

President's Message -  
1930-31.

To you, dear members of Temple Israel Sisterhood, this is my first message. When I took office I did the usual thing by asking for your co-operation and support. But I also did the unusual by pledging myself to work three times as hard as any of you. The membership of our Sisterhood was divided into three teams according to birthdays - Each team serving three times during the year. I served on all three teams and when a team works and produces I am with them but when they fail - I too lose my enthusiasm. I cannot do your work for you - Your job (and it is a job!) is definitely laid out for you and when you expect the other fellow to do your work for you there is bound to be a slip up somewhere and things go awry. Won't you please do your work when it's your turn - and if you can't - please find a substitute and not expect your officers to do your work for you. Why should they? Are they receiving so much glory and compensation that they should be expected to do your work? After all, we are all working for a common cause and it is just as much one person's job as another and when you lay down on the job, you are a shirker and a slacker. I know it is pretty hard to work and overwork in the kitchen



all day long and then come out and bear the  
slurs of another and be pleasant about it.  
Oto arrange for an affair and when it  
is time to be given to receive absolutely no  
help - it is very discouraging. We don't always  
ask for money, we ask for service which is  
more than money, and if you members are  
so afflicted with the I-dont-want-to-do-it  
sickness, then the president will catch the  
same disease. Ladies, this sisterhood must  
go to work, not five members but every  
member or I fear for the welfare of this  
Temple - My recommendation tho not an  
eloating one but nevertheless a practical one  
is buy the hatchet and get out the hoe and  
go to work! And when I pledged myself to  
service last year, this year I make the same  
pledge with a proviso - if you work with me  
otherwise I quit - if it is the middle of the term  
or the middle of the week and you'll have  
to put some one at the head of this organization  
with whom you will work - "Actions speak  
louder than words" - and it is up to you to  
show me whether you want to work with me  
or someone else.

You have heard the reports of the  
committee chairmen and how we function  
throughout the year - what little we do is  
well done and I suppose should deserve  
thanks altho you have only done your duty.



The outstanding achievements of the year were two - first, the fact that we were hostess to the Executive Board of the Pennsylvania Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. This was an achievement and gave us a closer insight of the workings of the state and the National. It gave us an opportunity to meet and hear some of the outstanding Jewish laywomen of the state of Penna. We also were represented at the National conference which met in Phila. in Jan. 1931.

Our second achievement was our participation in the religious tournament in our city. Temple Israel was put decidedly on the map. When we stop to realize that we put on a production of "Prayer in Pictures" so beautifully portrayed that a member of the audience remarked that she never thought that Jews had so much religion - perhaps we gave the non-Jew something to think about and a little clearer understanding of the Jew and his religion.

I should like to recommend for your consideration the establishment of a Pulpit-Flower Fund in the Sisterhood. That each member of the Sisterhood give \$1 a year or more toward this fund and when she has a memorial or anniversary it will be mentioned on that date. so that there



may be enough money in this fund that  
the pulpit will never be without some  
flowers.

Again, I am pleading for your  
support during this last year of  
my incumbency as president - <sup>will</sup>  
you help me make it outstanding in  
the history of Temple Israel -

Respectfully submitted

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