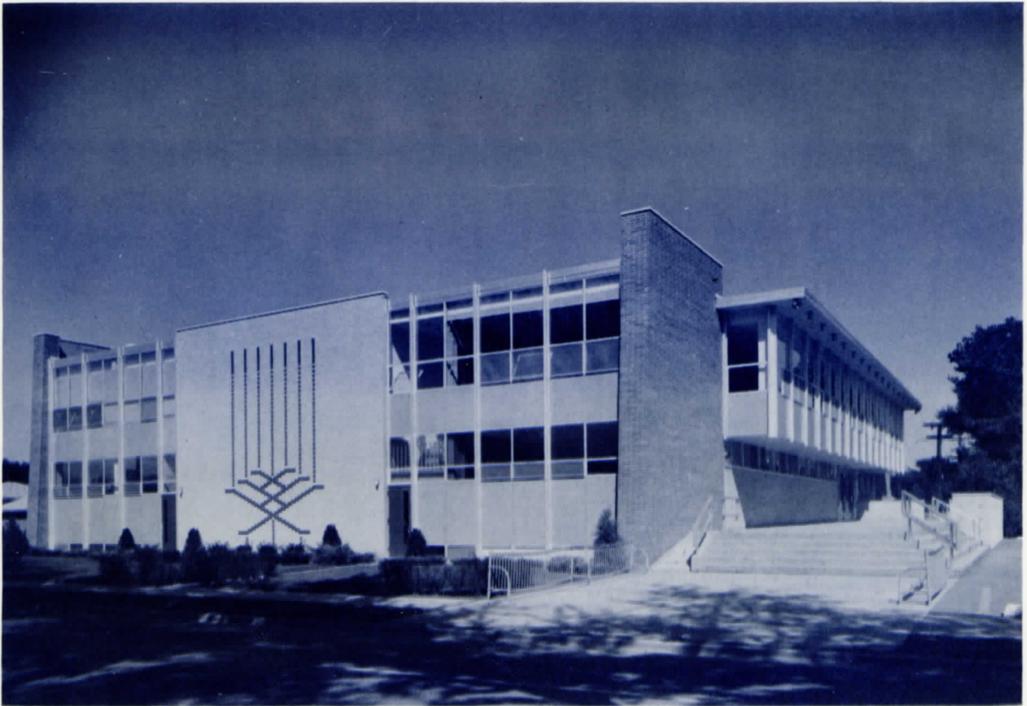


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RABBI JOEL LEHRFIELD



Our Rabbi was born and raised in the Columbus Park and Austin area of Chicago. He attended the Hebrew Theological College and upon completion of his studies was ordained as a Rabbi; receiving at that time in addition to his Semicha, a Bachelor of Hebrew Letters from the Yeshiva. After receiving his Masters Degree from the University of Chicago, Rabbi devoted a year of additional study at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in the Department of Advanced Judaic Study and the Yeshiva Mosad HaRav Kook in Jerusalem. Upon his return to Chicago he engaged in post graduate work at the University of Chicago in the Department of Education and served as Executive Director of the Zionist Youth Commission of Chicago gaining extensive experience in education and youth work.

Rabbi Lehrfield is married to Evelyn (Chavie) Sklar and they are the proud parents of Jonathan Israel, Aviva Rena, and David Ori. Rabbi comes from an illustrious Rabbinical family. He is the son of Rabbi Dr. Louis J. Lehrfield and Etta Lehrfield. Dr. Louis Lehrfield is Rabbi of the Austin Jewish Community Center and was a member of the first graduating class of the Yeshiva. To date he has not forgotten his alma mater and now sits as a member of the board of the College. Rabbi Joel Lehrfield is the son-in-law of Fannie and the late Louis Sklar of blessed memory. Mr. Sklar was one of the founders of the Yeshiva, the Adas and Hapoel Hamizrachi. He was exceptionally active in Zionist affairs and was a staunch believer in a Jewish Homeland where we, of the Jewish Faith, could find physical and spiritual homes. The Rabbi has two brothers, Rabbi David Lehrfield, who has a pulpit in Miami Beach, Florida, and Daniel who will shortly be ordained as a Rabbi.

Our Rabbi has served and is serving his community very well. He is presently the Financial Secretary of the Chicago Rabbinical Council, a member of the Executive Council of Traditional Synagogues of Greater Chicago, a board member of the North Suburban Hillel Torah Day School, the Jewish Community Council of Niles Township, the Jewish Community Center of Niles Township, and is active on the Chicago Rabbinical Council's Educational, Kashruth, and Halacha Committees, is active in Niles Township Human Relations Council and has ably served as President of the Niles Township Rabbinical Fellowship.

Our Rabbi has done an outstanding job since the inception of the congregation. There was no task too menial, no job too hard here in Lincolnwood. He has welded the entire community together, helping to fashion a truly Jewish community.

PROGRAM OF DEDICATION SERVICES & EVENTS

The Family Service

Friday Evening, October 25, 1963—8:30 p.m.

