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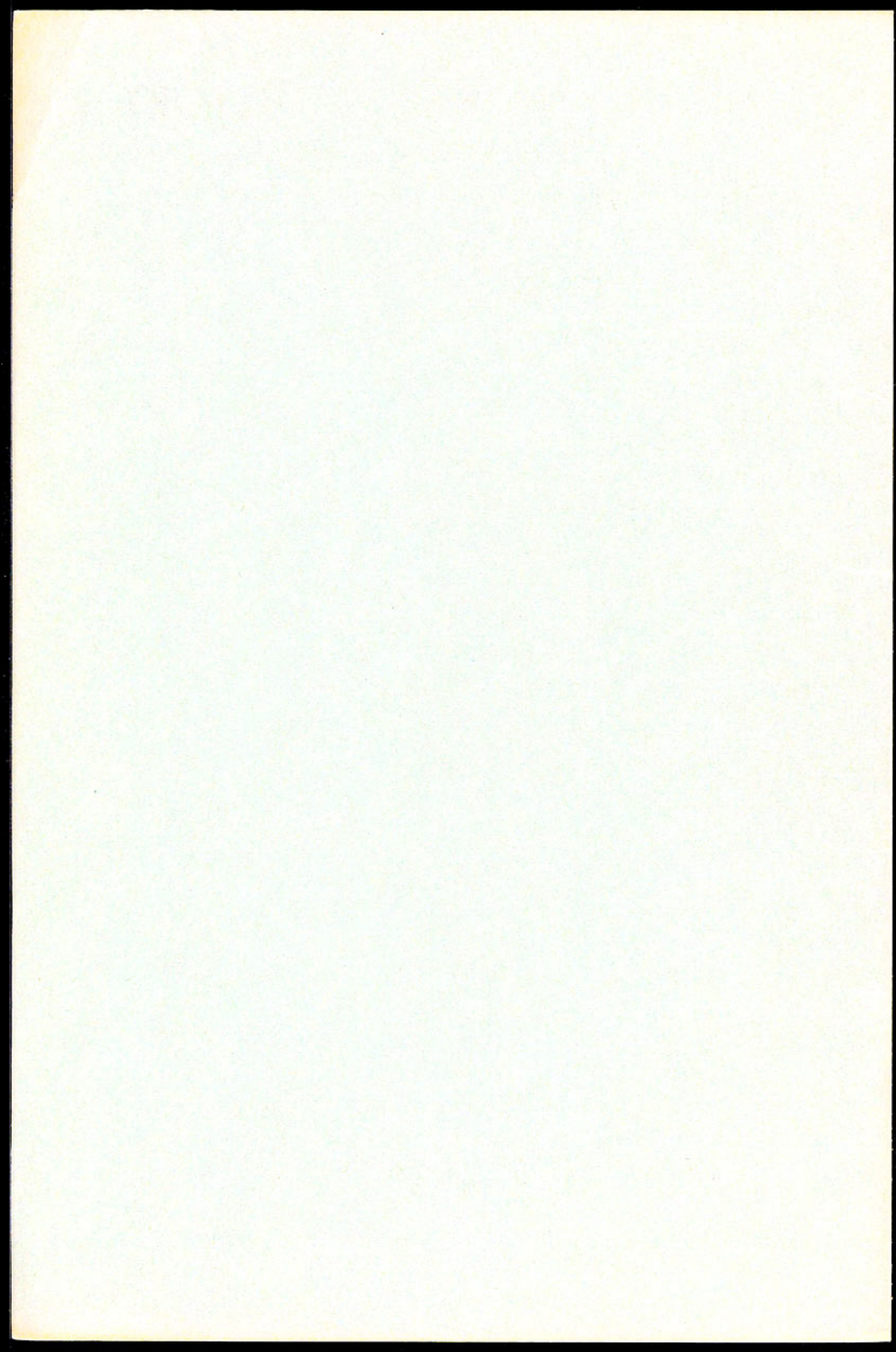
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*"When your children shall ask their fathers in time to come . . ."*  
— Joshua 4:21

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1. To promote the study and research of Michigan Jewish history by encouraging all efforts to create a wider interest on the part of Michigan Jews in the growth and development of their many respective communities.

2. To foster the collection, preservation and publication of materials on the history of the Jews of Michigan, to which purposes the society publishes MICHIGAN JEWISH HISTORY, a semi-annual journal, and has established the Burton Historical Collection of the Detroit Public Library as a permanent archive-depository for Michigan Jewish historical source material.

