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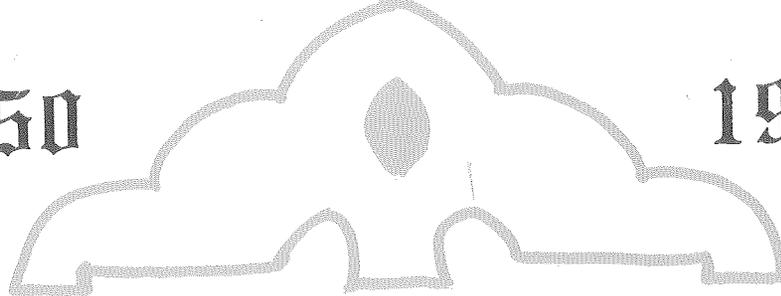


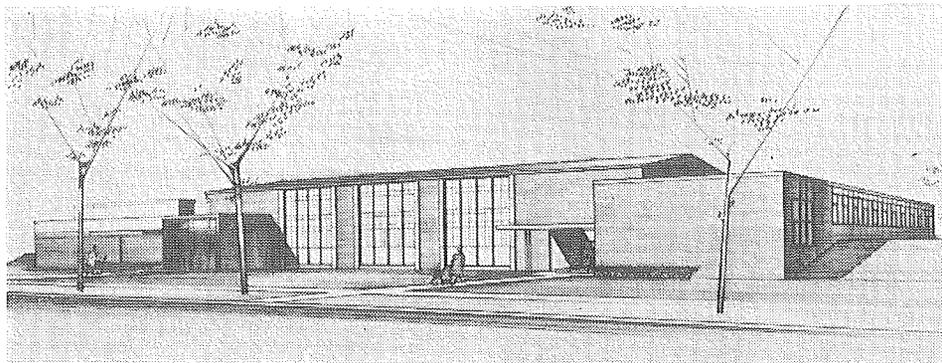
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*"This is the day which the Lord hath made;
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Of all the institutions that man has created, the Synagogue is that with the longest continuous history. It is the most important institution in Judaism, because it serves as the best medium of identification with one's fellow Jews and the stream of Jewish life.

A Congregation in Israel historically has been not merely a House of Worship, but a meeting place for every important religious, educational and communal gathering and the center for every significant Jewish activity—daily Hebrew and Sunday classes for the young, daily and Sabbath Minyanim, adult education classes, religious, social, fraternal and Zionist activities for both young and old—all these have found in the Synagogue a sounding board for their appeal.

It must be gratifying to the families of the venera'ed founders of our Synagogue to look upon a flourishing congregation, devout in its adherence to the eternal way of Israel, now nearly one hundred years old.

It is well that we take the opportunity of this Bar Mitzvah Anniversary of the new addition of our Synagogue to celebrate together. The number thirteen is very important in Jewish life and tradition. A Jewish young man assumes his religious obligations and his physical and spiritual maturity at the age of thirteen. Our entire

Jewish religion is based on thirteen principles of faith as enunciated by our Talmudic teacher and philosopher, Moses Maimonides. All of Jewish law is expounded by means of thirteen principles of logic as enumerated in the Oral Law. It took King Solomon thirteen years to build the first Holy Temple in Jerusalem. God's forgiveness is always implored through the thirteen attributes by which he is known. These are among the many reasons why the number thirteen is so significant in Jewish tradition and especially in the life and activities of a Synagogue.

Our Synagogue, the Sons of Jacob, which is considered to be the oldest traditional Synagogue in this area is now, in its new edifice, also recognized as one of the finest and most resplendent Orthodox Synagogues in the Northwest.

We are, indeed, overjoyed to have been granted the privilege of reaching this milestone in the history of our Congregation, our Bar Mitzvah — the age of maturity. We can take justifiable pride in our past achievements. Many are the people who are responsible for attaining this goal. Throughout the years they have given of themselves, their time and their means, to see a dynamic Traditional Judaism in St. Paul. To all of them and to all of you — the deep and sincere appreciation of Sons of Jacob Congregation.



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and Daughter, LONA



Bar Mitzvah Anniversary Committee



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Back row: Morris Katz, Sam Saide, Mike Handler, Sam Lieberman, Jim Dorfsman, Jerry Portnoy, Sam Sloane, Nathan Neren.

Not pictured: Israel Begam, Mickey Barenbaum, Mike Burstein, Hy Cohen, Louis Granzberg, Jack Karter, Dave Katz, Jack Katz, Sam Lechtman, Charles Neren, Dr. B. J. Singer, Mrs. I. E. Schechter.

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IN HONOR OF

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and FAMILY



A Message from the Synagogue President



Mike Handler

It is commonly accepted that a Synagogue is a House of Worship. Indeed it is — but is it more than that. It must include every phase of Jewish activity — religious, cultural, educational, social, patriotic, and philanthropic.

When we look back in retrospect at our Synagogue's history, we encounter many significant milestones in the life of our community. We are determined, however, not to be satisfied with what we have achieved in the past. We have greater aspirations and many more achievements ahead of us. Our forefathers laid the foundations almost a century ago. Now it is incumbent upon us to build upon that foundation and to foster our Synagogue's role of meaningful community leadership. May God grant our congregation the inspiration to continue serving Israel's time-honored heritage with dedication and permit us to witness the vision of our fathers become a reality.

Providence has privileged me with the honor of serv-

ing as President during the Bar-Mitzvah Anniversary Year of our Synagogue. Together with the Board, I have, therefore, been striving to make our Synagogue a focal point for all our members and at the same time to manage the heavy financial burden.

This Souvenir Book marks the culmination of a successful drive. It is, therefore, my great pleasure to extend heartfelt congratulations and deep appreciation to all the participating firms and all the members and friends of Sons of Jacob Congregation for their cooperation and assistance and for their untiring efforts on behalf of this drive and our Synagogue. I shall be ever grateful for having such loyal and devoted members with whom to work.

It is my sincere hope that the Congregation and its affiliated groups may continue to grow and prosper, binding us closer to one another, to our Synagogue and to our sacred heritage.

