

Ohev Sholom Synagogue

Lewistown, Pennsylvania



Golden Anniversary

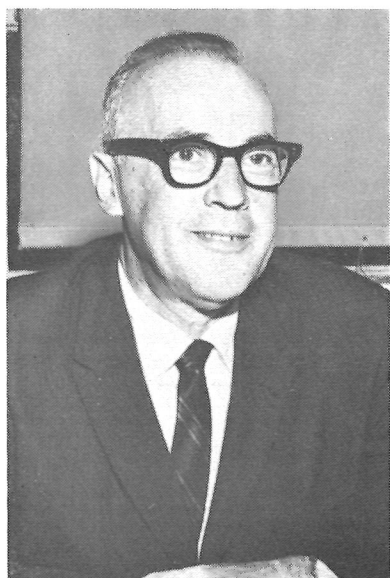
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*Could we with ink the ocean fill,
 Were every blade of grass a quill,
 Were the world of parchment made,
 And every man a scribe by trade—
 To write the love
 of G-d above
 Would drain the ocean dry;
 Nor would the scroll
 Contain the whole,
 Though stretched from sky to sky.*

Meir b. Isaac Nehorai



*Message from the
General Chairman
of the Golden Anniversary Committee*

We have reached the golden years of our existence here in Lewistown. The gratitude of a thankful community goes to the original subscribers of our Charter for their foresight and desire to see a Jewish community and Synagogue established in Lewistown, thus making this celebration possible.

It is my fervent hope that every member of our community, our children, and the generations to follow will maintain their attachment to our Synagogue and be committed to its purpose. We will, thereby achieve greater fulfillment in our religious, social and civic endeavors.

I cannot express too highly my personal appreciation to Rabbi Pachino, to the members of the Executive Committee, Board of Trustees, Auxiliary-Hadassah Chapter, B'nai B'rith-Zionist District, the chairmen and committee members for their devotion and untiring services in connection with the planning of our Golden Anniversary weekend. To them goes the credit for the success of this outstanding event in the history of our Congregation.

Dr. George A. Shiller

Golden Anniversary Executive Committee, Chairmen and Co-Chairmen



Standing, left to right: Mrs. Morris Mechlovics, Mrs. Jack Glick, Ralph Rosen, Bernard Wolf, Harry Siegel, Louis Steinbach, Rabbi Marvin Pachino, Dr. George Shiller, Herbert Taub, Robert Siegel, Julius Goldstein, Harold Cohen, Miles Cohen, Nathan Covitch, Mrs. Ralph Rosen, Mrs. George Shiller

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Members who were not present at the taking of this picture are: Jack Glick, Mrs. Mervin Krentzman, Mrs. Benjamin Glick, Mrs. Albert Houck, Mrs. Julius Goldstein, Louis Glick, John Dates, Dr. Sidney Sivitz, Mrs. Irvin Berney, Morton Albert, Benjamin Glick, Philip Sitkin, Mrs. Jack Price, Mrs. Marvin Blumenthal, Mrs. Miles Cohen, Dr. Samuel Cohen, Dr. Harry Berlin, Mrs. Herbert Taub, Mrs. Samuel Cohen

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Lewistown, Pennsylvania*

*cordially invite you to participate in the
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Fiftieth Anniversary of the Granting
of the Charter of the Congregation*

*on
Friday, Saturday and Sunday
November Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh
Nineteenth Hundred Sixty-two*

FRIDAY

Kabbalath Shabbath Services 5:15 P.M.
Oneg Shabbath 8:45 P.M.

SATURDAY

Shabbath Service 9:15 A.M.
Oneg Shabbath 3:00 P.M.
Anniversary Ball 10:00 P.M.

SUNDAY

Anniversary Banquet 6:30 P.M.

"America" Audience
Accompanist — Mrs. Benjamin Glick

Dinner

Introductory Remarks Harold D. Cohen
Chairman, Banquet Committee

Greetings Mrs. Bernard Wolf
President, Ohev Sholom Auxiliary
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Greetings Robert Siegel, Esq.
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Presentation of Plaque to Mr. Ike Berney Harold D. Cohen

Greetings from Our Juniors Judith Siegel

Greetings and Presentation to Mr. John Dates Louis Steinbach
President, Ohev Sholom Synagogue

Remarks Dr. George A. Shiller
Chairman, 50th Anniversary Celebration

Address Mr. Nathan K. Gross
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Congregations of America

Remarks Rabbi Marvin B. Pachino

Report Louis M. Glick
Chairman, Memorials Committee

Hatikvah Audience

*From the
Governor of the
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THE GOVERNOR

September 20, 1962

Rabbi Marvin B. Pachino
Ohev Sholom Synagogue and
Jewish Community Center
20 East Third Street
Lewistown, Pennsylvania

Dear Rabbi Pachino:

I welcome this opportunity to join with many other of your fellow citizens in taking note of the 50th Anniversary of Ohev Sholom Synagogue.

All that is past is prologue and certainly your congregation has had a distinguished God-fearing tradition.

I ask God's blessing for you and for the congregation now and in the days and years to come.

Very truly yours,

David L. Lawrence

THE BOROUGH OF LEWISTOWN
LEWISTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

PHONE 248-6715

October 3, 1962

JOHN J. LAWLER
MAYOR
2 EAST THIRD STREET

Rabbi Marvin B. Pachino,
Ohev Sholom Congregation,
18 East Third Street,
Lewistown, Penna.

Dear Rabbi Pachino:

It is indeed a pleasure for me as the Mayor of Lewistown to express to you the official greetings of the Borough of Lewistown, as well as my own personal greetings on the occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the granting of the Charter to your Congregation.

Throughout its history, your Congregation has been in the forefront of all of the activities which have been for the betterment of our community. Your Congregation has furnished leadership in every phase of our community's spiritual, economic, cultural, educational and social welfare activities. The record of the achievements of your Congregation and its membership is one of which you can be justly proud. The young men and women of your Congregation have served in the armed forces of the United States with distinction and credit to our community and to our country.

On this occasion, may I express to you our hope and prayer that God will continue his blessings upon you, and that your Congregation will continue its leadership for the good of our community.

Sincerely yours,

John J. Lawler
Mayor, Borough of Lewistown

*From the Mayor
of Lewistown, Pa.*

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October 19, 1962

Lewis Steinbach, President
 Ohev Sholom Synagogue
 20 East Third Street
 Lewistown, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Steinbach:

I am glad to join so many others in congratulating the Ohev Sholom Synagogue in Lewistown, Pennsylvania, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of its founding.

The Ohev Sholom Synagogue has given fifty years of service to its congregation, the community of Lewistown, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The first fifty years will now be followed, I know, by many more years of the same!

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Joseph S. Clark

JOSEPH S. CLARK
 United States Senator from
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*From Our
 Senators*

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September 17, 1962

Rabbi Marvin B. Pachino
 Ohev Sholom Synagogue and
 Jewish Community Center
 20 East Third Street
 Lewistown, Pennsylvania

Dear Rabbi Pachino:

I deeply appreciate this opportunity to congratulate the Ohev Sholom Congregation on the occasion of its Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration beginning November 9, 1962.

During the past half century you have sustained this House of God where people can pray in beauty and dignity, and where the great heritage of Judaism is preserved and nurtured.

But the contributions you are making go beyond your own members. In our great land all cultural activities react upon one another, and the strength that you give to the members of your Temple is shared in some degree by all your neighbors. You have helped make your Community a better place for all, and I wish you many more years of service and achievement in God's work.

Sincerely,

Hugh Scott

Hugh Scott
 United States Senator

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28 Tishri 5723
October 26, 1962

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Mr. Louis Steinbach, President
Ohev Sholom Synagogue
20 East Third Street
Lewistown, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Steinbach:

May I extend warm felicitations and good wishes, in behalf of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America and for myself personally, upon the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the founding of Ohev Sholom Synagogue.


Through a half century of service and achievement, Ohev Sholom Synagogue has been proudly and steadfastly dedicated to Torah-true Judaism. Under the devoted leadership of yourself and your predecessors, and your fellow officers and the Board, your congregation has gone steadily forward as a creative force for the upbuilding of Jewish life in your community.

May I take this opportunity also to pay tribute to your distinguished spiritual leader, Rabbi Marvin B. Pachino. At this happy occasion, we mark our appreciation of his invaluable, truly dedicated contributions to the spiritual advancement of your congregation and community.

The role of Ohev Sholom Synagogue in your community complements that of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America on the national scene. As the spokesman and central force for over 3,100 orthodox synagogues in the United States and Canada, the Union is carrying forward its historic program to lead American Jewry to a new era under the Torah banner. Sharing with your brother congregations from coast to coast in this program, Ohev Sholom Synagogue shares in the dynamic upsurge of American Orthodoxy which is the phenomenon of our time.

May Ohev Sholom Synagogue progress for many more years to come in its consecrated endeavors and may the Almighty grant to its leaders and congregants enduring B'rachah v'hatzlachah.

Sincerely yours,


Moses I. Feuerstein
President

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September 18, 1962

Rabbi Marvin B. Pachino
Ohev Sholom Synagogue and Jewish Community Center
20 East Third Street
Lewistown, Pennsylvania

Dear Rabbi Pachino:

I am happy to extend my warmest congratulations on your celebration of a joyful milestone -- the 50th Anniversary of Ohev Sholom Synagogue. The significance of this occasion transcends the immediate boundaries of your locality, for vibrant traditional congregations are essential to the further strengthening of Judaism.

We are indeed proud of your continued achievements in advancing the cause of Torah and a true appreciation of the sacred teachings of Judaism. The dedicated efforts of your esteemed rabbi and congregational leadership to perpetuate and enrich our noble tradition merit the wholehearted support of each member of the community. May the event you celebrate mark the beginning of a period of still greater accomplishment on behalf of Torah Judaism.

The entire Jewish concept of the community finds its origin, as well as its vitality, in the synagogue. Whenever a Jew joins his fellow Jews in synagogue worship, he affirms the peoplehood of Israel and demonstrates the unity of belief and observance that transforms us from a mere collection of individuals into an integrated community. A community in the Jewish concept is above all a membership of the spirit, a religious communion.

The synagogue represents the eternal protest against the separation of the secular and the sacred as reflected in community efforts and actions. Judaism does not characterize the duties of man to God as religious and spiritual, and the duties of man toward his fellow man and to the community in general as moral or social obligations. Judaism is not merely a theology which deals only with other-worldliness and looks upon worldliness as secular. It rather emphasizes that the community, to be vital and constructive, must be invested with holiness and sanctity. Such holiness and sanctity can exist only where the community and daily life of the individual are guided by spiritual fires. The spiritual character of the synagogue and its centrality in the Jewish community are made possible through the Torah.

I am hopeful that your rabbi, the congregants, and their families will be granted the health and vigor to continue their excellent work for God and the community.

SB: me

Sincerely yours,

Samuel Belkin
Samuel Belkin
President

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September 17, 1962
18 Elul, 5722

Rabbi Marvin B. Pachino
Ohev Sholom Synagogue
20 East Third Street
Lewistown, Pennsylvania

Dear Rabbi Pachino:

The Rabbinical Council was delighted to learn that Ohev Sholom Synagogue will be celebrating its Golden Anniversary on November 5th - 11th.

This anniversary is significant not only to the members of your community, but to the Jewish community of our entire land. You have demonstrated that men of good will and dedication can cause a traditional community to flourish and serve the best needs of our Creator, His Torah and His people. The fact that your community, away from any metropolitan center, has remained constant to the principles and practices of our faith, only adds to your well-deserved praise.

We pray that the Almighty will continue to afford you the opportunity to serve Him for many many years. In the same spirit and that the leaders and members of Congregation Ohev Sholom will rejoice in the fruits of their sacred labor.

Cordially yours,

Isaac H. Weiss
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September 13, 1962

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Marvin B. Pachino
Rabbi
OHEV SHOLOM SYNAGOGUE
AND JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
20 East Third Street
Lewistown, Pennsylvania

Dear Rabbi Pachino:

On this significant and memorable occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the OHEV SHOLOM SYNAGOGUE, and JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER, I would like to extend my sincere Best Wishes to your Congregation.

I know that your members are fine Citizens, and that they have always fostered a progressive, prosperous and genial community in which to live, and will continue to do so in the future.

Sincerely,

J. Irving Whalley
J. IRVING WHALLEY, M.C.

HARRY W. PRICE, JR., MEMBER
185 WEST THIRD STREET
LEWISTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA



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September 24, 1962

Rabbi Marvin B. Pachino
Ohev Shalom Synagogue and
Jewish Community Center
20 East Third Street
Lewistown, Pennsylvania

Dear Rabbi Pachino:

I wish to extend greetings to the Ohev Shalom Synagogue in the celebration of its congregations' fiftieth anniversary celebrated November 9, 10, and 11, 1962. Your members have done many fine things in promoting activities in our community which were not only confined to the Synagogue and the Jewish Community Center but for the welfare of our entire citizens.

The Jewish Community Center provided by your congregation has served our community and its citizens which, I am sure, is appreciated by many.

May your congregation continue to serve God and our community as we need these services today more than ever before in our much troubled world.

