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### THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF TEMPLE ISRAEL

As it has been for the last five years, the officers of this religious institution were: Milton Cohen, president; L. Irving Silverman, 1st V. pres; Nathan D. Weinsweig, 2nd V. pres; Edward B. Amber, Sec. & Treas; A. L. Lusthaus, Hon. Pres. The Board of Trustees were: Rose Stern, Hon. Chairman; Sol Cohen, Hon. Member; G. M. Silverman; Lester Cohen; Benedict Berkowitz; Morris Friedman; Morris Frank; George Scheff; Samuel Weiner; Howard Abramson; Dr. Edward Kaplan; and Louis Axelrad.

Nathan D. Weinsweig was again superintendent of the religious school. Teachers this year were: Elias Goodstein, Mrs. Richard Rosenbaum, Mr. Larry Kaplan, who was succeeded by Miss Joanne Pearlstein, Mrs. E. Milton Cohen, and Mrs. Eugene Hibshman who was a substitute. Miss Ann Eisenberg acted as secretary of the Sunday School. For the first time, we have two children from Connellsville attending our religious school, Barbara Braemer, and Carolyn Chinn. Rabbi Hibshman had charge of the Sunday School. During the past year, the Sunday School students presented a Chanukah play and party, and a Purim party and operetta. The adults who were in attendance were indeed surprised to see how much talent the youngsters have.

Temple Israel was happy to welcome as new members the following: Mr. and Mrs. Izadore Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob V. Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rosenbaum, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Auslander, Mr. and Mrs.



A. Chinn, and Dr. and Mrs. Louis Schrallow of Connellsville, and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Glick. We were also very happy to welcome back home the following men who have served in the armed forces of our nation: Mr. Sol Cohen, Mr. Jerry Axelrad, Mr. Ruby Steelman, and Dr. Theodore Levy. And speaking of new members, Temple Israel is assured of future new members when Dr. Stork left a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Levy, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Glick, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Benedict Berkowitz, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Weiner, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cooper, and a grandson to Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Mosesson. If this keeps up, the Temple Israel Sunday School may have to hire the high school across the street to take care of the huge attendance.

At this time we can't neglect mentioning the weddings that took place during the past year. Namely, Howard Barasch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mel Barasch, was married in April to Miss Sylvia Pinsky in Atlantic City. Miss Janet Korngut, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Korngut, was married in Washington to Lt. Harry Warshawsky. Miss Marjorie Freeman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Freeman, was married in Pittsburgh, January 24, to Mr. Herbert Goldstein of Ambridge, Pa. Rabbis Benjamin Lichter of Pittsburgh and Rabbi Hibshman officiated.

During the past year, the following names were added to our Temple Memorial tablet: Arnold Bree, and David Louis Rosenthal.



Special services during the past year included a V-J service on August 16, a Council Sabbath on Friday, March 29, during which Mrs. I. M. Shane of Lancaster, state president of the council, was guest speaker. In March, Rabbi and Mrs. Hibshman attended the American Hebrew Union convention in Cincinnati. Our good Rabbi and Mrs. Hibshman gave an excellent report on the convention on March 8. And from the comments, we gathered that reformed Judaism is very much alive and progressing year by year. Many of us were surprised to hear that the discussions at the convention were so heated that several of our good reformed Rabbis almost came to blows. One would never picture Rabbis as pugnacious fellows. And in speaking of Rabbis, our own Rabbi Hibshman was indeed very active during the past year. He addressed the Uniontown Kiwanis Club, was chosen to lead memorial services in Altoona, to give prayers at the Uniontown Sesquicentennial celebration at the White Swan Hotel, was active at the Child Guidance Clinic, conducted V-J services at Connellsville, participated in the installation of Rabbis in Brownsville and Charleroi, led the prayer at the Elks memorial service at the State theatre, led the prayer at the B'nai B'rith victory dinner in tribute to the war dead and to those who served, gave an eloquent address on the 26th birthday dinner of the Uniontown section, National Council of Jewish women, and was invited to attend a convention on atomic energy at Pittsburgh and on which he sermoned at our services. So thus, you can see that our Rabbi is indeed active, both in and out of the Temple.



The choir during the past year was composed of Mary Ellen Warman, Arthur Junk, and Julia Hibshman.

The Cohen Furniture Company was gracious to donate a gas heater for the vestry rooms.

We had three very lovely Bar Mitzvahs during the year. They were: Bernard Jacobson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jacobson; Marvin Korngut, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Korngut; and Jack Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Davis. Young Davis certainly proved himself to be a most eloquent speaker and many predicted that he might eventually become an actor or a Rabbi. For as young a man as he is, he can certainly hold an audience.

