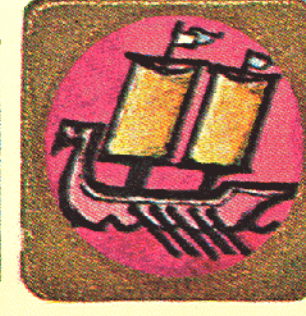
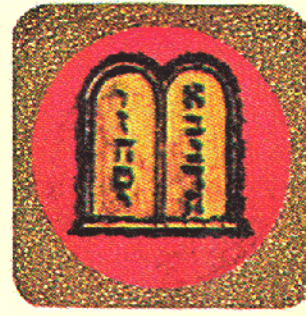




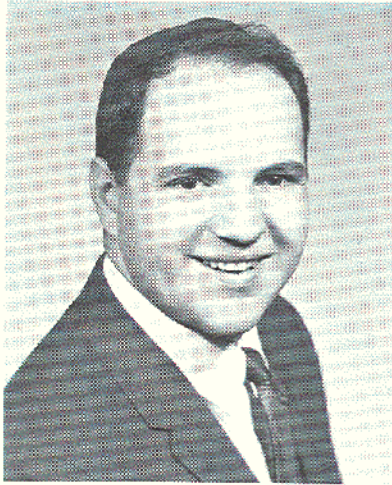
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# Dedication Book





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#### Message from Rabbi Samuel B. Press

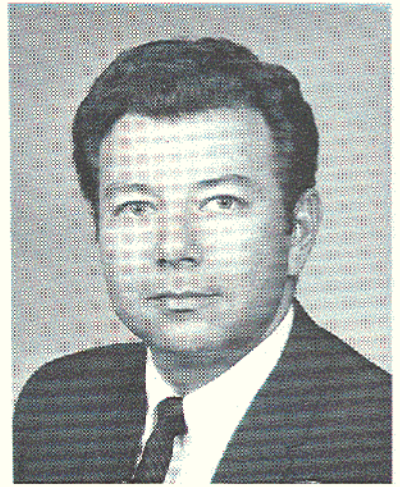
Many months of conscientious effort and achievement in behalf of the synagogue are culminated as we the Oyster Bay Jewish Center dedicate this book. With humility and gratitude we offer thanks to the Almighty for His having enabled us to reach this milestone, the building and dedication of our new synagogue.

Guided by our historic charge given four thousand years ago, "And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst," we have endeavored to create in our community a sanctuary which will fulfill the ideals of our faith. As a House of Prayer, we aspire that our membership attain the highest spiritual goals and that the prayers offered here may bring joy and comfort, security and satisfaction to all who worship here. We also want this synagogue to be a House of Study to transmit the richness of our heritage to our children and to deepen appreciation and awareness of our faith to all members. In the midst of an age that echoes despair with effusions of doom we want to develop a House of Assembly where man may gather in service to God and to humanity with loyalty and love. We, in this undertaking, desire to perpetuate the faith of our fathers and to foster the principles of these beloved United States.

We ask the Almighty to bless the members of this congregation and its affiliate organizations, the Sisterhood, Men's Club and Youth Group who have given of their means, of their time and of their energy unstintingly, and who have continually worked for this sacred cause. We ask for Divine blessing upon the men and women who have assisted us in our labors, and upon this community which made possible the genesis and completion of this holy work.

The pride of this synagogue is reflected in its rabbi, and I am grateful to be spiritual leader of the Oyster Bay Jewish Center. In the words of our great teacher Moses, "Let the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; establish Thou also the work of our hands; Yea the work of our hands establish Thou it." Amen.

Rabbi Samuel B. Press



#### Message from the President

Five years ago, a group of thirty-two Jewish families looked for a temporary home in which to worship and establish a Hebrew School for their children. This first Jewish congregation in historic Oyster Bay, through the generosity of the Advisory Committee of the Community Center, was given the use of the Center until a permanent home could be found. Religious services, Hebrew School classes, Congregation, Men's Club and Sisterhood meetings were held regularly and the Community Center served in every way as a temple for the Jewish Community. The congregation grew from thirty-two families to one hundred and twenty-five families, and on Saturday morning, September 14, 1968, the last Sabbath service was held in the Community Center.

We, the Congregation of the Oyster Bay Jewish Center, will be eternally grateful to the people of Oyster Bay who were instrumental in allowing us to use the Community Center, for without their generosity and unceasing cooperation, we certainly would not have achieved so much in such a short time. We are proud and excited to be in a permanent home, our new temple located on Marion Street.

Our sincerest gratitude to the Knights of Columbus of Oyster Bay for allowing us to use their beautiful building for our High Holy Day Services the past two years, to the American Legion for the use of their hall, to the clergy of all faiths whose offers of assistance and encouragement were always with us, to the many business people in our town for their support, and particularly to John Schiff who gave us the land for our temple.

The Oyster Bay Jewish Center thanks the entire community of Oyster Bay for the many things which were done to assist us and for the spirit of community cooperation which has helped to inspire us into making a dream of five years ago a reality today.

Dr. Irwin Bard, President  
Oyster Bay Jewish Center