Sincerely yours,

Harry W. Price, Jr.
Harry W. Price, Jr.

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September 18, 1962

Rabbi Marvin B. Pachino
20 East Third Street
Lewistown, Pennsylvania

Dear Rabbi Pachino:

Fifty years seems like a long time as we look back, but when you consider the tremendous amount of good your outstanding Institution has done for the fine community of Lewistown and Mifflin County, we realize the years have been full and must have passed quickly.

You have every right to celebrate a real Golden anniversary-- thinking, of course, of the excellent accomplishments of the past and the golden opportunities and challenges that the years ahead will afford you.

May the Almighty in his infinite wisdom provide you as their leader with strength and courage to carry on, not only through the present trying days, but into the future which can be so well molded and guided by Institutions such as yours.

Warmest good wishes, I am

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Sincerely yours,
G. H. Wade
G. H. Wade

Editor's Page



Executive Committee of the Ohev Sholom Golden Anniversary Journal

Standing: Dr. Harry Berlin, Robert Siegel, Morton M. Albert, Norman L. Levin. Seated: Mrs. A. L. Rubin, Rabbi Marvin B. Pachino, Mrs. Irvin S. Berney, Harry L. Siegel, Ralph Rosen. Stephen D. Houck was absent when the picture was taken.

The preparation and publication of this Journal required the skill and cooperation of many people. All of the members of the Editorial Staff, the Historical Committee and the Advertising Committee rendered invaluable services. Rabbi Pachino gave unstintingly of his time and effort. Many members of the Congregation gave very helpful assistance by providing information, clippings, old pictures and other needed data.

To all of these and to everyone else who helped to make this Journal possible, the Editor expresses heartfelt thanks and appreciation.

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From the Rabbi's Desk . .



Someone once said that the important question is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving. This is a particularly relevant thought for us to ponder as we observe the Golden Anniversary of our Congregation.

Fifty years ago, the small group of Jews who had made Lewistown their home felt the need to establish a Synagogue. True to the tradition of our people, their Synagogue was to serve not alone as a place of worship, but it was to become a school and study-hall as well, in which the word of G—d was imparted to both youth and adult. It was also to become the hub around which community life was to revolve and flourish. And, as in the cities and towns of Europe, the Ohev Sholom Synagogue of Lewistown, Pennsylvania, functioning as the locus of prayer, study, and communal activity, has been the very basis of the survival and spiritual growth of our people.

Here we stand half a century later.

Technological and scientific advances over the last fifty years have been unprecedented. And the sociological changes which have followed in their wake have nought but confirmed the need of our civilization for the sublime, though realistic, insights of Judaism. In an age when, perhaps more than in any other period in history, morality and ethics have been supplanted by the idol of "broadmindedness," and the still, small voice has been silenced by the deafening force of power politics, we stand in need of a more vigorous, dynamic demonstration of Judaism's ability to lead mankind to the attainment of a nobler, more righteous, more hallowed life. It is in this direction that we must begin to move, and it is through the Synagogue that we must function.

There is a statement attributed to one of the Sages of the Talmud in which he admonishes that "every city, the roofs of whose houses are higher than the Synagogue, is doomed to destruction and extinction." What I believe he is attempting to convey is that: if the disciplines and standards which are represented by the Synagogue are not paramount, and are not the supreme values by which a society is motivated, then that society seals its own doom.

As we observe this milestone in the life of our community, let us rededicate ourselves to the principles of our faith and to our Synagogue. Let the tenets and teachings of Judaism be our guide so that we may fulfill our mission as the "light unto the nations" illuminating the path to consecrated living and Messianic fulfillment.

Marvin B. Pachino

President's Message . . .



Our Synagogue has reached its Golden Anniversary. Let us pause as we pass this memorable milestone and look back.

Let us affectionately remember those who founded this Congregation, worshipped here, and worked devotedly at all aspects of Jewish religious and cultural endeavors; those whose sustained loyalty over the years were the moving force in the growing process that started with a small group of worshippers in a home, until today we maintain a beautiful Sanctuary and a spacious Community Building. Let us gratefully acknowledge the part played by those who have passed on, and warmly shake the hands of those who are still serving in various capacities to make this a well functioning Synagogue. And let us thank G-d who, in His divine goodness, has allowed us to prosper through half a century, and made it possible to observe this 50th Anniversary.

It is also befitting for us to look forward with a spirited rededication to all the principles that guided our fathers. Let us look towards a long and happy tomorrow. As we watch our children growing up and becoming the leaders of our community, let us set for them a fine example of true Jewish living and continued loyalty to everything a Synagogue stands for. We will thereby merit G-d's continued blessing for a still brighter future.

Louis Steinbach

"May He who blessed our fathers . . . bless this entire Congregation . . . their wives, their sons and daughters, and all that belongs to them . . . May He bless and prosper all the work of their hands, as well as all Israel their brethren. Amen."

Daily Prayer Book

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Message from the Chairman of the Board



On this glorious occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Ohev Sholom Synagogue, I salute you and offer my heartiest Mazel Tov and congratulations to you and to your children. Fifty years is indeed a long time, and it is a special privilege to participate in this very splendid commemoration. I personally enjoy the special privilege of being one of the few members of the Jewish Community still living in Lewistown who was present and remembers the modest beginning so long ago. My sainted father, known and loved as "H.J.," was one of that early group of pioneers who determined that this community must have a Synagogue.

Fifty years ago a small group of young, hopeful, ambitious and devoted men took upon themselves the responsibility of organizing and maintaining a house of worship and a home of instruction. They were filled with inexperience, and they were not possessed of great wealth; but they had courage, imagination and superb faith in the guidance of the Almighty. I, and perhaps you too, know that at times their problems were difficult and the storms of frustrations were rough and hard. Strength of companionship and unlimited faith brought them through!

Many changes have taken place in the world. Modes of transportation and communication have changed. But human courage and faith remain as important as ever! As we mark this important milestone, it seems to me that we must rededicate and assure ourselves that our children and grandchildren will carry on in the great tradition of Judaism, and in the spirit of the early founders of the Ohev Sholom Synagogue. It has been my wonderful privilege to serve as Chairman of the Board during this year of 1962 when we pay tribute to the early founders and to the excellent growth on the foundations they so well built. I am happy to have a small part in this inexpressably great occasion and I can only hope that fifty years from now, when the 100th anniversary is celebrated, those Jews of tomorrow will feel as proud of us as we do of the brave souls who organized this Synagogue in 1912.

Harold D. Cohen

Our History

In the presentation of the history of our Jewish Community, the Historical Committee had to take cognizance of the fact that by reason of the limitation of space alone we could not include all of the many worthwhile activities of our Community nor make reference to all of the individuals who participated in and made contributions to the life of our Community over the past fifty years.

Of necessity, therefore, this History is not to be taken as complete and detailed in all respects, and any omissions or inaccuracies we hope will be understood by our readers. As appears in the History, we have with very few exceptions limited the mention of names to the names of charter members and first officers of our principal community organizations.

The history of a community is in the main the history of its principal community organizations and of their accomplishments. Adopting this premise as a guide, the Committee has divided this History into sections relating to the Synagogue, Auxiliary-Hadassah, B'nai B'rith-Zionist District and the Ohev Sholom Juniors, our principal community organizations, each of which sections has been prepared by the indicated members of the Committee.

Ohev Sholom Synagogue

By Norman L. Levin and Robert Siegel

The history of a Jewish Community generally can never be considered separate and apart from a history of that Community's Synagogue. Until the establishment of the Ohev Sholom Synagogue, the history of our Jewish Community is somewhat remote.

Documents of the Mifflin County Historical Society indicate the existence of Jews in Lewistown as early as 1862 when, on October 13 of that year, C. C. Stanbarger, Sheriff of Mifflin County, advertised a sheriff's sale of a property then occupied by one Nathan Frank, the property being sold as the property of Michael Buoy.

A map of Lewistown of 1870 shows that Nathan Frank (pronounced Fronk) had a store at Brown and Market Streets (present Katz' Store location) and a residence at the rear, on Brown Street. He also owned the opposite corner (Lewistown Trust Company), this building being occupied by the S. B. Weber Grocery. The business directory of this map listed: "Franks — Dry Goods, Carpets, Clothing, Furnishings, Goods, Etc." A three-county atlas of 1877 shows N. Frank and Son at the same location as in 1870. Frank apparently did not advertise, hence, these are the only references found concerning this merchant. Incidentally, this same atlas shows the present Spruce Street in Lewistown as Nusbaum Street.

Leopold Koenig's earliest advertisement of July 24, 1878 announced his store at "The Old Pratt Corner." Thereafter the advertisements of this dry goods store appeared regularly.

On April 21, 1880, among the "New Advertisements" was that of "M. Nusbaum — Clothing & Gents Furnishings." In the late 1890's Nusbaum & Co. advertised the location of the store as the "Blymyer Corner" (Monument Square, present Rubin location), where it had been moved from an earlier location. Lewistown city directories of 1901 and 1903 listed: "S. Nusbaum (wife Lena) Gents' Clothing Store" at corner of East Market and Brown Streets. The name was not in the next directory which was published in 1907.

As both Koenig and Nusbaum were consistent and extensive advertisers for that time, it is reason-



Hyman J. Cohen



Albert Krentzman

able to assume their advertisements of 1878 and 1880 marked the start of these two stores in Lewistown.

While there are no definitive records of the beginnings of the present day Jewish Community, in 1906, when Hyman J. Cohen, who was later to become one of the incorporators of the Ohev Sholom Synagogue, moved to Lewistown from Mexico, Pennsylvania, there were six or eight Jewish families already permanently settled in Lewistown.

Organized religious services were first undertaken in 1908 in the house of Albert Krentzman, at 116 S. Main Street. These meetings can be traced from the home of Mr. Krentzman to the home of Samuel Hallem, at 106 Green Avenue, and to the homes of other men in the community of that day. These homes served also as a place for daily worship. With the coming of the High Holy Day seasons, even larger



Jacob Hurwitz

quarters had to be found, and, for many years, services were held in the Turner Room of the Wollner Building on Main Street. Still later, High Holy Day services were held in the G.A.R. Room on the second floor of the then Borough Hall on Third and Main Streets, where the present Municipal Building now stands, amid the historical pictures, battle flags and other Americana that hung on the walls of that historical museum. The Congregation procured its first Sefer Torah in 1909.

The present Ohev Sholom Congregation had its formal beginnings on October 28, 1912, when the Court of Common Pleas of Mifflin County granted a charter to "Ohev Sholom (Love of Peace)", with its purpose being stated as "The support of public worship." According to the application for the charter, the corporation was to exist "perpetually." The original incorporators were M. Koozentz, Hyman J. Cohen, Isaac Berney, Jacob Hurwitz and Charles Gershman. The application for incorporation also relates that the corporation was to be managed by a Board of Trustees consisting of four members, with the names of the Trustees chosen for the first year being Highman (sic) Ripling, David Houck, Charles Gershman and Morris Koozentz.

Following its incorporation, the Ohev Sholom Congregation, because it had finally begun to blossom into an active congregation, held its services on the third floor of the Wollner Building, which stands on the corner of Monument Square where the Headings Drug Store is presently located.

By this time, the community had grown to the point where the need for permanent quarters for the expanding membership began to be felt. In the summer of 1918, the first of a number of meetings was held at the home of Hyman J. Cohen which, in addition to Jewish residents, was attended by several non-Jews including Samuel B. Russell and Hugo Gottschalk, for the purpose of discussing the acquisition of a property which would be suitable for the erection of a Synagogue. These efforts culminated in the purchase on September 30, 1918, of the property at No. 18-20 East Third Street, from Mrs. Cartes B. Zerbe for \$5,000.00. The trustees of the Synagogue at the time were Lester Simon, Hyman Ripling, Albert Krentzman, Jacob Hurwitz, Hyman J. Cohen and Harry Sherman. The following year, the property at No. 18 East Third Street was sold to Samuel S. Sigler for \$3,000.00. With the funds from this sale, and with the aid of many non-Jewish contributors, the present Synagogue building was erected, with the corner-stone being dedicated on March 6, 1919. The President of the Synagogue at the time was Jacob Hurwitz, and the first spiritual leader of the congregation was Rabbi H. Levin of Baltimore. Hyman J. Cohen, David Houck, Harry Sherman and Jacob

Hurwitz comprised the Building Committee. The cost of the building was over \$13,000.00 and the building was finally completed on March 14, 1920.

The growth of Jewish religious life in Lewistown was more rapid after a Synagogue became available. In 1924, as part of the Synagogue and its religious life, the ladies organized a Sisterhood which subsequently became affiliated with the National Council of Jewish Women, and is now a very active Auxiliary-Hadassah Chapter. As part of its activities, a regular Sunday School system was established in 1924 with the assistance of the Auxiliary and B'nai B'rith, and it has been maintained ever since. The Lewistown Lodge, B'nai B'rith, was organized in January, 1924. Although B'nai B'rith is basically a fraternal organization of Jewish men, it has been an integral part of the Synagogue's religious life.

