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# TEMPLE BETH-EL BULLETIN

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## THOUGHTS.

Twenty-one years is just a span in one's life.

New Year's we had services in our new Temple; surely such men as Sam Levy, U. M. Simon, Dave Brown, Oscar Seligman, Herman Lederman, and others can look back 21 years and have the satisfaction of realizing that all their efforts towards building up this community have at last brought forth the richest results. What a fortunate investment they made when they consented to give their labor to the upbuilding of the Jewish community! Some of these noble men acted as president, collector and janitor all at the same time. Surely all of them contributed money, but they gave in addition more than money; they gave Labor of Love, which all know is more valuable. Don't you remember when we held services in the Spiritualist Temple? How lucky we thought we were financially able to rent this Temple!

Then came Rabbi Jasin who put his shoulders to the wheel and lo! and behold! we had a House of Worship of our own costing approximately \$8000.00. How happy we were. Some of the most pleasant moments of our lives were spent in this House of Worship; and then comes Rabbi George Fox, ever harping that we were now full grown and that we needed a Temple worthy of the community. By constant hammering he convinced us that we must have a new Temple, and now we will have the pleasure of worshipping in one of the most complete Temples in the South.

How could the history of this community be written without mentioning the women? What a noble set of Jewish women we have in our midst. Ever ready to make any sacrifice for the betterment of the Congregation. One of the greatest pleasures to the writer is the recollections of the good of several of the Christian Ministers. Several of the Christian Churches were tendered us on several occasions to hold our services there, and is a fact that we held services for several months in the old First Methodist Church. So it is proven God is good. From a small hand we stand today as one of the strongest Congregations in the South, with good and loyal members, prominent in all walks of life, successful because their efforts put forth for the service of God and the betterment of man.

HENRY GERNSBACHER.

To which we add that no man deserves more credit for the success of our community than Henry Gernsbacher. No man has sacrificed more for it. To him belongs the same amount of praise he has given to others.

## GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fort Worth, Texas, Sept. 13, 1920.

To the Members of Our Congregation:

This is the beginning of a New Year which I hope will be the best Beth-El Congregation has ever shown. Our beautiful, new Temple will soon be completed and I know it will be the handsomest House of Worship in the South. And every member of this Congregation should feel not only proud of being a member, but of having had the privilege to contribute towards the erection of this magnificent building. So I ask the co-operation of every one to help raise the debt and to increase the membership of the Congregation.

Wishing each and every one a year of Health, Happiness and Prosperity.

Sincerely,

H. LEDERMAN, President.

### HOW THE TEMPLE WAS STARTED.

Now, Folks the Temple is built and all of us should be proud of it. Now comes the important part and that is paying for it. We will owe about \$65,000.00, and this money must come out of our Congregation and everyone can share the whole responsibility. This is your Temple as well as mine, and you are responsible for the debt as well as any member of the Congregation.

The Good Ladies of the different clubs have done their duties. Really they have done wonders, especially the leaders of the Clubs. They are paying for the beautiful pews, the pulpit furniture, the dome and other furnishings to make the Temple complete, and our rabbi, his beloved wife and daughter, gave us two beautiful lights, which when placed on the Pulpit will be quite an ornament. Let each one of us do our duty!

SAM JOSEPH.  
Chairman Building Committee.

### TO THE LADIES OF BETH-EL CONGREGATION

The president of the Sisterhood sends you greetings. The year that is just about to dawn holds in store for each and every one of us, joys and blessings.

One of the greatest joys in life is the satisfaction we get out of service. Our new Temple will be a wonderful institution when completed, and it behooves the women of the congregation to come to the front and shoulder their part of the responsibilities.

Every woman in the congregation should and must be a member of the Sisterhood if the greatest good is to be achieved. There is no reason why any woman of Temple Beth-El should not be enrolled as a member.

Besides lending your moral support by belonging to the Sisterhood, we urge your active co-operation and solicit your suggestions.

Extensive plans have been made by the Executive Board and new activities have been mapped out.

Come to the meetings of the organization and do your share.

May the New Year bring you all you wish for, and may our new House of Worship inspire us to work more active for it.

Cordially yours,

MRS. GEORGE FOX.

Don't forget to inspect the whole Temple Building—it marvel.

## Pulpit Topics

Yom Kippur Eve—The Wealth That Gives Life.

Yom Kippur Morning—The Faith That Counts.

Yom Kippur Memorial Sermon—The Life That Counts.

Succoth Eve—The Eternal Succah.

### GREETINGS

We are about to begin another year in the history of Beth-El—the most important year in its record. This is our plan and our hope—but if it is to be accomplished every member of the congregation will have to do his and her duty. This is little enough for each one to do but taken together it is much. We are building the finest house of worship in the Southwest—one of the most beautiful in the Southland.

The Sisterhood has already begun to lay its plans for the year. There ought to be a year of activity such as we never had before. We are certain the Council will do its work; the Miriam Club has plans—and our Mens' Club will do its share. One great, mighty push, together, will work wonders—for all know that well-begun, is half done. Let us hope and pray for a year of health and happiness for each of us, and for year of success and achievement for the congregation.

### NOTES.

We will worship in the basement of the Temple—don't forget it.

Sabbath School will commence September 25th, at nine o'clock. Have your child there on time.

The Sisterhood is planning a welcome to the new members—send in your suggestions to any of the following: Mrs. George Fox, Mrs. Dan Brown, Mrs. U. M. Simon, or Mrs. H. I. Pincus.

This is to be the banner year in the history of Beth-El. Do your share to make it such.

By the time this Bulletin reaches you, nearly everybody will have returned home. Get to work for YOUR Temple—it is yours as much as any one else's.

For the present, we are to have the same excellent choir that we have had for the last two years—some choir. Encourage them—and incidentally the rabbi—by your presence at the services.

A Men's Club is in process of organization. If you want to join—and you ought to join, phone the rabbi.

We expect to have Dr. Stephen Wise of New York here sometime this fall. He is coming under the auspices of the auspices of the Miriam Club.

A wonderful meeting was held Sunday morning, the details of which will appear in the next issue.