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Ladies, Gentlemen, dear friends.

This Golden Book will tell you a great story  
About Chevre Sholems past and glory.  
You remember in 1939 the big event  
When our Bill Davis became President,  
The Sisterhood was under Marie Bloom's rule,  
Then it was decided to build the Shool.  
We had a splendid architect  
Because Dr. Jablonsky worked so perfect.  
There were meetings almost every night  
And Frank Levin did all right.  
The Whiteman's too, does the book here say,  
Had an important hand in the play.  
It was provided by Sam Bloom's care  
That you sit with comfort on your chair.  
Much effort also to turn the wheel,  
Took Julius Caplan, iron and steel.  
The cornerstone is a contribution of the Solemon Gross Family  
To honor his wife's and mother's memory.

This house of God is our Center Place  
Which all of us sometimes have to face.  
The Holy Barmitza Ceremony  
Marks a great step in the Family.  
And every heart full pride enjoys  
That the golden book calls all the boys.  
Schultz and Felder's of the older generation  
Binankowski, Perri Gross and Sansen show their representation.  
Harry and Bill Davis's sons and Norman Levin  
The Bleiberg's, the Redlich's, Jake Cohn came in.  
Arthur Greenberg, the Gold's, and Jerry Gross here,  
As life goes on from year to year.

Highlights, are also the confirmations  
Which mark the Sunday School graduations.  
The entire Jewish community  
Will never miss the opportunity.  
When the boys and girls receive their blessing in this Synagogue  
and in their robes deliver the splendid dialogue.

But for the girls it is the most important day  
As brides before God under the Chuppe to stay.  
Miss Sally Ratner was the first bride  
To get married here under candle light.  
Then for many more brides their dream became true  
In our little Shool in Gaskill Avenue.



Great were the strains for several years  
By separations, by hopes, and by fears.  
As war took the husbands and sons away  
And what might happen, you could never say.  
Thanks to God we can be glad  
They all returned to our good old Jeannette.  
Their names are engraved in the Honor Roll  
Of the Golden Book and the Social Hall.

Our Sisterhood's fine creations  
Are written down for coming generations.  
When Mrs. Hodes, Mrs. Bloom, Mrs. Greenberg, and Mrs. Whiteman were elected  
Great leadership was with the ladies connected.  
Also Mrs. Sady Levin's and Mrs. Caplan's name  
Deserve always our grateful acclaim.  
The Sisterhood with noble and idealistic generosity  
Is the backbone of our Jewish humanity.

The Sisterhood's activities are manifold  
And only a few can here be told.  
To practice charity you must money raise  
And our ladies find all kinds of ways.  
They have a ticket, a rummage or baking sale  
Also Bingos and raffles never fail.  
The ladies Mrs. Vollock, Harry Davis, and Abe Gross,  
Mrs. Hodes, and Mrs. Frank Levin are never at a loss.  
And when the ladies are in for real action,  
Mrs. Felder's suppers are the greatest attraction.  
For donor dinners and every great affair  
Mrs. Ben Gross, Mrs. Bill Davis, Mrs. Bob Redlich, and Mrs. J. B. Greenberg  
always take care.

It is no pleasure to be President of the Congregation  
And full of efforts and aggravations.  
When our grandchildren will later look  
They find Louis Whiteman and Frank Levin in the Golden Book.  
Bill Davis, Dr. Jablonsky, Bob Redlich, and Weiner belong to our history,  
And Henry Gold as President at the 10th Anniversary.  
That the mortgage was burned and the Shool has no debit,  
Counts for Bob Redlich's work and to his credit.  
A Shool, of course, is of no avail  
If the Rabbi and Shames to honor we fail.  
So Rabbi Baker and Rabbi Stampfer for future ages  
You find written down at the Golden Book pages.  
And a service in Shool without Yuedl Levin,  
That seems like a mink coat without a skin.

Outstanding within our Congregation  
Works the Eleazar Katz B'nai B'rith Organization.  
Benevolence, brotherly love, and harmony  
Are united in a wonderful symphony.  
Ted Levin, Henry Gold, Harry Sanson, Mayer Wolinsky as president  
The Golden Book carries on its legend.  
B'Nai B'rith is also interested in the younger generation  
And is attached to the Girl's Winettes organization.



The Golden Book would not be complete  
Without to mention your greatest deed.  
The Shool's 10th Anniversary  
Had special meaning for my family and me.  
Ten years ago you gave a helping hand,  
To a family driven out from Naziland.  
We did not come from Poland, Rumania or Hungary  
Nor from Czechoslovakia or Russia, but from Germany.  
Our nationality made no difference to you  
You opened your heart to a Brother Jew.  
The Bible tells: Here let us build our tents.  
By your kindness we felt among friends.  
My wife pays compliments to her boss  
To Mr. and Mrs. Benny Gross.

I was at Joe Workman's Incorporated  
And became with Mr. and Mrs. Greenberg associated.  
Our daughter became George Gillis' wife,  
So centers around Jeannette our life.

God's blessing be on the Shool and the Congregation  
For the present time and the future generation.  
And, our children will always look  
Into a glorious past in the Golden Book.