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Eighty-fifth anniversary of Eoff Street Temple, Wheeling,  
West Virginia, 1935.



# ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM

MARCH 27, 29, 30, 1935

EOFF STREET TEMPLE

1849

1935



## A Word of Greeting from the Rabbi—

**Y**OU have every right to be congratulated upon the completion of 85 years of life of your Temple. The past of the Eoff Street Temple (called also Congregation Leshem Shomayim) has been a great and noble one. Its founders and early supporters—your fathers and mothers and brothers and sisters among them—loved it. Their love of it increased in proportion to the sacrifices they made for it. They named you their heirs. They left you a goodly heritage: in building, in good-will and in spirit. You must seek to carry on their work. Some people are content to rest on old laurels, won by others in the past. You must not be like them. Those who are satisfied with what has been left to them as a heritage, never desiring to enhance it, bring death and destruction to what they have inherited. Let that never happen to the Temple! Bring to it your love and devotion. Sacrifice in its behalf: of your love and your time and substance.

You have every right to be congratulated upon this important milestone in your Temple's career if you solemnly obligate to carry on, so that those who come after you may reap the fruit of your labors, even as you are reaping the fruit of your predecessors' labors. Strive to be worthy heirs to a great past by building an equally great future. It is with this hope and in this spirit that we thank God, the Source of all blessings, for allowing us to share the joy and happiness of this day, as we praise Him: "Blessed art thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who hast kept us in life, and hast preserved us, and enabled us to reach this season."

—BARUCH BRAUNSTEIN

### 85th Anniversary Events

Wednesday, March 27th, 6:30 P. M.—The Anniversary Banquet, Windsor Hotel Ballroom. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, of Cleveland, Guest-Speaker.

Friday, March 29, at 7:45 P. M.—Anniversary Services at the Temple. Rabbi James G. Heller, of Cincinnati, will preach the Anniversary Sermon.

Saturday, March 30th, at 11:00 A. M.—Anniversary Services. Rabbi Braunstein will preach the Sermon.

Following the Saturday morning Services a Luncheon will be served for the children of the Religious School and their parents in the Temple's Vestry. A Purim-Anniversary play follows the Luncheon.



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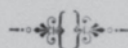
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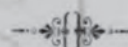
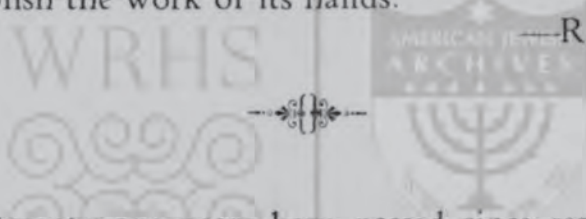
## Greetings from Our Former Rabbis



Greetings to you all on this festive occasion. In its 85 years Leshem Shomayim has achieved an enviable career. What would have been the story of the Jewish community of Wheeling and vicinity if it had not been for this synagog? But age, strength, achievement, triumph all mean added obligation. "The reward of one virtue," said the Rabbis of old, "is the need to develop another." Ability spells responsibility. Temple Leshem Shomayim cannot rest on its laurels. Jews need their faith as much as they ever did. More so in fact. "Except the Lord build the house, they who build it labor in vain." The men who founded this congregation built well. They had vision and devotion. They thought not only of themselves but of their children. What sacrifices they made that their descendants might be blest. It is for us, their heirs, to welcome reverently what they transmitted to us, and to respect what Israel said when it received the decalog, "All that the Lord hath spoken, we will do and obey." May Leshem Shomayim go from strength to strength and may God establish the work of its hands.

Boston, Mass.

—RABBI HARRY LEVI



Although twenty-one years have passed since residing and serving in Wheeling, I have by no means forgotten any of the kindly associates and good friends, any of the congregants and pupils of that far-off time. There were two other interesting points that struck my attention in perusing your president's letter. I noticed that he addressed the letter to Meridian, Miss., perhaps not recalling that I had been called to this important Louisianian congregation in 1920 and so have been residing in Shreveport for the last fifteen years, quite a substantial length of time. I have just gone through the pleasant experience which Eoff Street Temple enjoyed ten years ago, our diamond anniversary, and can well visualize the joy which awaits your congregation also on this 85th milestone. I will be with you all in loving thought and tender remembrance and in heartfelt felicitations. And there is this final observation that I want to make, if you will let me stretch my limited space a bit, and that is that I rejoice to see that your most recent rabbi is the brilliant young man that I roomed with at the Rabbinical Conference last summer. I little thought then that he was to occupy the pulpit which once it had been my good fortune to occupy. Perhaps this might have been a subtle reason among others for my being attracted to him as I was. I do wish him and Eoff Street congregation a most happy and a highly satisfactory mutual relationship.

With cordial congratulations to all on this signal anniversary event and with best regards, in which the other members of my family likewise join.

