

April 16, 1972

The annual meeting of the Congregation of Temple Beth Israel was called to order at 8 P.M., April 16, 1972, by President Richard Werner.

Rabbi Kosovske gave the Opening Prayer.

There being no objection, the reading of the minutes of the previous Congregational meeting was dispensed with.

Rabbi Kosovske presented his personal evaluation of the past year in the life of the Congregation, noting the innovations introduced, the program undertaken for revising the religious school curriculum, and the gradual improvement in the (still unsatisfactory) attendance at worship services.

Mr. Werner reviewed the background of the proposed merger with Congregation B'nai Zion; he explained the proposal for consolidation, and outlined the legal aspects. Mr. Bernard Goldstone moved that Congregation B'nai Zion be accepted into our Congregation, according to the provisions set forth in the proposal submitted to the Congregation. Motion duly seconded and passed unanimously.

Mr. Irwin Yanowitz outlined a proposal of the Israel Bond Committee that the Congregation borrow \$100,000 from the McDowell National Bank at an interest rate of $\frac{1}{2}\%$ over the prime rate, for 2 years, and \$100,000 from the First Seneca Bank at 6% for 5 years, this \$200,000 to be used to purchase Israel Bonds. A group of some thirty individuals has agreed to pay jointly the difference between the interest earned and the amount due the banks. Mr. Yanowitz moved that the proposal be adopted by the Congregation; motion duly seconded and passed by a vote of 44 to 5, there being a two-thirds majority necessary for approval.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance: Mr. Richard Ackerman presented the budget for the 1973 fiscal year, beginning July 1, 1972, and moved its adoption. Motion duly seconded by Mr. Sherman Jubelirer. Mr. Harold Rosenblum offered an amendment to the motion that the proposed increase in religious school fees to \$25.00 be stricken, and that this amount be held to the present amount of \$15.00, plus 12% UAHC assessment. Motion to amend duly seconded and passed unanimously. Motion to approve the budget (as amended) duly passed. (Report #1, attached)

Building Fund: Mr. Sherman Jubelirer reported that the balance of the Building Fund, as of February 29, 1972, was \$13,623, including an Israel bond valued at \$7,200, and commented that this balance was not sufficient to maintain operations. (Report #2, attached)

Religious School: Mr. Beloff reported that the committee had agreed to revert to the previous practice of Confirmation of young people who have completed the tenth grade of the religious school. A program of study for students in the eleventh and twelfth grades will be initiated, and a mid-week Hebrew class will be reinstated with Rabbi Kosovske as instructor. Mrs. Alex Polangin has agreed to serve as school principal.

Nominating: Chairman Irwin Yanowitz announced that Mrs. Leo Werner and Mr. Arthur Krieger had served with him, and introduced the following slate of candidates for election to the Temple Board of Directors:

Dr. Donald Cohen	Mr. George Neidelman
Mr. Edward Frank	Mrs. Harold Rosenblum
Mr. Sherman Jubelirer	Mrs. Edward Wein

There being no nominations from the floor, the secretary was instructed to cast the sole ballot electing the nominees.

Adult Education: In the absence of Mr. George Neidelman, Dr. Donald Cohen read his report. (Report #4, attached)

Buildings and Grounds: In the absence of Mr. Robert Routman, Mr. Werner read his report: The Rabbi's house had been extensively renovated. A master plan for redecoration of the Temple is being evolved, with the help of two architects and a commercial firm. The Board has approved refurbishment of the Freyman Room, contingent upon the ability of the Ways and Means Committee to generate sufficient funds to finish the undertaking. Mr. Werner reminded the Congregation that the building is over twenty years old, and that we should be aware of the impending necessity to make repairs and renovations.

Camp J. and B. Harlam: Mr. S.W. Epstein reported that cabins had been winterized and emphasized that congregations had been urged to utilize the camp facilities for retreats, etc. He announced that the Bessie Lurie Camperships this year were awarded to Mindy Werner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Werner, and to Joel Rosenblum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rosenblum. Mr. Epstein announced that these parents had indicated their willingness to contribute the costs of the camp tuition towards the establishment of a special fund to defray expenses of children who are interested in and would benefit from the camp experience. Mr. Epstein moved that an on-going fund be established for this purpose; motion duly seconded by Mrs. Alex Green and passed without opposition.

Ceremonial Objects: Mrs. Edward Frank reported that \$500 had been subscribed to this special fund since its establishment in January, 1972. (Report #5, attached)

Cemetery Fund: In the absence of Mr. David Goldberg, Mr. Sherman Jubelirer reported that the holdings in this fund would amount to \$20,000-\$22,000, depending on the condition of the stock market. (Report #6, attached)

Dedications: Mr. Edward Frank reported that Mrs. Samuel Routman had contributed \$1,000 towards refurbishing the classroom dedicated to the memory of her husband, and that a fund of \$675 donated by friends of David Adelman in honor of his 70th birthday would be used towards refurbishing the Freyman Room. (Report #7, attached)

Confirmands' Israel Trip: Mr. Edward Frank announced that the Board had approved the concept of 1971-73 confirmands undertaking a month-long trip to European and Israeli sites of interest, as announced in the Temple Bulletin, in January. The proposed trip is contingent upon the financial support of the various Jewish organizations; the Temple Ways and Means Committee has been charged with the responsibility to coordinate fund-raising activities. (Report #8, attached)

Library: Mrs. Harry Jubelirer, Librarian, announced that the Temple Library had received nine gifts during the preceeding year. (Report #9, attached)

Membership: Mr. Allen Sharapan reported the membership of the Temple to include 126 families and 53 single members, a total of 170. Seven new members are: Dr. and Mrs. Morren Greenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Feldman, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Filner, Dr. and Mrs. Fred Leeds, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Rosenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Szabo, and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Werthman. Two members have left the vicinity, and several have died.

Music and Choir: (Report #10, attached)

Social Justice: Mr. Sharapan reported on the activities of the Committee. There was comment from the floor noting that other religious congregations in the Valley were supporting social causes they espoused with cash contributions.

Brotherhood: A contribution of \$300 from the Brotherhood was received.

Sisterhood: A copy of Mrs. Frank's report (#11) is attached. A gift of \$2,000 from the Temple Sisterhood was received.

Youth Group: Mr. Larry Goldstone's report (#12) Attached.

President Richard Werner presented his annual report to the Congregation.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Dr. Donald Cohen entered a plea that the principle of free speech be observed for our Congregational meetings, and that members should not be criticized for expression of opinion.

The Congregation was again urged to be less boisterous in the lobby and the Sanctuary while waiting for worship services to begin.

The meeting was adjourned.

Irene R. Rosenblum
Secretary