wives and their families with one move at the end of two years from New York to Cincinnati and another at the end of the fifth year back from Cincinnati to New York, while the Cincinnati students will make only one move to New York after five uninterrupted years in Cincinnati." After ordination, accord-

ing to the plan, all students will go to New York for "internship."

### 'UNJUSTIFIABLE'

"This procedure of moving students with the acceptance by the HUC-JIR of transportation costs and subventions," the Temple Isaiah Israel board said, "is economically unjustifiable and contradictory to the claim that the unification plan envisages economies for the Liberal movement.

"The year of internship will not provide adequate personnel to serve the needs of the rapidly increasing number of recently established congregations and congregations that will be established by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in the metropolitan New York area. It views with alarm the loss of this great field for the growth of our movement in the most populated Jewish section in the world. It foresees the taking over of this vast unaffiliated potential by another aggressive movement in Jewish religious life." Rabbi Goodman had said the move "is an act of abdication from the field of Jewish culture in favor of the (Conservative) Jewish Theological Seminary."

"Temple Isaiah Israel is even more deeply concerned with the loss to the students of the great opportunity to come into contact with the resources of Jewish life which the greatest Jewish community in the world provides," the statement continued. "It feels that adequate time in New York must be assured if the students are to be benefited and more adequately prepared for service of American Jewry and K'lal Israel by the experience of living and learning in a great Jewish community. The loss of this opportunity will most seriously affect the student group coming from Cincinnati to New York since it will have a year or less in that city.

### 'PROFOUNDEST DISMAY'

"It views with profoundest dismay the elimination from New York of a training school for Liberal rabbis on a full and high academic level. It holds that in a decade that has witnessed the destruction of the great academies of Jewish learning abroad, the Liberal Jewish movement ought not to contribute to the further reduction of opportuni-

ties for scholarship and rabbinical training. It is convinced that the present plan must ultimately lead to the complete extinction of the New York school in the light of the already evinced unwillingness of the men in New York to engage in a plan which provides for only two years of instruction in New York, a move to Cincinnati and then a return to New York . . .

"Temple Isaiah Israel therefore feels it its duty to call upon the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion to reconsider its recently adopted unification plan and substitute in its place one that will truly achieve a merger that will be just to the needs of American Judaism, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, to the students, to the faculties and to all others who are deeply concerned with the tasks of furthering our movement."

# Protests Mounting Against Reform Plan

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(See earlier story inside)

NEW YORK (JP)—Sentiment was mounting this week against the "Unification Plan" for Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, with the adoption of resolutions opposing the plan by the boards of Congregation Rodeph Sholom and the Free Synagogue here.

Rabbi Louis I. Newman is spiritual leader of Rodeph Sholom and Rabbi Edward E. Klein, of the Free Synagogue, the synagogue founded by the late Rabbi Stephen S. Wise.

## RABBIS TO MEET

The Post learned also that the Association of Reform Rabbis of Greater New York was to meet in emergency session last night (Thursday, May 21) to consider the unification proposals, and that the New York Federation of Reform Synagogues, at its meeting Monday evening, May 25, was to consider the relationship of the proposals to the development of new Reform congregations in the Greater New York area and elsewhere. Rabbi Klein and Rabbi Bernard Bamberger, immediate past president of the Synagogue Council of America, are to speak on the plan.

Meanwhile, it was reported that Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of HUC-JIR, had written the second year students at JIR, the New York school of the Reform seminary, that they will be allowed to complete their full five-year training in New York. According to the plan, the last three years and ordination were to be taken at the Cincinnati school.

A Reform leader told The Post,

however, that "this concession is not sufficient, inasmuch as the power to ordain rabbis at the New York school has been taken away" by the proposed "Unification Plan."

In a statement adopted unanimously by its board, Rodeph Sholom resolved:

"... The feature of the plan which requires students for the Reform or Liberal Rabbinate to spend their 3rd, 4th and 5th years in Cincinnati, and which forbids ordination in New York, obviously converts the New York school into a mere preparatory school, contrary to the understanding under which the merger was originally entered into.