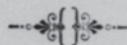
Faithfully yours,

Shreveport, La.

—RABBI ABRAM BRILL



## Greetings from Our Former Rabbis

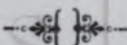


*To the Rabbi, Officers and Members of Eoff Street Temple:*

Wheeling, West Virginia, was my first pulpit. This fine old community with its traditions and loyalties left an impression upon me which was not only a happy introduction to the active rabbinate but which has been a constant stimulus throughout my ministry. I trust this magnificent milestone in the congregation's history and the consecrated devotion of Rabbi Braunstein will evoke memories and stir dormant loyalties so that the Wheeling community may renew its youth and maintain its distinctive place among the congregations of the middle west.

Baltimore, Md.

—MORRIS S. LAZARON

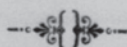


I am pleased to add my words of felicitation to those of the illustrious men who have guided the destiny of Wheeling's congregation throughout its long and eventful history. Heartiest congratulations to Rabbi Braunstein, the officers and members of Eoff Street Temple.

Tulsa, Okla.

Sincerely,

—RABBI HYMAN IOLA



*To the Members of the Eoff Street Temple, Wheeling, W. Va.:*

The Jewish community of Wheeling has always held an honored and respected place in the life of the city, and the Temple has been a conspicuous center from which has radiated dignity and strength in support of Jewish values.

My hearty congratulations to you all on this happy occasion. To the rich memories of the privilege of sharing in your life and destiny are added my hopes that you will grow from strength to strength, and that you will ever foster the noble spirit of those who have devoted themselves so loyally and so unselfishly to the cause which the Eoff Street Temple represents.

Glencoe, Illinois.

—CHARLES E. SHULMAN



# Banquet

WINDSOR BALLROOM, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27th, 1935

6:30 O'CLOCK

Grace.....Rabbi Baruch Braunstein

FRUIT COCKTAIL SUPREME

POTAGE SAUTE A LA FLORENTINE

FILET MIGNON A LA POMPADOURE

POTATOES RISOLE

PEAS A LA BOURGOISE

VEGETABLE SALAD EN ASPIC WITH MAYONNAISE

ICE CREAM NEAPOLITAN

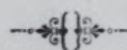
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## Autographs

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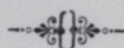
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# Banquet Program



Toastmaster—Mr. Louis Horkheimer

THE STRING TRIO—Mr. David Daniels, Violin; Mr. F. Oliver Edwards,  
Piano; Mr. Enrico Tambourini, Cello

SONG—Air: “America”.....Ensemble and String Trio

TODAY.....Mr. Sam Good

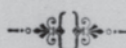
INTRODUCTION.....Mr. S. S. Front

ADDRESS.....Rabbi A. H. Silver

VOCAL SOLO.....Elsa Gundling Duga

TOAST—“The Ladies”.....Mr. Joseph Meyer

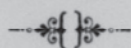
ADDRESS—“Women and the Congregation”.....Mrs. Ben Kapner



FOLLOWING THE BANQUET  
PROGRAM AN ENTERTAIN-  
MENT PROGRAM WILL BE  
PRESENTED. • THEN DANCE  
TO THE RYTHM OF THE  
RED HOT PEPPERS



## Anniversary Services



FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 29th, 7:45 O'CLOCK, AT THE TEMPLE

PROCESSIONAL—"Praise Ye the Father".....Gounod

Jessie W. Lipphardt, Organist

MEDITATION—"Berceuse".....Shumann

David Daniels

RITUAL FOR THE SABBATH EVE.....The Union Prayer Book

Rabbi Braunstein

Vocal Responses—Elsa G. Duga and Walter Schane

GREETINGS:.....Mr. Sig. S. Front, President of the Temple

Dr. James M. Potter, President Linsly Institute, representing the Christian Community

VOCAL SOLO—"Hear Ye Israel" (From Elijah).....Mendelssohn

Elsa G. Duga

THE ANNIVERSARY SERMON—"Is Judaism a Misfortune"

Rabbi James G. Heller, Cincinnati

VIOLIN SOLO—"Romance," from Violin Concerto.....Weiniawski

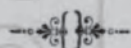
David Daniels

ANTHEM—"All the World Shall Come to Serve Thee"

The Congregation and Choir

BENEDICTION

(Reception and exhibition of mementoes, portraits, photographs, etc., in the Temple Vestry following the Services)



SATURDAY MORNING, MAR. 30th, 11 O'CLOCK, AT THE TEMPLE

PROCESSIONAL—"Our Song Shall Rise".....Herman Vonberge

Temple Children's Choir

Dorothy Baer

Fay Greenwald

Bryna Mae Frank

Phylis June Penn

Joan Good

Betty Raduziner

Annette Graff

Naomi Rabinowitz

Mrs. David Tyler, Director

RITUAL FOR THE SABBATH MORNING.....The Union Prayer Book

Rabbi Braunstein

ANTHEM—"Blessed Is He Who Cometh in the Name of the Lord".....Gounod

Temple Children's Choir

THE SERMON—"When Your Fathers Were Young"

Rabbi Braunstein

SOLO—"Gloria".....Buzzi-Peccia

Mrs. David Tyler

BENEDICTION

Anniversary Luncheon and Entertainment for the Children of the Religious School and their Parents

Saturday Noon, March 30th, in the Temple Vestry, under the auspices of the PTA.

