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PRAYER

Written by Mrs. Robert Selden
in honor of Mother's Day

Our Heavenly Father, as we gather here to express our reverence and respect for Mothers of all living, we ask Thy blessing on the lives of those who gave the gift of life to us. We praise the name of Mother on this designated day, knowing full well that every day should honor and extol the precious mother-love which gives beyond all thoughts of self, transcends all bounds of time or place, throughout the ever changing years. We ask Thy watchfulness over their lives, for in these fearful times Mothers are charged with grave responsibility.

Grant them strength and courage and resolution to face their arduous tasks, to guide their children ever in the ways of right and truth. Teach them Thy ways. Give them criteria of goodness and beauty but guard them against evil. Let them not be indulgent but understanding in their love, and give them knowledge of the values and ideals of our faith. Give them a "Vision of Greatness." Raise high their hopes and goals.

In joy and humility, before God and Man, let them build homes where it becomes their consecrated duty to shape and mold young lives through love and wisdom. As in the minds and hearts of little children "Mother" has attributes ascribed to God, so every happy home becomes Thy dwelling place.

Our Father, now as we convene to celebrate this Mother's Day, we ask Thy blessing and Thy help, and Father in Thy service make us equal to Thy task. Amen.

RALLY DAY

SUNDAY, MAY 30th, 1954

10:30 o'clock

AMERICAN JEWISH
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CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC

WIEGAND'S LAKE PARK

SUNDAY, JUNE 13th, 1954

Games

Prizes

Give Generously To The Jewish Welfare Fund

CAMPAIGN CLOSSES MAY 26th, 1954

A SERIES OF RADIO BROADCASTS

Presented in Japan by Chaplain Daniel J. Silver during Passover week

I

This week Jews the world over are celebrating the great festival of Passover, which commemorates the deliverance of the children of Israel from Egyptian slavery. This holiday retells the first attempt in recorded history of a people who sought to break the fetters of tyranny and build for themselves a free society.

Passover dwells on the necessity of freedom. It teaches that only as free men can we hope to develop our capacities to the fullest and lead that kind of life which will be a joy both to God and to our ourselves.

In this connection there is an interesting and often overlooked meaning to the Biblical account of the Exodus. Israel lies less than a hundred miles from Egypt. Yet God found reason to keep the children of Israel a full forty years in the desert before he allowed them to attempt to cross the Jordan. Why? The answer lies in the fact that the generation which had undergone the experience of slavery was psychologically unequal to the responsibilities of freedom. Oppression breaks a man. He is reduced to the animal. He has no opportunity to think of anything save the basics of survival. He is trained to be self centered, preoccupied with a search for a few meager comforts, and unquestioningly obedient.

Such indeed was the pattern of conduct which the newly freed Israelites evidenced. The Bible tells us that no sooner had they experienced the first uncertainties of their new life then they grumbled against Moses for having taken them from the security of the Egyptian fleshpots. They were a cantankerous jealous lot, always ready to complain when food or water were in short supply. They were weak men who quailed at the necessity of fighting for their new home. God was right. It required a wholly new generation unbroken by the taskmaster's whip to win a new home.

The outlook of the freeman is opposite to that of the slave. He thinks of others where the slave is wholly self-concerned. He admits a responsibility for the common standard of living. The slave worries only about his own food and shelter.

Freedom permits a man to enlarge his vision, to develop his abilities, to feel himself an important member of society and hence partially responsible for its well being. Slavery restricts. Freedom is a necessary condition for growth and development.

Our liberty bell in Philadelphia is inscribed with this motto taken from the Scriptures "proclaim freedom throughout the land unto all the inhabitants thereof". If we are among those who dream of a better and happier world, this must be our primary social duty. For only through freedom can we dignify human life. Only through freedom can we hope for a better world. Only in freedom does man truly become the child of God.

II

"Be of good courage and let your heart be strong," counselled the psalmist. Approach life, he advises, with an eye for its beauty. Do not give way to despair. Do not feel that all you do is futile. Learn to trust God's creative goodness, learn to work with Him in the cause of humanity. Have faith that acts of goodness are not vain and meaningless.

Confidence in the purposefulness of life is a necessary part of the spiritual baggage of the free man. Our fathers knew this without its being preached. If they had not, our nation would not today be free, the frontier would be untamed, slavery would be with us, and that social legislation on which our standard of living depends would not have been enacted.