3. To encourage all projects, celebrations and other activities which tend to spread authentic information concerning Michigan Jewish history, such as the erection by the Society in conjunction with the Michigan Historical Commission, of the historical marker commemorating Michigan's first Jewish settler, at the restored Fort Michilimackinac.

4. To cooperate with national Jewish historical societies as well as with other state and regional Jewish historical groups.

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# CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL OF PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN

SOURCE MATERIAL AND RECORDS FOR A HISTORY

by ZALMAN B. FRYMAN \*

On August 8, 1896 the first recorded Articles of Association were drawn up. Services at that time and before had been held in private homes, whenever a Minyan could be gathered.

- (1) Members forming the Association were:
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|---------------------|--|
| Samuel L. Rosenthal | (founder of S. Rosenthal & Sons Store)   |
| Moses Rosenthal     | (son of S. Rosenthal)                    |
| Alick Rosenthal     | (son of S. Rosenthal)                    |
| Meyer I. Fryman     | (founder of Fryman's Shoe Store)         |
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| Wolf H. Keiden      |  |
| Jacob Greenberg     | (founder of the Greenberg Variety Store) |
| John Rutenberg      |  |
| Albert M. Blumrosen |  |

(2) THE NAME OF THE ASSOCIATION:  
HEBREW BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION OF PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN

- (3) PURPOSE OF THE ASSOCIATION:
- (A) To hold religious services
  - (B) Relief of distressed members.
  - (C) Visitation of the sick.
  - (D) Burial of the dead.
  - (E) General Care and assistance to members in distress.
  - (F) Charity.

For some time services were held in homes of members and in rented halls for the Holydays.

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\*Former President, Secretary, and at present writing (1970), Treasurer of the Congregation. The information in this article was taken from past accumulated records and from memory as passed on to the next generation by elders from time to time.

The first recorded services were held in 1909 in a rented hall which served as a Synagogue. This was on the third floor of the Major Building, now better known as the Chattaway Building.

At this point, because there are some questions as to the actual dates, the editors of MICHIGAN JEWISH HISTORY have taken the liberty of including the following few items as added historical source materials:

- A. THE AMERICAN JEWISH YEAR BOOK, 1900-1901, published by the Jewish Publication Society of America mentions the Petoskey Hebrew Congregation (p.296), as follows:

Founded 1898, Rabbi Levy  
President, S. Rosenthal  
Sec'y and Treasurer, A. Rosenthal  
Members, about 20  
Income of last year, \$600.00  
Religious school, one session; weekly pupils, 25;  
Classes, 3; teachers, 3;  
Cemetery in suburbs.

It is also mentioned in THE AMERICAN JEWISH YEAR BOOK, 1907-1908, with I. Zimmerman as Rabbi and I. Fryman as president.

- B. An INVENTORY of the CHURCH and SYNAGOGUE ARCHIVES of MICHIGAN prepared by "The Michigan Historical Records Survey Project" and published at Detroit, Michigan, 1940, points to the following two items (which should be considered most authoritative):
- (1) B'NAI ISRAEL, 1894 ---, Wakazoo and Michigan Sts., Petoskey, Emmet County. Organized 1894. Services held in Major Building, Mitchell Street, 1894-1907 in rented hall, Howard and State Sts., 1907-11. Present Synagogue purchased from Baptists and dedicated 1911; frame structure, remodeled in Synagogue style. First settled clergyman, Rabbi I. Koplowitz, 1911-15; graduate of



Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati. Services at present, conducted by visiting Rabbis officers in charge; President Zalman B. Fryman, 312 Williams St.; Secretary-Treasurer, Alfred Frank, Townhouse Apartments, State St. Membership: 15 families.

Minutes and register (confirmations, honours and deaths) 1894-2 Vols.; Financial records, 1894-1 Vol.; Temple Sisterhood records, 1928-1 Vol.; Records kept in Synagogue study (item 28, p. 22.)

- (2) B'NAI ISRAEL CEMETERY (Orthodox), 1895 --, Petoskey, Emmet County.

Organized 1895. B'Nai Israel Congregation (see entry 28) leased  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an acre of land from Greenwood Cemetery (nonsectarian) as a burial site for the Jewish population of the community. Approximately 25 internments to date. Supervised by Cemetery Board of congregation. Officers in charge: President, Zalman B. Fryman, 312 Williams St.; Secretary-Treasurer, Alfred Frank, Townhouse Apts., State St.

Register of deaths, 1895 --. Financial records, 1895 --. Above records in custody of Sectary-Treasurer, Alfred Frank. Interment records, kept by superintendent of cemetery. (item, 94. p. 46.)

