

A Star Synagogue is Born—Part 1

The Story of Hollywood Temple Beth El as Recorded in Local Jewish press: Supplement to “Stories for 100 Years of Hollywood Temple Beth El”

Selection of documents from the collection of Rabbi William Kramer, UCLA Library, Department of Special Collections, Collection 1739, Western States Jewish Archives Box 62

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Rabbi William Kramer was a noted historian of the history of the Jews of the western United States, and had a distinguished career as a Rabbi and a professor of Jewish studies. For the general Los Angeles Jewish community, he was probably best known for his weekly column, “My Shtetle, LA” and for being typecast in movies and ads as a typical Hasidic Jew, even though he was a Reform Rabbi, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_M._Kramer



As an indirect connection to Hollywood Temple Beth El, Rabbi Kramer married Betty Wagner, the widow of the late Rabbi Joe Wagner, who had served as the Temple’s greatly beloved Rabbi in the 60’s and 70’s. “Rebbetzin” Betty Wagner was a significant figure in the Jewish community in her own, as the founder of the Wagner Program for training Jewish professional communal workers at the American Jewish University. Herein follows a selection of the clippings, that highlight the birth, growth and turmoil of Hollywood’s first synagogue. The main source was the Bnai Brith Messenger, the main Jewish paper of 20th century Los Angeles. The B’nai B’rith Messenger [BBM], named after Los Angeles’s foremost nineteenth-century congregation of the same name, chronicled Jewish life in the city for almost one hundred years (1897-1995). The paper is still available online through the New York Public Library: <https://digitalcollections.nypl.org/collections/bnai-brith-messenger#/?tab=navigation> Dates cited are based on notes of dates of the newspaper publication,

Hollywood Temple Beth El

Hollywood Temple Beth El, Hollywood's first congregation and the sole Conservative synagogue in that area, was formally incorporated on January 26, 1922 under a charter granted by the State of California. The congregation conducted its first sacred services in a bungalow on Wilton Place just south of Sunset Boulevard. An improvised Holy Ark, two Scrolls of the Torah and a few folding chairs transformed the living room into a House of Worship — thus launching in a humble and simple way an institutional career which has served the spiritual, educational and cultural needs of the community with unagging zeal and *hitlahavut* to this day.

The Temple's first permanent edifice was raised up at 1508 North Wilton Place in September, 1922. The little 600-seat Sanctuary began to attract men and women in all walks of life, many from the motion picture colony: Michael Curtiz, Carmel Myers, Mervyn LeRoy, Jack Pearl, Edward G. Robinson, George Sidney, Hal Wallis, Benjamin Warner, Carl Laemmle, Lew Seiler, Harry Miazlish, Phil Goldstone, and later, Joe Pasternak (Chairman of the Temple's Advisory Board) and Harry "Pop" Sherman.

With the face of the neighborhood being changed radically by the construction of the Hollywood Freeway and because the Jewish population in the area was markedly shifting westward, the Temple in 1949 launched a major effort looking forward to the building of the new Hollywood Temple Beth El. Spearheaded by Harry Sherman, Hyman Levine, Samuel Tuch, Maurice Katleman, Dave Leviloff, Leon Helman, Barney Katz and a host of others, the drive for the new edifice resulted in the present impressive structure at 1305 North Crescent Heights Boulevard. Dedicated in the Fall of 1952, under the dynamic presidency of Isadore Levine and the spiritual leadership of Rabbi Jacob M. Ott, the Temple Family grew in the brief course of two years from a membership of some 60 families to 700 families, one of the most remarkable bursts of growth in the history of the American synagogue.

In dedicating itself to the highest concepts of the ways and thoughts of the historic, living faith of Judaism, Temple Beth El reflects in its programs every facet of a creative and visionary communal life.

The schooling program for children fosters a diversified Sunday School department and program and a daily Hebrew School department. Largely under the principalship of Cantor Nathan Katzman and the supporting spirit of the congregational leadership and its Rabbi, the school system has benefitted from steady improvement and continuing increases in pupil enrollment. There is a Junior Congregation which meets on Shabbat mornings in the Levine Chapel. There is a Sunday Morning T'fillin Club for boys of Post-Bar Mitzvah age. There is a Fireside Chat program conducted by the Rabbi for upper teens. The Junior Choir, under the tutorship of Irving Riskin, Music Director of the Temple and President of the Guild of Temple Organists of Southern California, is highly regarded in the community and quite frequently is invited to participate in the adult worship services.

Temple Beth El numbers in its large Family several important and praiseworthy affiliated organizations. The Men's Club, inaugurated in 1952 under the dedicated leadership of Arnold Clejan, has been a steady arm of institutional support. The women of the Sisterhood, carrying on the pioneering tradition of the first women of Temple Beth El, has been a positive force in willing the dream

of the new Temple and in helping sustain its program. The Parent-Teacher Association, formerly a special committee of the Sisterhood, grew to independent status in 1952, and through the exemplary devotion of its first President, Mrs. Harry Cherques, and her equally dedicated successors, Mrs. Sam Lieberman and Mrs. Norman Rivkin, has become a full-fledged autonomy in the panoply of Temple organizations. A special Group for single men and women of middle years developed through the leadership efforts of Mae Lever and Til Lever. The work of this group to provide school scholarships for needy students has been a highlight in its brief career dating from 1952. An organization for young couples, The Adams and Eves, was formed in the autumn of 1956 under the guidance of the Rabbi. Its first President, Mr. Henry Keleman, in fellowship with the charter membership of the group and its list of officers, have given to the congregation a glimpse into the future wherein it has every expectation that from this tyro affiliate will flow a great strength for the Temple and community.

In 1956, the Temple Arts and Music Commission, inaugurated at the suggestion of the Rabbi, an annual Forum Series. The program brought to the public platform such world figures as Eleanor Roosevelt and Herbert Morison. The panel program, "Hollywood and the Bible", received international coverage and was particularly noted by the Israeli press. Ignaz Hilsberg, a distinguished concert pianist and Temple member, appeared in concert, and the Festival of Jewish Music received acclaim for presenting the west coast premiere of portions of David Tamkin's opera, "The Dybbuk," featuring Cantor Katzman and the Compinsky Trio. The membership of the Commission includes Dimitri Tiomkin, Joe Pasternak, Michael Curtiz, Mrs. Harry Goldman, Mrs. Richard Behr, Mrs. Phil Goldstone, Mrs. Harry Herzikoff, Judge Louis Kaufman, Mr. Lewis J. Rachmil, Mrs. Norman Rivkin, Mr. Morris Gurewitz, Mr. Irving Riskin, Cantor Nathan Katzman, Mr. Joe Youngerman and Rabbi Jacob Ott.