Now it is sometimes hard, I know, to see meaning in life as full of frustration as the one which we lead in this complicated twentieth century. What we do seems supremely unimportant in a world overshadowed by the fear of unimaginable destruction. Indeed, some of the more dispirited among us have thrown up their hands and are preaching a philosophy of futility.

We live in a dangerous age, yet we cannot fail to sense that it is potentially the most glorious ever. Progress has taken place and is taking place, science has made us nature's master. Look about you and see men and women enjoying comforts on a scale

to which no prince of antiquity could have aspired. Look back into history and look well, and I think that you will find that we are healthier and happier today than man has ever been.

There has been progress, slow, uneven, sometimes even abortive; but when men and women have been willing to accept life and to say of it as God did of creation, "Behold it is good," then their combined efforts have brought society that much closer to a world of peace and plenty.

The very scientific knowledge which threatens us can be the agent which makes us free—yet we must be strong enough to accept the dangers and challenges of this new age and its unparalleled responsibilities. We must realize now more than ever that it is of supreme importance for every one of us to do his share. In an age of disturbing transition the helping hand and the comforting shoulder can sustain many and make it possible for them to see the vision of a more glorious future.

As a free man, accept the responsibilities of this hope. Do not put yourself into some isolated chamber as did Thurber's little man and cry out pathetically, "people are just no good." Live as the psalmist advised—of good courage and with a stout heart.

III

Have you ever been amazed by the many talents and capacities that each of us possess? I have. One of my favorite texts sums up my feelings. It is from the Eighth psalm.

What is man that thou art mindful of him?

And the son of man that thou thinkest of him?

Yet thou has made him but little lower than the angels

And has crowned him with glory and honour.

Man is more than an animal. He was created in God's own image. It is possible for him to think noble thoughts and to lead an unselfish life. He can reason—hence he can see life in terms broader than those of personal need and can develop a program which is for the good of all.

Democracy is based on this affirmation on man's potentiality. We hold that every man is important and should be treated with respect. We deny the contention of all dictatorships and tyrannies that men are bestial or depraved or incapable of intelligent

management of their own affairs—and that a few select should, therefore, be responsible for protecting the mass from its inevitable follies. We base our future on this belief in man's—everyman's—ability to reason out the issues which confront him and through his vote make his will the law of the land.

Now this faith in man's inviolate dignity requires that we practice certain restraints. Let me illustrate; we have all seen wholly necessary and irrefutably reasonable plans defeated by men moved by no better arguments save those of prejudice, self interest, or personal pique. In the heat of the moment it is easy to become discouraged with the democratic process and want to use it as cavalierly as do its despoilers. Yet it must be a fundamental maxim in our thinking that whatever the strain it is better to use the legitimate channels of democratic life persuasion, education and co-operative planning—than to by-pass the constitutional processes. In the long run it is more important to be self-governed than to have attained the acme of legislative efficiency. The author of proverbs offered good advice when he said 'Envy not the man of violence and chose none of his ways.'

In your personal life this means something more—that you must treat all with whom you come in contact with an eye to their needs as well as your own. Do not judge others to be insignificant simply because you know little about them. Each of us is different, yet we are each created in the same image. A free society has no common men. Each man has some talent to contribute, some act of merit to perform.

It is hard, I know, to learn to practice the patience such a faith demands—yet only as we succeed in this basic discipline of free living, can we say that we truly affirm that man was created in God's image and is but little lower than the angels.

IV

I once had a teacher who was fond of saying that of all man's ideals, freedom was the most paradoxical. He reasoned that the mere absence of authority does not make a man free. It may only create a situation of self destructive chaos. Certainly, no society, however free, will permit its members to perform acts of violence or to destroy willfully the property of others.

Strange as it may seem, only under

law can men be free. We spoke earlier this week of the deliverance of the Hebrews from Egyptian slavery. What I am suggesting is that the acceptance of the law of God at Sinai was even more necessary in their struggles for a free life than was the crossing of the Red Sea.

The free society has many laws. It enforces rules that protect the lives and property of all. It enforces rules that aim at the educational and emotional growth of its citizens. Thus we are compelled to attend school and to maintain in our homes certain standards of sanitation. Interestingly, one of the distinguishing marks of a free society is that its members can be depended upon to discipline themselves beyond even that which is required by the law. Let me illustrate. No law compels Americans to give charity—yet billions of dollars are pledged each year to a myriad of good causes. No law says that the citizen will take part in civic affairs, or join the PTA, or work in his church; yet a vast majority of our citizens spend a great deal of effort for these and similar institutions which are dedicated to the improvement of our standard of living.