- C. The American Jewish Archives of the Hebrew Union College has the following items in its collection:

- (1) U.S. - Michigan - Petoskey - Temple B'Nai Israel Congregation. Two page account of the congregation by Frederick Eisenberg, September 8, 1955.           Typescript           Histories
- (2) PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN Statistics, 1935-36. Questionnaire filled in by students having bi-weekly congregations, analyzing historical data, vital statistics, etc., of the congregations and their communities. 1935-36. Box No. 2259.

One of the interesting side-lights of the young congregation was a written agreement made by the members with Wolf and Louis Galinsky who were suppliers of Kosher meat in the years about and during 1904. These were taken from early records, "We the butchers who furnish the Kosher meat to the members of the Congregation agree to pay the Con-



gregation one hundred and fifty dollars per year, payable monthly. Meat sold at former prices. ”

Signed  
Wolf Galinsky  
Louis Galinsky

Quote:  
July 3, 1904.

“Special meeting of the Petoskey Hebrew Congregation (as it apparently was called at that time) was called by the President. A letter from Rabbi Rappaport (one of the earliest employed Rabbis as far as is known) asking for a raise of \$50.00 per year and free meat was read and placed before the Congregation for discussion”.

(There are no records as to the final arrangement made).

Members belonging to the Jewish Publications Society in Petoskey at that time were: A. Dosie, M. K. Fryman, J. Greenberg, A. Rosenthal, Samuel Rosenthal, Moses Rosenthal, and H. I. Welling.

The members of the Congregation at about that time as far as records go were:

Samuel Rosenthal  
Moses Rosenthal  
Alick Rosenthal  
Mr. Hershowitz  
Meyer I. Fryman  
Mr. Reinhertz, Sr.  
Herman Welling  
Charles Levinson  
Mr. Frazer  
Max Lampert  
Mr. Wiseman  
Ben Segal  
Mr. Borenstein  
Mr. S. Edelstein  
Louis Reinhertz

Mr. Louis Goldstick  
Mr. Nurkey  
Louis Galinsky  
Wolf Galinsky  
Jake Greenberg  
Mr. Sandelman  
Mr. Bechman  
Herman Gordon  
Harry Feldman  
Joseph Feldman  
A. S. Fryman  
Mr. Koplan  
Mr. Silverstein  
Max Wise  
Isaac Reinhertz

Little is known of events for the next few years except that this small Congregation struggled hard to keep the spark of Jewish life alive in a small community. Somehow it managed and on December 22, 1909 the organization was incorporated under Michigan laws as:

BEN ISRAEL CONGREGATION

After some years of Congregational services in the above mentioned hall, in the year 1909 a church building, then located on the southwest corner of Howard and State Sts. and owned by The United Brethren in Christ, was rented by lease for \$120.00 a year. And Synagogue services were moved to there.

Members who served as President for various terms from the beginning of records to the present were:

Samuel Rosenthal  
Meyer Fryman  
Alick Rosenthal  
Zalman Fryman  
Harry Cohen  
Seymour Heller

The first services from the beginning were Orthodox and were conducted by hired Rabbis, one of the first on record was a Rabbi Rappaport. There seems to be no other name on record though it is known that others served the Congregation in the early days. When finances were insufficient and when no Rabbi was available, services were conducted by laymen. Rabbis were occasionally obtained just for the High Holydays. Much depended upon the availability of a Rabbi or upon financial resources.

On September 25, 1911, the Jewish section of the City Greenwood Cemetery was purchased and incorporated under City regulation and Cemetery taxes. \*\*\*

On December 26, 1910, Zalman Fryman received his Bar Mitzvah in the above mentioned Synagogue. There must have been other Bar Mitzvahs before that date but there is no known record available.

Alick Rosenthal headed the Cemetery Committee until his death when Zalman Fryman was elected to head that committee and still



does to date. Perpetual Care and Cemetery records were set up and also a separate Cemetery account. By 1968 the Cemetery became self supporting thru investments of Cemetery funds in Government bonds and Bank Certificates of deposit.

In 1911 the present building, located on the corner of Michigan and Waukazoo Sts. was purchased from the Parr Memorial Baptist Church and became the present Ben Israel Synagogue on August 26, 1911. On that date the Congregation gathered at the old Synagogue and marched from there to the new Synagogue, carrying all the religious Torahs, books and other belongings. Money was raised by auctioning off various honors and privileges at the new home. A mortgage was taken on the balance. The down payment was made thru gifts by members and friends.

Membership includes families within a radius of 50-75 miles, supplemented by summer visitors. Finances have been raised by individual member donations, gifts from visitors, by the sale of High Holyday honors, but mainly thru membership dues.