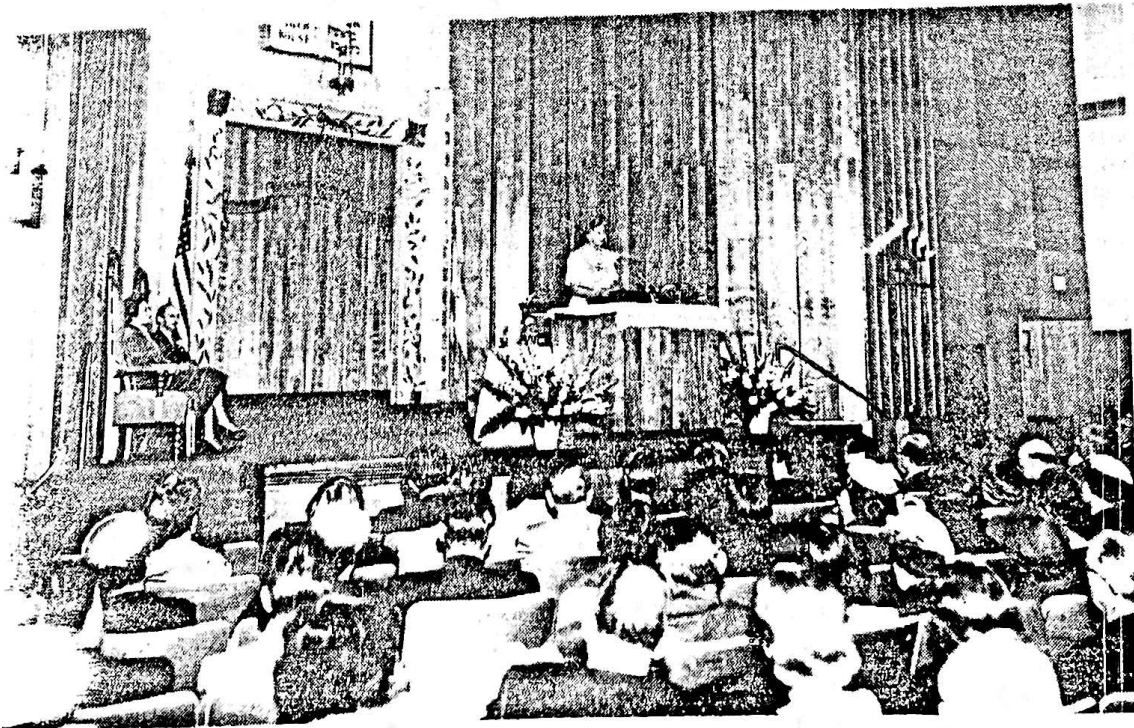
Since the autumn of 1952, the Adult Education Commission has presented a Sunday morning adult program conducted by Rabbi Jacob Ott. The Rabbi's continuing series of lectures in the field of Jewish history have represented the most comprehensive of its type being offered in the community. At this writing the Rabbi has passed his 150th lecture in the series. Other courses offered have been "The Ethics of the Fathers," "The Ways and Thoughts of Jewish Life," and studies in the Tanach.

In 1956 the Temple acquired as a gift from Mr. and Mrs. John Factor the building known as Factor House, located at 1327 North Crescent Heights Boulevard. The facility, in being added to the main Temple building and the Havenhurst Youth House, became necessary because of the continuing growth of the congregation. After such a long and historic record of service, Hollywood Temple Beth El is looking forward to raising up yet another structure, its organic school building, to be planned on the confident basis of affording educational facilities to the community for the next decade and one-half.

Isadore Levine, Morris Gurewitz, Leonard Zanville and Irving Schulman have been the presidents at the new Hollywood Temple Beth El, but their distinguished service became possible because of the handful of pioneering men and women who began the work, and made this Temple truly a House of God.



Scrolls of Torah brought into the New Sanctuary by the elders of Hollywood Temple Beth El.



Eleanor Roosevelt opens Forum of Hollywood Temple Beth El.

HONORARY LIFE PRESIDENTS:



HYMAN LEVINE



SAMUEL TUCH



IRVING SCHULMAN, President

RABBI JACOB M. OTT



Rabbi of Hollywood Temple Beth El since June 1, 1952.

During World War II, served as combat chaplain with the 83rd Infantry Division in the European Theatre, and was the recipient of five battle stars and the Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster. In the last days of the war and during the early part of the occupation, he rendered outstanding service in assisting the concentration camp survivors at Pocking, Dachau, Regensburg, Ravensburg and Deggendorf. He was also mainly instrumental in reorganizing the Israelite Consistoire in Luxembourg for which he was honored by the American Jewish Congress in 1946.

In 1946, he was called to the pulpit of the Anshe Emet Synagogue in Chicago as Assistant Rabbi and research assistant in Bible Studies to the late Dr. Solomon Goldman, of blessed memory.

Rabbi Ott is now serving an unprecedented third term as President of the Western States Region of the Zionist Organization of America. He is a Vice-President of the American Zionist Council of Los Angeles and Chairman of its Education and Culture Committee.

A member of the American Society of International Law and the Rabbinical Assembly of America, he was in

It turns out that there was a Beth El in Los Angeles prior to our Temple, but it was a short-lived entity. It would be "the people's congregation" along Conservative, not Reform, lines:

Dated Nov 30, 1899

The American Israelite, Cincinnati, November 30,
1899, p. 3, c. 4.

Solomon

LOS ANGELES, CAL.

Nov. 20—. . . There is going to be another congregation in this city, which movement has been supported by Rabbi M. G. Solomon, former minister of Congregation B'nai Brith. The same has been elected Rabbi. We have had several congregations in this city, particularly during the fall holidays, and time will only tell what the result of the present attempt will be. One of the features of the new congregation is that it is to be the "people's" congregation, on conservative rather than reformed lines; furthermore that it will have a sick benefit fund attached.

Dated Jan 12, 1900

LOS ANGELES
(1870-1900)

PEOPLE'S SYNAGOGUE BETH-EL
(ORIGINS)

AMERICAN HEBREW, vol. 60, no. 10 (JAN 12, 1900), P. 315

FORMATION OF CONGREGATION

The new congregation, which is called "People's Synagogue Beth-El," held a general meeting recently at the residence of S. S. Federman, its President. A committee was appointed to arrange for divine services and a religious

school. Rev. M. G. Solomon was chosen rabbi of the new organization by acclamation. He took occasion to state in open meeting that he would faithfully and conscientiously serve Beth-El and its best interests so long as they are in need of his services and he can render his aid and assistance to further and promote the good cause.

