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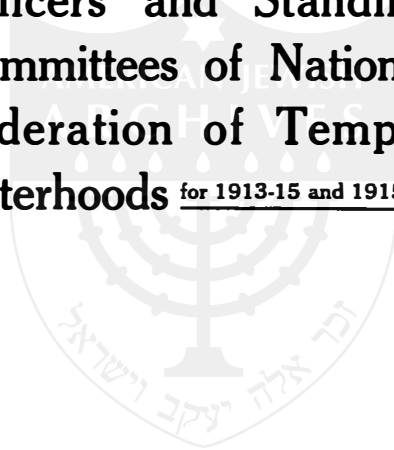
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AMERICAN JEWISH  
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# National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods

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1913

# The Union of American Hebrew Congregations

EXECUTIVE



BOARD

CINCINNATI, December 13, 1912.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations issues this call to all ladies' organizations connected with congregations belonging to the Union, to appoint or elect delegates for a meeting to be held in Cincinnati during January 20-21-22-23, 1913. This meeting is called for the purpose of organizing a Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

Very truly yours,

LIPMAN LEVY,  
Secretary.

By order of

J. WALTER FREIBERG, President  
The Union of American Hebrew Congregations.



# Proceedings

OF THE

## First General Convention

### First Day's Proceedings

Sinton Hotel,  
Cincinnati, Jan. 21, 1913.

The meeting for the organization of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods called in Cincinnati for January 20-23, inclusive, was called to order by Mr. J. Walter Freiberg, President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, at the Sinton Hotel on Tuesday, the 21st, at 9:30 a. m.

On motion of Mrs. David Philipson, of Cincinnati, Mrs. Abram Simon, of Washington, D. C., was elected temporary Chairman.

On motion of Mrs. Frederick Johnson, of Cincinnati, Mrs. S. L. Lazon, of Cincinnati, was elected temporary Secretary.

The following Committee on Credentials was then appointed:

Mrs. Jos. Wiesenfeld, Baltimore, Chairman;  
Mrs. Eugene Schwab, Washington;  
Mrs. Harry Sternberger, Cincinnati;  
Mrs. Ben Loewenstein, Cincinnati;  
Mrs. S. S. Einstein, Cincinnati.

The Committee retired to prepare its report.

During the interim, Dr. David Philipson addressed the meeting, expressing in forceful terms the great need and advantage of such an organization as an auxiliary to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

### Woman and the Congregation

Address Delivered by Rabbi David Philipson, D. D.

I have been asked to speak the opening words at this meeting, which will prove of momentous significance in the organized religious life of American Jewry, if the hopes of its projectors are realized. There is no one who would not consider it an honor to address the first gathering of delegates of Jewish women's congregational organizations in the history of the world, and of that honor I am deeply sensible; and so also is it a privilege to give utterance to a few thoughts on the subject of woman and the congregation in the presence of so representative an assemblage. The very title of this address, "Woman and the Congregation," indicates in what a progressive age we are living. Before the coming of what is called the modern era, no one would have dreamed of speaking on such a subject, for woman as such had no share in Jewish congregational life as such. The Oriental origin

of Judaism appeared from the inferior position that woman held in all public and official Jewish life. However, it may never be forgotten that, although this was true of woman's place in public congregational and other functions, her position in the home and in private life has always been on the highest plane among Jews, as Israel Abrahams put it well and strikingly in his fine book, "Jewish Life in the Middle Ages," when he wrote: "The anomaly is presented of woman filling legally a low position indeed, but morally a most exalted one in Jewish esteem." Woman's position among the Jews as wife and mother has always been a distinguished one; the praise of the noble housewife in the closing chapter of the Book of Proverbs, which was read in Jewish homes on Sabbath eve, is a sufficient indication of this. It may be difficult to reconcile these two contradictory estimates of woman's

worth, namely, her inferiority to man in the synagogue and her exalted place in the home, but as all students know, Judaism presents many paradoxes, and this is, perhaps, one of the most striking. The passionate attachment of the Jew to his home, the cultivation of the domestic virtues and the exaltation of wifehood and motherhood, all hang together. Here the Jews traveled a path peculiar to themselves. They have no legends of knighthood and chivalry, of queens of beauty crowning victories in public tournaments. They have no extravagant love romances of Tristans and Isolde, of Lancelots and Guineveres. They have no tales of ecstatic frenzies of St. Thereses and St. Catherines; all such legends, romances and saintly biographies are foreign to the spirit of Judaism; these have to do more or less with faithfulness or recreancy to the ideals of celibacy that was written so large upon the horizon of medieval Christian life; for the Jewish ideal of womanhood was not the entrancing beauty of the queen of a knightly tournament, nor the ascetic life of a virgin saint, but wifehood and motherhood. Said the rabbins, "Let man always spend less than he is able for food and drink, as much as he can for dress, and more than this for the honor of his wife and children."

This represents the Jewish traditional attitude. Woman's sphere lay altogether in the home. She sought for no other worlds to conquer.

But the revolution in Jewish life and practice which accompanied the emancipation of the Jews from the political and civil degradation of the ghetto centuries, effected also a change in the religious status of woman. The great leaders in the religious emancipation commonly known as the reform movement, which was a direct result of the civil, educational and linguistic emancipation of the Jews in western European lands, lifted their voices early in behalf of the freeing of woman from the inferior religious position that she held in traditional Judaism. This is one of the great achievements of Reform Judaism. The movement to be inaugurated here today is possible because the reform movement placed the Jewish woman on a plane of religious equality with man. It will surely be interesting to hear the words of three of the greatest of our religious reformers on the subject. As early as 1837, Abraham Geiger wrote an essay which be-

came very famous, entitled, "The Position of Woman in the Judaism of Our Time." This was the earliest note sounded in the campaign in behalf of the emancipation of woman from the restrictions of ages. The closing words of this pioneer plea in behalf of woman, were as follows:

"Let there be from now on no distinction between duties for men and women unless flowing from the natural laws governing the sexes; no assumption of the spiritual minority of woman as though she were incapable of grasping the deep things in religion; no institution of the public service, either in form or in content, which shuts the doors of the temple in the face of woman; no degradation of the woman in the form of the marriage service; and no applying of fetters which may destroy woman's happiness. Then will also the Jewish girl and the Jewish woman, conscious of the significance of the faith, become fervently attached to it, and our whole religious life will profit from the beneficial influence which feminine hearts know how to bestow on it."

In the year 1846, another great reformer, David Einhorn, in presenting the report of a Committee on the Position of Woman to the rabbinical conference at Breslau, expressed himself in this wise:

"It is our sacred duty to declare with all emphasis the complete religious equality of woman with man in view of the religious standpoint that we represent, according to which an equal degree of holiness inheres in all people. . . . It is our mission to make legal declaration of the equal religious obligation and justification of woman in as far as this is possible; we have the same right to do this as had the synod under Rabbenu Gershon eight hundred years ago, which passed new religious decrees in favor of the female sex."

At about the same time across the seas, a third great leader who had recently arrived in America was championing the cause of reform in Albany, New York. There, Isaac M. Wise, the constructive genius of American Judaism, began his blessed service in the cause. One of the first reforms he introduced was the family pew. In writing of this reform in his charming Reminiscences he touched the woman question in these words:

"American Judaism is indebted to the Anshe Emeth congregation of Albany for one important reform viz., family pews. . . .

This innovation was imitated later in all American reform congregations. This was an important step, which was severely condemned at the time. The Jewish woman had been treated almost as a stranger in the synagogue; she had been kept at a distance, and had been excluded from all participation in the life of the congregation, had been relegated to the gallery, even as was the negro in Southern churches. The emancipation of the Jewish woman was begun in Albany by having the Jewish girls sing in the choir, and this beginning was reinforced by the introduction of family pews.

"American Judaism is indebted to these two reforms, which were bitterly opposed, for good music, decorum, and quiet in the house of worship, as well as for the interest and affection of our wives and our daughters for the synagogue. Every impartial person acknowledges at present how much these reforms contributed to the ennobling of the service, to the strengthening of the spirit of devotion, and particularly to the enhancing of the religious self-consciousness of our women."

The views of these three leading reformers were shared by all their confreres. It is hard to realize today how long was the struggle in many places ere the victory for woman's equality with man in the synagogue was won. This struggle was part and parcel of the process of the de-orientalization of the synagogue, for possibly nowhere was the Oriental point of view so pronounced as here. Let me refer briefly to some reforms which were introduced to accentuate the new point of view as to woman's position in the synagogue. The family pew has been mentioned. This did away with the woman's gallery whither woman was relegated and which was indicative of her religious inferiority, of her debarment from active participation in the service, and of the Oriental idea of the separation of the sexes in the place of worship. The confirmation ceremony was introduced first in addition to the Bar Mizwah ceremony, and later notably in this country as a substitute for the Bar Mizwah ceremony. In the olden days when woman had no participation in the synagogue life there was naturally no provision for her giving any public expression to her assumption of religious responsibilities. The religious majority of the boy was expressed by the Bar Mizwah ceremony. For the girl there was no institution of this

kind. The reform movement changed all this when the confirmation ceremony for boys and girls became one of the most prominent features of congregational life.

The changed view of the position of woman gave rise also to a number of changes in the prayer book, the most notable of which was the elimination of the benediction spoken by the men in the morning service.

"Praised be Thou, O Lord our God, who hast not made me a woman." This reform, I am sure, requires no defense in this company.

But the most telling reform involving woman's position in the congregation was in the matter of counting her among the number necessary for the conducting of a public service, or a minyan, to employ the usual term. As early as the year 1845, the Rev. Dr. Samuel Adler offered a resolution at the Frankfort rabbinical conference on the woman question, in which he declared that "she has the same obligations as man to participate from youth up in the instruction of Judaism and in the public services, and that the custom not to include women in the number of individuals necessary for the conducting of a public service is only a custom and has no religious basis." As you know, according to the traditional view, no religious service could be conducted unless ten men were present. If there were one hundred women present and only nine men, the service had to be delayed until a tenth lord of creation made his appearance. But we have changed all that. In truth, I fear that were the old rule still generally in force, many congregations would have to dispense with public services altogether. At any rate, in all reform congregations, woman is accounted on a par with man in this matter. But we should go further. The last word in woman's relation to the congregation will not be spoken until she be received into full membership, if she so desires, on the same footing as man. This is the case in some of our congregations, but not in all. If a woman is willing and desires to bear the full burden of membership and to incur all the responsibilities involved, why shall she not be permitted to do so? There is no valid reason against this and all reasons for it.

Already in many congregations women are performing splendid services as members of working committees. The possibilities

for such service in the cause of our congregations and through our congregations are unlimited. I should like to see in every congregation women enlisted in the high service of bringing the homes and the congregations into close relation. I should like to see every mother in our congregation a committee of one to work for our schools by sending her children, for our confirmation classes by having her children confirmed, for our post confirmation and other young people's classes by inducing her sons and daughters to attend. It is for mothers to reach mothers, and possibly a woman's organization with a committee of mothers to persuade mothers to interest themselves along these lines is the best way of reaching such a consummation so devoutly to be wished. All this fine and necessary work and other work of a similar kind can be and in all likelihood largely is, accomplished through the women's congregational organizations yclept in many instances, sisterhoods. You are here as representatives of these organizations. Your work is primarily for the congregation and for the religious interests of our communities. In union there is strength. By federating all these women's organizations you will forge a mighty weapon in the service of Judaism. We have organizations galore for philanthropic, charitable and humane purposes.

We have not organizations enough for specifically religious work and for the strengthening of our congregational life. Here lies your great opportunity. May you rise to it. As our religion is the basis of all that is best in our life, so will your work as a religious and congregational organization be basic to that of all other organizations. Your new organization, when formed, will be the counterpart of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. The two organizations will be the obverse and the reverse of the same shield, the congregation as the basis of Jewish representation. May we not regard it as a good sign that the meeting for the organization of this federation takes place in the same city which witnessed the birth of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations forty years ago? May the same success attend the new organization as has been the measure of the old. May the time come when the men's organization shall speak to the woman's organization the fine words which the man is reported to have said to the noble woman in the Book of Proverbs, "Many have done valiantly, but thou excellest them all."

The Committee on Credentials then presented the list of accredited delegates, as follows:

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Memphis, Tenn.	Ladies' Temple Auxiliary	Mrs. Jas. Rosenfield, Mrs. Max Dinkelspiel
Milwaukee, Wis.	Emanu-El Ladies' Society	Mrs. Samuel Hirschberg, Mrs. Paul Sidenberg
New Haven, Conn. New Orleans, La.	Mishkan Israel Sisterhood Ladies' Guild of Temple Sinai	Mrs. Max Adler Mrs. Max Heller, Mrs. Maurice Stern, Mrs. Jos. E. Friend, Mrs. Jonas Hiller
New York, N. Y.	Rodeph Shalom Sisterhood Temple Israel Sisterhood Sinai Sisterhood of the Bronx Ladies' Aid Society of Temple B'nai Israel	Mrs. R. Grossmann Mrs. E. R. Wolfner Mrs. Louis Fleischman
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Owensboro, Ky. Peoria, Ills. Philadelphia, Pa.	Ladies' Aid Society Anshe Emeth Sisterhood Sisterhood of Keneseth Israel	Mrs. Jos. Blatt Miss Sylvia Levy Mrs. W.B. Woolner, Mrs. Wolfner Mrs. Felix N. Gerson, Mrs. Jos. Krauskopf, Mrs. Walter Dalsimer, Mrs. Alfred M. Klein
Pittsburgh, Pa.	Sisterhood of Rodef Shalom	Mrs. A. M. Hast, Mrs. A. J. Sun- stein, Mrs. Joseph Cohen, Mrs. A. S. Leopold
Providence, R. I.	Ladies' Auxiliary Society of Temple Beth El	Mrs. Harry Cutler, Mrs. J. Shar- tenberg
St. Paul, Minn.	Temple Guild of Mt. Zion Congregation	Mrs. I. L. Rypins
Salt Lake City Seattle, Wash. Springfield, O. Terre Haute, Ind.	Temple Bene Israel Auxiliary Temple de Hirsch Sisterhood Ladies' Auxiliary Sewing Society of Temple Israel	Mrs. Chas. J. Freund No delegate appointed Mrs. S. Cohon
Toledo, O.	Ladies' Auxiliary Society	Mrs. Emil W. Leipziger Mrs. Morris Rosenberg

Vicksburg, Miss.	Anshe Chesed Sisterhood	Mrs. Sol. L. Kory
Washington, D. C.	Ladies' Auxiliary Society of the Washington Hebrew Congregation	Mrs. Eugene Schwab, Mrs. Abram Simon, Mrs. Jacob Eisenman, Mrs. Adolph M. Fishel, Mrs. Simon Wolf, Mrs. Julius Pey- ser, Mrs. I. H. Hexter
Wheeling, W. Va.	Ladies' Hebrew Benevolent Society	Mrs. Leo Wolf, Mrs. Samuel Kraft
Youngstown, O.	Sisterhood of Rodef Shalom Temple	Mrs. Louis H. Cahn

On motion of Mrs. Jos. Krauskopf, of Philadelphia, duly seconded, the report of the Committee on Credentials was adopted.

It was moved by Mrs. Ben Loewenstein, of Cincinnati, and duly seconded and carried, that a National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods be organized.

Mrs. Israel Cowen, of Chicago, moved that a Committee on Constitution and By-Laws be appointed, and that the Committee be instructed to follow the Constitution gov-

erning the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. This motion was duly seconded and carried. The following were appointed on the Committee:

- Mrs. Israel Cowen, Chicago;
- Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg, Cincinnati;
- Mrs. David Philipson, Cincinnati;
- Mrs. H. H. Mayer, Kansas City;
- Mrs. Joseph Krauskopf, Philadelphia.

The Hon. Simon Wolf, of Washington, then addressed the meeting along the lines of the purposes of its organization.

### Remarks

By Hon. Simon Wolf

It gives me great pleasure to be here and assist in the launching of an Association so important and necessary as this. I am sure we are not at all disposed to interfere with or destroy any other organization trying to solve economic, social and moral questions; on the contrary, we wish at all times to be found ready to aid and assist. But this organization is specifically religious, a handmaiden, and what its name purports—an auxiliary to the Synagogue and Temple.

It is conceded that the women of our country are the dominant factors in the development and uplift of religious life, and to that end, organization and concentration of all forces are eminently proper and necessary, and every effort should be made to bring about a complete union of the women's auxiliary associations of the United States. Religious education and home training are the fundamental principles of good citizenship. We American Jews owe a debt of eternal recognition to the Republic for the inestimable privileges we enjoy, and no factor in our communal life is more potent than the influence of the women of Israel.

The formation of this national body will

be of invaluable service to the Congregation. It will bring about a better understanding as to the respective duties of each and instill higher ideals of what Judaism has accomplished and what the Jew stands for, for it is, after all, the moral influences of the Sisterhood that we have to look to for that pre-eminent success which is the key note of all organization.

I hope that the plan outlined, and of which I have had knowledge owing to the kindness and courtesy of your temporary chairman, will be consummated to the end of strengthening the Synagogue and Temple, without invading the rights of any individual.

Mrs. E. S. Goulston, Sr., of Boston, moved that the Committee on Constitution also bring in the nominations for the Executive Board; also that the temporary Chairman and Secretary be elected as permanent officers by acclamation. This motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Dr. Louis Grossmann then addressed the meeting, warmly endorsing its objects and purposes.

## The American Jewess

Address Delivered by Rabbi Louis Grossmann, D. D.

Women organize not to change institutions, but to maintain them. It is the function of women to uphold what is necessary and valuable, and, when women come together with a common aim and for concerted action, you may be sure some large social interest is at stake. Woman is conservative, and saves for us the goods of culture and religion men so often jeopardize. There is good reason, even though it be unconscious, for every large movement on the part of women, and this effort of the Jewish women of this country to organize for the specific purpose of doing what they can for American Judaism is demanded by the times and the conditions. The Jewish men of this country built up the congregation, the lodge, the temples, the asylums, the colleges and seminaries and the schools. And they have made them efficient. Now the opportunity and the need of the Jewish woman has arrived. These institutions must have her pervasive influence, her moralizing presence, her motherly thoughtfulness and her piety.

A congregation that comprises men and women and homes is more than formal organization, and its meaning and function are not exhausted by the temple routine it pursues. There was a time when the Jewish congregation was a band of homes. But now a congregation is a man's society, and man's congregation is not representative of the Jewish communal life, as little as formal services satisfy and exhaust the deeper sense of God and duty. A lodge of men may be a brotherhood engaged in work that edifies or benefits. But the inspiring motive that subtly stimulates it is the respect, the love and the obligation men feel toward the home. Its labor is sustained and gets value only because woman, whose moral personality fills the home, encourages and indorses it. The Jewish Orders owe a debt to the loyal Jewish woman of the generation that is now dead. She gave her husband to the cause with as generous self-denial as ever woman gave him to battle.

Men establish schools and put books before teachers and pupils, but mothers fill the school-houses with their souls. There was a time when Jewish mothers carried their children to the school and carried them home,

when school lessons were a household concern and the teacher an intimate of the home; when the mother deemed it the best part of her womanhood to cultivate and train her children in faith and piety. That the Jewish people lives, that it is respected, that it respects itself, that its loyalty to faith is so strong, its sympathies for the oppressed and the poor so keen, and its regard for learning and education so high and sincere, is due primarily to the women in Israel. This womanly loyalty and womanly influence we wish to secure for the generation that is now developing under modern conditions and the new American life. We want to insure for the Jews of this new day the moral and religious qualities which the Jewish woman has in her keeping. Until recently the Jewish woman of this country had the problem of self-improvement, and she has achieved it. Now she may go to the larger work which God and her Jewish traditions have for her; to give her influence to home and school and community.

We need her to make her a moral force in the Jewish home, for the noisy world is beating against the Jewish domestic sanctities and imperiling the finer sides of family loyalty and family dignity and family purity. We need the Jewish woman in the congregation to lift it out of the formalism into which it is lapsing. We need her finer sense of attachment to make membership in a Jewish congregation something less conventional and more real. Woman must help restore the historic feeling of communion which has been strongest and more impregnable among us than among any other people in all history. We must make it sure amongst us to-day, when in many places we have the humiliating task to restore it. We need the Jewish woman in these days when the virtues are reduced to the levels of policy, when charity is made a business, to save us for the sweeter and more satisfying virtues of human love and sympathy, and she must help us keep the sentiments fresh and sweet. We need her for a restoration of Jewish Zedakah and of Jewish Rachmanuth and Jewish Emunah. The Jewish woman whose story is a story of splendid renunciations, must teach us anew that our life is



at its best not when we dominate others, but when we dominate ourselves. We need a moral reconstruction on all sides, and we are coming back to our beautiful Jewish traditions more and more with every day. The practical things of our commercial days do not satisfy us, and we are looking to woman, who is untouched by the brutal practicalities and still virgin in her virtues, that she save us and bring us back to the old sanctities.

† The Jewish home. What does it not need to make it again the genial place it once was! We are crying out, the American people, nay all people to-day are crying for a refinement of the home and for means to chasten it. Childhood to-day means the home. The commercial civilization which molds us is a roughening fact. And we need the sheltering care of the home more than men ever needed it. Thousands of men, women and even children must earn their livelihood in hard ways, and the delicate tendrils of our feelings are being chilled. And there pours a flood of demoralization into the Jewish home out of newspapers and theaters and cheap books and still cheaper talk and song. Add to this the merciless break-up of the home through the tyranny of business and the whims of "society," and you can see that the Jewish home is passing through a great trial. We have resorted to many expedients to restore the old classic loyalty to the Jewish home. But they have proven ineffective. Because we have tried the reform from the outside, whereas, a moral improvement must come from within.

Men must have religion for genuine betterment. Only our venerable and unailing Jewish spirit will save us. We must put our Judaism back into the home. Then we shall have delicacy, refinement, good taste, warmth, and a right pride there. And the Sisterhoods of Jewish Women, by the subtle potency they possess, can accomplish what must be done if Jews should again become what they have been, the people of character, the people of homes, and the people of loyalties.

The Sisterhoods may do it in practicable ways. Every moral ideal is practicable. Woman has never frittered her moral energies in abstractions and mere wishes. The Sisterhoods can make the first step to bring back to us what once we had—the reminiscences of our fathers. The word of piety, when the family is assembled, that word

which once came off the lips of those we loved, the words which are fraught with the reverence of ages, a benediction we heard, though it be long ago, when our father was with us, and our mother induced us to bend our heads in pious respect. Or the quaint lamp which our mother enkindled when the Sabbath came or the box of spices which the father lifted at the outgoing of the quiet Sabbath, just before the pressure of life would constrain him to resume his burdens. Or the mantle our father wore when he was in serious prayer and his heart went out in anxiety; or the book out of which he murmured his sorrows and his longings, his gratitude and his hope. We shall put together these reminders of soul-stirrings, and who will remain untouched by them! And we shall have, in our Sisterhoods, a moral force for culture and Jewish women will do for Jewish youth what men with all their money and gifts do not—give them encouragement and sympathy and respect. We must have again the old-time respect for learning. We may put an army of students into the Hebrew Union College, but unless they get a modest love of life and a chaste devotion to duty and many ideals, the rabbis and teachers it sends forth will be a menace to the congregations and lead them downward rather than upward. It shall be the duty and the privilege of the Sisterhoods, in concerted action and with respect for the dignity of learning and the purity of its spirit, to send the thrill of a noble interpreter of the rabbinical profession into these young men. And, dear friends, there are children waiting for the ministrations of religious teachers.

The Jewish people has lived by the breath of its childhood. We have schools for the diffusion of religious information, but we need more of them, and we need better schools. There are teachers in these schools, but we need teachers who are better equipped and who devote themselves to teaching altogether. There are more Jewish children outside of the Sabbath Schools than are in them. And our neglect of childhood is appalling. The Sisterhoods must come to the rescue. There are more children outside of the large cities (with the exception of New York, of course,) than are in them. And what will become of these children if they grow up without any check, such as only religion affords—checks against the temptations of life

and checks against the untrained and unrefined self within? We have a duty toward the least child, nay, we have a more peremptory duty toward it than toward the adult. For every neglected child is a peril to itself, to its home and to its community; nay, beyond the limits of touch a peril to homes now unknown and even unborn. We must have more religious schools and better religious schools, and we must have and hold our children in them. And we must have a heartier relationship between teachers and pupils and we must have the guarantee and the sustained co-operation of the home and the parents. The congregations may give money for the schools, but the mothers must give the teachers heart and confidence in their work. This is enough for the Sisterhoods to aim at and to do. The wonder is not that the Jewish women are assembling to deliberate on the outlook, but that they are so late to do it. Too long have men been singlehanded in the work. Too long have we been allowed to labor under the notion that a congregation meets its obligation toward the large interests of Judaism when it simply opens a house for stated prayers and a school for formal instruction. Too long have we allowed the public to believe that Judaism is merely conventional; that the Jewish home is not different from any other; that Judaism has no priestly traditions, and that the Jewish father has no distinct place and the Jewish mother no special function, other than what the instincts and domestic habits give to her. The Jewish people has had a unique and a high-planned home life, and it must get it again.

And it is time that the united womanhood of this country reasserts this. And the Jewish woman must reassert the traditional respect for culture. It must speak out for Jewish culture, not for the culture that levels, which is simply either a means for commerce or trade or professions, but for refinement and for a higher valuation of life and for that nobility of soul which only such culture can endow, as is combined with piety and faith. And, finally, the Jewish woman must help out to rescue childhood from the brutalization which is subtly going on under the influences of modern industrialism. We must teach our children to admire, admire with enthusiasm, and admire right and true and chaste things, and we must transfuse this admiration into respect and into reverence. And only woman can help effectively in that, or at least we can not achieve this better form of life in our children unless we have the sympathetic understanding and the co-operation of woman, and of the Jewish women especially. I see a splendid possibility. The Jewish woman is becoming again what through the history of the Jewish people she has been, the Mother in Israel. She will foster the sacred things of life, the sanctities of home and the sacred ideals of the people. Jochebed saving the child, Miriam enthusing the men, and Deborah leading them. And all for the sake of God and in His name.

The Committee on Constitution then submitted the following Constitution:

## Constitution

### PREAMBLE.

We, the representatives of the Sisterhoods of the various synagogues comprised in the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, believing:

That the congregation forms the religious unit in Israel, and,

That the increased power which has come to the modern American Jewess ought to be exercised in congregational life, and,

That the religious and moral development of Israel will be furthered by this co-operation,

Do hereby agree to form a National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods for the effect-

ive carrying out of the above very laudable aims.

### NAME.

The name of this organization shall be the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

### OBJECTS.

The objects of this organization are to be:

1. To bring the various Sisterhoods of the country into closer co-operation and association with one another.

2. To quicken the religious consciousness of Israel, by strengthening the spiritual and educational activity.

3. To make propaganda for the cause of Israel.

4. To co-operate with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

**MEMBERSHIP.**

Any Sisterhood connected with a Jewish congregation may become a member of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, by making written application to the Executive Board of the Federation.

Any organization of women doing religious work in any community where there is no congregation may become a member of the National Federation by making written application.

**MEETINGS OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION.**

The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods shall meet in regular session biennially, concurrently, if possible, with the meeting of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, at the place and time selected by the Union.

**REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BIENNIAL MEETING.**

Each Sisterhood shall appoint one representative to the biennial meeting of the Federation and one additional representative for every twenty-five contributing members above twenty-five.

**OFFICERS.**

The Federation, in its biennial convention, shall elect a president, vice-president and a secretary from among the representatives present, and these shall hold office during the convention.

The Federation, at its biennial meeting, shall elect by ballot twenty-five members who shall constitute the Executive Board.

The Executive Board shall elect, from its own members, a president, vice-president, treasurer and recording secretary. It shall also elect an executive secretary, who shall not be a member of the Executive Board and whose salary shall be determined by it.

**MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.**

The Executive Board shall organize immediately after the convention adjourns, and meet semi-annually, in January and July, in such places as may be decided upon.

**DUES.**

Each Sisterhood shall pay into the treasury of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods ten cents per annum for each member thereof.

**DUTIES OF OFFICERS.**

The duties of the president, vice-president, treasurer, recording secretary and executive secretary shall be those usually devolving upon such officers in regularly constituted organizations.

**STANDING COMMITTEES.**

There shall be six Standing Committees, each to consist of five members to be appointed by the President of the Executive Board. Vacancies occurring in the Standing Committees shall be filled immediately by the President.

The chairman of each Standing Committee shall present an annual report to the President of the Executive Board.

The following Standing Committees shall be appointed:

- a. On Co-operation.
- b. On Religion.
- c. On Sabbath School.
- d. On Propaganda.
- e. On Scholarships.
- f. On Union Museum for Jewish Ceremonial Objects.

**DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES.**

a. Committee on Co-operation shall effect methods of closer relationship between existing sisterhoods and shall collect and disseminate information of value to sisterhoods, and of general interest to the Jew at large.

b. Committee on Religion shall help to foster the religious life of the congregation, encourage Sabbath observance and synagog attendance, devise means of inviting resident or visiting Jews to Divine services, and to form classes for the study of Religion, Jewish History and Hebrew.

c. Committee on Sabbath School shall formulate and furnish sisterhoods with the best results in Sabbath-school education, encourage the preservation of ceremonials connected with Jewish holidays, endeavor to secure a national census of Jewish children in attendance at Sabbath Schools, and endeavor to encourage young men and women to devote themselves to Sabbath-school teaching.

d. Committee on Propaganda shall endeavor to form new sisterhoods in communities where there are none, and co-operate with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, especially with the Board of Managers of Synagog and School Extension.

e. Committee on Scholarships shall encourage the preparation of young men for the rabbinical profession and secure funds for the creation of Sisterhood Scholarships for the Hebrew Union College.

f. Committee on National Museum for Jewish Ceremonial Objects shall endeavor to secure for the Hebrew Union College a col-

lection of objects of art such as belong to such a museum.

#### AMENDMENTS.

Amendments to the Constitution must be presented to the Executive Board and by them submitted to the first meeting of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, thereafter. To become part of the Constitution they must be adopted by a two-thirds vote of those present.

On motion of Mrs. L. H. Cahn, of Youngstown, Ohio, duly seconded, the above Constitution was adopted.

### Report of Committee on Nominations

The Committee then nominated the following members for the Executive Board:

Mrs. Abram Simon, Washington.  
 Mrs. S. L. Lazaron, Cincinnati.  
 Mrs. Ben Loewenstein, Cincinnati.  
 Mrs. Jos. Wiesenfeld, Baltimore.  
 Mrs. Dan Frank, Boston.  
 Mrs. Max J. Brandenburger, Brooklyn.  
 Mrs. T. Schanfarber, Chicago.  
 Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg, Cincinnati.  
 Mrs. Harry Sternberger, Cincinnati.  
 Mrs. Louis S. Levi, Cincinnati.  
 Mrs. Louis Wolsey, Cleveland.  
 Mrs. Fred Lazarus, Columbus.  
 Mrs. Leon Goodman, Louisville.  
 Mrs. Jos. Rosenfield, Memphis.  
 Mrs. Felix N. Gerson, Philadelphia.  
 Mrs. Eugene Schwab, Washington, D. C.  
 Mrs. Leo Wolf, Wheeling.  
 Mrs. Israel Cowen, Chicago.  
 Mrs. David Philipson, Cincinnati.  
 Mrs. Jos. Krauskopf, Philadelphia.  
 Mrs. Martin Marks, Cleveland.  
 Mrs. David Lefkowitz, Dayton.

Mrs. Jos. Stolz, Chicago.  
 Mrs. H. H. Mayer, Kansas City.  
 Mrs. Joseph E. Friend, New Orleans.  
 Mrs. A. S. Leopold, Pittsburgh.

Upon motion, made by Mrs. Felix Levy, of Chicago, duly seconded and carried, the report of the Committee on Nominations was accepted, and the Secretary was instructed to cast one ballot for the candidates named in the report.

Mrs. Jos. Krauskopf moved that an adjourned meeting be held January 23, 1913, at ten o'clock, a. m., which was carried.

Mrs. Abram Simon, of Washington, in a few well-chosen and graceful remarks, thanked the members for the compliment which they had conferred upon her, and concluded by invoking Divine blessing and aid upon the Federated Sisterhoods.

Thereupon the meeting adjourned to ten a. m. the next day.

### Second Day's Proceedings

The adjourned meeting of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods was held on the above date at the Sinton Hotel at 10 a. m. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The President, Mrs. Abram Simon, announced that the meeting would be informal

and devoted to a discussion of methods of conducting sisterhoods.

Mrs. David Philipson requested that Mrs. Daniel Frank, of Boston, be given the floor and invited to speak of her work among the students attending the colleges in the vicinity of Boston.

Mrs. Frank was followed by Mrs. I. Rypins, of St. Paul; Mrs. A. Guttmacher, of Baltimore; Mrs. J. Wiesenfeld, of Baltimore; Mrs. Leon Goodman, of Louisville; Mrs. F. Gerson, of Philadelphia; Mrs. J. Krauskopf, of Philadelphia; Mrs. I. Cowen, of Chicago; Mrs. Felix Levy, of Chicago, and Mrs. A. Luchs, of Bellaire, each speaker emphasizing some particular phase of this work pursued in her own city.

Prior to adjournment, Mrs. Sommerfield, of Cincinnati, made an earnest appeal for the Teachers' Institute of the Hebrew Union College. These remarks were followed by a motion, duly seconded and carried, that this

organization send greetings to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations then in session in the large convention hall.

The following message was sent:

"The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, in first convention assembled, sends hearty greetings to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, with assurances of its unceasing loyalty and untiring effort in behalf of the great and noble cause which we unitedly represent."

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned, to meet at 9:30 a. m. the next day.

### Third Day's Proceedings

The adjourned meeting of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods was called to order at 10 a. m. by Mrs. Abram Simon, who asked Mrs. Louis Cahn, of Youngstown, Ohio, to take the chair.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, unqualified hospitality, large-heartedness and the warmest welcome have met the visiting delegates on every side; and,

Whereas, The members of this newly born Sisterhood are so deeply indebted to the various committees who stimulated us by their presence and incessant efforts,

Be it resolved, That we tender our sincere thanks and appreciation to all the good men and women who provided so thoughtfully for our comfort and lavish entertainment during our entire stay in this city.

Be it resolved, That we herewith tender heartfelt expression of our gratitude for the giving of self, energy and time to all local committees, under the able leadership of the two chairmen, Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg and Mr. Sigmund Rheinstrom, their aids and sub-committees.

We invoke God's blessing upon all who have aided in awakening woman's responsibility in the strengthening and upbuilding of our noble faith.

Signed:

Mrs. Abram Simon,  
Mrs. Enoch Rauh,  
Mrs. Leo M. Franklin,  
Mrs. Max Heller,  
Mrs. E. S. Goulston, Sr., Chairman.

The meeting was addressed by Rabbi Jacob Mielziner.

### Remarks

By Rabbi Jacob Mielziner

I desire to extend my hearty congratulations to you on the successful organization of the Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, and I look forward with great hope and confidence to the beneficial influence which your activity will exert on the religious life of our Jewish communities.

Time was when the Jewish woman was regarded as the priestess in the home, and upon her husband rested the obligation of

regularly attending the synagog. When she visited the house of worship a place was set aside for her in the gallery behind a screen. Then progressive Judaism, reflecting the spirit of the age, pointed to the fact that the place of the Jewish wife was beside her husband in the synagog. Mr. Israel Zangwill made the clever observation that "When women in the gallery were admitted to the main floor of the synagog, the men disap-

peared from the services," and ever since then women held sway.

But there is a good reason why she has become such an important factor in the religious life as it expresses itself in Temple worship. In addition to her naturally deeper insight and fine religious feeling, she has progressed intellectually. While the man has been busy in the economic world, dealing with financial problems, which absorb his time and energy, she has been devoting herself with remarkable enthusiasm to the cultivation of her mind, and has grasped every opportunity which has presented itself to broaden her mental, moral and spiritual horizon. She has entered the universities and graduated with honors from these and other institutions of learning. She attends lecture courses and woman's clubs where educational, social and religious problems are intelligently discussed. She has felt the need of this, not alone for the added power it would give her in educating her children, but also for the strength and the stimulus which she herself would derive therefrom. The Jewish woman to-day is, therefore, not only the equal, but in some respects the superior of her husband or her brother.

Is it a wonder, then, that to-day the rabbi, in the majority of congregations, addresses himself not to the men but to the women? True, indeed, our worshiping on Saturday morning has prevented many men from attending the Temple, but if women were indifferent they would not come at all. But they are not only not indifferent, but enthusiastic. They are in the majority at the late Friday evening services. They come in greater numbers on Sunday morning, where Sunday services are held. They uphold the hands of the minister in every undertaking which has for its object the welfare of the synagog and its activities, not the least important of these being the religious school.

Realizing the prominent position which woman now holds in our congregations and recognizing the good work which has been done by Sisterhood Societies, where such have existed, we can readily see what an

added power for the welfare and progress of our sacred religion the Federation of Temple Sisterhoods will bring to the synagog. Our Temples, through your intelligent co-operation, will again become the social center of the religious community as they once were. Our religious life will be stimulated and our religious scope will be broadened and deepened.

As the organizer of the first Sisterhood Society in Cincinnati, which has worked enthusiastically and efficiently for the welfare of the Temple and the religious school, since it was founded four years ago, I rejoice with you in the formation of this Federation. Your rising power recalls to my mind a simile of Nature.

One early morning, two summers ago, I stood at the top of Pike's Peak, looking intently to the horizon for the first signs of the rising sun. First, there was a stream of light which scattered the darkness and lit up the grand panorama of mountain and meadows, hills and valleys, lakes and rivers. Then the great sun, which man in an early age of his religious life worshiped as a god, gradually appeared as a ball of fire, and as it rose above the horizon, it shot its beams in all directions, so as to intensify the beauty and glory of these wonderful uplands.

So it seems to me, after this wonderful meeting of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and this Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, that we are facing the rising sun and its beams of light and warmth will shed a glorious radiance into our religious life.

At the close of the address, a general discussion took place along the same lines as on the previous day. Many delegates spoke, explaining the activities of sisterhoods in their respective cities.

At 11:30 a. m. the convention adjourned sine die.

MRS. ABRAM SIMON, President.  
MRS. S. L. LAZARON, Secretary.



# Proceedings

OF THE

## Executive Board

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Sinton Hotel,  
Cincinnati, January 23, 1913.

The first meeting of the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods was held on the above date at the Sinton Hotel at 10 a. m. The President, Mrs. Abram Simon, of Washington, and Recording Secretary, Mrs. S. L. Lazaron, of Cincinnati, having been elected by acclamation at the meeting of the general body on the morning of the 21st inst., the Board proceeded to elect its other officers, with the following results:

Vice-President, Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg, Cincinnati.

Treasurer, Mrs. Israel Cowen, Chicago.

Executive Secretary, Rabbi George Zepin, Cincinnati.

It was moved, seconded and carried that chairmen of committees be appointed at this meeting; that each chairman have the privilege of selecting her own vice chairman, and that the other members of said committees be appointed later by the chair. The result was as follows:

Committee on Religion.—Mrs. Leon Goodman, Louisville. Vice Chairman, Mrs. D. Frank, Boston.

Committee on National Museum for Jewish Ceremonial Objects.—Mrs. Louis S. Levi, Cincinnati.

On Sabbath Schools.—Mrs. Joseph Krauskopf, Philadelphia. Vice Chairman, Mrs. Louis Strauss, Boston.

On Scholarships—Mrs. A. S. Leopold, Pittsburgh.

On Co-operation.—Mrs. Jos. Wiesenfeld, Baltimore. Vice Chairman, Mrs. J. E. Friend, New Orleans.

Propaganda.—Mrs. H. H. Mayer, Kansas City.

It was moved and carried that a request be addressed to the rabbis pointing out the advisability of instituting a Hebrew Union College Day, and that this be held on the Sabbath nearest to Dr. Wise's birthday—March 29th.

It was moved and carried that a copy of the constitution of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods be sent to the President of every sisterhood whose congregation is connected with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and that each member of the Executive Board should also receive a copy.

It was also moved and carried that a copy of the constitution, as well as the minutes of the first meeting of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, be sent to every congregation affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

It was moved and carried that the Executive Board send a letter of thanks and appreciation to Mr. J. Walter Freiberg, President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and to Mr. Chas. Shohl, Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements for the Twenty-third Council, for their unbounded hospitality extended during this convention.

It was moved and carried that the annual dues be sent to the Secretary on the first of May.

On motion, duly carried, it was decided to hold the next meeting of the Executive Board in Atlantic City during the first week in July.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

MRS. ABRAM SIMON,  
President.

MRS. S. L. LAZARON,  
Secretary.



# Proceedings

OF THE

## Executive Board

### Tuesday's Session

Hotel Rudolf,  
Atlantic City, July 1, 1913.

In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, and pursuant to the call of the President, Mrs. A. Simon, the Executive Board met at the above place and date at 10:30 a. m.

There were present: Mesdames Abram Simon, David Philipson, Max J. Brandenburger, Jos. Wiesenfeld, Daniel Frank, Felix Gerson, Joseph Krauskopf.

Mrs. Abram Simon presided at the meeting.

Upon motion, duly carried, Rabbi George Zepin was requested to serve as temporary secretary.

Letters were read from the following members of the Executive Board who could not be present: Mesdames Louis Wolsey, Joseph Stolz, Leon Goodman, H. H. Mayer, Jos. E. Friend, Moses J. Gries. A telegram was received from Mrs. Samuel L. Lazon, Secretary of the Board, expressing her regret at not being able to be present, and extending her best wishes for a successful meeting.

It was moved and duly carried that the Executive Secretary acknowledge receipt of the telegram.

It was moved and duly carried that the Executive Secretary write Mrs. Leon Goodman, expressing the sympathy of the Board on account of her recent loss.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

It was moved and duly carried that the Chairman of each National Committee present a written report to this meeting of the Executive Board and to all subsequent meetings.

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#### SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

A special communication from the Sisterhood of the Washington Hebrew Congregation was read, dealing with the activities of the sisterhood during the preceding season and its plans for the forthcoming year.

It was moved and duly carried that the report be accepted and turned over to the Executive Secretary for general publicity.

A special communication was read from Plum Street Temple Sisterhood, of Bene Jeshurun Congregation, Cincinnati, dealing with the activities during the past season and plans for the forthcoming season.

It was moved and duly carried that the same be received and turned over to the Executive Secretary for general publicity.

The following report was presented by the National Committee on Co-operation, the membership of which is as follows: Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld, Baltimore, Md., Chairman; Mrs. Jos. E. Friend, New Orleans, La., Vice Chairman; Mrs. T. Schanfarber, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Adolf Guttmacher, Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Joseph Rosenfield, Memphis, Tenn.

#### National Committee on Cooperation

(Abstract of Report)

##### EXCHANGE BUREAU.

The committee recommends the establishment of a bureau for the exchange of financial, social and literary plans. For this purpose all sisterhoods are invited to send accounts of their successful affairs to the Exchange Bureau. Correspondence from those desiring advice is solicited.

##### CO-OPERATION BETWEEN SISTERHOODS IN LARGE CITIES.

For the purpose of aiding this co-operation, the National Committee recommends that the several sisterhoods situated in one city hold

an annual joint meeting, preferably a reception at the close of each year.

Many opportunities arise in large cities for the spread of religious work, both among adults and children not affiliated with synagogues. This field of endeavor is open to the joint efforts of the local sisterhoods.

It was moved and duly carried that the report be accepted and made part of the record of the meeting.

It was moved and duly carried that the work of publicity formerly placed in the hands of local committees on publicity be henceforth turned over to the local committees on co-operation.

It was moved and duly carried that the Chairman of the National Committee on Co-operation be authorized to address an official communication to the chairmen of local committees on Co-operation, embodying the suggestions contained in this report as modified by the action of the Executive Board.

Upon motion, duly carried, Mrs. Abram Simon, President, declared a recess until 2:30 p. m.

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The meeting reconvened at 2:30 p. m.

The following report was presented by the National Committee on Sabbath Schools, the membership of which is as follows: Mrs. Jos. Krauskopf, Philadelphia, Pa., Chairman; Mrs. Felix N. Gerson, Philadelphia, Pa., Vice Chairman; Mrs. Max Brandenburger, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. Ben Loewenstein, Cincinnati, Ohio; Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg, Cincinnati, Ohio.

### National Committee on Sabbath-Schools

(Abstract of Report)

The National Committee on Sabbath Schools based its report on the answers to a questionnaire issued earlier in the season. The answers showed that a great deal of useful work was being accomplished by the Sisterhoods in connection with the Sabbath Schools. These endeavors came under three general heads: 1. Personal Service Work, consisting of parents' meetings, tracing up absentees, etc., etc.; 2. Supplying Sabbath-

school Equipment; and 3. Assisting in Sabbath-school Holiday Observance. The report recommended that the information be tabulated and printed for general distribution.

The report also pointed out that the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods could render a great service to the cause by publishing literature dealing with Sabbath School management.

It was moved and duly carried that the report be accepted and made a part of the records of the meeting.

It was moved and duly carried that the National Chairman of the Committee on Sabbath Schools be authorized to address an official communication to the chairmen of the local committees on Sabbath Schools, embodying the suggestions contained in this report as modified by the action of the Executive Board.

It was moved and duly carried that a series of pamphlets be issued dealing with matters of Sabbath School import, for the purpose of awakening a greater interest in this subject.

The following report was presented by the National Committee on Scholarships, the membership of which is as follows: Mrs. A. S. Leopold, Pittsburgh, Pa., Chairman; Mrs. Josiah Cohen, Pittsburgh, Pa., Vice Chairman; Mrs. Moses J. Gries, Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Jos. Stolz, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Harry Sternberger, Cincinnati, Ohio.

### National Committee on Hebrew Union College Scholarships

(Abstract of Report)

The work of this committee is to devise ways and means for securing scholarships for the Hebrew Union College. There are several methods of accomplishing this result.

#### FOUNDATION FUNDS.

The most efficacious method is to secure from individuals, or groups of individuals, permanent foundation funds of \$6,000 each. This will yield about \$300.00 a year, the amount required for a scholarship. While this is the necessary method of providing stability for any educational institution, it is a very slow method. For immediate usefulness another method is suggested.

**STATE AND CITY SCHOLARSHIPS.**

It would be advisable for individual Sisterhoods or groups of Sisterhoods, in one city or even in one State, to appropriate annually sums aggregating \$300.00. If, for example, every State in the Union would supply one scholarship to be given preferably to a student from that State, the Hebrew Union College would be able to accomplish a tremendous amount of good, and many young men struggling for an education in their chosen field would be enabled to continue their work.

We should adopt the slogan—A SCHOLARSHIP FOR EVERY STATE IN THE UNION.

**THE ISAAC M. WISE MEMORIAL DAY  
AND****MAZKIR NESHAMOTH ON YOM KIPPUR.**

It has been suggested that March 29th, now usually observed as the Memorial Day for Dr. Wise by his pupils, be properly observed by the sisterhoods. Inasmuch as Dr. Wise's leadership established the great institutions that have helped to preserve Judaism in America—especially the Hebrew Union College—this suggestion is a very good one. The day could be made the occasion of a special meeting of the sisterhood and the rabbi of the congregation invited to speak upon Dr. Wise's activity or some phase of the religious movement with which Dr. Wise was connected. This occasion could be improved to make a collection for the purpose of supplementing the funds needed for the appropriation to the State or city Hebrew Union College Scholarship Fund. Many ministers might object to a collection for this or for any purpose during a service in the Temple, but they could certainly find no cause for objection in a collection made at a meeting of the sisterhood. The contribution solicited need not be a very large one to aggregate to a considerable sum.

A great many sisterhoods might prevail upon the rabbis of their congregation to revive the memorial idea on Yom Kippur. The congregants might be asked to make an offering in memory of their departed dear ones and consecrate the money raised for a Hebrew Union College Scholarship.

It was moved and duly carried that the report be received and made part of the records of the meeting.

It was moved and duly carried that the National Chairman of the Committee on Scholarships be authorized to address an official communication to the chairman of the local committees on Scholarships, embodying the suggestions contained in this report as modified by the action of the Executive Board; also to endeavor to get an expression of opinion from the various sisterhoods concerning the feasibility of introducing an Isaac M. Wise Memorial Day.

The following report was presented by the National Committee on Union Museum for Jewish Ceremonial Objects, the membership of which is as follows: Mrs. Louis S. Levi, Cincinnati, Ohio, Chairman; Mrs. Fred Lazarus, Columbus, Ohio, Vice Chairman; Mrs. Louis Wolsey, Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Chas. S. Moch, Cincinnati, Ohio; Mrs. A. Fuller, St. Louis, Mo.

**National Committee on Union  
Museum for Jewish  
Ceremonial Objects**

(Abstract of Report)

**THE CINCINNATI EXHIBIT.**

The committee reports that the exhibit of Jewish Ceremonial Objects, held in Cincinnati during the Twenty-third Council of the Union, consisted of 162 pieces, many of which represented gifts, and a large number loans, for this special occasion. A tasteful catalogue of the exhibit was compiled and distributed to the visitors.

The articles represented a wide range of ceremonial objects, although very many ceremonial objects easily obtainable were missing. The collection attracted much attention from the visitors.

**WHAT CINCINNATI LOCAL COMMITTEES ON UNION MUSEUM  
WILL DO.**

The Hebrew Union College has designated a special room for this Museum. What is needed immediately are several cases to house the present exhibit. We are promised one case by Mrs. Chas. S. Moch, who, together with her sisters, donated the Rosa F. Sachs Collection, and the other cases will be donated by the four Cincinnati sisterhoods.

### WHAT EACH SISTERHOOD CAN DO FOR THE UNION MUSEUM.

With the beginning of the fall season a systematic campaign should be begun, aiming to secure for the National Museum such articles as are in the possession of various members of the local Sisterhoods and which they are willing to give up for this purpose. For this purpose the Union of American Hebrew Congregations has put at our disposal the September issue of the Union Bulletin. This is to contain, among other things, an appeal for such articles and a descriptive catalogue of the loan exhibit prepared by Rabbi Jacob D. Schwarz, of the Department of Synagog and School Extension. Extra copies will be printed for subsequent use in soliciting articles. This should be supplemented in the fall by a series of letters addressed to the chairmen of local committees on Union Museum, asking them to call the Museum to the attention of local members.

Occasionally some local sisterhood may discover in its own city an art treasure of this description which it can purchase for the Museum, if the same can not be secured free of charge.

Attention of those members who go to Europe should be called to the fact that many beautiful articles can be obtained for the Museum at a very small cost in Europe. These articles are admitted duty free, because intended for religious use or for a museum.

### LOCAL EXHIBITS.

Since the object of this movement is to implant knowledge and to awaken an appreciation for these ceremonial articles, it is advisable for each sisterhood to arrange for occasional exhibits of this kind in its own city. These could be displayed in the Temple on some holiday like Sukkoth or Pesach. A lecture by the minister on this subject would add great value to such an exhibit.

It might even be well to encourage the creation of a small collection of such objects in each Temple. While this might retard the progress of the Union Museum, it would work toward the accomplishment of the same end as the creation of a Union Museum.

### PICTURES ON JEWISH SUBJECTS.

It is doubtful whether we can speak of a Jewish art, because we have not a well-de-

veloped school of artists who devote themselves to Jewish subjects in a manner that has not been used for other subjects. But this is immaterial. We all know that there are a great many works of art in pencil, oil and marble which treat Jewish subjects, in a fine, elevating way. We ought not to overlook the ennobling influence of having such works of art and copies of them in our homes and Sabbath Schools and Jewish public buildings.

It usually occasions great surprise when we learn what a large proportion of the world's artistic inspiration is drawn from Jewish sources. In modern times a number of artists of a very high order of ability have devoted themselves to a portrayal of life that is interesting to the Jew for many reasons.

A great number of ladies' organizations make a practice of purchasing an oil painting for the Temple where they meet in lieu of rent. If all these societies would let it be known that they desired to purchase a painting depicting some scene of interest to Jews, what a remarkable movement we would start.

Recently an artist of no small reputation finished two bronze pieces—one called "Universal Peace," the other called "Golus"—Exile. The first was purchased by Mr. Jacob H. Schiff for the Metropolitan Museum, and the others by friends for the Chicago Hebrew Institute. Why should we not aim to make the College the repository for such works of art and also for good copies of great art pieces on Jewish themes?

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It was moved and duly carried that the report be received and made part of the records of the meeting.

It was moved and duly carried that the Chairman be authorized to send an official communication, or, if the situation required, a number of official communications, acquainting the chairmen of the local committees on National Museum with the contents of the report as modified by the action of the Executive Board.

At six o'clock the Executive Board adjourned until the following morning at ten o'clock.

## Wednesday's Session

Hotel Rudolf, July 2, 1913.

The Executive Board met at ten o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, President Mrs. Abram Simon in the chair.

The minutes of the proceedings of July 1st were read and approved.

It was moved and carried that it is the sense of this Board that whenever possible works of art pertaining to Jewish subjects should be acquired by the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods for the Union Museum.

The following report was presented by the National Committee on Religion, the membership of which is as follows: Mrs. Leon Goodman, Louisville, Ky., Chairman; Mrs. Daniel Frank, Boston, Mass., Vice Chairman; Mrs. David Philipson, Cincinnati, Ohio; Mrs. Leo Wolf, Wheeling, W. Va.; Mrs. Bernard Selligman, Louisville, Ky.

### National Committee on Religion

(Abstract of Report)

The task of the National Committee on Religion is that of devising plans whereby the religious consciousness of the Jew may be deepened—through the efforts of the Sisterhoods. In this work we recognize that there are other agencies at work in the same field. Our task should not be to interfere with them. Let us not try to do the work of the rabbi and the congregation put together, but to ascertain what special sphere is reserved for the sisterhood.

#### GENERAL TASK OF ASSISTING THE LOCAL CONGREGATION.

The first duty of each sisterhood, where such need exists, is to render personal and financial assistance to its own congregation. The sisterhood that applies itself to a need of this description will find its efforts so well appreciated and its activity so welcome, that no question of "representation" or "cause for existence" will ever arise. Activities of so purely a local nature can not be prescribed or dealt with by our National Committee. Suffice it to say that many plans successfully carried into practice by various sisterhoods are in the hands of the Chairman

of the National Committee on Co-operation and will be furnished to those interested in the same.

#### SYNAGOG ATTENDANCE.

Synagog attendance is a very necessary element in deepening the religious consciousness. Sisterhoods that have addressed themselves to this problem have been a great help to the minister and the congregation. There is room for much work in pulpit decoration, in receiving strangers at the door of the synagogue, and supplying them with prayer books. These are general matters in addition to local problems that arise in each community.

#### OBSERVING THE HOLIDAYS.

Many of the Jewish holidays are home celebrations, like Pesach, Chanukkah and Purim. Here the sisterhood can find an excellent opportunity for work. We propose that the National Committee on Religion, in advance of each holiday, issue a circular letter to all sisterhoods, urging upon them the observance of the holiday and explaining just how they might observe it.

#### A JEWISH ART CALENDAR.

In connection with the above, we suggest to the Executive Board to put into the home of each member of a sisterhood a beautiful reminder of the holidays in the shape of a Jewish art calendar. Artistic calendars can be gotten up in quantities at a cost of about fifteen cents apiece, and quite fine ones at a cost of twenty-five cents. These could be sold at cost to our members.

#### STUDY CIRCLES.

The religious consciousness may be fostered through an appeal to the intellect. We conceive it to be the work of the National Committee on Religion to devise ways of stimulating the acquisition of knowledge of things Jewish. With this in view, we suggest that each Sisterhood endeavor to arrange a half dozen evenings a season which should be devoted to a consideration of things Jewish. The great difficulty in doing this has hitherto been in the absence of sufficient material for such study. We recommend, therefore, that the National Federation, from

time to time, acquire and publish such literature as it finds helpful for this purpose. The National Committee on Religion respectfully calls to the attention of the Executive Board the manuscript for one booklet of this description. The same is herewith submitted. We recommend that all such studies be accompanied by copious references to accessible literature.

It was moved and duly carried that the report be accepted and made part of the records of the meeting.

It was moved and duly carried that the National Chairman of the Committee on Religion be authorized to address an official communication to the chairmen of the local committees on Religion, embodying the suggestions contained in this report as modified by the action of the Executive Board.

**ART CALENDAR.**

It was moved and duly carried that the sum of \$250.00 be appropriated to pay for one thousand calendars.

It was moved and duly carried that the President be authorized to print calendars in such quantities as are called for.

It was moved and duly carried that the Executive Secretary request each local chairman on Religion to ask the rabbi to call attention to these calendars from the pulpit.

**JEWISH PILGRIM FATHERS' DAY.**

It was moved and duly carried that the Executive Board recommend to the local Sisterhoods to celebrate a Jewish Pilgrim Fathers' Day on April 26th.

In connection with that part of the report of the National Committee on Religion dealing with the publication of a booklet on "Jews Abroad and at Home," it was moved and duly carried that a communication be addressed to the Board of Managers, asking their co-operation in the publication of this book.

It was moved and duly carried that the circular letters to be issued by this committee dealing with the appropriate observance of holidays, etc., be formulated by the Executive office.

Upon motion, duly carried, Mrs. Abram Simon, President, declared a recess until 2:30 p. m.

Hotel Rudolf, July 2, 1913.

The meeting reconvened at 2:30 p. m.

The Special Committee on Uniongram reported as follows:

**REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON UNIONGRAM.**

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies:—Your special committee appointed to consider the advisability of publishing a substitute telegram for revenue, begs leave to report as follows:

1. The committee is in favor of carrying out this idea. For the better accomplishment of this purpose the committee suggests the following amendment to the Constitution:

A. Article Standing Committees to be amended by adding:

(g) On Uniongram.

B. Article Duties of Standing Committees to be amended by adding:

(g) Committee on Uniongram, with the aid of local committees bearing the same name, shall endeavor to dispose of Uniongrams for the purpose of adding to the revenue of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

2. In order that the various sisterhoods may go to work immediately upon this plan, the committee suggests that a Special Committee on Uniongram be appointed with power to print Uniongrams and dispose of them.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg, Chairman.  
Mrs. Ben Loewenstein,  
Mrs. Harry Sternberger,  
Mrs. David Philipson,  
Mrs. Samuel L. Lazaron,  
Mrs. Louis S. Levi.

It was moved and duly carried that the report of the Special Committee on Uniongram be accepted and made part of the records of the meeting, and the committee discharged with thanks.

It was moved and duly carried that that part of the resolution which consists of an amendment to the Constitution be approved and referred to the next biennial meeting of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

It was moved and duly carried that the price of the substitute telegram be as follows: 15 words for 25 cents, 50 words for 40 cents.

It was moved and duly carried that the Chairman appoint the following National Committee to take charge of the general work connected with the publication and sale of the substitute telegram.

Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg, Chairman,  
Mrs. B. Löewenstein, Vice Chairman,  
Mrs. Harry Sternberger,  
Mrs. David Philipson,  
Mrs. Samuel L. Lazaron,  
Mrs. Louis S. Levi.

It was moved and duly carried that the National Committee on Uniongram address communications to the local sisterhoods, asking each of them to appoint a local Committee on Uniongram for the purpose of co-operating with the National Committee.

#### THE EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE.

A communication from the Educational League, of Cleveland, was read, asking the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods to render them assistance in their work.

Upon motion, duly carried, the Secretary was instructed to reply to the Educational League stating that, inasmuch as our organization had just started upon its existence, the Executive Board did not think it wise at the present time to undertake enterprises not immediately connected with our own work.

#### RESIGNATION OF MRS. MARTIN A. MARKS.

A letter was read from Mrs. Martin A. Marks tendering her resignation as a member of the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. It was moved

and duly carried that this resignation be accepted with regret.

It was moved and duly carried that the action of Mrs. Abram Simon, President, in appointing Mrs. Moses J. Gries as a member of the Executive Board in the place of Mrs. Martin A. Marks, be approved.

It was moved and duly carried that the President be given the authority to fill vacancies that occur in the Executive Board during the interval between the meetings of the same.

It was moved and duly carried that the President be authorized to address a communication to each sisterhood having members on the Executive Board, asking the sisterhood to pay the expenses of these members to the annual meetings of the Executive Board.

It was moved and duly carried that the following amendment be approved and referred to the biennial meeting of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

#### AMENDMENT PROPOSED.

We, the undersigned, offer the following amendment to the Constitution of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, namely, that the paragraph bearing the heading "Meetings of the Executive Board" be modified to read as follows:

The Executive Board shall organize immediately after the Convention adjourns and shall meet annually at such a time and in such a place as may be decided upon.

Mrs. Felix Gerson,  
Mrs. Max J. Brandenburger,  
Mrs. David Philipson.

#### NEXT MEETING OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

It was moved and duly carried that the next meeting of the Executive Board be held one day before the biennial meeting of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods in the city of Chicago, during the month of January, 1915.

At 6 o'clock the Executive Board adjourned until the following morning at 10 o'clock.

## Thursday's Session

Hotel Rudolf, July 3, 1913.

The Executive Board met at 10 o'clock pursuant to adjournment.

President Mrs. Abram Simon in the chair.

The minutes of the proceedings of July 2nd were read and approved.

The following report was presented by the National Committee on Propaganda, the membership of which is as follows:

Mrs. H. H. Mayer, Kansas City, Mo., Chairman; Mrs. Lee Lyon, Kansas City, Mo., Vice Chairman; Mrs. David Lefkowitz, Dayton, Ohio; Mrs. Eugene Schwab, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. C. J. Freund, Harrisburg, Pa.

### National Committee on Propaganda

#### (Abstract of Report)

The National Committee on Propaganda reported having been in correspondence with thirty-five sisterhoods, almost all of whom have since joined the Federation. The report recited further details of the correspondence. The plans for the future embraced the continuance of similar methods, and the proposal that members of the National Committee on Propaganda, as well as the National officers visit the cities where their efforts will do good in the direction of propaganda.

It was moved and duly carried that the report be received and made part of the records of the meeting.

It was moved and duly carried that the National Committee on Propaganda, in cooperation with the Executive Secretary, be empowered to publish a Directory of Sisterhoods.

It was moved and duly carried that the Chairman of the National Committee on Propaganda be authorized to address an official communication to the chairmen of local committees on Propaganda, embodying the suggestions contained in this report as modified by the action of the Executive Board.

#### THE SEAL OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TEMPLE SISTERHOODS.

The Secretary submitted several designs for a seal to be used on the stationery and

documents of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

It was moved and duly carried that one of the seals submitted should be accepted.

It was moved and duly carried that a committee, consisting of Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg, Mrs. David Philipson and Rabbi George Zepin, be appointed for the purpose of carrying out the suggestions of the Board relative to changes to be embodied in the design submitted.

It was moved and duly carried that the Executive Secretary advise the various sisterhoods to use a uniform style of paper for official stationery.

Upon motion, duly carried, the Executive Secretary was instructed to write to Rabbi Martin Zielonka relative to the advisability of organizing a sisterhood in Mexico City.

It was moved and duly carried that a resume of the meeting be published in the Union Bulletin and furnished to the Jewish press.

It was moved and duly carried that a record of these meetings, together with the abstract of the reports, be furnished to all members of the Executive Board and to the Presidents of all sisterhoods in the Federation.

#### REPORT OF TREASURER.

##### (Abstract of Report)

The report of the Treasurer, Mrs. Israel Cowen, Chicago, was then read, setting forth that up to July 1, 1913, forty-nine sisterhoods had paid ten cents per capita as dues and that the treasury contained \$798.74.

Upon motion, duly carried, the report was ordered accepted and made part of the minutes.

Upon motion, duly carried, a vote of thanks was tendered to Rabbi George Zepin for acting in the capacity of temporary secretary.

Adjourned sine die.

MRS ABRAM SIMON,  
President.

GEORGE ZEPIN,  
Secretary.





# Proceedings

OF THE

## Executive Board

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Congress Hotel,  
Chicago, January 18, 1915, 10 a. m.

The meeting of the Executive Board was called to order by the President, Mrs. Abram Simon. Present were: Mesdames

J. W. Freiberg,	Leon Goodman,
H. H. Mayer,	Joseph Rosenfield,
Moses J. Gries,	Max J. Brandenburger,
Joseph Stolz,	Harry Sternberger,
Ben Loewenstein,	David Lefkowitz,
David Philipson,	Tobias Schanfarber,
	Israel Cowen.

Owing to the absence of Mrs. S. L. Lazon, Rabbi George Zepin was elected temporary Recording Secretary and Rabbi Louis I. Egelson, assistant temporary Recording Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Executive Board were read and approved.

### COMMUNICATIONS.

An invitation to visit the Home for the Friendless was read.

It was moved and duly carried that this invitation be read before the delegates.

A letter from Mr. E. L. Heinsheimer, referring to a scholarship arrangement with the Hebrew Union College, was then read.

It was moved and duly carried that this letter be read at the meeting of the delegates immediately after the report of the Committee on Hebrew Union College Scholarships.

### REPORT OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON HEBREW UNION COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS.

In connection with the above mentioned letter the report of the National Committee on Scholarships was called for and read.

It was moved and duly carried that the report be amended by omitting the paragraph relating to the proposition made to the

Board of Governors, relative to the creation of scholarships for less than \$300.00, and by inserting the following words: "that the money gathered from the districts, where incomplete scholarships have been raised, shall be contributed to the Hebrew Union College for the establishment of a Sisterhood Scholarship Fund."

It was moved and duly carried that the report of the Committee on Hebrew Union College Scholarships as amended be received and made part of the report of the Executive Board to the Biennial Meeting.

It was moved and duly carried that inasmuch as Mr. Heinsheimer's letter referred to the paragraph in the report that was stricken out, that the action taken relative to reading the letter of Mr. Heinsheimer to the general meeting be rescinded.

It was moved and duly carried that the reports of all the National Committees be presented to the Executive Board before being read at the Biennial Meeting.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Executive Secretary, Rabbi George Zepin, then presented his biennial report.

It was moved and duly carried that this report be received and incorporated in the report of the Executive Board to the Biennial Meeting.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer, Mrs. Israel Cowen, then presented her biennial report.

It was moved and duly carried that the Treasurer's report be received and incorporated in the report of the Executive Board to the Biennial Meeting.

The attention of the Board was called to several differences of opinion concerning methods of appointing delegates, alternates, proxies, etc.

It was moved and duly carried that at the first session of the Biennial Meeting the President appoint from among the delegates assembled a Committee on Rules to pass upon questions submitted.

**COMMUNICATIONS.**

A letter was read from Mrs. S. Lazon, Recording Secretary, regretting her inability to be present.

It was moved and duly carried that this letter be placed on file.

A letter from Dr. J. Leonard Levy, referring to the scholarship contributed by the sisterhood of his congregation, was read.

It was moved and duly carried that this letter be placed on file, and that the usual procedure with regard to its contents be followed.

A letter from Mrs. David F. Sanger, enclosing a check for \$300.00, a contribution of the Sisterhood of the Eighth Street Temple, Washington, D. C., for a scholarship as a tribute of affection for Rabbi Abram Simon, was read.

It was moved and duly carried that the Executive Secretary be instructed to acknowledge with thanks the letter of Mrs. Sanger, and that the usual procedure with regard to its contents be followed.

**AMENDMENTS.**

It was moved and duly carried that the following amendment to the Constitution be referred to the Biennial Meeting with the approval of the Executive Board:

In the third paragraph, line (c) of the Article entitled Standing Committees, and in paragraph (c) of the Article entitled Duties of Standing Committees, substitute the name "Religious Schools" for "Sabbath School."

The paragraphs will then read as follows:

Paragraph 3, line (c) in Article entitled Standing Committees:

(c) On Religious Schools.

Paragraph (c) in Article entitled Duties of Standing Committees:

(c) Committee on Religious Schools shall formulate and furnish sisterhoods with the best results on religious-school education, encourage the preservation of ceremonials

connected with Jewish holidays, endeavor to secure a national census of Jewish children in attendance at religious schools, and endeavor to encourage young men and women to devote themselves to religious-school teaching.

It was moved and duly carried that the amendment referring to the creation of a permanent Uniongram Committee, which was approved by the meeting of the Executive Board in July, 1913, be referred to the Biennial Meeting.

It was moved and duly carried that a committee be appointed to take up the question of the expenses of officers, and to report at the afternoon session. The committee appointed consisted of:

Mrs. Israel Cowen, Mrs. Joseph Stolz, Mrs. Joseph Rosenfield.

The President then declared a recess until 2:30 p. m.

**AFTERNOON SESSION.**

Congress Hotel,  
January 18, 2:30 p. m.

Mrs. Abram Simon called the meeting to order, the same members being present as in the morning.

**REPORTS OF NATIONAL COMMITTEES.**

The report of the National Uniongram Committee was then read.

It was moved and duly carried that the report be received and made part of the report of the Executive Board to the Biennial Meeting.

The report of the National Committee on Co-operation was read. It was moved and duly carried that the report be received and made part of the report of the Executive Board to the Biennial Meeting.

The report of the National Committee on Propaganda was read. It was moved and duly carried that the report be received and made part of the report of the Executive Board to the Biennial Meeting.

The report of the National Committee on Religion was read. It was moved and duly carried that the report be referred back to the committee with instructions to embody

the suggestion that the Board of Editors be requested to have textbooks prepared for Adult Study Circles.

With this correction embodied the report was ordered received and made part of the report of the Executive Board to the Biennial Meeting.

The report of the National Committee on Sabbath Schools was read. It was moved and duly carried that the report be received and made part of the report of the Executive Board to the Biennial Meeting.

The report of the National Committee on Union Museum was read. It was moved and duly carried that the report be received and made part of the report of the Executive Board to the Biennial Meeting.

The Committee on Expenses of Officers recommended that the expenses of the President and Executive Secretary in connection with this Convention be paid. It recommends to the incoming Board that in the future the expenses of these two officers be paid.

It was moved and duly carried that this report be adopted.

A bill for \$32.00 was presented by Mrs. Abram Simon for money advanced in making a trip to Pittsburgh to attend the meeting of the International Council of Women's Organizations.

It was moved and duly carried that the bill be paid.

The meeting having learned of the sudden death of Dr. Adolph Guttmacher, of Baltimore, on his way to the meeting, it was moved and duly carried that the following message of condolence be sent to Mrs. Guttmacher:

"The Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods has learned with deep sorrow of your sudden and deplorable loss and wishes to convey to you its heartfelt sympathy.

"May the thought of the great service which Adolph Guttmacher has rendered to the cause of Judaism sustain you in your grief and comfort you."

The Executive Board.

The meeting then adjourned.

Mrs. Abram Simon,  
President.

George Zepin,  
Temp. Rec. Secretary.



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### First Day's Proceedings

Congress Hotel,  
Chicago, January 19, 1915, 10:15 a. m.

The First Biennial Meeting of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods was called to order by the National President, Mrs. Abram Simon.

Rabbi David Marx, of Atlanta, Ga., opened the meeting with prayer.

Mrs. Leo Heller, of Chicago, was elected Recording Secretary of the meeting.

Mrs. Israel Cowen, Chairman of the Ladies' Reception Committee, speaking for the Chicago community, delivered the following address of welcome:

#### ADDRESS OF WELCOME

BY MRS. ISRAEL COWEN

Madam President and Fellow-members:

Sisterhood, like fraternity, implies that divine quality of unity without which human ties are meaningless. The term reaches back into the aeons of long ago, and brings to our consciousness that ideal of solidarity which has made for progress in civilization. By common consent the Jew has consecrated himself to this unity. Its apotheosis finds itself in this National Sisterhood which embraces with one bond the Jewish women of the land.

From all sections of our great republic you have come to this city by the lake, so typical of the recent growth in civic virtue and moral uplift. And our city is but a replica of what the forces in every hamlet are striving to extract from the cauldron of modern agitation. Need I assure you that the women form no inconsiderable part of these forces? Marching along and fighting with the courage born of newly awakened energies, they have induced changes in education, politics and society.

If it be our share simply to be auxiliaries to our so-called stronger sex—in the Armageddon warfare against viciousness and vice and in behalf of virtue and truth, let it not be ours to lag in the fray. And so if this great U. A. H. C. has need of our powers, and if our Judaism calls us to hold up the hands of our fathers, husbands and brothers, let us as one sisterhood march forward in solid phalanx and do our duty as women in Israel. The Temple must be to us the center of our activities, and to uphold its influence and send succor and support to those who need religion's aid should be our sacred aim.

As a National officer it has been my pleasure to observe with what alacrity every city in the land has flocked to this standard. And thus behold this great gathering, the first convention of all our sisterhoods since its birth, bringing together women of leading and light, in an unselfish cause and to uphold an ideal.

Can you then imagine the warmth of the welcome which we would have you feel? Can you gauge the depth of sympathy which, bringing heart and heart together, makes us realize the honor of your coming? We have accomplished much in two years, but in the vista of the future I see arising a greater sisterhood like unto a Deborah leading from darkness into light.

On this broad avenue, with an outlook upon a majestic lake you are about to begin your labors. We would have you liken our welcome to that illimitable space which stretches before you. Our city as represented by us proffers its sincerest hospitality. Our hearts, our homes are open to you, and we salute you in the time-honored phraseology of the fathers,—

"PEACE BE WITH YOU!"

The response for the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods was made by Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg, of Cincinnati, the Vice-President of the Federation, who spoke as follows:

### RESPONSE

BY MRS. J. WALTER FREIBERG

The kind greeting you have just given the sisterhoods shows us how fortunate we were in having Chicago chosen as the meeting place of the first biennial convention of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. This great western metropolis is the home of Jewish women's activities and Jewish women's organizations and an association such as this is sure to strike a sympathetic chord and meet a sisterly welcome.

When the Federation was formed two years ago it was scarcely justified in hoping to immediately enjoy such growth and activity as the reports of the President and other officers will show. We are all here working for a common cause, and that is the preservation of our religion and the cultivation of a true Jewish spirit in all our endeavors. I am sure we will all be greatly benefited by the interchange of ideas and opinions, and

carry home with us new thoughts and greater enthusiasm.

In the name of the N. F. T. S. I thank you and the women of Chicago for your hearty welcome and kind hospitality.

It was moved and duly carried that a Committee on Rules be appointed to pass upon questions regarding the appointing of delegates, alternates, proxies, etc. The President appointed the following Committee: Mesdames H. H. Mayer, David Philipson and Harry Sternberger.

It was moved and duly carried that a Committee on Credentials be appointed. The President appointed the following Committee on Credentials:

Mrs. Joseph Stolz, Chairman.  
Mrs. Max J. Brandenburger,  
Mrs. Victor Frankenstein,  
Mrs. Leo Goldsmith,  
Mrs. Leo Heller,  
Mrs. Henry Gerstley.

The President, Mrs. Abram Simon, then presented her annual message:

## The President's Message

To the first biennial session of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, I bid you a warm welcome, breathing at the same time the prayer that our deliberations, conducted in a large and sympathetic manner, may generate such an enthusiasm as to make each succeeding biennial more joyously anticipated than its predecessor. We meet under the most auspicious circumstances. The enthusiasm of numbers, the consciousness of growth and of work well done, the splendid loyalty of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the fine hospitality of the Jewish community of Chicago frame a picture inviting to the eye and thrilling to the soul. Two years ago in Cincinnati amid the misgivings of some and the enthusiasm of others the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods saw the light of day. There it was that delegates from forty-nine societies of women effected a permanent organization, with a view of putting Jewish womanhood on the road of highest usefulness to the cause of American Israel. It was evident to many that the

time was ripe for federating these dozens of sisterhoods which were isolated and out of touch with one another, and of nationalizing them for the sake of the cause of religion. The mere idea of multiplying National organizations was foreign to their mind. It was evident that the field of congregational activity was not preempted, that there was room for an organization founded exclusively for the culture of the religious spirit and for the strengthening of such institutions as are the natural flowering of the religious sentiment. The time had come for giving the synagog back to the people. Two years are but a fleeting moment in the life of human history, and two years scarcely form a criterion for judging the worth of an institution; yet somehow we feel that the hopes of the founders have not been misplaced or put at too high a pitch. From forty-nine to one hundred and five sisterhoods, from nine thousand to fifteen thousand women! These signs of splendid growth are, at least, surface indications that the sisterhood idea has taken hold.

### THE SISTERHOOD IDEA.

Standing upon the conviction of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, we have built our Federation with the congregation as its central and authoritative unit. We feel that religion is for us the great and persistent fact in our history, the justification of our task and the lense through which we must look out upon the present world. In order that the power of our faith shall not grow less, and that the blood coursing its veins shall not only not become anemic but shall even be constantly fed by a new and fresh supply, we have pledged ourselves by the formation of this Federation. Whatever, then, stimulates this religious feeling in home, in Temple, in religious school falls by its very implication within the scope and obligation of our Federation. We have joyously undertaken this task. Work along religious lines ought to become a popular passion. It is the most grateful, because the most effective instrument of character-building. No one theme ought to profoundly thrill an American Jewess as much as the inspiring opportunities for spiritual culture which Judaism in America offers to her. To interest people in religion as such may be a far more difficult task than to spread before them new lines of culture, education and philanthropy. In other departments you can win people by alluring statistics and by material evidences of progress by which the average man is influenced into believing that he is doing a big work for civilization, but you can not demonstrate so readily the finished or developing projects of the religious spirit. It is possible, even if not desirable to make work in and for the congregation fashionable. If the trend is towards the Parisienne in life, the duty of our Federation becomes all the more necessary because it runs counter to the social currents of the day. Our work puts the highest premium on patience, enthusiasm and determination. We do not believe in going back to the synagogue. Our alliance with the synagogue is a forward movement. **Forward with the synagogue** is now our ruling passion.

Let us be warned betimes; let us not be swerved from our holy mission by a conception of mere bigness. Our ambition is not to be the largest National organization in America, but to be the most inspiringly

Jewish and wide-awake. The bigness of the Sisterhood is not its credential to the world. Remember that the Federation will sign its death-warrant if, hankering after false gods and allured by false lights, it slips away from the ideas enunciated in our Constitution. Our doors swing wide open to welcome all Temple organizations of women who, from the standpoint of Jewish principle, naturally belong to us. We have a warm welcome for such organizations of women who, unable to attach themselves to a synagogue, are, nevertheless, more vitally interested in religion than in any other matter. We are warm in our welcome to so-called conservative congregations to join our ranks; and, while Orthodox Sisterhoods may find some reluctance in active affiliation with us, they need not hesitate to seek our advice and co-operation along lines of religious and congregational uplift. I urge you most strongly not to tamper with the fundamental purpose thus outlined, merely to increase the physical size of the Federation. There is ample room in this country for Jewish women's organizations, and it is to be hoped that each will occupy a distinct field and function within whose sphere of operation it may serve its cause best. Let us grow naturally within the field which we hope to plough assiduously. Let us, with a welcoming hand and magnanimous spirit, be proud of the growth of Jewish organizations of men and women whose work and fidelity win our commendation and co-operation. Let no false pride in our own or stupid envy of others permit us to defeat the very purpose and aims of religion.

### THE UNION.

If in these two years we have been able to hew close to this line of religious and congregational emphasis, it is largely due to the splendid services which we have so generously received from the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. It has truly been a loyal Big Brother to us. From the very moment that the idea of such an organization was broached to Mr. J. Walter Freiberg until this very hour he has shown his keen interest in us and his willingness to serve, and has put at our service the entire weight of his personal influence and the machinery of the Union to help us in realizing our ideas. Not only for its finan-

cial but for its moral assistance we owe the Union a debt of profound gratitude. Words are weak to express our appreciation of the indefatigable services of Rabbi George Zepin, our Executive Secretary. His services and that of his entire office force have been at our beck and call without expense to us, and despite this there has been no diminution of his diligence, his work or his enthusiasm. I trust that this public expression, and the warm appreciation of 15,000 women and the consciousness of the good which he is doing may, in part, compensate him for his services to us.

#### SERVICE AND CO-OPERATION.

Now that the National Organization has grown into such a stately unit, it is in a position to be of usefulness to every constituent member thereof. To be sure, these two years were formative ones. They were needed to create and perfect the necessary machinery. We have been moving slowly, and doubtless such slowness has caused irritation and impatience; but we cared not to jump by leaps and bounds into the errors which have been the pitfall of other societies. Our National organization has not grown at the expense of each sisterhood. The dues have been placed at so low a figure as not to absorb the financial strength of any society. The duty, then, of the Federation is to conserve the life of each individual sisterhood and give it direction, advice and service. Our lines of usefulness connecting each sisterhood are sevenfold, but before I touch on these several links, let me indicate very briefly wherein we have tried to serve a larger cause.

Though our organization is young in years, our aid has been sought by other societies and, wherever we felt justified, we have been proud to render it. We are glad to join forces with Jewish and non-Jewish bodies, but we issue this warning. We are not a collection agency, but we will co-operate cheerfully when it is proper, on terms of equal footing with all organizations, meriting such good will. In November last, I made a personal visit to Pittsburgh, to judge as to the propriety of our affiliating with the National Council of Women of America. I am inclined to believe that membership in this body at some future time is likely to be helpful to us in clarifying problems in

which women as women are deeply interested. On several occasions I have given my moral support to the National Belgium Relief Committee with headquarters in New York. I appointed Mrs. Brandenburger of Brooklyn, to meet with the representatives of other Jewish National Organizations for the purpose of formulating a programme for effective and immediate relief for the Jewish war sufferers. Other matters of similar import with regard to the National Jewish Relief Committee are now under consideration by our Executive Board.

#### OUR STANDING COMMITTEES.

As stated before, the National body utilizes seven standing committees as media of communication with individual sisterhoods. Ever respecting the autonomy of each unit, we ask that each Sisterhood have, at least, these seven committees in its organization to correspond with the seven National Committees, so that responsible women may be in a position to receive communications and suggestions from the National Headquarters. The work of a National Committee is large, and the responsibility is great. The financial expense of such seven-fold committee work has been a great item, and only the generosity of the Union has enabled us to proceed along so smoothly. However, I believe that in addition to what has already been done, a bulletin devoted each month to the work of the National Committees ought to be published. The ways and means of meeting that expense I leave to your good judgment; and thus I recommend the publication of a monthly bulletin mapping out the work of each National Committee.

A matter of kindred interest and also involving an expense merits our attention. We are strong enough to have a Year Book, and the wisdom of such a venture ought not require very much explanation. I recommend, therefore, that the incoming Executive Board publish a Year Book or, if you choose, a Biennial Book containing such messages, reports and conclusions which an editorial committee may deem worthy of preservation.

a. The doubling of the number of Sisterhoods in two years shows that the Committee on Propaganda has had work to do, and has done it to the entire satisfaction of us all. To these fifty-six sisterhoods which have joined since our last meeting I extend a



warm and sisterly welcome. There are still Temple auxiliaries and sisterhoods which ought to join us, and there are rabbis who ought to consider it their first privilege to recommend the affiliation of their sisterhoods with the National body on larger and higher ground than mere self-interest. There are still sisterhoods who ask, "What will we get out of it?" A sisterhood has a right to ask for returns, nor is it an unworthy motive, I am sure, that our Propaganda Committee can give every inquiring sisterhood sufficient reason for affiliation, and an ample statement of what each society may get from the Federation. But do you not think that the Federation with equal justice has a right to ask of all societies of women, "What have you to give, and can you give better and more wisely if associated with other sisters in other communities, and can you not give something more than mere dues, and can you not give advice and enthusiasm to other sisterhoods, and can you not also be lifted up out of your isolated segment into a larger sphere of national service where the problems of our religion are being nobly discussed and which makes possible the religious life of the congregation of which your sisterhood is an auxiliary?" This Propaganda Committee, and all other National committees ought to have enough printed matter on hand to save themselves the drudgery and the loss of efficiency by duplication of the same reports and communications.

b. The Committee on Co-operation, as its name implies, seeks methods of co-operation with and within existing Sisterhoods. It is increasing its fund of helpful material, and has now at its disposal programs of study, plans for raising money and numerous forms of service to the congregation. The following suggestions in this connection are pertinent. It is a difficult matter to arrange monthly programs which will have the merit of attractiveness and interest. Inasmuch, however, as the Federation is distinctly a religious one, the programs should endeavor to be Jewish, and we ought to charge ourselves with the task of weeding out of Sisterhood programs such themes which, however alluring and up-to-date, are nevertheless irrelevant to Jewish interests and activities. Common sense must indicate in how far purely cultural subjects or questions of civic and social interest come

within the purview of the cultural demands of the modern Jewish woman. I appreciate the difficulty which smaller communities experience in arranging programs of a Jewish character. For this reason I refer to the question of a Lyceum Lecture Bureau which will have at its call such of our men and women who can be directed by the National Committee on Co-operation to visit such communities as may be in the most urgent need of their services. The Central Conference of American Rabbis had such a Bureau, and a method might be devised for its resurrection so as to meet the mutual interests of all. I recommend that the incoming Executive Committee consider seriously ways and means for the creation of a Sisterhood Lyceum Lecture Bureau.

The Committee on Co-operation has been encouraging the sisterhoods in large cities to have joint meetings, and I can readily see how the sisterhoods in any one State can have enjoyable annual sessions for the fostering of the plans and work of religion.

c. The Committees on Religion and Religious Schools have a very difficult task. I know how earnestly they have striven to stimulate interest in their various departments. To deepen the Jewish consciousness in women and in children is no child's play. It calls for all of one's resources and ingenuity to keep one's enthusiasm at concert pitch. I am very glad to learn of the various methods which the sisterhoods have utilized in awakening interest in religion and in religious education. Some have been educating the parents and children in the proper observance of the Seder so that eventually this observance may be transferred to the home. Others have been fostering the religious spirit by distributing candlesticks for the hallowing of the Sabbath evening, and others by giving candelabra for the Feast of Dedication. Some have been devising new methods of increasing Sabbath attendance, and some have been successful in winning the attendance and enthusiasm of the Jewish University students. Some have organized additional religious schools in the congested districts, and some have formed choral societies for congregational singing. Some have been working faithfully to wipe out the abuses of confirmation, and others have given the schools better facilities for education. Some have started private classes in religion and history and others have instituted kin-

dergarten classes in the religious schools. Some have maintained lecture courses, and others have conducted mothers' conferences, and all these fine plans merit our commendation and encouragement.

I would recommend to these two Committees that they encourage each sisterhood to have a Jewish mailing list, so that to the Jewish men and women not affiliated with their Temple and religiously homeless, proper notices of the location of the Temple, the time of services, the hours of religious school, the names of Jewish societies may be sent, and a warm welcome be extended to identify themselves with these varied religious activities. I believe, too, that notices in the hotels would be of some service in this respect. We ought not to lose any opportunity in bringing to the attention of all the people the varied religious advantages which each community has to offer. In this connection another matter may be considered. The Synagog and School Extension Department has been laboring hard to foster the religious spirit at summer resorts. There is no reason why religion should have a vacation. A vacation for religion means a sloughing away of the spirit and the virility of religion. Religion needs systematic expression and cultivation. I most urgently impress upon the National Committees and upon all women of our sisterhoods that they consider the question of holding divine services at summer resorts or wherever a few of our people may be gathered, as worthy of their most serious consideration and practice. In a very practical and real sense, the success and religious beauty of services at these resorts are in the hands of our women.

The Jewish Art Calendar is a part of the work of the Committee on Religion. Two calendars have thus far been given to the public. The subjects and the artistry thereof have been of a very high order. I ask for the encouragement of our women in the furtherance of this splendid work, not only by securing these calendars for your own homes, but also by seeking a wider range for them in other homes. The project of the art calendar needs constant and careful nursing, and it is my belief that by patiently maintaining a high standard we will create eventually a national market for the same.

d. The Committee on Hebrew Union Scholarships has a fine report to present. The

name of Isaac M. Wise has been an inspiration to us. We are proud, indeed, that in his name and in the cause of Jewish education to which he gave his life we have been enabled to secure contributions to the Hebrew Union College. Scholarships were provided by the following: Adath Israel Sisterhood, Louisville; Temple Women's Association, Cleveland; Euclid Avenue Temple Sisterhood, Cleveland, Sisterhood of Rodef Shalom Congregation, Pittsburgh, and Sisterhood of the Washington Hebrew Congregation, Washington, D. C. In addition to these, twenty-three sisterhoods interested in District Scholarships have secured annual contributions to the extent of \$1,011.11 for the completion of the ten additional scholarships. I hope that this splendid work will be continued, and that it will not be long before each state will be represented in this cause of rabbinical education.

e. The function of the Committee on Union Museum rises into large significance in view of what has thus been said. Ceremonial objects of our religion and history are a heritage. They have their educational functions, and they serve to deepen and to sweeten the springs of Jewish sentiment. Two Sisterhoods have held local exhibitions of their own ceremonial collections. Other schools are collecting these ceremonial objects and have found them most helpful in giving the pupils a first-hand acquaintance with some ceremonials which we no longer use, and with others whose introduction in our homes would feed the roots of domestic and spiritual life. The Union Museum for Jewish Ceremonial Art has been founded, and its collection at the Hebrew Union College is growing into stately proportions and value. I voice the request of this special committee to make such contributions of ceremonial objects as you care to donate, and to apprise them of any special collections which you may know are for sale.

f. The Committee on Uniongram operates a telegram substitute for the benefit of the Federation. This is an experiment: the Uniongram is destined to become a permanent and a pleasurable institution in our midst. It has the advantage of being used only for occasions of joy. It has the advantage of giving ample time to the sender thereof, and it has the third advantage of helping to increase the funds of the National Federation.

I can not tell you how deeply I appreciate the services of these committees, the loyal helpfulness of the Executive Board and the enthusiasm of the various sisterhoods. Many letters and communications have come to me of the renewed interest generated in the communities through our Federation. Let me congratulate the women of our committees everywhere. To all of you, to the press, to the local sisterhoods, to the congregations and to the Jewish community of Chicago, I wish to express my profound gratitude for your noble co-operation and your lavish hospitality. I have enjoyed the gracious good-will of so many women, and I have been encouraged in the two years' work by their smile of generous appreciation. Upon the large work still before us and upon the larger tasks still awaiting us, I invoke the blessing of our Heavenly Father, and I pray that He may establish the work of our hands and the earnestness of our hearts.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEES.**

The President announced the appointment of the following committees:

**Committee on Resolutions**

- Mrs. Edward L. Heinsheimer, Chairman.
- Mrs. Leon Goodman,
- Mrs. Martin Barbe,

- Mrs. E. L. Goulston, Sr.,
- Mrs. J. Leonard Levy,
- Mrs. Adolph I. Newman.

**Committee on Thanks**

- Mrs. Bernard Selligman, Chairman.
- Mrs. Henry Berkowitz,
- Mrs. E. M. Cahn,
- Mrs. Moses J. Gries,
- Mrs. H. W. Ascher,
- Mrs. B. Abraham,
- Mrs. David Lefkowitz,
- Mrs. Chas. Aarons,
- Mrs. Leo M. Franklin,
- Mrs. A. M. Hast.

**Committee on Nominations**

- Mrs. Ben Loewenstein, Chairman.
- Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg,
- Mrs. Julius Rosenwald,
- Mrs. C. Joseph,
- Mrs. A. L. Fishel.

**Committee on President's Message**

- Mrs. Israel Cowen, Chairman.
- Mrs. E. W. Nathan,
- Mrs. Max J. Brandenburger,
- Mrs. Joseph Rosenfeld,
- Mrs. Henry Gerstley.

The President then declared a recess until four o'clock in the afternoon.

**Afternoon Session**

Congress Hotel,  
4:00 p. m.

The meeting reconvened with Mrs. Abram Simon in the chair.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

It was moved and duly carried that the following message of condolence be sent by the Convention to Mrs. A. Guttmacher, of Baltimore, Md.:

Mrs. Adolph Guttmacher, 2239 Brookfield Ave., Baltimore, Md.

The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods in Convention assembled, deploras the great loss which you and all Israel have suffered in the sudden passing away of your husband.

Our sympathy, and that of all who knew his worth and beneficent influence, are yours

in this hour of your bereavement. His voice will be missed in the councils of American Judaism. May God comfort you and send you speedy consolation.  
(Signed) Mrs. Abram Simon, President.

The Committee on Rules made the following report:

**COMMITTEE ON RULES.**

The Committee on Rules begs leave to present the following rules for the government of the deliberations of this body:

- I. That neither alternates nor proxies have privileges of delegates at this Convention.
- II. That the voting members shall consist of the delegates and the members of the Executive Board.

III. That all other business shall be conducted according to the Constitution of the Union.

It was moved and duly carried that the

report of the Committee on Rules be adopted.

The Committee on Credentials then presented the following report:

### Report of the Committee on Credentials

The Committee on Credentials begs leave to report that the following named persons are duly accredited delegates, empowered by

their respective societies and by the laws of this organization to take part in the first Biennial Meeting of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Akron, O.	Temple Society of the Akron Hebrew Congregation	
Alexandria, Va.	Beth El Sisterhood	
Alexandria, La.	Temple Guild	
Altoona, Pa.	Ladies' Temple Society	
Anniston, Ala.	Ladies' Hebrew Benevolent Society	
Atlanta, Ga.	Temple Sisterhood	
Atlantic City, N. J.	Beth Israel Sisterhood	
Baltimore, Md.	Baltimore Hebrew Congregation Sisterhood	Mrs. Adolph Gutmacher
	Eutaw Place Temple Sisterhood	Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld
	Ladies' Auxiliary of Har Sinai Temple	
Baton Rouge, La.	B'nai Israel Sisterhood	
Bellaire, O.	Ladies' Hebrew Relief Society	
Bloomington, Ill.	Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society	
Boston, Mass.	Sisterhood of Temple Ohabei Shalom	Mrs. Albert Schwarzman
	Temple Israel Sisterhood	Mrs. Jacob Ackerman, Mrs. Bessie L. Abraham, Mrs. Anne Becker, Mrs. Abram L. Fishel, Mrs. L. S. Goulston
Brooklyn, N. Y.	The Woman's Auxiliary of Temple Beth Elohim	Mrs. M. J. Brandenburger, Mrs. A. Lyons
	Sisterhood of Temple Beth Elohim	
Buffalo, N. Y.	Ladies' Temple Society	Mrs. Israel Aaron, Mrs. Milton Shroder, Mrs. Edgar Hayman
Champaign and Urbana, Ill.	The Ladies' Social Circle	Mrs. Sam Weingarten
Chicago, Ill.	Ladies' Society of B'nai Sholom Temple Israel	Mrs. Herman Baer, Mrs. Isaac Baer, Mrs. Chas. Cohn, Mrs. Isaac H. Cohn, Mrs. Isidore Cohn, Mrs. Louis Frank, Mrs. Joseph Kahn, Mrs. Gerson B. Levi, Mrs. Chas. I. Loeb, Mrs. Morris Mayer, Mrs. Milton Morris, Mrs. Max Olf, Mrs. Ignatz J. Reis, Mrs. Simon Richter, Mrs. Samuel Schweitzer, Mrs. Louis Livingston
	Isaiah Woman's Club	Mrs. Fred Ascher, Mrs. Henry F. Brown, Mrs. M. J. Davidson, Mrs. Benjamin Davis,

Chicago, Ill.

Isaiah Woman's Club, *Continued*

Mrs. M. A. Eiseman, Mrs. B. Faroll, Mrs. Bertha Flersheim, Mrs. Rudolph Frankenstein, Mrs. Victor Frankenstein, Mrs. Leo Goldsmith, Mrs. Samuel H. Harris, Mrs. Nathan Herzog, Mrs. S. Hofman, Mrs. M. J. Isaacs, Mrs. Henry A. Klein, Mrs. Leo Koretz, Mrs. Lee J. Lesser, Mrs. Joel Miller, Mrs. Louis Nachman, Mrs. David Pfaelzer, Mrs. A. W. Purvin, Mrs. Philip Stein, Mrs. Joseph Stolz, Mrs. M. M. Strauss, Mrs. Abraham Weil, Mrs. Jos. M. Wile

K. A. M. Auxiliary

Mrs. Louis Benjamin, Mrs. Isaac Block, Mrs. Israel Cowen, Mrs. Max Falk, Mrs. Wm. B. Frolichstein, Mrs. Henry Gerstley, Mrs. Leo Heller, Mrs. Meyer Moss, Mrs. David M. Pfaelzer, Mrs. Edwin Romberg, Mrs. T. Schanfarber, Mrs. Jacob Schnadig, Mrs. Jacob N. Strauss, Mrs. Max Weinberg

Chicago Sinai Temple Sisterhood

Mrs. Martin Barbe, Mrs. A. G. Becker, Mrs. Joseph K. Arnold, Mrs. Gustav Freund, Mrs. M. E. Greenebaum, Mrs. Selig Greenbaum, Mrs. Eugene Heller, Mrs. Emil G. Hirsch, Mrs. Carl Joseph, Mrs. Johanna Loeb, Mrs. Julius Lowenthal, Mrs. M. L. Purvin, Mrs. David Rosenheim, Mrs. Julius Rosenwald, Mrs. E. J. Stransky, Mrs. Conrad Witkowsky, Mrs. James Witkowsky

Emanuel Society

Mrs. Rose Espen, Mrs. Hugo King, Mrs. Aaron Levy, Mrs. F. A. Levy, Mrs. M. Solomon, Mrs. J. Steiner

Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple Shalom

Mrs. L. Ascher, Miss L. Berlitzheimer, Mrs. D. Birkenstein, Mrs. A. Burger, Mrs. B. M. Engelhard, Mrs. J. M. Finn, Miss H. Frankenstein, Mrs. M. Karger, Mrs. S. Lande, Mrs. M. B. Loebman, Mrs. H. Pollack, Miss H. Schott, Mrs. B. Sterne, Mrs. C. Waldbot, Mrs. S. J. Weil, Mrs. J. Wolf

Temple Judea Woman's Club

Mrs. S. Metcoff, Mrs. H. A. Pearlman

Cincinnati, O.	Plum Street Temple Sisterhood	Mrs. Jacob Frank, Mrs. A. W. Goldsmith, Mrs. Edward Heinsheimer, Mrs. Kaufmann Kohler, Mrs. Ben Loewenstein, Mrs. Alfred Mack, Miss Belle Reinauer, Mrs. Herbert Oettinger, Mrs. Ben Rice, Mrs. Geo. Zepin, Mrs. Leo Wise, Mrs. Alvin Lauer, Mrs. Emil Mayer
	Sisterhood of Bene Israel Congregation	Mrs. N. Henry Beckman, Mrs. Alfred M. Cohen, Miss Ruth Cohen, Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg, Mrs. Daniel S. Heyn, Mrs. Fred Johnson, Mrs. Louis Lange, Mrs. David Philipson, Mrs. A. Rosenberg, Mrs. Morris Straus, Mrs. Henry Moses, Mrs. Simon Lehman
	Sisterhood Society of Reading Road Temple	Mrs. G. Deutsch, Miss Alma Hilb, Miss Dora Mielziner, Mrs. Harry Sternberger
Columbus, Ga. Columbus, O.	Jewish Ladies' Aid Society Ladies' Auxiliary of B'nai Israel Temple	Mrs. I. Cramer, Mrs. Joseph Kornfeld, Miss Celia Kahn, Mrs. Sol Levy, Mrs. Fred Lazarus, Mrs. Clara G. Lowenstein
Cleveland, O.	Euclid Avenue Temple Sisterhood	Miss Gertrude Bondy, Miss Helen Buchman, Mrs. Chas. Brown, Mrs. Adolph S. Newman, Mrs. Sol Moses, Miss Hilda Muhlhauser
	The Temple Women's Association	Mrs. Joseph Aub, Mrs. H. Auerbach, Mrs. Lee August, Mrs. Sol Bing, Mrs. A. Born, Mrs. Joe Buchman, Mrs. Herman David, Mrs. Ben Einstein, Mrs. L. Einstein, Mrs. Milton Einstein, Mrs. Chas. Eiseman, Mrs. Marcus Feder, Mrs. Herman Fellingner, Mrs. Julius Fryer, Miss Edna Goldsmith, Mrs. A. M. Graver, Mrs. Moses J. Gries, Mrs. L. Hexter, Mrs. Sigmund Joseph, Mrs. I. Koch, Mrs. Max Koch, Mrs. Sieg Lederer, Mrs. A. Lowenthal, Mrs. N. Liebshutz, Mrs. B. Loeser, Mrs. Ben Lowenstein, Mrs. B. Mahler, Miss G. Marks, Mrs. Martin A. Marks, Mrs. J. Mendelson, Mrs. H. Morris, Mrs. Marx Myers, Mrs. Eli

Cleveland, O.	The Temple Women's Association, <i>Continued</i>	Newberger, Mrs. Ben Rich, Mrs. Nathan Rosewater, Mrs. Henry Roth, Miss Hattie Schaffner, Miss Ida Schott, Mrs. E. A. Schwartzberg, Mrs. Monroe Ullman, Miss Edith Weil, Mrs. N. Weisen- berg, Mrs. Jacob Weiskopf, Mrs. L. M. Wolf
Davenport, Ia.	Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel	Mrs. Harry Block, Mrs. Hugo Simon
Dayton, O.	Ladies' Temple Auxiliary of K. K. B. Y.	Mrs. Ferdinand J. Ach, Mrs. Moses Cohen, Mrs. Stanley M. Krohn, Mrs. David Lefkowitz, Mrs. Harry Lehman, Mrs. A. W. Schulman, Mrs. Joseph Schwab
Denver, Colo.	Emanuel Sisterhood	Mrs. S. Pisko
Des Moines, Ia.	United Benevolent Society of Tem- ple B'nai Jeshurun	
Detroit, Mich.	Woman's Auxiliary Ass'n of Temple Beth El	
Duluth, Minn.	Temple Aid Society	Mrs. I. Freimuth Mrs. M. Lefkowitz
Easton, Pa.	Ladies' Hebrew Benevolent Society	
Erie, Pa.	Hebrew Ladies' Auxiliary	
Evansville, Ind.	Temple Sisterhood	Miss Florence Brentano
Far Rockaway, N. Y.	Sisterhood of Temple Israel	
Ft. Wayne, Ind.	Achduth Veshalom Sisterhood	Miss Minette Baum, Mrs. Meyer Lovitch
Ft. Worth, Tex.	The Temple Auxiliary	Mrs. Geo. Fox
Gary, Ind.	Women's Auxiliary of Temple Is- rael	Mrs. H. Alschuler, Mrs. J. Steiner
Goldsboro, N. C.	Ladies' Aid Society	
Grand Rapids, Mich.	Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple Emanuel	Miss Grace A. Treusch
Hammond, Ind.	Jewish Ladies' Aid Society	
Harrisburg, Pa.	Ohev Sholom Sisterhood	
Hartford, Conn.	Women's Auxiliary of C. B. I.	
Huntington, W. Va.	Ladies' Hebrew Benevolent Society	
Jacksonville, Fla.	The Jewish Women's League	
Kansas City, Mo.	Temple Sisterhood	Mrs. Lee Lyon, Mrs. H. H. Mayer, Mrs. Ed Block
Lancaster, Pa.	Ladies' Temple Auxiliary	
Lincoln, Neb.	Jewish Ladies' Aid Society	
Los Angeles, Cal.	Sisterhood of Temple B'nai B'rith	
Louisville, Ky.	Adath Israel Sisterhood	Mrs. Louis Byck, Mrs. Leon Goodman, Mrs. Sidney J. Mey- ers, Mrs. Chas. New, Mrs. Isi- dore Rosenbaum, Mrs. Sylve Rothchild, Mrs. Bernard Sel- ligman, Mrs. Wm. Trost, Mrs. Alfred Selligman, Mrs. Isaac Trost, Mrs. Jacob Zellner, Mrs. Mose Grabfelder
	Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple B'rith Sholom	

McKeesport, Pa. Macon, Ga. Memphis, Tenn.	Sisterhood of Temple B'nai Israel Beth Israel Temple Guild Ladies' Temple Auxiliary	Mrs. Sol Coleman, Mrs. Wm. Fineshriber, Mrs. Joseph Rosenfeld
Meridian, Miss. Milwaukee, Wis.	Ladies' Temple Guild and Sisterhood Bene Jeshurun Sisterhood	Miss Selma Blade, Mrs. Arthur Fischel, Mrs. S. W. Gottschalk, Mrs. Herman Jung, Mrs. S. W. Gottschalk, Mrs. Sol Karger, Mrs. Chas. Mahler, Mrs. Ed Mahler, Mrs. F. C. Mock, Mrs. Sol. Nathan, Miss Jessie Polachek, Mrs. Sig Ruscha, Mrs. Henry Veit, Mrs. Fred Weil
	Emanu-El Society	Mrs. Charles L. Aarons, Mrs. H. M. Benjamin, Mrs. John E. De Wolf, Mrs. Rose R. Friend, Mrs. Harry Glicksman, Mrs. Nathan Glicksman, Mrs. Hugo Teweles
Monroe, La. Mt. Vernon, Ind. Nashville, Tenn. Natchez, Miss. New Haven, Conn.	Jewish Ladies' Temple Aid Society Ladies' Temple Society Vine Street Temple Sisterhood Natchez Temple Sisterhood Mishkan Israel Temple Sisterhood	Mrs. Max Adler, Mrs. Harry W. Asher, Mrs. Isaac M. Ullman
New Iberia, La. New Orleans, La.	Ladies' Aid Temple Society Ladies' Guild of Temple Sinai Woman's League of Touro Synagog	Mrs. Edgar M. Cahn
New York, N. Y.	Ladies' Auxiliary of Congregation A. C. S. H. Sinai Sisterhood of the Bronx Sisterhood of Oheb Shalom	
Norfolk, Va. Oklahoma City, Okla. Paducah, Ky. Peoria, Ill.	Jewish Ladies' Aid Sisterhood of Temple Israel Sisterhood of Anshai Emeth Congregation	Mrs. S. G. Bottigheimer, Mrs. Huldah Frazier, Mrs. A. Lohman, Mrs. S. Levinson, Mrs. S. Horwitz, Mrs. M. Rosenau, Mrs. M. Woolner, Mrs. E. S. Woolner
Philadelphia, Pa.	Sisterhood of Keneseth Israel  Sisterhood of Rodef Shalom Congregation	Mrs. Ferd Dilsheimer, Mrs. Max Greenbaum, Mrs. R. Goldsmith  Mrs. Henry Berkowitz
Pine Bluff, Ark. Piqua, O. Pittsburgh, Pa.	Ladies' Temple Society The Jewish Ladies' Aid Society Sisterhood of Rodef Shalom Congregation	Mrs. Marcus Aaron, Mrs. L. J. Affelder, Mrs. Julius Baer,



Pittsburgh, Pa.	Sisterhood of Rodef Shalom Cong , <i>Continued</i>	Mrs. Josiah Cohen, Mrs. Barney Dreyfus, Mrs. I. W. Frank, Mrs. Isaac Guckinheimer, Miss Hattie Hamburger, Mrs. A. M. Hast, Mrs. M. M. Kann, Mrs. Theodore Kaufman, Mrs. J. Leonard Levy, Mrs. Robert Lewin, Mrs. Marcus Rauh, Mrs. K. Solomon, Mrs. N. Spear, Mrs. A. J. Sunstein, Mrs. A. Leo Weil, Mrs. Jacques Weil
Providence, R. I.	Ladies' Auxiliary Society	Mrs. Harry Cutler, Mrs. Louis Lyons, Mrs. Ceasar Misch
Reading, Pa.	Temple Sisterhood	
Sacramento, Cal.	Women's Auxiliary Society of B'nai Israel	
Saginaw, Mich.	Beth El Sisterhood	
St. Joseph, Mo.	Adath Joseph Sisterhood	Mrs. Birdie Binswanger
St. Louis, Mo.	Shaare Emeth Ladies' Society	
	Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple Israel	Mrs. Maurice Steinfeld
Savannah, Ga.	Temple Guild of Mickve Israel	
Scranton, Pa.	Sisterhood of the Madison Avenue Temple	
Seattle, Wash.	Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple de Hirsch	
Sioux City, Ia.	Jewish Ladies' Aid Society	
Springfield, Mo.	Ladies' Auxiliary	
Springfield, O.	Ladies' Auxiliary of Oheb Zedakah Congregation	Mrs. Samuel Altschul
Statesville, N. C.	Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society	
Toledo, O.	Ladies' Auxiliary Society	
Vicksburg, Miss.	The Ladies' Auxiliary of Congregation Anshe Chesed	Mrs. Abe Baer
Washington, D. C.	Sisterhood of the Washington Hebrew Congregation	Mrs. Eva Hexter, Mrs. Alfred Selinger
Wheeling, W. Va.	Ladies' Hebrew Benevolent Society	
Youngstown, O.	Sisterhood of Rodef Shalom Temple	Mrs. L. H. Cahn, Mrs. Harry Guggenheim, Mrs. S. E. Philo, Mrs. Samuel Weil
Zanesville, O.	Jewish Women's Benevolent and Aid Society	Mrs. Sarah Cohn

It was moved and duly carried that the report of the Committee on Credentials be adopted.

A resolution submitted by the Sisterhood of Congregation Rodef Shalom, of Phila-

delphia, Pa., regarding inter-congregational membership, was referred to the Committee on Resolutions without debate.

The Executive Secretary, Rabbi George Zepin, then presented the following report:

## Report of Executive Secretary

To the Members of the Executive Board of the N. F. T. S.:

Ladies:—Your Executive Secretary begs leave to submit the following report:

### 1. NUMERICAL STATUS OF N. F. T. S.

At the present time we have 105 Sisterhoods on our membership list. This represents an increase of 56 Sisterhoods, or 114

per cent., since the inception of the organization. The individual membership totals 15,300.

The list of sisterhoods belonging to the N. F. T. S. is appended to this report.

### 2. FINANCIAL REPORT.

Statement of receipts and disbursements from organization to Dec. 31, 1914.

#### Receipts.

From Dues .....	\$2,487.99	
“ Sale of Calendars.....	930.83	
“ Sale of Uniongrams.....	60.80	
“ Scholarships .....	1,511.11	
“ Donations .....	1.00	
“ Miscellaneous .....	5.00	\$4,996.73
“ Interest in Kenwood Trust & Savings Bank (Bank Statement) .....		41.67
		<u>\$5,038.40</u>
Less Exchange (Bank Statement).....		13.95
		<u>\$5,024.45</u>

#### Disbursements.

Calendars .....	\$ 954.32	
Uniongrams .....	202.46	
Scholarships .....	250.00	
Propaganda Committee .....	7.30	
Postage and Stationery.....	179.82	\$1,593.90
		<u>\$3,430.55</u>
December 31, 1914, on hand (in Bank).....		

### 3. TRAVELING ACTIVITIES.

Your Executive Secretary has delivered addresses before ten sisterhoods: in New York City, Boston, Baltimore, Chicago, Louisville and Cincinnati.

### 4. OFFICE ACTIVITIES.

The Executive Office carries out the plans of the various National Committees. All the reports submitted by these several committees indicate not only activity on the part of the committees, but great activity on the part of the office.

The following is a brief summary of the work performed by the Executive Office on behalf of the National Committees:

#### (a) Committee on Religion.

The designing, printing, advertising and marketing of the Art Calendars was the largest individual undertaking of the office

for this committee. This is treated in greater detail in the report of the Committee on Religion.

#### (b) Committee on National Museum.

A catalogue of the various articles in the Union Museum housed at the Hebrew Union College, describing the objects and giving the names of the donors and exhibitors, was printed and distributed.

Six notices dealing with the Museum which appeared in the Union Bulletin and two items in the Jewish press, were prepared in the office.

#### (c) Committee on Religious Schools.

A questionnaire was sent out to ascertain the activities of the sisterhoods in connection with religious schools. The statistics gathered form the basis for the Committee's report.

(d) Committee on Scholarships.

A large number of letters were sent to the sisterhoods urging the establishing of scholarships and suggesting methods for raising money for that purpose. A general request to observe Isaac M. Wise Memorial Day was also circulated among the sisterhoods.

(e) Committee on Co-operation.

Besides several communications sent from the office to the chairmen of all the local committees on co-operation, an exchange bureau was maintained for the purpose of acquainting the sisterhoods with the plans and activities of the individual organizations. 149 reports were received from the sisterhoods recounting their successful activities.

In the form of a communication entitled "What the Sisterhoods Are Doing" this information was sent to all local committees on Co-operation. Similar communications were printed in the Union Bulletin.

The News Bureau in the Executive Office transmitted a weekly letter to the Jewish press dealing with sisterhood news.

Communications urging the sisterhoods to assist the rabbis in Students' Welfare Work were also distributed from the office.

(f) Committee on Propaganda.

The report of this Committee indicates the activity in the Executive Office: 165 women's organizations affiliated with congregations were circularized a number of times; 662 letters were sent and as a result 56 societies joined our ranks.

The visits made to sisterhoods by your Executive Secretary have been mentioned earlier in this report.

(g) Committee on Uniongram.

Twenty thousand application blanks were printed and distributed to the sisterhoods. The advertising campaign was carried on in the Union Bulletin and through the distribution of 14,000 birthday books; 425 letters were sent to the sisterhoods, urging them to popularize the use of the Uniongram.

5. ART CALENDAR.

The report of the Committee on Religion describes in detail the two calendars issued and their successful sale.

6. PUBLICITY ACTIVITY.

During the year about 5,000 items were sent to the Jewish press, an average of four items weekly, excluding the summer months, to thirty Jewish papers.

In every issue of the Union Bulletin much space was devoted to sisterhood activities.

Respectfully submitted,  
George Zepin,  
Executive Secretary.

It was moved and duly carried that the report of the Executive Secretary be received and made part of the minutes of the meeting.

The Treasurer of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, Mrs. Israel Cowen, then presented the following report:

**Treasurer's Report**

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies:—I beg leave to submit the following as my report for the two years ending December 31, 1914.

Received from George Zepin, Exec. Secy.....	\$4,996.73	
Interest (Kenwood Trust & Savings Bank).....	41.67	\$5,038.40
Less Exchange (Kenwood Trust & Savings Bank) .....		13.95
Total Credits .....		\$5,024.45
Paid Vouchers, amounting to.....		1,593.90
Balance (Kenwood Trust & Savings Bank).....		\$3,430.55

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Israel Cowen, Treasurer.