## 'NULLIFIES . . . PURPOSE'

"This plan nullifies the central purpose for which the late Rabbi Stephen S. Wise established the Jewish Institute of Religion in New York in 1922, namely, to enable men to study and be ordained as Reform or Liberal Rabbis in the great center of Jewish life in New York.

"We believe that the suggested plan will endanger the growth of Reform or Liberal Judaism in the New York City and throughout the country, especially because the plan will reduce the number of rabbis in the New York area and elsewhere."

# THE TEMPLE

*Isaiah Israel*

1100 HYDE PARK BOULEVARD • CHICAGO 15, ILLINOIS

STUDY OF THE RABBI

May 21, 1953

Dear Colleague:

You must be aware by now of the decision of the Board of Governors of the HUC-JIR which reduces the New York school to a preparatory school, and which threatens ultimately to destroy it.

Many of us feel that we must resist the effort to annihilate Dr. Wise's principal contribution to American Jewish Life.

My own Congregation has seen fit through its Board of Directors to adopt unanimously the enclosed resolution. There are many more things that might be said, some of which have been suggested by Rabbi Goodman's letter in the Post and by Rabbi Friedman's questionnaire sent out to the members of the Central Conference.

I send you a copy of the enclosed resolution in the hope that you may care to take similar action in your own congregation. At the Conference meetings to be held at Estes Park we shall have the opportunity to debate this whole matter. I trust that you will make every effort to be present there.

With very best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*Morton M. Berman*  
Morton M. Berman

MMB:ee

Enclosure

Temple Isaiah Israel  
1100 Hyde Park Boulevard  
Chicago 15, Illinois

RESOLUTION ON THE UNIFICATION PLAN FOR  
HEBREW UNION COLLEGE-JEWISH INSTITUTE OF RELIGION

Unanimously adopted by the Board of Directors of Temple Isaiah Israel of Chicago, Illinois, at its regular monthly meeting, May 12, 1953.

Temple Isaiah Israel expresses its solemn protest against the unification plan adopted by the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion on March 26, 1953.

It bases its protest on the following considerations:

I. This plan does not fulfill the promise of adequate merger for the two schools in New York and Cincinnati,

(a) since it permits the separation of every entering class for two years with part of the same class in New York and another part in Cincinnati;

(b) since it permits two separate, duplicating faculties for the first two years with one section in New York and another in Cincinnati.

II. This plan is highly discriminatory in that it compels the students at the New York School to make two transfers of themselves, their wives and their families with one move at the end of two years from New York to Cincinnati and another at the end of the fifth year back from Cincinnati to New York, while the Cincinnati students will make only one move to New York after five uninterrupted years in Cincinnati.

This procedure of moving students with the acceptance by the HUC-JIR of transportation costs and subventions is economically unjustifiable and contradictory to the claim that the unification plan envisages economies for the Liberal movement.

III. The year of internship will not provide adequate personnel to serve the needs of the rapidly increasing number of recently established congregations and congregations that will be established by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in the metropolitan New York area. It views with alarm the loss of this great field for the growth of our movement in the most populated Jewish

section in the world. It forseees the taking over of this vast unaffiliated potential by another aggressive movement in Jewish religious life.

IV. Temple Isaiah Israel is even more deeply concerned with the loss to the students of the great opportunity to come into contact with the resources of Jewish life which the greatest Jewish community in the world provides. It feels that adequate time in New York must be assured if the students are to be benefited and more adequately prepared for service of American Jewry and K'lal Israel by the experience of living and learning in a great Jewish community. The loss of this opportunity will most seriously affect the student group coming from Cincinnati to New York since it will have a year or less in that city.

V. It views with profoundest dismay the elimination from New York of a training school for Liberal rabbis on a full and high academic level. It holds that in a decade that has witnessed the destruction of the great academies of Jewish learning abroad, the Liberal Jewish movement ought not to contribute to the further reduction of opportunities for scholarship and rabbinical training. It is convinced that the present plan must ultimately lead to the complete extinction of the New York school in the light of the already evinced unwillingness of the men in New York to engage in a plan which provides for only two years of instruction in New York, a move to Cincinnati and then a return to New York.