—MIKE HANDLER

Officers of the Sons of Jacob Congregation

MIKE HANDLER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<i>President</i>
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JOSEPH SNYDER
Second Gabbai

History of Sons of Jacob Congregation

The Sons of Jacob Congregation is this year commemorating the Bar Mitzvah anniversary of the construction of its present handsome edifice. Its antecedents, however, dip into the mainstream of the early history of the Jews of Minnesota. Indeed, it is purported to be the oldest Orthodox Congregation in the area. Among its pioneers are names that later made their mark in the communal and religious life of St. Paul, as anyone who cares to check the details will recognize.

The formal incorporation of the Synagogue as the Congregation of the Sons of Jacob is dated March 22, 1875. However, we find evidence of the existence of an informal Minyan on Payne Avenue as far back as 1869, while plans for an organized Synagogue were launched at a private meeting in the home of Aaron Mark on Robert Street in either 1871 or 1873. Among those who formulated the blueprint for the new Synagogue were several members of the Coddon family including Samuel Coddon, Nathan Blumenthal, Simon Jacobs, David Goodman, Wolf Goodman, Abraham Kaufman, Nathan B. Cohen, Charles Polski, Moses Calmenson, Raphael Machinsky, Ephraim Skorish, Mayer Rosenholtz, Jasha Rosenholtz, Aaron Mark, of course, and others who are not listed.

There is mention in the Archives of another Synagogue, dated December, 1872, of a "Mr. Rosenberg, President of the Polish Congregation," which according to other evidence was none other than the Sons of Jacob.

Strangely enough, we found no reference to the cemetery which was undoubtedly established about this time according to the custom of all Jewish congregations wherever they sprang up in the United States.

In the year of incorporation, 1875, Nathan Blumenthal is listed as president, Simon Jacobs, secretary and Nathan B. Cohen, Charles Polski and Moses Calmenson as trustees, with J. D. Freedman as Rabbi and Jacob Goldstein as chazzan.

By this time, the group was conducting Services in a wooden structure at 16 W. College Avenue, which seven years later became the brick building pictured on the cover of the Diamond Jubilee Book and affectionately called the "College Avenue Shul". In 1897, under the guidance of president Aaron Gottstein, the Congregation printed a constitution in both English and Yiddish to which L. Steinberg as vice-president, Nathan Blumenthal as secretary and Alex Silver as constitution chairman also affixed their signatures.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Regrettably, the unavailability of comprehensive records renders a complete listing impossible. Extant records cite the following 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 Oglanky, Ben Schmuckler, Morris Kieffer, William Applebaum, Samuel Schmuckler, Samuel Neren, Nate Kuller, Leslie Sains, Morris Steinman, Sam Lechtman, Jack Karter, Nathan Levinsohn, Jerry Londer, Yale Libman.

PAST RABBIS AND CANTORS

Among the Rabbis were: J. D. Friedman, H. Simon, Alperstein, Rivkin, Baer "Prager" (Kadad Rabbi), J. B. Hurwitz and M. C. Katz.

The Cantors included: Jacob Goldstein, Aronson and Eli Kreidberg.

Of the problems, struggles and accomplishments, little is recorded, except that the membership grew and prospered and many moved from the proximity of the Synagogue to other sections of the city.

The Hebrew Seminary Congregation, organized for Services in 1944 on Summit and Pascal for those who had moved from the vicinity of the West Side, merged with the College Avenue Shul on November 10, 1946 to form the enlarged Sons of Jacob Congregation.

The cornerstone of the new structure which now houses classrooms, office, Sanctuary and Social Hall bears the inscription, "In memory of Rachael Paster by her son Herman". Former Rabbi M. C. Katz was largely instrumental in securing

the funds needed to build the present beautiful home of the Sons of Jacob Congregation as were many of the prominent families in this community. The Hebrew Institute, organized in the early 1900's by Rabbi Simon, now uses the premises of Sons of Jacob for its Hebrew School classes.

Under the leadership of its present Rabbi, Eli J. Kahn, who assumed the post in September 1959, the Sons of Jacob Religious School and the Junior Congregation were re-organized and additional groups and activities, mentioned elsewhere, were inaugurated.

Without the dedicated efforts of devoted officers and members, the Sons of Jacob Congregation could not have aspired to its lofty goals, nor achieved its many milestones. With the same kind of loyalty and sincere endeavor in the future, it can buttress and strengthen Traditional Judaism in St. Paul.



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OUR RABBI AND REBBETZIN



RABBI ELI J. KAHN

Rabbi Eli J. Kahn, a native of Lithuania, came to Chicago with his family, when his father, of blessed memory, accepted a distinguished pulpit in that community. In 1940, he was ordained at the Hebrew Theological College of Chicago, having also studied at the world-famous Yeshiva of Telshe, in Lithuania. Presently a candidate for a Doctorate of Hebrew Letters, Rabbi Kahn received his secular education at the Jewish People's Institute College and the Lewis Institute of Technology of Chicago, and the Universities of Georgia and Indiana.

Rabbi Kahn, who throughout his years in the rabbinate has zealously espoused the cause of Torah Judaism in a dignified and articulate manner, served pulpits in Columbus, Ga., East Chicago, Ind., and Edmonton, Canada, prior to coming to Sons of Jacob in 1959. He was a civilian chaplain at Fort Benning, Ga. While in Edmonton, Rabbi and Mrs. Kahn were invited as special guests to meet the Queen of England, then touring Canada.

The rabbi, whose dedicated labors in the vineyard of Judaism have embraced every aspect of congregational and community life, also has been active in civic affairs. He has held numerous posts of community,

organizational and rabbinic leadership. Rabbi Kahn has written for publication, and his "Divrei Torah" were included in his father's highly acclaimed volume of Jewish jurisprudence, "Tiphereth Mosheh."

The rebbetzin, Lillian (often referred to by her Hebrew name, Chavatzet), has been a true "ayshis chayil," assisting her husband in his rabbinical activities since their marriage in 1943. In addition to her secular educational achievements, she holds a Hebrew Teacher's degree from the College of Jewish Studies of Chicago. Noted for her book reviews and her leadership and organizational talents with women's groups, she has devoted herself to youth programming and educational activities on the adult and youth levels.

Rabbi and Mrs. Kahn are the parents of four lovely children, Judith and Rachelle, high school students and graduates respectively of the St. Paul Talmud Torah Midrasha and High School, and Shulamith and David, students at Torah Academy.

On the occasion of its Bar Mitzvah fete, Congregation Sons of Jacob salutes its inspiring spiritual leader and his devoted helpmate.



