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*Dedicatory  
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DEDICATION CEREMONIES

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Friday, May 1st, 1942

8 p. m.

Sunday, May 3rd

6.30 p. m.

## *The Building of the Temple...*

**I**N 1940 A. S. Lindy was elected President of the Congregation, and it is due to his energy and vision that the dream of the New Temple was realized. The president had able and loyal assistance in his Building Committee in meeting the construction and financial problems. On the Committee with Sam D. Rosenbloom and Jonas Kisber as Co-chairmen, were M. Schulman, Sam Wahl and Louis Altfeld.

Especial recognition goes to Louis Altfeld and M. Schulman for hard work and personal sacrifice. Said President Lindy, "This beautiful temple will forever be a memorial to the generation that built so wisely for the future. There is credit and glory enough for every member of the congregation."

In the month of April, 1941, the ground for the structure was broken on the lot just acquired on Grand and Campbell Streets in the heart of a beautiful residential area. On August 24th an impressive outdoor Service of Prayer marked the setting of the Cornerstone. Rabbi Feuer presided with the officers and members of the congregation being present to witness the historic event.

The first religious service conducted in the new building was the New Year's Eve Holy Day Service on Sunday, September 21, 1941. The main auditorium of the building, with its simple architectural beauty, provides a reverent, dignified atmosphere for worship. The new building also contains light, ample class rooms for the religious School, an attractive Rabbi's study, a fine, large social hall, and a modern well-equipped kitchen.

This magnificent new Temple, which is now being formally dedicated, is not only a source of warranted satisfaction and pride to the members as well as non-members who gave to it liberally of their material resources, but it also will stand firm throughout the years as an enduring monument to the men and women whose forward-looking vision and consecrated labors made possible its erection. May its sacred walls ever continue to radiate spiritual sustenance and strength into the hearts and lives of the Congregation and the wider community. May it come to fulfill for us and our children the prayerful hope uttered by Solomon of old when the First Temple was dedicated in Jerusalem: "My House shall be called a House of Prayer for all Peoples."



THE NEW TEMPLE—ERECTED AND DEDICATED 1942

## The Story of Congregation B'Nai Israel...

### FIRST OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

J. Friedlob, *President*  
Sol Tuchfeld

Nathan Baum  
Moses Tuchfeld  
Samuel Baum  
Victor Woerner, *Secretary*

Harry Myers  
J. Samuels

CONGREGATION B'nai Israel was granted a charter by the State of Tennessee on May 14, 1885, although before that date a Jewish Congregation was already in existence in Jackson which carried on regular religious worship and activities. Among the original members of the Congregation, of esteemed memory, who applied for the charter, we find the names of J. Friedlob, then President; Victor J. Woerner, Secretary; Harry Myers, Nathan Baum, J. Samuels, M. Tuchfeld, Sol Tuchfeld, and Samuel Baum trustees.

Divine services were conducted by lay readers in a room in the Odd Fellows Building and in homes of the various members until June 19, 1897, when the Congregation acquired a permanent house of worship through the purchase of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church on E. College Street, which was then transformed into a Synagogue. The first property acquired by the Congregation was due to the effort of Sol Tuchfeld. A lot was purchased on Cumberland Street and the money later secured from its sale was used as a partial payment on the Temple on College Street.

A very impressive dedication service for the new College Street Temple was held in that year, conducted by Rabbi M. Samfield of Memphis, Tennessee. In the year 1903 Rabbi Louis Schreiber was elected permanent spiritual leader of the Congregation, followed in the year 1905 by Rabbi Joseph Bogen, of sainted memory. Rabbi Bogen served the Congregation faithfully and with deep consecration until his lamented death in 1917.

For some time after that, bi-weekly and Holy-Day services were conducted by various students of the Hebrew Union College, until the year 1933, when Rabbi Alexander Kline was chosen to minister permanently to the Congregation. His resignation in 1934 was followed by the selection of Rabbi Samson Levey, who in turn was succeeded in September, 1939, by Rabbi Maurice Feuer, the present incumbent of the pulpit.



THE OLD TEMPLE—1897-1941

## THE STORY OF CONGREGATION BNAI ISRAEL

C O N T I N U E D

Among those who faithfully served the Congregation as President during the years we find the revered names of Julius Friedlob, Victor J. Woerner, J. C. Felsenthal, and J. L. Rosenbloom, Sr. Mr. Rosenbloom guided the destiny of the Congregation with tireless devotion and distinction from 1918 to 1940, when he was succeeded by Mr. A. S. Lindy, who had already seen many years of honorable service as Vice-President of the Congregation.

One of the most memorable events in the history of Temple B'nai Israel was the Golden Jubilee Anniversary, held on Sunday, December 30, 1935, an event which still brings to mind many happy recollections. The occasion was marked by an impressive service in the old College Street Temple, followed by a gala banquet at the Fidelia Club. Rabbi Samson Levey, then occupant of the Temple pulpit, delivered an inspiring address.