Sabbath Eve Service—Rabbi Joel Lehrfield and Cantor Herman Katz

Greetings—Mrs. Fred N. Steinlauf, Chairman

Welcome Address—Mrs. Alfred Spielman, Sisterhood President

“Our Heritage” by Ben Aronin—Adapted and narrated by Mrs. Jack Friedman.

“Building a Home”—A Tribute to Sisterhood—Rabbi Joel Lehrfield

Presentations—Rabbi Joel Lehrfield and Jerome Meister, Chairman of the Board

Closing—Mrs. Fred N. Steinlauf

Oneg Shabat—hosted by Sisterhood.

The Sabbath Service

Saturday Morning, October 26, 1963—9:00 a.m.

Mr. Dudley Derdiger and Mrs. Allen Kramer, Co-chairmen

Entire service performed by and in honor of School and Youth Groups

Morning Service—Cantor Katz

Greetings by Rabbi Joel Lehrfield

Dvar Torah by Ronald Bernstein

Musaf Service—Cantor Katz

Oneg Shabat hosted by Youth Group and Parent-Teachers Council.

Dedication Dinner

Saturday Evening, October 26, 1963

Mrs. Marshall D. Leib, Mr. Milton Lambert, Mr. Philip Pollack,
Co-chairmen

6:30 p.m.—Cocktails

7:30 p.m.—Show Time featuring stars Phil Ford and Mimi Hines, accom-
panied by the Benny Sharp orchestra.

8:30 p.m.—Dinner with music by the Benny Sharp orchestra.

9:45 p.m.—Yiddish dramatic recitations by the renown Yiddish drama-
tist and director Dina Halpern.

10:10 p.m.—Address by Mr. Philip N. Pollack, Dedication Co-chairman

11:00 p.m.—Closing.

The Synagogue Dedication Ceremonies

Sunday Afternoon, October 27, 1963, 2 p.m.

National Anthem—Hatikvah

Procession of the Torah Scrolls—Rabbi Joel Lehrfield, Cantor Herman
Katz, Choir, and officers of the congregation

Welcome and Introduction of Guests—Mr. Marshall D. Leib, General
Dedication Chairman

A Parable—Rabbi Joel Lehrfield

Greetings—Mr. Morton Gooze, President

Dedication Address—The Hon. Marshall Korshak, former state senator,
Trustee Chicago Sanitary District

Presentations—Awards and Honorariums—Mr. Joel A. Weinstein and
Mr. Sol S. Fine, honorary presidents

Benediction—Rabbi Joel Lehrfield

Open House—all guests invited to tour our building.

IN THE BEGINNING

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. God created man in his own image and woman from the rib of man. And God blessed them and said unto them; be fruitful and replenish the earth. In recognition of man's eternal debt King Solomon attempted to erect the finest edifice for the Sanctification of the Lord. So it has been thruout the generations, and so it was when our Synagogue began.

Because of the desire and need for a House of Worship and a Hebrew School in our own neighborhood for the use of our future generations—namely our own children—a few dedicated individuals met one night in November, 1958, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joel A. Weinstein. The purpose of this meeting was to determine if there were ways and means of establishing these facilities in our own community. This original group consisted of the following families—the Max Gordon's, who will be referred to from time to time as the elders of the Synagogue; the Lou Epsteins; the Joel A. Weinstains; the Erwin Wallens; the Mel Whites; the Martin Horans; Dr. and Mrs. Harry Cotell; the Seymour Bagans; Abe Matthew and Mitchell Macks. This meeting was called by Joel A. Weinstein and was ably chaired by Mel White. After due deliberation, Dr. Harry Cotell suggested that the chairman appoint a committee to find a location for our Synagogue; and to check with the village officials as to our chances of fulfilling our dreams of a House of Worship in our own community. Mr. White then appointed Lou Epstein, Mitchell Macks, and Joel A. Weinstein to start the activation of this project. The next meeting was called for Sept. 29, at the Village Hall.

At the Sept. 29 Village Hall meeting Lou Epstein was elected as chairman. At this meeting officers pro-tem were elected with the following results: Joel A. Weinstein, President; Lou Epstein, Max Gordon, and Erwin Wallen as Vice-Presidents; Naomi Herman and Eileen Wallen as Secretaries; and Hy Klein as Treasurer.

The first function of our new Synagogue was a Friday Evening Service which was held on Nov. 28, 1958 in the multi-purpose room of Todd Hall. Rabbi Joel Lehrfield was our guest Rabbi. We had an attendance of over 200 persons which was very gratifying. On Dec. 17, 1958, the first permanent election of officers took place. At this meeting the President appointed a very capable individual as Master of Ceremonies and Chairman of the Installation Committee, Mr. Sol Fine, to become the next President and an Honorary President. His committee consisted of Abe Matthew, Sam Pollack, Sidney (Sol) Silverstein, Erwin Wallen, and Mrs. Simon (Diane) Zunamon. All the plans for this outstanding installation were made in the home of the chairman. The Board of Directors chose the evening of Jan. 31, 1959 for the installation to be held in Todd Hall. At a general meeting of the Congregation held on Jan. 7, 1959, at the Village Hall, our elder,

