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Another job we undertook was to handle the Oneg Shabbats after Friday night services. With Esther Grosser, Bea Hillner and Miriam Freeman making arrangements for the hostesses and Eileen Kaufmann taking care of the week to week problems of supervising the staples and the dishes, our Oneg Shabbats were always enjoyable as well as tasty. Thank you to the girls who made the arrangements and also to the girls who regularly and willingly baked and washed dishes and donated miscellaneous articles to help make the operation smoother.

It was under Charlotte Schwimer's department as Sunday School Assistance Committee chairman that we accomplished the following: A Succos celebration at the Succah at the Home for the Aged, a Simchas Torah celebration for all members and friends of the Center, a Chanukah treat in the Sunday School classrooms, and a beautiful Model Seder. Probably every woman here helped in these projects in some way and I'd like to thank Charlotte and all of you for what you've done. Charlotte managed to have these parties with very little expenditure and we think she's really a magician. Once you've watched 75 Sunday School children ~~listen through~~ listen attentively to their friends and teachers as they follow the seder service and participate so devotedly, you know that every bit of work that goes into training these youngsters is more than worthwhile. The Sunday School teachers and the Education Committee of the Center certainly have done an outstanding job. The Sisterhood is proud of you.

Starting with our Hat Fashion Show and garden party at Eida's last Fall the Sisterhood has had regularly, interesting meetings. For this first party, Rhoda Bernbaum handled the arrangements for the fashion show from Friedland's and Eida's hard-working committee encouraged prospective members to attend and provided delicious refreshments. *Her committee included Eileen Rayman, Elaine Rubin, Anita Ray, Frieda Schwartz & Rhoda* ~~Eileen Rayman, Anita Ray, Frieda Schwartz & Rhoda~~ Ruth Weingart, Program Chairman, an provided ~~very~~ interesting ~~pro~~ array of inspiring programs. Mrs. Berman and Mrs. Abrams of B'nai Israel Sisterhood gave us a picture of Sisterhoods and their work at our first meeting. In November Rhoda Bernbaum chose several members who gave brief introductions to books of Jewish content. At that time Rhoda had many worthwhile books to sell and since then has been taking orders from our members. ~~xxxxxx~~ As an outgrowth of this work, our members have donated books and through the profits we purchased books and now have a library established with 39 books. Rhoda is always happy to buy books for

you, loan them to you or accept your books *which you have already read* ~~you no longer wish for your~~
~~own library.~~

In December our program chairman combined efforts with membership and had a paid up membership Chanukah Family Workshop led by Mrs. Herbert Dolnick. We really enjoyed her ideas for home crafts. Through the efforts of Charlotte Pollack we were also able to buy many articles of Jewish content for our homes for particular holidays and throughout the year. Thank you Charlotte for all the trips you made for us and all the ~~service~~ money you made for the ~~Unit~~ Sisterhood.

In January we were privileged to have Cantor Haalman speak with us. We were happy to meet the man who has been responsible for the education of our Hebrew school children and who has supervised our Sunday School.

March

We started thinking early in ~~February~~ about Passover because Esther Small so inspired us at a demonstration Passover cooking meeting. In April our program was Israeli songs which we all enjoyed singing.

One of our meetings was devoted to the adoption of our by-laws which were ably drawn up by Myra Berman, Esther Small and Sally Petri. We rely on them ~~the~~ to make our organization smooth-running.

In addition to our regular meetings our Sisterhood women were hard at work on other projects. With Faye Leilbling as chairman the covered second annual Purim/dish dinner was a scrumptious success. The Sunday School children and Cantor Haalman provided an interesting program and the women attending brought quantities of delicious home-cooking. Faye was ably assisted in this project by Mae Rosenberg, Rhonda Averbach, Helen Blau and Adele Linder. ~~We~~

Again I 'd like to thank Eida nissenson and Esther Rosenberg who is no longer in our community for their work in making our first theatre party a success. Eida thought we would enjoy "Tevya and his daughters and we did. Our second theatre party for our children was likewise a success with Charlotte Schwimer and many helpers who sold 200 tickets to the children's play Jack and the Beanstalk. Probably everyone gathered here tonight made these two affairs successful.

With Jane Markowitz making the arrangements and some 20 other women assisting we have enhanced the name of Beth Israel Center in the eyes of the members of the Pleasant Hills Presbyterian church. ~~As~~ You served as wonderful assistants to Cantor Haalman in the demonstration seder ~~xxx~~ he presented to their Women's Association. Thank you.

When we were asked to cooperate with the other Jewish congregations in the South Hills to plan a program of leisure-time activities for teenagers, Esther Grosser moved into the forefront with zeal and interest. She will speak ~~xxxxxxx~~ in our behalf on this ~~community~~ committee.

Following a suggestion by Selma Harris one of our former members the Beth Israel Centergram project was initiated. Faye Leibling's husband had the forms printed and Helen Blau ~~sold them very enthusiastically, in~~ *got Centergrams selling off to a wonderful start*

~~addition to being in charge of the project~~ Elaine Levitan now is handling your orders for Centergrams. Another card evolved from the Centergram and it is more formal ^{and} versatile. It acknowledges receipts of any type of donation to any fund of the Center or Sisterhood. Thank you Helen for giving this project such a ^uwonderful start. And thanks Elaine for continuing what Helen began. ~~our~~ And now for the end I have saved the loyal officers who volunteered their services and have assisted me in so many ways. For the first few months of our existence our corresponding secretary duties were capably handled by Myra Scott until she found it necessary to resign from this job. Ably

stepping into her job was a new Center and Sisterhood member Helen Blau who performed throughout the remainder of the year in an outstanding fashion. Thank you Myra and Helen for writing our mail and keeping important records.

Capably handling the receipt of our dues was our Financial Secretary Treasurer, Marilyn Weiss. Thank you for not only receiving our money graciously, but efficiently disbursing it was well throughout the year. And to you Frieda, thank you for keeping records of our meetings in good order and guiding us as a Sisterhood because of your previous experiences.

Our meeting places and refreshments have been arranged for in the past by two hospitality chairmen, Selma Harris and Edith Rosenberg who have in the recent months moved from the city. Irma Leva made the arrangements for this evening and I'd like to thank you for such a lovely job. Anita Rau made sure everyone reading the bulletin received all the news about the Sisterhood in her capacity of Publicity chairman. And Pat melhado and her very active and capable committee informed us of many events through the telephone committee. Thank you girls for not only making reminder calls, but also taking orders for play tickets, wine, blood donors and other assorted requests.

At the present time we do not have a financial report because the books will not actually close until August. However, I'm thrilled to report that we have been able to put together profits from our various affairs and we have already repaid the Center the \$100 they loaned us last Fall until we got started. You as a group have done a magnificent job assisting the Center, enriching your awareness of Jewish living and cooperating with our gracious neighbors. *Thank you*

Estelle Weissburg

*Mae
Ronda
attended Board meetings*