It was almost a score of years ago that the Congregation began to feel the urgent need of a more adequate and modern house of worship, particularly one that would provide more suitable facilities for the Religious School and other religious and social activities. The first realization of this hope was taken by J. L. Rosenbloom, then President, when he recommended to the Congregation at a meeting on April 6, 1924, the establishment of a Temple Building Fund. The recommendation was adopted. This Fund was secured through the purchase of twenty-five shares of Building and Loan stock, which was later increased to fifty shares.

The last service to be held in the College Street Temple was the Confirmation service in June, 1941, which assumed the nature of a fond farewell to this venerable house of worship, the spiritual home of the Congregation for well-nigh half a century and the scene of a host of tender memories and hallowed associations. Those who were present at this service will long remember the solemn words of J. L. Rosenbloom, as he paid a beautiful memorial tribute to those members who had gone to their eternal reward. May their souls find peace and mercy before the Lord of Heaven and Earth. The manuscript of this memorial tribute, along with other documents of Congregational, as well as a general Jewish historical interest, was subsequently sealed into the cornerstone of the new Temple.



## THE SISTERHOOD

**N**O HISTORY of the Congregation would be complete without recognition of the glorious work of our Sisterhood. Founded by beloved Carrie Anker Felsenthal, theirs has been the task of charity—to guide the social life of the Congregation—to attend the banquets and the festivals. Then, too, it has been their lot to keep the Temple in order, supervise its grounds and adornments, and do the thousand and one things that only a woman's hands can do.

Serving faithfully in the old Temple, they have redoubled their efforts in the new. All praise to these fine women of Israel.

Mrs. Walter Levy is now serving with distinction as President of the Sisterhood.



# DEDICATION SERVICES

FRIDAY, MAY 1st, 8:00 p. m.

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Laudamus Te" (Mueller).....*Mrs. Eugene Campbell*

SONG—"America" Hymnal No. 264.....*Choir and Congregation*

INVOCATION

PRESENTATION OF TEMPLE KEYS.....*Mr. S. D. Rosenbloom and Mr. Jonas Kisber  
Chairman, Temple B'Nai Israel Building Committee*

RESPONSE.....*Mr. A. S. Lindy  
President, Congregation B'Nai Israel*

GREETINGS.....*Mr. A. B. Foust  
Mayor of the City of Jackson*

DIVINE SERVICES—Union Prayer Book, pp. 10-24.....*Rabbi Maurice Feuer*

SCRIPTURE READING—I Kings VIII:22-62

ANTHEM—"By the Waters of Babylon" (Howell).....*Temple Choir*

DEDICATION SERMON—"Has Religion Failed?".....*Dr. Louis Binstock  
Temple Sholom, Chicago, Ill.*

ANTHEM—"The Lord is my Shepherd" (Rogers).....*Temple Choir*



# TEMPLE B'NAI ISRAEL



CONCLUSION OF SERVICE—Union Prayer Book, pp. 71-77 "Seven-fold Amen"  
(Lutkin) ..... Choir

HYMN 136—"Hear Thou Eternal King".....Congregation and Choir

FELICITATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE—"March Pontifical" (LaTombelle).....Mrs. Campbell

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*Reception tendered by the Temple Sisterhood will be held  
in the Temple Center immediately following the services.*

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## TEMPLE B'NAI ISRAEL CHOIR

Mrs. W. G. Kovy, *soprano*

Mr. Harry Miller, *tenor*

Mrs. John Aycock, *contralto*

Mr. Adron Benton, *tenor*

Mr. Will Russell, *Basso*

Mrs. Eugene Campbell, *organist and director*

*(Musical responses during the services sung by Mrs. W. G. Kovy and Mr. Harry Miller)*