In 1915 Rabbi W. Goldwasser, a visiting retired Rabbi and Hay Fever patient, served the Congregation thru the summer and High Holydays at \$50.00 per month. In 1916, his fee was raised to \$60.00 per month.

It was about this time that some changes were made in the services to satisfy a changing membership and it became a mixture of Orthodox and Conservative to satisfy everyone.

In 1919 Rabbi Rabinowicz of Detroit, a summer visitor, served as Rabbi during the High Holydays.

In 1920, the following were elected to offices:

Pres., Alick Rosenthal  
V. Pres., Wolf Galinsky  
Sec-Treas., Meyer I. Fryman

In 1921, a new set of 12 windows (mottled green) were installed, at a cost of \$225.00. A new basement, rest rooms and a new roof were added to the building with an outside entrance to the basement on the north side.

Also in 1921, and 1922, Lawrence Wellin served as Secretary-Treasurer until he moved away. Zalman Fryman was then elected to serve in his place.

In 1922 through the generosity of Mr. Joseph A. Magnus of Cincinnati, Ohio, and his wife, the balance of the mortgage of \$1,000.00 on the Temple building was paid and debt cleared. In that year quite a sum of money was raised for the National War Relief fund.

Also, in 1922, Rabbi Koplovitch, a summer visitor, served as Conservative Rabbi for the High Holydays. Mr. Paris of Toledo, Ohio assisted.

Officers elected 1922 were:

Pres., Alick Rosenthal  
V. Pres., Meyer I. Fryman  
Sec.-Treas., Zalman Fryman

In 1923 and 1924 Mr. H. Rose of Big Rapids, Michigan served as Rabbi for the High Holydays. He was assisted by Mr. Moses Segal of Harbor Springs, Michigan.

In 1925 a large open book shaped marble plaque was purchased for \$210.00 plus installation, for the purpose of a memorial on which names of members who had passed on were inscribed. More have been added as the years passed.

Once again because of changing times and new members of a new generation taking over when older members passed on, a change was begun to the passing from Conservative to Conservative-Reform in services. Union prayer books were purchased thru gift donations, taking the place of Conservative prayer books and services.

1925 brought the first student Rabbi from the Hebrew Union College of Cincinnati, Ohio. Student Rabbi Eugene Blachschleger, who later became lifetime Rabbi at Montgomery, Alabama, was the first to serve our Temple from July thru the High Holydays. He also organized Sunday School for the children.

As far as has been determined, B'Nai Israel Temple (as it was now called) was the first, if not one of the first Congregations to hold summer services for members and for summer residents. Lack of finances and the small number of our scattered membership made it impossible to have a Rabbi the year round. So all efforts were and have been put forth for successful summer services.



In 1928 after a long and continuous and enthusiastic effort, about \$1,200.00 was raised and new wall to wall carpeting was laid to replace the old and worn. Also in 1928 and 1929 after renting a piano, the Sisterhood purchased one for permanent use for \$225.00.

In 1929, \$250.00 was raised and sent to the Palestine Emergency Fund.

In 1937, the following officers were elected:

Pres., Zalman Fryman  
V. Pres., Vacancy  
Sec.-Treas., Alfred Frank

Also in 1937, the Temple was painted by Wm. Isaac for \$75.00. And 100 Union prayer books were purchased.

During the next few years various student Rabbis served the Temple during the summers and High Holydays. Elections, Congregational meetings, dinners and the usual gatherings helped to sustain the Temple thru the World War years. It is remarkable that the Congregation held together thru those stormy years. It was very rough trying to meet expenses. More than once it was necessary to have the water and electric meters removed during the winters to carry on. But the Temple was not allowed to die. Somehow, God and member efforts kept it going.

In 1942 the following officers were elected:

Pres., Zalman Fryman  
V. Pres., Samuel Neymark  
Sec.-Treas., David Cohen

A check was sent to the Resettlement & Refugee fund in Detroit.

In 1943 Zalman Fryman resigned the Presidency and new officers were elected:

Pres., Harry Cohen  
V. Pres., Samuel Neymark  
Sec.-Treas., Zalman Fryman

During the High Holydays Rabbi Selig Auerbach, a German refugee Rabbi served the Temple.

In 1944 Rabbi Auerbach served during the year; and that summer Gloria Gordon and Shirley Fryman were Bas Mitzvahed.

In 1946 Student Rabbi Hillel Fine served the Temple. Barbara Ann Fryman received her Bas Mitzvah.

In 1948 Interfaith services were held on a Friday evening. Visiting Protestant Ministers assisted, and the Temple was filled with guests from various churches. Each summer for several years, similar services were held in the Temple or in some Protestant church. For a while it was quite successful due to the recent war influence. But it gradually lost its appeal to Protestant ministers who were busy with their own Congregations, so the idea was dropped.