There would be an attempted merger with another congregation: dated April 12, 1900

A joint meeting of the Jewish congregations of K'hal Israel and Beth-El was held last evening at the Foresters' hall, 107 North Main Street, to unite the two organizations. A compromise was made on the name by each of the old ~~congregations~~ congregations surrendering a part and combining a part, so that the new name is to be Beth Israel, or House of Israel. The following officers were elected: President, L. Levitt; vice-president, L. L. Davidson; treasurer, B. Forer; secretary, Victor Harris; first trustee, S. S. Freeman; second trustee, H. Finkelstein; third ~~trustee~~ trustee, M. S. Kornblum. A committee was appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws. //

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It shortly folded: dated Feb 19, 1900

SO. CALIF.
1890-1914
P.-B.B.M
Feb. 19, 1900

PEOPLE'S SYNAGOG BETH EL

The newly organized 'congregation "People's Synagog Beth El," has suspended holding services for the present. Those at the head of it assure that they have come to stay, and will get into line again soon, more active than ever.

There is a first run for a High Holy Days service . Tickets: \$3! Sept 9 1921

HOLLYWOOD SERVICES

There will be religious services in Hollywood during the coming Rosh Hashono and Yom Kippur in the beautiful hall of the American Legion. The services will be conservative. Reverend Nathan Greenwald, former cantor of the Bush Street Temple, of San Francisco and Professor of Music, a most eloquent American Rabbi, graduate from a leading University and a Rabbinical College, will preach. Tickets for three dollars can be secured from Mr. Neuman, 6092 Selma avenue. Telephone, Hollywood 1522 and Professor Greenwald, Music Art Studio Building, 232 Hill street, room 206. Telephone 100-82.

It would take another 20 years for a Beth El to appear on the scene. Oct 14, 1941. Rabbi Dr. Emanuel Schreiber, Cantor Nathan Greenwald, President Edward Wise.

Hollywyod Now Has New Temple

**DR. E. SCHREIBER, ITS RABBI,
AND REV. NATHAN GREEN-
WALD THE CANTOR**

A new Congregation and Sunday School was established on Wednesday night, October 5th in Hollywood. The meeting took place at 1821 N. Van Ness avenue, in the spacious home of Mr. Edward Wise, who was acclaimed chairman of the assembly, numbering about eighty people.

The thirty-one ladies present formed an auxiliary society to the Congregation. Dr. Emanuel Schreiber will be the Rabbi and Rev. Nathan Greenwald, the fine Cantor of Bush Street Temple, of San Francisco will be the Cantor of the Congregation.

The services on both days of the New Year, filled the large hall of the American Legion. A committee is out to secure a place of worship.

A women's auxiliary is soon launched, Oct 4 1941

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY NEW HOLLYWOOD CONGREGATION	create a Jewish centre in Hollywood, and it is also the hope and wish of the Auxiliary and the Congregation that this dance will be a stimulus in gaining many members and friends in support of the cause. Music for the occasion will be furnished by the popular Bush Orchestra; refreshments will be served. Tickets cost Fifty Cents and can be obtained at the store of Mr. Ed. Wise, 6523-25 Hollywood Blvd., and also at the store of Mr. S. Kress, 6401 Hollywood Blvd.
<p>The Women's Auxiliary of the newly-formed Hollywood Congregation, Beth El, announce that they are giving an informal dance to be held at the Hollywood Women's Club, Hollywood Blvd. at La Brea Ave., Tuesday evening, Oct. 25 at 8 o'clock.</p> <p>It is the aim and purpose of the Auxiliary, which is but a month old and is growing very rapidly, to</p>	

Shortly thereafter, the official name, Beth El, was announced. (from Bnai Brith Messenger, Oct 21, 1921, archived at National Library of Israel

OFFICERS ELECTED AND PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE

"Beth El," is the name chosen by the newly-organized Jewish congregation at Hollywood.

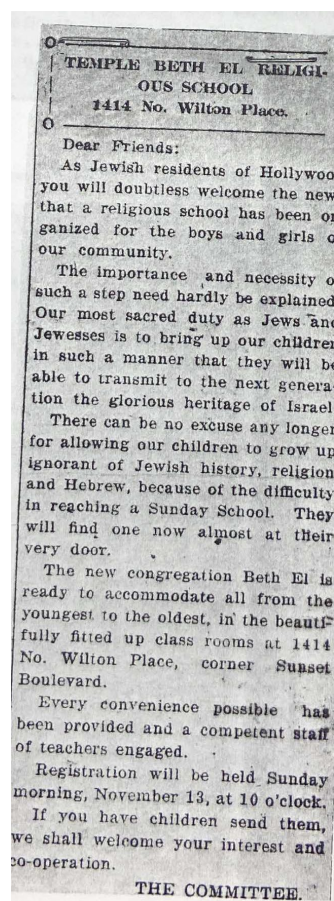
At a recent meeting officers were elected as follows: Ed. Wise, Pres., M. Nieuman, Vice-President, Shapiro, Treasurer, L. Kirstein, Secretary.

Board of Trustees, Wm. Weinstein, Chairman, L. Pollock, Secretary, G. M. Wurtzel, A. D. Cooper, Wm. Glatt, M. Nieuman, Ed. Wise.

Mr. M. Wuerzel, one of the trustees, has arranged to pay for the rental of a place of worship for the next three months until the business department of the new organization can be put into working order.

A beautiful Sefer Torah has been presented to his Congregation by the President, Mr. Ed Wise, while Mr. Wm. Glatt, one of the trustees has offered to pay for all the books to be used in the Sunday school. Large contributions for the cause have been made by Mr. Ed Wise and Mr. Wohlinger.

Nov 4 1921. Preparations for new congregation and rental of facility



Registration begins for a Hebrew school: Nov 11, 1921

Social events begin, as well as the acquisition of a bungalow for a Hebrew school for the children :Nov 23, 1921 Soon, there was need of a larger space: Dec 19, 1921 Soon, a new Torah scroll is added: Dec 30, 1921. As a reminder of the fervor of the appeal of Zionism to Jews at this period, funds are raised through the sale of flags for the Jewish National Fund

**SEFER TORAH TO BE
DEDICATED AT BETH EL**

**Interesting Session Will Be Held
at American Legion Hall**

The Hollywood Temple Beth El will hold an interesting services, Sunday afternoon, January 1, at which time many prominent leaders including the Rabbis of other congregations, will be present, the occasion being the dedication of the new Sefer Torah which was donated to the new congregation by its President, Mr. Ed Wise.

The meeting will be at 2.30 o'clock at the American Legion Hall, 1634 El Centro avenue.

**Hollywood Temple and
Auxiliary Plans Big**

**TEMPLE AND SOCIAL CENTER TO BE BUILT—CARD PARTY IS
PLANNED**

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Hollywood Temple Beth-El, which was started two months ago with a membership of eight, now boasts eighty members and the list growing.

The society has furnished a five-room bungalow for Sunday school purposes and social activities.

It has been determined to give a series of card parties for the benefit of the Temple, the first to be held Tuesday, November 29, at 1414 N. Wilton Place. The hour is 2 p. m. The hostesses will be Mesdames I. Klein, J. Miller, J. Mintz, E. Wise, S. Kress and A. D. Cooper.

