

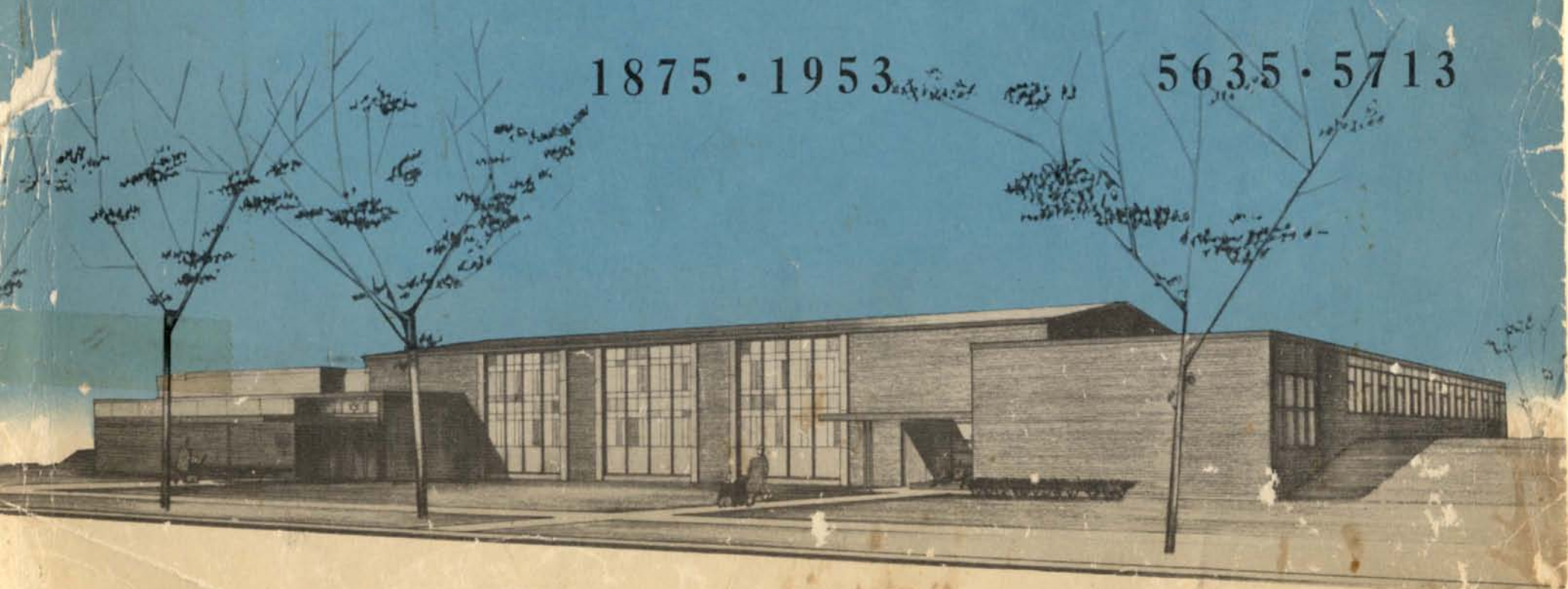
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Our President's Statement



MORRIS STEINMAN

To our members and many friends:

A long cherished dream and fervent hope has become a reality. Today we are dedicating the new Sons of Jacob Synagogue building, a \$400,000.00 edifice erected by a group of St. Paul Jewry whose faith in the future of traditional Judaism is firm.

We hope that you and your families will avail yourselves of our many wonderful facilities such as our synagogue, our Religious School, our meeting rooms, our chapel, our library and our social rooms where you will always be welcome to join us in our many and various religious, cultural and social endeavors.

To the many who have given of themselves and their time through the years toward this goal which we are now achieving, a heartfelt and sincere handclasp of gratitude. May your children and children's children always point with pride to your contribution.

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History of Congregation Sons of Jacob

A dream has come true for members of the Congregation Sons of Jacob.

The realization comes after many years of hope and desire. From the humble beginning more than 75 years ago, the Congregation today is housed in a \$400,000.00 edifice that ranks among the finest Orthodox synagogues.

Descendants of the founders of this historic congregation now feel they have carried out the every wish and desire of their ancestors.

Those who tour through the building today can see for themselves the structure houses a new auditorium, large enough to accommodate 1,000 persons; a large kindergarten room, six classrooms for religious school; and a large library room. In addition, one of the building's highlights is a built-in Succah.

There also is a rabbi's study, as well as a Beth Midrash and a general office, and quarters for the caretaker.

"Chevrah B'nai Yaakov" — Congregation Sons of Jacob — was incorporated and received its state charter in 1875, although records show that the congregation had been conducting services since 1869.

For many years the "College Ave. Shul" played an important role in the Jewish community. In 1946, it merged with a new congregation formed in 1944, under the spiritual leadership of Rabbi Morris C. Katz and known as the Hebrew Seminary congregation.