Temple Isaiah Israel does not need to give assurance of its wholehearted interest in and dedication to the cause of the Liberal Jewish movement and the joint seminaries which serve it. This Congregation has had a long record of association with and support for both seminaries. A member of the Union since 1875, it supported the Hebrew Union College from its beginnings. Dr. Isaac Mayer Wise dedicated one of its edifices as early as 1864. He returned on a number of occasions to be the guest of the congregation and to solicit its support. He was never refused such support. Graduates of the Hebrew Union College have been among its rabbis, and a member of the most recent graduating class at Cincinnati has been called to serve it.

Isaiah Israel's association with the Jewish Institute of Religion has been equally as full from the beginnings of the Institute. One of its former rabbis shared in the founding of the Institute and his library forms a large section of the present library of the New York school. Long before the Institute was founded Dr. Stephen S. Wise was a friend of this congregation and one of its halls bears his honored name. Our present rabbi sits on the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion as did his revered predecessors Dr. Joseph Stolz and Dr. Gerson B. Levi on the Boards of the schools when they were separate.

Temple Isaiah Israel therefore feels it its duty to call upon the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion to reconsider its recently adopted unification plan and substitute in its place one that will truly achieve a merger that will be just to the needs of American Judaism, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, to the students, to the faculties and to all others who are deeply concerned with the tasks of furthering our movement.

C O P Y

HEBREW UNION COLLEGE. . . . .CINCINNATI  
JEWISH INSTITUTE OF RELIGION...NEW YORK

Office of the President:

Clifton Avenue . Cincinnati 20, Ohio

May 19, 1953

Rabbi Morton M. Berman  
1100 Hyde Park Blvd.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Morton:

I am in receipt of a communication from Mr. Leo Mayer. It contains a number of statements about the merger and the attitude of the Board of your congregation towards it.

I am writing to ask if you have had any connection with the formulation of this resolution.

I recall vividly your statement to me in New York that I could count on your full loyalty once a decision was made by the Board of Governors of the College-Institute.

If you have to inform me that you have participated in the forming of the statement of your Board, then I want to express to you my resolute intention to meet with your Board in the nearest possible future and to lay before them the correct statement of the merger and its implications.

Sincerely yours,

(signed)

Nelson Glueck, President

# THE TEMPLE

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C O P Y

May 21, 1953

STUDY OF THE RABBI

Dr. Nelson Glueck, President  
HUC-JIR  
Clifton Avenue  
Cincinnati 20, Ohio

Dear Nelson:

It should be obvious to you that I had a part in the formulation of the resolution and gave its unanimous passage my wholehearted endorsement.

I am sorry that you construe any opposition of mine to the decision of the Board of Governors as an act of disloyalty. When I assured you of my continued loyalty to the HUC-JIR, it was not to a decision which I regard as unjust, unwise and damaging to the interests of American Judaism. I have not abandoned my loyalty to the HUC-JIR and the higher aims and interests it should serve. If I had, I would not have continued to do all that I can in my congregation and in the country at large to secure support for the schools and the Union even after you publicly announced the Unification Plan and your decision not to permit its alteration. The enclosed letter dated May 13 will show ~~that~~ you that even after the unanimous passage of the resolution by our Board on May 12, I made a further solicitation of my congregation for support of our institutions.

I do not feel that loyalty to the HUC-JIR involves surrender of the right of independent judgment and of the obligation of private and public expression thereof in matters affecting its most vital interests, particularly in the light of your own adamant position conveyed to me and to others privately and publicly that you are not prepared to accept any suggestions to improve the plan, which many have already told you is most disastrous for the future of Liberal Judaism.

The Board of our congregation will, I am sure, always be ready to welcome you. You may write to Mr. Philip B. Heller, President of the Congregation, if you care to make the visit. In all frankness, I must say that I do not relish a debate between the President of the HUC-JIR and our Board and its rabbi on the merger and its implications, but if that is your wish I am prepared to urge it.