The present Synagogue building was renovated and remodeled in 1929, when kitchen facilities were provided and religious school facilities installed. The names of those who contributed to the improvements in 1929 appear on a plaque which is in the vestibule of the present Synagogue.

In May, 1937, Rabbi Manning H. Bleich, of Yonkers, New York, assumed the pulpit of the Ohev Sholom Congregation, and served as our spiritual leader until 1958—for almost half of the Congregation's existence. Rabbi Bleich had served the Tarrytown Hebrew Congregation, of Tarrytown, New York, for the three years prior to his coming to Lewistown with his wife, Beatrice, and their nine-month old son, J. David. A second son, Aaron, was born here in 1942. During the twenty-one years that they remained in Lewistown, Rabbi Bleich, Bea and the boys endeared themselves to the hearts of all the members of the Jewish community, and won an enviable reputation among the non-Jewish community as well.



Rabbi Bleich

Under Rabbi Bleich's spiritual guidance and teaching, the religious life of our Community enjoyed order and continuity for the first time. The daily Religious School was instituted to augment the program of the Sunday School, and Bea assumed a share of the teaching responsibilities as the enrollment and curriculum expanded. Much time and effort was expended by Rabbi Bleich in his desire to make kosher foods more readily available to the community, and for many years he did a yeoman's job in providing Passover foods for the festival.

On November 22, 1939, the Synagogue purchased three and a quarter acres of land in Ferguson Valley



from Mr. Thomas Moore for use as a cemetery. Realizing the need to guard against a situation whereby the owner of the property adjacent to the Cemetery might wish to remove the trees and detract from the natural beauty of the surroundings, Ike Berney purchased an additional parcel of land twenty-five feet wide, and extending the full length of the Cemetery, on the upper right-hand side of our property. On August 28, 1947, Mr. Berney donated this parcel to the Cemetery, with the understanding that it was not to be used for burials, but rather to preserve the appearance and dignity of the Cemetery.

The Ohev Sholom Cemetery was formally dedicated on September 22, 1940, at which time many old and discarded religious articles ("shaymos") were buried. A stone ledger, marking the burial site of the "shaymos," was presented to the Cemetery by the Berney Family.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Kofman, of Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, were very much interested in the development of the Cemetery, and very graciously contributed the stone which was used in the construction of the pillars at the entrance. Mr. Kofman, unfortunately, did not live to see the formal dedication, as he passed away in March, 1940. His was the first burial on the Cemetery, even before its dedication.

In May of 1948, the body of Sgt. Stanley F. Vogel, who was killed in action on August 3, 1944, was brought from Europe to be re-interred here. Shortly thereafter, a decision was reached to dedicate the plot as a memorial to Sgt. Vogel and Lt. Louis N. Krentzman, who also gave his life in World War II but whose body was not recovered. Thus, in May, 1951, the Jewish community of Lewistown erected and, at formal services, dedicated an appropriate monument to the memory of our sons who answered



Present Cemetery Committee. From left to right: Herbert Taub, John Dates, Harold Cohen and Louis Steinbach.

the call of country and responded to freedom's challenge with their very lives.

At present, but half an acre of the Cemetery property has been developed. Plans are now being made to develop another section, as well as to provide better parking facilities. It is also hoped that, in the near future, a well will be drilled that will eliminate the necessity of hauling water.

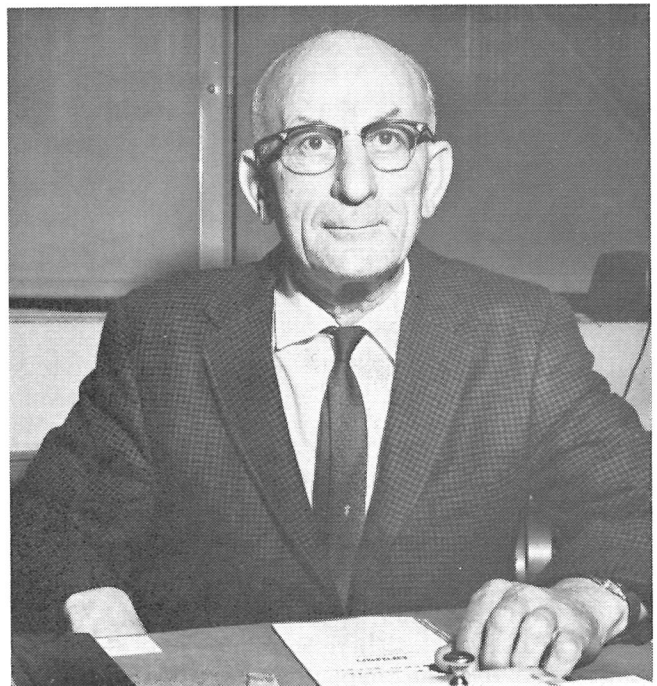
The original committee which negotiated the purchase of the land, and devoted many long hours to its development as a cemetery of true beauty, consisted of John Dates, Harry L. Siegel, and David Houck. No record of the Ohev Sholom Cemetery would be complete without paying tribute to the diligent efforts of these men. In addition, special recognition must be given to John Dates who, for the past twenty years, has maintained the Cemetery and supervised the activities of the Chevra Kadisha almost single-handedly. He has spared no effort, and has given freely of his time and means to preserve the Cemetery as a place of dignity and reverence. Modest and unassuming, John Dates finds his reward in the knowledge that his labors have given comfort and solace to those whose loved ones rest in the Ohev Sholom Cemetery.

An important aspect of Jewish community life is the Chevra Kadisha – the group which prepares the deceased for burial and makes the various arrangements for the dignified funeral which is prescribed by Jewish tradition. The Lewistown Jewish community is extremely fortunate in having a well-organized and devoted Chevra Kadisha which discharges its responsibilities in an efficient and noble manner. In addition to performing the Tahara – the ritual cleansing and dressing of the body – the Chevra Kadisha arranges for Shomrim to serve as an honor guard from the moment of death until the time of the funeral, as well as for police escorts when needed, and road

clearance in bad weather. It is interesting to note that a sizable percentage of the membership participates in one phase of Chevra Kadisha work or another – whether it be in the Tahara, or serving as Shomrim, or assisting in other capacities.

Throughout the years, the community continued to grow and expand with the population increasing to approximately sixty families by 1940. By this time, the congregation had outgrown the facilities of the Synagogue, and it became necessary to hold High Holy Day services for a number of years at the Embassy Theatre. Social events were held at other available places.

The War years, 1941-1945, were trying ones for the Community. The first issue of Ha-Shaliach, (The Messenger), a new Community publication which was begun in November, 1944, reported thirty-five members of the community in the Armed Forces at that time. Two of these, Sgt. Stanley Vogel and Lt. Louis Krentzman, died while in active service. Monday, April 1, 1945, (the 29th day of Adar II) was proclaimed by Rabbi Bleich as a day of fasting and prayer for the Community so that special prayers might be offered for the souls of the millions of dead in Europe and for intercession for those who still survived. An Honor Roll in the vestibule of the Synagogue gives the names of forty-three young men and women who served in the Armed Forces. During the War, a number of rallies to promote the sale of War Bonds were held in the Synagogue.



John Dates



Dedication Lewistown Forest, Pen-Amity Woodland — Israel, April 1, 1956. From left to right: Mrs. John M. Siegel, Harry L. Siegel and Dr. John M. Siegel.

It was on February 9, 1945 that Rabbi Bleich instituted the Bas Mitzvah Ceremony with a service of singular format. Five girls of the community participated in the ceremony and were presented with Prayer Books. The first B'nos Mitzvah were: Betty Goldberg, Ann Goldstein, Betty Koplovitz, Anita Krentzman, and Florence Rubin.

In 1947, with an increase in the size of the congregation after World War II, plans began to be formulated for the enlargement of the Synagogue, and for the erection of a suitable community center and religious school building which might meet the expanding needs of the community.

On November 1, 1949, the Congregation repurchased the property at No. 18 East Third Street from the heirs of Samuel S. Sigler, which had been sold to him in 1919. It is of interest that, although the property was sold in 1919 for \$3,000.00, the Congregation paid \$8,000.00 when it was repurchased.

Among the organizations which play an active part in the Lewistown Jewish Community, the Jewish National Fund Council is Lewistown's living link to the State of Israel. There is a touching simplicity about JNF. It is the simplicity of truth with no political complexities. Everyone can understand JNF.

You give your money, and with it a bit of land can be purchased or a tree planted. In this simple fashion, Lewistown has participated actively in this great work, from pennies in Blue Boxes to a Memorial Forest.

In the fall of 1951, Lewistown pledged to plant a forest of 10,000 trees in the Penn-Amity Woodland in Israel, a project started under Governor George M. Leader, when the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania donated one-half million seedlings from Pennsylvania's woods to be planted on the barren hills of Israel.

The original officers of the Council were Mrs. Louis M. Glick, President; Rabbi Manning H. Bleich, Executive Director; Mrs. Manning H. Bleich, Secretary; and Mrs. Robert Siegel, Treasurer. These officers served until Rabbi and Mrs. Bleich left Lewistown in 1958, when Mrs. Jack Janis became Secretary and Mrs. Robert Siegel continued to serve as Treasurer.

Today, on the once barren and rocky hills in Israel between Zorah and Eshtaol, where the Biblical story of Samson and Delilah unfolded, more than 8900 trees planted by contributions from the Lewistown Community are already growing and proudly marked.

As groves of 1,000 trees each were accumulated they were dedicated in honor or in memory of members of our Community. Thus far, groves have been named for Ike Berney, Rabbi Bleich, Beatrice K. Bleich, Harold D. Cohen, John Dates, Harry L. Siegel, Robert Siegel, the late Hyman J. Cohen and the late Esther L. Glick. These names are thus perpetually linked with the land that has always been dear to their hearts.

Construction of the present Community Center and religious school building was begun in September, 1951, and was completed in November, 1952. The building consists of a combination social hall and gymnasium, kitchen, classrooms for the religious school, meeting rooms, and the study for the Rabbi. The cornerstone for the new building was laid on April 18, 1952, and the 1952 High Holy Days services were held in the newly-remodeled and renovated Sanctuary.

The formal dedication of the new structure took place during the outstanding weekend of November 14, 15, 16, 1952. Among those who participated in the Dedication Weekend were M. Leon Tolochko, of Pittsburgh, who presided at the installation of officers of the Lewistown B'nai B'rith Lodge No. 987, which was held on Friday evening, November 14. Rabbi Solomon Grayzel, of Philadelphia, Editor of the Jewish Publication Society of America, delivered the sermon at the Sabbath services on Saturday, November 15. Reverend Dr. Henry A. Riddle, Burgess John J. Lawler and President Judge Paul S. Lehman of the

The Ohev Sholom Juniors Participate in Ground Breaking Ceremonies, 1951



Left to right: Rabbi Bleich, Ellen Bett Shiller, Gordon Cohen, Richard Siegel.



Ground-breaking: Stewart Taub, John Dates, Mrs. Benjamin Glick, Jacob Hurwitz, Dr. George Shiller, Mrs. Miles Cohen, Philip Wolf. Cornerstone laying ceremony: H. J. Cohen, Ike Berney, Herbert Taub, Robert Siegel.

Mifflin County Courts, took part in the dedication of the Center building on Sunday afternoon, November 16, at which the address of dedication was given by Rev. Dr. Richard E. Evans, of the Presbyterian Labor Temple of New York. The principal speaker at the Dedication Banquet held on Sunday evening, November 16, was Judge Louis E. Levinthal, of Philadelphia.

The Building Committee which devoted countless hours of supervision to all phases of the construction of the new structure was comprised of Herbert H. Taub, Chairman; Benjamin Glick, Nathan Covitch, Stewart P. Taub, John Dates, Louis Steinbach, Mrs. Benjamin Glick, Philip Wolf, Harry L. Siegel, Lewis Sitkin, and Morton Nieman. The officers of the Synagogue at the time were President, Jacob Hurwitz; Vice President, Harry Taub; Secretary, Edgar Levin; Treasurer, Dr. George A. Shiller. Robert Siegel served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees during this period. As part of the dedication celebration, a splendid Dedication Journal was published under the chairmanship of Lewis Sitkin. The total cost of the new structure, including the renovations of the Sanctuary, was approximately \$110,000.00, most of which was financed by pledges from members of the Congregation.

The inspirational leadership and selfless devotion of Rabbi Bleich were major factors in the realization of this undertaking, and his tireless efforts will long be remembered. In appreciation of his sincere dedication, the members of the community arranged for Rabbi and Mrs. Bleich to visit Israel in the summer of 1953.

It was approximately 1945 when the Jewish Community Council was organized to coordinate the activities of the organizations which comprised the growing community. However, the ambitious plans for the Community Council did not materialize, and in later years the principal activity of the Council was to conduct the annual campaign for funds for the United Jewish Appeal and other local and national needs and institutions. Circumstances brought about a change in the set-up, and in 1952 the Community Council was dissolved and its functions assumed by the Board of Trustees of the Congregation, which thereafter became the central body for all community activities.