Incomplete records show us that the plan for the synagogue was launched at a meeting in a private dwelling early in 1871. Among those who attended were several members of the Coddon family including Samuel Coddon, Mr. Blumenthal, Simon Jacobs, David Goodman, Wolf Goodman, Abraham Kaufman, Nathan B. Cohen, Charles Polski, Moses Calmenson, Raphael Machinsky, Ephraim Skorish, Mayer Rosenholtz, Josha Rosenholtz, Aaron Mark and others, whom the records fail to list.

In four short but trying years, March 22, 1875, to be exact, a group of Jews met at what is now 252 North Robert Street, and elected officers. Mr. Blumenthal was the first president and the board of trustees were: David Goodman, Wolf Goodman and Abraham Kaufman. Mr. Blumenthal and Mr. David Goodman appeared before a notary public and the first certificate of incorporation was drawn up.

There is a copy available now of a subsequent certificate filed on June 24, 1881, "to put to rest any question as to the legal incorporation of the said 'The Congregation of the Sons of Jacob' incorporated under their certificate of incorporation dated March 22, 1875".

The officers listed in addition to Mr. Blumenthal as president, are Simon Jacobs, secretary; J. D. Friedman as rabbi; and Nathan B. Cohen, Charles Polski, and Moses Calmenson as trustees.

By this time the Congregation had graduated from the Payne Avenue private residence to the Robert Street residence and was conducting its services in a wooden structure at 16 W. College Avenue.

Within seven years our ever-aspiring forefathers had erected a brick structure, lovingly known as the "College Avenue Shul."

Under the guidance of Aaron Gottstein, who was then the president, the congregation in 1897 printed a copy of the constitution. So that there would be no misunderstanding, it was printed in both Yiddish

and English.

The signers of the constitution, in addition to Mr. Gottstein, were L. Steinberg as vice president, Nathan Blumenthal, secretary, and Alex Silver, chairman of the constitution committee.

As the city grew so did the Jewish population. Residential and business districts soon blossomed in what in the early part of the century were termed as the outskirts or swamplands.

No longer was there a center of Jewish population. The Jews moved

Past Presidents

In listing our past president we regret there are some names missing. Every avenue of possible information was searched, but to get a complete list of men who gave their time and effort to build this congregation has just been impossible.

Available records show these names: Nathan Blumenthal, Aaron Gottstein, Simon Jacobs, Harry Kahn, Isaac Abrahamson, Louis Pavian, Alex Silver, Louis Goldman, Philip Greenberg, Samuel Coddon, Max Grazovsky, Mendel Copilovich, Wolf Resnick, Morris Oglansky, Ben Schmuckler, Morris Kieffer, William Applebaum, Samuel Schmuckler, and Samuel Neren.

History continued

to the Midway, to Highland Park, to River Drive, among other sections. Each year the distance between the home and the Sons of Jacob synagogue grew further and further apart.

The need for another synagogue closer to the Midway district soon became apparent. Thus in the summer of 1944 the Hebrew Seminary Congregation was formed with a membership of about 30.

Rabbi Morris Casriel Katz assumed his rabbinical duties at the Hebrew Seminary Congregation, Sept. 1, 1944. In the fall of that year, Rabbi Katz and the Rebetzin were instrumental in starting a pre-kindergarten for children from three and a half to five years old.

Mrs. Katz was in charge from November 1944 until June 1946.

It was about that time negotiations were started for the merger of the Hebrew Seminary Congregation, known as the Beth Gedaliah Congregation, and the "College Avenue Shul".

As usual in such undertakings there was opposition from both institutions. At times the feelings became bitter and personal, but when the heat of the battle had died down the majority of the so-called opposition joined the majority of each congregation and thus the immediate forerunner of the present Congregation, Sons of Jacob was born, Nov. 10, 1946.



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The Sons of Jacob Sisterhood is one of the more active groups in the organization.

Its projects have resulted in giving the synagogue one of the finest and most up-to-date kitchens in the city.

It also has brought the little touches of beautification here and there that only a woman's hands and mind can do.

Included among the list of fund raising projects are the rummage sale, membership tea, card party, paid-up membership, Purim dinner, and mothers' and children's banquet.

Current officers: Mrs. Harold Salute, Pres.; Mrs. Jerry Londer, 1st Vice Pres.; Mrs. Robert Baldinger, 2nd Vice Pres.; Mrs. Harold Shapiro, Recording Sec.; Mrs. Milton Moore, Financial Sec.; Mrs. Reuben Unowsky, Corresponding Sec.; Mrs. Paul Kraines, Social Sec.; Mrs. Joseph Brody, Treasurer; Mrs. James Gang, Auditor; Mrs. Morris C. Katz, Advisor.