It was moved and duly carried that the report of the Treasurer be received and made part of the minutes of the meeting.

A letter was read from the Washington Sisterhood announcing the contribution of a three hundred dollar scholarship.

It was moved and duly carried that the letter be referred to the Committee on Scholarships.

Upon motion duly carried the proposal for an amendment to the Constitution abolishing the office of permanent Recording Secretary and substituting therefor a temporary Recording Secretary for each Biennial was referred to the Executive Board for approval.

The National Committee on Religion then presented the following report:

### Report of National Committee on Religion

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

**Ladies:**—It is presumed that the National Committee on Religion is to devote itself to the task of devising plans in which the sisterhoods can engage for the general purpose of deepening the Jewish religious consciousness. This general aim our committee shares with every other committee of this organization, because we believe it is one of the aims of the N. F. T. S. set forth in its Constitution.

Very many of the sisterhoods comprising this Federation have been in existence longer than the Federation. They have been at work along some of the lines of endeavor which we have advocated. It is therefore not intended to leave the impression that all the achievements mentioned in this paper are regarded by us as the direct result of our efforts. Much that is related here consists of what the various sisterhoods report as their own local activities—in some instances the direct result of our inspiration, in other instances independent of our direction.

#### WHAT THE SISTERHOODS ARE DOING.

Our work is virtually divided into three classes: Some of the work is of a nature altogether connected with the synagogue and its worship; another kind of occupation deals with adult educational work; and a third kind with the effort to introduce religious observances into the home.

Activities connected with the synagogue easily constitute the chief concern of almost all sisterhoods. Out of 100 organizations, 85 report such activities. Fourteen sisterhoods have assisted in synagogue building projects in the last two years. Twelve have

successfully devoted themselves to the task of increasing the synagogue attendance. Twenty-five have engaged in projects aiming to improve and beautify their temples. Twenty-seven devote themselves to supplying altar decorations and flowers on Sabbaths and Holidays. Seven have made their special mission the care or upkeep of the cemetery.

In the realm of adult education work, eleven sisterhoods report the organization of study circles, where various subjects pertaining to Jewish history and literature are studied. Six sisterhoods maintain lecture courses.

A small number, nine sisterhoods, report active propaganda for a more widespread home observance of the Jewish holidays. One of the special projects of the National Committee on Religion serving the purpose of Judaizing the homes is the publication of an annual Jewish Art Calendar. Fifty-seven sisterhoods joined in the enterprise of disposing of these calendars among the members the first year, and forty-four sisterhoods did the same the second year. However, the forty-four disposed of 1,000 more calendars the second year than the fifty-seven did the first year.

#### JEWISH ART CALENDAR.

Probably our most successful single project has been the publication of two Art Calendars, one for Rosh Hashannah 5674 and the other for Rosh Hashannah 5675. We printed 5,000 copies of each calendar and disposed of about 3,500 the first year and 4,700 the second year.

The first year's calendar consisted of six sheets of heavy paper, each bearing a copy of some famous picture and each in a border

especially drawn for this calendar. Both picture and border illustrated one of the holidays that occurred in the months designated on the plaque. The first page bore a reproduction of Gottlieb's famous interior synagog scene and a border combining the symbols of the Fall Holidays. The second plaque, illustrative of Chanukkah, used Ciseri's picture of "The Maccabees" as the center picture with an appropriate border. The third plaque bore a reproduction of the tapestry of Troyes, called "The Crowning of Esther" and a border in which the scroll of Esther played a prominent part. The fourth illustrated the festival of Passover. Miss Cohen's bas relief entitled "The Child and the Seder" forms the principal picture, with appropriate minor pictures. The fifth picture is Michael Angelo's "Moses and the Tablets," illustrative of Shabuoth, and a smaller corner piece of Mt. Sinai and the hosts of Israel. The last was Bendemann's "Jeremiah on the Ruins of Jerusalem" to suggest Tisha be'Ab, the anniversary of the Destruction of Jerusalem.

The second year's calendar was called the "Women of Israel Calendar." The pages were somewhat smaller in size but eight in number. Six famous Bible characters, Rebekah, Miriam, Deborah, Ruth, Hannah and Esther were chosen to constitute the principal illustrations, with appropriate border sketches.

Both calendars have awakened a great deal of favorable comment and have served as an artistic reminder of things Jewish. The National Committee on Religion recommends that the practice of issuing such calendars be continued from year to year.

#### HOME OBSERVANCE OF HOLIDAYS.

The committee is also of the opinion that the home observance of the holidays would be much furthered if the Executive Office would issue a general communication preceding each holiday explaining the meaning of the holiday and setting forth the ways in which the sisterhood as a body or the individual members might observe the day.

The committee wishes to place special emphasis on two holidays: First, Shabuoth and the confirmation of our boys and girls. Let us endeavor to have the children understand and appreciate the value of this instruction and service, and let us insist on simplicity in everything pertaining to the day.

Second, the committee recommends the celebration of the Feast of Lights in the home. Our children need to know the heroic stories and to be made to feel a sense of pride in the Maccabean victories, in order that we may in a measure counteract the Christmas atmosphere that they must encounter on the outside.

#### STUDY CIRCLES.

Only eleven sisterhoods report educational activities. It is quite possible that the dearth of activity in this direction is due to the absence of proper textbooks. Probably a great many sisterhoods that are unable to avail themselves of the services of a professional leader, such as the rabbi, might be prevailed upon to organize educational classes if books were available for the purpose. The National Committee on Religion therefore advises that the Executive Officers be empowered to enter into negotiations with the Board of Editors of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and the Department of Synagog and School Extension for the purpose of having suitable text books written and published.

#### LECTURE BUREAU.

Six sisterhoods maintain lecture courses in which professional speakers are invited to participate. This work is beset with many difficulties. Our attention has been called to the need for establishing a lecture bureau for the supply of such platforms as these. It seems to us that the Executive Office of the N. F. T. S. could, without much trouble, be a clearing house for speakers and platforms, and we recommend this for the favorable action of the Convention.

The chairman would like the privilege of adding one personal word. Whatever of value she may have accomplished, the Adath Israel Sisterhood of Louisville has been the inspiration. She has seen certain phases of its work tried till she feels she has the right to recommend their general adoption by the N. F. T. S.

#### MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

The Mothers' Meetings bring the mother into close touch with the teacher and with the school. Here the mother learns for the first time that the interest and enthusiasm of her child is but the reflection of her own

interest and enthusiasm. The story, however, is not always the pleasant one, and oftentimes the uninterested child is traced to its source. The Mothers' Meeting has opened the eyes of many a mother and awakened her to her own negligence.

The Mothers' Meeting is a clearing house, and, if conducted through the co-operation of rabbi and teacher, results in untold benefit for the religious school. The committee therefore presents the following recommendation:

The N. F. T. S. recommends the holding of at least two Mothers' Meetings during the school year.

### RELIGION.

The National Committee on Religion has sent out two letters, asking that religion be featured at the February meetings of 1914 and 1915.

The fact that 105 organizations, made up of 15,000 women, are using Judaism for their theme adds unity to our purpose and strength to our work. We therefore recommend that the N. F. T. S. endorse the action of this committee, namely, that in the future religion be featured at all February meetings.

The committee further recommends that all sisterhoods use their strength and interest, first, in holding boys and girls in religious school and later in holding them in all communal activities.

In the pursuit of our work and the elucidation of our ideas we have in the last two years issued seven communications consisting of 263 individual letters to the various local sisterhoods.

Respectfully submitted,

The Committee on Religion.

Mrs. Leon Goodman, Chairman.

Mrs. Daniel Frank, Vice Chairman.

Mrs. David Philipson.

Mrs. Bernard Selligman.

Mrs. Leo Wolf.

It was moved and duly carried that the report of the National Committee on Religion be accepted and that the recommendations be referred to the Executive Board with the endorsement of the Convention.

### AMENDMENTS.

The following amendment was recommended for adoption by the Executive Board:

An amendment to substitute the phrase "Religious Schools" for "Sabbath School."

Be it resolved, That the Articles of the Constitution entitled "Standing Committees," paragraph 3, line 5, and "Duties of Standing Committees," paragraph (c), be amended to read "Religious Schools" instead of "Sabbath School." The paragraphs will then read as follows:

#### Standing Committees.

(c) On Religious Schools.

#### Duties of Standing Committees.

(c) Committee on Religious Schools shall formulate and furnish sisterhoods with the best results on religious-school education, encourage the preservation of ceremonies connected with Jewish holidays, endeavor to secure a national census of Jewish children in attendance at religious schools, and endeavor to encourage young men and women to devote themselves to religious-school teaching.

It was moved and duly carried that the Constitution be amended as set forth above.

The following amendment was recommended for adoption by the Executive Board:

An amendment making the Committee on Uniongram a Standing Committee.

Be it resolved, That the Articles of the Constitution entitled "Standing Committees" and "Duties of Standing Committees" be amended by inserting the following:

A. Article, Standing Committees

(g) On Uniongram.

B. Duties of Standing Committees.

(g) Committee on Uniongram, with the aid of local committees bearing the same name, shall endeavor to dispose of Uniongrams for the purpose of adding to revenue of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

It was moved and duly carried that the Constitution be amended as set forth above.

The President then declared a recess until 11:00 a. m., Wednesday.

## Second Day's Proceedings

Wednesday, January 20, 1915.  
12:00 Noon.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Abram Simon. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

It was moved and duly carried that the afternoon meeting take place at Fullerton Hall at 2 o'clock.

The National Committee on Union Museum then presented the following report:

### Report of the National Committee on Union Museum

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies:—The National Committee on Union Museum was preceded by a temporary committee called into existence before the formation of the N. F. T. S. This temporary committee was commissioned by the executive officers of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations to arrange a loan exhibit of Jewish ceremonial objects in Cincinnati at the time of the Twenty-third Council of the Union. Part of this loan exhibit was permitted to remain as the permanent property of the Union Museum. When the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods was organized the work of enlarging and properly housing this exhibit was placed in the hands of the National Committee on Union Museum.

The work of our committee has been along two general lines. We have endeavored to improve the Union Museum and we have also endeavored to encourage the individual sisterhoods to conduct loan exhibits of Jewish ceremonial objects. As far as the status of the Union Museum is concerned, we have an appreciable amount of improvement to report.

#### STATUS OF THE UNION MUSEUM.

The original loan exhibit with which the Union Museum started contained 163 pieces. At the close of the meeting 92 pieces were returned, leaving 71 articles in the permanent collection. At the time of the loan exhibit, the committee issued a catalogue of the various articles, giving both a description of the items and the names of the donors or exhibitors. This catalogue in an enlarged form, prepared by Rabbi Jacob D. Schwarz, was subsequently published in the Union Bulletin of September, 1913. Forty-eight

articles have been added to the Museum since its inception. Four sisterhoods, Bene Israel, Plum Street Temple and Reading Road, of Cincinnati, and Euclid Avenue, of Cleveland, Ohio, have participated in a campaign for obtaining new articles for the Museum.

While we have often given publicity to the Union Museum and to additions made thereto, we have not yet conducted a very vigorous campaign for objects. We have confined our solicitations to six articles in the Union Bulletin and two articles in the Jewish press.

#### THE CINCINNATI BOARD ON UNION MUSEUM.

About six months ago, the three sisterhoods of Cincinnati, authorized their several committees on Union Museum to meet and form a joint Committee on Union Museum. The three committees met and elected officers and have since undertaken a number of plans for the improvement of the Museum. The temporary cases in which the original exhibit was housed have been replaced by a fine display case, the gift of a member of the Plum Street Temple Sisterhood in the name of the sisterhood. The Cincinnati Board on Union Museum decided to raise \$200.00 for the purchase and framing of pictures for the Museum. The pictures were to be of two kinds: First, pictures portraying Jewish ceremonial life; and, second, photographic copies of some of the famous paintings and statues portraying the Bible story or incidents from Jewish history. Most of this money has already been raised and photographs of a number of works by Boris Schatz have been purchased. The remaining pictures must be secured from Europe or Asia and can not be imported until after the war.

**LOCAL EXHIBITS.**

The National Committee considers it part of its duty not only to secure articles for the Union Museum, but, in accordance with our Constitution, to encourage individual sisterhoods in holding exhibits of Jewish ceremonial objects for purposes of general education. For this purpose a number of letters were forwarded to the chairmen of local committees on Union Museum. As a result of these communications, two sisterhoods held local exhibits. These were Temple Israel Sisterhood, of Boston, and the Ladies' Auxiliary of Congregation Anshe Chesed, of Vicksburg, Miss.

The Temple Israel Sisterhood of Boston conducted an elaborate exhibit of ceremonial objects which lasted about a week. The Temple school was used for the purpose and the objects were grouped in various rooms to illustrate the observance of various holidays, etc. An excellent description of the exhibit and a catalogue of the same were published. A similar exhibit, but upon a smaller scale, was held at Vicksburg, Miss.

Your committee recommends that the two purposes which have been pursued by this organization in the past be continued, namely, that in the first place the individual sisterhoods be encouraged to hold exhibits of Jewish ceremonial objects, and in the second place, to collect art objects for the Union Museum.

We further recommend that these individual sisterhoods have a Ceremonial Object Afternoon during the year, at which time some one should explain the objects in the

individual collections, and that some sort of pamphlet be printed which should explain the history and significance of the various ceremonial objects, which pamphlet should be circulated in all the homes of the members of the sisterhoods to create and foster a more intensely Jewish spirit.

For the accomplishment of these purposes we further recommend that the sisterhoods be circularized and acquainted with these aims, also that a liberal use of printers' ink be made in giving generous publicity to all matters pertaining to the Union Museum.

We further recommend that during the coming year the incoming National Committee on Union Museum pursue a well-laid-out national campaign, using the same methods that have proved so successful in the scholarship campaign, to the end that many art objects may be collected for the Union Museum.

Respectfully submitted,

The Committee on Union Museum for Jewish Ceremonial Objects.

Mrs. Louis S. Levi, Chairman.

Mrs. Fred Lazarus, Vice Chairman.

Mrs. A. Fuller.

Mrs. Chas. S. Moch.

Mrs. Louis Wolsey.

It was moved and duly carried that the report be accepted and that the recommendations be referred to the Executive Board with the approval of the Convention.

The National Committee on Propaganda then presented the following report:

**Report of the National Committee on Propaganda**

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies:—With religion for its watchword, the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods has found a ready response from established organizations to join its ranks. There can be no question as to the need for combining our women's Temple auxiliaries into a strong union which will concern itself exclusively with the requirements necessary to further the interests of Judaism. That the need for such a union of forces is recognized is indicated by the extraordinary suc-

cess of our efforts to bring into a national federation the various local women's organizations.

The work of the Committee on Propaganda has been facilitated by the lofty aims of our union to create an efficient central agency for stimulating and fostering co-operation on the part of our Jewish women in behalf of their religion. The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods furnishes our women with opportunities for co-operation in religious activities such as are given them by no other national organization. To direct



our efforts along any but religious lines would minimize the greatness of our opportunity and would prove disastrous.

At the time of organization, two years ago, forty-nine sisterhoods joined. Through our Executive Office, the names of 165 additional women's organizations were secured whose affiliation was solicited through correspondence, with the result of adding fifty-six to our ranks, making now a total of 105 societies enrolled, and representing a growth of 114 per cent. in two years. Your Chairman on Propaganda conducted a correspondence with almost every section that joined, which, however, in most cases was a one-sided affair, as, with few exceptions, the courtesy of an answer was omitted. The Committee on Propaganda still has much initial work to perform, for it is estimated that there are 300 societies in the United States which should become members of our organization, and probably will when they come to the realization of the mutual benefits possible for them and for us.

At the close of the first year we had 9,500 members enrolled in constituent societies; now we have over 15,000, not counting four sisterhoods whose membership list has not been given to us and who have paid no dues. Thirty-five sisterhoods have increased their membership.

In many cases when your chairman corresponded with rabbis or presidents of congregations in the hope of inspiring the formation of sisterhoods in their communities, the cry of over-organization was hurled back at her, but in all but a few instances, when a detailed explanation was given of the aims and purposes of the N. F. T. S., and when it was made clear that no society is doing the religious work planned by us, the desired results were brought about and organization effected.

In my report sent to your honorable board last summer, I suggested a personal cam-

paign to be made throughout the country to reach unaffiliated sisterhoods, and I am glad to learn from the Executive Secretary that Rabbi Louis I. Egelson, Assistant Director of Synagog Extension, has planned a three months' trip for this purpose. Another plan suggested is that each member of the National Committee on Propaganda should follow this method in the nearby towns of her own residence. I believe that this would be fruitful of good results. Your Chairman has pursued this method in her own part of the country and was successful, through correspondence, in securing the women's organizations in her own territory, and, if necessary, would have made personal visits. Surely we have prospered, but not by virtue of our own strength, but on account of the strength of the cause. "Not unto us, O Lord, but to Thy name belongeth the glory and honor."

I could not close this report without an expression of appreciation for our Executive Secretary, Rabbi Zepin, to whom I am indebted for the great amount of good work he has done. The major part of the burden of the work of the Propaganda Committee has been his, and to him the N. F. T. S. owes its existence and its success.

Respectfully submitted,

The Committee on Propaganda.

Mrs. H. H. Mayer, Chairman.

Mrs. Lee Lyon, Vice Chairman.

Mrs. C. J. Freund.

Mrs. David Lefkowitz.

Mrs. Eugene Schwab.

It was moved and duly carried that the report be accepted and that the recommendations be referred to the Executive Board with the approval of the Convention.

The President then declared a recess until 2 o'clock.

## Afternoon Session

Fullerton Hall.

2:30 o'clock.

The afternoon meeting convened at Fullerton Hall, Mrs. Abram Simon presiding.

The National Committee on Uniongram presented the following report:

## Report of the National Committee on Uniongram

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies:—The Committee on Uniongram begs leave to report that the campaign carried on for over a year in behalf of the Uniongram has met with satisfactory results. The Executive Board meeting, held at Atlantic City, July, 1913, appointed this committee and authorized it to create a telegram substitute, to be operated for profit. Very soon thereafter the committee met and considered various designs submitted for the Uniongram (the name of our telegram substitute) and launched this project.

Our sales campaign was conducted as follows: We began with a campaign of education. Descriptive articles were published in the Union Bulletin and in all the Jewish papers. References to the Uniongram were repeated several times in these mediums of publicity. We next printed 20,000 Applications for Uniongrams, an especially prepared blank on which the message is originally written by the customer and sent to the office for transmission to the addressee. The problem of distributing 20,000 applications (two for each sisterhood member) was quite difficult, requiring under ordinary circumstances \$200 in postage and 10,000 envelopes at a further cost of \$20. We solved the problem by sending each local secretary two applications for each member. We do not know what became of these application blanks, although we suspect that in most cases they were distributed. In some cases, however, we fear that our suspicions were not verified.

We continued to publish notices of the Uniongram and Applications for Uniongram in every issue of the Union Bulletin. We find this magazine an excellent medium of publicity, because it enters 32,000 homes every other month. Very many of the Uniongram Application Blanks that are sent to the office with messages written on them are torn directly out of the Union Bulletin.

Last Spring we tried a new form of advertisement—the distribution of Sisterhood Birthday Books. This booklet consisted of sixteen pages nicely printed and stitched. The cover contained a good reproduction of Miriam at the Red Sea. Several pages of quotations relating to the subject of birthdays, friends, etc., were followed by a few

pages for memoranda arranged according to months and days, so as to facilitate remembering birthdays. This was followed by a half dozen Application Blanks for Uniongrams. Fourteen thousand of these booklets were distributed to secretaries for further distribution to individual members. These booklets were packed in envelopes and shipped to the secretaries in this manner.

In the last year and a half we have also addressed five general communications to the secretaries of the local sisterhoods, aggregating a total of 425 letters.

All things considered, the results of these various forms of advertising have been very gratifying. The sisterhoods in twenty-three different cities have made active propaganda for the popularization of the Uniongram. The value of these efforts and the value of these results should not be underestimated. In endeavoring to introduce a substitute for the extremely popular "telegram," we have undertaken a task of no mean proportions. When the telegram itself was first introduced it was probably used as infrequently as the Marconigram is used to-day. It took many years of patient publicity to persuade the American people that it is not necessary to write a letter of congratulation several days in advance of a wedding or an anniversary. Now that this habit of carelessness has been acquired, it will take a long time to persuade a part of the American people (the part that belongs to us) to return to the older and more thoughtful procedure.

What we need to do to make a success of the Uniongram is to make it fashionable. The appetite for Uniongrams will grow by feeding on Uniongrams. If we would send Uniongrams to our friends, it would do more to persuade them to send Uniongrams to us than if we made a speech about it at every meeting of the sisterhood. Why can we not begin, right here, with the delegates to this Convention? How many Uniongrams did you send last year? How many telegrams did you send where Uniongrams would have answered the same purpose? Will you start now and begin sending Uniongrams whenever possible? There is only one way to make a success of anything—Do it!

This much for the method of obtaining success in this branch of work. As for re-

sults, I know it will add to your enthusiasm for the project when I tell you that this method could easily yield the sisterhoods an income ranging from \$3,000 to \$5,000 a year—but only if we all lend a hand and carry out what we preach.

It has long been my conviction that this project has suffered for lack of a popular motive. In the presence of so many motives, all of which appeal to the Jewish people with great force, we are probably overlooking a very important rule of psychology in permitting this enterprise to appeal only to the desire for giving the N. F. T. S. an income. After all, the N. F. T. S. is an impersonal sort of an entity, and even a lover of Israel may be pardoned for not being able to grow wildly enthusiastic over the state of its treasury.

My plan is as follows: Let us use the profits accruing from the sale of Uniongrams for the purpose of opening religious schools in the congested districts of our cities for the benefit of those Jewish children whose parents are too poor to provide them with adequate religious education. Here is a motive whose appeal must be universal. The profit on each 25-cent Uniongram is about 20 cents. This means a considerable amount of money for the cause of Jewish religious education. My plan would be to apportion to each city 20 cents for each Uniongram received from that city, this money to be turned over to the combined sisterhoods of that city for the support of religious schools not connected with congregations.

Here is an enterprise worthy of our am-

bition. Here is a cause that every sisterhood can champion. Let us raise \$5,000 for the cause of elementary Jewish education in the next two years. It will not cost us one penny more than we would otherwise spend for telegrams. Let no one claim that this is a sacrifice great or little. It is only the thoughtful direction of money that we would otherwise spend in other channels. The result will be the same, as far as the messages are concerned, and the results will accrue to the glory of Judaism.

Respectfully submitted,  
 The National Committee on Uniongram.  
 Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg, Chairman.  
 Mrs. B. Loewenstein, Vice Chairman.  
 Mrs. David Philipson.  
 Mrs. Samuel L. Lazon.  
 Mrs. Louis S. Levi.  
 Mrs. Harry Sternberger.

It was moved and duly carried that the report be accepted and that the recommendations be referred to the Executive Board with the approval of the Convention.

In connection with that part of the report dealing with the uses to which the proceeds of the sale of Uniongrams should be put, it was moved and duly carried that cities where no need for charity religious school exists, should use their apportionment of the fund for the establishment of schools in small cities in their neighborhood.

The National Committee on Religious Schools then presented the following report:

## Report of the National Committee on Religious Schools

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies:—Your Committee on Religious Schools, which you appointed two years ago, were very ambitious of accomplishing much good for the newly created National organization, but owing to the fact that the National Chairman was out of the country for nearly one of the two years, not as much was accomplished as we should have liked, and no one regrets this more than your National Chairman.

A questionnaire was sent out, shortly after

our inaugural meeting two years ago, and from answers to this we were able to gather some very interesting data.

### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL ACTIVITY.

Of the 105 sisterhoods that comprise the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, 90 report some form of religious school activity. This is sufficient to show what a great influence the sisterhoods can exert in this part of congregational work and in the general field of elementary religious education.

**GENERAL ASSISTANCE.**

Of the 90, 37 report assistance to the religious school in such a general way and consisting of so many details that they defy classification. This is mainly the case in the smaller cities where the sisterhood is very active as the chief support of the minister in all his undertakings, very often being called upon to give personal assistance in many directions.

**ASSISTANCE IN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL HOLIDAY OBSERVANCES.**

Twenty-eight societies report assistance rendered in religious-school festival observances. The nature of this assistance ranges from preparing the children for various entertainments to decorating the school or helping the elders entertain the children.

**IMPROVEMENT OF RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PROPERTY AND PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT.**

About twenty-five sisterhoods report expending money on Temple improvements, and in most cases these improvements were made in the school rooms. Nine societies have devoted their funds to the purchase of special equipment for the school, such as stereopticon lanterns, wall pictures, maps, furniture, etc.

**ASSISTANCE TO THE TEACHERS. PARENTS' MEETINGS.**

Two sisterhoods report a system conducted by them of teaching absentees from the religious school. Others report substituting for absent teachers. Eight report the institution of parents' meetings, from which excellent results have accrued to the school.

**SUPPORT OF BRANCH SCHOOLS.**

Six sisterhoods report the support (partial or entire) of religious schools in the congested districts in their cities. A very large number of sisterhoods report the need of such schools, but their inability to engage in the work. In almost every large city it is the consensus of opinion that there are not enough schools of this description to meet the needs of the situation.

**OBJECT.**

It is the opinion of your committee that the work that has been reported by the

various sisterhoods shows an earnest endeavor on their part, and is an excellent foundation on which the National Committee can work. Therefore, the object of the National Committee should be to form a sort of Reciprocity Bureau, or Clearance House for Religious School Committees of the various sisterhoods affiliated with the N. F. T. S.

**RECOMMENDATIONS.**

To further this end, your committee would recommend:

First. That yearly reports be handed to the National Committee by each local committee.

Secondly. That the National Committee condense these reports and draw from them any new or strong idea which will further the work.

Third. That small or weak communities in search of light or suggestions for furthering their work should feel free to call upon the National Committee for such aid.

Fourth. That the National Committee form a plan showing:

- (a) How to secure the best teaching force.
- (b) Where to obtain the best books, charts and maps.
- (c) How to reach the children of the community and bring them into the school.
- (d) How to enlist the parents in bringing about a sympathetic co-operation between them and the school, so that the best possible results can be obtained by this committee to further the work of the religious school.

Following such lines as these, your National Committee feels that it can best furnish a reason for its own existence and be an inspiration for each local committee.

Respectfully submitted,

The Committee on Religious Schools.  
 Mrs. Jos. Krauskopf, Chairman.  
 Mrs. Felix N. Gerson, Vice Chairman.  
 Mrs. Max J. Brandenburger.  
 Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg.  
 Mrs. Ben Loewenstein.

It was moved and duly carried that the report be accepted and that the recommendations be referred to the Executive Board with the approval of the Convention.

The National Committee on Co-operation then presented the following report:

## Report of the National Committee on Cooperation

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies:—The National Committee on Cooperation begs leave to present to you the results of a very successful biennial period. In this period we have issued many communications to the local chairmen of Committees on Co-operation, setting forth the ends to be attained by successful co-operation and the methods that might be pursued towards those ends. The correspondence carried on for this purpose reveals a number of interesting facts. Forty-nine sisterhoods report that the promotion of sociability is one of the main ends that they try to achieve. It is easy to dismiss a statement of this sort with a shrug of the shoulders, but let us remember that no great accomplishments will ever be theirs who do not regard democracy as the basic principle of congregational life. There are some very fine, aristocratic synagogues as there are very fine, aristocratic churches, but we have our serious doubts as to whether the message of religion finds in them a ready response. There is a difference between the people who belong to a church organization because the "better class" belongs there, and those other, truer souls who belong to a religious organization because they find joy and uplift in the religion itself. We have persistently issued bulletins and communications suggesting methods whereby sociability may be increased.

We have gone further in this matter and advised sisterhoods situated in the same cities or neighborhood to hold joint meetings. Five such meetings have been reported, in Boston, Baltimore, St. Joseph, Kansas City and New Orleans.

### THE EXCHANGE BUREAU.

For the last year and a half we have maintained an efficient bureau for the exchange of ideas pertaining to intellectual, social and financial plans adopted by various societies. We have received 149 communications telling of various successful plans inaugurated by sisterhoods in all parts of the country. These

reports have been given the widest publicity for the purpose of acquainting all sisterhoods with the information. Various methods have been pursued for the dissemination of this information. Many reports were sent directly to the local chairmen of Committees on Co-operation; others were published in the Union Bulletin, and still others given to the Jewish press.

### STUDENTS' WELFARE WORK.

Students' welfare work was the subject of a number of communications from the Executive Office. Several sisterhoods were engaged in this form of activity before we undertook to make propaganda therefor. Eight societies reported students' welfare work this last season. Some sisterhoods gave a reception to out-of-town students attending the local universities. Others provide seatings for students in the synagogues, for the Sabbath as well as the Holydays. A very careful point should here be made. Our object is to bring the largest number of university students within the reach of those who are engaged in setting forth the message of Israel. Jewish students are not very much different from other Jews. Only a very few make a practice of attending divine services every week. The great majority desire to attend on the great Holydays. For this reason and for the further reason that some of the greater truths of our religion are usually set forth on these days, an especial effort should be made to provide seats for these students on the high Holydays.

One sisterhood has the novel distinction of having successfully provided every student at the local college with a Jewish home for Seder evening. Others seek to engage Jewish students in religious school work, as well as Jewish settlement work.

Beginning with this Fall, the sisterhoods have undertaken to do this work in a systematic way, with the help of the Supervisors of Synagog Extension. Excellent results are anticipated.

**PRISONERS' WELFARE WORK.**

A new departure inaugurated this Fall is Prisoners' Welfare Work. Thus far only one sisterhood reports activity in this field. Here, too, we are co-operating with the Department of Synagog and School Extension through the Supervisors. There are not many Jewish female prisoners, but where juvenile courts have been introduced, there is much work for big sisters who will interest themselves in the moral and religious welfare of the wards of the court.

In closing, your committee begs leave to state that it has found all the avenues of activity outlined above both necessary and beneficial, and recommends that they be pur-

sued in the future with greater vigor than in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

- The Committee on Co-operation.
- Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld, Chairman.
- Mrs. Jos. E. Friend, Vice Chairman.
- Mrs. Adolf Guttmacher.
- Mrs. Joseph Rosenfield.
- Mrs. T. Schanfarber.

It was moved and duly carried that the report be accepted and that the recommendations be referred to the Executive Board with the approval of the Convention.

The National Committee on Hebrew Union College Scholarships then presented the following report:

**Report of the National Committee on Hebrew Union College Scholarships**

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

Ladies: The National Committee on Hebrew Union College Scholarships is commissioned by the Constitution to establish scholarships for the Hebrew Union College. After issuing several letters to the individual sisterhoods, apprising them of this provision of the Constitution, we began a campaign for funds. The country was divided into 10 districts with about 1,200 sisterhood members in each district. The sisterhoods were then asked to pay a 25-cent per capita tax for the establishment of 10 district scholarships. While a request was thus made for funds, several methods were suggested for raising these funds without taxing the resources of each society.

with the memorial service on Yom Kippur. These gifts in whole or in part were devoted to the Scholarship Funds of the several sisterhoods.

**SALE OF CALENDARS.**

Although the composition and production of the Jewish Art Calendars are properly the work of the National Committee on Religion, by special arrangement with the Executive Office, these calendars were wholesaled to the sisterhoods at cost—namely 10 cents. The sisterhoods were requested to retail them at 25 cents, thus furnishing an additional source of revenue to make up for the 25 cents per capita abstracted for the Scholarship Fund.

**OTHER METHODS.**

Various sisterhoods adopted still other methods of replenishing their treasuries in order to replace the amount contributed to the Scholarship Fund.

A number of sisterhoods indicated their willingness to contribute individual scholarships. The individual scholarships already established and paid in are as follows:\*

Adath Israel Sisterhood,	
Louisville, Ky. ....	\$250.00
Temple Women's Association,	
Cleveland, Ohio .....	300.00
Euclid Avenue Temple Sisterhood,	
Cleveland, Ohio .....	300.00
Sisterhood of Rodef Shalom Congregation,	
Pittsburgh .....	300.00

**ISAAC M. WISE MEMORIAL DAY.**

A general request was issued to all sisterhoods to observe Isaac M. Wise Memorial Day. This was also specified as the day upon which these scholarships should be presented to the College. Twenty-one sisterhoods observed this day by holding special meetings of some sort. In most cases the rabbi of the congregation was invited to speak upon Dr. Wise.

**REVIVAL OF MAZKIR NESHAMOTH.**

An attempt was made in two congregations, in response to requests made by the sisterhoods, to revive the practice of making a gift for some worthy purpose in connection

\*After books were closed

The Sisterhood of the Washington Hebrew Congregation, Washington, D. C. .... \$300.00

The following districts have raised the amounts indicated:

District No. 1—\$175.00.  
Sisterhood of Temple Israel,  
Boston, Mass. ....\$175.00

District No. 2—\$50.00.  
Women's Temple Society,  
Buffalo, N. Y. .... 50.00

District No. 3—\$50.00.  
Sisterhood Keneseth Israel,  
Philadelphia, Pa. .... 50.00

District No. 4—\$15.00.  
Ladies' Hebrew Auxiliary Society,  
Erie, Pa. .... 15.00

District No. 5—\$224.79.  
Eutaw Place Temple Sisterhood,  
Baltimore, Md. .... 120.29  
Madison Avenue Temple Sisterhood,  
Baltimore, Md. .... 69.50  
Oheb Shalom Temple Sisterhood,  
Norfolk, Va. .... 35.00

District No. 7—\$84.50.  
Willing Workers Society,  
Cincinnati, Ohio ..... 10.00  
Sisterhood of Reading Road Temple,  
Cincinnati, Ohio ..... 25.00  
Jewish Ladies Aid Society,  
Piqua, Ohio ..... 5.00  
Ladies Temple Aux. K. K. B. Y.,  
Dayton, Ohio ..... 44.50

District No. 8—\$158.47.  
Ladies Temple Auxiliary,  
Memphis, Tenn. .... 154.47  
Temple Sisterhood,  
Goldsboro, N. C. .... 4.00

District No. 9—\$105.00.\*  
Sisterhood of Anshai Emeth Congr.,  
Peoria, Ill. .... 20.00  
Ladies Aux. of Temple Sholom,  
Chicago, Ill. .... 25.00  
K. A. M. Auxiliary,  
Chicago, Ill. .... 60.00

District No. 10—\$60.00  
Ladies Temple Society,  
Mt. Vernon, Ind. .... 5.00

Woman's Auxiliary Society,  
Detroit, Mich. .... 50.00  
Temple Beth El Sisterhood,  
Saginaw, Mich. .... 5.00

District No. 11—\$85.10.  
Temple Sisterhood, -  
Kansas City, Mo. .... 27.60  
Adath Joseph Sisterhood,  
St. Joseph, Mo. .... 36.00  
Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel,  
Davenport, Iowa ..... 11.50  
Jewish Ladies' Aid Society,  
Sioux City, Iowa ..... 10.00

All told, \$2,161.11 has been collected. Where the amount collected for a district or a sisterhood was completed, it has been turned over to the H. U. C. We still hold \$1,011.11, the part payments of several districts where complete scholarship amounts have not yet been collected.

Your Committee recommends that at the close of each season's campaign the money gathered from the districts where incomplete scholarships have been raised shall be contributed to the Hebrew Union College for the establishment of a Sisterhood Scholarship Fund.

In closing, your Committee recommends that a vigorous campaign be arranged for the month of February, for the purpose of collecting the second installment due on the scholarship subscriptions and for the further purpose of interesting new sisterhoods in the work.

Respectfully submitted,  
Committee on Hebrew Union College  
Scholarships.  
Mrs. A. S. Leopold, Chairman,  
Mrs. Josiah Cohen, Vice-Chair'n,  
Mrs. M. J. Gries.  
Mrs. Harry Sternberger.  
Mrs. Jos. Stolz.

It was moved and duly carried that the report be accepted and that the recommendations be referred to the Executive Board with the approval of the Convention.

The Committee on the President's Message then presented the following report:

\*After books were closed  
Isaiah Woman's Club, Chicago.....\$120.00

## Report of the Committee on President's Report

To the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies:—Your Committee on President's Report begs leave to report that it has carefully considered the document placed in its hands and it desires to congratulate this body and its able President upon the high plane of endeavor set forth therein. With such ideals before us we will not fail.

### PRINTING AND CIRCULATING REPORT.

Before passing to a consideration of any specific recommendations in the report, we recommend that the complete message be printed in the official organ of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, the Union Bulletin, and that copies be sent to all local societies for the purpose of being read at their meetings.

### THE PRESIDENT'S REVIEW OF THE WORK OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEES.

The President, in her report, reviews and commends the work of the several National Committees. It is the recommendation of the Committee on the President's Report that this committee pass a motion of approval, also commendation of the work of these committees so that their hands may be strengthened in these undertakings.

### NEW RECOMMENDATIONS.

We find in the President's Report a number of new and specific recommendations, one dealing with the publication of a monthly Bulletin, another with the publication of a Year Book, a third dealing with the printing of propaganda material for easy distribution, a fourth dealing with the establishment of a Lyceum Lecture Bureau. All of these recommendations appeal to this committee as both feasible and possible, and we recommend that this body express its approval of these ideas and recommend them to the favorable consideration of the incoming Executive Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Israel Cowen, Chairman.  
Mrs. Max J. Brandenburger.  
Mrs. Henry Gerstley.  
Mrs. Jos. Rosenfield.

It was moved and duly carried that the report of the Committee on President's Message be adopted and that the recommendations be referred to the Executive Board with the approval of the Convention.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was then presented.

## Report of the Committee on Nominations

Your Committee on Nominations begs leave to present the following names for election to the Executive Board for the ensuing two years:

Mrs. Max J. Brandenburger, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mrs. Israel Cowen, Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. Dan Frank, Boston, Mass.

Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg, Cincinnati, O.

Mrs. Paul L. Godchaux, New Orleans, La.

Mrs. Leon Goodman, Louisville Ky.

Mrs. Moses J. Gries, Cleveland, O.

Mrs. Kaufmann Kohler, Cincinnati, O.

Mrs. Joseph Krauskopf, Philadelphia, Pa.

Mrs. Fred Lazarus, Columbus, O.

Mrs. David Lefkowitz, Dayton, O.

Mrs. Louis S. Levi, Cincinnati, O.

Mrs. J. Leonard Levy, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mrs. Ben Loewenstein, Cincinnati, O.

Mrs. H. H. Mayer, Kansas City, Mo.

Mrs. Sol. Moses, Cleveland, O.

Mrs. David Philipson, Cincinnati, O.

Mrs. Jos. Rosenfield, Memphis, Tenn.

Mrs. T. Schanfarber, Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. Abram Simon, Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Harry Sternberger, Cincinnati, O.

Mrs. Jos. Stolz, Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. Jos. Wiesenfeld, Baltimore, Md.

Mrs. James Witkowsky, Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. Leo Wolf, Wheeling, W. Va.

Mrs. Louis Wolsey, Cleveland, O.

It was moved and duly carried that the report be adopted, and that the ladies mentioned be elected members of the Executive Board.



**Report of the Committee on Resolutions**

The Committee on Resolutions, consisting of Mrs. Edward Heinsheimer, Cincinnati, Chairman; Mrs. Leon Goodman, Mrs. Martin Barbe, Mrs. E. L. Goulston, Sr., Mrs. J. Leonard Levy, Mrs. Adolph I. Newman, presented a number of resolutions for the consideration of the Convention. They were disposed of as follows:

**PARTICIPATION OF SISTERHOODS IN BURIAL SERVICE.**

Resolved, That at funeral services of a member of a sisterhood, a representative of the sisterhood of which the deceased was a member shall read a special prayer.

Signed,

Mrs. M. Greenbaum,  
Mrs. Ferd Dilsheimer,  
Mrs. E. S. Goulston, Sr.,  
Miss Helen Frankenstein.

It was moved and duly carried that this activity be left to the individual sisterhoods.

**WOMAN'S PALESTINIAN DAY.**

WHEREAS, The present brutal war inflicts upon the Jews of Palestine an increase of misery, destroys all resources for their sustenance by cutting off European assistance and by closing the markets of the world to the products of these colonies, and thus threatens to destroy the work accomplished for the betterment of Jewish life within the last twenty years; and,

WHEREAS, We feel that it is now more than ever the duty of every Jewish woman in America to relieve the prevailing distress and to prevent the destruction of the pioneer work already done; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods recommends that its affiliated organizations arrange a Woman's Palestinian Welfare Day (or adopt such other methods as may seem advisable for this purpose), and that the funds thus raised be applied to immediate general relief in Palestine and be transmitted through the Chicago Jewish Committee for Palestinian Welfare.

Presented by the Propaganda Committee of the Chicago Jewish Committee for Palestinian Welfare.

Mrs. Julius Rosenwald, Chairman.

It was moved and duly carried that this matter be referred to the incoming Executive Board.

**CONVENTION EXPENSES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.**

Resolved, That at all future conventions, the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods pay one-half the expenses of members of the Executive Board.

Signed,

Mrs. M. Greenbaum,  
Mrs. Ferd Dilsheimer,  
Mrs. E. S. Goulston, Sr.  
Miss Helen Frankenstein.

It was moved and duly carried that this resolution be tabled.

**CELEBRATION OF PASSOVER AND SABBATH EVE.**

Resolved, That it shall be the effort of the individual sisterhoods to increase the celebration of the Passover by means of the Seder service and the welcome of the Sabbath Eve with a Kiddush service; and be it further

Resolved, That a special committee be appointed to consider the various Hagadahs and Kiddush services and to select one best suited for our needs.

Signed,

Mrs. Leon Goodman,  
Mrs. M. Greenbaum,  
Mrs. E. S. Goulston, Sr.  
Mrs. Ferd Dilsheimer,  
Miss Helen Frankenstein.

It was moved and duly carried that this matter be referred to the Committee on Religion.

**INTER-CONGREGATIONAL MEMBERSHIP.**

Resolved, That the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods submit to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, now in Council assembled, a proposal to establish an Inter-Congregational Membership; that for this purpose a Membership Card be issued, the said card to be provided on request to any member of a congregation in good standing and to entitle the holder thereof to the privilege of attending services and the courtesy of a seat in any other synagogue of the Union.

Sisterhood of Congregation Rodeph Shalom of Philadelphia, Pa.

Mrs. Henry Berkowitz.

It was moved and duly carried that this resolution be adopted.

**SISTERHOOD MEMBERSHIP EMBLEM.**

Resolved, that an emblem, preferably in the form of a pin, be devised, to be worn by individual members of the sisterhoods.

Signed,

Mrs. Max Greenbaum,  
Mrs. Ferd Dilsheimer,  
Mrs. E. S. Goulston, Sr.  
Miss Helen Frankenstein.

It was moved and duly carried that this resolution be referred to the incoming Executive Board.

**IMMIGRATION BILL.**

WHEREAS, The Immigration Bill now before the President of the United States of America for his signature provides that a literacy test be applied to all immigrants entering the United States; and

WHEREAS, We consider this literacy test and other restrictions on immigration which the bill contains, unjust and opposed to American standards of righteousness and democracy; and

WHEREAS, We believe that these restrictions will close the gates of our beloved country to worthy and desirable immigrants and will not exclude undesirables; therefore

Be it resolved, That we, the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, in a convention assembled at Chicago, Ill., representing 15,000 Jewish women of the United States, do hereby protest, in the name of a common

humanity, against the said Immigration Bill and respectfully urge the President of the United States to veto it; and

Be it further resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded at once to His Excellency, the President of the United States.

Signed,

Mrs. Benjamin Davis,  
Mrs. E. S. Goulston, Sr.

It was moved and duly carried that the resolutions be adopted.

**REPORTS OF INDIVIDUAL SISTERHOODS.**

Reports of the unusual activities of the sisterhoods was next called for. A motion was made by one of the Chicago delegates, and duly carried, that the reports of the visiting delegates precede those of the delegates of the local sisterhoods.

Mrs. Lee Lyon, of Sisterhood Bene Jehudah of Kansas City, Mo., and Mrs. Henry Berkowitz, of Rodef Shalom Sisterhood of Philadelphia, then read their reports to the delegates.

**LECTURE BY DR. DANIEL HUEBSCH.**

A recess was taken at 4:30 p. m. to permit the delegates to listen to a lecture on "Bible Art in Word and Picture," by Dr. Daniel Huebsch, of Cleveland, Ohio.

## Third Day's Proceedings

Thursday, January 21, 1915.

10:15 a. m.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Abram Simon.

**INVITATION FROM WASHINGTON SISTERHOOD.**

An invitation was presented to the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods by Mrs. Alfred Selinger, President of the Ladies' Auxiliary Society of the Eighth Street Temple, of Washington, D. C., to hold the next Biennial Meeting in Washington, D. C. The invitation was accepted with the proviso that the Union of American Hebrew Congregations hold its next Council at the same place.

**REPORTS OF INDIVIDUAL SISTERHOODS.**

The reading of the activities of the individual sisterhoods was continued.

The following sisterhoods presented reports which were submitted in writing to be read by the Secretary, or were read by some member of the sisterhood present at the meeting:

Cincinnati, Ohio.

Bene Israel Sisterhood, by Mrs. Daniel Heyn.

Reading Road Temple Sisterhood, by Mrs. Harry Sternberger.

Plum Street Temple Sisterhood, by Mrs. Ben Loewenstein.

Louisville, Ky.  
 Adath Israel Sisterhood, by Mrs. Bernard Selligman.

Cleveland, Ohio.  
 Temple Women's Association, by Mrs. Siegmund Joseph.  
 Euclid Avenue Temple Sisterhood, by Mrs. Sol. Moses.

New Haven, Conn.  
 Temple Mishkan Israel Sisterhood, by Mrs. Harry W. Asher.

Youngstown, Ohio.  
 Sisterhood Rodef Sholom, by Mrs. L. H. Cahn.

Memphis, Tenn.  
 Ladies' Temple Auxiliary, by Mrs. Joseph Rosenfield.

Dayton, Ohio.  
 Ladies' Temple Auxiliary K. K. B. Y., by Mrs. David Lefkowitz.

Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Sisterhood Keneseth Israel, by Mrs. Max Greenbaum.

Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 The Woman's Auxiliary of Temple Beth Elohim, by Mrs. Max Brandenburger.

Boston, Mass.  
 Sisterhood Temple Israel, by E. S. Goulston, Sr.

Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Sisterhood of Rodef Shalom Congregation, by Mrs. J. Leonard Levy.

Atlanta, Ga.  
 Temple Sisterhood, by Mrs. David Marx.

Champaign, Ill.  
 Jewish Ladies' Social Circle, by Mrs. S. Weingarten.

Peoria, Ill.  
 Sisterhood of Anshai Emeth Congregation, by Mrs. M. S. Woolner.

St. Joseph, Mo.  
 Adath Joseph Sisterhood, by Mrs. B. W. Binswanger.

Washington, D. C.  
 Sisterhood of the Washington Hebrew Congregation, by Mrs. Alfred Selinger.

Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Ladies' Temple Society, by Mrs. Daniel W. Desbecker.

Providence, R. I.  
 Ladies' Auxiliary Society, by Mrs. Louis Lyons.

New Orleans, La.  
 Ladies' Guild of Temple Sinai, by Mrs. B. S. Weil.

Bloomington, Ill.  
 Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society, by Mrs. A. Schwarzman.

Detroit, Mich.  
 Woman's Auxiliary Association of Temple Beth El, by Mrs. Leo. M. Franklin.

Evansville, Ind.  
 Temple Sisterhood, by Miss Florence Brentano.

Chicago, Ill.  
 Isaiah Woman's Club, by Mrs. Joseph Stolz.  
 K. A. M. Auxiliary, by Mrs. Jacob N. Strauss.  
 Temple Emanuel Woman's Auxiliary, by Mrs. Aaron Levy.  
 Ladies' Society of B'nai Sholom Temple Israel, by Mrs. Louis Livingston.  
 Sinai Temple Sisterhood, by Mrs. Edward J. Stransky.  
 Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple Sholom, by Mrs. S. J. Weil.

It was moved and duly carried that at the next Biennial Meeting of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods more time shall be given on the program to the reading of reports of the unusual activities of the sisterhoods, and that this feature shall be placed earlier in the program.

Mrs. Julius Rosenwald then delivered an inspiring address before the ladies, recounting the progress being made by the Palestinian institutions, and urging the delegates to prevail upon the sisterhoods they represent to institute a Palestinian Welfare Day.

Mrs. Eva Leon followed Mrs. Rosenwald with a brief talk along the same lines.

The Committee on Thanks then presented the following report:

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THANKS.**

To the President and Members of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:  
 Ladies:—The Committee appointed to express the gratitude and thanks of this Convention makes the following report:  
 The beautiful and complete arrangements for the comfort and pleasure of the visitors

and delegates to this Biennial Meeting shows a fine generosity and the true hospitality of the people of Chicago, and inspires these words of appreciation from this organization.

Every courtesy and attention has been accorded the delegates by the people of Chicago, the local committees, the hotel management and the daily press, for which this Convention is profoundly grateful.

Also to the President, officers and Executive Board of this Federation, to the speakers and all others who have added to the splendid success of this meeting does this assembly express its thanks.

Likewise do we appreciate the courtesies extended by the officers and members of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the inspiration that results from a joint meeting with that strong body of representative Jews; therefore,

Be it resolved, That this Convention now in session express itself in a rising vote of thanks to the community of Chicago at large. Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Bernard Selligman, Chairman.  
 Mrs. Charles Aarons,  
 Mrs. B. Abraham,  
 Mrs. H. W. Asher,  
 Mrs. Henry Berkowitz,  
 Mrs. E. M. Cahn,  
 Mrs. Leo M. Franklin,  
 Mrs. Moses J. Gries,  
 Mrs. A. M. Hast,  
 Mrs. David Lefkowitz.

#### LETTERS AND MESSAGES OF GREETING.

Letters and messages of greeting from the following sisterhoods were received in the

course of the meeting and read to the Convention:

Mrs. Daniel Frank, President Temple Israel Sisterhood, Boston, Mass.

Mishkan Israel Temple Sisterhood, New Haven, Conn.

Temple Guild Mickve Israel, Savannah, Ga.

Oheb Shalom Sisterhood, Harrisburg, Pa.

Oheb Shalom Sisterhood, Reading, Pa.

Sisterhood Congregation Shaarai Shomayim, Mobile, Ala.

Mrs. Theodore Kaufman, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Rodef Shalom Sisterhood, Philadelphia, Pa.

Conference of Jewish Women's Organizations, Chicago, Ill.

Sisterhood Washington Hebrew Congregation, Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld, Baltimore, Md.

Mrs. Louis Wolsey, Cleveland, O.

Woman's League of Touro Synagog, New Orleans, La.

Mrs. L. Jonas, Nashville, Tenn.

The closing prayer and benediction was delivered by Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, of Portland, Ore.

Mrs. Simon then declared the first Biennial Meeting of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods adjourned sine die.



Mrs. Abram Simon,  
 President.

Mrs. Leo Heller,  
 Recording Secretary.

# Proceedings

OF THE

## Executive Board\*

Congress Hotel,  
Chicago, January 21, 12:15 p. m.

The meeting of the newly elected Executive Board was called to order by Mrs. Abram Simon. Those present were: Mesdames

Max J. Brandenburger	Israel Cowen,
J. W. Freiberg,	Leon Goodman,
Moses J. Gries,	David Lefkowitz,
Ben Loewenstein,	H. H. Mayer,
Sol. Moses,	Joseph Rosenfield,
Tobias Schanfarber,	Abram Simon,
Harry Sternberger,	Joseph Stolz,
James Witkowsky.	

The minutes of the pre-Convention meeting of the Executive Board were then read.

It was moved and carried that the minutes be approved.

The election of officers then took place. Mrs. Abram Simon, of Washington, D. C., was unanimously elected President; Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg, of Cincinnati, Vice-President; Mrs. Ben Loewenstein, of Cincinnati, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Israel Cowen, of Chicago, Ill., Treasurer; Rabbi George Zepin, Cincinnati, Executive Secretary; Rabbi Louis I. Egelson, Cincinnati, Assistant Executive Secretary.

### AMENDMENTS.

The following resolutions to amend the Constitution were proposed and referred to the next Biennial Meeting:

**A. An Amendment to increase the number of members on the Executive Board from 25 to 35.**

Be it resolved, That the Article of the Constitution entitled "Officers," paragraph 2, be amended so as to read "thirty-five" instead of "twenty-five." The paragraph will then read as follows:

The Federation, at its Biennial Meeting, shall elect by ballot thirty-five members who shall constitute the Executive Board.

**B. An amendment limiting membership of the Executive Board to not more than one member from one Sisterhood.**

Be it resolved, That the Article of the Constitution entitled "Officers" be amended by inserting the following paragraph after paragraph 2:

Only one representative from any one sisterhood shall be eligible to membership on the Executive Board.

**C. An Amendment abolishing the office of Recording Secretary.**

Be it resolved, That the Article of the Constitution entitled "Officers," paragraph 3, be amended by omitting the words "recording secretary." The paragraph will then read as follows:

The Executive Board shall elect, from its own members, a president, a vice-president and a treasurer. It shall also elect an executive secretary, who shall not be a member of the Executive Board and whose salary shall be determined by it.

**D. An Amendment governing the date of the meetings of the Executive Board.**

Be it resolved, That the Article of the Constitution entitled "Meetings of the Executive Board" be amended so as to read "annually" instead of "semi-annually," and "at such times and" instead of "in January and July." The paragraph will then read as follows:

The Executive Board shall organize immediately after the Convention adjourns, and meet annually at such times and in such places as may be decided upon.

It was moved and duly carried that the President of the National Federation be authorized to employ a stenographer.

It was moved and duly carried to leave the issuance of an illustrated catalogue of the ceremonial objects in the Union Museum to the Executive Office.

It was moved and duly carried that a Biennial Report be printed, its contents to be left to the discretion of the Executive Office.

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It was moved and duly carried that a letter be sent to Mrs. Julius Rosenwald, thanking her for the splendid talk delivered to the delegates, and expressing the hope that each delegate would carry her message of appeal to her individual sisterhood.

It was moved and duly carried that a letter be sent to Mrs. Rosenwald, thanking her for her delightful reception to the delegates.

A letter was read from the American Jewish Relief Committee suggesting the organization of a Ladies' Auxiliary Society to assist the committee in collecting funds for the sufferers from the war. Since many of the sisterhoods had already made preparation

for their contributions to that fund, it was moved and duly carried that the letter be placed on file.

It was moved and duly carried that the resolution referring to the adoption of an emblem, preferably a pin to be worn by each individual member, be tabled.

The meeting then adjourned sine die.



Mrs. Abram Simon,  
President.

Mrs. Benjamin Loewenstein,  
Rec. Secretary.





# Appendix

## APPENDIX A

## Membership List\*

City	Sisterhood	Members	Officers
Akron, O.	Temple Society of the Akron Hebrew Congregation	50	Rabbi L. D. Gross, Pres. Mrs. S. M. Levy, Sec.
Alexandria, La.	Temple Guild	82	Mrs. I. Kaufman, Pres. Mrs. Roy M. Lisso, Sec.
Alexandria, Va.	Beth El Sisterhood	32	Mrs. B. W. Ehrman, Pres. Miss M. Weil, Sec.
Altoona, Pa.	Ladies' Temple Society	30	Mrs. Minnie Simon, Pres. Mrs. Benj. Dreifus, Sec.
Anniston, Ala.	Ladies' Hebrew Benevolent Society	20	Mrs. Anselm Sternes, Pres. Mrs. Irwin P. Levi, Sec.
Atlanta, Ga.	Temple Sisterhood	235	Mrs. S. Selig, Pres. Mrs. S. Schoen, Sec.
Atlantic City, N. J.	Beth Israel Sisterhood	100	Mrs. M. F. Allman, Pres. Mrs. Elias Rosenbaum, Sec.
Baltimore, Md.	Baltimore Hebrew Congregation Sisterhood	291	Mrs. D. Wiesenfeld, Pres. Miss Ray Frank, Sec.
	Eutaw Place Temple Sisterhood	225	Mrs. Moses Goldenburg, Pres. Mrs. W. B. Wolf, Sec.
	Ladies' Auxiliary of the Har Sinai Temple	130	Mrs. Henry Oppenheimer, Pres. Mrs. G. W. Nachman, Sec.
Baton Rouge, La.	B'nai Israel Sisterhood	37	Mrs. Emanuel Sternheim, Pres. Mrs. H. L. Cohn, Sec.
Bellaire, O.	Ladies' Hebrew Relief Society	27	Mrs. Harry Herzburg, Pres. Mrs. H. Blum, Sec.
Bloomington, Ills.	Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society	31	Mrs. Albert Schwarzman, Pres. Mrs. H. H. Marx, Sec.
Boston, Mass.	Sisterhood of Temple Ohabei Shalom	160	Mrs. A. K. Cohen, Pres. Mrs. L. Goldman, Sec.
	Temple Israel Sisterhood	238	Mrs. Daniel Frank, Pres. Mrs. Lucius Barnet, Sec.
Brooklyn, N. Y.	Sisterhood of Temple Beth Elohim	200	Mrs. Florence B. Abrahams, Pres. Mrs. Hattie Richman, Sec.
	The Woman's Auxiliary of Temple Beth Elohim	150	Mrs. Rose Brandenburger, Pres. Mrs. L. M. Strep, Sec.
Buffalo, N. Y.	Ladies' Temple Society	294	Mrs. Edw. Warner, Pres. Mrs. Leo Tabor, Sec.

\* This list contains the officers and number of members reported by the sisterhoods to the Executive Office up to January 1, 1915. As there is no uniformity in the time for election of officers by the local bodies, almost every month in the year having been selected for this purpose by some sisterhoods, it is virtually impossible to publish a list that will be up-to-date at the time of publication. A revised sisterhood directory will be published in the Fall, in which will be embodied changes in officers, etc., which take place in many sisterhoods prior to the customary adjournment over the summer.



## MEMBERSHIP LIST

City	Sisterhood	Members	Officers
Champaign and Urbana, Ill.	The Ladies' Social Circle.	22	Mrs. B. Stern, Pres Miss R. Shulhafer, Sec.
Chicago, Ill.	Chicago Sinai Temple Sisterhood	405	Mrs. James Witkowsky, Pres. Miss Marion Wertheimer, Sec.
	Emanuel Society	150	Mrs. J. Henry Steiner, Pres. Mrs. Aaron Levy, Sec.
	Isaiah Woman's Club	600	Mrs. Victor Frankenstein, Pres. Mrs. Joseph Stolz, Sec.
	K. A. M. Auxiliary	300	Mrs. Tobias Schanfarber, Pres. Mrs. Jacob N. Strauss, Sec.
	Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple Sholom	400	Mrs. M. Karger, Pres. Mrs. S. J. Weil, Sec.
	Ladies' Society of B'nai Sholom Temple Israel	335	Mrs. Louis Livingston, Pres. Mrs. Gabriel Lipman, Sec.
	Temple Judea Woman's Club	65	Mrs. Samuel Metcoff, Pres. Mrs. A. Simon, Sec.
Cincinnati, O.	Plum Street Temple Sisterhood	214	Mrs. Ben Loewenstein, Pres. Mrs. Edw. L. Heinsheimer, Sec.
	Sisterhood of Bene Israel Congregation	140	Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg, Pres. Mrs. Daniel S. Heyn, Sec.
	Sisterhood Society of the Reading Road Temple	93	Mrs. Harry Sternberger, Pres. Mrs. James Bass, Sec.
Cleveland, O.	Euclid Avenue Temple Sisterhood	730	Mrs. Sol. Moses, Pres. Miss Gertrude Bondy, Sec.
	The Temple Women's Association	1000	Mrs. Siegmund Joseph, Pres. Miss Edna Goldsmith, Sec.
Columbus, Ga.	Jewish Ladies' Aid Society	50	Mrs. L. Loewenherz, Pres. Mrs. B. Rothschild, Sec.
Columbus, O.	Ladies' Auxiliary of B'nai Israel Temple	100	Mrs. Fred Lazarus, Pres. Mrs. Clara G. Loewenstein, Sec.
Davenport, Ia.	Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel	52	Mrs. A. L. Weinstein, Pres. Mrs. Hugo Simon, Sec.
Dayton, O.	Ladies' Temple Auxiliary of K. K. B. Y.	170	Mrs. David Lefkowitz, Pres. Mrs. Sidney G. Kusworm, Sec.
Denver, Colo.	Emanuel Sisterhood	173	Mrs. Emma Sigmund, Pres. Mrs. A. Erdman, Sec.
Des Moines, Ia.	The United Benevolent Society of Temple B'nai Jeshurun	66	Mrs. Maurice Becker, Pres. Mrs. Mose Cohen, Sec.
Detroit, Mich.	Woman's Auxiliary Association of Temple Beth El	300	Mrs. David J. Eppstein, Pres. Mrs. A. M. Ermann, Sec.

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City	Sisterhood	Members	Officers
Duluth, Minn.	Temple Aid Society	72	Mrs. Henry Abraham, Pres. Mrs. M. Lefkowitz, Sec.
Easton, Pa.	Ladies' Hebrew Benevolent Society	18	Mrs. E. Kline, Pres. Mrs. I. Kahn, Sec.
Erie, Pa.	Hebrew Ladies' Auxiliary	70	Mrs. Jacob Schaffner, Pres. Mrs. Alfred Baker, Sec.
Evansville, Ind.	Temple Sisterhood	90	Mrs. Harry Lowenthal, Pres. Mrs. Lee S. Heimann, Sec.
Far Rockaway, L. I., N. Y.	Sisterhood Temple Israel	280	Mrs. Leo A. Levy, Pres. Mrs. Leo Sulzberger, Sec.
Ft. Wayne, Ind.	Achduth Veshalom Sisterhood	55	Mrs. Ida Rothschild, Pres. Mrs. B. M. Edlavitch, Sec.
Ft. Worth, Tex.	The Temple Auxiliary	39	Mrs. H. Brann, Pres. Mrs. M. Schiff, Sec.
Gary, Ind.	Woman's Auxiliary of Temple Israel	38	Mrs. H. Alschuler, Pres. Mrs. J. Steiner, Sec.
Goldsboro, N. C.	Ladies' Aid Society	23	Mrs. Sol. Weil, Pres. Mrs. Vance Weill, Sec.
Grand Rapids, Mich.	Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple Emanuel	40	Mrs. Benj. Wolf, Pres. Miss Grace Treusch, Sec.
Hammond, Ind.	Jewish Ladies' Aid Society	28	Mrs. M. Rothschild, Pres. Mrs. Jacob Fox, Sec.
Harrisburg, Pa.	Ohev Sholom Sisterhood	44	Mrs. O. Buxbaum, Pres. Mrs. Chas. J. Freund, Sec.
Hartford, Conn.	Women's Auxiliary C. B. I.	151	Mrs. Samuel Stern, Pres. Mrs. F. Lyon, Sec.
Huntington, W. Va.	Ladies' Hebrew Benevolent Society	38	Mrs. L. A. Pollock, Pres. Mrs. W. Loeb, Sec.
Jacksonville, Fla.	The Jewish Women's League	100	Mrs. T. Zacharias, Pres. Mrs. I. F. Bassett, Sec.
Kansas City, Mo.	Temple Sisterhood	275	Mrs. H. H. Mayer, Pres. Miss Theresa Ryder, Sec.
Lancaster, Pa.	Ladies' Temple Auxiliary	46	Mrs. E. M. Cohn, Pres. Mrs. A. H. Sondheimer, Sec.
Lincoln, Neb.	Jewish Ladies' Aid Society	78	Mrs. E. Levi, Pres. Mrs. Sam Wessel, Sec.
Los Angeles, Cal.	Sisterhood of Temple B'nai B'rith	53	Mrs. Berthold Baruch, Pres.
Louisville, Ky.	Adath Israel Sisterhood	331	Mrs. Jacob Zellner, Pres. Mrs. Edwin T. Baer, Sec.
	Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple B'rith Sholom	150	Mrs. Jacob Isaacs, Pres. Miss Justine Kohlman, Sec.
McKeesport, Pa.	Sisterhood of Temple B'nai Israel	55	Mrs. Chas. Friedman, Pres. Miss Julia Crow, Sec.
Macon, Ga.	Beth Israel Temple Guild	68	Mrs. E. A. Waxelbaum, Pres. Mrs. Arthur A. Shulhafer, Sec.

City	Sisterhood	Members	Officers
Memphis, Tenn.	Ladies' Temple Auxiliary	350	Mrs. Jos. Rosenfield, Pres. Mrs. Max Dinkelspiel, Sec.
Meridian, Miss.	Ladies' Temple Guild and Sisterhood	71	Miss Theresa Rothenberg, Pres. Miss Julia Threefoot, Sec.
Milwaukee, Wis.	Bene Jeshurun Sisterhood	288	Mrs. Veit, Pres. Mrs. F. C. Mock, Sec.
	Emanu-El Society	147	Mrs. Chas. L. Aarons, Pres. Mrs. I. Epstein, Sec.
Monroe, La.	Jewish Ladies' Temple Aid Society	57	Mrs. Jonas Selig, Pres. Mrs. Samuel Kaplan, Sec.
Mt. Vernon, Ind.	Ladies' Temple Society	21	Mrs. Lee Rosenbaum, Pres. Mrs. Stella J. Fox, Sec.
Nashville, Tenn.	Vine Street Temple Sister- hood	125	Mrs. R. Z. Levy, Pres. Mrs. S. Bloomstein, Sec.
Natchez, Miss.	Natchez Temple Sister- hood	43	Mrs. B. C. Geisenberger, Pres. Mrs. Joseph H. Adell, Sec.
New Haven, Conn.	Mishkan Israel Temple Sis- terhood	176	Mrs. Frederick M. Adler, Pres. Mrs. Albert Zunder, Sec.
New Iberia, La.	Ladies' Temple Aid Society	10	Mrs. Leon Dreyfus, Pres. Mrs. Henry Meyer, Sec.
New Orleans, La.	Ladies' Guild of Temple Sinai	172	Mrs. Paul L. Godchaux, Pres. Mrs. Max Heller, Sec.
	Woman's League of Touro Synagog	131	Mrs. Harris Hyman, Pres. Mrs. G. Schwartz, Sec.
New York, N. Y.	Sinai Sisterhood of the Bronx	43	Mrs. R. E. Heiderman, Pres. Mrs. A. Furst, Sec.
	Ladies' Auxiliary of Con- gregation A. C. S. H.	176	Mrs. Sol Boehm, Pres. Mrs. Joseph Grashem, Sec.
Norfolk, Va.	Sisterhood of Oheb Sha- lom	140	Mrs. A. B. Seldner, Pres. Mrs. D. S. Baum, Sec.
Oklahoma City, Okla.	Jewish Ladies' Aid Society	85	Mrs. Jos. Myer, Pres. Mrs. Jos. Urbansky, Sec.
Paducah, Ky.	Sisterhood of Temple Israel	50	Mrs. Jos. B. Laevison, Pres. Miss Goldye Rosenthal, Sec.
Peoria, Ill.	Sisterhood of Anshai Emeth Congregation	222	Mrs. Sam Woolner, Pres. Mrs. A. Goldstein, Sec.
Philadelphia, Pa.	Sisterhood of Keneseth Israel	1000	Mrs. Max Greenbaum, Pres. Mrs. Samuel Jacobs, Sec.
	Sisterhood of Rodef Sha- lom Congregation	517	Miss Jeannette Miriam Gold- berg, Pres. Mrs. L. C. Jonas, Sec.
Pine Bluff, Ark.	Ladies' Temple Society	83	Mrs. F. Baer, Pres. Mrs. A. Dreyfus, Sec.

City	Sisterhood	Members	Officers
Piqua, O.	The Jewish Ladies' Aid Society	15	Mrs. Leo Louis, Pres. Mrs. E. Kahn, Sec.
Pittsburgh, Pa.	Sisterhood of Rodeph Shalom Congregation	300	Mrs. E. M. Lazarus, Pres. Mrs. S. Weinhaus, Sec.
Providence, R. I.	Ladies' Auxiliary Society	52	Mrs. Isaac C. Ottenberg, Pres. Mrs. Ray Dimond, Sec.
Reading, Pa.	Temple Sisterhood	46	Mrs. S. S. Schweriner, Pres. Miss Adele T. Levine, Sec.
Sacramento, Cal.	Women's Auxiliary Society of B'nai Israel	80	Mrs. A. Elkus, Pres. Mrs. L. Cotton, Sec.
Saginaw, Mich.	Beth El Sisterhood	19	Mrs. Samuel Seitner, Pres. Miss L. Lenhoff, Sec.
St. Joseph, Mo.	Adath Joseph Sisterhood	120	Mrs. Sam Binswanger, Pres. Mrs. M. C. Straus, Sec.
St. Louis, Mo.	Shaare Emeth Ladies' Society	220	Mrs. J. D. Strauss, Pres. Mrs. Morris Levy, Sec.
	Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple Israel.	200	Mrs. Maurice Steinfeld, Pres. Mrs. L. A. Weil, Sec.
Savannah, Ga.	Temple Gnilid of Mickve Israel	121	Mrs. Geo. Solomon, Pres. Mrs. Jacob Pinkussohn, Sec.
Scranton, Pa.	The Sisterhood of the Madison Avenue Temple	82	Mrs. Benjamin Samter, Pres. Mrs. Abram J. Levy, Sec.
Seattle, Wash.	Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple de Hirsch	125	Mrs. N. Eckstein, Pres. Mrs. Alex Coblentz, Sec.
Sioux City, Ia.	Jewish Ladies' Aid Society	50	Mrs. B. Schulein, Pres. Mrs. Edward A. White, Sec.
Springfield, Mo.	Ladies' Auxiliary of Oheb Zedakah Congregation	—	—
Springfield, O.	Ladies' Auxiliary of Oheb Zedakah Congregation	50	Mrs. Burton Freiberg, Sec. Mrs. S. Altschul, Pres. Miss Frieda Strauss, Sec.
Statesville, N. C.	Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society	7	Mrs. J. H. Hoffmann, Pres. Mrs. Wm. Wallace, Sec.
Toledo, O.	Ladies' Auxiliary Society	88	Mrs. Julius Geleerd, Pres. Mrs. David Alexander, Sec.
Vicksburg, Miss.	The Ladies' Auxiliary of Congregation Anshe Chesed	79	Mrs. A. Rose, Pres. Mrs. W. B. Levy, Sec.
Washington, D. C.	Sisterhood of the Washington Hebrew Congregation	304	Mrs. Alfred Selinger, Pres. Mrs. Alfred Rosenthal, Sec.
Wheeling, W. Va.	Ladies' Hebrew Benevolent Society	70	Mrs. Leon B. Stein, Pres. Mrs. Louis Horkheimer, Sec.
Youngstown, O.	Sisterhood of Rodef Shalom Temple	114	Mrs. L. H. Cahn, Pres. Mrs. Herman Katz, Sec.
Zanesville, O.	Jewish Woman's Benevolent and Aid Society	26	Mrs. DollyChase Weinberg, Pres. Mrs. Rose Brilliant, Sec.

APPENDIX B

# Constitution

As Revised January 19, 1915.

## PREAMBLE.

We, the representatives of the Sisterhoods of the various synagoggs comprised in the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, believing:

That the congregation forms the religious unit in Israel, and,

That the increased power which has come to the modern American Jewess ought to be exercised in congregational life, and,

That the religious and moral development of Israel will be furthered by this co-operation,

Do hereby agree to form a National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods for the effective carrying out of the above very laudable aims.

## NAME.

The name of this organization shall be the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

## OBJECTS.

The objects of this organization are to be:

1. To bring the various Sisterhoods of the country into closer co-operation and association with one another.
2. To quicken the religious consciousness of Israel, by strengthening the spiritual and educational activity.
3. To make propaganda for the cause of Israel.
4. To co-operate with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

## MEMBERSHIP.

Any Sisterhood connected with a Jewish congregation may become a member of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, by making written application to the Executive Board of the Federation.

Any organization of women doing religious work in any community where there is no congregation may become a member of the National Federation by making written application.

## MEETINGS OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION.

The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods shall meet in regular session biennially, concurrently, if possible, with the meeting of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, at the place and time selected by the Union.

## REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BIENNIAL MEETING.

Each Sisterhood shall appoint one representative to the biennial meeting of the Federation and one additional representative for every twenty-five contributing members above twenty-five.

## OFFICERS.

The Federation, in its biennial convention, shall elect a president, vice-president and a secretary from among the representatives present, and these shall hold office during the convention.

The Federation, at its biennial meeting, shall elect by ballot twenty-five members who shall constitute the Executive Board.

The Executive Board shall elect, from its own members, a president, vice-president, treasurer and recording secretary. It shall also elect an executive secretary, who shall not be a member of the Executive Board and whose salary shall be determined by it.

## MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Executive Board shall organize immediately after the convention adjourns, and meet semi-annually, in January and July, in such places as may be decided upon.

## DUES.

Each Sisterhood shall pay into the treasury of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods ten cents per annum for each member thereof.

## DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

The duties of the president, vice-president, treasurer, recording secretary and executive

secretary shall be those usually devolving upon such officers in regularly constituted organizations.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

There shall be seven Standing Committees each to consist of five members to be appointed by the President of the Executive Board. Vacancies occurring in the Standing Committees shall be filled immediately by the President.

The chairman of each Standing Committee shall present an annual report to the President of the Executive Board.

The following Standing Committees shall be appointed:

- a. On Co-operation.
- b. On Religion.
- c. On Religious Schools.
- d. On Propaganda.
- e. On Scholarships.
- f. On Union Museum for Jewish Ceremonial Objects.
- g. On Uniongram.

#### DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

a. Committee on Co-operation shall effect methods of closer relationship between existing sisterhoods and shall collect and disseminate information of value to sisterhoods, and of general interest to the Jew at large.

b. Committee on Religion shall help to foster the religious life of the congregation, encourage Sabbath observance and synagog attendance, devise means of inviting resident or visiting Jews to Divine services, and to form classes for the study of Religion, Jewish History and Hebrew.

c. Committee on Religious Schools shall formulate and furnish sisterhoods with the best results in religious-school education,

encourage the preservation of ceremonials connected with Jewish holidays, endeavor to secure a national census of Jewish children in attendance at religious schools, and endeavor to encourage young men and women to devote themselves to religious-school teaching.

d. Committee on Propaganda shall endeavor to form new sisterhoods in communities where there are none, and co-operate with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, especially with the Board of Managers of Synagog and School Extension.

e. Committee on Scholarships shall encourage the preparation of young men for the rabbinical profession and secure funds for the creation of Sisterhood Scholarships for the Hebrew Union College.

f. Committee on National Museum for Jewish Ceremonial Objects shall endeavor to secure for the Hebrew Union College a collection of objects of art such as belong to such a museum.

g. Committee on Uniongram, with the aid of local committees bearing the same name, shall endeavor to dispose of Uniongrams for the purpose of adding to the revenue of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

#### AMENDMENTS.

Amendments to the Constitution must be presented to the Executive Board and by them submitted to the first meeting of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, thereafter. To become part of the Constitution they must be adopted by a two-thirds vote of those present.

On motion of Mrs. L. H. Cahn, of Youngstown, Ohio, duly seconded, the above Constitution was adopted.



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סוטה יא

*“By the merit of its righteous women  
Was Israel redeemed from Egypt.”*

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**Louisville, 1916**  
**Baltimore, 1917**

# Proceedings

of the

## Executive Board

### Wednesday's Session

Temple Adath Israel,

Louisville, February 23, 1916, 9:30 a. m.

In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and pursuant to the call of the President, Mrs. Abram Simon, the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods held its annual meeting at the above place and time.

There were present: Mesdames Abram Simon, Israel Cowen, Leon Goodman, Benjamin Loewenstein, Sol. Moses, Harry Sternberger and Joseph Stolz.

Mrs. Abram Simon presided over the meeting and Mrs. Loewenstein acted in the capacity of Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Executive Board were read and upon motion approved.

#### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The Executive Secretary, Rabbi George Zepin, then presented the following report, which was upon motion accepted and ordered spread upon the minutes.

To the members of the Executive Board of the N. F. T. S.

Ladies: Your Secretary begs leave to report that the growth of the various departments of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods has been most gratifying and encouraging. In the last season the membership has increased from 104 to 126.

#### Addition to Membership

Birmingham, Ala.

Temple Emanu-El Chapter.

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sisterhood of Temple Israel.

Cairo, Ill.

Cairo Temple Sisterhood.

Cincinnati, O.

The Northside Temple Sisterhood.

Columbia, S. C.

The Ladies' Aid Society.

Corsicana, Tex.

Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple Beth El.

Cumberland, Md.

The Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society.

Fort Smith, Ark.

The Temple Aid Society.

Joplin, Mo.

Sisterhood of the Joplin United Hebrew Congregation.

Knoxville, Tenn.

The Woman's Auxiliary of Temple Beth El.

Laporte, Ind.

Hebrew Ladies' Relief Society.

Lorain, O.

Lorain Temple Sisterhood.

Mobile, Ala.

Temple Sisterhood.

Oakland, Cal.

The Sisterhood of Temple Sinai.

Paterson, N. J.

B'nai Jeshurun Sisterhood.

Raleigh, N. C.

Temple Sisterhood.

Shreveport, La.

The Temple Guild.

Spokane, Wash.

Women's Auxiliary of Temple Emanu-El.

Springfield, Ill.

Temple Sisterhood.

Uniontown, Pa.

Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple Israel.

Wilmington, N. C.

Ladies' Concordia Society.

Zanesville, O.

Jewish Woman's Benevolent and Aid Society.

Inasmuch as the Executive Secretary is the Secretary of every standing committee, the record of progress which is usually contained in a Secretary's report appears in the reports of the various National Committees.

In the pursuit of this work this season, we have issued from this office over 5,000 letters.

### LECTURE BUREAU

The task of getting ready the preliminary steps for the establishment of a Lecture Bureau has been placed in the hands of the Executive Office.

In the pursuit of this work we have circularized about 433 rabbis and received about 162 acceptances. The names of the lecturers, subjects and terms, etc., are ready for publication in a booklet, and it is proposed that the Office take charge of all arrangements.

A statement of Receipts and Disbursements is herewith submitted.

### SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements From January 1, 1915, to February 1, 1916.

Balance			
Kenwood Trust & Savings Bank, Jan. 1, 1915 .....		\$3,430.55	
Receipts			
From Dues.....	\$1,495.68		
“ Sale of Calendars.....	509.80		
“ Sale of Uniongrams.....	438.74		
“ Scholarships.....	2,486.50		
“ War Sufferers' Fund.....	1,094.82		
“ Miscellaneous .....	15.90	\$6,041.44	
“ Interest in Kenwood Trust & Savings Bank (Bank Statement) .....		73.89	\$9,545.88
Disbursements			
Calendars.....	\$ 512.19		
Uniongrams.....	170.49		
Scholarships.....	2,550.00		
Stationery and Postage.....	340.20		
Biennial Convention.....	369.94		
President's Office.....	246.45		
Committee on Propaganda.....	3.00		
Committee on Scholarships.....	11.25		
Committee on Cooperation.....	3.60		
Committee on Religious Schools.....	264.90		
Committee on Religion.....	3.25		
War Sufferers' Fund.....	1,094.82		
Miscellaneous.....	10.00	\$5,580.09	
Exchange (Bank Statement).....		17.65	\$5,597.74
Balance.....			\$3,948.14

**NOTE:** Outstanding checks to extent of \$52.85, and outstanding vouchers to extent of \$43.84, creating a balance of \$9.01, by which above balance must be reduced in order to equal the actual bank balance of the Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,  
George Zepin, Executive Secretary.



REPORT OF THE TREASURER

The Treasurer, Mrs. Israel Cowen, then upon motion accepted and ordered spread presented the following report, which was upon the minutes.

Chicago, Ill., February 10, 1916

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

Ladies:—I beg leave to submit the following as my report from January 1, 1915, to February 1, 1916.

Balance in Kenwood Trust & Savings Bank, January 1, 1915.....	\$3,430.55	
Received from George Zepin, Executive Secretary.....	5,988.59	
Interest (Kenwood Trust & Savings Bank).....	73.89	\$9,493.03
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Paid Vouchers, amounting to.....	\$5,536.25	
Paid Exchange (Kenwood Trust & Savings Bank).....	17.65	5,553.90
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Balance (Kenwood Trust & Savings Bank).....		\$3,939.13

**NOTE:**

**Checks in Transit as per Secretary's Books**

Receipts mailed by George Zepin, Exec. Secy. to Treas.....	\$52.85
Vouchers issued by George Zepin, Exec. Secy., not yet honored by Treas. ....	43.84
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	\$ 9.01

The Secretary's book balance is \$3,948.14; that is—the Treasurer's bank balance plus \$9.01.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Israel Cowen, Treasurer.

Letters and telegrams from various members of the Board, who could not attend the meeting were presented. These were upon motion ordered placed on file.

A communication was read from Mrs. Leo Wolf, Wheeling, W. Va., tendering her resignation because she found it impossible to attend the meeting.

It was moved and duly carried that the Executive Secretary address a communication to Mrs. Wolf expressing the regret of the members of the Executive Board that she could not be present at this meeting, and asking her to reconsider her resignation.

A communication was read from Mrs. Jos. Rosenfield, Memphis, Tenn., member of the Board, tendering her resignation because she could not attend the meeting.

It was moved and duly carried that the Executive Secretary address a communication to Mrs. Rosenfield expressing the regret of the members of the Executive Board that she could not be present at this meeting, and asking her to reconsider her resignation.

**NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON HEBREW UNION COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS**

Mrs. Jos. Stolz, of Chicago, Chairman of the National Committee on Hebrew Union

College Scholarships, presented the following report:

February 23, 1916.

Madam President and Members of the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

As chairman of the Committee on Hebrew Union College Scholarships I deem it a special privilege to present the report of our work for the past year, in this city from which, through the Sisterhood of Adath Israel' Congregation, came the first Sisterhood Scholarship.

\$3,106.25 have been contributed by the Sisterhoods since our meeting a year ago as against \$2,161.11 the previous year. We have received through complete Scholarships \$2,300.00, as follows:

**Individual Scholarships.**

**CINCINNATI, OHIO.**

Plum Street Temple Sisterhood.....	\$300.00
Sisterhood of Bene Israel Congregation .....	300.00

**CLEVELAND, OHIO.**

Temple Women's Association.....	300.00
Euclid Ave. Temple Sisterhood.....	250.00

**LOUISVILLE, KY.**

Sisterhood of Adath Israel Congregation ..... 250.00

**PITTSBURG, PA.**

Sisterhood of Rodef Shalom Congregation "J. Leonard Levy Scholarship" ..... 300.00

**WASHINGTON, D. C.**

Sisterhood of Washington Hebrew Congregation ..... 300.00

**District Scholarships.****DISTRICT No. 9—\$300.00.**

Chicago, Ill.—Isaiah Woman's Club... 205.00  
Chicago, Ill.—Chicago Sinai Temple Sisterhood ..... 50.00  
Chicago, Ill.—Temple Emanuel Sisterhood ..... 25.00  
Peoria, Ill.—Sisterhood of Anshai Emeth Congregation ..... 20.00

**Incomplete Scholarships.****TOTAL, \$806.25.****DISTRICT No. 2—\$120.00.**

Bensonhurst, L. I.—Ladies' League of People's Temple ..... \$10.00  
Rockaway, N. Y.—Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple Israel ..... 10.00  
Brooklyn, N. Y.—Sisterhood of Keap Street Temple ..... 25.00  
Brooklyn, N. Y.—Woman's Auxiliary of Temple Beth Elohim..... 25.00  
Buffalo, N. Y.—Women's Temple Society ..... 50.00

**DISTRICT No. 3—\$75.00.**

Philadelphia, Pa.—Keneseth Israel Sisterhood ..... 50.00  
Scranton, Pa.—Sisterhood of Madison Avenue Temple ..... 25.00

**DISTRICT No. 5—\$135.00.**

Baltimore, Md.—Eutaw Place Temple Sisterhood ..... 100.00  
Norfolk, Va.—Oheb Shalom Temple Sisterhood ..... 35.00

**DISTRICT No. 6—\$119.50.**

Dayton, O.—Ladies' Temple Auxiliary K. K. B. Y. .... 50.00  
Lorain, O.—Lorain Temple Sisterhood 5.00  
Toledo, O.—Ladies' Auxiliary Society. 35.00  
Youngstown, O.—Sisterhood of Rodef Shalom Congregation ..... 29.50

**DISTRICT No. 8—\$57.00.**

Anniston, Ala.—Henrietta Sterne Sisterhood ..... 7.00  
Nashville, Tenn.—Vine Street Temple Sisterhood ..... 25.00  
Savannah, Ga.—Temple Guild of Mickve Israel ..... 25.00

**DISTRICT No. 10—\$239.50.**

Davenport, Ia.—Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel ..... 12.00  
Sioux City, Ia.—Jewish Ladies' Aid Society ..... 20.00  
Detroit, Mich.—Woman's Auxiliary of Temple Beth El..... 100.00  
Evansville, Ind.—Temple Sisterhood.. 10.00  
Fort Wayne, Ind.—Achduth Veshalom Sisterhood ..... 15.00  
Mt. Vernon, Ind.—Ladies' Temple Society. .... 7.50  
Milwaukee, Wis.—B'ne Jeshurun Sisterhood ..... 50.00  
Milwaukee, Wis.—Emanuel Ladies' Society ..... 25.00

**DISTRICT No. 11—\$50.25.**

Natchez, Miss.—Natchez Temple Sisterhood. .... 20.00  
St. Joseph, Mo.—Adath Joseph Sisterhood ..... 30.25

**DISTRICT No. 12—\$10.00.**

Louisville, Ky.—Ladies' Auxiliary of B'rith Sholom ..... 10.00

Since only a few Sisterhoods can contribute complete Scholarships, we have continued to follow the plan of our predecessors, endeavoring to raise a Scholarship (\$300) in each of the twelve Districts into which the country has been divided.

That our contributions have increased by nearly \$1,000 over those of last year is a matter for congratulation especially when we consider the recent business depression and the many claims that the war has imposed upon our people. This increase was made possible by the addition of three new Scholarships (two in Cincinnati and one in Washington), and by the contributions of Sisterhoods that had not donated before. It has moreover been very gratifying to receive letters from Sisterhoods throughout the country expressive of their interest in our cause and their willingness to co-operate with us. And even where no contribution has accompanied the letter, the friendly, sympathetic spirit and the promise of support

as soon as local conditions permit, have been a source of encouragement and inspiration in my work as Chairman undertaken because of my devotion to the memory of my revered teacher, Dr. Wise, and my interest in the College.

But there is another side to the picture which is neither encouraging nor gratifying, viz.: the decrease in the contributions of some of the prominent Sisterhoods of our Federation, and, still worse, the complete failure on the part of others to send a second contribution. Nor can we fail to note the meagerness or entire absence of contributions from large Jewish centers located at the four extremes of our country.

Many methods were employed by the Sisterhoods for raising the money for their contributions. Some organizations placed a per capita tax upon their members. Others made a direct contribution from their treasury replacing the sum later, either in whole or in part, through the profits from the sale of the Art Calendar, a profit of fifteen cents per calendar. A number of the Sisterhoods took advantage of the occasion of their celebration of the Isaac M. Wise Memorial Day to make a special appeal for Scholarship contributions. Still others adopted the plan of placing a box for free-will offerings in the vestry room of the Temple and the one of which I am the local chairman, expects to increase its annual contribution quite materially through donations which our members are giving either in commemoration of an anniversary (sad or joyful), or instead of sending flowers to a funeral or a gift on an anniversary. These contributions are in every instance acknowledged to the donor as well as to the family or person who would otherwise be the recipient.

In pursuing this campaign for Scholarships, your committee addressed five general communications to the Sisterhoods totalling 438 letters, besides which your chairman has written many dozen personal letters to the Sisterhoods and to the Executive Office. About sixty Sisterhoods have answered our communications and thirty-eight of these sent contributions ranging from \$300.00 to \$5.00.

For the celebration of the Isaac M. Wise Memorial Day this year, your Committee prepared a program which has been printed and distributed among the Sisterhoods and I

have already received several answers promising co-operation in this plan.

This report would not be complete without a word of thanks to the members of my Committee and especially to our Executive Secretary and his assistants. May the cause for which we stand grow in scope and in popularity until every Jewish community in this country has a Sisterhood and every Sisterhood will feel it a privilege as well as a duty to contribute to the Scholarships Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Joseph Stolz, Chairman.

It was moved and duly carried that the report be accepted and spread upon the minutes.

#### REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON COOPERATION

The report of the National Committee on Cooperation, of which Mrs. Jos. Wiesenfeld, Baltimore, Md., is chairman, was presented.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

Ladies: The main activity of your Committee on Cooperation during the past year was the successful development of the Exchange Bureau. The purpose of this Bureau is, first to receive and examine the reports of the activities of the different societies and then to send accounts of the unusual religious, intellectual or social activities reported, to the individual Sisterhoods belonging to the National Federation.

Weekly news-letters were sent to the Jewish press containing reports of the work of the Sisterhoods. Annual Sisterhood reports and various matters pertaining to the Sisterhoods' activities were printed in the Union Bulletin.

Before the Succoth Festival the Sisterhoods received a letter suggesting the celebration of the Harvest Festival. A program of a successful celebration that had been held by one of the Sisterhoods was included in this letter.

Before Chanukah a communication, "How the Sisterhoods Celebrated Chanukah Last Year" was sent out. This included programs and detailed descriptions of many celebrations which were intended to serve as suggestions to the Sisterhoods in making their own program.

Your Committee on Cooperation urged the individual Sisterhoods to engage in Students' Welfare Work. Before Rosh Hashanah the Sisterhoods were requested to secure the courtesies of the Synagog for the Jewish students attending universities in a city having a Sisterhood or in its neighborhood. The request was also made that a reception be tendered to the students at the beginning of the college term, that they might thus be brought into contact with their coreligionists. Your Committee desires to report a satisfactory increase in the number of Sisterhoods engaged in this activity. We are planning to bring to the attention of the Sisterhoods the opportunity for this phase of religious endeavor which the coming Passover with its Seder Service will afford.

A new activity that we propose to inaugurate is that of friendly visiting among defectives and delinquents confined in institutions. In addition to this we shall endeavor to provide them with Jewish reading matter, with occasional services and with Matzos for Passover. Thus far only a few Sisterhoods have been engaged in this field but we hope that with the guidance of the rabbis we shall interest a number of Sisterhoods to undertake this splendid uplift work.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Jos. Wiesenfeld, Chairman.

It was moved and duly carried that the report be accepted and spread upon the minutes.

#### REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON PROPAGANDA

The report of the National Committee on Propaganda, of which Mrs. H. H. Mayer, Kansas City, Mo., is chairman, was then presented.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

Ladies: During the past year your Committee on Propaganda labored to accomplish two objects; to increase the number of societies affiliated with the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods and to increase the membership of the local Sisterhoods.

Your Committee is gratified to report that during the year 22 societies were added to the N. F. T. S., and one society withdrew,

an increase of 21 percent in one year. On January 1, 1916, we numbered 126 Sisterhoods. Though satisfied with this success, our efforts to bring more societies into the National Federation have by no means abated. We have introduced a new plan by means of which we will be enabled to appeal to the prospective Sisterhoods in a more personal manner than heretofore.

Each Sisterhood has been asked to suggest the name of an influential member to serve on the Propaganda Advisory Committee. These propagandists are to be asked to visit one or two Sisterhoods in their neighborhood, to speak to them on the aims and purposes of the Federation and to secure their affiliation with the National body. 45 ladies have already signified their willingness to serve on this committee and in about a month the whole plan will probably be in operation. Your Committee is looking forward to gratifying results from this campaign.

A general communication to the Sisterhoods asking them to report the activity of the local Committee on Propaganda in increasing the membership of their societies, brought forth a very satisfactory response. 27 Sisterhoods reported an increased membership and detailed the methods employed in bringing about this result. Your Committee is convinced that by putting forth additional efforts each society can increase its numbers appreciably.

Your Committee desires to suggest that a card be presented to each Sisterhood member by the local officers on the payment of dues. This card besides serving as a card of admission to the local Sisterhood meetings might also be used as a general membership card permitting the holder thereof to attend any meeting of the Sisterhoods affiliated with the N. F. T. S.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. H. H. Mayer, Chairman.

It was moved and duly carried that the report of the National Committee on Propaganda be accepted and spread upon the minutes, also that the recommendations be approved and left to the Executive Office for execution.

It was moved and duly carried to recommend to all Sisterhoods the admission to meetings of such persons as show evidence of membership in other Sisterhoods.

It was moved and duly carried that the Board approve the action of the President in creating a Propaganda Advisory Committee.

#### REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON RELIGION

Mrs. Leon Goodman, of Louisville, Ky., Chairman of the National Committee on Religion, presented the following report:

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

Ladies: During the past year your Committee was very active in its endeavor to arouse the religious consciousness of our Jewish women. With this goal constantly before it, your Committee centered its attention upon certain activities, all of them leading toward the desired goal.

Not only did the Committee put forth special efforts to bring about a larger attendance at divine services on Sabbaths and holidays, but the Committee also endeavored to add greater interest to the services by suggesting the introduction of congregational singing. So many favorable replies have been received from individual Sisterhoods as to indicate that before long congregational singing will form a part of the services in a large number of congregations.

Your Committee continued its activity of making propaganda for the introduction of home observances. Before the several holidays brief notices were forwarded to the Sisterhoods describing the Festival and indicating the manner of its observance. Before Confirmation Day, an appeal was made to the mothers to eliminate from the celebration of the day, all the sordid and harmful and undignified customs that had unfortunately been associated with that event. A general communication has been sent to the Sisterhoods asking them to feature Religion at their February meeting.

The Sisterhoods that are maintaining lecture courses and study circles are increasing in number. There seems to be a growing desire on the part of the Sisterhoods to have regular meetings of Bible classes under the leadership of the rabbi. The subjects that are treated in these classes and circles pertain to Jewish history, Jewish literature and current Jewish events. The lecture courses have been rather on broad general lines though not infrequently religious topics formed the subject of the lecture.

Your Committee reports with great gratification the successful marketing of the "Prophets of Israel" calendar. 4,752 were disposed of, a larger number than of any of the two preceding calendars. For the coming year we are planning to issue a "Story of Joseph" calendar. By organizing our sales campaign before the Sisterhoods adjourn for the summer, we hope to place a calendar in the home of every Sisterhood member.

Our plans for the coming season include suggestions of appropriate programs for the celebration of various Jewish holidays, and of the anniversary of the landing of the first Jewish settlers in America. In addition to this we are planning to send samples of a brief Sabbath Eve Home Service to all Sisterhood members.

To bring all these activities to the attention of the Sisterhoods, we have sent 6 communications, an aggregate of 647 letters.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Leon Goodman, Chairman.

It was moved and duly carried that the report be accepted and spread upon the minutes.

It was moved and duly carried that the Chairman of every National Committee send to the Executive Office for permanent filing, the letters that she receives with reference to the work of her Committee.

It was moved and duly carried that the Executive Secretary be authorized to open, read and answer all letters addressed to National Chairmen, in care of the Executive Office, if the letters pertain to technical matters connected with the business of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

It was moved and duly carried that the Executive Office keep a digest and record of all communications received at the office and that these be sent to the chairmen of the committees to which these letters pertain.

It was moved and duly carried that the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods take such steps as are necessary to distribute to every Sisterhood copies of a Friday Evening Home Service, with the request that each Sisterhood purchase a sufficient number of copies to distribute to all members of the Sisterhood with an urgent request that the service be introduced into their homes.

It was moved and duly carried that the details connected with the distribution of this

Friday Evening Service be left to a committee of three, with instructions to report during the session of the Executive Board.

It was moved and duly carried that the Committee on Religion be authorized to call to the attention of the Sisterhoods some Chanukah home service embodying the traditional prayers and hymns.

It was moved and duly carried that the Committee on Religion be authorized to enter into negotiations with the Central Conference of American Rabbis for a special edition of the Pesach Hagadah to be distributed as samples to the various Sisterhoods, with the object of popularizing the observance of this home festival.

#### REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON UNION MUSEUM

The report of the National Committee on Union Museum, of which Mrs. Louis S. Levi, of Cincinnati, Ohio, is chairman, was then presented.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

Ladies: The purpose of your Committee on Union Museum is to assist in creating and fostering a more intensely Jewish spirit by preserving for the rising generation a knowledge of the customs of our forefathers. To visualize these customs for our children by permitting them to observe and examine the objects employed in our time-honored ceremonials, we have established a National Museum for Ceremonial Objects with local branch exhibits.

Our activities have been along two general lines. First, we have endeavored to improve the Union Museum, at present housed in the Hebrew Union College, by increasing the number of objects contained therein. We have circulated an article in the Jewish press and in the Union Bulletin describing the character of objects that should naturally find a place in this Museum and we have appealed to our Jewish women in particular, soliciting articles of Jewish ceremonial value which they may have in their possession.

The same condition of affairs brought on by the war prevailing now, as it did at the time of the presentation of our last report, we have been unable to secure for our Museum the pictures for which we had previously contracted.

Our second activity may be termed an

extension one. It consists of encouraging the individual Sisterhoods to conduct local exhibits of ceremonial objects. The articles could easily be borrowed for such temporary displays. We have received a number of inquiries requesting information as to the manner of conducting such exhibits and as to the objects to be included.

Your Committee recommends that it be empowered to issue a pamphlet describing clearly and concisely the history and significance of the various ceremonial objects contained in our Museum.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Louis S. Levi, Chairman.

It was moved and duly carried that the report be accepted and spread on the minutes, also that the Executive Office be empowered to carry out the recommendations contained therein.

It was moved and duly carried that an appropriation of \$200.00 be set aside for the republication of the descriptive catalog of the Union Museum.

#### REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS

The report of the National Committee on Religious Schools, of which Mrs. Jos. Krauskopf, of Philadelphia, Pa., is chairman, was then presented.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

Ladies: During the course of the year, your Committee on Religious Schools sent a communication to the affiliated Sisterhoods urging them to devote themselves wherever possible to the establishing of branch religious schools. A number of Sisterhoods having reported the need of such schools in their communities, arrangements were made with the Department of Synagog and School Extension to supply the branch schools organized under Sisterhood auspices with all the necessary textbooks.

In furtherance of the plan of organizing free schools, a questionnaire was sent to the rabbis enlisting their cooperation in this laudable undertaking. Many favorable replies were received indicating that many rabbis had already given serious thought to this problem. A large number declared their willingness to cooperate.

Your Committee on Religious Schools is planning to undertake the task of securing

a proper cooperation between the home and the school. The belief is becoming general, that through the school we may succeed in reintroducing into the home certain time-honored ceremonials that will have a twofold religious effect, on the children and on the home.

By means of Mothers' Meetings, the ideal of cooperation can be fostered. These meetings will also afford the opportunity of emphasizing the importance of such home observances as the Kiddush, the Lighting of the Candles on Friday night and on Chanukah, the Seder Service, and a number of other observances that will serve to inculcate the religious spirit in the children and in the home.

The number of Sisterhoods that have interested themselves in assisting in the celebration of the holidays in the religious schools is constantly growing. There are many Sisterhoods, too, that undertake to supply all equipment necessary in the religious school.

Your Committee feels that it has a splendid field of activity in giving counsel and advice with regard to the management of religious schools to communities that are too small to engage the services of a religious leader.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Jos. Krauskopf, Chairman.

It was moved and duly carried that the report be accepted and spread upon the minutes.

It was moved and duly carried that a recess for luncheon be declared.

The meeting reconvened at 2:30 o'clock.

#### REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON UNIONGRAM

The report of the National Committee on Uniongram, of which Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg, Cincinnati, Ohio, is chairman, was then presented.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

Ladies: Your Committee on Uniongram begs leave to report that the chief difficulty in popularizing the Uniongram has been removed and that we now can look forward to a steady growth in its popularity. Our main difficulty had been to find a motive that would have a universal appeal. At last

we seem to have struck a popular keynote. The cause of elementary Jewish education, which is dear to the heart of every man and woman, has evoked a very hearty response.

To bring about the desired change in the attitude toward the Uniongram, it was necessary to introduce a new method of handling the messages. Formerly the method was to write out a message on an application blank, mail it to Cincinnati, and then have the Cincinnati office transcribe this message on a Uniongram blank and forward it to its destination. We have introduced a much simpler way. We supply the Sisterhoods with a book of Uniongrams containing 10 Uniongram blanks. The complete book which includes stamped envelopes, sells for \$2.50. This book is placed in the hands of the secretary and whenever the members of the society desire to send a Uniongram, they telephone the message to the secretary or chairman of the Uniongram Committee as the case may be. This officer writes out the message on a Uniongram blank and forwards it immediately to its destination.

At the close of each year, the plan is to return to each city the profits of the Uniongrams sold in that city to be used for the establishment of free religious schools for children whose parents are not affiliated with congregations.

Since June 1, 1915, when this new method was introduced, 34 Sisterhoods have opened Uniongram offices for the sale of Uniongrams. Many Sisterhoods have sent a number of duplicate orders for Uniongram books. Up to date, our records indicate that 2220 Uniongrams have been sold. Deducting the expense of handling the books, the figures indicate that in the short period of about six months, a little less than \$500.00 has been set aside by the Sisterhoods for the establishment of free religious schools.

In carrying out this propaganda, besides publishing a number of general articles in the Jewish press and in the Union Bulletin, we have sent three communications to the Sisterhoods, totalling 345 letters.

We are now planning to make additional propaganda among the Sisterhoods with the view of enlisting the cooperation of all the affiliated Sisterhoods in the cause of elementary Jewish education.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg, Chairman.

It was moved and duly carried that the report be accepted and spread upon the minutes.

It was moved and duly carried that the Executive Secretary be authorized to cooperate with the Committee on Propaganda for the purpose of issuing a Sisterhood directory to contain the officers and activities of the individual Sisterhoods, the same to be subsequently republished in the Union Bulletin; and for the accomplishment of both of these purposes the Executive Secretary was authorized to expend a sum not to exceed \$1200.00 per annum, during the next twelve months.

### LECTURE BUREAU

The Secretary reported that he had carried out the instructions of the President, Mrs. Abram Simon, and had taken preliminary steps to put into operation a Sisterhood Lecture Bureau. One hundred and sixty-three speakers, almost all of them rabbis, have consented to give their assistance in this work, a large majority of them offering their assistance without remuneration.

In connection with the above report of the Secretary, it was moved and duly carried that the details connected with the proposed Lecture Bureau should be submitted to a committee of three, with instructions to report during the meeting.

For the guidance of this committee, it was moved and duly carried that the Lecture Bureau should confine its efforts to Jewish lecturers and to subjects of a Jewish character.

It was moved and duly carried that the Executive Board should recommend to each Sisterhood the adoption of a program of work, and whenever possible, of religious work, for defectives and delinquents.

It was moved and duly carried that the meeting adjourn for the day at 4:15 p. m.

It was moved and duly carried that a letter be written to the Chairman of the National Committee on Religious Schools informing her that the enterprise of devising ways whereby Mothers' Meetings may be made to foster religious sentiment was formerly part of the work of the National Committee on Religion, and as such received a great deal of attention from that Committee: further that it is now being turned over to the National Committee on Religious Schools because it logically belongs there.

The President, Mrs. Abram Simon, appointed the following committees:

#### Committee on Lecture Bureau

Mrs. Leon Goodman, Chairman,  
Mrs. Israel Cowen,  
Mrs. Joseph Stolz.

#### Committee on Friday Evening Home Service

Mrs. Sol Moses, Chairman,  
Mrs. Harry Sternberger,  
Mrs. Benjamin Loewenstein,  
Mrs. Leon Goodman.

At 4:15 o'clock the Executive Board adjourned until the following morning at 10 o'clock.

## Thursday's Session

Temple Adath Israel, Louisville, Ky.,  
February 24, 1916.

The Executive Board met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, President Mrs. Abram Simon in the chair.

The minutes of the preceding meeting of February 23 were read and approved.

The Committee on Friday Evening Service submitted the following report.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

Ladies: Your Committee on Friday Eve-

ning Service has carefully examined the material submitted to it and begs leave to offer the following recommendations:

First: That the Executive Secretary be authorized to enter into negotiations with the Central Conference of American Rabbis for the purpose of securing permission to reprint the Sabbath Evening Home Service in the Union Prayer Book.

Second: That the Executive Secretary be authorized to distribute samples thereof to the Sisterhoods in the manner prescribed by



the motion adopted at the meeting of February 23, 1916.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Sol Moses,  
Mrs. Harry Sternberger,  
Mrs. Benjamin Loewenstein,  
Mrs. Leon Goodman.

It was moved and duly carried that the report on the Friday Evening Home Service together with the recommendations be adopted.

The Committee on Lecture Bureau submitted the following report:

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

Ladies: The Committee on Lecture Bureau has carefully examined the catalog of lecturers and subjects gathered by the Executive Secretary and begs leave to submit the following recommendations:

First: In view of the fact that there seems to be a demand for a Lecture Bureau, we recommend that the Executive Office issue a catalog of Jewish lecturers and subjects of Jewish interest and that this catalog be circulated among the officers of the Sisterhoods.

Second: That this catalog should contain a preface giving the history of the demand for a Lecture Bureau and telling just how this catalog was compiled.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Leon Goodman, Chairman,  
Mrs. Israel Cowen,  
Mrs. Joseph Stolz.

It was moved and duly carried that the report and recommendations of the Committee on Lecture Bureau be adopted and that the Executive Board be empowered to carry out the same.

#### SISTERHOOD SONG

It was moved and duly carried that letters of thanks be addressed to Mrs. Ida Goldsmith Morris, writer of the Sisterhood song, and to Mrs. Sidney J. Meyers, composer of the music of the Sisterhood song.

It was moved and duly carried that a sum not to exceed \$25.00 be appropriated for the purpose of printing an edition of this song for distribution to the Sisterhoods.

It was moved and duly carried that the Executive Secretary be authorized to pub-

lish and sell Uniongram Books containing four Uniongrams each, at \$1.00 per book, these Uniongrams not to be redeemable.

A communication from Mrs. Moses J. Gries writing for the Temple Women's Association was presented to the Executive Board. The letter asked for permission to use the proceeds of the Uniongrams sold by that Sisterhood for purposes other than the maintenance of free religious schools, and suggested among other things that the same be used by this Sisterhood for Hebrew Union College Scholarships.

It was moved and duly carried that inasmuch as this question was decided by a vote of the Biennial Convention it could only be reversed by a vote of that body, and for that reason consideration of the subject was postponed until the next meeting of the Executive Board.

It was moved and duly carried that gray stationery shall be adopted for official use and that the same be recommended for adoption by the individual Sisterhoods.

#### CONVENTION FUNDS

It was moved and duly carried that the Executive Board recommend to all Sisterhoods the setting aside of a certain amount of money annually to be known as a Convention Fund for the purpose of defraying the expenses of members of each Sisterhood who are called either to meetings of the Executive Board or to Biennial Meetings of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

It was moved and duly carried that the Executive Secretary in cooperation with the Committee on Religion be authorized to publish a "Story of Joseph" Art Calendar this year, the cost to approximate that of last year's calendar.

It was moved and duly carried that a committee of three be appointed to look into the advisability of publishing a book for the use of the study circles belonging to the various Sisterhoods of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

The President appointed the following committee:

Mrs. Israel Cowen,  
Mrs. Joseph Stolz,  
Mrs. Benjamin Loewenstein.

It was moved and duly carried that an expression of the thanks of the Executive

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Board be conveyed to Mrs. Jacob Zellner, President of the Adath Irsael Sisterhood and to Mrs. Benjamin Kling, President of the Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple B'rith Sholom, and through them to their respective Sisterhoods for the generous hospitality and courteous treatment accorded to the Executive Board.

It was moved and duly carried that the thanks of this body be expressed to Mr. Alfred Selligman, President of the Adath Israel Congregation, and through him to the

members of the congregation for the hospitality and for the many courtesies extended to the Executive Board.

The minutes of the meeting were then read and upon motion duly carried, were approved.

Adjourned, sine die.



Mrs. Abram Simon,  
President.

Mrs. Benjamin Loewenstein,  
Secretary.



# Proceedings

OF THE

## Executive Board

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Belvedere Hotel,  
Baltimore, Md., January 15, 1917, 2 p. m.

The meeting of the Executive Board was called to order by the President, Mrs. Abram Simon. Present were: Mesdames Max J. Brandenburger, Israel Cowen, Dan. Frank, J. Walter Freiberg, Leon Goodman, Kaufmann Kohler, Joseph Krauskopf, David Lefkowitz, Ben. Loewenstein, H. H. Mayer, Sol Moses, David Philipson, T. Schanfarber, Harry Sternberger, Jos. Stolz, Jos. Wiesenfeld, James Witkowsky, Leo Wolf, Rabbi George Zepin, Executive Secretary and Rabbi Louis I. Egelson, Assistant Executive Secretary. Mrs. Ben. Loewenstein acted as Recording Secretary.

It was moved and duly carried that the reading of the minutes of the previous Executive Board meeting held at Louisville, Ky., on February 23-24, 1916, be dispensed with, inasmuch as the minutes of that meeting had already been printed and distributed to the members of the Executive Board.

### REPORTS OF NATIONAL COMMITTEES.

The report of the National Committee on Co-operation was then presented by the Chairman of the Committee, Mrs. Jos. Wiesenfeld. It was moved and duly carried that the report be transmitted to the Biennial Meeting.

The report of the National Committee on Religion was presented by the Chairman of the Committee, Mrs. Leon Goodman. It was moved and duly carried that the report be referred back to the Committee with instructions to rephrase the recommendations in the report dealing with "Religion Day."

It was moved and duly carried that the recommendation to publish the next annual calendar early in April be approved.

Upon motion duly carried the following committee was appointed to reframe the rec-

ommendation in the report referring to Junior Membership in Congregations: Mesdames Leon Goodman, David Philipson, Kaufmann Kohler, Harry H. Mayer and Joseph Krauskopf.

It was moved and duly carried that the report of the National Committee on Religion as amended be transmitted to the Biennial Meeting.

The report of the National Committee on Religious Schools was then presented by the Chairman of the Committee, Mrs. Joseph Krauskopf. It was moved and duly carried that the report be transmitted to the Biennial Meeting.

The report of the National Committee on Propaganda was presented by the Chairman of the Committee, Mrs. Harry H. Mayer. It was moved and duly carried that the report be transmitted to the Biennial Meeting.

The report of the National Committee on Hebrew Union College Scholarships was presented by the Chairman of the Committee, Mrs. Joseph Stolz. It was moved and duly carried that the report be transmitted to the Biennial Meeting.

The report of the National Committee on Union Museum was presented by Mrs. Harry Sternberger, a member of the Committee, in the absence of the Chairman, Mrs. Louis S. Levi. It was moved and duly carried that the report be transmitted to the Biennial Meeting.

The report of the National Committee on Uniongram was then presented. It was moved and duly carried that the report be transmitted to the Biennial Meeting.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The report of the Executive Secretary was then presented by Rabbi George Zepin. It was moved and duly carried that the report be transmitted to the Biennial Meeting.

**TREASURER'S REPORT.**

The report of the Treasurer was presented by Mrs. Israel Cowen. It was moved and duly carried that the report be transmitted to the Biennial Meeting.

**AMENDMENTS.**

The following proposed amendments to the Constitution were presented to the Executive Board in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution. The full text of these amendments will be found in the minutes of the Convention.

- A. An Amendment setting aside five cents of the dues of each individual member to pay for a subscription to "The Jewish Educational Tracts."

It was moved and duly carried that this amendment be transmitted to the Biennial Meeting with the approval of the Executive Board.

- B. An Amendment limiting the number of representatives to the Biennial Meeting to one for every society and one additional representative for every fifty members over and above the first fifty, up to 200 members and one more for every 100 members over and above the first 200 members.

It was moved and duly carried that this amendment be transmitted to the Biennial Meeting with the approval of the Executive Board.

- C. An Amendment to increase the number of members on the Executive Board from 25 to 35.

It was moved and duly carried that this amendment be transmitted to the Biennial Meeting with the approval of the Executive Board.

- D. An Amendment limiting membership on the Executive Board to not more than one member from one Sisterhood.

It was moved and duly carried that this amendment be transmitted to the Biennial Meeting without the approval of the Executive Board.

- E. An Amendment abolishing the office of Recording Secretary.

It was moved and duly carried that this amendment be transmitted to the Biennial Meeting without the approval of the Executive Board.

- F. An Amendment requiring the Executive Board to meet annually instead of semi-annually.

It was moved and duly carried that this amendment be transmitted to the Biennial Meeting with the approval of the Executive Board.

It was moved and duly carried that all business pertaining to the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods should be given priority over any other business.

The meeting then adjourned.



Mrs. Abram Simon,  
President.

Mrs. Benjamin Loewenstein,  
Recording Secretary.

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## Second Biennial Meeting

### First Day's Proceedings

Hotel Belvedere,  
Baltimore, Md., January 16, 1917, 10 a. m.

The Second Biennial Meeting of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods was called to order by the President, Mrs. Abram Simon.

Rabbi Max J. Merritt, of Evansville, Ind., opened the meeting with prayer after which the Sisterhood Song of Welcome was sung by the entire assembly.

Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld, Chairman of the local Ladies' Executive Committee, delivered the following Address of Welcome on behalf of the Baltimore community:

#### ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

BY MRS. JOSEPH WIENFELD

Friends:—Since time immemorial hospitality has been enjoined upon Israel. We are told that Abraham, sitting at the door of his tent, welcomed the stranger and entertained an angel unaware. We, women of Baltimore, are sitting at our door this morning and welcoming you most heartily, but unlike the Patriarch, we recognize the angel we are entertaining, the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. We recognize the angel because the Federation has been a potent influence for us. In the four short years of its existence, it has helped us emerge from auxiliaries into Sisterhoods, helped us to take our rightful place in the congregation, so that today we are walking step by step, shoulder to shoulder with the men.

