

# Temple Israel

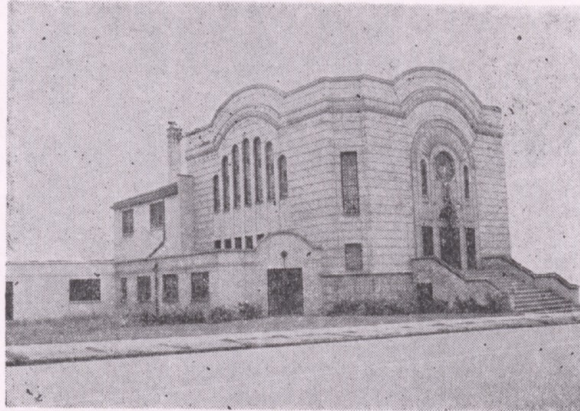
HIGHLAND AND MOODY AVENUES  
NEW CASTLE, PA.

ZIP No. 16101

DR. IWAN J. GRUEN  
RABBI

PHONES  
RESIDENCE OL. 4-4922  
RABBI'S STUDY OL. 2-7551

JAY H. WEINER  
PRESIDENT



N. J. LOVE, SECRETARY  
728 S. MILL STREET  
PHONE OL. 4-6697

## REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE. MAY 19, 1965.

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### NEW MEMBERS. *Hilda FISHER*

*54.*

David Levine.  
Harry Friedman.  
Arthur Diamond.  
Ben Shulansky.

*Reinstated N. Rosenthal*

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### MOVED FROM THE CITY.

*6.*

Frank Baron.  
Alan Greenberg.  
Mrs. Mamie Mierowitz.  
George Rubenson.  
Maurice Wishneb.  
Bernard Fellman.

### DEATH. Dan Fisher.

*1.*

### Present membership.

*99.*

Respectfully Submitted.

*Ronald W. Landay*

# Cemetery Committee -

WHOLLY OWNED BY  
TEMPLE ISRAEL  
CONGREGATION  
HIGHLAND & MOODY  
NEW CASTLE, PA.



OFFICE OF  
SECRETARY  
JAMES MEYERS  
136 E. LEASURE AVE.  
NEW CASTLE, PA.  
PHONE OLIVER 4-5381

## Temple Israel Memorial Park

Fording Road · New Castle, Pennsylvania

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE

May 19th, 1965

to Temple Isreal Congregation:

Here is a BRIEF RESUME OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE

FOR THE PAST YEAR. IT IS WITH THE DEEPEST REGRET THAT WE REPORT AN ADDITIONAL INTERMENT IN THE MEMORIAL PARK.. THE RECENT DEATH OF ~~MR~~ MR. DANIEL FISHER WILL LEAVE A ~~VOID~~ VOID IN BOTH OUR CONGREGATION, AND OUR COMMUNITY LIFE.

IT IS NOW TEN YEARS SINCE OUR FIRST INTERMENT IN THE MEMORIAL PARK, AND THE GROUNDS SHOW THE RESULT OF THE DILIGENT AND LOVING CARE THAT HAS BEEN USED TO IMPROVE THE APPEARANCE OF THE GROUNDS. WE HAVE RECEIVED NUMEROUS COMPLIMENTS FROM OPERATORS OF OTHER LOCAL CEMETERIES ON THE BEAUTY OF OUR PLANT. THERE ARE NOW- 12 interments in the Park.

### Financial report as of May 19th, 1965

Bonds (purchase value	3386.25	(cosr)
savings account	1081.00	
checking account	1096.25	
Accounts receivable		
1 lot and perp. care	350.00	
bond coupons in bank	80.00	
total assets	5993.50	

Receipts	1075.00
dividends	108.28
total	1183.28
disbursements	
labor at cemetery	123.
301.44	
supplies and materials	649.04
total paid outs	950.48

Respectfully submitted

Mr. Ralph Friedman, chairman.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all the members of my committee for the fine co-operation that I have received during the past year.. It is our intention to have a new and up to date bookkeeping system installed for the Park, and supply all lot owners with valid CERTIFICATES OF RIGHTS OF INTERMENT, within the next few months.

Ralph Friedman (RF)

# Budget Committee.

## EXHIBIT B.

### TEMPLE ISRAEL STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS GENERAL FUND

FOR THE YEAR FROM APRIL 1, 1963 TO MARCH 31, 1964

#### RECEIPTS FROM OPERATIONS

##### Regular Receipts

Dues  
High Holy Days Administration  
Investment Income

12,243.82  
1,350.00  
419.49  
12,798.31

##### Other Receipts

Salary Plaquees  
Less: Cost of Plaquees  
Memorial Fund  
Memorial Booklets  
Less: Cost of Booklets  
Rents - Temple, Synagogue  
Rents - Wilmington Ave. Property  
Less: Jan., Maintenance, Etc.  
Miscellaneous Contributions  
Total Other Receipts  
TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM OPERATIONS

550.00  
347.50  
515.25  
2494.17  
433.10  
699.00  
363.20  
600.00  
1937.50  
207.60  
729.90  
563.75

4731.27  
17,275.58

#### OPERATING EXPENSES

Expenses for Rabbi:  
Salary  
Social Security and  
Federal Tax  
Gifts to Rabbi  
Joints' Salary  
Choir Expense  
Convention and Institute Expense for Rabbi  
Utilities  
Insurance  
Building Maintenance  
Stationery and Postages  
Copier Expense  
Miscellaneous Expense  
Congregation Mikvah  
Less: Admission  
Total Operating Expenses

7415.90  
259.20  
1200.00  
1250.00  
9000.10  
1199.88  
1427.15  
427.67  
1192.00  
1023.77  
916.74  
336.56  
22.25  
89.78  
582.53  
3500.00  
232.53

15,868.43  
1661.15

#### EXCESS OF OPERATING RECEIPTS OVER EXPENDITURES

#### NON-OPERATING EXPENDITURES

Loss on Sale of Securities  
Wilmington Road Property Payments  
Interest on Wilmington Road Property  
Less: Contributions from Temple Men's Clubs  
Contributions from Temple Sisterhood

3000.00  
820.00  
3820.00  
1940.00  
1940.00  
3880.00

8082.10

EXCESS OF CONTRIBUTIONS OVER MORTGAGE PAYMENTS  
TOTAL

6000  
7482.10

#### EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER EXPENDITURES

9129.68

TEMPLE ISRAEL  
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS  
GENERAL FUND

