

Group for the Formation of a Jewish Organization

August 6, 1958

The second meeting of the group was held in the Pleasant Hills Boro Bldg on August 6th. With 60 to 90 people present, the meeting was called to order at 9 PM.

Jacques L. Weiss, Chairman pro tem
Edward Weingart, Acting Secretary

Minutes of the first meeting, prepared by Aaron Rosenthal, were read and corrected.

The Mailing and Contact Committee reported:

160 families contacted, 46 returns received to date.
Of the returns received:

73 children for Sunday School
27 " " Hebrew School
31 couples for High Holiday Services

The Sunday School Curricula Committee presented the material it had received.

The Finance Committee reported that they were unable to decide on fees without cost information.

The High Holiday Committee reported progress and plans, and suggested that services might be held at a cost of \$10 per adult.

Old Business

Mailing and Contact - It was suggested that more contacts be made and that numbers be corrected. A breakdown of school children by grades was requested and presented. The report was accepted.

Sunday School - A discussion was held on qualifications for teachers, with suggestions ranging from volunteers to paid teachers. It was suggested that the committee be reformed as an Education Committee, and the following volunteers were accepted:

Teachers

Rhoda Bernbaum
Morris Henderson
Carol Jaffe
Sid Solomon
Ray Berkowitz
Jane Markowitz
Selma Harris
Mickie Rosenthal
Ruth Weingart

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Robert Berman
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Jennie Mintzer
~~Morris Mintzer~~*
Myra Morowitz*
Mickey Brest*

*possible

In a discussion of Sunday School facilities, it was brought out that the Baldwin Boro Council has approved the use of the Baldwin Community house at a cost of \$6 per Sunday and that the Pleasant Hills Boro Council has offered the use of their meeting room for \$5 per Sunday. It was moved and passed to accept both offers, to provide for the expected overflow.

Organization

It was moved and passed that the group form an organization to be called:

The South Hills Jewish Community Center

It was moved and passed that Jacques Weiss be President for two months, and that he appoint temporary officers for that period.

It was agreed that Roberts Rules of Orders would govern the meeting, but that the appointment of officers would be excepted.

Dr. Weiss then appointed the following officers:

First Vice-President	Ted Harris
Second Vice-President	Ray Berkowitz
Treasurer	Jon Duker
Financial Secretary	Joe Markowitz
Recording Secretary	Ed Weingart

Corresponding Committee

Myra Scott
Norma Kershner
Phylis Solomon

Financial Committee

Same as in first meeting

High Holidays

15 families present indicated interest in services. A motion was made that the organization hold services this year, and it was passed by a show of hands, 28 pro, 8 con.

It was then moved and passed that no funds be committed for High Holiday Services by the organization unless funds for that purpose are in hand for the full amount.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned.

Edward Weingart, Recording Secretary

South Hills Jewish Community Center

Executive Committee Meeting of August 7, 1958

The Executive Committee met at 8 PM at the Weingart home.
Those present were:

Jacques Weiss, President
Ted Harris, 1st Vice-Pres.
Ray Berkowitz, 2nd Vice-Pres.
Jon Duker, Treasurer
Ed Weingart, Recording Sec.

The committee established goals to be attained for the next organization meeting, August 20. On that date, the committee felt it should be able to report:

1. Establishment of a Sunday School.
2. Arrangements for High Holiday Services.
3. Definite progress towards a Hebrew School.
4. An estimate of costs for the organization.
5. Further progress towards a permanent organization.

The action schedule was established as follows:

Aug. 11 - Finance Committee meeting to explore costs and means of meeting these costs. The Executive Committee directed that the fees established cover costs plus a reserve for contingency. The Finance Committee was asked to consider a membership fee.

Aug. 13 - Education Committee meeting to establish curricula, hours, and ages for the Sunday School and for the Hebrew School. The Treasurer was asked to attend this meeting to provide guidance on costs. The committee was asked to aim for Sept. 6th registration.

Aug. 17 - Executive Committee meeting to receive reports from the Finance and Education committees, and to prepare agenda for the organization meeting of Aug. 20.

High Holidays

The Committee took the following action on High Holiday Services:

- a. An announcement was drawn up, and its distribution was initiated through the Correspondence Committee.

- b. Leaders for the service were discussed, and Dr. Weiss was asked to continue his efforts in that direction. A non-ordained leader was considered more suitable for the resources available.
- c. Mr. Harris was asked to obtain data on books and yomalkas.
- d. Dr. Weiss was asked to maintain contacts for borrowing Torahs.
- e. Mr. Harris and Mr. Weingart were to build an Ark.
- f. Mr. Harris offered to furnish wine and glass.
- g. Mr. Weingart offered to furnish a shofar.

Hebrew School Progress

Dr. Weiss reported that 1 or 2 rooms are available at the United Presbyterian Church, and that two teachers have been contacted. Hours were discussed and tabled for the Education Committee. Grades were discussed and likewise tabled. Teacher cost of \$800 to \$1000 per year was identified as a major obstacle.

Organization

Incorporation was tabled for two months, pending availability of our attorney.

The committee directed that a nominating committee be named at the Aug. 20 meeting to select permanent officers for the organization.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at approx. 1 AM.

Corresponding Secretary - Subsequent to the meeting, the President appointed Mrs. Myra Scott to be Corresponding Secretary to centralize mailing efforts, and to provide representation for that committee on the Executive Committee.

Edward Weingart
Recording Secretary