So, we welcome you for selfish reasons. We hope to get inspiration and impetus for better work from this Convention. We welcome you for yourselves and hope you will enjoy being with us as much as we enjoy having you here.

The response for the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods was made by Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg, of Cincinnati, Ohio, the Vice-President of the Federation, who spoke as follows:

#### RESPONSE.

BY MRS. J. WALTER FREIBERG

Mrs. Wiesenfeld and Ladies of Baltimore:

On behalf of the delegates of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods I wish to thank you most kindly for the hearty welcome you have extended to us. Baltimore has always been noted for its wonderful hospitality and you, by your graciousness and kindness in every way, have demonstrated the truth of this reputation. Since its inception four years ago the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods has made rapid strides not only numerically but in the deep and sympathetic interest in the work which the women all over the country have shown. The reports of our worthy President and Chairmen of the various Committees will testify to this, so there is no need now for me to go into detail. The time for the meetings is rather limited and there is much work to be done, so I will just say, "Thank you again for your cordial welcome."

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS ADOPTED.

The following Order of Business for the Second Biennial Convention was proposed and upon motion duly carried was adopted:

1. Each day's session shall be opened with prayer and the last session shall be closed with prayer, the President inviting a rabbi for each occasion.
2. After the address of welcome and the response have been delivered the President shall call the Convention to order

and appoint a Committee on Credentials. The Committee on Credentials shall retire immediately to prepare its report.

3. Thereupon the President shall deliver her Annual Message.
4. This shall be followed by the report of the Committee on Credentials.
5. Then shall follow the reports of the Executive Secretary and the Treasurer.
6. Announcement of the following Committees to whom appropriate business shall be referred without further motions:
  - (a) Committee on President's Message.
  - (b) Committee on Resolutions to whom all resolutions shall be referred.
  - (c) Committee on Thanks.
  - (d) Committee on Nominations who shall bring in nominations for the Executive Board.
7. As the report of each National Committee is read, it may be either disposed of finally or referred to a special committee, whose business it shall be to carefully consider the recommendations contained therein and to advise the Convention concerning them.
8. Reports from Individual Sisterhoods shall be heard as follows:
 

Tuesday morning—12:00 to 12:30.  
 Wednesday afternoon—2:00 to 3:00.  
 Thursday morning—9:30 to 10:30,  
 and at such other times as the Convention shall determine.
9. Time limit of these reports, five minutes.
10. These reports must be in writing.
11. These reports shall be called for in the order of the applications filed.
12. These reports can not be read by proxy, but may be presented by proxy for subsequent publication in the Bulletin.
13. All business pertaining to the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods must be transacted before other business can be introduced.

#### GREETINGS READ.

Letters, Uniongrams and telegrams of greeting from the following persons and organizations were read to the Convention:

Mr. Jacob H. Schiff, New York, N. Y.

Mrs. Janet Simon Harris, President, Council of Jewish Women.

The Sisterhood of the Washington Hebrew Congregation.

The Sisterhood of Nashville, Tenn.

Temple Oheb Sholom Sisterhood, Reading, Pa.

Mickve Israel Temple Sisterhood, Savannah, Ga.

Mrs. Louis Wolsey, Cleveland, O.

Mrs. Moses J. Gries, Cleveland, O.

Temple Emanuel Sisterhood, Milwaukee, Wis.

Mrs. L. Jonas, Nashville, Tenn.

Miss Rae G. Newmyer, New Orleans, La.

Miss Flora Jonas Felheimer, Nashville, Tenn.

Adath Israel Sisterhood, Louisville, Ky.

Temple Israel Sisterhood, Boston, Mass.

Sisterhood of Oheb Sholom Temple, Harrisburg, Pa.

Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel, Denver, Colo.

Temple Sisterhood, Memphis, Tenn.

Sisterhood of Temple Israel, Paducah, Ky.

Sisterhood of Temple B'nai B'rith, Los Angeles, Cal.

The President then appointed the following Committee on Credentials:

Mrs. Jacob Engel, Baltimore, Md., Chairman.

Mrs. Jacob H. Kaplan, Cincinnati, O.

Mrs. Otto Kempner, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mrs. Harry Lehman, Dayton, O.

Mrs. B. H. Printz, Youngstown, O.

Mrs. S. Silberman, Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. N. Sonneborn, Wheeling, W. Va.

Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg took the chair while the President, Mrs. Abram Simon, presented her Annual Message.

## The President's Annual Message

It is a privilege most highly treasured to welcome this inspiring assemblage in the City of Baltimore, and to open the Second Biennial Convention of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods amid such inviting and enthusiastic surroundings. Delegates from far and near have come hither, animated by the same high resolve to plan for the lengthening of the cords of our tents and for the strengthening of our stakes. Some delegates are attending their first Sisterhood Convention; others were with us two years ago in Chicago and four years ago in Cincinnati. It is a rare joy, then, to bid you all a warm and a Sisterly welcome. Something of justifiable pride rises to the surface as we think over the four years of steady activity and of the work we have accomplished, and as we cast a glance into the future as to what may reasonably be expected of us. From the natural hesitancy with which we began four years ago, from the doubtings and misgivings which beset us on all sides, we have moved steadily forward, and are now exulting in the firm hold of our Federation upon the hearts of the Jewish communities of the land. Today with becoming humility, and yet with the splendid confidence which the one hundred and fifty-eight Sisterhoods inspire within us, we come before you, grateful for the growth of our organization, more than ever convinced of the need of it in the Jewish Temple life, and of the everwidening scope of religious beneficence which lies before it. To the delegates and to all the Sisterhoods, especially to the fifty which have joined us since last we met in Chicago, I extend the heartiest of greetings and sincerest of welcomes.

In and out of season we have insisted that we stand primarily for the interests of religion, and for that spirit as institutionalized in the Congregation, the Religious School and the Home. Without interfering with the autonomy of any constituent Sisterhood, and without proscribing activities which in themselves are worthy of development we have rather emphasized that the purpose of our Federation must be the preservation of Jewish life, and the development and expression of that life in varied forms of activity. Too well do we know how easily a cheap

cosmopolitanism rests on the conscience of people. Too well do we know how easy it is for the mere platitudes of humanitarianism to replace the austere dignity of Jewish obligation and sacrifice. Too well do we know how philanthropic, secular and social service appeals may serve as substitutes for religious sanctions, because they can so easily command enthusiastic support, and, because their results are so visible on the surface. If experience has taught us anything, it has justified our earnest beginning and progressive development, and has taught us that the unpopularity of working for religion transforms the difficulty into an exalted joy. We have, therefore, joined hands with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and have pledged them our support in all that will strengthen the position, that the Congregation is the integral part of modern Jewish life. Upon this basis we hope to build the stately edifice of Sisterhood loyalty and enthusiasm.

### NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON RELIGION.

We can readily understand how religious activities should increasingly come within the scope of our Federation, and how the Committee on Religion will verily find itself swamped with new suggestions, opportunities and tasks devolving upon it. I have nothing but the warmest congratulations to offer to all the Chairmen of the Committees and to all who have assisted them in the discharge of their arduous duties, and if I review them one at a time it is not to anticipate their reports, but rather to throw out in a general way hints which may be useful for further development. This Committee on Religion has thus far published four Art Calendars, and while the first three have in themselves won slow approval, the last, known as the Joseph Calendar, won instant appreciation on the part of the Jewish community. This proved to me not merely that the aesthetic is desired by our people, but rather that it is possible to educate our people up to an insistence upon art's ability to satisfy modern Jewish needs. We are thus encouraged to continue this work, and to endeavor to make each calendar Jewishly appealing, and to hope that every Jewish home will have this calendar as a necessary utility. No objec-



tion to the price of the calendar can possibly be registered. Were it sold for mere profit and put on the open market, properly advertised as a financial venture, it ought to bring \$1.00 a piece. The Federation, however, has published the calendar at a financial sacrifice, and yet at a spiritual gain.

With the enhancement of this religious work we are endeavoring to strengthen the hands of our rabbis and choir-leaders in their endeavors to reintroduce congregational singing. This is a task which our Sisterhoods may rightfully assume, and which under the leadership of this Committee on Religion ought to be pushed successfully to completion. We are gratified that out of our midst have come two women who have composed the words and the music of the Sisterhood Song. The song and the words have a stateliness and a religious spirit which make them commendable, but what I most desire is the probable stimulation which this song may arouse in the hundreds of Jewish breasts to write new hymns and songs for the Temple Hymnal of the future. I feel certain that there are many Minna Kleebergs in our midst, who can be stirred to enter upon this laudable work.

It is a difficult task, and yet all our energies should be concentrated on increasing the attendance at the divine services. After all, religion must express itself in a tangible evidence of worship. No matter how trite and commonplace it may be, this is a task which calls for our devoted enthusiasm. Would it not be advisable to create a Sabbath Observance League, whose women would be pledged not only to be present themselves but to bring along with them others to join in the service? The work of the Committee in earnestly seeking to have Friday evening Sanctification Service in the home, in encouraging the Haggadah Service on Passover, and the lighting of the candles on the Feast of Hannukah is most commendable.

I am glad to learn that there seems a steady movement of young people's societies in connection with the Temple, and of the growing desire on the part of the youth beyond the confirmation years to assume some of the obligations of their elders. Whatever plans will hold our boys and girls firmly gripped to the Temple in these precarious years of adolescence, whatever will stimulate pride in them and give them

the conviction that they are parts of the Congregation will redound to the benefit of every congregation and of Israel. I am hopeful, therefore, that it will be the privilege of our Federation to do some constructive work along this line, and to formulate some definite propositions which may be approved and accepted by the congregations of the Union.

In connection with the work of this Committee, I wish to touch upon several matters which will begin to show how the activities of this Committee may appear almost too large and comprehensive. (a) We have done nothing in the creation of Study Circles, although the subject has been under consideration by us at several of our meetings. It is true that some of the Sisterhoods invite their rabbis to conduct classes for them, and in other Sisterhoods the rabbis give monthly talks on Jewish Current Themes. But in addition to this, we ought to emphasize the value of smaller groups of women meeting for study among themselves. The absence of suitable text-books is not altogether the cause of the dearth of classes. As a matter of fact, there are books which can be highly recommended and are popular enough to meet the average need. The rabbis are willing to give of themselves, of their time and of their learning to the leadership of such classes. It is we, the women, who must take advantage of our golden opportunities to fill our minds with the knowledge of our heroic past, with a strengthening of our religious principles, and with the proper outlook upon our problems of today. (b) In the line of popular education, we undertook the first step in the formation of a Lecture Bureau as recommended in the President's Message two years ago. We have carried out our part of the agreement: we have issued a booklet stating the number of rabbis and laymen who are willing to participate, the subjects of their addresses, and also their terms. At present very little use is being made of this Bureau; nor are we surprised. Any one familiar with the conduct of a Lecture Bureau knows that it is an undertaking that calls for a great deal of work and capital. We need a clerk or a manager who will be able to give enough of his or her time to take complete charge of this enterprise. The correspondence with the dozens of Sisterhoods who seek speakers for their programs, the further correspond-

ence with the speakers themselves and the details involved call for the services of a clerk who must give at least five hours a day to such a Bureau. We can not ask the Executive Office to undertake this, unless in some way we shall be able to install in the office some one whom we are willing to pay at least \$75 a month for the full employment of his or her time.

#### THE JEWISH EDUCATIONAL TRACTS.

(c) But the educational opportunities seem to grow upon us. Not only have we the task to inform ourselves of our own history, literature and religion, but we also feel that we ought to join in the missionary movement to bring learning and the knowledge of our history and religion unto those of other faiths. It is a great joy to announce that the Central Conference of American Rabbis and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations have created a Joint Tract Commission for the publication of popular essays to be known as Tracts and for their widest distribution among all classes in our country. What a magnificent task this is, and how colossal, and yet how expensive is the successful execution of such a project! These two organizations have appropriated money to start their campaign. The widest distribution of these Tracts is essential to its success, but we are told that the United States post office regulations permit of cheaper postage only when these Tracts are individually paid for or are distributed in proportion to our members. It is wise, therefore, that the invitation of these two organizations to join them in their enterprise be accepted. We are asked to subscribe for as many Tracts as we have members. This will mean 20,000 Tracts, and will give the Commission, of which we ought to form a part, the privilege of distributing 20,000 more Tracts to outsiders. The subscription price for these Tracts is put at five cents a year per person. I believe that we should co-operate with the Union in this enterprise, and I recommend that we officially confer with the Joint Tract Commission and declare our willingness to be the third party in such a Commission. I recommend, furthermore, that the Constitution be amended by the addition of this Article:

#### The Jewish Educational Tracts.

"Five cents of the dues of each individual member shall be set aside for a subscription for each individual member to the Jewish Educational Tracts."

Inasmuch, however, as an amendment to the Constitution can not be voted on at this Meeting, and inasmuch as we would not delay our affiliation with the Joint Tract Commission nor our willingness to offer financial assistance, it is possible for us to vote an appropriation out of our funds for the next two years according as the Executive Committee will determine and until some action pro or con will be taken on the above suggested amendment. (d) The Synagogue and School Extension Department which is our practical missionary is actively engaged in the work for Jewish students at universities, services at summer resorts, religious activities among the dependents, defectives and delinquents, and also the military classes. We have been glad in the past to co-operate heartily along these varied lines of religious usefulness, and shall continue to believe that it is our privilege and duty to respond to the call of the Synagogue and School Extension Department for continued alliance with them in this beneficent work.

Now, delegates, when I gather together what I have just said concerning Study Circles, the Lecture Bureau, the Educational Tracts, and the work in connection with the Synagogue and School Extension Department, I begin to feel that these four projects together with the publication of the Art Calendars are so varied, so important and yet so taxing as to lay too heavy a burden upon the Committee on Religion. It seems to me that the Committee on Religion should devote itself exclusively to Synagogue work, to matters of attendance, congregational singing, the religionization of the home, young people's activities, etc., while such purely educational work as Art Calendar, Tracts, Study Classes and Lecture Bureau may well be left to the scope of a new National Committee. I, therefore, recommend that the incoming Executive Board study the increasing field of usefulness thus opened up before it, and create a National Committee on Jewish Art and Literature.

### THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON CO-OPERATION.

The National Committee on Co-operation has been a busy hive. It is a clearing house of ideas, suggestions, programs and activities. This Committee grows by virtue of your co-operation with it. It wants you to call upon it. In trying to meet your needs it increases its capacity for service. There is a joy as well as an art in co-operation. Every Sisterhood is most cordially urged to send copies of its programs and activities to this Committee so that others may have the benefit of them. If you have in your Sisterhood a new idea, a new method of interesting people, a program which has won approval, make it doubly valuable by increasing its circulation! Let us not be selfish in hugging to ourselves the programs which have been worth while in any one community. Let it not be understood that this is any rebuke. On the contrary, there has been a very warm and open-minded participation of Sisterhoods in the wealth of accumulated programs in charge of the National Committee, and there has been a commendable desire to give others the benefit of their initiative and resourcefulness. Let me only emphasize the magnanimity involved, and urge upon all to come to the rescue of such Sisterhoods whose fertility of ideas may not be as rich and varied or whose talents may not be abundantly on hand.

It was a rare privilege on the part of the Washington Sisterhood a month ago to have as its guests the Presidents of the three Sisterhoods of Baltimore. It was a splendid example in Sisterhood co-operation and good feeling. There was an interplay and exchange of ideas, suggestions and approved activities, and every one of the vast audience present felt that she had spent an inspiring afternoon. I am anxious that this spirit of co-operation be developed among the Sisterhoods of each city. It occurs to me that, inasmuch as there is in some States quite a number of our societies, joint sessions and sisterly visits among them would be productive of great good. The Daughters of the American Revolution have State Regents to look after the interests of the organization in each and every State of the Union. And some such plan might be profitably copied by our Committee. I

recommend that an Advisory Board composed of State Regents in States wherever there are two or three Sisterhoods would be very helpful in circulating practical suggestions, and in cementing the ties among the women of the various constituent bodies.

### THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS.

The work of the Committee on Religious Schools is essential. It calls, however, for very little comment, save that of commendation for the earnestness with which it has pursued its aims. We feel more than ever the importance of the Religious School in the spiritual life of our people, and I am very proud that the tremendous influence of our thousands of women has been thrown into the balance for the strengthening of the School as a most important factor in congregational life. Many a rabbi has commended the work of his women in the varied Religious School activities, and it certainly redounds to the credit of the National Committee that, through its letters and questionnaires, it has stimulated the women to renewed and earnest endeavors in this department.

It is rather the work of organizing Religious Schools for those who do not belong to our congregations which calls for accentuation here. We have started many Free Religious Schools, but we ought to bend our energies for the coming years to a seizure of the opportunities to give religious education to those who can ill afford the financial maintenance of such enterprises. The money which is accredited to every Sisterhood from the sale of Uniongrams will be distributed in the Spring, and it is hoped that every Sisterhood will endeavor to cooperate with the National Committee to widen the sphere of its religious educational opportunities by taking advantage of the Uniongram scheme to increase its funds.

In this connection, let me touch upon a theme which has often suggested itself to me. Not very long ago I was asked by some one in the Census Bureau if I knew how many Jewish children were in the Religious Schools connected with congregations, how many Jewish children were in Jewish Schools of private endowment, and what was the exact proportion between the Jewish children in the public schools and in

Religious Schools. I was unable to give a satisfactory answer. We ought to have a national census of Jewish childhood. I understand that the Central Conference of American Rabbis had such a project in mind, and if it has not been abandoned, it would be well for our Federation, under the leadership of the Committee on Religious Schools, to seek methods of co-operation with the Conference. In the meanwhile, I would recommend that we proceed at once to formulate plans such as the Executive Committee in its wisdom may devise for the furtherance of this enterprise.

#### THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON PROPAGANDA.

The growth of our Federation from 46 to 104, and from 104 to 158 Sisterhoods is in itself eloquent testimony to the energetic work of our Committee on Propaganda. We do not take any false pride in mere numbers, but we do feel that the more Sisterhoods that join us the greater is the opportunity for co-operative and constructive service. Sisterhoods join because they have much to give and much to receive, and therefore I look forward to an even larger number than we now proudly claim. There are still some Sisterhoods upon whom we would urge the policy of give and take. There are Sisterhoods or Women's Auxiliaries which ought to join our Federation, and whose entrance into our midst would be joyously hailed. I know that nearly all of them have been invited. The rabbis are, with very few exceptions, very appreciative of the services which the Sisterhoods of our Federation have performed in their various lines of activity. I feel certain that a Sisterhood is the most loyal supporter of the rabbi. His interests are Sisterhood interests, and Sisterhood interests ought to be his. And I feel sure that, although we are under boundless gratitude to the various rabbis for their splendid helpfulness to us and their joyous co-operation with us, there are still a few rabbis who have not yet taken advantage of the willing services of warm-hearted Jewish women, who are waiting to be enrolled as practical and enthusiastic upholders of congregational life. I most urgently ask that the rabbis, whose women's societies are doing congregational work and are not affi-

liated with us, do put forth their earnest efforts to enroll them on our roster.

The Propaganda Committee has been fortunate as well as wise in forming a large Advisory Committee. I know of the self-sacrificing work, of the many visits, and of the addresses delivered by these women, and I would be remiss did I not extend to them my appreciation of their loyal and active service.

#### NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON SCHOLARSHIPS.

The Scholarship Committee touches closely the Hebrew Union College. These various Committees are but phases of the one big question of religious education. The problem, then, of educational leadership is the first of these issues. We have shown our loyalty to the Hebrew Union College in many ways, and we have many letters of warmest commendation from the Union and College authorities appreciating our efforts in securing scholarships for the students. You will, therefore, read with unusual pleasure the Report of the Committee on Scholarships, and will be proud to know that through the services of our Federation at least ten complete scholarships are now annually secured and assured.

Only recently the addition of two scholarships, one in tribute to the seventieth anniversary of Judge Josiah Cohen and one in memory of Mr. Jacques Weil, both of Pittsburgh, suggests a wider extension of this practice throughout the country. Can we not encourage the celebration of the natal anniversaries of our great men by similar gifts to the Scholarship Fund, and may we not also urge upon the men generally that in the making out of their wills they remember this fund by a contribution?

The various scholarships secured by our Federation were announced last year at the Hebrew Union College on Founder's Day, commemorating the birthday anniversary of Isaac M. Wise, and the students drew a fund of stimulating ambition to make themselves worthy to win one of the coveted prizes. In this connection and because of our love for Isaac M. Wise, who still moves among us as a spirit of Jewish leadership, we take the liberty of calling to your attention the latest biography of our departed master by his grandson, Mr. Max B. May. Our interest

in the sale of the book is only our noble pride in the work of Isaac M. Wise, and in the belief that the more the American Jews will know of the master, the more will they have imbibed his spirit.

#### THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON UNION MUSEUM FOR JEWISH CEREMONIAL OBJECTS.

The National Committee on Ceremonial Objects presents a report to which I trust you will give earnest consideration. We hear much nowadays of the mischief which Reform Judaism is supposed to have wrought by the elimination of many ceremonies to which the Jewish heart was pledged, although we seldom are told of those ceremonials to which Reform Judaism has given interest and vitality. We are also told that the sentiment engendered by the Federation of Temple Sisterhoods for the hallowing of Jewish ceremonials in the home is idle sentimentality. We must treat the sneers at the revivifying of Jewish ceremonials connected with the Sabbath and the Holy Days by an increased enthusiasm for them. Ceremonials are the necessary illustrations in the book of religious life. We refuse to offer any apology for urging a continuance of such as have an appeal to us, and for an enhancement of such as we believe necessary for warming the hearts of our children towards their religion and of suffusing a more sanctifying atmosphere over the home. Our Committee on Ceremonial Objects is gathering these symbols of the past, not because they are the dry bones of a once living Institution, but because it is possible to reclothe them and ensoul them for the religious instruction of our present generation. Any ceremony that has any appeal to any one is not dead. It is the individual whose sneer has displaced the ceremony by a ghost. We would not only encourage your adding to our collection, but we would also urge the holding of local exhibits in each city of the various ceremonials at the various holiday seasons. Our collection in Cincinnati can not be "on the road," but there are enough objects in every fairly large community to form a collection that will stimulate Jewish sentiment and Jewish loyalty. At the last Executive Board Meeting we ordered a reprint of the catalogue of our

Museum so that each community may, by consulting it, be able to complete its set. We trust that this work of preserving Jewish ceremonials which have in them some warmth and life may be strongly fostered by our women.

#### THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON UNIONGRAM.

The Uniongram is no longer a mere experiment. It has overcome the first great obstacle of unfamiliarity. It is gaining in popularity, and, what is more, it is not a money loser. The publication of little booklets in fives and tens, and the organization of Uniongram offices have materially helped in establishing its favorable status. Very likely the feature which has most commended it to increasing usefulness is the cause of education to which its profits are to be devoted. It is to be hoped that, in a few months, we shall have in our Treasury a respectable sum of money to distribute to those Sisterhoods whose sale of Uniongrams entitles them to a share of it. Without intending to rob any Sisterhood of its just claim upon this money, I do wish to emphasize one fact. It costs the Federation at least five cents to print a Uniongram, supply the envelope and a two-cent stamp, and therefore I think that the Executive Office ought to secure at least ten cents out of every twenty-five.

A wider extension of the Uniongram profits is now advised. Inasmuch as there are some Sisterhoods that do not see their way clear, for various reasons, to initiate new Free Schools, but would like to utilize their pro rata share of Uniongram money for religious educational work such as is involved in the Scholarship Fund, I think it advisable, and I therefore recommend to the Executive Board that it consider favorably the extension of Uniongram money for any religious and educational work which each Sisterhood may deem most desirable in her community and also the retention by each Sisterhood of the proceeds from the sales of the Uniongrams.

#### CO-OPERATION WITH NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

Our relations with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and its Board of

Synagogue and School Extension have grown more intimate and desirable. We have been the recipients of unflinching courtesies on the part of the Union. Were it not for their financial support and their moral encouragement which we have constantly received, we could not possibly as a Federation have enjoyed the official and dignified status which we have attained.

Like all Jewish National organizations, we could not resist the appeal of our brethren in Europe for immediate material aid, and we joined our forces with the Joint Distribution Committee of Funds for Jewish War Sufferers. We issued an official appeal to all our Sisterhoods, and thus added \$1,094.82 to the fund. The 1917 Campaign for Jewish War Sufferers began in earnest with the memorable meeting in Carnegie Hall on December 21st last. To indicate the great worthiness of the cause, to indicate the duty of the various Sisterhoods with respect to the claim of their suffering brothers and sisters in Europe is but to insult their intelligence. I am certain that our women, whether through the "Life for Life Organization of Women" or through the Joint American Jewish Relief Societies, will do their full duty towards the successful completion, within the very near future, of the Ten Million Dollar Fund.

From the question of appeals for relief the passage to peace in American Israel is a natural step. After much misgiving and debate the two contending factions of American Israel, represented on the one side by the advocates of the National Conference Movement, and on the other by the National Jewish Congress project, have, fortunately for Israel, united in a most harmonious session of the National Executive Committee for the Congress held in New York on December 25, 1916, which session your President attended as a member of the National Executive Committee. The results of that deliberative body and the reconciliation of so many varied viewpoints and organizations are in themselves a triumph of American Israel. Peace within American Israel is an essential requisite for a united and an authoritative appeal to the powers which will sit at the eventual Peace Conference. It is still too far ahead to speak with any exactness as to the plans of the Administrative Committee of the Jewish Congress, but for

us at present it is enough to say that the proposed Congress is to take place in Washington, D. C., before the first of May, 1917, and that our Federation of Temple Sisterhoods will be officially represented there. It is, of course, needless to say that our Federation holds itself in readiness to cooperate with all organizations, local, national and international, whose appeal to our Jewish consciousness is immediate and direct.

#### EXPERIENCE MEETINGS.

I have already indicated our method of co-operating through our National Committee with the various Sisterhoods comprised in our Federation. In order to give a wider publicity to this art, in order to furnish a platform where delegates of the various Sisterhoods may bring the best results of their local work, and where others may take away from them suggestions of helpfulness for the increasing efficiency of their own Societies, we have adopted at this Convention a series of Experience Meetings. The Executive Secretary has notified every Sisterhood that its delegate should present in a written five-minute report the outstanding features of its year's activities, and those projects it has fostered which seem to have been most successful. We shall set aside an hour of each Session for a more intimate interchange of opinion and suggestion, and we are most anxious that the delegates take the fullest advantage of this rare privilege to give and to take.

#### FINANCES.

The organization of our Federation did not at its inception formulate any plan with regard to finances; in fact, we never felt the necessity of a Committee on Finance. We have been extremely fortunate in having the munificent support of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations; we have accepted the magnificent services of our Executive Secretary, Rabbi George Zepin, and of his splendid office force under the efficient management of Rabbis Egelson and Schwarz. Had we to pay for our secretaries and the office help, we should have been compelled to count upon a minimum expense of \$5,000 a year. And had we paid for the space which the Jewish press of our country has so generously allowed us, and

had we paid for our share in the printing of the "Bulletin," we would now have had a heavy deficit on our hands. However, the reports of the Treasurer will show our financial standing as most encouraging. At the Executive Committee in Louisville in February of 1916, we made arrangements with the Board of Synagogue and School Extension to meet the cost of printing in the official Bulletin for the space allotted to our Federation. Despite this we shall still have a little money on hand which is likely to be further increased. I recommend, therefore, that the Executive Board shall create a Finance Committee to consist of the President, Executive Secretary, Treasurer and two others chosen from the Executive Board.

Inasmuch as our Biennial Meeting takes place in January, while our Fiscal Year closes on the 31st of May, it is apparent at a glance that the work of six months is excluded from the survey and report of the Executive Office, and, were this work included, an unusual amount of embarrassment and difficulty in bookkeeping would be entailed. Would it not be to the benefit of the Executive Office and for the sake of desirable uniformity if the Fiscal Year were to close October 31st? I authorized Rabbi Zepin and Mrs. Cowen in a letter dated November 27, 1916, to close their books by October 31st, so that their reports should cover the period from January 1, 1915, to November 1, 1916. I recommend, therefore, that the Executive Board not only confirm this action, but also make it mandatory for subsequent Biennials. Inasmuch as all the Sisterhoods regulate their own Constitutions, it would be well for the sake of convenience if their books would conform to this practice.

The Annual Meetings of every Sisterhood take place during different months of the year. A very valuable gain in uniformity would be attained if the Annual Meetings of the various Sisterhoods were held preferably in May or June. This would materially help the Executive Office; it would enable it to have all necessary literature and communications ready for the Autumn season. Thus, too, the one issue of the "Bulletin" could contain in the Fall a complete record of all the new officers and such projects as are to be initiated. May or June is the natural close of a season's activities. I recommend that the Executive Board consider the ad-

visability of urging upon the Sisterhoods of the Federation the wisdom of altering their Constitution or By-Laws as to permit the election of officers to take place in May or June. On several occasions we have discussed the need of a Sisterhood Directory which should contain a complete record of the Sisterhoods, their Officers, and the entire constituency of their Memberships. While the financial expense involved was a prohibitive consideration, yet the lack of uniformity thus far indicated went a long way in preventing the gathering of accurate and detailed information.

The gratitude of our Federation is deep and far-reaching. I do not know what words are at my disposal to express not only my personal appreciation, but also that of the entire membership of our organization, to Mr. J. Walter Freiberg and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations for their unflinching co-operation and cordial support. Nor have I words adequate enough to express the undying debt of gratitude under which the energetic and efficient Rabbi Zepin has placed us. I scarcely know what the Organization or I could have accomplished without his advice, industry and support. Some of his spirit and enthusiasm has fallen upon Rabbis Egelson and Schwarz, who have rendered valuable services to us, and to whom we would also express our delight in their co-operation. But we have been fortunate in the choice of our National Chairmen and in our Executive Board, and whatever may be the official voice of gratitude, I would not permit this moment to pass without informing them all of my personal feelings in this respect. They have all shown their love for our cause, and with much of sacrifice and of effort have taken their tasks to heart, and poured their love into their tasks. And what words can convey our deep sense of gratitude to the men and women of the three Congregations of Baltimore and of their Sisterhoods and also the Council of Jewish Women, whose guests we are in this Convention? For weeks their preparations for our entertainment have been conducted with only one end in view: namely, the joy of service. Not a stone has been left unturned to minister to our needs, our comfort, our work, and our play. They have set a standard which makes it difficult for others to reach.

And now, Delegates, as we are about to open our Convention for the business of the Session, and have expressed our appreciation of the services of all who have contributed to our success, I would crave your indulgence for a final word. Almighty God has been good to us, and His hand has rested gently and benignly upon our work and our members. I am grateful to Him that I have been privileged to see so much of the fruition of our earnest thought and loving devotion to the cause we all hold dear. Since its inception and for these four glorious years of its history, I have enjoyed your extreme confidence as its President. That my work was difficult, like the work of all striking out along newer paths, it is needless to do any more than merely indicate. But the joy of working with so many noble men and women has not only eased the road, but has also made it a spiritual delight and a treasured memory. I believe it is wise for the sake of the Organization that there be rotation in office. It is our purpose to develop types of leadership in our Organization. There are splendid women in our midst who have the qualities of heart and mind to take charge of our activities, and to initiate new lines and carve out new paths along which we may successfully proceed. There are splendid women in our midst, who are brimming with enthu-

siasm, energy and originality, and they, too, should be allowed to bring all these high qualities to bear upon the advancing progress of our beloved Federation. New workers will have newer methods of procedure which experimentation and the healthy conservatism of life will deem worthy of adoption. And it is such as have these qualities and the cause of American Israel close to their hearts that I would summon to the practical leadership of Jewish womanhood. It is, therefore, with no little regret, and yet out of a large sense of duty that I most respectfully ask that my name be not considered for re-election by your Executive Officers. With my warmest greetings to this Biennial and my personal joy in the progress we have thus far marked, I greet you all, and declare the second Biennial Convention of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods open for the transaction of business. God bless you one and all, and may the work of our hands, and the meditations of our hearts, and the thoughts of our minds be hallowed by the Keeper of Israel.

It was moved and duly carried that the President's Message be accepted by a rising vote.

The Committee on Credentials then presented its report.

### Report of the Committee on Credentials

The Committee on Credentials begs leave to report that the following named persons are duly accredited delegates, empowered by

their respective societies and by the laws of this organization to participate in the Second Biennial Meeting of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

**Akron, O., Ladies' Temple Society.**

- Mrs. S. M. Levy,
- Mrs. A. Sicherman.

**Alexandria, La., The Temple Sisterhood.**

**Alexandria, Va., Temple Beth El Sisterhood.**

- Mrs. Albert Driefus.

**Allentown, Pa., Sisterhood of Keneseth Israel.**

- Miss Rae Pauline Kemp.

**Altoona, Pa., Ladies' Temple Society.**

**Anderson, Ind., The Anderson Sisterhood.**

**Anniston, Ala., Henrietta Sterne Sisterhood.**

**Ardmore, Okla., Emeth Sisterhood.**

**Atlanta, Ga., Temple Sisterhood.**

- Mrs. Ida Arnheim,
- Mrs. David Marx,
- Mrs. Jacob Selig.

**Atlantic City, N. J., Beth Israel Sisterhood.**

**Bainbridge, Ga., The Temple Sisterhood.**

**Baltimore, Md., Baltimore Hebrew Congregation Sisterhood.**

- Mrs. Marcus M. Bernstein,
- Mrs. Simon Burgunder,
- Mrs. George Castelle,
- Mrs. Sydney M. Cone,
- Mrs. Lee Eiseman,
- Miss Ray Frank,
- Mrs. Charles Gans,
- Mrs. Adolf Guttmacher,
- Mrs. Morris Lazon,
- Mrs. Edw. M. Likes,
- Mrs. Abraham B. Lowenstein,



- Mrs. Jacob M. Moses,  
Mrs. Jacob Schoeneman,  
Mrs. Robert Frank Skutch,  
Mrs. Albert Slesinger,  
Mrs. Harry M. Stern,  
Mrs. Wm. Straus,  
Mrs. Henry Westheimer,  
Mrs. Bernard Wiesenfeld,  
Mrs. David Wiesenfeld.
- Baltimore, Md., Ladies' Auxiliary of Har Sinai Temple.**  
Mrs. Jacob Engel,  
Mrs. Lewis Greensfelder,  
Mrs. A. W. Herman,  
Mrs. Henry Oppenheimer,  
Mrs. Chas. A. Rubenstein,  
Mrs. Harry D. Schloss,  
Mrs. A. E. Wiegel.
- Baltimore, Md., Sisterhood of Oheb Shalom Temple.**  
Mrs. Heiman J. Cahn,  
Mrs. Moses Goldenberg,  
Mrs. Jacob S. Goldsmith,  
Mrs. Levi Gottschalk,  
Mrs. L. A. Hecht,  
Mrs. I. S. Hess,  
Mrs. Sigmund Kann,  
Mrs. I. Leopold,  
Mrs. Wm. J. Mann,  
Mrs. Henry Oettinger,  
Mrs. Wm. Rosenau,  
Miss Freda Rothholz,  
Mrs. Jonas Schloss,  
Mrs. Nathan Schloss,  
Mrs. Henry Sonneborn,  
Mrs. Matilda Strouse,  
Mrs. Lewis L. Walter,  
Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld,  
Mrs. W. B. Wolf.
- Baton Rouge, La., B'nai Israel Sisterhood.**
- Bellaire, O., Ladies' Hebrew Relief Society.**  
Mrs. Henry Blum,  
Mrs. Albert Luchs.
- Bessemer, Ala., Beth El Sisterhood.**
- Binghamton, N. Y., Jewish Sisterhood.**
- Birmingham, Ala., Temple Emanu-El Chapter.**
- Bloomington, Ill., Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society.**
- Boston, Mass., Sisterhood of Temple Ohabei Shalom.**  
Mrs. L. R. Goldman.
- Boston, Mass., Temple Israel Sisterhood.**  
Miss Bessie Abraham,  
Mrs. Mark Andrews,  
Mrs. Lucius Barnet,  
Mrs. Max Brummel,
- Mrs. Walter Edelstein,  
Mrs. Abraham L. Fishel,  
Mrs. Dan Frank,  
Mrs. E. S. Goulston, Jr.,  
Mrs. Jos. M. Herman,  
Mrs. Harry Levi,  
Mrs. Harry Liebmann,  
Mrs. Emil Reizenstein,  
Mrs. I. M. Strauss,  
Mrs. Felix Vorenberg,  
Miss Rachel Wolfson.
- Bridgeport, Conn., Temple Sisterhood.**  
Mrs. Joseph Gilman.
- Brooklyn, N. Y., The Woman's Auxiliary of Temple Beth Elohim.**  
Mrs. Max J. Brandenburger,  
Miss Rose Brenner,  
Mrs. E. A. Goldstein,  
Mrs. Alexander Lyons,  
Mrs. L. M. Streep.
- Brooklyn, N. Y., Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple Ahavath Shalom.**
- Brooklyn, N. Y., Sisterhood of Temple Beth Elohim.**  
Mrs. Florence B. Abrahams,  
Mrs. Simon R. Cohen,  
Mrs. Henry Roth.
- Brooklyn, N. Y., Sisterhood of Temple Israel.**  
Mrs. Otto Kempner,  
Mrs. Nathan Krass,  
Mrs. Albert L. Levi,  
Mrs. Max Meyer.
- Buffalo, N. Y., Women's Temple Society.**  
Mrs. Israel Aaron,  
Mrs. Sigfried Levi,  
Mrs. Edward Warner.
- Cairo, Ill., Cairo Temple Sisterhood.**
- Champaign, Ill., Jewish Ladies' Social Circle.**
- Charleston, S. C., Temple Sisterhood of the K. K. B. E.**
- Charleston, W. Va., Sisterhood Virginia Street Temple.**
- Chattanooga, Tenn., Hebrew Ladies' Aid Association.**
- Chicago, Ill., Chicago Sinai Temple Sisterhood.**  
Mrs. A. G. Becker,  
Mrs. Carl Dernberg,  
Mrs. M. E. Greenebaum,  
Mrs. Emil G. Hirsch,  
Mrs. Robert Mandel,  
Miss Carrie Pam,  
Mrs. David Rosenheim,  
Mrs. Julius Rosenwald,  
Mrs. Sigmund Silberman,  
Mrs. E. J. Stransky,

- Mrs. E. Strasburger,  
Mrs. James Witkowsky.  
**Chicago, Ill., Isaiah Woman's Club.**  
Mrs. M. J. Davidson,  
Mrs. Barnett Faroll,  
Mrs. Leo Goldsmith,  
Mrs. Nathan Herzog,  
Miss Minnie Kraus,  
Mrs. Lee J. Lesser,  
Mrs. A. W. Purvin;  
Mrs. Joseph Stolz,  
Mrs. Abe Weil,  
Mrs. Jos. Wile.  
**Chicago, Ill., K. A. M. Auxiliary.**  
Mrs. Isaac Block,  
Mrs. Emanuel Buxbaum,  
Mrs. Israel Cowen,  
Mrs. August Florsheim,  
Mrs. Eugene Gutman,  
Mrs. D. M. Pfaelzer,  
Mrs. Jacques Potts,  
Mrs. Edwin Romberg,  
Mrs. Tobias Schanfarber,  
Mrs. Jacob Schnadig,  
Mrs. Samuel Spitz.  
**Chicago, Ill., Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple  
Sholom.**  
Mrs. A. Alexander,  
Mrs. D. Birkenstein,  
Mrs. H. Birkenstein,  
Mrs. A. Burger,  
Mrs. H. E. Cohen,  
Mrs. B. M. Engelhard,  
Mrs. Joseph Finn,  
Miss H. Frankenstein,  
Mrs. M. Karger,  
Mrs. M. B. Loebman,  
Mrs. Julia Maier,  
Mrs. H. L. Pollock,  
Mrs. H. Roth,  
Miss Helena Schott,  
Mrs. B. Sterne,  
Mrs. S. Stoll,  
Mrs. C. Waldbott.  
**Chicago, Ill., Ladies of Beth El.**  
**Chicago, Ill., Sisterhood of B'nai Sholom  
Temple Israel.**  
Mrs. Jos. S. Baer,  
Mrs. S. Buxbaum,  
Mrs. Louis Deutsch,  
Mrs. B. D. Eisendrath,  
Mrs. I. A. Grossman,  
Mrs. Henry E. Hart,  
Mrs. Gerson B. Levi,  
Mrs. Alex M. Levy,  
Mrs. Louis Livingston,  
Mrs. Chas. J. Loeb,  
Mrs. Sol. May,  
Mrs. Simon Richter,  
Mrs. M. M. Rothchild,  
Mrs. Samuel Schweitzer,  
Mrs. A. Steindler.  
**Chicago, Ill., Temple Emanuel Sisterhood.**  
Mrs. Hugo King,  
Mrs. Herman Selz.  
**Chicago, Ill., Temple Judea Woman's Club.**  
**Cincinnati, O., Plum Street Temple Sister-  
hood.**  
Mrs. Jacob Frank,  
Mrs. Pauline Frank,  
Mrs. Jonas Frenkel,  
Mrs. A. W. Goldsmith,  
Mrs. Edw. L. Heinsheimer,  
Mrs. Felix Kahn,  
Mrs. Kaufmann Kohler,  
Mrs. Alvin Lauer,  
Mrs. Ben. Loewenstein,  
Mrs. Alfred Mack,  
Mrs. L. V. Marks,  
Mrs. Herbert Oettinger,  
Mrs. Emil Pollak,  
Mrs. Chas. E. Rasinsky,  
Mrs. Ben Rice,  
Mrs. Percy Shields,  
Mrs. Charles Shohl,  
Mrs. Morris Westheimer,  
Mrs. Leo Wise.  
**Cincinnati, O., Reading Road Temple Sis-  
terhood.**  
Mrs. I. Fleischer,  
Miss Alma Hilb,  
Mrs. Leopold Joseph,  
Mrs. Jacob H. Kaplan,  
Mrs. Harry Sternberger.  
**Cincinnati, O., Sisterhood of Bene Israel  
Congregation.**  
Mrs. N. Henry Beckman,  
Mrs. Alfred M. Cohen,  
Mrs. Bernard Freiberg,  
Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg,  
Mrs. Fred A. Johnson,  
Mrs. Simeon M. Johnson,  
Mrs. Sam Kahn,  
Mrs. Sam Lehman,  
Mrs. Simon Lehman,  
Mrs. David Philipson,  
Mrs. Adolph Rosenberg,  
Mrs. Seymour Samuels,  
Mrs. Philip Seasongood,  
Mrs. Morris Strauss,  
Mrs. Morris H. Tobias,  
Mrs. Ben S. Weil,

- Mrs. Harry Weiler,  
Mrs. Eli Winkler.
- Cincinnati, O., The Northside Temple Sisterhood.
- Clarksburg, W. Va., Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel.
- Mrs. Clara Baker,  
Mrs. Louis Hiller.
- Cleveland O., Euclid Avenue Temple Sisterhood.
- Mrs. Gus Bamberger,  
Mrs. Fred E. Bruml,  
Mrs. Sol Moses,  
Mrs. Adolph I. Newman.
- Cleveland, O., The Temple Women's Association.
- Mrs. S. R. Bing,  
Mrs. B. Lowenstein.
- Columbia, S. C., The Ladies' Aid Society.
- Columbus, Ga., Jewish Ladies' Aid Society.
- Columbus, O., Temple Israel Sisterhood.
- Corsicana, Tex., Ladies' Auxiliary Temple Beth El.
- Cumberland, Md., The Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society.
- Mrs. L. Lee Lichtenstein.
- Davenport, Ia., Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel.
- Dayton, O., Auxiliary of the House of Jacob.
- Dayton, O., Ladies' Temple Auxiliary K. K. B. Y.
- Mrs. Harry J. Heiner,  
Mrs. David Lefkowitz,  
Mrs. Harry Lehman,  
Mrs. Ernest Rauh.
- Decatur, Ala., Temple Sisterhood.
- Denver, Colo., Emanuel Sisterhood.
- Mrs. William S. Friedman,  
Mrs. S. Pisko.
- Des Moines, Ia., The United Benevolent Society of Temple B'nai Jeshurun.
- Detroit, Mich., Woman's Auxiliary Association of Temple Beth El.
- Mrs. N. Davies,  
Mrs. Leo M. Franklin,  
Mrs. I. Goldberg,  
Mrs. J. Grunthal,  
Mrs. M. E. Silver,  
Mrs. Louis Welt.
- Duluth, Minn., Temple Aid Society.
- Easton, Pa., Ladies' Hebrew Benevolent Society.
- Erie, Pa., Ladies' Hebrew Auxiliary Society.
- Mrs. Morris Schaffner.
- Evansville, Ind., Temple Sisterhood.
- Far Rockaway, N. Y., Sisterhood of Temple Israel.
- Mrs. Leo A. Levy.
- Ft. Smith, Ark., The Temple Aid Society.
- Ft. Wayne, Ind., Achduth Veshalom Sisterhood.
- Mrs. Aaron L. Weinstein.
- Ft. Worth, Tex., The Temple Auxiliary.
- Gary, Ind., Woman's Auxiliary of Temple Israel.
- Goldboro, N. C., Temple Sisterhood.
- Mrs. Vance M. Weill.
- Grand Rapids, Mich., Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple Emanuel.
- Greenville, Miss., Temple Auxiliary.
- Hammond, Ind., Jewish Ladies' Aid Society.
- Harrisburg, Pa., Ohev Sholom Sisterhood.
- Mrs. A. Buxbaum,  
Mrs. D. Kaufman,  
Mrs. J. Nachman.
- Hartford, Conn., Women's Auxiliary of C. B. I.
- Hazleton, Pa., Ladies' Guild.
- Helena, Ark., The Temple Aid Sisterhood.
- Huntington, W. Va., Ladies' Hebrew Benevolent Society.
- Jacksonville, Fla., Temple Sisterhood.
- Joplin, Mo., Temple Aid Sisterhood.
- Kalamazoo, Mich., Hebrew Ladies' Benevolent Society.
- Kansas City, Mo., Temple Sisterhood.
- Mrs. Alfred Hart,  
Mrs. Dan Lyon,  
Mrs. Lee Lyon,  
Mrs. H. H. Mayer,  
Mrs. Louis Rothschild.
- Knoxville, Tenn., The Woman's Auxiliary of Temple Beth El.
- Lake Charles, La., Temple Sinai Aid Society.
- Lancaster, Pa., Ladies' Temple Auxiliary.
- Laporte, Ind., Hebrew Ladies' Relief Society.
- Lexington, Ky., Maryland Avenue Sisterhood.
- Lima, O., Ladies' Aid Society.
- Lincoln, Neb., Jewish Ladies' Aid Society.
- Lorain, O., The Temple Sisterhood.
- Los Angeles, Cal., Sisterhood of Temple B'nai B'rith.
- Louisville, Ky., Adath Israel Sisterhood.
- Mrs. Leon Goodman,  
Miss Pauline Loevenhart,  
Mrs. S. J. Meyers.  
Mrs. Daniel Sabel,  
Mrs. Alfred Selligman,  
Mrs. Bernard Selligman,  
Mrs. Isaac Trost,  
Mrs. Wm. Trost.

- Louisville, Ky., Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple B'rith Shalom.
- Macon, Ga., Beth Israel Sisterhood.
- McKeesport, Pa., Sisterhood of Temple B'nai Israel.
- Memphis, Tenn., Ladies' Temple Auxiliary.
- Meridian, Miss., Ladies' Temple Guild.  
Miss Anne Rothenberg.
- Milwaukee, Wis., Bene Jeshurun Sisterhood.  
Mrs. H. Bamberger,  
Mrs. Max Breslauer,  
Mrs. A. Carlsruh,  
Mrs. S. Eckstein,  
Mrs. A. Fischel,  
Mrs. I. Goldman,  
Mrs. S. W. Gottschalk,  
Mrs. A. Mahler,  
Mrs. E. Mandel,  
Mrs. S. Nathan,  
Mrs. A. Polacheck,  
Mrs. L. Ullman,  
Mrs. H. Veit.
- Milwaukee, Wis., Emanu-El Society.  
Mrs. Samuel Hirshberg.
- Mobile, Ala., Temple Sisterhood.
- Monroe, La., Jewish Ladies' Temple Aid Society.
- Montreal, Que., Canada, Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood.
- Mt. Vernon, Ind., Mt. Vernon Temple Sisterhood.
- Muskogee, Okla., Temple Sisterhood.
- Nashville, Tenn., Vine Street Temple Sisterhood.  
Mrs. Chas. Cohn,  
Mrs. L. Bozatsky,  
Mrs. I. Lewinthal,  
Mrs. Eli Redelsheimer,  
Mrs. Henry Weinbaum.
- Natchez, Miss., Natchez Temple Sisterhood.
- New Haven, Conn., Mishkan Temple Sisterhood.  
Mrs. Harry W. Asher,  
Mrs. Albert J. Johnson,  
Mrs. Isaac Kleiner,  
Mrs. Louis L. Mann,  
Mrs. Samuel Muhlfelder.
- New Iberia, La., Ladies' Temple Aid Society.
- New Orleans, La., Ladies' Auxiliary of Congregation Beth Israel.
- New Orleans, La., Ladies' Auxiliary of Congregation Gates of Prayer.
- New Orleans, La., Temple Sinai Sisterhood.  
Mrs. Edgar M. Cahn,  
Mrs. Max Heller.
- New Orleans, La., Woman's League of Touro Synagog.
- New York, N. Y., Ladies' Auxiliary of Congregation A. C. S. H.
- New York, N. Y., Sinai Sisterhood of the Bronx.
- New York, N. Y., Sisterhood of the New Synagog.  
Mrs. Ephraim Frisch.
- New York, N. Y., Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood.  
Mrs. Nathan J. Miller,  
Mrs. Jos. Silverman.
- Norfolk, Va., Sisterhood of Oheb Shalom.
- Oakland, Cal., The Sisterhood of Temple Sinai.
- Oklahoma City, Okla., Ladies' Aid.
- Paducah, Ky., Sisterhood of Temple Israel.
- Paterson, N. J., B'nai Jeshurun Sisterhood.
- Peoria, Ill., Sisterhood of Anshai Emeth Congregation.  
Mrs. Seymour Bottigheimer,  
Mrs. Sam Woolner, Jr.
- Philadelphia, Pa., Sisterhood of Keneseth Israel Congregation.  
Mrs. Ferd. Dilsheimer,  
Mrs. L. Eschner,  
Mrs. Moe Geis,  
Mrs. Frederic Gerber,  
Mrs. Felix N. Gerson,  
Mrs. Meyer Getz,  
Mrs. H. Hirsch,  
Mrs. Joseph Krauskopf,  
Mrs. A. Mayer,  
Mrs. Lee Simon,  
Mrs. Joseph Simpson,  
Mrs. S. Stein,  
Mrs. Simon Weil.
- Philadelphia, Pa., Sisterhood of Rodeph Shalom Congregation.  
Mrs. Eli Mayer,  
Miss Rebecca Teller Mayer,  
Mrs. Philip Rosenau,  
Mrs. Alfred Rosenstein,  
Mrs. A. Simon.
- Pine Bluff, Ark., Ladies' Temple Society.
- Piqua, O., The Jewish Ladies' Aid Society.
- Pittsburgh, Pa., Sisterhood of Rodef Shalom Congregation.  
Mrs. Marcus Aaron,  
Mrs. Aaron Cohen,  
Mrs. Josiah Cohen,  
Mrs. I. W. Frank,  
Mrs. A. M. Hast,  
Mrs. M. M. Kann,  
Mrs. Stella S. Lazarus,

- Mrs. A. C. Lehman,  
Mrs. J. Leonard Levy,  
Mrs. Marcus Rauh,  
Mrs. S. R. Rosenbloom,  
Mrs. Mark Solomon,  
Mrs. Nathaniel Spear,  
Mrs. A. J. Sunstein,  
Mrs. Samuel Weinhaus.
- Plattsburg, N. Y., Beth Israel Sisterhood.
- Providence, R. I., Ladies' Auxiliary Society.  
Mrs. Harry Cutler,  
Mrs. Sidney S. Tedesche.
- Raleigh, N. C., Temple Sisterhood.
- Reading, Pa., Temple Sisterhood.
- Sacramento, Cal., Women's Auxiliary Society of B'nai Israel.
- Saginaw, Mich., Beth El Sisterhood.
- San Diego, Cal., Mothers' Club.
- Sandusky, O., Oheb Shalom Sisterhood.
- Savannah, Ga., Temple Guild.  
Mrs. George Solomon.
- St. Joseph, Mo., Adath Asher Sisterhood.
- St. Louis, Mo., Shaare Emeth Ladies' Society.  
Mrs. Samuel Sale.
- St. Louis, Mo., Sisterhood of Temple 'Israel.  
Mrs. H. Lauchheim,  
Mrs. M. Steinfeld.
- St. Louis, Mo., Sisterhood of United Hebrew Congregation.
- St. Louis, Mo., Temple B'nai El Sisterhood.  
Mrs. Edgar Littmann.
- Scranton, Pa., Sisterhood of the Madison Avenue Temple.  
Mrs. Abram J. Levy,  
Mrs. Benj. Samter.
- Seattle, Wash., Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple de Hirsch.
- Shreveport, La., The Temple Guild.
- Sioux City, Ia., Jewish Ladies' Aid Society.
- Spokane, Wash., Sisterhood of Temple Emanu-El.
- Springfield, Ill., B'rith Sholom Temple Sisterhood.
- Springfield, Mo., Jewish Ladies' Aid Society.
- Springfield, O., Ladies' Auxiliary of Oheb Zedakah Congregation.
- Statesville, N. C., Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society.
- Tacoma, Wash., Judith Montefiore Society.
- Toledo, O., Ladies' Auxiliary Society.
- Uniontown, Pa., Hebrew Ladies' Auxiliary.
- Vicksburg, Miss., The Ladies' Auxiliary of Congregation Anshe Chesed.
- Washington, D. C., Sisterhood of the Washington Hebrew Congregation.  
Mrs. J. Eisenmann,  
Mrs. D. Fisher,  
Miss Ricka Gans,  
Mrs. Ernest Gichner,  
Mrs. Joseph Goldenberg,  
Mrs. I. H. Hexter,  
Mrs. G. Louis,  
Mrs. A. C. Mayer,  
Mrs. D. F. Sanger,  
Mrs. Frederic Schwab,  
Mrs. A. Selinger,  
Mrs. Abram Simon,  
Mrs. Sam Solomon,  
Mrs. Henrietta K. Sommers,  
Mrs. L. Sonneborn,  
Mrs. D. Strauss,  
Mrs. A. Weyl.
- Wheeling, W. Va., Ladies' Hebrew Benevolent Society.  
Mrs. Louis Horkheimer,  
Mrs. M. Sonneborn,  
Mrs. Leo Wolf.
- Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Woman's Auxiliary of Congregation B'nai B'rith.  
Mrs. Martin Freeman,  
Mrs. Marcus Salzman.
- Wilmington, N. C., Ladies' Concordia Society.
- Youngstown, O., Sisterhood of Rodef Sholom Temple.  
Mrs. M. U. Guggenheim,  
Mrs. Nate Hartzell,  
Mrs. Morris Moyer,  
Mrs. I. E. Philo,  
Mrs. B. H. Printz,  
Mrs. M. J. Rosenbaum.
- Zanesville, O., Jewish Woman's Benevolent and Aid Society.

Respectfully submitted,  
Committee on Credentials.  
Mrs. Jacob Engel, Chairman,  
Mrs. Jacob H. Kaplan,  
Mrs. Otto Kempner,  
Mrs. Harry Lehman,  
Mrs. B. H. Printz,  
Mrs. S. Silberman.

It was moved and duly carried that the report of the Committee on Credentials be adopted.

The Executive Secretary, Rabbi George Zepin, then presented his report.

## Report of Executive Secretary

Cincinnati, O., January 1, 1917.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies:—I have the honor to present the following report:

### MEMBERSHIP.

Since the last meeting of the Executive Board Sisterhoods in the following cities have been added to our membership list:

- Allentown, Pa.
- Anderson, Ind.
- Binghamton, N. Y.
- Brooklyn, N. Y. (Ahavath Sholom of Flatbush).
- Chicago, Ill. (Beth El).
- Clarksburg, W. Va.
- Dayton, O.

Greenville, Miss.

Lake Charles, La.

Muskogee, Okla.

New Orleans, La. (Beth Israel).

Sandusky, O.

St. Louis, Mo.. (B'nai El).

At the close of the proposed fiscal year, October 31, we had 139 Sisterhoods. Today we have 150 Sisterhoods, an increase of 44 per cent. since the last Biennial Meeting. Today we have an individual membership of over 20,000 which represents an increase of 5,000 over the membership at the time of the last Biennial.

### RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

The following is a statement of receipts and disbursements from February 1, 1916, to October 31, 1916:

Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1916, after reconciliation (Kewood Trust & Savings Bank).....	\$3,948.14
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#### RECEIPTS.

From Dues .....	\$1,407.25		
“ Calendars .....	427.20		
“ Uniongrams .....	409.75		
“ Scholarships .....	2,697.00		
“ Miscellaneous .....	38.61		
“ Interest (Bank Statement).....	62.35	\$5,042.16	\$8,990.30

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

Calendars .....	\$ 391.18		
Uniongrams .....	52.15		
Scholarships .....	3,250.00		
Stationery and Postage.....	179.95		
Miscellaneous .....	124.61		
President's Office .....	184.00		
Biennial Convention .....	9.24		
Committee on Propaganda .....	2.50		
Committee on Scholarships .....	15.85		
Committee on Co-operation .....	2.75		
Committee on Religion .....	3.65		
Exchange (Bank Statement).....	13.90	\$4,229.78	
Balance .....		\$4,760.52	
Balance in Bank on same date.....		\$5,290.40	

### STATEMENT OF CASH AND RECONCILIATION OF BANK ACCOUNT.

The balance in the Bank exceeds balance on the books by \$529.88. This was due to the fact that there were outstanding checks to the amount of \$93.92 and outstanding unpaid vouchers to the amount of \$623.80, leaving a balance to our credit of

\$529.88. This balance was wiped out when the checks were deposited and the vouchers drawn.

In explanation of the above, I wish to add that on October 31st, when the books were closed, we had in the Bank \$4,760.52. However, this amount represented \$644.61 collected for Hebrew Union College Scholarships, but not yet turned over, \$625.85 undivided profits of Uniongrams, and \$500 payable to the Union for the use of the Bulletin, leaving a real balance of \$2,990.06.

#### LECTURE BUREAU.

We have carried out the instructions of the Executive Board and prepared a catalog of speakers for a Lecture Bureau. However, a Lecture Bureau is a business that requires close attention, and it is doubtful if the mere preparation of a catalog of speakers is sufficient. If the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods desires to make a success of this enterprise, it is quite necessary to hire a clerk for this purpose. The Executive Office of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods could render such a clerk great assistance.

#### TRACTS.

We are in receipt of a proposition from the Central Conference of American Rabbis and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations to join with them in publishing tracts on Jewish subjects, for general distribution to Jews and non-Jews. The extent of the co-operation requested is that the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods subscribe for each of its members. The cost of the enterprise will probably not exceed \$200.00 a year.

#### SISTERHOOD SONG.

At the last meeting of the Executive Board a Sisterhood Song, words by Mrs. Ida G. Morris and music by Mrs. Sidney J. Meyers, was adopted. This song has been printed and samples mailed to all Sisterhoods. We have since supplied the song at cost to a number of Sisterhoods.

#### UNION BULLETIN.

During the past season six issues of the Union Bulletin appeared, with a total of 144 pages, of which we used 53 pages. As the complete cost of publishing the Union Bulletin was \$1,669.52, our proportion of the expense was \$500.00. The pages of the Bulletin are used by the Sisterhoods for editorial matter, for the publication of the minutes of the Executive Board, for the reports

of the National Committees and for general news items of the Sisterhoods. We are convinced that the publicity here given to the doings of the Sisterhoods has accounted largely for the phenomenal growth of the Federation.

In this connection we wish to point out that the Executive Office furnishes to every Jewish paper published in English a weekly news letter dealing with items of interest concerning various Sisterhoods. Two hundred and forty-five such news items were given publicity last season.

#### MEMBERSHIP CARDS.

The Executive Board referred to the Executive Office a resolution to install a uniform system of membership cards which could be recognized as a card of admission by all other Sisterhoods. The economical method of doing this is the one of making the membership card indicate the fact that dues for the current year have been paid. It is impossible to print these at headquarters for general distribution, because all Sisterhoods do not collect dues in the same month. We therefore respectfully suggest that the Executive Board suggest to each Sisterhood the advisability of holding its annual election in the month of May, which usually closes the season, and to collect dues at the meeting preceding, namely in April. When this, or a similar plan is adopted, it will be possible to issue universal membership cards with some degree of economy.

#### PESACH HAGGADAH AND FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE.

At the last meeting of the Executive Board a resolution was adopted to negotiate with the Central Conference of American Rabbis for the separate publication of the Friday Evening Service and for a cheaper edition of the Passover Service. The officers of the Conference, however, have taken the stand that these plans would militate against the sale of their present publications. The plan was, therefore, abandoned.

**WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE.**

It is difficult to say just where the work of the Executive Office ends and the work of the National Committees begins. The Executive Secretary has endeavored to act as Secretary for every National Officer of the Federation and for every National Committee of the Federation. This has been made possible by the generosity of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, which has permitted the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods to make full use of the office of the Department of Synagog and School Extension with its force of twelve employees. We have sent out 6,007 circular letters for various Committees and Officers. This, however, does not give an adequate notion of the volume of correspondence, because it does not include the letters received and answered with reference to the business of the Sisterhoods. The preparation of weekly news letters, monthly items for the Bulletin, the bookkeeping, the entering of items such as changes of address of the 20,000 members of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods receiving the Union Bulletin, the changes of officers of 158 Sisterhoods with about fifteen officers apiece, the preparation of programs for the

holidays and of the Year Book and the minutes of the Executive Board meetings, and many tasks too numerous to mention and too diversified to classify, occupy about half the time of the Executive Secretary and the Assistant Secretary and almost all the time of several clerks. When the 20,000 copies of the Union Bulletin have to be addressed to as many individual members of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, our whole office force is kept busy for a number of days: This condition of affairs is welcomed by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, whose officers have assured us that the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods is, next to the College, the greatest potential power that the Union has called into existence.

Respectfully submitted,  
 George Zepin,  
 Executive Secretary.

It was moved and duly carried that the report be accepted with thanks and made part of the minutes of the meeting, and that the recommendations contained therein be referred to the Executive Board.

The Treasurer of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, Mrs. Israel Cowen, then presented her report.

**Treasurer's Report**

Chicago, Ill., October 31, 1916.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies:—I beg leave to submit the following as my report from February 1, 1916, to October 31, 1916.

Balance on hand in Bank, Feb. 1, 1916, after reconciliation (Kenwood Trust & Savings Bank).....	\$3,948.14	
Received from George Zepin, Executive Secretary .....	4,885.89	
Interest (Kenwood Trust & Savings Bank).....	62.35	\$8,896.38
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Paid Vouchers amounting to.....	3,592.08	
Paid Exchange (Kenwood Trust & Savings Bank) .....	13.90	3,605.98
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Balance (Kenwood Trust & Savings Bank).....		\$5,290.40
NOTE:—Checks in transit as per Secretary's Books.		
Receipts mailed by George Zepin, Executive Secretary, to Treasurer.\$	93.92	
Vouchers issued by George Zepin, Executive Secretary, not yet honored by Treasurer.....	623.80	
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	\$	529.88

The Secretary's book balance is \$4,760.52; that is—the Treasurer's bank balance minus \$529.88.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Mrs. Israel Cowen, Treasurer.



It was moved and duly carried that the report be accepted with thanks and made part of the minutes of the meeting.

#### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

The following committees were then appointed by the President, in accordance with the order of business adopted by the Convention:

#### COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Mrs. Dan. Frank, Boston, Mass., Chairman,  
 Mrs. Charles Cohn, Nashville, Tenn.,  
 Mrs. Joseph Goldenberg, Washington, D. C.,  
 Mrs. Marcus Rauh, Pittsburgh, Pa.,  
 Mrs. Alfred Selligman, Louisville, Ky.,  
 Mrs. Charles Shohl, Cincinnati, O.,  
 Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld, Baltimore, Md.,  
 Mrs. James Witkowsky, Chicago, Ill.

#### COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Mrs. David Philipson, Cincinnati, O.,  
 Chairman,  
 Mrs. Louis Livingston, Chicago, Ill.,  
 Mrs. Alfred Rosenstein, Philadelphia, Pa.,  
 Mrs. Samuel Sale, St. Louis, Mo.,  
 Mrs. Robert Frank Skutch, Baltimore, Md.,  
 Mrs. M. Steinfeld, St. Louis, Mo.,  
 Mrs. Henry Veit, Milwaukee, Wis.

#### COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Mrs. Israel Cowen, Chicago, Ill., Chairman,  
 Mrs. Edgar M. Cahn, New Orleans, La.,  
 Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg, Cincinnati, O.,  
 Mrs. Felix N. Gerson, Philadelphia, Pa.,  
 Mrs. Fred. A. Johnson, Cincinnati, O.,  
 Mrs. Stella S. Lazarus, Pittsburgh, Pa.,  
 Mrs. Harry Liebman, Boston, Mass.,  
 Mrs. Lee Lyon, Kansas City, Mo.,  
 Mrs. Simon B. Shoninger, New Haven, Conn.

#### COMMITTEE ON THANKS.

Mrs. Ferd. Dilsheimer, Philadelphia, Pa.,  
 Chairman,  
 Miss Rose Brenner, Brooklyn, N. Y.,  
 Mrs. Benjamin Engelhard, Chicago, Ill.,  
 Mrs. Sidney J. Meyers, Louisville, Ky.,  
 Mrs. Sol Moses, Cleveland, O.,  
 Mrs. Edwin Romberg, Chicago, Ill.,  
 Mrs. David Sanger, Washington, D. C.,  
 Mrs. Jacob Selig, Atlanta, Ga.,  
 Mrs. Louis Welt, Detroit, Mich.

#### INDIVIDUAL SISTERHOOD REPORTS.

At twelve o'clock the reading of the reports of individual Sisterhoods was taken up in accordance with the Order of Business adopted by the Convention.

Mrs. B. Lowenstein, of Cleveland, Ohio, read a report dealing with the activities of the Temple Women's Association of Cleveland, Ohio. The report was followed by discussion.

It was moved and duly carried that the Executive Secretary formulate a report giving a list of the Sisterhoods which have been accorded representation on the Boards of their respective congregations. This list was to be prepared before adjournment of the second Biennial Meeting in order that it might be transmitted to the twenty-fifth Council of the Union during its sessions.

Mrs. Ferdinand Dilsheimer, of Philadelphia, Pa., read a report dealing with the activities of the Keneseth Israel Sisterhood, of Philadelphia, Pa.

The President then declared a recess to permit the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods to meet with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in joint session.

## Second Day's Proceedings

Wednesday, January 17, 1917,  
2:15 p. m.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Abram Simon. Prayer was offered by Rabbi Harry H. Mayer, of Kansas City, Mo. The minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

It was moved and duly carried that the Executive Secretary be directed to send a communication to all the affiliated Sisterhoods, urging upon them both Sabbath observance and Sabbath attendance at divine services; this appeal to be read by every President at every open meeting of each Sisterhood; further, that the delegates to this Biennial Meeting be requested to transmit this recommendation to their respective Sisterhoods as one of the special messages of this Biennial Meeting.

### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The following proposed amendment was recommended for adoption by the Executive Board:

- A. An Amendment setting aside five cents of the dues of each individual member to pay for a subscription to "The Jewish Educational Tracts."

Be it resolved, That the Article of the Constitution entitled "Dues" be amended by appending the following phrase at the end of the Article: "five cents of which shall be set aside to pay for a subscription to 'The Jewish Educational Tracts.'"

The Article as amended will then read as follows:

"Each Sisterhood shall pay into the Treasury of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods ten cents per annum for each member thereof, five cents of which shall be set aside to pay for a subscription to 'The Jewish Educational Tracts.'"

It was moved and duly carried that the Constitution be amended as set forth above.

The following proposed amendment was recommended for adoption by the Executive Board:

- B. An Amendment governing representation to the Biennial Meeting.

Be it resolved, That the Article of the Constitution entitled "Representatives to the Biennial Meeting" be amended by omitting the words: "twenty-five contributing members above twenty-five" and by substituting the following words: "fifty contributing members over and above the first fifty members up to two hundred members and also one additional representative for every one hundred contributing members over and above the first two hundred members."

The Article as amended will then read as follows:

"Each Sisterhood shall appoint one representative to the Biennial Meeting of the Federation, and one additional representative for every fifty contributing members over and above the first fifty members up to two hundred members, and also one additional representative for every one hundred contributing members over and above the first two hundred members."

It was moved and duly carried that the Constitution be amended as set forth above.

The following proposed amendment was transmitted by the Executive Board without approval:

- C. An Amendment limiting membership of the Executive Board to not more than one member from one Sisterhood.

Be it resolved, That the Article of the Constitution entitled "Officers" be amended by inserting the following paragraph after paragraph 2:

"Only one representative from any one Sisterhood shall be eligible to membership on the Executive Board."

This motion to amend the Constitution was lost.

The following proposed amendment was transmitted by the Executive Board without approval:

- D. An Amendment abolishing the office of Recording Secretary.

Be it resolved, That the Article of the Constitution entitled "Officers," paragraph

3, be amended by omitting the words "and recording secretary." The paragraph will then read as follows:

"The Executive Board shall elect, from its own members, a president, vice-president and treasurer. It shall also elect an executive secretary, who shall not be a member of the Executive Board and whose salary shall be determined by it."

This motion to amend the Constitution was lost.

The following proposed amendment was recommended for adoption by the Executive Board:

**E. An Amendment governing the date of the meetings of the Executive Board.**

Be it resolved, That the Article of the Constitution entitled "Meetings of the Executive Board" be amended so as to read "annually" instead of "semi-annually," and "at such times and" instead of "in January and July." The Article will then read as follows:

"The Executive Board shall organize immediately after the Convention adjourns

and meet annually at such times and in such places as may be decided upon by the Executive Board."

It was moved and duly carried that the Constitution be amended as set forth above.

The following proposed amendment was recommended for adoption by the Executive Board:

**F. An Amendment to increase the number of members on the Executive Board from 25 to 35.**

Be it resolved, That the Article of the Constitution entitled "Officers," paragraph 2, be amended so as to read "thirty-five" instead of "twenty-five." The paragraph will then read as follows:

"The Federation, at its Biennial Meeting, shall elect by ballot thirty-five members who shall constitute the Executive Board."

It was moved and duly carried that the Constitution be amended as set forth above.

The National Committee on Co-operation then presented its report.

## Report of the National Committee on Co-operation

Baltimore, Md., Oct. 31, 1916.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies:—Your Committee on Co-operation, which may be termed the Publicity Committee of the National Federation, takes pleasure in reporting considerable progress along the lines it has followed in previous years, as well as the addition of new activities.

### EXCHANGE BUREAU.

The first task of your Committee has been to acquaint the Sisterhoods with what each society is doing, calling attention particularly to unusual activities successfully consummated. Your Committee has done this through the Union Bulletin which has devoted a section each month to the interests of the National Federation, printing annual reports and other items of Sisterhood interest. Through our weekly news letters

to the Jewish Press the activities of more than one hundred Sisterhoods were reported in the course of the year.

### INSTITUTIONAL RELIGIOUS WORK.

Before each holiday the attention of the Sisterhoods was called to various activities to be undertaken by them in University Religious Work and in Institutional Religious Work.

University Religious Work was carried on by eighteen Sisterhoods during the past year. Their activities consisted of inviting the students to the synagogue and to the members' homes, not only for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, but for Seder as well, and in many other ways bringing them into close touch with the Jewish community.

A new Sisterhood activity, Institutional Religious Work, has been undertaken by ten Sisterhoods. This work has consisted of personal visits to institutions, and of

providing religious reading material and matzoth for delinquents and defectives housed in these institutions.

Before Chanukah an article on "How the Sisterhoods Celebrated Chanukah" in the preceding year was printed in the Union Bulletin and circulated among the affiliated societies.

#### JOINT SISTERHOOD MEETINGS.

In the cities where joint Sisterhood meetings are possible they have been held with great success by thirteen Sisterhoods. Notable examples of this activity are the Sisterhoods of Baltimore, Cincinnati, and St. Louis. In the latter city there is a council of Sisterhoods, composed of representatives of the three Sisterhoods, which arranges for the joint meetings.

Almost all of the Sisterhoods have some portion of their periodic meetings devoted to securing better feeling of comradeship and fellowship among the members. This

aim has been fostered by your National Committee whenever possible.

To bring these several activities to the notice of the Sisterhoods, about 496 communications were addressed to the Chairmen of local Committees on Co-operation by your Committee during the course of the year.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Mrs. Jos. Wiesenfeld, Chairman,  
 Mrs. B. Loewenstein, Vice-Chairman,  
 Mrs. Charles Gans,  
 Mrs. J. Leonard Levy,  
 Mrs. Sol. Moses,  
 Mrs. Joseph Rosenfield.

It was moved and duly carried that the report be accepted with thanks and that the recommendations be referred to the Executive Board with the approval of the Convention.

The National Committee on Religion then presented its report.

### Report of National Committee on Religion

Louisville, Ky., Oct. 31, 1916.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies:—Religion being the watchword of our National Federation, your Committee on Religion is called upon to render service in many directions. Accordingly, your Committee has many activities to report.

#### CONGREGATIONAL SINGING.

During the past year, a special effort was made by many Sisterhoods to co-operate with the rabbis in introducing congregational singing at the public services. It is unnecessary to argue for greater participation in the service on the part of the Congregation, since it is admitted by all that such active participation is essential to genuine devotion. When the suggestion was formerly brought to the attention of the various societies, it met with a very hearty response. Many immediately organized choral societies and devised other plans of bringing about the desired results. Twenty-two Sisterhoods succeeded in introducing congregational singing.

#### SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

A number of Sisterhoods made it one of their aims to increase synagog attendance on Sabbaths and they report gratifying success. One Sisterhood secured the consent of the rabbi and congregation to set aside one Sabbath in the year as "Sisterhood Sabbath," and requested a special sermon for that day. Other Sisterhoods have appointed special committees to make a personal canvass among members of the societies and to urge upon them the avoidance of unnecessary labor on the Sabbath.

A number of activities pertaining to the Synagog proper, which were recommended by your Committee on previous occasions, were carried on by many Sisterhoods. It is gratifying to report that the number of societies expending funds for synagog decoration for Sabbaths and Holy Days, and the number interested in the improvement of synagog property, as well as those that are of general assistance to the Congregation, too diversified for classification, is constantly increasing.

**JEWISH ART CALENDAR.**

Your Committee is very much pleased to report that the entire issue of our Art Calendar was exhausted as early as October, 1916. The "Story of Joseph Art Calendar" met with such pronounced success that your Committee recommends the issue of a similar calendar for next year, in the same quantity as last year. We also recommend that the calendar for the coming year be ready for sale some time in April to permit the Sisterhoods to take orders for the same before the summer months.

The anniversary of the landing of the first Jewish settlers in America was celebrated in April, 1916, by a number of Sisterhoods. A program arranged for the celebration by the Executive Office was distributed among the Sisterhoods and served as a guide for programs prepared by the individual Sisterhoods.

Many Sisterhoods reported the featuring of the study of religious subjects for the months of February, 1915, and February, 1916. The Committee recommends the pursuance of this policy by all affiliated organizations in February, 1917, and suggests that a resume of the doings of this Convention will make a splendid program for the above named meeting. We further recommend that wherever there is more than one congregation in a city or town, an effort be made to hold a union meeting. At this meeting delegates should take the opportunity to communicate the enthusiasm and inspiration gained at the Baltimore Convention.

**SIMPLIFYING CONFIRMATION.**

A few months before Shabuoth in 1915 and again in 1916, your Committee addressed individual Sisterhoods and urged them to direct their attention towards the simplification of the celebrations incidental to Confirmation Day. These suggestions were made at the instance of the rabbis and in entire co-operation with the rabbis. The suggestion was made to the mothers to eliminate some undignified customs that had been associated with Confirmation and that had, as a consequence, detracted from the religious significance of the day. This suggestion was adopted by a number of Sisterhoods.

**STUDY CIRCLES AND LECTURE BUREAU.**

Study Circles under the leadership of the rabbi are increasing in number. Subjects specifically Jewish in character are gradually replacing those of a more general nature. This is likewise true of the Lecture Courses maintained by several Sisterhoods. When the Lecture Bureau, recently organized by the National Federation, has been put in operation, many more Sisterhoods will undoubtedly avail themselves of the opportunity of having courses of lectures on Jewish topics.

**JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP.**

The Committee recommends that an active interest be taken in the formation of a Junior Membership in all of our congregations, the membership to consist of the Confirmands, boys alone, or boys and girls, as the individual congregation sees fit to indicate.

Whoever has given thought to the membership of our Jewish congregations must have noticed a woefully small percentage of young men. This is largely due, first to the lack of interest and secondly to the unwillingness of the younger men to pay even the minimum rates as they are scheduled.

If their enrollment in the Religious School could at once be transferred to the Synagog, it would serve to hold them fast, as against permitting them to drift away for a few years and possibly for all time.

The details, must of course, be worked out and congregations must co-operate. We recommend the charging of a very small fee, solely to foster the boy's manliness and sense of responsibility. To the congregation the fee should be the least important feature.

It is always observed that the Confirmation Class is an intensely interested group and if we would take advantage of this enthusiasm it would probably work to the welfare of the Congregation in the future. If Confirmation means the assuming of responsibilities and the performing of religious duties, it should be the appropriate time to enroll the boys or the boys and the girls as members of the Congregation.

To bring these several activities to the notice of the Sisterhoods, about 2,041 com-

munications were addressed to the Chairmen of the local Committees on Religion by your Committee during the course of the year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Leon Goodman, Chairman,  
Mrs. Dan. Frank, Vice-Chairman,  
Mrs. K. Kohler,  
Mrs. David Philipson,  
Mrs. Bernard Selligman,  
Mrs. Leo Wolf.

It was moved and duly carried that the report be accepted with thanks and that the recommendations be referred to the Executive Board with the approval of the Convention.

The National Committee on Religious Schools then presented its report.

## Report of the National Committee on Religious Schools

Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 31, 1916.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies:—The Committee on Religious Schools takes pleasure in calling your attention to the activity of the Sisterhoods in the field of religious education. Of the 139 that were enrolled on October 31, 78 report some form of activity in connection with religious schools. The most popular form of activity is that of participating in the school observance of the holidays. Arranging annual opening and closing exercises for the school is next in popularity. During the past season many schools acquired stereopticon machines through the kindness of the Sisterhoods. A large number report the purchase of pictures for school ornamentation.

### PARENTS' MEETINGS.

Nine Sisterhoods report well-organized campaigns to bring about a better co-operation between the school and the home by means of Parents' Meetings. These meetings have been very successful and have often resulted in re-introducing into the homes, for the sake of the children, religious ceremonies that had long been forgotten. Your Committee recommends that systematic propaganda be made for the organization of Parents' Clubs to meet periodically with the teachers of the Religious School. Your Committee feels that as a result of such meetings, the Religious School will become a real adjunct to the home in developing the moral and spiritual nature of the child, and further, that in this manner the work of the teacher will be given proper support and encouragement.

In the course of the last year the Committee has issued many circulars urging

all these activities upon the attention of local Sisterhoods, and has reason to believe that these suggestions have been well received and have proved helpful to many inquirers.

### FREE RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS.

Our especial interest during the last season has been the establishment and maintenance of Free Religious Schools. Only four are reported but we trust that the Sisterhoods will come to realize the obligation that is attached to Jewish womanhood in this respect. The motto of Israel has always been "Talmud Torah Keneged Kulom"—"The study of the Torah is the greatest of all virtues." With the proceeds of the Uniongram now available for this purpose and with the National Federation paying for all the literature used by such schools, nothing should prevent the Sisterhoods from opening Free Religious Schools wherever these are needed.

We respectfully urge the delegates here assembled to take this message home to their individual Sisterhoods and we trust that next year may see a larger response to this plea.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Joseph Krauskopf, Chairman,  
Mrs. M. J. Gries, Vice-Chairman,  
Miss Corinne B. Arnold,  
Mrs. K. Kohler,  
Mrs. Fred Lazarus,  
Mrs. David Lefkowitz.

It was moved and duly carried that the report be accepted with thanks and that the recommendations be referred to the Executive Board with the approval of the Convention.

The National Committee on Propaganda then presented its report.

## Report of the National Committee on Propaganda

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 1, 1917.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies:—The National Committee on Propaganda takes pleasure in reporting that since the last biennial we have increased the number of our constituent societies by the addition of forty-six Sisterhoods, making a total of 150 affiliated societies to Jan. 1, 1917, and increased the individual membership of the National Federation by more than 5,000 members. While we have not sought to fulfill the promise to increase as the sand on the shore of the sea, we trust that the National Federation will be quite contented with the progress made in the past and will look forward to still greater strides in the future.

### RESULTS OF TWO CAMPAIGNS.

Two campaigns were conducted, one in 1915 and the other in 1916. The first campaign was conducted by correspondence. Letters were addressed by the Executive Office to a large mailing list of Sisterhoods where organization was thought possible, or where we sought to secure affiliation with the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. These letters elicited many responses and much correspondence resulted. The Executive Office attended to the physical labor in issuing many letters, which were of a circular nature and also in corresponding directly with many Sisterhoods, furnishing information, Year Books, constitutions and other printed data prepared by the Committee and the Office. This campaign succeeded in bringing twenty-two Sisterhoods into the Federation.

### PROPAGANDA ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

In 1916 a novel campaign was undertaken. The President, Mrs. Simon, authorized the creation of a Propaganda Advisory Committee of the National Committee on Propaganda. This consisted of forty-five ladies appointed by the Sisterhoods themselves. To each Sisterhood representative on the Propaganda Advisory Committee was assigned the task of either securing the affiliation of a certain Sisterhood in some neighboring city, or organizing a Sisterhood

in some neighboring city. This activity was preceded by a campaign of correspondence. It is most gratifying to relate that many members of this Committee travelled to these cities and kept in touch with the communities by correspondence until either new Sisterhoods were organized or existing Sisterhoods became affiliated with the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. As a result of this activity and through the usual channels of propaganda carried on by the Office, twenty-four Sisterhoods have joined the National Federation this season.

In all this work we must not forget the enthusiastic support rendered by the rabbis. It is most natural that this support should be forthcoming, but it was given with such grace and heartiness that our report would be remiss indeed, if it did not mention the fact with thanks.

### INCREASING LOCAL MEMBERSHIP.

A third campaign carried on for the last two years, has consisted in urging individual Sisterhoods to conduct campaigns for increasing their local membership. We have written many letters and advised wherever our advice was solicited. Twenty-seven Sisterhoods reported an increase in membership.

### SISTERHOODS WHICH JOINED SINCE LAST BIENNIAL.

TO OCTOBER 31, 1916

- Allentown, Pa.—Sisterhood of Keneseth Israel.
- Anderson, Ind.—The Anderson Sisterhood.
- Binghamton, N. Y.—Jewish Ladies' Relief Society.
- Birmingham, Ala.—Temple Emanu-El Chapter.
- Brooklyn, N. Y.—Sisterhood of Temple Israel.
- Brooklyn, N. Y.—Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple Ahavath Sholom.
- Cairo, Ill.—Cairo Temple Sisterhood.
- Charleston, W. Va.—Sisterhood Virginia Street Temple.
- Chicago, Ill.—Ladies of Beth El.
- Cincinnati, O.—The Northside Temple Sisterhood.
- Clarksburg, W. Va.—Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel.
- Columbia, S. C.—The Ladies' Aid Society.

Corsicana, Tex.—Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple Beth El.  
 Cumberland, Md.—The Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society.  
 Dayton, O.—Auxiliary of the House of Jacob.  
 Ft. Smith, Ark.—The Temple Aid Society.  
 Greenville, Miss.—Temple Auxiliary.  
 Joplin, Mo.—Sisterhood of the Joplin United Hebrew Congregation.  
 Knoxville, Tenn.—The Woman's Auxiliary of Temple Beth El.  
 Lake Charles, La.—Temple Sinai Aid Society.  
 Laporte, Ind.—Hebrew Ladies' Relief Society.  
 Lorain, O.—The Temple Sisterhood.  
 Mobile, Ala.—Temple Sisterhood.  
 Muskogee, Okla.—Temple Sisterhood.  
 New Orleans, La.—Ladies' Auxiliary Cong. Beth Israel.  
 Oakland, Cal.—The Sisterhood of Temple Sinai.  
 Paterson, N. J.—B'nai Jeshurun Sisterhood.  
 Raleigh, N. C.—Temple Sisterhood.  
 Sandusky, O.—Oheb Shalom Sisterhood.  
 St. Louis, Mo.—Temple B'nai El Sisterhood.  
 Shreveport, La.—The Temple Guild.  
 Spokane, Wash.—Sisterhood of Temple Emanu-El.  
 Springfield, Ill.—Brith Sholom Temple Sisterhood.  
 Uniontown, Pa.—Hebrew Ladies' Auxiliary.  
 Wilmington, N. C.—Ladies' Concordia Society.

**SINCE OCTOBER 31, 1916**

Ardmore, Okla.—Emeth Sisterhood.  
 Charleston, S. C.—Temple Guild.  
 Chattanooga, Tenn.—Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society.  
 Hazleton, Pa.—Ladies' Guild.  
 Helena, Ark.—The Temple Aid Sisterhood.  
 Kalamazoo, Mich.—Hebrew Ladies' Benevolent Society.  
 Lexington, Ky.—Maryland Avenue Sisterhood.  
 Lima, O.—Ladies' Aid Society.  
 San Diego, Cal.—Mothers' Club.  
 Tacoma, Wash.—Judith Montefiore Society.

**SISTERHOODS THAT JOINED THROUGH AGENCY OF MEMBERS OF PROPAGANDA ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

Raleigh, N. C.—Temple Sisterhood joined as a result of the efforts of Mrs. Sol. Weil, President of the Sisterhood of Congregation Oheb Sholem, of Goldsboro, N. C.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Sisterhood of Temple Israel joined as a result of the efforts of Mrs. Max J. Brandenburger, of Brooklyn, N. Y., a member of the Executive Board of the National Federation.

Decatur, Ala.—Temple Sisterhood joined as a result of the efforts of Mrs. Harry Sternberger, of Cincinnati, O., a member of the Executive Board of the National Federation.

New Orleans, La.—Ladies' Auxiliary of Congregation Beth Israel joined as a result of the efforts of Mesdames Edgar M. Cahn and P. Godchaux, President of Temple Sinai Sisterhood, New Orleans, La.

Dayton, O.—Auxiliary Society of the House of Jacob joined as a result of the efforts of Mrs. Harry Lehman, Chairman of the Propaganda Committee of the K. K. B. Y. Sisterhood and Mrs. David Lefkowitz, of Dayton, Ohio, a member of the Executive Board of the National Federation.

St. Louis, Mo.—Temple B'nai El Sisterhood joined as a result of the efforts of Mrs. Rachel Weiner, of St. Louis, Mo.

Lake Charles, La.—Temple Sinai Aid Society joined as a result of the efforts of Mrs. Edgar M. Cahn, of New Orleans, La., a member of the Executive Board of the National Federation.

Charleston, S. C.—Temple Guild of Congregation K. K. Beth Elohim joined as a result of the efforts of Miss Essie Bentschner, of Savannah, Ga.

Helena, Ark.—The Temple Aid Sisterhood joined as a result of the efforts of Mrs. Ben. Rauch, of Memphis, Tenn.

**SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.**

Since the compilation of this report eight additional Sisterhoods have become affiliated with the National Federation. They are as follows:

Montreal, Que.—Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood.

Plattsburg, N. Y.—Beth Israel Sisterhood.  
 Wilkes-Barre, Pa.—Woman's Auxiliary of Congregation B'nai B'rith.

Bridgeport, Conn.—Temple Sisterhood.

Bainbridge, Ga.—Temple Sisterhood.

New York, N. Y.—Sisterhood of the New Synagog.



New Orleans, La.—Ladies' Auxiliary of Gates of Prayer Congregation.  
 St. Louis, Mo.—Sisterhood of United Hebrew Congregation.

It is due to the efforts of Mrs. Ferdinand Dilsheimer, President of the Keneseth Israel Sisterhood, of Philadelphia, Pa., that the Woman's Auxiliary of Congregation B'nai B'rith, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., joined the National Federation. Mrs. Dilsheimer visited Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and addressed the Woman's Auxiliary on "The National Federation."

It is due to the efforts of Mrs. Edgar M. Cahn, of New Orleans, La., a member of the Propaganda Advisory Committee, that the Ladies' Auxiliary of Gates of Prayer Congregation, New Orleans, La., joined the National Federation.

It is due to the efforts of Mrs. George

Solomon, President of the Temple Guild, of Savannah, Ga., that the Temple Sisterhood of Bainbridge, Ga., joined the National Federation.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Mrs. H. H. Mayer, Chairman,  
 Mrs. M. J. Brandenburger, Vice-Chairman,  
 Mrs. Paul L. Godchaux,  
 Mrs. Ben Loewenstein,  
 Mrs. Lee Lyon,  
 Mrs. Sol Moses.

It was moved and duly carried that the report be accepted with thanks and that the recommendations be referred to the Executive Board with the approval of the Convention.

The National Committee on Scholarships then presented its report.

### Report of the National Committee on Hebrew Union College Scholarships

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 15, 1917.

LOUISVILLE, KY.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Adath Israel Sisterhood.....\$300.00

Ladies:—Your Committee on Hebrew Union College Scholarships begs leave to present the following report, for the nine months between Feb. 23, 1916, when we presented the report of the first year's work at the meeting of the Executive Board held in Louisville, and October 31, 1916, the end of the last fiscal year. In those nine months we received from twenty-nine Sisterhoods \$2,697.00 as follows:

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Sisterhood Washington Hebrew Congregation .....\$300.00

#### District Scholarships

DISTRICT No. 1—\$300.00.

(A surplus of \$10.00 retained for next year's Scholarship.)

Boston, Mass.—Sisterhood of Temple Israel .....\$150.00  
 Boston, Mass.—Sisterhood of Temple Ohabei Shalom..... 25.00  
 Hartford, Conn.—Ladies' Auxiliary Congregation Beth Israel..... 35.00  
 New Haven, Conn.—Temple Mishkan Israel Sisterhood ..... 75.00  
 Providence, R. I.—Sisterhood of Temple Beth El..... 25.00

#### SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

From February 23, 1916, to October 31, 1916.

#### Individual Scholarships

CHICAGO, ILL.

Isaiah Woman's Club.....\$300.00

CINCINNATI, O.

Plum St. Temple Sisterhood.....\$300.00  
 Bene Israel Sisterhood..... 300.00

CLEVELAND, O.

Euclid Ave. Temple Sisterhood.....\$250.00

#### Incomplete Scholarships

TOTAL, \$637.00.

DISTRICT No. 5—\$35.00.

Norfolk, Va.—Oheb Sholom Temple Sisterhood .....\$ 35.00

**DISTRICT No. 6—\$140.25.**

Bellaire, Ohio—Ladies' Auxiliary Society .....	\$ 10.00
Cincinnati, Ohio—Reading Road Temple Sisterhood .....	33.00
Dayton, Ohio—Ladies' Temple Auxiliary K. K. B. Y. ....	50.00
Lorain, Ohio—The Temple Sisterhood.	5.00
Piqua, Ohio—Jewish Ladies' Aid Society .....	5.00
Springfield, Ohio—Sisterhood of Oheb Zedakah Congregation .....	7.25
Toledo, Ohio—Ladies' Auxiliary Society .....	30.00

**DISTRICT No. 8—\$36.00.**

Anniston, Ala.—Henriette Sterne Sisterhood .....	\$ 5.00
Anniston, Ala.—Mrs. M. E. Ory.....	1.00
Goldsboro, N. C.—Temple Sisterhood.	5.00
Savannah, Ga.—Temple Guild.....	25.00

**DISTRICT No. 9—\$125.00.**

Chicago, Ill.—Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple Sholom .....	\$ 25.00
Chicago, Ill.—Temple Emanuel Sisterhood .....	25.00
Chicago, Ill.—Chicago Sinai Temple Sisterhood .....	50.00
Chicago, Ill.—Bnai Sholom Temple Sisterhood .....	25.00

**DISTRICT No. 10—\$118.50.**

Davenport, Ia.—Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel .....	\$ 11.00
Detroit, Mich.—Woman's Auxiliary of Temple Beth El.....	50.00
Milwaukee, Wis.—B'ne Jeshurun Sisterhood .....	50.00
Mt. Vernon, Ind.—Jewish Ladies' Temple Society .....	2.50
Saginaw, Mich.—Temple Beth El Sisterhood .....	5.00

**DISTRICT No. 11—\$157.25.**

Ft. Worth, Tex.—Temple Auxiliary Club .....	\$ 10.00
Greenville, Miss.—Temple Auxiliary.	12.25
Kansas City, Mo.—Temple Sisterhood .....	100.00
New Orleans, La.—Woman's League of Touro Synagog.....	25.00

Springfield, Mo.—Jewish Ladies' Aid Society .....	10.00
St. Joseph, Mo.—Adath Joseph Sisterhood .....	30.25
(contributed last year for this year)	

**DISTRICT No. 12—\$10.00.**

Louisville, Ky.—Ladies' Auxiliary Brith Sholom .....	\$ 10.00
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**DISTRICT No. 13—\$15.00.**

Denver, Colo.—Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel .....	\$ 15.00
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It is but fair to the Sisterhoods that sent their contributions after the end of the fiscal year to state that since October 31, we have received \$1,308.00 from the following sources:

**SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS**

From October 31, 1916, to January 15, 1917.

**Individual Scholarships**

**PITTSBURGH, PA.**

Rodef Shalom Sisterhood (Josiah Cohen Scholarship) .....	\$300.00
Rodef Shalom Sisterhood (Jacques Weil Scholarship) .....	300.00

**CLEVELAND, O.**

Temple Women's Association.....	\$250.00
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**Incomplete Scholarships**

**TOTAL, \$458.00.**

**DISTRICT No. 2—\$25.00**

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Women's Auxiliary of Temple Beth Elohim.....	\$ 25.00
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**DISTRICT No. 3—\$87.50.**

Harrisburg, Pa.—Ohev Sholom Sisterhood .....	\$ 12.50
Philadelphia, Pa.—Keneseth Israel Sisterhood .....	50.00
Scranton, Pa.—Sisterhood of Madison Ave. Temple .....	25.00

**DISTRICT No. 5—\$5.00.**

Alexandria, Va.—Beth El Sisterhood.	\$ 5.00
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**DISTRICT No. 6—\$5.00.**

Sandusky, Ohio—Sisterhood Oheb Shalom .....	\$ 5.00
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**DISTRICT No. 8—\$45.50.**

Birmingham, Ala.—Temple Emanu El Chapter .....	\$ 25.00
Knoxville, Tenn.—Woman's Auxiliary Temple Beth El.....	5.00
Macon, Ga.—Beth Israel Sisterhood.	10.00
Raleigh, N. C.—Temple Sisterhood...	5.50

**DISTRICT No. 9—\$65.00.**

Champaign, Ill.—Jewish Ladies' Social Circle .....	\$ 5.00
Chicago, Ill.—K. A. M. Auxiliary....	60.00

**DISTRICT No. 10—\$120.00.**

Detroit, Mich.—Woman's Auxiliary of Temple Beth El.....	\$ 50.00
Evansville, Ind.—Temple Sisterhood.	10.00
Ft. Wayne, Ind.—Temple Sisterhood.	15.00
Hammond, Ind.—Jewish Ladies' Aid Society .....	5.00
Laporte, Ind.—Hebrew Ladies' Relief Society .....	5.00
Milwaukee, Wis.—Emanu El Ladies' Society .....	25.00
Sioux City, Ia.—Jewish Ladies' Aid Society .....	10.00

**DISTRICT No. 11—\$40.00.**

Alexandria, La.—Temple Sisterhood..	\$ 10.00
New Orleans, La.—Ladies' Auxiliary Congregation Beth Israel.....	10.00
Vicksburg, Miss.—Ladies' Auxiliary Temple Anshe Chesed.....	20.00

**DISTRICT No. 12— \$15.00.**

Paducah, Ky.—Temple Sisterhood...	\$ 15.00
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**DISTRICT No. 13—\$50.00.**

Los Angeles, Cal.—Sisterhood of Temple B'nai B'rith.....	\$ 50.00
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Since the Scholarships are usually presented only once a year on Dr. Wise's anniversary, much of the money collected this year, including the above mentioned \$1,308.00, will naturally be presented to the

Hebrew Union College next March, and this sum will be credited to the account of the incoming Committee on Hebrew Union College Scholarships in the same way as our present Committee received credit for contributions which were the result of the efforts of our predecessors but which remained in the treasury from the time that the Committee did its work until Isaac M. Wise Memorial Day was celebrated.

**REDIVISION OF DISTRICTS.**

The division into districts was originally planned in the hope that we might raise District Scholarships from a group of State or neighboring Sisterhoods each unable by itself to contribute a full Scholarship of \$300. In the course of time these groupings must change as the number of Sisterhoods increases, as the Sisterhoods grow in membership, or as one or another of them finds it possible to contribute a full scholarship. We therefore suggest to the incoming Committee on Scholarships a complete redistricting of the country with the end in view of so grouping the Sisterhoods that each district will contain enough individual members to be able to contribute a full Scholarship with an average tax of not more than twenty-five cents per person.

**METHODS OF RAISING FUNDS.**

The methods by which the Sisterhoods obtain the funds for their Scholarship contributions are varied and interesting. Some place a per capita tax upon their members, others make a direct contribution from their treasury, while still others use the profit obtained from the sale of Sisterhood Art Calendars. A number set aside a certain percentage of all their money-making affairs and others again make collections on Wise Memorial Day or during the Memorial Service on Yom Kippur. A box for free-will offerings to be used for Scholarship purposes is placed in the vestry-room at each meeting of a certain Sisterhood. Another raises a full Scholarship through donations given in commemoration of a birthday, Yahrzeit or other anniversary, as well as through money sent in place of flowers for a funeral or instead of gifts for an anniversary.

### SUBSTITUTING CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FLOWERS.

It seems to the members of this Committee that the last named method is worthy of more careful attention. Its appeal and popularity can be but dimly appreciated except by those who have witnessed its operation. The practice of finding substitutes for flowers at funerals is growing in public favor. The best way of avoiding the senseless extravagance of too many flowers is to use the money that would be spent in this way for some philanthropic or educational purpose. If once the members of a Sisterhood learn that a fund of this description exists and that the Sisterhood has the machinery for caring for such gifts, you will be surprised at the result. In order to gain the confidence of the members of the Sisterhood an efficient method has to be developed for acknowledging the gift both to the donor and to the relatives of the person in whose memory it is given. Like all new plans this too will be helped by some method of prompt and polite publicity. A very similar method will help to make a success of the custom of donating a sum of money to commemorate the Yahrzeit of a deceased relative and to observe other anniversaries.

Experience has shown us that this truly Jewish method of honoring a loved one is often a source of far greater satisfaction to those who sorrow as well as to those who rejoice than is any other.

### WISE MEMORIAL DAY

Forty-five Sisterhoods reported celebrating Wise Memorial Day. Shortly before that time we printed and distributed a program for the use of Sisterhoods desiring to celebrate the occasion. These printed forms together with changes desired by the Sisterhoods were furnished by the Executive Office. It is gratifying to note the growing interest on the part of Sisterhoods and rabbis in this plan for popularizing and furthering the cause of the Hebrew Union College and commemorating the life of Isaac M. Wise, that great teacher of many of us who are here assembled.

The work of this Committee has largely been done by means of circular letters, five such communications totalling about 600

letters having been sent out in the last year. This, of course, does not include many personal letters written by your Chairman to the officers of various Sisterhoods and to the Executive Office as well as many answers by the Executive Office to individual communications referring to Scholarships. The response to our letters has been gratifying to a degree beyond our fondest expectations. A comparison of the contributions in the 1913-1915 period with those of the period between 1915-1917 shows that where the former totalled \$2,161.11, the latter amounted to \$5,816—more than two and one-half times as much. Even taking into account the rapid increase in the number of Sisterhoods we still feel that the Scholarship movement has more than kept pace with the growth of our Organization. Besides a steady increase in the number of individual Sisterhood Scholarships and in the total Scholarship receipts we are most happy to report a growing friendly interest and a widespread spirit of sisterly co-operation and sympathy with our plans shown by the largest as well as the smallest organizations, by those able to send contributions as well as by those whose local conditions prevent them from so doing at the present time. In this connection we take the opportunity of speaking a special word for the Sisterhoods in the small communities whose ready response to our appeals has been quite remarkable. However, encouraging and helpful as all this is, we are sure that many more Sisterhoods could readily be induced to send contributions and we suggest a more vigorous campaign in this direction through our Advisory Propaganda Committee.

Within the past year fifteen young men have received assistance from the Scholarships established by the Sisterhoods. Some of this assistance was in the shape of Scholarships and some in the shape of loans. We have received some very appreciative letters from many of these young men and it should be a source of gratification to the members of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods to have had the opportunity of assisting in so noble an endeavor. The Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College has been most gracious in its attitude and extremely appreciative of our efforts, thus making our labor doubly a work of joy.

In conclusion the members of the Committee wish to express their appreciation of the honor bestowed upon them by Mrs. Simon in appointing them members of this important Committee. The work in itself has been a source of great pleasure. Besides, it has brought us into contact with splendid women all over the land deeply interested in things Jewish and especially in the cause of Jewish education. We also wish to thank Rabbi Zepin and his assistants of the Executive Office for much valuable advice and assistance.

Encouraged by the results of our two years' campaign, inspired by the sisterly co-operation that has been so generally accorded us by the largest even unto the smallest of the Sisterhoods, we have every reason to look forward with hope and expectation to a future of still greater success and

still wider usefulness—a future in which our slogan "A Sisterhood Scholarship for every State in the Union" will be fully realized.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Mrs. Joseph Stolz, Chairman,  
 Mrs. James Witkowsky, Vice-Chairman,  
 Mrs. M. J. Brandenburger,  
 Mrs. Paul L. Godchaux,  
 Mrs. Moses J. Gries,  
 Mrs. Felix A. Levy.

It was moved and duly carried that the report be accepted with thanks and that the recommendations be referred to the Executive Board with the approval of the Convention.

The National Committee on Union Museum then presented its report.

## Report of the National Committee on Union Museum

Cincinnati, O., Oct. 31, 1916.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies:—The National Committee on Union Museum begs leave to report that the collection of objects owned by the Museum numbers 216.

These objects have been carefully catalogued by the curators, Prof. Jacob Z. Lauterbach and Prof. Henry Englander, of the Hebrew Union College. A number of articles and pictures contracted for in Italy and Palestine can not be delivered on account of the war.

### LOCAL EXHIBITS.

Five Sisterhoods have held loan exhibits of Jewish Ceremonial Objects during the past year.

The Euclid Ave. Temple Sisterhood, of Cleveland, Ohio, held an exhibit illustrative of Jewish ceremonial life on February 22, 1916. One of the features of this exhibit was a fine collection of pictures of Jewish ritual and home ceremonies explained by Rabbi Louis Wolsey.

The Sisterhood of Temple Bene Yeshurun of Dayton, Ohio, reports the possession of a loan exhibit of ceremonial objects to

which additions are made from time to time.

In May, 1916, the Temple Women's Association, of Detroit; Mich., held its second exhibit of Jewish ceremonial objects. On that occasion Rabbi Leo M. Franklin delivered a lecture on "Significance of Ceremonies in Judaism."

The Sisterhood of B'nai B'rith Temple, of Los Angeles, Cal., carried out the suggestion of the National Federation and undertook to hold an exhibit of Jewish ecclesiastical art objects. Through the efforts of Mrs. Edw. Reich, of that city, the loan of many very valuable art objects was obtained. Dr. Sigmund Hecht gave an instructive explanation of the objects in the collection.

The Rodef Shalom Sisterhood, of Pittsburgh, Pa., has established an Abraham Lippman alcove for Jewish ceremonial objects, and has placed therein many valuable art objects.

### MUSEUM CATALOG.

The last meeting of the Executive Board authorized the printing of a new Museum Catalog, brought up to date, and appropriated \$200.00 for this purpose. Copies of the same are ready for distribution at this meeting.

The National Committee strongly recommends the holding of exhibits of Jewish ceremonial and art objects by all of the Sisterhoods. In many cases the services of the rabbi can be secured to explain the origin and purpose of the objects displayed. Where a rabbi is not available for this purpose the carefully prepared descriptions in our catalog can be used by any member of a Sisterhood who will undertake to render this service. It is suggested that Sisterhoods holding exhibits under their own auspices appoint committees to plan the exhibit and to prepare the explanatory and descriptive matter required. Such committees will find valuable material for their purpose in our catalog.

The National Committee recommends that Sisterhoods correspond with the Executive Office concerning ceremonial objects not mentioned in the catalog, for the purpose of obtaining information with regard to rare and unusual objects in their collections.

The National Committee recommends that Sisterhoods send full accounts of their exhibits of ceremonial objects to the Executive Office for publication in the Union Bulletin.

The National Committee recommends that

Sisterhoods collect objects and articles to be permanently deposited in the Union Museum.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Louis S. Levi, Chairman,  
 Mrs. Fred Lazarus, Vice-Chairman,  
 Mrs. J. W. Freiberg,  
 Mrs. Aaron Fuller,  
 Mrs. Chas. S. Moch,  
 Mrs. Harry Sternberger,  
 Mrs. Louis Wolsey.

It was moved and duly carried that the report be accepted with thanks and that the recommendations be referred to the Executive Board with the approval of the Convention.

**INDIVIDUAL SISTERHOOD REPORTS.**

At five o'clock the Convention proceeded to consider the reports of individual Sisterhoods.

Mrs. Ernest Rauh, of Dayton, Ohio, read a report dealing with the activities of the Ladies' Temple Auxiliary K. K. B. Y., of Dayton, Ohio.

The President then declared a recess until 9:30 a. m. Thursday.

**Third Day's Proceedings**

Thursday, Jan. 18, 1917, 10 a. m.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Abram Simon. Rabbi Isaac E. Marcuson, of Terre Haute, Ind., opened the meeting with prayer. The minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

The Committee on Resolutions, consisting of Mrs. David Philipson, Cincinnati, Ohio,

Chairman; Mrs. Louis Livingston, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Alfred Rosenstein, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. Samuel Sale, St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. Robert F. Skutch, Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. M. Steinfeld, St. Louis, Mo.; and Mrs. Henry Veit, Milwaukee, Wis., presented to the Convention a number of resolutions together with the recommendations of the Committee on Resolutions.

**Report of the Committee on Resolutions**

Your Committee on Resolutions begs leave to report on the resolutions submitted to them, as follows:

**RESOLUTION No. 1.**

**A Special Prayer for Sisterhood Meetings.**

"Resolved, That the following opening prayer be adopted for all Sisterhood meetings:

Our Heavenly Father, we unite today in purpose and prayer to ask Thine assistance to aid us in promoting the spirit of religion. Help us, O Lord, not only to realize the importance of bringing religion into our homes, so that it will be a religion of every day, but inspire us, mothers and daughters in Israel, with a sense of our responsibility in these homes.

May we all work in harmony in this great cause, drawing our inspiration from Thee, All-Kind Father, whence all good comes. Amen."

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Adolf Gutmacher,  
Mrs. T. Schanfarber,  
Mrs. Harry Sternberger,  
Mrs. Leon Goodman,  
Mrs. Daniel Sabel,  
Mrs. Charles Cohn,  
Mrs. Kaufmann Kohler,  
Mrs. Wm. Trost,  
Mrs. Sidney J. Meyers,  
Mrs. Wm. Rosenau.

The recommendation of the Committee on Resolutions is as follows:

Your Committee, while recommending for such Sisterhoods as may desire a fixed prayer the adoption of the set prayer offered in the resolution, nevertheless, recommends that the same be amended and suggests that wherever possible the meetings of the Sisterhoods be opened with prayer by a rabbi, or be opened by a selection of Scripture read by a member of the Sisterhood.

It was moved and duly carried that the resolution as amended by the Committee be adopted.

#### RESOLUTION No. 2.

##### Inter-Sisterhood Visiting Membership.

"Resolved, That members showing evidence of good standing in one Sisterhood be permitted to visit the meetings of other Sisterhoods."

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Ferd. Dilsheimer,  
Mrs. Felix N. Gerson,  
Mrs. Simon Weil,  
Mrs. Frederic Gerber,  
Mrs. Charles Cohn,  
Mrs. Hiram H. Hirsch,  
Mrs. Meyer Getz,  
Mrs. M. Geis,  
Mrs. Leo Simon.

The Committee on Resolutions recommends the adoption of this resolution.

It was moved and duly carried that this resolution be adopted.

#### RESOLUTION No. 3.

##### Adoption of Motto.

"Resolved, That the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods adopt the motto "COME TO TEMPLE," same to be used on all notices of meetings sent out by the individual Sisterhoods."

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Edward L. Heinsheimer,  
Mrs. Joseph Krauskopf,  
Mrs. Louis Welt,  
Mrs. M. Davies,  
Mrs. Benj. Samter,  
Mrs. Simon Weil,  
Mrs. M. Getz,  
Mrs. Samuel Schweitzer,  
Miss Helene Schott,  
Mrs. E. A. Goldstein,  
Mrs. M. Geis,  
Mrs. Leo Simon.  
Mrs. Hiram Hirsch,  
Mrs. Ferd. Dilsheimer,  
Mrs. Felix N. Gerson,  
Mrs. F. Gerber,  
Mrs. Charles Cohn,  
Mrs. L. M. Streep,  
Mrs. H. Selz.

Your Committee concurs in the suggestion made in this resolution, but recommends the following change in the phraseology of the motto, using the words of the Psalmist: "Let us go to the House of the Lord."

It was moved and duly carried that the resolution as amended by the Committee be adopted.

#### RESOLUTION No. 4.

##### Free Religious Schools.

"Believing it to be the duty of every Jewish organization to increase the facilities of religious education, be it therefore

Resolved, That the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods endorse this principle and that the Sisterhoods use their good offices in securing admission to the religious schools of their synagogos for such children as can not pay for the tuition."

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Robert Frank Skutch,  
Mrs. Jacob Moses,  
Mrs. Sydney Cone,  
Mrs. Henry Westheimer.

Your Committee recommends that the resolution be referred to the Executive Committee of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, with the request that the Conference also endorse the same principle.

It was moved and duly carried that the resolution as amended by the Committee be adopted.

**RESOLUTION No. 5.**

**Inter-Congregational Visiting Membership.**

“Resolved, That congregations be requested to accord the privilege of seatings to strangers presenting cards of membership in other synagogs, at all times, including the Holy Days.”

Respectfully submitted,  
 Mrs. Alfred Rosenstein,  
 Mrs. Philip Rosenau,  
 Mrs. Felix Vorenberg,  
 Mrs. Emil Reizenstein,  
 Miss Rebecca Teller Mayer.

The recommendation of the Committee on Resolutions was as follows:

We recommend that this resolution be also referred to the Executive Committee of the Central Conference of American Rabbis for favorable consideration.

It was moved and duly carried that the resolution as amended by the Committee be adopted.

**RESOLUTION No. 6.**

**Sisterhood Membership Emblem.**

“Resolved, That an emblem, preferably in the form of a pin, be devised, to be worn by individual members of the Sisterhoods.”

Respectfully submitted,  
 Mrs. Ferd. Dilsheimer,  
 Mrs. Simon Weil,  
 Mrs. Charles Cohn,  
 Mrs. Meyer Getz,  
 Mrs. M. Geis,  
 Mrs. Felix N. Gerson,  
 Mrs. Frederic Gerber,  
 Mrs. Hiram Hirsch,  
 Mrs. Leo Simon.

The recommendation of the Committee on Resolutions was as follows:

We recommend that this resolution be not concurred in.

It was moved and duly carried that the report of the Committee on Resolutions with reference to this resolution be adopted.

**RESOLUTION No. 7.**

**Printing of National Committee Reports in Advance of the Meeting.**

Inasmuch as the time at the disposal of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods during its Biennial Meetings is necessarily limited, be it

Resolved, That in the future the reports of the standing National Committees be sent by mail to the various Sisterhoods and submitted to the members and accredited delegates of the various Sisterhoods, in order that they may become acquainted with the reports and the recommendations contained therein, thereby economizing time and eliminating the reading of these reports and making it possible for the proper action to be taken upon their recommendations at the Convention.”

Respectfully submitted,  
 Mrs. James Witkowsky.

The recommendation of the Committee on Resolutions was as follows:

We recommend the adoption of this resolution and suggest that the reports referred to in the resolution be sent to the Sisterhoods at least one month before the Convention of the National Federation.

It was moved and duly carried that this resolution be referred to the incoming Executive Board.

**INVITATION FROM BOSTON FOR NEXT BIENNIAL.**

An invitation was presented to the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods by Mrs. Abraham L. Fishel, President of the Sisterhood of Temple Israel of Boston, Mass., to hold the next Biennial Meeting in Boston. As soon as it was ascertained that the Union of American Hebrew Congregations had accepted a similar invitation to hold its next Council in Boston it was moved and duly carried that the invitation be accepted with thanks.

The Committee on President's Message then presented the following report:



## Report of the Committee on President's Message

Madam Chairman and Delegates of the Convention:

The Committee on President's Message begs to submit its report. The Committee appreciates the forcefulness of this Message which demonstrates the power of the mind that conceived and the enthusiasm that created so many activities in four short years.