(To Be Continued In The Next Issue)



# DR. MAX BALLIN\*

Irving I. Edgar, M.D.

## II

### DR. MAX BALLIN AND THE DETROIT JEWISH COMMUNITY

Dr. Max Ballin was well aware of his Jewish origins, since he refused a high position in his profession in a clinic in Germany because it meant renunciation of his faith and conversion to Christianity. He must also have been aware of the difficulties that lay in the path of formal advancement in his profession for those of the Jewish faith in the Germany of his day. He most certainly felt the stings of German anti-semitism again and again. Perhaps this was the basic reason why Dr. Ballin immigrated to the United States in 1898. He came directly to Leadville, Colorado because of the invitation of a Leadville physician who had visited the clinic in Germany where Dr. Ballin worked, and a position was open to him at the hospital there. Here at Leadville, as mentioned before, he married Carrie Lepel, then a grade school teacher.

After he settled in Detroit in 1901, he soon became affiliated with Jewish Community Services. Thus, in a report by Blanche Hart, (1904) the then director of Clinic Services of the Jewish Charities, it is stated that . . .

Dr. Ballin has . . . been most kind in donating his services for surgical cases . . . <sup>1</sup>

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\*This is the second part of a 3 part article on Dr. Ballin. The first appeared in MICHIGAN JEWISH HISTORY, Vol. 10, No. 1. Jan. 1970. pp. 18-24.

This occurred before the opening of the organized clinic at the old Hannah Schloss Building at old High and Hasting Streets in 1905, and before he became affiliated with Harper Hospital, and was doing his surgery at the Detroit Sanitarium at 250 Fort Street. Actually he must have participated in the surgical services of the forerunner of the Hannah Schloss Building Clinic, organized by the HEBREW LADIES AID SOCIETY FOR WIDOWS AND ORPHANS of Temple Beth El. This was the first such Jewish charitable organization helping their clients with medical and surgical services. It was located at 397 Brush Street, corner of Montcalm Street. However, this organization sent those in need of such services to the various doctors offices and Dr. Ballin was one of these.

Dr. Ballin maintained his affiliation from this early period through the time of the Hannah Schloss Building Clinic; then through the period of the North End Clinic until his death in 1934. Thus in THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED JEWISH CHARITIES <sup>2</sup> it states that,

Many physicians shared in the operation of the clinic (at the Hannah Schloss Building). Dr. Hugo A. Freund succeeded Dr. Hirschman. . . later Dr. Ballin became Chief of Staff.

In his Reminiscences of the History of the Jewish Hospital Movement in Detroit<sup>3</sup>, Dr. Saltzstein writes of "Dr. Max Ballin . . . early Detroit surgeon."

He and his staff maintained the surgical services in the basement of the Hannah Schloss Building from 1909 until about 1920. Some men who later attained prominence in the medical sphere in Detroit won their spurs in the free dispensary. Among them were Drs. Max Ballin, Archibald McAlpine, Norman Allen and David Levy.

It has been mentioned that Dr. Ballin was a reticent man and modest and avoided the spotlight. Nevertheless, he did work actively on the campaign committee of the United Jewish Emergency Fund Drive of Feb. 15 to 27, 1925. THE MICHIGAN JEWISH YEAR BOOK, 1925 reports that <sup>4</sup>

As the outstanding event of the Jewish History of Michigan, the UNITED JEWISH EMERGENCY FUND DRIVE from February 15 to February 27, deserves a complete survey. The campaign committee included Dr. Max Ballin . . . and Dr. Hugo A. Freund.

As to his activities at the North End Clinic, Dr. Aaron Farbman<sup>5</sup> puts it thus,

In his early years in Detroit Dr. Ballin devoted many long hours to the care of his patients in the North End Clinic - at that time the old Hannah Schloss Dispensary, at Hastings and High Streets. Later when his activities as Chief of Surgery and Chief of Staff at Harper Hospital demanded all of his time, he still served on the Consultation Staff of the North End Clinic and was always willing to discuss its problems. . . He was a constant inspiration to the North End Clinic Staff. . . Therefore when he died in 1934, it was felt that an annual series of lectures would be fitting to honor his name.

For many years, beginning in 1934, these BALLIN MEMORIAL LECTURES did take place and were well attended and acclaimed. Thus, THE DETROIT MEDICAL NEWS (Vol. 27, p. 12, 1936) under the heading of "What's What" announces:

The MAXBALLIN MEMORIAL LECTURE for Thursday, February 13th, will be presented by Dr. Leon Block, attending physician on the staff of Michael Reese Hospital and Associate Clinical Professor at Rush Medical College, Chicago, on "Non-Gastro-Intestinal Diseases," Simulation Gastro-Intestinal Diseases.

