



Temple Sinai and the State of Israel are Celebrating Their 70th Anniversary This Year

The 50's. The era of the baby boomer. Elvis broke hearts. The Corvette debuted, along with Mickey Mouse and the hula hoop. The middle class grew. NASA was created. Television entered homes. So much was happening, growing, changing. But to us, members of Temple Sinai, it is especially important to know this decade was also a time of much growth and change for our synagogue.

The 50's

The Roslyn Jewish Community Center drafted its Constitution and By-Laws on January 21, 1949 and adopted them a year later on January 4, 1950. At the meeting of June 27, 1950, the congregation adopted its current name, Temple Sinai. While the Temple was under construction, services were held at the Roslyn Presbyterian Church.

On August 27, 1950, a dedication ceremony was held at the new synagogue at which Temple President, Herbert H. Hyman, symbolically returned the keys of the Roslyn Presbyterian Church to Reverend John Van Zanten.



In 1951, with the support of Rabbi Alvan Rubin, Temple Sinai officially established itself as a Reform Temple by authorizing the ground rules of religious observation for its services in the "liberal reform manner". However, a group of congregants was opposed to the Reform-styled services and proposed a Conservative synagogue. In June, 1951, shortly after elections confirmed the approval by the congregation as a Reform temple, several members of Temple Sinai left the congregation to form a "new liberal Conservative synagogue" and established Temple Beth Sholom in Roslyn Heights.



Temple Sinai quickly grew to 400 members. In 1953, members approved plans for an addition to the existing building, which included a new wing to house a chapel with "permanent seating", a library, youth lounge and expanded classroom facilities. Construction commenced with groundbreaking ceremonies held on April 4, 1954 at which Rabbi Rubin officiated.

On March 18, 1955, a dedication ceremony was held at Temple Sinai to celebrate the completion of the new wing and dedicate the chapel, religious school and youth lounge. The dedication service, officiated by Rabbi Alvan Rubin with Cantor Norman Belink



(right) and Organist Leslie Garrison, capped a three-day celebration of services, a dinner-dance and distinguished speakers including rabbis, ministers of other faiths and civic leaders.

By 1957, Temple Sinai had grown significantly in size and services. At that time students who were to become B'nei Mitzvah attended religious school on the weekend and Hebrew school on weekdays for a total of three days. Students who wanted a religious education but were not going to become B'nai Mitzvah attended one day of religious school on the weekend. Temple Sinai had registered more than 1,250 children in these programs with 48 different Religious School classes and 12 Hebrew School classes staffed by 36 teachers. Temple Sinai had

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instituted a Nursery School, an Orchestra Workshop devoted largely to classic symphonic works, an active Temple Brotherhood and Sisterhood, a Junior League of Temple Youth, an Adult Education Program, an Adult Choir, and a Visiting Scholar Program. Notable among the “extra-religious” activities in those formative years was the performance of semi-professional dramatic and musical productions directed and performed by congregants as the “Sinai Players”. Among other regular activities, the Temple held an annual Religious Retreat, Annual Jazz Festival, Annual Blood Drive, an Annual Bazaar and Purim Carnival.

On February 9, 1958, Temple Sinai celebrated the tenth anniversary of its founding and the tenth anniversary of its first spiritual leader at the Temple, Rabbi Alvan Rubin.

Next month we will learn how our Temple changed during the 60's.

A limited number of copies of “Temple Sinai of Roslyn” are still available. The cost is \$50. You can obtain your copy from the Temple office. Checks should be made payable to Temple Sinai.

TEMPLE SINAI GROUNDBREAKING EXERCISES	
April 4, 1954	Nisan 1, 5714
1. PROCESSIONAL	
2. NATIONAL ANTHEM	
3. INVOCATION	<i>Rabbi Mordecai Rubin</i> Wantagh Jewish Center
4. HALLEL-HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>Canon Norman Belink and Senior Choir</i>
5. WELCOME	<i>Mr. Abe E. Minstein</i> President Temple Sinai
6. RESPONSIVE READING PSALM 121	<i>Rabbi Eugene Borowitz</i> Port Washington Community Synagogue
7. ANTHEM - "Lift Up Your Heads"	<i>Temple Junior Choir</i>
8. GREETINGS AND GOOD WISHES	<i>Mrs. Hyman Peroin</i> President, Sisterhood <i>Mr. Abe Feldman</i> President, Men's Club <i>Mr. Ronald Adelstein</i> President, Junior League <i>Miss Patricia Judkoff</i> President, Temple Junior Club
9. HYMN - "The Lord of All"	
10. THE HON. STEVEN DEROLINIAN	
11. BIBLE READING	<i>Rabbi Ario Hyams</i> Temple Beth Shalom, Roslyn
12. SERMON - "Bless This House"	<i>Rabbi Jacob P. Rudin</i> Temple Beth El, Great Neck and Honorary Member, Temple Sinai
13. ANTHEM - "Praise the Lord O Jerusalem"	<i>Senior Choir</i> Soprano Solo - Mrs. C. Margolis
14. PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING	<i>The Rev. Clarence Jones</i> Trinity Episcopal Church, Roslyn
15. "FATHER LET THY BLESSING"	<i>Combined Choirs</i>
16. PROCESSIONAL HYMN "How Good It Is To Thank The Lord"	<i>Choir & Cong.</i> <small>The Congregation is asked to follow the Choir and our guests outside to the groundbreaking exercises</small>
17. GROUNDBREAKING EXERCISES	<i>Rabbi Alvan Rubin</i> Temple Sinai <i>Mr. Walter Bregman</i> Chairman, Building Com.
18. BENEDICTION	<i>Rabbi Herbert Baumgard</i> Temple B'nai Israel, Elmont
<small>MARTIN ALLICER RICHARD FRIEDMAN Co-Chairmen</small>	

TEMPLE SINAI

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DEDICATION SERVICE

Sunday, March 20, 11:00 a.m.

All Religious School Children will attend.
Parents are invited.

The Junior Choir will participate.



TEMPLE SINAI

Dedication Weekend Program

The Rabbi, Officers and Board of Directors of Temple Sinai cordially invite you to attend the Normal Dedication of our Chapel, Religious School, and Youth Lounge.

Friday, March 18, 8:45 p.m.
Dedication Service

Saturday, March 19, 9:00 p.m.
Dedication Ball

Sunday, March 20, 11:00 a.m.
Religious School Dedication Service