Sincerely yours,

(signed)  
Morton M. Berman

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Enclosure

RESOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF REFORM RABBIS OF NEW YORK

AND ALSO THE RESOLUTION OF

THE FEDERATION OF REFORM SYNAGOGUES, NEW YORK

The following resolution was adopted by the Association of Reform Rabbis by a vote of over 40 to 1 and by the New York Federation of Reform Synagogues by a unanimous vote of 120 representatives of 65 congregations:

"In view of the serious misgivings expressed at the meeting of the Assembly of Delegates at the House of Living Judaism, 838 Fifth Avenue, Monday evening, May 25th, regarding the specific plan of Unification passed by the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, we urge that the implementation of the plan be deferred until Rabbis and interested laymen may have ample opportunity to study the plan and to suggest modifications."

# Stephen Wise Free Synagogue



## Bulletin

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### Sabbath Eve Services

FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 29, 1953 at 8:15

**RABBI KLEIN**

will preach on

**"LEST WE FORGET"**

Choir, under the direction of Professor A. W. Binder

**SOCIAL HOUR**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**Make Friday Night Family Night at the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue**

### PROFESSOR BINDER TO BE HONORED

#### AT HEBREW UNION COLLEGE-JEWISH INSTITUTE OF RELIGION GRADUATION

Members of the Synagogue will wish to attend the Graduation Exercises of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion on Tuesday, June 9, at 8:00 P.M., at the Synagogue. Professor Binder will be awarded an Honorary Doctorate in recognition of his thirty-five years of dedicated service to the cause of Jewish music. We rejoice with Professor Binder in this honor that has come to him, and feel, too, that we are honored in the process. Rabbi Klein will conduct the service at the Graduation. All are welcome.

### EARLY SABBATH SERVICES BEGIN FRIDAY, JUNE 5th

Members of the Congregation will wish to know that beginning Friday evening, June 5th, and throughout the summer months, Sabbath Eve Services will be conducted by the Rabbis in the Chapel on Fridays at 5:30. All are welcome at these intimate vesper devotions throughout the summer.

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## MEMORIAL ANNIVERSARIES

At the Friday evening service of May 29, 1953 we will commemorate the JAHR-ZEIT of:

Rose Bernstein  
Fanny Friedwald Blank  
Bernard J. Bressler  
Dr. Joseph Bernard Cohen  
Edward Davis  
Nathaniel Filfus  
Hanna Frank  
Michael Friedwald  
Celia Strauss Gallen  
David Haber  
Johanna Holzmann  
Eugene Horn  
Alexander Kohut  
Fanny Leiner  
Louis S. Myers  
Hattie S. Newburger  
Betty Richman  
Gussie Schatzkin  
Henrietta Schoenfeld  
Lawrence Steiner  
Rosa Stern  
Rose Stern  
Frederick Traub  
Philip Wallach

The following Memorials have been established:

Rose Bernstein  
Fanny Friedwald Blank  
Dr. Joseph Bernard Cohen  
Edward Davis  
Nathaniel Filfus  
Fanny Leiner  
Louis S. Myers  
Betty Richman  
Henrietta Schoenfeld

## IN MEMORIAM

Lillian Cohen  
from . . . Pearl and Ethel Cohen  
"Our friend",  
Albert J. Geisenberger  
from . . . Mr. and Mrs. Leonard J.  
Lewinson

David S. Kubie  
from . . . Mrs. Philip Irwin

Rebecca Lazarus  
from . . . Ruth Clagg

Abraham Levine  
from . . . Mrs. Samuel A. Miller,  
Mrs. A. Mitchell Harris,  
Mrs. J. B. Cohen,  
Minna Agatston

## OUR THANKS

Grateful acknowledgment is made to Mrs. David Cowen, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick L. Guggenheimer, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Kleinman, Mr. and Mrs. David Winters and Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Zlotnick for their contributions to the Men's Club Camp Fund.

## DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

Deepest sympathies are extended to Mrs. Peola Gratz upon the passing of her beloved brother, Rafe Baer.

May time bring its healing to all the sorrowing.