Mr. Max Gordon, made the announcement that the Board of Directors had unanimously voted to accept the selection of Joel Lehrfield as our Rabbi. The Congregation at large then unanimously voted and elected Rabbi Lehrfield as Rabbi of the Lincolnwood Jewish Congregation. The Installation committee then had to revise their plans for a double installation. The evening of Jan. 31 rolled around very fast. The Invocation was delivered by Rabbi Herman L. Davis of Cong. Lakeview Anshe Sholom. A welcome was extended by Trustee John Roman appearing on behalf of Village President Proesel. Greetings were extended by Rev. Earl H. Lusk, Pastor St. John's Lutheran Church; Dr. Oscar Z. Fasman, Pres. Jewish University of America; and Rabbi Alvin Schwartz, Exec. Sec'y Chicago Rabbinical Council. The impressive installation of our Rabbi was by his father, Rabbi Dr. Louis J. Lehrfield, Rabbi of the Austin Jewish Community Center. The officers and board were installed by Samson Krupnick, chairman Exec. Comm. Council Traditional Synagogues of Greater Chicago. There were approximately 400 persons in attendance. The officers installed at this time were as follows: Joel A. Weinstein, President; Harvey Herman, 1st Vice-Pres.; Erwin Wallen, 2nd Vice-Pres.; Max Gordon, 3rd Vice-Pres.; Louis Epstein, Treasurer; Hy Klein, Fin. Sec'y; and Mrs. Harvey Herman, Rec. Sec'y. The Board of Directors were Jacques Adler, Irving Blackman, Howard Chimberoff, David Colton, Dudley Derdiger, Dr. Paul Egel, Sol Fine, Morris Friedman, Morton Gooze, Lloyd Holtzman, Fred Kornblith, Mark Levinson, Mitchell Mack, Abe Matthew, Nate Pozen, Joseph Putterman, Sam Pollack, Jack Shaw, Abbott Silberman, Sidney (Sol) Silverstein, Dr. Maurice Slivnick, Alfred Spielman, Fred Steinlauf, and Simon Zunamon. Responses were by Rabbi Joel Lehrfield and Joel A. Weinstein, accepting on behalf of his officers and members of the board. The committee did an outstanding job which is still remembered by all who attended this installation.

All this time we had been meeting either at the Village Hall or at members homes. To mention a few we begin with the home of our elders, the Gordons; Lou and Charlotte Epstein; Joel A. and Gert Weinstein; Jacques and Hannah Adler; Eileen and Erwin Wallen; Abbott and Gerry Silberman; Fred and Mickey Steinlauf; Harvey and Naomi Herman; Fred and Estelle Kornblith; Irv and Sally Blackman; Dudley and Shirley Derdiger; Alfred and Selma Spielman; Hy and Phyllis Klein, and Morton and Ruth Gooze. Our first Saturday morning minyon was hosted at the home of our elders, Max and Sophie Gordon. Other services were at the home of the Weinstains, the Matthews, the Macks, the Berkowitz and the Epsteins. Soon came our first Passover service. The Harvey Hermans offered the use of their home which was graciously accepted and deeply appreciated. Those of us who attended the services were very enthused as this was the beginning of our future.

In February, 1959, our Hebrew and Sunday Schools were opened. Hebrew school during the Passover holiday was held in the home of the Harvey Hermans while the Hy Kleins graciously accepted the students of the Sunday School during

this period. Thanks to wonderful women such as Eileen Wallen, Diane Zunamon, Naomi Herman, and Ruth Steinlauf Mason, we were able to have teachers for these classes. Gerry Silberman was always on hand and still is serving as our able pianist. Let us not forget Doris Shaw, Doreen Pozen, Ilene Friedman and Mickey Steinlauf who always were around to lend a helping hand. Pres. Weinstein appointed Abbott Silberman as chairman of the school committee who along with his committee accomplished an outstanding job. As of Jan. 28, 1959, we had 30 pre-registered students in our Sunday School and 23 in our Hebrew School. Today we are proud that we have 350 students in our Hebrew School with 11 teachers and 200 Sunday School students with 6 teachers under the leadership of Principal Rabbi Naftali Porush. As these classes grew we had to find new facilities so we moved to the basement rooms in Lincoln Hall. However Lincoln Hall was soon to be remodeled and we were forced to vacate these premises and look for other facilities. Because of our desperate needs, Mark Levinson, a local and influential community leader (destined to become a future Chairman of the Board) was able to acquire the store at 3943 W. Touhy Ave. only a few days before the school was to open. At this point with no funds available to remodel the store our old stand-bys Marshall Leib, Jerry Meister and Al Neiberg came to our rescue and with great efficiency partitioned off our store for class rooms. As was previously stated, great strides have been made by this committee under the leadership of Abbott Silberman, Dudley Derdiger, and Zal Levin.