The officers of the organization are: President, Mrs. A. D. Cooper; Vice President, Mrs. S. Kress; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Kirstein; Recording Secretary, Mrs. L. Lewis; Treasurer, Mrs. Ed Wise.

It is the intention of the members of the Congregation Beth-El to build a Temple and social center in Hollywood and they are actively at work on this project.

Rev. Dr. Emanuel Schreiber, the rabbi of the congregation, reports thirty-five pupils registered in the Sabbath school, which is rapidly growing in numbers.

**FLAGS SOLD AT TEMPLE
BETH EL FOR J. N. F.**

Mr. A. Shapiro of The Zionist Organization Made Appeal at Festival

Sunday, December 24, Mr. A. Shapiro made an appeal for the Zionist Flag Day observation at the Chanukah Festival of the First Candlestick at Temple Beth El.

A generous response was made to this appeal and a committee consisting of Mrs. Ed Wise and Mrs. Kierstein volunteered to sell flags. They secured \$16.50 from the sale of the flags which was turned over to Mr. Shapiro and by him over to the J. N. F.

**Hollywood Temple
Making Progress**

Larger Quarters Needed to Accommodate Growing Religious School

The members of the Hollywood Temple Beth El at a meeting held November 30, laid plans for the building of a larger congregation and more extended Jewish activities in Hollywood.

It was reported that the growth of the Sunday school was such that larger quarters are imperative.

It was decided to issue certificates of indebtedness to members pledging contributions with which to build the needed Temple.

President Ed Wise appointed a committee which was instructed to look for a lot in the heart of Hollywood which can be secured for Temple purposes.

UY SEALS AND FIGHT WHITE

Of course, nothing helps galvanize people like Chanukah

Interesting Chanukah Program at Hollywood

FIRST ONE OF THIS CHARACTER TO BE GIVEN IN THIS GROWING DISTRICT

On Sunday morning, December 25, at 10 a. m., the Sunday School children of Hollywood Temple Beth El will observe the Chanukah Festival celebration. Owing to the inadequacy of the Temple quarters the celebration is to be held in the American Legion Hall, El Centro street, between Hollywood boulevard and Carlton Way.

An interesting program and exercises by the children has been arranged, and taking into consideration the fact that the school has been in existence only for the past two months, what has been accomplished in connection with this work is gratifying to those responsible for it. The zeal and earnestness of the children is remarkable and the children it must be remembered are the ones who must perpetuate our Faith. Hollywood Temple Beth-El is bending every effort in that direction.

An open invitation is cordially extended to all to lend their presence to this entertainment. Much pleasure will be derived from it and the children will be greatly encouraged by being comforted with a large audience.

Following is the program to be rendered:

PART I
 I—Chanukah Song, Assembly;
 II—Opening Prayer, Erwin Kerstein; III—History of Chanukah, Gertrude Mintz; () History of Chanukah, Bernard Piser; (b) History of Chanukah, Walter Simons; (c) History of Chanukah, Bernard Neimon; (d) History of Chanukah, Lenora Mintz; IV—Recitation, Maxine Lipsey; V—Prayer for Lights, Lillian Siegel; 1st Light, Howard Kress; 2nd Light, Aaron Woolf; 3rd Light, Hilda Kress; 4th Light, Lenora Mintz; 5th Light, Cecile Marguerite Simon; 6th Light, Lillian Wertzell; 7th Light, Sam Kerner; 8th Light, Lenor Reurs; VI—Chanukah Song, Assembly; VII—Address, Dr. Schreiber; VIII—Recitation, Gertrude Mintz; IX—En Kelohenu, Assembly X—Address, Mr. Ed Wise; XI—Israel's Mission, Erwin Kerstein; XII—Let There Be Light, Helen Leurs; XIII—True Religion, Lillian Wertzell; XIV—Adon Olom, Assembly; XV—Closing Prayer, Cecile Miller.

PART II
Musical Program
 I—Vocal Trio, (a) "Vamping Rose", (b) "All By Myself", Cecile Miller, Gertrude Mintz, Lenora Mintz; II—Vocal Solo, "A Mammy", Bernard Piser; III—Piano Solo, "Hearts and Flowers", Cecile Miller; IV—Vocal Solo, "My Wild Irish Rose", Walter Simons; V—Piano Solo, "Spring Showers", Gertrude Mintz; VI—Impersonation, Max Berger; VII—Feet, Cecile Simon; VIII—"My Country 'Tis of Thee", Assembly.

**ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS
 RAISED FOR TEMPLE**

**Sefer Torah Donated by President
 Wise Solemnly Dedicated**

At the recent dedication of the Sefer Torah given to the Congregation Beth El by its President, Mr. Ed. Wise, a large crowd assembled in spite of the heavy rain which fell at that time.

The meeting was opened by the acting Rabbi of the Temple, Rev. Dr. Emanuel Schreiber, who spoke briefly, comparing the founders of Temple Beth El to the Maccabees who though few in numbers, have served Judaism and rededicated the Temple to the service of One God.

Among other speakers were Rabbi S. M. Neches, Rabbi Moses Rosenthal and Rabbi Trautner.

Following the appeals made by the speakers, \$1000 was subscribed by those present, toward the building of a Temple for Hollywood.

A round of fund-raising begins, Jan 13, 1922

There is now a need for a permanent structure. Feb 10, 1922

Temple Beth-el To Hold— Get Together Meeting

NECESSITY FOR BUILDING TO MEET REQUIREMENTS OF GROW-
ING COMMUNITY BECOMING APPARENT

The members of the Temple Beth-El, of Hollywood, are actively engaged in arousing interest and giving entertainments with a view to the erection of a suitable Temple for the Jewish community of Hollywood, which has long felt the need of such an institution.

A successful card party was given by the Ladies' Auxiliary, on February 7 at 1414 N. Wilton Place for the benefit of the Temple.

An affair of some importance is being planned by this organization for Sunday evening, February 19, at which time a Get-together luncheon and entertainment will be given at the Hollywood Women's club.

It is hoped to make this a memorable occasion and much energy is being expended and enthusiasm aroused in the project. It is expected that all interested in the plan for a new Hollywood Temple will be present.

During October 1922 a handful of

Jewish men and women, in whose hearts burned the spirit of their faith, gathered at the home of one of their number and dedicated themselves to the work of organizing a Jewish house of worship in Hollywood, where the young people might be taught the religion of their fathers and the elders could worship after their accustomed manner. What has been accomplished since that time will be recounted at this meeting, which will also be enlivened by various entertaining surprises.

The object of this entertainment and luncheon is to bring about a greater degree of sociability and intimacy among the members and encourage closer co-operation toward the realization of the ambitions for a new Temple.

All who are interested in this affair are invited to be present at the Hollywood Women's Club, 7078 Hollywood boulevard, Sunday evening, February 19, at 5.30 p. m.