In August, 1958, Rabbi Bleich tendered his resignation to become the headmaster of the Yonkers Hebrew Academy in his home city. The sentiment of the Community upon Rabbi Bleich's departure was summed up by Dr. George A. Shiller, then President of the Congregation, and Joseph J. Sitkin, Chairman of the Board. Dr. Shiller said that, "Rabbi Bleich has served our Congregation ungrudgingly and devotedly in innumerable capacities, not only in our Synagogue but in community and civic affairs as well. He will

be sorely missed by our members and by the citizens of the community at large." Mr. Sitkin noted, "This marks the end of the most progressive era that the Lewistown Jewish Community has ever known. Not only have we progressed under Rabbi Bleich spiritually, but our physical facilities and our membership have grown."

Throughout their stay in Lewistown, Rabbi and Mrs. Bleich had made themselves a vital part of the life of the community. Their contributions to the Congregation and the community in terms of service, influence, warmth of friendship, and inspiration have left a firm impress upon all. By word and by deed, the Bleichs demonstrated the compatibility of living in America with the teachings of Judaism. Rabbi Bleich, in particular, applied his wisdom and enthusiasm to a host of civic institutions where his influence was constructive and his counsel respected and appreciated.

Since August, 1959, Rabbi Marvin B. Pachino has been the spiritual leader of our congregation. Rabbi Pachino came to Lewistown in the fall of 1958, while a student at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University, to officiate at the High Holy Day services during the period after Rabbi Bleich's leaving when the Congregation was without the services of a Rabbi. Upon his ordination in June, 1959, he was offered the pulpit of the Congregation. During the period that Rabbi Pachino has been with us, he has provided effective leadership with an active program of studies for adults, as well as maintaining the high standards of the religious school. Rabbi and Judy are both natives of Baltimore, and are the parents of Leonard, Donna, Carol, and Gail. Carol and Gail were born in Lewistown.

Since its establishment under Rabbi Bleich, the daily Religious School has been an integral part of our Community's program. For the past several years, one hundred percent of those eligible have been enrolled and pursued a curriculum which has given them a deeper appreciation of their Jewish heritage. In addition to studying the elements of the Hebrew language, our children have acquired a sense of Jewish history and an introduction to the study of Bible. The latter phase of the curriculum, together with the inculcation of a more profound understanding of the concepts of Judaism, has been intensified over the last three years, and the teen-age classes in particular have been devoting much of their time to this.

In September, 1961, the Board of Trustees adopted a revised set of standards for the Religious School which requires a student to attend for ten academic years before being considered eligible for graduation. The motivating factor behind this move was the growing realization on the part of the membership that the teen years are extremely crucial, and that

We Remember Rabbi Bleich



Joseph Sitkin, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, making presentation to Rabbi Bleich and Dr. George Shiller, President of the Synagogue, making presentation to Mrs. Bleich upon their departure from Lewistown in August 1958.



Mrs. Joseph Sitkin and Rabbi Bleich planning Sunday School curriculum for the year of 1956.



Rabbi Bleich with Mrs. Edward Goldman, Dr. George Shiller and Robert Capin planning for 1955 UJA Campaign.

Religious School



Standing, left to right: Isabel Horon, Mrs. Irvin Berney, Amy Beth Albert. Sitting, left to right: Ruth Ann Berney, Vivian Berlin, Joel Diamond, Jeffrey Sitkin, Arlene Wolf. Absent: Martin Siegel.



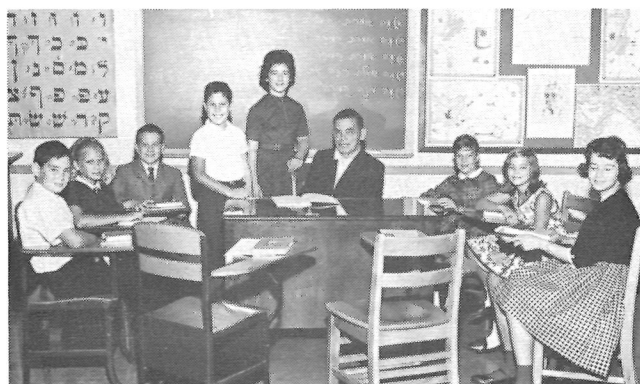
Standing, left to right: Adrienne Sitkin, Margie Steinbach, Richard Houck; Jo-Ann Krentzman. Sitting, left to right: Saragene Albert, Barbara Levin, Nathan Putterman, Ruth Siegel. Absent: Iris Sitkin.



Ohev Sholom Choir under Mrs. Morton Albert's direction.



Standing, left to right: Rabbi Marvin Pachino, Allen Levin. Seated, left to right: Stephen Houck, Barbara Covitch, Victor Berlin, Linda Vogel. Absent: Margory Cohen.



From left to right: Jacob Sitkin, Marlene Berlin, Steven Vogel, Jeffrey Berney, Fran Levin, Harold Cohen, Debra Cohen, Nancy Cohen, Marilyn Taub. Absent: David Siegel.

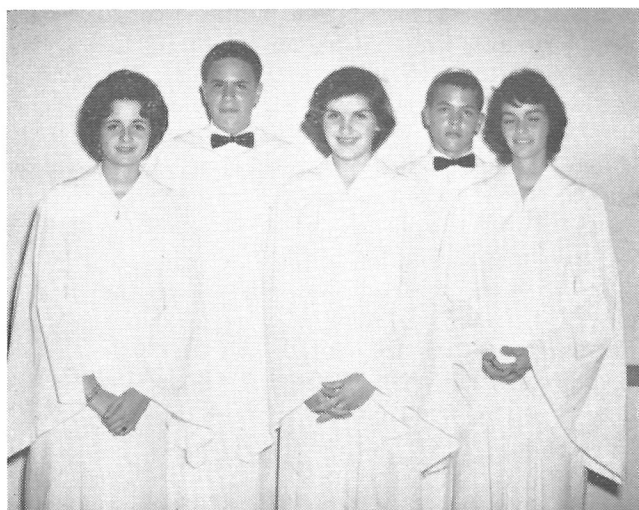
Religious School



Graduates of Religious School, June, 1939: Girls, left to right: Leanore Levinson, Natalie Biederman, Harriet Taub. Boys, left to right: Norman Levin, Fred Wolf, Stanley Siegel.



February, 1961. David Goldman receiving first Ner Tamid Award presented in Lewistown. Mrs. Elsie Goldman, Rabbi Pachino, David Goldman.



Graduates of Religious School, June 1960. Left to right Marsha Brown, David Goldman, Judith Siegel, Robert Steinbach, Judith Janis.



Graduates of Religious School, June 1961: Back row — Louis Albert, Susan Cohen, Stephen Krentzman. Front row — Nancy Steinbach, Gladys Goldman, Mary Price, Rona Kalin

the investment which the Religious School has made in each student prior to Bar Mitzvah and Bas Mitzvah might be lost entirely unless contact is maintained between the teenager and the Religious School.

In order to further strengthen the bonds between our youth and their faith, Rabbi Pachino has arranged for broader participation in Sabbath services on the part of the youngsters. Boys have been given the opportunity to recite their Haftara on the anniversary of their Bar Mitzvah, and have been encouraged to recite an additional Haftara or two during the course of the year. Scout Sabbath was introduced with appropriate participation on the part of scouts at services, and Youth Sabbath has been instituted several times a year, at which time the youth of the Congregation conduct all aspects of the services including, on occasion, delivering the sermon.

As they have for many years, Sunday sessions of the Religious School have been staffed by volunteers from the membership who have approached their task with great zeal and devotion. In this connection, Auxiliary-Hadassah has assumed almost total responsibility for the Sunday program, arranging for staff and providing materials.



UJA, 1961. Left to right: Louis M. Glick, Co-chairman; Joseph Steinbach, Treasurer; Robert Siegel, Co-Chairman; Mrs. Irvin S. Berney, Secretary; Mrs. Philip Sitkin, Chairman, Women's Division.

The Jewish Community of Lewistown, although few in number, with the largest Jewish population never having exceeded seventy-five families, has provided active leadership in all community-wide activities, in addition to recognizing their obligations to fellow Jews throughout the world. Each year, for at least the past twenty-five years, a campaign has been held to raise funds, the greater portion of which was turned over to the national campaign of the United Jewish Appeal, with ample provision being made for national Jewish institutions and local needs. An all-time high in the raising of funds in our community was achieved in 1948, when over \$53,000.00 was raised under the chairmanship of Benjamin Glick and Mrs. George Shiller.



Harry Siegel, D. B. Gardner, Rev. Dr. Riddle and Clay W. Burkholder, when Mr. Siegel received Mifflin County Round Table Citation Award in 1955.

The Lewistown Jewish Community has been proud of the excellent relations which have existed throughout the years between its members and the non-Jewish community. Members of the Jewish Community have not only been active participants, but have provided energetic and devoted leadership in almost every community-wide activity. Two members of the Community, Harry L. Siegel and John Dates, are recipients of Citations from the Mifflin County Round Table of Christians and Jews which were presented at public affairs honoring them for their work in the promotion of the ideals of brotherhood. The Kiwanis Club Service Award has been awarded to Edward D. Smith.

Among the many civic endeavors in which our members have played important roles are: The Red Cross, U.S.O., Mifflin County Public Health Council, Mifflin County United Community Fund, Lewistown Hospital, Mifflin County Civil Defense, Foundation for the Blind, Mental Health, Family Counseling Service of Mifflin County, Crippled Children's Association. Mifflin County Industrial Development Corporation Rotary, Kiwanis, and Lions.

The Golden Anniversary of the granting of the Charter of Incorporation to the Ohev Sholom Congregation was appropriately observed in an Anniversary Weekend which was celebrated on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, November 9, 10, and 11, 1962. Under the chairmanship of Dr. George A. Shiller, the various committees worked diligently and efficiently to assure a meaningful observance of this milestone.

Fittingly, the Golden Anniversary Observance opened with Sabbath Eve services which were conducted by Victor Berlin. We might note that all of the services of this Sabbath were conducted by the teenagers of our Congregation.

An Oneg Shabbath was held later that evening with the guest speaker being Dr. Bernard Lander. Dr. Lander, Dean of the Bernard Revel Graduate School

Golden Anniversary Banquet Highlights



Top left: Ike Berney receiving plaque from Chairman Harold Cohen.

Top right: John Dates receiving desk set from President Louis Steinbach.

Center, left to right: Louis Steinbach, Mrs. John Dates, John Dates, Harold Cohen, Ike Berney, Mrs. Ike Berney.

Bottom, left and right: General views of Banquet participants.



Ike Berney, Honorary President of Ohev Sholom Synagogue.

of Yeshiva University, eminent sociologist and scholar, led an interesting and lively discussion which will be long remembered by those present.

Sabbath morning services were conducted by David Goldman, Robert Steinbach, and Richard Houck, with Rabbi Pachino's sermon on the topic "A Community Shapes Its Future." In the afternoon, Dr. Lander again addressed an Oneg Shabbath which gave his audience much food for thought and further discussion.

An Anniversary Ball was held Saturday evening, and a banquet on Sunday evening, at which the principal speaker was Mr. Nathan K. Gross, Vice-President of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America. The outstanding feature of the Anniversary Banquet was the presentation of an engraved plaque to Ike Berney, the sole surviving member of the original group of incorporators. In recognition of his selfless devotion to the Congregation and Community for thirty-four years, the presentation of an engraved desk set was made to John Dates.

As if to culminate our Golden Anniversary Observance, the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, at its national Biennial Convention in Washington, D.C., November 21-25, 1962, conferred its Charter of Honor Award upon our Congregation "In Tribute to Fifty Years of Consecrated Service to the Jewish Community, to the House of Israel, to the Cause of Torah." At this same Convention, which was attended by eight of our members, John Dates was awarded the Union's National Community Service Award "For Outstanding Service to the Jewish Community and Outstanding Efforts towards Strengthening the House of Israel." Rabbi Pachino delivered a Talmud lecture at one of the Convention's sessions.

UOJCA Presentation of Charter of Honor Award



Left to right: Dr. Samson R. Weiss, Executive Vice President UOJCA, Robert Siegel, Past President, Ohev Sholom Synagogue, Rabbi Marvin B. Pachino, Harry L. Siegel, Past President Ohev Sholom Synagogue and Benjamin Koenigsberg, Vice President UOJCA.

The many individuals who have served long and faithfully in the work of the Congregation are chronicled in the records of the Congregation, as well as in the memories of the community. From its very small beginnings, the Ohev Sholom Congregation has grown to its present size. From religious services in homes and rented quarters, the Congregation has come to a fine Synagogue and a complete Community Center and religious school building. Throughout the years, our children have received excellent instruction in the teachings of our faith to enable them to carry forward with devotion the traditions of our people.

The Congregation of the Ohev Sholom Synagogue can look back with justifiable pride upon its founders and its history, and give thanks for the foresight, imagination and fortitude of those who were responsible for the founding of one of the most firmly established Orthodox Synagogues in Central Pennsylvania. The example set by these hardy souls should serve as a pattern for still further achievement — a guidepost for spiritual progress — a monument to the imperishable inner strength and vitality which Judaism has bestowed upon our people through the ages.