Is freedom then such a paradox? I think not. If it were, then free communities such as ours would not be those which most willingly accept responsibility for services not specifically required.

Is freedom then such a paradox? I like to think of freedom as an accomplishment which one acquires much like art or music. In art no matter how much talent you possess, you must learn certain principles of form and basic techniques of control of your media before you can hope successfully to express yourself. The same is true of the free man. He must have disciplined himself to the realities of social living and have learned well the ways of men before he can hope to live effectively, and in doing so he has not lost his liberty but only increased his adequacy.

He will no longer dissipate his energies nor adopt plans which have been tested and found wanting. He will benefit from the crystalized experience of many generations, and will not have to depend solely on his own limited powers of reason and observation. Learn then to be free, free with others not free from others; free for a purpose not free for self indulgence; free to obey God's moral law, not to violate it.

V

The free man is a prince among men. He inherits a legacy few monarchs could match. Noblesse oblige. Status imposes responsibility. The prince must comport himself in a way which will bring no discredit on the royal house. The free man must behave with dignity, thus adding lustre to the household of mankind.

To the free man the book of Proverbs offers this advice. "Let not kindness and truth forsake you. Bind them about thy neck. Write them upon the tablets of thy heart, so shalt thou find grace and favor in the sight of God and man."

Kindness is a blend of patience and concern with others. The kind man listens and tries to be helpful. Kindness is a smile, a supporting arm, a listening ear. It is not indulgence nor sentimentality. Perhaps we might best describe kindness as the ability to worry about the welfare of others at the same time that we are concerned with our own well being.

The free man practices neither guile nor cunning in his business and personal relationships. He listens attentively and with an open mind to others and is not afraid of stating his views. He checks his enthusiasms to make sure that he is interested in them because they are right not simply because they might advance his own interests. The free man has few illusions about life despite his optimism as to a better tomorrow. He is fair in his judgment of others and tries not to permit prejudice or unreasoned reactions to influence his decisions. He makes friends because he enjoys others and desires to be with them, not because he feels that they may some day be of use to him. He neither flatters nor denies honestly won praise, following the principle laid down in the Bible, "withhold not good from him to whom it is due."

I would add another characteristic to this summation of the make-up of a free man—dignity of bearing. He realizes that he was created in God's image and does not allow his body to be desecrated by unclean habits or ravaged by excess. He is moderate in his ways and deliberate in his judgments. He is tactful and has manners and knows how to deal gracefully with men. He has cultivated these capacities through discipline. He has learned to control his weaknesses and not to give in always to their naggings.

This is not the way of deprivation. The free man is not an ascetic nor a

hermit but a highly social being who is trying to find a maximum of fulfillment in life. He widens his range of experience as much as possible and searches in people and places for life's beauty.

The free life honestly lived dignifies a man. You may remember that when Jacob grew weary one day, he lay down where he was and dreamt of a ladder stretching into the heavens with angels ascending and descending. Before this vision the hillside on which he slept had been like any other—now he saw it with new eyes and was moved to say "surely God has been in this place!" The impression of human dignity can be as inspiring as that of divinity. Let us live, then, as men about whom others might be prone to say, "surely God was with him wherever he went."

"WHAT IS JUDAISM?"

The entire Temple family already knows that the sale of the record "What is Judaism?" by Rabbi Silver has been made an important Temple Women's Association project. A great deal of planning and hard work has gone into the task. It is gratifying to know that not only locally but nationally the record is appreciated and regarded as a collector's item.

Following is a portion of a letter which Mrs. Eric Bruch received from a friend in Fall River, Massachusetts:

"What a wonderful surprise! We are all thrilled with the record—as a matter of fact I have already played it three times. Know why? It took more than one hearing to absorb the magic of Rabbi Silver's voice and the content of his message. Natalie and Abe, too, are delighted with their copy and we all say thanks a million."

Copies of Rabbi Silver's record are available at The Temple. You may wish to procure one for yourself and perhaps as gifts for your friends.

