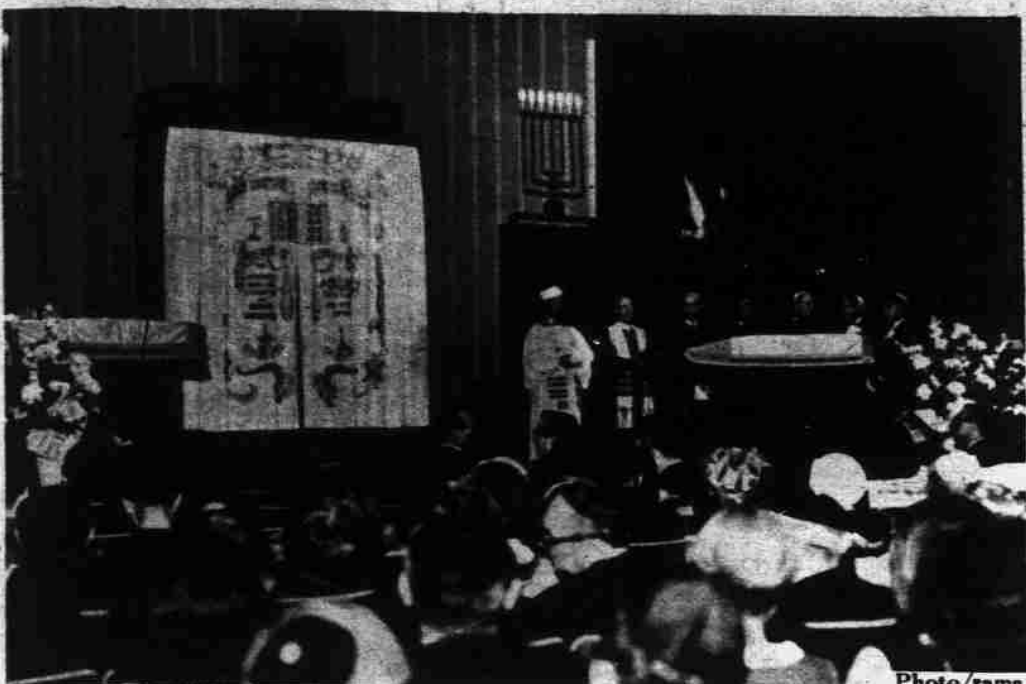


SUNDAY AT BETH SHOLOM



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"I DECLARE"
by Claire Dase



B'nai Brith's Brotherhood annual meeting last week, was the best attended so far. Eileen Brookman and David Katzman, chairmen, introduced Rev. M. D. Bennett, who gave the Invocation, and then Irwin Kishner, in charge of the "poster contest". It was won for the second year in a row, by Pammy Textler.

Our own Harry Levy read the Mayor's proclamation for Brotherhood week, and a rendition of "Oh Brother Man" was given by Rochelle David.

Father Patrick Toomey, first of three panelists, spoke on "Unless we can understand the prejudice we can not make progress in life". Minister Jerry Furr, gave his conception of what and where is the start of prejudice. He said we are a generation away from either direction. Rabbi Gold bluntly stated that he wished that instead of one week of brotherhood there was "a General Hate Week", for during that time maybe all could give vent to their venom and dislikes, thereby leaving the rest of the year to brotherly understanding (How right he is)...and thru' this we could be our Brother's Brother - not our brother's keeper. Refreshments were served after.

Seems as tho' the Cantor has a gleam of pride in his eyes these days. He has a new baby, the intermediate choir, which is doing real well. Unfortunately due to other activities, the group rehearses only once a week. May yours truly suggest that the families of this promising young group encourage them to continue to practise? If they stay together, one day they will, I am sure, grace the Bemah in place of some of those already on it.

Donor plans for the B'nai Brith are well under way. The place of the luncheon is the Gourmet room at the Trop. The prizes are well worth working for...For information anyone can contact Elsie Goldring.

