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WHEN THIS ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM WAS PLANNED THERE WERE MANY FACTORS THAT HAD TO BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION. MUCH THOUGHT WAS GIVEN TO WHAT OUR AIMS SHOULD BE AND WHAT WERE THE POSSIBILITIES OF ACHIEVING OUR GOALS; WHAT WOULD BE THE TYPE OF PROGRAM THAT WOULD BE BEST SUITED TO OUR CONGREGATION AND WHAT WOULD BE THE INTERESTS OF THOSE MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION THAT WE COULD EXPECT TO SUPPORT AN ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM.

MANY PROGRAMS ARE DESIGNED IN MANY PLACES AND BY MANY COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION BUT DO THEY KNOW US HERE IN SHARON? CAN THEY GAUGE THE INTERESTS OF OUR CONGREGATION? WE DON'T FEAR TO ADMIT WE ARE NOT SCHOLARLY, NOR AVANT-GARDE, NOR ARE WE AN "ARTY" GROUP, NOR A HIGHLY EDUCATED ONE, BUT WE CONSIDER OURSELVES FAIRLY INTELLIGENT AND AWARE OF THE "CURRENTS AND TRENDS" IN OUR WORLD AS THEY INFLUENCE OUR LIVES.

SO WE SEARCHED FOR THAT WHICH MIGHT BE PROVACATIVE, INTERESTING AND (YES) POPULAR. OUR DESIRE WAS TO DRAW INTO ACTIVE PARTICIPATION AS MANY OF OUR CONGREGANTS AS WE POSSIBLY COULD. THE COMMITTEE FELT THAT THE FORMAT BEST SUITED TO ACCOMPLISH THIS IS THE STUDY-DISCUSSION TYPE. NOT ONLY DOES IT ENCOURAGE MEMBERS TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES FREELY, BUT WE HOPED IT WOULD STIMULATE THEIR INTEREST SUFFICIENTLY THAT MANY WOULD HELP TO PREPARE THE MATERIAL.

THE SUBJECTS WERE CHOSEN BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, MANY HELPED READ THE MATERIAL, AND A FEW HELPED TO ASSEMBLE IT. OUR OWN MEMBERS WERE GROUP LEADERS AND OUR OWN RABBI, AS THE RESOURCE PERSON, GAVE US BACKGROUND.

TRULY, WE FEEL THIS CAN BE CALLED A LEARN-BY-DOING PROJECT.

THE COMMITTEE FOR ADULT EDUCATION AS SUBMITTED TO ME BY THE PRESIDENT OF TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL FOR THE YEAR 1967-68 IS AS FOLLOWS:

O. B. ROSENBLUM	CHAIRMAN
SHERMAN JUBELIRER	VICE-CHAIRMAN
HILBERT BELOFF	
FREDA GERSON	
NATALIE JUBELIRER	
JULIE LEVINE	
MORRIS MILLER	
ALEX POLANGIN	
MYRTLE ROSENBLUM	
EDDIE ROUTMAN	
MILDRED SHANKS	
DR. LEON STEIN	
WILLIAM STRAUSS	
PEARL WEINGARTEN	
ANNE L. WERNER	

EARLY IN AUGUST, 1967, SHERMAN JUBELIRER AND I MET WITH RABBI HONAN TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR THIS PROGRAM.

ON AUGUST 22, SHERMAN AND I MET WITH JULIE LEVINE AND MYRTLE ROSENBLUM. THEY SUBMITTED TO US A PLAN FOR A DISCUSSION TYPE OF STUDY COURSE. THE MATERIAL AS SUBMITTED WAS ASSEMBLED BY THEM. IT WAS AGREED TO PRESENT THE PLAN TO THE ENTIRE COMMITTEE.

A MEETING WAS CALLED EARLY IN SEPTEMBER. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS ATTENDED:

O. B. ROSENBLUM
SHERMAN JUBELIRER
HILBERT BELOFF
FREDA GERSON
NATALIE JUBELIRER
MORRIS MILLER
MYRTLE ROSENBLUM
EDDIE ROUTMAN
MILDRED SHANKS
DR. LEON STEIN
WILLIAM STRAUSS
AND .. RABBI HONAN

THE PLAN WAS APPROVED AFTER THOROUGH DISCUSSION.

THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE REMAINED AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE MEETING TO SELECT THE SUBJECTS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE COURSE:

NATALIE JUBELIRER
SHERMAN JUBELIRER
ALEX POLANGIN
MYRTLE ROSENBLUM
O. B. ROSENBLUM
DR. LEON STEIN
WILLIAM STRAUSS
AND .. RABBI HONAN

THE DATES WERE AGREED UPON AND THE SUBJECTS FOR THE FIRST SERIES WERE SELECTED.

OCT. 22, 1967	CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE, CIVIL RIGHTS & CIVIL DISORDER
OCT. 29, 1967	JUDAISM - OPEN DOOR OR CLOSED CORPORATION
NOV. 12, 1967	THE DILEMMA OF JEWISH PARENTS
NOV. 19, 1967	JEWISH AFFLUENCE VERSUS JEWISH INFLUENCE (WILL SUCCESS SPOIL US?)
NOV. 26, 1967	ISRAEL - A POLITICAL OR RELIGIOUS REALITY

FOR THE SECOND SERIES, DATES WERE SELECTED AS FOLLOWS:

JANUARY 14, 1968
JANUARY 21, 1968
JANUARY 28, 1968
FEBRUARY 4, 1968
FEBRUARY 11, 1968

AS SOON AS THESE MATTERS WERE DECIDED I ENLISTED THE AID OF HAROLD ROSENBLUM, WHO WILLINGLY AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY ENDORSED THE WHOLE IDEA AND GAVE ME HIS COMPLETE SUPPORT. JULIE LEVINE AND MYRTLE ROSENBLUM SET OUT IMMEDIATELY TO PREPARE THE MATERIAL. THEY RECEIVED SOME HELP IN READING MATERIAL BY FRED A GERSON, EDDIE ROUTMAN, SALLY YANOWITZ, AND HANNAH SHARAPAN. LUCILLE GOLDMAN ALSO BROUGHT IN SOME MATERIAL AND SALLY YANOWITZ HELPED ASSEMBLE A PRESENTATION.

ON TUESDAY, OCT. 10, 1967, A MEETING WAS HELD AT OUR HOME, 1281 STANTON STREET. MANY WHO WERE NOT APPOINTED TO THE COMMITTEE WERE INVITED TO THIS MEETING IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THIS PROJECT. AT THIS MEETING THE MECHANICS AND THE SET-UP OF THE SESSIONS WAS PLANNED. IT WAS DECIDED TO HAVE ONE AND A HALF HOURS OF DISCUSSION, A TEN MINUTE COFFEE BREAK, THEN A PRESENTATION BY RABBI HONAN GIVING JEWISH BACKGROUND MATERIAL.

BLANCHE HIRSCH AND FLORENCE RESNICK TOOK OVER THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE REFRESHMENTS.

HAROLD ROSENBLUM ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE LEADERS AND A DISCUSSION OF LEADERSHIP TECHNIQUES TOOK PLACE.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WERE:

LUCILLE GOLDMAN
BLANCHE HIRSCH
SHERMAN JUBELIRER
MARC L. MARKS
MORRIS MILLER
FLORENCE RESNICK
HAROLD ROSENBLUM
EDDIE & WALTER ROUTMAN
DR. LEON STEIN
WILLIAM STRAUSS
RICHARD WERNER
IRWIN YANOWITZ

ANOTHER MEETING WAS HELD ON NOVEMBER 7TH TO REVIEW LEADERSHIP TECHNIQUES. THIS WAS AFTER THE FIRST TWO SESSIONS AND GAVE US AN OPPORTUNITY TO EVALUATE THEM AND TO GET SUGGESTIONS FOR FURTHER IMPROVEMENT.