Still another phase of importance under the school committee was the beginning of our youth activities under the leadership of Dr. Maurice Slivnick, who with the help of Al Kramer and Maxine Zukerman, really went all out for the children.

The first officers, board members, and committees worked diligently in order to assure the success of our Synagogue. Here is a list of the first committees and their chairmen.

FOUNDING COMMITTEES

Worship Committee

Max Gordon—Chairman
Mitchell Macks
Abe Matthew
Fred Kornblith
Dr. Nathan Izbicky
Joe Brooks

Ways and Means

Harvey Herman—Chairman
Jack Shaw
Sol Silverstein
Abe Matthew
Jacques Adler
Mickey Steinlauf
Irv Brodsky
Al Spielman

Building Fund

Sam Pollack—Chairman
Jacques Adler } Co-chairmen
Phil Zerkowitz }
Gert Weinstein—Secr.
Mitchell Macks
Sol Fine
Si Zunamon
Leon Wolin
Beverly Wolin
Hy Klein

School & Education

Abbott Silberman—Chairman
Dudley Derdiger
Naomi Herman
Eileen Wallen
Howard Chimberoff
Maurice Slivnick
Alex Kaufman
Jerry Unick

Architect Committee

Morton Gooze—Chairman
Marshall Leib
Lloyd Holtzman
Jerry Meister
Harvey Herman

Membership

Erwin Wallen—Chairman
Irv Blackman—Integration
Al Spielman—Conservation
Nate Pozen } Welcome
Morrie Friedman } Wagon
Dave Colton
Mort Goodman
Irv Zeman
Jerry Snyder

Land Committee

Lou Epstein—Chairman
Mitchell Macks
Gert Weinstein

By Laws Committee

Irv Blackman—Chairman
Lou Epstein
Mitchell Macks
Sam Linn

Internal Audit

Hy Klein
Irv Blackman
Si Zunamon

Health & Welfare

Jacques Adler—Chairman
Al Spielman

The Board of Directors rejected property on Pratt Ave. because they felt it was too expensive and undesirable for our purposes. The Pres. then appointed a land committee consisting of Lou Epstein as chairman, Mitchell Macks, and Gert Weinstein. Mr. Epstein came to us with a proposition for the purchase of land on our present site. With the aid of Mrs. Weinstein and legal work by Mr. Epstein and Mr. Macks we were able to obtain all of the land necessary for the erection of our future home. Mrs. Gert Weinstein was most instrumental in being able to secure this land for us.

On May 27, 1959, the Board of Directors approved the signing of a lease for a period of 11 months for the store located at 3952 W. Touhy Ave. We now moved into our own quarters—a big step in our young but rapid climb. Again we had to rely upon our membership and men like Abbott Silberman, Dudley Derdiger, Jerry Unick, Fred Kornblith, and a few others to paint the entire store.

Going back two months we ran our first annual dinner dance in March, 1959, at the Edgewater Beach Hotel. Our good chairman, Harvey Herman took sick prior to this affair but his able committee headed by Jack Shaw and Abe Matthew came thru with a most successful Ad book and program.

Monies for secretaries were not available and much thanks is credited to Pinkey Weinstein, Phyllis Klein, Joyce Pearlman, Naomi Herman, and later on Mickey Steinlauf who worked in the office.

In June, July, and August of 1959, our very fine membership Vice-Pres. Erwin Wallen and his committee were instituting patio parties for the integration of new and old members. This committee helped us recruit new members for our new Congregation family. They also ran other membership affairs which were very successful and by Oct. of 1959, we had a membership of 167 families—quite a growth.

We no sooner had our land purchase consummated when President Weinstein appointed Morton Gooze as chairman of the building committee. It was up to this committee to make the selection of an architect and builder. At our Feb. 26, 1959 meeting an inconclusive report of an interview with Marshall Leib, a committee member and also an architect, as to whether or not he wished to submit plans for the Synagogue was noted. When first approached in the spring of 1959 to consider undertaking the architectural design and supervision of our new building, Mr. Leib had numerous reservations. He felt he was too closely associated with the congregation and its members to assume so vital a responsibility. However, the dreams and aspirations of this infant congregation, its enthusiasm and sacrifices, and the confidence of President Weinstein and the Board, convinced Mr. Leib that the project should be assumed because of his affiliations, rather than in spite of them. After reviewing plans submitted and

rendered by five different architects our committee came thru with the wise selection of Marshall Leib and upon due presentation to the board he was unanimously elected as architect for our Synagogue. Along with the selection of Marshall, other men of our Congregation family were called upon for other jobs. Namely Sam Lemsky of Consumers Construction who was hired as the general contractor; Morton Gooze of G&M Electric as the electrical contractor; Barney Greenberg of Aberdeen Plumbing as plumbing contractor; and Phil Zerkowitz of Hooker Glass as glazing contractor. Needless to say when we gaze upon the beautiful structure of this House of Worship and school building we know these men expended all the knowledge at their disposal. Perhaps many of you have never noticed, but the next time you are in the Sanctuary concern yourself with the wall in back of the Holy Ark and you will be able to see the Stars of David engraved in the wall. Very ingenious on the part of our architect, Marshall Leib.