And again the following week (Vol. 27, Feb. 17, 1936, p. 11) it is announced:

The Max Ballin Memorial Lecture for February 20th will be presented by Dr. Frederick G. Buesser of Detroit on "Management of the Peptic Ulcer Patient." Dr. D. J. Sandweiss will discuss the paper with particular emphasis on the newer methods in the treatment of peptic ulcer.



THE DETROIT MEDICAL NEWS of January 13, 1936 (Vol. 27, p. 13) announces:

The DR. MAX BALLIN MEMORIAL LECTURES on "Diseases of the Gastro-Intestinal Tract" will continue with a second address to be presented at the Brown Memorial Chapel, Temple Beth El, Gladstone and Woodward Avenues, 8:30 o'clock, Thursday evening, January 16th by Dr. B. B. Vincent Lyon, Associate Professor of Medicine at Jefferson Medical College, Chief of College Hospital Clinic's gastrointestinal department, Philadelphia.

Thus, also THE NORTH END CLINIC QUARTERLY (Vol. 2, Jan. 1941, p. 4) announces that,

The Dr. Ballin Memorial Lectures, eighth series, November-December, 1940

"Some Recent Development in Drug Therapy," Harry Gold, M.D.

"Recent Advances in Treatment of Food Allergies,"  
Walter C. Alvarez, M.D.

"Recent Advances in Vitamin Therapy,"  
Harold J. Jeghers, M.D.

In explaining these lectures, R. A. Sokolov, M.D., an editor of this QUARTERLY (Vol. 2, Jan. 1941, p. 4.) writes

In keeping with this spirit the Ballin Memorial Lecture Series were founded. It was at the North End Clinic that Max Ballin gave considerable of his time during the early years of his practice in Detroit. The staff of the Clinic each year arranges for several nationally known physicians to give papers on subjects of current scientific interest which the entire profession is invited to hear . . .

When Dr. Ballin died, an Editorial in the DETROIT FREE PRESS (3/15/34) entitled "The Doctor Dies" states

"He was the personification of the ancient culture of his people. . ."

Dr. Max Ballin played a part in the controversy about the building of a Jewish hospital in Detroit which went on for many years. Many were resentful of Dr. Ballin's stand in the matter in those years, although looking back, one wonders if he was not right at that time in his stand.

Under the heading "Hospital Issue Excluded From Drive of Welfare Federation, the MAIMONIDES MEDICAL SOCIETY BULLETIN (Vol. V. No. 5, p. 6) reports the results of an open meeting of the Jewish Welfare Federation of Detroit to discuss this matter:

Efforts for the building of a Jewish hospital in Detroit received a temporary setback Wednesday evening when outstanding leaders in the community, meeting at the Phoenix Club. . .excluded from the coming spring campaign the hospital issue.

Attended by men most prominent in the community, whose contributions were counted upon to supply the funds necessary for the construction of a hospital, as well as by the Jewish physicians representing both elements on the hospital question, the meeting went on record against an immediate campaign for a hospital following a lengthy discussion of the issue involved.

It was certain however, following the expression of opinion on both sides on Wednesday evening, that an immediate campaign for a hospital in Detroit under the auspices of the Federation is hopeless. . . .

Opposing the views of Dr. Slawson and the staunch supporters of a hospital who backed him in his efforts for immediate action were the opinions of three leading Jewish physicians and a number of leaders who claimed that there is not the need for a hospital today. . .who maintain that the building of a hospital should be guided in accordance with the possibility of drawing upon the Jewish doctors for a strong hospital staff; and who therefore urged that action on a hospital be postponed for three or four years until. . .the younger Jewish medical men will have matured to a position of being able to man a hospital on a par with the best.



DR. HUGO FREUND, MAX BALLIN and DAVID LEVY were the three physicians at the meeting who opposed immediate action. . .

Dr. Ballin was a member of the Phoenix Club, made up mainly of Jewish members. Dr. Max Ballin was a member of Temple Beth El for many years until his death, March 4, 1934. At his death there was a great outpouring of eulogizing in the newspapers and medical magazines of Michigan. At the funeral, THE DETROIT FREE PRESS (3/8/34) reported,

Justice Henry M. Butzel of the Michigan Supreme Court and five of Dr. Max Ballin's, medical associates - Drs. Robert C. Moehlig, Norman Allen, Maurice Meyers, Plinn F. Morse, and Emil Amberg - served as pallbearers . . . for Dr. Ballin. . .