MRS. ELI J. KAHN



IN FOND MEMORY OF

NORMAN DORFSMAN



A Message from the President of the Men's Club



Morris Katz

In the Bar Mitzvah year of our Synagogue, the Men's Club is very proud of its achievements and the part that it has played in the growth of the Congregation.

Success has always attended every affair sponsored by the Men's Club.

The Men's Club, not only offers its membership a monthly get-together for social and cultural advancement, but we have been very proud to sponsor the Sunday morning Tallis and Tefillin services, youth activities, and Friday Night Oneg Shabbat.

In its ultimate goal of assisting in raising funds for the Congregation, the Men's Club was very proud of the Yom Kippur Queen Ball and the substantial proceeds were turned over to our Congregation.

To all the officers and committeemen and chairmen of the various affairs sponsored by us and to every member, I say, thank you for your ardent support.

—MORRIS KATZ

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IN MEMORY OF

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Greetings from our Sisterhood President



Mrs. Jack Karter

As a parent looks forward with prayer, hope and patience, through trial and tribulation, first to the child's Bar or Bat Mitzvah and on to continual growth and development, so I look upon this — the Sons of Jacob Bar Mitzvah event — as a milestone also in the life of Sisterhood. It is a turning point toward ever-increasing maturity for spiritual, cultural and communal expansion within its own group and as an indispensable pillar of strength in relationship to the Congregation and its affiliated groups as well.

As president of Sisterhood, I am happy to extend greetings on this memorable occasion and to wish our Synagogue continued progress and fulfillment.

—MRS. JACK KARTER

Sisterhood Officers

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Sam Lieberman

Greetings from the Couples Group President

The Sons of Jacob Couples Group was formed on Succoth 1959 to fill a specific need, the creation of an organization to afford husbands and wives the opportunity to enjoy together the social and cultural aspects of Synagogue life in an informal and congenial setting. At the same time, the group offers an opportunity for religious fulfillment and for assisting the Synagogue, which, in turn, is the source of its strength and inspira-

tion. All couples who subscribe to such a diversified program will find their niche in our organization.

On behalf of the Sons of Jacob Couples Group, I extend greetings to all our friends and well-wishers on the occasion of this Bar Mitzvah Anniversary and trust that the next thirteen years will be even more satisfying and fruitful.

—SAM LIEBERMAN

Couples Club Officers

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Past Presidents

YALE LIBMAN

JULIUS FRIEDMAN



Couples Club in Session



Mazel Tov

by

NAOMI STACKER



Greetings from the Board of Education



Front row, (left to right): Mrs. John Gleeman, Mrs. Louis Sher, Mrs. Joe Adelman, Mel Neren, Chairman.

Back row: Lewis Kahn, Mrs. Sid Goldfarb, Mrs. Joe Rosenzweig.

Not Pictured: Simon Gransberg, Mrs. E. J. Kahn.

The aims and purposes of the Board of Education are to further and promote all the educational activities of the Sons of Jacob Synagogue, but especially that of the Sunday Religious School.

The Board of Education was organized in 1959 with Simon Granzberg as the first Chairman. Present members of the Board are Melvin Neren, Chairman; Idelle

Adelman, Vice-Chairman; Fern Gleeman, Secretary; Shirley Goldfarb, Treasurer; Rabbi Eli Kahn, Lewis Kahn, and Mrs. Eli Kahn, ex-officio.

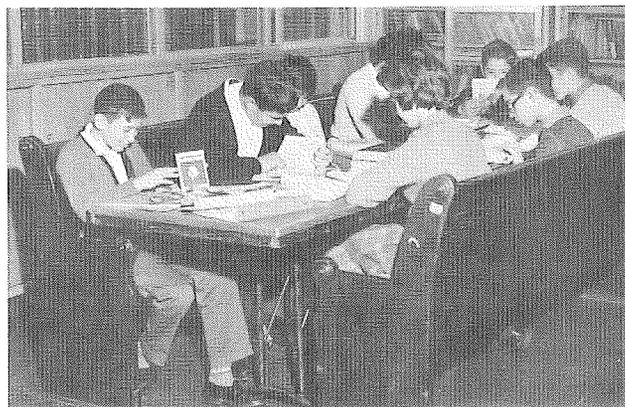
It is through our Sunday Religious School that we can hope to maintain and enhance the spirit of Traditional Judaism in our children. May we continue to have a high regard for Torah and learning and may we go from strength to strength.

The Religious School

The Sons of Jacob Religious School has long been a source of pride and achievement for the Congregation. Under the guidance of dedicated and qualified teachers, we have been able to uphold the highest standards of traditional Jewish education for our children from four through sixteen.

Mr. Lewis Kahn is principal. Currently serving on the faculty are the Misses: Harriet Neren, Naomi Sloane, Rebecca Stanfield, Maxine Statland, Judith Kahn, and the Mmes. Eli Kahn, Lewis Kahn, and Paul Silverstein and Manfred Scheer, who also conducts the Sabbath morning Junior Congregation services.