It accepts with keen appreciation such masterful leadership and begs to call attention to a few of the many valuable recommendations. It wishes to emphasize the wise recommendation of extending the practice of creating Scholarships by celebrating birthdays and other commemorative occasions of our great men, and may the Committee also suggest, of our great women.

It commends the idea of making a survey of Jewish children not receiving religious instruction, but does not think the time has come for the Sisterhoods to engage in this work.

The indulgence of the President is sought for the suggestion that there be only a limited extension of the Uniongram profits, the prorated profits to be used only for elementary Jewish education and Hebrew Union College Scholarships.

The Committee approves the suggestion to end the fiscal year of the Federation on October 31st and to close the fiscal year of each local Sisterhood on April 30th, also that the annual meeting with election of officers in the local Sisterhoods should take place in May.

It is further recommended that the work recommended for State Regents be considered by the Committee on Propaganda.

The one suggestion that brought forth unanimous protest was the request of our President that her name should not be presented for re-election. There is a Talmudic quotation which reads, "God could not be everywhere, therefore He created mothers." The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods paraphrases this quotation, "God could not be everywhere, therefore He created our great, good sister, our Mrs. Abram Simon," who had the genius to create, the energy to do and the loyalty to her faith which sounded the trumpet call that roused us Jewish women to a sense of our responsi-

bility to Judaism. This great sister will surely not now desert the Sisterhoods, the children of her brain and heart, whose unsteady hands she must still clasp for their guidance and inspiration.

With this thought in mind and heart, the committee voted by acclamation the following recommendation to the incoming Executive Committee—the re-election of her whose work has rounded to the glory of Jewish womanhood.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Mrs. Dan Frank, Chairman,  
 Mrs. Charles Cohn,  
 Mrs. Joseph Goldenberg,  
 Mrs. Marcus Rauh,  
 Mrs. Alfred Selligman,  
 Mrs. Charles Shohl,  
 Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld,  
 Mrs. James Witkowsky.

It was moved and unanimously carried, by a rising vote, that the report be accepted, and that the thanks of the assembly be tendered to Mrs. Simon.

### INDIVIDUAL SISTERHOOD REPORTS.

At 10:30 a. m., the Convention proceeded to consider the reports of individual Sisterhoods. The following reports were presented. Those that could not be read for want of time were ordered printed in the Union Bulletin:

Chicago, Ill.

Ladies' Auxiliary Temple Sholom, by Miss Helene Schott.

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sisterhood of Temple Israel, by Mrs. Otto Kempner.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sisterhood of Rodeph Sholom Congregation, by Mrs. Alfred Rosenstein.

Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Plum Street Temple Sisterhood, by Mrs. Edward L. Heinsheimer.

Goldsboro, N. C.

Temple Sisterhood, by Mrs. Vance M. Weill.

Chicago, Ill.

Sisterhood of Bnai Sholom Temple Israel, by Mrs. Samuel Schweitzer.

- Nashville, Tenn.  
Temple Sisterhood, by Mrs. Chas. Cohn.
- Louisville, Ky.  
Adath Israel Sisterhood, by Mrs. Isaac Trost.
- New Orleans, La.  
Temple Sinai Sisterhood, by Mrs. Max Heller.
- Alexandria, Va.  
Beth El Sisterhood, by Miss Minnie Jaffa.
- Atlanta, Ga.  
Temple Sisterhood, by Mrs. Jacob Selig.
- Baltimore, Md.  
Baltimore Hebrew Congregation Sisterhood, by Mrs. Robert F. Skutch.
- Baltimore, Md.  
Ladies' Auxiliary of the Har Sinai Temple, by Mrs. A. W. Herman.
- Baltimore, Md.  
Sisterhood of Oheb Shalom Temple, by Mrs. L. A. Hecht.
- Boston, Mass.  
Sisterhood of Temple Ohabei Shalom, by Mrs. L. Goldman.
- Boston, Mass.  
Sisterhood of Temple Israel, by Mrs. A. L. Fishel.
- Brooklyn, N. Y.  
Sisterhood of Temple Beth Elohim, by Mrs. Florence B. Abrahams.
- Brooklyn, N. Y.  
The Women's Auxiliary of Temple Beth Elohim, by Mrs. L. M. Streep.
- Buffalo, N. Y.  
Women's Temple Society, by Mrs. Israel Aaron.
- Chicago, Ill.  
Isaiah Woman's Club, by Mrs. Joseph Stolz.
- Chicago, Ill.  
Temple Judea Woman's Club, by Mrs. A. Simon.
- Cincinnati, Ohio.  
Reading Road Temple Sisterhood, by Mrs. Harry Sternberger.
- Cincinnati, Ohio.  
Sisterhood of Bene Israel Congregation, by Mrs. Adolph Rosenberg.
- Clarksburg, W. Va.  
Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel, by Mrs. Louis Hiller.
- Cleveland, Ohio.  
Euclid Avenue Temple Sisterhood, by Mrs. Sol. Moses.
- Detroit, Mich.  
The Woman's Auxiliary Association of Temple Beth El, by Mrs. I. Goldberg.
- Far Rockaway, N. Y.  
The Women's Auxiliary of Temple Israel, by Mrs. Leo A. Levy.
- Kansas City, Mo.  
Temple Sisterhood, by Mrs. Lee Lyon.
- Memphis, Tenn.  
Ladies' Temple Auxiliary, by Mrs. Wm. H. Fineshriber.
- New Haven, Conn.  
Mishkan Israel Temple Sisterhood, by Mrs. A. J. Johnson.
- Paducah, Ky.  
Sisterhood of Temple Israel, by Mrs. Moses Simon.
- Peoria, Ill.  
Anshai Emeth Sisterhood, by Mrs. Jacob Ross.
- Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Sisterhood of Rodef Shalom Temple, by Mrs. E. M. Lazarus.
- St. Louis, Mo.  
Shaare Emeth Ladies' Society, by Mrs. Lewis Godlove.
- St. Louis, Mo.  
Sisterhood of Temple Israel, by Mrs. Maurice Steinfeld.
- St. Louis, Mo.  
Temple B'nai El Sisterhood, by Mrs. Edgar Littmann.
- Spokane, Wash.  
Sisterhood of Temple Emanu-El, by Mrs. M. Rosenberg.
- Vicksburg, Miss.  
The Ladies' Auxiliary of Congregation Anshe Chesed, by Mrs. Sol. Kory.
- Washington, D. C.  
Sisterhood of Washington Hebrew Congregation, by Mrs. Alfred Selinger.
- Youngstown, Ohio.  
Sisterhood of Rodef Shalom Temple, by Mrs. M. S. Moyer.
- The National Committee on Uniongram then presented its report.

## Report of the National Committee on Uniongram

Cincinnati, Ohio, Oct. 31, 1916.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies:—It gives me pleasure to report that thirty-three Sisterhoods have opened Uniongram offices. Receipts for Uniongrams, during the last twenty months, have been \$848.49 and expenditures \$222.64. When you remember that the receipts mean that 2,585 Uniongrams have been sold, you will agree with me that we need no better evidence of the popularity of this enterprise. It is the opinion of the Committee that this success is due to two causes: firstly, the purpose to which the funds of the Uniongram sales are devoted, namely, the Free Religious Schools maintained by the Sisterhoods, and secondly, to the method of distributing the profits of the Uniongram to each participating Sisterhood engaged in supporting a Free Religious School.

### UNIONGRAM BOOKS OF TWO DENOMINATIONS.

The Committee on Uniongram has issued Uniongram books of two denominations—books of ten and books of four. The book of ten is on sale, to Sisterhoods only, for \$2.50. The unsold Uniongrams are redeemable at twenty-three cents each, before the close of twelve months. This redemption privilege, however, is extended only to Sisterhoods and not to individuals. It can readily be seen that this privilege, extended indiscriminately to the latter, is apt to embarrass us, not by the amount brought in, but by the amount requested for redemption purposes. For the use of individuals we have issued books of smaller denomination, containing four Uniongrams each, selling for \$1.00 per book. These are not redeemable. The Committee urges upon each Sisterhood to dispose of as many of these books as possible. It is surprising how easy the sale of these books will be found, if once an effort is made to popularize the Uniongram.

### CAPTAINS OF TEN.

The Committee offers the following suggestion for increasing the sale of the Uniongrams: Let each local Sisterhood appoint larger Uniongram Committees. Then let a

list of only ten names be given to each member of the Committee to take care of. On the first of each month this captain of ten is to telephone to each person on her list and inquire if she expects to send, during the month, a congratulatory message to relatives or friends. We are confident that the receipts of \$848.00 will easily become \$5,000.00 if this plan is adopted and carried out.

### CHANGE OF BOOKKEEPING.

The Executive Office handles the Uniongram business for us, without any charge whatsoever. In figuring out the cost of the Uniongrams, the Committee notices that only the actual outlay of money for designing the cuts, printing the Uniongrams, etc., has been charged against us. Further investigation has revealed that a considerable volume of correspondence and bookkeeping is necessary to maintain this Uniongram department and we suggest that this additional expense be charged against the Uniongram enterprise, that all books sold up to date should be included in the original plan for apportioning profits; that is to say, that each Sisterhood that purchased a Uniongram book be given the full profits for the use of religious schools. Thus we will keep our faith with all purchasers. In the future, however, the proceeds of the Uniongrams should be included in the original plan for the purchasing Sisterhood and fifty per cent. to the Office. If we do not do this we will find that the Executive Office will be paying out in the form of office expense what really should be charged to the Uniongram business. A good system of bookkeeping is the best guarantee against unexplainable failures.

### PURPOSE OF UNIONGRAM MODIFIED.

The Committee takes the liberty of suggesting that the purpose of the Uniongram be slightly modified so as to give it a larger scope. At the present time the purpose is limited to the support of elementary Jewish education—in other words, Free Religious Schools. We think it would be a great mistake to permit these funds to be devoted to any other cause except Jewish education. However, the modifying term "elementary"

limits it to the education of children. There are many small communities where free schools are unnecessary but where we desire to introduce the Uniongram. Some of these communities desire to use the proceeds for the Hebrew Union College Scholarships. This enterprise is also in the interest of Jewish education, and it is the opinion of the Committee on Uniongram that this is not foreign to our purpose. We therefore suggest that the proceeds be applicable to either of these two purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg, Chairman,  
Mrs. Tobias Schanfarber, Vice-Chairman,  
Mrs. Dan. Frank,  
Mrs. D. Philipson,  
Mrs. James Witkowsky.

It was moved and duly carried that this report be accepted with thanks and that the recommendations be referred to the Executive Board with the approval of the Convention.

#### REPORTS OF SPECIAL ACTIVITIES.

A number of Sisterhoods, having been exceptionally successful during the past two years in certain activities, had prepared special reports on these activities to be read before the Biennial Meeting.

The following special reports were presented:

Mrs. David Lefkowitz, of Sisterhood Temple K. K. B. Y., Dayton, Ohio, on "Woman's Exchange."

Mrs. Joseph Goldenberg, of Sisterhood Washington Hebrew Congregation, Washington, D. C., on "Uniongrams."

Mrs. Albert J. Johnson, of Sisterhood of Congregation Mishkan Israel, New Haven, Conn., on "Free Religious Schools."

Mrs. Louis Welt, of Woman's Auxiliary Temple Beth El, Detroit, Mich., on "Students' Welfare Work."

Mrs. Edgar Littman, of B'nai El Sisterhood, St. Louis, Mo., on "Council of Sisterhoods."

Mrs. M. Moyer, of Rodef Shalom Sisterhood, Youngstown, Ohio, on "Financial Assistance to Temple."

Rabbi Louis J. Kopald, of Buffalo, N. Y., was given the floor to speak on the Social Service Work of his Sisterhood.

Mrs. Leon Goodman, of Adath Israel Sisterhood, Louisville, Ky., on "Mothers' Meetings."

Mrs. Maurice Steinfeld, of Temple Israel Sisterhood, St. Louis, Mo., on "Institutional Welfare Work."

Mrs. Abraham L. Fishel, of Sisterhood Temple Israel, Boston, Mass., on "Students' Welfare Work."

Mrs. Charles Gans, of Baltimore Hebrew Congregation Sisterhood, Baltimore, Md., on "Co-operation of the Baltimore Sisterhoods."

Mrs. Joseph Stolz, of Isaiah Woman's Club, Chicago, Ill., on "Method Employed in Raising Scholarship Fund."

Mrs. Leo A. Levy, of Women's Auxiliary of Temple Israel, Far Rockaway, N. Y., on "Social Service."

Miss Alma Hilb, of Reading Road Temple Sisterhood, Cincinnati, Ohio, on "Mothers' Meetings."

Mrs. Jacob Selig, of Temple Sisterhood, Atlanta, Ga., on "A Religious School Library."

Mrs. Stella S. Lazarus, of Rodef Shalom Sisterhood, Pittsburgh, Pa., on "A Religious School Library."

The Committee on Nominations then presented the following report:

### Report of the Committee on Nominations

To the Delegates of The Second Biennial Meeting of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies:—The Committee on Nominations begs leave to submit its report consisting of thirty-five names for membership on the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. The Committee

herewith presents to you the rules under which it deliberated.

So far as it was able the Committee returns the names of the former administration. The Committee has endeavored to follow the precedent established by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and make this Board a board of laywomen.

While the Committee has retained the old personnel, as has been stated, it has also endeavored to offer to you no new name which would duplicate representation from any one Sisterhood.

The Committee has proffered for your consideration only the names of delegates present at this Convention. One exception has been made, caused by the sudden illness of Mrs. Israel Aaron, of Buffalo, N. Y., who was at the last moment prevented from coming to this Biennial.

The Committee on Nominations therefore presents to you the following names:

Mrs. Abram Simon, Washington, D. C.  
 Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg, Cincinnati, O.  
 Mrs. Israel Cowen, Chicago, Ill.  
 Mrs. Ben. Loewenstein, Cincinnati, O.  
 Mrs. Israel Aaron, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Mrs. Max J. Brandenburger, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 Mrs. Edgar M. Cahn, New Orleans, La.  
 Mrs. Chas. Cohn, Nashville, Tenn.  
 Mrs. B. M. Engelhard, Chicago, Ill.  
 Mrs. Dan. Frank, Boston, Mass.  
 Mrs. Paul L. Godchaux, New Orleans, La.  
 Mrs. Leon Goodman, Louisville, Ky.  
 Mrs. Moses J. Gries, Cleveland, O.  
 Mrs. A. J. Johnson, New Haven, Conn.  
 Mrs. Otto Kempner, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 Mrs. Kaufmann Kohler, Cincinnati, O.  
 Mrs. Joseph Krauskopf, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Mrs. David Lefkowitz, Dayton, O.  
 Mrs. J. Leonard Levy, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Mrs. H. H. Mayer, Kansas City, Mo.  
 Mrs. Nathan J. Miller, New York, N. Y.  
 Mrs. Sol. Moses, Cleveland, O.  
 Mrs. H. Oppenheimer, Baltimore, Md.

Mrs. David Philipson, Cincinnati, O.  
 Mrs. B. H. Printz, Youngstown, O.  
 Mrs. T. Schanfarber, Chicago, Ill.  
 Mrs. Robt. F. Skutch, Baltimore, Md.  
 Mrs. Maurice Steinfeld, St. Louis, Mo.  
 Mrs. Harry Sternberger, Cincinnati, O.  
 Mrs. Joseph Stolz, Chicago, Ill.  
 Mrs. Louis Welt, Detroit, Mich.  
 Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld, Baltimore, Md.  
 Mrs. James Witkowsky, Chicago, Ill.  
 Mrs. Leo Wolf, Wheeling, W. Va.  
 Mrs. Louis Wolsey, Cleveland, O.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Israel Cowen, Chairman,  
 Mrs. Edgar Cahn,  
 Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg,  
 Mrs. Felix N. Gerson,  
 Mrs. Fred Johnson,  
 Mrs. Stella S. Lazarus,  
 Mrs. Harry Leibman,  
 Mrs. Lee Lyon,  
 Mrs. Simon B. Shoninger.

It was moved and unanimously carried that the report of the Committee on Nominations be accepted and that the Secretary be instructed to cast one ballot for the names presented.

After this was done, the President, Mrs. Abram Simon, declared the members whose names were presented by the Committee, duly elected as members of the Executive Board.

The Committee on Thanks then presented the following report:

### Report of Committee on Thanks

To the President and Members of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies:—The Committee appointed to express the gratitude and thanks of the Convention begs leave to make the following report:

The complete and splendid arrangements for the comfort and pleasure of the visitors and delegates to the Biennial Meeting show that the Baltimore community, as Milton says, "Had their minds on hospitable thoughts bent," and have displayed true generosity.

Every courtesy and attention has been

accorded the delegates by the people of Baltimore, the local committees, the hotel management and the daily press, for which this Convention is profoundly grateful.

Also to the President, Officers and Executive Board of this Federation, to the speakers, to the Council of Jewish Women, to the Phoenix Club and to all others who have added to the splendid success of this meeting, this assembly expresses its warmest thanks.

Likewise do we appreciate the courtesies extended by the officers and members of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations

and the inspiration that results from a joint meeting with that body representing some of the brightest minds in American Jewry. Therefore,

Be it resolved, That this Convention now in session express itself in a rising vote of thanks to the community of Baltimore.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Mrs. Ferd. Dilsheimer, Chairman,  
 Miss Rose Brenner,  
 Mrs. Benjamin Engelhard,  
 Mrs. Sidney J. Meyers,  
 Mrs. Sol. Moses,  
 Mrs. Edwin Romberg,  
 Mrs. D. F. Sanger,  
 Mrs. Jacob Selig,  
 Mrs. Louis Welt.

It was moved and unanimously carried by a rising vote that the report be accepted.

The closing prayer and benediction was delivered by Rabbi Tobias Schanfarber, of Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. Simon then declared the Second Biennial Meeting of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods adjourned sine die.



Mrs. Abram Simon,  
 President,  
 Mrs. Benjamin Loewenstein,  
 Recording Secretary.



# Proceedings

OF THE

## Executive Board

Belvedere Hotel,  
Baltimore, Md., Jan. 18, 1917, 2:45 p. m.

The meeting of the newly elected Executive Board was called to order by Mrs. Abram Simon. Those present were: Mesdames

Max J. Brandenburger,	Sol. Moses,
Edgar M. Cahn,	H. Oppenheimer,
Chas. Cohn,	B. H. Printz,
Israel Cowen,	Tobias Schanfarber,
Daniel Frank,	Abram Simon,
J. Walter Freiberg,	Robert F. Skutch,
Leon Goodman,	Maurice Steinfeld,
Otto Kempner,	Harry Sternberger,
Joseph Krauskopf,	Joseph Stolz,
Benj. Loewenstein,	Joseph Wiesenfeld,
Harry H. Mayer,	James Witkowsky,
	Leo Wolf.

Excuses for non-attendance were received from the members of the Executive Board who had made arrangements to leave the city before they learned of their election:

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Executive Board then proceeded to the election of officers in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution. Mrs. Abram Simon, of Washington, D. C., was unanimously elected President; Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg, of Cincinnati, O., Vice-President; Mrs. Benj. Loewenstein, of Cincinnati, O., Recording Secretary; Mrs. Israel Cowen, of Chicago, Ill., Treasurer; Rabbi George Zepin, of Cincinnati, O., Executive Secretary; Rabbi Louis I. Egelson, of Cincinnati, O., Assistant Executive Secretary.

The minutes of the pre-Convention meeting of the Executive Board were read.

### PROCEEDS OF UNIONGRAM SALE.

It was moved and duly carried that the proceeds of the sale of the Uniongram be used for the establishment and maintenance of Free Religious Schools, and where it is unnecessary to establish such schools the proceeds are to be credited to the Sisterhood

entitled to the Uniongram profits as its contribution to the Hebrew Union College Scholarship Fund.

It was moved and duly carried that the sum of \$1,000 be appropriated for the Union Bulletin for the current year.

It was moved and duly carried that the sum of \$1,000 be appropriated towards the salary of an extra worker in the Executive Office.

### SISTERHOOD MEMBERSHIP CARDS.

It was moved and duly carried that the Executive Secretary be authorized to print Sisterhood membership cards, after a majority of the Sisterhoods adopt the same month for collecting dues. These cards, which are to be sold to the Sisterhoods, are to serve both as a receipt for dues and also as an admission card to the meetings of all affiliated Sisterhoods. The cards are to be of a different color each year.

It was moved and duly carried to reprint the Constitution so as to embody the amendments passed by the Biennial Meeting.

It was moved and duly carried that the resolution, referred to the Executive Board, calling for the printing and distribution to the Sisterhoods of the reports of the National Committees in advance of the Biennial, be not carried out.

It was moved and duly carried that the officers of the Executive Board endeavor to arrange that in the future all joint meetings of the Union and the Federation be held in the evenings.

It was moved and duly carried that the Treasurer be bonded, at the expense of the Federation.

It was moved and duly carried that the funds of the National Federation of Temple

Sisterhoods be deposited in the Kenwood Trust & Savings Bank, of Chicago, Ill.

It was moved and duly carried that the next meeting of the Executive Board be held after March, 1918.

It was moved and duly carried to recommend to each Sisterhood to print the slogan,

"Let us go to the House of the Lord" on the postals announcing the Sisterhood meetings.

The meeting then adjourned.



Mrs. Abram Simon,  
President,

Mrs. Benjamin Loewenstein,  
Recording Secretary.





## APPENDIX A

## Membership List\*

City	Sisterhood	Members	Officers
Akron, O.	Ladies' Temple Society	60	Mrs. J. H. Wiener, Pres. Mrs. Armin Sicherman, Sec.
Alexandria, La.	The Temple Sisterhood	87	Mrs. Harry Simon, Pres. Mrs. Aaron M. Rosenthal, Sec.
Alexandria, Va.	Beth El Sisterhood	29	Mrs. A. Driefus, Pres. Miss Rosa Caplan, Sec.
Allentown, Pa.	Sisterhood of Keneseth Israel	34	Mrs. Max Goldsmith, Pres. Miss Rae P. Kemp, Sec.
Altoona, Pa.	Ladies' Temple Society	30	Mrs. Minnie Simon, Pres. Mrs. S. B. Levy, Sec.
Anderson, Ind.	The Anderson Sisterhood	18	Mrs. A. Morganroth, Pres. Mrs. I. L. Seligman, Sec.
Anniston, Ala.	Henrietta Sterne Sisterhood	24	Mrs. L. Ullman, Pres. Mrs. Irwin P. Levi, Sec.
Ardmore, Okla.	Emeth Sisterhood	22	Mrs. Julius Kahn, Pres. Mrs. Max Westheimer, Sec.
Atlanta, Ga.	Temple Sisterhood	300	Mrs. Max Greenfield, Pres. Mrs. H. I. Davis, Sec.
Atlantic City, N. J.	Beth Israel Sisterhood	100	Mrs. M. F. Allman, Pres. Mrs. Elias Rosenbaum, Sec.
Bainbridge, Ga.	Temple Sisterhood		Mrs. Melvin Nussbaum, Pres.
Baltimore, Md.	Baltimore Hebrew Congregation Sisterhood	530	Mrs. Robt. F. Skutch, Pres. Miss Ray Frank, Sec.
	Ladies' Auxiliary of the Har Sinai Temple	180	Mrs. Henry Oppenheimer, Pres. Mrs. E. F. Herman, Sec.
	Sisterhood of Oheb Shalom Temple	450	Mrs. Jos. Wiesefeld, Pres. Mrs. L. A. Hecht, Sec.
Baton Rouge, La.	B'nai Israel Sisterhood	41	Mrs. A. Bauer, Pres. Mrs. E. Sternheim, Sec.
Bellaire, O.	Ladies' Hebrew Relief Society	30	Mrs. A. Luchs, Pres. Mrs. Harry Herzberg, Sec.
Bessemer, Ala.	Beth El Sisterhood	25	Mrs. Sam'l Erlick, Pres. Mrs. Sam'l Stein, Sec.
Binghamton, N. Y.	Jewish Sisterhood	66	Mrs. Samuel Harris, Pres. Miss M. B. Gutman, Sec.
Birmingham, Ala.	Temple Emanu-El Chapter	100	Mrs. B. Weil, Pres. Mrs. Sidney Hart, Sec.
Bloomington, Ill.	Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society	30	Mrs. Albert Schwarzman, Pres. Mrs. H. H. Marx, Sec.
Boston, Mass.	Sisterhood of Temple Oha-bei Shalom	194	Mrs. Al Simon, Pres. Mrs. L. Goldman, Sec.
	Temple Israel Sisterhood	277	Mrs. A. L. Fishel, Pres. Mrs. Harry Liebmann, Sec.

\* This list contains the officers and number of members reported by the Sisterhoods to the Executive Office up to January 1, 1916. As there is no uniformity in the time for election of officers by the local bodies, almost every month in the year having been selected for this purpose by some Sisterhoods, it is virtually impossible to publish a list that will be up-to-date at the time of publication.

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City	Sisterhood	Members	Officers	
Bridgeport, Conn.	Temple Sisterhood	100	Mrs. Joseph Gilman, Pres. Mrs. A. Zimmerman, Sec.	
Brooklyn, N. Y.	Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple Ahavath Sholom	70	Mrs. Chas. Horwitz, Pres. Mrs. L. Behrman, Sec.	
	Sisterhood of Temple Israel	173	Mrs. J. I. Gumpert, Pres. Mrs. Aaron W. Levy, Sec.	
	Sisterhood of Temple Beth Elohim	150	Mrs. Florence B. Abrahams, Pres. Mrs. Hattie Richman, Sec.	
	The Woman's Auxiliary of Temple Beth Elohim	210	Mrs. L. M. Streep, Pres. Mrs. Fred'k Loewenthal, Sec.	
Buffalo, N. Y.	Women's Temple Society	320	Mrs. Israel Aaron, Pres. Mrs. Saul Turnin, Sec.	
Cairo, Ill.	Cairo Temple Sisterhood	31	Mrs. Mary Bernstein, Pres. Mrs. Jesse Sickles, Sec.	
Champaign, Ill.	Jewish Ladies' Social Circle	26	Mrs. Rosetta Victor, Pres. Miss Rose Shulhafer, Sec.	
Charleston, S. C.	Temple Sisterhood of the K. K. B. E.	55	Mrs. Aaron Hoffman, Pres. Mrs. Nathan Israel, Sec.	
Charleston, W. Va.	Sisterhood Virginia St. Temple	60	Mrs. Simon Fuhrman, Pres. Mrs. B. Engle, Sec.	
Chattanooga, Tenn.	Hebrew Ladies' Aid Association	83	Mrs. Harry Simpson, Pres. Mrs. C. B. Shyer, Sec.	
Chicago, Ill.	Chicago Sinai Temple Sisterhood	426	Mrs. James Witkowski, Pres. Miss Marion F. Westheimer, Sec.	
	Isaiah Woman's Club	700	Mrs. Aaron W. Purvin, Pres. Mrs. B. M. Ferguson, Sec.	
	K. A. M. Auxiliary	300	Mrs. Tobias Schanfarber, Pres. Mrs. Charles Sittig, Sec.	
	Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple Sholom	400	Mrs. C. Waldbott, Pres. Mrs. S. J. Weil, Sec.	
	Ladies of Beth El		Mrs. Rose Pokorny, Pres. Mrs. Lillian Jelonak, Sec.	
	Sisterhood of B'nai Sholom Temple Israel	425	Mrs. Samuel Schweitzer, Pres. Mrs. Gabriel Lipman, Sec.	
	Temple Emanuel Sisterhood	250	Mrs. Hugo King, Pres. Mrs. John Steiner, Sec.	
	Temple Judea Woman's Club	65	Mrs. Abe Simon, Pres. Mrs. H. Gershenow, Sec.	
	Cincinnati, O.	Plum Street Temple Sisterhood	450	Mrs. Ben Loewenstein, Pres. Mrs. Edw. L. Heinsheimer, Sec.
		Reading Road Temple Sisterhood	150	Mrs. Harry Sternberger, Pres. Mrs. Moses Wolf, Sec.
Sisterhood of Bene Israel Congregation		381	Mrs. Adolph Rosenberg, Pres. Mrs. C. Holtzman, Sec.	
The Northside Temple Sisterhood		40	Mrs. Ben Hirschberg, Pres. Mrs. Benj. Greenberg, Sec.	
Clarksburg, W. Va.	Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel	18	Mrs. A. W. Wolk, Pres. Mrs. Louis Hiller, Sec.	
Cleveland, O.	Euclid Avenue Temple Sisterhood	810	Mrs. Sol. Moses, Pres. Miss Gertrude Bondy, Sec.	
	The Temple Women's Association	704	Mrs. Sol Bing, Pres. Mrs. Jos. M. Mendelson, Sec.	
Columbia, S. C.	The Ladies' Aid Society	22	Mrs. L. H. Joseph, Pres. Mrs. J. M. Cohen, Sec.	
Columbus, Ga.	Jewish Ladies' Aid Society	47	Mrs. L. Loewenherz, Pres. Mrs. B. Rothschild, Sec.	

City	Sisterhood	Members	Officers
Columbus, O.	Temple Israel Sisterhood	100	Mrs. Fred Lazarus, Pres. Mrs. Clara G. Loewenstein, Sec.
Corsicana, Tex.	Ladies' Auxiliary Temple Beth El	20	Mrs. H. Kaufman, Pres. Miss Esther Marks, Sec.
Cumberland, Md.	The Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society	38	Mrs. L. Lee Lichtenstein, Pres. Mrs. Louis Rosenbaum, Sec.
Davenport, Ia.	Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel	44	Mrs. Mark Silber, Pres. Miss Mildred Kramer, Sec.
Dayton, O.	Auxiliary of the House of Jacob	25	Miss Esther Wasserman, Pres. Miss Rose Rosensweet, Sec.
	Ladies' Temple Auxiliary of K. K. B. Y.	160	Mrs. Ernest Rauh, Pres. Miss Irma Blau, Sec.
Decatur, Ala.	Temple Sisterhood	15	Mrs. J. Block, Sec.
Denver, Colo.	Emanuel Sisterhood	230	Mrs. M. D. Barnett, Pres. Mrs. Henry Schwartz, Sec.
Des Moines, Ia.	The United Benevolent So- ciety of Temple B'nai Jeshurun	84	Mrs. J. L. Sheurman, Pres. Miss Irma Shloss, Sec.
Detroit, Mich.	Woman's Auxiliary Associ- ation of Temple Beth El	400	Mrs. I. Goldberg, Pres. Mrs. O. C. Robinson, Sec.
Duluth, Minn.	Temple Aid Society	80	Mrs. E. A. Silberstein, Pres. Mrs. M. Lefkovits, Sec.
Easton, Pa.	Ladies' Hebrew Benevolent Society	18	Mrs. E. Kline, Pres. Mrs. I. Kahn, Sec.
Erie, Pa.	Ladies' Hebrew Auxiliary Society	70	Mrs. Alfred Baker, Pres. Mrs. Louis D. Levi, Sec.
Evansville, Ind.	Temple Sisterhood	90	Mrs. Julius Tugendrich, Pres. Mrs. Max John Merritt, Sec.
Far Rockaway, N. Y.	Sisterhood Temple Israel	300	Mrs. Leo A. Levy, Pres. Mrs. Frank Toch, Sec.
Fort Smith, Ark.	The Temple Aid Society	53	Mrs. M. Heyman, Pres. Mrs. Charles Weaver, Sec.
Ft. Wayne, Ind.	Achduth Veshalom Sister- hood	70	Mrs. A. L. Weinstein, Pres. Mrs. Max Kraus, Sec.
Ft. Worth, Tex.	The Temple Auxiliary	50	Mrs. U. M. Simon, Pres. Mrs. Geo. Fox, Sec.
Gary, Ind.	Woman's Auxiliary of Tem- ple Israel	29	Mrs. M. Nusbaum, Pres. Mrs. J. Steiner, Sec.
Goldsboro, N. C.	Temple Sisterhood	23	Mrs. Sol. Weil, Pres. Mrs. Vance Weill, Sec.
Grand Rapids, Mich.	Ladies' Auxiliary of Tem- ple Emanuel	52	Mrs. Chas. J. Freund, Pres. Miss Grace Treusch, Sec.
Greenville, Miss.	Temple Auxiliary	69	Mrs. Nathan Goldstein, Pres. Mrs. Charles Loeb, Sec.
Hammond, Ind.	Jewish Ladies' Aid Society	21	Mrs. M. Rothschild, Pres. Mrs. Jacob Fox, Sec.
Harrisburg, Pa.	Ohev Sholom Sisterhood	50	Mrs. Samuel Friedman, Pres. Mrs. Alfred Seligman, Sec.
Hartford, Conn.	Women's Auxiliary C. B. I.	165	Mrs. Felix Lyon, Pres. Mrs. Bertha F. Rothschild, Sec.
Hazleton, Pa.	Ladies' Guild	18	Mrs. J. Gerhardt, Pres. Mrs. R. Schwarz, Sec.
Helena, Ark.	The Temple Aid Sisterhood	68	Mrs. Joseph Solomon, Pres. Mrs. Dave Solomon, Sec.
Huntington, W. Va.	Ladies' Hebrew Benevolent Society	36	Mrs. L. A. Pollock, Pres. Mrs. I. S. Hyman, Sec.

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City	Sisterhood	Members	Officers
Jacksonville, Fla.	Temple Sisterhood	92	Mrs. Simon Benjamin, Pres. Mrs. I. F. Bassett, Sec.
Joplin, Mo.	Temple Aid Sisterhood	35	Mrs. H. Hürwitz, Pres. Mrs. Morris Scherl, Sec.
Kalamazoo, Mich.	Hebrew Ladies' Benevolent Society	41	Mrs. Tillie Seligman, Pres. Mrs. Lester Salomon, Sec.
Kansas City, Mo.	Temple Sisterhood	288	Mrs. H. H. Mayer, Pres. Miss Theresa Ryder, Sec.
Knoxville, Tenn.	The Woman's Auxiliary of Temple Beth El	31	Mrs. Frank Heart, Pres. Mrs. M. Deitch, Sec.
Lake Charles, La.	Temple Sinai Aid Society	22	Mrs. Sam Kaufman, Pres. Mrs. Fred A. Hart, Sec.
Lancaster, Pa.	Ladies' Temple Auxiliary	46	Mrs. E. M. Cohn, Pres. Mrs. A. H. Sondheimer, Sec.
Laporte, Ind.	Hebrew Ladies' Relief Society	14	Mrs. I. Blumenthal, Pres. Mrs. Max Dinkelspiel, Sec.
Lexington, Ky.	Maryland Avenue Sisterhood	46	Mrs. Maurice Weil, Pres. Mrs. I. J. Miller, Sec.
Lima, O.	Ladies' Aid Society	35	Mrs. N. L. Michaels, Pres. Mrs. B. E. Rosenbaum, Sec.
Lincoln, Neb.	Jewish Ladies' Aid Society	62	Mrs. Arthur Klein, Pres. Mrs. Henry Kohn, Sec.
Lorain, O.	The Temple Sisterhood	30	Mrs. Jos. Gould, Pres. Mrs. John Rosenfeld, Sec.
Los Angeles, Cal.	Sisterhood of Temple B'nai B'rith	191	Mrs. Herman Levi, Pres. Mrs. Harry Weisbaum, Sec.
Louisville, Ky.	Adath Israel Sisterhood	371	Mrs. Isaac Trost, Pres. Mrs. Leon Judah, Sec.
	Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple B'rith Sholom	120	Mrs. Herman Meyer, Pres. Miss Justine Kohlman, Sec.
McKeesport, Pa.	Sisterhood of Temple B'nai Israel	55	Mrs. Mark Abel, Pres. Mrs. Morris Krow, Sec.
Macon, Ga.	Beth Israel Sisterhood	61	Mrs. Robt. Nussbaum, Pres. Mrs. M. Bloch, Sec.
Memphis, Tenn.	Ladies' Temple Auxiliary	400	Mrs. Hirsh Morris, Pres. Mrs. Max Dinkelspiel, Sec.
Meridian, Miss.	Ladies' Temple Guild	75	Miss Anne Rothenberg, Pres. Mrs. A. Brill, Sec.
Milwaukee, Wis.	Bene Jeshurun Sisterhood	283	Mrs. A. Fischel, Pres. Miss Rose E. Leser, Sec.
	Emanu-El Society	225	Mrs. Chas. L. Aarons, Pres. Mrs. I. Epstein, Sec.
Mobile, Ala.	Temple Sisterhood	82	Mrs. Lee H. Marx, Sec.
Monroe, La.	Jewish Ladies' Temple Aid Society	58	Mrs. Jonas Selig, Pres. Mrs. Samuel Kaplan, Sec.
Montreal, Que., Can.	Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood	79	Mrs. Martin Simon, Pres. Mrs. Jerome Lewinson, Sec.
Mt. Vernon, Ind.	Mt. Vernon Temple Sisterhood	22	Mrs. Jacob Rosenbaum, Pres. Mrs. Hattie L. Barth, Sec.
Muskogee, Okla.	Temple Sisterhood	22	Mrs. Samuel Sondheimer, Pres. Mrs. Max Davidson, Sec.
Nashville, Tenn.	Vine Street Temple Sisterhood	210	Mrs. Charles Cohn, Pres. Mrs. S. Bloomstein, Sec.
Natchez, Miss.	Natchez Temple Sisterhood	52	Mrs. B. C. Geisenberger, Pres. Mrs. Joseph H. Adell, Sec.

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New Haven, Conn.	Mishkan Israel Temple Sisterhood	178	Mrs. Albert J. Johnson, Pres. Mrs. Hannah Myers, Sec.
New Iberia, La.	Ladies' Temple Aid Society	10	Mrs. Lilly Scharff, Pres. Mrs. Henry Meyer, Sec.
New Orleans, La.	Ladies' Auxiliary	100	Mrs. J. Sternberg, Pres. Mrs. J. Goldstein, Sec.
	Ladies' Auxiliary of Congregation Beth Israel	58	Mrs. Fannie Haspel, Pres. Miss Celia Horden, Sec.
	Temple Sinai Sisterhood	186	Mrs. Paul I. Godchaux, Pres. Mrs. Max Heller, Sec.
	Woman's League of Touro Synagog	147	Mrs. Harris Hyman, Pres. Mrs. G. Schwartz, Sec.
New York, N. Y.	Ladies' Auxiliary of Congregation A. C. S. H.	164	Mrs. Sol Boehm, Pres. Mrs. Joseph Grasheim, Sec.
	Sinai Sisterhood of the Bronx	50	Mrs. R. E. Heiderman, Pres. Mrs. S. Auerbach, Sec.
	Sisterhood of the New Synagog	99	Mrs. I. H. Meyer, Pres. Mrs. Minnie F. Rosenberger, Sec.
	Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood		Mrs. Jos. Silverman, Pres. Mrs. Nathan Miller, Sec.
Norfolk, Va.	Sisterhood Ohel Shalom	146	Mrs. A. B. Seldner, Pres. Mrs. D. S. Baum, Sec.
Oakland, Cal.	The Sisterhood of Temple Sinai	150	Mrs. A. Shafran, Pres. Mrs. T. Stamper, Sec.
Oklahoma City, Okla.	Ladies' Aid	81	Mrs. Jos. Myer, Pres. Mrs. Jos. Urbansky, Sec.
Paducah, Ky.	Sisterhood of Temple Israel	52	Mrs. Jos. B. Laevison, Pres. Miss Aimee Dreyfuss, Sec.
Paterson, N. J.	B'nai Jeshurun Sisterhood	43	Mrs. W. Jacobus, Pres. Mrs. Ray Green, Sec.
Peoria, Ill.	Sisterhood of Anshai Emeth Congregation	130	Mrs. Jacob Ross, Pres. Mrs. I. J. Levinson, Sec.
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# Constitution

As Revised January 17, 1917

## PREAMBLE.

We, the representatives of the Sisterhoods of the various synagogues comprised in the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, believing:

That the congregation forms the religious unit in Israel, and,

That the increased power which has come to the modern American Jewess ought to be exercised in congregational life, and,

That the religious and moral development of Israel will be furthered by this co-operation,

Do hereby agree to form a National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods for the effective carrying out of the above very laudable aims.

## NAME.

The name of this organization shall be the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

## OBJECTS.

The objects of this organization are to be:

1. To bring the various Sisterhoods of the country into closer co-operation and association with one another.
2. To quicken the religious consciousness of Israel, by strengthening the spiritual and educational activity.
3. To make propaganda for the cause of Israel.
4. To co-operate with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

## MEMBERSHIP.

Any Sisterhood connected with a Jewish congregation may become a member of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, by making written application to the Executive Board of the Federation.

Any organization of women doing religious work in any community where there is no congregation may become a member of the National Federation by making written application.

## MEETINGS OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION.

The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods shall meet in regular session biennially, concurrently, if possible, with the meeting of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, at the place and time selected by the Union.

## REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BIENNIAL MEETING.

Each Sisterhood shall appoint one representative to the Biennial Meeting of the Federation, and one additional representative for every fifty contributing members over and above the first fifty members up to two hundred members, and also one additional representative for every one hundred contributing members over and above the first two hundred members.

## OFFICERS.

The Federation, in its Biennial Convention, shall elect a president, vice-president and a secretary from among the representatives present, and these shall hold office during the Convention.

The Federation, at its Biennial Meeting, shall elect by ballot thirty-five members who shall constitute the Executive Board.

The Executive Board shall elect, from its own members, a president, vice-president, treasurer and recording secretary. It shall also elect an executive secretary, who shall not be a member of the Executive Board and whose salary shall be determined by it.

## MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Executive Board shall organize immediately after the Convention adjourns, and meet annually at such times and in such places as may be decided upon by the Executive Board.

## DUES.

Each Sisterhood shall pay into the Treasury of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods ten cents per annum for each

member thereof, five cents of which shall be set aside to pay for a subscription to "The Jewish Educational Tracts."

#### DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

The duties of the president, vice-president, treasurer, recording secretary and executive secretary shall be those usually devolving upon such officers in regularly constituted organizations.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

There shall be seven Standing Committees each to consist of five members to be appointed by the President of the Executive Board. Vacancies occurring in the Standing Committees shall be filled immediately by the President.

The chairman of each Standing Committee shall present an annual report to the President of the Executive Board.

The following Standing Committees shall be appointed:

- a. On Co-operation.
- b. On Religion.
- c. On Religious Schools.
- d. On Propaganda.
- e. On Scholarships.
- f. On Union Museum for Jewish Ceremonial Objects.
- g. On Uniongram.

#### DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

a. Committee on Co-operation shall effect methods of closer relationship between existing sisterhoods and shall collect and disseminate information of value to sisterhoods, and of general interest to the Jew at large.

b. Committee on Religion shall help to foster the religious life of the congregation, encourage Sabbath observance and synagog attendance, devise means of inviting resident or visiting Jews to divine services, and to

form classes for the study of Religion, Jewish History and Hebrew.

c. Committee on Religious Schools shall formulate and furnish sisterhoods with the best results in religious-school education, encourage the preservation of ceremonials connected with Jewish holidays, endeavor to secure a national census of Jewish children in attendance at religious schools, and endeavor to encourage young men and women to devote themselves to religious-school teaching.

d. Committee on Propaganda shall endeavor to form new sisterhoods in communities where there are none, and co-operate with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, especially with the Board of Managers of Synagog and School Extension.

e. Committee on Scholarships shall encourage the preparation of young men for the rabbinical profession and secure funds for the creation of Sisterhood Scholarships for the Hebrew Union College.

f. Committee on National Museum for Jewish Ceremonial Objects shall endeavor to secure for the Hebrew Union College a collection of objects of art such as belong to such a museum.

g. Committee on Uniongram, with the aid of local committees bearing the same name, shall endeavor to dispose of Uniongrams for the purpose of adding to the revenue of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

#### AMENDMENTS.

Amendments to the Constitution must be presented to the Executive Board and by them submitted to the first meeting of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, thereafter. To become part of the Constitution they must be adopted by a two-thirds vote of those present.



1917-1919

# National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods

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# National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods

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## NOTE

In view of the economic conditions attendant upon the war period and mindful of the request of the government for the curtailment of railroad travel, the meeting of the Executive Board for 1918 was dispensed with. By vote of the Board members it was moved that all business requiring consideration at the time be dealt with by correspondence. The following annual reports were submitted by the officers and standing committees.

Annual Reports  
OF THE  
National Standing Committees  
For the Year Ending October 31, 1917



**Reports**  
 of the  
**National Standing Committees**  
 For the Year Ending October 31, 1917  


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**Report of the Executive Secretary**

To the Members of the Executive Board of  
 National Federation of Temple Sister-  
 hoods:

Ladies: Your Secretary begs leave to re-  
 port the addition of 32 societies to our na-  
 tional organization during the past year.\*

Joined from November 1, 1916 to  
 October 31, 1917

Albany, Ga.  
 Temple Sisterhood of B'nai Israel.

Ardmore, Okla.  
 Emeth Sisterhood.

Bainbridge, Ga.  
 Temple Guild.

Bessemer, Ala.  
 Beth El Sisterhood.

Bridgeport, Conn.  
 Sisterhood of the Park Ave. Temple.

Brownsville, Tenn.  
 Temple Auxiliary, Adas Israel.

Charleston, S. C.  
 Temple Sisterhood of the K. K. B. E.

Chattanooga, Tenn.  
 Hebrew Ladies' Aid Assn.

Concord, N. H.  
 Queen Esther Circle.

Decatur, Ala.  
 Temple Sisterhood.

Elkhart, Ind.  
 Jewish Women's Auxiliary.

Greensboro, N. C.  
 Ladies' Aid Temple Emanuel.

Hazleton, Pa.  
 Ladies' Guild.

Helena, Ark.  
 The Temple Aid Sisterhood.

Jackson, Miss.  
 Ladies' Aid Society.

Kalamazoo, Mich.  
 Hebrew Ladies' Benevolent Society.

Lexington, Ky.  
 Sisterhood of Adath Israel Congregation.

Lima, Ohio.  
 Ladies' Aid Society.

Montreal, Canada.  
 Temple Emanuel Sisterhood.

Newark, N. J.  
 Women's Association of Temple B'nai  
 Jeshurun.

New Orleans, La.  
 Ladies' Auxiliary.

New York, N. Y.  
 Sisterhood of the New Synagog.

New York, N. Y.  
 Daughters of the Covenant.

New York, N. Y.  
 Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple Israel.

Omaha, Nebr.  
 Temple Israel Sisterhood.

Plattsburg, N. Y.  
 Beth Israel Sisterhood.

Portland, Ore.  
 Beth Israel Sisterhood.

San Diego, Calif.  
Jewish Mothers' Club.

Somerville, Mass.  
United Hebrew Temple Ladies' Aid Society.

Stockton, Calif.  
Jewish Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple Israel.

Tacoma, Wash.  
Judith Montefiore Society.

Wilkes Barre, Pa.  
Sisterhood of Congregation B'nai Brith.  
During the year 1916-17 the following organizations withdrew from the Federation:

Easton, Pa.  
Ladies' Hebrew Benevolent Society.

Joplin, Mo.  
Temple Aid Sisterhood.

Mobile, Ala.  
Temple Sisterhood.

N. B.—The following Sisterhoods have joined since this report was closed. They are mentioned here for the information of the reader, but will be officially included in the report for next year.

Bensonhurst, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
Sisterhood of Beth Sholom People's Temple.

Canton, Ohio.  
McKinley Ave. Sisterhood.

Chicago, Ill.  
Sisterhood of Temple B'nai Abraham.

Chicago, Ill.  
Sisters of Aid.

Hot Springs, Ark.  
Temple Sisterhood, House of Israel.

Indianapolis, Ind.  
Sisterhood of the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation.

Jersey City, N. J.  
Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple Beth El.

Minneapolis, Minn.  
Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple Shari Tov.

New Orleans, La.  
Sisterhood, Congregation Anshe Sfard.

Niagara Falls, N. Y.  
Sisterhood of Temple Beth El.

Owensboro, Ky.  
Temple Adath Israel Sisterhood.

Portsmouth, Ohio.  
Ladies' Aid Society.

Rochester, N. Y.  
Berith Kodesh Sisterhood.

Salt Lake City, Utah.  
B'nai Israel Sisterhood.

San Francisco, Calif.  
Temple Emanu-El Guild.

South Bend, Ind.  
Ladies' Aid Society.

Syracuse, N. Y.  
Ladies' Auxiliary of the Society of Concord.

Trinidad, Colo.  
Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society.

The entrance of the United States into the war made it imperative that the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, in common with other religious organizations, participate in patriotic work. Therefore, it was determined by the president and members of the Executive Board, that an eighth National Committee, the War Emergency Committee, be established. This committee was accordingly formed, with Mrs. Abram Simon as Chairman, and the Chairman of the other seven National Committees as members of the committee. An account of the War Emergency Activities will be found in the report of the Chairman of that committee.

Inasmuch as the Executive Secretary is the Secretary of every standing committee, the record of progress which is usually contained in a Secretary's report appears in the reports of the various National Committees.

## SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL REPORT

### Réceipts and Disbursements

The following is a statement of receipts and disbursements from November 1, 1916, to November 1, 1917.

Balance on hand November 1, 1916, after reconciliation (in Kenwood Trust and Savings Bank).....	\$4,760.52
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Receipts

From Dues.....	\$1,762.63		
" Calendars.....	685.67		
" Uniongrams.....	722.75		
" Scholarships.....	4,445.20		
" Interest (Bank Statement).....	62.96		
" Miscellaneous.....	68.29		
" Donations.....	1.46	\$7,748.96	\$12,509.48

Disbursements

Calendars.....	\$ 653.26		
Uniongrams.....	263.10		
President's Office.....	202.45		
Telegrams, Stationery and Postage.....	244.89		
Biennial Convention.....	466.56		
Scholarships.....	3,850.00		
Union Bulletin.....	1,500.00		
Investments.....	3,600.00		
Salary of Clerk (three months).....	250.00		
Miscellaneous.....	156.85		
Exchange (Bank Statement).....	22.90		
Committee on Religion.....	19.55		
Committee on Propaganda.....	19.00		
Committee on Union Museum.....	63.46		
Committee on Scholarships.....	6.87		
Committee on Cooperation.....	2.75		
War Emergency Committee.....	31.32		
Traveling Expenses, Miss Wehl.....	58.10		11,411.06
Balance.....			\$1,098.42
Balance in Bank on same date.....			\$ 2,044.07

STATEMENT OF CASH AND RECONCILIATION OF BANK ACCOUNT

The balance in the bank exceeds balance on the books by \$945.65. This was due to the fact that there were outstanding checks to the amount of \$597.28 and outstanding unpaid vouchers to the amount of \$1,542.93, leaving a balance to our credit of \$945.65. This balance disappeared when the checks were deposited and the vouchers drawn.

In explanation of the above, I wish to add that on October 31, when the books were closed, we had in bank \$1,098.42. In addition to this we had in invested funds, \$3,600 in certificates of deposit in the Kenwood Trust and Savings Bank, drawing 3%, which gives us a credit balance of \$4,698.42. However, this amount represented \$1,239.81 collected for Hebrew Union College Scholarships, but not yet turned over, and \$1,085.50, undivided profits on Uniongrams, leaving a real balance of \$2,373.11.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE ZEPIN, Executive Secretary.

Report of the Treasurer.

Chicago, Ill., October 31, 1917.

To the Executive Boards of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

Ladies:—I beg leave to submit the following as my report from November 1, 1916, to November 1, 1917.

Balance on Hand in Bank, November 1, 1916, after reconciliation (Kenwood Trust and Savings Bank) .....	\$4,760.52	
Received from George Zepin, Executive Secretary .....	7,088.72	
Interest (Kenwood Trust and Savings Bank) .....	62.96	\$11,912.20
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Paid Vouchers amounting to .....	9,845.23	
Paid Exchange (Kenwood Trust and Savings Bank) .....	22.90	9,868.13
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Balance (in Kenwood Trust and Savings Bank) .....		\$ 2,044.07

## NOTE:

## Vouchers and Received Checks in Transit as per Secretary's Books

Checks received, mailed by George Zepin, Executive Secretary, to Treasurer	\$ 597.28
Vouchers issued by George Zepin, Executive Secretary, not yet honored by Treasurer .....	1,542.93
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	\$ 945.65

The Secretary's book balance is \$1,098.42; that is, the Treasurer's bank balance minus \$945.65 above mentioned.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ISRAEL COWEN, Treasurer.

## Report of the National War Emergency Committee

November 1, 1917.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies:—In establishing a Committee on War Emergency, the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods has made a departure from the lines of activity hitherto pursued by this organization. At the same time, the entrance of America into the world war, in April, 1917, with the consequent increase in the number of Jewish men serving in the Army and Navy, impressed upon us the necessity of organizing to do religious welfare work. Accordingly, the Executive Board determined that a National Committee on Jewish Welfare Work in the Army and Navy be appointed. This Committee was to consist of the Chairman of each National Committee and the President of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, as Chairman.

Believing that this welfare work would assume such proportions as to justify the appointment of local committees, your President urged every Sisterhood in the Federation to appoint an Army and Navy Welfare Committee, whose duty it would be to direct such activities as the exigencies of our national situation might call forth.

During the month of May every affiliated society was urged to cooperate with a Chapter of the Red Cross, or to organize as an individual Red Cross Unit. Many local Sisterhoods had already been engaged in Red Cross work, but the appeal was sent out in order to make this branch of activity universal among our federated societies.

In response to suggestions regarding Welfare and Red Cross Work a large number of Sisterhoods devoted the summer months entirely to the task of arranging religious services for the enlisted men, aiding in the equipment of our soldiers and sailors, and providing for them some form of recreational activity.

During the month of July the necessity for a more vigorous food conservation propaganda became so urgent that Mr. Hoover, Food Conservation Director, established a branch of cooperating agencies, composed of representatives from the three largest religious groups, Protestant, Catholic and Jewish. Through the efforts of Dr. Joseph Krauskopf, Chairman of the Jewish Branch of Cooperating Agencies, an earnest appeal was made to all Sisterhood members to support a food conservation movement. The gravity of our national food situation made

it incumbent upon all religious organizations to assist in the work of conservation. Therefore, in order to direct activities along this line in accordance with the plans outlined by the government, the National Federation sent Miss Elsa Wehl, our Field Secretary, to Washington to attend a course of instruction conducted by the Food Conservation Department.

Early in September our organization issued a poster which linked the idea of food conservation with that of Succoth, the Harvest Festival. Every Sisterhood was asked to display the poster at the meeting nearest the Holy Day, reminding the members both of the abundance of the harvest and of the need to spare from that abundance. Your committee is gratified to report that this poster was the first issued by any religious organization.

It was soon felt that the Sisterhoods would probably be called upon to do work of a wider scope than was contemplated at the beginning of the war. Realizing that the name "Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare Committee" might be open to misinterpretation, our constituent societies were asked to change the name of every Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare Committee to the "War Emergency Committee".

Some time later the National Federation expressed its willingness to cooperate with the Jewish Board for Welfare Work, which has since been recognized as the official Jewish organization in United States train-

ing camps and cantonments. Under the centralized direction of this Board the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods has been enabled to make a specific contribution to patriotic and religious welfare work.

It would be an injustice to our local Sisterhoods to attempt giving a statistical account of the work that has been done under the auspices of the War Emergency Committee. The work of this committee is necessarily cumulative in character, owing to the fact that the number of Jewish men recruited into the army and navy is growing increasingly as the war progresses. Although the work of the War Emergency Committee during the summer months has been devoted in part to organization, yet it is safe to say that our Sisterhoods have made a definite contribution to every form of welfare work carried on by women's organizations. Specific instances which attest to the accomplishment of the War Emergency Committee will more properly come under the report of this committee for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Abram Simon, Chairman,  
 Mrs. Joseph Stolz,  
 Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld,  
 Mrs. Leon Goodman,  
 Mrs. Joseph Krauskopf,  
 Mrs. H. H. Mayer,  
 Mrs. Kaufmann Kohler,  
 Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg.

## Report of the Committee on Hebrew Union College Scholarships

November 1, 1917.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies:—The results of the propaganda for Hebrew Union College Scholarships are very evident. The contributions of the Sisterhoods have increased steadily since this branch of Sisterhood activity was first undertaken. It gives us great pleasure to announce that in the past year, October 31, 1916, to October 31, 1917, the Sisterhoods contributed \$4,816.50 to the Scholarship Fund. This sum represents the work of

eighty-five Sisterhoods, including our largest as well as our smallest organizations.

In raising funds for Hebrew Union College Scholarships, the Sisterhoods have used many methods suggested by our Committee on Scholarships. Most of the organizations have formed the habit of presenting their contributions to the Hebrew Union College at a certain definite time each year (usually the Wise Memorial Day). Practically every organization that contributed the previous year (October, 1915-October, 1916), gave an equal or a greater sum within the fiscal



year, 1916-1917. Many Sisterhoods that had never before contributed to the Scholarship Fund gave generously within the past year.

It is hardly necessary for us to go into detail in this report concerning the Hebrew Union College Scholarship Fund. A more comprehensive report will be submitted by your Committee at the next Biennial Convention. Your Committee deems it sufficient to present here a statement of the contributions received within the fiscal year, October 31, 1916-October 31, 1917.

### SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

From October 31, 1916, to October 31, 1917

#### INDIVIDUAL SCHOLARSHIPS

##### Baltimore, Md.

Madison Ave. Temple Sisterhood (Adolf Guttmacher Scholarship).....\$300.00  
Sisterhood Ohev Shalom Temple (Szold-Kaiser Scholarship)..... 300.00

##### Chicago, Ill.

Isaiah Woman's Club..... 300.00

##### Cincinnati, O.

Plum Street Temple Sisterhood..... 300.00  
Rockdale Ave. Temple Sisterhood (Dr. Max Lilienthal Scholarship)..... 300.00

##### Cleveland, O.

Euclid Ave. Temple Sisterhood..... 250.00  
The Temple Women's Association..... 250.00

##### Louisville, Ky.

Adath Israel Sisterhood..... 300.00

##### Pittsburgh, Pa.

Rodef Shalom Sisterhood (J. Leonard Levy Scholarship)..... 300.00  
Rodef Shalom Sisterhood (Jacques Weil Scholarship)..... 300.00  
Rodef Shalom Sisterhood (Josiah Cohen Scholarship)..... 300.00

##### Washington, D. C.

Sisterhood Washington Hebrew Congregation..... 300.00

#### DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIPS

##### District No. 1—\$300.00

Boston, Mass.—Sisterhood of Temple Israel,\$150.00  
Boston, Mass.—Sisterhood of Temple Oabei Shalom..... 25.00  
Hartford, Conn.—Ladies' Auxiliary Congregation Beth Israel..... 25.00  
New Haven, Conn.—Temple Mishkan Israel Sisterhood..... 75.00  
Providence, R. I.—Sisterhood of Temple Beth El..... 25.00

#### INCOMPLETE SCHOLARSHIPS

Total, \$1,316.50

##### District No. 2—\$145.00

Binghamton, N. Y.—Jewish Sisterhood....\$ 10.00  
Brooklyn, N. Y.—Women's Auxiliary of Temple Beth Elohim (W. D.)..... 25.00  
Brooklyn, N. Y.—Sisterhood Congregation Temple Beth Elohim (Keap St.)..... 25.00  
Buffalo, N. Y.—Women's Temple Society.. 50.00  
Far Rockaway, N. Y.—Sisterhood Auxiliary Temple Israel..... 10.00  
New York, N. Y.—Sisterhood of New Synagogue..... 25.00

##### District No. 3—\$87.50

Harrisburg, Pa.—Ohev Shalom Sisterhood.. 12.50  
Philadelphia, Pa.—Keneseth Israel Sisterhood..... 50.00  
Scranton, Pa.—Sisterhood of Madison Ave. Temple..... 25.00

##### District No. 5—\$48.75

Alexandria, Va.—Beth El Sisterhood..... 5.00  
Huntington, W. Va.—Ladies' Hebrew Benevolent Society..... 8.75  
Norfolk, Va.—Ohev Shalom Temple Sisterhood..... 35.00

##### District No. 6—\$213.60

Akron, O.—Ladies' Temple Society, Temple Israel..... 25.00  
Bellaire, O.—Ladies' Auxiliary Society..... 10.00  
Cincinnati, O.—Reading Rd. Temple Sisterhood..... 33.00  
Dayton, O.—Ladies' Temple Auxiliary, K. K. B. Y..... 50.00  
Lorain, O.—The Temple Sisterhood..... 5.00  
Piqua, O.—Jewish Ladies' Aid Society..... 5.00  
Sandusky, O.—Sisterhood Ohev Shalom... 5.00  
Springfield, O.—Sisterhood of Ohev Zedukah Congregation..... 7.25  
Toledo, O.—Ladies' Auxiliary Society.... 30.00  
Youngstown, O.—Rodef Shalom Sisterhood, 43.35

##### District No. 8—\$153.80

Anniston, Ala.—Henriette Sterne Sisterhood..... 5.00  
Bessemer, Ala.—Beth El Sisterhood..... 5.00  
Birmingham, Ala.—Sisterhood of Temple Emanu El..... 25.00  
Charleston, S. C.—Temple Sisterhood, K. K. B. E..... 10.00  
Chattanooga, Tenn.—Hebrew Ladies' Aid Association..... 8.30  
Goldsboro, N. C.—Temple Sisterhood.... 5.00  
Knoxville, Tenn.—Woman's Auxiliary, Temple Beth El..... 5.00  
Macon, Ga.—Beth Israel Sisterhood..... 10.00

Nashville, Tenn.—Vine St. Temple Sisterhood.....	50.00	Sioux City, Ind.—Jewish Ladies' Aid Society.....	10.00
Raleigh, N. C.—Temple Sisterhood.....	5.50		
Savannah, Ga.—Temple Guild.....	25.00		
<b>District No. 9—\$215.00</b>			
Cairo, Ill.—Montefiore Temple Sisterhood.....	5.00	Alexandria, La.—Temple Sisterhood.....	10.00
Champaign, Ill.—Jewish Ladies' Social Circle.....	5.00	Baton Rouge, La.—B'nai Israel Sisterhood.....	5.00
Chicago, Ill.—Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple Sholom.....	25.00	Ft. Worth Tex.—Temple Auxiliary Club..	10.00
Chicago, Ill.—Chicago Sinai Temple Sisterhood.....	50.00	Greenville, Miss.—Temple Auxiliary, Hebrew Union Congregation.....	5.00
Chicago, Ill.—Temple Emanuel Sisterhood.....	25.00	Lincoln, Nebr.—Jewish Ladies' Aid Society.....	10.00
Chicago, Ill.—B'nai Sholom Temple Sisterhood.....	25.00	Natchez, Miss.—Natchez Temple Sisterhood.....	20.00
Chicago, Ill.—K. A. M. Auxiliary.....	60.00	New Orleans, La.—Woman's League of Touro Synagogue.....	25.00
Peoria, Ill.—Sisterhood of Anshai Emeth Congregation.....	20.00	New Orleans, La.—Ladies' Auxiliary, Congregation Beth Israel.....	10.00
<b>District No. 10—\$188.50</b>			
Davenport, Ia.—Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel.....	11.00	Springfield, Mo.—Jewish Ladies' Aid Society.....	10.00
Detroit, Mich.—Woman's Auxiliary of Temple Beth El.....	50.00	St. Joseph Mo.—Adath Joseph Sisterhood..	30.25
Evansville, Ind.—Temple Sisterhood.....	10.00	St. Louis, Mo.—Sisterhood Temple Shaare Emeth.....	18 75
Fort Wayne, Ind.—Temple Sisterhood....	15.00	Vicksburg, Miss.—Ladies' Auxiliary, Temple Ansheh Chesed.....	20.00
Hammond, Ind.—Jewish Ladies' Aid Society.....	5.00	Louisville, Ky.—Ladies' Auxiliary Brith Sholom.....	10.00
La Porte, Ind.—Hebrew Ladies' Relief Society.....	5.00	Paducah, Ky.—Temple Sisterhood.....	15.00
Milwaukee, Wis.—B'nai Jeshurun Sisterhood.....	50.00	<b>District No. 13—\$65.00</b>	
Milwaukee, Wis.—Emanu El Ladies' Society.....	25.00	Denver, Colo.—Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel.....	15.00
Mt Vernon, Ind.—Jewish Ladies' Temple Society.....	2.50	Los Angeles, Cal.—Sisterhood of Temple B'nai Brith.....	50.00
Saginaw, Mich.—Beth El Sisterhood.....	5.00	Respectfully submitted,	
		Mrs. Jos. Stolz, Chairman, Mrs. M. J. Gries, Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Israel Aaron, Mrs. Paul L. Godchaux, Mrs. Charles J. Freund.	

## Report of the National Committee on Co-operation

November 1, 1917.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies:—Your Committee on Co-operation, rightly called by your President "The clearing house of ideas and activities", begs to report progress in the activities it has engaged upon during the past year.

This Committee has done much toward bringing about a broader interchange of ideas, methods and activities among our constituent organizations. By the establishment of the Exchange Bureau, it had in mind a double purpose. First, it aimed to acquaint the Sisterhoods with the work each

society was doing, particularly in the matter of new activities successfully carried on by individual Sisterhoods. Secondly, it aimed to circulate the accounts of successful religious or social activities in order to encourage in others the spirit of working along similar lines of endeavor. It was the policy of "give and take" that your Committee has continually urged upon the Sisterhoods. And we are exceedingly gratified to report that there has been a commendable response on the part of most of our societies in sending us accounts of their meetings, thus calling attention to new ideas which have met with success.

During the past year we received valuable items concerning novel activities, as for instance, "Women's Exchange," "Home Products Day," "Reciprocity Day," etc. We, on our part, have used various means of giving these reports widespread circulation. Weekly news items, published in the Jewish press, contained reports of the work of the Sisterhoods, and the Union Bulletin, in the section devoted to the interest of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, printed many interesting accounts of the activities of individual societies.

#### Urge New Activities

But the task of your Committee was not confined to mere publicity. It aimed to remind, suggest and stimulate. During the past year, your Committee has put forth great effort in reminding the Sisterhoods of previous enterprises, suggesting new and interesting methods of procedure, as well as urging a wider extension of activities.

Before each Festival, your Committee sent out letters urging the continuation of Institutional, Social and Religious Welfare Work. Seventy Sisterhoods have carried on successful work along this line during the past year. Their activities consisted in securing the use of the Synagog and Vestry rooms for the Jewish students attending a university in the vicinity, as well as in extending a cordial invitation to all Jewish guests at the hotels to attend divine services at the Temple. A great many of our Sisterhoods have tendered receptions to the students at the beginning of the college year. Your Committee has urged upon the Sisterhoods the holding of a Jewish Community Seder to which non-resident students may be invited. In this way students may be brought into closer contact with their coreligionists. Such activities will tend

to bring the Jewish students under the influence of their religion and counteract the outside influences that tend to cut them adrift from their faith.

Similarly the new activity of Institutional Welfare Work has met with great enthusiasm on the part of our members. It has become an integral function of our societies to visit defectives and delinquents confined in institutions, to provide them with religious reading matter and to arrange for occasional services. Whenever the occasion offered the Sisterhoods have brought to these unfortunates such material and spiritual cheer as was possible. It is hoped that more Sisterhoods will engage in institutional uplift work.

Another vital phase of activity suggested by our Committee, and viewed favorably by a great number of societies was the attempt to strengthen the sense of kinship and sociability among members already in the Sisterhood and among strangers or persons who have recently joined the Sisterhood. A great number of societies have achieved this aim by forming Reception or Sociability Committees to carry on this work. Similarly, the idea of holding joint Sisterhood meetings tends to bring about cooperation and sociability among the various members of a community.

Thus your Committee on Co-operation aims to keep in close touch with its constituent societies in order to suggest constantly new fields of endeavor.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Jos. Wiesenfeld, Chairman,  
Mrs. J. Leonard Lévy, Vice-Chairman,  
Mrs. Chas. Cohn,  
Mrs. Maurice Steinfeld,  
Mrs. Louis Welt,  
Mrs. Otto Kempner.

## Report of the National Committee on Propaganda

November 1, 1917.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies:—Your Committee on Propaganda feels gratified in reporting a year of considerable progress. Through the earnest efforts of your Committee, assisted by the larger Advisory Board and Executive Office,

we are in a position to record a large increase in the number of affiliated societies. Our National Federation has really grown "from strength to strength," not only in point of number, but also in increased opportunity for more extensive and constructive service.

During the past year our National Fed-

eration has increased the number of its constituent societies from 143 to 169. This gratifying result was achieved by various methods of propaganda. A general communication to every Sisterhood, asking it to appoint a member of the organization either to visit or put herself in correspondence with unaffiliated ladies' organizations in her neighborhood, brought about commendable results. Members of your Committee on Propaganda addressed many unaffiliated societies on the aims and purposes of the Federation, and thus kept in touch with these communities until their affiliation with the National Body became assured. As a result of these activities and through the instrumentality of the various channels of propaganda carried on by the Executive Office, twenty-six already existing Sisterhoods have joined the National Body and four new Sisterhoods were organized during the past fiscal year.

Your Committee has not only put forth

its efforts toward bringing about an increase in the membership of the National Federation, but has also endeavored to assist local Sisterhoods to increase their membership. In response to our communication, urging individual Sisterhoods to conduct a campaign for increasing their local membership, many favorable replies have been received. Twenty-four Sisterhoods have indicated the satisfactory results of their membership campaign. With this fact in mind your committee recommends to each society an intensive campaign for the purpose of securing an increase in membership.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. H. H. Mayer, Chairman,  
Mrs. Max J. Brandenburger, Vice-Chairman,  
Mrs. Edgar M. Cahn,  
Mrs. Ben Loewenstein,  
Mrs. Sol Moses  
Mrs. H. Sternberger,  
Mrs. B. M. Engelhard.

## Report of the National Committee on Religion

November 1, 1917.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies:—The Committee on Religion of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods is pleased to report an increased interest and participation in the activities which it has advocated during the past year. Since the Sisterhood activities, which come under the head of Religion, have been clearly defined, it has been deemed unnecessary to increase the scope of these activities. At the same time, the work has greatly intensified during the past twelve months.

Your Committee has issued several circulars to the constituent members of the Federation. As a result many Sisterhoods have engaged in lines of activity which they had perhaps already considered favorably, but had not yet actively undertaken. As an example of a form of activity which is rapidly being adopted by our societies, I beg to mention the various efforts put forth to increase attendance at Divine Services. A large number of Sisterhoods have made special appeals from the platform or through Temple Bulletins and circulars, in addition to the general appeal which has gone out

from the Executive Office. Some Sisterhoods have adopted the plan of appointing a Committee to note those who are absent from Divine Services. This Committee endeavors to telephone to all absentees and urge upon them a more regular attendance.

In connection with synagog attendance, it may be of interest to remark that a large number of our Sisterhoods are devoting their energy toward improving the property of the synagog and toward decorating the synagog for Sabbaths and Holidays.

In many of the smaller communities the congregation depends upon the active assistance of the Sisterhood to raise funds to assist in the building of a synagog, in the maintenance and care of the cemetery, and in the improvement of synagog property.

In many cases the influence of the Sisterhood has been exerted to arrange for lecture courses and for the establishment of Study Circles within the organization. Thus the religious consciousness of the members has been deepened and their interest aroused along many new lines of work.

Your Committee has urged, for some time, the home observance of Holidays, and

is pleased to report the co-operation of a constantly increasing number of organizations. Several Sisterhoods have set apart one meeting to be observed as Religion Day. A number of societies have followed the suggestion of the Committee and have celebrated in their April meeting the anniversary of the landing of the first Jews in America.

As an accompaniment to the spiritual message of the meetings, a number of organizations have united in singing the Sisterhood Song. Many Sisterhoods have formed Choral Societies in order to familiarize their members with Jewish hymns and traditional melodies. Largely through the efforts of the Sisterhood seventeen congregations have been induced to make congregational singing a feature of their Divine Services.

In co-operation with the Sisterhoods several congregations have held public Seders

and have celebrated the various holidays in a fitting manner.

One activity carried on by the Committee on Religion has met with unprecedented success during the past year. The first edition of the Sisterhood Life of Moses Art Calendar was completely exhausted a short time after its publication, so that it became necessary to print a second edition. As a result of the untiring efforts of those ladies who had the sale of the Calendar in charge, almost eight thousand Art Calendars were distributed last year. The Committee confidently awaits the time when every Sisterhood member will be provided with a copy of the Art Calendar.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Leon Goodman, Chairman,  
Mrs. Dan Frank, Vice-Chairman,  
Mrs. Israel Cowen,  
Mrs. Kaufmann Kohler,  
Mrs. David Philipson.

## Report of the National Committee on Union Museum

November 1, 1917.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies:—During the course of the past year, your Committee on Union Museum sent out a circular to all constituent Sisterhoods urging them to take a more active part in collecting articles of ceremonial significance and in establishing local Museums. It was also the earnest desire of your National Committee to increase the value and beauty of the Union Museum. These two general lines of activity were intended to create an enhanced interest in the religious customs and sacred practices connected with the ceremonial objects. Every ceremonial object ought to be treasured by us either as a relic or symbol of an ancient custom, or because of its intrinsic significance for our life in the present. By means of the ceremonial object we may visualize for ourselves and our children the customs of our faith, so as to create and preserve a warm and sympathetic attitude toward everything Jewish.

It was with this view in mind that your Committee has repeatedly called the atten-

tion of our societies to the holding of Local Exhibits of objects used in the performance of religious duties. A number of Sisterhoods have earnestly complied with our suggestion. Exhibits of ceremonial objects, however, would not serve their intended purpose unless the meaning and significance of the ceremonial articles were properly explained. Your Committee has, therefore, suggested that one meeting be devoted to this purpose. At this meeting the Rabbi of the congregation might describe the objects and explain their historic meaning and deep-rooted significance. For smaller communities, where no capable representative or Rabbi is available, we suggested the use of our Descriptive Catalog, which will be found of great help to anyone who undertakes to prepare a paper on the subject of ceremonial objects.

Your Committee is pleased to report that it has met with favorable response to the appeal for ceremonial objects for the Union Museum. Societies, as well as a number of individual members of Sisterhoods, have sent in many objects of ceremonial. In order to place these advantageously, a beau-

tiful case was kindly donated by a member of the B'nai Jeshurun Sisterhood, Cincinnati.

Though many Sisterhoods have enthusiastically carried out our suggestions, a great number have as yet failed to realize the importance of this branch of activity. We fully trust that this realization will be attained, so that we may look forward to a

speedy growth in interest and to the accomplishment of more constructive work.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Kaufmann Kohler, Chairman,  
Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg, Vice-Chairman,  
Mrs. B. H. Printz,  
Mrs. Leo Wolf,  
Mrs. Louis Wolsey.

## Report of the National Committee on Religious Schools

November 1, 1917.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies:—Your Committee on Religious Schools begs to present an account of the activity of the Sisterhoods in the field of religious education. The work of the Committee has been most gratifying. Ours has not been the task of acquainting the Sisterhoods with the important position the Religious School ought to occupy in the spiritual life of our people, but the privilege of throwing out, in a general way, some hints and suggestions which might tend to assist Sisterhoods in furthering and enlarging their endeavors in this direction. The absolute necessity for religious education has been so self-evident that our Sisterhood members have engaged eagerly in all work advocated by the Religious School Committee.

We are pleased to report that almost all the societies enrolled on our roster have pursued the aim of religious education with earnest zeal and enthusiasm. In fact, the maintenance of the Sabbath School forms the bond that unites many of our Sisterhoods, especially in smaller communities. Out of the total of 169 constituent societies of the Federation, 130 have reported some form of activity in connection with the Religious School. There are a number of Sisterhoods that supply all the necessary equipment of the school as well as assist financially in maintaining it. We are pleased to state that the active participation of the Sisterhood in the celebration of holidays in Religious Schools is constantly growing. This form of activity seems to have won general approval. Nearly 100 societies report activities along the line of providing entertainment on the occasion of the an-

nual opening and closing of the school and of cooperating with the congregation in the observance of holidays in the Sabbath School.

Furthermore, your Committee on Religious Schools, through its circulars and individual communications, has urged in the past and proposes in the future to urge upon our members the spirit of cooperation between the home and the school. In urging the observance of certain ceremonies in the home, we had a twofold purpose in mind. We hoped, first, that through the school we might succeed in reintroducing into our homes some of the most beautiful customs of our faith, and secondly, that through the home we might implant the spirit of reverence and religion in the heart of the young child. We hoped to bring about this ideal cooperation by means of Mothers' Meetings. During the past year a number of such meetings have been reported.

Thus, whenever the occasion presented itself, thousands of our women have exerted their influence upon this fundamental factor in our spiritual life. The Sisterhoods, cooperating with the schools, help to mold the young susceptible minds of our growing generation. The Sabbath School may justly be called the link by which home and Temple are connected. Through its Religious School activity, the Sisterhood clearly justifies its name, "Temple Sisterhood," in that it brings about the close cooperation of Sisterhood and congregation.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Joseph Krauskopf, Chairman,  
Mrs. A. J. Johnson, Vice-Chairman,  
Mrs. M. J. Gries,  
Mrs. David Lefkowitz,  
Mrs. H. Oppenheimer.

## Report of the National Committee on Uniongram

November 1, 1917.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies: As a result of the Amendment passed by the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, whereby the profits of the Uniongram sales may go not only toward the establishment of Free Religious Schools, but also toward the maintenance of the Hebrew Union College Scholarship Fund, your Committee on Uniongram is able to report that considerable added interest has been taken this year in the sale of Uniongrams.

The twofold purpose of the Uniongram gave this activity a wider and larger scope and evoked a fuller and more ready response. Though the new suggestion slightly modified the original purpose intended by this enterprise, nevertheless, in a general way, it is in full accord with the spirit in which the Uniongram was conceived. Originally it aimed to create a motive for the establishment and maintenance of free religious schools, in order to provide elementary religious education for children whose parents were not affiliated with congregations. It was soon found that this worthy cause—however important—presented only a limited need, inasmuch as the establishment of free religious schools was, for various reasons, either unnecessary or impossible in some communities. We therefore sought a wider application of the Uniongram purpose so that all Sisterhoods, regardless of size or place, might undertake the sale of Uniongrams if they so desired.

In view of this fact, your Committee on Uniongrams recommended a change in the purpose of this enterprise. At the last Biennial Convention it was recommended and approved that the proceeds of the Uniongrams be used for two purposes—first, for the support of Free Religious Schools maintained by the Sisterhoods, and second, for

the establishment of Hebrew Union College Scholarships.

That such a modification was both advisable and profitable is clearly shown by the results it has produced. The new impetus induced a number of Sisterhoods to open new offices. We have also endeavored to simplify the process of operation by providing the chairman of the local Uniongram Committee with Uniongram blanks. Whenever a member desires to send a congratulatory message, such as would ordinarily be conveyed in a telegram, she telephones to the chairman, who writes out the message on a Uniongram blank and forwards it to its destination.

During the past year, 2,891 Uniongrams have been sold, bringing up the amount taken in by the office through the sale of Uniongrams in 1916-17 to \$722.75. Your Committee finds no need of commenting further upon the results of this branch of its activities. These figures, which speak for themselves of the progress that has been made are the best evidences of the growing popularity of this enterprise.

We are aware of the fact, however, that many individual members of our organization are not as yet fully acquainted with the purpose and use of the Uniongram. Having attained recognition among the constituent societies of our Federation, it becomes our task now to assure the cooperation of every one of our members in the use of the telegram substitute. Such a systematic campaign is now under operation, and we may hope, confidently, that our present efforts will meet with enthusiastic response.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg, Chairman,  
Mrs. Tobias Schanfarber, Vice-Chairman,  
Mrs. Dan Frank,  
Mrs. Robert F. Skutch,  
Mrs. James Witkowsky.

**Minutes**  
**OF THE**  
**Executive Board**



**Boston, 1919**



# Minutes

of the

## Executive Board

### Monday's Session

Copley-Plaza Hotel, Boston, Mass.,  
May 19, 1919, 10 A. M.

In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and pursuant to the call of the President, Mrs. Abram Simon, the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods held its annual meeting at the above place and time.

The following members of the Board were present: Mrs. Israel Cowen, Mrs. H. H. Mayer, Mrs. B. H. Printz, Mrs. Edgar M. Cahn, Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld, Mrs. Chas. Cohn, Mrs. Harry H. Sternberger, Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg, Mrs. Leo Wolf, Mrs. Otto Kempner, Mrs. B. M. Engelhard, Mrs. Max J. Brandenburger, Mrs. Dan Frank, Mrs. Leon Goodman, Mrs. Albert J. Johnson, Mrs. Robert F. Skutch, Mrs. Maurice Steinfeld, Mrs. Ben Loewenstein, Mrs. Abram Simon.

Mrs. Abram Simon presided over the meeting and Mrs. Ben Loewenstein recorded the minutes. The minutes of the last meeting having been printed and forwarded to every member of the Board, the reading of the minutes at this meeting was upon motion dispensed with.

The following reports were then presented in printed form, and upon motion duly carried were referred to the Third Biennial Convention of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

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On motion of Mrs. Daniel Frank, duly carried, it was decided to suggest to the Convention that measures be employed by the Sisterhoods having Executive Board members in their organizations to pay the expenses of these members in attendance at Executive Board meetings.

It was moved by Mrs. Mayer and duly carried, to present to the Convention, with the approval of the Executive Board, the following proposed amendments to the constitution:

A. An amendment increasing the number of members on the Executive Board from thirty-five to sixty.

B. An amendment increasing the number of vice-presidents from one to four.

It was moved and duly seconded that six patronesses be elected. This motion was tabled.

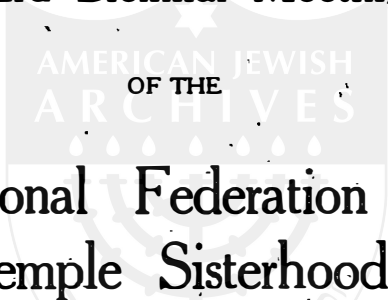
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Mrs. Abram Simon,  
President.

Mrs. Benj. Loewenstein,  
Recording Secretary.



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First Day's Proceedings

Hotel Copley-Plaza, Boston, Tuesday,  
May 20, 1919, 10:30 A. M.

The Third Biennial Meeting of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods was called to order by the President, Mrs. Abram Simon.

The meeting was opened with an invocation delivered by Rabbi Leo M. Franklin, of Detroit.

Mrs. Simon appointed the following Committee on Order of Business: Mrs. Otto Kempner, Mrs. H. H. Mayer, Mrs. Leon Goodman. The Committee presented the following report which was unanimously adopted:

**Order of Business Adopted**

The following Order of Business for the Second Biennial Convention was proposed and upon motion duly carried was adopted:

1. Each day's session shall be opened with prayer and the last session shall be closed with prayer, the President inviting a rabbi for each occasion.
2. After the address of welcome and the response have been delivered the President shall call the Convention to order and appoint a Committee on Credentials. The Committee on Credentials shall retire immediately to prepare its report.
3. Thereupon the President shall deliver her Annual Message.
4. This shall be followed by the report of the Committee on Credentials.
5. Then shall follow the reports of the Executive Secretary and the Treasurer.
6. Announcement of the following Committees to whom appropriate business shall be referred without further motions:
  - (a) Committee on President's Message.
  - (b) Committee on Resolutions to whom all resolutions shall be referred.
  - (c) Committee on Thanks.

(d) Committee on Nominations who shall bring in nominations for the Executive Board.

7. As the report of each National Committee is read, it may be either disposed of finally or referred to a special committee, whose business it shall be to carefully consider the recommendations contained therein and to advise the Convention concerning them.
8. All business pertaining to the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods must be transacted before other business can be introduced.

**GREETINGS READ**

Letters, uniongrams, and telegrams of greeting from the following persons and organizations were read to the Convention: National Conference of Jewish Charities.

Mrs. Janet Simon Harris, President, Council of Jewish Women.

Mrs. Kaufmann Kohler, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Miss Edna Goldsmith, Cleveland, Ohio.

Mrs. L. Jonas, Nashville, Tenn.

Woman's Auxiliary, Temple Beth El, Knoxville, Tenn.

Ohev Sholom Sisterhood, Harrisburg, Pa.  
Sisterhood of Baltimore Hebrew Congregation.

Sisterhood of Adath Israel, Louisville, Ky.

Temple Sisterhood of Raleigh, N. C.

Mrs. Joseph Stolz, Chicago, Ill.

Euclid Avenue Temple Sisterhood, Cleveland, Ohio.

Mrs. Israel Aaron, Buffalo, N. Y.

Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple Children of Israel, Memphis, Tenn.

Flora M. Witkowsky, Chicago, Ill.

Atlanta Branch of the Junior Sisterhood.  
Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society, Cumberland, Md.

Temple Sisterhood, Bridgeport, Conn.

Sisterhood of Keneseth Israel, Boston, Mass.

Mrs. Louis Wolsey, Cleveland, Ohio.

Sisterhood of Temple Oheb Sholom, Reading, Pa.

Mrs. Paul L. Godchaux, New Orleans, La.  
B'nai Jeshurun Sisterhood, Milwaukee, Wis.

Then followed greetings by Mrs. Abraham Fishel, President of Temple Israel Sisterhood of Boston, on behalf of the Boston community.

#### ADDRESS OF WELCOME

By Mrs. Abraham L. Fishel

Madam President and Visitors to Boston at the Third Biennial Convention of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

On behalf of the members of the Sisterhoods of Temple Ohabei Sholom and Temple Israel, I am delegated to extend to you a hearty welcome to Boston, our own beloved city.

With pride we offer the charm of its quaint historical environment. We trust your deliberations will permit you to catch something of the unique fascination that has made Boston known far and wide as the "Hub."

With hearts open with fervent hospitality we ask you to find all possible enjoyment in the arrangements our committees have so sincerely planned for your creature comforts and recreation during the hours not claimed by the work for which we are as-

sembled. We trust you will permit us to serve you one and all, at any moment, should some unforeseen occurrence create the need.

We hope you may learn to know us not only as Bostonians, but as ardent co-workers in any cause for the preservation and advancement of Jewish Women's activities.

This address was followed by a few words of welcome from Mrs. Daniel Frank of Boston.

Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg of Cincinnati, first vice-chairman of the Federation, responded on behalf of the Federation.

Mr. Simon Wolf of Washington, D. C., delivered an address of welcome for the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

The meeting was then regularly called to order. The President appointed a Committee on Credentials consisting of Mrs. Abraham Fishel, Chairman, Mrs. Henry Fisher, Mrs. A. Rosenstein, Mrs. Harry Sternberger, Mrs. David Marx, Mrs. Robert F. Skutch, Mrs. Benjamin L. Engelhard, Mrs. Jacob Goldsmith, and Mrs. B. H. Printz.

The President then asked that the entire body spend a few moments in silent devotion in reverence and respect to our hero soldiers.

Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg took the chair while the President, Mrs. Abram Simon, presented her Annual Message

## The President's Message

Our Federation holds its third Biennial meeting amid conditions that are thrice blessed. Our country, emerging victoriously from the recent war, is resuming its normal course of peace activity, and a sense of elation dominates us. In historic Boston where so many of the early days of our American Revolution were filled with glorious achievement for our young Democracy and where every place is hallowed ground, we feel a special pride in holding our sessions. All the more congenial is it that we are the guests of the Boston Jewish community and of Sisterhoods whose wide-awake activities have long since won our admiration. The atmosphere of the Wise Centenary, under whose inspiring enthusiasm both the Union and the Fed-

eration hold their Biennial, adds the third element of blessedness. We can not forget that Dr. Isaac M. Wise was the first of the Jewish leaders of our country to find a place of congregational opportunity and responsibility for the American Jewess, and we certainly feel that the creation of our Federation is in complete conformity with the spirit of his life's work for American Judaism.

#### PATRIOTIC WORK

The Federation of Temple Sisterhoods found itself constrained to devote a great deal of energy to war work. It is a source of great pride to record that our women entered whole-heartedly into these avenues of endeavor; letters of commendation from

the Women's Council of National Defense, the National Red Cross, and the National Liberty Loan Committee express their warm appreciation of the patriotic service which our Sisterhoods have rendered to the great cause of Victory. On the 7th of April, 1917, the day following our declaration of war, your National President issued an appeal urging the organization of Red Cross Units for sewing and first aid lessons and, where they could not organize separate units, she urged most strongly that they co-operate with the women of their communities for the furtherance of these ends. So extensive became the work that she found it necessary to create an Emergency War Committee, with headquarters in Washington, to be the clearing house of these activities. This Committee now passes out of existence. Incidentally let me say that the labors of our women in the sale of Thrift Stamps and Liberty Bonds were equally well spoken of.

In this connection it should be added that our Federation has taken part officially in the League to Enforce Peace, believing that its religious and patriotic duty lay in a co-operation with so worthy a National body of Americans and with the fostering of so noble a cause. At the Branch Sessions held in Philadelphia and in Chicago we were represented by delegates specially appointed by me.

The Jewish Welfare Board invited our national body into membership, and we were pleased to be of whatever modest service we could be along these lines. I wish, however, to note that our Sisterhoods were most solicitous of their Jewish brethren in camps, cantonments, naval stations and hospitals, and by their visits, gifts and encouragement to worship added much to the cheerfulness of the men in uniform. In like manner our Sisterhoods did yeoman work in securing the community collections for the Jewish War Relief. That which gave me most satisfaction was that, when the great war broke over our country, we had ready the necessary machinery and equipment of a strong organization and could pour the co-operative power of twenty-five thousand women into this great contingency. Thus our Federation as an organization was ready, willing and efficient.

It is gratifying to note that these war activities, taxing as they have been, did not

absorb the time and the thought of our women. The big problem that confronts us now is to learn how to utilize the fine art of co-operation which the war has cultivated, no less than the warm enthusiasm which our women put into their patriotic efforts, and how to direct both this co-operative art and enthusiasm into new lines of peaceful and religious serviceableness. Nearly all authorities agree that Religion has come out of the war with a deeper and a more acute consecration. It would be a profound pity if that which was true of religion in general did not also hold true of Judaism. We are still too near the war to see any tangible evidence of awakening Jewish interest on the part of the Jewish soldier or of the Jewish man or woman who remained at home. Nevertheless, may there not be beneath the surface of mere external forms of speech and habits of thought a deep vein of religious sentiment which has not yet found expression in forms of worship, conduct and institution? How then shall we conserve the Jewish spirit? Our answer may present nothing new, yet it may be that on the well-laid foundations of old we ought to continue the erection of our religious features. It is here where we touch elbows with the constructive genius of Isaac M. Wise. It was he who laid all his emphasis upon the congregation as the unit of Jewish life and authority. It is the development of the Synagogue in its educational and religious phases upon which we must lay all our strength.

### RELIGIOUS ACTIVITY

I have no advice to give on the construction of the congregation nor on the rules of membership by which such congregation should be guided. There is a fair unanimity of opinion that the congregations should be more democratic and that ways should be devised whereby the personal responsibility of every man and woman should be given full scope. I note that many congregations have gone so far as to elect women on their official Board; the future of this experiment will be watched with intense interest all over the country. It is not my task to indicate how the character of the service and ritual should be altered. It does come within my province to say that we shall lead by our example in attend-

ance at Divine Worship and by encouraging our women to foster the religious spirit by finding in the House of Worship a source of spiritual guidance and comfort. It does come within the duty of our Sisterhood to consider the Religious School but a legitimate extension of their domestic duties, and by their personal interest thus to deepen and extend the educational value of the school. It surely is our duty to make our homes the flaming altars where the fires of faith and hope shall warm the hearts of our children, but there can be no fires aglow unless the Jewess has the sense of duty, and the fervor in her own heart, and unless she takes her task seriously.

To carry out these aims, we call upon our National Committees whose work thus far has been admirable and who have devised methods for the execution of these programs of activity. These National Committees will present their reports, and I am most anxious not to anticipate any of their recommendations. You will permit me, however, to make a few comments which, while they merely touch the fringe of their reports, are, nevertheless, of such an important nature as to lend themselves to a compelling consideration by your President.

You will have noticed that our Biennial, which should have been held in January, 1919, will have presented for its consideration reports concerning the status of our Federation up to the close of the year 1918, adding thereto such important matters as have transpired in the four months of 1919.

#### GROWTH OF THE FEDERATION

The Baltimore Convention two years ago sent us away with a glow of congratulation in the knowledge that our organization had grown to register one hundred and fifty-three Sisterhoods. We left Baltimore with the slogan, "Two Hundred Sisterhoods by the next Biennial;" and with a source of greatest gratification I am happy to record that we are well within the actual circumference of our slogan. We have gained thirty percent in membership in two years. Without anticipating, I am certain that a stimulating surprise is in store for all of us; and we will be able to adjourn our sessions with an enrollment of

several new Sisterhoods which will send us out of Boston with an additional thrill of pride. I am not given to mere pride in numbers, yet I recognize that the adherence of two hundred constituent Sisterhoods is not a mere show of strength, but rather a momentum of the consciousness of the fellowship of thirty thousand women in a cause that they all love. I welcome heartily the fifty Sisterhoods which have but recently linked their fortunes with ours and, favored by Heaven, be the helpfulness we may extend to one another!

The fine spirit of harmony prevalent in our organization has been even more reassuring than the physical growth of numbers. The spirit of harmony has not prevented a healthy rivalry of achievement on the part of individual Sisterhoods. A new type of Jewish leadership is emerging and ascendant. Many a Rabbi has pointed to this new vision of Jewish women taking leading part in congregational ideals and practice, and I believe no higher compliment could be paid our Federation than the knowledge that this is true and ought to be encouraged. No congregation needs to be afraid of the encouragement of such Jewish women's contribution to their progress.

The Union Campaign for \$300,000 did not need to call for very much urging to line up our women as strong supporters of the movement which would place its institutions on a firm financial basis, and I am hopeful that in the years to come this cause will never fail to secure the constant support of our women. In connection with this Union Campaign there is being launched by it a "Double Your Membership" Campaign, in which it offers its good offices and machinery to initiate a drive in each congregation for an increase in its membership. It will not be considered dishonest, I am sure, if we women take up this slogan. There is no doubt in my mind that there are many women within the moral and religious influence of certain Sisterhoods who ought to be enrolled on their roster. I therefore recommend that the National Chairman on Propaganda invite all the Sisterhoods to enter the drive for a "Double Your Membership" Campaign. Even more ardently would I wish that doubling the membership would mean doubling the religious enthusiasm!

I have often asked myself if the holding

of a Biennial did not tend to the development of a certain aloofness on the part of the Federation. Does the Federation, as it grows larger, grow away from the people? Does it actually keep its finger on the pulse of the entire membership and does it know how the women feel about the various programs and projects which the national body has in contemplation or in execution? Under no circumstance ought any member feel that there is a barrier between her and the national body. Probably I am exaggerating a seeming difficulty. We have two excellent ways of keeping in touch with the members. First through the Executive Board and, second, through the National Chairmen. In order that the Executive Board may advance with the comparative enlargement of our Federation, and that it may be the moral representative of the geographical spread of our body, I recommend that the Executive Board be increased from thirty-five to fifty. It may be well, not merely as a compliment, but rather in order to meet emergencies that may arise, to institute the provision for additional Vice-Presidents. I recommend such an alteration in the constitution as will find room for the election of four Vice-Presidents.

#### STATE FEDERATION

The suggestion was offered by me two years ago that during the intervals of the Biennials, opportunities for cultivating Sisterhood ideals should be encouraged so that the women could meet the Sisterhoods of neighboring cities. Several of the States of our Union have a number of wide-awake societies, and I can well see how annual sessions of Sisterhoods of any one State would give large and creditable scope of cooperative work. States should, of their own initiative, organize themselves into units, electing a State Regent, and thus be enabled to carry out programs of State-wide influence and endeavor. I recommend again the earnest consideration of this project as part of the responsibility of the National Committee on Cooperation.

The war has taught us to use our eyes. The poster has come to stay. It is the one great educational power which, illustrated in the large in a Movie, holds the attention, grips the imagination, and has a compulsion within its heart. The various

schemes of publicity devised during this war have taught the American people to see and to do. I recall pleasantly that the Executive Office printed a Succoth poster drawn by Miss Elsa Weihl, and that it won favorable comment elsewhere. I am thinking of the extension of this poster idea in such a way that it will not be obtrudingly offensive. Posters illustrative of our holidays and with effective scenes of Jewish education could, I believe, if issued several times a year and if placed in our Religious Schools and Temples, come to us with a very striking appeal. I recommend a study of the educational and encouraging value of the poster in our Religious Schools and Temples.

The Scholarship Fund shows a progress that merits more than a mere passing word of gratification. To think that our Federation has now twenty-four complete scholarships, aggregating seven thousand two hundred dollars a year, is a compliment to the enthusiasm of our women for the training of Rabbis that it speaks far more eloquently than any words of mine can adequately express.

#### "THE SISTERHOOD IDEA"

In the six years of our existence I have endeavored on many occasions to emphasize the fact that there is such a thing as the "Sisterhood Idea." I am inclined to feel that the "Sisterhood Idea" has not only gripped the sympathetic imagination of our women, but has also become so well institutionalized as to guarantee itself. It seems to me that we are now prepared to speak of the "Sisterhood Tradition." As we grow older the longer is the perspective upon which we can look back. And the time will come when the children of tomorrow will speak of what their mothers of the earlier Sisterhoods had done. With advancing years we developed ideas, programs and activities, which passing through the sieve of experience, become, if not altogether sacred, domesticated enough for safekeeping. Each Sisterhood is making its own history with becoming modesty. It ought to preserve its records, its outstanding achievements and experiences. I wish to urge, not so much as a recommendation, but as a suggestion, that each Sisterhood print an Annual and send copies thereof to the National Committee on Cooperation, to

the Executive Office and to the National President.

I would call your attention this year to the Esther Calendar which we are ready to issue, and which will maintain the high artistic standard which we have set for ourselves. I do ask for your hearty cooperation, so that even if this Calendar be not a financial success, its wide circulation may prove an educational and a religious power for good.

It is a task to secure sufficient time at our Biennials for the execution of much business. It may be best to expect the Executive Board to attend to such business matters as will economize the time of the Federation. In addition to the individual reports to be presented by Sisterhoods, we are to arrange our time so carefully as to give us eight Round Table Discussions. I am so anxious that our coming together shall be rather a Conference than a Convention, and that through the Round Table Discussions we may be able to confer with one another on methods and problems as have met with success elsewhere and as are worthy of adoption by other Sisterhoods.

It is needless to indicate how deeply grateful I am to the members of the Executive Board for their unusual, cheerful and warmhearted cooperation in all our work. Possibly they have done me an injustice by not being more exacting and more critical. Unfortunately, the war has cut deeply into our best intentions, and the Executive Board meeting which should have been held a year ago was dispensed with in a desire to be economical and because we were laboring under the great stress of war duties. I am certain, therefore, that there will arise in the future no similar justification for the absence of the annual Executive Board meetings.

The constant and practical helpfulness given us by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the personal consideration of Mr. J. Walter Freiberg merit our ceaseless gratitude. How shall I be able to

express the value, the practical advice, the resourcefulness of our Executive Secretary, Rabbi Zepin, to whom a Sisterhood wish resolved itself at once into a Sisterhood command. He has been an unfailing source of fructifying stimulation. The withdrawal of Rabbi Egelson and his transfer to France enabled us to secure the invaluable services of Miss Elsa Wehl, who brought to bear upon the office of the Field Secretary her undoubtedly valuable experience and well directed energy, thus enabling Rabbi Schwarz, to whom we are always grateful, to give us more time for our larger national work than was heretofore possible.

To all the Chairmen of the National Committees whose zeal for our Cause is so keen and who have put their souls into the progress of our Federation, I wish that words were mine to express all the thanks that I would offer them. I only hope that no matter what may happen, the Federation will not be denied the continuance of their enthusiasm and their practical participation in the developing work of our society.

The Boston Sisterhoods have placed us under an especial obligation of gratitude. Their anticipation of our coming and their solicitude for our comfort invite such an expression of gratitude that it may be best spontaneously expressed by an immediate rising vote.

And now, women of the Federation, we are ready to open our third Biennial, and enter upon the business which has brought us here. I welcome you from a full and grateful heart. I thank God for our modest years of history, for the progress we have registered, and for the large and boundless opportunities of usefulness that lie beckoningly ahead. I pray for the health and life of all of you, for the increasing beauty and worth of our Sisterhood, for the expansion of the Federation of Womanhood of the World, and for the blessed inspiration of good Womanhood, good Sisterhood and good Motherhood everywhere.



Upon motion duly carried it was voted to accept this message and to express to the President the thanks and appreciation of the members of the National Federation of

Temple Sisterhoods for the excellent work accomplished.

The Committee on Credentials then presented the following report:

## Report of the Committee on Credentials

The Committee on Credentials begs leave to report that the following named persons are duly accredited delegates, empowered by their respective societies and by the laws of

this organization to participate in the Third Biennial Meeting of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

**Akron, Ohio. Ladies' Temple Society.**

- Mrs. A. Sicherman,
- Miss Malvyn Wachner,
- Mrs. S. M. Levy.

**Albany, Ga. Temple Sisterhood of B'nai Israel.**

**Alexandria, La. The Temple Sisterhood.**

**Alexandria, Va. Beth El Sisterhood.**

**Allentown, Pa. Sisterhood of Keneseth Israel.**

**Altoona, Pa. Ladies' Temple Society.**

**Anderson, Ind. The Anderson Sisterhood.**

**Anniston, Ala. Henrietta Sterne Sisterhood.**

**Ardmore, Okla. Emeth Sisterhood.**

**Atlanta, Ga. Temple Sisterhood.**

- Mrs. Henry Bauer.

**Alternates:**

- Mrs. David Marx,
- Mrs. Isaac Schoen.

**Atlantic City, N. J. Beth Israel Sisterhood.**

- Mrs. Henry M. Fisher.

**Bainbridge, Ga. Temple Guild.**

**Baltimore, Md. Sisterhood of Har Sinai Temple.**

- Mrs. Jacob Engel,
- Mrs. Chas. Weiller,
- Mrs. Adair W. Herman,
- Mrs. Chas. A. Rubenstein,
- Mrs. Jacob D. Hornstein,
- Mrs. Henry Oppenheimer.

**Baltimore, Md. Sisterhood of Eutaw Place Temple.**

- Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld,
- Mrs. Jacob S. Goldsmith,
- Mrs. Albert Bertuch.

**Baltimore, Md. Sisterhood Baltimore Hebrew Congregation.**

- Mrs. Robert F. Skutch,
- Mrs. Milton Greenbaum,
- Mrs. Morris D. Lazon,
- Mrs. David Myers,

- Mrs. Wm. Straus,
- Mrs. Henry Castelberg,
- Mrs. Isaac Davidson.

**Baton Rouge, La. B'nai Israel Sisterhood.**

**Bay City, Mich. Temple Sisterhood.**

**Bellaire, Ohio. Ladies' Hebrew Relief Society.**

**Bessemer, Ala. Beth El Sisterhood.**

**Binghamton, N. Y. Jewish Sisterhood.**

- Mrs. Samuel H. Harris.

**Birmingham, Ala. Temple Emanuel-El Chapter.**

- Miss Sadie Spielberger.

**Blomington, Ill. Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society.**

**Boston, Mass. Sisterhood of Temple Ohabei Shalom.**

- Mrs. L. P. Goldman,
- Mrs. Louis Hoffstadt,
- Mrs. Henry Penn,
- Mrs. Al. Rosenbush,
- Mrs. J. Scheinfeldt.

**Alternates:**

- Mrs. H. Cohen,
- Mrs. John Nathan.

**Boston, Mass. Temple Israel Sisterhood.**

- Mrs. Richard Pinksohn,
- Mrs. Minnie Goldsmith,
- Mrs. Abraham L. Fishel,
- Mrs. Harry Liebman,
- Mrs. Harry Levi,
- Mrs. A. S. Lauferty,
- Mrs. Dan Frank.

**Alternates:**

- Mrs. George Moses,
- Mrs. E. S. Goulston, Sr.,
- Mrs. C. Wyzanski.
- Mrs. Benj. Schellenberg.

**Bridgeport, Conn. Sisterhood B'nai Israel.**

- Mrs. Abraham Zimmerman,
- Rabbi Samuel Abrams.

**Bristol, Va.-Tenn. The Jewish Ladies' Aid Society.**

- Brooklyn, N. Y. Sisterhood Congregation Beth Elohim.**  
 Mrs. Wm. Abraham,  
 Mrs. S. R. Cohen,  
 Mrs. Hattie Richman,  
 Mrs. J. Manne.
- Brooklyn, N. Y. Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple Ahavath Sholom.**  
 Rabbi S. Peiper.
- Brooklyn, N. Y. Sisterhood of Shaari Zedek.**
- Brooklyn, N. Y. Women's Auxiliary of Congregation Beth Elohim.**  
 Mrs. Eugene H. Paul,  
 Mrs. Max J. Brandenburger,  
 Mrs. L. M. Streep,  
 Miss Anna Streep,  
 Mrs. Fredk. Langdon.
- Brooklyn, N. Y. Sisterhood of Temple Israel.**  
 Mrs. Otto Kempner,  
 Mrs. Nathaniel H. Levi.
- Brooklyn, N. Y. Sisterhood of Beth Sholom People's Temple.**  
 Mrs. Jesse H. Wasserman,  
 Mrs. David M. Levy,  
 Mrs. Naphtali Flanter,  
 Mrs. Eli S. Schreier.
- Brooklyn, N. Y. Sisterhood of Temple Beth Emeth of Flatbush.**
- Brownsville, Tenn. The Temple Auxiliary.**
- Buffalo, N. Y. Woman's Temple Society.**  
 Mrs. Saul Tumim,  
 Mrs. Simon Fleischman,  
 Mrs. M. H. Mark,  
 Mrs. Herman Wile,  
 Mrs. Gustav Benjamin,  
 Mrs. Israel Aaron.
- Cairo, Ill. Montefiore Temple Sisterhood.**
- Canton, Ohio. McKinley Ave. Sisterhood.**
- Champaign, Ill. Sisterhood of Sinai Temple.**
- Charleston, S. C. Temple Sisterhood of the K. K. B. E.**
- Charleston, W. Va. Virginia Street Temple Sisterhood.**
- Chattanooga, Tenn. Hebrew Ladies' Aid Association.**
- Cheyenne, Wyo. Ladies of Jewish Circle.**
- Chicago, Ill. Sisters of Aid.**
- Chicago, Ill. Temple Judea Woman's Club.**
- Chicago, Ill. Isaiah Woman's Club.**  
 Mrs. M. M. Freeman,  
 Mrs. Sig. Silberman,  
 Mrs. Joseph Stolz.
- Chicago, Ill. Chicago Sinai Temple Sisterhood.**  
 Mrs. James Witkowsky.
- Chicago, Ill. K. A. M. Auxiliary.**  
 Mrs. Israel Cowen,  
 Mrs. Tobias Schanfarber.
- Chicago, Ill. Sisterhood of Temple B'nai Abraham.**
- Chicago, Ill. Sisterhood of B'nai Sholom Temple Israel.**
- Chicago, Ill. Temple Emanuel Sisterhood.**
- Chicago, Ill. Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple Sholom.**  
 Mrs. Benj. M. Engelhard,  
 Mrs. Harry L. Pollock,  
 Mrs. Philip Spiegel,  
 Mrs. Arthur D. Berlzheimer,  
 Mrs. Samuel Stoll,  
 Mrs. Michael Gesas,  
 Mrs. Max Mildenberg,  
 Miss Helene Schott.
- Cincinnati, Ohio. The Northside Temple Sisterhood.**
- Cincinnati, Ohio. Sisterhood Reading Road Temple.**  
 Mrs. Harry Sternberger,  
 Mrs. Jacob H. Kaplan,  
 Mrs. I. Fleischer.
- Cincinnati, Ohio. Sisterhood Plum Street Temple.**  
 Mrs. Leslie V. Marks,  
 Mrs. Felix Kahn,  
 Mrs. Charles Shohl,  
 Mrs. Ben Loewenstein,  
 Mrs. Kaufmann Kohler.
- Cincinnati, Ohio. Rockdale Avenue Temple Sisterhood.**  
 Miss Elsa Weihl,  
 Mrs. Samuel Gutman,  
 Mrs. N. Henry Beckman,  
 Mrs. Ed. Wertheimer,  
 Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg,  
 Mrs. David Philipson.
- Clarksburg, W. Va. Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel.**
- Cleveland, Ohio. The Temple Women's Association.**  
 Miss Edna Goldsmith,  
 Mrs. Benjamin Lowenstein,  
 Mrs. Charles E. Eisenman,  
 Mrs. Baruch Mahler,  
 Mrs. Moses Gries.
- Cleveland, Ohio. Euclid Avenue Temple Sisterhood.**  
 Mrs. Sol Moses,  
 Mrs. Louis Wolsey.
- Columbia, S. C. The Ladies' Aid Society.**
- Columbus, Ga. Jewish Ladies' Aid Society.**

- Columbus, Ohio. Sisterhood Temple Israel.  
Mrs. Joseph Kornfeld.
- Concord, N. H. Queen Esther Circle.  
Mrs. A. I. Cohn.
- Cumberland, Md., the Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society.  
Mrs. Harry Kamens.
- Davenport, Ia. Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel.  
Mrs. Alphonse Mosenfelder.
- Dayton, Ohio. Sisterhood of Temple K. K. B. Y.  
Mrs. David Lefkowitz,  
Mrs. Harry Lehman,  
Mrs. J. H. Margolis.
- Decatur, Ala. Temple Sisterhood.
- Denver, Colo. Emanuel Sisterhood.  
Mrs. S. Pisko.
- Des Moines, Ia. Sisterhood United Benevolent Society.  
Mrs. Maurice N. Becker.
- Detroit, Mich. Woman's Auxiliary of Temple Beth El.  
Mrs. Leo M. Franklin,  
Mrs. Louis Welt,  
Mrs. Isaac Goldberg,  
Mrs. David J. Levy,  
Mrs. Magnus A. Hirshfeld.
- Duluth, Minn. Temple Aid Society.
- East Liverpool, Ohio. Sisterhood of Beni Israel Congregation.
- Elkhart, Ind. Jewish Women's Auxiliary.
- El Paso, Texas. Mt. Sinai Sisterhood.
- Erie, Pa. Ladies' Hebrew Auxiliary.
- Evansville, Ind. Temple Sisterhood.
- Farrell, Pa. The Ladies' Aid Society.
- Far Rockaway, N. Y. Woman's Auxiliary of Temple Israel.  
Mrs. Adolph Elsas,  
Mrs. Edwin Sommerich,  
Mrs. Isaac Landman.
- Ft. Smith, Ark. The Temple Aid Sisterhood.
- Ft. Wayne, Ind. Achduth Vesholom Sisterhood.
- Ft. Worth, Texas. Sisterhood Temple Beth El.
- Gadsden, Ala. Ladies' Temple Aid Society.
- Gary, Ind. Woman's Auxiliary of Temple Israel.
- Goldsboro, N. C. Goldsboro Temple Sisterhood.
- Grand Rapids, Mich. Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple Emanuel.  
Mrs. Chas. J. Freund.
- Greensboro, N. C. Ladies' Aid Temple Emanuel.
- Greenville, Miss. Temple Auxiliary.
- Hamilton, Ohio. Ladies' Aid Society.
- Hammond, Ind. Jewish Ladies' Aid Society.
- Harrisburg, Pa. Ohev Sholom Temple Sisterhood.
- Hartford, Conn. Woman's Auxiliary of C. B. I.  
Mrs. Jacob Atkins,  
Mrs. Bernhard Lyon,  
Mrs. Maurice Hartman.
- Hazleton, Pa. Sisterhood Ladies' Guild.
- Helena, Ark. The Temple Aid Sisterhood.
- Hot Springs, Ark. Temple Sisterhood, House of Israel.
- Huntington, W. Va. Temple Benevolent Sewing Society.
- Indianapolis, Ind. Sisterhood of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation.  
Mrs. Isaac Born,  
Mrs. Moses Selig,  
Mrs. Aaron Wolfson.
- Jackson, Miss. Ladies' Aid Society.
- Jackson, Tenn. Sisterhood L. J. B. S.
- Jacksonville, Fla. Temple Sisterhood.
- Jersey City, N. J. Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple Beth El.  
Mrs. Maurice Thorner,  
Miss Louise Loewus.  
Alternates:  
Mrs. H. Lowenstein,  
Mrs. Annie G. Gruber.
- Kalamazoo, Mich. Hebrew Ladies' Benevolent Society.
- Kansas City, Mo. Temple Sisterhood.  
Mrs. H. H. Mayer.
- Knoxville, Tenn. The Jewish Woman's Auxiliary of Temple Beth El.
- Lafayette, La. Temple Sisterhood of Lafayette.
- Lancaster, Pa. Ladies' Temple Auxiliary.  
Mrs. E. M. Cohn,  
Mrs. Benjamin Lurio.
- Lake Charles, La. Sisterhood of Temple Sinai.
- Laporte, Ind. Hebrew Ladies' Relief Society.
- Lexington, Ky. Sisterhood of Adath Israel Congregation.
- Lima, Ohio. Ladies' Aid Society.
- Lincoln, Nebr. Jewish Ladies' Aid Society.
- Lorain, Ohio. The Temple Sisterhood.
- Los Angeles, Calif. Sisterhood of Temple B'nai B'rith.  
Mrs. Herman Levi.