Rumors of a merger are quashed .March 3 1022

Hollywood Temple Beth El Makes Important Statement

WILL NOT MERGE WITH ANY OTHER CONGREGATION SAYS
COMMITTEE

It has come to the notice of the earnest, unselfish, hard working members of Hollywood Temple Beth-El, who work for neither pay nor glory, and make no merchandising business of their religious efforts, that the most influential members are being personally approached and coerced to leave this temple to join another organization.

This has led to some confusion and given rise to the report that the Hollywood Temple Beth-El is to merge with another.

Let it be definitely known that the Hollywood Temple Beth-El is a conservative congregation and so established by virtue of the State Charter and its by-laws. It started as an independent institution in Hollywood where it intends to remain.

We say again, regardless of any reports to the contrary, the workers of Hollywood Temple Beth El, who have consecrated their efforts in what is to them a holy cause resent interference from any who would tear down that for which they are making sacrifice to build up.

Right at this time Hollywood Temple Beth El has secured an option on a piece of ground and while its workers are not parading around with a brass band, they are nevertheless making steady and substantial progress in keeping with the dignity of the work they are engaged in. This is an appeal to those who cannot work with us, at least not to obstruct nor work against us.

Official Publicity Committee,
Hollywood Temple Beth-El

New Officers Are Elected

BY HOLLYWOOD LADIES AUX.

Parim Dance Was Delightful Affair
and Was Enjoyed by A
Large Crowd

At a meeting held Wednesday, March 1st, the Ladies' Auxiliary of Hollywood Temple Beth El, elected the following officers and trustees: Mrs. L. Glustein, pres.; Mrs. Sam Kress, vice president; Mrs. Ed. Wise, treasurer; Mrs. L. Lewis, recording secretary; Mrs. J. Peiser, financial secretary; Mrs. S. Schwartz, Cor. secy. Trustees--Mesdames S. Gold, B. Feldman, B. Wohlberg, S. Mintz, A. J. Saylin, Joe. Miller, M. Pearlman, E. Weisman and B. Roeln.

Regardless of the many affairs and dances held last Parim evening, March 14th, all for worthy causes, the membership of the congregation, Hollywood Temple Beth-El is more than happy and satisfied with the results of their dance held at Goldberg-Bosley Hall. All those who attended enjoyed a delightful evening of dancing to good music and sociability and brushing elbows with popular movie stars and at the same time can feel that they have lent themselves to a good cause, by helping to swell the building fund of the congregation to the extent of a little over \$1000.

The membership takes this means of thanking all those who helped make this affair such a success and also to especially thank the B'nai B'rith Messenger for its help and cooperation in connection with this dance.

Land is acquired, June 23, 1922, for the "ONLY SYNAGOG IN NOTED CENTER OF CINEMA ACTIVITIES"

Hollywood Temple Beth El 1-25-22 *Purchases Permanent Site*

ONLY SYNAGOG IN NOTED CENTER OF CINEMA ACTIVITIES RAPIDLY GROWING—MAKING CONSTRUCTION PLANS

The comparatively new congregation of Hollywood Temple Beth El is rapidly coming to the front and now after just a few months of existence has a membership of approximately 250.

Services have been held in a bungalow at 1414 N. Wilton Place, but this was found inadequate and a lot has now been purchased on Wilton Place opposite the Grant school. It is expected to construct a temporary building to meet present requirements and which can later be used for social affairs only when the Temple proper is constructed, a consummation toward which the members are pledging themselves to work devoutly. The new lot has a hundred foot frontage and is 163 feet deep. The temporary structure will be erected at an early date. The purchase of the lot and the contemplated construction has been made possible through the efforts of the Congregation, the Auxiliary and the Beth-Elions.

The officers of the Congregation are: President, Mr. Ed Wise; Vice President, Mr. Moses Chasson; Treasurer, Mr. Joseph Miller; Financial and Corresponding Secretary,

Mr. L. Kirstein; Recording Secretary, Mr. E. Peiser.

The officers of the Ladies' Auxiliary are: President, Mrs. L. Kirstein; Vice President, Mrs. S. Kress; Treasurer, Mrs. Ed Wise; Recording Secretary, Mrs. T. Lewis; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. F. Schwartz; Financial Secretary, Mrs. E. Peiser.

The Ladies' Auxiliary, of Temple Beth-El is a hard working organization and its money-making affairs have been 100 per cent profit as the ladies donate whatever is offered for sale and there has been no outside expense. Every member has worked conscientiously giving freely of her time and energy to the cause, feeling that Hollywood needs and should have a Temple of its own.

The Beth-Elions while comparatively a new organization, and made up largely of young people has a membership of 100 faithful and intelligent workers and no small part of the success of the business ventures of Beth-El can be attributed to the work of the junior organization.

Rev. Dr. Emanuel Schreiber is Rabbi of this congregation. He is one of the oldest and best known rabbis in the city.

The first Bar Mitzvah is also celebrated at this time on Sunday, June 24, 1922

FIRST BAR MITZVAH IN HOLLYWOOD TEMPLE

The first Bar Mitzvah to be held in the new Hollywood Temple Beth-El, 1414 N. Wilton Place, will take place Sunday, June 24, and will be that of Erwin G. Kirstein, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Kirstein. Dr. Emanuel Schreiber will officiate.

As this is the first event of the kind to take place during the short history of the Temple Beth-El, friends of the Temple as well as of Mr. and Mrs. Kirstein are invited to be present.

Feb 16 1923 Plans are made for the new building

NEW BUILDING PLANNED FOR TEMPLE BETH EL

New Structure To Include School
And Social Center

Hollywood Temple Beth El is planning to build a new structure and expects to commence construction some time in March. The lot owned by the Temple is at Wilton Place and Harold Way and the plan is to erect a Temple, which will include social center, and school rooms.

To inaugurate the new Temple movement the second annual ball to be given by the Hollywood Temple Beth El will be staged at the Alexandria Hotel on Washington's Birthday, February 22.

Soon, the cornerstone is laid and a pipe organ donated for the congregation. June 29, 1923 and August 3, 1923

**Hollywood Temple Beth El Now A
Reality—Minsky's Donor, Pipe
Organ**

With a gentle western breeze blowing and Southern California sunshine at its best, a splendid gathering assembled last Sunday afternoon to participate in the laying of the corner stone for Hollywood Temple Beth El.

Mr. Ed Wise, president and Mr. B. Minsky, chairman of the building committee, honored Dr. L. G. Reynolds, president of Sinai Congregation with the chairmanship for the afternoon.

The keynote of Dr. Reynolds' address was the stressing of Jewish co-operation and unity, each in his own sphere but towards one common goal. "Intellectual accomplishment alone is not the real Jewish ideal," but rather in education together with spirited development lies man's salvation and particularly Jewish salvation. He then introduced Dr. Emanuel Schreiber, who outlined the brief history of Beth El and remarked in part:

"I feel blessed, indeed to have witnessed the wonderful accomplishment of this congregation in so short a time and in the face of such difficulties which to me seems almost miraculous.