PURIM—ANNIVERSARY PLAY—"The Purim Tale".....Henry Woolf

By Class IV of the Religious School

Maurice Baer

Grace Bales

Marvin Blum

Jocelyn Cooper

Bernard Frank

David Graff

Fay Greenwald

Melvin Handelsman

Jack Kaufman

Charles Lando

Helen Mankin

Phylis June Penn

Walter Rybeck

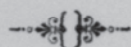
Cora Rubin

Suzanne Schwarz

Directed by Mrs. A. L. Savin, assisted by Mrs. Maurice Kaufman.



## Important Events In Our History



1849-April 20—Mt. Wood Cemetery purchased by group of Wheeling Jews. This was the nucleus of the future congregation.

1849-August 9—Death of Rabbi Meyer Mannheim, the first to be laid to rest in Mt. Wood Cemetery.

1849-1856 — The small community held divine services during the Holy Days in a small room in the third floor of a house, corner of Fourteenth (then called Quincy) and Main Streets.

1856—Rabbi Weil secured to conduct services. Rabbi Weil was the first duly elected minister of Leshem Shomayim.

1859 — Rabbi Strauss elected Rabbi.

1861—Congregation moves to Melodeon Hall, on the east side of Main Street near Thirteenth Street.

1862—Rabbi Fult elected Rabbi.

1865—Rabbi Kuttenuer elected Rabbi. The first steps in the direction of making Leshem Shomayim a Reform Congregation were taken during his ministry.

1865—Ladies' Hebrew Benevolent Society organized.

1865-1869 — The Religious School organized. Family pews introduced. Dr. Einhorn's Prayer Book supplants the Orthodox Prayer Book. The organ and choir are introduced and hats are not worn in the Temple.

1872—Congregation moves to new quarters in the present Hub building. Rabbi Schwed succeeds Rabbi Kuttenuer. Rabbi Meyer of Richmond, Va., succeeds Rabbi

Schwed. Rabbi Meyer was the first to introduce regular monthly sermons.

1875-July 25—Movement for building of Synagogue first launched. Congregation moves to Beck's Block, 1517 Market Street.

1877—Congregation moves to Odd Fellow's Temple, southwest corner of Twelfth and Chapline Streets. Constitution and By-Laws of the Congregation first translated into English.

1879—Rabbi Vogelsdorf of California succeeds Rabbi Meyer. He was the first Rabbi to deliver weekly sermons in English.

1880 — Rabbi Sanger elected. Rabbi Morris Sessler succeeds Rabbi Sanger. Rabbi Sessler first introduced the Confirmation ceremony.

1882-October 23—Congregation votes to erect a home of its own.

1887—Rabbi B. A. Bonheim succeeds Rabbi Sessler.

1888-February 5—The Cemetery which had since 1849 been held in the city of Wheeling in trust for the Congregation is now transferred to it.

1888-April 1—The Ladies' Hebrew Benevolent Society gives to the Congregation \$2,100 for the building of a Temple. By April 28th \$5,000 had been subscribed.

1888-July 20—A Building Committee consisting of Messrs. Morris Horkheimer, Chairman, Emanuel Emsheimer, Emanuel Buckman, Samuel Kraft, Samuel S. Bloch, and Henry Jacobs is appointed.

1889 — First Religious School Board appointed.



1891-February 9 — Contract let for building of Eoff Street Temple.

1891-November 8—The Leshem Shomayim Relief Fund is founded.

1892-April 8—The Temple is dedicated. The speakers on this occasion were: Rabbi B. A. Bonheim, the Rabbi of the Congregation, Rabbi Benjamin Szold, and Rabbi Louis Grossman.

1892-July 3—Congregation joins the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

1897-July 2—Rabbi Harry Levi succeeds Rabbi Bonheim.

1897-99—The Union Prayer Book is introduced. A Religious School Library is founded. An Alumni Association is organized, also Literary and Bible Classes.

1905-April 2—The Ladies' Hebrew Benevolent Society donates \$1,000 to the Temple.

1907-May 12—The McLure estate adjoining the Cemetery purchased for the purpose of enlarging it.

1908-January 5—Action taken by the Congregation looking to erection of a Religious School Annex to the Temple.