## MUSICAL PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 29, 1953

Organ Prelude . . . . . John Huston  
Processional:  
Kindling of Sabbath Lights:  
Sabbath Psalm (Shiru Ladonoy) . . . Binder  
Borchu . . . . . Bloch  
Shma . . . . . Bloch  
L'maan Tizkeru . . . . . Biblical Cantillation  
Mi Chomocho . . . . . Binder  
Mogen Ovos . . . . . Binder  
May the Words (Duet) . . . . . Freed  
Kiddush . . . . . Mr. Sopher  
Va-Anachnu . . . . . Kitziger  
Anthem: In Faith I Calmly Rest . . . . . Bach  
A. W. Binder, Musical Director

## CRADLE ROLL

Heartiest congratulations are extended to Julius Schlesinger, the grandfather, and to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Richard Schlesinger, the parents, upon the birth of Thomas Rogen Schlesinger. May the young man grow up to be a blessing to grandfather, parents and the entire community.

## BAR MITZVAH SERVICES

We are pleased to announce the Bar Mitzvah of Henry Spotnitz, son of Dr. and Mrs. Hyman Spotnitz, on Saturday, June 6, at 10:30 A.M.; and of Tony Herbert, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Lawrence Herbert, on Saturday, June 20, at 10:30 A.M. Members of the Congregation are cordially invited to attend these Sabbath Services.

We congratulate the young men and know that they will be a credit to their dear parents and Klal Yisroel.

## TO SERVE YOUR NEEDS

One or more of the Rabbis will be at the Synagogue throughout the summer. They are always prepared to be of service to members of the Congregation and may be reached at the Synagogue House.

Gifts and contributions to the Synagogue are welcome at all seasons of the year.

## AUXILIARY SERVICES

Auxiliary Services will again be conducted this year during the Holydays. The Rabbis, assisted by a full choir under the direction of Professor A. W. Binder, will conduct these Services.

Members of the Congregation are urged to advise their unaffiliated friends of these Services and suggest that they seek further information from the Executive Office at the Synagogue House.

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

This is the final issue of the Weekly Bulletin for this season. In September we shall resume the regular weekly publication. News of the Congregation and announcements will be included in two special summer issues to be published in July and August.

## THANKS FROM THE WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION

Grateful acknowledgment is expressed to Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer J. Wolford for their contribution toward pulpit flowers in loving memory of their dear friend, Mrs. Valborg Yesky; to Joseph H. Wallach for his contribution to the Floral Fund in memory of his wife's birthday on May 21; to Mrs. Samuel C. Nessler for her contribution toward the Floral Fund at the Services of May 22, in memory of her husband, Samuel C. Nessler; and to Mrs. Esther Rubin, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for her contribution to the work of the Women's Organization in grateful appreciation for the recovery of Mrs. Louis Rachman from her recent illness.

## LETTERS BY DR. WISE

Judge Joseph M. Levine wishes to express his gratitude to all those who have already submitted to him original letters by Dr. Wise for transmission to the archives of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion at Cincinnati.

He will be happy to continue to receive such letters, which may be sent either directly to him or to Joseph Harris at the Synagogue.

## NURSERY SCHOOL REGISTRATION 1953-1954

Reservations for the Nursery School year 1953-54 have already been received from a number of our parents. We do hope that anyone interested in reserving a place for his child will register immediately. Last year it was necessary to disappoint many applicants who delayed registration until after the summer. We, therefore, urge all interested parents to communicate with us as soon as they possibly can regarding their wishes for the coming year.

## THE HUC-JIR UNIFICATION PLAN

At the May 11 meeting of the Executive Council and Board of Trustees of the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue, opposition was expressed, with one dissenting vote, to the plan for the further integration of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. The Stephen Wise Free Synagogue, whose members assisted in bringing into being the Jewish Institute of Religion and in implementing Dr. Wise's dream of a school for the training of rabbis in New York's great laboratory of Jewish living, oppose the conversion of the New York school into a preparatory school through the concentration of rabbinical studies in Cincinnati during the third, fourth and fifth years. Such a plan derogates from the strength and integrity of the New York center, constitutes a violation of the agreement by which the Hebrew Union College and the Jewish Institute of Religion were merged, is contrary to the hopes and understanding of Dr. Wise and his associates at the time the merger was consummated, and is a threat to the growth and development of Liberal Judaism in the New York area.

We strongly urge that the plan as presented by the Board of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion be restudied to make possible opportunities for full rabbinical study in New York, that candidates for the Rabbinate in their mature years receive the full benefit of the facilities which this community uniquely offers. In the interim, until a plan satisfactory to the Alumni and the laity is devised, we urge that the present arrangement by which two parallel schools are conducted be continued.