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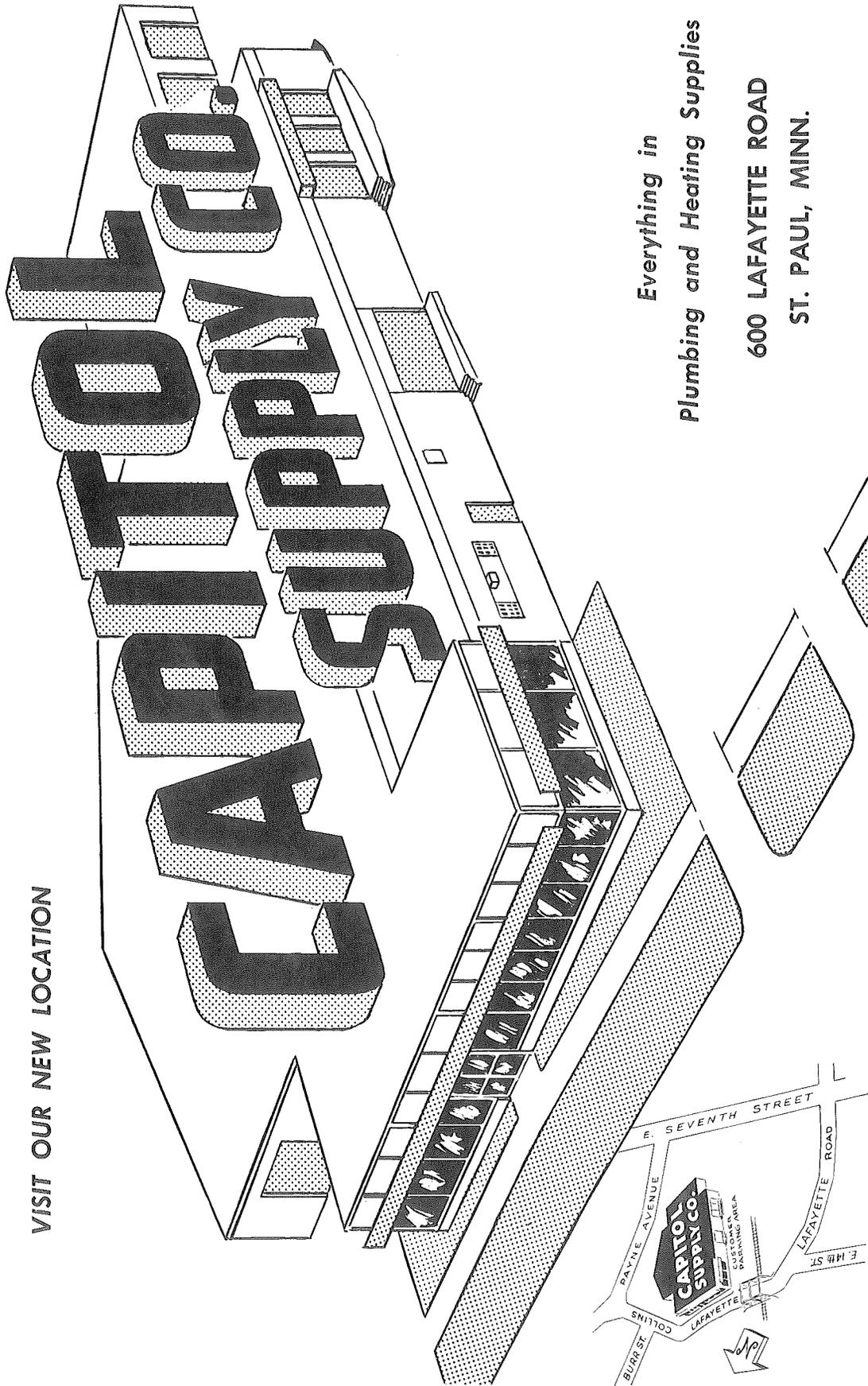
Organized in the last few years under the direction of Yale Libman and Joe Goldrich, our choir has become an integral part of our late Friday evening and High Holiday services.

Joe Goldrich is now generously serving us in the capacity of choir leader and Friday evening cantor, and is assisted by Sam Cukier, William Meltzer, Jerry Portnoy, Jack Karter and Milt Makiesky. Not pictured: Maurice Rischall, Irving Bickell and A. Burdish.



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The Tallis and Tefillin group is celebrating its Bar Mitzvah Anniversary, as is the Congregation, having been organized thirteen years ago under the able leadership of co-chairmen Sam Neren and Milton Bernick.

Tallis and Tefillin is a minyan group, meeting every Sunday morning for a regular service and breakfast which tends to inculcate fellowship and brotherhood.

(All boys who become Bar Mitzvah in our Synagogue receive a certificate of membership from this group.)

This group is presently directed by co-chairmen Morris Katz and Sidney Goldfarb with Sam Neren faithfully advising and Jack Katz in charge of breakfast arrangements.

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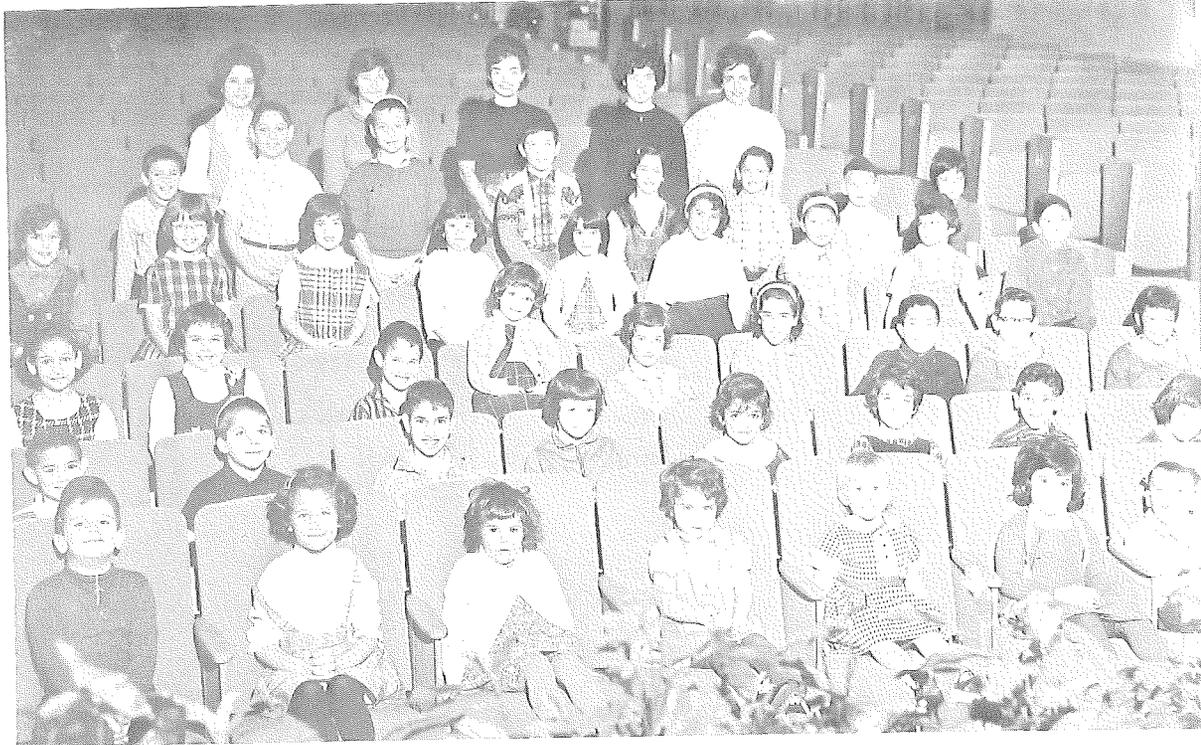
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Sons of Jacob Cemetery

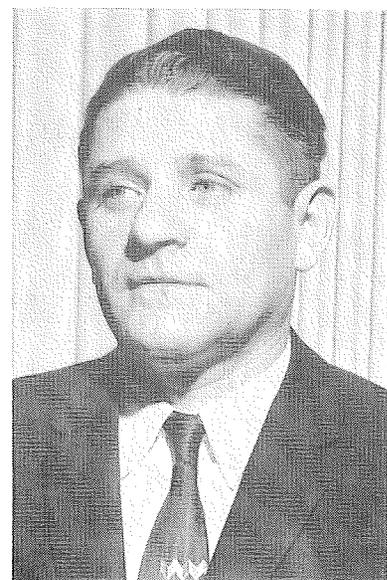
The Sons of Jacob Cemetery, where so many of our loved ones sleep unto eternity, is today the consoling site of gentle and inspiring memories.

