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Officers of the Sisterhood
A MESSAGE

From the President of the Temple Sisterhood and Aid Society

Greetings from the ladies of the Temple Sisterhood who congratulate the Agudath B'nai Israel Congregation on the completion of our beautiful new Temple. The officers and various committees of the congregation, who so willingly and unselfishly gave of their time and efforts during the construction of our Temple, are to be congratulated for their fine work.

With the completion of our Temple, a new era has begun for the Lorain Jewry. With such interest and enthusiasm as is shown by both young and old, in our Temple, Judaism cannot fail. It has not been built as a place to worship only twice a year, but for use every day of the year, and will be a place of worship, study and social welfare.

It should be a privilege and a pleasure to be a member of so worthy an institution, and those who are as yet not affiliated with our Temple, will find ten reasons for joining our Temple:

1. The Temple is the heart of Jewish life. The continuity of our people depends upon its effectiveness.
2. It provides religious sustenance by interpreting our traditions and our history.
3. It administers to the moral and spiritual welfare of the family and community.
4. It gives instruction to your children through its religious school.
5. It provides adult education through the message of the Rabbi.
6. It is a civic institution the support of which is the duty of every member of our faith.
7. It is a social organization, through which lasting friendships are formed.
8. It provides a cultural background, against which modern problems are viewed in their true perspective.
9. It conveys the message of Judaism to the world.
10. In its affiliated organizations, it provides a religious school, a Sisterhood, a Brotherhood, and junior Auxiliaries, thus reaching every member of your family.

The Temple Sisterhood, with renewed efforts again pledges its cooperation to the congregation and our community to its fullest extent.

My wish for our Sisterhood is that each and every member shall stand for the highest type of Jewish womanhood; that her home shall be a miniature Temple, where the spirit of Judaism reigns through the observance of ceremonies and customs which make for a true Jewish spirit; that every mother take an interest in her child's religious education, for a disinterested parent makes a disinterested child.

My wish for our Sisterhood, is for the fullest cooperation of all its members so that our work can be carried on to greater achievements in the field of our endeavors, and we may be a blessed power to the community in which we live.

"So live that when thy summons comes to join The innumerable caravan that moves To that mysterious realm, where each shall take His chamber in the silent halls of death, Thou go not, like the quarry-slave at night, scourged to his dungeon, but sustained and soothed By an unaltering trust, approach thy grave Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch About him and lies down to pleasant dreams."

—William Cullen Bryant—'Thanatopsis'

—Mrs. Jos. L. Deutsch
Past Presidents of the Sisterhood

- Mrs. Joseph Gould
- Mrs. Morris Asch
- Mrs. Wm. A. Pitzele
- Mrs. Louis Cohen
- Mrs. John Rosenfeld
- Mrs. Joseph Deutsch
- Mrs. George Nelson
TEMPLE SISTERHOOD

"Keep Us, Oh God, from Pettiness, Let Us Be Large in Thought, in Work, and in Deed."

In 1906 a small group of women organized the Ladies Auxiliary of Agudath Achim Congregation. The object of this society was to assist in the religious education of the children and aid in the work of the congregation. Records of the work of the Auxiliary are incomplete, but the following were pioneer members:


In 1913 at the suggestion of Rabbi Adolph Steiner the name of the Ladies Auxiliary was changed to "The Temple Sisterhood."

"Feb. 11, 1912.—The Lorain Hebrew Ladies Aid Society was formed by Rabbi Schorr at the Synagogue on 15th St. for the purpose of helping the poor and sick people of the City of Lorain," is an excerpt from the minute book of that organization, the first officers of which were Mrs. Sam Hemple, President; Mrs. H. Friedman, Vice President; Mrs. I. Haas, Treasurer; Mrs. Harry Bregman, Secretary.