AT THIS MEETING, THOSE PRESENT WERE:

LUCILLE GOLDMAN
JULIE LEVINE
MORRIS MILLER
HAROLD ROSENBLUM
MYRTLE ROSENBLUM
EDDIE ROUTMAN
DR. LEON STEIN
SHIRLEY STEIN
WILLIAM STRAUSS

THIS MEETING WAS HELD IN THE TEMPLE LIBRARY.

THE READING MATERIAL FOR THE FIRST SESSION (OCT. 22ND) WAS SENT OUT IN ADVANCE TO THE COMMITTEE. THIS WAS MAILED ON OCTOBER 7TH.

THE MATERIAL FOR THOSE ENROLLED IN THE COURSE WAS SENT OUT ON OCTOBER 12TH.

FOR THE SECOND SESSION (OCT. 29TH) THE MATERIAL WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO THOSE WHO ATTENDED OCTOBER 22ND SESSION; AND WAS MAILED TO THOSE ENROLLED WHO DID NOT ATTEND THAT SESSION ON OCTOBER 23RD.

THE READING MATERIAL FOR THE THIRD SESSION (NOV. 12TH) WAS MAILED NOV. 6TH.

THE MATERIAL FOR THE NOVEMBER 19TH AND NOVEMBER 26TH SESSIONS FOLLOWED THE SAME PATTERN AS THE FIRST SESSION; THAT IS, THOSE IN ATTENDANCE PICKED UP THE READING MATERIAL FOR THE NEXT MEETING, AND THOSE WHO WERE ENROLLED BUT WHO DID NOT ATTEND THAT MEETING, RECEIVED IT BY MAIL.

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ON NOVEMBER 12, BECAUSE OF RABBI HONAN'S ABSENCE WHILE ATTENDING THE U.A.H.C. CONVENTION IN MONTREAL, THE FINAL PRESENTATION OF THE EVENING WAS A PANEL DISCUSSION ON THE SUBJECT "THE JEWISH HERITAGE" - "PARENTS AND CHILDREN".

THE PARTICIPANTS WERE:

CHARLOTTE JUBELIRER
JACK MEIZLIK
IRENE ROSENBLUM
SHIRLEY STEIN

THE LEADERS FOR EACH DISCUSSION GROUP WERE DRAWN FROM THE PARTICIPANTS.

FIRST SESSION ON OCTOBER 22, THERE WERE THREE GROUPS. THE LEADERS WERE:

LUCILLE GOLDMAN
CHARLOTTE JUBELIRER
JULIE LEVINE
HAROLD ROSENBLUM
DR. LEON STEIN
WILLIAM STRAUSS

SECOND SESSION, OCTOBER 29, THERE WERE THREE GROUPS. THE LEADERS WERE:

HILBERT BELOFF
NATALIE JUBELIRER
JULIE LEVINE
EDDIE ROUTMAN
WILLIAM STRAUSS
RICHARD WERNER

THIRD SESSION, NOVEMBER 12, THERE WERE TWO GROUPS. THE LEADERS WERE:

HILBERT BELOFF
LUCILLE GOLDMAN
SHIRLEY STEIN
WILLIAM STRAUSS

FOURTH SESSION, NOVEMBER 19, THERE WERE THREE GROUPS. THE LEADERS WERE:

MARGE GOLDSTONE
LILLIAN MEHR
MORRIS MILLER
EDDIE ROUTMAN
ALLAN SHARAPAN
SHIRLEY STEIN

FIFTH SESSION, NOVEMBER 26, THERE WERE THREE GROUPS. THE LEADERS WERE:

RUTH HERSH
MILDRED SHANKS
DR. LEON STEIN
RICHARD WERNER
IRWINE YANOWITZ

THE ATTENDANCE RECORD IS AS FOLLOWS:

1ST SESSION	52
2ND SESSION	47
3RD SESSION	38
4TH SESSION	40
5TH SESSION	41

A TOTAL OF 73 PEOPLE PARTICIPATED ONE OR MORE TIMES AND A TOTAL OF 60 PEOPLE PARTICIPATED TWO OR MORE TIMES. THE GREATEST NUMBER ATTENDED FOUR SESSIONS.