## DEDICATION BANQUET

**Sunday, May 3rd, 6:30 p. m.**

TEMPLE CENTER

Dr. Harry W. Ettelson, *Temple Children of Israel, Memphis, Tennessee*

GUEST SPEAKER



Congregation  
B'nai  
Israel



A. S. LINSKY, President



W. R. LEVY, Vice-President



ABE HARRIS, Recording Sec'y



A. J. ALTFELD, Financial Sec'y



H. L. ALTFELD, Treasurer



MAURICE FEUER, Rabbi







## COMMITTEE FOR THE DEDICATION

Dr. W. R. Levy, *Chairman*

Rabbi Maurice Feuer

S. D. Rosenbloom

Sam Wahl

Jonas Kisber

## USHERS FOR THE DEDICATION SERVICE

Sam Bergel

Dr. I. P. Filderman

William Rosenbloom

Sol Tuchfeld

Cleve Glassman

J. L. Rosenbloom, Jr.

Julius Lindy

Herman Lindy

## SISTERHOOD COMMITTEE FOR THE FRIDAY EVENING RECEPTION

Mrs. Jonas Kisber, *Chairman*

Mrs. S. D. Rosenbloom, *Co-chairman*

Mrs. Al Glass

Mrs. Alvin Rosenbloom

Mrs. Julius Lindy

Mrs. Gus Levy

Mrs. Cleve Glassman

Mrs. Sol Tuchfeld

## SISTERHOOD COMMITTEE FOR THE SUNDAY EVENING BANQUET

Mrs. A. S. Lindy, *Chairman*

Mrs. A. L. Tannenbaum, *Co-chairman*

Mrs. Irving Freedman

Mrs. Jack Maranoff

Mrs. Herman Lindy

Mrs. Dave Rosenthal

Mrs. Sam Wahl

Mrs. Maurice Feuer

Mrs. Mervyn Glass

Mrs. Carl Alper

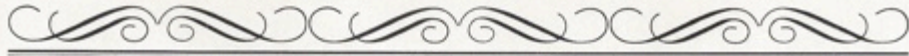
Mrs. Sam Tamm

Mrs. Wm. Rosenblum

Mrs. J. Strasberg

Mrs. Louis Kisber





## MEMORIAL WINDOWS

- In Memory of FLORA SHATZ by the Shatz Family  
In Memory of MAMIE MARKS SHATZ by Estate of Mamie Marks Shatz  
In Memory of LOUIS MARKS by Mamie Marks Shatz  
In Memory of PHILIP MARKS by Mary Marks  
In Memory of LOUIS KISBER by Ray, Jonas and Gertrude Kisber  
Memorial Tablet in Memory of ALTER LINDY by the Alter Lindy Family  
Perpetual Light in Memory of MR. AND MRS. ED FELSENTHAL by Sam T. and Ruby  
Ruby Tamm and Gus and Nell Levy  
Union Prayer Books in Memory of J. C. FELSENTHAL by Celia Felsenthal  
The Altar in Memory of ABRAHAM LEVY by his sons  
Pulpit given by Sidney and Hattie Lindy Adler  
Pulpit Covers given by John and Janice Netzky of Philadelphia



## OUTSTANDING GIFTS

- One-tenth of all the funds collected from individual contributors for the construction of the Temple was donated by Jacob D. Lindy of Philadelphia.  
The largest single donation was the gift of M. Schulman.





## PRESENT MEMBERS

J. L. Rosenbloom, Sr.  
A. S. Lindy  
H. L. Marks  
J. Tuchfeld  
Dr. W. R. Levy  
Jonas Kisber  
Mrs. Nathan Lindy  
Sam Bergel  
H. L. Altfeld  
A. L. Tannenbaum  
Carl Alper  
Julius Lindy  
Gus Levy  
H. M. Felsenthal  
A. J. Altfeld  
L. Nord  
Herman Lindy  
M. Schulman  
Mrs. D. M. Levis  
Sam Wahl

J. L. Rosenbloom, Jr.  
S. D. Rosenbloom  
A. Tuchfeld  
Jake Strasberg  
Sol Shatz  
Abe Harris  
M. C. Kastleman  
J. Feinberg  
Sam Shatz  
Julian Marks  
Milton I. Baum  
Si Baum  
Harry Strasberg  
Dave M. Shatz  
Sam Byer  
Nathan Levis  
Milton Rosenbloom  
Mrs. Victor Zieff  
Mrs. H. Fishman  
Victor Woerner

Sam T. Tamm  
Mrs. A. Lindy  
Harry Wise  
Dr. Dave Rosenthal  
Ben Greenberg  
Dr. Alvin Rosenbloom  
A. C. Glass  
Sam Lindy  
Sol Tuchfeld  
Irving Freedman  
C. C. Glassman  
D. M. Altfeld  
William Rosenblum  
Jack Maranoff  
Dr. I. P. Filderznan  
Irwin Goldschmidt  
George Gordon  
Mervyn B. Glass  
Mrs. Abe Lane

## HONORARY MEMBERS

Jacob D. Lindy

Harry Schulman

Jacob Schulman

Joseph Schulman

## MEMBERS IN THE ARMED SERVICES

Irving Rosenbloom  
Aaron Lindy

Lawrence Strasberg  
Isador Schulman

Signor Shatz  
David Felsenthal

## DECEASED MEMBERS

M. Aizenshtadt  
David Baum  
Henry Baum, Sr.  
Nathan Baum  
Samuel Baum  
Alf Bensinger  
Rabbi Joseph Bogen  
Sam Byer, Sr.  
Edward Felsenthal  
Henry Fishman, Sr.  
Max Fishman  
Abram Frank

Alex Frank  
Ben Frank  
J. Friedlob  
A. Harris  
M. Harris  
Ludwig Hess  
Nathan Harris  
J. Joseph  
Jake Kastleman  
Fred Kittner  
David Levis  
A. Levy

Henry Levy  
Henry Loeb  
Louis Marks  
Phillip Marks  
Mrs. Phillip Marks  
Harry Myers  
S. Rosenthal  
J. Samuels  
Joseph Silverstein  
J. A. Strassberg  
Sol Tuchfeld  
M. Tuchfeld

Victor J. Woerner  
Joseph Zimmerman  
Mrs. Mamie Marks Shatz  
Kobie Mihalovitz  
Sol Aizenshtadt  
Jessie Rosenbloom  
Alter Lindy  
Nathan Lindy  
Victor Zieff  
J. C. Felsenthal  
Louis Kisber  
Abe Lane  
Sol Loeb

*"To live in the hearts of those we leave behind is not to die."*