

# Agudath Achim Men's Club

One day Rabbi S. Prager got together with William Levenson, Maurice Leven, and Milton Farbas at Levenson's home and it was there that the Agudath Achim Men's Club was born. At that time it was felt that the purpose of the club would be to develop a Jewish Community spirit, assist the officers of the Congregation in maintaining the Synagogue, and to promote a feeling of brotherhood and devotion to G-d by the encouragement of weekly prayer.

M. Leven

1st Meeting:

Oct 19, 1947

Following the Morning Service a discussion was held concerning the forming of a mens club and refreshments were served. All present were in favor of the principles of the Mens Club and agreed to bring another member next week.

Attendance - 15

M. Leven

2nd Meeting

Oct 26, 1947

Following the Morning Service refreshments were served. A discussion was held about the club. It was decided that each person attending would contribute a minimum of 25¢ to pay for the refreshments. Also a program committee was appointed consisting of Rabbi Prager, Irving Foreman, Jack Farbas, and Charles Rosenberg.

M. Leven

Attendance - 21

2d Meeting addenda:

Rabbi Prager gave an interesting history of the origins and growth of the Synagogue.

3d Meeting

Nov 7, 1947

Following the Morning Service refreshments were served. Rabbi Prager outlined the Gomorrah and the Talmud. A discussion followed concerning the religious education of children and the problems that are encountered locally.

M. L. Seven  
Attendance - 25

4th Meeting

Nov 9, 1947

Following the Morning Service an election of officers was held. Officers elected were:

President - Wm. Lensonson  
V. Pres. & Sec'y - Maurice Loven  
Treasurer - Milton Farhas

Morris Lench volunteered to act as Steward and his offer was unanimously accepted.

Refreshments were served. Irving Foreman discussed Jewish Problems through the Years. A sundown service for Friday nights was discussed and it was decided to ask the A.Z.A. boys to attend these services to assure a minyan. It was decided to write a letter of thanks to the Sisterhood for preparing and serving the breakfast.

M. L. Seven  
Attendance - 22

5th Meeting

Nov. 16, 1947

Following the Morning Service breakfast was served. Al Farhas then lead a discussion dealing with the possibilities of holding late Friday night services. A committee was appointed to investigate and plan these services. The committee consisted of

M E N ' S C L U B  
AGUDATH ACHIM CONGREGATION

Fifth Street & Sixth Avenue

Beaver Falls, Pa.

Dear Friend:

Recognizing the need for a Men's Club, Auxiliary to the Agudas Achim Synagogue, several men of this community have formed an organization that meets at the Synagogue every Sunday Morning at 10:00 A. M. Following the Morning Service, there will be a discussion period. Topics to be taken up will center around Jewish Culture, Traditions, and Current Events. Refreshments will be served.

It is felt that such a group as this fills a long felt need in this community. If you are a Jew--if you want to know about Judaism and local Jewish problems--if you want to know the WHY of Jewish Traditions and heritage--then you belong in this group.

Why not come to the Synagogue this Sunday Morning and join us.

Sincerely,

Rabbi S. Prager

Lou Tamers (Chairman), Morris Sien, Sam Gilbert,  
Leo Miller, Harry Markson, T. A. Tenor, Alie  
Farbas, Harry Linder, Alie Marcus, and, of course,  
Rabbi Prager.

Mr. Seven  
Attendance - 31

6th Meeting

Nov 23, 1947

Following the Morning Service, breakfast was served.  
Harry Markson then discussed "A Return to Judaism".  
The breakfast was donated by Mr & Mrs. Herman  
Ortenburg in honor of the recovery of Herman Ortenburg  
from a recent illness. The need for a public  
address system was discussed. Sam Gilbert was  
appointed to determine the necessity and report  
to the club when and if the system were  
needed. Members were urged to fulfill their  
pledges of money to the Synagogue. Checks could  
be sent to Jesse Farbas. Alie Tenor and  
Jack Venger were added to the program  
committee. A membership committee was appointed  
consisting of Fred Mendelson (Chairman), Leonard  
Sandberg, and Irving Foreman

Mr. Seven  
Attendance - 37

7th Meeting

Nov. 30, 1947

Following the Morning Service, breakfast was served.  
The breakfast was donated by Milton Farbas in honor  
of the recovery of his son, Jeffrey. Lou Tamers discussed  
means of strengthening orthodoxy among local Jewry. He  
asked for <sup>expansion</sup> establishment of a Cheder and Sunday School  
and the introduction of human interest into the regular services.

It was announced that the Rabbi would advise individuals of "Yahrzeit" dates and would assist in arranging for "minyanim" if requested. A toast was drunk to the 33-13 passage of the Palestine Partition Plan by the United Nations. It was decided that the officers of the Men's Club would comprise a steering committee and that no discussion would be opened at a meeting without prior approval of the steering committee. The meeting was brought to a close with the singing of Hatikvah.

Mrs. Seven Attendance - 34

5th Meeting

December 7, 1947

Following the morning service breakfast was served. Rabbi Prager then discussed a passage from the Talmud. A most interesting discussion followed. Due to the absence of the chairman of the committee, Lou Tamers, late Friday Evening Services were not discussed. Sundown service for Friday evenings, it was pointed out, are now being held regularly. Abe Rosenberg asked the Men's Club to assist the Synagogue in making collections of outstanding debts and to help get a better attendance at Synagogue meetings. The meeting was brought to a close with the singing of Hatikvah.

Attendance - 27

Mrs. Seven