FOR THE YEAR FROM APRIL 1, 1964 TO MARCH 31, 1965

RECEIPTS FROM OPERATIONS			
Regular Receipts			
dues		12710.77	
High Holy Day Admissions		9500	
Investment Income		15141	12957.18
Other Receipts			
Sales of Placques	20000		
Cost of Placques	17631	4369	
Memorial Fund		58350	
Memorial Booklets	53970		
Less: Cost of Booklets	7585	46385	
Rents - Temple Israel		500	
Rents - Shelburne Ave Property	82500		
Less: Taxes & Insurance	16710	65790	
Miscellaneous Contributions		15000	190394
TOTAL OPERATING RECEIPTS			1486112
OPERATING EXPENSES:			
Expenses for Rabbi - Salary, Social Security, etc	787589		
Rent of Residence	100000	907589	
Janitors Salary and Supt		122500	
Choir Expenses		168275	
Conventions and Doctorate Expenses for Rabbi		32075	
Utilities		145548	
Insurance		72346	
Building Maintenance		65128	
Painting Temple Rooms		200000	
Stationery and Postage		34334	
Congregational Dinner Expense		8030	
Miscellaneous and Confirmation Expense		4880	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES			1660705
EXCESS OF OPERATING EXPENSES OVER RECEIPTS			(174593)
Loss on Sale of Securities			7037
TOTAL CASH DEFICIT FROM OPERATIONS			(181630)
NON-OPERATING EXPENDITURES			
Payment on Shelburne Road Property Mortgage	300000		
Interest on Mortgage	70000	370000	
Contribution from Temple Men's Club	(a) 169000		
Contribution from Temple Sisterhood	188000	357000	13000
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER RECEIPTS			(194630)
(a) Payment of 1963-64 interest received in prior year			
Note: Interest Paid by Temple to be reimbursed by Men's Club and Sisterhood not included above - 220.00			

# Ritual Committee

May 19th 1965

To the Temple Israel Congregation:

Here is a brief and concise report of the activities of the

## RITUAL COMMITTEE

during the past year. We were very FORTUNATE, THAT NOTHING REQUIRING THE SPECIAL OFFICES OF THE RITUAL COMMITTEE CAME UP...WE ARE PLEASED TO REPORT THAT ADDITIONAL CONGREGATIONAL PARTICIPATION IN THE SERVICES, HAS BEEN GROWING WITH EACH YEAR-- A SING-A-LONG FOLDER WITH TRANSLITERATIONS OF FAMILIAR HEBREW RESPONSES IS BEING PREPARED, AND SHOULD BE READY ~~FOR USE~~ IN TIME FOR USE THIS FALL. PARTICULAR ATTENTION IS BEING PAID TO SECURING A PAPER STOCK WITH A RAG CONTENT, THAT WILL ELIMINATE NOISES, SO COMMONLY HEARD WHEN OPENING A PAPER PROGRAM.

THE RITUAL COMMITTEE WAS ALSO INSTRUMENTAL IN CONTINUING THE PRINTING OF THE MEMORIAL BOOKLET, THAT HAS BECOME AN ESTABLISHED PART OF OUR HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES...THIS HAS ALSO BEEN A FUND RAISING MEDIUM, AND WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO REPORT, THAT A CONSIDERABLE PROFIT WAS TURNED OVER TO THE TEMPLE ISRAEL GENERAL FUND. *almost 400.00* I WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF MY COMMITTEE, ESPECIALLY, MR. BEN FINKEL, FOR HIS INVALUABLE AID DURING THE PAST YEAR. IT IS THE HOPE OF THE COMMITTEE, THAT THEY WILL RECEIVE SUGGESTIONS AND CRITICISMS FROM THE MEMBERS, TO AID US IN OUR EFFORTS TO IMPROVE OUR ENJOYMENT OF TEMPLE WORSHIP. OUR THANKS OF COURSE, ALSO GO TO DR. GRUEN, FOR HIS AID ~~AND~~ ADVICE, AND SUGGESTIONS TO HELP OUR COMMITTEE.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

JAMES I. MEYERS, CHAIRMAN

*James I. Meyers*

# Building Committee

May 19, 1965

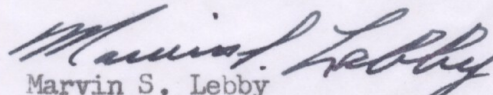
To the Officers, Directors, and Members of Temple Israel:

As Chairman of the Building Committee, I wish to submit the following report:

There were no major projects undertaken during the past year to the Temple. The physical plant was maintained with a minimum cost and only preventative maintenance was done.

As authorized at last years meeting, the sanctuary was redecorated and the sidewalks in the front of the building on Highland Avenue were replaced. The cost on this was kept at a minimum as we were able to take advantage of the City's replacement program. Our Janitor has served us well and with satisfaction to all.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Marvin S. Lebby  
Chairman: Bldg. Committee

## REPORT == SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The Social Justice Committee had no formal meetings during the year. The better part of last year starting in the spring was spent in getting together interested parties in the community to form a Human Relations Council.

One of the future activities of the Social Justice Committee can be to carry on some of the programs which the Human Relations Council will be recommending to church groups in the fall.

Another activity could be for the Social Justice Committee of the Temple to provide personnel to work on some of the sub-committees of the Human Relations Council.

Now that the primary objective of the Social Justice Committee of a Human Relations Council has been achieved, the Social Justice Committee should also concern itself with providing information to the Board and the Congregation regarding those areas in which we might concern ourselves.

Since the area of social justice extends into activities which now concern the Men's Club, the Sisterhood, and other Temple committees, it is recommended that a complete review be given from a Temple wide standpoint as to how to best coordinate the activities and committees which exist.

Leroy R. Weiner, Chairman

## REPORT 1964 - 1965 TEMPLE ISRAEL MEN'S CLUB

Listed below is a report of Men's Club activities for the year 1964 - 1965. Also, attached is a financial statement. The financial statement does not include the income which Men's Club will receive from Duplicate Bridge or from the Sweepstakes Dinner.

