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The following are recommendations for the operation and general conduct of a new Jewish congregation, this group to be composed of the memberships of the B'nai Israel and B'nai Jacob congregations. These recommendations have been arrived at by action of committees from each of the above congregations meeting jointly ~~for~~ this purpose. The meeting took place on July 31, 1962. Membership of the committees was as follows

For B'nai Jacob--Lou Tobin, W.Z. Sulkes, and Harry Barlow.

For B'nai Israel--Sam Chertoff, J. Schoolnic, and N. Birnbaum

Friday evening services shall be conducted from the Union Prayer book, using the format now in use at B'nai Israel. This will include a Torah Service. However, those who are called up to the Torah will be required to wear a yahmaka for this purpose. A talis will not be required.

The wearing of yahmakas and talesim during all services will be a matter of individual preference. However, those who are called to the Torah during the High Holiday and Sabbath Morning Services will be required to wear a yahmaka and talis on the pulpit platform.

The use of organ music during services will be acceptable.

A Cantor will be engaged for the High Holiday Services.

The use of a choir for Friday evening services will be acceptable. The present make-up of the B'nai Israel choir will be acceptable, the religious affiliation of the singers being no bar.

Saturday morning services will be conducted from the Silverman book.

Yahrtzeit minion services will be available to those who want them, and will be conducted in a manner, and in keeping with the wishes of the person who wanted the service.

The kitchen will be run as a "Kosher" kitchen, the details of this to be determined by the new Sisterhood.

During the ~~Madish~~ portion of services, the Rabbi will ask mourners to rise. At this time, anyone else who wishes to rise and take part, may do so. However, it will not be obligatory for the congregation as a whole to rise.

The congregation will affiliate with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

The Rabbi who will serve the Congregation will be chosen in accordance with the above affiliation.

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Rosh Hashanah Eve Services will be conducted from the Union Prayer Book No. 2

Rosh Hashanah Day services will be conducted from the Silverman Prayer Book, with abridgements, the final content and form of the services to be determined by the Rabbi and Pulpit (ritual) committee.

Yom Kippur Eve Services and Day Services -- The book to be used and the format, to be determined by the Rabbi and pulpit committee. The services will ~~be~~ incorporate all important points of ritual.

The ritual, or pulpit committee, will have equal representation from each of the joining congregations.

All monies, properties, real estate, and assets of any kind belonging to each of the joining congregations, and to any of their Sisterhoods, Brotherhoods, Sunday Schools, etc., will be pooled and become the property of the new congregation.

Dues and rents owed to either of the joining congregations will become the property of the new congregation.

It is recommended that the minimum annual dues for members of the new congregation be 125 dollars.

The new congregation will operate and be governed by a new constitution. This constitution, and accompanying by-laws will incorporate all the above recommendations, and will be so written that there will be safeguards to insure that these recommendations and the constitution **itself** cannot be easily changed. The new constitution and by-laws will be drawn up by a committee having equal composition from each of the joining congregations.