Of recent years, the cemetery had begun to manifest the marks of time and elements. But a meaningful transformation has now taken place due primarily to the dedication of Israel Begam, who had labored loyally and unstintingly for the rehabilitation of this sacred soil.

As chairman of the Cemetery board, Mr. Begam is assisted ably by Nate Levinsohn and Al Harris. Israel's noble tradition of Chesed V'Emes, the lesson of our Patriarchs, is being fulfilled with reverence by these men.

The future holds the promise of the construction of a chapel, so greatly needed, on the cemetery grounds under the guidance of Mr. Begam and his committee.

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BAR MITZVAH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

AGREEMENT

It is hereby agreed by and between the Sons of Jacob Congregation, a religious congregation under the laws of the State of Minnesota, hereinafter designated Sons of Jacob and Dr. Lawrence Savett, Bernard Sweet, and Dr. Thomas Smith, representing a group of people who wish to form a new conservative congregation for the practices of traditional Judaism in the St. Paul metropolitan area, hereinafter collectively designated New, and

Whereas, Sons of Jacob have taken all steps at meetings of the congregations in order to approve, confirm, and become merged between the two congregations.

Whereas, Sons of Jacob have an active congregation belonging to the Conservative Jewish movement.

Whereas, Sons of Jacob have sold their former premises where their congregation worshipped on Portland Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, receiving \$100,000 in cash, with a present balance of \$77,000, and having a contract providing for approximately \$260,000 additional plus interest, and approximately \$65,000 in checking.

Whereas, Sons of Jacob owns a cemetery on Parkway Drive in the City of St. Paul and has perpetual care funds and other assets of approximately \$35,000 in addition to the land where the cemetery is located, and

Whereas, Sons of Jacob are owners of certain lands and a House in Mendota Heights areas donated originally for construction of a house of worship, and

Whereas, Sons of Jacob has a dues structure currently existing for their membership, and

Whereas, New Conservative Congregation has a number of persons who wish to affiliate with a new conservative congregation, and

Whereas, New Conservative Congregation plan to form a new conservative congregation in accordance with this agreement incorporating in its articles of congregation and Bylaws all of the agreements between the parties.

Now Therefore it is agreed as follows:

1. The New Conservative Congregation shall form a Minnesota religious corporation under the name of _____ Jacob hereinafter designated as _____ Jacob must be approved by a congregational meeting.

2. Sons of Jacob shall merge and become part of _____ Jacob and transfer its assets to _____ Jacob.

3. The present balance of \$77,000 in cash, and approximately \$260,000 plus interest due under contract for the sale of the Portland Avenue property shall be held and not used except for the purpose of purchasing or constructing a new house of worship for _____ Jacob.

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4. Dues of Sons of Jacob present members shall not be increased for a period of three years.

5. The interest received on the approximate \$77,000 balance of building fund, heretofore referred may be used for operating expenses after the merger is completed.

6. Members of Sons of Jacob shall not be required to make a building fund contribution to a new building for _____ Jacob.

7. No member of the Jewish faith who seeks admission may be excluded from membership because of inability to pay assessed dues unless the Board of _____ Jacob finds that such person or persons is able to pay the assessed dues.

8. Women shall be treated equally with men in ritual activities, neither being required to perform ritual duties nor being restricted from doing so if they choose.

9. The Board of _____ Jacob shall consist initially of 24 members, 12 from Sons of Jacob, of which Sam Cukier and Jack Karter shall be life members and 12 from New Conservative Congregation. Eight members shall be selected for one year, eight for two years, and eight for three years. There shall be annual elections and successive electives shall serve for three years subject to ability to act and attendance requirements.

10. The Board shall select the officers of _____ Jacob including a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer or such other officers as the Board may determine.

11. The Board of _____ Jacob shall attempt to obtain the services of a Rabbi practiced in the conservative traditions of Judaism as soon as possible,

and hopefully before the High Holy days of 1985 and as soon as possible to acquire or construct a house of worship for _____ Jacob.

12. The Cemetery of Sons of Jacob shall be operated by the Board of _____ Jacob and such committees or institutions as the Board shall establish for such purpose. The name of the cemetery which is affiliated with the _____ Jacob, shall conform and use the name of Sons of Jacob Cemetery.

13. Attached hereto is a copy of the proposed Bylaws of _____ Jacob.

14. Should the proposed merger fail to succeed within two years from date hereof, it is agreed and understood that this merger agreement will be automatically terminated and dissolved without any further legal action and all assets including monies and name will revert back to their original status. This includes all monies and assets originally belonging to the Sons of Jacob.

15. Whereas there will be no other mergers within two years with any other Congregation.

16. Exhibit A - a complete financial statement from both congregation shall be presented upon completion and signing of the merger.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, the undersigned have set their hand this _____ day of _____, 1985.