- Louisville, Ky. Adath Israel Sisterhood.  
Mrs. Leon Goodman,  
Mrs. Samuel Muhlfeider,  
Mrs. J. C. Goldbaum.
- Louisville, Ky. Auxiliary Temple Brith Sholom.
- McKeesport, Pa. Sisterhood of Temple B'nai Israel.
- Macon, Ga. Beth Israel Sisterhood.
- Mansfield, Ohio. Jewish Ladies' Aid Society.
- Memphis, Tenn. Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple Children of Israel.  
Mrs. Hirsch Morris.
- Meridian, Miss. Ladies' Temple Guild.
- Milwaukee, Wis. B'ne Jeshurun Sisterhood.  
Mrs. Herman Jung,  
Mrs. Max Sadek,  
Mrs. Ralph Zimmer,  
Mrs. Max Breslauer,  
Mrs. Henry Veit.
- Milwaukee, Wis. Emanu-El Ladies' Society.  
Mrs. Hugo Teweles.
- Minneapolis, Minn. Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple Shari Tov.
- Montreal, Que., Canada. Temple Emanuel Sisterhood.  
Mrs. Jos. Kruger.
- Mt. Vernon, Ind. Mt. Vernon Temple Sisterhood.
- Muskogee, Okla. Sisterhood Temple Beth Ahaba.
- Nashville, Tenn. The Temple Sisterhood.  
Mrs. Chas. Cohn,  
Mrs. I. Lewinthal,  
Mrs. Abe Hirshberg.
- Natchez, Miss. Temple Sisterhood of Natchez, Miss.
- Newark, N. J. Women's Association of Temple B'nai Jeshurun.  
Mrs. Wm. Klein,  
Mrs. Solomon Foster.
- New Haven, Conn. Sisterhood Mishkan Israel Temple.  
Mrs. Wm. Schoenberger,  
Mrs. Harry W. Asher,  
Miss Celia Asher,  
Mrs. Henry Shartenberg,  
Mrs. Albert J. Johnson.
- New Iberia, La. Ladies' Temple Aid Society.
- New Kensington, Pa. Ladies' Auxiliary of Beth Jacob Congregation.
- New Orleans, La. Ladies' Auxiliary Gates of Prayer.  
Mrs. Paul L. Godchaux,  
Mrs. Edgar Cahn.
- New Orleans, La. Woman's League of Touro Synagog (Gates of Mercy).
- New Orleans, La. Sisterhood Congregation Anshe Sfard.
- New Orleans, La. Sisterhood Beth Israel Temple.  
Mrs. Edgar M. Cahn.
- New Orleans, La. Sisterhood Temple Sinai.  
Mrs. Paul L. Godchaux,  
Mrs. Edgar Cahn.
- New York, N. Y. Ladies' Auxiliary of Central Synagogue.  
Mrs. Nathan Krass.
- New York, N. Y. Sisterhood of the New Synagog.  
Mrs. Isaac H. Meyer,  
Mrs. Nathan Glauber.
- New York, N. Y. Sinai Sisterhood of the Bronx.
- New York, N. Y. The Daughters of the Covenant.  
Mrs. A. L. Bretzfelder,  
Mrs. N. S. Goetz,  
Mrs. S. Harris.
- Alternates:  
Mrs. C. Dučas,  
Mrs. Alfred Apple,  
Mrs. J. Caro.
- New York, N. Y. Ladies' Auxiliary Temple Israel.  
Mrs. Isidor H. Kempner,  
Mrs. Samuel Matshak.
- Niagara Falls, N. Y. Sisterhood of Temple Beth EL.
- Norfolk, Va. Sisterhood of Ohef Shalom Temple.
- Oakland, Calif. The Sisterhood of Temple Sinai.
- Oklahoma City, Okla. Jewish Ladies' Aid of Temple B'nai Israel.
- Omaha, Nebr. Temple Israel Sisterhood.
- Owensboro, Ky. Temple Adath Israel Sisterhood.
- Paducah, Ky. Temple Sisterhood.
- Paterson, N. J. Sisterhood B'nai Jeshurun.
- Peoria, Ill. Sisterhood Temple Anshai Emeth.  
Mrs. Seymour G. Bottigheimer,  
Mrs. W. B. Woolner.

- Philadelphia, Pa. Sisterhood Rodeph Sha-  
lom Congregation.  
Mr. Al Berkowitz,  
Mrs. Alfred Rosenstein,  
Mrs. Arthur K. Stern,  
Mrs. Philip Rosenau,  
Miss Jeannette M. Goldberg.  
Alternates:  
Mrs. Perry Frankel,  
Mrs. Jos. Greenwald.
- Philadelphia, Pa. Sisterhood of Keneseth  
Israel.  
Mrs. Ferd. Dilsheimer,  
Mrs. Max Greenbaum,  
Mrs. Herman Pels,  
Mrs. Reuben Jacobs,  
Mrs. Hiram Hirsch,  
Mrs. Joseph Krauskopf.
- Pine Bluff, Ark. Temple Sisterhood of Pine  
Bluff, Ark.
- Piqua, Ohio. The Jewish Ladies' Aid So-  
ciety.
- Pittsburgh, Pa. Sisterhood Rodef Shalom  
Congregation.  
Mrs. Marcus Aaron,  
Mrs. Aaron Cohen,  
Mrs. Josiah Cohen,  
Mrs. Marcus Rauh,  
Mrs. A. J. Sunstein,  
Mrs. A. C. Lehman,  
Mrs. S. H. Goldenson,  
Mrs. J. Leonard Levy.
- Pittsfield, Mass. Sisterhood of Pittsfield.
- Plattsburg, N. Y. Beth Israel Sisterhood.
- Portland, Oreg. Beth Israel Sisterhood.
- Portsmouth, Ohio. Ladies' Aid Society.
- Providence, R. I. Sisterhood of Temple  
Beth El.  
Mrs. Frank L. Rosenfield.  
Mrs. Caesar Misch.
- Raleigh, N. C. Sisterhood of Temple Beth  
Or.
- Reading, Pa. Sisterhood of Temple Oheb  
Sholom.  
Mrs. S. S. Schweriner,  
Mrs. Leo Sondheim.
- Rochester, N. Y. Berith Kodesh Sisterhood.  
Mrs. Horace Wolf.
- Sacramento, Calif. Women's Auxiliary So-  
ciety of Temple B'nai Israel.
- Saginaw, Mich. Beth El Sisterhood.
- St. Joseph, Mo. Adath Joseph Sisterhood.
- St. Louis, Mo. Sisterhood of B'nai El  
Temple.
- St. Louis, Mo. United Hebrew Temple  
Ladies' Aid Society.
- St. Louis, Mo. Sisterhood of Temple Shaare  
Emeth.  
Mrs. Oscar Marx.
- St. Louis, Mo., Sisterhood of Temple Israel.  
Mrs. Maurice Steinfeld,  
Mrs. Joseph Glaser.
- Salt Lake City. Sisterhood B'nai Israel  
Mrs. Harry Gans.
- San Diego, Calif. Jewish Mother's Club.
- Sandusky, Ohio. Oheb Shalom Sisterhood.
- San Francisco, Calif. Temple Emanu El  
Guild.  
Mrs. D. S. Lisberger.
- Savannah, Ga. Sisterhood of Congregation  
Mickva Israel.
- Scranton, Pa. The Sisterhood of the Madi-  
son Avenue Temple.  
Mrs. E. C. Morris,  
Mrs. Oscar Kleeman.
- Seattle, Wash. Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple  
de Hirsch.
- Shreveport, La. Sisterhood B'nai Zion.
- Sioux City, Ia. Sisterhood of Mt. Sinai  
Temple.
- South Bend, Ind. Ladies' Aid Society.
- Spokane, Wash. Sisterhood of Temple  
Emanu-El.
- Springfield, Ill. Temple Sisterhood.
- Springfield, Mo. Jewish Ladies' Aid Society.
- Springfield, O. Ladies' Auxiliary Oheb  
Zaduka.
- Statesville, N. C. Sisterhood Temple  
Emanuel.
- Stockton, Calif. Jewish Ladies' Auxiliary  
of Temple Israel.
- Syracuse, N. Y. Ladies' Auxiliary of the  
Society of Concord.
- Tacoma, Wash. Judith Montefiore Society.
- Toledo, Ohio. Collingwood Temple Sister-  
hood.
- Trenton, N. J. Sisterhood of Har Sinai  
Congregation.
- Trinidad, Colo. Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society.
- Uniontown, Pa. Hebrew Ladies' Auxiliary.
- Vicksburg, Miss. The Ladies' Auxiliary of  
Congregation Anshe Chesed.
- Washington, D. C. Sisterhood of the Wash-  
ington Hebrew Congregation.  
Mrs. Samuel Salomon,  
Mrs. Maurice J. Rosenberg,  
Mrs. L. Baumgarten,  
Mrs. R. Lyons,  
Mrs. Sol Herzog,  
Mrs. Abram Simon.

Waterbury, Conn. Sisterhood Temple Israel.  
Mrs. Joseph J. Davis.

Wheeling, W. Va. Ladies' Hebrew Benevolent Society.

Mrs. Horkheimer,  
Mrs. Leo Wolf.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Sisterhood of Congregation B'nai B'rith.

Yonkers, N. Y. Emanu-El Sisterhood.

York, Pa. Sisterhood Beth Israel Temple.  
Youngstown, Ohio. Sisterhood of Rodef Sholem Temple.

Mrs. M. J. Samuels,  
Mrs. B. H. Printz,  
Mrs. Herman Ritter.

Zanesville, Ohio. Jewish Woman's Aid Society.

It was moved and duly carried that the report of the Committee on Credentials be adopted.

The meeting then adjourned in order to

enable the delegates to attend a joint meeting with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, addressed by Ex-President William Howard Taft.

## First Day's Proceedings Afternoon Session

Tuesday, May 20, 1919, 2 P. M.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Abram Simon.

After the minutes of the Executive Board had been read and approved the report of the Executive Secretary was presented.

## Report of Executive Secretary

Cincinnati, O., November 1, 1918.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies: I have the honor to report that during the past year the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods has added nineteen societies to its membership. They are: Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sisterhood, Beth Sholom People's Temple.

Canton, Ohio.

McKinley Ave. Sisterhood.

Cheyenne, Wyo.

Ladies of Jewish Circle.

Chicago, Ill.

Sisterhood of Temple B'nai Abraham.

Sisters of Aid.

Hot Springs, Ark.

Temple Sisterhood, House of Israel.

Indianapolis, Ind.

Sisterhood of the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation.

Jersey City, N. J.

Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple Beth El.

Minneapolis, Minn.

Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple Shari Tov.

New Orleans, La.

Sisterhood of Congregation Anshe Sfard.

Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Sisterhood of Temple Beth El.

Owensboro, Ky.

Temple Adath Israel Sisterhood.

Portsmouth, Ohio.

Ladies' Aid Society.

Rochester, N. Y.

Berith Kodesh Sisterhood.

Salt Lake City, Utah.

B'nai Israel Sisterhood.

San Francisco, Cal.

Temple Emanuel Guild.

South Bend, Ind.

Ladies' Aid Society.

Syracuse, N. Y.

Ladies' Auxiliary of the Society of Concord.

Trinidad, Colo.

Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society.

During this period four organizations resigned from the National Federation: Cincinnati, Ohio.

Walnut Hills Sisterhood.

Dayton, Ohio.

Auxiliary of House of Jacob.

Lancaster, Pa.

Ladies' Temple Auxiliary.

Wilmington, N. C.

Ladies' Concordia Society.

These nineteen, together with the thirty-two organizations which joined during the previous year, made a total of 182 affiliated

societies in the National Federation on October 31, 1918.\*

The Sisterhood news has been distributed through weekly letters to the Jewish papers and through circular letters. The chief organ of the Federation, however, has been the Union Bulletin, which is sent to every individual member of the Sisterhoods. The Bulletin is now issued quarterly, but the Sisterhoods still have a separate section in each issue. The space devoted to Sisterhood news has averaged about eight pages to an issue. From November 1, 1917, to October 31, 1918, forty-four items of Sisterhood news appeared in the Union Bulletin and 223 news items appeared in the Jewish papers.

Since our last Biennial Convention your Executive Office republished the catalog of the Union Museum. This catalog was published originally in 1913. In order to meet the need of further circulation we revised and republished the catalog in 1917; 1,000 copies of this edition were printed and distributed.

The chief work of the Executive Office has been handling correspondence, issuing circulars, keeping records and printing various articles. Information that can be of use to the Sisterhoods is carefully filed in

an accessible form. Records that are constantly changing are kept on cards so that they are always up to date. The names of the officers of all our federated organizations, the addresses of every individual member, the activities of every society, such as scholarship contributions, sale of Uniongrams and the like are accurately recorded.

The Executive Office also handled the printing and distribution of the Art Calendar. Five thousand copies were printed last year and advertised by posters and circular letters. During the past year we also issued two posters urging Food Conservation.

Among the various circulars issued by this office there were circulars explaining the Uniongram, circulars for Founder's Day and circulars describing the work of the National Federation. Five hundred copies of an address delivered by Mrs. H. H. Mayer, Chairman of our Propaganda Committee, at the Charities Convention in Kansas City, were distributed.

The work of your Executive Secretary and the Executive Office has met with very encouraging response from the various organizations of our Federation, and there is every reason to believe that this cooperation will continue.

**SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL REPORT**

The following is a statement of receipts and disbursements for November 1, 1917, to October 31, 1918:

Balance on Hand November 1, 1917, after reconciliation (in Kenwood Trust and Savings Bank)..... \$1,098.42

**Receipts**

From Dues.....	\$2,606.39		
"    Calendars.....	597.20		
"    Uniongrams.....	1,021.78		
"    Scholarships.....	5,339.63		
"    Miscellaneous.....	11.10		
"    Interest (Bank Statement).....	158.90	\$9,735.00	\$10,833.42

\*Since this report was closed fourteen organizations have joined the National Federation, making a total of 196 affiliated organizations. The names of these fourteen organizations are printed in a footnote to the Report of the Committee on Propaganda.

## Disbursements

Calendars.....	474.27	
Uniongrams.....	237.11	
President's Office.....	333.62	
Telegrams, Stationery, Postage.....	405.48	
Scholarships.....	5,000.00	
Union Bulletin.....	572.19	
Salary of Clerk.....	1,000.00	
Miscellaneous.....	51.83	
Exchange (Bank Statement).....	27.90	
Committee on Religion.....	15.08	
Committee on Union Museum.....	4.25	
War Emergency Committee.....	14.33	
Uniongram Profits Apportionment.....	250.00	8,386.06
Balance.....		\$ 2,447.36
Balance in Bank on same date.....		\$ 3,427.45

## STATEMENT OF CASH AND RECONCILIATION OF BANK ACCOUNT

The balance in the bank exceeds balance on the books by \$980.09. This was due to the fact that there were outstanding unpaid vouchers to the amount of \$980.09, leaving a balance to our credit of this amount. This balance disappeared when the vouchers were drawn.

In explanation of the above, I wish to add that on October 31, when the books were closed, we had in bank \$2,447.36. In addition to this we had in invested funds from the previous year \$3,600, which gave us a credit balance of \$6,047.36. However, this amount represented \$1,579.44 collected for Hebrew Union College Scholarships, but not yet turned over, and \$1,620.17, undivided profits on Uniongrams, leaving a real balance of \$2,847.75.

Respectfully submitted,  
 GEORGE ZEPIN, Executive Secretary.

It was moved and duly carried that the report be accepted with thanks. The Treasurer of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, Mrs. Israel Cowen, then presented her report.

## Treasurer's Report

Chicago, Ill., October 31, 1918.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies:—I beg leave to submit the following as my report from November 1, 1917, to October 31, 1918:

Balance on Hand in Bank, November 1, 1917, after reconciliation (Kenwood Trust and Savings Bank).....	\$1,098.42	
Received from George Zepin, Executive Secretary.....	9,576.10	
Interest (Kenwood Trust and Savings Bank).....	158.90	\$10,833.42
Paid Vouchers amounting to.....	\$7,378.07	
Paid Exchange (Kenwood Trust and Savings Bank).....	27.90	7,405.97
Balance (Kenwood Trust and Savings Bank).....		\$ 3,427.45

## NOTE:

Vouchers issued by George Zepin, Executive Secretary, not yet honored by Treasurer..... \$ 980.09

The Secretary's book balance is \$2,447.36; that is, the Treasurer's bank balance minus \$980.09.

Respectfully submitted,  
 MRS. ISRAEL COWEN, Treasurer.



Upon motion, duly seconded, this report was accepted with thanks.

**APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES**

The following committees were then appointed by the President, in accordance with the order of business adopted by the Convention:

**Committee on President's Message**

- Mrs. Charles Cohn, Nashville, Tenn.
- Mrs. Ferdinand Dilsheimer, Philadelphia, Pa.
- Mrs. L. P. Goldman, Boston, Mass.
- Mrs. Isaac H. Meyer, New York, N. Y.
- Mrs. Morris Steinfeld, St. Louis, Mo.
- Mrs. William Abrahams, Brooklyn, N. Y.
- Mrs. Leon Goodman, Louisville, Ky.
- Mrs. Nathan Glauber, New York, N. Y.

**Committee on Resolutions and Amendments**

- Mrs. Jos. Wiesenfeld, Chairman, Baltimore, Md.
- Miss Jeannette Miriam Goldberg, Philadelphia, Pa.
- Mrs. Herman Wile, Buffalo, N. Y.
- Mrs. Adolph Elzas, Far Rockaway, L. I.
- Mrs. Hugo Teweles, Milwaukee, Wis.
- Mrs. M. D. Rosenberg, Washington, D. C.
- Mrs. Jos. Glaser, St. Louis, Mo.
- Mrs. Ida N. Ganz, Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Committee on Nominations**

- Mrs. Leon Goodman, Chairman, Louisville, Ky.
- Mrs. Jacob Engel, Baltimore, Md.
- Mrs. Edgar M. Cahn, New Orleans, La.
- Mrs. Henry Beckman, Cincinnati, O.
- Mrs. Harry Liebman, Boston, Mass.
- Mrs. B. H. Printz, Youngstown, O.

**Committee on Thanks**

- Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg, Chairman, Cincinnati, O.
- Mrs. Harry Mayer, Kansas City, Mo.
- Mrs. M. J. Samuels, Youngstown, O.
- Mrs. Marcus Aaron, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- Mrs. Sol Foster, Newark, N. J.
- Mrs. Samuel Matshak, New York, N. Y.

- Mrs. Sarah H. Cohen, Lancaster, Pa.
- Mrs. M. Thorner, Jersey City, N. J.
- Mrs. David Lefkowitz, Dayton, O.

**Proposed Amendments Submitted by the Executive Board**

The following proposed amendment was recommended for adoption by the Executive Board:

**A. An Amendment increasing the number of members of the Executive Board from 35 to 60 members.**

Be it Resolved, That the Article of the Constitution entitled "Officers" be amended so as to read "sixty" instead of "thirty-five."

The paragraph, as amended, will then read as follows:

"The Federation, at its Biennial Meeting, shall elect by ballot sixty members who shall constitute the Executive Board."

It was moved and duly carried that the Constitution be amended as set forth above.

The following proposed amendment was recommended for adoption by the Executive Board:

**B. An Amendment increasing the number of Vice-Presidents from one to four members.**

Be it Resolved, That the Article of the Constitution entitled "Officers" be further amended so as to read "four Vice-Presidents."

The Article as amended will then read as follows:

"The Executive Board shall elect, from its own members, a President, four Vice-Presidents, Treasurer and Recording Secretary."

It was moved and duly carried that the Constitution be amended as set forth above.

The President then called for the reports of the National Committees. Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld, Chairman of the Committee on Cooperation, reported as follows:

**Report of the National Committee on Cooperation**

Baltimore, Md., November 1, 1918.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies: The National Committee on Cooperation rendered special service during the past year. Although the War Emergency Committee handled all the war ac-

tivities, your Committee on Cooperation also aided the various war activities. As soon as the National War Agencies were created they called upon the National Federation for cooperation. The Council of National Defense, the Food Administration Department, and the Jewish Welfare

Board asked the Federation for the names of all its members. The Federation immediately furnished these names and offered the cooperation of its 25,000 or more members, all of whom could be depended upon to render service. The details of the splendid work accomplished by the Sisterhood will be reported by the War Emergency Committee.

This Committee desires, however, to call attention to the tremendous value of our National organization in an emergency. We may feel proud that we Jewish women were already organized to do our share when the country needed our aid, and that we did not need to begin building up an organization when time was most pressing.

#### News Bureau

The National Committee on Cooperation has the task of bringing all the constituent Sisterhoods of the Federation into contact with each other. We desire to give the affiliated societies of our Federation complete information concerning the activities of all the other organizations so that all can become acquainted with the most successful forms of Sisterhood enterprise. This is accomplished through news-items appearing in all the Jewish periodicals; by sending to all our members the "Union Bulletin", which contains a Sisterhood section, by circular letters (especially as "reminders" of possible activities in observing the holidays properly), and by individual correspondence with the various Sisterhood units.

The Committee on Cooperation is largely dependent on the reports received from the various branches of the Federation. Fortunately, many of the Sisterhoods have given splendid reports of their activities, from which the Committee has gathered very promising information. During the past year the Committee received copies of the Yearbook of seven Sisterhoods. In addition to these Yearbooks a number of congregational Yearbooks, programs, bulletins and the like were received, in which space was devoted to the Sisterhoods of the congregations.

#### Joint Meetings

The spirit of cooperation has been manifested in the twelve cities which have more than one Sisterhood. The Committee has received definite information showing that practically all of the Sisterhoods have co-

operated in some measure with other Sisterhoods of the same city. In nine cities (and possibly more) joint meetings have been held. In several cities unions were formed to carry on war work and a great deal was accomplished in this way. The Sisterhoods deserve great credit not only for cooperation with each other, but also for their splendid cooperation with the Red Cross, Jewish Welfare Board, the Food Administration and similar organizations.

Although the Sisterhoods were all busy with war work, and those near cantonments were heavily taxed with the entertainment of soldiers, yet the students and strangers in the various communities were not neglected. The reports of twenty Sisterhoods made special reference to the entertainment of students, especially in inviting students to Seder. This branch of the Sisterhood work is gaining in volume and deserves much attention.

Several Sisterhoods have also furthered the spiritual welfare of defectives and inmates of penal institutions. Some Sisterhoods furnished all the Passover needs of penal institutions. Others gave supplies at various times and made personal visits to such institutions.

In addition to these established programs of the Federation, many Sisterhoods have introduced new ideas. "Mothers' and daughters' meetings" have been very successful. "Grandmothers' Day", in which one Sisterhood entertained all the Jewish grandmothers of the Sisterhood, was an inspiring event. "Junior Leagues" are being maintained by some Sisterhoods with great satisfaction.

The members of the Committee on Cooperation hope that the Sisterhoods will cooperate with the Committee in furthering the interests of all the members of the federation during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Jos. Wiesenfeld, Chairman,  
Mrs. J. Leonard Levy, Vice-Chairman,  
Mrs. Chas. Cohn,  
Mrs. Maurice Steinfeld,  
Mrs. Louis Welt,  
Mrs. Otto Kempner.

Upon motion duly carried, this report was accepted with thanks.

The report of the National Committee on Religion was then presented by the Chairman, Mrs. Leon Goodman.

## Report of the National Committee on Religion

Louisville, Ky., November 1, 1918.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies:—Your Committee on Religion is pleased to report that the religious work of the Sisterhoods has greatly increased during the past year. The Sisterhoods are fundamentally religious organizations and practically all their activities give some stimulus to religion either directly or indirectly. The effect that the Sisterhoods are having on the religious spirit of their local communities can not be measured accurately by the usual standards. No figures or statistics can be produced to show how much the Sisterhoods have accomplished for religion. Religion is a matter of the spirit and spirit can not be defined in figures. Yet there are certain kinds of activity, such as those that form the program of this Committee, which clearly stimulate religious growth and development. That the Sisterhoods are carrying out the program of the Committee on Religion is clearly indicated by the reports which the individual Sisterhoods have submitted to the Federation.

The communications received by the executive office of the Federation show a gratifying interest in religious work and a constant tendency to find new methods of furthering religious progress. Naturally, it is necessary for each Sisterhood to follow the methods best suited to its community. It would be impossible to accomplish or even to undertake an exact religious program in all the Sisterhoods without regard to their individual problems, difficulties, advantages and disadvantages. Your Committee feels, in submitting this report, that, although it can point out clearly much of the religious accomplishment of the Sisterhoods, it can not possibly cover all that the Sisterhoods are doing along these lines.

### Synagog Attendance

The first thing on the program of this Committee is to increase Synagog attendance. The Sisterhoods have used various methods of accomplishing this. They have made appeals through lectures, circulars and personal interviews. Even better than these appeals is the indirect method of encouraging attendance at Divine Services by

beautifying the Temple or the hall where the services are held. These methods have been mentioned in previous reports and are evidently familiar to the Sisterhoods. It might be well to suggest in this report an additional stimulus to attendance at Divine Services. In many Synagogs there is a warm spirit of cordiality that is unfortunately lacking in others. This spirit of good fellowship between the members of the Synagog which makes the members themselves, and strangers, too, feel at home in the House of God is a valuable asset. This spirit of good feeling and of interest in the service can be provided by the Sisterhoods.

In the first place, in congregations where pews are not assigned, the ladies of the Sisterhood should seat themselves in the front of the Synagog near the altar and see to it that others are also ushered to the front seats. A gulf of empty seats between the pulpit and the congregation deprives the service of much warmth. Before and after the service the ladies of the Sisterhood should not hurry to and from the services with barely a word or smile to their neighbors. On the other hand, they should encourage by their own example the exchange of "Gut Shabbes" greetings and pleasant conversation. Such an attitude adds greatly to the spiritual joy of the Service and also strengthens the Sisterhood.

Beside encouraging attendance at the Synagog the Sisterhoods are called upon to assist in the various enterprises of the Synagog. There are many enterprises in which the Sisterhoods can be of primary assistance. In fact, there are enterprises which would be impossible without the aid of the Sisterhoods.

### Aid in Synagog Enterprises

In providing Community Seders, entertainments, bazaars, and the like, the ladies of the Sisterhood further the undertaking not only by planning and advertising the event, but by giving their services in actual work. The ladies of the Sisterhood after doing Red Cross work of every sort surely realize that there is great joy in sewing, cooking, knitting and similar labor when it is done for a religious cause.

Here let me urge, however, that work of

this kind and every kind should be distributed among all the ladies of the Sisterhood. Far better results will be obtained in all such matters if every individual will contribute a share than if all the work of a Sisterhood falls on the shoulders of a few. It is gratifying to note that during the past year there have been, according to all reports, more members of the Sisterhoods taking full share in aiding the enterprises of the Synagog. Religion is, after all, primarily an individual matter. We must depend on each individual member of each Sisterhood to give her aid in furthering religion according to her own temperament and ability. The Sisterhoods can give religious aid only by organizing the efforts of individuals. Thus, in furnishing Chanukah candles to many homes, the Sisterhoods increase the charm of kindling the candles. For it is more inspiring to light the candles when one knows that the other Jewish homes of the community are also observing the time-honored custom.

#### Study Circles

In organizing study circles, especially Bible circles and religious classes, the Sisterhoods have done a great deal to foster religion in their communities. As a rule, the rabbi is called upon to teach the classes. But in some cases much and even all of the instruction is given by members of the Sisterhood. Some Sisterhoods are very fortunate in having members that are especially qualified to teach. In such cases they should never fail to take advantage of the opportunity. About one-sixth of the Sisterhoods are situated in small communities where there is no local rabbi. It would be especially gratifying and beneficial for the ladies of such Sisterhoods to organize study circles and teach themselves from books, pamphlets and other printed instructive literature.

The Sisterhoods have arranged very many individual lectures and symposiums. In a few cases they have arranged lecture courses. Much more might be done, however, in this line of endeavor, and undoubtedly much more will be done when war work ceases to require so much effort and attention.

It is hardly necessary to mention the work that the Sisterhoods are doing in con-

nection with congregational singing. Some Sisterhoods have had splendid success in this, while others have not even tried it. There can be no doubt as to the value of such singing in enhancing the beauty of the Services, and, although congregational singing is a gradual development, it is certain to play an important part in the Synagog.

"The Life of David" Art Calendar was a thorough success. Five thousand copies were printed and they did not fill the demand. The calendar met with approval everywhere.

As has already been stated in this report, it would be impossible to mention every phase of the religious work of the Sisterhoods; but there can be no doubt as to its value and its constant increase. The Committee hopes that the suggestions which have come from the various Sisterhoods and have been circulated through news items in the Jewish periodicals will be followed by all the Sisterhoods. The Committee is very much encouraged by the religious progress the Sisterhoods have made and fully expects even greater progress in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Leon Goodman, Chairman,  
Mrs. Dan Frank, Vice-Chairman,  
Mrs. Israel Cowen,  
Mrs. Kaufmann Kohler,  
Mrs. David Philipson.

Upon motion duly carried it was decided that the various Sisterhoods be asked to collect and send to the Committee on Religion any literature which might be of service for study and reading in the home.

Upon motion duly carried it was decided that any programs of interest concerning religion be sent to the Committee on Cooperation for distribution.

Mrs. Nathan Glauber of New York then read a letter from the Federation of Sisterhoods in New York expressing their desire to cooperate with the National Federation, in its program of work.

Upon motion duly carried it was decided to send a telegram to the New York Federation approving their desire and thanking them for their interest.

Mrs. Joseph Krauskopf, Chairman of the Committee on Religious Schools, presented the following report:

## Report of the Committee on Religious Schools

Philadelphia, Pa., November 1, 1918.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies:—Your Committee on Religious Schools begs leave to report that the Sisterhoods have endeavored to be of real service to the Religious Schools during the past year, as also during preceding years. The Committee has received most encouraging information concerning the work of the Sisterhoods in connection with religious education. The Sisterhoods have provided furniture, equipment and decorations for the schoolrooms. They have arranged entertainments for the Religious Schools to celebrate the holidays and have furnished refreshments and gifts on such occasions. Seven Sisterhoods have helped to maintain Free Religious Schools: the Sisterhood of the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, the Har Sinai Sisterhood of Baltimore, the Sisterhood of Oheb Shalom Temple of Baltimore, the Sisterhood of Temple Israel of Boston, the Mishkan Israel Temple Sisterhood of New Haven, the Sisterhood of the Washington Hebrew Congregation and the Rockdale Ave. Temple Sisterhood of Cincinnati.

Judging from the reports received by this Committee, we conclude that almost every Sisterhood is engaged in some activity in connection with Religious Schools. We have received direct information from over 130 concerning this work in aiding religious education. Although some Sisterhoods have not submitted any statement concerning their undertakings along these lines, we know that practically all of the Sisterhoods are interested primarily in the religious training of the children. Some of the Sisterhoods have encouraged Religious Schools not only in their local communities, but also in the surrounding territory. Thus the Sisterhood of Jacksonville, Fla., entertained the Southeastern Religious School Union, which met in its city last year.

It would be impossible to mention in this report all or even half of the Sisterhoods which have done remarkable work in aiding the Religious Schools. Yet it would not be out of place to call attention to the accomplishment of the Sisterhood of Raleigh, N. C. The ladies of the Sisterhood supported the Religious School by trimming hats, which were sold in a millinery shop, and

by holding rummage sales that netted considerable sums.

### Entertainments

The entertainments arranged for the Religious Schools by the Sisterhoods have been of various kinds. In nearly every case the children themselves have taken part in the entertainment, while the members of the Sisterhood provided the costumes and equipment and supervised the performance. Very often the Sisterhoods provided gifts of candy, fruit or the like. In some cases the Sisterhoods contribute moving pictures or stereoptican views. We may mention with justifiable pride that during the last two years the entertainments were as interesting, instructive and enjoyable as ever, but not so luxurious. The children themselves in many cases requested that the funds which were to be spent on these entertainments should be used for war relief. In at least one case the money which usually bought cake and candy for the children was used to buy a War Savings Stamp for each child. The Sisterhoods were very successful throughout the war in strengthening the spirit of patriotism and charity in the Religious Schools.

The charitable feature of the Sisterhoods' work in the Religious School will undoubtedly continue after the war. In practically every Temple whose Sisterhood arranges the Succoth Festival for the Religious School children, the harvest fruits that decorate the altar are distributed among the poor. We note with pleasure that these practical lessons taught by the Sisterhoods have made a deep impression on the children. A notable case of this sort is the action of the Religious School of the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation. The children of this school voted to instruct the Sisterhood to apply the funds usually expended for their Chanukah celebration to the Guild for Crippled Children. We should like to give other examples of this sort, as they are the most visible fruits of the Religious School work of the Sisterhoods.

### Home Cooperation

But there is another phase of Sisterhood work in connection with Religious Schools which, though not as apparent as entertain-

ments and furnishing of equipment, is nevertheless equally important. The Sisterhoods can be the guiding and sustaining power behind the Religious Schools. The great influence that the Sisterhoods have over the children of the Religious Schools can be exerted toward strengthening the effect of the schools. The members of the Sisterhoods are the mothers and sisters of the children, and they can cooperate with the Religious School in giving real force and effect to the lessons taught in the school. A number of Sisterhoods have arranged parents' meetings in order to inform the parents of the work being done in the Religious School in order that the theories taught in school can be put into practice in the home. We can not overestimate the value of the Sisterhood's achievement in bringing into the homes those customs concerning which the children are taught in the Religious Schools. The Sisterhoods are also relieving the Religious School teachers in many communities of the task of investigating tardiness and absence and eliminating these evils.

The National Committee realizes that it is extremely helpful to each Sisterhood to learn what other Sisterhoods have accomplished. Suggestions for Religious School entertainments, successful methods of raising funds for school equipment, ideas for improving the Religious School spirit and similar helpful information can be gathered from the experience of other Sisterhoods. The National Committee will continue to circulate such information through its news items and will also endeavor to send circulars and letters, containing useful suggestions, to each Sisterhood.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Joseph Krauskopf, Chairman,  
Mrs. A. J. Johnson, Vice-Chairman,  
Mrs. M. J. Gries,  
Mrs. David Lefkowitz,  
Mrs. H. Oppenheimer.

Upon motion duly carried, this report was accepted with thanks.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

## Second Day's Proceedings

Wednesday, May 21, 1919, 10:20 A. M.

The meeting of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods was called to order by the President, Mrs. Abram Simon. Dr. David Philipson opened the meeting with an invocation.

Dr. Philipson then presented a brief historical account of the institution of Confirmation.

The minutes of the first day's proceedings were read and approved.

Upon motion duly carried it was decided to introduce the Round Table Discussion before the Individual Sisterhood Reports. It was moved and duly carried to limit the discussion to two minutes for each speaker, and to allow no member to occupy the floor a second time until every other member desiring to speak has had the opportunity.

Mrs. Harry Mayer, Chairman of the National Committee on Propaganda, presented the following report:

## Report of the National Committee on Propaganda

Kansas City, Mo., November 1, 1918.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies:—The National Committee on Propaganda begs leave to submit a detailed report for two fiscal years, from October 31, 1916, to October 31, 1918. During those two years 51 new organizations were added to the Federation, forming a total membership on October 31, 1918, of 182 affiliated societies.

The National Federation of Temple Sis-

terhoods is now the largest organization of Jewish women in this country. On October 31 of this year there were over 26,000 members in the National Organization. The present number of Sisterhoods is three times as large as the number of Sisterhoods that first formed the National Federation in 1913. Every year has brought a marked increase, and the outlook for still greater growth has constantly become brighter.

Many of the organizations which have joined the Federation had existed previously as individual unaffiliated Societies, while

other Sisterhoods were brought into existence by the efforts of the National Federation. The Federation has engaged in several campaigns to interest the ladies of communities which have no Temple Sisterhood to form a Sisterhood. Through personal propaganda, correspondence, literature and like methods, we have been pointing out to the Jewish women of America the advantages that lie in National organization. The success that we have achieved in increasing the number of Sisterhoods shows clearly that the Jewish women of America are learning the benefits of co-operation.

At the present time we are conducting a vigorous campaign that is bringing splendid results. In undertaking this propaganda campaign the Committee has called upon the various Sisterhoods for information and aid. We wish to thank the Sisterhoods for their splendid response. By this united effort on the part of our individual societies and the Committee, a great number of Sisterhoods are being added to our membership.

Your Committee is also interested in the increase in the membership of the individual Sisterhoods. The Federation is planning to do a great deal in this direction during the coming year. Naturally the best propaganda lies in showing good results. Everything of value that the Sisterhoods accomplish through the Federation is an aid in propaganda work. It is necessary that we accomplish a maximum amount of work and that we ourselves and others shall know how much we are accomplishing.

The organizations which joined the Federation since the last Biennial Meeting are as follows:

**Joined from October 31, 1916, to October 31, 1917**

- Albany, Ga.—Temple Sisterhood of Bnai Israel.
- Ardmore, Okla.—Emeth Sisterhood.
- Bainbridge, Ga.—Temple Guild.
- Bessemer, Ala.—Beth El Sisterhood.
- Bridgeport, Conn.—Sisterhood of the Park Ave. Temple.
- Brownsville, Tenn.—Temple Auxiliary, Adas Israel.
- Charleston, S. C.—Temple Sisterhood of the K. K. B. E.
- Chattanooga, Tenn.—Hebrew Ladies' Aid Ass'n.
- Concord, N. H.—Queen Esther Circle.
- Decatur, Ala.—Temple Sisterhood.

- Elkhart, Ind.—Jewish Women's Auxiliary.
- Greensboro, N. C.—Ladies' Aid.
- Hazelton, Pa.—Ladies' Guild.
- Helena, Ark.—The Temple Aid Sisterhood.
- Jackson, Miss.—Ladies' Aid Society.
- Kalamazoo, Mich.—Hebrew Ladies' Benevolent Society.
- Lake Charles, La.—Sisterhood of Temple Sinai.
- Lexington, Ky.—Sisterhood of Adath Israel Congregation.
- Lima, Ohio—Ladies' Aid Society.
- Montreal, Canada.—Temple Emanuel Sisterhood.
- Newark, N. J.—Women's Association of Temple Bnai Jeshurun.
- New Orleans, La.—Ladies' Auxiliary.
- New York, N. Y.—Sisterhood of the New Synagog.
- New York, N. Y.—Daughters of the Covenant joined as a result of the efforts of Mrs. Lichtenstein of Cumberland, Md.
- New York, N. Y.—Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple Israel.
- Omaha, Nebr.—Temple Israel Sisterhood.
- Plattsburg, N. Y.—Beth Israel Sisterhood.
- Portland, Ore.—Beth Israel Sisterhood.
- St. Louis, Mo.—United Hebrew Temple Ladies' Aid Society.
- San Diego, Calif.—Jewish Mothers' Club.
- Sommerville, Mass.—United Hebrew Temple Ladies' Aid Society.
- Stockton, Calif.—Jewish Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple Israel.
- Tacoma, Wash.—Judith Montefiore Society.
- Wilkes Barre, Pa.—Sisterhood of Congregation Bnai Brith.

**Joined from October 31, 1917, to October 31, 1918.**

- Brooklyn, N. Y.—Sisterhood of Beth Sholom People's Temple.
- Canton, Ohio.—McKinley Ave. Sisterhood.
- Chicago, Ill.—Sisterhood of Temple Bnai Abraham
- Chicago, Ill.—Sisters of Aid.
- Hot Springs, Ark.—Temple Sisterhood, House of Israel.
- Indianapolis, Ind.—Sisterhood of the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation.
- Jersey City, N. J.—Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple Beth El.
- Minneapolis, Minn.—Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple Shari Tov.

- New Orleans, La.—Sisterhood of Congregation Anshe Sfarad.
- Niagara Falls, N. Y.—Sisterhood of Temple Beth El.
- Owensboro, Ky.—Temple Adath Israel Sisterhood.
- Portsmouth, Ohio.—Ladies' Aid Society.
- Rochester, N. Y.—Berith Kodesh Sisterhood.
- Salt Lake City, Utah.—Bnai Israel Sisterhood.
- San Francisco, Cal.—Temple Emanuel Guild.
- South Bend, Ind.—Ladies' Aid Society.
- Syracuse, N. Y.—Ladies' Auxiliary of the Society of Concord.
- Trinidad, Colo.—Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society
- Some of these organizations joined the Federation as the result of local efforts or were brought in by the Executive Office. Others joined through the excellent work of Federation Propagandists. Let me mention here those ladies and societies who were especially instrumental in bringing organizations into the Federation.
- Albany, Ga.—Temple Sisterhood of Bnai Israel joined through efforts of Mrs. George Solomon, of Savannah, Ga.
- Brooklyn, N. Y.—Sisterhood of Beth Shalom People's Temple joined through efforts of Mrs. Max J. Brandenburger, of Brooklyn, N. Y.
- Brownsville, Tenn.—Temple Auxiliary Adas Israel joined through efforts of Mrs. Ben Rauch, of Memphis, Tenn.
- Chicago, Ill.—(2) Sisters of Aid and Sisterhood of Temple Bnai Abraham joined through efforts of Mrs. H. I. Davis, Chairman of Propaganda Committee of the Isaiah Woman's Club, Chicago, Ill.
- Concord, N. H.—Queen Esther Circle joined through efforts of Mrs. E. S. Goulston, of Boston, Mass.
- Jersey City, N. J.—Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple Beth El joined through efforts of Mrs. Max Brandenburger, Brooklyn, N. Y.
- Owensboro, Ky.—Temple Adath Israel Sisterhood joined through efforts of Louisville Adath Israel Sisterhood.
- Raleigh, N. C.—Temple Sisterhood joined through efforts of Mrs. Sol. Weil, of Goldsboro, N. C.
- Sommerville, Mass.—Sisterhood Bnai Brith joined through efforts of Mrs. E. S. Goulston, Boston, Mass.
- Brooklyn, N. Y.—Sisterhood of Temple Israel joined as a result of the efforts of Mrs. Max J. Brandenburger, of Brooklyn, N. Y.
- Decatur, Ala.—Temple Sisterhood joined as a result of the efforts of Mrs. Harry Sternberger, of Cincinnati, Ohio
- New Orleans, La.—Ladies' Auxiliary of Congregation Beth Israel joined as a result of the efforts of Mrs. Edgar M. Cahn and Mrs. P. Godchaux.
- Dayton, Ohio.—Auxiliary Society of the House of Jacob joined as a result of the efforts of Mrs. Harry Lehman, of the Propaganda Committee of the K. K. B. Y. Sisterhood and Mrs. David Lefkowitz, of Dayton, Ohio.
- St. Louis, Mo.—Temple B'nai El Sisterhood joined as a result of the efforts of Mrs. Rachel Weiner, of St. Louis, Mo.
- Lake Charles, La.—Temple Sinai Aid Society joined as a result of the efforts of Mrs. Edgar M. Cahn, of New Orleans, La.
- Charleston, S. C.—Temple Guild of Congregation K. K. Beth Elohim joined as a result of the efforts of Miss Essie Bentschner, of Savannah, Ga.
- Helena, Ark.—The Temple Aid Sisterhood joined as a result of the efforts of Mrs. Ben. Rauch, of Memphis, Tenn.
- York, Pa.—Sisterhood of Temple Beth Israel joined April 3, 1919, as a result of the efforts of Mrs. Ferd. Dilsheimer, of Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. H. H. Mayer, Chairman,  
 Mrs. Max J. Brandenburger, Vice-Chairman,  
 Mrs. Edgar M. Cahn,  
 Mrs. Ben Loewenstein,  
 Mrs. Sol. Moses,  
 Mrs. H. Sternberger,  
 Mrs. B. M. Engelhard.

**NOTE:** The following Sisterhoods have joined since this report was closed. They are mentioned here for the information of the reader, but will be officially included in the report for next year.

Bay City, Mich.—Temple Sisterhood. Bristol, Va.—Tenn.—Jewish Ladies' Aid Society. Brooklyn, N. Y.—Sisterhood of Shaari Zedek. Cheyenne, Wyo.—Ladies' Jewish Circle. El Paso, Tex.—Temple Sisterhood. Gadsden, Ala.—Ladies' Temple Aid Society. Hamilton, Ohio.—Ladies' Aid Society. Jackson, Tenn.—Ladies' Jewish Benevolent Society. Lancaster, Pa.—Ladies' Temple Auxiliary. Mansfield, Ohio.—Jewish Ladies' Aid Society. New Kensington, Pa.—Ladies' Auxiliary, Beth Jacob Congregation. Springfield, Ohio.—Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society. Trenton, N. J.—Sisterhood of Har Sinai Congregation. Waterbury, Conn.—Sisterhood. Yonkers, N. Y.—Emanu-El Sisterhood.



Upon motion duly carried, this report was accepted with thanks.

It was moved that Propaganda to increase the local membership of individual Sisterhoods become a part of a larger Propaganda Campaign to be carried on by the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. This motion was referred to the Executive Committee for consideration.

It was moved and duly carried that delegates be urged to make every effort to persuade local Sisterhoods and kindred or-

ganizations to join the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

It was moved and duly carried that a resolution be framed, protesting against the Polish atrocities and asking for religious liberty for the Jews of all lands. It was further moved and duly carried that this resolution be cabled to President Wilson in France.

The report of the National Committee on Hebrew Union College Scholarships was then presented by the Chairman, Mrs. Joseph Stolz.

## Report of the National Committee on Hebrew Union College Scholarships

Chicago, Ill., November 1, 1918.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies:—The Committee on Hebrew Union College Scholarships takes pleasure in submitting its report for the past fiscal year. From year to year the number, as well as the sum total of our contributions, has been showing a steady increase. It was in 1914 that the Sisterhoods started the work of collecting scholarships. In that year we raised approximately \$2,000.00. Since then each year has brought a thousand dollar increase over the previous year, so that now our contributions are three times as large as those of 1914.

During the period covering the fiscal year from October 31, 1917, to October 31, 1918, ninety-three Sisterhoods contributed the sum of \$5,820.78. Thirteen individual scholarships, two district scholarships and five other scholarships were contributed, making in all twenty scholarships.

The various Sisterhoods may well be congratulated upon their success in this important branch of Sisterhood activity. Our organizations have contributed generously according to their strength, and we are equally appreciative of the large contributions of the larger Sisterhoods, and the smaller contributions of those whose means are more limited. It is just as gratifying to note the great number of Sisterhoods that have contributed as to note the large sum that has been accumulated. The fact

that so many of the Sisterhoods have shown an active interest in the cause by sending contributions is in itself a most encouraging sign.

It is evident, however, from letters received by your Committee that some of the smaller Sisterhoods have refrained from contributing to the Scholarship Fund because they could send only a small sum. No Sisterhood has ever been expected to give beyond its means, nor has even the smallest contribution been unappreciated. Every sum contributed to the Scholarship Fund, however small it may be, is welcome because it shows the desire of the Sisterhood to do its share. In fact, where no contribution was possible, we have been grateful for a mere letter showing willingness to contribute whenever circumstances would permit. Your Committee only hopes that the next Scholarship Committee may be able to report that every Sisterhood has sent a contribution, thus proving in the true spirit of our Federation, that all the Sisterhoods are cooperating for a common cause.

The value of the work of the Federation in establishing Hebrew Union College Scholarships needs only passing comment in this place. Were it not for these scholarships many young men especially gifted for the pulpit would be unable to become rabbis. The special training necessary for the Rabbinate obliges the students to devote nine years to study at the Hebrew Union College. During these years they must also attend the high school and uni-

versity. It is easy to see that under these circumstances they have little time to earn a living. Thus scholarships awarded for merit or as a loan to be repaid later enable students who have no independent income to pursue their studies. By contributing these scholarships the Sisterhoods have made it possible for a number of capable Jewish students to fulfill their ambitions of entering the Jewish ministry, and at the same time they have helped to secure more capable rabbis for our Jewish congregations. That these young men are "making good" is proved not alone by their work as preachers, teachers and social workers, but by the service they have rendered in various branches of war work. In this country as well as in France, where they have worked in the trenches, the hospitals, the camps and the offices, they have rendered invaluable service. Time is lacking to discuss the part that Hebrew Union College students and alumni played in the war. Suffice it to say that one of the chief reasons that the work of collecting Hebrew Union College Scholarships has been so supremely successful is that the Hebrew Union College students have proved to the various Sisterhoods that they deserve the scholarships they are contributing.

#### Re-districting for Scholarships

The previous Committee on Scholarships suggested that it might be advisable to make some change in district organization for collecting Hebrew Union College scholarships. The Sisterhoods were grouped into districts some years ago in order to facilitate and stimulate the raising of funds. The membership of the Sisterhoods was taken into consideration and enough members were given to each district so as to make it possible for each district to contribute a whole scholarship. Several cities decided to give complete scholarships. They withdrew from their districts, thereby increasing the difficulty of the district as a whole in raising funds necessary for a scholarship. For example, District No. 4 has practically ceased to contribute as a district, its largest member unassisted now giving several individual scholarships. Two districts are now giving whole scholarships. Four come quite near the mark. Five districts, however, are evidently able to give only partial scholarships at the very best.

Your Committee suggests, therefore, that one district be formed out of several of these. We also suggest that the contributions of every district might be greatly increased by the appointment of a chairman for each district (this chairman to be either a member of the Scholarship Committee or an influential member of the district), whose duty it should be to communicate from time to time with each Sisterhood of her district, and through team work among the Sisterhoods, secure yearly, at least, enough money for one scholarship. The Central Executive Office would gladly be of service in facilitating this work. The personal element entering into such propaganda has in the past been helpful in raising money for our scholarships, and it seems to us to have great possibilities for the future. We also suggest that the district scholarships be named after notable Jewish women, especially women who lived in those districts.

#### Raising Funds

In previous reports your Committee has suggested methods of raising funds for Hebrew Union College Scholarships. It is not necessary to dwell at length on these suggestions which are doubtless familiar to nearly all of the Sisterhoods represented here, many of whom are using these methods to great advantage. It may be well, however, in passing, to mention some of the most successful methods.

The profits from the sale of Uniongrams have been a source of considerable income for the Scholarship Fund. A collection box for offerings toward the fund at Sisterhood meetings has also proved effective. To urge that the money used for sending flowers to funerals or gifts at anniversaries be contributed instead to the Scholarship Fund is a very sensible as well as an easy method of raising money. One Sisterhood has in this manner acquired over \$800.00 this year for the fund. Another method of raising funds is the observance of a special day for this purpose. The Wise Memorial Day is perhaps the most fitting day for making such contributions, for which occasion your Committee in previous years sent a printed order of exercises to the Sisterhoods which some of them used at their meetings held in honor of that day.

Although the period covered by this report ended October 31, 1918, your Com-

mittee continued in force for almost seven months since the close of the last fiscal year. The work performed during this period will appear in next year's report. The Committee, however, will be pardoned for anticipating that report, and announcing that the centennial year of the birth of Dr. Wise has witnessed the contribution of twenty-four scholarships, \$7,200.00 to the Hebrew Union College.

The past year has imposed a great task upon all of the Sisterhoods. Many other activities, especially those connected with the war, have caused heavy financial responsibilities. Under the circumstances it is indeed a delight and a surprise that the Sisterhoods succeeded in raising such sums for the Hebrew Union College Scholarships. Is it then too much to hope that we may look forward with confidence to the future when, as we trust, war shall be no more, and some of the time and energy and money that our women have so unstintingly and splendidly expended in patriotic service may be devoted to this scholarship work, a work that is so truly in keeping with the traditions of our people and which is so genuinely akin to the spirit of Judaism?

The members of the Committee on Hebrew Union College Scholarships have considered it a privilege to serve on this Committee. They wish to thank the members of the Federation for their splendid response to the propaganda for scholarships, which has made the work of the Committee a labor of love. They also wish to express their deep appreciation to Rabbi Zepin, the Executive Secretary, and his assistant, Miss Elsa Wehl, for their promptness and courtesy at all times, as well as for much valuable assistance and many helpful suggestions, without which it would not have been possible to carry the work to the successful issue of which all of us have cause to be proud.

In concluding, it seems appropriate at this time to mention the fact that Dr. Wise (in honor of whose centenary we owe, to a very large extent, the splendid results of the last scholarship campaign) must have had a vision of something like our Federation. Three or four generations ago he had already begun traveling from place to place, urging the Jewish women to form organizations to help increase what was then known as the Stipendiary Fund of the

Hebrew Union College. Those organizations known as Educational Aid Societies have long since passed out of existence, but the spirit that prompted their founding is the same that has urged us of this generation to create the national organization of Jewish women banded together for the purpose of perpetuating Jewish learning and of keeping alive the Jewish spirit for succeeding generations.

The contributions of the Sisterhoods and Districts within the last fiscal year are as follows:

**SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS**

From October 31, 1917, to October 31, 1918

**INDIVIDUAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Baltimore, Md.**

Madison Ave. Temple Sisterhood (Adolf Guttmacher Scholarship).....	\$300.00
Sisterhood Oheb Shalom Temple (Sold-Kaiser Scholarship).....	300.00

**Chicago, Ill.**

Isaiah Woman's Club.....	300.00
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**Cincinnati, O.**

Plum St. Temple Sisterhood.....	300.00
Rockdale Ave. Temple Sisterhood.....	300.00

**Cleveland, O.**

Euclid Ave. Temple Sisterhood.....	250.00
The Temple Women's Association.....	250.00

**Indianapolis, Ind.**

Sisterhood of the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (in memory of Mrs. Dina Kiser)	300.00
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**Louisville, Ky.**

Adath Israel Sisterhood.....	300.00
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**New Orleans, La.**

Temple Sinai Sisterhood (James K. Gutheim Scholarship).....	300.00
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**Pittsburgh, Pa.**

Rodef Shalom Sisterhood (J. Leonard Levy Scholarship).....	300.00
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**Washington, D. C.**

Sisterhood of the Washington Hebrew Congregation.....	300.00
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**Wheeling, W. Va.**

Ladies Hebrew Benevolent Society.....	300.00
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**DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIPS****District No. 1—\$305.00**

Boston, Mass.—Sisterhood of Temple Israel,	\$150.00
Boston, Mass.—Sisterhood of Ohabei Shalom.....	25.00
Bridgeport, Conn.—Sisterhood of Congregation B'nai Israel.....	5.00
Hartford, Conn.—Woman's Auxiliary, Congregation Beth Israel.....	25.00
New Haven, Conn.—Temple Mishkan Israel Sisterhood.....	75.00
Providence, R. I.—Sisterhood of Temple Beth El.....	25.00

**District No. 6—\$302.63**

Bellaire, O.—Ladies' Hebrew Relief Society,	10.00
Cincinnati, O.—Northside Temple Sisterhood.....	5.00
Cincinnati, O.—Reading Road Temple Sisterhood.....	125.63
Dayton, O.—Ladies' Auxiliary, K. K. B. Y.,	50.00
Lima, O.—The Jewish Ladies' Aid Society..	10.00
Loraine, O.—The Temple Sisterhood.....	5.00
Piqua, O.—The Jewish Ladies' Aid Society,	5.00
Sandusky, O.—Sisterhood, Ohev Shalom...	10.00
Toledo, O.—Ladies' Auxiliary Society.....	30.00
Youngstown, O.—Sisterhood Rodef Shalom Temple.....	52.00

**INCOMPLETE SCHOLARSHIPS****Total, \$1,413.15****District No. 2—\$205.00**

Binghamton, N. Y.—Jewish Sisterhood....	10.00
Brooklyn, N. Y.—Sisterhood of Temple Israel.....	50.00
Brooklyn, N. Y.—Woman's Auxiliary, Temple Beth Elohim.....	25.00
Brooklyn, N. Y.—Sisterhood Beth Shalom, People's Temple.....	25.00
Buffalo, N. Y.—Women's Temple Society..	50.00
Far Rockaway, N. Y.—Women's Auxiliary, Temple Israel.....	10.00
New York, N. Y.—Sisterhood of the New Synagogue.....	25.00
Niagara Falls, N. Y.—Temple Beth El Sisterhood.....	10.00

**District No. 3—\$112.50**

Harrisburg, Pa.—Ohev Shalom Sisterhood..	12.50
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Philadelphia, Pa.—Keneseth Israel Sisterhood.....	50.00
Reading, Pa.—Sisterhood of Ohev Shalom..	10.00
Scranton, Pa.—Sisterhood of Madison Ave. Temple.....	25.00
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.—Woman's Auxiliary, Congregation B'nai B'rith.....	15.00

**District No. 5—\$40.00**

Alexandria, Va.—Beth El Sisterhood.....	5.00
Norfolk, Va.—Ohev Shalom Temple Sisterhood.....	35.00

**District No. 8—\$265.90**

Anniston, Ala.—Henrietta Sterne Sisterhood.....	5.00
Bainbridge, Ga.—Temple Guild.....	5.00
Bessemer, Ala.—Beth El Sisterhood.....	2.50
Charleston, S. C.—Temple Sisterhood K. K. B. E.....	10.00
Chattanooga, Tenn.—Hebrew Ladies' Aid Association.....	7.40
Decatur, Ala.—Temple Sisterhood.....	10.00
Goldsboro, N. C.—Temple Sisterhood.....	5.00
Greensboro, N. C.—Ladies' Aid.....	10.00
Jacksonville, Fla.—Temple Sisterhood.....	20.00
Knoxville, Tenn.—Woman's Auxiliary Temple Beth El.....	5.00
Macon, Ga.—Beth Israel Sisterhood.....	20.00
Memphis, Tenn.—Ladies' Temple Auxiliary,	91.00
Nashville, Tenn.—Temple Sisterhood.....	50.00
Savannah, Ga.—Temple Guild.....	25.00

**District No. 9—\$250.00**

Cairo, Ill.—Montefiore Temple Sisterhood..	5.00
Chicago, Ill.—Sinai Temple Sisterhood....	100.00
Chicago, Ill.—Temple Emanuel Sisterhood,	25.00
Chicago, Ill.—K. A. M. Auxiliary.....	50.00
Chicago, Ill.—B'nai Shalom Temple Israel Sisterhood.....	25.00
Chicago, Ill.—Ladies' Auxiliary Temple Shalom.....	25.00
Peoria, Ill.—Sisterhood of Anshai Emeth Congregation.....	20.00

**District No. 10—\$192.50**

Des Moines, Ia.—United Benevolent Society.....	10.00
Detroit, Mich.—Woman's Auxiliary, Temple Beth El.....	50.00

Evansville, Ind.—Temple Sisterhood.....	10.00	Springfield, Mo.—Jewish Ladies' Aid Society.....	10.00
Fort Wayne, Ind.—Achduth Veshalom Sisterhood.....	25.00	St. Joseph, Mo.—Adath Joseph Sisterhood..	30.25
Grand Rapids, Mich.—Ladies' Auxiliary Society.....	25.00	Vicksburg, Miss.—Ladies' Auxiliary Congregation Anshe Chesed.....	20.00
Hammond, Ind.—Jewish Ladies' Aid Society.....	5.00	<b>District No. 12—\$30.00</b>	
Milwaukee, Wis.—Bene Jeshurun Sisterhood.....	50.00	Louisville, Ky.—Ladies' Auxiliary Temple Brith Sholom.....	20.00
Mt. Vernon, Ind.—Mt. Vernon Temple Sisterhood.....	2.50	Paducah, Ky.—Temple Israel Sisterhood..	10.00
Saginaw, Mich.—Beth El Sisterhood.....	5.00	<b>District No. 13—\$60.00</b>	
Sioux City, Ia.—Jewish Ladies' Aid Society,	10.00	Denver, Colo.—Emanuel Sisterhood.....	10.00
<b>District No. 11—\$267.25</b>		Los Angeles, Cal.—Sisterhood Temple B'nai Brith.....	25.00
Alexandria, La.—Temple Sisterhood.....	10.00	Trinidad, Colo.—Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society.....	25.00
Ardmore, Okla.—Jewish Ladies' Aid Society,	10.00	Respectfully submitted,	
Baton Rouge, La.—B'nai Israel Sisterhood,	5.00	Mrs. Jos. Stolz, Chairman,	
Jackson, Miss.—Ladies' Aid Society.....	5.00	Mrs. M. J. Gries, Vice-Chairman,	
Kansas City, Mo.—Temple Sisterhood....	100.00	Mrs. Israel Aaron,	
Meridian, Miss.—Ladies' Temple Guild...	15.00	Mrs. Paul L. Godchaux,	
Natchez, Miss.—Natchez Temple Sisterhood.....	20.00	Mrs. Charles J. Freund.	
New Orleans, La.—Temple Sinai Sisterhood,	12.00	Upon motion duly carried, this report was	
New Orleans, La.—Woman's League, Touro Synagogue.....	25.00	accepted with thanks.	
New Orleans, La.—Sisterhood Congregation Anshe Sfar.....	5.00	Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg, Chairman of the	

## Report of the National Committee on Uniongram

Cincinnati, O., November 1, 1918.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies:—The National Committee on Uniongram is pleased to report a steady increase in the use of Uniongrams. During the first two years that Uniongrams were sold the total receipts were \$848.49, while during the last two fiscal years the total receipts were twice that much, amounting to \$1,744.53. This latter sum, \$1,744.53, represents the sale of 9,536 Uniongrams. Although some Sisterhoods have not engaged in Uniongram work, one hundred and twenty-five Sisterhoods have aided in the sale of Uniongrams.

### Uniongram Propaganda

Propaganda in favor of the Uniongrams has been carried on by letters and circulars

from the National Committee and from the Executive Office. During the past year 250 letters and 20,000 circulars were issued by the Committee. Various plans have been suggested and adopted for increasing the sale of Uniongrams. The interest in Uniongrams has been well sustained during the past year, and we have no doubt that such propaganda will be continued and increased during the coming year. Explanations of the use of the Uniongram should be made at Sisterhood meetings to familiarize the members with its purpose. Signs bearing the word "Uniongram" in large print should be hung where people will see them and inquire about the telegram substitute. The importance of publicity is fully realized nowadays, and no one will doubt the value of making the word "Uniongram" as familiar to the public as any trade-name or

business-slogan. The complete success of the "Uniongram" can come only when Jews will think of "Uniongram" as readily as they do of "telegram". The thought of sending congratulations or good wishes should immediately suggest sending a Uniongram. Consequently every Uniongram that is sent is an advertisement for the "Uniongram" idea.

Uniongrams are now sold in books of four, as well as of ten. Many individual members of Sisterhoods have found it convenient to purchase these books of four and to send their messages without applying to the Secretary of the Sisterhood or the Chairman of the Uniongram Committee each time a message is to be sent. There is nothing easier than to fill out the blank, and there can be no more appropriate nor prettier form on which to write a message. It is extremely advisable that each member have a few blanks on hand. One is always more likely to use blanks that are immediately within reach. Everyone will find it an advantage to have Uniongram blanks handy.

#### Purpose of the Uniongram

It is hardly necessary to discuss the good purpose that underlies the sending of Uniongrams. A large part of the profits has been contributed to the Hebrew Union College Scholarship Fund and the remainder has been used to support Free Religious Schools. These are the direct obvious effects of the Uniongram. But the Uniongram accomplishes far more than this. It carries suggestions of religious communion, of spiritual unity and of benevolent co-operation that add greatly to the joy of the actual messages they carry. A message written on a Uniongram has a distinctly Jewish background that forms a tie between the sender and the recipient.

The number of occasions when a Uniongram would be appropriate is unlimited. Birthdays, weddings, home-comings, and any joyous events known a few days in

advance are fitting opportunities for sending a Uniongram. There are a few occasions, however, that are especially appropriate. Rosh Hashanah is one of them. Every New Year's Day should fill the mails with Uniongrams. An intense use of the Uniongram at that time, a great flood of Uniongrams, would be the best advertising campaign that could possibly be devised. It seems absurd to spend large sums on fancy Rosh Hashanah cards when the moderate price of the Uniongram purchases a far more significant message-blank.

As a rule, the larger Sisterhoods have been more successful than the smaller Sisterhoods in the sale of the Uniongrams. This is probably due to the use of the Uniongram within the local Sisterhood. The National Committee heartily endorses such use of the Uniongram, but urges the ladies of the Sisterhood not to limit their use of the Uniongram to messages addressed to members of their own Sisterhood. On the other hand, the Uniongram should be sent not only to members of other Sisterhoods, but to any members of the Jewish faith. As we continue to popularize the Uniongram we may look forward to the time when this branch of Sisterhood work will be fully known and appreciated, and also used by all Jews indiscriminately.

The National Committee is greatly encouraged by the constant growth of the Uniongram sale. We realize that the spread of such an idea insures its further dissemination and that every Uniongram that is sent is the suggestion for another.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg, Chairman,  
Mrs. Tobias Schanfarber, Vice-Chairman,  
Mrs. Dan Frank,  
Mrs. Robert F. Skutch,  
Mrs. James Witkowsky.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, this report was accepted with thanks.

Mrs. Kaufmann Kohler then presented the report of the Committee on Union Museum.

# Report of the National Committee on Union Museum

Cincinnati, O., November 1, 1918.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies: The National Committee on Union Museum begs leave to report that our several appeals to cooperate with us in the holding of Exhibits of Ceremonial Objects, in the explaining of their usages and in donating articles to our Union Museum have met with hearty response by both rabbis and Sisterhoods. A number of Sisterhoods have held meetings and had exhibits to this effect, and individuals have sent contributions to our collection at the Museum, adding greatly to its value. A new display case is among these, which was kindly donated by Mrs. Chas. L. Moch, one of the ladies who helped in arranging the first exhibit of Ceremonial Objects which laid the foundation for the Union Museum. We have endeavored to work along the same lines as did these good women, whose piety and reverence for the ceremonies sacred to our ancestors—even those no longer practised by us—impelled them to donate the treasured Ceremonial Objects to the Museum, where as valued heirlooms they are preserved to posterity. Not because they cared less, but because they prized them the more, did they thus part with them. Owing to "War Emergency" activities, which of course took precedence over all else, our Museum may

not have had as much interest bestowed upon it as might otherwise have been the case, but with blessed Peace to hold sway, new and added zeal ought to be engendered in increasing and beautifying our collection. Should not each Sisterhood feel impelled, as part of the National Federation, to contribute its share towards making the Museum, under its auspices, a credit to its name and location? Two of our College Professors, Drs. Englander and Lauterbach, are the Curators and devote time and labor to the cataloging and placing of the objects donated, the result being most gratifying. Will not each Local Chairman of the Committee on Union Museum try her utmost to rouse interest and enthusiasm in making our Museum a national monument, and also in arranging for local exhibits and lectures? There are so many ways of furthering our cause; let them devise the best ways and means! A list of desired Ceremonial Objects is herewith again printed, also the names of such who have generously contributed since our last Biennial Meeting. May their example be emulated by many others.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. K. Kohler, Chairman,  
Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg,  
Mrs. B. H. Printz,  
Mrs. Leo Wolf,  
Mrs. Louis Wolsey.

## LIST OF ARTICLES RECEIVED FOR THE MUSEUM—1917

ARTICLES	NAME
Large picture containing biblical scenes and inscriptions.....	Mrs. Simon Bacharach, Cincinnati, O.
Megillah—Esther.....	Mr. Joseph Cohen, Louisville, Ky.
Mizrach, embroidered on canvas.....	Nanette Bloom, Cincinnati, O.
Marriage Document, 187 years old.....	Miss Ezekiel, Cincinnati, O.
Old Badges of U. A. H. C. Council Meetings.....	Mr. H. C. Ezekiel, Cincinnati, O.
Silver Trowel, used in connection with the laying of cornerstone of Congregation Bethel of Borough Park, Brooklyn.....	Mr. Michael Furst, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Lead Trendel with Hebrew characters.....	Rabbi R. Goldenstein, Pine Bluff, Ark.
A large painting of "Moses obtaining water from the rock".....	Miss R. Kronenburger, Madison, Ind.
Bread Cover with Hebrew Benedictions.....	Mrs. Jacob Rindskopf, Cincinnati, O.
Gold Embroidered Tallith.....	
Phylacteries.....	Mrs. A. Robi, St. Louis.
Megillah; Mezzuzah; small Siddur.....	
Silver Saucer.....	Mrs. Sigmar Stark, Cincinnati, O.
Instruments used in the initiation of the Abrahamitic rites.....	Dr. I. Saenger, Shreveport, La.
Unique Chanukah Lamp with the figure of Judah Maccabee.....	Mrs. Seymour Samuel, Cincinnati, O.
Two ancient pieces of china used in connection with the Seder Services.....	Mrs. A. Segel, Cincinnati, O.
Pewter Giesfass, bowl and candlesticks.....	Mrs. A. Seasongood, Cincinnati, O.
Wimpel of Abraham, son of Solomon Bondi, born 1767, same being placed in an old book-box and is dated 1763.....	Mrs. Dr. I. M. Wise, 3816 Dakota Ave., Cincinnati, O.

## LIST OF ARTICLES RECEIVED FOR THE MUSEUM—1918

ARTICLES	NAME
Small Silver Snuff Box.....	Mrs. R. Altmyer, Cincinnati, O.
Insignia of the Jewish Chaplains, U. S. A.....	Col. Harry Cutler, Providence, R. I.
Slaughter Knife (1918).....	Mrs. Rindskopf, Cincinnati, O.
Matzos brought from Algeria.....	} Mrs. G. Deutsch, Cincinnati, O.
Acorn from the Tree of Abraham near Hebron.....	
Beautiful Case for Museum.....	Mrs. Chas. S. Moch, Cincinnati, O.
Bread Cover, through the kindness of Mrs. S. Weinberg, Zanesville, Ohio.....	Mrs. Rose Brilliant, Zanesville, O.
Matzos Cover, through the kindness of Mrs. S. Weinberg, Zanesville, Ohio.....	Mrs. Geo. Becker, Zanesville, O.

## LIST OF ARTICLES DESIRED FOR THE MUSEUM

- Chanukah Lamps and Sabbath Lamps or Candlesticks.
- Kiddush-cups with Hebrew inscriptions or engravings.
- Spice Boxes, Ethrog or Citron Box on Sukkoth.
- Mezuzah Cases and Mizrachim or other wall pictures with Hebrew inscriptions.
- Megillah Scrolls with illustrations or Megillah Cases.
- Challah or Bread Covers with Hebrew inscriptions printed or embroidered.
- Seder Dishes and Matzoth Covers with Hebrew inscriptions printed or embroidered
- Mantles, Bands, Binders and Breast Plates, Bells and Pointers for the Scroll of the Torah. Old Curtains of the Ark and Covers of the Reading Desk or Pulpit, if they have any Hebrew inscription printed or embroidered.
- Hebrew Seals and Signet Rings, Betrothal or Wedding Rings with Hebrew engravings, Charms, Amulets or Talismans, Jewish Shekels and other Coins or Medals.
- Trowels used at laying of cornerstones of Synagogues and Religious School Buildings, Photographs, Etchings or Drawings of Synagogues, School Buildings and Jewish Cemeteries, Pictures or Drawings representing scenes of Jewish religious life.
- Portraits of famous Rabbis and Scholars prominent in Jewish history.
- Hebrew Documents, Engagement and Marriage Contracts, Title Deeds of Synagogues and Jewish Cemeteries, Charters, Minute Books and Records of Congregations and other religious or Jewish charitable organizations, old Hebrew prints.

Upon motion duly carried the report was accepted with thanks. Then followed the report of the National Committee on the War Emergency.

## Report of the National War Emergency Committee

Washington, November 1, 1918.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

The War-Emergency Committee of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods herewith begs to present its second report on war work. The constituent bodies of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods have engaged extensively in war work since the entrance of America into the world conflict. Now that peace is near at hand, the immediate need for several activities has been somewhat decreased and it is to be hoped that the work of this Committee will grow less and less as time goes on. In view of the fact that much of the work begun during the year 1917-1918 has been brought to a conclusion within the last few months, it may be proper to include in this report general activities which have been

carried on since the close of our last fiscal year.

The nature of the work done by the Sisterhoods is in the main similar to that carried on by other women's organizations, varying perhaps in detail and in the extent of operations. Reports received from more than 160 respective societies show the following facts regarding Sisterhood War Work:

## Nature of the Organization

As a rule, war work is done in the larger Jewish communities under Sisterhood auspices, although in many communities it has been found advantageous for the Sisterhoods to work in conjunction with the Council of Jewish Women and with various federations of Jewish organizations.

In a number of smaller communities, as well as in cities where the Sisterhoods have



no adequate headquarters to carry on Red Cross Work independently, we find a Sisterhood working, not as a separate Jewish organization, but in co-operation with the local Red Cross. It is interesting to note that even in these places, where the work is conducted by the Sisterhood as an organization, individual Sisterhood members work at the local Red Cross headquarters in addition to working at the Red Cross Auxiliary maintained by their own organization.

**Red Cross Work**

Almost all of the Sisterhoods devote one day in the week to Red Cross work, meeting in the vestry rooms of the Temple, in the Sabbath School building or at Red Cross headquarters. A large number of organizations, more than two-thirds of those which have sent in reports of War Work, devote two days of each week to this work, while six organizations work five days a week. One of our New York Sisterhoods worked daily at Oppenheim-Collins Department Store with a regular attendance of 75 women. The Brooklyn Sisterhoods formed a Union, composed of 24 societies. This Union contributed \$1,655 for special War Relief Work and spent over \$6,000 for Red Cross Work. When the need for Red Cross supplies grew particularly urgent, a number of large societies worked at night.

As regards the nature of the work done by the various organizations, the war activities embraced all varieties of Red Cross Work, although in some communities it was deemed advisable to concentrate on a few special lines. As one form of special activity we may cite the name of Temple Beth-El Sisterhood of Detroit, which contributed \$20 per month toward the support of a Red Cross nurse in France.

It is impossible to estimate just how many garments have been made by the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, because all work done at Red Cross headquarters or done by individual members in their homes can not be included in this estimate. Then, too, although many Sisterhoods sent complete statistical records of their work to the Executive Office, by far the larger number made general reports on their War Work, and many failed to send in any report at all. As nearly as we may gather from one-third of our organizations

through statistical reports on their war activities during a twelve month period, we find that the work totals as follows:

Knitted garments.....	27,865
Sewed garments.....	125,903
Surgical dressings.....	53,513

These figures are irrespective of work carried on in the home or at Red Cross headquarters. As may be understood, these totals give only a general idea of the work, as the details are too numerous to be reported.

**Food Conservation**

The entire membership of the Sisterhoods has given enthusiastic support to the work along Food Conservation lines. Every member signed food pledge cards, and almost all of the societies have included talks on Food Conservation in their programs for the year. Through the efforts of many Sisterhoods in large centers, talks on Food Conservation have been given to smaller subsidiary societies. Several organizations have edited a War Cook-Book; others have co-operated with other large organizations in the sale of Liberty Cook Books and the like.

In some instances the Sisterhoods maintained classes in first and second aid to the injured, in making gauze and surgical dressings, in knitting, sewing and cooking. These classes in most cases were held in conjunction with other organizations, although some were carried on purely under Sisterhood auspices.

**War Campaigns**

Since membership in various organizations is apt to overlap, it is difficult to say how many of the results accomplished may be attributed to one organization or the other. At the same time, it is safe to say that the Sisterhoods almost generally have taken part in various war campaigns and in some instances have helped to conduct the campaigns themselves. Our organizations have participated in such campaigns as Red Cross, Liberty Loan, Thrift Stamp, Hostess' House, Allied Relief and almost without exception in the Jewish War Relief Campaign.

A rough estimate of the Sisterhood's contributions to the various Liberty Loan Drives, gleaned from fragmentary reports, would show that our societies have brought

about the sale of \$1,685,550 worth of bonds. A large number of societies purchased Bonds and War Savings Stamps from the treasuries of their own organizations. As far as it is possible to estimate, the National Federation collected \$158,801 for War Savings Stamps, \$44,870 for Jewish War Relief and \$62,945 in the United War Work Campaign.

As an organization, the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods has published no account of its war activities up to the present, but reports of work done by individual societies are usually published in conjunction with other Sisterhood, Synagog and Religious School activities in Temple Bulletins maintained by various congregations, in the Union Bulletin and in the Jewish press. Many of the Sisterhoods, in conjunction with the congregations, are keeping records of the boys engaged in active service. In several communities the service flag has been donated to the congregation through the generosity of Sisterhood members.

In almost every large center Sisterhood representatives have been appointed by the Government to serve in some official capacity in war work. Thus we have Sisterhood representatives as local Chairmen of the Council of National Defense, Civilian League, Red Cross Units, Civic League, Women's Liberty Loan Committees, Public Safety Commission, etc. Our membership includes motor messengers, social workers, buyers for the Red Cross, factory managers, etc.

#### **Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare Work**

It is worthy of record that almost all of our organizations have been engaged in some form of Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare Work. Naturally the greatest amount of work along this line was seen in communities which were in the neighborhood of large cantonments. But even in small communities distant from the camps, contributions have been made toward Welfare Work in the larger centers.

The most popular form of Welfare Work seemed to be inviting soldiers to divine services and entertaining them in the homes for dinner. One Sisterhood entertained 400 soldiers at dinner every Sunday. Another entertained 200 at dinner every Saturday night. Ten Sisterhoods have arranged for special Sunday morning services so that the

soldiers might find it possible to attend religious services. Many organizations have placed soldiers in Jewish homes for the holidays.

Although inviting soldiers to attend divine services and providing home entertainment was perhaps the most popular form of work, another form, that of organizing entertainments for Jewish soldiers, has met with general approval. Several Sisterhoods maintained a soldiers' rest room where they provided musical entertainment at stated intervals, and served refreshments at the conclusion of the entertainment. A number of organizations have thrown open their own club rooms for the use of soldiers and have given community dinners, dances and smokers for the boys. Automobile rides, concerts and theater parties have been provided for convalescent soldiers in hospitals and Sisterhood members have volunteered to read regularly to the blind. Three Sisterhoods have adopted wards at camp hospitals. As an example of one form of Welfare Work, the Sisterhood of Keneseth Israel of Philadelphia furnished books, victrolas, records, sheet music, mandolins, Indian clubs and punching bags for the United States transport De Kalb.

The work outlined above has been done in the home community. In order to reach soldiers unable to visit the cities, about half of our organizations have appointed official representatives to visit hospitals and cantonments and ascertain the needs of the boys and the kind of Welfare Work which will prove acceptable to them. Partly as a result of this activity and partly at the request of the Jewish Board for Welfare Work a number of Sisterhoods have packed "Gift Boxes" and made contributions in money so that the Jewish boys might have some special celebration to mark the various Jewish holidays.

Where it was impractical to single out the Jewish boys for special attentions, many Sisterhoods rendered assistance and cooperated with the general agencies at work among the soldiers.

Some Sisterhood reports show that activities did not cease with the cessation of the war. Many communities have already reorganized for reconstruction work. Large sums of money have been donated by Sisterhoods for this purpose. In addition to numerous activities on behalf of the Euro-

pean victims of the war, Committees have been appointed to secure positions for returning soldiers, to cheer and care for the wounded in the hospitals, to establish vocational schools for the blind and the crippled.

Unfortunately the various influenza epidemics during the past year have increased the necessity for Welfare Work. Realizing the stern obligation imposed by this scourge, the Sisterhood of Hartford, Conn., created an influenza emergency fund, amounting to \$1,260. Another Sisterhood furnished two rooms for influenza patients.

The individual Sisterhoods cited in connection with any of the branches of work undertaken by the War Emergency Committee are mentioned merely to present a few points in a concrete manner. Every Sisterhood belonging to the Federation has been distinguished by some special kind of war activity and deserves the highest commendation.

In presenting the facts enumerated above, your Committee has been able to give only

a framework—a general outline of activities of exceedingly great variety and extent. We feel assured that our 195 constituent organizations may be counted upon to continue their unselfish and devoted work as long as the need exists.

In closing let me extend my thanks on behalf of the War Emergency Committee to every organization of Temple Sisterhoods for fine co-operation and unswerving loyalty to the ideals of the American Jew.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Abram Simon, Chairman,  
Mrs. Jos. Wiesenfeld,  
Mrs. Leon Goodman,  
Mrs. Joseph Krauskopf,  
Mrs. H. H. Mayer,  
Mrs. Jos. Stolz,  
Mrs. Kaufmann Kohler,  
Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg.

Upon motion duly carried this report was accepted with thanks.

At noon the meeting adjourned to meet at 2:30 p. m.

## Second Day's Proceedings

### Afternoon Session

May 21, 1919, 2:30 P. M.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Abram Simon. Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg introduced Miss Jeannette Miriam Goldberg, Secretary of the Jewish Chautauqua Society of Philadelphia, who presided over the Round Table Discussion.

The following program was presented:

"What can a Sisterhood do in a Large Community?" Mrs. Chas. Cohn, Nashville, Tenn.

"What can a Sisterhood do in a Small Community?" Miss Jeannette Miriam Goldberg, Philadelphia, Pa.

"How shall we Reach the Young People?" Mrs. David Lefkowitz, Dayton, O.

"How shall we Increase our Local Membership?" Mrs. Ferdinand Dilsheimer, Philadelphia, Pa.

"What Entertainments can we Recommend to the Sisterhood?" Mrs. Edgar Cahn, New Orleans, La.

"How can we Bring about a Religious Spirit in the Home?" Mrs. Benjamin Engelhard, Chicago, Ill.

Owing to her unavoidable absence from the Biennial Meeting, Miss Edna Goldsmith of Cleveland, O., was unable to present her paper on "State Regents."

It was moved and duly carried to recommend to the various Sisterhoods that they provide for a Committee on Libraries in Religious Schools and that they cooperate with the rabbis in furthering the use of ceremonials.

It was moved and unanimously carried that a vote of thanks be extended to Miss Goldberg for conducting the meeting.

## Third Day's Proceedings

### Morning Session

Thursday, May 22, 1919, 10:30 A. M.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Abram Simon, on Thursday morning, at 10:30 o'clock, at the Copley-

Plaza Hotel. Rabbi Harry Levi, of Boston, opened the meeting with prayer.

Mrs. Chas. Cohn, Chairman of the Committee on President's Message, then presented the report of her Committee.

## Report of the Committee on President's Message

With the last notes of the President's Message ringing in our ears, we turn to fasten upon the white page a record of the response of our Jewish consciousness that answered to the tocsin call of our President when she summoned us to rally to the call of "good Womanhood, good Sisterhood and good Motherhood everywhere."

The Committee notes with pardonable pride the President's reference to the letters of commendation from the Women's Council of National Defense, the National Red Cross, and the National Liberty Loan Committee, and wishes to record the pride of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods in having such a representative in these great bodies as Mrs. Abram Simon. Such high appraisal does the Committee put upon the achievements of the War Emergency Committee under Mrs. Simon's able guidance, that it petitions the Chair to retain this Committee for any sudden need that may arise, suggesting a slight change in name only, the substitution of Emergency Committee for War Emergency Committee.

The Committee on President's Message heartily endorses the following recommendations:

First, that the Executive Board of this organization of more than 28,000 women be increased from 35 to 60.

Second, that the number of Vice-Presidents be increased from one to four.

Third, that State regents be appointed to further Sisterhood interests in each State.

Fourth, that the use of the poster be extended as an educational factor.

The Committee wishes to conclude with a personal message to our President. For every kind thought in the past, we greet you; for every helpful act in the past, we thank you; for continued help in the future, we beseech you.

"We cannot find a truer word, nor better to address you,

Nor song, nor poem we have heard, is sweeter than, 'God bless you.'"

It was moved and duly carried that this report be accepted with thanks, and the recommendation contained therein adopted.

The Committee on Resolutions, consisting of Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld, Baltimore, Md., Chairman; Miss Jeannette Miriam Goldberg, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. Herman Wile, Buffalo, N. Y.; Mrs. Adolph Elzas, Far Rockaway, L. I.; Mrs. Hugo Teweles, Milwaukee, Wis.; Mrs. M. D. Rosenberg, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Joseph Glaser, St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. Harry Gans, Salt Lake City, Utah, presented to the Convention the following resolutions, which were upon motion duly adopted.

## Report of the Committee on Resolutions

### RESOLUTION No. 1

#### Committee on Progress of Sisterhoods

Whereas, The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods has reached a stage of stability and permanence with large tasks looming before it and urgent needs calling for constructive treatment, and

Whereas, A considerable part of our Biennial Meeting is consumed by the valuable yet local reports of the doings and accomplishments of individual Sisterhoods, leaving little time for constructive planning and inspirational addresses in our programs, therefore be it

Resolved, That the incoming Executive Board be instructed to appoint a Standing Committee to be known as the Committee on Progress of Sisterhoods, whose function it shall be to call upon each Sisterhood for its report of the year's work two months in advance of the Biennial Meeting, to collate the work done and suggestions embodied in these reports and present a report at the Biennial Meeting of the national organization that shall show the progress since the last meeting and make recommendations on the basis of the suggestions made in individual reports from the constituent Sisterhoods.

**RESOLUTION No. 2**

**Appreciation of Mrs. Abram Simon**

Whereas, Our beloved President, Mrs. Abram Simon, has firmly and finally decided that for good and urgent reasons she can no longer continue in her present office, and

Whereas, All pressure has been brought to bear upon her to reconsider her determination, but without avail, therefore be it

Resolved, That the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods express its deep and lasting affection and appreciation of her fine leadership, in bringing to fruition the high ideals for which this organization stands, and with the poet Wordsworth visualize her as—

“A perfect Woman, nobly planned,  
To warn, to comfort and command.”

**RESOLUTION No. 3**

**Subscription to Jewish Periodicals**

Whereas, One of the greatest needs of Sisterhood members is education in things Jewish, and

Whereas, One of the most powerful factors in modern education is the press, and

Whereas, The Jewish press could be of great educational value if its use were sufficiently extended, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Sisterhood, through its Committee on Religion, send out propaganda from time to time strongly advising the local organizations to urge members to become subscribers to at least one Jewish periodical.

**RESOLUTION No. 4**

**University Extension Work**

Whereas, The religious opportunities available to Jewish students in colleges and universities are at present insufficient, be it

Resolved, That the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods take steps in cooperation with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations to extend such opportunities and bring home to these students the message of Judaism.

**RESOLUTION No. 5**

**Religious School Libraries**

Whereas, The education of the child in the religious schools is one of the main interests of the Temple Sisterhood, and

Whereas, The library of the school can be made an important factor in religious school education, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Sisterhood, through its Committee on Religious Schools, send out propaganda from time to time with suggestions stimulating the local Sisterhoods actively to cooperate with the rabbis in the effort to establish religious school libraries.

**RESOLUTION No. 6**

**A Book of Biblical Selections and Prayers**

Resolved, That the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods ask the Central Conference of American Rabbis to prepare a book containing a series of readings to make for hope, cheer, strength, and confidence; these readings always to end with a prayer expressive of the best thought of the synagogue liturgy.

**RESOLUTION No. 7**

**Attendance at Religious Services**

Resolved, That the various Sisterhoods appeal to the members of their Executive Boards urging them to make every effort to attend religious services and that a letter to this effect be sent to the local sections.

Upon motion duly carried, it was decided to send the following cablegram to President Wilson:

Hon. Woodrow Wilson,

President of the United States:

The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, numbering twenty-eight thousand Jewish women throughout the United States, at its Third Biennial Meeting in session in Boston, Mass., is stirred to expressions of horror at the injustices and cruelties to which Jews in Eastern Europe, notably in Poland, are being subjected. In lands where they have dwelt for generations and for which they have made every sacrifice in blood and treasure throughout the war, they are still made victims of countless outrages.

The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods enters a solemn protest against these persecutions. In the name of justice and humanity—the ideals for which America entered the war and in the vindication of which America and the allies have triumphed—we call upon the delegates of the nations assembled in Paris to take steps immediately to put an end to these out-

rages and to insist that enforceable provisions be made for economic, civic, and religious equality for all peoples and for their protection everywhere.

The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, Cincinnati, O.

Upon motion duly carried it was decided that propaganda for Jewish observances be carried on by the National Committee on Religion through the medium of the Jewish press and that the Committee on Religion take into consideration the formation of a Library Committee.

Upon motion duly carried it was decided that propaganda literature on behalf of the activities of any particular national committee, be sent directly to the corresponding local committee.

Upon motion duly carried it was decided to recommend to the Executive Board the advisability of appointing a Finance Committee.

The Committee on Nominations then presented the following report:

## Report of the Committee on Nominations

Madam Chairman and Ladies:

The revision of the by-laws calls for sixty members on the Executive Board. Your committee has made every effort to give representation to Sisterhoods in all parts of the country, and begs leave to present the following names for election to the Executive Board:

Mrs. Israel Aaron, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Mrs. William Abrahams, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 Mrs. Henry Bauer, Atlanta, Ga.  
 Mrs. N. M. Becker, Des Moines, Iowa.  
 Mrs. Isaac Born, Indianapolis, Ind.  
 Mrs. Max J. Brandenburger, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 Mrs. Edgar M. Cahn, New Orleans, La.  
 Mrs. Chas. Cohn, Nashville, Tenn.  
 Mrs. Israel Cowen, Chicago, Ill.  
 Mrs. B. M. Engelhard, Chicago, Ill.  
 Mrs. A. L. Fishel, Boston, Mass.  
 Mrs. Dan Frank, Boston, Mass.  
 Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg, Cincinnati, O.  
 Mrs. Chas. J. Freund, Grand Rapids, Mich.  
 Mrs. Harry Gans, Salt Lake City, Utah.  
 Mrs. Nathan Glauber, New York, N. Y.  
 Mrs. Paul L. Godchaux, New Orleans, La.  
 Mrs. Isaac Goldberg, Detroit, Mich.  
 Miss Jeannette M. Goldberg, Jefferson, Tex.  
 Mrs. Julius Goldstein, Mobile, Ala.  
 Mrs. Leon Goodman, Louisville, Ky.  
 Mrs. Moses J. Gries, Cleveland, O.  
 Mrs. Albert J. Johnson, New Haven, Conn.  
 Mrs. Otto Kempner, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 Mrs. Kaufmann Kohler, Cincinnati, O.  
 Mrs. Joseph Krauskopf, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Mrs. Isaac Landman, Far Rockaway, N. Y.  
 Mrs. David Lefkowitz, Dayton, O.  
 Mrs. J. Leonard Levy, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Mrs. Samuel Levy, Akron, O.

Mrs. Harry Liebman, Boston, Mass.  
 Mrs. D. S. Lisberger, San Francisco, Cal.  
 Mrs. Ben Loewenstein, Cincinnati, O.  
 Mrs. H. H. Mayer, Kansas City, Mo.  
 Mrs. Isaac H. Meyer, New York, N. Y.  
 Mrs. Caesar Misch, Providence, R. I.  
 Mrs. Hirsch Morris, Memphis, Tenn.  
 Mrs. Sol Moses, Cleveland, O.  
 Mrs. H. Oppenheimer, Baltimore, Md.  
 Mrs. Henry Penn, Boston, Mass.  
 Mrs. David Philipson, Cincinnati, O.  
 Mrs. S. Pisko, Denver, Colo.  
 Mrs. B. H. Printz, Youngstown, O.  
 Mrs. Marcus Rauh, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Mrs. Philip Rosenau, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Mrs. T. Schanfarber, Chicago, Ill.  
 Mrs. Abram Simon, Washington, D. C.  
 Mrs. Robert F. Skutch, Baltimore, Md.  
 Mrs. Maurice Steinfeld, St. Louis, Mo.  
 Mrs. Harry H. Sternberger, Cincinnati, O.  
 Mrs. Joseph Stolz, Chicago, Ill.  
 Mrs. Hugo Teweles, Milwaukee, Wis.  
 Mrs. M. Thorner, Jersey City, N. J.  
 Mrs. Louis Welt, Detroit, Mich.  
 Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld, Baltimore, Md.  
 Mrs. Herman Wile, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Mrs. James Witkowsky, Chicago, Ill.  
 Mrs. Horace J. Wolf, Rochester, N. Y.  
 Mrs. Leo Wolf, Wheeling, W. Va.  
 Mrs. Louis Wolsey, Cleveland, O.  
 Mrs. W. B. Woolner, Peoria, Ill.  
 Mrs. Herman Young, Milwaukee, Wis.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Leon Goodman, Chairman,  
 Mrs. Jacob Engel,  
 Mrs. Edgar M. Cahn,  
 Mrs. Henry Beckman,  
 Mrs. Harry Liebman,  
 Mrs. B. H. Printz.

It was moved and unanimously carried that the report of the Committee on Nominations be accepted and that the Secretary be instructed to cast one ballot for the names presented.

After this was done, the President, Mrs.

Abram Simon, declared the members whose names were presented by the Committee, duly elected as members of the Executive Board.

The Committee on Thanks then presented the following report:

## Report of Committee on Thanks

To the President and Members of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies: Before closing the sessions of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, we wish to extend our sincere thanks to those who have made our meetings here successful and our visit pleasant.

We wish particularly to thank Mrs. Abraham Fishel and Mrs. Daniel Frank for their very hearty greetings. We beg to extend our thanks to Dr. Levy for his beautiful welcome at the services in the Temple, to Rabbi Franklin, Rabbi Philipson and Rabbi Simon for their inspiring and uplifting prayers. Finally, we desire to express our gratitude to Mr. Jacob R. Morse and to the women of Boston who have been untiring in all their efforts to make our visit here both interesting and entertaining.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg, Chairman,  
 Mrs. Harry Mayer,  
 Mrs. M. J. Samuels,  
 Mrs. Marcus Aaron,  
 Mrs. Solomon Foster,  
 Mrs. Samuel Matshak,  
 Mrs. Sarah H. Cohen,  
 Mrs. M. Thorner,  
 Mrs. David Lefkowitz.

It was moved and unanimously carried by a rising vote that the report be accepted.

Mrs. Simon then declared the Second Biennial Meeting of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods adjourned sine die.



Mrs. Abram Simon,  
 President.

Mrs. Benjamin Loewenstein,  
 Recording Secretary.

Minutes  
OF THE  
Executive Board





# Minutes of the Executive Board

Boston, Mass., May 22, 12 A. M.

The newly elected members of the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, met on Thursday, May 22, 12:00 A. M., immediately upon the close of the General Convention at the Copley-Plaza Hotel.

### Election of Officers

The Executive Board at once proceeded to the election of officers in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution. The following officers were unanimously elected:

Honorary President—Mrs. Abram Simon, Washington.

President—Mrs. Jos. Wiesenfeld, Baltimore.

First Vice-President—Mrs. J. W. Freiberg, Cincinnati.

Second Vice-President—Mrs. Israel Cowen, Chicago.

Third Vice-President—Mrs. Daniel Frank, Boston.

Fourth Vice-President—Mrs. Leon Goodman, Louisville.

Treasurer—Mrs. A. J. Johnson, New Haven.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. Ben Loewenstein, Cincinnati.

Executive Secretary—Rabbi George Zepin, Cincinnati.

Assistant Executive Secretary—Miss Elsa Wehl, Cincinnati.

Upon motion duly carried, it was decided that a Committee of three be appointed to arrange for the time and place for the next Executive Committee meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Mrs. Jos. Wiesenfeld,  
President.

Mrs. Benjamin Loewenstein,  
Recording Secretary.



## Appendix A

### Membership List\*

City	Sisterhood	Members	Officers
Akron, O.	Temple Israel Sisterhood	108	Mrs. Armin Sicherman, Pres. Mrs. S. M. Levy, Secy.
Albany, Ga.	Temple Sisterhood of B'nai Israel	52	Mrs. L. S. Plonsky, Pres. Mrs. Ben Cohn, Secy.
Alexandria, La.	The Temple Sisterhood	82	Mrs. Chas. Sackman, Pres. Mrs. E. Joseph, Secy.
Alexandria, Va.	Beth El Sisterhood	29	Mrs. R. Whitestone, Pres. Miss Minnie Jaffa, Secy.
Allentown, Pa.	Sisterhood of Keneseth Israel	47	Mrs. A. Somers, Pres. Miss Rae Pauline Kemp, Secy.
Altoona, Pa.	Ladies' Temple Society	30	Mrs. Minnie Simon, Pres. Mrs. B. Dreifus, Secy.
Anderson, Ind.	The Anderson Sisterhood	16	Mrs. M. James, Pres. Mrs. I. M. Bing, Secy.
Anniston, Ala.	Henrietta Sterne Sisterhood	24	Miss Carrie Sterne, Pres.
Ardmore, Okla.	Emeth Sisterhood	50	Mrs. Julius Kahn, Pres. Mrs. Max Westheimer, Secy.
Atlanta, Ga.	Temple Sisterhood	300	Mrs. Henry Bauer, Pres. Mrs. Sam Schoen, Secy.
Atlantic City, N. J.	Beth Israel Sisterhood	100	Mrs. Saml. Sternberger, Pres. Mrs. L. J. Kursheedt, Secy.
Bainbridge, Ga.	Temple Guild	24	Mrs. Max E. Nussbaum, Pres. Mrs. David A. Cohen, Secy.
Baltimore, Md.	Sisterhood of Eutaw Place Temple	503	Mrs. Jos. Wiesenfeld, Pres. Mrs. A. Bertuch, Secy.
	Baltimore Hebrew Congregation Sisterhood	508	Mrs. Robert F. Skutch, Pres. Miss Florence Gutman, Secy.
	Har Sinai Sisterhood	180	Mrs. Jacob Engel, Pres. Mrs. Louis S. Fiteman, Secy.
Baton Rouge, La.	Bene Israel Sisterhood	44	Mrs. A. Bauer, Pres. Mrs. Mayer Maas, Secy.
Bay City, Mich.	Temple Sisterhood	21	Mrs. N. Spiesberger, Secy.
Bellaire, O.	Ladies Hebrew Relief Society	27	Mrs. A. Luchs, Pres. Mrs. Harry Herzberg, Secy.
Bessemer, Ala.	Beth El Sisterhood	18	Mrs. Sam'l Erlick, Pres. Mrs. Philip Erlick, Secy.
Binghamton, N. Y.	Jewish Sisterhood	55	Mrs. S. H. Harris, Pres. Miss May Gutman, Secy.
Birmingham, Ala.	Temple Emanu-El Chapter	100	Mrs. Sidney Hart, Pres. Mrs. Herman Rich, Secy.
Bloomington, Ill.	Hebrew Ladies Aid Society	15	Mrs. Albert Schwarzman, Pres. Mrs. C. Davidson, Secy.
Boston, Mass.	Temple Israel Sisterhood	318	Mrs. A. L. Fishel, Pres. Mrs. J. Jacobs, Secy.
	Sisterhood of Temple Ohavie Shalom	218	Mrs. L. Goldman, Pres. Mrs. B. Smith, Secy.
Bridgeport, Conn.	Sisterhood of Park Ave. Temple	92	Mrs. Abrahm Zimmerman, Pres. Mrs. George Walder, Secy.

\*This list contains the officers and number of members reported by the Sisterhoods to the Executive Office up to April 1, 1919. As there is no uniformity in the time for election of officers by the local bodies, almost every month in the year having been selected for this purpose by some Sisterhoods, it is virtually impossible to publish a list that will be up to date at the time of publication.

City	Sisterhood	Members	Officers
Bristol, Va.-Tenn.	Jewish Ladies Aid Society	...	Mrs. G. Aronhime, Pres. Mrs. P. B. Aronhime, Secy.
Brooklyn, N. Y.	The Woman's Auxiliary of Congregation Beth Elohim	265	Mrs. Eugene H. Paul, Pres. Mrs. Frederick Langdon, Secy.
	Sisterhood Temple Beth Elohim, Keap St.	260	Mrs. Abraham Schiff, Pres. Mrs. Leopold Levy, Secy.
	Sisterhood of Temple Israel	150	Miss Grace Bullowa, Pres. Mrs. I. F. Stein, Secy.
	Ladies Auxiliary of Temple Ahavath Sholom	50	Mrs. Ascher, Pres. Mrs. S. Goldhamer, Cor. Secy.
Bensonhurst, Brooklyn, N. Y.	Sisterhood of Beth Sholom People's Temple	187	Mrs. Abraham Brill, Pres. Mrs. H. Marks, Secy.
	The Temple Auxiliary	21	Mrs. A. J. Sterne, Pres. Mrs. D. Garfinkle, Fin. Secy.
Brownsville, Tenn.	The Temple Auxiliary	21	Mrs. I. J. Felsenthal, Pres. Mrs. J. L. Sternberger, Secy.
Buffalo, N. Y.	Women's Temple Society	320	Mrs. Israel Aaron, Pres. Mrs. Milton Shroeder, Secy.
Cairo, Ill.	Montefiore Temple Sisterhood	24	Mrs. Max Kaufman, Pres. Mrs. S. J. Michelson, Secy.
Canton, O.	McKinley Ave. Sisterhood	52	Mrs. Jack Joseph, Pres. Mrs. Edwin I. Abt, Secy.
Champaign, Ill.	Sisterhood of Sinai Temple	33	Mrs. J. M. Kaufman, Pres. Mrs. S. Weingarten, Secy.
Charleston, S. C.	Temple Sisterhood of the K. K. B. E.	52	Mrs. Jacob S. Raisin, Pres. Mrs. Lee C. Israel, Secy.
Charleston, W. Va.	Sisterhood Virginia St. Temple	67	Mrs. S. A. Moses, Pres. Mrs. Isadore S. May, Ret. Secy.
Chattanooga, Tenn.	Hebrew Ladies Aid Assn.	75	Mrs. Morris Friedman, Pres. Mrs. J. J. Cohn, Cor. Secy.
Cheyenne, Wyo.	Ladies of Jewish Circle	11	Mrs. Wm. Myers, Pres. Mrs. Bessie Rosenblum, Secy.
Chicago, Ill.	Sisters of Aid	118	Mrs. Rae Moskovits, Pres. Mrs. Etta Marks, Secy.
	Temple Judea Woman's Club	100	Mrs. Abe Simon, Pres. Mrs. H. Gershenow, Secy.
	Isaiah Woman's Club	800	Mrs. David Pfaelzer, Pres. Mrs. Paul Morrison, Secy.
	Chicago Sinai Temple Sisterhood	452	Mrs. Martin Barbe, Pres. Mrs. Emile M. Despres, Secy.
	Ladies Auxiliary of Temple Sholom	449	Mrs. Harry L. Pollock, Pres. Miss Helene Schott, Secy.
	K. A. M. Auxiliary	300	Miss Celia Adler, Pres. Mrs. Leo Heller, Secy.
	Sisterhood of Temple B'nai Abraham	147	Mrs. Isidore Inlander, Pres. Mrs. Sol Klausner, Secy.
	Temple Emanuel Sisterhood	300	Mrs. Hugo King, Pres. Mrs. Aaron Levy, Cor. Secy.
	Sisterhood of B'nai Sholom Temple Israel	458	Mrs. Carrie H. Geil, Pres. Mrs. A. C. Bloom, Cor. Secy.
	Cincinnati, O.	Rockdale Ave. Temple Sisterhood	465
Plum St. Temple Sisterhood		425	Mrs. Alfred Mack, Pres. Mrs. H. A. Seinsheimer, Secy.

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Cincinnati, O.	Reading Rd. Temple Sisterhood	125	Mrs. Harry Sternberger, Pres. Mrs. Moses Wolf, Secy.
	The Northside Temple Sisterhood	20	Mrs. Ben. Hirschberg, Pres. Mrs. Benj. Greenberg, Secy.
Clarksburg, W. Va.	Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel	22	Mrs. A. W. Wolk, Pres. Mrs. H. Munn, Secy.
Cleveland, O.	The Temple Women's Assn.	1100	Miss Edna Goldsmith, Pres. Mrs. Walter A. Goldsmith, Secy.
	Euclid Ave. Temple Sisterhood	981	Mrs. Sol Moses, Pres. Miss Gertrude Bondy, Secy.
Columbia, S. C.	The Ladies Aid Society	22	Mrs. L. H. Joseph, Pres. Mrs. J. M. Cohen, Secy.
Columbus, Ga.	Jewish Ladies Aid Society	45	Mrs. L. Loewenherz, Pres. Mrs. B. Rothschild, Secy.
Columbus, O.	Sisterhood of Temple Israel	120	Mrs. Fred Lazarus, Pres. Mrs. Steinhauer, Secy.
Concord, N. H.	Queen Esther Circle	23	Mrs. A. I. Cohn, Pres. Mrs. J. Conn, Secy.
Cumberland, Md.	The Hebrew Ladies Aid Society	38	Mrs. Lee Lichtenstein, Pres. Mrs. L. Rosenbaum, Secy.
Davenport, Ia.	Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel	45	Mrs. David Neustadt, Pres. Miss Irma Ochs, Secy.
Dayton, O.	Sisterhood of Temple K. K. B. Y.	180	Mrs. Edward Rauh, Pres. Mrs. E. C. Hilb, Secy.
Decatur, Ala.	Temple Sisterhood	11	Mrs. J. S. Patterson, Secy.
Denver, Colo.	Emanuel Sisterhood	200	Mrs. Julia Morris, Pres. Mrs. Ira Rothgerber, Secy.
	The United Benevolent Society	100	Mrs. J. L. Sheurman, Pres. Mrs. Eugene Mannheimer, Secy.
Detroit, Mich.	Woman's Auxiliary of Temple Beth El	570	Mrs. I. Goldberg, Pres. Mrs. L. Welt, Secy.
Duluth, Minn.	Temple Aid Society	100	Mrs. E. A. Silberstein, Pres. Mrs. M. Lefkovits, Secy.
Elkhart, Ind.	Jewish Women's Auxiliary	16	Mrs. Philip Horwich, Pres. Miss Alice Schwartz, Secy.
El Paso, Tex.	Temple Sisterhood	...	Mrs. I. Laskin, Pres.
Erie, Pa.	Ladies Hebrew Auxiliary	82	Mrs. Alfred Baker, Pres. Mrs. Louis D. Levy, Secy.
	Temple Sisterhood	100	Mrs. Moses I. Gans, Pres. Mrs. Ben Heimann, Secy.
Far Rockaway, N. Y.	The Women's Auxiliary of Temple Israel	306	Mrs. Leo A. Levy, Pres. Mrs. Maurice Bronner, Secy.
Fort Smith, Ark.	The Temple Aid Sisterhood	56	Mrs. L. Langfelder, Pres. Mrs. C. B. Latz, Secy.
Ft. Wayne, Ind.	Achduth Vesholom Sisterhood	102	Miss Minnette Baum, Pres. Mrs. Aaron L. Weinstein, Secy.
Ft. Worth, Tex.	Beth El Temple Sisterhood	55	Mrs. I. S. Brin, Pres. Mrs. R. Fuller, Secy.
Gadsden, Ala.	Ladies' Temple Aid Society	24	Mrs. A. E. Brod, Pres. Mrs. Nathaniel Hillman, Secy.
Gary, Ind.	Woman's Auxiliary of Temple Israel	60	Mrs. M. Nusbaum, Pres. Mrs. M. M. Miller, Secy.
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Greensboro, N. C.	Ladies' Aid	28	Mrs. Abe Oettinger, Pres. Mrs. Sidney J. Stern, Secy.
Greenville, Miss.	Temple Auxiliary	80	Mrs. Nathan Goldstein, Pres. Mrs. Chas. Loeb, Secy.
Hamilton, O.	Ladies' Aid Society	16	Mrs. Gus Cohen, Pres. Mrs. A. Ballinger, Secy.
Hammond, Ind.	Jewish Ladies' Aid Society	32	Mrs. Ben Wolf, Pres. Mrs. A. Hirsch, Secy.
Harrisburg, Pa.	Ohev Sholom Temple Sisterhood	50	Mrs. Samuel Friedman, Pres. Mrs. Alfred Seligman, Secy.
Hartford, Conn.	Womans' Auxiliary C. B. I.	161	Mrs. J. P. Atkins, Pres. Mrs. S. Kashman, Cor. Secy.
Hazleton, Pa.	Ladies' Guild	27	Mrs. David Benjamin, Pres. Mrs. R. Schwarz, Secy.
Helena, Ark.	The Temple Aid Sisterhood	67	Mrs. J. L. Solomon, Pres. Mrs. David Solomon, Cor. Secy.
Hot Springs, Ark.	Temple Sisterhood, House of Israel	36	Mrs. Morris Schudmak, Pres. Mrs. Sam Newman, Secy.
Huntington, W. Va.	Temple Benevolent Sewing Society	57	Mrs. M. K. Hirschman, Pres. Mrs. Eph Broh, Secy.
Indianapolis, Ind.	Sisterhood of the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation	150	Mrs. Isaac Born, Pres. Mrs. Samuel Mueller, Secy.
Jackson, Miss.	Ladies' Aid Society	20	Mrs. Adolph Schwartz, Pres. Mrs. A. J. Orkin, Secy.
Jackson, Tenn.	L. J. B. S.	...	Mrs. J. Silverstein, Secy.
Jacksonville, Fla.	Temple Sisterhood	138	Mrs. Simon Benjamin, Pres. Miss Ray Halle, Secy.
Jersey City, N. J.	Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple Beth El	91	Mrs. M. Thorner, Pres. Mrs. A. Gold, Secy.
Kalamazoo, Mich.	Hebrew Ladies' Benevolent Society	40	Mrs. Tillie Seligman, Pres. Mrs. Theodore Folz, Secy.
Kansas City, Mo.	Temple Sisterhood	316	Mrs. H. H. Mayer, Pres. Miss Theresa Ryder, Secy.
Knoxville, Tenn.	The Jewish Womans' Auxiliary of Temple Beth El	43	Mrs. Simon Levy, Sr., Pres. Mrs. Max Reich, Secy.
Lake Charles, La.	Sisterhood of Temple Sinai	20	Mrs. W. C. Kaufman, Pres. Mrs. S. A. Kaufman, Secy.
Lancaster, Pa.	Ladies' Temple Auxiliary	...	Mrs. Sarah Cohn, Pres. Mrs. A. H. Sondheimer, Secy.
Laporte, Ind.	Hebrew Ladies' Relief Society	11	Mrs. Max Dinkelspiel, Secy.
Lexington, Ky.	Sisterhood of Adath Israel Congre- gation	51	Mrs. Harry Klein, Pres. Mrs. L. K. Frankel, Secy.
Lima, O.	Ladies' Aid Society	35	Mrs. Adolph Weixelbaum, Pres. Mrs. B. E. Rosenbaum, Secy.
Lincoln, Nebr.	Jewish Ladies' Aid Society	70	Mrs. Gus. Friend, Pres. Mrs. Henry Kohn, Secy.
Lorain, O.	The Temple Sisterhood	51	Mrs. Wm. Pitzele, Pres. Miss Fannie Berger, Secy.
Los Angeles, Cal.	Sisterhood of Temple B'nai B'rith	273	Mrs. Kelly Roth, Pres. Mrs. S. A. Lazard, Secy.
Louisville, Ky.	Adath Israel Sisterhood	398	Mrs. Ernest J. Wiley, Pres. Mrs. Oscar Joseph, Cor. Secy.

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Mansfield, O.	Jewish Ladies' Aid Society	23	Mrs. Louis Freundlich, Pres. Mrs. Edgar E. Joseph, Secy.
McKeesport, Pa.	Sisterhood of Temple Bnai Israel	62	Mrs. Henry Reiter, Pres. Mrs. Morris Krow, Secy.
Memphis, Tenn.	Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple Children of Israel	450	Mrs. Henry Oppenheimer, Pres. Mrs. Hugo Moltasch, Secy.
Meridian, Miss.	Ladies' Temple Guild	80	Miss Julia Threefoot, Pres. Miss Rebecca Rothenberg, Secy.
Milwaukee, Wis.	B'ne Jeshurun Sisterhood	268	Mrs. Herman Jung, Pres. Miss Gertrude Mela, Secy.
	Emanu-El Ladies' Society	115	Mrs. Max Berlowitz, Pres. Mrs. I. Epstein, Cor. Secy.
Minneapolis, Minn.	Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple Shari Tov	156	Mrs. B. Heller, Pres. Mrs. Jonas Weil, Secy.
Montreal, Que., Can.	Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood	160	Mrs. Joseph Kruger, Pres. Mrs. Jerome Lewinson, Secy.
Mt. Vernon, Ind.	Mt. Vernon Temple Sisterhood	23	Mrs. Jacob Rosenbaum, Pres. Mrs. Hattie L. Barth, Cor. Secy.
Muskogee, Okla.	Sisterhood Temple Beth Ahaba	21	Mrs. Louisa Cohen, Pres. Mrs. Max Davidson, Cor. Secy.
Nashville, Tenn.	The Temple Sisterhood	250	Mrs. Charles Cohn, Pres. Mrs. Arthur J. Joseph, Secy.
Natchez, Miss.	Temple Sisterhood	67	Mrs. Jos. J. Friedler, Pres. Miss Celia Laub, Secy.
Newark, N. J.	Women's Association of Temple B'nai Jeshurun	336	Mrs. Wm. Klein, Pres. Mrs. B. Warner, Secy.
New Haven, Conn.	Mishkan Israel Temple Sisterhood	200	Mrs. William Schoenberger, Pres. Mrs. Israel Kleiner, Secy.
New Iberia, La.	Ladies' Temple Aid Society	10	Mrs. Lilly Scharff, Pres. Mrs. Henry Meyer, Secy.
New Kensington, Pa.	Ladies' Auxiliary of Beth Jacob Congregation	...	Mrs. L. Weinberg, Pres. Miss Alice Slobodsky, Secy.
New Orleans, La.	Ladies' Auxiliary	108	Mrs. Sam. Weil, Pres. Mrs. M. Baar, Secy.
	Temple Sinai Sisterhood	233	Mrs. Paul L. Godchaux, Pres. Mrs. Eugene H. Gutmann, Secy.
	Woman's League of Touro Synagog	158	Mrs. Otto Meyer, Pres. Mrs. Henry Levy, Secy.
	Sisterhood Congregation Anshe Sfard	80	Mrs. Wm. Feldman, Pres. Mrs. L. Kupperman, Secy.
	Sisterhood Beth Israel	105	Mrs. G. Shushan, Pres. Mrs. H. Blatnikoff, Secy.
New York, N. Y.	Ladies' Auxiliary of Central Temple	302	Mrs. Sol Boehm, Pres. Mrs. I. F. Stein, Secy.
	Sinai Sisterhood of the Bronx	50	Mrs. R. Lockman, Pres. Mrs. C. Meyer, Secy.
	Sisterhood of the New Synagog	100	Mrs. Isaac H. Meyer, Pres.
	Ladies' Auxiliary, Temple Israel	200	Mrs. I. H. Kempner, Pres. Mrs. N. Kempner, Secy.
	The Daughters of the Covenant	150	Mrs. A. L. Bretzfelder, Pres. Mrs. Doris P. Ducas, Secy.