The next speaker on the program was Mr. Wm. R. Blumenthal, superintendent of the Federation of Jewish Charities who said "From Sinai to Beth El, from the Mountain to the House of God, is surely traveling the right path, and it is inspiring to me to have listened to the address of Dr. Reynolds, president of Sinai Congregation, offering his individual help and co-operation and that of his congregation in any way they may be of aid to Beth El, and this is manifesting the real Jewish spirit." He in turn also offered his services when called upon.

Dr. Maurice Smith, vice president of the I. O. E. B. followed Mr. Blumenthal. "To be a Good Jew and a Good citizen," said Dr. Smith, "is not only a privilege, but also a responsibility which must be defended in terms of service and deeds."

The last speaker was Dr. Mayer Winkler, Rabbi of Sinai Congregation, who called upon some of the members of his own congregation, who were present to do their duty towards Beth El, and the response was indeed liberal, which notably increased the liberal donations made by all present, members and non-members.

Mr. B. Minsky read a telegram received from Mr. and Mrs. M. Gore, visiting in New York, who donated a pipe organ for the Temple, which announcement was a glad surprise and acclaimed with much applause.

Checks were received by wire from Mr. Frank Muller, of Cleveland, O., and son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Miller, and Mr. M. Miller of New York, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Miller.

The laying of the corner stone was shared by Mr. Harry Le Vine, Mr. S. Sandro and John E. Cohen.

**PIPE ORGAN DONATED
TO HOLLYWOOD TEMPLE**

**Generous Friends of Beth El Are
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gore**

Members and friends of the new Hollywood Temple Beth El will surely be gratified to learn that magnificent donation of a complete pipe organ was made by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gore. Mr. Gore is the president of the West Coast Moving Picture Corporation. Rev Jacob Weinstein is assembling a splendid mixed choir and rehearsing diligently for the coming Holydays. Mr. M. H. Rappaport was appointed by the Board of Directors and will serve the Temple as the superintendent of the building. Mr. Rappaport's address is 4020 Brighton Ave., Hollywood. Phone eVrmont 130. He will be pleased to reserve seats for those wishing to worship in Beth El, Hollywood.

Prepping for the dedication 15, 1924

HOLLYWOOD TEMPLE BETH EL
 1508 N. Wilton Place, Hollywood
 Rev. Jacob Weinstock
 A. Fischer, Supt., 1725 Wilton Blvd.
 Hollywood
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Dedication of the new Temple Beth-El will take place in the near future. Mechanics are now working on the finishing touches.

Since the capacity of the school-room is taxed every Sunday morning with an attendance of about 100 children, the officers are contemplating additional school rooms.

During the assembly of the religious classes every Sunday morning a miniature service is held. Hymns are sung and closing prayers are recited by members of the confirmation class.

The Wednesday Hebrew class is proving to be quite a success. This is due primarily to the very able Hebrew teacher, Miss Fetta Gordon.

The package party and dance given by Mr. and Mrs. L. Kirstein last Sunday were very well attended. Dainty refreshments were served. A large sum of money was raised.

And the grand dedication, Feb 29, 1924

Feb 29, 1924

Hollywood Temple Beth El Dedication Will Be Held Next Sunday With Appropriate Exercises

AFTER MUCH STRUGGLE AND HARD WORK A SUITABLE SYNAGOG HAS BEEN ERECTED IN THIS IMPORTANT SECTION OF LOS ANGELES

(Special to H'nai B'rith Messenger.)

Temple Beth El of Hollywood will celebrate the dedication of its new building Sunday, March 2, at 2 o'clock at 1508 North Wilton place. Elaborate ceremonies befitting the occasion, at which time the entire rabbinic and representative men and women of the community will be present to participate in a special program has been arranged for the occasion.

The completion of the Temple Beth El's new building and the dedication of same, is another link added to strengthen and perpetuate the faith of the Jewish fathers, and to advance the ideals, hopes and human advancement which Judaism stands for.

Invitations have been forwarded to hundreds of friends and members of the congregation, inviting them to present and to participate in the festivities on this joyous occasion.

Many of the cinematists of Hollywood's filmland, headed by Miss Carmel Myers, will also be present to add a bit of enjoyment to the program.

It was on October 5, 1921, that Temple Beth El was organized with 17 charter members, with Ed Wise, president; J. Miller, vice president, and L. Kirstein, secretary-treasurer.

Services and Sunday school was held in a rented bungalow at 1414 North Wilton place, where these few members met often, and while encouragement was slow to their effort in organizing a temple for the northwestern part of the city, yet their enthusiasm could not be damped. Real estate values were then increasing rapidly, and these few pioneers, realizing the urgent necessity of securing a place of ground centrally located that would be suitable for a synagogue and social center, much effort was put to work in securing the present location. The lot is now worth double the original purchase price.

After the property was purchased and secured, the matter of building was being agitated. Regardless of the fact that the money for this project was not in sight, a building committee was appointed. This committee compelled financiers who had unbounded faith in their purpose and a contract for the present building was given to S. A. Brown, who was the builder and architect.

Now that the building has been completed and the dedication services are being planned for this Sunday, the ardent workers of the congregation, who boast of a feeling of accomplishment, considering their number and very limited means, nevertheless feel a sense of thankfulness and responsibility, and they will see to it that all those good and kind people who have responded to this cause at various times will not be forgotten, in addition to the feeling of satisfaction that a duty has been well done.

Much credit for the success of the congregation can be given to the splendid work accomplished by the Ladies' auxiliary of the temple. This organization of hard workers has been its mainstay, and the success achieved by the parent organization can be accredited to the women who have given their time to making various social events financial successes.

Much thanks is due to the officers and members of H'nai temple," stated L. Kirstein, chairman of the dedication committee, the other day, "for the splendid co-operation and moral support that they accorded on every occasion. Especial thanks is due also to Rabbi Edgar P. Magnin of Temple H'nai B'rith, for his kindness and interest on various occasions."

The present officers of the Temple Beth El are Ed Wise, president; Bernard Minsky, vice president; Joseph Miller, treasurer; L. Kirstein, financial secretary, and E. J. Peiser, recording secretary.

Officers of the Ladies' auxiliary are: Mrs. L. Kirstein, president; Mrs. S. Kress, vice president; Mrs. E. Wise, treasurer; Mrs. S. Schwartz, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. L. Lewis, financial secretary.

One of the successful features in connection with the Temple Beth El is the Sunday school service held under the direction of Jacob Weinstock, who is the cantor for the congregation. Cantor Weinstock has a fine corps of assistants, who also deserve special mention for their splendid efforts to make the Sunday school services a success.