## MORTGAGE LIQUIDATION CAMPAIGN

Many of our members have already responded to the Mortgage Liquidation Campaign now in progress. There are still many others from whom we have not as yet heard.

The campaign is not over: we have not nearly realized our goal. It is most important for every one of our members to respond today.

If we have not yet heard from you, send your contribution today, addressing it to Albert A. Raphael, Chairman, Mortgage Liquidation Campaign, at the Synagogue.

## PARENT-TEACHERS ASSOCIATION ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

At its closing meeting, held on Sunday, May 17, the members of the Parent-Teachers Association of the Religious School elected the following slate of Officers for the coming year:

Aaron Kronfeld .....	President
Mrs. Charles Gould.....	Vice President
Irving Turk .....	Treasurer
Mrs. Blanche Smith .....	Secretary

A vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Alma Harris, retiring President and the other outgoing Officers, under whose leadership great strides were made by the Parent-Teachers Association this year.

The Congregation rejoices in the election of the new Officers and expresses its confidence that under their leadership the Parent-Teachers Association will continue to make ever greater contributions to the growth of its own group and the development of our Synagogue.

## SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, May 26, 1953

8:00 P.M.—Drama Workshop

Wednesday, May 27, 1953

8:15 P.M.—Men's Club Open Meeting

Thursday, May 28, 1953

10:00 A.M.—Thursday Sewing Group

Friday, May 29, 1953

8:15 P.M.—Sabbath Eve Service

## MEMORIAL ANNIVERSARIES

At the Friday evening services for the month of June, 1952 which will be held in the Chapel at 5:30, we will commemorate the JAHRZEIT of:

### JUNE 5

Doris Sacks Asher  
Fanny Cherey  
Caroline Fleischer  
Henrietta Freund  
Robert Friend  
Ida Glick  
Simon Graber  
Madeline D. King  
Monroe Loeb  
Dr. Jacob Maybaum  
Harold S. Rhodes  
Rose Steiner  
Flora Rich Stettenheim  
Gustave Veit  
Dr. Abraham Zingher

The following Memorials have been established:

Ida Glick  
Simon Graber  
Monroe Loeb  
Rose Steiner  
Flora Rich Stettenheim

### JUNE 12

Nette R. Alexander  
David Cowen  
Bertha Deutsch  
Albert Eisner  
Edna S. Fuerst  
Emma Gottheil  
Shirley Katz  
Sarah Kahan  
Hirsch Kaufman  
Julia Pinner Lewinson  
Sarah Mahler  
Delia Mantinband  
Tenie Mazur  
Morris Aaron Posner  
Joseph G. Robinson  
Beatrice Malawista Rosenthal  
Hannah Rosenthal  
Rivie Sarah Slotnick  
Augusta Kemp Spear  
Lewis Sugerman  
Barbara Wallenstein  
Marie Weil  
Rachel Weiss

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David Cowen  
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Hirsch Kaufman  
Morris Aaron Posner  
Rivie Sarah Slotnick  
Marie Weil

### JUNE 19

Flora Altschul  
Fanny August  
Teresa Casper  
Pius Durrsé  
Daniel Goldman  
Abraham Haas  
Samuel Jacobson  
Bert Luchs  
Abraham Malisoff  
Rose Veilchenblau  
Salo Veilchenblau  
Isaac Wile

The following Memorials have been established:

Fanny August  
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Pius Durrsé  
Daniel Goldman

### JUNE 26

Max Bloch  
Carrie Cohn  
Julia Dannenberg  
Sarah First  
James L. Grotta  
Dora Heyman Heilbrun  
Leo A. Heymann  
Lloyd Hilborn  
Hannah Hoffberg  
Moe Jacob  
Bertha Wiseman Levy  
Harris Roset  
Jay Norman Sandelman  
Louis Schefman  
Aaron M. Sloss  
Sol Wolf  
Sigmund Yankauer

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## **ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE**

**Sunday, May 31, 1953 at 10:30 A.M.**

Westchester Hills Cemetery of the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue  
Saw Mill River Parkway, Mount Hope, N. Y.

