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Centennial, Temple Israel, Memphis, Tennessee, 1954.

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*The Centennial Banquet**in commemoration of**The One Hundredth Anniversary**Memphis, Tennessee*

*Tuesday evening, March second
nineteen hundred and fifty-four
at six forty-five o'clock*

Hotel Peabody

The Centennial Banquet

Tuesday Evening, March 2, at 6:45 o'clock

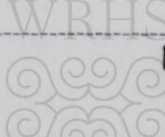

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National Anthem

Mrs. Dan Wolf, Soloist

Miss Larri Rae Minsky, Accompanist

Invocation	_____	Dr. James A. Wax
	 Rabbi	
Presiding	_____	Mr. Leo Bearman
	Chairman Centennial Committee	
Greetings	_____	Honorable Frank G. Clement
	Governor of the State of Tennessee	
Response	_____	Mr. Wm. A. Loewenberg
	President of Temple Israel	
Statement	_____	Mr. Benjamin Goodman
	Co-Chairman Centennial Committee	
Remarks	_____	Honorable Frank T. Tobey
	Mayor of the City of Memphis	
Address	_____	Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
	Rabbi of Congregation Tifereth Israel, Cleveland, Ohio	
Benediction	_____	Dr. Harry W. Ettelson
	Rabbi Emeritus	



Temple Israel VOICE

Rabbis: Dr. Harry W. Ettelson; Dr. James A. Wax

September 9, 1953

CENTENNIAL EDITION

1853-54 — 1953-54

In the autumn of 1853, a small group of Israelites banded together to observe Rosh Hashonah, the New Year, according to the venerable traditions of Judaism.

Today, in 1953, we pay tribute to the memory of those who established our Congregation and salute those who have had a part in its constant growth and development. The history of our Congregation is a fascinating story and a source of inspiration. B'nai Israel Congregation of 1853 with thirty-six members became Temple Israel of today with over eleven hundred and fifty families. Our first century has been one of growth and of achievement.

Temple Israel has justified its place in American Jewry and in the larger community. It has endured many adversities and the vicissitudes of everyday living to emerge in 1953 in full vigor. Temple Israel has been faithful to its sacred task of preserving Judaism and making it a potent and effective force in the lives of our people. It has become one of the most respected and esteemed institutions of the community. Temple Israel plays an integral and important role in the cultural and spiritual life of our city.

Indeed, we have much for which to be grateful; the magnificent achievements of the past, the challenge of the present, and the hope of the future. Thus we have made our centennial year a year of celebration and consecration — a year of rejoicing and rededication. In this special Centennial Edition of the Voice, we proudly announce the significant events and historic occasions that will constitute our celebration. To our Congregation and community, will come some of the Nation's foremost religious leaders. It will be a year of great events, presenting some of our most eminent personalities. Read carefully our Centennial Program and resolve to participate in each historic event of this historic year.

OUR CENTENNIAL YEAR

1853-54
1953-54

Friday • October 2

SPECIAL SERVICE HONORING DR. HARRY W. ETTELSON
On The Occasion Of His 70th Birthday

Principal Speaker

Dr. Samuel Goldenson

Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Emanu-El, New York
Former President of Central Conference of
American Rabbis
Distinguished Rabbi and Religious Leader



November 1

100th ANNUAL MEETING OF CONGREGATION



Principal Speaker

Dr. Wm. H. Fineshriber

Rabbi Emeritus of Keneseth Israel Congregation, Philadelphia
Former Rabbi Of Our Congregation, 1915-1925
Gifted Orator and Leader In American Religious Life

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November 22 and 23

CONVENTION OF KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE FEDERATION OF REFORM CONGREGATIONS,
SISTERHOODS AND BROTHERHOODS

Dedicated To The Advancement of Reform Judaism

Principal Speaker

Rabbi Levi A. Olan

of

Temple Emanuel, Dallas, Texas
Member of the Board of Governors of Hebrew Union College
Fine Thinker and Eloquent Speaker



November 26

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE



Under Auspices of Temple Brotherhood
Dedicated To Our Good and Gracious Neighbors—The Members Of
Al Chymia Temple of The Shrine

Principal Speaker

Mr. Blanchard Tual, Potentate

Prominent Civic Leader and Inspiring Orator

Friday, December 25

ANNUAL HOMECOMING AND COLLEGE NIGHT SERVICE

A Service Of Spiritual Rededication

January 26

ALL DAY INSTITUTE FOR CHRISTIAN CLERGY, RELIGIOUS SCHOOL TEACHERS AND THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS IN MEMPHIS AND THE MIDSOUTH



This will be a significant contribution to better understanding.

