

From the Desk of Rabbi Gold



UNITED SYNAGOGUE

(Continued from last week)

CREATIVE ARTS: Temple Israel, Binghamton, N.Y.; Adath Jeshurun, Philadelphia, Pa.; Honorable Mention: Temple Israel, Great Neck, N.Y.

ELEMENTARY - HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION: B'nai Shalom, Rockville Center, Long Island; Honorable MENTION: Temple Israel, White Plains, NY.

LIBRARY: Temple Beth Tikva, Philadelphia, Pa.; Tri-City Jewish Center, Rock Island, Ill.; West Oak Lane Synagogue, Philadelphia, Pa.

MUSIC: Wantagh Jewish Center, Wantagh, Long Island; Beth El Congregation, Rochester, N.Y.; Honorable Mention: Beth El, Indianapolis, Ind.

PUBLICATIONS: Temple Israel, Ridgewood, N.J.; Har Zion, Philadelphia, Pa.

SOCIAL ACTION: Temple Shalom, Satellite Beach, Florida; Beth El, Cranford, N.J.; Beth Abraham, Oakland, Calif.; Honorable Mention: Temple Ramah, Northridge, Calif.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: B'nai Israel, Northampton, Mass.; Beth Shalom, Union

N.J.; Temple Israel Center, White Plains, N.Y. Honorable Mention: Beth Emet, Anaheim, Calif.; Jewish Center of Kew Garden Hills, Flushing, N.Y.

CONFERENCES WITHIN THE CONVENTION

"Is intermarriage inevitable in a free society?" This is one of the many problems facing the American Jewish community today which was explored during the Conferences within the Convention.

The session devoted to intermarriage and assimilation was led by one of the leading authorities in the field, Dr. Albert I. Gordon, author of "Intermarriage", and by Rabbi Israel Silverman and Saul Teplitz.

Of equal importance was the session on "Values and Standards of Jewish Religious Practices." This year, convention delegates directed their special attention to Bar Mitzvah ceremonies and tackled such questions as "Should a synagogue permit a Bar Mitzvah is the reception following the ceremony violates the laws of kashrut or the Sabbath?"

A third session - on Social Action - explored "Our Voice in the Community Dialogue on Race and Religion." Charles Silberman, author "Crisis in Black and White;" Dr. Leo Pfeffer, noted constitutional and civil rights authority; Rabbi Harry Halpern and Prof. Seymour Siegel participated in this conference.

A fourth session dealt with membership problems of the synagogue -- attracting, retaining and involving members. One of the questions to come up in this conference was, "What can be done to

attract newly-weds and young marrieds to the synagogue?"

UNITED SYNAGOGUE HONORS JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY ON ITS 80th ANNIVERSARY

United Synagogue today pays tribute to the Jewish Theological Seminary on the occasion of its Eightieth Anniversary at a luncheon at 1:00 PM in the Dining Room. Rabbi Bernard Mandelbaum, provost of the Seminary, spoke on the "Unique Contribution of the Conservative Movement to American and World Civilization."

The Seminary will begin 80th anniversary year with a convocation honoring Marian Anderson, musician; Jacques Lipshitz, artist; and John Marshall Harlan, associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court on Sunday, Nov. 14 in the Seminary Library. Principal speaker will be Judge Simon H. Rifkind.

Among the program features for the year will be a \$35 million drive for construction of buildings, repair and modernization of existing facilities, and provision for faculty growth at the Seminary.

Albert A. List, a member of the Board of Directors of the Seminary, will be national chairman of the year-long campaign.

"Here is the greatest collection of Jewish scholars. Here in this school, in the center of the largest Jewish community are the headwaters of Judaism." --Former Federal Judge Simon H. Rifkind, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Seminary, in a statement about the Seminary underlining the importance of the 80th Anniversary Program.

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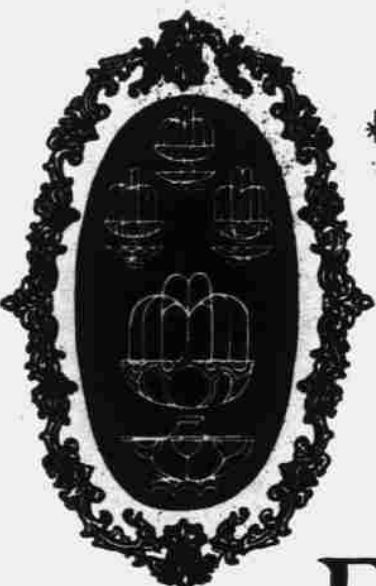
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