December 13th: CHANUKAH LATKE CARD PARTY WITH SISTERHOOD  
Chairman: Marvin Lebby

February 3rd: BROTHERHOOD AWARD DINNER  
Co-Chairmen: Marshall Hess, Harold Sprinzen

March 3rd: INTRA-CONGREGATIONAL DINNER  
Chairman: James Meyers, Co-Chairman: Howard Love

April 7th: DISCUSSION ON SOCIAL ACTION

May 5th: CLOSING MEETING

May 7th: MOTHER'S DAY SABBATH  
Co-Chairmen: Nate Love, Eddie Myers

May 23rd: (MORNING) CLOSING SUNDAY SCHOOL BRUNCH  
Chairman: Sander Rubenson, Co-Chairman: Mort Silverman

May 23rd: (AFTERNOON) FAMILY PICNIC  
Chairman: Simon Blau, Co-Chairman: Mort Love

June SWEEPSTAKES DINNER  
Chairman: Lee Caplan Ben Finkel Phil Weiner  
Al Caplan Larry Perelman

1st & 3rd Sundays (NOVEMBER THROUGH MAY) DUPLICATE BRIDGE  
Chairman: Dr. Henry Sloan

### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE

1. Establishment of a Program Committee to assist in more effective planning of activities.
2. Better coordination and more joint planning with the Sisterhood to avoid duplication of effort in spreading too thin the talents available.
3. Affiliation with the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods to avail ourselves of their valuable and stimulating programming material.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1964 - 1965

CASH ON HAND

\$ 613.92

INCOME:

SWEEPSTAKES	\$ 2475.26
CLOSING EXERCISE	34.00
OPENING DINNER REVENUE	90.00
BROTHERHOOD DINNER	<u>183.00</u>

2782.26

\$ 3396.18

EXPENSES

MOTHERS DAY SERVICE	\$ 11.35
FLOWERS - MOTHERS DAY	
CONGR. DINNER	
INTRA-CONGR. DINNER	32.08
GIFTS - R. KOHEN	
B. WEINER	7.90
BROTHERHOOD PLAQUES	45.45
AWARD DRAWINGS	25.00
REFRESHMENTS	6.74
TICKETS	11.87
CLOSING BRUNCH	91.18
TEMPLE ISRAEL	1690.00
FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS	500.00
TEMPLE SISTERHOOD	100.00
SPEAKER, CONGR. DINNER	50.00
DINNERS, BROTHERHOOD	
INTRA-CONGR.	205.25
TEMPLE ISRAEL INTEREST PAYMENT	<u>160.00</u>

\$ 2936.82

BALANCE ON HAND

\$ 459.36

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

\$ 1530.20

TEMPLE ISRAEL SISTERHOOD  
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL REPORT

1964 - 1965

Our opening Sisterhood meeting was a luncheon held at the Temple on Oct. 13, 1964. There were eight meetings on the yearly agenda, including the closing luncheon in June.

Unfortunately, attendance to meetings was very poor, averaging ten to fifteen women at a session. We would like to mention that a special SOS meeting was called in February. A speaker from National Sisterhood was invited, to try to help solve our main problem of lack of leadership. A President for the coming year was secured at this time.

The officers of Sisterhood for the year 1964-1965 were as follows:

Nini Kraus

Jackie Levine                      Triumvirate

Leah Newmark

Mrs. Henry Sloan..... Recording Secretary

Mrs. Howard Love..... Corres. Secretary

Mrs. Robert Pickel..... Finan. Secretary

Mrs. Sherman Levine..... Treasurer

Mrs. Ralph Friedman..... Auditor

Committee Chairmen are as follows:

Jean Lasday..... Bulletin

Hilda Fisher..... Publicity

Miriam Cosel..... Peace and World Relations

Bess Caplan

Eleanor Levine..... Membership

Sue Raffel..... Duplicate Bridge

Leah Newmark

Sade Sandler..... Uniongrams

Annabelle Storck..... Temple Beautification

Ina Kaplan..... Adult Education

Laurel Devon..... Personal Interest

Sade Sandler

Leah Newmark..... Good Neighbor

Gertrude Gruen..... Religion

Janice Perelman

Sue Raffel..... Calendar

Cont.

Lorraine Perelman..... Telephone  
Bobbie Silverman..... Programming  
Betty Weiner..... Library  
Marion Weiner..... Gift Shop

Our Financial Report is as follows: \*

At this time, Mrs. Jay Weiner is our incoming President, but we do not have a slate of officers for next year. However, we hope that by our June Meeting this will be remedied, and installation of new officers will be completed.

In conclusion, we hope that this report is satisfactory.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Stanley Kraus, Mrs. Lester Levine,  
Mrs. Julius Newmark.

TRIUMVIRATE

\*  
Balance May 1, 1964 - 698.88  
" " " 1965 - 551.45

~~1964~~ Receipts \* 4714.94 (May 1, 64 to May 65)  
Disbursements 4862.37 ( " " " )

Report to Annual Congregational Meeting  
May 19, 1965

Members of the Congregation:

Sisterhood this year, was led by a Triumvirate, Mrs. Stanley Kraus, Mrs. Lester Levine, and Mrs. ~~Leah~~ *Julius* Newmark, each serving a three month term.

Our Ways and Means projects of the past year included-

The catering of three Men's Club dinners, the rummage sale, catering of the Congregational dinner by Sisterhood, joint Channukah Card Party with Men's Club, Sisterhood donor dinner dance, yearly calendar project, Monday noon duplicate bridge and catering of Confirmation.

Our financial statue from May 1, 1964 thru May 1, 1965 is as follows:

*Balance May 1, 1964 \$ 698.88*  
*" " 1965 \$551.45*

Our program, as far as financial projects are concerned, will continue in last year's vein.

We extend our very best wishes to our incoming President, Mrs. Jay Weiner, with the hope that the general apathy which has invaded our Sisterhood membership, will be greatly decreased, and that she will have the fullest co-operation from all.

Signed-

Mrs. Stanley Kraus, Mrs. Lester Levine

Mrs. Julius Newmark - *114 E Sheridan Ave.*

TRIUMVIRATE

# Seating - Usher Committee.

Dr. Alfred Devon

CHIROPRACTOR

FIRST FED. PLAZA

SUITE 502-B

NEW CASTLE, PA.

OLIVER 2-5661

May 19, 1965

Temple Israel Board:

Ushers were present for all occasions in which ushers were needed.

As chairman of this committee I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who served as ushers.