In regards to the successful construction of our building, special notice and appreciation is extended to President Sol S. Fine, whose untiring efforts helped acquire adequate financing from the Bank of Lincolnwood and whose inspired leadership launched successful fund raising programs during the construction; to Morton Gooze, not only because of his vital chairmanship of the Building Committee but also for his engineering work on our electrical installation which resulted in a highly efficient system at a great savings to the congregation; and to Phil Zerkowitz whose experienced business acumen was vital during financial negotiations and whose outstanding efforts in providing rapid glazing of the building enabled its use for the 1961 high holy days.

Our first Cantor was William Rosenblum who also acted as Bal Schachris. Our first High Holy Days of Rosh Hashonah and Yom Kippur found us praying in the American Legion hall. The second year services were conducted in the American Legion Hall and Todd Hall. Because of American Legion members like Charles O'Brien, James Proesel, and Stewart Spitzer who came to our defense and debated in our behalf, the members of the Lincolnwood post extended every courtesy to us both financially and physically. The memories of two of our members will never be forgotten as they and their families saw fit to present our Shul with Sefer Torahs. Thank you Alex Rubenstein and Dr. Nathan Izbicky families for your thoughtfulness and may the souls of the late Alex Rubenstein and Dr. Nathan Izbicky have a peaceful rest in the great beyond.

Very important was the Building Fund Committee under the chairmanship of Sam Pollack and co-chairmanship of Jacques Adler and Phil Zerkowitz whose task it was to collect pledge funds. Mr. Hy Klein, treasurer of the Congregation, made the initial contact with the Bank of Lincolnwood. Sol Fine, Phil Zerkowitz, Marshall Leib, Leon Wolin, and Mitchell Macks then met with Mr. Ray Eiden of the Bank of Lincolnwood. Mr. Eiden, the president, then introduced this committee to Mr. Mason Loundy, a man devoted to synagogue activities, President of the Devon-Northtown Bank for negotiations of a loan for the

building of our new Congregation. It was during the first administration of Pres. Sol Fine that we were able to negotiate this loan and many thanks are due Sol Fine and Phil Zerkowitz for their splendid handling of these negotiations with the banks. Our gratitude is extended to this entire committee and to the Presidents of both of these banks for their co-operation. It was now up to Building Fund Committee to make arrangements for the collection of the pledges to repay the bank loans. President Weinstein's appeal at the 1959 Kol Nidre Service resulted in pledges totalling \$44,579.00. Mr. Jacques Adler had collected \$1,400.00 of this money by personal visits to the families of the Congregation. Our very first year in existence brought about the purchase of all the land our building and parking lot is on.

Mr. Maurice Herbst donated \$100.00 to what he felt was a very worthy cause. Following his generous gesture \$100.00 donations were made by Max Gordon, Lou Epstein, Harvey Herman, and Joel A. Weinstein. Mr. Weinstein also presented the Congregation with a \$100.00 contribution from Cong. Mishkon Israel, its officers and members.

Chairman Dave Colton and his staff of ushers deserve special mention for their fine service that they have rendered to date on our High Holy Days. Irv Blackman, chairman of the by-laws committee, and his committee worked diligently to prepare a set of by-laws to guide us in our operations. There are many families who supported us both physically and monetarily and should receive mention. Founding Families such as Joe Brooks, Jack Shaw, Fred Steinlauf, Si Zunamon, Howard Chimberoff, Lloyd Holtzman, Nate Pozen, Morrie Friedman, Sam Linn, Mort Goodman, Sol Silverstein, Joe Putterman, Sam Lane, Dr. Al Rosenberg, Art Weinberg, and Irving Zeman.

The Annual Meeting held on Feb. 17, 1960, brought about the election of the following officers: Sol Fine, President; Jacques Adler, Membership Vice-Pres.; Max Gordon, Worship Vice-Pres.; Milt Lambert, Ways and Means Vice-Pres.; Hy Klein, Treasurer; Dudley Dardiger, Rec. and Corr. Sec'y, and Erwin Wallen, Fin. Sec'y. The installation took place on April 22, 1960 with the Past President, Joel A. Weinstein, being elected as Honorary Lifetime President. The Installation took place at Todd Hall with Lou Epstein as Chairman and Samuel T. Cohen, Past President Council Traditional Synagogues as Installing Officer.

Our fund raising dinner for the building was held in June of 1960 at the Edgewater Beach Hotel where Chairman Milton Lambert was successful in raising substantial sums in pledges. Mr. Milton Lambert was appointed by Pres. Fine to act as Chairman for our Groundbreaking ceremony which took place on Aug. 14, 1960, with over 300 persons in attendance. Many dignitaries were present. The Hon. Henry J. Proesel, Village Pres. of Lincolnwood and the Hon. Myron Greisdorf, Mayor of Skokie, extended greetings on behalf of both communities. On June 4, 1960, Todd Hall was the scene of our President's Nite. Mr. Harold

Siegan, Vice-Pres. Council Traditional Synagogues presented our Congregation with a plaque from the Council and presentation of a plaque was made to Joel A. Weinstein as Honorary President of the Congregation. Harold Klein served as chairman of this affair.