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Norfolk, Va.	Sisterhood Ohel Shalom Temple	146	Mrs. A. B. Seldner, Pres. Mrs. D. S. Baum, Secy.
Oakland, Cal.	The Sisterhood of Temple Sinai	230	Mrs. A. Shafran, Pres. Mrs. T. Stamper, Cor. Secy.
Oklahoma City, Okla.	Jewish Ladies' Aid of Temple B'nai Israel	100	Mrs. Jos. Myer, Pres. Mrs. Jos. Urbansky, Secy.
Omaha, Nebr.	Temple Israel Sisterhood	113	Mrs. Sam Katz, Pres. Mrs. Carl Furth, Secy.
Owensboro, Ky.	Temple Adath Israel Sisterhood	34	Mrs. Theodore Levy, Pres. Miss Blanche Feuerlicht, Secy.
Paducah, Ky.	Temple Sisterhood	50	Mrs. M. Simons, Pres. Mrs. Clara R. Hecht, Secy.
Paterson, N. J.	Sisterhood B'nai Jeshurun	83	Mrs. Isaac Jacobs, Pres. Mrs. Ray Green Tischler, Secy.
Peoria, Ill.	Sisterhood of Anshai Emeth Congrégation	105	Mrs. Jacob Ross, Pres. Mrs. I. J. Levinson, Secy.
Philadelphia, Pa.	Sisterhood of Rodeph Shalom Congregation	536	Mrs. Alfred Rosenstein, Pres. Mrs. Geo. Hart, Cor. Secy.
	Sisterhood of Keneseth Israel Congregation	1000	Mrs. Joseph Krauskopf, Pres. Mrs. Sim J. Simon, Secy.
Pine Bluff, Ark.	Temple Sisterhood	73	Mrs. H. C. Bluthenthal, Pres. Mrs. H. Hanf, Secy.
Piqua O.	Jewish Ladies' Aid Society	17	Mrs. Meyer Louis, Pres. Mrs. Leo Louis, Secy.
Pittsburg, Pa.	Sisterhood of Rodef Shalom Congregation	461	Mrs. Aaron Cohen, Pres. Miss Ruth Levy, Secy.
Plattsburg, N. Y.	Beth Israel Sisterhood	26	Mrs. Myron J. Gordon, Pres. Mrs. Benj. F. Feinberg, Secy.
Portland, Ore.	Beth Israel Sisterhood	58	Mrs. Herman Metzger, Pres. Mrs. Jonah B. Wise, Secy.
Portsmouth, O.	Ladies' Aid Society	25	Mrs. Clara Haas, Pres. Mrs. A. Goldstein, Secy.
Providence, R. I.	Sisterhood of Temple Beth El	50	Mrs. Frank Rosenfield, Pres. Mrs. Max Granitz, Secy.
Raleigh, N. C.	Sisterhood of Temple Beth Or	23	Mrs. David Elias, Pres. Mrs. S. Berwanger, Secy.
Reading, Pa.	Sisterhood of Temple Ohel Shalom	45	Mrs. S. S. Schweriner, Pres. Mrs. Nathan Cohen, Secy.
Rochester, N. Y.	Berith Kodesh Sisterhood	317	Mrs. Henry W. Stern, Pres. Mrs. Richard Scheiner, Secy.
Sacramento, Cal.	Women's Auxiliary Society of Temple Bnai Israel	66	Mrs. L. Livingston, Pres.
Saginaw, Mich.	Beth El Sisterhood	26	Mrs. Max Heavenrich, Pres. Mrs. David Wolsey, Secy.
Salt Lake City, Utah	B'nai Israel Sisterhood	55	Mrs. Leon Sweet, Pres. Mrs. M. R. Mendelson, Secy.
San Diego, Cal.	Jewish Mothers' Club	35	Mrs. A. Weinstock, Pres. Mrs. Jennie Marks, Secy.
Sandusky, O.	Ohel Shalom Sisterhood	25	Mrs. H. Isaacs, Pres. Mrs. J. H. Herman, Secy.
San Francisco, Cal.	Temple Emanu-El Guild	185	Mrs. Henry Sahlein, Pres. Miss Cordie Weinlander, Secy.

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Scranton, Pa.	Sisterhood of the Madison Ave. Temple	96	Mrs. Oscar Kleeman, Pres. Miss Clare Rice, Cor. Secy.
Seattle, Wash.	Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple de Hirsch	140	Mrs. H. Schneider, Pres. Miss Edith Rosenberg, Secy.
Shreveport, La.	Sisterhood B'nai Zion	140	Mrs. Samuel Weiner, Jr., Pres. Mrs. Armand W. Roos, Secy.
Sioux City, Ia.	Sisterhood of Mt. Sinai Temple	50	Mrs. Ben Davidson, Pres. Mrs. Adolph Kahn, Secy.
South Bend, Ind.	Ladies' Aid Society	31	Mrs. Helen W. Goldberg, Pres.
Spokane, Wash.	Sisterhood of Temple Emanu-El	62	Mrs. Joseph Grinsfelder, Pres. Mrs. Leo Freidenreich, Secy.
Springfield, O.	Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society	57	Mrs. A. S. Freedman, Pres.
St. Joseph, Mo.	Adath Joseph Sisterhood	122	Mrs. M. H. Lehman, Pres. Mrs. Joseph Spear, Secy.
St. Louis, Mo.	Sisterhood of B'nai El Temple	65	Mrs. S. Klein, Pres. Mrs. Saville Mayer, Secy.
	Sisterhood of Temple Israel	357	Mrs. Maurice Steinfeld, Pres. Mrs. L. A. Weil, Secy.
	United Hebrew Temple Ladies' Aid Society	198	Mrs. Ben Roman, Pres. Mrs. Sam Guckenheim, Secy.
	Sisterhood of Temple Shaare Emeth	230	Mrs. Henry Wolfner, Pres. Mrs. Morris M. Aach, Secy.
Springfield, Ill.	Temple Sisterhood	75	Mrs. David Seligman, Pres. Mrs. Maurice Kellner, Secy.
Springfield, Mo.	Jewish Ladies' Aid Society	20	Mrs. Dave Schwab, Pres. Mrs. Herschel Martin, Secy.
Springfield, O.	Ladies' Auxiliary	57	Mrs. Sam Altschul, Pres. Mrs. Julius Blattner, Secy.
Stateville, N. C.	Sisterhood Temple Emanuel	11	Mrs. J. H. Hoffmann, Pres. Mrs. Wm. Wallace, Secy.
Stockton, Cal.	Jewish Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple Israel	34	Mrs. L. Katten, Pres. Mrs. S. S. Safferhill, Secy.
Syracuse, N. Y.	Ladies' Auxiliary of the Society of Concord	153	Mrs. Emanuel Bronner, Pres. Mrs. J. J. Levy, Secy.
Tacoma, Wash.	Judith Montefiore Society	35	Mrs. S. B. Asia, Pres. Mrs. T. Feist, Secy.
Toledo, O.	Collingwood Temple Sisterhood	145	Mrs. David Alexander, Pres. Mrs. Ed. Kraus, Secy.
Trenton, N. J.	Sisterhood of Har Sinai Congregation	...	Mrs. L. H. Stein, Pres. Mrs. Samuel Freeman, Secy.
Trinidad, Colo.	Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society	36	Mrs. Chas. Epstein, Pres. Mrs. Max J. Kahn, Secy.
Uniontown, Pa.	Hebrew Ladies' Auxiliary	43	Miss Bertha Stern, Pres. Mrs. G. M. Silverman, Secy.
Vicksburg, Miss.	The Ladies' Auxiliary of Congrega- tion Anshe Chesed	83	Mrs. A. Rose, Pres. Mrs. W. B. Levy, Secy.
Washington, D. C.	Sisterhood of the Washington Hebrew Congregation	389	Mrs. Abram Simon, Pres. Mrs. Sidney W. Straus, Secy.
Waterbury, Conn.	Temple Sisterhood	38	Mrs. S. Seligson, Pres. Mrs. Joseph J. Davis, Secy.
Wheeling, W. Va.	Ladies' Hebrew Benevolent Society	70	Mrs. Leo Wolf, Pres. Mrs. Samuel Kraft, Secy.



## NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TEMPLE SISTERHOODS

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Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	Sisterhood of Congregation B'nai B'rith	70	Mrs. M. F. Long, Pres. Miss Pamela Constine, Secy.
Yonkers, N. Y.	Emanu-El Sisterhood	...	Mrs. Harry Kitzinger, Pres. Mrs. M. Israel, Secy.
York, Pa.	Sisterhood Beth Israel Temple	41	Mrs. Louis R. Lehmayr, Pres. Miss Isabel A. Lebach, Secy.
Youngstown, O.	Sisterhood of Rodef Sholom Temple	129	Mrs. M. J. Samuels, Pres. Mrs. Joseph Friedman, Secy.
Zanesville, O.	Jewish Woman's Aid Society	22	Mrs. Sol Weinberg, Pres. Mrs. Rose Brillant, Secy.



## Appendix B

# Constitution

As Revised May 20, 1919

### PREAMBLE

We, the representatives of the Sisterhoods of the various synagoggs comprised in the Union of American Hebrew Congregations; believing:

That the congregation forms the religious unit in Israel, and,

That the increased power which has come to the modern American Jewess ought to be exercised in congregational life, and,

That the religious and moral development of Israel will be furthered by this co-operation,

Do hereby agree to form a National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods for the effective carrying out of the above very laudable aims.

### NAME

The name of this organization shall be the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

### OBJECTS

The objects of this organization are to be:

1. To bring the various Sisterhoods of the country into closer co-operation and association with one another.

2. To quicken the religious consciousness of Israel, by strengthening the spiritual and educational activity.

3. To make propaganda for the cause of Israel.

4. To co-operate with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

### MEMBERSHIP

Any Sisterhood connected with a Jewish congregation may become a member of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, by making written application to the Executive Board of the Federation.

Any organization of women doing religious work in any community where there is no congregation may become a member of the National Federation by making written application.

### MEETINGS OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION

The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods shall meet in regular session biennially, concurrently, if possible, with the meeting of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, at the place and time selected by the Union.

### REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BIENNIAL MEETING

Each Sisterhood shall appoint one representative to the Biennial Meeting of the Federation, and one additional representative for every fifty contributing members over and above the first fifty members up to two hundred members, and also one additional representative for every one hundred contributing members over and above the first two hundred members.

### OFFICERS

The Federation, in its Biennial Convention, shall elect a president, vice-president and a secretary from among the representatives present, and these shall hold office during the Convention.

The Federation, at its Biennial Meeting, shall elect by ballot sixty members who shall constitute the Executive Board.

The Executive Board shall elect, from its own members, a president, four vice-presidents, a treasurer and a recording secretary. It shall also elect an executive secretary, who shall not be a member of the Executive Board and whose salary shall be determined by it.

### MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board shall organize immediately after the Convention adjourns, and meet annually at such times and in such places as may be decided upon by the executive Board.

### DUES

Each Sisterhood shall pay into the Treasury of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods ten cents per annum for each member thereof, five cents of which shall be set aside to pay for a subscription to "The Jewish Educational Tracts."

### DUTIES OF OFFICERS

The duties of the president, vice-presidents, treasurer, recording secretary and executive secretary shall be those usually devolving upon such officers in regularly constituted organizations.

### STANDING COMMITTEES\*

There shall be seven Standing Committees, each to consist of five members, to be appointed by the President of the Executive Board. Vacancies occurring in the Standing Committees shall be filled immediately by the President.

The chairman of each Standing Committee shall present an annual report to the President of the Executive Board.

The following Standing Committees shall be appointed:

- a. On Co-operation.
- b. On Religion.
- c. On Religious Schools.
- d. On Propaganda.
- e. On Scholarships.
- f. On Union Museum for Jewish Ceremonial Objects.
- g. On Uniongram.

### DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES

a. Committee on Co-operation shall effect methods of closer relationship between existing sisterhoods and shall collect and disseminate information of value to sisterhoods, and of general interest to the Jew at large.

b. Committee on Religion shall help to foster the religious life of the congregation, encourage Sabbath observance and synagog attendance, devise means of inviting resident or visiting Jews to divine services, and to form classes for the study of Religion, Jewish History and Hebrew.

c. Committee on Religious Schools shall formulate and furnish sisterhoods with the best results in religious-school education, encourage the preservation of ceremonials connected with Jewish holidays, endeavor to secure a national census of Jewish children in attendance at religious schools, and endeavor to encourage young men and women to devote themselves to religious-school teaching.

d. Committee on Propaganda shall endeavor to form new sisterhoods in communities where there are none, and cooperate with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, especially with the Board of Managers of Synagog and School Extension.

e. Committee on Scholarships shall encourage the preparation of young men for the rabbinical profession and secure funds for the creation of Sisterhood Scholarships for the Hebrew Union College.

f. Committee on National Museum for Jewish Ceremonial Objects shall endeavor to secure for the Hebrew Union College a collection of objects of art such as belong to such a museum.

g. Committee on Uniongram, with the aid of local committees bearing the same name, shall endeavor to dispose of Uniongrams for the purpose of adding to the revenue of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

### AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Constitution must be presented to the Executive Board and by them submitted to the first meeting of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, thereafter. To become part of the Constitution they must be adopted by a two-thirds vote of those present.

\*The War Emergency Committee was created by the Executive Board after the entrance of the United States into the war, in order to centralize war activities of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. At the Biennial meeting in Boston, May, 1919, it was decided to retain this Committee for any sudden need that might arise, changing the name to "Emergency Committee". No action was taken whereby this committee became one of the National Standing Committees.

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**OF THE**  
**Executive Board**



**Cincinnati, O.**  
**February 11-12, 1920**

Minutes  
of the  
**Executive Board**  
of the  
**National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods**

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**Morning Session**

Cincinnati, Ohio, February 11, 1920.

In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and pursuant to the call of the President, Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld, the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods held its annual meeting at the above place and met at 9.30 A. M. in the parlors of the Sinton Hotel.

There were present, Mrs. Henry Bauer, Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. Isaac Born, Indianapolis, Ind.; Mrs. Edg. M. Cahn, New Orleans, La.; Mrs. Chas. Cohn, Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. Israel Cowen, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. B. M. Engelhard, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg, Cincinnati, O.; Mrs. Nathan Glauber, New York, N. Y.; Mrs. Kaufmann Kohler, Cincinnati, O.; Mrs. Ben Loewenstein, Cincinnati, O.; Mrs. Sol. Moses, Cleveland, O.; Mrs. David Philipson, Cincinnati, O.; Mrs. Maurice Steinfeld, St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. Leo Wolf, Wheeling, W. Va.; Mrs. Louis Wolsey, Cleveland, O.

**LETTERS FROM MEMBERS UNABLE  
TO ATTEND**

Letters of greeting from the following members who were unable to attend the meeting were then presented: Mrs. Israel Aaron, Buffalo, N. Y.; Mrs. Wm. Abrahams, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. N. M. Becker, Des Moines, Ia.; Mrs. Max J. Brandenburger, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. A. L. Fishel, Boston, Mass.; Mrs. Dan Frank, Boston, Mass.; Mrs. Harry Ganz, Salt Lake City, Utah; Mrs. Paul L. Godchaux, New Orleans, La.; Miss Jeanette M. Goldberg, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. Leon Goodman, Louisville, Ky.; Mrs. Moses J. Gries, Cleveland, O.; Mrs. Albert J. Johnson, New Haven, Conn.; Mrs. Otto Kempner, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. Joseph Krauskopf, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs.

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**READING OF THE MINUTES**

The minutes of the last meeting of the Executive Board were read, and upon motion duly approved.

**INSTRUCTIONS OF THE THIRD  
BIENNIAL**

**(A.) Committee on Progress of the Sisterhoods**

Carrying out the resolution adopted by the Third Biennial Convention (see Yearbook, Volume III, page 62), with reference to the appointment of a Committee on Progress of Sisterhoods, the President upon

due authorization, appointed the following Committee: Mrs. David Lefkowitz, Chairman, Mrs. N. M. Becker, Mrs. Max J. Brandenburger, Mrs. Chas. Cohn, Mrs. Harry Ganz, Mrs. Paul L. Godchaux, Mrs. Julius Goldstein, Mrs. Samuel Levy, Mrs. D. S. Lisberger, Mrs. Philip Rosenau, Mrs. Robert F. Skutch and Mrs. Herman Jung.

#### (B.) University Extension Work

In connection with the resolution adopted by the Third Biennial Convention on the above subject (see Yearbook, Volume III, page 63), it was moved and duly carried that a committee be appointed to consider plans whereby the National Federation might cooperate with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in the conducting of University Extension work, this Committee to report at the next meeting of the Executive Board. The President appointed the following Committee: Mrs. Maurice Steinfeld, Chairman, Mrs. Israel Cowen, Mrs. A. L. Fishel, Mrs. Caesar Misch, Mrs. T. Schanfarber, Mrs. Harry H. Sternberger.

#### (C.) Religious School Libraries

In connection with the Resolution adopted on this subject by the Third Biennial Meeting (see Yearbook, Volume III, page 63),

it was moved and duly carried that the Executive Secretary be instructed to carry out the provision of the Resolution by calling this matter to the attention of the National Committee on Religious Schools.

#### (D.) Attendance at Religious Services

It was moved and duly carried that the Executive Secretary call to the attention of the officers of the various Sisterhoods the advisability of maintaining a campaign for attendance at Religious Services.

#### (E.) Resolution Pertaining to Jewish Religious Observance and Library Committees

In connection with the above Resolution (see Yearbook, Volume III, page 64), it was moved and duly carried that all matters pertaining to Religious Observance be referred to the National Committee on Religion and the matters pertaining to the formation of libraries be referred to the National Committee on Religious Schools.

### THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The report of the President of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld, was then presented.

## Report of the President

Baltimore, Feb. 9, 1920.

In presenting this, my first annual report, I shall ask your indulgence for a moment while I review the problem which confronts a new president of so large an organization. The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods is the result of the thought of one woman. To her is due the credit of its wonderful growth and its increasing power. In the seven years of her presidency, problems were met one by one, coming gradually, and growing with the expansion of the organization. To a newcomer, even to one who had been interested from the Federation's beginning, the proposition is a most difficult one. A huge association, with its many and various interests, coming not as a natural outgrowth, but being presented with overwhelming force, presents problems that must be studied and assimilated.

Even with so splendid a secretary and so efficient an office force as ours, the process is slow, and no rapid strides can be expected.

We have endeavored to carry out the ideas of my predecessor, and have been successful to a marked degree in one particular—the formation of State Federation; the states of Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and Pennsylvania have federated, or are about to do so. These State Federations make necessary the appointment of State Regents, which plan was endorsed at the Boston Convention. With the formation of State Federation, the influence of the Sisterhoods will increase. But for the national organization there is the danger of loss of interest. In order to overcome this, it seems to me that a Constitution should be drawn up for the State Federation, guarding the na-

tional body. I would suggest the appointment of a committee for this purpose, and that the Constitution of the Ohio State Federation be considered with this end in view.

The Sisterhoods of the City of New York, belonging to the National Federation, invited last December all affiliated and unaffiliated Sisterhoods of the city to a conference meeting. The enthusiasm evidenced was most gratifying. I shall leave all the details of this successful meeting to the Chairman, who will give you a much more comprehensive report than I am able to do.

I have purposely refrained from reporting on activities of committees. Each Chairman will tell of the efficient work of her committee in detail, and you will thus get a complete summary.

The question has been agitated by members of the Executive Board that their expenses to the Executive Board meetings be paid, thus insuring a large attendance. That a large attendance at the meetings is desirable is self-evident, and that members may be kept away on account of the expense entailed, equally so; but the paying of the traveling expenses alone of a Board as large as ours would amount to so great a sum as to be prohibitive. Even were the expenses paid only for the meeting held during the year when there is no Convention, the amount of money required would still be beyond our reach. With this in mind, several plans have been suggested:

1. That we again amend our Constitution and reduce the number of Board members.
2. That Chairmen of Committees be appointed from members-at-large not serving on the Executive Board.
3. That the expenses of Officers and Chairmen of National Standing Committees be paid to the meetings of the Executive Board in years when there is no Convention.
4. That a percentage of the expenses of all members be paid in years when there is no Convention.

I would consider these suggestions, and trust that one of them or some other plan will be reported at our next meeting.

I would suggest that a Constitutional Amendment be introduced limiting the time

a member of the Board shall serve. It seems to me that in so large an organization, every member should have the privilege of serving. This is impossible when members can be and are re-elected time and time again. If members served not more than two or three terms, in the course of time many more people would be interested in the national organization. Since the officers are elected from the Board, this Amendment would also limit their tenure of office.

An Amendment should also be introduced providing that members of the Executive Board be elected from among the accredited delegates to the Convention, and that participation in the activities of the Biennial Convention be limited to delegates only.

At the Boston meeting it was moved, and duly carried, that a Finance Committee be appointed. This Committee is to advise concerning investments, and should now be appointed and given power to act.

The Chairman of one of our Standing Committees has suggested that the Emergency Committee interest itself in, and recommend to the Sisterhoods, the care of War Orphans. A letter was sent to the Joint Distribution Committee proffering the help of our organization. The Secretary, Mr. Lucas, replied that the whole situation was being investigated by an especially appointed commission now in Poland, and that when some conclusion has been reached our offer will be considered.

Many Sisterhoods had thought that too many communications are sent from the Executive Office. A plan has been suggested to obviate this, as follows:

The Chairman of each National Committee shall receive a letter in the early spring from the Executive Office, asking that she write to each member of her committee for suggestions for the next year's work, answers to be sent to the Chairman as soon as possible. The Chairman in turn is to consider all suggestions, and those which she approves are to be sent back to the Executive Office not later than August 1st. The Secretary will then arrange a plan of work for the year for each committee, which will include all practical suggestions made.



The National Federation received a circular letter from the Treasury Department, asking cooperation in the campaign to reduce the cost of living. From January 1st to April 1st a campaign will be conducted to induce all women to keep accurate accounts of daily expenditures, to practice economies wherever possible, and to invest money so saved in Government securities. Our organization has done nothing in this matter officially; the Emergency Committee is considering it, and will, I feel sure, act, since we are very anxious to cooperate with the Government in all matters.

Many inquiries have been made as regards the amount of rebate which may be expected on each uniongram. It has been suggested that more would be sold could we assure purchasers that a fixed sum would be returned, twenty cents being the amount mentioned. In order to do this, it would be necessary to send the uniongram envelope unstamped; this would allow five cents for the publication, mailing and advertising of each uniongram.

As in everything else, higher cost of production has reached the Sisterhood Calendar. It is no longer possible to put it on the market at ten cents a copy wholesale. Fifteen cents will about pay the expense. In order that the individual Sisterhoods may realize the same profit as heretofore, it might be advisable to establish the rule that copies may be purchased for thirty cents instead of twenty-five.

At the Boston Convention, a committee was appointed to confer with representatives of the Central Conference of American Rabbis as to the advisability of preparing and publishing a book of prayers for each day in the year—prayers to make for hope, cheer and comfort. Your committee reported that the Conference seemed ready and willing to do as you requested, but that it would be necessary to get the opinion of all members. In consequence the members were circularized, and I am happy to report that the book is now under way, and I trust that before very long it will be ready for distribution. Then our part of the work will begin, since we have pledged ourselves to make every effort to have our members buy and use it. We are deeply indebted to the Conference for its cooperation and ready sympathy.

In many communities there are hundreds and thousands of children who have never had the benefit of religious instruction. The Sisterhoods should do all in their power to increase the efficiency of the religious schools already established, and should put forth every effort to open more schools and so bring these children into the Synagogue.

Efforts should be made to do something for Jews in prisons and reformatories. I do not mean that, because a prisoner is a Jew, we Jews should move heaven and earth to have him released. We have passed that stage of maudlin sympathy. But we should see that he is given a chance upon his release, and that in case of illness or death there are people of his own faith to whom he may turn.

And now that I have suggested methods of improving the machinery and the work of our organization, I shall touch upon what is to me the real reason for our existence. The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods was formed primarily to further the work of the Temple, and so to increase Jewishness and awaken the Jewish consciousness.

In order to do this, and to stimulate and hold the interest of our members, we were and are compelled to do things a bit extraneous, but the real object must never be lost sight of even for an instant. At no time in the history of the world has there been such a need, such a cry for religion. Out of the chaos resulting from the World War has arisen the cry for spiritual things. From all sides, from all countries, comes a demand for a religion teaching social justice and equality. Since the beginning of time that has been Israel's message—"What does the Lord require of thee?" says the prophet. "To do justice, to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God." Having this wonderful concept, this theory which directly meets today's issue, why should we not endeavor to teach it diligently unto our children, so as to perpetuate it through them and for them? With this in mind, I would urge the formation of small study groups, as suggested by the Committee on Religion, either to be led by Rabbi or teacher, as is most convenient. Such groups of friends, meeting informally to study and to discuss questions of religion which are

to them and their children of vital importance, must make for a better Jewish womanhood and a better faith.

Respectfully submitted,  
Hattie M. Wiesenfeld, President.

It was moved and duly carried that the report be received with thanks and considered seriatim.

At 12:15 the Executive Board adjourned to reconvene at 2:30 p. m. at the Hebrew Union College.

## Afternoon Session

The Executive Board met pursuant to adjournment, Mrs. Israel Cowen in the Chair.

### APPOINTMENT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

In connection with that part of the President's report which dealt with the appointment of the Finance Committee, it was moved and duly carried that a Committee of three be appointed to determine such matters as the investment of funds, selection of bank for deposits, etc. The President appointed the following Committee: Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld, President; Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg, First Vice-President, and Mrs. A. J. Johnson, Treasurer.

### CITY, STATE AND DISTRICT FEDERATIONS

In connection with that part of the President's report dealing with State Federations, it was moved and duly carried that a Committee be appointed to look into the advisability of forming City, State or District Federations of Sisterhoods.

It was moved and duly carried that this action be called to the attention of all Sisterhoods and that they be asked to defer the organization of Federations until the report of this Committee is finally acted upon by the Executive Board or by the next Biennial. The President appointed the following Committee: Mrs. Nathan Glauber, Chairman, Mrs. Israel Cowen, Mrs. Henry Bauer, Mrs. Hirsch Morris, Mrs. Henry Penn, Mrs. David Philipsón, Mrs. B. H. Printz, and Mrs. Louis Wolsey.

### CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION

In connection with that part of the President's report dealing with the desirability of amending the Constitution so as to provide for a number of changes, such as

smaller Board, payment of expenses of Board members, number of successive terms to be served by each Board member, etc., etc., it was moved and duly carried that the President appoint a Committee to prepare a revision of the Constitution dealing with these points.

The President appointed the following Committee: Mrs. Israel Cowen, Chairman, Mrs. Edgar Cahn, Mrs. B. M. Engelhard, Mrs. Dan Frank, Mrs. Isaac Goldberg, Mrs. Ben Loewenstein, Mrs. Isaac H. Meyer, Mrs. Abram Simón, Mrs. Hugo Teweles, Mrs. M. Thorner, Mrs. Louis Welt, and Mrs. W. B. Woolner.

### OTHER CHANGES OF CONSTITUTION SUGGESTED

It was moved and duly carried to refer to the Committee on Revision of Constitution, the amendment of the paragraph in the Constitution dealing with the subject "Officers" specifically to strike out paragraph "One" under the above subject and to amend paragraph Three (3) under the above subject so as to read as follows:

"The Federation, at its Biennial meeting shall elect by ballot, a President, four (4) Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Recording Secretary and sixty (60) members, who, together with the officers above named, shall constitute the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall elect an Executive Secretary who shall not be a member of the Executive Board and whose salary shall be determined by it."

### ART CALENDAR

In connection with that part of the President's report dealing with the Art Calendar, it was moved and duly carried that the Executive Office be permitted to charge a retail price of thirty (30c) cents and a

wholesale price of fifteen (15c) cents for the forthcoming Art Calendar.

### UNIONGRAMS

In connection with that part of the President's report dealing with Uniongrams, it was moved and duly carried that the Executive Office henceforth declare a uniform profit of twenty (20c) cents on each Uniongram.

It was moved and duly carried that the Executive Office discontinue the practice of selling Uniongram books with the privilege of redeeming unsold Uniongrams before the close of the year.

### PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

The following annual reports were then presented, and upon motion duly carried, were ordered to be spread upon the Minutes and incorporated in the Biennial Volume of printed reports: (a) Executive Secretary; (b) Treasurer; (c) Committee on Cooperation; (d) Committee on Religion; (e) Committee on Religious Schools; (f) Committee on Propaganda; (g) Committee on Hebrew Union College Scholarships; (h) Committee on Union Museum; (i) Committee on Uniongram; (j) Emergency Committee.

## Report of the Executive Secretary

Cincinnati, Oct. 31, 1919.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies: Your Executive Secretary begs leave to submit this report for the fiscal year ending October 31, 1919.

### ADDITIONS TO MEMBERSHIP

Since November 1, 1918, the following twenty-seven societies have joined the National Federation:

Bay City, Mich.

Temple Sisterhood.

Bristol, Va.-Tenn.

Jewish Ladies' Aid Society.

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sisterhood of Shaari Zedek.

Sisterhood of Temple Beth Emeth of Flatbush.

Cheyenne, Wyo.

Ladies of Jewish Circle.

East Liverpool, Ohio.

Bene Israel Congregation.

El Paso, Tex.

Mt. Sinai Sisterhood.

Farrell, Pa.

Ladies' Aid Society.

Gadsden, Ala.

Ladies' Temple Aid Society.

Hamilton, Ohio.

Ladies' Aid Society, K. K. B. I.

Harrison, Va.

Ladies' Auxiliary.

Jackson, Tenn.

Ladies' Jewish Benevolent Society.

Lafayette, La.

Temple Sisterhood of Lafayette.

Lancaster, Pa.

Ladies' Temple Auxiliary.

Mansfield, Ohio.

Jewish Ladies' Society.

Michigan City, Ind.

The Sinai Sisterhood.

Middletown, Ohio.

The Jewish Reform Auxiliary.

New Kensington, Pa.

Ladies' Auxiliary of Beth Jacob.

Pittsfield, Mass.

Sisterhood of Pittsfield.

Quincy, Ill.

Hebrew Ladies' Benevolent Society.

Spokane, Wash.

Daughters of Israel.

Springfield, Ohio.

Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society.

Trenton, N. J.

Sisterhood of Har Sinai Congregation.

Waterbury, Conn.

Temple Sisterhood.

Yonkers, N. Y.

Emanu-El Sisterhood of Yonkers.

York, Pa.

Sisterhood Beth Israel Temple.

During the same period, one society withdrew, namely, the Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society of Springfield, Ohio. On October 31, 1919, we had two hundred and six affiliated societies.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The following is a statement of the receipts and disbursements of the National Federation:

**Receipts and Disbursements.****Receipts, Nov. 1, 1918--Nov. 1, 1919**

Dues .....	\$ 2,391.45	
Calendars .....	845.54	
Uniongrams (\$430.60 subsequently apportioned to Scholarships) .....	1,159.58	
Donations to Scholarships.....	7,013.40	
Interest on Bank Deposits.....	61.55	
Income from Securities .....	82.90	
Securities Collected .....	3,735.00	\$ 15,289.42

**Disbursements, Nov. 1, 1918—Nov. 1, 1919**

Calendars .....	\$ 837.13	
Uniongrams .....	190.50	
President's Office .....	231.13	
Telegrams, Stationery and Postage.....	1,114.57	
Scholarships (includes \$430.60 apportioned from Uniongram profits) .....	7,165.00	
Uniongram Profits Apportioned to Free Religious Schools.....	120.32	
Exchange .....	14.45	
Safety Deposit Box Rent.....	12.50	
Expense of Council .....	400.56	
Traveling Expense, Miss Wehl .....	88.34	
Union Bulletin .....	444.82	
Salary of Clerk .....	1,000.00	
Bonds Purchased .....	3,709.00	
Official Bond Premium.....	37.50	
Miscellaneous .....	4.00	
Committee on Union Museum .....	3.45	
Committee on Emergency .....	3.45	
Committee on Uniongrams .....	17.86	
Committee on Scholarships .....	76.20	
Committee on Propaganda .....	68.72	
Committee on Cooperation .....	15.60	
Committee on Religion .....	32.66	
Committee on Religious Schools' .....	106.75	15,694.61

Excess Disbursements over Receipts.....	405.19
Credit Balance, Oct. 31, 1918.....	2,447.36
Credit Balance, Oct. 31, 1919.....	2,042.17

**STATEMENT OF CASH AND RECONCILIATION OF BANK ACCOUNT**

The balance in the bank exceeds balance on the books by \$1,113.63. This was due to the fact that there were outstanding unpaid vouchers to the amount of \$1,134.88, and receipts entered on the books but as yet undeposited to the amount of \$21.25, leaving a balance to our credit of \$1,113.63. The balance disappeared when the vouchers were drawn, and the receipts deposited.

In explanation of the above, I wish to add that on October 31st, when the books were closed, we had, in addition to \$2,042.17, also \$3,900 invested in U. S. 4th Liberty Loan Bonds. However, this amount represented \$1,860.44 collected for Hebrew Union College Scholarships, but not yet turned over, and \$1,894.67 undivided profits on Uniongrams, leaving a real balance of \$2,187.06.

**GENERAL ACTIVITIES**

The Executive Office has endeavored to act in a secretarial capacity to each National Committee. Its detailed activities are therefore best summed up in the reports of the individual National Committees. This entailed the designing and printing of posters, circulars, letter inserts, and the conduct of a very large correspondence. There is always room for improvement in work of this description, and the secretary hopes that the modest efforts of the Executive Office have met with the approval of the National Officers and Executive Board. During the past season the biennial year-book has been compiled and edited and is soon to appear.

**PUBLICITY**

Ever mindful of the fact that it is not only needful for a National organization to be industrious in good works, but to keep

its constituency in touch with its labors, the Executive Office has taken pains to publish information of value and interest about the Sisterhoods. Fifty-two news letters, one each week, aggregating 25,000 words, were distributed to the Jewish weekly papers. Articles aggregating 8,000 words were published in the Union Bulletin.

We venture to call to the attention of the Board the improvement in this department over previous years, but we are conscious at the same time that much remains to be done, for which we solicit the assistance of the members of the Executive Board.

Deeply appreciating the confidence reposed in the Executive Office by the officers and members of the Board, and thanking you for your unfailing courtesy and assistance, I am,

Very respectfully yours,

George Zepin, Executive Secretary.

## Treasurer's Report

New Haven, Conn., Oct. 31, 1919.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies: I beg leave to submit the following as my report from November 1, 1918, to October 31, 1919:

Balance on hand in Bank, November 1, 1917, according to books of former Treasurer, Mrs. Israel Cowen, of Chicago, after reconciliation (Kenwood Trust and Savings Bank) .....	\$ 2,447.36	
Received by Mrs. Cowen from George Zepin, Executive Secretary, Nov. 1, 1918, to May 6, 1919.....	8,683.16	
Interest (Kenwood Trust and Savings Bank).....	51.34	\$ 11,181.86
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Paid Vouchers, Nov. 1, 1918-May 7, 1919, by Mrs. Cowen, amounting to .....	\$ 1,931.31	
Paid Exchange (Kenwood Trust and Savings Bank).....	14.45	1,945.76
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Balance in possession of Mrs. Cowen at the time she turned the treasuryship over to me, and which I received June 17, 1919, from George Zepin, Executive Secretary.....		\$ 9,236.10
Received from George Zepin, Executive Secretary.....		6,440.66
Interest (The Mechanics Bank of New Haven, Conn.).....		10.11
Interest (U. S. 4th Liberty Bonds) .....		82.90
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		\$15,769.77
Paid Vouchers amounting to .....		12,613.97
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Balance (The Mechanics Bank of New Haven, Conn.).....		\$ 3,155.80

NOTE—Vouchers issued by George Zepin, Executive Secretary, not yet honored by Treasurer.....	\$ 1,134.88	
Checks received by George Zepin, Executive Secretary, not yet presented to Treasurer for deposit.....	21.25	1,113.63
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The Secretary's book balance (that is, the Treasurer's bank balance, minus \$1,113.63) is .....		\$ 2,042.17

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. A. J. Johnson, Treasurer.

## Report of the National Committee on Cooperation

Chicago, Oct. 31, 1919.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

The National Committee on Cooperation begs leave to submit the following report of work accomplished since the last Board meeting, Boston, May, 1919.

The Committee asked the Sisterhoods to appoint local chairmen corresponding to the national chairmen. The request brought a response from 49 Sisterhoods. Those Sisterhoods who made no especial appointment were considered as represented by their respective presidents in the work of cooperation.

The especial work which has come to your Chairman's notice was the response to the letter sent out by her committee asking the Sisterhoods for program suggestions. Unfortunately, the replies were not many in number, although they are still being received daily.

From the 25 replies received, the fact was very strongly evidenced that the majority of Sisterhoods throughout the country are Women's Clubs, representing the multitudinous interests which surround us. The Committee on Cooperation suggests, that in those cities containing Jewish Women's organizations other than the Sisterhood, the Sisterhood confine itself to religious work, work in the Synagogue, and work for the development of Judaism at large.

The replies to the circular letter contain many suggestions which may prove valuable to a Sisterhood in need of program assistance. Upon request, the Chairman will endeavor to direct the program of any Sisterhood asking for such assistance. All replies are placed on file for future reference.

The report from the Executive Office states that the correspondence bearing upon the work of the Committee on Cooperation is greater than that of any other committee. During the past year some 600 letters referring to cooperation were sent out, and as many were received in reply.

As to specific reports regarding the varied interests of the Sisterhoods, your Chairman does not deem it expedient to cover these until she has been in office for at least one year. At the present time the summary would be incomplete. Comments on the detailed work of the Sisterhoods will be included in the Biennial report of 1921. However, it would be interesting to notice that attempts were made at Philadelphia and otherwise to extend cooperation to Jewish students at nearby universities; that the Indianapolis Sisterhood conducted a Rummage Sale of material donated by members in the poor districts of that city, which realized an appreciable amount for the Sisterhood.

Also reference should be had to very successful Joint Sisterhood meetings, which were held at Louisville, at New York City, and Chicago, which brought the Sisterhood not only to the attention of the public, but resulted in discovering latent talent, which will be of great service to future programs. Much good feeling might be accomplished, as well as religious work done, by the individual Sisterhoods, if in their respective localities they would make it possible for those deprived of the means or opportunity, as inmates of certain institutions, to observe the Jewish Holidays and rites which go with them. For instance, Matzoth might be given on the Passover, and a public Seder held.

Endeavor should also be made, in the opinion of this Committee, to draw students at universities to the home of members of the Sisterhood, and to make them feel less like strangers in a large city. In the opinion of this Committee, it would also be most appropriate to take a lesson from the example of the Sisterhood of Denver, which has a Social Committee which interests itself in welcoming strangers who attend services at the Temple; a Visiting Committee which cheers the hearts of the suffering and

the sick, and a Courtesy Committee, which sends messages of felicitation or expressions of sympathy on the proper occasion.

The Committee on Cooperation urges upon the Sisterhoods the adoption of the broadest policy of Cooperation. Thus may we demonstrate the desire to achieve the big and broad viewpoint, which will redound not only to our glory, but to the glory of Jewish womanhood throughout the land.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Israel Cowen, Chairman.

## Report of the National Committee on Religion

Louisville, Ky., Oct. 31, 1919.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

**Friends and Co-Workers:** The National Committee on Religion sounds an optimistic note and a happy and hopeful outlook for the future in this report, although it can not report all of the Temples filled and all of our people deeply interested in Judaism and Jewish affairs.

Ours is the honest, simple pride of the real seven-year-old. Work has been done in season and out of season. Your Chairman predicts that, with God's help, in another seven years our religion will come into its own, and the Synagogue will again be the center of Jewish life.

The committee has issued a number of circular letters, all of which have been sent to the local chairmen of the Committee on Religion, and in many instances to every president of a local society. Your Chairman has also written a letter to each member of her committee, extending the hand of welcome, and asking for suggestions and cooperation. The response has been most gratifying, and she takes pleasure in giving you the outstanding thoughts of her committee members.

The Temple Center is becoming popular all through the country. Whether the Temple Center will start its life in the Temple Vestry or in the "house next door" is a question for each congregation to decide for itself. It is a good way for the old as well as for the young to get together, and will arouse interest in the Temple by satisfying the desire for light and wholesome pleasures.

One Sisterhood member writes: "We are launching our college dance, after the war had disturbed the usual procedure. We have 500 invitations out. It takes place in our Temple vestry. Can you realize it?" Several others also discussed the Temple Center, hoping through this means to win the boys and girls for a real attachment to the Synagogue.

There is a great activity shown by the Sisterhood along the line of Synagogue attendance. Religious committees report the use of the telephone message, the circular letter, the house-to-house visit, and the personal touch that must be used to bring about, first, a habit, and then a longing for the hour of peace, prayer and instruction that can always be found at the Temple service. Aside from the comfort and the strength that we gain from our prayers, we are apt to forget the educational value of the pulpit. The pulpit and the press form the greatest source of education today, and we place the pulpit first. Here we get life plus its ethical valuation.

Many Sisterhoods report that they are devoting much time and energy toward improving the Temple property, paying off the Temple debt, and decorating the Temple for the Sabbath and the holy days. Overflow services on the holy days are taken care of by many Sisterhoods.

Several Sisterhoods report reunion meetings; some merely of a local nature. The good and healthful note is the fact that Orthodox and Reformed congregations are meeting on the same platform.

February seems the popular month for these reunions, and rightly so, since ac-

According to a recommendation made several years ago, many Sisterhoods make Religion the outstanding feature of their February programs. One Sisterhood reports a State Convention during the month of December, an example worthy of emulation.

Innumerable interesting and encouraging letters have been received telling of various activities along Religious lines, and the committee has endeavored to select those items of interest and of value which are outstanding, and which we can take home and use in our own organizations.

A "Committee on Information" keeps the Rabbi informed of important events occurring in the families of the congregation. Many Rabbis would surely appreciate much cooperation, especially in large congregations.

One Sisterhood reports the celebration of Simchath Torah. It was made a happy occasion by the serving of a home-cooked supper. This holiday is one of the most joyous in the Jewish Calendar, and has not been receiving the attention that it deserves. In our efforts to add a touch of joy to our serious line of work, the committee recommends a revived interest in the celebration of the closing day of Succoth.

Sociability in the Temple must not be confined, however, to holidays. Welcoming the stranger is a task that is especially necessary on the part of the Sisterhood throughout the year. In some congregations the hospitality or the social committee takes its turn regularly in the vestibule of the Temple to greet the strangers, to furnish them with a Prayer Book and to add that kindly touch that befits entrance to the House of God.

Everywhere that is the call for personal interest in congregational life. Where can this be better displayed than at the annual meeting of the congregation? Many congregations report very large attendance at these affairs, which are sometimes preceded by a dinner, usually provided for by the Sisterhood.

Another subject emphasized by certain Sisterhoods is the advisability of keeping children out of school on the holidays and bringing them to the Temple. In some congregations the little children are silently dismissed before the sermon.

The members of the Sisterhoods are also

expressing for themselves their religious attitude. Many Sisterhoods open all meetings with prayer and a scripture reading. Several Sisterhoods have even taken complete charge of summer services. One Sisterhood reports the reading of the Sabbath prayers and congregational singing as a notable feature.

Bible classes are conducted in many of the Temples, almost always as a Sisterhood activity. In most congregations the Rabbi conducts the Bible class, and it is safe to say that if this is not done it is solely because of the lack of interest on the part of the members. The committee recommends that the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods conduct an active campaign in the interest of Bible Study on the part of its members.

It has also been suggested that a "Memory Book" be placed in every congregation. It is a sort of memorial to those of our members who have passed away. Sisterhoods can be of great service in seeing that entries are properly made.

Tableaux on religious subjects and plays depicting Jewish Life and Festivals are always instructive and entertaining.

The Chairman wishes to report that the past six months have brought to her more inquiries as to things of this nature than during the preceding six years that she has held office.

There are many elements contributing to increased religious interest at present. One of them is the "Free Pew", which will bring democracy into our Synagogue. Far too long have we encouraged the rich man's front row and the poor man's corner. As one of our rabbis said at the Boston Convention, "in the House of God all should be free." Let us spread this message through the country till the designation "Free Pew" may be taken for granted, and the expression "your pew and mine" is relegated to the past.

Your Committee on Religion is pleased to report that the Jewish Art Calendar has grown in popularity. The entire edition of "The Life of David Calendar" was sold out in October, 1918. "The Life of Esther Calendar", issued during the past summer, was equally popular, and orders for more than five hundred came in after the entire first and second editions had been ex-



hausted. A profit of 15c on each Calendar goes to the local Sisterhood. A number of Sisterhoods report this money used in maintaining Religious Schools, and one Sisterhood is always assured of a fund to send a delegate to the Biennial Convention through its profit from the "Jewish Art Calendar".

Many letters have come to your Chairman on the subject of prayer and the need for a Prayer Book. These letters were answered, and all were told that this want will shortly be filled.

And this gives me the opportunity to close as I began—the outlook is encouraging. We are still a prayerful people, and the slogan printed on a card of one of our Sisterhoods expresses our position exactly:

"Not what I am, but what I do,  
Makes me the true and loyal Jew."

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Leon Goodman, Chairman.

## Report of the National Committee on Religious Schools

Philadelphia, Oct. 31, 1919.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies: The Religious School Committee of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, in handing in its report for the work done in the past year, feels greatly encouraged by the results attained throughout the country in the Religious School itself. Of course, there is always room for improvement, but from reports that come in we can easily reach the conclusion that work is progressing, and that the Sisterhoods are interested in their Religious Schools and are alive to their needs and advancement.

We have reports from nearly 90 Sisterhoods who have committees on or boards in charge of the Religious School, and we are confident that this does not represent the full number.

Sisterhoods are taking active interest in the Religious Schools in all kinds of endeavor.

In some, they look to the attendance, going after the delinquents, either as to regular attendance or as to tardiness. In almost all, they look after the celebration of the various holidays.

At Succoth, they celebrate by having Succahs built, and giving the children bread and fruit, after a special service in the Succah, or in gathering fruit and flowers at this time, through the children, which are afterwards sent to the hospitals and homes.

At Chanukah, plays are given, or the children conduct the Religious Service on the Saturday of the Chanukah week, in a way

similar to that in which Confirmation is conducted in the spring; or in some schools each child is presented with a small Menorah and candles, so that the child can light the candles at home during the week.

At Purim, plays or masked dances are given, when candy and cakes are distributed and a generally festive time is held.

For Pesach, either Seder rehearsals, or the real Seder, is conducted publicly for the benefit of the children, so that they will know what the Seder really is.

In several Religious Schools, high schools are conducted, so as to furnish teachers for the schools.

Children's choirs are inaugurated, to furnish music for the religious services.

Birthday pennies are collected each week, out of which the children are given picnics in the spring of the year, and also during the Succoth Festival; books are purchased for the libraries, and a certain amount of charity is done.

The blind are brought to the Religious School, and in some of the blind institutions they are instructed in the institutions.

Parents' meetings are conducted.

Free Religious Schools are maintained.

Stereoptican slides are furnished schools, so the children can get a better understanding of the Biblical lessons they are taught.

Pageants are presented, also with this same idea.

Libraries are maintained.

We have every reason to believe that the Sisterhoods are doing excellent work in behalf of the Religious School, and that prac-

tically every affiliated society of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods is interested in this work, but we do not receive as much information on the subject as we would like, and, therefore, I would suggest that this Executive Board authorize your Committee, or, the Executive Secretary, to issue a regular questionnaire for the purpose of getting a fuller report of all activities.

As stated before, we feel that we can be greatly encouraged by the work that is done in the Religious School itself. Our discouragement comes from another source, and that is that the Religious School is merely an oasis in the desert of irreligion which is widespread throughout all communities. We can accomplish very little if we can not hold on to the child after leaving the Re-

ligious School, and, therefore, I would advocate that the Religious School Committee and the Religious Committee try to cooperate in some way, so as to bring religion into the home. Last year our Committee sent out three communications to the various societies connected with the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, asking for greater religious cooperation. We know from various sources that these letters were distributed, but whether they accomplished anything we have not heard. We shall give this matter our attention in the near future. In the mean time, any suggestions that can be made by the Executive Board will be gladly received by the Religious School Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Joseph Krauskopf, Chairman.

## Report of the National Committee on Propaganda

Kansas City, Oct. 31, 1919.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies: The National Committee on Propaganda begs leave to submit the following report for the year 1918-1919:

It is most gratifying to report that by its work this committee has secured the affiliation of twenty-seven Sisterhoods. The members of the Committee on Propaganda have been actively engaged in the proposed plan to increase the membership of the N. F. T. S. by corresponding and otherwise communicating with neighboring organizations. Those who were successful in bringing in societies are:

Mrs. M. Deutsch.  
Mrs. Max Brandenburger.  
Mrs. Harry Sternberger.  
Mrs. Bert Printz.  
Mrs. J. C. Lusky.  
Mrs. Ferd Dilsheimer.  
Mrs. E. S. Goulston.  
Miss Jeanette Goldberg.  
Mrs. Albert Zunder.

One society was brought in through the efforts of Rabbi Chas. Levy and one by Rabbi Raphael Goldenstein. It has been the custom of your Chairman to accept invitations on various occasions to speak to com-

munities for the purpose of furthering propaganda for the N. F. T. S.

In November, 1919, she spoke to the Sisterhood of Des Moines, Iowa.

On December 5, 1918, a letter was sent to all local organizations asking for names of societies not affiliated with the National body and urging them to make propaganda for the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

On February 3, 1919, a letter was sent to the chairmen of local organizations asking them to bring new members into the National Federation before the convention.

There is one phase of propaganda activity the importance of which I should like to impress upon the members of this board, and that is the personal interest of every member in the activity of the local Sisterhood of which she is a member. One of the definite objects of our committee is to expand the membership of individual Sisterhoods. By an active interest in her own community each member of this board can become a valuable aid to the Committee on Propaganda. When a woman becomes a member of this Executive Board she assumes the obligation, primarily, of making propaganda for the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods in the community in which she lives.

Our organization now has two hundred and six Sisterhoods enrolled in its membership.\* It is becoming a popular idea with the Jewish women of our country that, to be affiliated with the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, means cooperation with all that is highest and best in American Jewry, and with each year comes the realization of the mutual benefit of the local and National Sisterhoods to one another.

The societies which have joined this year are as follows

Bay City, Mich.—Temple Sisterhood.  
 Bristol, Va.—Tenn.—Jewish Ladies' Aid Society.  
 Brooklyn, N. Y.—Sisterhood of Shaari Zedek.  
 Brooklyn, N. Y.—Sisterhood of Temple Beth Emeth of Flatbush.  
 Cheyenne, Wyo.—Ladies of Jewish Circle.  
 East Liverpool, O.—Bene Israel Congregation.  
 El Paso, Texas—Mt. Sinai Sisterhood.  
 Farrel, Pa.—Ladies' Aid Society.  
 Gadsden, Ala.—Ladies' Temple Aid Society.  
 Hamilton, O.—Ladies' Aid Society, K. K. B. I.  
 Harrisonburg, Va.—Ladies' Auxiliary.  
 Jackson, Tenn.—Ladies' Jewish Benevolent Society.  
 Lafayette, La.—Temple Sisterhood of Lafayette.  
 Lancaster, Pa.—Ladies' Temple Auxiliary.  
 Mansfield, O.—Jewish Ladies' Aid Society.  
 Michigan City, Ind.—The Sinai Sisterhood.  
 Middletown, O.—Jewish Reform Auxiliary.  
 New Kensington, Pa.—Ladies' Auxiliary of Beth Jacob.

Pittsfield, Mass.—Sisterhood of Pittsfield.  
 Quincy, Ill.—Hebrew Ladies' Benevolent Society.  
 Spokane, Wash.—Daughters of Israel.  
 Springfield, O.—Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society.  
 Tacoma, Wash.—Temple Sisterhood.  
 Trenton, N. J.—Sisterhood of Har Sinai Congregation.  
 Waterbury, Conn.—Temple Sisterhood.  
 Yonkers, N. Y.—Emanu-El Sisterhood of Yonkers.  
 York, Pa.—Sisterhood Beth Israel Temple.

\* Note—The following Sisterhoods have joined the N. F. T. S. since November 1, 1919:

Chicago, Ill.—Beth-El Sisterhood of Chicago.  
 Elizabeth, N. J.—Daughters of Israel Auxiliary.  
 Greenwood, Miss.—Jewish Ladies' Aid Society.  
 New York, N. Y.—Women's Association, Temple Rodeph Shalom.  
 New York, N. Y.—Tremont Sisterhood.  
 New Rochelle, N. Y.—Sisterhood of Temple Israel of New Rochelle.  
 Oshkosh, Wis.—Ladies' Jewish Aid Society of Oshkosh.  
 Richmond, Ind.—Sisterhood of Richmond.  
 Sioux Falls, S. D.—Sisterhood Mt. Zion Congregation.  
 Tulsa, Okla.—Temple Israel Sisterhood.  
 Waco, Texas—The Temple Sisterhood of Waco.

Respectfully submitted,

Cornelia N. Mayer, Chairman.

## Report of the National Committee on Hebrew Union College Scholarships

Chicago, Oct. 31, 1919.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Friends: Your Committee on Hebrew Union College Scholarships takes pleasure in reporting its "Banner Year". During the past twelve months the affiliated Sisterhoods of our Federation have contributed \$7,395.10 to the Scholarship Fund.

This sum, including seventeen individual

scholarships, five district scholarships and six incomplete scholarships, is a great increase over the contributions of any preceding year, being \$1,575.00 more than the largest collection heretofore (that of last year).

One hundred and twenty-six organizations shared in accumulating this money as against 93 of the year before. Practically every Sisterhood that had at any previous

time cooperated in our (the Scholarship) work is included in these 126, and in addition we are pleased to announce 33 new contributing Sisterhoods.

The Isaac M. Wise Centenary undoubtedly created much enthusiasm for our cause last year, and to it is certainly due in great measure the unusually large collection aforementioned. Yet many of the letters we have received express such sincere appreciation of the work accomplished by this great leader in American Israel, and such a deep interest in the Hebrew Union College, that we are led to believe that the spirit which inspired such splendid results will not diminish, but will rather grow from strength to strength, bringing forth an ever larger number of contributions, as well as a constantly increasing sum total.

Your committee does not deem it necessary to emphasize in this report the various methods that have been used in collecting funds. We shall reserve this and similar topics for our report to the next Biennial Convention.

You will note that the districts which did not succeed in gathering a complete scholarship came quite close to the desired mark, excepting districts three and twelve. District three comprises the state of Pennsylvania, which included Pittsburgh. District twelve is Kentucky, which includes Louisville. As Pittsburgh and Louisville contributed whole individual scholarships, their sums are not included in the district scholarships. Hence, districts three and twelve, being without the aid of their largest contributors, have raised only \$170.00 and \$45.00 respectively. As neither will likely be able to form a complete scholarship alone, we would recommend that the two be combined into one district.

In closing this report, your committee wishes to present a complete list of the contributions received during the past fiscal year, November 1, 1919; to October 31, 1919.

**SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS**

From October 31, 1918, to October 31, 1919

**INDIVIDUAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Atlanta, Georgia**

The Temple Sisterhood.....\$300.00

In memory of three Atlanta boys, Lt. Ray Bauer, Lt. Joel Y. Lyons and Aaron Cohen, who died in the service of their country.

**Baltimore, Md.**

Sisterhood Oheb Shalom Temple (Szold-Kaiser Scholarship)..... 300.00  
 Madison Avenue Temple Sisterhood (Adolf Guttmacher Scholarship). 300.00  
 (In addition to complete Scholarship) ..... 34.20

**Chicago, Ill.**

Isaiah Woman's Club..... 300.00  
 Isaiah Woman's Club (Isaac M. Wise Memorial Scholarship) ..... 300.00

**Cincinnati, Ohio**

Plum St. Temple Sisterhood (Isaac Mayer Wise Scholarship)..... 300.00  
 Rockdale Avenue Temple Sisterhood (Dr. Max Lilienthal Scholarship). 300.00

**Cleveland, Ohio**

Euclid Avenue Temple Sisterhood.. 300.00  
 The Temple Women's Association.. 250.00

**Indianapolis, Ind.**

Sisterhood Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (Dina Kiser Scholarship) ..... 300.00

**Louisville, Ky.**

Adath Israel Sisterhood..... 300.00

**Nashville, Tenn.**

Vine Street Temple Sisterhood..... 300.00

**New Orleans, La.**

Temple Sinai Sisterhood (James K. Gutheim Scholarship) ..... 300.00

**Pittsburgh, Pa.**

Rodef Shalom Sisterhood (in honor of the advent of Dr. and Mrs. Goldenson to Pittsburgh)..... 300.00  
 The Dr. J. Leonard Levy Memorial Scholarship of the Rodef Shalom Sisterhood ..... 300.00  
 The Rodef Shalom Sisterhood Scholarship (in honor of Mrs. Josiah Cohen's 70th birthday)..... 300.00  
 In honor of Mr. and Mrs. M. Oppenheimer's golden wedding..... 300.00

**Washington, D. C.**

Sisterhood Washington Hebrew Congregation (Dr. Abram Simon Scholarship) ..... 300.00

## DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIPS

## District No. 10—\$346.20

Bay City, Mich.—Temple Sisterhood	\$18.90
Davenport, Ia.—Sisterhood Emanuel	11.00
Detroit, Mich.—Women's Auxiliary, Temple Beth-El	50.00
Des Moines, Ia.—United Benevolent Society	10.00
Evan'sville, Ind.—Temple Sisterhood	15.00
Ft. Wayne, Ind.—Temple Sisterhood	25.00
Grand Rapids, Mich.—Ladies' Auxil- iary Society	25.00
Hammond, Ind.—Jewish Ladies' Aid Society	5.00
Milwaukee, Wis.—B'nai Jeshurun Sisterhood	100.00
Milwaukee, Wis.—Emanu-El Society	25.00
Minneapolis, Minn.—Ladies' Auxil- iary Shari Tov	25.00
Mt. Vernon, Ind.—Jewish Ladies' Temple Society	2.50
Montreal, Can.—Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood	25.00
Saginaw, Mich.—Temple Beth El Sisterhood	5.00
Sioux City, Ia.—Jewish Ladies' Aid Society	3.80

## District No. 11—\$355.57

Alexandria, La.—Temple Sisterhood	\$10.00
Baton Rouge, La.—B'nai Israel Sis- terhood	5.00
Ft. Smith, Ark.—Ladies' Temple Sis- terhood	25.00
Ft. Worth, Tex.—Temple Auxiliary Club	10.00
Jackson, Miss.—Ladies' Aid Society	5.00
Lincoln, Nebr.—Jewish Ladies' Aid	10.00
Kansas City, Mo.—Temple Sisterhood	100.00
Muskogee, Okla.—Sisterhood Temple Beth Ahaba	5.00
Natchez, Miss.—N a t c h e z Temple Sisterhood	25.32
New Orleans, La.—Ladies' Auxil- iary Cong. Beth Israel	15.00
New Orleans, La.—Women's League Touro Synagogue	25.00
Pine Bluff, Ark.—Ladies' Temple So- ciety	10.00
Shreveport, La.—Sisterhood B'nai Zion	25.00
St. Joseph, Mo.—Adath Joseph Sis- terhood	30.25
St. Louis, Mo.—Sisterhood Shaari Emeth	25.00

Springfield, Mo.—Jewish Ladies' Aid Society	10.00
Vicksburg, Miss.—Ladies' Auxiliary Anshe Chesed	20.00

## District No. 2—\$321.90

Brooklyn, N.Y. (Bensonhurst)—Beth Sholom People's Temple	\$ 25.00
Brooklyn, N. Y.—Sisterhood Temple Israel	25.00
Brooklyn, N. Y.—Woman's Auxiliary Temple Beth Elohim	50.00
Brooklyn, N. Y.—Sisterhood Shaari Zedek	15.00
Buffalo, N. Y.—Woman's Temple So- ciety	75.00
Binghamton, N. Y.—Jewish Sister- hood	10.00
Far Rockaway, N. Y.—Woman's Aux. Temple Israel	11.90
New York, N. Y.—Sisterhood of New Synagog	25.00
Niagara Falls, N. Y.—Temple Beth El Sisterhood	10.00
Rochester, N. Y.—Berith Kodesh Sis- terhood	50.00
Syracuse, N. Y.—Ladies' Auxiliary Society	25.00

## District No. 6—\$320.26

Cincinnati, O.—Reading Road Tem- ple Auxiliary	\$ 56.70
Dayton, O.—Ladies' Temple Auxil- iary, K. K. B. Y.	100.00
Hamilton, O.—Ladies' Aid Society	10.00
Lorain, O.—Temple Sisterhood	5.00
Piqua, O.—Jewish Ladies' Aid So- ciety	5.00
Sandusky, O.—Oheb Sholom Sister- hood	10.00
Springfield, O.—Ladies' Auxiliary Ohev Zadukah	22.00
Toledo, O.—Ladies' Auxiliary So- ciety	30.00
Youngstown, O.—Sisterhood Rodef Sholom Temple	81.56

## District No. 8—\$358.30

Albany, Ga.—Temple B'nai Israel	\$ 5.00
Anniston, Ala.—Henrietta Ste r n e Sisterhood	5.00
Anniston, Ala.—Temple Beth El Sis- terhood	5.00
Bainbridge, Ga.—Temple Guild	5.00
Bessemer, Ala.—Beth El Sisterhood	15.00
Birmingham, Ala.—Temple Emanuel	

Chapter .....	25.00
Charleston, S. C.—Temple Sisterhood, K. K. B. E. ....	10.00
Chattanooga, Tenn.—Hebrew Ladies Aid .....	7.50
Goldsboro, N. C.—Temple Sisterhood .....	5.00
Greensboro, N. C.—Ladies' Aid....	10.00
Jacksonville, Fla.—Temple Sisterhood .....	27.60
Knoxville, Tenn.—Women's Auxiliary Temple Beth El.....	5.00
Macon, Ga.—Beth Israel Sisterhood .....	10.00
Memphis, Tenn.—Ladies' Auxiliary Children Israel .....	183.00
Raleigh, N. C.—Sisterhood Temple Beth El .....	5.00
Savannah, Ga.—Temple Guild.....	25.00
Statesville, N. C.—Sisterhood Temple Emanuel .....	10.00

**INCOMPLETE SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Total, \$1,208.67**

**District No. 1—\$280.00**

Boston, Mass.—Sisterhood Temple Israel .....	\$150.00
Bridgeport, Conn.—Sisterhood Cong. B'nai Israel .....	5.00
Hartford, Conn.—Ladies' Auxiliary Cong. Beth Israel.....	25.00
New Haven, Conn.—Temple Mishkan Israel .....	75.00
Providence, R. I.—Sisterhood Temple Beth El .....	25.00

**District No. 3—\$170.00**

Erie, Pa.—Ladies' Hebrew Auxiliary .....	\$25.00
Harrisburg, Pa.—Ohev Sholom Sisterhood .....	25.00
Philadelphia, Pa.—Keneseth Israel Sisterhood .....	50.00
Reading, Pa.—Ohev Sholem Sisterhood .....	20.00
Scranton, Pa.—Sisterhood Madison Avenue Temple .....	25.00
Wilkes Barre, Pa.—Women's Auxiliary Cong. B'nai Brith.....	25.00

**District No. 5—\$230.00**

Alexandria, Va.—Beth El Sisterhood .....	\$ 5.00
Atlantic City, N. J.—Sisterhood Beth Israel .....	10.00
Cumberland, Md.—Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society .....	50.00
Huntington, W. Va.—Ladies' Hebrew Benevolent Society .....	5.00

Jersey City, N. J.—Ladies' Auxiliary Beth El .....	25.00
.....—Women's Association, .....	50.00
.....—Ohev Sholom Temple .....	35.00
..... W. Va.—Ladies' Hebrew Benevolent Society .....	50.00

**District No. 9—\$235.75**

Cairo, Ill.—Montefiore Temple Sisterhood .....	\$ 5.00
Chicago, Ill.—Chicago Sinai Temple Sisterhood .....	50.00
Chicago, Ill.—Sisterhood B'nai Abraham .....	25.00
Chicago, Ill.—Ladies' Auxiliary Temple Sholom .....	25.00
Chicago, Ill.—K. A. M. Auxiliary..	50.00
Chicago, Ill.—Temple Emanuel Sisterhood .....	25.00
Chicago, Ill.—B'nai Sholom Temple Israel .....	25.00
Champaign, Ill.—Jewish Ladies' Social Circle .....	5.75
Peoria, Ill.—Sisterhood Anshe Emeth Congregation .....	20.00
Springfield, Ill.—Brith Sholom Temple Sisterhood .....	5.00

**District No. 12—\$45.00**

Lexington, Ky.—Sisterhood K. K. A. I. ....	\$ 15.00
Louisville, Ky.—Ladies' Auxiliary Brith Sholom .....	20.00
Paducah, Ky.—Temple Israel Sisterhood .....	10.00

**District No. 13—\$247.92**

Denver, Colo.—Sisterhood Temple Emanuel .....	\$16.90
Los Angeles, Cal.—Sisterhood Temple B'nai Brith.....	55.32
Seattle, Wash.—Ladies' Auxiliary Temple De Hirsch.....	10.00
Salt Lake City, Utah—B'nai Israel Sisterhood .....	75.00
Spokane, Wash.—Sisterhood Temple Emanu-El .....	5.70
Trinidad, Colo.—Hebrew Ladies' Aid .....	10.00
San Francisco, Cal.—Temple Emanu-El .....	50.00
Tacoma, Wash.—Montefiore Society.	25.00

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Joseph Stolz, Chairman.

## Report of the National Committee on Union Museum

Cincinnati, O., Oct. 31, 1919.

To the Executive Board, National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

**Ladies:** The most gratifying gift received during the past year for the Union Museum in Cincinnati, through the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, is a Chanukah Lamp made at the Bezalel School. This lamp is of bronze, and bears two tablets of the decalogue, with an inset Palestinian stone. It was presented by Mrs. Caesar Misch, of Providence, R. I. Two other gifts received by the Committee are also articles used in connection with Chanukah observance. One is a hand-made trendel donated by Mr. M. Englander, of Cincinnati, and the other is a lead trendel presented to the Museum by Mr. Nelson Glueck, a student of the Hebrew Union College.

The Jewish Welfare Board has added appreciably to our collection by donating the pictures of five Jews who have been prominent in American military affairs. They are Col. David S. Franks, Col. Isaac Franks, Capt. Mordecai Myers, Commodore Uriah P. Levy and Rear Admiral Adolph Marx.

A number of the other pictures and ceremonial objects which were ordered some time ago from the Bezalel School are now on their way to the Museum. Deliveries from Palestine have long been held up because of the war, but now we are able to secure much-desired objects that are being made under the direction of Mr. Boris Schatz.

In this connection, your Committee wishes to make a suggestion to the ladies of the Federation who are interested in this branch of work, but who have no ceremonial objects of their own to present to the Museum. We think it would be advisable for them to purchase objects, either from the Bezalel School or from places where they can be purchased in the various cities of our own country, and donate them to the Union Museum.

Mr. Schatz has had in mind for a long time an idea for a piece of sculpture which will portray Jewish Motherhood with all the depth of maternal love which is char-

acteristic of the Jewish woman. This work would, in a measure, offset the popular conception of ideal Motherhood as depicted by Christian artists in the representation of Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

The artist believes that maternal love might be typified in the person of "Jochebed," the mother of Moses, and that the group of sculpture might show Jochebed at the moment of supreme sacrifice, when she is bidding farewell to the infant Moses.

I beg to suggest to the Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods the advisability of commissioning Mr. Schatz to undertake a work of this nature, the Sisterhoods to guarantee the necessary funds. When completed, the group might well find a place at the Hebrew Union College.

Another suggestion which we especially wish to urge is, that the various societies of the National Federation, which have local exhibits, furnish your Committee on Union Museum with a list of those objects. Heretofore our reports on local activity have been very meager. There are a number of local collections of ceremonial objects that have never been reported in any way to the National Federation. A reference to such collections in submitting reports to the Executive Office would be of value to this Committee, while a list of objects on hand would indeed be a great boon.

We can not urge too strongly that the various affiliated organizations of the National Federation give special attention to this matter.

Undoubtedly there are a number of objects in the possession of private individuals that are exceptionally rare, and would greatly enhance the beauty and value of our national collection in the Union Museum. Perhaps it would be too much to expect the local community to part permanently with some of these objects, but would it not be well to lend these articles to the Union Museum for a certain period of time? A large number of people visit the Hebrew Union College and view the Union Museum, and it would be well to have a large number of loan objects on hand.

Your Committee on Union Museum receives so many gratifying reports of meet-

ings at which the local rabbi has exhibited ceremonial objects, and explained their use in connection with old customs, that we heartily recommend similar programs to all Sisterhoods which have not held such meetings.

In closing this report, your Committee wishes to thank Dr. J. Z. Lauterbach and

Dr. Henry Englander, the Curators of the Union Museum, and the many donors who have contributed to this collection. We trust that our efforts will continue to bear fruit in increasing our National Museum as well as the local collections.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. K. Kohler, Chairman.

## Report of the National Committee on Uniongrams

Cincinnati, O., Oct. 31, 1919.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies: Your Committee on Uniongram feels that now, after some years of effort in trying to popularize the Uniongram, it has reached the point where the Uniongram is in demand.

Naturally, the purpose for which the profits are used has much to do with the fact. Those Sisterhoods which maintain a religious school use the profits derived from the sale for this purpose, while many of the Sisterhoods divert the profits to the Scholarship Fund, and in some instances have raised enough to send a complete scholarship to the Hebrew Union College.

The new method of handling the Uniongram blanks has had very much to do in increasing the sale. They are now put up in books containing four blanks, which sell for \$1.00, and also in books of 10, selling for \$2.50. It has been found that where members have these books handy they use them much oftener than formerly, under the old method of sending them through the office.

The local chairmen of the various Sisterhoods have done a great deal by personal effort in disposing of the Uniongram. One of the most successful Sisterhoods is the Adath Israel Sisterhood, of Louisville, Ky. The Committee on Uniongrams is a large one, having fifteen members. The ladies reach every member of the Sisterhood regularly, explain the use and purpose of the Uniongram, and by persistent effort have increased the sale materially. Other Sisterhoods successful in Uniongram work are the Sisterhood of Temple Sinai, of New Orleans, with a sale of 250 Uniongrams during the past year; the Sisterhood of Temple

Israel, St. Louis, Mo., and the Sisterhood of Keneseth Israel, Philadelphia, Pa. Other communities where the Uniongram has been widely circulated—thanks to the efforts of the local Sisterhoods—are: Baltimore, Boston, Cleveland, Detroit, Hartford, Conn., Harrisburg, Pa., Indianapolis, Ind., and Washington, D. C. In Brooklyn, the Women's Auxiliary Temple Beth Elohim and the Sisterhood of Temple Beth Elohim have both engaged extensively in this work. Many of the smaller organizations have also furthered the sale of Uniongrams, and although, because of the limited number of their membership, they can not dispose of as many Uniongrams as the larger societies, they deserve great credit for their share in Uniongram activity.

Invariably, after the local Chairman has herself become interested, she has been quite successful in spreading her enthusiasm. The interest generally has been growing rapidly, and your Chairman feels greatly encouraged.

Many letters have been sent through the Executive Office to the local chairmen explaining the purpose of the Uniongram. Among these are 69 letters sent to societies who had earned Uniongram profits for the year ending May 1, 1919. In addition to these letters of apportionment, we have sent 207 communications from the Executive Office concerning the Uniongram, and have received 190 communications. We have heard from 76 Sisterhoods. We have sold this year 4,760 Uniongrams—that is, 575 books of four Uniongrams and 246 books of ten. We sold during 1917-18, 2,891 books, showing an increase of 1,869.

The Sisterhoods in the larger cities have shown much more interest than those in the smaller places. We must try in every way



to educate these smaller Sisterhoods as well, with literature and propaganda letters. When one realizes that all the profit derived from the sale of Uniongrams is used for educational purposes, one ought to enter whole-heartedly into the work, and appeal to every local chairman to make every effort to increase the sale.

The National Committee feels greatly encouraged by the constant growth of the Uniongram sale, and the Chairman asks each member of the Committee to cooperate, and to do all in her power to stimu-

late the growth of the Uniongram idea, thereby keeping up not only the cause of the Religious School, but the Scholarship Fund as well. We are banded together to further the cause of Judaism, and since both the Religious School and the Scholarship Fund further this cause, we are working in the right direction. Let us do all we can for the Uniongram and double the sale during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg, Chairman.

## Report of the Emergency Committee

Washington, D. C., Oct. 31, 1919.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies: It is a source of gratification to report that the War Emergency Committee has justified its existence. Acting as a clearing house, it has gathered a large volume of material, indicating the amazing enthusiasm, energy and activity of our Sisterhoods throughout the country in cooperating with all existing national and local forces, no less than instituting new lines of helpful endeavor towards the successful carrying out of the war projects. In presenting the reported activities of 75 Sisterhoods, the conclusion must not be drawn that the others have not been busy.

The following lines of endeavor indicate the high character of their work, as well as the variety of achievement which commanded their interest and zeal, viz.:

- Liberty Loan Campaign and Literature.
- Entertainments to the Jewish Soldiers at the Huts.
- Farewell and Welcome Exercises to the Jewish Soldiers.
- Visiting the Hospitals.
- Adopting French and Belgian Orphans.
- Answering the Red Cross Appeals for Knitting, etc.
- Supplying Jellies and Preserves in the Huts.
- Instituted Service Flags in the Temples.
- Assisted in Fuel Administration in Home Products, etc.
- Sent Rosh Hashanah Cards, Birthday Cards and Copies of Sermons to the Boys in the Camps.

Gave Recreational Material to the Boys on the Transports.

Gathering Statistics of War Activities of the Jewish Women of America.

Cooperated with the Jewish Welfare Boards in Furnishing Entertainments at the Huts and in the Homes of Local Members.

Assisted in all the War Relief Drives.

Sold Smilage Books.

Gathered Clothing for the Needy Children in Europe.

Sent Chanukah Gifts to the Soldiers in the Camps.

Welcomed the Soldiers to Services on the Holydays.

Dedicated Chanukah Lights in Memoriam to Our Jewish Soldiers.

From the above outline, one can see the wide ramification of services which our Sisterhoods rendered to our country. Some of their services were so highly appreciated that they received special letters of commendation from the national organizations and various local authorities.

With the close of the war soon to be announced officially, the National War Emergency Committee of the N. F. T. S. should pass out of existence, leaving duties that seem of an emergency nature to the National Committees on Propaganda and Cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Abram Simon, Chairman.

**PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT**

In connection with the report of the Executive Secretary and the Treasurer, it was moved and duly carried that the Executive Office be authorized to secure the services of a Public Accountant for the purpose of auditing the books, cost not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00).

**SUCCESSFUL ESSAYS FOR DISTRIBUTION**

In connection with the report of the National Committee on Cooperation, it was moved and duly carried to request of all Sisterhoods copies of unusual essays delivered at the meetings, for distribution to other Sisterhoods who are in need of such assistance.

The Executive Board adjourned, to meet Thursday at 9:00 a. m.

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## Second Day's Proceedings

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The Executive Board met at the Sinton Hotel at 9:00 a. m., on Thursday, February 2, Vice-President Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg presiding. Mrs. Benjamin Loewenstein recorded the minutes.

**THE PRESENTATION OF REPORTS****(Continued)  
PROPAGANDA**

In connection with report of the National Committee on Propaganda, it was moved and duly carried that the following system of Mandatories be adopted with reference to work on Propaganda among unaffiliated Sisterhoods namely, that each unaffiliated Sisterhood be assigned to the nearest organized Sisterhood with the request that the organized Sisterhood take such steps as it finds necessary to bring the unaffiliated Sisterhood into the Federation.

It was moved and duly carried that the campaign for additional members in the local Sisterhoods be left in the hands of a Committee of the National Advisory Board in each city.

**NEW STANDARD FOR SCHOLARSHIPS**

In connection with the report of the National Committee on Hebrew Union College Scholarships a communication was read from Mrs. Joseph Stolz, advising that Scholarships be raised from three hundred (\$300.00) dollars to three hundred and fifty (\$350.00) dollars.

It was moved and duly carried that the scholarships appropriated out of the Na-

tional Treasury henceforth be three hundred and fifty (\$350.00) dollars instead of three hundred (\$300.00) dollars, and that a recommendation to this effect be made to the Sisterhoods that raised Individual Scholarships.

It was moved and duly carried that the question of redistricting Scholarships and naming Scholarships after distinguished women be referred back to the National Committee on Hebrew Union College Scholarships.

**ART PRODUCTIONS**

In connection with the report of the National Committee on Union Museum, a communication was presented from Miss Rose Kohler, setting forth the advisability of offering a number of prizes for the production of works of art dealing with Jewish history or Jewish life.

It was moved and duly carried that the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods place itself on record as endorsing the above recommendation.

It was moved and duly carried that a committee of the Executive Board be appointed to consider ways and means for carrying out the suggestion.

The President appointed the following committee: Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg, Chairman; Mrs. Moses J. Gries, Mrs. Kaufmann Kohler; Mrs. Isaac Landman, Mrs. J. Leonard Levy, Mrs. Harry Liebman, Mrs. Marcus Rauh, Mrs. Herman Wile, Mrs. James Witkowsky, Mrs. Horace J. Wolf and Mrs. Leo Wolf.

It was moved and duly carried that a paper dealing with this subject be read at the next meeting of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

#### WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM

In connection with the report of the National Emergency Committee, a communication was read from Mrs. Joseph Krauskopf, calling the attention of the Executive Board to the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, and suggesting the advisability of giving our support to this movement.

It was moved and duly carried that a committee be appointed to consider this proposition and to report as soon as possible to the Board.

The President appointed the following committee: Mrs. Joseph Krauskopf, Chairman; Mrs. Israel Aaron, Mrs. Wm. Abrahams, Mrs. Henry Bauer, Mrs. Isaac Born, Mrs. Charles J. Freund, Mrs. Otto Kempner, Mrs. Sol. Moses, Mrs. S. Pisko and Mrs. H. Oppenheimer.

#### NATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD

A communication was presented from Mr. J. Walter Freiberg, President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, inviting the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods to participate with the Union in the creation of National Advisory Boards in every city where the Sisterhood is represented.

It was moved and duly carried that the Constitution of the Federation be amended so as to create a National Advisory Board, following the example of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

It was moved and duly carried that the

wording of this amendment be referred to the Committee on Revision of Constitution.

#### RESIGNATIONS FROM THE BOARD

Letters of resignation were presented from Mrs. Isaac Landman of Far Rockaway, N. Y., and Mrs. James Witkowsky, of Chicago.

It was moved and duly carried that no action be taken with reference to these resignations, and that letters be forwarded to these two ladies asking them to remain upon the Board.

#### MEMBERSHIP CARDS

It was moved and duly carried that the Executive Board adopt a membership card for distribution to the constituent Sisterhoods, the same to serve as a receipt for dues issued by each Sisterhood.

It was moved and duly carried that the Sisterhoods be advised to close their fiscal year in May in order that the uniform national membership cards may be issued to all Sisterhoods.

It was moved and duly carried that the Executive Office furnish these cards at cost to the Sisterhoods.

It was moved and duly carried that the thanks of the Executive Board be extended to the Cincinnati Committee on Arrangements for the care bestowed on the arrangement of details for the hospitality of the Cincinnati Committee and for the assistance rendered to the Executive Board in the transaction of its business.

Adjourned.

Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg,  
Vice-President,

Mrs. Ben Loewenstein,  
Secretary.



**Minutes**  
OF THE  
**Executive Board**



**Buffalo**  
**May 23, 1921**

# Minutes

of the

## Executive Board

### Morning Session

Hotel Lafayette, Buffalo, N. Y.,  
May 23, 1921.

Pursuant to the call of the President the Executive Board met at the above place and date at 9:30 A.M.

Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld presided, Mrs. Benjamin Loewenstein, Secretary, recorded the minutes.

There were present: Mrs. Abram Simon, Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld, Mrs. A. J. Johnson, Mrs. Ben Loewenstein, Mrs. Israel Cowen, Mrs. Leon Goodman, Mrs. Israel Aaron, Mrs. Wm. Abrahams, Mrs. Henry Bauer, Mrs. Isaac Born, Mrs. Max J. Brandenberger, Mrs. Edgar M. Cahn, Mrs. Chas. Cohn, Mrs. B. M. Engelhard, Mrs. Chas. Freund, Mrs. Sallie K. Glauber, Miss Jeanette M. Goldberg, Mrs. Moses J. Gries, Mrs. Otto Kempner, Mrs. David Lefkowitz, Mrs. Sam Levy, Mrs. Isaac Meyer, Mrs. Caesar Misch, Mrs. H. Oppenheimer, Mrs. S. Pisko, Mrs. Marcus Rauh, Mrs. Philip Rosenau, Mrs. Robert F. Skutch, Mrs. Maurice Steinfeld, Mrs. Harry H. Sternberger, Mrs. Joseph Stolz, Mrs. M. Thorner, Mrs. Herman Wile, Mrs. Horace J. Wolf, Mrs. Louis Wolsey and Mrs. Leo Wolf.

#### Letters from Members Unable to Attend

Letters from the following members who were unable to attend the meeting were then presented:

Mrs. Hugo Teweles, Milwaukee, Mrs. A. L. Fishel, Boston, Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg, Cincinnati, Mrs. Sol. Moses, Cleveland, Mrs. H. H. Mayer Kansas City, Mrs. James Witkowsky, Chicago, Mrs. N. M. Becker, Des Moines, Mrs. Louis Welt, Detroit, Mrs. Kaufman Kohler, Cincinnati, Mrs. D. S. Lisberger, San Francisco, Mrs. Herman Jung, Milwaukee, Mrs. Hirsch Morris, Memphis.

#### Reading of the Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting of the Executive Board held in Cincinnati, O., February 11 and 12, 1920, were read and approved.

#### Report of the Executive Secretary

The Executive Secretary, Rabbi George Zepin, then presented the following report (see page 52 of the Proceedings of the IV Assembly), which was upon motion duly carried and referred to the IV Assembly.

#### Report of the Treasurer.

The Treasurer, Mrs. A. J. Johnson of New Haven, Conn., presented the following report (see page 54 of the Proceedings of the IV Assembly). Upon motion duly carried it was referred to the IV Assembly.

Mrs. A. J. Johnson also presented a report of the financial condition of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods to May 18.

It was moved and duly carried that this report be accepted with thanks and filed.

#### Report of the Public Accountant

The following report of the public accountant was then read (see page 55 of the Proceedings of the IV Assembly) and upon motion duly carried was referred to the IV Assembly.

In connection with the report of the public accountant, it was moved by Mrs. Steinfeld of St. Louis and duly carried that the securities of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods be kept together with the securities of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in Cincinnati.

**Presentation of Reports**

The following reports were then presented in printed form:

- National Committee on Religion.
- “ “ “ Religious Schools.
- “ “ “ Propaganda.
- “ “ “ Hebrew Union College Scholarships.
- “ “ “ Uniongram.
- “ “ “ Union Museum.
- “ “ “ Cooperation.

It was moved and duly carried that these reports be referred to the IV Assembly.

**Reports of Special Committees**

The report of the Committee on Art Productions was presented in printed form and upon motion duly carried was referred to the IV Assembly.

**Report of the Committee on City, State, or District Federation**

Mrs. Glauber of New York City, Chairman of the Committee on City, State or District Federations, presented the report of that Committee, which, after amendment, was adopted and ordered to be presented to the IV Assembly (see page 96 of the Proceedings of the IV Assembly).

**Report of the Greater New York Committee on Propaganda.**

It was moved by Mrs. Misch of Providence, R. I., and duly carried that the privilege of the floor during the IV Assembly be granted to Mrs. Glauber of New York to present a statement of the activity of the Greater New York Committee on Propaganda.

The Executive Board adjourned until 2 P. M.

**Afternoon Session**

Lafayette Hotel, May 23, 1921, 2 P. M.

The Executive Board met pursuant to adjournment.

**Report of the Committee on Revision of Constitution**

Mrs. Israel Cowen, of Chicago, Chairman of the Committee on Revision of Constitution presented the report of the Committee which was amended and adopted as follows

and referred to the IV Assembly with the approval of the Executive Board, (see page 92 of the Proceedings of the IV Assembly) Adjourned.



Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld,  
President.

Mrs. Ben Loewenstein,  
Recording Secretary.

**Proceedings**

OF THE

**Fourth Assembly**

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# Proceedings of the Fourth Assembly

## First Day's Proceedings

Hotel Lafayette, Buffalo, N. Y.,  
May 24, 1921, 9:30 A. M.

The IV Assembly of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods was called to order by the President, Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Dr. Alexander Lyons of Brooklyn, N. Y.

### Organization of the IV Assembly

The President, Mrs. Wiesenfeld, appointed the following Committees on Credentials and Rules:

#### Committee on Credentials

Mrs. Henry Nathan, Chairman, Mrs. Wm. Abrahams, Mrs. N. Henry Beckman, Mrs. David Bernkopf, Mrs. M. Feuerlicht, Mrs. Louis Fischer, Mrs. Louis J. Kopald, Mrs. Fred Langdon, Mrs. Harry Levy, Mrs. Hugo Munzer, Mrs. M. L. Purvin, Mrs. S. Schweriner, Mrs. Robert F. Skutch, Mrs. Arthur Stern, Mrs. Francis Stone, Mrs. Mayer B. Sulzberger, Miss Miriam Westheimer.

#### COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mrs. Israel Cowen, Chairman, Mrs. M. Claiborne, Mrs. J. P. Kohn, Mrs. Leo Wolf.

Mrs. Henry Nathan, President of Woman's Temple Society of Beth Zion, Buffalo, N. Y., delivered the following address of welcome:

#### ADDRESS OF WELCOME

By Mrs. Henry Nathan.

Madame President and Members of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

I am the bearer of friendly greetings and a hearty welcome from the Women's Temple Society of Buffalo. We are indeed fortunate that we are privileged to meet with the intelligent group of women who are gathered in our city for this Convention. This meeting means much to us. It will spur us on

in our future activities, and we hope to gain greatly from the contact with you, our sisters, in this work. We welcome the new suggestions that you will bring to us. We welcome the meaningful discussions of the vital problems of the day which you will necessarily offer to us, and we are grateful for this friendly spirit and inspiration which this Convention will surely leave in its wake. And we hope for all the wise counsel which the Women's Temple Society shall receive from this gathering, that we may be able to make our contribution towards the success of this Convention.

The aims and ideals of our local organization are so well expressed in its motto, which is, "Broad in fellowship, faithful in religion, joyful in deed and progressive in everything good." May you, our guests and coworkers, find us lacking in none of these ideals which we have set up as our standard.

#### Letters of Greeting.

Letters, Uniongrams and telegrams of greeting from the following Sisterhoods and individuals were read to the IV Assembly:

B'nai El Sisterhood, St. Louis, Mrs. Hugo Teweles, Milwaukee; Keneseth Israel Sisterhood, Philadelphia; Williamsport Sisterhood; Ladies' Auxiliary, Temple Israel, N. Y., Ohio Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, Temple Sisterhood, Atlanta, Ga.; Mishkan Israel Sisterhood, New Haven, Conn., Daughters of Covenant, N. Y. C., Eutaw Place Temple Sisterhood, Baltimore, Mrs. Jacob Engel, Baltimore, Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg, Cincinnati; Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, Baltimore, Sisterhood Nashville, Tenn., Chicago Sinai Temple Sisterhood, Temple Sisterhood, Des Moines, Ia., Ohel Sholom Temple Sisterhood, Norfolk Va., Washington, D. C., Sisterhood, Sister-



hood of Binghamton, N. Y., B'rith Sholom Auxiliary, Louisville, Ky., Sisterhood Temple Israel, Minneapolis, Minn., Mr. and Mrs. L. Jonas, Nashville, Tenn., El Paso Sisterhood, Sisterhood Temple Israel, Bridgeport, Conn., Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society, Cumberland, Md., Sisterhood B'nai B'rith, Los Angeles, Calif., Temple Sisterhood, Jackson, Mich., League of Jewish Women's Organizations, Boston, Sisterhood Temple Sharai Shomayim, Lancaster, Pa., Sisterhood Temple Israel, New Rochelle, N. Y., Sisterhood Oheb Shalom, Reading, Pa.,

Women's Association Temple B'nai Jeshurun, Newark, N. J.

Miss Rose Brenner, National President of the Council of Jewish Women, was invited to the platform by Mrs. Wiesenfeld and addressed the Assembly, conveying the greetings of the Council of Jewish Women to the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following report, which was adopted:

## Report of the Committee on Credentials

The Committee on Credentials begs leave to report that the following named persons are duly accredited delegates, and are empowered to participate in all of the Proceedings of the Fourth Biennial Assembly of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

- Akron, Ohio**—Temple Israel Sisterhood.  
Mrs. A. B. Rose,  
Mrs. Leo Meyer,  
Mrs. S. M. Levy.
- Albany, Ga.**—Temple Sisterhood of B'nai Israel.
- Alexandria, La.**—The Temple Sisterhood.
- Alexandria, Va.**—Beth El Sisterhood.  
Mrs. B. Weil.
- Allentown, Pa.**—Sisterhood of Congregation Keneseth Israel.  
Mrs. Charles Kline.
- Alliance, Ohio**—Sisterhood Temple Israel.
- Altoona, Pa.**—Ladies' Temple Society.
- Anniston, Ala.**—Henrietta Sterne Sisterhood.
- Ardmore, Okla.**—Emeth Sisterhood.
- Appleton, Wis.**—Jewish Ladies' Aid Society.
- Atlanta, Ga.**—Temple Sisterhood.  
Mrs. Henry Bauer,  
Mrs. M. L. Hirsch.
- Atlantic City, N. J.**—Beth Israel Sisterhood.  
Mrs. H. M. Fisher.
- Augusta, Ga.**—Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society.
- Bainbridge, Ga.**—Temple Guild.
- Baltimore, Md.**—Baltimore Hebrew Congregation Sisterhood.  
Mrs. Robert F. Skutch,  
Mrs. Morris S. Lazon,  
Mrs. Chas. Gans,  
Mrs. Moses Rothchild,  
Mrs. Hiram Wiesenfeld,  
Mrs. Henry Frank,  
Mrs. Lee Eisenman.
- Baltimore, Md.**—Har Sinai Sisterhood.  
Mrs. Adair W. Herman,  
Mrs. Henry Oppenheimer,
- Mrs. Jacob Engel,  
Mrs. Charles Weiller,  
Mrs. Harry Wolf.
- Baltimore, Md.**—Oheb Shalom.  
Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld,  
Mrs. Meier Katz,  
Mrs. William Rosenau,  
Mrs. Jacob S. Goldsmith,  
Mrs. Louis Gump.
- Baton Rouge, La.**—Bene Israel Sisterhood.
- Bay City, Mich.**—Temple Sisterhood.
- Bellaire, Ohio**—Ladies' Hebrew Relief Society.
- Bessemer, Ala.**—Beth El Sisterhood.
- Binghamton, N. Y.**—Jewish Sisterhood.  
Mrs. S. H. Harris.
- Birmingham, Ala.**—Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood.  
Mrs. Avery S. Joseph,  
Mrs. Sidney Hart,  
Mrs. Eugene Jacobs,  
Miss Rebecca Kreutzman.
- Bloomington, Ill.**—Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society.
- Boston, Mass.**—Temple Israel Sisterhood.  
Mrs. Daniel Frank,  
Mrs. Harry Levi,  
Mrs. Bessie Abraham,  
Mrs. Joseph B. Jacobs,  
Mrs. Richard Pinksohn,  
Mrs. Mark Andrews.
- Boston, Mass.**—Sisterhood of Temple Ohabei Shalom.  
Mrs. Henry Penn,  
Mrs. Leopold B. Goldman,  
Mrs. John Nathan,  
Mrs. Morris Cohen.

- Bridgeport, Conn.**—Sisterhood of Parke Ave. Temple.  
 Mrs. A. J. Johnson,  
 Mrs. I. Goldstein,  
 Mrs. G. Osterweis.
- Bristol, Va.-Tenn.**—Jewish Ladies' Aid Society.
- Brooklyn, N. Y.**—The Woman's Auxiliary of Congregation Beth Elohim.  
 Mrs. E. J. Paul,  
 Mrs. Fred'k Langdon,  
 Mrs. Max Brandenburger,  
 Mrs. L. M. Streep,  
 Mrs. S. Teitelbaum.
- Brooklyn, N. Y.**—Sisterhood Temple Beth Elohim, Keap Street.  
 Mrs. Aaron Gottlieb,  
 Mrs. Henry Newman,  
 Mrs. Wm. Abrahams,  
 Mrs. Leopold Levy,
- Brooklyn, N. Y.**—Sisterhood of Temple Israel.  
 Mrs. Otto Kempner,  
 Miss Martha Brown,  
 Mrs. Solomon Zevie.
- Brooklyn, N. Y.**—Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple Ahavath Sholom.
- Brooklyn, N. Y.**—Sisterhood of Shaari Zedek.  
 Mrs. George Baruch.
- Brooklyn, N. Y.**—Sisterhood Temple Beth Emeth of Flatbush.
- Brooklyn, N. Y.**—Sisterhood of Beth Sholom People's Temple.  
 Mrs. Eli Schreier,  
 Mrs. Naphtali Flanter,  
 Mrs. H. Selig,  
 Mrs. Louis A. Propp.
- Brooklyn, N. Y.**—Sisterhood of Progressive Synagogue.
- Brooklyn, N. Y.**—Ladies' Hebrew Benevolent Society of Greenpoint.
- Brooklyn, N. Y.**—Ladies' Auxiliary Jewish Communal Center of Flatbush.
- Brooklyn, N. Y.**—Ladies' Auxiliary Emanuel of Boro Park.
- Brownsville, Tenn.**—The Temple Auxiliary.
- Brunswick, Ga.**—Sisterhood Beth Tefilloh.  
 Mrs. Daniel Weil.
- Buffalo, N. Y.**—Women's Temple Society.  
 Mrs. Israel Aaron,  
 Mrs. Herman Wile,  
 Mrs. Louis J. Kopald,  
 Mrs. Max Lewis,  
 Mrs. M. Claiborne,  
 Mrs. Henry Nathan.
- Caldwell, N. J.**—Ladies' Auxiliary Jewish League of Caldwell.
- Chicago, Ill.**—Montefiore Temple Sisterhood.
- Canton, Ohio**—McKinley Ave. Sisterhood.  
 Mrs. J. H. Freidman,  
 Mrs. Max Stern.
- Champaign, Ill.**—Sisterhood of Sinai Temple.
- Charleston, S. C.**—Temple Sisterhood of the K. K. B. E.
- Charleston, W. Va.**—Sisterhood of Virginia Street Temple.  
 Mrs. Max Frankenberger.
- Chattanooga, Tenn.**—Hebrew Ladies' Aid Association.
- Cheyenne, Wyo.**—Ladies of Jewish Circle.
- Chicago, Ill.**—Beth El Sisterhood of Chicago.
- Chicago, Ill.**—Temple Judea Woman's Club.
- Chicago, Ill.**—Isaiah Woman's Club.  
 Mrs. J. Loewenberg,  
 Miss Rose Woolner,  
 Mrs. Rudolph Wolfner,  
 Mrs. Minnie Kraus.
- Chicago, Ill.**—Chicago Sinai Temple Sisterhood.  
 Mrs. Martin Barbe,  
 Mrs. M. A. Weinberg,  
 Mrs. M. L. Purvin.
- Chicago, Ill.**—Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple Sholom.  
 Mrs. Chas. Lange,  
 Mrs. A. D. Berlizheimer,  
 Mrs. B. M. Engelhard,  
 Mrs. Phil. Spiegel,  
 Mrs. Henry Roth,  
 Mrs. M. Sobel,  
 Mrs. A. Weiss.
- Chicago, Ill.**—K. A. M. Auxiliary.  
 Mrs. Israel Cowen,  
 Mrs. Jake Schnadig.
- Chicago, Ill.**—Sisterhood of Temple B'nai Abraham Zion.  
 Mrs. I. W. Inlander,  
 Mrs. Sam Cohn.
- Chicago, Ill.**—Temple Emanuel Sisterhood.  
 Mrs. Hugo Munzer,  
 Mrs. A. J. Guettel,  
 Mrs. Herrman Selz,  
 Mrs. H. Decker.
- Chicago, Ill.**—Sisterhood of B'nai Sholom Temple Israel.  
 Mrs. Gerson B. Levi,  
 Mrs. Harry Joseph,  
 Mrs. Ignacé J. Reis,  
 Mrs. Albert Steindler,  
 Mrs. Samuel Schweitzer.

- Cincinnati, Ohio**—Sisterhood Plum Street Temple.  
 Mrs. Leslie V. Marks,  
 Mrs. Jonas B. Frenkel,  
 Mrs. Ben Loewenstein,  
 Mrs. Gerson J. Brown,  
 Mrs. Herbert Oettinger,  
 Mrs. Felix Kahn,  
 Mrs. Alfred Mack.
- Cincinnati, Ohio**—Reading Road Temple Sisterhood.  
 Mrs. Jacob H. Kaplan,  
 Mrs. Eugene Kahn,  
 Mrs. Tobias Covy.
- Cincinnati, Ohio**—Rockdale Avenue Temple Sisterhood.  
 Mrs. Lee Wertheimer,  
 Mrs. N. Henry Beckman,  
 Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg,  
 Mrs. A. G. Schwab,  
 Miss Miriam Westheimer.
- Cincinnati, Ohio**—The Northside Temple Sisterhood.
- Clarksburg, W. Va.**—Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel.
- Cleveland, Ohio**—The Temple Women's Association.  
 Mrs. Ben Rich,  
 Mrs. Monroe Ullman,  
 Mrs. S. M. Gross,  
 Mrs. B. Mahler,  
 Mrs. Ben Lowenstein,  
 Mrs. S. M. Hexter,  
 Mrs. Belle Heller,  
 Mrs. S. Levine,  
 Mrs. Carl Levison,  
 Miss Edna Goldsmith,  
 Miss Flora Rohrheimer,  
 Mrs. M. J. Gries,  
 Mrs. Julius Fryer,  
 Mrs. A. Lewenthal,  
 Mrs. J. A. Strauss,  
 Mrs. Samuel Hibbman,  
 Mrs. D. A. Huebsch.
- Cleveland, Ohio**—Euclid Avenue Temple Sisterhood.  
 Mrs. Chas. Rosenblatt,  
 Mrs. Sam Cohn,  
 Miss Clara Manche,  
 Mrs. Harry S. Rosewater,  
 Mrs. Jos. Goodman,  
 Mrs. Myron Bice,  
 Mrs. Arthur Lindheim,  
 Mrs. Saul Berman,
- Mrs. Louis Wolsey,  
 Mrs. J. P. Kohn,  
 Mrs. S. S. Rosenberg,  
 Mrs. M. J. Deray,  
 Mrs. A. M. Levy,  
 Mrs. Saul Klein.
- Columbia, S. C.**—The Ladies' Aid Society.
- Columbus, Ga.**—Jewish Ladies' Aid Society.
- Columbus, Ohio**—Sisterhood of Temple Israel.  
 Mrs. Simon Lazarus,  
 Mrs. Fred Lazarus,  
 Mrs. N. Gumbel.
- Concord, N. H.**—Queen Esther Circle.
- Cumberland, Md.**—The Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society.
- Dallas, Texas.**—Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel.  
 Mrs. David Lefkowitz.
- Danville, Ill.**—Ladies' Mite Society.
- Davenport, Ia.**—Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel.
- Dayton, Ohio**—Congregation Bene Jeshurun Sisterhood.  
 Mrs. Morris Pereles,  
 Mrs. Ernest Rauh,  
 Mrs. S. Mayerberg,  
 Mrs. Harry Lehman.
- Decatur, Ala.**—Temple Sisterhood.
- Decatur, Ill.**—Decatur Sisterhood.
- Denver, Colo.**—Emanuel Sisterhood.  
 Mrs. Henry Schwartz, Jr.,  
 Mrs. S. Pisko.
- Des Moines, Ia.**—The United Benevolent Society.
- Detroit, Mich.**—Women's Auxiliary of Temple Beth El.  
 Mrs. Mayer B. Sulzberger,  
 Mrs. Louis Welt,  
 Mrs. Isaac Goldberg,  
 Mrs. Magnus Hirschfeld,  
 Mrs. Joseph Selling,  
 Mrs. Wallace Rosenheim,  
 Miss Anna Solomon,  
 Mrs. Harry Solomon,  
 Mrs. Louis Simon.
- Duluth, Minn.**—Temple Aid Society.  
 Mrs. R. J. Cowen.
- East Liverpool, Ohio**—Sisterhood Bene Israel Congregation.
- East Orange, N. J.**—Ladies' Auxiliary Temple Sharey Tefila.
- Elizabeth, N. J.**—Daughters of Israel Auxiliary.
- Elkhart, Ind.**—Jewish Women's Auxiliary.
- El Paso, Texas**—Temple Sisterhood.

- Erie, Pa.**—Temple Sisterhood.  
Mrs. Alfred Baker,  
Mrs. Louis D. Levi.
- Evansville, Ind.**—Temple Sisterhood.
- Fairmont, W. Va.**—Temple Sisterhood.
- Farrell, Pa.**—Ladies' Aid Society B'nai Zion.
- Far Rockaway, N. Y.**—The Women's Auxiliary of Temple Israel.  
Mrs. Lawrence Shire,  
Mrs. Emil Fried,  
Mrs. Maurice H. Bronner.
- Fort Smith, Ark.**—Temple Aid Sisterhood.
- Fremont, Ohio**—Jewish Ladies' Society.
- Ft. Wayne, Ind.**—Achduth Vesholom Sisterhood.  
Mrs. Frieda Strauss,  
Mrs. J. Goldman.
- Ft. Worth, Texas**—Beth El Temple Sisterhood.
- Gadsden, Ala.**—Ladies' Temple Aid Society.
- Gary, Ind.**—Woman's Auxiliary of Temple Israel.
- Goldsboro, N. C.**—Oheb Sholom Sisterhood.  
Mrs. Sol. Weil.
- Grand Rapids, Mich.**—Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple Emanuel.  
Mrs. Julius Gutmann.
- Greensboro, N. C.**—Ladies' Aid.
- Greenville, Miss.**—Temple Auxiliary.
- Greenwood, Miss.**—Jewish Ladies' Aid Society.
- Hamilton, Ohio**—Ladies' Aid Society.
- Hammond, Ind.**—Jewish Ladies' Aid Society.
- Harrisburg, Pa.**—Ohev Sholom Temple Sisterhood.  
Mrs. Joseph Nachman.
- Harrisonburg, Va.**—Ladies' Auxiliary of Hebrew Friendship Congregation.
- Hartford, Conn.**—Sisterhood Temple Beth Israel.  
Mrs. Abraham Anspacher,  
Mrs. Minnie Samuels,  
Mrs. Seymour S. Kashman,  
Mrs. J. J. Atkinks.
- Hazleton, Pa.**—Ladies' Guild.  
Mrs. J. Hyman.
- Helena, Ark.**—The Temple Aid Sisterhood.
- Henderson, Ky.**—Adath Israel Sisterhood.
- Hoboken, N. J.**—Sisterhood Adath Emuno.
- Hot Springs, Ark.**—Sisterhood House of Israel.
- Houston, Texas.**—Sisterhood Beth Israel.  
Mrs. Max Levy.
- Huntington, W. Va.**—Temple Benevolent Sewing Society.
- Indianapolis, Ind.**—Indianapolis Temple Sisterhood.  
Mrs. Isaac Born,  
Mrs. Morris Feuerlicht,  
Mrs. Isaac Pinkus,  
Mrs. Harry Jacobs.
- Jackson, Mich.**—Ladies' Temple Aid.
- Jackson, Miss.**—Ladies' Aid Society.
- Jackson, Tenn.**—L. J. B. S.
- Jacksonville, Fla.**—Temple Sisterhood.
- Jamaica, N. Y.**—Sisterhood of Temple Israel.  
Mrs. Harry Kates,  
Mrs. Hugo Bondy.
- Jersey City, N. J.**—Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple Beth El.  
Mrs. Gertrude P. Thorner,  
Mrs. Anna Lowenstein.
- Johnstown, Pa.**—Temple Sisterhood.
- Joplin, Mo.**—Temple Aid Sisterhood.
- Kalamazoo, Mich.**—Hebrew Ladies' Benevolent Society.
- Kansas City, Mo.**—Temple Sisterhood.  
Mrs. S. Latz.
- Knoxville, Tenn.**—The Jewish Woman's Auxiliary of Temple Beth El.
- Lafayette, La.**—Temple Sisterhood of Lafayette.
- Lake Charles, La.**—Sisterhood of Temple Sinai.
- Lancaster, Pa.**—Sisterhood Temple Shaarai Shamayim.  
Mrs. Benjamin Lurio,  
Mrs. A. J. Sondheimer.
- Laporte, Ind.**—Hebrew Ladies' Relief Society.
- Lebanon, Pa.**—Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society.
- Lexington, Ky.**—Sisterhood of Adath Israel Congregation.  
Mrs. Gus L. Heyman.
- Lima, Ohio.**—Ladies' Aid Society.
- Lincoln, Nebr.**—Jewish Ladies' Aid Society.
- Lorain, O.**—Temple Sisterhood of Lorain.  
Mrs. Jacob Kline.
- Los Angeles, Cal.**—Sisterhood of Temple B'nai B'rith.
- Louisville, Ky.**—Auxiliary Temple B'rith Sholom.  
Mrs. Morris Koch,  
Mrs. Simon Lion.
- Louisville, Ky.**—Adath Israel Sisterhood.  
Mrs. Leon Goodman,  
Mrs. Louis Byck,  
Mrs. William Trost.
- Macon, Ga.**—Beth Israel Sisterhood.  
Mrs. Eli Elkan.
- Mansfield, Ohio**—Jewish Ladies' Aid Society.

- Marion, Ohio**—Marion Temple Sisterhood.
- McKeesport, Pa.**—Sisterhood of Temple B'nai Israel.
- Memphis, Tenn.**—Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple Children of Israel.  
Mrs. H. Morris,  
Mrs. Arthur Jacobs,  
Miss Rose Levy,  
Miss Aimee Halle.
- Meridian, Miss.**—Ladies' Temple Guild.
- Michigan City, Ind.**—Sinai Sisterhood.
- Middletown, Ohio**—Jewish Reform Auxiliary.
- Milwaukee, Wis.**—Emanuel Sisterhood.  
Mrs. Samuel Hirshberg,  
Mrs. A. L. Saltzstein.
- Milwaukee, Wis.**—B'nai Jeshurun Sisterhood.  
Mrs. Max Sadek,  
Mrs. H. Jung,  
Mrs. M. Polacheck,  
Miss Henrietta Kussel,  
Mrs. S. Dorsen.
- Minneapolis, Minn.**—Sisterhood of Temple Israel.  
Mrs. Lillie Mikolas.
- Montreal, Que., Can.**—Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood.  
Mrs. Maxwell Goldstein.
- Mt. Vernon, Ind.**—Mt. Vernon Temple Sisterhood.
- Muskogee, Okla.**—Sisterhood Temple Beth Ababa.
- Nashville, Tenn.**—The Temple Sisterhood.  
Mrs. Chas. Cohn,  
Mrs. Jos. Abrams.
- Natchez, Miss.**—Temple Sisterhood.
- Newark, N. J.**—Women's Association of Temple B'nai Jeshurun.  
Mrs. Solomon Foster,  
Mrs. Leopold Kraemer,  
Mrs. Barnett Warner,  
Mrs. Louis Krieger,  
Mrs. Max Insel.
- Newark, Ohio**—Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society.
- New Haven, Conn.**—Mishkan Israel Temple Sisterhood.  
Mrs. J. C. Goldbaum,  
Mrs. Nathan C. Myers,  
Mrs. Wm. Schoenberger,  
Mrs. Albert Zunder.
- New Iberia, La.**—Ladies' Temple Aid Society.
- New Kensington, Pa.**—Ladies' Auxiliary of Beth Jacob Congregation.
- New Orleans, La.**—Ladies Auxiliary, Gates of Prayer.  
Mrs. Edgar Cahn.
- New Orleans, La.**—Temple Sinai Sisterhood.  
Mrs. Edgar Cahn.
- New Orleans, La.**—Sisterhood League of Touro Synagogue.
- New Orleans, La.**—Sisterhood Beth Israel.  
Mrs. Edgar Cahn.
- New Orleans, La.**—Sisterhood Congregation Anshe Sfarid.
- New Rochelle, N. Y.**—Sisterhood Temple Israel.
- New York, N. Y.**—Ladies' Auxiliary of Central Synagogue.  
Mrs. Nathan Krass,  
Mrs. Louis Fischer.
- New York, N. Y.**—Women's Guild of Temple Beth El.  
Mrs. Joseph Frank.
- New York, N. Y.**—Sisterhood of Mt. Zion.  
Mrs. M. Dworetzky,  
Mrs. A. Weill.
- New York, N. Y.**—Shaaray Tefila Sisterhood (West End Synagogue).  
Mrs. Max L. Levenson.
- New York, N. Y.**—Hebrew Sisterhood of Inwood.
- New York, N. Y.**—Sisterhood of the New Synagog.  
Mrs. Isaac Meyer,  
Mrs. Sallie Kubic Glauber,  
Mrs. Minnie F. Rosenberger.
- New York, N. Y.**—Sisterhood of Mt. Neboh Temple.  
Mrs. David E. Goldfarb,  
Mrs. S. M. Zekind,  
Mrs. Samuel Levine.
- New York, N. Y.**—Ladies' Auxiliary, Temple Israel.  
Mrs. Isidor H. Kempner,  
Mrs. Julius Oppenheimer,  
Mrs. Maurice H. Harris,  
Mrs. Nathan Kempner.
- New York, N. Y.**—Tremont Temple Sisterhood.  
Mrs. Norman Auerhahn,  
Mrs. David Hahn,  
Mrs. Edward N. Mayer,  
Mrs. Samuel Cohn.
- New York, N. Y.**—The Daughters of the Covenant.  
Mrs. Charles Ducas,  
Mrs. Abraham Bretzfelder,  
Mrs. Moses Goldstein.
- New York, N. Y.**—Women's Association, Temple Rodeph Shalom.  
Mrs. Edward Wessel.