Sincerely  
Dr. A. Devon  
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# Floral & Memorial

Mrs. Morris Storch  
136 Glen-Moore Boulevard  
New Castle, Pennsylvania

May 14, 1965

Mr. N. J. Love, Sec'y.,  
Temple Israel,  
New Castle, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

The Chairman of the Floral and Memorial  
Fund is pleased to present the following report  
for the year 1964-65

April 1964	\$67.00
May "	53.00
June "	64.00
July, Aug. & Sept.	64.00
October 1964	55.00
November "	69.50
December " & Jan. 1965	128.00
February 1965	44.00
March "	29.00
April "	31.00
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	\$604.00

Respectfully submitted,

*Morris Storch*  
521 E. Leasure Ave.

# Levine's

20 N. MERCER STREET

NEXT TO PENN THEATRE

THE STORE OF NATIONALLY  
ADVERTISED MEN'S WEAR

(ABE LEVINE, INC.)

## Choir Committee

NEW CASTLE, PA.

TEMPLE ISRAEL CONGREGATION  
ANNUAL MEETING  
MAY 19, 1965

### REPORT OF CHOIR COMMITTEE

We are happy to report that everything went well during the past year  
and that plans are being made for the High Holiday Services.

Abe Levine

William M. Case

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RABBI'S REPORT FOR the year 1964/65

While giving this annual report to the congregation your Rabbi turns to his Creator to thank him for having granted him life, sustained him and for having let him reach this 20th year of service to the congregation of Temple Israel. They have been years of joys and trials, of satisfaction and disappointments. While the times and years have changed, the problems have remained basically the same, with the congregational horizon looking sometimes brighter, sometimes darker, sometimes giving cause for hope and confidence, sometimes for distress and despair. The basic question has always been how to keep <sup>and improve</sup> a congregation together whose members vary in their Jewish background and in their religious sentiment and mentality, and how to stimulate time and again interest in the different congregational activities.

It must be said that of all Temple activities the Temple services ~~was~~ despite the lack of attendance <sup>at times</sup> was still the most patronized and best frequented function of the Temple. We should not deceive ourselves about the fact that at an age of diminishing personal human piety and a rationalized human mind the house of God is no longer ~~an attraction~~ a natural attraction, and that, therefore, all kinds of artificial means have to be employed in order to secure a service attendance. Those means are, for example, the requirements for those who are prepared for Bar Mitzva or confirmation to attend our Sabbath and festival services. Means to the same end was the Religious School Sabbath which was held every two months on which we observed the birthdays of the students. We usually combined these Religious School Sabbath observances with special religious occasions, such as on the Sabbath during the Chanuka week, or before Purim, or before Mother's Day. On the last Friday evening of the season, June 4, those children of our Temple who will be High School graduates, will be recognized. On Shavuot, Sunday, June 6, three students of our Religious School will take their sacred vow as Confirmands. During the season one Friday evening was set aside for a Bar Mitzva service. In connection with these ritual activities your Rabbi wishes to mention that he officiated at 1 wedding, conducted 3 funeral services and dedicated 3 monuments for our deceased members. The annual Memorial services were held on both cemeteries on the Sunday preceding Rosh Hashono.

An attempt to take the monotony out of the services was to alternate the sermon with an Adult Education lecture. In the Religious School <sup>Sam Riles</sup> he conducted a singing period and one or two assemblies on Sunday morning. He taught the Confirmation Class. He was in full charge of the Hebrew Department where he instructed 17 students in four sessions during the week. The students of the upper grade were prepared to read the Hebrew parts of the services at the Religious School Sabbath. Your Rabbi also considers one of his educational functions his book review which he gave under the auspices of the Temple Sisterhood when he discussed Saul Bellow's novel "Herzog". He wants to express his appreciation to Mrs. Charles Levine, the administrator of our Religious School for her suggestion to reorganize our Temple Library. He also wants to thank Dr. Irving Kuhr and Mrs. Leroy Weiner for having undertaken the burdensome task of making Mrs. Levine's suggestion a reality. During Jewish Book Month on the last Friday in November the library was officially reopened, after Dr. Kuhr had spoken at the preceding Sabbath services. His subject was "The People of the Book".

Your Rabbi met his pastoral obligations by making his regular rounds at the hospitals and by ~~making~~ making home calls on sad and joyful occasions. Since both hospitals have ceased to publish the list of their patients in our local newspaper which has been the main source of your Rabbi's information, the members of the congregation are urged to forward to the Rabbi their own information about hospitalized members of the Temple.

20 years of service to the congregation have also led to an ever increasing

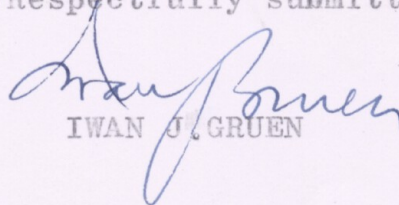
ing activity in the field of civic and public relations in our community. The number of different Church groups which attended our Temple services or visited our Temple to seek information about the basic conceptions and teachings of Judaism has become legion. In his annual pulpit exchange during National Brotherhood week your Rabbi preached the sermon on Sunday morning at the Northminster Presbyterian Church whose Pastor occupied our pulpit on the preceding Friday evening. It was the first time that our full choir (the quartet) sang at this Interfaith Sabbath. Our non-Jewish guests were deeply impressed with the beauty of our Synagogue music which is actually written for four voices. Your Rabbi would like to see, as he already said in his last year's report, the full choir employed on other special occasions too. He serves on the Board of the local Cancer Society, the Mental Health Association and the Lawrence County Society for Crippled Children. He gave the invocation at the annual dinner meeting of the Lawrence County Cancer Society, and the benediction at the annual dinner meeting of the Greater New Castle Association. He participated in a panel discussion on Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Judaism sponsored by the Bnai Brith Lodge of Oil City, Pa. where he represented the Reform movement. He delivered his annual lecture on "The Jew in Sickness and in Death" before the Freshman class of the School for Nurses of the Jameson Memorial Hospital. He gave the invocation at the dedication of the new building of the New Castle YMCA and YWCA, as well as at the annual dinner meeting of the United Fund. He gave the invocation and benediction at the dinner of the Veteran's Council of Lawrence County. He dedicated together with members of the Catholic and Protestant Clergy the meditation room at the Jameson Memorial Hospital. He derives great satisfaction from having cooperated on behalf of an Interfaith Baccalaureate services for the graduates of the New Castle Senior High School which for the first time will be held on June 30 when he will be privileged to give the invocation, while he will pronounce the benediction at the Commencement Exercises on June 4. He pronounced the benediction at the dinner given by Beta Sigma Phi to honor the First Lady of the year. Your Rabbi was the Editor of the Temple Bulletin. He made suggestions to the Temple Choir and visited regularly its rehearsals. He again emphasizes the urgent necessity of an elevator for the Temple which without any doubt would contribute to an increase of our service attendance. He wishes to thank the Temple Board for having sent him to the Pennsylvania Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations which was held in Hershey, Pa. last Fall, as well as for giving him the opportunity to attend the convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis which will be held in Cincinnati in June.