A Temple member, and incidentally a member of the Board of Trustees, was indeed highly honored last week when he was elected president of the Zionist region which comprises western Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio, and northern West Virginia. I am referring, of course, to Mr. Lester Cohen. Incidentally, Mr. Cohen was also responsible for bringing to Uniontown the most outstanding sports dinner and the greatest array of out-of-town sports personalities to ever be in Uniontown at one time. As president of the Dandy Dudes, he is certainly doing a tremendous job in cementing good will with our Christian neighbors.



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I might also add that during the past year, a Temple member, Mr. Samuel Weiner, was president of the B'nai B'rith. Mr. A. L. Lusthaus, our honorary president, was elected provisional president of the new Jewish Community Center, a dream which will soon be realized and which will indeed benefit all of our Jewish people.



Following is a statement of all the moneys received and paid out since I made my last report to you on June 4, 1945.

Balance in bank as of June 4, 1945 644.78

Receipts:

Dues	4152.25
Memorial Fund	632.00
Sisterhood	200.00
Sunday School Fees	35.36
Summit Hotel Dinner Money	200.00
Donations and Holiday Seats	218.00
Miscellaneous	<u>28.80</u>

Or a grand total of cash

5466.41

6111.19

Expenditures:

Salary to Rabbi to May 18	3739.25
Sunday School Expense	336.40
Utilities	156.27
Janitors	475.00
Printing and Postage	159.33
Repairs and Upkeep	375.44
Hotel Dinner	194.00
Miscellaneous (Includes such	<u>428.15</u>

items as:

149.33-Insurance

100.00-Books

125.00-To Rabbi

and Mrs.

Hibshman for  
trip.)

5863.93

Balance in Bank

247.26



Analyzing briefly our financial report, we find that the actual receipts amount to \$5266.41, that is after deducting the dinner money of \$200.00 that I have included in the receipts, likewise deducting the \$194.00 dinner expense from the expenditures, we have a total expenditures amounting to \$5682.93. Last year our total income was \$5003.49, against expenditures of \$4874.42. Thus, we find that this year we have spent \$795.51 more than last year. This extra expenditure resulted from special bills; the repair and upkeep of the Temple, for example, jumped from \$80.16 last year to \$375.44 this year. We paid \$184.00 to Mr. Zacci for painting the roof and dome alone. Our Sunday School expense this year was \$81.73 more. Our janitors service ran more this year. Our printing and postage bill ran \$30.00 more this year. In addition, we had \$119.33 of insurance bills to pay this year which we didn't have last year. We sent Rabbi and Mrs. Hibshman to Cincinnati for the convention which cost the Temple some money. Also, the Rabbi's salary amounted to more this year. So you can see that it doesn't take long before additional expenses pile up.

On the income side of the ledger, we find that this year our income was \$262.92 more than last year. Our dues increased \$347.25 this year. The Sisterhood only gave us \$200.00 as compared to \$250.00 last year. Sunday School fees this year amounted to \$35.36, as against \$63.39. Donations and holiday seats went up to \$218.00 this year, against \$30.00 last year. Actually, the donation amount should be



\$118.00, as \$100.00 of it was donated for prayer books by various members of our congregation, and this item of expense is shown under the miscellaneous expenditures.

We have a balance in the bank of \$ . If all the dues came in we would be in better shape. We have as of today, members owing .

I am not even attempting to set up a budget for next year, as our president had appointed a regular financial committee at our last special January meeting and I feel that these three men, along with the new officers, will be in a much better position to set up an appropriate budget.

Thus comes to an end the thirty-ninth Annual report of Temple Israel, the last report your secretary-treasurer will prepare. I say last report because I reluctantly have to dismiss any thought of running or taking this office this year. And I say reluctantly because I feel it has been a genuine pleasure and honor to serve you during the past five years. I promise my new successor that I will work with him and cooperate with him to the fullest extent. Temple Israel is a vital and most necessary institution in our lives and I for one, will do my utmost to keep it so. Again, thank you for letting me serve you.



Before reading my annual report, may I briefly read the minutes of a special meeting held January 26th at Temple Israel.

President Milton Cohen called the meeting to order and the purpose of that meeting was to discuss the raise of salary for the Rabbi. Mr. Irving Silverman moved that the salary of Rabbi Hibshman be raised to \$4000.00 per year, retroactive as of Sept. 1, 1945, and that Rabbi Hibshman be paid a lump sum for the past five months. The motion was seconded by Louis Axelrad and it was carried unanimously.

Mr. Ben Levy spoke about the need of additional funds for the Temple and president Cohen appointed Mr. Ben Levy as chairman of a fund-raising committee for Temple Israel. President Cohen announced a membership committee, composed of Irving Silverman, Howard Abramson, and Dick Berkowitz. President Cohen also appointed a financial committee, composed of Mr. A. L. Lusthaus, Mr. Nathan Kaufman, and Mr. Lester Cohen.

In view of the necessity of raising the Rabbi's salary, practically all of the members of the congregation agreed to raise their dues as of January 1, 1946.