Temple Memorial Book

The name of
HARRY EPSTEIN

has been lovingly inscribed in The Temple Memorial Book by his wife, Rhea, and sons, Urvan, Jerome, and Morton.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

On Sunday morning, May 16th, graduation exercises of The Temple High School were held in Gries Memorial Chapel. Rabbi Silver delivered the Commencement address, and Rabbi Stone presented awards to the following students who achieved special distinction:

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

For outstanding scholarship throughout the three years in The Temple High School Department:

TOM HORNSTEN

THE FLORA ROHRHEIMER AWARDS

For excellence in scholarship and participation in High School activities:

DENNIS BROOKS (second-year)
LARRY TROTT (second-year)
STANTON FRIEDMAN (first-year)
MORTON POMERANTZ (first-year)

RICHARD ALLAN FISHEL HONOR KEYS

For outstanding participation in extra-curricular activities throughout three years:

RONALD ABRAMS
MEL COHEN
TOM HORNSTEN
JAMES HORWOOD
MARGARET LEUTEN
DAVID MADORSKY
CAROL SCHOENBERGER
RUTH STRAUSS

THE WILLIAM WEIDENTHAL AWARD

For greatest number of points in extra-curricular activities; appointment to Board of Alumni Association and one year's membership:

RUTH STRAUSS
TOM HORNSTEN
CAROL SCHOENBERGER (Alternate)

THE CORA LEDERER MEMORIAL AWARD

For outstanding record in scholarship and attendance during the third year:

RONALD ABRAMS
TOM HORNSTEN
DAVID MADORSKY
BEVERLY SHAPIRO
RUTH STRAUSS

THE HERBERT NEUBAUER HEBREW AWARD

For outstanding interest, progress, and scholarship in the study of Hebrew:

JUDITH FRIEDMAN

THE TEMPLE ORATORICAL AWARD

To the winner of an annual oratorical contest on a subject of Jewish interest:

JAMES BROWN

NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE AWARD

For outstanding leadership ability to represent The Temple High School (second-year students):

DENNIS BROOKS
HARLENE HENRY

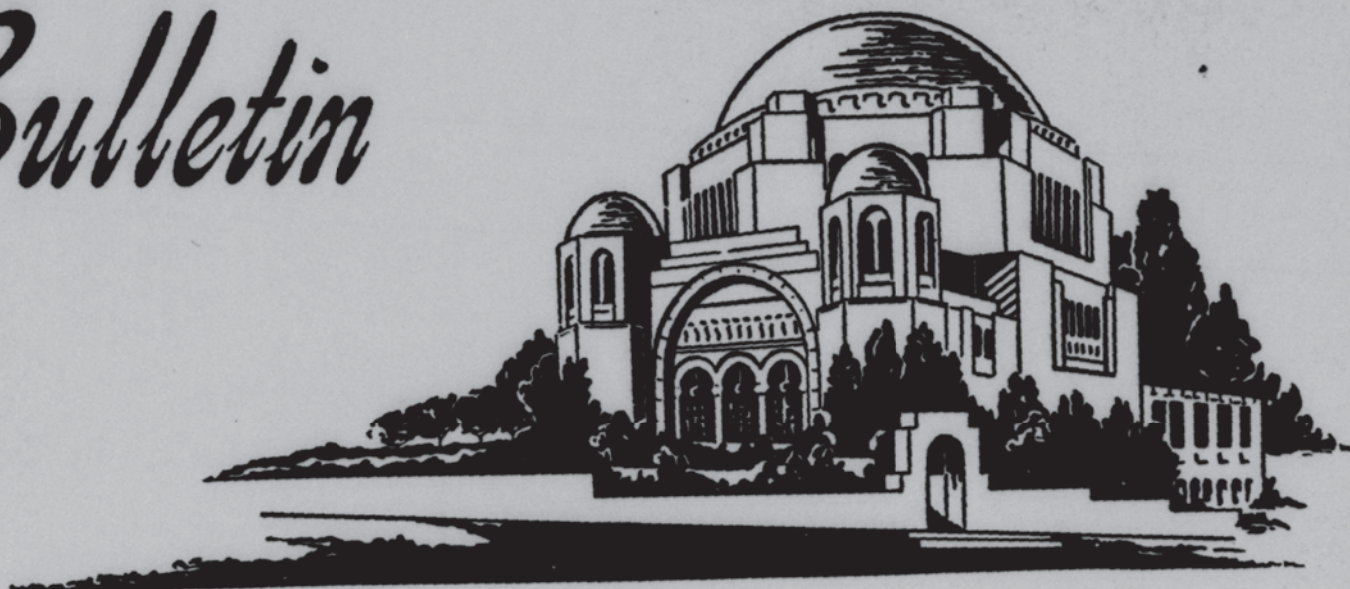
The opening prayer at the graduation ceremonies was delivered by Ruth Strauss, with the closing prayer presented by Ronald Abrams. Margaret Leuten, president of the class, read the report of the Student Council. Tom Hornsten was the class speaker. Mr. Leo W. Neumark, vice-president of The Temple, presented the diplomas to the graduates. Judith Friedman, James Horwood, and Carol Schoenberger participated in the reading of the service in The Temple following the graduation exercises in Gries Memorial Chapel.