The Temple mourns the loss of its Charter member, Daniel Fisher. May his memory always be for a blessing.

Your Rabbi wishes to thank the Temple Board, all the members of the congregation and especially its President, Mr. Jay Weiner, for their cooperation.

May 19, 1965

Respectfully submitted,

  
IWAN J. GRUEN

TEMPLE ISRAEL  
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT 1964-1965

AT THE END OF EVENTS, IT IS OFTEN DIFFICULT TO RELATE THE BEGINNING. THIS TASK IS MADE MORE DIFFICULT BY A MEMORY OF ONE YEAR AGO - WHEN AT THE END OF OUR ANNUAL MEETING, I WAS APPROACHED BY A MEMBER WHO SAID - YOUNG MAN, YOU HAVE OUTLINED AN AMBITIOUS PROGRAM, NEXT YEAR LOOK OVER YOUR REPORT. IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE HOW MUCH HAS BEEN DONE.

IF ANYTHING HAS BEEN DONE, THEN CLOSEST TO MY HEART THIS EVENING, IT IS THE LOSS OF THIS DEAR TEMPLE FRIEND; FOR THE FRIENDSHIP OF DAN FISHER WAS AS MUCH A PART OF WHAT IS WORTHWHILE IN THIS TEMPLE AS ANYTHING I KNOW.

WILL YOU JOIN ME FOR A MOMENT, BY STANDING IN MEMORY OF OUR CHARTER MEMBER - DAN FISHER - WHILE ONLY A MOMENT NOW - HIS IS A LIFETIME MEMORY.

*Jay Weiner*

TEMPLE ISRAEL  
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT 1964-1965

A MANY SPLENDORED COMPLEX - THIS IS THE EXPRESSION I GAVE TO DESCRIBE OUR TEMPLE A YEAR AGO AT OUR ANNUAL MEETING.

THIS EVENING, I WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE SUCCESS AND FAILURE - TO REVIEW, TO RECOMMEND AND TO ANALYZE JUST HOW SPLENDORED WE HAVE BEEN - HAVE NOT BEEN - AND CAN BE.

THE YEAR THAT WAS - HOW WELL DID WE FUNCTION?

FINANCIALLY WE FELL SHORT OF A BALANCED BUDGET, AND DREW UPON RESERVES TO MEET THE RENOVATION OF OUR BUILDING YOU AUTHORIZED AT OUR LAST MEETING.

WITHOUT THIS EXPENSE, WE WOULD HAVE MET EXPENSES WITH INCOME. WHILE IN 1964-65 WE TOOK IN SLIGHTLY MORE DUES, INCREASED INCOME AND MEMBERSHIP WAS NOT OURS TO BE HAD. WITHOUT THE DUES INCREASES EFFECTED, OUR PICTURE WOULD INDEED BE POOR. FOR THEIR ASTUTE PLANNING AND SINCERE EFFORT, IT IS APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE EXCELLENT WORK OF OUR BUDGET COMMITTEE AND ITS CHAIRMAN, RALPH FRIEDMAN. ✓

✓ AS ACKNOWLEDGED LAST YEAR - OUR MEN'S CLUB AND SISTERHOOD HAVE ESTABLISHED BASIC PROGRAMS OF MERIT, TO ADEQUATELY SERVE THE SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF OUR TEMPLE. IN SPITE OF ONLY MEDIOCRE MEMBER SUPPORT, THEY NOT ONLY MET THEIR FIXED FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS, BUT ALSO VOLUNTEERED NEW, FIXED OBLIGATIONS AND TOOK CARE OF OTHER TEMPLE EXPENSES AS WELL. GRATEFUL? - YES - YOUR BOARD IS PLEASED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR COOPERATION AND CONTRIBUTION TO OUR TEMPLE. HOWEVER, THESE TWO IMPORTANT ARMS OF YOUR TEMPLE ARE DESERVING OF BETTER MEMBER SUPPORT: ✓

✓ EDUCATION IS CERTAINLY A JEWISH HERITAGE WHICH HAS IN SOME WAY LED EACH OF US TO BE WHATEVER SUCCESS WE ARE.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL HAS CONTINUING ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP BECAUSE OF THE EFFORTS OF ITS PRINCIPAL, MRS. CATHERINE LEVINE. AND LONG OVERDUE, BUT RECOGNIZED AS BEING REQUIRED BY OUR MEN'S CLUB, UNDER LEROY WEINER, IS ESTABLISHED A SALARY FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS - WHOSE HOURS OF WORK FAR EXCEED RENUMERATION. ✓

ADULT EDUCATION CONSISTED OF FRIDAY NIGHT LECTURES BY OUR RABBI. NO OTHER AUTHORITY COULD MORE ANALYTICALLY OR DYNAMICALLY COVER THIS SUBJECT AS DID RABBI GRUEN. FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE ATTENDANCE WAS FAIR - WHICH LEAVES MANY MEMBERS VOID OF BOTH A SPIRITUAL AND INTELLECTUAL DEPTH THAT WOULD CERTAINLY HAVE ADDED TO THEIR INDIVIDUAL SELF ENRICHMENT. ✓

YOUR TEMPLE BOARD OF DIRECTORS DISPLAYED AN ACUTE KNOWLEDGE OF TEMPLE RESPONSIBILITY. WHILE MY PERSONAL FEELINGS MAY HAVE INITIALLY DIFFERED FROM SOME DEBATES, I CAN TRUTHFULLY SAY THAT IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, WHAT WAS BEST FOR OUR TEMPLE, WAS ACTED UPON. MY SINCERE THANKS GO TO ALL BOARD MEMBERS FOR FAITHFULLY DISCHARGING THEIR DUTIES, AS WELL AS TO A WONDERFUL SLATE OF OFFICERS WHO HAVE GIVEN MANY MANY HOURS MONTHLY TO THEIR ELECTED OFFICES. ✓