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The past Presidents of the Organizations are:

Mrs. Morris Kieffer, Mrs. William Applebaum, Mrs. Joseph Taffel, Mrs. Samuel Schmuckler, Mrs. L. C. Nemer

Men's Club

While the organization of the Men's Club of this congregation is young in years, nevertheless its achievements are mature.

Success has always attended every affair sponsored by the Men's Club. A spirit of good fellowship and cooperation has always existed.

The Men's Club not only offers its membership a monthly get-together for social and cultural advancement, but its aims project far beyond that.

Tops among the club's activities are the annual picnic and New Year's Eve party. Both of these events have drawn city wide attention.

Included among its youth-sponsoring activities is a Boy Scout unit with Arthur P. Klugman as the Scoutmaster.

Present officers: B. M. Aldes, Pres.; Max Liebman, Vice Pres.; Irving Kutoff, Sec.; and Maurice Ross, Treasurer.

Standing Committees:— Father and Son Banquet: Jack Katz, Max Liebman, Harold Nussbaum. New Year's Dance: Soll Gould, Max Liebman, Daniel Weiner, Morris Steinman, Ted Letterman, Mel Spiegler, Jack Katz, Sam Liebman. Boy Scouts: Milton Bernick, Irving Cutoff, Jack Katz. Tallis and Thephillin: Milton Bernick, Samuel Neren. Inter-agency: Jack Karter, B. M. Aldes. Refreshments: Morris Kieffer.




Men's Club President B. M. Aldes, and Sisterhood President Mrs. Harold Salute discuss dedication plans.

Past Presidents:

Samuel Neren, Joseph Adelman, Morris Steinman, Lou Gollop

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Group of building committee members discuss building plans in informal session with representative of architect

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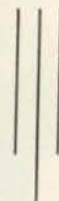
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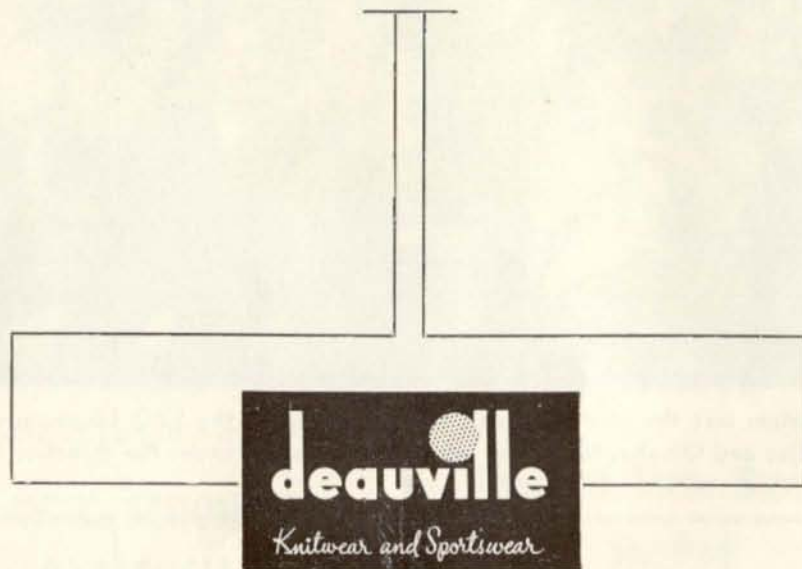
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Our Rebetzin

Mrs. Morris C. Katz was born in Toronto, Ontario, and received her secular and Jewish education there.

She always has taken an active part in the Jewish life of the community she has lived in.

In Toronto she was president of the Council of Jewish Women, junior division, and of Mizpah Chapter of Junior Hadassah. In Hamilton, Ontario, she was president of the Sharon Chapter of Hadassah and president of the Council of Hadassah Organizations as well as a member of the National Executive Board of the Hadassah Organization of Canada.



She started in Hamilton the first five-day-a-week kindergarten for children from three to five years of age. In St. Paul she was in charge of the first successful pre-kindergarten from October, 1944, to June, 1946.

She is active in the Sons of Jacob Sisterhood and acts as its adviser. She has been a member of the board of the Jesse Calmenson St. Paul Chapter of Hadassah and its Child Welfare chairman. She also has been a board member of the St. Paul Chapter of the Council of Jewish Women.