SONS OF JACOB CONGREGATION

By: _____

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By: _____
Dr. Lawrence Savett

By: _____
Mr. Bernard Sweet

By: _____
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ARTICLES OF MERGER

It is hereby agreed by and between the Sons of Jacob Congregation, a religious congregation under the laws of the State of Minnesota, hereinafter designated Sons of Jacob, and Dr. Laurence Savett, Bernard Sweet and Dr. Thomas Smith, representing a group of people who wish to form a new conservative congregation for the practice of traditional Judaism in the St. Paul metropolitan area, hereinafter designated New Conservative Congregation, that:

Whereas, Sons of Jacob has taken all steps at meetings of the congregation in order to approve, confirm, and become merged with New Conservative Congregation belonging to the Conservative Jewish movement; and

Whereas, Sons of Jacob has sold its former premises where its congregation worshipped on Portland Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, receiving \$100,000 in cash, with a present balance of \$77,000 in a certificate of deposit and having a contract providing for approximately \$260,000 additional plus interest, and approximately \$65,000 in a checking account; all of which belongs to the Building Fund; and

Whereas, Sons of Jacob is owner of certain lands and a house in the Mendota Heights area partially donated originally for construction of a house of worship; and

Whereas, Sons of Jacob owns a cemetery on Parkway Drive in the City of St. Paul and has perpetual care funds and other assets of approximately \$35,000 in addition to the land where the cemetery is located; and

Whereas, Sons of Jacob has a dues structure currently existing for its membership; and

Whereas, New Conservative Congregation has a number of persons who wish to affiliate with a new conservative congregation; and

Whereas, New Conservative Congregation plans to form a new conservative congregation in accordance with this agreement incorporating in its articles of congregation and Bylaws all of the agreements between the parties,

Now, Therefore, is is agreed as follows:

1) The New Conservative Congregation shall form a Minnesota religious group under the name of Beth Jacob Congregation, which name has been approved by both groups.

2) Sons of Jacob shall merge and become a part of Beth Jacob.

As part of the merger between Sons of Jacob and the New Conservative Congregation, the assets of the two bodies shall be merged. The following assets shall not become a part of the general funds, but shall instead be placed under the authority of a five (5) member committee (hereafter designated as Committee).

a. The Seller's interest in the Contract for Deed arising out of the sale of the former synagogue of the Sons of Jacob, whose value is approximately \$260,000.

b. Two Certificates of Deposit with approximate values of \$77,000 and \$65,000 respectively.

The Committee shall be chosen as follows:

(i) Three members shall be chosen, by majority vote, from the present Sons of Jacob Congregation. In the event any of these 3 members shall be unable to serve for any reason, a replacement shall be chosen by the remaining members designated under this subparagraph.

(ii) Two members shall be chosen, by majority vote, from the present New Conservative Congregation. In the event either of these 2 members shall be unable to serve for any reason, a replacement shall be chosen by the remaining member designated under this subparagraph.

Subject to paragraph 15, these funds shall be held for the sole purpose of constructing or purchasing a synagogue building for the combined congregation. The decision to commence construction or acquisition of such synagogue building shall be made by the trustee board of the Beth Jacob Congregation. In the event the cost of such building shall require a mortgage in an amount which exceeds 30% of the total cost of the building or acquiring a synagogue, no part of the funds held by the Committee shall be made available to the Beth Jacob Congregation without the approval (by simple majority vote) of the Committee.

The assets described in this subparagraph shall be held by the committee as a separate account, and shall in no way be available to the treasurer for the synagogue, but shall in all respects be fully controlled by the five man committee as more specifically set forth above. Investment decisions shall be made by majority vote of this committee

3) The interest received on the approximate \$77,000 balance of the building fund, and interest from the \$65,000 in checking heretofore referred to will be used for operating expenses after the merger is completed.

4) From its funds other than those listed in paragraphs 2)a and 2)b, Sons of Jacob Congregation shall repay to the Cemetery of Sons of Jacob \$32,000, a sum equal to a prior loan

from the Cemetery of Sons of Jacob Congregation. Said moneys shall be added to the present cemetery fund as thus designated and not amended or changed.

5) Beth Jacob will continue to make mortgage payments and collect rent on the house situated on the land in Mendota Heights area donated for construction of a house of worship for as long as it shall own said house and land.

6) Dues of Sons of Jacob present members shall not be increased for a period of three years.

7) Members of Sons of Jacob shall not be required to make a building fund contribution to a new building for Beth Jacob.

8) No member of the Jewish faith who seeks admission may be excluded from membership because of inability to pay assessed dues.

9) Women and men shall be treated equally in ritual activities.

10) The Board of Beth Jacob shall consist initially of 24 members in good standing, 12 from Sons of Jacob of which 12, Sam Cukier and Jack Karter shall be life members, and 12 from New Conservative Congregation. Eight members (four from each congregation) shall be selected for one year, eight (four from each congregation) for two years, and eight (four from each congregation) for three years. Board members elected after the first year shall be members in good standing and serve for three years subject to ability to act and attendance requirements. After the Board acts upon the inability to act or failure to comply with attendance requirements, the Board in its discretion may replace such member.

11) The Board shall elect the officers of Beth Jacob from the membership of the congregation. Officers shall include a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer, and such other officers, as the Board may determine.

12) The Board of Beth Jacob shall attempt to obtain the services of a Rabbi practiced in the conservative traditions of Judaism as soon as possible, and hopefully before the High Holy days of 1985, and shall attempt to acquire or construct a house of worship for Beth Jacob as soon as it is financially feasible.

13) The cemetery of Sons of Jacob shall be operated by the Board of Beth Jacob and such committees or institutions as the Board shall establish for such purpose. The cemetery shall continue to use the name, Sons of Jacob Cemetery, which shall not be changed or amended.

14) Attached hereto is a copy of the proposed Bylaws of Beth Jacob to be satisfactory to both parties.

15) In connection with the proposed merger herein, it is understood and agreed between the parties that, in the event the proposed merger fails to succeed within five years from the date hereof, this merger shall be automatically terminated and dissolved without any further legal action. "Failure to succeed" shall be determined by a majority of the membership. In the event the assets held by the five man committee, as more specifically described in paragraph 2, shall not have been spent for the purpose of construction or acquisition of a synagogue, such assets shall be returned to the then remaining

members of the Sons of Jacob Congregation. In such event, neither party shall make claim against the other by any reason or for any matter whatsoever.

16) There will be no mergers with any other congregation within three years of the date of this agreement.

17) A complete financial statement from both congregations shall be presented prior to completion and signing of the merger.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have set their hands this _____ day of _____, 1985.