ONE OF THE MOST GRATIFYING ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE PAST YEAR WAS THE WORK OF OUR SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE, HEADED BY LEROY WEINER. THROUGH HIS EFFORTS PRIMARILY, DO WE NOW HAVE A HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL IN NEW CASTLE - A COMMUNITY OUTLET THROUGH WHICH OUR CALL TO SOCIAL JUSTICE MAY BE EXPRESSED ✓

TO ALL COMMITTEES AND WORKERS, ~~GOES~~ ~~THE~~ THANKS I AM SURE A GRATEFUL CONGREGATION WISHES TO ACKNOWLEDGE. THEIR REPORTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS ATTEST TO THEIR FINE CAPABILITIES: ✓ *It would be remiss not to express my appreciation and admiration of the work done by Rabbi Goren. I have come to realize his ability to project as a true Rabbi of Reform Judaism.*  
AND NOW, AN ANALYSIS - AN ANALYSIS CULTIVATED IN THE HEART OF EVERY PRESIDENT WHO CARES FOR HIS TEMPLE AND ITS PEOPLE - OBJECTIVE BECAUSE EVERY PRESIDENT IS EXPOSED TO BOTH HIS CONGREGATION AND TO A LIVING JUDAISM - AND PROBABLY MOST PARAMOUNT - AN ANALYSIS MOTIVATED BY A SENSE OF INADEQUACY TO REACH OUTLINED GOALS. ✓

EARLIER I STATED THAT OUR JEWISH HERITAGE HAS IN SOME WAY LED EACH OF US TO BE WHATEVER SUCCESS WE ARE. BUT HISTORY MAY VERY WELL WRITE OFF OUR GENERATION AS THE ONE IN WHICH ENDED "THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF BEING JEWISH." FOR WHILE JUDAISM AS A RELIGION MAY NEVER CEASE - THE WORTHWHILE BENEFITS OF OUR HERITAGE ARE DOOMED FOR OUR CHILDREN UNLESS WE CAN COPE WITH A SERIOUS PROBLEM - AND THE PROBLEM WAS IN ACTUALITY CREATED OUT OF A DREAM FULFILLED.

FOR AS THE JEW IS FAST BECOMING AN ACCEPTED INTEGRAL PART OF THIS LAND OF OPPORTUNITY, WE ARE SUDDENLY FACED WITH THE DILEMA OF IDENTITY. ✓

IN THE COMFORT OF ACCEPTANCE AND UNDERSTANDING ARE LOST THE MOTIVATIONS, OBLIGATIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS WHICH WERE PART OF OUR INHERITANCE - AND WHICH MAY SOON BREATHE THEIR LAST BREATH IN OUR FUTURE GENERATIONS. ✓

SO, I SAY TO MYSELF - IS THIS A CALAMITY? AFTER ALL, WE ARE PRODUCTS OF OUR ENVIRONMENT. WHY SHOULDN'T WE ACCEPT SECURITY BUILT UPON OPPORTUNITY?

THIS WAS MY FEELING - BUT IF NOTHING ELSE, AS PRESIDENT OF OUR TEMPLE, I HAVE BEEN FORCED TO LOOK BEYOND THE STATEMENT - "A JEWS ONLY SECURITY LIES IN HIS OPPORTUNITY". WHAT THEN?? FOR APPARENT OPPORTUNITY UNDOUBTEDLY IS THE BASIS FOR OUR PRESENT SEARCH FOR IDENTITY AND VALUE. ✓

IF WE STRIP ASIDE SELF EGO, AND SEEK AN HONEST TRUTH, THEN WE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT WE SUPERFICIALLY CLOAK OURSELVES IN THE PROUD NAME OF JEW - WE USURP THE PROUD HERITAGE OF OUR FATHERS, AND THEIR FATHERS, WITHOUT PROVIDING FOR OUR CHILDREN-THIS "PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP". ✓

IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE IN THE THEORY THAT A JEW IS ONE WHO LIVES AS A PRODUCT OF HIS JEWISH HERITAGE AND CULTURE, THEN DWELL ON THESE RECENT STATEMENTS OF SOCIOLOGISTS OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH SCENE.

1. EVEN THOSE (JEWS) WHO LEAVE THEIR FORMAL RELIGION TO BECOME UNITARIANS AND ETHICAL CULTURISTS, TYPICALLY CARRY WITH THEM THAT PASSION FOR JUSTICE - THAT INTELLECTUAL ENERGY THAT ARE HALLMARKS OF JUDAISM.
2. OR THE FOLLOWING, WRITTEN ON COLLEGE STUDENTS - JEWISH STUDENTS ARE DIFFERENT FROM OTHERS - THEY ARE MORE LIKELY THAN OTHERS TO BE SOCIALLY CONSCIENTIOUS - TO SEEK CAUSES WITH WHICH THEY CAN IDENTIFY. ✓

IN SUMMARY, ONE WRITER STATES THAT MANY PEOPLE FEEL NO OBLIGATION TO LEARN AND UNDERSTAND THAT THEIR BEST INDIVIDUAL ACTIONS, TO A LARGE DEGREE, STEM FROM THEIR HAVING LIVED IN A JEWISH CULTURE - "A CULTURE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CONTINUITY OF JEWISH HISTORY. THEY HAVE IN EFFECT LIVED THEIR LIVES, NEVER RECOGNIZING THEIR TRUST IN THEIR DESTINY AS JEWS". ✓

AT THIS POINT, YOU MAY QUESTION THE MERIT OF MY ANALYSIS IN A PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT - BUT THERE IS A DEFINITE NEED FOR ME TO SO SPEAK.

I AGREE WITH THE STATEMENTS RELATING TO THE WORTHWHILE EFFECT JEWISH HERITAGE HAS ON THOSE LIVING OUTSIDE OF A FORMAL JEWISH FAITH. BUT I CANNOT IN REASONABLE PRACTICALITY, DWELL IN THE SOCIOLOGISTS FAVORABLE EXAMPLES. I AM PRESIDENT OF A TEMPLE - AN EXPRESSION OF FORMAL JEWISH FAITH. I MUST DWELL ON THE FACT THAT THERE IS AN INCREASING INDICATION THAT THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTRY EVEN AFFILIATED MEMBERS HAVE LOST THE SPARK OF JEWISH HERITAGE.