UOJCA Presentation of Community Service Award to John Dates



Left to right: Dr. Samson R. Weiss, Executive Vice President UOJCA, Rabbi Marvin B. Pachino, Mrs. John Dates, John Dates, and Benjamin Koenigsberg, Vice President UOJCA.

Living Past Presidents and Past Chairmen of the Board of the Ohev Sholom Synagogue



Harold D. Cohen, Dr. George Shiller, Robert Siegel, Louis Steinbach, John Dates, Harry L. Siegel. Past Presidents who are deceased were Hyman J. Cohen, Jacob Hurwitz and Harry Taub.

Members of the 1962 Board of Trustees of the Ohev Sholom Synagogue



Standing: Miles L. Cohen, Robert Siegel, Benjamin Glick, Julius Goldstein, Bernard Wolf, Herbert H. Taub, Joseph Steinbach, Rabbi Marvin B. Pachino, Stanley H. Siegel, Nathan Covitch, Morton Albert, Nathan Putterman, Dr. Samuel Cohen. Seated: Mrs. Miles Cohen, Mrs. Ralph Rosen, Mrs. Bernard Wolf, Louis Steinbach, Harold D. Cohen, Mrs. Irvin S. Berney, Mrs. Joseph J. Sitkin, Mrs. Morton M. Albert. Absent when the picture was taken were: John Dates, Harry L. Siegel, S. Jack Glick, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Houck, Dr. and Mrs. George A. Shiller, Philip Sitkin, Mervin B. Krentzman, Norman L. Levin and Dr. Sidney C. Sivitz.

Ohev Sholom Auxiliary Hadassah

It is most fitting that we celebrate the Golden Anniversary of our Synagogue just as the Golden Jubilee of Hadassah comes to a close. Ohev Sholom Auxiliary-Hadassah has been an integral part of the Synagogue since the Auxiliary began its existence in 1924.

Since we are a dual organization, we of the Auxiliary are justifiably proud of the part we have been privileged to share in this glorious celebration. The past accomplishments are now history — and we will strive for continued and even greater success as we embark enthusiastically in a new era for our Synagogue.

It has been a great honor and privilege for me to have been allowed to serve as President during our 50th Anniversary Year. My most heartfelt thanks to all the members for their help, participation, guidance and cooperation, all of which contributed towards making this memorable celebration a successful reality.

Esther Wolf, President



Membership of the Ohev Sholom Auxiliary-Hadassah Chapter

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| Mrs. Julius Goldstein | *Mrs. A. L. Rubin | | |

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or Auxiliary-Hadassah from 1947 to the present.

Ohev Sholom Auxiliary-Hadassah Chapter

By Edith Davis Rubin

The Formative Years

According to the recollections of those members who have continuously been active from the beginnings of the women's organization of the Ohev Sholom Synagogue, it appears that the first meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Harry Levin in 1924. A Sisterhood was established, and its first officers were Mrs. Harry Hayman, president; Mrs. Ike Berney, vice-president; and Mrs. Harry Levin, secretary. For a number of years, the women met at each other's homes to sew for charitable purposes and held such meetings regularly. The number of members was few, though an exact figure is not available. Of the original members, only three are still present in our community, and they are Mrs. Harry Levin, Mrs. Ike Berney, and Mrs. Samuel Levinson. The others have either moved from Lewistown or passed on.

About 1930, the years of the great depression, our women felt the need of affiliation with some national group which would give greater purpose and scope to their activities. They, therefore, became affiliated with the National Council of Jewish Women.

This period saw growth in the membership of the Jewish Community, and the founding of the Sunday School in conjunction with B'nai B'rith was a tremendous contribution towards the Jewish education of the children in the community. In the absence of a regular Hebrew School or Talmud Torah, the Sunday School, with its volunteer teachers, afforded the youngsters the opportunity of learning the history of the Jewish people. Whenever one of the earlier members of the Sisterhood reminisces, she speaks tenderly of the detailed productions of the Chanukah and Purim plays that were produced on the stage of the

Committee Reminiscing To Assist in Compiling History of Auxiliary-Hadassah



Front row: left to right — Mrs. Harry Hoffman, Mrs. Harry Levin, Mrs. A. L. Rubin, Mrs. Ralph Rosen, Mrs. John Dates. Back row: left to right — Mrs. Irving Reiner, Mrs. Ike Berney, Mrs. Robert Siegel, Mrs. Philip Wolf, Mrs. S. Meyer Klein.

Embassy Theatre! They set the pattern for the well-organized religious school that we have today.

Through the National Council of Jewish Women, the Sisterhood gathered toys for poor children on farms, distribution of which was made through New York headquarters. Locally, all the women worked for the Hospital Auxiliary and engaged in community-wide social service projects in Mifflin County. After several years it was decided, for reasons which remain obscure, to discontinue the affiliation with National Council and the group became known as the Ohev Sholom Ladies Auxiliary.

The years of World War II were years of dedicated effort to War work throughout all its phases, both in the Jewish Community and in Mifflin County. The women formed a Civic Committee which sponsored first aid, Red Cross and home nursing classes, and Red Cross knitting and Service Kit sewing; they sent gift boxes to local boys in military service, held bond rallies, sold war stamps and worked outstandingly on all wartime projects in the general community. The first Passover project, the procurement and sale of Passover foods to our members, was initiated at that time. This has become a regular fund-raising effort ever since.

The close of the War saw a need for widening horizons and an opportunity for greater development. At this time, the women became acquainted with the work of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America. The minutes of the meeting of April 9, 1946 show the unanimously approved motion that "... these members of the Ladies Auxiliary of the



A Gathering of the Membership During the late 1920's.

Auxiliary-Hadassah Events Through the Years



Top left: 1956 Hadassah Bazaar and Luncheon. From left to right: Chairman, Mrs. A. L. Rubins, Mrs. Harry Levin, Co-Chairman, Mrs. Charles Bernstein.

Top right: Spring 1957 Israeli Fashion Show Conference. From left to right, back row: Mrs. Louis Steinbach, Mrs. Manning Bleich, Mrs. Sidney C. Sivitz. Front row: Mrs. Benjamin Glick, Mrs. Miles Cohen, Mrs. Louis Glick, Mrs. Irvin S. Berney, Mrs. John Dates, Mrs. Stanley Siegel, Mrs. George Shiller.

Center: 1947. Our Delegates to National Convention at Atlantic City. Left to right: Mrs. Ike Berney, Mrs. George Shiller, Mrs. Charles Willer.

Bottom left: 1961. President Mrs. Philip Berman of Eastern Region of Hadassah presenting "Henrietta" to Auxiliary-Hadassah President Mrs. Stanley Siegel at Regional Conference.

Bottom right: 1960-61. A Show for HMO "Wake Up." Left to right, back row: Mrs. Robert Siegel, Mrs. Irvin Berney, Mrs. Garry Sherman, Mrs. Joseph Sitkin. Front row: Mrs. George Shiller, Mrs. Harold Cohen, Mrs. Philip Sitkin.

Ohev Sholom Synagogue actively affiliate themselves as a Chapter of Hadassah, assuming the full program of the organization while still officially retaining its present full local program . . .”

On October 6, 1946, at a special open meeting, Mrs. Lewis Serata, president of the Eastern Region of Hadassah installed the officers of the new organization and presented the charter. Thus, the Ohev Sholom Auxiliary-Hadassah Chapter was born. Our group holds the unique position of being the only dual organization of this type in the annals of Hadassah.

The following officers comprised its first Executive Board: Mrs. Ike Berney, President; Mrs. George A. Shiller, 1st Vice-President; Mrs. Charles Willer, 2nd Vice-President; Mrs. John Dates, Treasurer; Miss Thelma Krentzman, Secretary; Mrs. Harold W. Houck, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Nathan Covitch, Corresponding Secretary. Committees were named to fulfill the fund-raising and cultural projects of National Hadassah as well as the projects of the Auxiliary. The policies of National Hadassah were followed to ensure maximum efficiency in the organization. Chairmen receive bulletins regularly from National, giving aid, advice and inspiration to its leadership. Under this guidance bigger things came about in the development of the Ohev Sholom Auxiliary-Hadassah Chapter.

Years of Growth

The years which followed the affiliation with Hadassah were marked by humming activity, as evidenced by the multiple activities constantly recorded in the minutes. A pattern was developed, which made of the women's group an integral part of the Ohev Sholom Synagogue. It can be said that without the dedicated labors of the women of the Auxiliary, the Synagogue, and subsequent Community Center, would not have reached their present size and influence. The women have provided the impetus and the moving power behind every undertaking of the community. From the least, to the largest effort, they have worked untiringly. It is also heartening to observe that the percentage of active workers is at least 50% of the group at all times — an unusually high figure as compared with most groups. The names of the same dependable workers appear year after year in the record of the minutes. As new members came in, many new and valuable talents came to the benefit of the group.

New and stimulating activities began to take shape. In November, 1947, the Education Committee presented its first Hadassah Study Group based on Jewish history. This began a regular series of monthly study groups, which continued through many years. These study groups were interspersed with Saturday afternoon Oneg Shabbaths which rewarded those attending with enlightening discussions over a cup of tea.

Weekly radio time was obtained by the Political and Radio Chairman as a public service of Station WMRF. The program, entitled “Palestine Speaks,” featuring talks by Jewish and non-Jewish leaders, was heard by a large audience of regular listeners.

Interesting programs, sometimes amusing and sometimes serious, were planned for every monthly meeting. Very often, they were based upon the activities of Hadassah. Other times, the religious program of the Auxiliary was emphasized.

The organization's first fund-raising event — a New Year's Dance — was sponsored by the Youth Aliyah Committee. It was both a social and financial success. Through the years, the membership has undertaken the responsibility of many of the social events of the community.

The custom of giving a “Donor” was initiated as a Hadassah Medical Organization project. Each woman contributed at least \$5 to the fund. It was customary for members to earn their donor with a personal fund-raising project, such as sewing, baking, selling merchandise obtained on consignment, and so forth. In this way, members often raised sums far in excess of the requested gift. At the season's close, a Donor Affair, the social highlight of the year, was established which was attended by all paid-up Donors. This project has produced some of the largest sums in the history of the organization over the years, and the minimum Donor contribution is presently \$15.



Mrs. Ike Berney

By the latter part of 1947, Auxiliary-Hadassah was in high gear. At the November meeting of that year, Mrs. Ike Berney was made Honorary President of the Chapter, both for her years of service to the Community and for serving as the first President of the Ohev Sholom Auxiliary-Hadassah Chapter of Lewistown.

A momentous happening for all Jews everywhere came about on November 29, 1947 when the United Nations voted in favor of partitioning Palestine into separate Jewish and Arab states. Every member of Auxiliary-Hadassah was, more than ever, aware of her responsibility to fulfill the obligations of her organization. Fund raising was accelerated with rummage sales, bake sales, and the like. A committee known as Hadassah Supplies was responsible for the collection and shipment of canned goods and clothing to the new State of Israel. Hadassah committees for Vocational Education, Youth Aliyah, Jewish National Fund, Hadassah Medical Organization, and Medical Center, were working hard to over-subscribe their fund-raising quotas.

Throughout the records of Auxiliary-Hadassah can be found many references to the Community Cooperation Committee. This was a Catering Committee whose duties were to prepare the dinners, luncheons, and banquets of the various organizations of the community. The members of this Committee were responsible for the dinners at the Annual Synagogue Meeting, B'nai B'rith Installations, Father and Son, Mother and Daughter Observances, their own Auxiliary-Hadassah luncheons and dinners, teen-age group projects, and general community dinners.

For all of this bustling activity, Auxiliary-Hadassah received its just due at Hadassah Regional Conferences held annually in the spring of the year. When our members attended they were the proud recipients of Membership Awards for 100% re-enrollment, Fund-

Raising Awards for reaching the financial quotas set by National Hadassah, and a Public Relations Award for staging an Israeli Fashion Show — the models for which were chosen from the women's service organizations of the general community.

By 1952 plans to build a new Community Center adjacent to our Synagogue were finally a reality. The building program was well underway and the Auxiliary-Hadassah Chapter had assumed the responsibility to fully equip the Center with its kitchen.

Years of Fulfillment

The 1952-53 season opened with the Congregation settled in the new Community Center building, and with the first Rosh Hashanah services held there. The Auxiliary-Hadassah opened its first meeting in the new center on September 9, 1952. Plans for a week-end of dedication were under way and the members were deeply involved in the coming activities.

The Board of Trustees of the Synagogue-Center was reorganized subsequent to the dissolution of the Jewish Community Council, and Auxiliary-Hadassah was entitled to three voting members. They assumed a growing role in the administration of the Community Center, and voluntarily pledged yearly financial assistance for the increased budget.

The Week-end of Dedication of the Center was a most memorable event. The three full days of celebration, November 14, 15 and 16, 1952 were the culmination of weeks of conscientious work and cooperation by all the members of the Chapter, who prepared refreshments, a banquet, and who also sponsored an Oneg Shabbath at the Center on Saturday afternoon.

After the Dedication celebration, the members settled back to the norm of fund-raising and programming. Merchandise and food bazaars were innovated, later becoming community luncheons — a yearly delight for the residents of Lewistown.