### **THE RABBIS WILL CONDUCT THE SERVICE**

Professor Binder will be in charge of the music

### **MEMORIAL PRAYERS IN MEMORY OF DR. AND MRS. WISE WILL BE OFFERED AT THEIR RESTING PLACE**

Names of Members who have passed away and also the names of those who have been laid to rest in Westchester Hills since Memorial Service last year will be read.

Members who wish to make reservations to go by car from the Synagogue House, please call Mrs. Gertrude Unger, Executive Office, TR 7-4050. Transportation for the Service will be \$2.50 per person. Please mail checks directly to Stephen Wise Free Synagogue, 30 West 68th Street, New York, N. Y.

### **A LETTER OF APPRECIATION**

Members of the Congregation will be interested in reading the following letter received by our President from the Women's Overseas Service League:

Dear Mr. Frank:

On behalf of the members of the New York Unit, Women's Overseas Service League, we wish to thank you for making it possible for us to hold our Annual Memorial Service in your beautiful Synagogue on May 8th.

The Service was an outstanding one and the memory will long remain with all who attended. We received many compliments and congratulations from members, relatives and friends of our departed members and feel that they rightfully belong to you and your associates.

At this time we wish also to thank you for your kindness and generosity in printing the invitations and programs for us.

Please accept our personal greetings and best wishes for the continuing activi-

### **REMINDER TO THE CONGREGATION**

The entire Synagogue membership, as well as all of its affiliated organizations, will participate in the gala closing festivities of the Men's Club on Wednesday evening, May 27, at 8:15.

Don't fail to attend. If you have not purchased your tickets of admission in advance, some will still be available at the door.

A grand evening is guaranteed to all who come.

ties of the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue and your fine service as President.

Sincerely yours,

Gene S. Palmer  
President

Agnes L. Mitchell  
Memorial Chairman

## RESOLUTION DISAPPROVING "UNIFICATION PLAN" FOR H.U.C.-J.I.R.

### Rodeph Sholom Board of Trustees Unanimous in Protest

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Congregation Rodeph Sholom, 7 West 83rd Street, New York City, Wednesday evening, May 13th, it was unanimously resolved:

That Congregation Rodeph Sholom desires to associate itself with other Congregations of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in their disapproval of the "New Unification Plans" for the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, recently announced.

The feature of the plan which requires students for the Reform or Liberal Rabbinate to spend their 3rd, 4th and 5th years in Cincinnati, and which forbids ordination in New York, obviously converts the New York School into a mere preparatory school, contrary to the understanding under which the merger was originally

entered into.

This plan nullifies the central purpose for which the late Rabbi Stephen S. Wise established the Jewish Institute of Religion in New York in 1922, namely, to enable men to study and be ordained as Reform or Liberal Rabbis in the great center of Jewish life in New York.

We believe that the suggested plan will endanger the growth of Reform or Liberal Judaism in New York City and throughout the country, especially because it will reduce the number of men available in the Reform or Liberal Rabbinate for service in the increasingly numerous new Congregations in the Greater New York area and elsewhere.

JACOB S. MANHEIMER,  
*President.*

This Resolution is one of a number being passed by Congregations of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in an endeavor to prevent the diminishment and eventual destruction of the New York School of the H. U. C. Among other Congregations which have passed similar resolutions are the Stephen S. Wise Free Synagogue of New York, of which Rabbi Edward E. Klein is the Minister, and Temple Isaiah Israel of Chicago, Illinois, of which Rabbi Morton M. Berman is the Minister. The effort to protect the right of students for the Reform or Liberal Rabbinate to study and be ordained in New York City was carried forward at a recent emergency meeting of the Association of Reform Rabbis of Greater New York, and at a meeting of the Federation of Reform Synagogues of Greater New York Monday evening, May 25th, at the House of Living Judaism. Rabbi Newman received Semikah or Ordination in 1918 from Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, Rabbi Martin A. Meyer and Rabbi Sidney E. Goldstein, in anticipation of the establishment of the Jewish Institute of Religion in 1922. Rabbi Ilson is a graduate of the Jewish Institute of Religion in the Class of 1946, and other Rabbis who have