Lest we forget, our 2nd Annual Dinner Dance was held on Apr. 9, 1960, at the Morrison Hotel with Alfred Spielman serving as chairman and Saul Silverstein as co-chairman. A wonderful time was had by all.

The year rolled around pretty fast and on April 15, 1961, we saw Harold Klein acting as chairman of the Installation night with Rabbi Joel Lehrfield installing the following officers: Sol S. Fine, Pres.; Jacques Adler, Dudley Derdiger, Monroe Glazer, Max Gordon, Milton Lambert, Sam Pollack, and Abbott Silverman as Vice-Presidents; Jerome Garoon, Recording Sec'y; Irving Goldner, Corresponding Sec'y; Leon Wolin, Treasurer; and Simon Zunamon, Financial Secretary. Sam Berkowitz and Joseph Brooks were installed as Trustees. This installation took place in Todd Hall and Cantor Herman Katz presented musical selections.

Prior to the Installation we held our 3rd Annual Dinner Dance April 9, 1961, at the Morrison Hotel under the capable chairmanship of Alfred Spielman and co-chairmanship of Leon Wolin. Again we were very successful.

The cornerstone laying ceremony took place on June 11, 1961, at our building with greetings being extended by Mr. Joseph R. Friedman, President Council Traditional Synagogues and an address by Rabbi Herman Davis of Lakeview Anshe Sholom Cong. Acceptances were by our own Rabbi Joel Lehrfield and President Fine. On Sept. 1, 1961 our Torahs were moved to our newly constructed House of Worship where Rabbi Joel Lehrfield sanctified our Congregation.

We wish to take cognizance of the assistance of the Village Officials in general, and the honorable Mayor Henry Proesel in particular for their aid in preparing the legal road by which our dream became a reality. Without their assistance we would never have progressed to the point that we have reached today.

Special thanks are due at this time to people other than our own members who helped us financially. We already have thanked the Presidents of both banks and now we come to another bank. Thru the efforts of Mr. Leon Wolin we received assistance from the SouthEast National Bank; Mr. Paul Rosenberg of Lichtenwald Iron Works and Jerry Greenstein of Thermo-Dynamics Corp. carried us for many months and Mr. John R. Wall personally financed our lot purchase and also saw to it that some of our interest money was returned to us. May the Good Lord bless these men for their help; for without it we would have had a much tougher struggle. Among our own members we are blessed with the

caliber of men like Jerry Meister and Al Neiberg who panelled the Rabbi's Study and Beth Hamedrash and also furnished and carpeted the Rabbi's Study; Milton Rappaport of Western Dry Wall & Decorating Co. who saw fit to paint our classrooms, basement, and corridors; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Nieder of Pioneer Paint Company who also furnished paint as well as furnishing two classrooms with desks; Mr. Phil Zelkowitz who furnished us with Epoxy and along with his wife, Nettie, have seen fit to perpetuate in memory of their parents our Main Sanctuary; Mr. Oscar Galter for furnishing a classroom with desks; Mr. Leon Wolin for donating and installing fire extinguishers thruout the building after the fire inspector informed us that we must have same; Mr. Berel Storck for seeing to it that concrete blocks were put up in the area of the lower Auditorium; Mr. Berel Storck and Mr. Al Schuman for donating the fence around the play area; Mr. Sol Fine who donated desks and chairs for the office; Mr. Jack Shaw and Mr. Harvey Herman for giving us the duplicating machines in the office; Mr. Phil Pollack for the filing cabinets, library book shelves, electric typewriter, and automatic addressograph; to all of you who have given without being recognized in this book, you know who you are and you should be doubly rewarded for your kindness.

High Holy Days of 1961 were spent in our newly constructed House of Worship. These were days of happiness to all of us who knew what the struggle was to attain our heights. At this time we should like to mention a few words about our elder, Max Gordon. Here is a man who has devoted most of his time to the Shul. In the past five years I doubt if he has missed over five times in attending to the Minyon. He has helped strangers feel at home; he has helped teach the mourners how to recite the Kaddish. It has been his job over the years to see that we had a Minyon. Kudos to you, Max, and may you feel that you have done as much for this Synagogue as any man and may you be granted many more years of health and may you continue to devote your time to the LJC. We need more men like you. We must also express thanks to men like Jack Shaw, Irv Goldner, Fred Steinlauf, Jack Fine, Ben Niman, Dr. Harry Cotell and Marshall Leib who have spent night after night at a time trying to accommodate the folks when they come in for their Holiday tickets and seats.