A service to the entire area was rendered when Auxiliary-Hadassah became co-sponsor with B'nai B'rith for Red Cross Bloodmobiles through the years. A youth group of Jewish teenagers was organized, a boon to the youngsters in the Community. The group, which came to be known as the Ohev Sholom Juniors, hosted socials for other teenagers of neighboring communities, and their fund-raising efforts resulted in the successful Purim Carnivals and other activities and programs which have sparked our annual calendar. The Juniors also have assisted in the serving of Synagogue dinners.

Despite its activity-packed program, Auxiliary-Hadassah experienced a lagging of enthusiasm in the latter part of the 1950's. The organization had a rapid turnover in leadership which resulted in a gradual down-grade of spirit. It wasn't until the spring of

Living Past Presidents of the Auxiliary-Hadassah



*Left to right, back row: Mrs. Miles Cohen, Mrs. S. Jack Glick, Mrs. Jack Janis, Mrs. A. L. Rubin, Mrs. Edward Goldman, Mrs. Harold W. Houck, Mrs. Stanley H. Siegel, Mrs. Irvin S. Berney. Left to right, front row: Mrs. John Dates, Mrs. Bernard Wolf, Mrs. Ike Berney, Mrs. Robert Siegel, Mrs. S. Meyer Klein. Past Presidents who were not present at the taking of this picture are indicated with an * on the Auxiliary-Hadassah Roster appearing in this Volume. Other Past Presidents were Mrs. Sidney C. Sivitz, deceased, and Mrs. Harold Cinoman and Mrs. Emanuel VasNunes who have moved from Lewistown.*

1960 that three members attended a Hadassah Regional Conference and were appalled to discover that the only award the Lewistown Chapter had won was given out of courtesy because every other Chapter represented had received recognition for their efforts. The award Lewistown received was for "Regional Cooperation," jokingly called the "Good Conduct Medal" by our members. This proved to be the type of shock that was needed to pull the organization out of its doldrums. The 1961 and 1962 Annual Conferences saw Auxiliary-Hadassah being awarded the highest recognition possible in the Hadassah Region. Both these years, they were the proud recipients of "Henriettas," gold statuettes named for the founder of Hadassah, Henrietta Szold. This year, 1962-63, finds the Ohev Sholom Auxiliary-Hadassah Chapter operating in high gear, with every member striving to do her best.

The Future Promise

This record has been left to posterity as an inspiration and guide. We have jointly achieved many things for the common good. We cannot foretell what the future holds in this changing world which is now on the threshold of a space age yet undreamed of. If, as Jews, we continue to promote our heritage, the covenant of Mt. Sinai, never losing sight of the message of peace and brotherhood we have been chosen to proclaim through all the ages, we can continue to surmount every obstacle that may lie in our path. We must never lose faith in that which we believe. We must work for it, proclaim it fearlessly, and, above all, live by it in our daily lives. As Jews, we should always live as an example to others. May our Jewish Community of Lewistown grow and prosper, and, with G-d's help, celebrate its 100th Anniversary Year.

Members of the Ohev Sholom Auxiliary-Hadassah Chapter



Top row, left to right: Mesdames Louis Shulman, Jack Klein, Sheldon Lang, Miss Shirley Berney, Mesdames Marvin Blumenthal, Julius Goldstein, Jacob Brown, Stanley Siegel, Jack Glick, Irvin Berney, Nathan Covitch. Center row: Mrs. Harold Houck, Miss Charlotte Zackowitz, Mesdames S. Meyer Klein, Robert Siegel, Philip Wolf, George Shiller, Herbert Taub, Edward Goldman, Morton Albert, Samuel Shear, Abe Spicack, Abe Harrison, Harry Taub, Daniel Vogel, Nathan Putterman, Louis Steinbach, Harry Hoffman. Front row: Mesdames John Dates, Marvin Pachino, Israel W. Neiman, Ralph Rosen, Samuel Cohen, Philip Sitkin, Bernard Wolf, Ike Berney, Jack Price, Joseph Sitkin, Irving Reiner, Samuel Levinson. All members of Chapter, including those not present for picture, are listed in the roster of the Auxiliary-Hadassah Membership.



*Greetings from
B'nai B'rith Lodge No. 987
Zionist District*

I am honored and privileged, as President of Lewistown B'nai B'rith Lodge No. 987 — Zionist District to extend to Ohev Sholom Congregation our fondest greetings on the occasion of the celebration of the Golden Anniversary of the incorporation of the Congregation. The past fifty years, and more, of the Congregation have been years of growth and achievement, years which have seen the Lewistown Jewish Community grow from a mere handful to a community which has the respect and admiration of our non-Jewish friends for its leadership in all that is for the betterment and development of the community at large. In this, the members of the B'nai B'rith Lodge — Zionist District, which next year will celebrate its fortieth anniversary, have been in the forefront and have contributed both in means and in effort. We hope and pray that G—d will continue to bestow his blessings on our Congregation that we may increase our capacity to better our community and ourselves.

Robert Siegel, President

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*Philip Sitkin
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*Joseph Steinbach
*Ludwig Steinbach
Herbert H. Taub
Leonard L. Vogel
*Bernard Wolf
Philip Wolf

* Indicates Past Presidents

Lewistown Lodge, B'nai B'rith No. 987 – Zionist District

By Dr. Harry Berlin

In the very early 1920's – 1924 to be exact – the men of our community became increasingly aware of the need for a men's organization not only to energize our general community activities, but to provide assistance for expanding the Synagogue program. In considering the need for such an organization, there was also recognition of the desirability of having our growing community affiliated with a national Jewish men's organization, representative of all segments of American Jewry and of recognized national standing, so that we might participate in, and become part of, the main stream of Jewish life beyond the confines of Lewistown.

Lewistown Lodge No. 987, B'nai B'rith was the result. A small group of our men, consisting of Harold Cohen, Louis Dates, Phillip Hallem, Harry Hoffman, David Krentzman, Max Krentzman, Sol Samuelson, Harry Siegel and Lewis Stern, organized on an informal basis at a meeting held on January 24th, 1924 and determined to seek affiliation with B'nai B'rith. The twenty-five members required for a B'nai B'rith charter were soon obtained. The additional charter members were David Wollner, Maurice Smith, Maurice Kopolowitz, Ike Berney, Harry Levin, Jacob Rose, Mason Rose, France Hayman, James Hurwitz, Samuel Kopolowitz, Julian Rubin, Sanford Adler, Bernard Kopolowitz, A. Dreyfuss, H. J. Kopelman and Albert Levin.

On March 2nd, 1924, Harry S. Platowsky, a distinguished Philadelphia lawyer and President of B'nai B'rith District Lodge No. 3, presented the charter of the new Lodge at a community meeting in the Pastime Theatre, and a new constructive force of great potential for good was created in our community.

The first officers of the Lodge were Lewis Stern, Monitor; David Wollner, President; Harry Hoffman, Vice President; Harry Siegel, Secretary; Maurice Smith, Financial Secretary; Louis Dates, Treasurer; Sanford Adler, Assistant Monitor; and Max Krentzman, Guardian.

The Lodge's potential for good in our own community, as well as in the general community, has been realized in a very substantial measure. During its thirty-nine years of existence, the Lodge has been a force in the building and serving of our Jewish community in every facet of community life. The Lodge has contributed in manpower and funds to most of the worthwhile activities of the general community. It has participated in the District, National, Israel and International B'nai B'rith programs.

Limitation of space renders impossible a detailed review of the multitude of activities of the Lodge during the years since its organization. A summary of its principal activities can only be given.

The needs of our young people have been a primary interest of the Lodge. As indicative of such interest, it is significant that at its first informal meeting, even before its affiliation with B'nai B'rith, the Lodge undertook to organize and conduct a Sunday School and to request the cooperation of the Ohev Sholom Sisterhood in this work. In 1929, the Lodge helped to organize a Young Judea Club, with its sponsorship of a meeting at which twelve of our boys and girls met and organized such a Club.

Through the years, the Lodge continued its interest in our youth. Recently, the Lodge sponsored a Bible contest for the Juniors under the direction of Rabbi Pachino. The contest engendered considerable study and interest on the part of a number of the Juniors. After preliminary eliminations, the finals in the contest were held at an Open-House Meeting and appropriate prizes awarded to the winners.

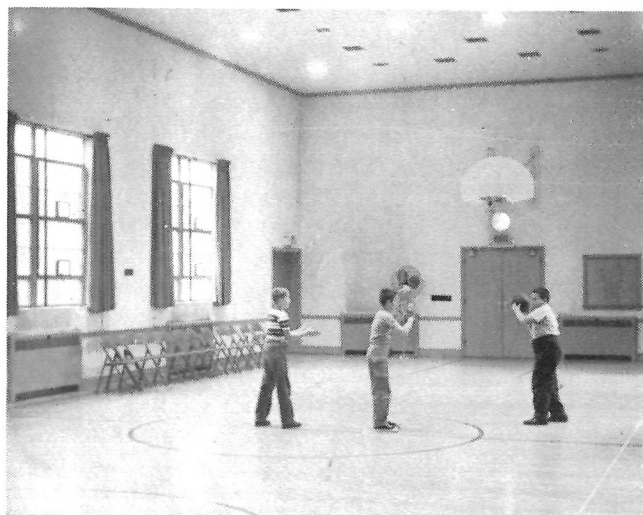
In these activities and others relating to our young people, the Lodge has evidenced its deep interest and concern in keeping alive the tradition and heritage of Judaism.

One of the outstanding activities initiated by the Lodge in the first year of its existence was the observance of Mother's Day by a public meeting at which proper homage could be paid to mothers. The Lodge's annual Mother's Day program, usually held at the Embassy Theatre, became the principal observance of Mother's Day in Mifflin County and attracted a large attendance from the general community. The annual program featured a Jewish personality, usually of national reputation, as the principal speaker and the award of an appropriate certificate to a representative mother of our community.

During the years, an increasing number of organizations initiated Mother's Day observances for their memberships, bringing about a decision of the Lodge in 1956 to discontinue its community-wide program.

It is significant that as early as 1926 the need for a Community Center for our growing community was being felt. The Lodge initiated community discussion in connection with this subject, and while our Community Center was not actually translated from thought into action until its completion and dedication in 1952, the Lodge's initiative played an important part in the fulfillment of this vital community need. When the Center was a reality, the Lodge

B'nai B'rith — Zionist District



B'nai B'rith sponsors Youth Recreation Program.

First Bloodmobile Visit to Lewistown, 1952



Left to right: Stewart Taub, Dr. Sidney Sivitz, Dr. Samuel Cohen.



B'nai B'rith-Zionist District Officers Installation Ceremony, 1958. Left to right: Joseph Steinbach, Bernard Wolf, Robert Siegel, Morton Albert, Dr. Harry Berlin.



B'nai B'rith-Zionist District Officers Installation Ceremony, 1959. Left to right: Irving Reiner, Bernard Wolf, Joseph Steinbach, Dr. Harry Berlin.

undertook the responsibility of supervising its athletic activities and furnishing the necessary athletic equipment, for which the Lodge spent more than \$1,000.00.

The same concern for the needs of our community was shown in the Lodge's initiation of planning for a Jewish cemetery. The importance of having our own Cemetery was considered by the Lodge in February, 1927, and a committee was appointed to plan and develop ways and means for the establishment of a cemetery. The consummation of this project is to the everlasting credit of our entire community.

The Lodge considered and approved the desirability of improving our community organizational structure by the creation of a Jewish Community Council, consisting of representatives of all of our organizations, which could represent and speak for our community. Such a Council was created and functioned for a number of years until the community determined to supersede it by enlarging the Synagogue Board, so that it could serve the same purpose.

Jointly with Auxiliary-Hadassah, the Lodge sponsors Open-House Meetings for our entire community at frequent intervals, at which meetings cultural and educational programs are provided.

The Lodge has cooperated with Auxiliary-Hadassah in the establishment and support of a Jewish National Fund Council. The Council has undertaken and is carrying out the Lewistown Forest Project for the planting of 10,000 trees in Israel.

The Lodge has since its organization participated in a host of general community activities. In addition to the Mother's Day program activity already referred to, the Lodge participated actively in Lewistown Old Home Week Celebration and in the George Washington Bicentennial Celebration, conducted a campaign for the Florida Relief Committee, furnished a room in the Lewistown Hospital, sponsored memberships in the Y.M.C.A. for underprivileged children, sponsored a Boy Scout Troop and contributed books to the Mifflin County Public Library and the Lewistown High School Library. The Lodge joined with Auxiliary Hadassah in the contribution of \$1,000.00 to the United Hospital Campaign, and both organizations joined in a contribution to the Y.M.C.A. Building Fund. The Lodge generally assisted a great many other important general community activities.

One of the Lodge's outstanding activities is the assistance to the Mifflin County Red Cross Chapter in its Bloodmobile Program. In 1952, the Lodge sponsored the first visit of the Bloodmobile to Lewistown, and the facilities of our Community Center were made available for the occasion. Since then, the Lodge has continued its sponsorship of Bloodmobile visits from time to time and has continued its active participation in all phases of this project.

