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Kittanning Jewish Community

In January 1912 a meeting was called at the home of Mrs. J. L. Apple to organize a club to meet once a week to play cards at different homes, and to discuss ways and means to start a religious school. At this initial meeting, with fifteen women present, the following officers were appointed: President, Mrs. J. L. Apple, Vice-Presidents, Mrs. A. S. Gruskin and Mrs. J. R. Einstein, and Sec.-Treas., Mrs. M. N. Adelson. During these 25 years we have had three elections, and each time the same officers were elected, except in 1942, when Mrs. Isadore Pollock was elected Treas. She also has held that office since the time of her election.

Our dues were \$1.00 per month until Nov. 1917 when a motion was made by Mrs. L. H. Nevins and seconded by Mrs. H. Horowitz to reduce the dues to 50¢ per month.

Shortly after organizing we started a religious school in the Odd Fellows Hall under our supervision with these teachers: Mrs. J. L. Apple, Mrs. M. N. Adelson, Miss Anna Gruskin and Miss Ruth Adelson. A few years later the congregation rented the second floor of the old Academy (now the Academy Apartments) for worship and religious school sessions. In 1917, when the public school burned, the school board went to our rooms and removed all our belongings, and took over the entire building for public school classes. So soon afterwards,

the present site on N. Water St. was purchased since then our *shul*, religious
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Mrs. Sidney Kaufman was appointed Supt. of our religious school which was now under the auspices of the Council of Jewish Women. The supervisor of all the schools, Miss Miriam Schoenfield, was a frequent visitor at our school, at the invitation of the Mothers Club.

At its beginning our organization was called the Whist Club. But at a meeting held Nov. 25, 1917, with Miss Miriam Schoenfield present, she suggested we be called the Mothers Club. And so we became the Mothers Club, continuing the same work as the original Whist Club.

We have held quite a number of confirmations, some at the Lutheran Parish House, some at the Episcopal Parish House, some at Pittsburgh and some at our own Shule. Since 1912 we have held picnics, card parties, dinners, and dances all for the benefit of our religious school and synagogue. We have fixed up the meeting room of the synagogue and rest of the Shule, have bought carpets and drapes, and papered some of the rooms. We have helped toward paying a good portion of the mortgage. We have installed a kitchen, purchased dishes and silverware, and held some very successful dinners.

From our fifteen original members we have six who are still members residing here in Kittanning. They are Mrs. J. L. Apple, Mrs. M. N. Adelson, Mrs. Chas.

Cedelson, Mrs. J. R. EASTMAN, MRS A. S. GRUSKIN + MRS. L. POLLOCK

Let us bow our heads and be silent a minute to pay respect to our deceased members, Mrs. Lurie, Mrs. Silberblatt, and Mrs. Rampach, three charter members, and

Mrs. Greenbaum Mrs. Kaufman

To our beloved Superior Miss Shevfield

to Mrs. Katz and Mrs. Louis Adelson, two younger members.

Our club has grown from our original fifteen to our present forty members.

Let us all hope and pray that we will continue to grow and prosper and be able

to keep up the work we are now doing for our religious school and Shule.

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