April 1, 1962, Rabbi Joel Lehrfield installed Sol S. Fine for his third term as President of our Congregation along with Jacques Adler, Dudley Derdiger, Irving Goldner, Mort Gooze, Max Gordon, Milton Lambert, Ben Niman, and Jack Shaw as Vice-Presidents; Mark Levinson, Corr. Sec'y; Louis Epstein, Rec. Sec'y; Simon Zunamon, Fin. Sec'y; Fred Steinlauf, Treas.; Sam Berkowitz, Joseph Brooks, and Phil Zelkowitz as Trustees. We were entertained by Cantor Herman Katz and the Choral Group composed of our own women.

June 10, 1962, was selected as the date of our 4th Annual Dinner Dance to be held at the Palmer House with Harold Klein as Chairman and Alfred Spielman as co-chairman.

Our Annual meeting was held on Feb. 27, 1963, and the date for our installation was set for March 27, 1963. Mr. Joel A. Weinstein was appointed by President-elect Gooze to act as Chairman. The Guest Speaker was Mr. William Jay Robinson, President of the Jewish National Fund. Again greetings were extended by the Honorable Henry Proesel, Lincolnwood Village President and Honorable Myron Greisdorf, Mayor of Skokie. In fact all of the Village Officials of Lincolnwood were in attendance. Rabbi Joel Lehrfield was called upon by President Gooze to act as Installing Officer. At this installation the following officers were installed: Morton Gooze, President; Jack Shaw, Irving Goldner, Max Gordon, Harold Klein, Milton Lambert, Fred Steinlauf, Sidney Cohen, and Zal Levin as Vice-Presidents; Monroe Glazer, Corr. Sec'y; Marshall Leib, Rec. Sec'y; Morton Goodman, Fin. Sec'y; Robert Welstein, Treas.; and Joseph Brooks, Dr. Harry Cotell, and Phil Zerkowitz as Trustees. It has been the custom of our presidents to re-appoint Dr. Nathan Izbicky, of blessed memory, as a Trustee and whose memory we will always cherish. Past President Sol Fine was conferred the honor of being elected Honorary Lifetime President and was so installed.

This is the history of the Congregation today. Again, we plead, please forgive us if inadvertently some names were omitted. May it be the Will of God that we remain together for many years to come and continue to make history in our Congregation.

JOEL A. WEINSTEIN
Founding President and Honorary Lifetime President
Lincolnwood Jewish Congregation

THE SISTERHOOD STORY

Sisterhood had as its start, a most festive occasion. For in December of 1958, our first meeting combined with a Chanukah "Lotky" Party, took place at the home of Mrs. Max Gordon. Mrs. Gordon later became one of our Honorary Presidents. This honor was shared with Mrs. Louis Epstein. The first order of business taken up that night by our Chairman, Mrs. Erwin Wallen, was to establish a Committee to write By-Laws. This Committee, our first slate of officers and our then very small membership used these basic By-Laws to help establish a sound foundation for the future growth of our Sisterhood.

At that time we dedicated ourselves to making Judaism a meaningful and vital part of our lives. Just about 23 women joined Sisterhood at its inception. Of these, 15 became Charter Members, all taking some type of office.

President.....	Mrs. Erwin Wallen
Vice President.....	Mrs. Fred Kornblith
Vice President.....	Mrs. Joseph Putterman
Vice President.....	Mrs. Fred Steinlauf
Vice President.....	Mrs. Abbott Silberman
Recording Secretary.....	Mrs. Allen Rosenberg
Corresponding Secretary.....	Mrs. Howard Chimberoff
Corresponding Secretary.....	Mrs. Maurice Slivnick
Financial Secretary.....	Mrs. Simon Zunamon
Treasurer.....	Mrs. Hy Klein
Trustee.....	Mrs. Irving Blackman
Trustee.....	Mrs. Abe Matthew
Trustee.....	Mrs. Joel A. Weinstein
Honorary President.....	Mrs. Max Gordon
Honorary President.....	Mrs. Louis Epstein

Under Eileen Wallen, our first President and her corps of officers, our membership grew, and the form of the Sisterhood was established.

Under our ambitious chairman many affairs and projects developed. Bowling League, Religious Gift Shop, Happy Day and Memorial Fund, New Years Greeting Book, Fashion Show and Card Party, to name just a few.

As the Congregation was in its infant stage and was in great need of money and care, Sisterhood felt that their immediate obligation was to assist it financially. The store on Touhy Ave. that had become the first "House of Worship" of the Lincolnwood Jewish Congregation became Sisterhood's regular meeting hall. Devoted gals spent many hours each week cleaning and preparing the store, not only for Sisterhood, but for Congregation meetings and Friday night services as well.

Since its inception, Sisterhood has been active in the organization and growth of our Religious Schools. Sisterhood, the mother of the community, will always continue to support both financially and physically our Religious Schools, for we feel most deeply the need to foster and further the religious, social and

educational activities for our children. In a way the school has always been our particular project. At the conclusion of the first year Sisterhood sponsored a culminating luncheon, the success of which was so gratifying that it became the standard for the years to come! After 18 months of hard work, our first President and her officers were retired, and our 2nd slate of officers elected and officially installed. They were:

President.....Mrs. Fred Steinlauf
 Vice President.....Mrs. Lloyd Holtzman
 Vice President.....Mrs. Joseph Putterman
 Vice President.....Mrs. Sam Pollack
 Vice President.....Mrs. Sidney Silverstein
 Recording Secretary.....Mrs. Allen Rosenberg
 Corresponding Secretary.....Mrs. Harvey Herman
 Treasurer.....Mrs. Hy Klein
 Financial Secretary.....Mrs. Mitchell Macks

All of these women were mindful of the duties and responsibilities that lay ahead. A wonderful foundation had been laid but much was yet to be done! These women were all dedicated. They had proven it; as did the officers before them, and no task was too great.