SONS OF JACOB CONGREGATION

By: _____

By: _____

By: _____

NEW CONSERVATIVE CONGREGATION

By: _____

By: _____

By: _____

This Indenture, Made this Seventh day of April in the year of our Lord

One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Seven BETWEEN John Brings and Elizabeth Brings his wife of Ramsey County State of Minnesota

The Corporation of the City of Paul Minnesota, duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Minnesota, part 123 of the first part, and witnesseth, that the said parties of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of One hundred (\$100) DOLLARS,

to them in hand paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged; have Granted, Bargained, Sold and Released, Conveyed and Confirmed, and do by these presents, GRANT, BARGAIN, SELL, RELEASE, CONVEY AND CONFIRM, unto the said party of the second part, his successors, heirs and assigns FOREVER, all that parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the County of Ramsey, and State of Minnesota, known and described as follows, to-wit: Commencing on the intersection of the South line of the North half of the North East quarter of the North East quarter of section (20) twenty Town Twenty nine (29) Range twenty two (22) and the East line of the new White Bear road - thence north 42° 30' East three (3) chains to place of commencement - Thence in the same direction along the East line of the new White Bear road 2.50 chains. Thence South 52 1/2° East two (2) chains - thence South 2° 30' West parallel with the first mentioned line 2.50 chains Thence two chains north 52 1/2° West to place of beginning containing one half an acre of land and being part of the North half of the North East quarter of the North East quarter of section 20 Town 29 Range 22 - (The magnetic variation of survey is 11° 10') the above survey was made by H. Venek C. E. April 6, 1877. This land is sold for the purpose of a cemetery and not for building dwellings in other purposes.

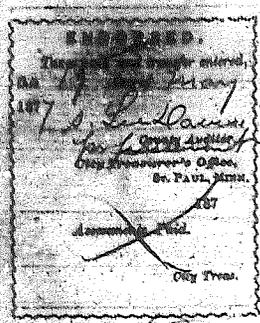
To Have and to Hold the Same, Together with all and singular the hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging, or in anywise appertaining, unto the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns forever, its successors forever.

And the said John Brings of the part 123 of the first part, do as hereby for himself, heirs, executors and administrators, and each and every of them, Covenant and Agree to and with the said party of the second part, its successors, heirs and assigns, in the manner and form following, that is to say: That he is at the time of executing and delivery of these presents, the true, lawful and rightful owner of said premises hereby conveyed, and has therein a good, sure, perfect and indefeasible estate in fee simple; and that he has full right, power and authority to grant, bargain, sell, remise, release, convey and confirm the said premises unto the said party of the second part, its successors, heirs and assigns, in manner and form aforesaid; and that the said premises are free and clear of all encumbrances whatever, and that the said party of the second part, its successors, heirs and assigns, shall quietly enjoy and possess the said premises, and that they will WARRANT AND DEFEND the title to the same against all lawful claims.

In Testimony Whereof, The said parties of the first part, have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals the day and year first above written.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED IN PRESENCE OF J. M. Manger, D. A. Pierce

John Brings, Elizabeth Brings



State of Minnesota, County of Ramsey, It is Remembered, That on this Seventh day of April A.D. 1877 before the undersigned came John Brings and Elizabeth Brings his wife

to me known to be the identical persons described in and who executed the foregoing deed, and they severally in due form of law, acknowledged that they executed the same freely and voluntarily, for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

Notarial Seal

J. M. Manger, Notary Public, Ramsey Co. Minn.

Filed for Record on this 19th day of May A.D. 1877, at 11 o'clock A.M.

This is to certify that pursuant to notices thereof duly given for fifteen days and for two successive sabbaths conformably to the provisions of section seventy of title four of chapter thirty four of the General Statutes of Minnesota, a meeting of the congregation of the First German Regular Baptist Church of Saint Paul, was held at the place above they stated, attend for divine worship in the city of Saint Paul, Minnesota, at 7 1/2 o'clock P.M. of Thursday, the 25th day of February A.D. 1875, to elect trustees pursuant to the said title four of chapter thirty four of said statutes. That there were no elders, deacons, church wardens or vestment of said congregation or church present at said meeting and that two votes, to wit: - Abr. Janzen Sr., and Fred. Hennig were duly nominated and elected by a majority of the votes to preside at such election. That Abr. Janzen Sr. and Daniel Kramer, and Ed. Blum, members of said Congregation were duly chosen and elected as such trustees thereof, the said trustees and their successors in office forever to be called and known as the First German Regular Baptist Church of Saint Paul.

Dated Saint Paul February 26th A.D. 1875.

Abraham Janzen Sr.
Fred. Hennig.

Seal
Seal

State of Minnesota }
Ramsey County }

On this 26th day of February A.D. 1875, came personally before me Abraham Janzen Sr. and Fred. Hennig, well

known to me as the persons who executed the foregoing certificate and they solemnly acknowledged each for himself that he executed the same freely & voluntarily for the uses & purposes therein set forth.

Notarial Seal

Wesley Hall,
Notary Public, Ramsey County, Minnesota.

Filed February 26th 1875, at 2⁴⁵ P.M.

State of Minnesota }
County of Ramsey }

Do the undersigned do hereby certify that on the 20th day of March 1875, at a regular and stated meeting held by persons of full age who have steadily worshipped with the Congregation hereinafter named and who have been formally considered as belonging thereto an election was duly held according to title four of chapter thirty four of the Revised Statutes of Minnesota for the purpose of incorporating the said Congregation, and electing three trustees at the usual meeting time of said Congregation in the building known as 252 Robert street in the city of St. Paul, in said County of Ramsey, due notice of which said election and the time when and the place where the same was to be held, was there given at the three regular and stated meetings of said Congregation immediately preceding said election, to wit: on the 27th day of February, and on the 6th and 13th day of March 1875, by a member of such Congregation, there being no minister or other officer

We the undersigned do hereby certify that on the 20th day of March 1875, at a regular and slated meeting held by persons of full age who have slatedly worshipped with the congregation hereinafter named and who have then formally considered as belonging thereto an election was duly held according to title four in Chapter Thirty Three of the Revised Statutes of Minnesota for the purpose of incorporating the said corporation and electing three trustees at the usual meeting home of said Congregation in the building known as no 252 Robert Street in the city of St. Paul, in said County of Ramsey, due notice of which said election and the time and place where the same was to be held, was there given at xxx xxx regular and slated meetings of said Congregation immediately preceding said election, to wit, in the 27th day of February and in the 6th and 13th day of March 1875, by a member of such Congregation, there being no minister or other officer present nor existing at any such times, and that, at such election, the undersigned were nominated by a majority of the voters to preside at such election to receive the votes and determine the qualifications of the voters and that at such election David Goodman, Wolf Goodman, and Abraham Kaufman were then and there duly elected by a plurality vote to serve as Trustees of said Congregation to be forever hereafter called, known and incorporated under the name of the Congregation of die (sic) Sons of Jacob.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereinto set our hand and seals this 22nd day of March 1875.