- New York, N. Y.**—Sinai Henrietta Sisterhood.  
Mrs. Frances Stone,  
Mrs. Jennie Braun.
- New York, N. Y.**—Women's Guild of Free Synagogue of Flushing.
- New York, N. Y.**—Sisterhood of Hebrew Tabernacle.
- Niagara Falls, N. Y.**—Sisterhood of Temple Beth-El.  
Miss Bertha Silberberg.
- Norfolk, Va.**—Sisterhood Oheb Shalom Temple.
- Norwood, Ohio**—Norwood Ladies' Auxiliary.
- Oakland, Cal.**—The Sisterhood of Temple Sinai.
- Oklahoma City, Okla.**—Jewish Ladies' Aid of Temple B'nai Israel.
- Omaha, Neb.**—Temple Israel Sisterhood.
- Oshkosh, Wis.**—The Ladies' Jewish Aid Society.
- Owensboro, Ky.**—Temple Adath Israel Sisterhood.
- Paducah, Ky.**—Temple Israel Sisterhood.
- Parkersburg, W. Va.**—Jewish Ladies' Auxiliary.
- Paterson, N. J.**—Sisterhood B'nai Jeshurun.
- Peoria, Ill.**—Sisterhood of Anshai Emeth Congregation.  
Mrs. Meyer Lovitch.
- Philadelphia, Pa.**—Sisterhood of Rodeph Shalom Congregation.  
Mrs. Arthur K. Stern,  
Mrs. Alfred Rosenstein,  
Mrs. Albert Wolf,  
Mrs. Jacob Loeb Langsdorf,  
Miss Jeanette Miriam Goldberg,  
Miss Rebecca Teller Mayer,  
Miss Carrie Teller Kuhn.
- Philadelphia, Pa.**—Keneseth Israel Sisterhood.  
Mrs. Ferdinand Dilsheimer,  
Mrs. Leon Hahn,  
Mrs. Hiram Hirsch,  
Mrs. Max Greenbaum,  
Mrs. Sim J. Simon,  
Mrs. Ruben Jacobs,  
Mrs. Frank Jacobs.
- Pine Bluff, Ark.**—Temple Sisterhood.
- Piqua, Ohio**—Jewish Ladies' Aid Society.
- Pittsburgh, Pa.**—Rodef Shalom Sisterhood.  
Miss Stella Lazarus,  
Mrs. Josiah Cohn,  
Mrs. Marcus Rauh.
- Pittsfield, Mass.**—Sisterhood of Pittsfield.  
Mrs. Ellene Lederer.
- Plattsburg, N. Y.**—Beth Israel Sisterhood.
- Pocatello, Idaho**—Jewish Sisterhood of Pocatello.
- Portland, Ore.**—Beth Israel Sisterhood.
- Portsmouth, Ohio**—Ladies Aid Society.  
Mrs. Celia Schapiro.
- Providence, R. I.**—Sisterhood of Temple Beth El.  
Mrs. Louis Lyons,  
Mrs. David Bernkopf.
- Pueblo, Col.**—Ladies' Temple Association, Congregation Emanuel.
- Quincy, Ill.**—Hebrew Ladies' Benevolent Society.
- Quincy, Fla.**—Quincy Sisterhood Guild.
- Raleigh, N. C.**—Sisterhood of Temple Beth Or.  
Miss Bertha Rosenthal.
- Reading, Pa.**—Sisterhood of Temple Oheb Shalom.  
Mrs. S. S. Schweriner.
- Richmond, Ind.**—Sisterhood of Richmond.
- Richmond, Va.**—Beth Ahabah Auxiliary.  
Mrs. M. H. Asher,  
Mrs. Sam Cohen.
- Rochester, N. Y.**—Berith Kodesh Sisterhood.  
Mrs. Henry M. Stern,  
Mrs. R. Scheiner,  
Mrs. M. G. Bloom,  
Mrs. George Guggenheim,  
Mrs. J. D. Steefel,  
Mrs. M. Gerson.
- Sacramento, Cal.**—Women's Auxiliary, Society of Temple B'nai Israel.
- Saginaw, Mich.**—Beth El Sisterhood.
- Salt Lake City, Utah**—B'nai Israel Sisterhood.  
Mrs. Simon Bamberger.
- San Diego, Cal.**—Jewish Mothers' Club.
- Sandusky, Ohio**—Oheb Shalom Sisterhood.
- San Francisco, Cal.**—Temple Emanu-El Guild.
- Savannah, Ga.**—Temple Sisterhood.
- Scranton, Pa.**—Sisterhood of the Madison Avenue Temple.  
Mrs. Albert N. Kramer,  
Mrs. Abraham G. Stromberg.
- Seattle, Wash.**—Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple deHirsch.  
Mrs. Henrietta Schneider.
- Shreveport, La.**—Sisterhood B'nai Zion.  
Mrs. David B. Samuels.
- Sioux Falls, S. Dak.**—Sisterhood of Mt. Zion Congregation.
- Sioux City, Iowa**—Sisterhood of Mt. Sinai Temple.
- South Bend, Ind.**—Ladies' Aid Society.
- Spokane, Wash.**—Daughters of Israel

- St. Joseph, Mo.**—Adath Joseph Sisterhood.
- St. Louis, Mo.**—Sisterhood of B'nai El Temple.  
Mrs. Edgar Littmann.
- St. Louis Mo.**—United Hebrew Temple Ladies' Aid Society.
- St. Louis, Mo.**—Sisterhood of Temple Israel.  
Mrs. Maurice Steinfeld.
- St. Louis, Mo.**—Sisterhood of Temple Shaare Emeth.  
Mrs. Lizzie H. Drey.
- St. Paul, Minn.**—Sisterhood of Mt. Zion Temple.  
Mrs. Simon A. Rice.
- Springfield, Ill.**—Temple Sisterhood.
- Springfield, Mo.**—Jewish Ladies' Aid Society.
- Springfield, Ohio**—Ladies' Auxiliary.
- Statesville, N. C.**—Sisterhood Temple Emanuel.
- Stockton, Cal.**—Jewish Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple Israel.
- Syracuse, N. Y.**—Ladies' Auxiliary of the Society of Concord.  
Mrs. Jonas L. Oberdinger,  
Mrs. William Gerber,  
Mrs. Manuel Bronner,  
Mrs. David Katz.
- Tacoma, Wash.**—Sisterhood of Beth Israel.
- Toledo, Ohio**—Collingwood Temple Sisterhood.  
Mrs. Matthew S. Morgan,  
Mrs. Stanley K. Hirsch,  
Mrs. Chas. Freund,  
Mrs. L. Louis.
- Trenton, N. J.**—Sisterhood of Har Sinai Congregation.
- Trinidad, Colo.**—Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society.
- Troy, N. Y.**—Sisterhood of Third Street Temple Berith Sholom.  
Mrs. Chas. L. Lamb.
- Tulsa, Okla.**—Temple Israel Sisterhood.
- Tucson, Ariz.**—Sisterhood Temple Emanuel.
- Uniontown, Pa.**—Hebrew Ladies' Auxiliary.
- Vicksburg, Miss.**—The Ladies' Auxiliary of Congregation Anshe Chesed.
- Waco, Texas**—The Temple Sisterhood of Waco.
- Washington, D. C.**—Sisterhood of the Washington Hebrew Congregation.  
Mrs. Abram Simon,  
Mrs. Leon Adler,  
Mrs. Julius I. Peyser,  
Mrs. M. D. Rosenberg,  
Mrs. Lee Baumgarten,  
Mrs. Sol. Herzog,  
Mrs. Eva Hexter.
- Waterbury, Conn.**—Temple Israel Sisterhood.  
Mrs. Emil L. Weil.
- Wheeling, W. Va.**—Ladies' Hebrew Benevolent Society.  
Mrs. Leo Wolf,  
Mrs. Louis Horkheimer.
- Wilkes-Barre, Pa.**—Sisterhood of Congregation B'nai B'rith.  
Mrs. Marcus Salzman.
- Williamsport, Pa.**—Sisterhood Temple Beth Hasholom.
- Yonkers, N. Y.**—Emanuel Sisterhood of Yonkers.  
Mrs. L. Pinco.
- York, Pa.**—Sisterhood. Beth Israel Temple.  
Mrs. Louis Lehmayr,  
Mrs. Leon Hydeman.
- Youngstown, Ohio**—Sisterhood of Rodef Sholom Temple.  
Mrs. Sol. Weinberger,  
Mrs. Philip Klafter,  
Mrs. I. S. Weil.
- Zanesville, Ohio**—Jewish Woman's Aid Society.

The Committee on Rules presented the following report, which was adopted.

## Report of the Committee on Rules

The Committee on Rules begs leave to suggest that the following rules shall govern this IV Assembly of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

1. That all properly accredited delegates be seated in a body at the front of the room.
2. That the official programme be adhered to as closely as possible.
3. That a two-thirds vote of the delegates be required to effect a change from the official programme.
4. That no speaker be allowed more than three minutes.
5. That no speaker be recognized a second time until no other delegate wants the floor.
6. That the time of adjournment be fixed at 12:30 P. M. and 5:00 P. M. respectively.

Mrs. Israel Cowen, Second Vice-President, was called to the chair while Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld delivered the President's Message.

## The President's Message

To the IV Assembly of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

We are meeting today in this beautiful city of the North at a time when all the world seems to be in a state of turmoil, of uncertainty, of hesitation. The war, with its horrors is past, and peace—which should be beautiful—is upon us. In this period of reconstruction, in this time of adjustment, men's souls are tried as never before. Out of all this chaos, this uncertainty, there must come eventually gladness, brightness and joy. But until then, the thinking man and woman has much to do, not only to keep his own life and thought aright, but also to influence those around him. If ever religion, with all that it stands for was needed, this is the time. If ever woman and her influence were needed, surely this is the moment. With our recognition as citizens, comes the obligation which all privileges bring; and as women we must measure up to the obligation, not only politically, not only socially, but also religiously.

The Synagogue and the Church alike are confronted with the materialistic spirit of the times. Men fought and women suffered for an ideal—the ideal of brotherhood and freedom. When peace came this ideal was shattered, and in its place we find selfishness, prejudice, materialism. These must be combatted; and this can be done only through religion.

In reviewing the last two years in the life of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, the outstanding facts, like those in the life of every individual and of every organization, are readjustment and reconstruction. The task has not been a simple one; we have been compelled to fight indifference within, anti-Semitism without. Often we have faltered, frequently been discouraged; but realizing that the goal is well worth the struggle and that the women of Israel have always been in the foreground of the fight, we have kept on and are keeping on, and with God's help we trust and hope that our banner may lead to victory.

Since the days of the fathers the influence of the women of Israel has been recognized. For example, in the lesson for this

past week the priests are admonished to take for wives only women of the highest and finest type. From this we can deduce but one lesson, that the priest must have as mate one to whom he can look for help and inspiration. In the larger world, Israel is the priest, his the duty to preach morality, to continue the task of teaching religion to humanity; and the Federation should be the mate, the priestess, whose ideal, whose reason for existence is to strengthen and support. Like the wife of the priest of old, we must embody and typify the highest and best. Only then can we succeed in our self-appointed task.

### GROWTH OF THE FEDERATION

Since the last convention, the Federation has made rapid strides in the matter of numbers. Seven years ago, when the Federation was called into existence, 49 Sisterhoods formed the nucleus of the organization, which today numbers 256 Sisterhoods. Of these, 50 have joined since the last Biennial, and our membership is now approximately 37,000. This rapid growth shows that our women are fully and keenly alive to their responsibility, and proves that the work of the Federation has met with success. May we not hope that at the next Biennial the increase will surpass that of this one and that when we meet two years hence, we shall be able to report at least 300 Sisterhoods.

I shall not go into detail as to the work of each National Committee. All have done so well that it would be impossible to single out any for special commendation. But the progress, the influence of the Federation, is justly due to the splendid work of these committees.

Today, we report increasing numbers, the credit for which should be given to the Committee on Propaganda, whose Chairman's watchful eye is on each and every prospective Sisterhood.

The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods came into existence, as I take it, to further the work of the synagogue, to strengthen and support the Rabbi in all his endeavors, to help preserve the traditions of our beautiful faith, and to bring to an en-



lightened constituency a knowledge of Judaism. In order to do these things it has been necessary to work in many and varied ways. Our Committee on Religion has evolved various plans by which to awaken the Jewish consciousness and to bring into the homes of our members Jewish thoughts and ideals. One of the most effective measures adopted, and one which educates in art, and at the same time is a link in our Jewish homes, is the beautiful art calendar, which year after year, becomes more popular and tells more and more people concretely for what that Sisterhood stands. The Committee has also urged that the constituent Sisterhoods ask representation upon Boards of Trustees of the Temples, so that we may use our influence directly for the good of the synagogue. Temple attendance has been urged on all sides and, I believe, effectively. For our Jewish women must needs feel, as did the great American sage, Oliver Wendell Holmes, who so aptly said: "Deep in the corner of every human heart there is a little plant whose name is reverence, which, as I take it, needs watering about once a week." May I not add my hope to that of the committee, that the little plant in your heart and in that of your children be allowed to grow, and that it be watered more than once a week, not only in the synagogue, but in your home, by the observance of the beautiful rites and ceremonies which teach and preach the high aims and purposes of our ancient faith.

If Judaism is to survive and be handed down from generation to generation, our children must have an intelligent knowledge of the history of our people, their ideals, their hopes, their aims. No Jewish boy, no Jewish girl can be said to be educated who does not realize what part our people have played in the development of the world. In these busy days the home is not always ready to instruct and to help the child toward this goal. Therefore, it is our duty to help and to cooperate with the Religious School of our Temple, not only by encouraging the teachers, but by encouraging the children, so that the Religious School may become as vital a part of the child's education as the secular school. The Committee on Religious Schools has made many suggestions and the results of these have been gratifying in many communities. However, I would ask that the Sisterhoods lay more

stress upon cooperation with the Religious School, so that our children have a deeper and better understanding of our faith.

The Committee on Union Museum has continued its good work and the detailed report will prove to you that in every field of activity your committees have worked ceaselessly and untiringly and that every interest of the Union and of the College has been fostered by the Federation.

### COOPERATION SPELLS PROGRESS

The catch word of the time is cooperation. We are convinced that in order to attain results in any line of endeavor, work must be coordinated and that that which makes for the good of one, interests and makes for the good of all. With this principle in mind, the Committee on Cooperation has worked earnestly to bring into closer contact the Sisterhoods of the same community and those of the country. One plan for this is the exchange which has been established and through which ideas and programs of unusual interest may be obtained. The Committee has suggested work for out-of-town students in University towns and has by letter made every effort to bring our Sisterhoods closer and closer. No better work can be done, since it is only by our solidarity, by our standing as one man, that we can hope to fight the anti-Semitism in our midst. While this may seem a weak and ineffectual method, if 37,000 Jewesses can be made to feel that their interests and ideals are identical, the weapon gains in strength, and the awakened Jewish consciousness must needs be of great importance.

In pursuance of its policy to help the cause of Judaism wherever and whenever possible, your Constitution calls for a Committee on Hebrew Union College Scholarships, whose duty it shall be to establish scholarships and so to make possible the education of men who otherwise might not be able to enter the Rabbinate. As the demand for guides and leaders is ever on the increase, the necessity for this Committee is self-evident. That the work has been well done the Committee's report will prove, and I need but add a word of thanks for the splendid effort.

Year by year the Federation's messenger, the Uniongram has grown in popularity. A token of cheer, the bearer of a word of

congratulation as it was intended to be originally, it still continues on its way and is another link in the Sisterhoods chain. But it has acquired a new value and that an economic one; it now helps very materially in the establishing of scholarships; and so to its Committee we are doubly indebted.

I have endeavored to indicate in passing the special worth and value of each committee. I feel that the success of the Federation is largely due to them. But even they could not work so efficiently, so harmoniously, were it not for the untiring efforts and aid given by the Executive Office, at whose head is our Executive Secretary, Rabbi George Zepin. To his help and inspiration we owe more than I can possibly tell. To him and his assistant, Miss Miriam Westheimer, our thanks are due. I hope and trust that they may be with us for years to come, and help carry the Sisterhood ideal to victory.

In passing I cannot refrain from a word of appreciation to Miss Elsa Weihl, whose whole-hearted devotion to our cause, all remember. Although she is no longer associated with us officially, I feel sure of her sympathy and interest.

To the members of the Executive Board, to the officers of the Federation, I wish to express my appreciation and to assure them that their interest, their ready response and their willingness to help, have been an inspiration to me and have been a never-ending power for good to the organization we all love.

To the Union of American Hebrew Congregations our thanks are due for its spiritual and financial aid. As two organizations working toward a common goal—the maintenance and advancement of our beautiful faith—we can be and have been of mutual benefit. The Federation thanks the Union for all its help, and promises to endeavor in the years to come to be the helpmate, the inspiration, which the law giver of old expected the wife of the priest to be.

### NEW ACTIVITIES

I have reviewed and rejoiced in the activities of the Federation, but I realize also that each accomplishment should only be an earnest plea for more accomplishments, that each victory should but lead to other victories and that in order to do our full duty to the cause for which we stand, we

must add duty to duty and go onward and upward. To do this we should first put our own house in order. At the annual meeting of the Board of Directors changes in the Constitution and By-Laws were recommended. I ask your consideration of the report of the Revision Committee and hope you will give the matter brought before you, your close and considerate attention. We are growing rapidly and our Constitution must needs be amended from time to time to meet the requirements of a larger organization.

The increasing number of Sisterhoods in the same city and state has brought forward the need for State and District Federations. At the last Biennial meeting this question was touched upon. Since then several states have organized, and the State Federation has become a fact, although your organization has not had the opportunity to endorse the movement. In order that you may consider this matter, a committee has been appointed whose findings will be brought before you. I would call your attention to the fact that, in the State and District Federations already formed, no Sisterhood is admitted which is not already a part of the National Federation, and that these Federations have been of great value to us and have strengthened us. We should insist that all future Federations adhere to the same rule; otherwise the danger to the National is self-evident.

The Jews of today are gradually awakening to the fact that our literature and our art has been a source of inspiration to the poets and painters of all ages. A people with such a colorful history cannot help but produce great works. We are all aware of the influence of that great work of literature, the Bible, but few of us appreciate the possibilities offered in Jewish art. It becomes our duty to encourage an expression of the Jew in painting and sculpture. Understanding that we, the women of Israel, should encourage the cultural in the lives of our people, a committee was appointed at the meeting of your Board to consider the establishing of a permanent committee whose duty it shall be to award prizes for the production of works of art dealing with Jewish subjects, and to devise ways and means for furthering this object. This Committee will report to you and I crave your interest.

### RELIGIOUS OBLIGATION

Living as we do among surroundings often antagonistic to our faith, it is at times most difficult to hold firmly to our own religious customs. For economic reasons it is not always possible for our men to observe the Sabbath. This is true of some women too, but there can be no excuse for the woman who brazenly forgets what she owes to herself and certainly to her fellow-Jewesses. Instances will readily suggest themselves, and to mention the desecration of the Sabbath by sewing or knitting on the porches of summer-resort hotels is but to touch upon one phase of a well-known evil. I would that it were possible to make each and every one of us understand that only in the degree in which we respect ourselves, are we respected, and that we only lose in the eyes of our Christian neighbor when we compromise and lower our standards. I know that the mere passing of resolutions will not better things, but will you not take this message back to your Sisterhoods and earnestly endeavor to have your members pledge themselves to refrain from this desecration of the Sabbath, which is unfortunately growing apace?

Our aid has been asked in the larger fields of Jewry. The Joint Distribution Committee begs that Sisterhoods help in its work by the adoption of War Orphans. Every person or group of persons contributing \$100 annually will be termed a "guardian" of a Jewish War Orphan in Eastern Europe and will be sent a photograph and record of the child and will be in direct communication with the child. I would suggest that this matter be put in the hands of the Committee on Cooperation with power to act.

In an organization as large as ours there are many methods of usefulness. The Committee on Cooperation has recommended social work for students in colleges and universities, and has asked especially that students in hospitals be looked after by local Sisterhoods. This has been done successfully in so many localities that it seems to me we should devote more time and attention to this branch of the work and enlarge this field of activity. It often happens that patients are brought to hospitals in the larger communities, who have no friends or acquaintances in the city. Frequently these sick people wonder at the lack of hospital-

ity and interest with which they meet, not realizing that in a large city it is impossible to know who are at the different hospitals. Now if the rabbi or president of the visitor's Sisterhood were to write to the local rabbi, telling him the name of the visitor, etc., the local Sisterhood could immediately arrange to help the visitor, and a closed bond be established. This hospital work should be taken over by the Committee on Cooperation.

### THE DORMITORY PLAN

Time and time again has it been said that the Sisterhood must help and strengthen the congregation, and through it, the cause of Israel. In order to have a strong congregation, we must have proper teachers and leaders; in other words we must have rabbis of the right kind, those filled with fervor and enthusiasm, so that they may "walk with God." Toward this end no effort must be spared, and we, who are the mothers, must see that the next generation has leaders so equipped. Consequently, the welfare of the Hebrew Union College is part of our duty. At the present time students at the College are denied many of the essentials which make for the well-rounded man. The lack of dormitories is an ever-increasing drawback. In the early days of the College the boys were taken into private homes, but with the change in economic conditions, bringing with it the high cost of living, the difficulty in procuring servants, etc., it has become next to impossible to place students, and so boys have been sent from pillar to post, and in several instances have been compelled to live at the Y. M. C. A., away from all the Jewish influences which are so necessary for those who have dedicated their lives to Judaism. The solution of this problem is the building of a dormitory upon the College campus. This task should be undertaken by the Sisterhoods and it should be a labor of love—love for our faith, love for our children, so that they may have leaders who are deeply imbued with the Jewish spirit. In letters to the Sisterhood I have acquainted you with this duty, this project, and I hope that you have all come here ready and willing to help in this plan. Many Sisterhoods have already given their consent and have proffered their help, but it remains for this Convention definitely to

decide upon it. I would ask your acceptance, in which event I would suggest the appointment of a committee by the incoming Executive Board, whose duty it shall be to devise ways and means for the launching of a campaign for funds. Then I ask that this be made the real work of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods for the next two years, so that when we meet two years hence, the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods' Dormitory shall be no longer a dream, but a reality, and that the men who will live therein may attest that the Sisterhood is a real helpmate and that the priest in Israel has chosen wisely and well in selecting her.

In conclusion I would once more emphasize the reason for our existence. We are an integral part of the congregation, ours the duty to aid and abet each and every agency of the congregation, to work in unison and harmony with the Board of Trustees, with the Religious School, with the rabbi; to cooperate with each and to make for a stronger religious unit. The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, standing as it does in the world of Jewish woman-kind as the beaconlight for that which is religious, must needs recognize and fulfill its obligation. If religion is needed today, then surely we women of Israel can have no hesitancy as to our duty.

It was moved and duly carried that the President's Message be accepted with thanks and referred to a Committee on President's Message for further consideration.

It was moved by Mrs. Pisko, of Denver, Colo., and duly carried that the Committee on President's Message be instructed to report at the earliest possible moment on that part of the President's Message relating to the Dormitory of the Hebrew Union College.

#### APPOINTMENT OF ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES

The following committees were then appointed by the President:

##### Committee on President's Message:

Mrs. Ferd. Dilsheimer, Chairman, Mrs. Alfred Baker, Mrs. Abraham Bretzfelder, Mrs. Charles Cohn, Mrs. Lizzie Drey, Mrs. Isaac Goldberg, Mrs. I. H. Kempner, Mrs. David Samuels, Mrs. Stella Lazarus, Mrs. Benjamin Lurio, Mrs. Leslie V. Marks, Mrs. L. Mikolas, Mrs. Maurice D. Rosenberg, Mrs. Marcus Salzman, Mrs. Maurice Steinfeld, Mrs. Henry Stern, Mrs. Sol. Weil, Mrs. Louis Welt, Mrs. Herman Wile.

##### Committee on Resolutions:

Mrs. Martin Barbe, Chairman, Mrs. Israel Aaron, Mrs. Max Brandenburger, Mrs. Eli Elkan, Mrs. Charles Freund, Mrs. Sallie Kubie Glauber, Miss Edna Goldsmith, Mrs. Aaron Gottlieb, Mrs. David Hahn, Mrs. Joseph B. Jacobs, Mrs. Eugene Kahn, Mrs.

Philip Klafter, Mrs. S. M. Levy, Mrs. S. Latz, Mrs. S. H. Meyers, Mrs. Mathew Morgan, Mrs. Herbert Oettinger, Mrs. Henry Oppenheimer, Mrs. A. L. Salzstein, Mrs. Charles Shohl, Mrs. Albert Wolf.

##### Committee on Thanks:

Mrs. Edgar M. Cahn, Chairman, Mrs. Besie Abraham, Mrs. Abram Ansbacher, Mrs. Henry Bauer, Mrs. Isaac Born, Miss Martha Brown, Mrs. Sam Cohn, Mrs. H. M. Fisher, Mrs. Leo Franklin, Mrs. Jacob Goldsmith, Mrs. David Goldfarb, Mrs. Max Greenbaum, Mrs. Avery S. Joseph, Mrs. Otto Kempner, Mrs. Morris Koch, Mrs. Meyer Kirsch, Mrs. Fred Lazarus, Mrs. David Lefkowitz, Mrs. Max Lewis, Mrs. Max Levy, Mrs. Rose Levy, Mrs. S. Pisko, Mrs. Simon A. Rice, Miss Bertha Rosenthal, Mrs. Henrietta Schneider, Mrs. Rachel Schwartz, Mrs. Albert Zunder.

##### Committee on Nominations:

Miss Jeannette M. Goldberg, Chairman, Mrs. Dan Frank, Mrs. Abram Simon, Mrs. Charles Gans, Mrs. Albert J. Johnson, Mrs. B. M. Engelhard.

The President then called for the reports of the national officers and national standing committees.

The following report of the Executive Secretary was then presented, and upon motion duly carried, was accepted with thanks.

## Report of Executive Secretary

Cincinnati, O., Oct. 31, 1920.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies: I have the honor to report that during the past year the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods has added twenty-two societies to its membership. These are:

Brunswick, Ga.....	Ladies' Temple Guild.
Chicago, Ill.....	Beth-El Sisterhood of Chicago.
Dallas, Texas.....	Temple Emanuel Sisterhood.
Danville, Ill.....	Ladies' Mite Society.
Decatur, Ill.....	Decatur Sisterhood.
Elizabeth, N. J.....	Sisterhood of B'nai Israel.
Fairmont, W. Va.....	The Temple Sisterhood.
Greensboro, N. C. (Rejoined)....	The Temple Sisterhood.
Greenville, Miss.....	The Temple Auxiliary.
Greenwood, Miss.....	Jewish Ladies' Aid Society.
Hoboken, N. J.....	Sisterhood Adath Emuno.
Jamaica, N. Y.....	Sisterhood Temple Israel of Jamaica.
Marion, Ohio.....	Marion Temple Sisterhood.
New Rochelle, N. Y.....	Sisterhood Temple Israel.
New York, N. Y.....	Women's Association, Temple Rodeph Shalom.
New York, N. Y.....	Tremont Sisterhood (Washington Heights).
Oshkosh, Wis.....	The Ladies' Jewish Aid Society.
Parkersburg, W. Va.....	The Jewish Ladies' Auxiliary.
Richmond, Ind.....	Sisterhood of Richmond.
Sious Falls, S. D.....	Sisterhood Mt. Zion Congregation.
Tulsa, Okla.....	Temple Israel Sisterhood.
Waco, Texas.....	Temple Sisterhood of Waco.

During this period one organization, the Anderson Sisterhood of Anderson, Ind. resigned from the Federation. With the entry of twenty-two organizations, the National Federation numbers two hundred and twenty-three constituent societies.

### WORK OF EXECUTIVE OFFICE

The chief work of the Executive Office has been the handling of a large correspondence, and the circulation of literature pertaining to the work of the National Committees. All record of this correspondence is kept on file and is accessible for information. Accurate records of the names and addresses of the officers and of all members of the affiliated local societies are recorded in the office.

Among the literature issued by the Executive Office were appropriate programs for Jewish Pioneer's Day, for Purim, and a booklet of programs containing suggestions for the ten monthly meetings of the Sisterhoods. Membership cards and special cards for the announcement of meetings were introduced. The membership cards were given upon request to Sisterhoods. Five thousand, four hundred and twenty-five of the special announcement cards were sold. Circulars explaining the Uniongram and describing the work of the National Federation were distributed. In addition to this, letters emphasizing the work of the individual National Committees have been issued. Advance copies of the Minutes of the Executive Board meeting, which took place in February, 1920, were printed.

**MEANS OF PUBLICATION**

In order to keep the Sisterhoods informed of the activities of all of the organizations and to give them the benefit of novel and helpful suggestions, the following means of publication are used. The Executive Office sends a weekly news letter, containing news items from five or six Sisterhoods, to fifty Jewish newspapers. Each month the Union Bulletin devotes a large section of a page, or an entire page, to Sisterhood articles of national interest. Estimating the joint publication of the weekly news letters and the articles in the Union Bulletin, over one hundred and thirty thousand words reporting the activities of the National Federation are published annually. The printing and cir-

culating of the Art Calendar is taken care of by the Executive Office. Last year ten thousand copies of the "Story of Elijah" Art Calendar were distributed. It is gratifying to note that since the last Biennial meeting the sale of these Calendars has doubled.

Since the Executive Secretary is secretary of the National Committees, the activities of the Sisterhood usually embodied in a secretary's report appear in the reports of the chairmen of the National Committees. To these chairmen, to the officers of the Federation, and to the various societies, your Executive Secretary wishes to express his thanks for the cooperation always received from them.

**FINANCIAL REPORT  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**

November 1, 1919 to October 31, 1920

Balance in Bank November 1, 1919..... \$2,042.17

**RECEIPTS—**

Dues .....\$3,225.48  
Less: Dues Refunded ..... 19.00

\$3,206.48

Calendars ..... 1,469.94  
Uniongrams ..... 1,664.30  
Scholarships ..... 9,870.68  
Add: Uniongram Profits Apportioned to Schol-  
arships ..... 491.14

10,361.82

Announcement Cards ..... 30.65  
Miscellaneous ..... 108.16  
Interest from Securities..... 82.85  
Interest (Bank Deposits)..... 122.54

\$17,046.74

**DISBURSEMENTS—**

Calendars ..... \$ 1,286.41  
Uniongrams ..... 169.95  
Scholarships ..... 11,334.00  
Union Bulletin ..... 761.09  
Announcement Cards ..... 61.92  
Committee on Scholarships ..... 43.52  
Committee on Propaganda ..... 136.67  
Committee on Cooperation ..... 59.74  
Committee on Religion ..... 161.28  
Committee on Religious Schools ..... 4.89  
Committee on Union Museum ..... 4.89  
Committee on Uniongrams ..... 10.45

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TEMPLE SISTERHOODS

New York Committee on Propaganda .....	7.00	
President's Office .....	300.16	
Clerk's Salary .....	1,000.00	
Official's Bond Premium .....	37.50	
Miscellaneous .....	115.96	
Bank Exchange .....	2.63	
Uniongram Profits Apportioned to Scholarships.....	491.14	
Uniongram Profits Apportioned to Religious Schools.....	121.20	
Office Expenses .....	1,394.06	
		17,504.46
Excess Disbursements Over Receipts .....		457.72
Net Balance Cash on Hand October 31, 1920.....		<u>\$1,584.45</u>

**STATEMENT OF CASH AND RECONCILIATION OF BANK ACCOUNT**

The balance in the bank exceeds balance on the books by \$790.92. This was due to the fact that there were outstanding unpaid vouchers to the amount of \$1,083.70 and receipts entered on the books but as yet undeposited to the amount of \$292.78, leaving a balance to our credit of \$790.92. The balance disappeared when the vouchers were drawn and the receipts deposited.

In explanation of the above, I wish to add that on October 31, when the books were closed, we had, in addition to \$1,584.45, also \$3,900.00 invested in U. S. 4th Liberty Loan Bonds.

Respectfully submitted,  
**GEORGE ZEPIN**, Executive Secretary.

The Treasurer, Mrs. A. J. Johnson, presented the following report which was upon motion duly carried and accepted with thanks.

**Report of the Treasurer**

New Haven, Conn., October 31, 1920.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:  
 Ladies:

I beg leave to submit the following as my report from November 1, 1919 to October 31, 1920:

Balance on hand in Bank, November 1, 1919, after reconciliation (Mechanics Bank of New Haven).....	\$2,042.17	
Received from George Zepin, Executive Secretary.....	16,650.42	
Interest (Mechanics Bank of New Haven).....	122.54	
		<u>\$18,815.13</u>
Paid Vouchers amounting to.....	16,437.13	
Paid Exchange (Mechanics Bank of New Haven).....	2.63	
		<u>16,439.76</u>
Balance (Mechanics Bank of New Haven).....		<u>\$2,375.37</u>
NOTE: Vouchers issued by George Zepin, Executive Secretary, not yet honored by Treasurer.....	\$1,083.70	
Checks received by George Zepin, Executive Secretary, not yet presented to Treasurer for deposit.....	292.78	
		<u>790.92</u>

The Secretary's Book Balance (i. e., the Treasurer's Bank Balance, minus \$790.92) is .....

\$1,584.45

Respectfully submitted,  
**MRS. A. J. JOHNSON**, Treasurer.

# Report of Public Accountants

April 1, 1921.

The President and Board of Directors of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mesdames:—

In compliance with your request, we have audited the books and accounts of your organization for the year ended October 31, 1920, and beg to report as follows, submitting a Schedule of Receipts and Disbursements and Securities.

We have checked all postings and footings and reconciled the Bank Balance with the Cash Book.

A list of Securities was furnished us, which we were unable to verify as they are held by your Treasurer in New Haven, Connecticut.

We believe that the report shows the true financial condition of your organization as of October 31, 1920.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD SMETHURST & COMPANY.

By R. Smethurst, Jr.,  
Certified Public Accountant.

## SCHEDULE "A"

### NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TEMPLE SISTERHOODS

#### STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For Year Ended October 31, 1920

Balance in Bank at November 1, 1919.....		\$2,042.17
<b>RECEIPTS—</b>		
Dues .....	\$3,225.48	
Less: Dues Refunded.....	19.00	
	\$3,206.48	
Sales of Calendars.....	1,469.94	
Sales of Uniongrams.....	1,664.30	
Scholarships .....	9,870.68	
Add: Uniongram Profits Apportioned to Scholarships .....	491.14	
	10,361.82	
Announcements Cards.....	30.65	
Miscellaneous .....	108.16	
Interest from Securities.....	82.85	
Interest on Bank Deposits.....	122.54	
<b>Total Receipts.....</b>		<b>17,046.74</b>



## DISBURSEMENTS—

Calendars .....	1,286.41	
Uniongrams .....	169.95	
Scholarships .....	11,334.00	
Union Bulletin.....	761.09	
Announcement Cards.....	61.92	
Committee on Scholarships .....	43.52	
Committee on Propaganda .....	136.67	
Committee on Co-operation .....	59.74	
Committee on Religion .....	161.28	
Committee on Religious Schools .....	4.89	
Committee on Union Museum .....	4.89	
Committee on Uniongrams .....	10.45	
New York Committee on Propaganda.....	7.00	
President's Office.....	300.16	
Clerk's Salary.....	1,000.00	
Official's Bond Premium.....	37.50	
Miscellaneous .....	115.96	
Bank Exchange.....	2.63	
Uniongram Profits Apportioned to Scholarships.....	491.14	
Uniongram Profits Apportioned to Religious Schools .....	121.20	
Office Expense.....	1,394.06	
<b>Total Expenses.....</b>		<b>17,504.46</b>
Excess Disbursements Over Receipts.....		<b>457.72</b>
Net Balance Cash on Hand Oct. 31, 1920—Exh. 1		<b>1,584.45</b>

SCHEDULE "A"—EXHIBIT 1  
RECONCILIATION OF BANK ACCOUNT

Mechanics Bank of New Haven, Conn.

At October 31, 1920

Balance at Close of Business October 31, 1920.....	\$2,375.37	
Add: Checks not Deposited.....	292.78	
		<b>\$2,668.15</b>
Less: Checks Outstanding—		
No. 919.....	17.69	
No. 937.....	3.38	
No. 940.....	1.68	
No. 942.....	1.50	
No. 947.....	1.35	
No. 950.....	4.00	
No. 951.....	75.00	
No. 952.....	4.95	
No. 953.....	.90	
No. 954.....	35.00	
No. 955.....	35.00	

No. 956.....	9.25
No. 957.....	7.98
No. 958.....	1.80
No. 959.....	.80
No. 960.....	36.80
No. 961.....	34.40
No. 962.....	288.94
No. 963.....	500.00
No. 964.....	23.28
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Total Outstanding Checks.....	1,083.70
Balance as per Books.....	1,584.45

**SCHEDULE "B"**

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF SECURITIES ON HAND**

At October 31, 1920

	Certificate Number	Amount
Fourth Liberty Loan Bonds.....	2180411	\$1,000.00
Fourth Liberty Loan Bonds.....	1469666	1,000.00
Fourth Liberty Loan Bonds.....	2180412	1,000.00
Fourth Liberty Loan Bonds.....	98260	500.00
Fourth Liberty Loan Bonds.....	6304488	100.00
Fourth Liberty Loan Bonds.....	4160002	100.00
Fourth Liberty Loan Bonds.....	6304366	100.00
Fourth Liberty Loan Bonds.....	913280	100.00
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Total Securities on Hand.....		\$3,900.00

Mrs. Leon Goodman, Chairman of the National Committee on Religion, then presented the following report, which was upon mo-

tion duly carried, accepted with thanks, and the recommendations referred to the Executive Board.

**Report of the National Committee on Religion**

Louisville, Oct. 31, 1920.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Friends and Co-Workers:

Eight years have passed since the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods came into existence. Cincinnati called the women together, and at this center of Jewish learning we banded together for a better understanding of Judaism.

Today we number more than 35,000 women, and still we do not come before you

with a marvelous story of miracles accomplished. We do tell you that we are alive in our work, and happy in our faith, and we feel a sense of pride and satisfaction in the fact that one-half of the people of the world are reading our literature and two-thirds of them worshipping our God. The Sisterhoods are primarily religious organizations, and the scope of their activities are directly or indirectly related to the religious life of the congregation.

We cannot give you tabulated statistics;

the influence of the Sisterhood upon the Jewish community cannot be set forth in numbers. Religion is not a matter of figures, it is a matter of spirit, and if the Sisterhoods infuse this spirit of Judaism into their work they have accomplished their purpose.

#### Work for Each Sisterhood

How can the Sisterhood aid the Temple and carry on the religious work? There are three definite things that it may do. The organization may give material aid, it may increase Temple attendance, and it may cooperate with the Religious School. From the many letters received by the Executive office and by the Chairman, the Sisterhoods are proving that they are doing this work. They are beautifying the Temples, they are raising money to clear Temple debts, they are erecting new Temples. Altar-cloths and flowers are often furnished by the Sisterhoods, and our women are beginning to feel the same sense of pride in beautifying the Temples that they feel in beautifying their homes.

One Sisterhood reports a Holiday Observance Committee, and your Chairman would like to make this Committee a standing one in every Sisterhood. Purim is remembered with the usual Play, and the old "Shalach Monas" is being revived to the extent that food, money and clothing are gathered together for various charities. Passover in many instances is made outstanding by the Temple Seder, where several hundred people are gathered together to listen while the Rabbi explains the festival in a way that gives an appreciation and understanding of Israel's emancipation. Shabuoth has its months of preparation and teaching for the children and then the great day with its Confirmation. The Confirmation reception in the Temple is growing in popularity. It is not only a democratic institution, but the child is welcomed into the Synagogue by the older people and must immediately be educated to feel that he or she has reached an epoch in life, an epoch that should be the beginning of spiritual responsibility.

Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur mark the Jew's "great come back". Whatever the short-comings, however much the Temple is neglected and Jewish responsibility and obligation forgotten, (save to pay the

monthly dues), these two holidays find our pews filled, and are the living proof that there is still the divine spark of religion in the Jew.

Succoth is celebrated first in the Temples, sometimes with the altar decorated with fruits and flowers, and we hear of the real Succah and the joy that it brings. Sisterhoods mark their meeting day by giving of their storehouse of foods and preserves, and again the poor are remembered. Chanukah is a golden opportunity for the Jew to remind the world of the Maccabean victories. Never were there greater heroes; never did men fight for a truer cause and never has the world been given a legacy of a finer type of soldier and more of the real martyr. The child who has gotten the real spirit of this history will delight in lighting the Chanukah candles and will not need the Christmas tree to stimulate his understanding.

#### Temple Attendance

The stimulating of Temple attendance is one of the largest fields of work for the Sisterhood. One Sisterhood reports a house to house canvass, where every member of the Sisterhood was visited and urged to attend the Sabbath morning services. A number of organizations have Temple Committees who welcome the stranger in the Synagogue, and this creates a cordial feeling among the members. Assured of a welcome from the Sisterhood, what woman will not be encouraged to participate in the weekly service? And once receiving this impulse, her work is just begun. She must now direct her energies to spreading the enthusiasm until the opening of the Temple doors becomes a bugle call to all of the affiliated families.

A word should be said about summer services. Last summer the Sisterhoods were especially urged to conduct these services and many complied with the request. In fact, no letter has ever been sent out by the Committee on Religion that brought as many responses to the Chairman. The absence of the rabbi, on his summer vacation, caused many Sisterhoods to take charge of the service. One Sisterhood reported a choir of amateurs substituting for the regular Temple choir and this in itself caused a lively interest and a very large summer attendance.

It is gratifying for your Committee to note that many of the programs presented at the monthly meetings of the Sisterhoods are religious in character. The old customs and traditions and the peculiar significance of the holy days are explained. The religious character of these meetings have influenced many members to observe the holidays in their homes.

The study circles which many Sisterhoods conduct do much in fostering religion in the community. Many of our smaller Sisterhoods cannot plan elaborate programs, but they can and do study and discuss works of Jewish interest. If there is no rabbi in the community, often one of the Sisterhood members leads the discussion. The Committee on Religion recommends that each Sisterhood work to establish a Bible Class, and at the Biennial, two years hence, we report the number of Bible Classes established and the number of women in attendance.

The Life of Elijah Art Calendar proved very successful. Each year the calendar grows in popularity, and this year 130 Sisterhoods ordered them. The entire stock of 10,000 was soon sold out, and about 2,000 additional orders were received.

#### Free Pew Successful

The Committee, in its report to the Executive Board in February, 1919, recommended the adoption of the "Free Pew in Every Synagogue." We read from time to time that it is being successfully tried out in a number of congregations throughout the country, is meeting with the approval of a great majority of the members and that the practice is adding materially to the yearly income. Sisterhoods are urged to continue to spread this message throughout the country, till the designation "Free Pew" is taken for granted and the expression "your pew and mine" is relegated to the past.

It would be impossible to touch upon every phase of activity of the Committee on Religion. Undoubtedly, the work in this field is of greatest importance. From time to time, special messages are sent out by the Chairman for the observance of the holy days, and the suggestions submitted by the various Sisterhoods are circulated as news items. One Sisterhood in a small town, which has no rabbi, thanked the Chairman

for the many helpful letters and told of the work that they had accomplished through these suggestions. Truly, the trifling expense of postage and printing is worth while, if this has been a means of fostering the spirit of Judaism.

We, as women and as mothers, are slowly but surely digging and tilling the soil, and our aim is to bring every Jew into his or her birthright. We will teach them of their God, their history, their literature, their martyrdom and their suffering. It will take time to accomplish these things, but our faces are set toward the sun, and our strength and our determination are an inheritance from our forefathers. Every time we are made heartsick by some ugly charge or some biting insult, we will build another Temple, every time our spirits are sickened by those among us, who would break away from the fold, we will establish another Religious School, every time a Ford rises up to destroy us we will give money, then we will give more money, and then we will give more money, and we will bring our great teachers to our altars and throw our doors open, till the world will finally admit—"Mine house shall be a house of God for all peoples."

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Leon Goodman, Chairman,  
Mrs. H. H. Sternberger, Vice-Chairman,  
Mrs. Charles Cohn,  
Mrs. A. L. Fishel,  
Mrs. David Philipson,  
Mrs. Ben Loewenstein,  
Mrs. B. H. Printz,  
Mrs. Chas. J. Freund,  
Mrs. M. Thorner.

In accordance with the motion adopted earlier in the meeting, the Committee on President's Message announced itself in readiness to make a partial report. The chairman of the Committee on President's Message, Mrs. Dilsheimer of Philadelphia, being recognized by the chair reported as follows:

#### Partial Report of the Committee on President's Message

To the IV Assembly of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies:

Your Committee on President's Message, having been instructed to report at the

earliest possible moment on that part of the President's Message dealing with the need for a dormitory at the Hebrew Union College, begs leave to report as follows:

We have carefully examined the reasons set forth by the president in her report for building a dormitory for the Hebrew Union College.

We think that these reasons are unanswerable and are of the opinion that conditions make it absolutely necessary that such assistance be rendered to the Hebrew Union College. We are of the opinion that the president is correct in thinking that the duty of building this dormitory belongs to the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, and we recommend that this Assembly give its hearty endorsement to this project and adopt the following resolution:\*

**RESOLUTION FOR THE ERECTION OF  
A DORMITORY AT THE HEBREW  
UNION COLLEGE**

Whereas, There is an insistent and ever growing need for trained spiritual leaders of Jewish Congregations throughout our land and

Whereas, The training of students at the Hebrew Union College has been seriously hampered and the registration of new students curtailed by the lack of the best Jewish home surroundings for the young men at the very time when they need it most, and

Whereas, the only proper solution of this problem is the erection of a Dormitory on the grounds of the Hebrew Union College where the requisite care for the physical and spiritual well-being of the students may be provided, and

Whereas, The members of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods standing

preeminently, as mothers in Israel, for the preservation of the ideals of our faith, ought of right to make the need for adequate Jewish home surroundings for the students of the Hebrew Union College, their own particular concern; therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, in Convention assembled in the city of Buffalo, undertake the collection of adequate funds for the erection of a Dormitory at the Hebrew Union College, the same to be an enduring monument to the religious ideals for the perpetuation of which the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods stands; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a committee be appointed at the earliest possible time to be charged with the task of raising the required funds and for the formulation of whatever other plans are necessary to put this project into execution.

It was moved and duly carried that the report of the Committee on President's Message be adopted, as amended and that a copy of the resolution be transmitted to the XXVII Council of the Union.

**Committee on Financial Plans for Dormitory**

It was moved by Mrs. Benjamin Loewenstein of Cincinnati, and duly carried that a Committee of Five be appointed to consider ways and means for raising the funds required for building the dormitory.

Mrs. Israel Cowen, Chairman of the National Committee on Cooperation presented the following report which was accepted with thanks and the recommendations referred to the Executive Board.

\*NOTE:—Amended by Mrs. Benjamin Loewenstein, Cincinnati, O.

## Report of the National Committee on Cooperation

Chicago, Oct. 31, 1920.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies:

The Committee on Cooperation, in order to function properly, has, during the last two years, established itself as a

Bureau of Exchange. For the purpose of giving all the Sisterhoods the benefits of novel programs and suggestions which naturally arise from so large an organization, your Committee has requested all the societies to send in reports of meetings to the Executive office. Ninety-five Sisterhoods sent in annual reports of their activities

for the years 1919-21, besides the numerous monthly and bi-weekly write-ups of meetings.

The correspondence relative to the work of the Committee on Cooperation has been greater than that of any other committee. Over a thousand letters have been received by the National office in this department. In response to a plea for program suggestions made by the National Chairman on December 22, 1919, twenty-five replies were received. It is encouraging to note that in the early programs planned for the year 1920-21, the entertainment is along religious lines. Many of the Sisterhoods are explaining old customs and traditions at these meetings, and from all parts of the country come programs of Jewish interest. Because of repeated requests for program suggestions, the National Committee has published a "Sheaf of Program Suggestions" containing a workable program for a year.

The novel features of many of these Sisterhood programs, and the splendid speakers which are being brought before the Sisterhoods, deserve some mention. The organizations are presenting evenings of Jewish music, of Jewish art, and are giving the benefit of them not only to the members of the Sisterhood but to every member of the congregation. Jewish social problems are also discussed, and the various phases of religious life are brought before the members of the community.

#### Joint Meetings

Your committee has long advocated holding joint meetings in cities where more than one Sisterhood exists, and it is gratifying to note that this plan has met with great success. In New York, Boston, Louisville, Chicago, Cincinnati and many other cities, the Sisterhoods have worked and planned together advantageously. There is no better way to promote sociability and good feeling among fellow workers than by these meetings, and from them, and from the concerted effort of the joint Sisterhoods arise many valuable and helpful suggestions.

Reference should be made to the Committee on Sociability, which strives to engender good feeling and team-work among

the members of the Sisterhood. Not only is this done at Sisterhood meetings, but this Committee welcomes the stranger in the Temple, calls on the new members of the Sisterhood, visits the women who are ill, or sends them a message of cheer, and strives to make the Jewish stranger feel at home in the congregation.

Boston claims the distinction of having originated the College dance for the young Jewish students. But it is not only with dances and festive occasions that this Sisterhood or the many others located in College towns endear themselves to the boys and girls away from home. Many Sisterhoods have members who visit students who are ill, and bring them a word of cheer. They provide Temple seatings for these students, invite them to their homes on the Holydays and give receptions for them, and some organizations invite the young Jewish women of these schools into the membership of the Sisterhood.

#### The Union Bulletin

The Union Bulletin is one of the mediums through which the work of the Sisterhoods may become known. If the Sisterhoods will cooperate with the National office and send in reports, they will receive publicity in the Bulletin. Pictures are particularly acceptable, and a letter asking for them was sent out by the National Chairman in December, 1919. From time to time, the Bulletin has published articles on cooperation, i. e., "How the Sisterhood Raises Money," "How to Stimulate Interest in the Sisterhood," and many interesting news items.

Several Sisterhoods are publishing their own monthly papers or are editing pages in their Temple Bulletin. In addition to this, about fifteen Year Books have been received by the Executive office.

The work of the Sisterhoods among defectives and delinquents is not to be overlooked. In many of the smaller communities the Sisterhood takes care of all the social work. One Sisterhood has organized a "Sunshine Committee" whose work is well worth emulation. This committee visits the shut-ins, and takes for drives all the invalids who are able to go out. It also strives to bring pleasure to the poor children of the city.

The interest of the Sisterhoods in Prison Welfare work continues to grow. Books and Jewish periodicals are sent to the Jewish men at these institutions. Last year, bibles were sent to a girls' reformatory in Michigan. Under the auspices of one of our Sisterhoods, a Seder supper entertainment was given to the inmates of Auburn Prison. The scope of this work is great, and deserves much commendation.

The work of the Sisterhoods in the field of cooperation is unlimited. Let each member cooperate with her sister, with her organization, with the National body. Working together for the common cause of Judaism, the high aims of the Federation, the

ideals of Jewish womanhood must be realized.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Israel Cowen, Chairman,  
Mrs. Caesar Misch, Vice-Chairman,  
Mrs. Dan Frank,  
Mrs. Horace Wolf,  
Mrs. Philip Rosenau,  
Mrs. Sol. Moses,  
Mrs. Albert J. Johnson,  
Mrs. Israel Aaron,  
Mrs. T. Schanfarber.

At 12:30 the Assembly adjourned to meet at 2 P. M.

## First Day's Proceedings Afternoon Session

The Assembly met pursuant to adjournment at 2 P. M. in joint session with the Council. Dr. Maurice H. Harris of New York, read the report of the Commission on Congregational Membership. This was afterwards discussed by Mr. Albert Wolf of Philadelphia, Dr. S. H. Goldenson of Pittsburgh and Rabbi Isaac Landman of Far Rockaway. The report is printed in the proceedings of

the XXVII Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

At the close of the joint meeting the Assembly met separately for the transaction of business.

Mrs. Joseph Stolz, Chairman of the National Committee on Hebrew Union College Scholarships presented the following report:

## Report of the National Committee on Hebrew Union College Scholarships

Chicago, Oct. 31, 1920.

To the Members of the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Friends:

If the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods had done nothing more in the eight years since it was organized than to help the Hebrew Union College raise leaders and teachers in Israel, it would, we believe, have fully justified its existence. Therefore, we deem it a special privilege to submit this Scholarship Report,

which is, in a manner, a commentary on the willingness to make sacrifices, the spirit of sisterly cooperation and the religious enthusiasm of the Jewish woman of today, who, despite the demands of the War and the still greater demands brought about by its sad aftermath, has still made possible the following gratifying results:

In 1914, the first year of its work, the Committee on Scholarships turned over to the College about \$2,000. Year by year the amount collected has shown a steady and goodly increase. And for the last fiscal

year, from October 31, 1919, to October 31, 1920, the sum total raised was \$11,500. This was given by Sisterhoods, large and small, located as widely apart as the Atlantic and the Pacific, the Great Lakes and the Gulf of Mexico. The amounts of the individual Sisterhood's donations ranged from \$2.50 to \$600.00.

One hundred and seventy-nine Sisterhoods out of two hundred and twenty in the Federation assisted in raising this amount. Six Sisterhoods gave \$350.00 Scholarships, fifteen gave \$300.00 Scholarships, of which the Pittsburgh Sisterhood, to its credit, be it mentioned, gave two. In addition, we raised fourteen other Scholarships, made up from the contributions of the various districts into which the country was divided. Several districts raised two and three times the sum required for a complete Scholarship, and only three failed to reach the goal of \$300.00. In other words, we can report that the past fiscal year has shown an increase of fifty contributing Sisterhoods, of three complete individual Sisterhood Scholarships, of seven District Scholarships, and of \$3,255 over the year before, which was Wise Memorial Year, and up to that time the Banner Year of the Scholarship Committee. Examination of the detailed report of the district contributions leads us to suggest a re-districting of the country because of changes arising by the addition of new contributors or the rare failure of old ones to send a donation.

Since the close of the fiscal year, October 31, 1920, contributions amounting to \$12,307.80 have been received. These were handed over to the Hebrew Union College on Wise Memorial Day, and will form a part of the record of the next report of the Scholarship Committee.

#### **\$350.00 SCHOLARSHIPS CREATED**

The higher cost of living, affecting rabbinical students no less than the rest of the world, induced the Executive Board of the N. F. T. S. to suggest that \$350.00 Scholarships would be very acceptable, though not compulsory, from the Sisterhoods that are giving individual Scholarships. Moreover, they sanctioned the issuing of \$350.00 Scholarships out of the funds raised by the various districts. Since the war, the dearth of students at all theological colleges is very noticeable. It has not only been the

subject of critical comment but also of earnest thought and deep anxiety. To counteract this lamentable deficiency, unusual inducements should be offered by the Hebrew Union College to men especially gifted for the rabbinate who are hesitating on the brink of choosing their life's vocation. And we therefore offer the suggestion that within the next Biennial period, at least, if the College authorities should deem it wise in the case of exceptional merit or unusual circumstances to issue Scholarships of even greater value, even up to \$500.00, this body should sanction such action. For in the face of all the agitation against our people, making our already difficult problems even harder to solve, we dare not allow the coming generation of Jews to be handicapped for want of enough properly equipped religious guides and teachers.

#### **RAISING FUNDS**

The methods by which the Sisterhoods collect the money for their Scholarship Fund are varied. Some take the amount they contribute from their treasury or from a special Philanthropic Fund, and some levy a tax for this purpose. Others secure their contribution through the charge for refreshments served at their meetings, and still others from the profit on Uniongrams, and Calendars, a method which we recommend to all the Sisterhoods. Entertainments, dances, raffles, card parties, rummage sales, bazaars and Harvest Festivals are means by which a great many raised their donations. Some even used several of the various above-mentioned methods to raise the money they sent. A Happy Day Fund and a Memorial Fund are two other ways by which Sisterhoods are securing their contributions. Both are so truly Jewish in their essence, and usually succeed so quickly in winning the popular approval of the members, that we suggest their adoption by Sisterhoods that have not already established them. In fact, in the Scholarship campaign for contributions prior to Wise Memorial Day, we this year laid special stress on the Memorial Fund idea by which we are trying to divert for the Scholarship Fund money that would otherwise be spent for flowers on the occasion of a funeral or a Yahrzeit. By means of cards, sent free of charge to the Sisterhoods, we have attempted to make easy the task of acknowl-



edging donations, while through a poster hung in the Sisterhood meeting room we have sought to popularize the idea of the Memorial Fund.

◊ We heartily thank all the Sisterhoods whose cordial cooperation and generous support have helped to bring about the excellent results we have already mentioned. We greatly appreciate the friendly spirit expressed in nearly every one of the many letters we have received. Even where local circumstances prevented an accompanying contribution, we have been encouraged and stimulated by the sisterly interest invariably evinced. We also wish to thank the Propaganda Committee, whose cooperation brought about some additions to our contributors as well as to the amounts contributed. We are very deeply grateful to the staff of the Executive Office for their ever ready counsel and help, for their never-failing courtesy and promptness, without which it would be impossible to carry on our work with any degree of pleasure or success.

#### CONTRIBUTORS INCREASING

It is assuredly gratifying to note that the number of contributing Sisterhoods' total raised has steadily increased, and that it has thus been possible to turn over to the College more Scholarships and to help more students year by year. But in so doing the N. F. T. S. is assuming an obligation of which it must not lose sight. We are virtually pledging ourselves to the Hebrew Union College to raise at least as much every succeeding year as we have the preceding one, in order that the student who has once been awarded a Sisterhood Scholarship may be

assured it will not fail him throughout his course at the College, provided, of course, he continues to prove himself worthy to receive it. That the Union of American Hebrew Congregations lacks funds wherewith to support properly its various activities, among which the Hebrew Union College is the most important and the most costly, requires no further proof than the creation of its Flying Squadron within the past year. That, because of this lack of funds, a considerable number of the students who receive Scholarships would be deprived of this help, and could probably not continue with their work were it not for the aid of the Federation, can scarcely be questioned, in view of the fact that the College distributed last year \$27,260.00 in Scholarships, of which the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods supplied \$11,500. That we need teachers and leaders in American Israel more than ever before, because of the perils assailing our people from without as well as from within, can hardly be disputed. That times are getting harder, and that it will require greater efforts to raise money in the future than it has in the past, is also true. And so we take this opportunity of pleading for the continued and enthusiastic support of all the Sisterhoods so greatly needed if this work you have so nobly begun, and have thus far so well accomplished, is to grow from strength to strength until the goal we have set for ourselves has been reached, "At least one Scholarship for every state in the Union." Toward this end may God bless our efforts; may He crown our labors with success.

We append a detailed report of the contributions for the past fiscal year:

## Scholarship Contributions

From October 31, 1919, to October 31, 1920

### INDIVIDUAL SCHOLARSHIPS

\$6,600.00

#### Atlanta, Ga.

The Temple Sisterhood (in honor of Rabbi David Marx' 20th Anniversary with the Temple).....\$300.00

#### Baltimore, Md.

Madison Ave. Temple Sisterhood (Adolph Guttmacher Scholarship) ..... 300.00

Sisterhood Oheb Shalom Temple (Rose H. Goldenberg Scholarship) ..... 300.00  
(Szold-Kaiser Scholarship)..... 300.00

Sisterhood Har Sinai Congregation (Einhorn Scholarship)..... 300.00

#### Boston, Mass.

The Temple Israel Sisterhood..... 300.00

#### Chicago, Ill.

Isaiah Woman's Club (Isaac Mayer Wise Memorial Scholarship)... 300.00

Sisterhood Bnai Sholom Temple Israel (Gerson B. Levi Scholarship) ..... 350.00

#### Cincinnati, Ohio

Plum Street Temple Sisterhood (Isaac Mayer Wise Scholarship) 300.00

Rockdale Ave. Temple Sisterhood (Dr. Max Lilienthal Scholarship) 300.00

#### Cleveland, Ohio

Euclid Ave. Temple Sisterhood..... 350.00

The Temple Women's Association.. 350.00

#### Indianapolis, Ind.

Sisterhood of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (Moses Selig Scholarship) ..... 300.00

#### Louisville, Ky.

Adath Israel Sisterhood..... 300.00

#### Memphis, Tenn.

Ladies Auxiliary, Children of Israel 350.00

#### Nashville, Tenn.

Vine Street Temple Sisterhood..... 350.00

#### New Orleans, La.

Temple Sinai Sisterhood (James K. Gutheim Scholarship)..... 300.00

### New York, N. Y.

Women's Association Temple Rodeph Shalom ..... 350.00

### Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sisterhood Rodef Shalom Congregation (given by Mrs. Meyer Forst in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Falk)..... 300.00  
(J. Leonard Levy Scholarship). 300.00

### Washington, D. C.

Sisterhood of Washington Hebrew Congregation (Dr. Abram Simon Scholarship) ..... 300.00

### DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIPS

#### District No. 1—\$392.00

Bridgeport, Conn.—Sisterhood Park Ave. Temple.....\$ 5.00

Boston, Mass.—Sisterhood Temple Israel ..... 48.00

Boston, Mass.—Sisterhood Temple Ohabei Shalom..... 106.00

Hartford, Conn.—Woman's Auxiliary Congregation Beth Israel..... 45.00

New Haven, Conn.—Mishkan Israel Temple Sisterhood..... 88.00

Pittsfield, Mass.—Sisterhood of Pittsfield ..... 75.00

Providence, R. I.—Ladies' Auxiliary Society ..... 25.00

#### District No. 2—\$1,324.30

Binghamton, N. Y.—The Jewish Sisterhood ..... 10.00

Brooklyn, N. Y. (Bensonhurst)—Sisterhood Beth Sholom People's Temple ..... 25.00

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Sisterhood of Temple Israel..... 88.00

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Sisterhood Temple Beth Emeth of Flatbush..... 179.80

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Woman's Auxiliary Temple Beth Elohim (8th Ave.) 131.00

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Sisterhood of Shaari Zedek..... 27.00

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Sisterhood of Temple Beth Elohim (Keap St.) 84.00

Buffalo, N. Y.—Womens' Temple Society ..... 126.00

Far Rockaway, N. Y.—The Women's Auxiliary Temple Israel..... 72.50

New Rochelle, N. Y.—Sisterhood of Temple Israel.....	125.00	Harrisonburg, Va.—Ladies' Auxiliaryiliary .....	10.00
New York, N. Y.—Sinai Sisterhood of the Bronx.....	10.00	Huntington, W. Va.—Ladies' Hebrew Benevolent Society.....	25.00
New York, N. Y.—Ladies' Auxiliary Central Synagog.....	100.00	Jersey Cty, N. J.—Ladies' Auxiliary Temple Beth El.....	108.00
New York, N. Y.—Sisterhood of The New Synagog.....	43.00	Newark, N. J.—Women's Association of Temple B'nai Jeshurun.....	70.80
New York, N. Y.—Tremont Sisterhood .....	40.00	Norfolk, Va.—Sisterhood Ohev Shalom .....	35.00
New York, N. Y.—Ladies' Auxiliary Temple Israel.....	25.00	Paterson, N. J.—Sisterhood B'nai Jeshurun .....	25.00
New York, N. Y.—Daughters of the Covenant (Wash. Heights).....	38.00	Wheeling, W. Va.—Ladies' Hebrew Benevolent Society.....	50.00
Rochester, N. Y.—Berith Kodesh Sisterhood .....	25.00		
Syracuse, N. Y.—Ladies' Auxiliary Society of Concord.....	25.00	<b>District No. 6—\$416.20</b>	
Yonkers, N. Y.—Emanu-El Sisterhood of Yonkers.....	150.00	Akron, Ohio—Ladies' Temple Society Temple Israel.....	50.00
		Bellaire, Ohio—Ladies' Hebrew Relief Society.....	10.00
<b>District No. 3—\$371.80</b>		Canton, Ohio—McKinley Ave. Temple Sisterhood .....	16.00
Allentown, Pa.—Sisterhood of Kene-seth Israel.....	25.00	Cincinnati, Ohio—Plum St. Temple Sisterhood .....	22.80
Altoona, Pa.—Ladies' Temple Society	5.00	Cincinnati, Ohio—Reading Road Temple Sisterhood.....	100.00
Erie, Pa.—Ladies' Hebrew Auxiliary Society .....	2.00	Columbus, Ohio—Sisterhood Temple Israel .....	2.00
Harrisburg, Pa.—Ohev Shalom Sisterhood .....	46.50	Dayton, Ohio—Ladies' Temple Auxiliary K. K. B. Y.....	22.00
Hazleton, Pa.—Ladies' Guild.....	25.00	Hamilton, Ohio—Ladies' Aid Society	10.00
Lancaster, Pa.—The Sisterhood of Shaari Shomayim.....	28.50	Lorain, Ohio—The Temple Sisterhood .....	5.00
Philadelphia, Pa.—Rodeph Shalom Sisterhood .....	50.00	Mansfield, Ohio—The Mansfield Sisterhood .....	5.00
Philadelphia, Pa.—Sisterhood Kene-seth Israel Congregation.....	74.00	Middletown, Ohio—Jewish Reform Auxiliary .....	10.00
Reading, Pa.—Sisterhood of Ohev Sholem .....	20.00	Piqua, Ohio—The Jewish Ladies' Aid Society .....	5.00
Scranton, Pa.—Sisterhood of Madison Ave. Temple.....	45.80	Portsmouth, Ohio—Jewish Ladies' Aid Society.....	5.00
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.—Women's Auxiliary Congregation B'nai Berith.	25.00	Sandusky, Ohio—Ohev Shalom Sisterhood .....	10.00
York, Pa.—Sisterhood of Beth Israel	25.00	Springfield, Ohio—Ladies' Auxiliary	28.00
		Toledo, Ohio—Ladies' Auxiliary Society—Collingwood Temple.....	30.00
<b>District No. 5—\$433.80</b>		Youngstown, Ohio—Sisterhood Rodef Sholom Temple.....	80.40
Alexandria, Va.—Beth El Sisterhood	5.00	Zanesville, Ohio—Jewish Woman's Aid Society.....	5.00
Atlantic City, N. J.—Sisterhood of Beth Israel Congregation.....	10.00		
Baltimore, Md.—Madison Ave. Temple Sisterhood (Baltimore Hebrew)	18.00	<b>District No. 9—\$330.20</b>	
Bristol, Va.-Tenn.—The Jewish Ladies' Aid Society.....	15.00	Bloomington, Ill.—Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society.....	10.00
Charleston, W. Va.—Sisterhood of Virginia St. Temple.....	50.00	Cairo, Ill.—Montefiore Temple Sisterhood .....	12.00
Elizabeth, N. J.—Daughters of Israel	12.00		

Champaign, Ill.—Jewish Ladies' Social Circle.....	5.00	Richmond, Ind.—Sisterhood of Richmond .....	10.00
Chicago, Ill.—Isaiah Woman's Club	20.00	Saginaw, Mich.—Beth El Sisterhood	10.00
Chicago, Ill.—Temple Judea Woman's Club.....	25.00	Sioux City, Ia.—Jewish Ladies' Aid Society .....	15.00
Chicago, Ill.—K. A. M. Auxiliary...	50.00	South Bend, Ind.—Ladies' Aid Society .....	55.00
Chicago, Ill.—Chicago Sinai Temple Sisterhood .....	50.00		
Chicago, Ill.—Ladies' Auxiliary Temple Sholom.....	25.00	<b>District No. 11—\$851.70</b>	
Chicago, Ill.—Sisterhood Temple B'nai Abraham Zion.....	50.00	Alexandria, La.—Temple Sisterhood	10.00
Chicago, Ill.—Temple Emanuel Sisterhood .....	38.20	Ardmore, Okla.—Jewish Ladies' Aid Society .....	5.00
Danville, Ill.—Ladies' Mite Society.	5.00	Baton Rouge, La.—B'nai Israel Congregation Sisterhood.....	10.00
Peoria, Ill.—Sisterhood Anshai Emeth Congregation.....	20.00	El Paso, Tex.—Mt. Sinai Sisterhood	25.00
Quincy, Ill.—Hebrew Ladies' Benevolent Society.....	10.00	Ft. Smith, Ark.—Temple Aid Sisterhood .....	25.80
Springfield, Ill.—Brith Sholom Temple Sisterhood.....	10.00	Greenville, Miss.—Temple Auxiliary	10.00
		Greenwood, Miss.—Jewish Ladies' Aid Society.....	10.00
<b>District No. 10—\$648.52</b>		Hot Springs, Ark.—Temple Sisterhood House of Israel.....	5.00
Bay City, Mich.—Temple Sisterhood	23.60	Jackson, Miss.—Ladies' Aid Society	5.00
Davenport, Ia.—Sisterhood Temple Emanuel .....	11.50	Kansas City, Mo.—Temple Sisterhood .....	33.60
Des Moines, Ia.—United Benevolent Society .....	12.00	Lincoln, Nebr.—Jewish Ladies' Aid Society .....	10.00
Detroit, Mich.—Woman's Auxiliary Association Temple Beth El...	165.12	Meridian, Miss.—Temple Guild Sisterhood .....	15.00
Evansville, Ind.—Temple Sisterhood	25.00	Natchez, Miss.—Natchez Temple Sisterhood .....	22.00
Ft. Wayne, Ind.—Achduth Veshalom Sisterhood .....	50.00	New Orleans, La.—Ladies' Auxiliary Congregation Beth Israel.....	10.50
Gary, Ind.—Woman's Auxiliary of Temple Israel.....	50.00	New Orleans, La.—Temple Sinai Sisterhood .....	8.00
Hammond, Ind.—Jewish Ladies' Aid Society .....	5.00	New Orleans, La.—Sisterhood of Touro Synagog.....	25.00
Indianapolis, Ind.—Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation Sisterhood..	30.00	Oklahoma City, Okla.—Jewish Ladies' Aid.....	102.00
Kalamazoo, Mich.—Hebrew Ladies' Benevolent Society.....	10.00	Omaha, Nebr.—Temple Israel Sisterhood .....	15.00
Laporte, Ind.—Hebrew Ladies' Relief Society.....	5.00	Pine Bluff, Ark.—Temple Sisterhood of Pine Bluff.....	25.00
Michigan City, Ind.—The Sinai Sisterhood .....	10.00	St. Joseph, Mo.—Apath Joseph Sisterhood .....	27.00
Milwaukee, Wis.—B'ne Jeshurun Sisterhood .....	50.00	St. Louis, Mo.—B'nai El Temple Sisterhood .....	83.00
Milwaukee, Wis.—Emanu-El Society.	25.00	St. Louis, Mo.—Sisterhood Temple Israel .....	143.80
Minneapolis, Minn.—Ladies' Auxiliary Temple, Shari Tov.....	33.80	St. Louis, Mo.—Sisterhood Temple Shaare Emeth.....	29.00
Montreal, Canada—Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood .....	25.00	St. Louis, Mo.—United Temple Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society.....	50.00
Mt. Vernon, Ind.—Mt. Vernon Temple Sisterhood .....	2.50	Shreveport, La.—Sisterhood B'nai Zion .....	102.00
Oshkosh, Wis.—Ladies' Jewish Aid Society .....	25.00		

Springfield, Mo.—Jewish Ladies' Aid Society .....	10.00	Denver, Colo.—Emanuel Sisterhood.	15.00
Tulsa, Okla.—Temple Israel Sisterhood .....	5.00	Los Angeles, Calif.—Sisterhood Temple B'nai B'rith.....	70.00
Vicksburg, Miss.—Ladies' Auxiliary Congregation Anshe Chesed....	20.00	Salt Lake City, Utah—B'nai Israel Sisterhood .....	50.00
Waco, Texas—The Temple Sisterhood of Waco.....	10.00	Seattle, Wash.—Ladies' Auxiliary Temple de Hirsch.....	16.00
		Sioux Falls, S. D.—Sisterhood Mt. Zion Congregation.....	7.50

### INCOMPLETE SCHOLARSHIPS

#### District No. 8—\$288.40

Albany, Ga.—Temple Sisterhood B'nai Israel.....	5.00
Anniston, Ala.—Henrietta Sterne Sisterhood .....	5.00
Atlanta, Ga.—The Temple Sisterhood	8.00
Bainbridge, Ga.—Temple Guild....	5.00
Bessemer, Ala.—Beth El Sisterhood	15.00
Birmingham, Ala.—Temple Emanu-El Chapter.....	25.00
Brownsville, Tenn.—Temple Auxiliary .....	2.00
Charleston, S. C.—Temple Sisterhood K. K. B. E.....	12.00
Chattanooga, Tenn.—Hebrew Ladies' Aid Association.....	10.00
Goldsboro, N. C.—Temple Sisterhood .....	65.00
Greensboro, N. C.—Ladies' Aid....	10.00
Jacksonville, Fla.—Temple Sisterhood .....	37.00
Knoxville, Tenn.—Woman's Auxiliary Temple Beth El.....	10.00
Macon, Ga.—Beth Israel Sisterhood	25.00
Nashville, Tenn.—The Temple Sisterhood .....	24.40
Raleigh, N. C.—Temple Sisterhood.	5.00
Savannah, Ga.—Temple Guild.....	25.00

#### District No. 12—\$109.60

Louisville, Ky.—Ladies' Auxiliary Temple B'rith Sholom.....	86.60
Owensboro, Ky.—Apath Israel Sisterhood .....	13.00
Paducah, Ky.—Sisterhood Temple Israel .....	10.00

#### District No. 13—\$256.50

Cheyenne, Wyo.—Ladies of Jewish Circle .....	5.00
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Spokane, Wash.—Sisterhood Temple Emanu-El .....	23.00
Spokane, Wash.—Daughters of Israel .....	10.00
Trinidad, Colo.—Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society .....	10.00
San Francisco, Calif.—Sisterhood Temple Emanu-El.....	50.00

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Joseph Stolz, Chairman,  
Mrs. Marcus Rauh, Vice-Chairman,  
Mrs. Julius Goldstein,  
Mrs. Nathan Glauber,  
Mrs. J. Leonard Levy,  
Mrs. Samuel Levy,  
Mrs. Harry Liebman,  
Mrs. Wm. Abrahams,  
Mrs. Herman Wile.

The report of the National Committee on Hebrew Union College Scholarships was discussed. During the discussion Mrs. David Goldfarb, President of the Mt. Nebo Sisterhood of New York City, presented a complete scholarship of \$350 in behalf of her Sisterhood.

It was moved and duly carried that the report of the National Committee on Hebrew Union College Scholarships be accepted with thanks and the recommendations contained therein be referred to the Executive Board.

In the absence of the Chairman of the National Committee on Propaganda, the Vice-Chairman of that Committee, Mrs. Max Brandenberger of Brooklyn, presented the report of the Committee on Propaganda which was accepted with thanks and the recommendations contained therein referred to the Executive Board.

## Report of the National Committee on Propaganda

Kansas City, Oct. 31, 1920.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies:

During the past year the National Committee on Propaganda has secured twenty-two societies into the membership of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. The total membership at the end of the fiscal year, October 31, 1920, numbered two hundred and twenty-two organizations. This fine showing was achieved through propaganda literature sent out by the National Chairman on propaganda and through the personal efforts of some of our members.

The growth of the N. F. T. S. has been most satisfactory; the organization now numbers 37,000 women, the largest organization of Jewish women in the country. It is represented in every section of this country and extends into Canada. It has grown from a small group of Sisterhoods to five times its original size. Not only in members can its success be measured, but also in prominence and influence it takes its place among the most notable women's religious organizations.

The local Sisterhoods are showing progress by increased memberships. The most notable record is that of the Sisterhood of San Francisco, which reports a jump from 185 to 430 members.

During the year 1919 the National Committee on Propaganda made one appeal to local societies for cooperation in enlisting unaffiliated organizations in neighboring communities.

After the recent November "Back to the Synagogue" campaign throughout the country another appeal was made. The result of this appeal is just beginning to manifest itself, and at present the Propaganda Committee is urging a continuation of cooperation of local organizations in this work. It is our opinion that only by this method can we hope to acquaint every Jewish woman in this country with the importance of affiliating with the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. This is the appeal the Committee on Propaganda makes to you now. Send us the names of unaffiliated organizations of neighboring communities, and do what you can to interest them in Federation; that is the best propaganda material we can use.

The Sisterhood idea is growing and is being absorbed by the Jewish women of our country. They are realizing that the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods stands for the accomplishment of all that is good and useful in the cause of Judaism. The Committee on Propaganda will be active until every Jewish woman whose services are not enlisted in our work will be brought into the Federation.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. H. H. Mayer, Chairman,  
Mrs. M. J. Brandenburger, V.-Ch'r'n.,  
Mrs. Isaac Born,  
Miss J. M. Goldberg,  
Mrs. D. S. Lisberger,  
Mrs. S. Pisko,  
Mrs. Maurice Steinfeld,  
Mrs. H. H. Sternberger,  
Mrs. Hugo Teweles.

### THE FOLLOWING SISTERHOODS HAVE JOINED THE FEDERATION

From October 31, 1919 to October 31, 1920

Brunswick, Ga.—Ladies Temple Guild.  
Chicago, Ill.—Beth-El Sisterhood of Chicago.  
Dallas, Texas—Temple Emanuel Sisterhood.  
Danville, Ill.—Ladies' Mite Society.  
Decatur, Ill.—Decatur Sisterhood.  
Elizabeth, N. J.—Sisterhood of B'nai Israel.  
Fairmont, W. Va.—The Temple Sisterhood.  
Greensboro, N. C. (rejoined)—The Temple Sisterhood.  
Greenville, Miss.—The Temple Auxiliary.  
Greenwood, Miss.—Jewish Ladies' Aid Society.  
Hoboken, N. J.—Sisterhood Adath Emuno.  
Jamaica, N. Y.—Sisterhood Temple Israel of Jamaica.  
Marion, Ohio—Marion Temple Sisterhood.

New Rochelle, N. Y.—Sisterhood Temple Israel.  
New York, N. Y.—Women's A s'n Temple Rodeph Shalom.  
New York, N. Y.—Tremont Sisterhood (Washington Heights).  
Oshkosh, Wis.—The Ladies' Jewish Aid Society.  
Parkersburg, W. Va.—The Jewish Ladies' Auxiliary.  
Richmond, Ind.—Sisterhood of Richmond.  
Sioux Falls, S. Dak.—Sisterhood Mt. Zion Congregation.  
Tulsa, Okla.—Temple Israel Sisterhood.  
Waco, Texas—Temple Sisterhood of Waco.

**THE FOLLOWING SISTERHOODS HAVE JOINED THE FEDERATION**

**October 31, 1920 to April 15, 1921**

Alliance, Ohio—Sisterhood of Temple Israel.	New York, N. Y.—Sisterhood of Temple Mt. Zion.
Appleton, Wis.—Jewish Ladies' Aid Society.	New York, N. Y.—Women's Guild of Free Synagogue of Flushing.
Brooklyn, N. Y.—Progressive Synagogue Sisterhood.	New York, N. Y.—Mt. Neboh Sisterhood.
Brooklyn, N. Y.—Ladies' Hebrew Benevolent Society of Greenpoint.	New York, N. Y.—Sisterhood of the Hebrew Tabernacle.
Brooklyn, N. Y.—Ladies' Auxilliary, Jewish Communal Center of Flatbush.	Norwood, Ohio—The Norwood Ladies' Auxilliary.
Brooklyn, N. Y.—Ladies' Auxilliary of Temple Emanu-El of Boro Park.	Pocatello, Idaho—Jewish Sisterhood of Pocatello.
East Orange, N. J.—Ladies' Auxilliary, Temple Sharey Tefila.	Portland, Ore. (rejoined)—Beth Israel Sisterhood.
Fremont, Ohio—Jewish Ladies' Society.	Quincy, Fla.—Quincy Sisterhood Guild.
Greensboro, N. C. (rejoined)—The Temple Sisterhood.	Richmond, Va.—Beth Ahabah Auxilliary.
Henderson, Ky.—Adath Israel Sisterhood.	St. Paul, Minn.—The Temple Sisterhood of Mt. Zion.
Jackson, Mich.—Ladies' Temple Aid.	San Antonio, Texas—Ladies' Auxilliary Temple Beth El.
Johnstown, Pa.—The Temple Sisterhood.	Troy, N. Y.—Sisterhood of Third St. Temple.
Joplin, Mo.—The Temple Aid Sisterhood.	Tucson, Ariz.—Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel.
Lebanon, Pa.—Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society.	Tuscaloosa, Ala.—Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood.
New York, N. Y.—Shaaray Tefila Sisterhood (West End Synagogue).	Williamsport, Pa.—Sisterhood of Temple Beth Hashalom.
New York, N. Y.—The Hebrew Sisterhood of Inwood.	
New York, N. Y.—Beth El Women's Guild.	

Mrs. S. K. Glauber of New York City, being granted the privilege of the floor, made the following statement concerning the

work of the Greater New York Committee on Propaganda.

**A Statement Concerning  
The Work of the Greater New York Committee on  
Propaganda**

by

Mrs. S. K. Glauber, Chairman

Madam President:

The Greater New York Committee on Propaganda begs to submit the following report:

The Committee is the direct result of a Get-Together Meeting of all Sisterhoods and kindred organizations in and near New York City which was called by the Chairman, under the auspices of the Sisterhood of her own Synagogue (that of the New Synagogue, with Dr. Ephraim Frisch as its Rabbi) on the evening of December 1, 1919, followed by the Conference of Presidents and Delegates on the ensuing day (December 2d), at the West End Synagogue.

The meeting was originally called for two purposes, and I am in doubt as to the order in which to name them.

As one who has been for many years active in numerous movements, both sectarian and non-sectarian, locally and nationally, and as one in position to make careful observations of Jewish women in their various fields of endeavor, I noted a tendency on the part of many to lend their efforts in all directions excepting those of their own religious ones, and I regretfully include myself among them.

The realization of this shortcoming, coupled with the great need not alone for stemming the current of "away-ism" but in turning it to one of "toward-ism" stimulated me to put my best effort and my whole being into the cause of reclaiming, as it were.

This is not intended in any way to be an unkind criticism of our Jewish women to whom all honor is due for their wonderful

accomplishments in philanthropic, educational, and communal affairs. It is because of their excellent achievements and their high type of service that I would plead with them to give of their strength and of their power to further their religion and Judaism as such.

The second purpose of this same meeting was to encourage the national affiliation of the unaffiliated Sisterhoods and to influence the forming of women's Temple groups where none such existed.

This inspirational, or "Get-Together" meeting was the first of its kind ever held in New York City, and we have every reason to believe that it has not alone succeeded in rousing Jewish interest and activity, but an enthusiasm that is most gratifying and one that gives every evidence of being lasting.

To prove the point that Sisterhood influence is being recognized let me tell you that in New York there is an organization known as "The Federation of Sisterhoods, and other Jewish Women's Organizations". Great confusion arises because of the similarity between its name and ours, and much consideration has been given to changing the name of either one or the other. In discussing the matter recently with one of its officers she said "We are a much older and longer established institution than the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. It is only within the last year since you have become so important that one even knew that such an organization as the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods existed". So much for the influence of our little Committee, and so much as a result of a little energy.

At the first conference (December 2, 1919) the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That the Sisterhood idea as put forth by the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods is valuable and deserves the support of every Sisterhood and kindred organization in our city connected with a synagogue. Be it further resolved that:

"A Committee numbering not less than fifteen be elected today who shall be charged with the duty of presenting this cause before each such organization upon invitation at one of its regular meetings in the near future."

This meant primarily a careful survey to discover the unaffiliated Sisterhoods. Each member of the Committee was assigned to

the district in which she lived and reported thereon, whereupon a letter was sent to the President in the spirit of the resolution accompanied by a copy thereof.

In preparation for compliance with such invitations, a Committee on Speakers was organized who addressed the Sisterhoods on the National Organization and were prepared to answer any and all questions. In some instances it meant numerous visits and conferences, not alone with the Presidents of the Sisterhoods, but with individual members, rabbis and presidents of congregations themselves.

In actual numbers we are able to report nineteen Sisterhoods that have joined the ranks of the National since our formation, this representing 100% efficiency of New York City and its environs, as far as we were free to penetrate.

In reply to frequent inquiries about Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood, permit me to say that it is not yet eligible to membership in the National, and will not be until its Constitution is revised, for it was organized more than thirty years ago for personal service and not for Temple service. I have been laboring with it steadily for more than a year, and in the event that the Sisterhood cannot, or will not amend its Constitution, another group of women will be organized as a separate entity, which group will concentrate on Synagogal activities and will then become affiliated with the National. Mr. Louis Marshall, President of the Temple, from our platform pledged himself to accomplish this, and in fact steps are already under way to bring such a group into existence.

In the course of the visits to the various Sisterhoods, the question frequently arose as to the direct benefit of each Sisterhood that would be derived from affiliation with the National. To meet this, we arranged "Leaflets" setting forth the reciprocal values, which were freely distributed and seemed to meet the needs of the moment. These leaflets leave much to be desired in the way of content and I would suggest various changes should the idea be of sufficient value to pass on. It has undoubtedly proven helpful in New York.

Of the seventeen members on the Committee, each representing a Temple group, all now contribute toward the Scholarship



Fund in part or in whole, many of these never before having shared Scholarship responsibility (or privilege, as it should be), while the remaining ones increased their subscriptions despite the fact that their resources were being taxed to their utmost for their own direct Temple needs.

Through the Committee, the Sisterhoods are placing either their machinery or their money in the direction of securing religious instruction for the 2,000 children coming under the supervision of the Jewish Big Sisters, and who, without such assistance, would not receive any religious instruction at all. While this does not solve the problem, it nevertheless helps to meet a great need and offers the opportunity of combining the everyday life of these children with the religious and the spiritual. The curriculum which is of necessity a bit different from that of the regular religious school is arranged by the rabbis.

A second "Get-Together" or Inspirational Meeting was held at Temple Beth-El on January 23, 1921, this time under the auspices of our own Committee. Upon this occasion, however, and upon that of the Conference which followed on the next day, we were the guests of The Women's Guild of Temple Beth-El, at that time our very youngest child. Since then our family has increased by three or four.

This second meeting was a real test of the much talked of "Revival of Judaism" and gave us considerable concern for the following reasons:

In order to accommodate the men and to show a proper spirit of cooperation we postponed our meeting from the original date, December 6th, when we found that that was the time fixed by them for their big Revival meeting, and upon which occasion your Chairman had the distinction of speaking for the Sisterhoods. Subsequently, however, they postponed their meeting until much later in the month, thus bringing it very close to ours. Not alone was our date taken, but our speakers also were commandeered. Could the community be induced to attend two meetings similar in character, coming so close together? We had misgivings, particularly as there had been promises of a wonderful musical program as well as prominent speakers held out for the Mass Meeting which preceded ours.

We on the other hand offered nothing but a meeting of Temple Sisterhoods, and Kindred Organizations, solely to discuss Jewish problems and Jewish topics.

Imagine then our joy when the clerk of the Temple reported an attendance of about 800 men and women who had come to hear about "How Women Can Help the Revival of Jewish Faith in Our Great Cities", or about "Changes that have come into the life of the Synagog, from the modern progress of the Women's movement" or again, "The best achievements of Women's Temple Organizations".

A reception followed and hundreds remained for the social hour and light refreshments.

The Conference and Round Table on the following day was most helpful and beneficial but the discussion in the afternoon suffered an interruption because of a resolution that was introduced asking that the Sisterhoods then and there pledge themselves to sign a pledge not to shop, etc., etc., on the Sabbath.

Discussion of this Resolution consumed the entire afternoon, and ended by adopting the following which is recommended for your consideration and adoption.

"As presidents of Temple Sisterhoods of New York and vicinity, we pledge ourselves to urge all our members to realize, that it is one of our solemn duties as Jewish women to abstain from shopping, diversions and secular preoccupations that interfere with our religious duties; to attend divine worship; and to advance in every way possible the holy cause of Judaism."

Determined to carry out the program as scheduled and promised, another conference was called a few weeks later.

At the previous conference Dr. Maurice H. Harris, Chairman of the Commission on Congregational Membership of the U. A. H. C. had complained that the questionnaire sent out by him to the Sisterhoods had not received any attention and that he was particularly eager to get the women's point of view on the various matters contained therein.

The Chairman pledged herself to see to it that the Committee would respond, duplicates of the questionnaire were sent out, and she is here pleased to state that it did respond and subsequently offered to Dr. Harris an opportunity to discuss the questionnaire

with the members of the Committee in person. The time allotted was one-half hour; the time consumed, one-half day, and could easily, and with profit have been again as much.

It was the consensus of opinion that had we convened for this one purpose only, it would have been enough.

The Committee was formally represented by the Chairman, at the "Temporary Organization of the Union of Jewish Reform Congregations of Greater New York and Vicinity" and at a "Conference for a League of Religions to Promote Universal Righteousness, Brotherhood and Peace".

In response to an appeal for cooperation made by Mr. Daniel P. Hays, Chairman of the New York Executive Committee of the U. A. H. C. to secure subscriptions to aid the Union and the Hebrew Union College, to carry on their work, the Committee volunteered to interview apportioned lists of unaffiliated Jews who had previously subscribed but failed of renewal.

In addition to the regular work for the coming year, the plan of the Committee will be in part as follows:

- a. To stimulate congregational singing;
- b. To familiarize the Jewish Community with traditional music;
- c. To foster the establishment of a museum of Ceremonial Objects;
- d. To endeavor to have private schools choose an evening other than the Sabbath for graduation exercises and for entertainments;
- e. To arrange to entertain college students in the home on and during holidays.

The Committee feels that it may justly though humbly point with pride and satisfaction not alone to its concrete accomplishments but to the truth that it has succeeded in inducing a more active participation by Jewish women in Jewish affairs; in Jewish religious and spiritual life, that it has strengthened the bonds of religious fellowship and endeavor and has awakened the consciousness of Jewish women to the opportunities offered to them in the field of progressive Judaism.

I cannot close without paying tribute first to the splendid cooperation of every member of the Committee. Their interest, their zeal and enthusiasm cannot be measured in terms of words. They were simply—an inspiration.

My deep appreciation and thanks must be extended to Rabbi Zepin for his always ready advice and untiring efforts to help, to Rabbi Pollak and the office staff in New York who so promptly and cheerfully carried out my every desire.

To all I say a heartfelt "thank you" and at the same time express my gratitude for the privilege of being permitted to render some slight service in the cause most precious to us all.

#### Committee on Financial Plans for Dormitory

The President, Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld, announced the appointment of the following "Committee on Financial Plans for the Dormitory." Mrs. Abram Simon, Chairman, Mrs. Dan Frank, Mrs. Henry Bauer, Mrs. Joseph Stolz, Mrs. Marcus Rauh and Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld.

The Assembly adjourned to meet Wednesday, 9 A. M.

## Second Day's Proceedings

### Morning Session

The Assembly met at Hotel Lafayette at 9:30 A. M., President Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld, presiding.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rabbi Rudolph Coffee of Toledo.

The Minutes of the preceding session, May 24th, were read and approved.

Mrs. Abram Simon of Washington, Chairman of the Committee on "Financial Plans for the Dormitory" requested the privilege of the floor to make the following report, which, upon motion duly carried, was accepted with thanks and ordered incorporated into the Minutes.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON  
FINANCIAL PLANS FOR THE  
DORMITORY**

"To the IVth Assembly of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies:

Your Committee begs leave to report that it has received communication from a friend

of the Union who does not desire to have his name divulged, offering the sum of \$250.00 to be awarded to the Sisterhood presenting the best plan for raising funds for the Hebrew Union College Dormitory.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed by the Committee."

### Symposium

The following special order of business, provided for by the program, was taken up at 10:00 A. M. A symposium on the theme "The influences which affect the religious development of the child."

Mrs. Caesar Misch of Providence, R. I., discussed the influences which affect the religious development of the child during the period before he enters the religious school. She spoke as follows:

## The Influences Which Affect the Religious Development of the Child before the Sabbath School Age

by MRS. CAESAR MISCH, Providence, R. I.

In human life as in agriculture there is a seed-time and a harvest, and in both only those plants or qualities will grow of which the seeds have been planted. In both, a stray wind may blow seeds into fertile soil, but it is never wise to depend upon stray winds. For good, dependable crops one must sow and cultivate, and both at the proper season. To plant when it is already time to reap is to court disappointment.

Childhood is the human seed-time. All authors know it. The Talmud says, "The world is saved by the breath of school-children." Wordsworth says, "The child is father to the man." Pope says, "As a twig is bent, the tree's inclined." Solomon says, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it."

Before commencing any kind of work, it is necessary to have a clear idea of the end to be achieved. The same mother who would not think of cutting into a costly piece of silk without knowing just what kind of garment she wishes to make, goes at the religious education of her child in a haphazard way. In the formation of a child's character there must be a definite plan, unless you are willing to mother "Little Topsy's" who "just grow" and are not brought up.

### PARENT AS AN EXAMPLE

The child's conscience must be educated and his will-power trained. This can be best done by the good example of the parents themselves. The child studies the results of religion more closely than he does religion itself, and if his parents or teachers disappoint his moral standards he estimates religion itself at a low value. If he finds his Sabbath School teachers irreverent, untruthful, unjust, his confidence in religion is destroyed. If his home atmosphere is one of laxity, indifference, neglect of religion except once or twice a year, only a place for self-indulgence, it is then merely a place to sleep and eat—not a true home. Selfishness is an unstable foundation for a home. The true home needs a religious motive.

There is a saying in Hebrew: "Velo Hakapdon Melamed"—"The man of violent temper cannot teach." And a mother of violent temper, a mother who gives way to spasms of rage, or the teacher who is impatient and is violent in temper, cannot train the child properly.

We are in the midst of an era of child welfare. All that makes for the physical health of the child is constantly before us. What are we doing for his spiritual health? If we fail to strengthen his character, we fail all along the line. No matter how many

bathtubs or playgrounds or medical inspections we give the child, we have failed unless we have also made him high-minded, loving truth, hating a lie, loving religion, trained to live in harmony with his fellows, and with high ideals. This is the first and greatest obligation of those who accept the joys and responsibilities of parenthood. We have no right to bring into the world these precious lives unless we are ready to develop those lives for the best.

The religious life of the child is essentially a matter of loyalty. His faith, affections, aspirations and endeavors turn towards persons, institutions, and concepts which are to him ideal. He cannot describe his religious experiences, but he feels them with pleasure. He can be brought to think of God as the One Being he would like most of all to please. For this reason we must deprecate the all too common practice of making God a bugbear.

### CONSCIOUSNESS OF GOD

How shall you begin religion with the child? Through gaining his confidence. Religion to the child will find expression in every-day experiences. The average child in the average home has a consciousness of God, though it may be vague. It grows out of the daily prayers, informal allusions in conversations and direct instruction. But often the resultant picture is distorted and misleading. Sometimes this distorted vision comes from nursemaids who scare children into silence with a bogey God who will punish the child if he doesn't behave, but often the mother herself is to blame. The child comes to her with all the questions which are seething within him and she is unable to answer. She has outgrown the theology of her childhood, she has not learned how to put her later development into words, and she has nothing to offer her child.

And then, all too often, we have the mother that is so immersed in the dissipations of the day, in the life of the day, who is seeking continually joy and pleasure, that we have this situation: that where the old-fashioned mother used to tell her child, "Whatever you do, be good," the modern mother says, "Whatever you do, 'make good'"—and they are not always synonymous.

There are two ways in which to bring

God to the child's mind: first, the family life, which is pre-eminently a matter of example, and second, through the wonders of the everyday world. The first is a very simple and natural approach. By every possible means, help the child to think of God as the Great, Good, and, above all, Loving Father. Do this in prayers, in answers to questions, in casual conversation. The ideal person to the average child is his father; bring God to him as the ideal Father of all.

### INFLUENCE OF NATURE

The child's keen interest in nature is an opportunity to lead him to love God as the Maker of all this beauty. Mrs. Wiesenfeld told us last night, in her beautiful talk, of the influence that the father has on the child. Now, it is easy to bring God to the child as the Father of All, the Father that looks out for everybody, just as his earthly father looks out for him.

Do not let him think of God as a far-off entity on a throne somewhere in the skies. Teach him that God is everywhere—in the clouds, the sea, the trees, the birds, ourselves—that through Him everything moves and has being. Should he question this, show him the sun which is in the heavens, and yet which shines in the room and on the trees and on the sea and on the birds and on us. It also is everywhere at the same time.

Take him into the house, open a closet door, and show him how the sun pours in. Then shut the door and let him see the darkness, and then tell him that similarly God is everywhere, and He is in our hearts if we do not close our hearts as he has closed that closet door.

Such a view of the world does not come by prearranged indoor talks. It comes from outdoor walks. The garden, the park, the open fields, the woods, all furnish an open book from which to teach.

Some of the child's questions are hard to answer. When you know the right answer, tell him in words which he will understand. If he asks, "Did God make the world?" it is easy to answer "Yes." If he asks, "Did He make it with His hands?" explain to him the difference between man's work and the working of Divine energy. If he says, "Why did God make the devil?" take away from him the bogey of an anti-God.

It must be remembered that children's curious questions are their attempts to discover their world, and must be treated seriously. If they are made into material for jesting, the child's confidence is lost; and if they are made the subject of admiring, wondering comment in the child's presence, his beautiful, innocent unconsciousness is lost—and there is nothing more unpleasant than the conceited, self-conscious child.

Scores of times children come in from play or school with breathless accounts of how the other child cheated or was naughty or unfair in play, or unkind. Here lies one of the best opportunities for moral instruction. So long as children play with other children, they must learn the art of living in harmony with each other. The parent's answers to his questions or conduct count tremendously. He returns to his playmates with "My mother says so", or "My father says so", and that to him is law.

Mrs. Wiesenfeld spoke strongly last night of the father's duty toward his child. The father's opportunity comes mostly with the boys. They feel that he knows more about boy-life than does the mother, and the father cannot afford to lack interest. Trivial as the question may be, it is the most important thing of the day to the boy, and it must seem to be so to the father. If he answers with interest the question about marbles or a foul ball, he has opened a door to the boy's trust.

An important element of the child's religious training is that he should see charity in the home from his earliest years. The greedy, selfish home makes the grafter in after life. A home that is selfish in relation to the community is irreligious, no matter how much lip service there may be, and will breed selfish, anti-social and irreligious children.

#### VALUE OF STORY-TELLING

All children love stories. Make the hour before bedtime the story hour and introduce each day some Bible story in simple words. Children love the stories of the baby Moses, the child Samuel, the boy David. A glance over the Bloch Publishing Company catalogue will give you the names of books of Bible stories rewritten for little children.

Encourage the child to re-tell the story to you in his own words, and try to accustom

him to the use of the Biblical phraseology. He needs the Bible as a part of his heritage. The Bible brings him the history of his own race. Its phrases are beautiful and will have an ever-increasing richness of meaning to him as he grows and develops.

But to do this you must first know the Bible yourselves. Children are great imitators, but they are also clear-eyed. You cannot deceive them if you do not know your subject.

Lead them into a love for the Bible. Make the Bible story the reward of a good day. Let them look forward to it as a special treat and reward. As soon as the child can read, let him have his own Bible in large print. Make the Bible characters real, so that when you tell your boy about Joseph, he will say, "Gee, but he was great. I'd like to be like him."

Start a Golden Deed book—any blank book will do. Into it each week enter just one story, the account of a noble deed or some piece of kindness or heroism of which you have heard or read. All the family should be on the lookout all week for such happenings, and all the family should vote on which story shall be chosen for the week's Golden Deed. It is wonderful how much good you will find in the world if you look for it, and unconsciously these stories will influence your child.

Now, don't think you are going to make your child perfect by that, because the perfect child is the child that is not yet born. Just as soon as the child comes into the world, it begins to take after its father and mother, and of course it cannot be perfect. Character and religion come by growth and development—they are not born full-grown. But often small faults are magnified by the parents, and they are shocked if they find the child in a lie. Analyze that lie first. It may be a lie of protection. It is cruel to ask a child if he has been at the cake box. He fears his admission will mean punishment, and that is too severe a strain to put upon a child. It is wiser to establish in his mind the thought that wrong deeds carry evidence with them, and to say, "I see you've been at the cake box." But don't try to make God your ally and say, "Even if I wasn't there, God was there and was watching you." Of course God was there, but not as a policeman or spy.

Let the child grow up with the feeling that God is always with him as a loving friend and helper, even if he prays, as did one little boy, "Oh, God, I thank you for helping me lick Billy Johnson." Do not ask your child to do what the law says not even the hardened criminal need do, that is, incriminate himself. Help him to see that lying would make social and business life impossible by destroying confidence, but do not put him to a test harder than he can bear, and thus force him into protective lying.

Or the lie may be one of imagination and the child may be an embryo author. One little girl came in, all excited, and said, "Oh, mother, I saw a great, big lion out on the street!" And her mother, horrified, said, "Mary, go to your room and pray God to forgive you for that lie," and Mary went. After a while she came back, chipper and cheerful, and said, "I prayed God to forgive me, and He said, 'Oh, don't mind that, Mary; that big St. Bernard dog has often fooled me, too.'" Analyze the lie, and you can deal better with it.

#### RELIGIOUS TRAINING BEGINS EARLY

At what age should religious training commence? As soon as the child can lisp; that is, not later than two years, and perhaps earlier. At two the child can begin to understand the little, simple prayers, and can appreciate simple Bible stories. An illustrated Bible in the home will be of great help.

We find that some children are good because they have no chance to be otherwise, since they live constantly in the presence of parents or nurses. This makes a dependent goodness, and when the child gets out of leading strings, he succumbs to temptation because his mind has not been trained to resist it. At home he was accustomed to court approval by being good, until approval became the breath of his nostrils to him. At school he finds that being naughty brings him the approval of his schoolmates, and he still craves approval.

We are all, grown-ups as well as children, good or brave under observation. Roger Williams says of the Rhode Island Indians that they were brave under torture but cried with the toothache. Country boys and girls are good under the observation of

their neighbors and friends in the small country village, but often fall under the freedom of the city where no one knows them.

It is therefore wise to instil early into the child-mind that he is always under observation, for God is always with him—not as a policeman, but as a great and kind friend whom he should ever try to please.

The child may also question you about the mysteries of birth and death. If your answers are evasive, he will pick up muddled and muddied information on the streets. These questions can be best answered by religion. His imagination kindles at the thought of an Unseen Being, Master of the Universe, who loves and guards him, who sent him here at birth and who will receive him at death.

We teach the child that God made us and all the world. He made the world, not as a carpenter makes a house, by bringing together wood and nails and mortar and bricks and stones and fastening them together; He made the world as a tree grows. It began with a seed into which God has put life, and from this seed grew the stem, trunk, branches, leaves and fruit.

So we ourselves, we tell the child, came into being. Every one of us was a tiny particle, as small as the smallest seed, and into this particle God had put life, then it grew in the body of our mother, nourished and kept safe there, just as the tree seed was nourished in the earth. Little by little, just as the tree came into shape, so the little body came into shape, with head and arms and legs all formed under the care of God, until it was a baby ready to leave the body of its mother and to live and grow in the world, just as the tree shoots leave the Mother Earth and grow in the air and sunshine.

After teaching this relation to God as our Maker, comes our relation to Him as our Father. Not only has He made us all, but He takes care of us all. He loves us and wishes us to be well and happy. When the child says, "But why did God let the earthquake or the whirlwind or the flood come?" we can say that the child does not understand all the things its father does in his business. If he were to go to his father's office, much would be a mystery to him, and yet he has confidence in his father. So

we cannot understand all the ways of our Heavenly Father, and yet we trust in His wisdom and goodness.

With little children we can give the idea of a personal God—the God who came into the Garden of Eden calling, “Adam, Adam, where art thou?”—the God who spoke with Moses face to face. As they grow older, their minds can conceive the incorporeal, invisible God, the God of the vision of Elijah, to whom God came, not in the whirlwind or in the fire, but in the still, small voice; and that still, small voice can be identified with our conscience.

The child at this stage asks, “What is God like?” and we answer, “Nobody has ever seen Him, but He made us in His own image; not in His bodily image, but in His spiritual image.” “Where is He?” “In Heaven, though nobody knows just where Heaven is; but not only in Heaven, but everywhere, particularly in our hearts.”

### TEN COMMANDMENTS

With definite instruction will come the Ten Commandments, and they can be brought to the small child. Here, above all, must there be good home example.

The Second Commandment deals with polytheism, which is foreign to our lives, but even the smallest child will enjoy hearing about religions in the Orient, like the Hindoos with their 175 gods, and will learn that this Commandment is a direct command against that.

The Third Commandment is a direct command against profanity. See to it, fathers and mothers, that you do not have profanity in your homes, and then tell your children to obey the Third Commandment.

The Fourth Commandment is difficult to maintain in a country which observes the first day instead of the traditional Sabbath, but if the father cannot go to the temple on the Sabbath, the mother can go, and there is nothing to prevent the father's going on Friday evening. There is no sense in sending a child regularly to Sabbath School and having them taught the Commandments if you don't go to the services yourself.

The Sixth Commandment—teach the children—refers just as much to waifon and unnecessary killing of animals and birds as it does to human beings, and bring to them the feeling of charity and good will.

The Seventh Commandment can only be taught to little children as care for the sanctity and purity of the body, and is not beyond the capability of any mother to present carefully.

You cannot teach your children the Eighth Commandment, “Thou shalt not steal,” and expect them to obey it, if you take them on the trolley car and tell the conductor the child is under age.

The Ninth and Tenth Commandments are most important in our modern life. Gossip which hurts neighbors or which would distress them is bearing false witness, just as envy of a neighbor's possessions is an infringement of the command against covetousness. But if you exemplify in your lives your desire to keep all these commandments, then your children will in truth keep the Fifth, and will honor you all the days of your life.

Not that even the best example is always absolute protection. The differences that appear in children trained under the same guidance, the good child coming from a bad home or the bad child coming from a good home, disprove that. Unselfish mothers are often their children's worst enemies, for they make them selfish because they spoil them through their own unselfishness.

### RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE

A most important example is conformity to religious observances, of which the simplest is regular attendance at service. The neglect of such attendance suggests at once to the child that religion to the parents is of the lips and not of the heart. Sending the child to Sabbath School regularly counts for nothing in the face of such inconsistency. It means that religion is good only for children, or if the mother goes to service and the father does not, that religion is for women and children only. They the boys look forward to the time when, as men, they can stay at home as father does.

The Synagogue is open to criticism, as is everything human, but the fact remains that Synagogue and Church attendance are the most powerful of all factors in forming and maintaining character.

The next step is the habit of prayer. The habit of prayer is a very strong one for the children, as I have told you. There are many simple morning and evening prayers.

These and the grace before and after meals should be brought to the child at the very earliest time. It is no harder for the child to learn the Sch'ma Yisroel than to learn the multiplication table.

I have here some books which can be obtained from the Department of Synagogue and School Extension, which will be of great assistance to all earnest mothers. Don't think that the course which the Union of American Hebrew Congregations gives to teachers is only for teachers. All mothers are at liberty to take the course, and should take it.

There is a Kindergarten Manual by Miss Eva Landman, which you will find at the desk outside, and with it some pictures which are to be pasted into the books, and they have this little book here into which the child can paste his pictures as they come. Now, give these books to the children and let them paste the pictures into them, and they will have a record of the work they are doing. You will also find graded stories from Jewish literature, teacher's book and pupil's portfolio, and Bible pictures for children too young to read. Now, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations has these books, which go on from the kindergarten age through.

Above all, as my final thought, "Please, please, mothers, whether it is through your own private study, or whether it is through betterment by means of the study circle which has been urged upon you, and above all through the instructions of your rabbis, make yourselves fit teachers for your children! And if you wish to teach them Hebrew and you have no opportunity, perhaps, in a small city, you will find indicated in the Union of American Hebrew Congregations publications, books which will teach the children Hebrew in a very simple way. The letters are large and they get them just in the way they have the primers. Then if you have trained yourselves, you can be sure that your children will be trained.

When your children go to the public school, you are very proud if they know already how to read a few words and how to write a few words. See to it when they are ready for the Sabbath School that you are just as proud that they are already grounded in the foundations of our beautiful faith.

Miss Elsa Wehl of New York City, discussed the influences which affect the religious development of the child during his attendance at the Religious School. She spoke as follows:

## The Influences Which Affect the Religious Development of the Child in the Religious School

by ELSA WEHL, New York City

All over the country rabbis, teachers and laymen interested in religious work are discussing the problem which confronts the Jew of today—how to get back the religious feeling which sustained our ancestors in persecution and exile and gave them courage, even under torture, to testify to their faith, martyrs equally in life and death. "Give me a cause to die for!" cried one impassioned young soul on the eve of our recent great war. That cry need never be echoed by the Jew. Israel has the cause—but how many young champions of Israel are ready to die for it?

We have been stirred out of our complacency by the apathy of the young people toward matters of religious import, and this is well, for the conviction of error is the first step toward reform. The trouble is not one of recent growth; the irreligion of the young Jew of today must be traced back to imperfect guidance during the formative period of his youth. So that it is most pertinent for us assembled here to consider the influence which affects the religious development of the child in the religious school in the hope of clarifying our own thought on the subject and crystallizing it into a



constructive form that will lead, perhaps, to the formulation of a program of work.

For the moment let us limit ourselves to a consideration of what religious development means, and then we shall be in a position to find out what influences in the religious school will tend to affect this development.

### WHAT RELIGION IS

Religion has been defined as "belief in God and the feeling of being responsible to Him." The question naturally arises, Can we have religion absolutely? Possess all of religion as over against our neighbor who has none of it?

An instant's reflection will lead to the conclusion that as far as we are able to judge, no one has reached a state of religious perfection but that persons may be designated as more and less religious, and that, as a matter of fact, it is possible to develop religiously. For, as experience deepens, one may believe in God more and more profoundly, and feel more and more obligation to fulfil one's duty toward Him.

It is understood, of course, that belief in God is not limited to an intellectual acceptance of the truth of His existence, and outward conformity in public acts of worship. Faith in God's beneficence and the sense of one's own responsibility must so profoundly enter the life of the individual that it colors every thought and every action and influences his entire consciousness. In this way every single deed determined by an act of will may be considered a part of the religious activity. Rabbi Louis Grossman has significantly said, "Consciousness, be it religious or national or any other, is listless or self-centered or detached, and therefore morally worthless, unless it commands all of the personal life and is a direction for activity."

### WHAT THE SCHOOL MUST DO TO DEVELOP ACTIVITY

If the religious school can inspire the child with faith in God and arouse his interest in right action to the point where he determines of his own volition to do good, it is safe to say that the school has affected his religious development. But it is essential always to bear in mind the difficulty of determining what religious progress

a person has made at any given time. We can only hope that lessons earnestly planned and carried out under correct conditions will result in kindling a spark of religious sentiment which the child's own life experiences will fan into an undying flame.

Since the school is to help the child to grow in religion, it must emphasize the moral lessons which make for character-building and subordinate fact instruction to this end. A professor of philosophy once remarked to a group of students in a logic class, "A fact is a cold potato." At the time the statement had very little significance for these young people, engaged as they were almost entirely in fact-gathering. But we may be sure that as time went on they realized the cold, flat, savourless quality of the bare fact as contrasted with the warmth and depth and vitality of a real experience. The religious school must prepare the child's mind to receive religious experience and then, wherever possible, bring such experiences home to him.

### TESTIMONY OF COLUMBIA STUDENT

As a matter of interest I asked a young Columbia College student recently whether he believed that the true spirit of religion could be taught in the religious school. "Yes," he said, "I believe that it can," and he gave the example of a little girl of twelve whom the older boys, among them her brother, wanted to confound, in a teasing spirit of mischief. One of them said to her, "What is the purpose of religion, anyhow?"

The child answered, "To teach the universal loving kindness of God."

"No," replied the boy, "it is to teach the international brotherhood of man."

"But," she said, "if people believe in the loving kindness of God and try to be like Him there will be a universal brotherhood of man."

The significant thing to me in this example is the impression the twelve-year-old girl made on the student, who was himself the son of a Jewish and a Catholic parent. This is his comment:

"It isn't so much the intelligence of what she said—for she may have learned what to say in the religious school. But it's the fact that she was sufficiently fired by enthusiasm

for her cause to defy a crowd of college boys who were openly scoffing at her. I tell you, you have to have respect for a religion like hers."

### HOW TO AWAKEN A RELIGIOUS SENTIMENT IN THE CHILD

We may take for granted that the fervor displayed by this child was aroused and stimulated in part by the religious school; it becomes our task to find the means of awakening a like religious sentiment in all our children.

Obviously, it will not do to overwhelm the child with abstractions—they are meaningless to him, or else he invests them with a meaning all his own. One young girl said that for years she had heard the injunction, "Justice and righteousness shalt thou pursue," and that it had always conveyed to her the mental picture of herself flying in actual pursuit of two female figures, Justice with her scales in the lead, and Righteousness following.

Nor can we burden the child with questions of theology, for his theology would be a very primitive one at best. He can make nothing, at least in the early years of his school life, of the distinctions between the great religions of the world. He will not be interested in a consideration of monotheism as contrasted with dualism or trinitarianism. What he can understand and what we should endeavor to teach him is, first of all, the conception of God as Father of mankind and of His beneficence as Creator.

The relationship of father and child is one which is part of the child's daily experience. He believes—and need not be led to the belief—that his father's loving care is constantly expended in his belief. Slipping his little hand into that of his father, in early childhood, or later on, walking sturdily beside him, the boy feels an absolute sense of confidence and of protection against all threatening evil. Every one of us has known the trustful confidence of a little child, the warm, clinging hand, the upward look of complete faith. Our hearts have melted within us and we have grown faint with a sense of our own unworthiness. For we know that, consciously or unconsciously, the child whom we love is taking us as a model for his own conduct.

### THE FATHERHOOD OF GOD

How easy for the teacher in the religious school to make a transition from this human relationship of parenthood to the Divine relationship of all children of the world of God!

I do not mean to say that teachers in our religious schools are neglecting to bring out the idea of the Fatherhood of God. But I feel sure that they are not dwelling upon it constantly. Every lesson, whether it be on the Bible, on history or on ethics, should stress the idea of God's love for man, and should re-ignite and nourish the fire of man's love for God. As Rabbi Harry Ettelson has observed, "Whoever possesses the Jewish God-idea as his own \* \* \* has unlimited resources on which to draw for sanction for duty, strength before temptation, consolation in sorrow, inward joy and peace and serenity amid all the circumstances of life. But only \* \* \* when it is a living conviction."

If the child should come home from school with no single historical fact added to his knowledge, but filled with a sense of God's love and protection, we may be secure in the conviction that his time has been well spent.

### GOD REVEALED THROUGH HIS WORKS

It is not enough to tell the child of God's goodness—he should be shown the blessings that God has bestowed upon us. From God the Father let the child learn to know God the Creator and know Him through His visible works. To attain this end the religious school teacher should arrange for frequent excursions to woods, river, lake or shore. There should be sunset excursions to open fields, or at least to public parks. The children should also be taken to aquariums, natural history museums and zoological gardens, not in the spirit of scientific inquiry as, primarily, under public school management, but to arouse a feeling of awe at the manifold forms of life, at the perfection and beauty of the tiniest organism. And I would have children conducted to an observatory where they may look at the heavens through a telescope, and then lead them out into an open space on a night when the sky is spangled with low-hanging stars. In the hush of twilight, in the majesty of sunset, in the silence of night, a feeling may

be communicated that no class-room exercise could arouse.

Morris Joseph writes in "Judaism as Creed and Life": "The glory of nature evokes an answering glow within us distinct from the cold light of reasoned knowledge. The splendor of a sunset, the grandeur of the sea, the silence of the everlasting hills, will arouse sense of the Divine, that at once transcends and reinforces their appeal to the intellect. Their wondrousness proclaims a Divine Power, but some nameless influence of theirs touches strange chords within us; 'deep calls upon deep'; we become conscious of a larger life than this, of a world about us in which earth and sea and sky have no part. In Bachya's words, 'we see, yet not with the eye; we hear, yet not with the ear; we speak, yet not with the tongue.' Thus does the human spirit bear witness to God."

It may be objected that all this will consume a great deal of time and that conditions in religious school work at the present day will not allow for it. This is quite true, and I can only say, alter the conditions. The Central Conference of American Rabbis is arranging for a new school curriculum which, it is to be hoped, will allow for a certain latitude in text-book study, so that a few fundamental truths may be pressed home in the manner above indicated.

Just here it is perhaps relevant to make some reference to a quality which the child must possess, if only in a rudimentary degree, if he is to make any progress in religious feeling.

#### REVERENCE ESSENTIAL TO FAITH

Almost every one will admit that before a child develops religiously he must have reverence, but we admit also that our children seem to be sadly lacking in the quality. We try as best we may to set them an example of decorum at synagogue services, of promptness and attentiveness, of absolute silence. We hope that reverence of attitude, of demeanor, will lead to reverence in feeling. But we must not mistake the expression of piety for the sentiment itself. The true spirit of religion will be shown in every thought and in every act of the religious person. The revolt of youth against the church is due in large part, I believe,

to the recognition of the fact that expression of belief is not borne out by action. "Ye shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy." Youth knows no compromise. We must actually be holy and not merely wear the semblance of holiness if we are to convince our children.