NOTICE TO PARENTS

Religious School dismissal on Sunday, May 23rd, will be from classrooms. Please do not try to meet your children in Mahler Hall.

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Sunday Morning Service

10:30 o'clock



RABBI DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

will speak on

"A Question Most Frequently Asked"

Members of the Mr. and Mrs. Club will conduct the service

The Mr. and Mrs. Club Choir
will participate in the musical portion of the service

Friday Evening Services
5:30 to 6:10

Saturday Morning Services
11:15 to 12:00

1st Sermon

**RABBI DANIEL JEREMY SILVER
ELECTED ASSOCIATE RABBI
at 106th ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**



On Sunday morning, May 20th, following a buffet breakfast in Mahler Hall, The Temple held its 106th Annual Congregational Meeting in The Temple.

Mr. A. M. Luntz, President of The Temple, presided at the meeting and presented his annual report of the activities of the congregation.

Mr. Leo Neumark, Vice-President, gave a brief resume of The Temple's financial standing as well as of the future plans for the Building Expansion Program which include an Auditorium and expanded classrooms and library.

A Constitutional Amendment was approved increasing the number of Vice-Presidents to two and adding an Associate Treasurer.

Mr. Sidney N. Weitz, past President of The Temple, made the proposal to elect Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver, son of our esteemed Rabbi Silver, as Associate Rabbi of The Temple. This proposal was duly seconded and unanimously voted upon and The Temple takes this opportunity to congratulate Rabbi Daniel Silver and welcome him to The Temple.

Rabbi Daniel Silver was graduated with honors from Harvard University in 1948 and was ordained Rabbi at The Hebrew Union College in 1952. He then served as United States Naval Chaplain in the Far East and was nominated by the Commander of Naval Forces in 1954 as area Chaplain of the year. Since 1954 he has served as Rabbi of Beth Torah Congregation in Chicago, Illinois.

He is currently completing his work at The University of Chicago for a Doctoral Degree in The Humanities. While in Chicago Rabbi Silver was active in youth work and served as Chairman of the Youth Commission of the Chicago Board of Reform Rabbis.

His marriage in mid-July to Adele F. Zeidman of Birmingham, Alabama will bring to The Temple another charming and companionable personality.

The following members were elected to the Board of Trustees for a three year term: Louis Balantzow, Edward Bloomberg, Edward D. Friedman, Sam M. Friedman, Merrill Gross, Julie Kravitz, A. M. Luntz, Leo W. Neumark, Jerome Newman, Sam E. Schumann and Robert Selden.

Elected to represent The Temple Women's Association on The Temple Board of Trustees for a term of one year were the following members: Mrs. W. B. Cohen, Mrs. Harry Cohn, Mrs. Albert Goodman, Mrs. Isadore Horvitz, Mrs. Lambert Oppenheim and Mrs. Merril Sands.

Elected to represent The Temple Men's Club on the Board of Trustees for a term of one year were the following members: Dr. Joseph R. Gould, Lawrence Lurie and Abe L. Nebel.

Elected to represent The Temple on the Board of Governors of the United Jewish Cemeteries for a term of two years were Bertram J. Krohngold and Sidney N. Weitz.

The Nominating Committee was comprised of Joseph Hartzmark, J. B. Kohn, Herman Moss, Jerry Newman, Ernest Siegler, Sidney N. Weitz and Chairman, Leo W. Neumark.