ATTENDED ONCE: --

LYNN GOLDBERG
CECILE HERSHKOWITZ
JOE LEVINE
ALICE LIPSICK
MARC L. MARKS
JEAN MILLER
WALTER ROUTMAN
MARILYNN STEIN
FRANK SZABO
IRVING WEISS
REGGIE WEISS
ANNE WERNER
ROSE YANOWITZ

ATTENDED TWICE: --

ROSELLA GOLDBERG
MYRON GOLDSTONE
MARTIN HERSH
MORRIS HIRSCH
NATALIE JUBELIRER
ARTHUR KREIGER
HAROLD MEHR
BRANYA MILLMAN
EUGENE MILLMAN
EDDIE ROUTMAN
GILBERT ROUTMAN
NATALIE ROUTMAN
ED WEIN

ATTENDED THREE TIMES:

HILBERT BELLOF
FREDA GERSON
ROZ HONAN
CHARLOTTE JUBELIRER
HELEN KREIGER
MRS. JACK MEIZLIK
HELEN NIEDELMAN
MYRTLE ROSENBLUM
O. B. ROSENBLUM
INA ROUTMAN
IRVINE ROUTMAN
ALLAN SHARAPAN
DR. LEON STEIN
ADELAIDE SZABO
SYLVIA WEIN
LOIS WERNER

ATTENDED FOUR TIMES:

ESTHER COHEN
LUCILLE GOLDMAN
MARGE GOLDSTONE
BLANCHE HIRSCH
RABBI HONAN
SHERMAN JUBELIRER
SAM LANSAT
JULIE LEVINE
MORRIS MILLER
FLORENCE RESNICK
IRENE ROSENBLUM
RUTH ROUTMAN
HELEN SCHERMER
MANNIE SCHERMER
MARTIN SHANKS
MILDRED SHANKS
SHIRLEY STEIN
FRAN STRAUSS
WILLIAM STRAUSS
RICHARD WERNER
SALLY YANOWITZ

ATTENDED ALL FIVE TIMES:

CARRIE AVERBACK
ANNA GREEN
RUTH HERSH
JACK MEIZLIK
ALEX POLANGIN
HAROLD ROSENBLUM
NELLI POLANGIN
PEARL WEINGARTEN
IRWIN YANOWITZ

OF LEADERSHIP. MOST OF THEM SERVED ONE TIME BUT SEVEN PEOPLE SERVED TWICE: -
THEY WERE:

HILBERT BELOFF
LUCILLE GOLDMAN
JULIE LEVINE
EDDIE ROUTMAN
DR. LEON STEIN
SHIRLEY STEIN
DICK WERNER

WILLIAM STRAUSS SERVED THREE TIMES.

THE FOLLOWING IS COMPLETE LIST OF LEADERS:

HILBERT BELOFF
LUCILLE GOLDMAN
MARGE GOLDSTONE
RUTH HERSH
NATALIE JUBELIRER
JULIE LEVINE
LILLIAN MEHR
MORRIS MILLER
HAROLD ROSENBLUM
EDDIE ROUTMAN
MILDRED SHANKS
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SHIRLEY STEIN
ALLAN SHARAPAN
RICHARD WERNER
IRWIN YANOWITZ

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NEXT WEEK I WILL CALL TOGETHER THE COMMITTEE TO FORMULATE PLANS FOR THE NEXT SERIES COMMENCING JANUARY 14, 1968. IF THE SAME TYPE OF PROGRAM IS DECIDED UPON, WE EARNESTLY HOPE WE CAN ENGAGE THE INTEREST OF MANY MORE PEOPLE TO READ, SELECT, AND CORRELATE MATERIAL BECAUSE THIS MAKES IT TRULY AN EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE. WE HOPE IT WILL STIMULATE INTEREST AND ENTHUSIASM AND (WHILE THIS IS PERHAPS VERY LONG RANGE) IT COULD TAP RESERVOIRS OF WHICH WE ARE HARDLY AWARE, EVEN PERHAPS CHANNEL SPIRITUAL ENERGIES THAT ARE LATENT AND WHICH COULD REVITALIZE OUR CONGREGATION AND OUR LIVES.