This organization performed a fine work during the six years of its independent existence. It was the first local Jewish charity agency and its records disclose many interesting cases of worthwhile aid and assistance rendered to the needy of the community. It was the beginning of an idea which culminated in the formation in later years of the Lorain Jewish Welfare Association.

During the year 1917 the Sisterhood took several steps forward becoming an organization with outside interests and influences, by joining the National and State Federations of Temple Sisterhoods, as well as the Lorain Federation of Women's Clubs.

The work of the Sisterhood has not been confined solely to the Temple, but we have always been ready to help the community in furthering any worthy cause. During the World War the Sisterhood was actively engaged in helping the American cause. Food and clothing were sent to soldiers and war sufferers; Liberty bonds were purchased; $2,000 worth of Thrift Stamps and $4,000 worth of Liberty Bonds were sold by Sisterhood workers. The members also aided in Red Cross work and other war time activities.

To cooperate with the newly formed Beth Israel Congregation the Jewish women of that congregation, in the autumn of 1918 formed the Auxiliary of the Beth Israel Temple and with Mrs. Armin Gross, President; Mrs. Abe Akers, Vice President; Mrs. H. Barta, Secretary and Mrs. Morris Schwartz, Treasurer. The membership roll included Mesdames A. Akers, H. Asher, M. Barta, A. Deutsch, J. Deutsch, I. Essey, S. Essey, B. Firestone, J. Friedman, J. Gould, A. Gross, S. Hainey, S. Hill, B. Jacobs, M. Klein, L. Lefkowitz, S. Lerner, N. Levit, M. Mayer, W. A. Pitzele, M. Schwartz, and I. Shiff.

On December 5th, 1918 the Temple Sisterhood merged with the Hebrew Ladies Aid Society of which latter Mrs. S. Hemple, Mrs. L. Cohen, Mrs. E. Margolis, and Mrs. W. A. Pitzele had served as presidents. This united two groups of women who could now work hand in hand toward a common goal. This new organization became known as the Temple Sisterhood and Aid Society and had as its first officers: President, Mrs. W. A. Pitzele; Vice-President, Mrs. Joseph Gould; Secretary, Mrs. Jacob Klein, succeeded by Miss Fannie Berger (Mrs. Alex Roth); Treasurer, Mrs. John Rosenfeld.

Following the amalgamation of the South Lorain and Lorain congregations, the two sisterhoods were joined in 1926. The resultant organization continued under the same name,
OFFICERS OF THE TEMPLE SISTERHOOD

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PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE TEMPLE SISTERHOOD

Mrs. Joseph Gould, 1913-14-15-16-17
Mrs. William A. Pitzele, 1918-19
Mrs. John Rosenfeld, 1920--21-22
Mrs. Louis Cohen, 1923
Mrs. Joseph Gould, 1924-25
Mrs. Morris Asch, 1926-27-28
Mrs. George Nelson, 1929
Mrs. Joseph L. Deutsch, 1930-31

COMMITTEES OF THE TEMPLE SISTERHOOD

Program
Mrs. Benj. Gelman
Mrs. John Roth
Mrs. Ben Weingarten
Mrs. Harry B. Haas
Mrs. B. B. Freedman
Mrs. Julius Klein

Religious School
Mrs. I. Shiff
Mrs. M. Asch
Mrs. S. Jacoby
Mrs. B. B. Freedman

Sick Committee
Mrs. S. Jaffey
Mrs. Aaron Haas
Mrs. J. Friedman

Membership
Mrs. N. Shiff
Mrs. L. Cohen
Mrs. H. B. Haas

Unionogram
Mrs. G. Nelson
Mrs. B. Gelman

Hospitality
Mrs. Morris Asch

Mrs. George Nelson
Mrs. Sam Sokol
Mrs. Paul Kaplansky
Mrs. Julius Bergman
Mrs. J. Friedman
Mrs. Harry Shiff

Mrs. Harry B. Haas
Mrs. A. A. Haas
Mrs. Josephine Gubser
Mrs. Harry Shiff
Mrs. Morris Asch