The Lodge has been an integral part of the Interfaith Group Meetings project conducted by the Mifflin

County Round Table of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. It annually acts as the host at one of the men's Interfaith Group Meetings hosted each year by a Catholic, Protestant and Jewish men's group. The Lodge initiated the program of conducting an annual Brotherhood poster contest. In recent years the Mifflin County Round Table has cooperated with the Lodge in this project. The Lodge has continued to donate prizes for the contest, and the award of these prizes has been made one of the features of the Round Table's annual Citation Award Dinner.

The Lodge has been an active participant in the sponsoring of social activities for our own community. As early as 1924, the Lodge sponsored our community's first Chanukah Dance. Since then, it has sponsored Passover Dances and Purim Balls. Since 1930, the Lodge, alone in some years and in other years jointly with Auxiliary-Hadassah, has sponsored a New Year's Dance.

In 1930 the Lodge arranged a farewell dinner for one of our community's outstanding leaders, Hyman J. Cohen on the occasion of his long anticipated trip to Europe, the first return of a member of our community to the place of his birth.

The Lodge has annually sponsored the Father and Son Banquet of our community and has assisted the Auxiliary-Hadassah with its annual Mother and Daughter Banquet.

Participation in B'nai B'rith activities outside our community has been a consistent part of the Lodge's program. It has contributed financially to all of the District and Supreme Lodge services and activities.

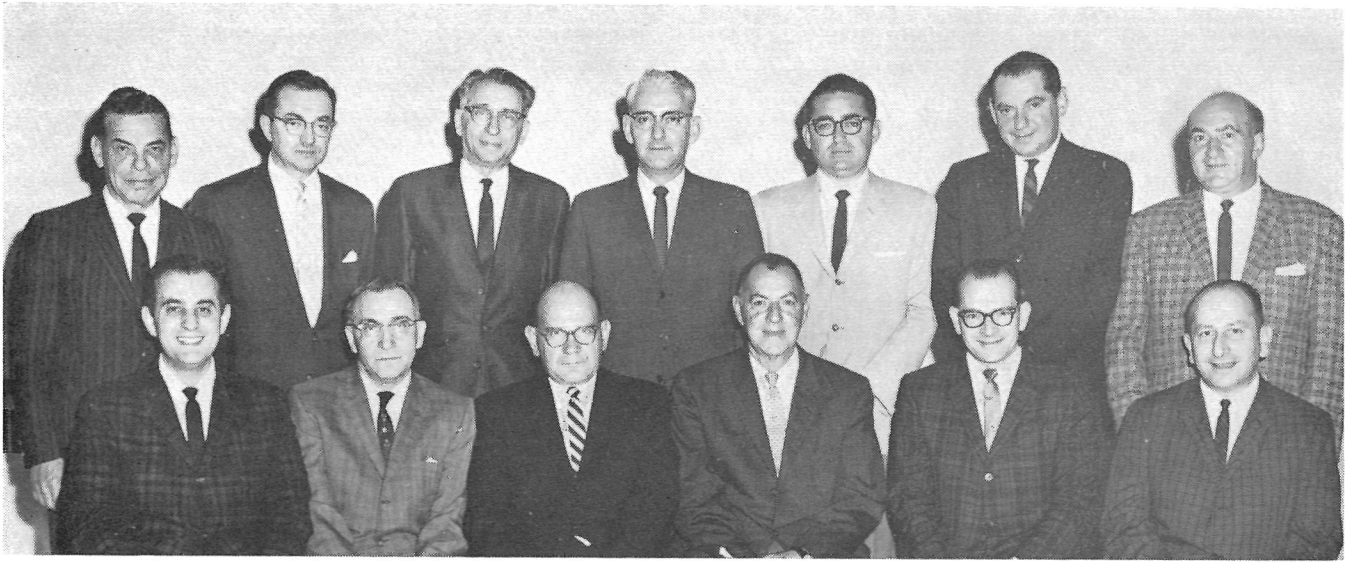
The Lodge was active in the program for the erection of a new home for the Hillel Foundation at Pennsylvania State University and contributed \$2,000.00 to the Construction Fund. It conducted a campaign for the Erie Orphanage during the period that the orphanage was operating. The Lodge has conducted a continuous and effective Anti-Defamation program.

The Lodge was largely instrumental in the formation of the Central Pennsylvania Council of District Lodge No. 3 and was an active member of the Council during its existence. The Lodge hosted several meetings of the Council at our Community Center.

Together with Auxiliary-Hadassah, the Lodge participated in the Supreme Lodge's post-war project of "adopting a family abroad" and sent packages of needed supplies to families abroad assigned to it. The Lodge has also participated actively in the B'nai B'rith Israel program of the Supreme Lodge.

During World War II, the Lodge's activities were increased in tempo and scope. Very shortly after the declaration of war, the Lodge passed a resolution offering its manpower and resources to the Mifflin County Defense Council for defense activities. In 1942, it voted to purchase an ambulance to be pre-

Past Presidents of Lewistown Lodge No. 987 B'nai B'rith—Zionist District



*Standing, left to right: Harold D. Cohen, Harold W. Houck, Joseph Steinbach, Nathan Covitch, Norman L. Levin, Edgar Levin, Samuel J. Kalin. Seated, left to right: Philip Sitkin, Louis Steinbach, Robert Siegel, Julius Goldstein, Morton M. Albert, Herbert H. Taub. Past Presidents who were not present at the taking of this picture are indicated with an * on the Lodge Roster appearing in this Journal.*

sented to the United States Government for use by the service shortly after the beginning of the War, the that this offer could not be accepted by the Government under its general governmental policy.

In 1942 also, the Lodge, with the cooperation of all of our other community organizations, instituted a program for the conduct of War Bond Rallies. Approximately \$75,000.00 in Bonds were sold at a number of such rallies. Such sales were, of course, in addition to the participation of the members of our community in the numerous Bond Rallies conducted by the Mifflin County War Finance Committee and numerous official groups throughout Mifflin County.

Our Lodge members participated actively in the work of the Mifflin County Defense Council and in the operation of the Council's Control Center and in its Spotter Services.

As members of our Congregation began entering the service shortly after the beginning of the war, the Lodge sponsored a program of going-away parties for members entering the service and the presentation of gifts to them. The program of the mailing of Chanukah and Passover packages to our boys overseas was also initiated by the Lodge jointly with Auxiliary-Hadassah.

The Lodge sponsored arrangements for having Jewish soldiers stationed at State College enjoy the hospitality of members of our community during High Holy Days. It sponsored and conducted fund campaigns for the Jewish Welfare Board.

Projects to maintain ties between our community and our servicemen were initiated from time to time by the Lodge. A program for the distribution of a news bulletin with news of the home front to servicemen was jointly sponsored by the Lodge and Auxiliary-Hadassah.

By June, 1944, thirty-five members of our community were serving in the Armed Forces. By the end of the war, this number was increased to forty-three, all of whose names appear on an Honor Roll presented by the Lodge to the Synagogue, which is installed in the vestibule of the Synagogue, and in the tribute contained in this Journal.

Two of our Honor Roll members, Lieutenant Louis N. Krentzman and Sergeant Stanley F. Vogel, made the supreme sacrifice for their country.

The year 1945 saw the end of the war with the defeat of Germany and Japan. With the war's end came the gradual home-coming of our war veterans. It was a time for rejoicing for those who were com-

ing home and a time of sadness for the families of those who made the supreme sacrifice. The Lodge developed plans for a community welcome to our returning servicemen and presented each of them with welcome-home gifts.

Members of our community also served in the Korean War. As was done during the World War period, community contacts were maintained by the Lodge and Auxiliary-Hadassah with these servicemen, and the program of going-away parties and gifts and welcome-home parties and gifts for the servicemen was carried on.

The Lodge has always been active in the support of our brethren in Israel. In 1948, the Lodge joined in our community's celebration of Israel's independence. It joins with Auxiliary-Hadassah in the sponsoring of meetings to observe the anniversaries of that momentous and joyous occasion. The Lodge joined in sponsoring Israel Bond sales programs and, as stated, has helped to sponsor and support Jewish National Fund activities. The Lodge participated in a program with the Mifflin County Library to collect technical books for Israel.

In order to make the work of both organizations more effective, the Lodge in 1950 joined with the Lewistown Zionist District to form our present joint organization.

In August, 1958, the Lodge joined with the rest of our community in bidding farewell to Rabbi and Mrs. Manning H. Bleich after twenty-one years in Lewistown. Rabbi Bleich was an outstanding leader in all of the activities of the Lodge since his arrival in Lewistown in 1937, and our entire community is

greatly indebted to him for the inspiring leadership which he gave to the Lodge and to our community. All of the members of the Lodge joined with the other members of the community in wishing both of them and David and Aaron, their fine sons, Godspeed and a future full of good health, happiness and continued constructive service.

In August, 1959, all of the members of the Lodge, together with the other members of our community, were happy to welcome Rabbi Marvin B. Pachino and Mrs. Pachino to Lewistown. The Lodge was especially happy to welcome Rabbi Pachino to membership and a position of leadership in the Lodge and all of its activities.

The year 1963 marks the 39th year of the existence of our Lodge. During this period, it has had outstanding leadership. In view of the fact that the names of the Presidents of the Lodge appear elsewhere in this Journal, they will not be repeated here. Suffice it to say that all of them made substantial contributions to the record of the Lodge's accomplishments over the years.

As is evident from this resume of the highlights of our Lodge's history, the Lodge has established a record of achievement of great good to our Jewish community, to our brethren beyond the confines of Lewistown, and to our general community, as well as to our State and Nation. In addition, it has afforded an effective means for the expression by its members of their communal, cultural and social interests. In all of these areas of service, it has been a potent force for good and so has justified the hopes and aspirations of its founders.

Members of Lewistown Lodge No. 987, B'nai B'rith



Left to right — Standing: Leonard Vogel, Philip Sitkin, Harold W. Houck, Jack Klein, Louis Steinbach, Harold D. Cohen, Rabbi Marvin B. Pachino, Nathan Covitch, Edgar Levin, Herbert H. Taub, Norman L. Levin, Marvin Blumenthal, Samuel Kalin. Seated — left to right: Joseph Steinbach, Ralph Rosen, Nathan Putterman, Robert Siegel, Julius Goldstein, Morton M. Albert, Philip Wolf, Dr. Harry Berlin. All members of Lodge, including those not present for picture, are listed in the roster of B'nai B'rith members.

Greetings from the Ohev Sholom Juniors



On behalf of the Ohev Sholom Juniors, I am pleased to extend our congratulations and best wishes on this, the 50th Anniversary of the incorporation of the Congregation. I hope our organization will have grown and developed as successfully by our 50th Anniversary as the Congregation has done. G-d willing, we hope to be as resourceful and devoted as our parents have been in the growth of our community, and we hope to be able to carry on, just as they in keeping the Ohev Sholom Congregation a constant and effective religious force.

Judith Siegel,
President

Ohev Sholom Juniors



Standing: JoAnn Krentzman, Ruth Siegel, Saragene Albert, Stephen Houck, Stephen Krentzman, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Houck, advisors to the group, Robert Steinbach, David Goldman, Louis Albert, Victor Berlin, Judith Siegel. Seated: Margaret Steinbach, Adrienne Sitkin, Marsha Brown, Linda Vogel, Barbara Covitch, Nancy Steinbach, Judith Janis, Gladys Goldman, Susan Cohen, Barbara Levin. Seated on the floor: Richard Houck and Allen Levin. Standing: Rabbi Marvin B. Pachino

Ohev Sholom Juniors

By Stephen D. Houck

While the youngest of our community organizations, Ohev Sholom Juniors has established a record of Synagogue and community service of which the Juniors and the entire community are justly proud.

Ohev Sholom Juniors was formally organized in 1953 as the successor to Young Judea, which had been first organized by the B'nai B'rith Lodge in 1929 and reorganized by the Auxiliary-Hadassah in 1949. Ohev Sholom Juniors was the first solely teen-age group in the community created for the purpose of giving service to the Synagogue and as a social group for the teen-agers of our community. From these beginnings, Ohev Sholom Juniors has become an organization of Jewish youth respected in the community by young and old alike.

In addition to the first president of the group, Ronald Cohen, the charter members were Carolyn Brown, Larry Cohen, Richard Glick, Marshall Goldstein, Polly Hoffman, Rose Ann Houck, Eileen Janis, Sybil Klein, Linda Sue Shiller, Richard Siegel, Arlene Sivitz, Brook Steinbach and Patsy Taub.

In 1961, the Jewish teen-agers of Huntingdon affiliated with Ohev Sholom Juniors.

One of the principal purposes of Ohev Sholom Juniors is to be of service to the Synagogue and to the community. This objective has been met with a great degree of success. The Juniors have rendered many and varied services to the Synagogue and to our community generally. They have participated in the conduct of Sabbath services, they have assisted at numerous Congregational dinners, they annually help to decorate the Synagogue Sukkah, they have sold Chanukah candles and Rosh Hashanah cards, they have helped with UJA Campaigns, and they have helped whenever called upon in giving service to the Synagogue and to the community in many other ways.