Principal Speaker

Dr. Louis L. Mann

Rabbi, Chicago Sinai Congregation

Member Faculty of University of Chicago

One Of The Most Highly Respected And Popular Religious Leaders in the Nation

Friday, February 26

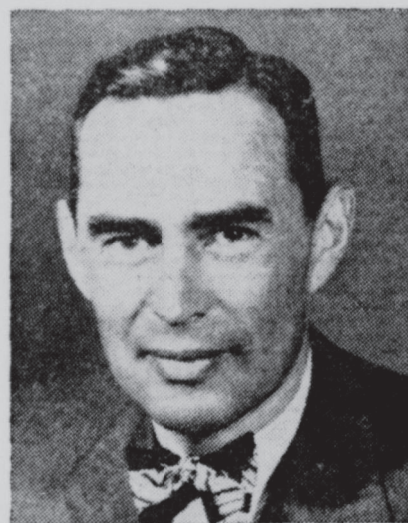
SERVICE IN HONOR OF THE RETIREMENT OF DR. HARRY W. ETTELSON AND HIS INDUCTION AS RABBI EMERITUS

Principal Speaker

Dr. Nelson Glueck

President Of Hebrew Union College

Eminent Scholar, World Famous Archaeologist and Inspiring Leader
Of American Reform Judaism



March 2

ON THIS DAY 100 YEARS AGO OUR CONGREGATION WAS CHARTERED BY THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

CENTENNIAL BANQUET AT HOTEL PEABODY

Principal Speaker

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

One Of The Most Eminent Leaders Of World Jewry.

Other Speakers

HON. FRANK G. CLEMENT, Governor of the State of Tennessee

HON. FRANK TOBEY, Mayor Of The City Of Memphis



Friday, April 2

FORMAL INSTALLATION OF DR. JAMES A. WAX AS SIXTH RABBI OF TEMPLE ISRAEL



Principal Speakers

Dr. Julian Morgenstern

President Emeritus of Hebrew Union College
One of the World's Most Respected Biblical Scholars

and

Dr. Ferdinand M. Isserman

Rabbi of Temple Israel, St. Louis
Nationally Known Religious Leader and Orator



September 8, 1953

Dear Fellow Congregant:

One of many purposes we hope to accomplish in this 100th Anniversary year of Temple Israel is the raising of a \$50,000 fund to meet some of our most pressing needs.

Some necessary repairs must be made to the Temple property which cannot be made from our yearly operating income without incurring a deficit. Our Temple was built thirty-eight years ago at a cost of approximately \$150,000. (Today it would cost in excess of \$500,000 to replace, not including the new Sunday School Building.) This sizeable investment must be protected from deterioration. Reasonable expenditures now will make it unnecessary to spend much larger sums later.

Improvements are also needed at our Congregational Cemetery, which historically is older than the Congregation itself. It is a lasting trust, and in memory of our stalwart predecessors we must keep that trust.

Part of the fund will be used to repay the Temple's bank loans, in order that the Congregation can start its second Century clear of all indebtedness.

As a part of our 100th Anniversary program, a beautiful booklet will be published, giving the highlights of our Temple's first 100 years. One of these commemorative booklets will be given to each member of the Congregation and we feel certain it will be treasured by all.

In honor of our 100th Anniversary, an all day Institute for the Christian Clergy, Religious School Teachers, and Theological Students will be held. This Institute promises to be a real contribution to better understanding in the community as a whole.

The Centennial fund will be raised entirely by volunteer subscription. Our goal is 100% participation by every member of the Congregation, each according to his or her own dictates.

Now is the time. One hundred years of historic growth have demonstrated our leadership in American Judaism. The second 100 years are even more important. Let us perform our service now, in this tangible manner, so those who follow in our footsteps will know of our devotion.

With loyalty and generosity we cannot fail!

Sincerely,

S. L. KOPALD, JR.
Chairman

JOSEPH LEWIS
Co-Chairman

CENTENNIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE

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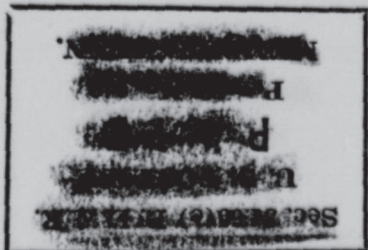
CENTENNIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

EX-OFFICIO:

Leo Bearman, Chairman	Benjamin Goodman, Co-Chairman	Mrs. Edgar Haas, Co-Chairman	Charles Goodman	S. L. Kopald, Jr.	Edward Felenthal	Ernest Lee	Daniel Greif	Mrs. Sidney Perlberg	Henry J. Lewis
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Dr. James A. Wax

Dr. H. W. Ettelson



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