1909-September 19—A new Constitution and By-Laws adopted.

1909-December 10—Free use of Temple for Sunday services extended to the Unitarian Society of Wheeling, whose meeting place had been destroyed by fire.

1910-October 14—The Religious School Annex to the Temple is dedicated.

1911-March 10—Rabbi Levi resigns.

1911-June 25—Rabbi Abram Brill elected to succeed Rabbi Levi.

1914-March 25—Rabbi Morris Lazon elected to succeed Rabbi Brill.

1914-June 15—Plans adopted for redecorating the Temple.

1915-February 27 — Mortgage burned, liquidating all Temple indebtedness.

1915-June 22—Rabbi A. H. Silver elected to succeed Rabbi Lazon.

1916-January — First Sunday morning lectures introduced.

1916-January 28—Jewish War Relief Campaign begun by Temple.

1916-November 10-13 — The 25th Anniversary Celebration of the Cornerstone Laying of the Temple.

1917-June 17—Rabbi Louis D. Gross elected to succeed Rabbi Silver.

1918-May 19—Rabbi Louis M. Mishkind elected to succeed Rabbi Gross.

1921-April 19 — Rabbi Hyman Iola elected to succeed Rabbi Mishkind.

1925-June 21—Rabbi A. L. Feinberg elected to succeed Rabbi Iola.

1927-May 20—Rabbi Charles E. Shulman elected to succeed Rabbi Feinberg.

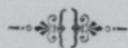
1931-July 13—Rabbi Mordecai M. Thurman elected to succeed Rabbi Shulman.

1934-July 23—Rabbi Baruch Braunstein elected to succeed Rabbi Thurman.

1935-March 27, 29, 30—The Anniversary Celebration of the completion of 85 years of Temple activity.



## Past Officers of the Temple



### PRESIDENTS

Augustus Pollack	1866-1868	Samuel Kraft	1891-1901
Meyer Heyman	1868-1870	Bernard Horkheimer	1901-1904
Simon Horkheimer	1870-1872	Samuel Kraft	1904-1908
Michael Emsheimer	1872-1875	Louis Horkheimer	1908-1913
Bernard Rosenstein	1875-1877	Simon Kline	1913-1915
Albert L. Rice	1877-1878	Moses Sonneborn	1915-1919
Bernard Rosenstein	1878-1882	Louis Horkheimer	1919-1923
Aaron L. Kraft	1882-1884	Leon B. Stein	1923-1930
Henry Speyer	1884-1885	Sidney Reichart	1930-1931
Michael Emsheimer	1885-1886	Sam Good	1931-1932
Aaron L. Kraft	1886-1887	Sig. S. Front	1932-1935
Henry Baer	1887-1891		

### VICE PRESIDENTS

Samuel Kline	1868-1870	Henry Jacobs	1887-1896
S. Gold	1870-1872	Joseph Emsheimer	1896-1899
Meyer Rheinstrom	1872-1873	Israel Isenberg	1900-1906
Bernard Rosenstein	1873-1874	Berthold Harburger	1907-1910
Victor Rosenberg	1874-1875	Saul Mayer	1911-1912
Emanuel Emsheimer	1875-1876	Simon Kline	1912-1914
Samuel Bloch	1876-1877	Moses Sonneborn	1914-1915
Max Baer	1877-1878	Eugene M. Baer	1915-1918
Solomon Kraus	1878-1882	Leo Wolf	1919-1923
Henry H. Mansbach	1882-1883	Louis Kraft	1923-1926
Jacob Brilles	1883-1884	Alex Reichblum	1926-1930
Michael Emsheimer	1884-1885	Sam Good	1930-1931
Morris Horkheimer	1885-1886	Irwin H. Baer	1932-1935
Joseph Emsheimer	1886-1887		

### SECRETARIES

Henry Baer	1867-1869	Bernard Marks	1878-1881
Louis Gold	1869-1870	Joseph Emsheimer	1881-1885
Henry Hartman	1870-1871	Tobias Van Bergh	1885-1901
Emanuel Emsheimer	1871-1872	Joseph Raduziner	1902-1911
Isaac Blum	1872-1873	August Duga	1911-1918
Isaac Emsheimer	1873-1876	Chas. H. Jacobs	1918-1923
Isaac Blum	1876-1877	Ben F. Baer	1923-1935
George Speyer	1877-1878		

### TREASURERS

Henry Hartman	1873-1875	Emanuel Buckman	1887-1899
Henry Jacobs	1875-1877	Phillip Hanauer	1901-1912
Simon Horkheimer	1877-1879	Herbert O. Baer	1912-1922
James Speyer	1879-1882	S. K. Frank	1922-1931
Bernard Marks	1882-1885	D. Milton Gutman	1931-1935
Bernard Rosenstein	1885-1887		