The committee in charge of the dedication services Sunday afternoon, March 2, are as follows: L. Kirstein, chairman; Messrs. Bernard Minsky, Ed Wise, Howard Lichtenstein, L. Weinstock, M. H. Rappaport, S. Feldman, Louis Lipsey, A. Horowitz, M. Chasman and H. Altman.

Dec 5 1924 A New Slate of Officers is installed, as is a new Rabbi, M. A. Alstet.

HOLLYWOOD TEMPLE INSTALLS OFFICERS

**Synagog and Sisterhood Hold Inter-
esting Joint Affair**

A joint public installation of the newly elected officers of Hollywood Temple Beth El and the Sisterhood took place at the Temple, 1508 No. Wilton Place, Hollywood.

Dr. L. G. Reynolds presided and delivered an address. Mrs. Mitchell Meyberg, the genial president of Hadassah made an inspiring talk and installed the newly elected officers of the Sisterhood.

The newly elected Rabbi, M. A. Alstet delivered an address and appropriate music was rendered by Mrs. H. Goldman, soprano, and Mr. Castro, baritone.

The new officers of the temple are: Mr. E. Weiss, Pres.; Mr. H. Goldman, Vice-Pres.; Messrs. B. Minsky and W. Mulliger, Honorary Vice-Pres.; Mr. J. Miller, Treas.; Mr. E. J. Peiser, Fin. Sect'y.; Mr. M. H. Rappaport, Rec. Sect'y.; and the following Directors: Messrs. M. Mulliger, S. Kress, W. Woodrich, L. Lipsey, M. Mayers, H. Davis, H. Altman, H. Raskins, A. Horowitz, A. Cohn, B. Minsky, J. Cohen, B. Feldman, M. Buky and L. Kirstein.

The Sisterhood officers are: Pres., Mrs. L. Lipsey, First Vice-Pres., Mrs. E. J. Peiser, Mrs. B. Bluestein; Second Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Pearlman; Treas., Mrs. Schreiber; Fin. Sect'y., Mrs. Schneiderman, Corr. Sect'y., Mrs. S. Sharpe, Rec. Sect'y., and the

A new Rabbi is chosen August 14, 1925, yet again, Rabbi Maurice Teshnor,

Hollywood Religious Leader

Temple Beth El Secures Services
Rabbi Teshnor, of Portland, Ore.

Officials of the Hollywood Temple Beth El have called to this pull the brilliant young rabbi, Maurice Teshnor, who for the past couple years, has been making himself felt at Portland, Ore., where he has officiated as Rabbi at Congregation Ahavai Shalom.

Rabbi Teshnor has accepted the call and expects to resume his duties in Hollywood about September 1, although he was unanimously elected by his Portland Congregation a few months ago.

Rabbi Teshnor is a scholarly and ambitious young man who was born in Austria, reared and educated in Frankfurt, Germany, and graduated from the Bresburg Rabbinical Academy. He came to this country about four years ago, when he took a post graduate course in the Jewish Institute of Religion under Dr. Stephen S. Wise.

His first call to the rabbinate came from New York and after some time spent there he came to Portland where he has been successful. It was at his initiative that the opening session of the B'nai Convention in Portland was held at Ahavai Shalom Temple.

He was chairman of the Speakers Committee on Prevention of War in Portland and took a prominent part in bringing about a better understanding between Jew and Gentile in that community.

He is a member of the B'nai B'rith Lodge and Director of Young Judaea in Portland, this organization boasting a thousand members.

Rabbi Teshnor was married in 1923 to Miss Ethel Greenberg of Durham, North Carolina who is an elegant and cultivated young Jewish woman, Editor of the Zionist Review, lecturer for the Zionist movement, and delegate to the first Jewish Congress. She is a member of the Council of Jewish Women and an organizer for the Zionist Organization in the South.

These brilliant, untainted and ambitious Jewish people will be a real asset to Hollywood and the number of the Jewish people in Hollywood will be increased by their coming. The importance of this realization is realized.

Hollywood Temple Beth El Greets Rabbi Maurice Teshnor

Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin In Solemn Dignity Delivers Installation Address

A very large crowd attended the installation of Rabbi Maurice Teshnor last Sunday evening at



Hollywood Temple Beth-El. The program was as follows: Organ Prelude by Mr. F. C. Kellog; the invocation was given by Rabbi Mayer Winkler, greetings by the President of the Hollywood Temple Beth El, Mr. Ed Wise. Solo, "Fear Not O Israel," by Mr. D. H. Weaver; Scriptural reading by Rabbi S. M. Naches. Dr. Reynolds, President of the Sinai Congregation made a few remarks of welcome and congratulations as coming from Sinai Congregation, to Rabbi Teshnor and his Congregation. Miss Genevieve Zubrinsky, played a very beautiful solo.

The installation address was delivered by Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin, who spoke at length in his appeal to the Congregation, for the establishment of proper relationship between Rabbi and members. He referred to Rabbi Teshnor as a young man of ability who will lead his Congregation with dignity to the goal set out for Israel.

In response Rabbi Teshnor said in part: "I am deeply moved by the overwhelming influence of the sincerity which came from the lips of our beloved friends. "This hour in all its solemnity spells the tremendous privilege of my entering into this pilgrimage of service to Israel. A greater privilege is yet unknown to me, a higher honor unknown to humanity, for with this declaration, I visualize the Am Segulah under the leadership of Moses near the river Jordan. Moses hearing the divine voice exclaim "Moses you are too old to lead Israel across the Jordan, he immediately understood and inspired the people to elect a new

leader, Joshua. Joshua in his youth felt the tremendous task before him, he shrank with fear until he received

the pledge of co-operation from thousands of voices blending into a perfect harmony of loyalty and devotion, then only was Joshua's strength multiplied and fortified to the extent that he led Israel safely across the Jordan, conquering the mighty nations with the mightier weapon of his



Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin

leadership, sharpened by this exhibition of unfaltering assistance. I too, my friends, feel the tremendous task, but with my confidence in your willingness to rise to the heights of co-operation, my strength will increase to lead you as your humble servant to the summit of those finer principles which so ennoble the spiritual life of Israel." "Remember that Peace and harmony must dwell in this house that we may offer the proper environment for the spirit in whose greatness all souls are one.

"We owe it to our children, we owe it to our people, we owe it to our Republic, who judges on the quality of our citizenship by the degree of our spiritual contributions to the life of this Republic.

"Let us stand united, now and always, under one roof, under one flag, under one God. I am very happy to be among you in this beautiful city, it seemed to me when I first viewed it, that a greater God dwells here in Los Angeles who has endowed the elements with such beauty and grace, to which the spiritual leaders must respond doubly, in appealing to the men and women whose windows of the soul are closed to the great and unsearchable power of the Infinite."