Dr. Leo M. Franklin of Temple Beth El officiated. The rites were attended by more than 700 persons, including leading medical, professional and businessmen. A violin solo was given by William Grafing King of the first violin section of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

Included in his will was a bequest of \$1,000.00 to the United Jewish Charities,<sup>6</sup> a considerable sum at that period of the great economic depression.

Dr. Ballin was not a religious man and his occupation with Jewish activities were limited in accordance with others of the Germanic group that came to this country.

Dr. R. C. Moehlig many years after Dr. Ballin's Death (1959) writing of his humor, states,<sup>7</sup>

One Sunday morning looking out the window across the street at the Episcopal Church, we saw that lightning had struck the steeple, cluttering the sidewalk with debris. Dr. Ballin said, lightning hit that Episcopal Church, it didn't the Synagogue, draw your own conclusions.



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Book III, 1916-1918

**MINUTES OF MEN'S CLUB**

Book I, 1947-1951

Book II, 1955-1956

Book III, 1958-1959

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**MINUTES OF JUNIOR BRANCH  
OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY  
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**MEMBERSHIP LEDGER**

Book 1, 1867-1896

Book 2, 1897-1904

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Book 4, 1913-1917

Book 5, 1918-1921

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Book 7, 1927-1928

**FINANCIAL RECORDS**

Book 1, 1879-1886

Book 2, 1887-1896

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PROGRAM OF TEMPLE FAIR -  
Early 1900's

#### SISTERHOOD

COOKBOOK, 1903

YEARBOOKS - 25th Anni-  
versary, 1926; 1928-1929;  
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CONSTITUTIONS AND  
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1956  
From Herman Kiefer Hos-  
pital – 1956  
From Michigan Cancer  
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ism in New York  
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1931-32; 1938-39; 1942-43;  
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The Mirror (Monthly Publication  
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Testimonial Dinner

Program of Testimonial Din-  
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Dearden, 1967

Scrapbook

For the years 1959-1963

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Annual Temple Moonlight,  
Early 1900's  
1909-1910 Yearbook

Program of Play "Constance  
Gidion and Henry L. Gidion,"  
1916

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1916

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1941

Membership Certificate in  
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Third Annual Fall Conclave of  
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Certificate of Appreciation From  
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1956

"Workday for God" Clipping from  
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#### MARRIED GROUP (ORIGINALLY YOUNG MARRIED GROUP)

Original Constitution of Married  
Group, 1952

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#### TEMPLE ART SOCIETY

Scrapbook, 1922-1932

#### TEMPLE PLAYERS

Programs of "Pure as the Driven  
Snow", 1952; "The Fifth  
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#### BETH EL COLLEGE OF JEWISH STUDIES

Course of Studies - 1927-28;  
1928-29; 1929-30; 1930-31;  
1931-32; 1932-33; 1933-34;  
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Programs of First Commencement  
Exercises - 1926-28; 1929,  
1930, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935

#### PROGRAMS OF NATIONAL CONVENTIONS HELD IN DETROIT

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1880

Central Conference of American  
Rabbis, 1903, 1929, 1960  
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Congregations, 1889, 1941  
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National Federation of Temple  
Brotherhoods, 1941  
National Federation of Temple  
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Administrators, 1941, 1964

## BOOK REVIEW

### "AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL EPISODES"

by Allen A. Warsen (1971)

An account of the "experiences in the somewhat ordinary life of one person" as stated in the preface, might not appear to be of significance. However, if as Carlyle once said "biography is the only true history," then autobiography is not far behind. We are indebted then to Mr. Warsen for putting in print various highlights from his eventful life. Although certain of the occurrences set forth are fairly recent, others relate to a vanished era and depict images that are in the heritage of the Jewish Community.

The author tells of family origins in Eastern Europe, of great-grandfather Zelig who was an "importer" of groceries in Mlawa, Poland; the grandfather Mendel who was a "Hassid" and follower of the "Alexander Rebbe". There are relatives decimated by World Wars I and II, others who survive by ingenuity and the circumstances of fate. There is an interesting description of the method by which thousands of Jews were able to immigrate to the United States from pre-World War I Poland, at that time a province of Russia. Bribing the chief of police was required, as well as bribery of other officials. Another episode refers to the occasions known as "galuvkas," when classes were cancelled in honor of the birthday of a member of the Russian royal family. After assembling in the local Shul, the cantor would conduct a service. Each time the royal celebrant's name was mentioned "we chanted in low voices 'Imach Shmoh' (may his name be obliterated)".