The Juniors have not only provided social activities for themselves, holding dances and various social events for their group, but they have sponsored the annual Purim Ball, which is one of the social highlights of the community, and, in addition, have held dances for the teen-agers of the general community.

"The Junior Jottings", the Juniors' news column, is a popular feature of "The Ha-Shaliach".

Membership in the Ohev Sholom Juniors has afforded the opportunity for the young people of our community to meet other Jewish teen-agers from the surrounding area. The Juniors have been invited to social weekends in Harrisburg, State College, Lock Haven, Philipsburg and Altoona. In reciprocation, the Juniors have held socials attended by Jewish

teen-agers from State College, Lock Haven, Bellefonte, Huntingdon, Philipsburg, Altoona, Houtzdale and Clearfield.

In 1962, the year of the Golden Anniversary of the incorporation of our Synagogue, Ohev Sholom Juniors under President Judith Siegel pledge themselves to the continuance of dedicated service to our Synagogue and our community.

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| JoAnn Krentzman | |

Past Presidents of the Ohev Sholom Juniors



Richard Siegel, Arlene Sivitz, Judith Siegel, Michael Sivitz, Stephen Houck. Absent when the picture was taken: Ronald Cohen, Sibyl Klein Botnik, Brook Steinbach Levine, Linda Cohen.

Ha-Shaliach

By Faye R. Glick

Precedence is very often born of what is a simple gesture. Surely this must have been the way "Cousin Clubs" and class reunions began. So it is with our present day Ha-Shaliach. Conceived as a temporary communique that would link Lewistown to wherever her servicemen were stationed, Ha-Shaliach was nursed, weaned, bar-mitzvah'd and definitely launched on a lifetime of service to her many "parents."

It was 1944 when the U. S. was deeply involved in World War II — the war affected everyone, including the good citizens of Lewistown. The sons and daughters left for the service and those remaining at home found ways to help each other and their friends and relatives overseas. Everyone was writing V-mail, sending food packages, knitting socks, crushing tin cans and, of course, buying war bonds. The hunger for the written word was strong on both sides — messages from home were coveted like found money! Rabbi Bleich knew this — and so he felt there must be a liaison between Lewistown, Ohev Sholom Synagogue and its servicemen. In November, 1944, a committee was formed, ideas were discussed, and Ha-Shaliach, "The Messenger" was born. Robert Siegel was its first editor, ably assisted by Rabbi Bleich, Benjamin Blonder, Emanuel Falk, Natalie Levin, Lillian S. Nathan, and Anne Shiller — a dedicated team that produced the first volume in the life of Ha-Shaliach. It was a printed booklet overflowing with reports of local activity, G.I. news. This 'n That (tid bits that still occupy an important part of our present Ha-Shaliach), Addresses of servicemen were also listed. Eventually news from the servicemen was gleaned from letters and another column was established. Imagine the joy — the smiles on the faces of the men as they read about their buddies' activities in other parts of the world! Enthusiasm and pride for Ha-Shaliach grew intensely. Soon after its inception, Becky Isenberg was added to the staff. Pictures were published of men in uniform. All the priceless first issues are preserved in a leather bound book presented to the Synagogue Library.

Notwithstanding the nostalgia and glow that memories of the wartime Ha-Shaliach provide — imagine the warmth and joy in the hearts of the men receiving it back in 1945! Comments from the pages went like this . . . "I've reread the last issue *three* times, it's a darn good morale booster" . . . "nothing more interesting than news from home" . . . "it's a blessing from heaven" . . . "a bond between home and old friends, bringing them close together" . . . "orchids to you (coverage and presentation), it brings Lewistown a little closer to those of us in our temporary

First Issue of Ha-Shaliach

HA-SHALIACH

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It is difficult, in the small amount of space allotted me, to cover all that I should like to say in this opening column. There are three groups whom I should like to address, and hardly room enough to cover the ground for one. The only alternative, then, is to present the skeleton and plan to fill in the body in subsequent issues.

First, to the staff of HA-SHALIACH, my congratulations and blessings on your new venture. It is one of the large parts of our communal building which has heretofore been missing and whose need I have felt for all of the almost eight years of my service as your Rabbi. May your efforts increase in excellence and services rendered as each issue comes off the press.

To the men in uniform, consideration of whose welfare was the motivating factor for this publication, I can say that at long last I hope to find through the columns of HA-SHALIACH the wherewithal to reach you periodically as I have wished to and have thus far been unable to do. The letters which I have had time to write have been all too few. As each copy of HA-SHALIACH reaches you, whether at camp, at sea, or in the fox-hole, we should like to have you consider it a personal letter from us, telling you of what is going on in the community and bearing with it my personal blessings and the assurance that each of you, individually and collectively, is included in my daily prayers. I do, however, enjoy receiving your mail and hasten to assure you that it will be answered personally as quickly as my busy schedule will allow.

To the Jewish Community of Lewistown, I can say that I now feel that here, through these columns we have the agency so sorely needed to mold together our community. I sincerely hope that the editorial staff may continually have in mind to extend every effort that this end be met. Only with its attainment can your labors be wholly worth while.

Blessings and wishes for success to editors and readers alike. Pray G-d that the time may speedily come when HA-SHALIACH will be addressed to civilians only and that all our dear ones will be able to read it together at their own firesides in their own family circles.

Faithfully yours,

RABBI

Samuel H. Bleich

Plans for Bas Mitzvah

In order that the younger girls of our Jewish community may be better-impressed with the place of women in the Jewish sphere, Rabbi M. H. Bleich has announced a plan for a Bas Mitzvah ceremony for girls of the community on the Shabbos following their twelfth birthday. Appropriate ceremonies will be held at the Friday evening services.

In announcing plans for the Bas Mitzvah ceremonies, Rabbi Bleich pointed out that the Schulchan Orach, while placing limitations on the duties of Jewish women, assigns definite responsibilities to them. Even as a Jewish boy attains religious majority at thirteen years of age, a Jewish girl reaches responsibility for her acts at twelve.

Plans have also been announced by Rabbi Bleich for the holding of a mass Bas Mitzvah ceremony for girls of our community who have already passed their twelfth birthday, on Shabbos Chanukah, December 15th.

Calendar

Friday, Nov. 3—Kindle Sabbath lights, 5:40 P.M.; Oneg Shabbath, 8:00 P. M. Anniversary of Balfour Declaration.
Sunday, Nov. 5—Meeting B'nai B'rith Lodge, 8:00 P.M.
Friday, Nov. 10—Sabbath Candles, 5:33. Oneg Shabbath, 8:00 P.M. Special observance of Armistice Day.
Saturday 9:15 A.M.—Regular Sabbath Services. Armistice Day observance.
Tuesday, Nov. 14—Meeting of Ladies' Auxiliary, 8:00 P.M.
Friday, Nov. 17—Sabbath Candles, 5:27. Oneg Shabbath, 8:00 P.M. Sermon, "Generations: Then and Now."
Sunday, Nov. 19—Open House Meeting—Palestine Program, 8:00 P.M.
Monday, Nov. 20—Rabbi Bleich in charge of morning devotions, WMRF, at 8:30.
Friday, Nov. 24—Sabbath Candles, 5:24. Oneg Shabbath, 8:00 P.M. Thanksgiving Day observance.
Thursday, Nov. 30—Synagogue Board of Trustees meet, 7:30 P.M.

absence, who hold it dear to us." So the praises were heard. The staff found their reward in such appreciation.

Then publication ceased for three years. The presses were quiet — gossip and events took place with no permanent recording until suddenly — a surprise issue was published! Nathan Covitch and Leon Levinson took it upon themselves to publish and pay for re-establishing the dearly beloved Ha-Shaliach. This continued for four issues and the ball was picked up and carried by a volunteer staff. Ha-Shaliach returned as the Synagogue paper to a position of high regard. The staff alternated through the years with

Staff of Ha-Shaliach



Rabbi Marvin B. Pachino, Miss Shirley Berney, Mrs. Stanley Siegel. Seated: Mrs. Morton Albert, Mrs. S. Jack Glick, Mrs. Irvin Berney, Dr. Harry Berlin. Absent when the picture was taken: Dr. Samuel Cohen and Mrs. Marvin Blumenthal, Mrs. S. Meyer Klein.

Robert Siegel once again editing, followed by Anne Shiller, Doris Berney and Faye Glick. It was a yeomen's job — the gathering of the news, editing, printing — and, oh, the folding and mailing — the list included almost 400 addresses! Once again, enthusiasm lagged, Ha-Shaliach seemed doomed for retirement — but with Rabbi Pachino it found new vigor and again we are receiving Ha-Shaliach under the editorship of Doris Berney and staff. It is supported by all organizations of the Lewistown Jewish Community. We hope this is a sure indication that Ha-Shaliach will live many years — to celebrate our Diamond Jubilee with us. We pray that it will never again serve the purpose for which it was originally conceived — but will bring its readers only the pleasant side of the news, and that which will enrich our daily living. Here's to Ha-Shaliach, its originators, its staffs — thanks for a happy excursion into the lives of others!



The accomplishments mirrored in this History and throughout the Golden Anniversary Journal are a tribute not only to the living members of our community, but to all those of our community who have gone before — to all those living and departed who had the vision and the dedication to bring us to where we are — a united community facing the future with realistic optimism and with hope that with G-d's blessing, we will continue to build well and serve with dedication for all the causes and purposes which as individuals and as a community we hold dear.

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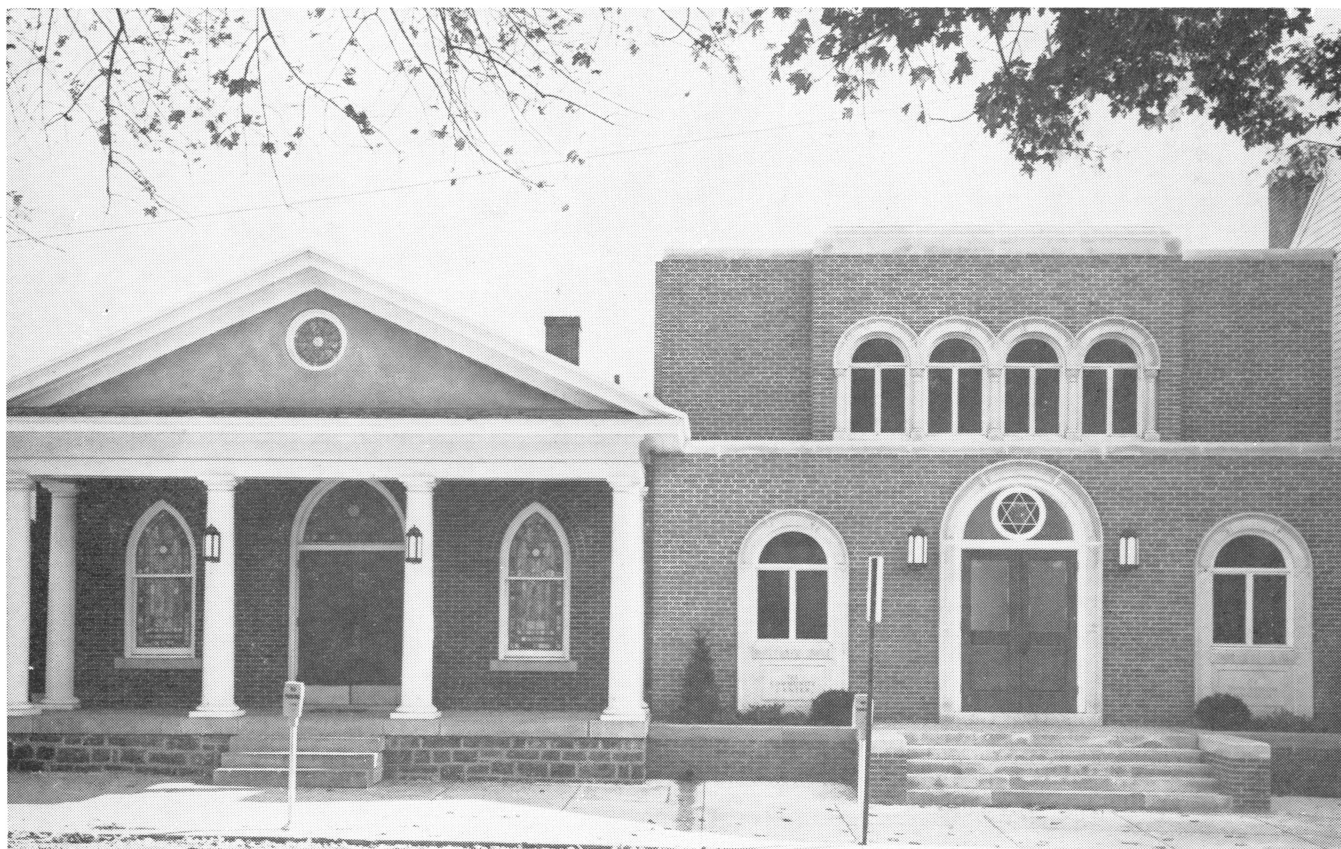
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