Sept 18, 1925 Announcing plans for 4th annual ball. Tickets \$1

TEMPLE BETH-EL FOURTH ANNUAL BALL

At a meeting of the Committee on the Fourth Annual Ball given by Hollywood Temple Beth-El October 12th in the Fiesta Room of the Ambassador Hotel was held last week and the following Committee Members pledged their whole-hearted support in the sale of tickets and securing of ads for the program. Mrs. Davis, Chairman of the Program committee; Mrs. Sharpe, Chairman of the Ticket committee, and the following on the General committee: Mrs. Pelser, Mrs. Beskin, Mrs. Kerstein, Mrs. Feldman, Mrs. Mermelstein, Mrs. Wise, Mrs. Teshnor.

The following gentlemen were elected: Mr. Harry Segal, General chairman; Ed Wise, chairman on tickets; Al Gindland, chairman on program; Samuel C. Cohn, chairman on publicity; Mr. Deutch, Joseph Kostow, M. Bucky, Mr. Tuch, Dr. Firestone, M. J. Rappaport.

The various committees reported a large advanced sale of tickets and the Program committee reported that they were meeting with success in the obtaining of ads.

The Committee on Arrangements has been very fortunate in securing the services of Sonny Nupoff Orchestra. The price of tickets has been set for \$1.00. The annual dance of Temple Beth-El which is informal is an event that is looked forward to every year.

Oct 23 1925 New officers installed, with new president, B. Minsky.

NEW OFFICERS OF BETH EL INSTALLED

Large Attendance and Interesting Program Feature Affair

A joint installation of the newly elected officers and board of trustees of the Congregation of Hollywood Temple Beth-El took place Monday evening, October 19th, at the temple auditorium.

The following officers were duly installed for the coming year: B. Minsky, pres.; A. Cohen, vice-pres.; Jos. Miller, treas.; H. Altman fin. sec'y.; M. H. Rappaport, rec. sec'y.. For board of trustees: Messrs Ed Wise, W. Woolrich, H. Davis, S. Feldman, H. Bilensky, S. Tuch, M. Rosen, S. C. Cohen, A. Rosenberg, L. R. Feldman, I. I. Fisher, M. Buky, L. Bluestein, Geo. Leviton, M. Mayers.

The Temple Sisterhood officers are Mesdames: H. Goldman, pres.; I. Sharpe, 1st vice-pres.; Benj. Feldman, 2nd vice-pres.; H. M. Cohen fin. sec'y.; M. Perlman, treas.; and M. R. Teshnor, chaplain. For board of trustees: Mesdames J. Baskind, H. Davis, L. Lipsy, Ed Wise, L. Kirstine, S. Mesenilstein, J. Lazarus, H. Bilensky, J. Miller, M. Brodsky, J. Mintz, B. Herman, P. Freilkin, S. Feldman, J. Cohen and M. Beskind.

The installing officer was Rabbi Maurice R. Teshnor.

Brief but very interesting remarks were made by the incoming and outgoing officers.

The retiring president of the Sisterhood, Mrs. J. E. Peiser, was presented with a beautiful silver service in appreciation of her strenuous efforts in the interest and for the welfare of the congregation.

Mr. M. Hibler rendered a violin solo beautifully accompanied by Miss

Frazier. Miss D. Rich gave a vocal solo, accompanied by Miss Frazier. Mr. Chas. Beauchamp sang with a masterful baritone voice several classical selections accompanied by Miss Edyth Petesch.

The attendance was exceptionally large and the hall was beautifully decorated. At the conclusion refreshments were served. It was one of the greatest annual events in the history of Hollywood Temple Beth El.

A new Rabbi arrives Sept 3, 1926, Rabbi Nathan Barasch

Temple Officers Greet New Rabbi On Arrival

Rabbi Nathan E. Barasch, who has responded to a call from Hollywood Temple Beth El, arrived in Los Angeles early this week and was met at the train by President Abraham Cohen and other officers of the Congregation.



Rabbi Nathan E. Barasch (right) and President A. Cohen of Hollywood Temple Beth El.

Rabbi Barasch, who will be heard at the Hollywood Temple this week will also officiate during the High Holydays.

Rabbi Barasch is a graduate of Hebrew Union College of the class of 1918 and is also a graduate of the University of Cincinnati with an A.B. degree. During the World War he served as Chaplain being attached to the 79th. Division and still holds a Captaincy with the O.R.C.

He has served as Rabbi of Congregation Beth Israel at Austin, Texas, an instructor of the faculty of the University of Texas being charge of the Semitic Department.

April 1, 1927 A New Board, with President S. Miller.

At a general congregational meeting held Monday evening, March 28th, at the Temple auditorium, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Mr. S. Miller, president; Mr. L. Kirstein, vice-president;

A. Rosenthal, treasurer; Mr. E. J. Felsner, financial secretary; Mr. M. H. Rappaport, recording and corresponding secretary. Board of Trustees: Messrs. Geo. Leviton, H. Davis, Wm. J. Newman, B. Tennenbaum, M. Sackin, Ed Weiss, A. Deutsch, Jr., Wollrich H. Segal and M. Duky. Mr. H. Goldman, legal adviser.

A joint public installation with the Sisterhood will be held at the Temple auditorium 1508 North Wilton place, Sunday evening, April 10, at which everybody is welcome.

April 15 1927 A Musical Event, now featuring a Universal Studios figure, Mona Ray.

<https://www.imdb.com/name/nm0712943/>

NOTABLE ARTISTS ON BETH-EL PHILHARMONIC PROGRAM

PRESENT indications are that the program for "Allied Artists' Nite" to be held at the Philharmonic Auditorium, Tuesday evening, May 3, by the Temple Beth-El of Hollywood, will be entertainment which



it will be difficult to beat, is the statement made by Harry Segal, who is in charge of the affair.

In addition to the Fiegele Panitz extensive program which has already been arranged the services of Mona Ray, "million blue streak" song and dance artist from Universal Studios, have been secured. Miss Ray plans to give several song and dance numbers of her own creation.

The congregation of the Temple Beth-El also feels particularly fortunate in acquiring for that night such artists as Charles Beuchamp, tenor, Herbert Rawlinson, Carmel Myers, the Calmon Luboviski trio, Arthur West, lately star of Ziegfeld Follies, Biddie Lambert, diminutive comedian, Madame Faigola Panitz, Jewish concert folk song artist, Marguerite Dunay D'Aleria, famous European concert pianist, Katherine Cotter, juvenile film star and Gene Cameron. Sammy Cohen, together with Georgia Stone will also give a unique number.

Pancho & Marco will also present a revue and two or three specialty acts and Gene Morgan, versatile band leader will also be there.

Tickets are being rapidly disposed of and those who desire good seats for the occasion would do well to make their reservations early either at the Philharmonic Auditorium box office or from the committee in charge of the affair, namely: Mrs. Harry Segal, who is being assisted by

Mr. H. Goldman, Dr. William F. Stone and Abraham Cohen, president of Cinema Profs of Hollywood.

Next: A synagogue of moguls and stars is born!