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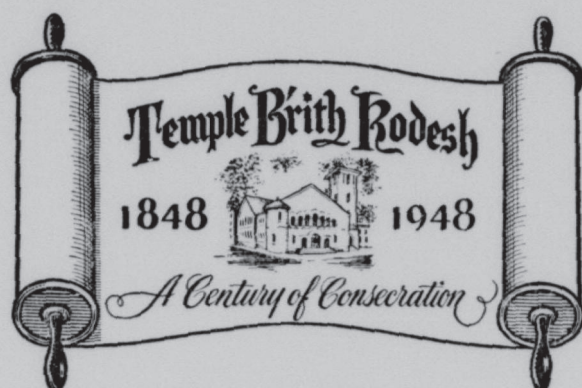
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Temple Brith Kodesh, 1948.



CONGREGATION B'RITH KODESH

*requests the honor of your presence
at the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary
of the founding of the congregation*

*The opening service will be held
on Friday evening, October 8, 1948 at 8:00 o'clock*

Address by
RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

on

"CELEBRATING AN HISTORIC ANNIVERSARY
IN AN HISTORIC YEAR"

Owing to limitations of space,
admission to the Temple will
be by Holy Day tickets.

OVER

CALENDAR OF CENTENNIAL EVENTS

NOVEMBER 18, 1948

*Dinner, co-sponsored with the Chamber of Commerce
Address by Governor Herbert A. Lehman*



DECEMBER 28-29, 1948

Centennial Pageant



JANUARY 16, 1949

*Public meeting at Eastman Theatre
Co-sponsored with the University of Rochester
Address by David E. Lilienthal,
Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission*



JANUARY 29, 1949

*Luncheon, co-sponsored with the Rochester City Club
Address by Rabbi James G. Heller*



FEBRUARY

*Rabbi Stephen S. Wise and President Nelson Glueck of the
HUC—JIR have been invited to
address the Annual Meeting of the Congregation
Date to be announced*

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WBHS AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES
Temple B'rith Kodesh

ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY
SERVICE

Friday, October 8, 1948

Order of Service

Candle Lighting MRS. ABRAM J. KATZ

Hymn

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with
brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet,
Whose stern impassioned stress,
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness!
America! America!
God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for glorious tale
Of liberating strife,
When valiantly for men's avail,
Men lavish precious life!
America! America!
May God thy soul refine,
Till all success be nobleness,
And every gain divine!

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with
brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

Prayer Service RABBI MYRON WEINGARTEN

Rabbi: The synagogue is the sanctuary of Israel. It was born out of Israel's longing for the living God. It has been to Israel throughout his endless wanderings a visible token of the presence of God in the midst of the people. It has shed a beauty that is the beauty of holiness and has ever stood on the high places as the champion of justice and brotherhood and peace. It is Israel's sublime gift to the world. Its truths are true for all men, its love is a love for all men, its God is the God of all men, even as was prophesied of old, My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Come then, ye who inherit and ye who share the fellowship of Israel, ye

who hunger for righteousness, ye who seek the Lord of Hosts,
come and together let us lift up our hearts in worship.

(Congregation rises)

Rabbi: Borchu es Adonoy hamevoroch. Praise ye the Lord, to whom
all praise is due.

Choir: *Boruch Adonoy hamevoroch l'olom voed.*

(Congregation is seated)

Rabbi: Praised be Thou, O Lord our God, who formest light and
darkness, ordainest good out of evil, bringest harmony into
nature and peace to the heart of man.

Great has been Thy love for us and Thy compassion bound-
less. Our fathers put their trust in Thee and Thou didst
teach them the law of life. Be gracious also unto us that we
may understand and fulfill the teachings of Thy word. En-
lighten our eyes in Thy law that we may cling unto Thy
commandments. Unite our hearts to love and revere
Thee. We trust in Thee and rejoice in Thy saving
power, for from Thee cometh our help. Thou has chosen us
and drawn us nigh unto Thee to serve Thee in faithfulness.
Joyfully do we lift up our voices and proclaim Thy unity.
Praised be Thou, O God, who in Thy love hast called Thy
people Israel to serve Thee.

Let us now proclaim the supreme truth of our faith. It is
heard round the world. In every crisis of his life, even in the
presence of death, has the Jew affirmed his faith in the one
and only God. By this he has endured the fury and suffering
of the centuries and risen up to a sublime ministry of service.
So do we take up the ancient watchword of our fathers
which binds generation to generation in an everlasting
covenant:

(Congregation rises)

Rabbi and Choir: Shema Yisroel Adonoy Elohenu, Adonoy Echod.

Hear, O Israel; the Lord our God, the Lord is One.

Boruch Shem Kovod malchuso L'olom voed.

Praised be His name whose glorious kingdom is forever
and ever.

(Congregation is seated)

Congregation and Rabbi: Thou shalt love the Lord, thy God, with all Thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be upon thy heart. Thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt speak of them when thou sittest in thy house, when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. Thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thy hand, and they shall be for frontlets between thine eyes. Thou shalt write them upon the doorposts of thy house and upon thy gates; That ye may remember and do all My commandments and be holy unto your God.

Responsive Reading

Rabbi: And now, O Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee;

Congregation: But to serve the Lord thy God, to love and serve Him with all thy heart and with all thy soul.

Rabbi: Ye are My witnesses, saith the Lord, and My servant whom I have chosen, that ye may know and believe that I, even I, am the Lord, and beside Me there is no savior.

Congregation: Now, therefore, if ye will indeed keep My covenant, ye shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests and a holy people.

Rabbi: Behold My servant, whom I uphold; Mine elect, in whom My soul delighteth.

Congregation: I have put My spirit upon him; he shall make the right to go forth to the nations.

Rabbi: I, the Lord, have called thee in righteousness, and I have taken hold of thy hand,

Congregation: And kept thee and set thee for a covenant of the people for a light to the nations.

Rabbi: Also the sons of the stranger that join themselves to the Lord and hold fast to His covenant, even them will I bring to My holy mountain and make them joyful in My house of prayer.

Congregation: For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

Rabbi: Who is like Thee among the mighty, O Lord, who is like Thee, glorious in holiness, extolled in praises, working wonders?

Choir: *Michomocho boelim Adonoy michomocho nedor bakodesh, noro s'hilos oseh feleh.*

Rabbi: When Thy children beheld Thy sovereign power, they exclaimed: This is my God, and they said, The Lord shall reign forever and ever.

Choir: *Adonoy yimloch l'olom voed.*

Centennial Prayer **RABBI PHILIP S. BERNSTEIN**

Silent Devotion

Choir: *May the Words of My Mouth*

Anthem **Hallelujah** **HANDEL**

Centennial Sermon **RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER**
"Celebrating An Historic Anniversary in An Historic Year"

Anthem **Tzadik Katomer** **LEWANDOWSKI**

Adoration

Kaddish

Kiddush

Closing Hymn *Adon Olam—The Lord of All*

The Lord of all who reigned supreme
Ere first creation's form was framed;
When all was finished by His will
His name Almighty was proclaimed.
When this, our world, shall be no more,
In majesty He still shall reign,
Who was, Who is, Who will for aye
In endless glory still remain.
He is my God, my Savior He,
To whom I turn in sorrow's hour
My banner proud, my refuge sure,
Who hears and answers with His power.
Then in His hand myself I lay,
And trusting sleep, and wake with cheer,
My soul and body are His care;
The Lord doth guard, I have no fear.

Benediction