Many diversified activities began to take shape. Cultural programs, festival celebrations, Saturday Oneg Shabbats, and circles of interest groups were formed. Weekly Bar Mitzvahs in the Congregation prompted Sisterhood to appoint a Bar Mitzvah mother to assist the Bar Mitzvah parents. They ordered the food for the Oneg Shabbat, arranged for the flower centerpieces, etc., prepared and did the serving. Behind the scenes, dedicated women worked hard to get out a monthly Sisterhood bulletin to keep the Congregation's family aware of the happenings in the community. Outstanding programs, and delightful refreshments were provided for the enjoyment of our members and guests.

Now the community was calling on Sisterhood to take part in many outside service projects. The Mothers' "March of Dimes," Lincolnwood Day celebration and Brotherhood affairs. We have always played a role in community life.

In August of 1960, the Lincolnwood Jewish Congregation broke ground for our building and in September of 1961, we moved in. It was no longer a dream. We now had a beautiful Synagogue, a House of Worship, a Talmud Torah for our children, a central place where our Congregation membership and their families could be spiritually and morally served. New Sisterhood officers were elected. Women who could be entrusted with the problems of growth and expansion.

Mrs. Fred Steinlauf.....President for a 2nd term
 Mrs. Alfred Spielman.....Vice President
 Mrs. Sidney Silverstein.....Vice President
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 Mrs. Sam Pollack.....Financial Secretary
 Mrs. Joel A. Weinstein.....Parliamentarian

There was much to be done, a Kosher Kitchen to be established and maintained, more leadership and support for our developing Youth Group program.

The first Confirmation and Graduation Exercises held in the Congregation building afforded Sisterhood still another opportunity for close relationship with our children, our teachers and our Congregation. With wonderful cooperation on the part of many, each task, big or small, was completed. Sisterhood assumed its part in Bazaars, New Year's eve parties and all Men's Club promotions.

With the elections of 1962, a change in officers took place.

Mrs. Alfred Spielman was elected President, and her vice presidents were:

Mrs. Jack Shaw	Mrs. Harvey Herman
Mrs. Irwin Strub	Mrs. Leon Wolin
Mrs. Louis Epstein	Mrs. Jerome Garoon
Mrs. Morton Goodman.....	Recording Secretary
Mrs. Morris Friedman.....	Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. Simon Zunamon.....	Financial Secretary
Mrs. Samuel Linn.....	Treasurer

These women and today's officers:

Mrs. Alfred Spielman.....	President for a 2nd term
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Mrs. Howard Bernstein.....	Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. Dudley Derdiger.....	Recording Secretary
Mrs. Samuel Linn.....	Treasurer

have taken on still greater responsibilities, for the Congregation with its need to expand, has needed not only financial help, but cooperation in every facet of its operation.

Sisterhood has felt it an honor to play such a large part in this "Dedication Week-End." For we know that the men and women, the many whose names may not have been called or written, will gain satisfaction knowing that without their help we would not be here today.

This "Sisterhood Story" is by no means complete. Years to come will see many important and heartwarming developments take place. *You* are all part of the *past*, the *present* and the *future*.

With our background, the inspiration of our beloved Rabbi Joel Lehrfield, and with devout prayers, we, the Sisterhood, will continue to grow and enrich the lives of our families and friends. We *will* educate our children and strengthen our own trust in God, and each other, through the daily expressions of our faith.

MRS. FRED STEINLAUF
Sisterhood Past President

THE MEN'S CLUB STORY

One year after our Congregation became a reality, many of the men, who had been responsible for its organization felt the need to establish a Men's Club. They realized that in time, the driving force that made our Congregation possible could not be sustained without the aid of an active men's organization. Thus it was that this organization came into existence.

Our Men's Club was from the very beginning torn between two loyalties—the need to continue its own growth and the need to lend its personnel to general congregational activities. This has been the prime reason for its minimal activity and growth. However, it has justified the vision of its early planners through the following activities for our Congregation: Monte Vegas Nites, Gym Equipment for our children, a cash donation of \$2,500.00 and moral and financial support for the Congregation in obtaining and erecting the first Memorial Plaque.

The founding officers were: Harvey Herman, President; Ben Niman, Vice President; Jerome Meister, Recording Secretary; Mort Goodman, Treasurer. The succeeding presidents were: Jerome Meister and Mark Levinson.

In the near future, much more will be heard of the Men's Club and the Congregation will be able to look with assurance and pride at the many additional accomplishments of this organization.

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