Sisterhood are also in the throes of their Donor under the guidance of Ruth Speiser and her committee. As always this should be great...

Was delighted with the beautiful charm received from Bea and Mike Katzmerely for helping with Bob-b's Bar Mitzvah. It was a Mitzvah and a joy, Please

God I can do it for their next one. It was my pleasure. I might add that the bracelet for the charm is a conversation piece, being composed completely of charms of the Jewish faith, and each piece has a sentimental value. For the one received by the Cantor a few years ago, as a member of the Choir, through to the last two received this week from my other half, on his return from back East, to the one mentioned above. Thanks loads.

The decorations for the recent Bar Mitzvahs need clarification. The many and various skirts and decorations were made and donated by the Dase family on a whole, as a gift of their gratitude for the many wonderful things we feel we have received through our House of Worship.

From the Desk of Rabbi Gold



Traditions At Funeral

I respectfully submit to you for your evaluation, important information which Jewish tradition requires in regard to a funeral.

What I am listing is not necessarily in the order of importance. Nevertheless, each has its own value and is not a subject of controversy between the three wings of Judaism, Orthodox, Conservative and Reform. All three support these views with only minor exceptions.

1. A funeral is a religious service.
2. All men attending a funeral service should be supplied with a skull cap.
3. We discourage flowers at a funeral though we do not reject them when a family

insists on having them. We suggest contributions in memory of the deceased to the Temple or to other charities instead of flowers.

4. There is to be no private viewing of the body at any time prior to the funeral service except by next of kin. After next of kin views, the body the casket should be closed.

5. The casket should be of wood.

6. The casket should remain closed during the service and after the service.

7. Burial must be under ground, in consecrated ground in a Jewish cemetery. The burial must not be in a Mausoleum or other above ground places.

8. Before or after the funeral service, mourners' ribbons should be provided for each next of kin to be put on those individuals by the attending Rabbi and a prayer recited with them.

9. Shrouds should be encouraged as proper dress for the deceased rather than street clothes used in life.

10. A Tallis (prayer shawl) should be worn by the deceased. If the deceased does not own a Tallis, one should be purchased for him.

11. The funeral should take place the day after death. If it is impossible for next of kin to arrive by that time, the funeral can be delayed until they come a day or two later.

12. Wherever possible, embalming and related procedures such as beautification should be discouraged. These procedures are offensive to the Spirit of Jewish Tradition.

13. The color black is not a color of mourning in Jewish tradition. Next of kin should be told to dress modestly but not necessarily in black.

14. Cremation is definitely against Jewish law.

15. Whenever a Jewish family insists on burial above ground or cremation, Jewish clergy will limit the funeral service to the funeral Chapel and not accompany the deceased either to the Crematorium or to the Mausoleum.

16. Wherever possible, encourage next of kin to call the Rabbi for counsel in regard to all of the above whenever a death occurs, or if there is a question or a doubt in regard to what Jewish tradition requires.

Thank you very much for your cooperation. I sincerely hope that the above will lead to a better understanding amongst all those who serve the bereaved.

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needed an Installation of a Rabbi? The poor sufferers of heart ailments needed the former. The Jewish Faith in our community needed the latter.

Governor Sawyer's direct, brisk speech of the coordination of the State and Spiritual leadership, spoke volumes to those who heard. The many Gentiles, who honored us by their presence, including Rev. Robert B. Brashares and Dist. Atty. Ted Marshall, were obviously impressed. Judge David Zenoff's introduction of Gov. Sawyer was a masterpiece of poignant information on the background of the Temple. Jerry Maek's delivery and Stan Irwin's chairmanship left little to the imagination. The delight of the evening, of course, was Rabbi Gold's response to Dr. David Leiber's Installation Address.

What good did it all do? Immeasurable! One woman rushed up to Rabbi Gold at the reception and beamed, "I want to become a member of the Temple." There may have been others.

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