In relating his Polish army experiences, Mr. Warsen expresses his bitterness at the treatment accorded himself and the two other Jewish members of his unit. He makes it clear that what the Polish Seventh Armored Division lacked in weapons, they made up in the ferocity of their anti-Jewish feeling. Note this evaluation of the chief chaplain of



the Poznan military corps: "He was tall, looked formidable and provoked fearful awe. To me he looked like a medieval inquisitor who would have enjoyed the sight of an auto-da-fe."

Included in the "Episodes" are affectionate comments on the author's family, especially his wife Sara. There are reminiscences of teaching experiences in the Detroit school system, including his substantial efforts in behalf of the Detroit Federation of Teachers. One reads details of Mr. Warsen's participation in the 1954 Tercentenary Celebration of the first Jewish settlers in New Amsterdam (now New York). He also recounts his very considerable contribution to the creation and development of the Jewish Historical Society of Michigan. The autobiography ends with a summary of the author's work in helping to establish a Jewish Research Center, his goal in furthering Hebrew language courses in the public high schools, and observations based on a trip to Israel.

"Autobiographical Episodes" represents an original piece of writing and Mr. Warsen is to be commended for preserving what is often left only to memory. It is hoped that he will have the opportunity in the future to record additional chapters.

J. D. HYAMS

## NEWS and NOTES

DR. IRVING I. EDGAR AUTHOR'S BOOK

Doctor Edgar, President of our JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY of MICHIGAN has just had published his book on SHAKESPEARE, MEDICINE and PSYCHIATRY (Philosophical Library, Inc., New York, N.Y.)

According to the jacket on the book, this book is a chronological-historical survey and evaluation of critical opinion of the medical and psychopathological knowledge in the works of Shakespeare. It fulfills a long felt need to completely demolish the idolatrous approach of medical commentators in this field, and places Shakespeare's medical and psychiatric knowledge truly within the age in which he lived. In this sense the book gives us an historical picture of the age in which Shakespeare lived.

The book also deals with the psychoanalytic approach to Shakespeare's writings particularly in relation to HAMLET and KING LEAR. The author feels that the psychoanalytic approach to Shakespeare's works has been productive of a large body of valid Shakespearean criticism.

The bibliography in the book is the most extensive of its kind in this field of Shakespeare commentary.

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### THE DAVID E. HEINEMAN MEMORIAL

Sometime in April 1972, the Jewish Historical Society of Michigan in conjunction with the Detroit Historical Commission and the City of Detroit, will participate in a ceremony of tribute and memorialization to DAVID EMIL HEINEMAN who served Detroit for many years in

various capacities; but more especially as the Jewish designer of the flag of Detroit, the City's official emblem. The dedicating event will take place at the Detroit Historical Museum. The beautiful stained glass window of the flag, which originally was in the old Detroit City Hall, has already been hung in the glass window over the entrance to the Detroit Historical Museum.

The properly embossed, signed and framed Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Detroit, authorizing the tribute and memorial will also be hung on an appropriate nearby wall of the museum.

Appropriate ceremonies are being planned for the dedication, and members of the Jewish Historical Society of Michigan will be notified of such plans.

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CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL OF PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN  
CELEBRATES ITS 75th ANNIVERSARY

Congregation B'Nai Israel of Petoskey has completed plans for a special celebration of its 75th Anniversary. Among the plans for this event, there will be a Community Service of Thanksgiving scheduled for Shabat Evening, August 10, 1971; there will also be a large format newspaper article in the PETOSKEY NEWS REVIEW which will be an illustrated account of the history of B'Nai Israel by Rabbi Howard Berman. CONGRATULATIONS!



## OUR HISTORY ALBUM



This photograph of "Bohbie Gitl" Mincer was taken in Detroit circa 1900. She came here in 1867 from Vestinetz, Poland, a village on the border of Prussia. The family included Gitl and her husband, Haskel, and their four children: Beryl, Yankel, Rebecca and Israel. Israel was fourteen years of age at the time. The other children were married. Rebecca, married to Isaac Lipsitz, remained in Detroit. Their children were Mose and Minnie. For many years Mose Lipsitz had a business, The National Clothing Company, located in the Kern Block on Woodward Avenue. Later he turned his attention to real estate. In the 1920's he and his family moved to California. Minnie married Jake Steinberg of Traverse City and lived in Michigan all of her life. The family was closely associated with the Shaarey Zedek Synagogue. Rabbi Abraham Hershman lived in Mose Lipsitz home when he first came to Detroit. Bohbie Gitl's only descendent still living in Detroit is her great granddaughter, Devera Stocker (Mrs. Harry). There are, however, many great grandchildren and great great grandchildren living in various cities in the United States.