Appreciation is extended to Mrs. Marc Goldstein, who with her Co-chairman, Mrs. Richard Adler and assisted by Mrs. Leroy Kendis, Mrs. Leonard Himmel and Mrs. David Schiffer, so beautifully arranged the buffet breakfast in Mahler Hall.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The flowers which will grace the altar on Friday, July 20th, are contributed by Gilbert L. Morris in memory of his mother, Fannie L. Morris, who passed away July 17, 1955.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The flowers which graced the Chapel Altar on Friday, May 25th, were contributed in memory of Walter L. Krohngold, by his children, Doris Miller and Ralph Krohngold.

SUMMER SERVICES AT THE

On your way home from business, why don't on Fridays for a quiet period of prayer and

A Sabbath Eve Vesper Service is held at The Temple from 5:30 to 6:10 P.M.

The Service is conducted by the Rabbis. The music.

The Sabbath Eve Service is, of course, not service. It is intended for all.

The Service is held in the beautiful Gries Memorial

The Chapel is air-conditioned.

REMEMBER TEMPLE FUNDS DURING SUMMER MONTHS

Contributions to the various Temple funds are welcome throughout the year.

Contributions to The Temple Museum Fund, the Hilda W. Krohngold Memorial Fund, the Mildred Jacobs Memorial Fund and the Judith Meyers Fund add to the beautiful acquisitions of our Museum.

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Gifts to the Sophie Auerbach Scholarship Fund provide scholarships for Temple Alumni at the Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion.

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Contributions to the Library Fund, Ray S. Gross Children's Library and the Cora Lederer Library are used for the purchase of new books.

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The Flower Fund provides Altar flowers for Sunday Morning Services at The Temple and Friday Evening services in Gries Memorial Chapel during the summer months. These flowers are distributed to members of the congregation on occasions of illness, bereavement, or joy.

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Other Temple funds include the David Allen Fishel Honor Key Award, Tommy Diener Memorial Fund, Robert Neubauer Memorial Hebrew Fund, Neuta Lumberg Fund, and the Book Fund for the purchase of books used at Sabbath and Friday services.

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Contributions to the Abba Hillel Charitable and Educational Fund, established in honor of Rabbi Silver's 60th birthday, are also received at The Temple Office.

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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
MAY 17, 1956.

A special luncheon meeting of the Temple Board of Trustees was called to order by the President, A.M. Luntz, at 12:45 P.M. Mr. Luntz made some brief opening remarks explaining that the Temple, for several years has had a need for a third rabbi. A resolution for this action will be required, hence the reason for calling this meeting prior to the annual congregational meeting.

At this point, Mr. Luntz called upon Mr. Sidney N. Weitz for a complete presentation of the problem at hand and the procedure required.

Mr. Weitz enlarged on the opening remarks made by Mr. Luntz and announced that a request will be made of the congregation authorizing the Board to act with respect to engaging a third rabbi. In the last six years of so, our membership has grown from 2000 to 2450; our school has grown from 850 to about 1250. Rabbi Silver will soon complete forty years of service. Therefore, the time to train leadership for the future is now. Mr. Weitz suggested that an invitation be extended at this time to Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver for appointment to the Temple Staff, and he then read a formal resolution as follows:

"WHEREAS our membership has been growing steadily until it has reached the unprecedented figure of 2456; and

"WHEREAS comparable growth has taken place in the enrollment of our religious school; and

"WHEREAS by reason of these growths the volume of work has been increased to a considerable extent; and

"WHEREAS we are about to embark upon a program of physical expansion;

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in order to perform adequately the services necessitated by reason of the growth of our Congregation and the expansion of its physical facilities, an additional Rabbi be engaged.

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of this Congregation be and it hereby is authorized to procure the services of such additional Rabbi upon such terms and conditions as may be determined by it, and to this end that it extend an invitation to Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver to enter the services of this Congregation".

Mr. Weitz made a motion that this resolution be approved and a second was made by Mr. Max Feldman. A brief discussion followed during which Mr. Weitz emphasized that this resolution primarily requests the congregation to authorize negotiations by the Board. Upon call for the question, the motion was carried unanimously.

At this point Mr. Luntz called upon Rabbi Silver who remarked that this action means a great deal to him, and he hopes it will mean the same to the Temple. Although he has not yet decided on a date for his retirement, he is looking forward to the time when he may be relieved from some of the more routine matters. At any rate, when eventual retirement is to take place,

Respectfully,
A.M. Luntz, President
The Board, The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY