

REVIEW OF HISTORY

✓ 1899--- THE FLOOD <sup>WAS</sup> CANCELLED, AND JUST <sup>AVE.</sup> ~~AVENUES~~ <sup>STREET</sup> SISTERHOOD FOUNDED AT FOURTH AND ROSS ~~STREETS~~, DOWNTOWN, THEY CALLED THEMSELVES "LADIES AUXILIARY"---

✓ 1901---FIRST FUND RAISING EVENT--A BAZAAR HELD AT DUQUESNE GARDENS. THEY MADE \$1,000 AND PRESENTED A CHECK TO THE CONGREGATION---

✓ <sup>LADIES AUXILIARY</sup> (sisterhood) balls were the social HIGHLIGHT OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY AND WERE HELD IN THE OLD MONTEFIORE HALL---

✓ 1904---THE BUILDING WAS SOLD AND THE CONGREGATION MOVED TO OLD ALLEGHENY, THE NORTH SIDE TODAY---

✓ 1912---PRESIDENT THEODORE ROOSEVELT VISITED THE SYNAGOGUE AND ADDRESSED

✓ 1937---SISTERHOOD HELD THE FIRST GIFT <sup>LADIES AUXILIARY'S</sup> LUNCHEON--- TO THE CONGREGATION FROM THE PULPIT---AND, (SISTERHOOD'S) FIRST BY-LAWS

✓ 1940--- THE THANKSGIVING EVE DANCES BEGAN WITH THE FIRST ~~BY-LAWS~~ AT THE WERE WRITTEN---

✓ 1906---SYNAGOGUE MOVED TO CRAFT AVE., WHICH IS THE PITTSBURGH PLAYHOUSE---

✓ <sup>LADIES AUXILIARY</sup> (SISTERHOOD) INSTALLED THE FIRST KITCHEN IN THE CRAFT AVE. BUILDING---

✓ <sup>LADIES AUXILIARY</sup> (SISTERHOOD) AFFILIATED WITH NATIONAL WOMEN'S LEAGUE FOR CONSERVATIVE

JUDAISM, OUR MOTHER ORGANIZATION---

✓ <sup>LADIES AUXILIARY</sup> (SISTERHOOD) ASSUMED THE RESPONSIBILITY OF DECORATING THE SUCCAH, AND HAS CONTINUED TO DO SO TODAY, INCLUDING THE BEMAH IN THE ROSEN-BLOOM CHAPEL

✓ 1927---OVER 100 CHILDREN PARTICIPATED IN THE <sup>LADIES</sup> AUXILIARY PURIM SHOW HELD AT THE Y.M.&W.H.A. A PROFIT OF \$3,000 WAS MADE---ALSO, THERE WERE GYM CLASSES, CHILDREN COULD TAKE DANCING LESSONS FROM A PROFESSIONAL

✓ 1947---A DECISION WAS MADE TO <sup>WERE</sup> CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SYNAGOGUE AT INSTRUCTOR, AND THERE ~~WAS~~ GIRL AND BOY SCOUT TROOPS AND ~~THE~~ BOY'S BASKETBALL GAMES---

✓ 1931---CAME THE GREAT DEPRESSION AND SISTERHOOD INTO DEBT. DUES WAS NOT ENOUGH. WE STRUGGLED TO HELP THE CONGREGATION SURVIVE---FUEL BILLS AND SALARIES WERE OFTEN UNPAID---

✓ 1913 - Sisterhood (Ladies Auxiliary) was given representation on the Board of Trustees of the Congregation

- ✓ 1936---THE FLOOD---AND THE SISTERHOOD DANCE HAD TO BE CANCELLED, AND JUST WHEN THEY NEEDED MONEY SO BADLY, BUT IT WAS RE-SCHEDULED AND THE PROCEEDS FROM THE DANCE WAS TURNED OVER TO THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH FLOOD RELIEF COMMITTEE---
- ✓ MID 1930--- AN EXODUS OF OUR MEMBERS BEGAN WITH MANY FAMILIES MOVING TO SQ, HILL. THE HEBREW SCHOOL WAS MOVED TO FORBES AVE. NEAR SHADY. THIS WAS THE FIRST PROGRESSIVE HEBREW SCHOOL IN PITTSBURGH BECAUSE CLASSES WERE HELD THREE DAYS A WEEK. SISTERHOOD VOLUNTARILY MET THE CHALLENGE BY EQUIPPING THE BUILDING WITH MODERN FURNITURE---
- ✓ 1937---SISTERHOOD HELD THE FIRST GIFT LUNCHEON, TODAY'S DONOR LUNCHEON---
- ✓ TO 1940--- THE THANKSGIVING EVE DANCES BEGAN WITH THE FIRST ONE HELD AT THE SCHENLEY HOTEL BALLROOM, TODAY'S PITT UNION. A HAPPY DAY FUND WAS CREATED WHICH BECAME THE REMEMBRANCE FUND,-----
- ✓ 1941---DECEMBER 7---A TRAGIC<sup>DAY</sup> IN OUR HISTORY. SISTERHOOD CONCENTRATED ALL EFFORTS ON WAR RELIEF. BANDAGE ROLLING, KNITTING AND SEWING FOR THE RED CROSS. WE SOLD STAMPS AND WAR BONDS, IN FACT SOLD \$15,000 AT A SISTERHOOD BOND BRUNCH AND RECEIVED A CITATION FROM THE U.S. TREASURY DEPARTMENT.---
- ✓ 1944---DONOR RECEIPTS THAT YEAR WERE CONTRIBUTED TO THE U.S.O. CANTEENS AND SERVE-A CAMP PROJECTS AS WELL AS PURCHASING MORE WAR BONDS--- WE DID OUR PART---
- ✓ 1947---A DECISION WAS MADE TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SYNAGOGUE AT WILKINS AND SHADY AVE'S. SISTERHOOD PROUDLY PLEDGED \$35,000 TO THE BUILDING FUND. AFTER PAYING THE PLEDGE OFF THE SECOND THRU SEVENTH PLEDGES WERE EACH MADE FOR \$50.000, WE ARE PRESENTLY PAYING ON THE SEVENTH PLEDGE. TO DATE WE HAVE MET OUR OBLIGATION TO THE TUNE OF \$300.000---
- ✓ 1949---SISTERHOOD GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND THE FIRST SISTERHOOD

SABBATH IN PITTSBURGH WHERE OUR WOMEN PARTICIPATED IN THE SERVICE

FROM THE BEMAH--- *and were given Aliyot during High Holiday Services that year.*

- ✓ 1950---SISTERHOOD BEGAN ~~THE~~ TRADITION OF PRESENTING THE CONFIRMATION CLASS STUDENTS WITH BIBLES AS OUR GIFT TO THEM---
- ✓ 1951---PITTSBURGH PLAYHOUSE BOUGHT THE CRAFT AVE. BUILDING AND WE WERE TEMPORARILY HOMELESS, FOR A SECOND TIME. ALSO IN 1951 "HAKOL", THE VOICE, WAS BORN. THIS WAS OUR DRAMA GROUP THAT PRESENTED MAGNIFICANT PRODUCTIONS AT OUR DONOR LUNCHEONS. THESE PLAYS WERE WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY ONE OF OUR MEMBERS.
- ✓ 1952---THE YEAR OF EXODUS ENDED AND WE MOVED INTO OUR NEW BUILDING. THE BUILDING WAS DEDICATED AND SISTERHOOD PLACED IN THE CORNERSTONE A MEMBERSHIP LIST, A SISTERHOOD BULLETIN, A HISTORY AND A SCRIPT PLUS OTHER MOMENTOS---
- ✓ 1960---SISTERHOOD ROOM RECEIVED IT'S FIRST FACELIFT---~~AND OTHERS~~
- ✓ 1971---KOSHER KALORIES ARRIVED---OUR VERY SUCCESSFUL COOKBOOK. THERE WERE THREE ~~2~~-PRINTINGS AND WE SOLD 2,380 BOOKS---
- 1990's- SISTERHOOD RECOVERED THE FURNITURE ON THE BEMAH IN THE SANCTUARY, RE-DECORATED THE BRIDES ROOM, REDECORATED THE SISTERHOOD ROOM, FURNISHED A BEAUTIFUL NEW GIFT SHOP AND JUST RECENTLY GAVE \$10,000 TO THE CONGREGATION TO HELP PAY FOR A NEW BOILER TO HEAT OUR BUILDINGS---
- ✓ YOU HAVE HEARD OUR BEGINNING. THE WAY WAS NOT ALWAYS EASY. FUNDS WERE NOT ALWAYS AVAILABLE. DEPRESSION, FLOOD AND WARS TOOK THEIR TOLL OF OUR RESOURCES. BUT WE GREW AND DEVELOPED AND THE LADIES AULILIARY TRULY BECAME A SISTERHOOD.