Delinquent Dues
Mrs. Paul Kaplansky
Mrs. Aaron Haas
Mrs. Sam Jaffey

Chairman On Peace
Mrs. Julius Klein

Telephone
Mrs. Geo. Nelson
Mrs. A. Seff
Mrs. David Davis
Mrs. Max Berman

Mrs. Sam Goldstein, Chm.
Mrs. I. H. Glucksmann
Mrs. Aaron Lertzman
Mrs. Julius Bergman
Mrs. Wm. Klein
Mrs. L. Cohen
Mrs. Sam Lovy

Mrs. Geo. Nelson, Chm.
Mrs. Sam Jaffey
Mrs. Aaron Haas
Mrs. Sol Jacoby
Mrs. A. Seff
Mrs. David Davis
Mrs. J. Wasserman
Mrs. Abe Bloom
Mrs. J. Friedman
Mrs. Sam Weingarten
Mrs. Harry Bregman
Mrs. I. Shiff
Mrs. Alex Roth

Civic
Mrs. Benj. Gelman

Educational
Mrs. B. B. Freedman

Welfare
Mrs. Paul Kaplansky
The Temple Sisterhood and Aid Society.

It would be an easy matter to merely name the achievements, both financial and social, that the Sisterhood has accomplished but the great difficulty lies in finding words to express the spirit and enthusiasm of the many women who have worked and planned the many affairs, the financial results of which were a gratifying reward.

The growth of the Sisterhood has been along more lines than membership, although our membership has grown from a mere handful of women to a group of more than one hundred (100) members. We have now come to the point where our interests are not only local but are also directed toward the State and National Federation of Sisterhoods. We send delegates and are well represented at the various district conventions. We carry out many of National Federation activities.

The Sisterhood sponsors many social affairs of which one of the most inspiring is the Mothers' and Daughters' Banquet. This has become an annual institution and is looked forward to with great pleasure and eagerness by both mothers and daughters. This event is held to foster a greater understanding between the mothers and daughters of our community; we feel sure that this purpose is being accomplished.

Another of our important influential events is the Peace Program. This program is presented on Armistice day and we hope that it has good influence in furthering the cause of peace.

Our Chanukah and Purim plays, as well as the Sunday School picnics, are always a treat to the children. We also sponsor Public Seders, as well as seders for the children during Passover.

We observe Sisterhood Day which is a National event. This is held during the summer and serves as a means of bringing the sisters together for a delightful social time.

In addition to these events we have held countless dances and card parties which not only brought us all together for many good times but also furnished ways and means for raising a great part of the money with which we were enabled to carry on our Sisterhood work.

It has always been a matter of great pride with the Sisterhood that no Jewish resident or transient has been turned away unassisted or forced to seek outside aid. The Sisterhood contributes not only to local relief but also to several national and foreign relief associations, namely: The National Jewish Hospital, National Farm School, The Hebrew Sheltering and Immigration Aid Society and Pro-Falasha Fund.

Some of the material achievements of the Sisterhood have been: paying off the mortgage of the 15th Street Temple (a sum of $1380); contributing to the maintenance of the Temple, as by paying for its painting and for the repairing of the roof. We have provided for Sunday School literature and have rewarded the Sunday School teachers with gifts at the end of each school year.

The Sisterhood's greatest contribution has been to the New Temple. We have made a financial contribution of $3,000 to the building fund, we have carpeted the floors, purchased a canvas cover for the gymnasium floor, completely equipped the kitchen and landscaped the grounds.

It is not possible that due credit be given each individual who has so faithfully given her services during these years. For various reasons we cannot name the many women who have given their untiring efforts and leadership toward helping the Sisterhood realize its many hopes.

With the completion of our beautiful new Temple and the realization therein of the fondest hopes of the Sisterhood members, we have gained spirit and strength anew and now rededicate ourselves to carry on the Temple work.