THE PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE - OBLIGATION - SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY - STUDY AND EDUCATION IS FROWNED UPON BY MANY. COMPLACENCY - APATHY AND "GEORGE WILL DO IT" ARE THE ORDER OF THE DAY. ✓

TEMPLE ISRAEL, LIKE OTHER CONGREGATIONS, HAS TOO FEW ACTIVE JEWISH CONGREGANTS. THE EDUCATIONAL WORSHIP AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY ACTIVITIES ARE NOT GENERALLY SUPPORTED.

TRUE, NOT EVERY PERSON HAS GREAT INTEREST IN ALL ASPECTS OF TEMPLE LIFE, BUT IT IS A TRAGEDY IN OUR SOCIETY WHEN TEMPLE MEMBERS SUPPORT NOT EVEN ONE PHASE. I THEREFORE MAKE THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS, WITH THE HOPE THAT FUTURE PRESIDENTS WILL FIND A REBIRTH OF JEWISH THINKING, SO THAT THEY MAY DIRECT A CONGREGATION THAT IS BUILDING BETTER LIVES FOR ~~THEMSELVES~~-FOR THEIRS - AND FOR THEIR COMMUNITY. ✓

# 1. TEMPLE WORSHIP

1.1 A CONTINUATION OF OUR PRESENT RITUAL AND LITURGY, WHICH HAS PRESENTLY INCORPORATED AN EXCELLENT BALANCE OF RABBI AND CONGREGATIONAL MUSICAL PARTICIPATION.

1.2 A STRONGER STAND ON SUNDAY SCHOOL SABBATH ATTENDANCE. IF OUR CHILDREN DO NOT LEARN "OBLIGATION" AT AN EARLY AGE - THEY WON'T COME BY IT NATURALLY IN LATER YEARS.

1.3 A PROGRAM THROUGH OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, WHEREIN THE STUDENTS WILL BE GIVEN BACKGROUND ON PRAYER AND OTHER ASPECTS OF OUR SERVICE, SO THAT A FULLER UNDERSTANDING WILL RESULT IN GREATER INTEREST.

1.3.1 PERHAPS THE SIMPLE PRAYER WRITING OF THE YOUNG, WITH ~~THE~~<sup>AN</sup> OUT-STANDING PRAYER PRINTED AND INCORPORATED INTO OUR SERVICE ONCE A MONTH WILL PRODUCE A KNOWLEDGEABLE STUDENT BODY, AND REACH THE HEARTS OF AN APATHETIC MEMBERSHIP. ✓

## 2. TEMPLE ORGANIZATION

2.1 CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT IN THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN TEMPLE ADMINISTRATION. FROM OUR MODEST BEGINNING, CAN GROW A STRONG WORKING UNIT. OUR WOMEN HAVE UNTAPPED CAPABILITY AND POTENTIAL - THEY CERTAINLY ADD A WHOLESOME CHARM TO ACCOMPLISHMENT.

2.2 THE ADOPTION BY OUR BOARD OF THE FOLLOWING GUIDE FOR TEMPLE LEADERSHIP!

*(See attached appendix)*

## 3. FISCAL POLICY

*(See attached)*

3.1 I RECOMMEND THAT THE MEMBERSHIP BE APPRAISED OF OUR ACUTE FINANCIAL POSITION, SO THAT UNDERSTANDING REPLACES INDIFFERENCE, AND OBLIGATION REPLACES CRITICISM WITH RESPECT TO MEMBERSHIP DUES, AND FUND RAISING EFFORTS.

3.2 AN INTENSIVE STUDY OF DUES STRUCTURE, MEMORIAL FUND, AND OTHER AVENUES OF INCOME SHOULD BE MADE, RESULTING IN SUPPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF OUR BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE. ✓

## 4. LONG RANGE PLANNING

4.1 AN ACTIVE BUILDING FUND PROGRAM IS NOW A NECESSITY - EVEN THOUGH A BUILDING PROGRAM IS AS MUCH AS 10 YEARS AWAY. I RECOMMEND SUCH A PROGRAM, WHICH IN EFFECT, IS ONLY ANOTHER EXPRESSION OF JEWISH ACCEPTANCE OF OBLIGATION. WITHOUT SUCH EXPRESSION, I CANNOT ENVISION CONFIDENCE OF OUR RESPONSIBLE MEMBERSHIP IN THEIR TEMPLE.

### 4.2 TEMPLE PROPERTY

4.2.1 I DO NOT RECOMMEND THE ENTIRE SALE OF THE WILMINGTON AVENUE PROPERTY. I DO RECOMMEND THE STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON TEMPLE REAL ESTATE TO DETERMINE WHAT AREA OF OUR 22 ACRE PROPERTY REPRESENTS ADEQUATE AND SUFFICIENT TEMPLE GROUNDS.

- 4.2.2 WHICH SECTION OF OUR PROPERTY IS THE BEST LOCATION FOR THIS ACREAGE OF TEMPLE LOCATION.
- 4.2.3 UPON SUCH DETERMINATION, I RECOMMEND APPROVAL BY MEN'S CLUB AND SISTERHOOD AND THEN BY THE CONGREGATION, THAT THE BOARD BE EMPOWERED TO SALE ALL BUT THE PORTION RESERVED FOR A POSSIBLE BUILDING PROGRAM.
- 4.2.4. SUCH A PROGRAM WILL RESULT IN THE REALIZATION OF A SUBSTANTIAL SALE PRICE FOR ONLY A PORTION OF OUR PROPERTY, REDUCE IF NOT ELIMINATE MEN'S CLUB AND SISTERHOOD OBLIGATION - STILL LEAVE ADEQUATE AREA IN THE BEST LOCATION FOR POSSIBLE TEMPLE BUILDING, AND POSSIBLY RELEASE MEN'S CLUB AND SISTERHOOD CONTRIBUTIONS TO OTHER TEMPLE ACTIVITY.
- 4.2.5. TO THOSE WHO CRY FOR SALE OF THE ENTIRE PROPERTY I CAN ONLY FEEL THAT SUCH THINKING IS MOTIVATED BY A RELUCTANCE TO ACCEPT PROPER FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY. ✓