Signed and sealed in the presence of:

*G. Siegenhaler
J. N. Cardozo*

*D. Goodman
Nathan Blumenthal*

State of Minnesota

County of Ramsey

personally came before me David Goodman and Nathan Blumenthal to me well know to be real persons who executed the foregoing certificate and they severally acknowledged that same to be their own free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

*G. Siegenhaler,
Notary Public*

Filed March 22 1875 at 4:40 P.M

present or existing at any of such times, and that at such election, the undersigned were nominated by a majority of the voters to preside at such election, to receive the votes and determine the qualifications of the voters and that at such election David Gostman, Wolf Goodman and Abraham Kaufman, were then and there duly elected by a plurality vote to serve as trustees of said Congregation to be forever hereafter called, known and incorporated under the name of the Congregation of the Sons of Jacob

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto set our hands

and seals this 22nd day of March 1845.

Signed & sealed in the presence of
L. Siegenbaler.
J. N. Cardozo.

D. Gostman. 
Nathan Bloomenthal. 

State of Minnesota }
County of Ramsey. } Personally came before me David Gostman and Nathan Bloomenthal to me well known to be the real persons who executed the foregoing certificate and they solemnly acknowledged that same to be their own free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

Notarial Seal

J. Siegenbaler.
Notary Public.
Minnesota.

Filed March 23rd 1845 at St. Paul Minn.

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Feb. 12, 1983

Sons of Jacob Congregation
1466 Portland Ave.
St. Paul, Minn. 55101

Attn: Rabbi Braun

Dear Sir:

I am sorry that I do not have a full name to address you by. I feel very fortunate, however, to have any address for your congregation at all! We are trying to reconstruct or rather to learn about the history of my husband's family. We knew that his great-grandfather on his mother's side was a rabbi named Rosenthal, but his mother couldn't remember a first name or any details. Since her grandfather died in Chicago around 1900, when she was about three or four years old, we have had trouble learning anything about him. Fortunately we learned that the family spent some years in St. Paul, during the 1880's and 1890's. I checked old telephone directories and business directories for St. Paul and thus connected a "Rev. Barnet Rosenthal" with the Sons of Jacob Congregation. When asked if she had ever heard of a Barnet Rosenthal, my mother-in-law remembered that her grandfather was a "Barney." I then found his household in the 1885 Minn. State Census. (The family had left Minn. by the time the 1895 census was taken; the Federal 1890 census burned; we are not sure they reached this country by 1880 and can't find them in a census; Rabbi Barnet is not listed in the 1900 Chicago census, probably dying before it was taken.)

I am writing to ask whether your records show any information at all about Rabbi Barnet Rosenthal's birth and death dates, his marital status and family composition, exactly where he came from, his destination when he left, his reason for leaving the Congregation and the date he left, his parents' names if known; and whether any known descendants are members of the Congregation now.

My mother-in-law thought the rabbi's wife had died before the family came from Russia or Poland. However, either she or a second wife was listed in May, 1885 as part of his household, which consisted of: B. Rosenthal, age 50, head of the household; Kouna or Kyuna? age 45--wife's first name difficult to read; Rosa, 22; Gustav, 21; Jack, 18; Becka, 15; and Jennie Urwick, 65 years old. Now we know that Rosa married Harry Ruvelson soon afterward, and that they stayed in St. Paul the rest of their lives, bringing up a family there. Becka is believed to have lived on the east coast: My mother-in-law remembers, as a child, visiting a presumed sister of her mother Anna there. (Anna Rosenthal was already married at the time of the May, 1885 census and lived with her husband Abraham Cohen in St. Paul.) Jack, called Jake, later lived in Chicago and visited the Cohen household there often. (Rabbi Rosenthal lived with the Cohens at the time of his death.) Gustav may or may not be the son called Abe who went to Texas and was successful in the meat-packing business there. I am not sure, because there is a separate household headed by a 30-year-old Abraham Rosenthal in St. Paul, which may be his. It may be that Gustav was another son who died long ago and is forgotten today. As for the elderly Jennie living with the family, we cannot help wondering if the rabbi not only had a wife but a mother-in-law with him, as the oldest Cohen child was given the name Jennie.

In a History of St. Paul by Andrews I have read regarding your congregation: "April 6, 1877, the cemetery was purchased." Are any Rosenthals buried there--for instance, the rabbi's wife and Jennie Urwick and perhaps Gustav? This same paragraph states: "The present rabbi is Rev. B. Rosenthal, and the membership is about 75." And: "The present temple on College avenue, between Wabasha and St. Peters streets, was erected, in the fall of 1888."

The Jews in Minnesota: The First Seventy-Five Years states that a Rabbi Jacob Aronsohn "was preceded by Barney Rosenthal who in 1890 was leader of the congregation...No details are known about his background, except that a family tradition maintains that he was a descendant of Elijah, Gaon of Vilna (related to the author by Rosenthal's granddaughter, Miss Edith Ruvelson, in 1958)."

We have lost touch with the Ruvelsons, but an elderly aunt states that Edith and all the other children of Rosa and Harry Ruvelson are dead except Minnie, about whom we have no current information. My mother-in-law, who is 87, no longer corresponds with ANY relatives and is in poor health generally.

I would be so grateful--we all would--for any information about the Rosenthals shown on the Congregation's records or known to you or to anyone in your Congregation. It would be so helpful to learn of any Rosenthal graves--the information as to dates of birth and death particularly. With this information I would have a much better chance to trace them further. And are you able to explain to me the significance of the name Elijah, Gaon of Vilna mentioned above?

I will appreciate any reply you might make and am enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Sincerely,

Rosemary Klawans
Rosemary Klawans
(Mrs. Robert H. Klawans)

Encl.
68 Golden Hinde Blvd.
San Rafael, Ca. 94903

P.S. I have failed to mention a mystery: The 1892 St. Paul Directory lists: "Rev. Barnet Rosenthal, moved to Leeds, England." Nobody thinks he went to England! Certainly he was with his daughter Anna Cohen's family in Chicago a few years later. Do Congregation records shed any light on this matter?



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