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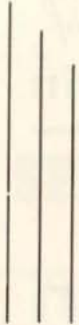
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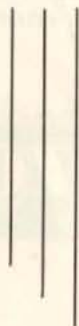
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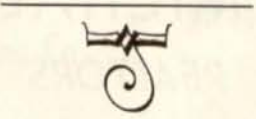
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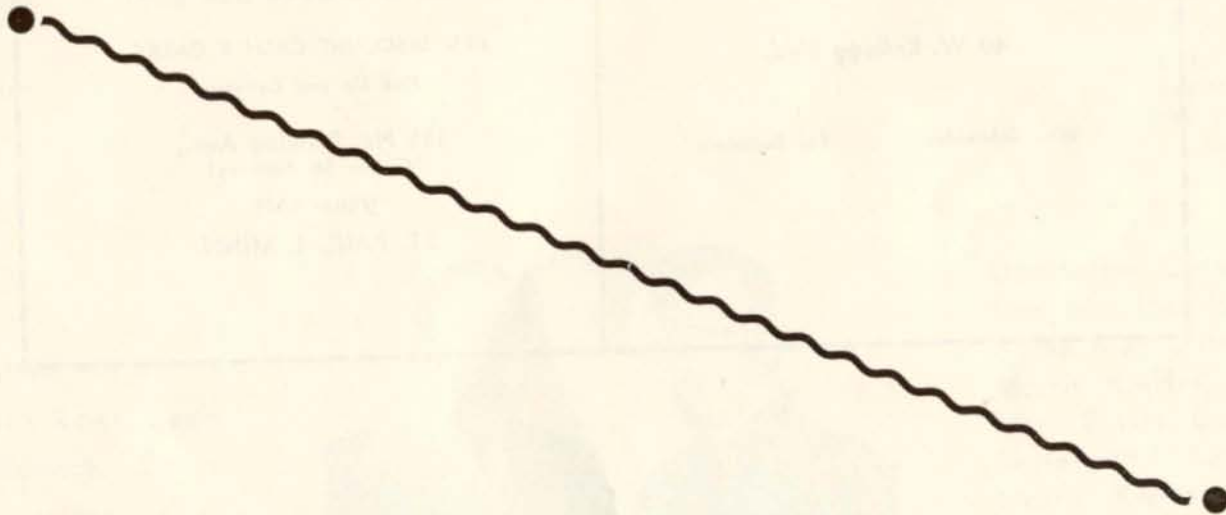
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Our Rabbi

Rabbi Morris Casriel Katz was born on Sept. 9, 1909 in Chicago. He entered the Yeshiva at the age of 11. He was ordained an orthodox rabbi and given the traditional semicha from the Hebrew Theological College in Sept., 1932.

In 1942 he married Molly Ruth Lerner of Toronto, Canada. Paul Nieson Katz was born in 1948 and Stephen Elchanan Katz was born in 1953. As a devoted adviser, Mrs. Katz has found a warm place in the hearts of the congregation.

Prior to his coming to St. Paul in August, 1944, Rabbi Katz was spiritual leader of the Beth Jacob Congregation in Hamilton, Ontario. From December, 1939, until he came to St. Paul he was also part-time chaplain, commissioned with the rank of H/Captain.

His duty was to look after the spiritual needs of Jewish personnel in all Canadian army camps, Royal Canadian Air Force and (British) Royal Air Force stations in the Niagara Peninsula. He was also in charge of the Dutch Jewish personnel at the Princess Juliana Barracks in Guelph, Ontario. In Canada he was a member of the National Executive of the Canadian Conference of Christians and Jews.

He was also a member of both the National Administrative Board of the Canadian Jewish Congress and the Zionist Organization of Canada.

He is past president of the Minnesota Rabbinical Association, which comprises Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbis, is a member of the National Executive Committee of the Rabbinical Council of America, is an active member of the education committee and of the board of the Bureau of Jewish

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Rabbi Katz received his secular education at Crane College and Lewis Institute of Technology in Chicago. He has a B.A. degree and had been for several years a student of the graduate school of the University of Minnesota, majoring in philosophy. (The building program of the congregation and the various congregational and communal duties have prevented him from continuing his studies for a doctorate degree in philosophy.)

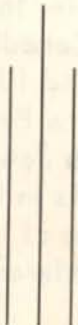
He is a past president of the Alumni Association the Hebrew Theological College in Chicago, was chaplain of the Minnesota Department of Jewish War Veterans and was also head chaplain of the American Legion Posts in Ramsey County. He is often called upon to speak before non-Jewish groups and is active in supporting the program of the St. Paul Round Table of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. He is a member of the Chaplaincy Advisory Committee to the Commissioner of Public Welfare of Minnesota.

In December of 1950 and January of 1951, Rabbi and Mrs. Katz visited Western Europe and Israel through the generosity of a prominent (non-Jewish) industrialist. He gave Rabbi Katz gifts to give to Prime Minister Ben Gurion, the late President Chaim Weitzman and to Chief Rabbi Dr. Isaac Herzog. He also arranged for Rabbi Katz to have a private audience with Pope Pius XII in the Vatican Palace on Dec. 27, 1950. The rabbi utilized the occasion to convey the misgivings of Jews and of many Christians about the Vatican's attitude towards the problem of the internationalization of Jerusalem.



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