been associated with Congregation Rodeph Sholom in years past have also been ordained at the J.I.R. Now that American Reform Jews are becoming aware of the effect and implications of the "New Unification Plan" upon the status and growth of Reform Judaism throughout the country, and particularly in the Atlantic Seaboard area, the volume of protest is steadily increasing. If it is made impossible by the "New Plan" to enable students for the Reform or Liberal Rabbinate to study and be ordained in New York, steps are being contemplated to provide satisfactory academic facilities for such candidates in a new School for Reform or Liberal Rabbis. It is earnestly hoped, however, that such an enterprise will not prove necessary, and that the Jewish Institute of Religion will be maintained without diminishment henceforth. It is hard to understand why the destructive policies of the "New Plan" against the New York School should be projected, at the same time that Greater New York is deemed worthy to be the site of the national headquarters of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in the House of Living Judaism at Fifth Avenue and 65th Street.

It is of great interest to note that the Association of Reform Rabbis at its meeting at the House of Living Judaism, 838 Fifth Avenue on Thursday, May 21st, and the Federation of Reform Synagogues of Greater New York at the meeting of the Assembly of Delegates on Monday, May 25th, passed an identical resolution, the substance of which was as follows:

"In view of the serious misgivings expressed . . . regarding the specific plan of Unification passed by the Board of Governors

of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, we urge that the implementation of the plan be deferred until Rabbis and interested laymen may have ample opportunity to study the plan and to suggest modifications."

Dr. Nelson Glueck, President of the H.U.C.-J.I.R. addressed the Assembly of Delegates, Monday, May 25th, but despite his defense of the "Unification Plan", the resolution quoted

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## MR. JEROME W. SINSHEIMER ELECTED VICE-PRESIDENT



At the Annual Meeting Mr. Jerome W. Sinsheimer was elected Vice-President of the Congregation in succession to Mr. Samuel Falk. Mr. Sinsheimer has been a leader in Rodeph Sholom for many years, has served as President of our Men's Association, as a member of our Board of Trustees and as a Chairman of our Religious School and Youth Committee. Congregation Rodeph Sholom will have in Vice-President Sinsheimer a worker and leader to whom we can give our esteem and admiration. Mr. Sinsheimer is one of the city's leading attorneys and has gained widespread recognition for his contribution to the law.

## JUDGE HENRY CLAY GREENBERG ELECTED A TRUSTEE

Judge Henry Clay Greenberg of the Supreme Court of the State of New York was elected a Trustee of Rodeph Sholom on Monday evening. Judge Greenberg has had a distinguished legal career since his graduation from Columbia Law School in 1921. For many years he served as Secretary to Judge Shientag and after a busy period in private practice was chosen Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York. He is an author, lecturer, a member of many civic and communal groups, and Chairman of the New York Chapter of the American Association for Jewish Education. We are proud to welcome so eminent a jurist and civic leader to the Temple Board of Trustees.



## DAILY NURSERY SCHOOL

Our Education Committee is exploring the feasibility of a Daily Nursery School for children between the ages of 3 and 5 in our Rodeph Sholom Temple House under the auspices of the Congregation. Three-hour sessions will be held daily from 9 to 12 o'clock and from 1 to 4 o'clock. Licensed Nursery School Teachers will be in charge of a program based upon the most modern educational methods. Inquiries are invited. Parents are asked to communicate with the Temple or Religious School Office for information regarding the registration fee and other aspects of the Nursery School work. This is a significant step forward in the life of our Congregation, and we ask our Congregants to bring the Nursery School to the attention of their friends.

## YOUNG MARRIED GUILD

Tuesday evening, June 9th, the Young Married Guild will hold its Closing Supper meeting. Young couples of Temple families and their friends are cordially invited. Election of officers will take place.

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above was passed, asking that the implementation of the plan be deferred until there is ample consultation with interested Rabbis and laity. Rabbi Aaron B. Ilson will attend the sessions of the Central Conference of American Rabbis at Estes Park, Colorado, in late June, in order to present the viewpoint of the Rodeph Sholom Board of Trustees, and to cooperate in the movement to protect the right and power of the New York School of the U.A.H.C. (The Jewish Institute of Religion) to enable candidates for the Reform Rabbinate to study and be ordained in New York City.

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