## 5. EDUCATION

- 5.1 CONTINUED ADULT LECTURE SERIES BY DR. GRUEN ON JEWISH HISTORY WHICH SHOULD BE SUPPLEMENTED BY A SEPARATE MEMBER DISCUSSION GROUP THAT WOULD COVER THE FOLLOWING.
  - 5.1.1 THE JEWISH CULTURAL AND HERITAGE FACTORS THAT ARE AN INNATE POSITIVE PART OF TODAY'S AMERICAN JEWS.
  - 5.1.2 THE MANNER IN WHICH ADULT PARTICIPATION IN JEWISH WORSHIP, STUDY, AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY EFFECT SELF, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.
  - 5.1.3 RELATE THE ABOVE TO LIVING IN TODAY'S SOCIETY WHEREIN WE MUST BREACH THE COMPLACENCY PLATEAU RESULTING FROM GREATER EQUALITY FOR JEWS.
  - 5.1.4 FROM THE MEMBERSHIP MUST COME AN IDENTITY WITH THEIR REFORM MOVEMENT, WHEREBY LIVING JUDAISM IS AN OUTLET FOR SELF SECURITY AND SELF IMPROVEMENT AND TEMPLE ADMINISTRATION CONTINUES TO PROVIDE THE PROGRAM VEHICLE. ✓

## 6. SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

- 6.1 SOCIAL JUSTICE, IN WHATEVER ITS PROPER MANNER OF DEFENSE, IS A REQUIREMENT OF LIVING JUDAISM. I RECOMMEND THAT OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS STUDY EVERY COMMUNITY ASPECT OF SOCIAL INJUSTICE AND TAKE A STAND BY RESOLUTION. SUCH RESOLUTION THEN BECOMES A BASIS FOR OUR SOCIAL ACTION CHAIRMAN TO:

- 6.1.1 CONTINUE TO BRING BEFORE OUR CONGREGATION THE ISSUES INVOLVED SO AS TO GET CONGREGATIONAL REACTION.
- 6.1.2. THEN PRESENT THE ISSUES, AND BOARD RESOLUTION BEFORE THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION WITH PROPER FOLLOW THROUGH.
- 6.2 INSTITUTE A PLANNED PROGRAM OF INTER-FAITH ACTIVITY WITH AREA CHURCHES. SUCH PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE UNION, AND BUILD GREATER RESPECT FOR THE DIFFERENCES THAT EXIST, RATHER THAN ADD TO THE ENIGMA OF LOST IDENTITY. SUCH A PROGRAM WILL REQUIRE MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT, - OTHERWISE IT WOULD POINT UP TO OUR COMMUNITY THE COMPLETE APATHY OF OUR MEMBERSHIP.
- 6.3 BRING OUR YOUTH INTO LIVING JUDAISM'S EMPHASIS ON SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY. ONCE AGAIN OUR UNION HAS MATERIAL WHEREBY OUR YOUTH CAN BE KNOWLEDGE-ABLE OF THE PROBLEMS, AND CONSTRUCTIVELY ENTER INTO MODEST PROGRAMS OF ASSISTANCE TO THE NEEDY. ✓

## 7. CONGREGATIONAL MOTIVATION

- 7.1 RECOGNIZING THE TREMENDOUS PROBLEM OF OUR TIME, FURTHER EMPHASIS MUST BE MADE TO MOTIVATE OUR CONGREGATION TOWARD RECOGNIZING THE BENEFITS OF A JEWISH IDENTIFICATION. NOT FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING OUR RELIGION FOR ITS NAME SAKE, BUT RATHER WITH THE PURPOSE OF PERPETUATING THOSE QUALITIES WHICH HAVE MADE THE JEW RESPECTED FOR HIS PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE.
- 7.2 HOW DO WE CONVINCE OUR MEMBERS THAT THERE IS MERIT TO SUCH VIRTUES AS OBLIGATION - EDUCATION - SACRIFICE? ✓

OUR RABBI, OUR DIRECTORS, AND OFFICERS ALL TOGETHER CANNOT MOTIVATE OUR CONGREGANTS TO SUCH VIRTUE. HOWEVER, HEREIN PERHAPS LIES THE BEGINNING. BY PRECEPT AND EXAMPLE AMONG ALL OUR LEADERS, MAY THE SPIRIT OF OUR CONGREGATION BE KINDLED - AND THEN BY PRECEPT AND EXAMPLE OF THE PARENT MAY FUTURE GENERATIONS FIND THE PERSONAL BENEFITS IN JEWISHNESS. ONLY IN THIS MANNER WILL OUR TEMPLE BE TRULY A MANY SPLENDORED COMPLEX - OF PEOPLE - OF TEACHING - OF LEARNING - OF MOTIVATION AND EXPRESSION - TO BRING DIGNITY TO THE INDIVIDUAL - AND COLLECTIVELY TO SPARK DIGNITY AND ACCOMPLISHMENT IN OUR COMMUNITY.

IN AN EVER SHRINKING - MORE COMPLEX WORLD, WE CAN TAKE THE EASY WAY OUT - BY USING ~~THE~~ COMPLEXITY AS AN EXCUSE FOR APATHY. WHAT A SHAME, HOWEVER, TO FORSAKE THE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS OF OUR FOREFATHERS TO SOCIETY THROUGHOUT THE AGES. SHALL WE ACCEPT TODAY THE CONSTANT CHALLENGE FACED BY OUR **FOREBEARERS** - SHALL WE UTILIZE OUR JEWISH HERITAGE - WILL WE RECOGNIZE THAT THROUGH OUR TEMPLE, JOINED WITH HUNDREDS OF TEMPLES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD ~~WHAT~~ WE CAN DO? ✓

I PERSONALLY AM GRATEFUL FOR MY JEWISH HERITAGE - WHILE I MAY NEVER FULLY APPRECIATE ALL THAT IT HAS DONE FOR ME, I KNOW THAT I AM BETTER FOR IT - AS IS THE WORLD I LIVE IN. CAN WE IN ALL HONESTY FORSAKE THIS PRICELESS GIFT FROM THE PAST.

I AM GRATEFUL TO HAVE BEEN YOUR PRESIDENT FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS. TO THE INCOMING ADMINISTRATION I EXTEND MY SINCERE WISHES FOR SUCCESS - NOT BY THEIR ACTIONS ALONE - FOR I HOPE ALL OF OUR MEMBERS WILL ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE OF TRULY BEING JEWISH - TO SO DEDICATE OURSELVES, THAT 6,000,000 JEWS, IN OUR LIFETIME ALONE, SHALL NOT HAVE DIED IN VAIN.

THANK YOU... *Respect fully Submitted*  
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