Not long ago I was present at the most impressive Jewish religious service I have ever witnessed. Several hundred children comprised the congregation and the service was almost entirely conducted by them. A children's choir and the congregation itself furnished the music. At the conclusion of the service I exclaimed in admiration of the marked spirit of reverence, only to be met with this rejoinder: "Do not be misled by appearances; there is no more real religion in this group than in any other. Oh, yes, you will find religious spirit in a few of these children as individuals, but not as a group. They simply have the appearance of reverence because of a tradition of deportment established many years ago and as yet unbroken."

In spite of this comment I could not help but feel that there was more chance that a religious idea might take root in soil thus prepared than where outward disrespect and indecorum prevailed. It is only fair, however, to present another side of the question. I attended Rosh Hashonah services last year in a small Southern town, and found that a number of children came to temple barefoot. I had never seen this phenomenon before, and it seemed to me to indicate a lack of respect. But those same children took part in the services as devoutly as any more formally garbed participants. It reminded one of the churches of Belgium and Holland, where artisans in working clothes, laden with tools, stopped in at church for a few moments of prayer on their way to work, and old women, unconscious of irreverence, brought their market baskets with them into the house of worship.

Let us remember that the outward deportment of a child is not always an indication of his feeling, and that his irreverence may be only apparent. It may cover a very real feeling. It remains for the religious educator to deepen and broaden the religious sentiment and make it an incentive for good. We must remember, too, that the child (and

throughout this paper I refer to the child before the High School age) is in his heart an ardent hero-worshipper, and that he may gain the quality of reverence from acquaintance with a personality that inspires it. In the religious school he must look to the rabbi for such inspiration.

### INFLUENCE OF THE RABBI

If the head of a large organization or business enterprise is a man of vision, broad-minded and far-seeing, his influence is apt to work downward through the organization and his idealism inspire his assistants.

Thus the rabbi, who is the head of the religious organization, must be a man of known piety, of spirit rather than of flesh, idealistic rather than materialistic, distinguished for his fine personal life and his spirit of human understanding and brotherliness. Only thus will he serve as guide to his teachers and as example to the young. For the child may not esteem brilliant oratory or erudite scholarship, but he is quick to recognize sincerity and the spirit of kindness. One never can determine exactly what impression a given personality has made on a child, and I have known men of fine spiritual quality made miserable during their teaching hours by the irrepressible boisterousness of a lot of heedless boys. On the other hand, men of less noble spirit but of more practical ability have succeeded in imparting a satisfactory amount of fact knowledge and maintaining excellent order in their class-rooms. But I have seen the pupils of these men grow to manhood and confess that in difficult moments of their lives, under great temptation, or in indecision involving a moral choice and perhaps a large amount of sacrifice—they were sustained by the memory of their spiritual teachers of years ago and encouraged to follow the difficult path.

Of course it is possible that the spiritual leader be at the same time a good executive, a pedagogue, a scholar and orator. The combination has been known. So much the better. But failing this, and in view of human limitations, it is far better for the religious development of the child (as also for the adult of the congregation) that the leader possess above all others the spiritual quality.

### INFLUENCE OF THE TEACHER

And this applies equally to the teacher, for of all influences that affect the religious development of the child in the religious school the spirituality of the teacher is the strongest. Now, how will that spirituality manifest itself in the class-room? Evidently not in mere statements of fact—for as one of our Jewish thinkers has said, "Many of the ills of the present day can be traced in large measure to defects in our educational system. Knowledge of things without knowledge of life, the subordination of character-building to fact-gathering—" (Professor Scharfman). The teacher's spirituality will be displayed in the way in which she interprets every fact that is presented. Every one of her judgments will reflect a bit of the divine love, understanding and compassion which is her inspiration. No human action will be observed coldly and objectively, but a tenderness of sympathy will illumine the deed and give a hint at the abiding truth which underlies it.

Teacher and pupil will have to unlock the Anglo-Saxon gates of reserve and exchange confidences regarding their own life experiences. This will be difficult, for we shall have to overcome prejudices of long standing before we can bring ourselves to discuss what, for want of a better name, let us call our soul experiences. Many people are hideously embarrassed at the idea of making any revelation of intimate thoughts which they hold sacred. We can readily conceive that a group of women gathered together for an afternoon's social enjoyment will find it perfectly proper to discuss the wisdom of buying a new coat, the advisability of beginning a child's music lessons, of a thousand and one things. But imagine the consternation of the group if one timid member should nerve herself up to inquire of the rest what prayer had meant in their lives. There would be a sudden hush, two or three abortive attempts at speech—perhaps one bold spirit would defy convention and courageously attempt an answer.

We have placed a conversational taboo on the soul. Can we blame our children if they grow up in the belief that the soul is non-existent?

### THE NECESSITY FOR SMALL CLASSES

Here we come to a practical difficulty. Most religious school classes are too large to admit of the proper kind of personal contact between teacher and pupil. It is recognized that a free and untrammelled exchange of thought is far easier in a small than in a large group. A religious sentiment is more apt to be aroused in a class of five or six children than in one of twenty-five, and the best results will be found where there is one teacher for every pupil. At the risk of seeming an unpractical visionary, let me predict that the time will come when at least part of religious school instruction will be given in very, very small groups, which may then be combined for instruction of a different nature. If any sex hygiene instruction is to be a part of the future curriculum of the religious school—and many people consider this a function of the religious leader—it is obvious that the small group will be a great advantage.

### PREPARATION OF TEACHERS

Assuming the ideal condition of spiritual rabbi and teacher and of small, intimate groups of children, there is the further necessity that the teacher be herself instructed in order to have a full understanding of the subject-matter under consideration. Unfortunately the number of well-prepared teachers is small, owing to circumstances which the teacher herself has little power to change. Small towns have not the requisite library facilities for reading and study, beside which the exigencies of bread-winning occupations prevent the average teacher from devoting a great amount of time to preparation. As a matter of fact, I believe it would be safe to say that outside of half a dozen centers in this country, and excepting the private libraries of certain fortunate rabbis, there is scarcely any material of Jewish subject-matter to be had. Any young rabbi will admit how terribly he is handicapped by the lack of reference books and the opportunity to consult sources. But the rabbi has at least a background of considerable scholarship. Consider the plight of the poor teacher!

This condition can be remedied by making religious teaching a vocation for which young men and women can afford to prepare themselves, knowing that it will be

their profession, a life-work to which they will be proud to dedicate themselves.

Facing the economic side of the problem, salaries will have to be the same as in the public schools. In large cities teachers will be able to give an amount of time commensurate with the rate of compensation if their activities are extended slightly beyond the religious school proper. For example, they may conduct Bible classes, any classes, in fact, dealing with subjects approved by the rabbi. In a way the teacher's activity may be enlisted until she serves somewhat in the capacity of what the Christians term "the pastor's assistant." The pastors' assistants in the Presbyterian church teach or supervise in the religious schools, form clubs among the school alumni, do a certain part of the social service work and of the executive work connected with the activities of the congregation.

For small cities I should like to make what may seem just at first a rather preposterous suggestion. I would have itinerant teachers traveling about from one center to another, meeting the children on Sunday in one town and on a week-day in the next. The project of a Neo-Peripatetic Pedagogue has not yet been contemplated—but I recommend it in all seriousness. Anyone who doubts the efficacy of this arrangement need only investigate the excellent work that is done by itinerant Christian ministers in small communities.

That it will be difficult to establish a trained corps of professional teachers, yes; impossible, no. If we want good teachers badly enough, we shall have them, regardless of time, of money, or of the reactionary members of the community.

Naturally, the training of religious school teachers must include a thorough course in pedagogy if religion is to be presented effectively. All of us have seen rich material absolutely wasted by a bungling presentation. You may recall a statement to this effect which appears in Merrick's "Conrad in Quest of His Youth". Speaking of a boy's inability to express his emotions effectively, so that a genuine feeling sounded grotesque in the expression of it, Merrick says, "It is grotesque, but it is grotesque only because it is so genuine. He has not learnt yet to trick the truth out. He does not know yet that before one could make

converts to the very truths of God they had to be presented with art."

The art we covet for the teacher is the ability to establish a point of contact with the child, and then to arrange her material skilfully from that point. Here we naturally presuppose that the lessons will be presented simply, so that no single idea may be lost because a child has not been able to understand. The religious school is no place to teach a vocabulary—it must pierce through words to the thought beneath. Often the children's restlessness at synagogue services is due to non-comprehension of long, sonorous words.

### THE ENVIRONMENT

One factor in influencing the religious development of the child in the religious school is, of course, the environment in the school and the indirect aids used in teaching. Needless to say, class-rooms should be cheerful; brightened with flowers, good pictures and harmonious in color. Every class should have a collection of minerals which the children should be permitted to handle freely. There should be a good magnifying glass for close examination of flowers and insects. In this connection the teacher may make use of the moving picture machine, using the educational films (nature and travel pictures), which so far have not been used extensively in religious school work. In the use of these aids, however, we must never forget that the teacher is to interpret the exhibits and the pictures as revelations of God's beneficent wisdom.

In the first few grades every class-room should be provided with a piano so that songs suited to the child's stage of development may be introduced into the work at any time. Children should be encouraged to read books dealing with Jewish subject-matter through the medium of an attractive school library, as inviting as the children's rooms at the public libraries, and not placed in some dark spot unavailable for any other purpose. Children should have free access to the books, for one grows to love books through handling them, as any true bibliophile knows. It is easy matter for a teacher to work up enthusiasm for a given book among her pupils; she has only to read an interesting bit from the volume, and when

the children clamor for more, suggest that they take the book out of the library.

I should like to mention, briefly, the collection of ceremonial objects which many schools possess. Unfortunately, these collections are kept, as a rule, in glass cabinets which are usually locked securely. As museum pieces they will attract only cursory attention. To make their use effective, they must be taken out, examined closely by the children, and their significance explained.

### COOPERATION OF THE HOME

Although the theme of this paper discusses, however incompletely, the influences in the religious school, and therefore might be expected to treat only of the work of rabbi and teacher, in my opinion the recognized religious leaders can do little effective work unless there is complete cooperation in the home. This statement has been made so often that it is an old story to all of us, yet I must crave your indulgence and emphasize it once again. For a long time we have been urging the lighting of Chanukah lights, the observance of Seder in the home and the holding of Friday night services. I would further suggest that the home be decorated with flowers and plants for Succoth, for over and above the appropriateness children always love the air of festivity which decorating the house gives. Then, a Purim party or a little play should be given at home by members of the family, both as a reminder of the holiday and as a means of keeping alive family spirit and household joy. And always, at this season, some special gift should be made to the poor beside the numerous gifts that are being made throughout the year.

Many years ago, when parents come home from the temple on Rosh Hashonah Eve, they were greeted with "A Happy New Year" from the children, who rushed to the door to welcome them and to receive the New Year kiss which seemed to have a particular meaning on this occasion. And the children, with ill-concealed importance, although with assumed indifference, led the way to the dining-room where the father and mother found letters cunningly concealed beneath their napkins. How many of us have written those letters? How many of us recall the hours spent in laborious composition, fondly imagining that our strug-

gles passed entirely unobserved? We subjected ourselves to a searching bit of self-scrutiny on those occasions, and the promises of betterment which the letters contained were the product of a deep inward resolution to improve in the year to come. How innocently we magnified our faults and adjudged ourselves criminal for the most infinitesimal of transgressions! The New Year, the Day of Judgment, marked a definite religious experience, for the lessons of the religious school were taken up by the child into his life—and in his firm **willing to do right**, became a part of his active soul experience, a step upward in religion. The custom of writing New Year's letters to parents has been allowed to lapse of late. But it can easily be reintroduced—it needs only a suggestion from some member of the family.

But in attempting to bring about an amelioration in the religious life of the child we dare not place the entire responsibility on rabbi, teacher or on the parent. For backing, reinforcing and strengthening the influence of the school is the attitude of the community at large. After all, the child in the school reflects his environment—as he is himself a product of that environment. When we who make up the community live religion instead of merely professing it, we shall bring to bear on the child an influence that will dominate and pervade his whole life and will exhibit to him the finest justification for Israel's faith.

Mrs. Morris Lazon of Baltimore, Md., discussed the influences which affect the religious development of the adolescent. She spoke as follows:

## The Influences Which Affect the Religious Development of the Adolescent

by MRS. MORRIS LAZARON, Baltimore, Md.

"How beautiful is youth, how bright its gleams,  
With its illusions, aspirations, dreams;  
Book of beginnings, story without end,  
Each maid a heroine—each man, a friend!"

So sang the poet! So we today sentimentalize about our young people, even while we criticize and condemn them or vivisection and psychoanalyze them. We regard our sons and daughters tenderly through the bi-focals of our memory of what we failed to be and our dreams of what they may become. We fear so greatly for them, we expect so much of them, yet we are so impotent to do anything for them but show them the sign posts along the way of life and equip them a little for the great journey. We do all we can to give them healthy bodies and intelligent minds, but we scarcely exert ourselves to expand their souls, to awaken them to the value of religion, and to the urge of their spiritual heritage as Jews. Yet the adolescent needs religion, and we, who have such a wonderful belief to pass on, must not ignore our double debt

to our young people themselves, and to our forebears who gave us our faith and to whom we can pay our obligation only by bequeathing it to those who will in their turn preserve it and perpetuate it.

But how? Confronted by the indifference to things Jewish on the part of our youth, by the reluctance to stand apart in the secular world, by the pressure of material interest, and by the fact that, having discarded the obligations and duties of orthodox Judaism, we have nothing to compel observance—confronted by all these things, how can we Reform Jews turn the attention of our young people to Judaism and enlist their devotion to it? Before we attempt to answer this question we must consider all the elements involved in the problem. What is the background of these young people? What are they thinking? What are they dreaming? For what are they yearning? What are the materials with which we shall have to work? In order to better answer these questions, let us observe the surroundings of our youths at home, at school

and in the synagogue. Let us note the religious psychology of the adolescent and then behold the inevitable result when the tinder of personality strikes upon the flint of environment.

### ENVIRONMENT A GREAT FACTOR

The Jewish home has for generations been the boast of our people and the envy of others; but today the glory and the dignity have departed. Sabbath observance is a forgotten habit. The mother may go to temple if the weather is fair, and if she is not too tired after the Friday evening movie or theatre; the father must go to business, unless perchance he must play golf; and of course the young folks have their dances and parties Friday night, since they are busy with lessons during the week, and consequently sleep late on Saturday morning. The Bible, alas, no longer reposes on the library table in black leather, gilt-edge respectability—they are not doing it this year—it has made place for Christopher Morley or Magdalen Marx. Prayer is a lost art and the rabbi is so frequently an object of petty criticism that the reverence due his office is forgotten and his good influences vitiated. Both parents and children have learned to seek their diversion away from home and away from each other, and all these things create an indifference to things Jewish and make unfruitful soil in which to sow the seeds of Jewish loyalty and Jewish consciousness.

And what is happening at school? The youth is in High School now or in the first year at the university. A new world is unfolding before his eyes. Biology, chemistry, physics and higher mathematics are disclosing to him undeniable truths. Philosophy and literature are opening to him new vistas of thought and beauty. Then come storm and stress, even tragedy, if he cannot reconcile the provable truths of mathematics and science with his religious concepts; if he finds the beauty of a Masfield or Tolstoi divorced from the inspiration of his Bible, the ideals of his philosophy are incompatible with his theology. Moreover, our young person is for the first time conscious of the handicap of being a Jew. He finds himself excluded from the social groups of his peers, discriminated against in

the matter of fraternities, class offices or athletic honors. The distinction hurts him and he may resent the religion which marks him apart from his fellows.

And what are the synagogue and religious school doing to equip the youth to meet these trying conditions? Little enough as a rule. He has received a fairly poor religious education, a superficial knowledge of the heroes and heroines of the Old Testament, supplemented by a course in the doctrines of Judaism in preparation for Confirmation; perhaps an optional post-confirmation class, and the religious education of the boy or girl is officially ended.

### THE AGE OF ADJUSTMENT

So little thought for the youth in whom the most miraculous phenomena of life are taking place! He is at the period when, according to G. Stanley Hall and others, his sexual development finds its highest, best and most natural expression in religious awakening. Youth seeks to be, to know, to get, to feel, all that is highest in man's estate, groping for the right pinnacle towards which to climb. Out of his physical development come the moodiness, dissatisfaction with self, the desire for service, the will to sacrifice, which are phases of the readjustment from childhood to manhood and womanhood. He is learning that the universe does not revolve about him. The very life force within him tells him that he is just a minute part of the tremendous scheme of things which uses his very being to serve its purpose. Through his physical and spiritual development he is realizing the two highest beliefs: "That true love is the religion of the flesh and true religion is the love of the soul."

O fortunate youth for whom this instinctive religion is not incompatible with the teaching of his credo and the proofs of modern science. Here is the greatest strength of Reform Judaism. The young Jew knows that his religion asks its followers to profess nothing they cannot conscientiously believe. There is no reason why he should feel himself uprooted from his foundations when he learns the law of evolution or the theory of relativity—whatever that is. He has been taught a God-



concept which can grow bigger and more abstract as his mind is capable of grasping the greater ideal. The God of his maturing years need not supplant or destroy the simple faith of his childhood: it can evolve from it. I can well remember in my own childhood a picture which hung on the nursery wall. To me it was God, and to it I said my night prayers. Later, when I learned that this august personage clasping the two tablets of stone was Moses, I was ashamed of having mentally created a graven image, but with no difficulty at all I substituted a more and more abstract idea for the very human divinity of my childhood. Reform Judaism, emphasizing principles rather than dogma, asking its followers to profess nothing that reason and judgment cannot substantiate, makes it easy for the thinking youth to have a dynamic religion in which the childish beliefs may blossom into maturer truths, treasured all the more highly because they grow not only out of the past of the individual himself, but out of the past of his wonderful people. He glories in the fact that he, in his individual life, like his people in their religious development, has overthrown stone images to replace them with the nobler concepts of a universal God of justice and humanity.

But the young iconoclast is not content to stop there. He likes the sensation of destroying established custom. He becomes impatient of all convention; in particular, he feels himself emancipated from the need of institutionalized religion. We all know the cry, "I can't pray! I can't read the same ritual week after week and have it mean anything to me. I can get more inspiration from an essay by Tagore than from any sermon I have ever heard. I can be just as good a person, lead just as moral a life without the synagogue!" Perhaps the youth is right, but the world cannot get along without religious institutions yet. Sometime such a day may come, but for the present society needs the bulwark of ceremony and rite, even though the very mature youth of from fifteen to twenty may be superior to it. Indeed, he himself may some day grow old enough and wise enough to see the value of the synagogue. Meanwhile the synagogue needs him. How can we make him see this need, respond to it consciously, proudly, devotedly?

### HOW ENLIST THE INTEREST OF THE YOUTH IN THE SYNAGOGUE

There are two answers to this trying question: By endowing the youth with Jewish knowledge and by giving him the opportunity to concretize this knowledge into conduct and service, we can give him his place in the synagogue. Let us supplement the ideal religious school with the graded High School. There are many ways of planning the course, and its curriculum depends upon the available teachers. Just as an example of the type of school I mean, may I name the courses held in one such school? The object of the High School course is to equip the youth to take an intelligent and useful place in the Jewish community. After the eight grades of school there are three supplementary grades. There the following classes are held:

First year: a) Post-Biblical literature.

The second year is divided into three parts:

- a) Jewish contributions to general culture.
- b) Jewish charitable and philanthropic and social agencies.
- c) Jewish world problems.

Third year: a) The social message of Israel's prophets and its modern implications.

These courses were given by authorities in their respective lines and were supplemented by a final optional class in which the ritual and prayers were explained, current Jewish topics and contemporary Jewish literature and kindred subjects were discussed—all to the end of making the observance of Judaism more intelligible. Such a course takes the youth from his earliest school age through to the time when he is eligible to, and probably is able to become affiliated with, the congregation. Such a course makes him understand what it means to be a Jew; and if the parents can be made to take this work seriously, and competent teachers can be found—and this cannot be emphasized too much—Reform Judaism will have given its young people a knowledge of the how and why of their religion which shall weather all the assaults of modern cults and century-old indifference.

**THE SYNAGOGUE AS A SOCIAL CENTER**

May I comment here in passing on the synagogue as a center for the social and recreational life of the youth? Much emphasis has been put in these days on social activity as a means of drawing young people to the temple. Dances, parties, plays, are very attractive and certainly have their place in synagogue life. Let us give the young folks affairs under temple auspices, not with the camouflaged intent of inveigling them to the House of God, but because we believe that the synagogue is not in any way divorced from life, because it offers a salutary environment, a safer place than dance halls and public dining places, safer perhaps than some of our clubs, because there we can chaperon our young people and see that the general proprieties are observed. Let us have social affairs, because we want our young people to bring all their joys as well as their sorrows to the synagogue, but not because, if they come to a dance on Saturday night, they may feel obliged to attend the lecture or classes on Sunday morning; they must come because what they get on Sunday morning is so tremendously worth while that they do not want to miss it.

Having made the appeal to the intelligence of our young people, we can further anchor their loyalty by an appeal to their emotions. We can attach them to Judaism not only by making them know it, but by making them feel it. One such attempt has been made in the formation of an order—a boy's club—where there are three ranks, each with its ideals, each typifying one of the three great periods of Israel's history: The Shepherd, whose virtues are watchfulness, obedience and service; the Prophet, whose virtues are purity, reverence and burning zeal; and the Priest, whose virtues are faith and brotherhood. The boys are advanced from one rank to another, with appropriate ceremonies, as they merit it. Every lad who enters takes the name of a great personality, after whom he endeavors to pattern his life. With this as an incentive they seek to attain the noblest Jewish manhood. All the emotionalism of the youth is awakened by the symbolic recapitulation in the faith of his fathers.

**A DEFINITE PLACE IN THE SYNAGOGUE**

But there is something else, something very different, that should be done. Let us give our youth a place and a function in the temple. If the service is too full of repetition to hold their interest, let us vary it by a choice of Biblical readings instead of the prescribed ritual. Let us even introduce inspired words of latter-day prophets, if in the spirit of the day a Matthew Arnold or a Romaine Roland has a message for us. Let us have extemporaneous prayers to voice the aspirations of the moment, and above all, let us give our young people a share in congregational life. Too often the administration of our congregation is in the hands of the gray beards, and the young folks have no part except as on-lookers. Let us appoint junior ushers at the synagogue; let the youths occasionally help with the Torah; let us make them feel that it is theirs to carry on! Can anything be more thrilling than to see the Scroll in the hands of those who will quickly enough be the elders of the congregation?

I am aware that in this discussion I may seem to be speaking only of the Jewish Boy. The problem of the religious development of the adolescent girl does vary in some details from that of the boy, but is not divergent enough to be treated separately in a paper of this length. The same intellectual and emotional appeal will attract Israel's daughters. The prescribed classes are for her. The same type of service will touch her heart, and she should have her share in synagogue duties.

**COOPERATION IN THE HOME**

Given this opportunity for knowledge and this chance for service and the religious development of the youth is secured—provided the home stands behind all this effort. Do you remember how in Barrie's "Dear Brutus" the child is asked what was the saddest moment of your life, and she answers: "The moment when I realized that my father was not perfect!" We do not want to humbug children into thinking us perfect, but we do want them to know us to be sincere. We are too often self-conscious about seeming religious. Or are we only too busy, too selfish, or too apathetic to care? At any rate, we cannot

command Sabbath observance while we desecrate the day; we cannot compel temple attendance and stay away ourselves; we cannot expect a devotion to the home if we do not remain there to make it interesting for our young people! Moreover, we cannot inspire a knowledge of Judaism unless we equip ourselves to discuss it intelligently.

As a National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods we are a congress of mothers. Our mothers and grandmothers did so much for their Judaism, keeping a Kosher household and observing all the ritualistic commands of the orthodox faith. So little is asked of the Reform Jewess, and of that little nothing that reason and sincerity do not confirm as right. Surely we in our generation must not fail if we would answer our parents, our children and our conscience.

Given this cooperation between the synagogue and the home, and we can expect great things of the Jewish youth! All his latent idealism will be awakened by this wonderful union of intelligence and love. His moodiness will vanish; the dissatisfaction with self will find expression in the ambition for worthy things; the will to sacrifice will be expressed in service to his faith and will make him a devoted neophyte at the altar of his God. The young Jew is idealistic; he feels in himself the urge of the prophets for social justice; that is why he is so often found in the ranks of the liberal radicals. If Judaism can arouse this idealistic urge for society rather than against it, our faith will be glorified and our country enriched. I firmly believe this can be done if we can make our Jewish youth feel that his intelligence backs his idealism and that both express themselves in devotion to God and in the service of man. Moreover, this devotion born of knowledge and service will preserve Judaism itself. When intelligence and reason strengthen belief in conviction, the assimilationist has no cause. It is not the Jew who knows his Judaism who wants to merge his identity and relinquish his past; nor will the youth who appreciates his faith yield it even for the sake of social recognition. Neither will the youth who has thus learned to count his treasures feel the need of segregating them to preserve them; he will need no Ghetto walls to keep him Jew-

ish, but, moving freely among his Christian neighbors, bearing his part in all civic and social activities, he will yet remain religiously apart, respected by them because he respects himself.

### THE MORAL CONSCIOUSNESS OF YOUTH

Am I asking or dreaming too much of this renaissance of Judaism in our young people? I believe not; indeed, one thing more we must demand—a deepening of the moral consciousness of our youths. In these days when our wild young people are receiving all kinds of just criticism for their inconventionality and freedom, it is well to seek primal causes. Recently we held a symposium on this subject in our Sisterhood, and I was very interested to note that youngsters as well as the oldsters who participated laid the blame where it inevitably belongs—on the home. The gravest accusation is a forgivable but not an excusable charge. We love our children too much! We can deny them nothing. In the blindness of our love we fail to see that sacrifice is necessary to strength; that if they are to have the joys they must give up something for them; that is the way of Life, the way of Love, the way of Religion. The home can do this for society and for youth. It can make him realize the dignity of a human being, which shall cause him to shun the coarse and common things and choose those which are really fine. Then farewell to license and vulgarity, and welcome to beauty and wholesomeness! You may say that this is not religion! I answer: This is the real Jewish message; this is the holiness of beauty which is only an expression of the beauty of holiness.

As I muse over what I have written I feel as though I have recommended a panacea for all the ills of the adolescent of Judaism and of society. Such simple things! I can hear you say, a knowledge of Judaism, a service to Judaism, and the reestablishment of the Jewish home. Such simple things to cure such fundamental ills! But there is a reason why they will be effective. This is a faith cure, compounded by the century-old prescription of Jewish science and tested and verified in the laboratory of modern life. Shall we begin to apply it now?

**GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY  
AND COUNCIL**

At 11:00 A. M. the Assembly and the Council met in joint session for a discussion of the subject, "What a Layman can do for Judaism." The participants were:

Mr. Marcus Aaron of Pittsburgh, Mr. Maurice D. Rosenberg of Washington and Mrs. Abram Simon of Washington. The addresses are contained in the Proceedings of the XXVIIth Council of the Union.

The Assembly adjourned to meet at 2:00 P. M.

**Second Day's Proceedings**

**Afternoon Session**

The Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.

**GREETINGS TO MR. J. WALTER  
FREIBERG**

It was moved by Mrs. Abrahams of Brooklyn and duly carried, that a Uniongram be sent to Mr. J. Walter Freiberg, expressing the disappointment of the members of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods at his inability to attend the XXVII Council.

**REVISION OF CONSTITUTION**

Mrs. Israel Cowen of Chicago, Chairman of the Committee on Revision of Constitution, presented the report of the Committee.

The report was discussed informally.

It was moved and duly carried that a consideration of the report of this Committee be made the first order of business on Thursday morning.

**General Meeting of Assembly and Council**

At three o'clock the Assembly met in joint session with the Council. Mr. Israel Cowen of Chicago delivered an address on "The Layman's Tour". This address is printed in the proceedings of the XXVII Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

The Assembly adjourned to meet Thursday morning at 9:00 A. M.

**Third Day's Proceedings**

**Morning Session**

The Assembly met at Hotel Lafayette at 9:00 o'clock Thursday morning, May 26, 1921, President Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld, presiding.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rabbi Abraham Feldman of Philadelphia.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The chairman of the Committee on Revision of Constitution, Mrs. Israel Cowen, then presented her report.

**Report of the Committee on Revision of Constitution**

Buffalo, May 23, 1921.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies:

Your Committee on Revision of Constitution begs leave to present for your approval this revised form of the Constitution of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Israel Cowen, Chairman,  
Mrs. Edgar Cahn,  
Mrs. B. M. Engelhard,

Mrs. Dan Frank,  
Mrs. Isaac Goldberg,  
Mrs. Ben Loewenstein,  
Mrs. Isaac H. Meyer,  
Mrs. Abram Simon,  
Mrs. Hugo Teweles,  
Mrs. M. Thorner,  
Mrs. Louis Welt,  
Mrs. W. B. Woolner,

The report of the Committee on Revision of Constitution, amended as follows, was duly adopted:

**Constitution**  
of the  
**National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods**  
**Revised and Adopted**  
**May 26, 1921**

**Preamble**

We, the representatives of the Sisterhoods of the various congregations comprised in the Union of American Hebrew Congregations believing:

That the congregation is the logical unit of organization in Israel, and

That the increased power which has come to the modern American Jewess ought to be exercised in congregational life, and

That the religious and moral development of Israel can be furthered by its co-operation,

Do hereby organize a National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods for the more effective carrying out of these laudable aims.

**Constitution**

**NAME**

Section I. The name of this Federation shall be the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

**OBJECTS**

Section H. The objects of this Federation are:

- A. To bring the Sisterhoods of the country into closer cooperation and association with one another.
- B. To quicken the religious consciousness of Israel by stimulating spiritual and educational activity.
- C. To make propaganda for the cause of Judaism.
- D. To cooperate with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in the execution of its aims and purposes.
- E. To espouse such religious causes as are particularly the work of Jewish women.

**MEMBERSHIP IN THE FEDERATION**

Section III. Any organization of women doing religious work, either in connection with a Jewish congregation or in a community or district where there is no Jewish congregation, may become a member of this Federation by making written application to the Executive Board of the Federation.

**DUES**

Section IV. Every Sisterhood shall pay yearly into the treasury of this Federation ten cents for each of its contributing members.

A Sisterhood in arrears for two years' dues may be suspended after due notice from membership by the Executive Board, which may, at any time, reinstate such Sisterhood to membership on such terms as the Board may prescribe. The Executive Board may appoint a committee to exercise these powers.

**SUBSIDIARY STATE AND DISTRICT FEDERATIONS**

Section V. The Executive Board at its discretion may issue charters to State and District Federations of Sisterhoods, comprised of Sisterhoods belonging to the National Federation.

Each State or District Federation shall pay annually to the treasury of the National Federation the sum of ten dollars. State and District Federations in arrears for two years may be suspended, and if in arrears for four years may have their charters recalled by the Executive Board.

Each State or District Federation shall elect one delegate-at-large to the Biennial Assemblies.

**ASSEMBLY**

Section VI. The legislative body of this Federation; at its highest authority, shall be styled the "Assembly", which shall be composed of the representatives of the Sisterhoods comprising this Federation, who are duly elected delegates, and the officers and members of the Executive Board.

The Assembly shall be presided over by the officers of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

**REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ASSEMBLY**

Section VII. Each Sisterhood shall appoint one representative to the Assembly and one additional representative for every fifty contributing members over and above the first fifty members up to two hundred members, and then one additional representative for every one hundred contributing members over and above the first two hundred members, but not to exceed a representation of six from any one Sisterhood.

**MEETINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY**

Section VIII. The meetings of the Assembly shall be held at the same time and place as the meeting of the Council of the Union.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Section IX. A nominating committee, consisting of five members of the Assembly, shall be appointed by the President. The committee shall submit to the Assembly for election the names of the proposed members of the Executive Board.

**OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Section X.

A. The Assembly shall elect an Executive Board of sixty members who shall elect a president, four vice-presidents, a treasurer, a recording secretary and sixty members, who, together with the officers above named, shall constitute the Executive Board.

B. The term of office shall be two years and until their successors are elected.

C. Officers shall not be eligible for election for more than two successive terms as officers. Other members of the Board shall not be eligible for election for more than three successive terms unless elected as officers.

D. The office of the Executive Board shall be in Cincinnati, Ohio.

E. Nine members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum.

**ORGANIZATION AND MEETINGS of the EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Section XI.

A. The Executive Board shall meet after the final adjournment of the Assembly which elected it, and at the place where the Assembly held its session, for the purpose of organizing for the transaction of business. At this meeting, the Executive Board shall appoint the National Standing Committees provided for in the Constitution, and shall elect an Executive Secretary, who shall not be a member of the Executive Board and whose salary shall be determined by the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall also transact any other business arising at this time.

B. The Executive Board shall meet annually at such time and place as may be determined upon by the members of the Executive Board. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President upon written request of ten of the members.

**NATIONAL STANDING COMMITTEES**

Section XII. The Executive Board of the Federation shall appoint the National Standing Committees provided for in the Constitution, and such other committees as it finds necessary for the execution of its aims and purposes. The Executive Secretary shall be the Secretary of each National Standing Committee.

Each National Standing Committee shall devise methods of carrying out the work entrusted to it, and shall communicate these plans to each Sisterhood through local committees in the Sisterhood, bearing the same name.

### NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON CO-OPERATION

Section XIII. The National Committee on Cooperation shall devise methods of bringing the various Sisterhoods into closer relationship with one another; shall collect and disseminate information of value to Sisterhoods; shall devise methods of executing such plans for general welfare work as the Federation may adopt.

### NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON RELIGION

Section XIV. The National Committee on Religion shall devise ways whereby the local committees bearing the same name shall be enabled to foster the religious life of the congregation, encourage Sabbath observance and synagog attendance, devise means of inviting resident and visiting Jews to divine services, and to form classes for study of Jewish History, Literature and Religion.

### NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS

Section XV. The National Committee on Religious Schools shall furnish Sisterhoods with the information concerning the best results in religious-school education, encourage the preservation of ceremonials connected with Jewish holidays; shall encourage men and women to devote themselves to religious-school teaching, and shall assist local Sisterhoods in establishing free religious schools.

### NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON PROPAGANDA

Section XVI. The National Committee on Propaganda shall endeavor to organize new Sisterhoods and to secure their affiliation with the Federation, and shall encourage Sisterhoods in maintaining campaigns for increasing their local membership.

### NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON HEBREW UNION COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Section XVII. The National Committee on Hebrew Union College Scholarships shall encourage the preparation of young men for the rabbinical profession and secure funds for the creation of Sisterhood Scholarships for the Hebrew Union College.

### NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON UNION MUSEUM

Section XVIII. The National Committee on Union Museum shall endeavor to secure Jewish art objects for the Union Museum of the Hebrew Union College and shall encourage Sisterhoods to hold displays and make local collections of such ceremonial objects.

### NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON UNIONGRAM

Section XIX. The National Committee on Uniongram shall have complete control of the Uniongram enterprise. They shall devise ways and means for disposing of Uniongrams through the help of local Sisterhood committees bearing the same name.

The profits of this enterprise shall be devoted to Hebrew Union College Scholarships and to the support of free religious schools maintained by the Sisterhoods.

### ANNUAL REPORTS

Section XX. The president, executive secretary, treasurer, and each national standing committee shall make annual reports to the Executive Board. These reports shall be submitted to the Biennial Assembly.

### OFFICIAL BONDS

Section XXI. The officers of all the Boards who receive and disburse funds of the Federation shall give such bonds for the faithful performance of their respective duties as the Executive Board shall direct. No member of the Executive Board shall be accepted as surety thereon.

### VACANCIES

Section XXII. All vacancies occurring in the membership of any of the Boards or Committees appointed by the Assembly or Executive Board shall be filled by the Executive Board, and whenever, during the recess of the Executive Board, a vacancy shall occur in any office, Board or Committee appointed or elected by the Assembly or Executive Board, the President of the Executive Board shall fill such vacancy by appointment, which appointment shall remain in force only until the next meeting of the Executive Board.

**AMENDMENTS**

Section XXIII. Proposed Amendments to this Constitution must be first submitted to the Executive Board, due notice of proposed amendments having been sent in writing to the members of the Executive Board, thirty days before the meeting of the Executive Board, which shall present them to the first meeting of the Assembly thereafter, together with their views on the proposed amendments, whereupon, if adopted by a two-thirds vote of those present, it shall become part of the Constitution.

**By-Laws**  
**OFFICERS**

Section XXIV. The President elected at the Assembly shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Board, at the next Assembly, and until her successor is elected.

The remaining officers of the Federation shall perform such duties as are usually incumbent upon officers of similar societies.

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

Section XXV. The Executive Secretary shall attend to all correspondence, receive all moneys coming into possession of the Federation, and shall, without delay, forward these moneys to the Treasurer.

No check shall be issued except on voucher signed by the Executive Secretary and President.

**TREASURER**

Section XXVI. The Treasurer upon receipt of moneys from the Executive Secretary shall, without delay, deposit the same to the credit of the Federation in a national bank designated by the Executive Board.

The Treasurer shall issue checks on funds only when presented with vouchers bearing the signature of the Executive Secretary and President.

The Treasurer shall keep a record of the moneys received and paid out.

**DEPOSIT OF SECURITIES**

Section XXVII. All securities, including the bonds given by the officers of the Federation, shall be deposited in a safe deposit company in Cincinnati to be designated by the Executive Board.

**FISCAL YEAR**

Section XXVIII. The fiscal year shall end on the thirty-first day of October, annually, to which time all reports shall be made, and the same shall be printed biennially by the Executive Board, and published for distribution, and shall be submitted to the Assembly at the regular meetings thereof.

**FINANCIAL EXAMINATIONS**

Section XXIX. The President of the Executive Board shall appoint annually, at the close of the fiscal year, a competent public accountant, whose duty shall be to examine the books and vouchers of the Executive Secretary and to inspect the securities belonging to the Federation.

**UNIONGRAM APPORTIONMENT**

Section XXX. During the first week in January of each year, the Executive Secretary shall inform each Sisterhood of the Uniongram profits standing to its credit on the books, and request a statement as to its disposal according to the provisions of the Constitution.

**EXPENSES OF THE OFFICERS TO THE BIENNIAL MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD IN THE YEARS WHEN NO ASSEMBLY IS HELD.**

Section XXXI. The railroad expenses of the following members of the Executive Board attending the annual meetings of the Executive Board in years when there is no Assembly shall be paid out of the treasury of the Federation: The President, the Recording Secretary and the Chairman of each of the National Standing Committees. In the event that the President finds herself unable to come, the expenses of the first vice-president or the next vice-president in order who is able to attend shall be paid.

**SUBSIDIARY STATE AND DISTRICT FEDERATIONS****Procedure for Granting Charters**

Section XXXII. A State or District Federation desiring to work in cooperation with the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods shall submit a tentative Constitution for the approval of the Executive



Board. Such Constitution must conform with the Constitution of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods in its purposes and standing committees. The dues claimed by the State or District Federation must not be more than fifty per cent of the dues paid by each Sisterhood to the National Federation, and shall be collected by the Executive office.

The President of the Executive Board shall personally visit the meeting of the State and District Federations on the occasion when the charter is bestowed, and shall invest the officers with the powers conferred by the same. She may, at her option, delegate this task to some other member of the Executive Board. The railroad expenses of the President or the member designated to take her place on such an occasion shall be paid out of the Treasury of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

The Executive Board may delegate the duties connected with the examination of

constitutions and the issuing of charters to a sub-committee of the Executive Board.

#### AMENDMENTS

Section XXXIII. The By-Laws may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting at any meeting of the Assembly, notice of proposed amendments having been sent in writing to the members of the Executive Board at least thirty days in advance of meeting at which they are to be presented.

#### GOVERNMENT OF ASSEMBLY

Section XXXIV. The Assembly shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, revised, in all cases not provided for in the Constitution.

Mrs. Glauber of New York City, Chairman of the Special Committee on City, State or District Federations, presented the following report which was duly adopted:

## Report of the Special Committee on City, State or District Federations

New York, Oct. 31, 1920.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies:

Your Committee appointed to consider the problems involved in the organization of City, State or District Federations within the National body has carefully considered the arguments brought forth on either side, and begs to submit the following report:

Realizing that all parts of the country needed to be taken into consideration—North, South, East, West—and their expressions of opinions obtained, a brief questionnaire was sent to every member of the Executive Board, which, as you are aware, is composed of such statewide representation. In addition, questionnaires were sent to heads of Federations in states where such already exist, in order to ascertain experiences and results. Rabbis, as well as laymen who are interested and active in Jewish and religious affairs, were consulted, and

I believe the field to have been well covered.

The questionnaire confined itself to such points only as have arisen in discussion and deemed germane and vital. It was also arranged in such manner as to facilitate tabulation should a vote by mail have been advisable. Advantages and disadvantages were equally to be weighed, and if I may reverse that order I shall first present the possible disadvantages. The main consideration then being the following:

(a) The danger of a division of loyalty between allegiance to a City, a State or a District Federation and that of the National body.

This evoked a most conclusive expression of opinion that such fear was groundless, provided all State and District organizations are properly guarded by a carefully constructed constitution.

(b) The question of the danger of decentralizing work and withdrawing interest from the National body was answered by an equally large vote in the negative.

In marked contrast to these so-called "dangers" was the frequent statement, in reply to another query, that "Federations" would, on the contrary, be the means of more completely coordinating the activities, and thus would meet the challenge of "over-organization" which all too often, in a final analysis, simmers down to no organization at all.

Since the preponderance of replies seems to be and is in favor of "Federations", the next point to be considered is the kind—namely, City, State or District.

With reference to City Federations, I would say that no objects which the Sisterhoods have in mind can be accomplished by a City Federation which cannot be carried out just as effectively by a Standing Committee on Sisterhood Cooperation in every city boasting of more than one Sisterhood. There is grave danger of over-organization within our cities. A growing tendency in that direction would be disastrous to the National body.

In regions where there are too few Sisterhoods to form State Federations, it would be well if two of three states would combine and organize themselves into "District Federations", which would bear the same relationship to the National as that of the State. For example, there might be a Maine-New Hampshire-Vermont Federation, or a Texas-Louisiana Federation, or a California-Oregon Federation, but under no conditions should there be a District Federation in addition to a State Federation.

(c) The advantage of holding "Conferences" at frequent and regular intervals to take the place of "Federations" was also taken under advisement, but the concensus of opinion was against them.

All correspondence is on file at headquarters in Cincinnati, and available for reference if required.

To give in detail the arguments presented would require too much patience, both on the part of the members and of the Chairman, but it is obviously the duty of the latter to submit her recommendations for your consideration, deliberation if necessary, and final action.

In studying the question of "Federations" the needs of the whole organization must be kept in mind, and not merely those of the individual Sisterhood or district.

What is the purpose of the N. F. T. S.? Why was it brought into being? Can it achieve its objects with its present machinery? If not, how can that machinery be adjusted to bring about continued progress along the lines for which it was organized? If any weakness exists in its present plan, wherein does it lie, and how may it be strengthened? Surely the foundation stones of the National body are solidarity, coherence and oneness of relations and interests.

In order to unify our Jewish women, a closer relationship than has heretofore existed must be engendered, not alone through their interest in Jewish activities, but in their participation in them. The ties linking local Sisterhoods with the National must be re-enforced and strengthened, but there must be ties.

At present I am free to confess there seems to be a lack of cohesion which may possibly be due to the comparative newness of the organization and the wonderful rapidity with which it has grown. Now I ask, how can that imperfection in the machinery be remedied?

My answer thereto is, through Federations, which by their nature would encourage Sisterhoods to meet at frequent intervals, to espouse the Sisterhood idea and ideals, and would receive National inspiration through visits of National officers during the interim of Biennial conventions.

If we are to develop Judaism we must limit the number of things in which we are interested. The objects of the N. F. T. S. are purely religious, and upon these we should concentrate all energy.

So-called "Philanthropies" may well be left to the individual Sisterhood if it so desires, as added responsibilities, but they should in no way supplant nor subvert the purposes and the objects for which Sisterhoods were originally created.

State Federations should act as incentives to bring together the Jewish women of a community. They should not alone bring them together but keep them together by common interests and concentrated efforts.

They should stimulate competition and effectuate its resultant progress. They should offer more frequent opportunities for the discussion of Jewish subjects and Jewish problems presented by speakers of

prominence from different parts of the country.

State Federations should be vital factors in promoting the purposes of the N. F. T. S. in bringing the isolated Sisterhoods in a state in closer relationship with one another and with the National Federation. They should be the avenues through which to develop such activities as are in conformity with the Constitution and By-Laws of the N. F. T. S., a means of coordinating its objects and pursuits, and a motivating power.

In view of the aforementioned facts, your Committee therefore recommends:

1. That the National Federation encourage the organizing of State or District Federations;

2. That the N. F. T. S. amend its constitution so as to define the conditions under which State and District Federations may operate;

3. That the N. F. T. S. issue a charter to each State or District Federation that complies with the conditions stipulated by the N. F. T. S.;

4. That such charter shall be issued after a tentative Constitution is submitted and approved by the Executive Officers of the N. F. T. S.;

5. That the Constitutions of State or District Federations must comply with that of the National in its "Purposes" and in its "Standing Committees";

6. That the dues of such Federations shall never exceed fifty per cent of the dues of the National Federation, and that these dues be collected by the National office.

7. Investiture of Office: Charters should be bestowed upon State or District Federations by the National President or by

some member of the Executive Board to whom the duty is delegated by the National President;

8. That only such Sisterhoods as do Synagogue or religious work shall be eligible to membership in a Federation;

9. That a model Constitution be drafted for the guidance of State or District Federations.

Policies that may of necessity be affected by local conditions should find place in the By-Laws.

While advocating "Federations" the Committee begs leave to throw out a word of warning against creating situations so complex that they may require not merely skill and organizing ability to unravel, but may sacrifice the unselfishness and the high ideals of the N. F. T. S., which organization represents the truest, the highest and noblest in womanhood—"Mothers in Israel."

It should embrace within its fold every Jewish woman in whose heart there throbs a joy in her faith, a pride in her Jewishness, the glory of her religion and the passion for service in its name.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Sallie Kubie Glauber, Chairman,  
Mrs. Israel Cowen,  
Mrs. Henry Bauer,  
Mrs. Hirsch Morris,  
Mrs. Henry Penn,  
Mrs. David Philipson,  
Mrs. B. H. Printz,  
Mrs. Louis Wolsey.

Mrs. David Lefkowitz, of Dallas, Chairman of the Committee on Progress of Sisterhoods, presented the following report of the Committee, which was accepted with thanks and ordered spread upon the Minutes:

## Report of the Special Committee on Progress of Sisterhoods

Madam President and Ladies:

Your committee which presents this report was appointed pursuant to a resolution unanimously passed at the biennial meeting of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods held at Boston in 1919. This resolution called for the appointment of a special

committee which should collate the work of all the affiliated Sisterhoods and the special and interesting features and new departures as carried out by individual Sisterhoods. The motive back of the resolution was to conserve time at the biennial meeting by eliminating individual reports from each of

the delegates and substituting one comprehensive statement in their place.

Your committee sent questionnaires to the secretaries of all Sisterhoods affiliated with the National Federation and received answers from one hundred and twenty secretaries, somewhat over fifty percent of the entire number of Sisterhoods responding. This is slightly above the normal response received from such requests and the secretaries who answered deserve the thanks of our National Federation. These one hundred and twenty Sisterhoods have a combined membership of twenty-five thousand and ninety and show an increase in the past two years of their membership of five thousand four hundred and ninety or about twenty-five per cent. Eighty of the one hundred and twenty sisterhoods, use the uniongram or about sixty per cent. Sixty-eight, or over fifty per cent purchase and sell the Sisterhood calendars (one of these sold fifteen hundred calendars); sixty-five, or about fifty percent maintain free religious schools. Seventeen have inaugurated the scholarship memorial flower fund, and sixteen report that they maintain a full Hebrew Union College scholarship, the one hundred and twenty Sisterhoods that reported contributing eight thousand five hundred and forty dollars to the Hebrew Union College for the scholarship fund. Local exhibits of ceremonial objects are quite generally maintained by the larger Sisterhoods.

It will not be possible to mention the names of the Sisterhoods in connection with the statement of unusual features and special programs, the intent of this report being not so much praise for work accomplished as suggestion to the delegates of fields of activity which their Sisterhood might not as yet have undertaken. We note that a number of the States such as Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Ohio and others have formed State Federations of Temple Sisterhoods. Quite a large number of our sisterhoods report that their members have one, two or three representatives of the Sisterhood on the board of trustees of the Temple with power to vote. Lyceum courses in some cases presenting unusually fine lectures have been offered by Sisterhoods during the past year. Many of the programs offer information on purely Jewish subjects, such as synagogue music, Jewish art, women in Israel, etc. A great many Sisterhoods are respon-

sible for the organization of Bible study classes. Special programs for the various Jewish holidays, plays for Purim and Chanukah and Congregational Seders appear in many a program. Only a few of the Sisterhoods report that they do not have any program outside of the business of the meetings, while some report programs without Jewish character.

### SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Some of the program features might be of interest. Lectures were presented on such subjects as "Jerusalem and the Holy Land," "The Jew's Contribution to America," by Prof. R. B. Baumgard, "Why Worry," by a physician, an educator and a minister; a Round Table Discussion Luncheon in which after the luncheon the following questions were discussed: "How to Strengthen Our Sabbath Services," "Our Library," "Planning Sisterhood Programs." Many Sisterhoods held Issac M. Wise Memorial meetings. Such subjects as "A Good Mother," and "Right Training of Boys and Girls" are frequently dealt with, one Sisterhood in conjunction with the Council of Jewish Women and the Sisterhoods of the Orthodox and Reform congregations of the city arranging for a Course of Child Psychology by Prof. Earl Barnes. Current Events are frequently given. We also find that the programs provide for pageants, such as one Sisterhood gave entitled "The Pilgrims of the Ages", by Prof. Huebsch. Tableaux presenting in living pictures the Jewish holidays, have been found very stimulating. Some programs provide for a Reciprocity Day when all the Jewish Womens' organizations meet with the Sisterhood and present joint programs. The Animated library program which one Sisterhood used must have been very interesting, presenting many of the books of the Library in living form and no doubt prompting many to read what would have otherwise been neglected. "The Living Menorah" near Chanukah time brought out sentiments in connection with the Menorah Lights which by the manner of presentation were made impressive. Quite a number of Sisterhoods availed themselves of the suggestions in the Sisterhood sheaf of programs. A parliamentary law class is included in some of the programs. One Sisterhood at the annual dinner of the congregation presented the

history of the congregation since 1860 in a series of stereoptican views and tableaux, another presented the history of the Sisterhood since its inception by a number of living pictures. A program in which the teachers of the public schools were interested and to which they were invited brought out one hundred and seventy-six of such teachers; we can immediately realize how helpful and impressive such propaganda is.

### INTEREST IN THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

The Sisterhoods as a rule show great, almost primary, interest in the religious schools. They assist the schools in the celebration of the holidays, especially Chanukah and Purim, many of them spending large sums for the renovation of the Sunday School rooms and the purchase of equipment for them. Some pay a part or all of the teachers' salaries, one maintains a Teachers' Training School, while another has a committee to follow up the absentees of the School. One Sisterhood created sentiment for simpler dresses for the Confirmants, and quite a number distributed small Chanukah candelabras, hymn books and prayer books to the children of the Sunday School. One Sisterhood has a young peoples committee which keeps in touch with the Confirmants and stimulates their interest in Jewish matters throughout their entire adolescent period; another organized an alumni association. The majority of the Sisterhoods have organized Mother-Teacher meetings. We note that one Sisterhood has subscribed to the Union Home Study Magazine for each child of the Religious School. As one reads of the many activities of the Sisterhoods directed toward the religious school, realization comes of the tremendous influence our affiliated organizations have upon the religious instruction our children receive.

As regards the activities of the Sisterhood directed towards Temple maintenance we discover impressive figures and results; almost every Sisterhood that has reported tells of the financial support of the congregation by the Sisterhood to the extent of thousands of dollars. One Sisterhood realized from a bazaar eleven thousand dollars of which ten thousand, five hundred was turned over to the congregation to pay off the debt on the Temple. Sisterhoods add materially to building funds of Temples, they

install organs, completely furnish kitchens, establish libraries, donate memorial windows, provide flowers for the pulpit, maintain the choir, and even in one case take complete charge of the cemetery. Practically every Sisterhood has been unusually successful in encouraging Temple attendance; a few of them by receptions after Friday evening service. A number of Sisterhoods conduct summer services by members of the Sisterhood; one of them organized a choir of Sisterhood members for the summer services; another furnished each of its members with the book "Hours of Devotion" and still another provided free prayerbooks for the congregation. They also quite generally are using their influence toward the democratization of the synagog by urging the unassigned pew system, by hospitality committees which make the stranger welcome, by visiting the new members and newcomers and above all by monthly teas or suppers or annual congregational dinners. In this way the Sisterhoods are breathing new life into what seemed almost a frozen system.

### COOPERATION WITH OTHER SOCIETIES

Cooperation of the Sisterhoods with the Council of Jewish Women, with the B'nai B'rith as well as many non-Jewish literary and philanthropic womens' organizations, through joint programs and joint activities is clearly brought out by these reports. One Sisterhood has a Jewish art program, another organizes the Big Sister movement in conjunction with its other civic activities. Still another, cooperating with the Council of Jewish Women and other Sisterhoods, both Orthodox and Reformed presented an unusual course of Lectures. A great many Sisterhoods have adopted Jewish war orphans, sew for the local charities, hospitals and orphanages and sell articles made by the blind. One endowed a bed at a Rest Cottage and maintains it. Many Sisterhoods have joined their local womens' federated clubs. One cooperated with a Childrens' Lunch Association, another reports cooperating with the church womens' housing committee for better housing condition in their city. Many Sisterhoods bear the expense of the publicity of the Temple service, by means of bulletins, etc. A number of them have committees to visit and entertain Jewish girls at the local College or University. Quite a

number have study circles, dramatic circles and music organizations affiliated with them. In one Sisterhood the music club is responsible for the musical numbers on the Sisterhood program. A number of Sisterhoods have fostered congregational singing with much success. Convalescing soldiers of the United States Health Hospital are entertained once a month by one society. One Sisterhood organized a girl scout troop, another erected a bronze memorial tablet in the Temple in commemoration of the sons of the congregation who served in the late war. A number of our societies do Americanization work, furnishing teachers and sponsors. So wide have ranged the activities of the Sisterhoods, one of them being instrumental as it admits, in getting the congregation to change the Rabbi—we hope for the good of both.

#### HOW SISTERHOODS RAISE FUNDS

Of course, these activities could not be maintained by the dues of each organization alone. Many were the means for obtaining additional funds for the planned activities. Some had rummage sales of old clothing, other delicatessen sales, still others netted large amounts by baby bazaars or Mother Goose bazaars. One Sisterhood through funds obtained by its womens' exchange and also by two concerts, acquired enough money to purchase a Grand piano for the Sunday School. Still another had an "earn a Dollar" week, by which to obtain funds. Birthdays are remembered, sad and happy occasions are used to enlarge the treasury. One society has a Happy Day book in which members enter their names and date of a happy event in their lives, each entry to cost ten cents. They receive uniongrams in return on their happy anniversary date.

Interest in meetings is developed in many ways such as exceptional lectures, unique programs and unusual ideas carried out. Such is the calender Tea of one Sisterhood, where each of the twelve months were represented by a table; the January table covered with ice and snow; the February with Valentines; the March table, Purim; the April table with violets, umbrella and Pass-over symbols, etc.

As these reports pass under our eye we cannot but feel what a tremendous force for good in the religious life of the Jewish community the Sisterhoods are. Whether it is

found in Quincy, Florida, where no congregation is established and the fourteen Jewish women united, all that there are in the village, reading Jewish literature, holding an annual bazaar and with the fund obtained maintaining a Sunday School for eight children, donating \$25.00 to the scholarship fund and doing all local charity—whether it is located in Chicago, New York, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Philadelphia or any of our large cities uniting within its fold hundreds and even thousands of the Jewish women of the community and developing their large programs—they are all a blessed addition to the religious life of our people.

In conclusion let us say that the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods is to be congratulated for the remarkable activities of its constituent organizations. Not a single report that gave evidence of stagnancy. Each breathed of a living program and poured forth an overflowing enthusiasm. The Jewish women of America, like the prophet of old, are breathing upon the sluggish body of Israel and warming it unto a new life. Like the priests of Aaron, they are tending the altar fires of the Sanctuary of the Jewish heart and urging upward, ever upward, the flames of devotion to our ancient faith.

Mrs. David Lefkowitz, Chairman,  
Mrs. Max Brandenberger,  
Mrs. N. M. Becker,  
Mrs. Chas. Cohn,  
Mrs. Harry Gans,  
Mrs. Paul L. Godchaux,  
Mrs. Julius Goldstein,  
Mrs. Sam Levy,  
Mrs. D. S. Lisburger,  
Mrs. Philip Rosenau,  
Mrs. Robert F. Skutch,  
Mrs. Herman Jung.

In connection with the above report, it was moved by Mrs. Dan Frank of Boston and duly carried, that a printed copy of the same be forwarded to the president of every Sisterhood and to the Chairman of every Program Committee.

In the absence of the Chairman of the National Committee on Religious Schools, the Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Benjamin M. Engelhard of Chicago, presented the report of the Committee, which was adopted and the recommendations referred to the Executive Board.

## Report of the National Committee on Religious Schools

Philadelphia, Oct. 31, 1920.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies:

The National Committee on Religious Schools begs to report that the Sisterhoods have done much to further the progress of the Religious Schools during the past year. The Committee has received many encouraging reports concerning religious instruction. Judging from these reports, it is ascertained that almost every Sisterhood is doing some work of this kind. Many of the Sisterhoods are not explicit regarding their work, so that it is difficult to gather direct information as to the exact number of organizations engaged in this work, but we have received direct information from over 150 Sisterhoods. They have arranged entertainment for the Religious Schools in celebration of the holidays and have furnished gifts and refreshments upon these occasions. They have provided furniture, decorations and equipment for the school room. They have gone further than this and offered their personal services as teachers in the Sabbath School when the need has arisen.

Nine of the Sisterhoods have helped to maintain Free Religious Schools, using their Uniongram apportionment or funds from their local treasury for this purpose. They are: The Sisterhood of the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, the Har Sinai Sisterhood of Baltimore, the Sisterhood of Oheb Shalom Temple of Baltimore, the Sisterhood of Temple Israel of Boston, the Mishkan Israel Temple Sisterhood of New Haven, the Sisterhood of the Washington Hebrew Congregation, the Rockdale Avenue Temple Sisterhood of Cincinnati, the Temple Emanuel Sisterhood of Chicago, and the Sisterhood of Temple Israel, St. Louis.

### PARENTS-TEACHERS' MEETINGS

Through the medium of Parents-Teachers' meetings, the Sisterhoods are endeavoring to cooperate with the teachers and rabbis. The Sisterhood of the Touro Synagogue of New Orleans, arranged a meeting at which the teachers of the various Religious Schools

were invited to speak. The problems of the School were discussed and the parents were informed of the work that their children did throughout the year. Such meetings are being held by many of the Sisterhoods.

The child attends the Religious School for two hours every week. If the lessons learned there are not strengthened in the home they will have little effect. It is here that the Sisterhoods can be the guiding spirit of the Religious Schools. The members of the Sisterhood are the mothers of the children and they can put into practice the lessons learned in the school. If they will bring into the home the customs and traditions taught the children in the schools, they can not fail to instill in the child a reverence for his faith.

In almost every community, the Sisterhood arranges the entertainments for the Religious School. The children usually participate in the performance, while the members of the Sisterhood direct and costume it. Gifts and refreshments are often provided by the Sisterhoods, and on Chanukah, many of the organizations presented the children with a box of candles, in order that the Chanukah lights might be kindled in every home. They also provide Seder Suppers, and so encourage the younger generation to observe these Jewish festivals.

### HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

In the period of adolescence from the age of thirteen to eighteen, the impressions formed by the child are most vivid. Many children are confirmed at thirteen, and then they receive no religious instruction for several years. The Committee is gratified to note that Post-Confirmation classes and High School Departments are being conducted in many schools, and that the child is held under the influence of the Religious School until he has attained his religious majority and takes an active interest in Temple affairs.

The Sisterhoods are relieving the teachers of the Religious School of the task of investigating tardiness and absence. Many Sisterhoods have special committees which visit the schools every week and keep the

members in touch with the work. This assures the teacher of their interest in the school: The National Committee suggests that each Individual Sisterhood send in its report or suggestion, in order that other Sisterhoods may be aided by their accomplishments. Through the circulation of these reports, the Committee feels assured that many valuable suggestions will be found.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Joseph Krauskopf, Chairman,  
Mrs. B. M. Engelhard, Vice-Chairman,

Mrs. N. M. Becker,  
Mrs. Edgar M. Cahn,  
Mrs. Isaac H. Mayer,  
Mrs. Isaac Landman,  
Mrs. Isaac Goldberg,  
Mrs. Leo Wolf,  
Mrs. W. B. Woolner.

It was moved and duly carried that the following report of the National Committee on Union Museum, together with the recommendations contained therein, be referred to the Executive Board:

## Report of the National Committee on Union Museum

Cincinnati, Oct. 31, 1920.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies:

Again it is our privilege to report to you that our work has been progressing satisfactorily, and that it is gratifying to enumerate the many beautiful, interesting and valuable contributions to the Union Museum, a list of which you will find appended hereto. We wish to reiterate our thanks to the donors.

It is interesting to note that several of the Sisterhoods are maintaining local museums, and in response to our appeal to communicate with us, they have informed us what has been accomplished by them. The Sisterhood of Los Angeles, Cal. writes us that a ceremonial case has been placed in the lobby of their Temple. It has proved a great attraction, and a number of people view the contents on every occasion. There are thirty-two articles in the case, and all of them have been loaned to the Sisterhoods by their owner. Each article has its own history. There are also interesting pictures of scenes in the Jewish homes of our forefathers on the walls of the case.

### EXHIBITS HELD

Our smaller Sisterhoods have also been interested in ceremonial exhibits. Early in the season an exhibit of ceremonial objects was held in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and these were explained by the rabbi. In Norfolk, Va., a ceremonial object day was enjoyed by old and young. Here, too, each article was explained by the rabbi. The Seder

Table with its special setting, the Sabbath Table with two candles, loaves of bread and wine, were all displayed before the members of the Sisterhood. The loan of a Kiddish cloth and miniature Torah to the Henrietta Sterne Sisterhood, of Anniston, Ala., has formed a nucleus for their collection of ceremonial objects. The Temple Sinai Sisterhood of New Orleans reports the donation of a Bible a hundred years old which has been added to their collection of Jewish antiquities.

Several Sisterhoods have sent in programs of their meetings which deal with ceremonial objects. The Sisterhood of Des Moines, Iowa, held a very interesting program which was presented in a large booth and the symbols were displayed on tables in the booth. Jewish dishes were served at a luncheon preceeding the program. Many local Sisterhoods are inaugurating a short talk on ceremonial objects at the beginning of each meeting.

No doubt many other Sisterhoods have also had local exhibits, and their chairmen on "Union Museum" have tried to rouse the interest in the knowledge of and love for our time-honored, beautiful ceremonies and symbols in their communities. But we earnestly beg them to keep in touch with our National Museum Committee. The chairman of Temple Israel Sisterhood of Jamaica, N. Y. recently asked for information concerning the Union Museum, and her request was complied with. Your Committee is always willing to give help to any local Sisterhood desiring it. In union lies strength, and jointly we can accomplish the



more. Why should not every local chairman institute a "Ceremonial Object Day" meeting in her Sisterhood?

### CARDS SUGGESTED

At the suggestion of the Executive Office, the National Committee on Union Museum advocates the printing of cards which could be sold to the Sisterhoods. These cards would contain pictures and descriptions of the ceremonial objects in the Union Museum. For instance, on one card would be a picture of a Menorah, and opposite or under it a description of it and its usage. A series of these cards would not only acquaint the Sisterhoods with the articles in the Museum, but would furnish material to the Sisterhood for a series of lectures on Ceremonial Objects.

The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods has given its authorization for the expenditure of \$500.00 for the purchase of Jewish Ceremonial Objects for the Museum. Mr. Adolph Oko, Librarian of the Hebrew Union College, who has gone abroad, has been entrusted with the buying of any valu-

able objects for the institution which it does not yet contain.

Most eagerly do we look forward to the result of action to be taken by the Committee appointed by the Executive Board, February, 1920, in connection with our Report on Union Museum. Its purpose is to induce American artists of the Jewish faith to produce works of art which would further the Jewish religious spirit. This suggestion was given to us in a letter received at the Executive Board Meeting from Miss Rose Kohler.

Last, but not least, our special thanks are herewith extended to the untiring Curators of the Museum, Drs. Englander and Lauterbach.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Kaufmann Kohler, Chairman,  
Mrs. J. W. Freiberg, Vice-Chairman,  
Mrs. Hirsch Morris,  
Mrs. Moses J. Gries,  
Mrs. Paul L. Godshaux,  
Mrs. H. Oppenheimer,  
Mrs. Louis Wolsey,  
Mrs. Herman Jung.

### LIST OF ARTICLES RECEIVED FOR THE MUSEUM—1919-1920

- Sefer Torah, with embroidered velvet Mantle,  
Mrs. Eda Eliel Holzheimer, Chicago, Ill.  
Bas Relief of Dr. K. Kohler,  
Picture of the late Professor Israel Friedlander,  
Picture of the late Rabbi H. Bernard Cantor,  
Group pictures of the Board of Translators of the New English Bible,  
—Mrs. Kaufmann Kohler, Cincinnati, O.  
Two letters from Nahum Brimann,  
Pictures of Dr. Auerbach of Halberstadt,  
Rabbi Solomon Elger,  
Dr. Sol. Herzheimer,  
Dr. W. Landau.  
Documents of the Circuit Court addressed to the Jewish Cantor and Preacher Strempele.  
Formula of Prayer to be recited at completion of the Solar Cycle, dated 1897.  
—Dr. G. Deutsch, Cincinnati, O.  
Hand-made Chanukah Trendeles,  
—Mr. M. Englander, Cincinnati, O.  
Picture Representing Birth Certificate in Hebrew,  
—Rabbi Abr. J. Feldman, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Chanukah Lamp made at Bézael School,  
—Mrs. Caesar Misch, Providence, R. I.  
Lead Chanukah Trendeles,  
—Nelson Glueck, Cincinnati, O.  
Postal Showing Rabbi Abraham Bloch officiating with the crucifix at request of a dying soldier,  
—Judge Robert Marx, Cincinnati, O.  
Silver Charity Box,  
—Mrs. Louis Wolsey, Cleveland, O.  
Pair of Phylacteries,  
—Mrs. Leo Wolf, Wheeling, W. Va.  
Picture of Dr. Isaac Lowi, Rabbi at Furth,  
Mr. N. Henry Beckman, Cincinnati, O.  
Pictures Representing Scenes of the Latest War,  
Pictures of Rear Admiral Adolph Marix, 1848,  
Captain Mordecai Myers, 1776,  
Colonel David S. Franks, 1777-'81,  
Colonel Isaac Franks, 1769—  
Commodore Uriah P. Levy.  
—Jewish Welfare Board.  
A Brass Candle Snuffer,  
A Steel Candle Snuffer, shape of an egg,  
Samaritan Scroll containing the Book of Genesis,  
A Wimple, 1853,  
A Twisted Wax Habdalah,  
A Pair of Phylacteries,  
A Porcelain Pipe with the Pictures of Moess Holding the Tablets of the Law,  
An Old Mazuzah,  
A Silver Salter used for Seder Service,  
A Hand-Hammered Silver Seder Cup,  
An Ancient Oil Lamp of Stone, with Palm Branch and Grapes engraved on it,  
An Ancient Oil Lamp of Stone, with Palm Branch engraved on it,  
A Strip of Tibethan Sacred Writing,  
Tibethan Prayers taken out of a Prayer Wheel from the Temple in Peking,  
A Picture of the Temple Mount of Jerusalem carved on Wood,  
A Book of pressed flowers from Jerusalem,  
Stamps representing pictures of Jewish colonists in Jerusalem.  
—Mrs. B. Pritz, Cincinnati, O.

Hand Embroidered Matzos Cover.  
 —Dr. Leo M. Franklin, Detroit, Mich.  
 A picture of Moses Holding the Tablets of the Law,  
 A very old picture (Mizrah).  
 —Mrs. John Straus, Cincinnati, O.  
 A Silk Prayer Shawl (Talith).  
 Six Silver Spoons used for Seder Service.  
 A Silver Pointer (Yad) for the reader of the Torah,  
 A Megillah (Scroll of Esther) in a filligree case,  
 A Seder Towel embroidered with the names of the owner, Samuel, and his wife Cirril (Cecile),  
 A beautiful old-fashioned Shabbas Lamp of Brass,  
 —Mrs. Theodore Mayer, Cincinnati, O.  
 Pressed flowers from the grave of Maimonides,  
 A Wooden Trendele for Chanukah,  
 A piece of stone from "Robinson's Arch",  
 Hebrew Shekel of the Bar Kochba period.

A Hebrew coin of a period unidentified,  
 A book written by the Samaritan Jews in Nablus,  
 An ancient Megillah (Book of Esther).  
 An Oil Lamp of Stone,  
 Fragment of stone from the Synagogue of Capernaum,  
 A Mezuzah one hundred years old,  
 Dutch tile representing the scene of the restoration of Job—Chapter 42, v. 11f.  
 A stone jar from the Canaanitic period,  
 —Mrs. Chas. M. Thurnauer, Cincinnati, O.

It was moved, and duly carried that the following report of the National Committee on Uniongram, together with the recommendations contained therein, be referred to the Executive Board.

## Report of the National Committee on Uniongram

Cincinnati, Ohio., Oct. 31, 1920.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies:

It has taken some years of effort and loyalty to interest the various Sisterhoods in the Uniongram idea. But now your Committee feels confident that we have at last arrived. The Committee on Uniongram is pleased to report a large gain in the sale of the Uniongram. At the last annual meeting of the Executive Board which was held in Cincinnati in February, 1920, the Committee reported an increase of 1869 books of Uniongrams over the preceding year, and now the Committee is pleased to report that during the past year the Uniongram has so increased in popularity that its usage has doubled. Your Committee now feels that the Uniongram carries a real Jewish message among the Sisterhoods.

### Increase in Sales

The total receipts from the sale of Uniongrams for the past year amounts to \$1,861.00. Of this amount, \$1,330.30 has been applied to Scholarships and \$121.20 to Religious Schools. The remainder has not yet been designated for apportionment. This represents the sale of 390 Uniongram Books of Ten and 886 Books of Four. This shows an increase of \$101.42 over the previous year. While your Committee is grateful for this small increase, it is not enough

when we consider that we number now 223 Sisterhoods with a membership of more than 35,000 women. If each member of each Sisterhood would send one Uniongram message, think what our income would be. I would urge that every local Chairman make every possible effort to increase the sale in her Sisterhood.

### The Use of Uniongrams

The occasions on which the Uniongram can be used are innumerable. A message written on a Uniongram blank carries a real Jewish significance. The blank itself has a religious aspect, and for this reason it carries a message to the recipient more than an ordinary card or message. They are particularly fitting to send upon the Jewish holidays. New Year's Day and Confirmation are especially appropriate occasions for the sending of Uniongrams. Wedding anniversaries and birthdays are also suitable occasions for the sending of Uniongrams. They might also be sent to invalids and shut-ins.

The profit derived from the sale of the Uniongrams is awarded to the Scholarship Fund and the Religious School. Quite a number of Sisterhoods realize a complete H. U. C. Scholarship from the sale, while other Sisterhoods use the profit for both the Scholarship and the Religious School.

At the meeting of the Executive Board held in Cincinnati on February 11 and 12, 1920, it was decided to declare a uniform

profit of 20 cents on each Uniongram. This 20 cents is accredited to the local Sisterhood making the sale, and must be used either for the Religious School or the Scholarship Fund. Thus each one who sends a Uniongram is accomplishing two things, for she not only sends cheer, but she is also helping the educational cause. If through the sale of these Uniongrams we are able to provide future leaders in Israel or furnish religious instruction to the children, their usage should be encouraged by every Sisterhood.

#### General Usage Advocated

Up to this time they have been used only by the members of the Sisterhood, but why not encourage our Jewish men to use them as well, and so increase the sale materially? I would urge every local Chairman to encourage the men of the congregation to use the Uniongram blanks. It is very gratifying to know that the smaller Sisterhoods are gradually beginning to use the Uniongram. The larger Sisterhoods have always been successful in their sale. If the local Chairman is interested and becomes enthusiastic, she cannot fail to make the Uniongram idea a success. Therefore, the National Committee cannot lay too much stress upon the work of the local Chairman. May I particularly commend the work of the Chairman in Detroit, Mich., Mrs. I. M. Freiberg, who holds the record for the sale of 440 Uniongrams within the past year?

#### Plan for Sale

Several Sisterhoods have adopted a plan for the sale of Uniongrams which your Committee urges every Sisterhood to adopt. Let the local Chairman appoint a sub-Chairman for every ten members of the Sisterhood. It is the duty of these sub-Chairmen to familiarize themselves with

the anniversaries, birthdays and other occasions upon which the Uniongram may be sent, which take place in the families of the ten ladies in their care. Telephone them the first day of each month, reminding them of the occasions taking place in that month and asking them if they care to send a Uniongram message. In this way the Uniongram and the appropriateness of its use is brought to the attention of each member of the Sisterhood.

#### Field for Work

The National Committee feels really encouraged by the constant growth in the sale of the Uniongram. We have doubled the sale within the past two years. Let us all increase our efforts; let each local Chairman do her share and each member of every Sisterhood keep the blanks constantly before her. In this way she will form the habit of sending Uniongrams and we will more than double our sale this year. In this way we will be aiding those two very worthy causes, the Religious School and the Scholarship Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. W. Freiberg, Chairman,  
Mrs. David Lefkowitz, Vice-Chairman,  
Mrs. Henry Bauer,  
Mrs. Harry Gans,  
Mrs. Otto Kempner,  
Mrs. Robert F. Skutch,  
Mrs. James Witkowsky,  
Mrs. Louis Welt,  
Mrs. Henry Penn.

It was moved and duly carried that the following report of the Special Committee on Art Productions, together with the recommendations contained therein be referred to the Executive Board:

## Report of the Special Committee on Art Productions

Cincinnati, Oct. 31, 1920.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies:

Your Committee on Art Productions, appointed in response to a suggestion made by Miss Rose Kohler to the Executive Board of the Federation, setting forth the

advisability of offering a number of prizes for the production of works of art dealing with Jewish history or Jewish life, has proceeded to get information with regard to the ways and means of carrying out such an exhibit. This has been done by consulting a number of artists and the members of the Committee, and we herewith beg leave to submit the following report:

Letters were sent to various Jewish artists and art critics and to the members of the Committee asking their opinion as to the advisability of conducting such an exhibit of Jewish works of art. The artists were also asked if they would be willing to contribute any of their productions, Jewish in character, to this exhibit. These letters brought forth the following facts:

1. Few Jewish artists have created works of Jewish art, because there has been no market for such works.

2. It was felt that such an exhibition would stimulate and encourage Jewish art, and that if prizes and awards were given, many prominent artists would participate in a competitive exhibit.

The following excerpts from the letters of several Jewish artists will give an idea of their expression of opinion:

"With reference to your question, I would say that if it were possible to enlist Jewish Historians to suggest in writing a series of incidents in Jewish life and history, from which one or more subjects may be voted on by the Board for the annual competition, as I outlined in my first letter to you, I am sure that the desired encouragement in Jewish art can be accomplished.

Please let me hear what procedures the other artists propose.

Faithfully,

Victor D. Brenner."

"An exhibition of works by Jewish artists of America is possible, and an amazingly good one could be developed. An exposition of paintings and sculpture of Jewish subjects would be quite unimportant and exceedingly meagre. You did write me asking my opinion on the matter of Jewish subjects in art, and I recall having written you that few exist, and these really of no artistic value. Personally, I will gladly send canvasses of my own to an Exhibition of Jewish Painters of America, but can send none of a Jewish subject painting.

The Jews in art, like their colleagues of other denominations, are entirely under the same influence today. Technical achievement displaces subject or storytelling painting, unless, as I stated in my letter, unusual compositions were being developed.

The Story of the Jew in American Art would make at this time an imposing and desirable thing in the way of an exhibit and I could and would help in this direction.

Very truly yours,

Albert Rosenthal."

"I have done no work in sculpture dealing with Jewish subjects, therefore would be unable to send to an exhibition work of such a character; but in case you desire it, I would send a group of photographs of some of my work.

I think you could stimulate the development of such works by offering a prize or series of prizes, both for painting and sculpture. Work of the competing artists should be exhibited in New York and judged by a competent jury.

Notice of such a competition should be sent to the Art Schools and Art Clubs in all of our larger cities, and also to the headquarters of Jewish activities.

If you could persuade individuals of wealth, or societies, to encourage their local Jewish artists by giving them commissions to execute such works, I have no doubt your efforts would find worthy response on the part of the artists.

Yours very truly,

Ephraim Keyser."

"I have your letter regarding an exhibit at the Biennial meeting of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, in which you ask me to contribute a canvass or piece of sculpture dealing with Jewish subjects.

I have no paintings or sculpture dealing with Jewish subjects, but I have done a number of etchings of Jewish heads. My prints are handled by Arthur H. Hallow & Co., 712 Fifth Avenue, New York City, from whom you can get the prints and permission to show them. If you intend to hang prints in addition to paintings and sculpture, and will write to this gallery explaining your ideas, I think you can probably make some arrangement with them.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

William Auerbach-Levy."

"Thanks for your letter of February 22, asking my advice in the matter of an exhibition of art having to do with Jewish subjects—religious, I take it—and the work of modern artists.

Unfortunately I can give you very little information. Will Rothenstein, a very distinguished English painter, is by far the finest painter of Synagogue subjects. Scott & Fowler, Art Dealers, Fifth Avenue, New York, had some of his work. You could write them about it.

S. J. Wolf, of New York, is another occasional painter of Jewish subjects; likewise Jerome Meyers, and possibly Leo Melziner, both of New York.

Very truly yours,

J. Mortimer Lichtenauer."

In view of the suggestions contained in the letters received, your Committee begs to submit the following recommendations for the holding of such an exhibit:

First—Inasmuch as an exhibit of the works of American Jewish artists would necessarily be small, and, since it is absolutely essential that the first exhibit of this kind at one of our Biennial meetings be an assured success, the Committee therefore recommends that the first exhibit shall not be confined to American artists, but that European Jewish artists shall also be invited to participate, making the exhibit international in scope.

Second—That this exhibit take place at the time and place of our next Biennial Assembly.

Third—That this exhibit be well advertised, and that letters be sent to the artists, to the art academies and to the art dealers of Europe, America and elsewhere.

Fourth—That an appropriation of two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars be made by the Federation for the purpose of awarding

prizes. Five hundred (\$500.00) dollars of this shall constitute the first prize and also the price of the first art piece, which is to become the property of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods and be deposited in the Union Museum.

That the other prizes shall range from two hundred and fifty (\$250.00) dollars down, at the option of the committee, but to be fixed before the exhibit takes place.

Fifth—That the exhibit be placed in the hands of a National standing committee of the Federation, and that this committee take steps to secure the services of a committee of judges which shall award the prizes.

Sixth—That the Constitution of the Federation be amended to create such a National Standing Committee on Jewish Art Productions.

In conclusion, your Committee begs to state that the Jewish artist is ready to produce these works provided a market can be found. Let us therefore awaken within our people a love for works of art Jewish in character, reflecting the symbolism of our faith. Let us strive to stimulate the Jewish patron to an appreciation of the works of art emanating from his religion, and to encourage the Jewish artist to produce those works which will reveal the glorious heritage of Judaism.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg, Chairman,  
Mrs. Moses J. Gries,  
Mrs. Kaufmann Kohler,  
Mrs. Isaac Landman,  
Mrs. J. Leonard Levy,  
Mrs. Harry Liebman,  
Mrs. Marcus Rauh,  
Mrs. Herman Wile,  
Mrs. James Wikowsky,  
Mrs. Horace J. Wolf,  
Mrs. Leo Wolf.

### Pledges for the Hebrew Union College Dormitory

Mrs. Ben Loewenstein requested the privilege of the floor to announce a voluntary gift of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars from Mr. Sam Straus of Cincinnati, for the Hebrew Union College Dormitory.

The following pledges were made by persons present or by the representatives of Sis-

terhoods and Organizations at the meeting:  
Mrs. Josiah Cohen, Pittsburgh, \$100.00;  
Mrs. Maurice Rosenberg, Washington, \$100.00; Ruth Lodge, Cincinnati, \$300.00; Mr. Jacob Morse, Boston, \$100.00; Mr. Adolph Ochs, New York City, \$1,000.00; Mrs. S. Pisko, Denver, \$100.00.

Women's Temple Society, Buffalo, \$2,500.00; Women's Association of Temple Rodeph Shalom, New York City, \$1,000.00; Ladies' Auxiliary Temple Israel, New York City, \$1,000.00; Sisterhood of Rodeph Shalom Congregation, Philadelphia, \$1,000.00.

The following have pledged approximately \$7.00 per member:

Sisterhood of Oheb Shalom, Baltimore; Baltimore Hebrew Congregation Sisterhood, Baltimore; Sisterhood Beth Shalom, People's Temple, Brooklyn; the Temple Sisterhood, Atlanta, Ga.; Beth Ahaba Auxiliary, Richmond, Va.; Sisterhood B'nai Shalom Temple Israel, Chicago; Temple Emanuel Sisterhood, Denver, Colo.; making a total of \$25,000.00.

The Committee on Resolutions, consisting of Mrs. Martin Barbe, Chairman, Mrs. Israel Aaron, Mrs. Max Brandenburger, Mrs. Eli Elkan, Mrs. Charles Freund, Mrs. Sallie Kubie Glauber, Miss Edna Goldsmith, Mrs. Aaron Gottlieb, Mrs. David Hahn, Mrs. Joseph B. Jacobs, Mrs. Eugene Kahn, Mrs. Philip Klafter, Mrs. S. M. Levy, Mrs. S. Latz, Mrs. S. H. Meyers, Mrs. Mathew Morgan, Mrs. Herbert Oettinger, Mrs. Henry Oppenheimer, Mrs. A. L. Salzstein, Mrs. Charles Shohl, and Mrs. Albert Wolf, recommended to the Assembly the following resolutions, which were, upon motion, duly accepted.

## Report of the Committee on Resolutions

To the IVth Assembly of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Madam President and Ladies:

The Committee on Resolutions begs leave to submit the following report:

### RESOLUTION No. 1

#### Vote of Commendation

We respectfully recommend the adoption of the following vote of Commendation for our President, Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld:

WHEREAS, our President, Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld, has served us with loyal devotion, untiring energy and great efficiency, for the past two years, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods express its deep appreciation for her splendid leadership in directing the ideals for which this Jewish Assembly of American Women stands.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Sisterhoods pledge their full support and cooperation in carrying out her plan for the erection of a Dormitory for the students at the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati.

### RESOLUTION No. 2

#### Commendation to Future Program Committee

RESOLVED, That when subjects of common interest affecting men and women are to be presented to the Convention, that the program committee of both departments be instructed to confer and arrange their re-

spective programs, so that at least one entire session be given over to a joint meeting and thus expedite matters, encourage discussion and maintain a more dignified order.

### RESOLUTION No. 3

RESOLVED, That this Assembly join in the appeal to President Harding to call an International Conference to consider World Disarmament.

### RESOLUTION No. 4

#### Recommendation on Children's Service

WHEREAS, Under present conditions our Jewish children lose the stimulating influence and ennobling inspiration of attending Divine Service on our Holidays, and

WHEREAS, It is manifestly impossible to have all our children attend these services with their parents and dear ones; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods endorse Children's Services on Jewish Holidays, and urge the affiliated Sisterhoods to encourage the holding of these special Children's services in their community and to pledge to the rabbis their assistance in this matter.

### RESOLUTION No. 5

#### A Vacation Sisterhood Day

RESOLVED, That a day be appointed in August to be known as "Vacation Sisterhood Day." Members to meet for interchange of thought and ideas.

**RESOLUTION No. 6****Consideration of Printed Reports at Future Assemblies**

RESOLVED, That the reports of the National Officers with the exception of president of the Federation and the reports of the national standing committees, be presented at the assemblies in printed form, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That these reports instead of being read at the Assemblies, should be assigned to special committees for their consideration and for their report back to the Assemblies, in order to leave time for a full and free discussion of such reports.

**RESOLUTION No. 7**

RESOLVED, That the President appoint a Committee on Rules from among the mem-

bers of the Executive Board at the pre-convention meeting of the Executive Board, and that the report of this Committee on Rules be made the first order of business at each of the Assemblies.

The Committee on President's Message, consisting of Mrs. Ferd. Dilsheimer, Chairman, Mrs. Alfred Baker, Mrs. Abraham Bretzfelder, Mrs. Charles Cohn, Mrs. Lizzie Drey, Mrs. Isaac Goldberg, Mrs. I. H. Kempner, Mrs. David Samuels, Mrs. Stella Lazarus, Mrs. Benjamin Lurio, Mrs. Leslie V. Marks, Mrs. L. Mikolas, Mrs. Maurice D. Rosenberg, Mrs. Marcus Salzman, Mrs. Maurice Steinfeld, Mrs. Henry Stern, Mrs. Sol. Weil, Mrs. Louis Welt, and Mrs. Herman Wile, presented the following report, which was adopted.

## Report of the Committee on President's Message

To the IVth Assembly of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods,  
Madam Chairman and Delegates:

The Committee on President's Message begs to submit its report. The Committee appreciates the high ideals embodied therein and the sentiments expressed, more especially since our responsibility as citizens has come about since the last Biennial meeting. It is a source of pride and congratulation to note the growth of the National Federation to 256 Sisterhoods, an increase of 50 Sisterhoods within the last two years and we express our appreciation of the efforts of the women who have brought about this end.

The Committee heartily endorses the recommendation that women ask for representation on Boards of Trustees of the Synagogue. The Committee notes with interest that part of the message relating to State or District Federations and heartily commend the plan, awaiting a more detailed report of the committee.

We approve the suggestion of a Permanent Art Committee whose duty it shall be to award prizes for the promotion of works

of art dealing with Jewish subjects, providing the committee appointed finds ways and means to finance such a project.

The Committee heartily endorsed the dormitory plan and because of the importance of the subject recommended that it be brought before the body for immediate discussion.

The position of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods is summed up in the concluding paragraph of the message in words that leave no doubt as to the high mission confronting the women in Israel and their duty to the congregation and its allied interests.

We cannot but express our deep gratitude and that of the members of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods for the message of stimulating direction and appeal of our beloved and esteemed President, Mrs. Wiesenfeld. May the ardor and sympathy that give power to its words of practical suggestion lead us with new incentive, to go from strength to strength in the realization of our sacred cause.

The report of the Committee on Thanks consisting of Mrs. Edgar M. Cahn, Chairman, Mrs. Bessie Abraham, Mrs. Abram Ansbacher, Mrs. Henry Bauer, Mrs. Isaac Born, Miss Martha Brown, Mrs. Sam Cohn, Mrs. H. M. Fisher, Mrs. Leo Franklin, Mrs. Jacob Goldsmith, Mrs. David Goldfarb, Mrs. Max Greenbaum, Mrs. Avery S. Joseph, Mrs. Otto Kempner, Mrs. Morris Koch, Mrs. Meyer

Kirsch, Mrs. Fred Lazarus, Mrs. David Lefkowitz, Mrs. Max Lewis, Mrs. Max Levy, Mrs. Rose Levy, Mrs. S. Pisko, Mrs. Simon A. Rice, Miss Bertha Rosenthal, Mrs. Henrietta Schneider, Mrs. Rachel Schwartz and Mrs. Albert Zunder, presented the following report to the Assembly, which was duly adopted:

## Report of the Committee on Thanks

To the IVth Assembly of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:  
Madam President and Ladies:

To express appreciation of courtesies received is an easy task, but when those courtesies are sent out from the depths of the heart and shower upon you and breathe into you such deep emotions that you stand almost mute in your inability to give expression to the surging conflicts of feeling, then the task becomes most difficult.

But as the genial sun breathes the awakening life of all nature in spring, so the unbounded hospitality of the good people of Buffalo has breathed into our hearts an awakening of the feeling of deepest appreciation. And as all nature turns a grateful face upward to its revivor, so we turn our hearts to you and

RESOLVE, That the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods give to the splendid men and women of Buffalo who were so lavish in their courtesies to us, a message of sincerest thanks and in that message may the understanding of true hospitality awaken in the hearts of both the giver and the recipient the fullest meaning of the Jewish spirit.

The Committee on Nominations, consisting of Miss Jeanette Miriam Goldberg, Chairman, Mrs. Daniel Frank, Mrs. Charles Gans, Mrs. Albert J. Johnson, Mrs. Benjamin M. Engelhard and Mrs. Abram Simon presented the following report to the Assembly, which was adopted and the persons named therein elected members of the Executive Board.

## Report of the Committee on Nominations

To the Members of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Madam President and Ladies:

We, the members of the Nominating Committee, beg leave to present the following report:

In order to give a wider spread representation to the Board and adhere to its constitutional ruling: "The Board of Directors shall consist of sixty members", your committee have ruled that there shall not be more than one representative from any Sisterhood excepting from the city of national headquarters, which is the center of activity and the home of the administrative offices of the Union and the Sisterhood.

The members nominated to serve on the Executive Board are:

Mrs. Alfred Baker, Erie, Pa.  
Mrs. Martin Barbe, Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. Henry Bauer, Atlanta, Ga.  
Mrs. S. Blumauer, Portland, Ore.  
Mrs. Isaac Born, Indianapolis, Ind.  
Mrs. Max J. Brandenburger, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
Mrs. Edgar M. Cahn, New Orleans, La.  
Mrs. Charles Cohn, Nashville, Tenn.  
Mrs. Josiah Cohn, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Mrs. Israel Cowen, Chicago, Ill.  
Mrs. Ferd. Dilsheimer, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Mrs. Lizzie Drey, St. Louis, Mo.  
Mrs. B. M. Engelhard, Chicago, Ill.  
Mrs. Wm. Fineschreiber, Memphis, Tenn.  
Mrs. Henry M. Fischer, Atlantic City, N. J.  
Mrs. Abraham L. Fishel, Boston, Mass.  
Mrs. Solomon Foster, Newark, N. J.  
Mrs. J. W. Freiberg, Cincinnati, O.  
Mrs. Chas. Freund, Toledo, O.  
Mrs. Sallie Kubie Glauber, New York City.  
Mrs. Isaac Goldberg, Detroit, Mich.  
Miss J. M. Goldberg, Jefferson, Tex.



Mrs. Leon Goodman, Louisville, Ky.  
 Mrs. Moses Gries, Cleveland, O.  
 Mrs. Samuel Hirshberg, Milwaukee, Wis.  
 Mrs. Albert J. Johnson, New Haven, Conn.  
 Mrs. Herman Jung, Milwaukee, Wis.  
 Mrs. Otto Kempner, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 Mrs. Isaac Landman, Far Rockaway, N. Y.  
 Mrs. Frederick Lazarus, Columbus, O.  
 Mrs. David Lefkowitz, Dallas, Tex.  
 Mrs. D. S. Lisberger, San Francisco, Calif.  
 Mrs. Ben Loewenstein, Cincinnati, O.  
 Mrs. H. H. Mayer, Kansas City, Mo.  
 Mrs. Chas. Meyer, Lincoln, Nebr.  
 Mrs. Lillie Mikolas, Minneapolis, Minn.  
 Mrs. Caesar Misch, Providence, R. I.  
 Mrs. Henry Nathan, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Mrs. H. Oppenheimer, Baltimore, Md.  
 Mrs. Henry Penn, Boston, Mass.  
 Mrs. David Philipson, Cincinnati, O.  
 Mrs. S. Pisko, Denver, Colo.  
 Mrs. B. H. Printz, Youngstown, O.  
 Mrs. S. A. Rice, St. Paul, Minn.  
 Mrs. Adolph Rose, Vicksburg, Miss.  
 Mrs. Alfred Rosenstein, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Mrs. Marcus Salzman, Wilkes Barre, Pa.

Mrs. David Samuels, Shreveport, La.  
 Mrs. Minnie K. Samuels, Hartford, Conn.  
 Mrs. Abram Simon, Washington, D. C.  
 Mrs. Robert F. Skutch, Baltimore, Md.  
 Mrs. Maurice Steinfeld, St. Louis, Mo.  
 Mrs. Joseph Stolz, Chicago, Ill.  
 Mrs. Leon Wallenstein, Richmond, Va.  
 Mrs. Ben F. Weil, St. Joseph, Mo.  
 Mrs. Sol Weil, Goldsboro, N. C.  
 Mrs. Jos. Wiesenfeld, Baltimore, Md.  
 Mrs. Horace J. Wolf, Rochester, N. Y.  
 Mrs. Leo Wolf, Wheeling, W. Va.  
 Mrs. Louis Wolsey, Cleveland, O.

The closing benediction was pronounced by Rabbi David Lefkowitz of Dallas, Tex.

The President, Mrs. Wiesenfeld then declared the IVth Assembly of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods adjourned sine die.



MRS. JOSEPH WIESENFELD,  
President,

MRS. BENJ. LOEWENSTEIN,  
Recording Secretary.

Minutes  
of the  
Executive Board



# Minutes

of the

## Executive Board

Hotel Lafayette, Buffalo, N. Y.,  
May 26, 1921, 2.30 P. M.

The newly elected members of the Executive Board met for organization at the above time and place.

There were present Mrs. Alfred Baker, Mrs. Henry Bauer, Mrs. Martin Barbe, Mrs. Isaac Born, Mrs. Max J. Brandenberger, Mrs. Edgar Cahn, Mrs. Chas. Cohn, Mrs. Josiah Cohn, Mrs. Israel Cowen, Mrs. Ferdinand Dilsheimer, Mrs. Lizzie Drey, Mrs. B. M. Engelhard, Mrs. Sol. Foster, Mrs. Chas. J. Freund, Mrs. Sallie Kubie Glauber, Mrs. Isaac Goldberg, Miss Jeanette Miriam Goldberg, Mrs. Leon Goodman, Mrs. Moses J. Gries, Mrs. Sam Hirschberg, Mrs. Otto Kempner, Mrs. Frederick Lazarus, Mrs. David Lefkowitz, Mrs. Ben Loewenstein, Mrs. Lillie Mikolas, Mrs. Caesar Misch, Mrs. Henry Nathan, Mrs. H. Oppenheimer, Mrs. S. Pisko, Mrs. Simon Rice, Mrs. Alfred Rosenstein, Mrs. David Samuels, Mrs. Abram Simon, Mrs. Robert F. Skutch, Mrs. Maurice Steinfeld, Mrs. Joseph Stolz, Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld, Mrs. Leo Wolf.

Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld presided. The Minutes were recorded by Mrs. Benjamin Loewenstein, Recording Secretary.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Executive Board proceeded to the election of officers in accordance with the provision of the Constitution. The following officers were unanimously elected:

Mrs. Abram Simon, Honorary President  
Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld, President  
Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg, 1st Vice-President  
Mrs. Israel Cowen, Second Vice-President  
Mrs. Leon Goodman, Third Vice-President  
Mrs. Henry Nathan, Fourth Vice-President

Mrs. Benj. Loewenstein, Recording Secretary  
Mrs. Benjamin M. Engelhard, Treasurer  
Rabbi George Zepin, Executive Secretary.

It was moved and duly carried that the Program for the next Biennial Assembly be placed in the hands of a Special Committee on Program to be appointed by the President.

It was moved and duly carried that the Resolution relating to Sisterhood Vacation Day be referred to the Committee on Co-operation.

It was moved and duly carried that the Resolution relating to Children's Sabbath Services be referred to the Committee on Religion.

It was moved by Mrs. Pisko and duly carried, that the local Sisterhood and Council of Jewish Women be advised, wherever possible, to cooperate in their work.

It was moved and duly carried that the report of the Greater New York Committee on Propaganda be printed in the Union Bulletin.

It was moved by Mrs. Cohn of Nashville and duly carried that the three papers of the symposium on Wednesday morning, be printed in pamphlet form and sent to the President of each Sisterhood.

Mrs. Isaac Born of Indianapolis extended an invitation from the Sisterhood of her city to the Executive Board, to hold its next annual meeting in Indianapolis. It was moved and duly carried that the invitation be accepted with thanks.

Adjourned.



MRS. JOSEPH WIESENFELD  
President

MRS. BENJ. LOEWENSTEIN,  
Recording Secretary

## Appendix A

### Membership List

City	Sisterhood	Membership	Officers
Akron, O.	Temple Israel Sisterhood	150	Mrs. David Alexander, Pres. Mrs. Samuel S. Desmon, Secy.
Albany, Ga.	Temple Sisterhood B'nai Israel	57	Mrs. L. L. Plonsky, Pres. Mrs. Ed. Pfeifer, Secy.
Allentown, Pa.	Sisterhood Keneseth Israel	60	Mrs. Chas. Kline, Pres. Mrs. Jos. A. Schmidt, Secy.
Alexandria, La.	The Temple Sisterhood	82	Mrs. Sam Broida, Pres. Mrs. Chas. Frenkel, Secy.
Alexandria, Va.	Beth El Sisterhood	27	Mrs. R. Whitestone, Pres. Miss Minnie Jaffa, Secy.
Alliance, O.	Sisterhood Temple Israel	27	Mrs. S. B. Cohn, Pres. Mrs. S. Glickman, Secy.
Altoona, Pa.	Ladies Temple Society	45	Mrs. Jacob Sparr, Pres. Mrs. Haiman Craine, Secy.
Anniston, Ala.	Henrietta Sterne Sisterhood	24	Mrs. Irwin P. Levi, Pres. Mrs. S. J. Rund, Secy.
Appleton, Wis.	Jewish Ladies Aid Society	21	Mrs. V. F. Marshall, Pres. Mrs. L. J. Marshall, Secy.
Ardmore, Okla.	Temple Emeth Sisterhood	21	Mrs. Henry Blank, Pres. Mrs. Frank Herzmark, Secy.
Atlanta, Ga.	The Temple Sisterhood	438	Mrs. Sam Schoen, Pres. Mrs. Sime Einstein, Secy.
Atlantic City, N. J.	Beth Israel Sisterhood	100	Mrs. Benj. Bacharach, Pres. Mrs. Lionel J. Kursheedt, Secy.
Augusta, Ga.	Hebrew Ladies Aid Society	50	Mrs. David Nachman, Pres. Mrs. Chas. Sylvester, Secy.
Bainbridge, Ga.	The Temple Guild	24	Mrs. L. A. Friedman, Pres. Mrs. Julian Kwilecki, Secy.
Baltimore, Md.	Har Sinai Sisterhood	390	Mrs. Adair W. Herman, Pres. Mrs. Louis S. Fiteman, Secy.
	Sisterhood of Oheb Shalom	616	Mrs. Jacob Goldsmith, Pres. Mrs. L. A. Goldheim, Secy.
	Baltimore Hebrew Congregation Sisterhood	727	Mrs. Robert F. Skutch, Pres. Mrs. Chas. Gans, Secy.
Baton Rouge, La.	B'nai Israel Sisterhood	68	Mrs. Morris Mayer, Pres. Mrs. Mayer Maas, Secy.
Bay City, Mich.	The Temple Sisterhood	20	Mrs. Chas Levy, Pres. Mrs. Bert Sampliner, Secy.
Bellaire, O.	Ladies' Hebrew Relief Society	31	Mrs. Max Herzberger, Pres. Mrs. Harry Herzberg, Secy.
Bessemer, Ala.	Beth El Sisterhood	21	Mrs. Sam. Erlick, Pres. Mrs. Philip Erlick, Secy.
Binghamton, N. Y.	The Jewish Sisterhood	55	Mrs. Sam Harris, Pres. Mrs. J. Fischer, Secy.
Birmingham, Ala.	Temple Emanuel Sisterhood	216	Mrs. Avery S. Joseph, Pres. Mrs. Sam. Mayer, Secy.
Bloomington, Ill.	Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society	15	Mrs. Albert Schwarzman, Pres. Mrs. C. Davidson, Secy.

City	Sisterhood	Membership	Officers
Boston, Mass.	Temple Israel Sisterhood	247	Mrs. Daniel Frank, Pres. Mrs. Joseph B. Jacobs, Secy.
	Sisterhood Temple Oheb Shalom	269	Mrs. Henry Penn, Pres. Mrs. Rae B. Goldman, Secy.
Bridgeport, Conn.	Sisterhood Park Ave. Temple	117	Mrs. L. R. Salabes, Pres. Mrs. Maximilian Stein, Secy.
Bristol, Va.-Tenn.	Jewish Ladies' Aid Society	13	Miss Hattie Stern, Pres. Mrs. Max Marx, Secy.
Brooklyn, N. Y.	Woman's Auxiliary Congregation Beth Elohim, 8th Ave.	350	Mrs. Eugene H. Paul, Pres. Mrs. Bernhard Natt, Secy.
	Sisterhood Temple Beth Elohim, Keap St.	260	Mrs. Jacob W. Manne, Pres. Mrs. Henry Newman, Secy.
	Sisterhood of Temple Israel	175	Mrs. Irving Levy, Pres. Miss M. Brown, Secy.
	Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple Ahavath Sholom	50	Mrs. S. B. Astcher, Pres. Mrs. P. R. Goldhamer, Secy.
	Sisterhood Beth Sholom People's Temple (Bensonhurst)	195	Mrs. B. F. Cohen, Pres. Mrs. L. A. Propp, Secy.
	Sisterhood Shaari Zedek	96	Mrs. Abraham Brill, Pres. Mrs. H. Marks, Secy.
	Sisterhood Beth Emeth of Flatbush	100	Mrs. N. H. Baruch, Pres. Miss Jennie B. Weiss, Secy.
	Progressive Synagog Sisterhood	25	Mrs. Herman Apfelbaum, Pres. Mrs. Arnold Jacoby, Secy.
	Ladies' Hebrew Benevolent Society of Greenpoint	200	Mrs. Novek, Pres. Mrs. S. Abraham, Secy.
	Ladies' Auxiliary Jewish Communal Center of Flatbush	150	Mrs. M. Rosenwasser, Pres. Mrs. N. L. Goldstein, Secy.
Brownsville, Tenn.	Ladies' Auxiliary Emanu-El of Boro Park	100	Mrs. I. M. Barnet, Pres. Mrs. Samuel J. Kasindorf, Secy.
	The Temple Auxiliary	23	Mrs. I. J. Felsenthal, Pres. Mrs. Jonas S. Sternberger, Secy.
Brunswick, Ga.	Ladies' Temple Guild	25	Mrs. C. Lilienthal, Pres. Mrs. W. S. Nathan, Secy.
Buffalo, N. Y.	Women's Temple Society	400	Mrs. Henry Nathan, Pres. Mrs. Saul Tunin, Secy.
Cairo, Ill.	Montefiore Temple Sisterhood	24	Mrs. S. M. Nicholson, Pres. Mrs. Lee May, Secy.
Caldwell, N. J.	Ladies' Auxiliary Jewish League of Caldwell	45	Mrs. A. H. Kaufman, Pres. Mrs. L. Cooper, Secy.
Canton, O.	McKinley Ave. Sisterhood	94	Mrs. J. H. Friedman, Pres. Mrs. G. E. Halliwell, Secy.
Champaign, Ill.	Sisterhood of Sinai Temple	23	Mrs. Morris Feist, Pres. Mrs. S. Weingarten, Secy.
Charleston, S. C.	Temple Sisterhood of K. K. B. E.	61	Mrs. M. H. Nathan, Pres. Mrs. H. Hirschman, Secy.
Charleston, W. Va.	Sisterhood Virginia St. Temple	87	Mrs. Garris I. Barkus, Pres. Mrs. Isaac Rosenberg, Secy.
Chattanooga, Tenn.	Hebrew Ladies' Aid Association	85	Mrs. Harry Simpson, Pres. Mrs. J. J. Cohn, Secy.
Cheyenne, Wyo.	Ladies of Jewish Circle	20	Mrs. Wm. Myers, Pres. Mrs. Rose Frank, Secy.
Chicago, Ill.	Ladies' Auxiliary Temple Sholom	535	Mrs. Chas. Lange, Pres. Mrs. Louis Berlin, Secy.
	Chicago Sinai Sisterhood	551	Mrs. Martin Barbe, Pres. Mrs. Ed. Sonnenschein, Secy.

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City	Sisterhood	Membership	Officers	
Chicago, Ill.	Isaiah Woman's Club	800	Mrs. Minnie Kraus, Pres. Miss Flora Sulzberger, Secy.	
	Temple Judea Woman's Club	100	Mrs. S. B. Komiako, Pres. Mrs. E. M. Solomon, Secy.	
	Sisterhood of Temple B'nai Abraham-Zion	265	Mrs. Isidore H. Inlander, Pres. Mrs. Hugo Kohn, Secy.	
	Temple Emanuel Sisterhood	350	Mrs. A. J. Guettel, Pres. Mrs. Samuel J. Brash, Secy.	
	K. A. M. Auxiliary	300	Mrs. Israel Cowen, Pres. Mrs. S. Fechheimer, Secy.	
	Sisterhood of B'nai Sholom Temple Israel	458	Mrs. Henry M. Bloom, Pres.	
	Beth-El Sisterhood of Chicago	135	Mrs. L. Woolner, Pres. Mrs. Charlotte Pollak, Secy.	
	Cincinnati, O.	Reading Rd. Temple Sisterhood	100	Mrs. Tobias Covy, Pres. Mrs. Moses Kuppin, Secy.
		Plum St. Temple Sisterhood	450	Mrs. Jonas Frenkel, Pres. Mrs. Henry A. Seinsheimer, Secy.
		Rockdale Ave. Temple Sisterhood	520	Mrs. Adolph Rosenberg, Pres. Mrs. L.I. Egelson, Secy.
Northside Temple Sisterhood		10	Mrs. Ben. Hirschberg, Pres. Mrs. Benj. Greenberg, Secy.	
Clarksburg, W. Va.	Sisterhood Temple Emanuel	40	Mrs. S. Nusbaum, Pres. Mrs. S. L. Cherry, Secy.	
Cleveland, O.	Euclid Ave. Temple Sisterhood	1260	Mrs. H. S. Rosewater, Pres. Mrs. Saul Klein, Secy.	
	The Temple Women's Association	1500	Mrs. Marcus Feder, Pres. Mrs. Myron Metzbaum, Secy.	
Columbia, S. C.	The Ladies' Aid Society	22	Mrs. L. H. Joseph, Pres. Mrs. J. M. Cohen, Secy.	
Columbus, Ga.	Jewish Ladies' Aid Society	45	Mrs. B. A. Gerson, Pres. Mrs. Sam Goldberg, Secy.	
Columbus, O.	Sisterhood Temple Israel	152	Mrs. Fred Lazarus, Pres. Mrs. Sol. Goldsmith, Secy.	
Concord, N. H.	Queen Esther Circle	20	Mrs. A. I. Cohn, Pres. Mrs. Morris Lebovitz, Secy.	
Cumberland, Md.	Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society	38	Mrs. L. Lichtenstein, Pres. Mrs. L. Rosenbaum, Secy.	
Dallas, Tex.	Temple Emanuel Sisterhood	150	Mrs. V. H. Hexter, Pres. Mrs. Albert H. Mittenthal, Secy.	
Danville, Ill.	Ladies' Mite Society	40	Mrs. Wm. F. Baum, Pres. Mrs. Nathan Rabinowitz, Secy.	
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Decatur, Ill.	The Decatur Sisterhood	39	Mrs. I. Breskow, Pres. Mrs. H. B. Silverman, Secy.	
Denver, Colo.	Emanuel Sisterhood	200	Mrs. M. D. Barnett, Pres. Mrs. Charles Birnbaum, Secy.	
Des Moines, Ia.	The United Benevolent Society	105	Mrs. E. Mannheim, Pres. Mrs. L. Verveer, Secy.	
Detroit, Mich.	Woman's Auxiliary Temple Beth El	600	Mrs. Wallace Rosenheim, Pres. Miss Ruth Rosenfield, Secy.	

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Elizabeth N. J.	Sisterhood B'nai Israel	74	Mrs. Samuel Koestler, Pres. Mrs. John J. Stamler, Secy.
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Erie, Pa.	Sisterhood of W. Eighth St. Temple	94	Mrs. Alfred Baker, Pres. Mrs. Louis D. Levi, Secy.
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Harrisonburg, Va.	Ladies' Auxiliary	48	Mrs. Julius Wise, Pres. Mrs. Chas. E. Loewner, Secy.
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Jamaica, N. Y.	Sisterhood Temple Israel of Jamaica	110	Mrs. H. Kates, Pres. Mrs. M. Prinstein, Secy.
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	B'ne Jeshurun Sisterhood	310	Mrs. Max Sadek, Pres. Miss H. Herman, Secy.
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	Sisterhood of Hebrew Tabernacle	159	Mrs. B. Schnitzler, Pres. Mrs. O. R. Baer, Secy.
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Parkersburg, W. Va.	Jewish Ladies' Auxiliary	25	Mrs. J. S. Broida, Pres. Mrs. E. Goldstein, Secy.
Paterson, N. J.	Sisterhood B'Nai Jeshurun Congregation	86	Mrs. I. Jacobs, Pres. Mrs. R. Tischler, Secy.
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Pueblo, Colo.	Ladies' Temple Association.	44	Mrs. Ben Levey, Pres. Mrs. Moe Oppenheim, Secy.
Quincy, Fla.	Quincy Sisterhood Guild	19	Mrs. Jacob Weil, Pres. Mrs. Wm. Feinberg, Secy.
Quincy, Ill.	Hebrew Ladies' Benevolent Society	22	Mrs. A. I. Simmons, Pres. Mrs. H. Davidson, Secy.
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	Sisterhood B'nai El Temple	150	Mrs. E. Littmann, Pres. Mrs. M. Montague, Secy.
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Tuscaloosa, Ala.	Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood	27	Mrs. Sam Wiessel, Pres. Mrs. L. Rosenfeld, Secy.
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Vicksburg, Miss.	Ladies' Auxiliary Anshe Chesed	88	Mrs. A. Rose, Pres. Mrs. Wm. B. Levy, Secy.
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Washington, D. C.	Washington Hebrew Congregation Sisterhood	548	Mrs. Abram Simon, Pres. Mrs. M. S. Goldhamer, Secy.
Waterbury, Conn.	The Temple Sisterhood	38	Mrs. Emil Weil, Pres. Mrs. S. A. Chase, Secy.
Wheeling, W. Va.	The Temple Sisterhood	105	Mrs. Leo Wolf, Pres. Mrs. L. Horkheimer, Secy.
Wilkes Barre, Pa.	Sisterhood Congregation B'nai Brith	70	Mrs. Louis Casper, Pres. Mrs. Marcus Salzman, Secy.
Williamsport, Pa.	Sisterhood Temple Beth Hasholom	39	Mrs. M. Lindheimer, Pres. Mrs. H. Steinberg, Secy.
Yonkers, N. Y.	Emanu-El Sisterhood	250	Mrs. S. H. Pinco, Pres. Mrs. S. Epstein, Secy.
York, Pa.	Sisterhood of Beth Israel	43	Mrs. L. R. Lehmayr, Pres. Miss I. G. Lehbach, Secy.
Youngstown, O.	Sisterhood of Rodef Sholom	183	Mrs. S. Weinberger, Pres. Mrs. Morris Schneibel, Secy.
Zanesville, O.	Jewish Woman's Aid Society	21	Mrs. S. Weinberg, Pres. Mrs. R. Brillant, Secy.

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*"By the merit of its righteous women  
Was Israel redeemed from Egypt."*

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Minutes  
OF THE  
Executive Board



Indianapolis, Ind.  
January 19-20, 1922

**Minutes**  
of the  
**Executive Board**  
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**National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods**

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Indianapolis, Ind.,  
Claypool Hotel,  
January 19, 1922.

In accordance with the provision of the Constitution and pursuant to the call of the President, Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld, the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods held its annual meeting at the above place and date at 2:30 P. M. Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld, President, presided, Mrs. Benjamin Loewenstein, Secretary, recorded the Minutes.

There were present, Mrs. Martin Barbe, Chicago, Mrs. Isaac Born, Indianapolis, Mrs. Edgar M. Cahn, New Orleans, Mrs. Charles Cohn, Nashville, Mrs. Lizzie Drey, St. Louis, Mrs. B. M. Engelhard, Chicago, Mrs. A. L. Fishel, Boston, Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg, Cincinnati, Mrs. Leon Goodman, Louisville, Mrs. Myer Kirsh, Richmond, Mrs. Benjamin Loewenstein, Cincinnati, Mrs. Lillie Mikolas, Minneapolis, Mrs. Simon Rice, St. Paul, Mrs. Abram Simon, Washington, Mrs. Maurice Steinfeld, St. Louis, Mrs. Joseph Stolz, Chicago, and Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld, Baltimore.

**LETTERS FROM MEMBERS UNABLE TO ATTEND**

Letters and telegrams from the following

members who were unable to attend the meeting were then presented: Mrs. Caesar Misch, Providence, Mrs. Alfred Baker, Erie, Mrs. Herman Jung, Milwaukee, Mrs. Sol Weil, Goldsboro, Mrs. Fred Lazarus, Columbus, Mrs. Sallie Kubie Glauber, New York, Mrs. Henry M. Fisher, Atlantic City, Mrs. Marcus Salzman, Wilkes Barre, Mrs. David B. Samuels, Shreveport, Mrs. Josiah Cohen, Pittsburgh, Mrs. A. J. Johnson, New Haven, Mrs. Minnie K. Samuels, Hartford, Mrs. Henry Bauer, Atlanta, Mrs. Ferd Dilsheimer, Philadelphia, Mrs. H. H. Mayer, Kansas City, Mrs. Louis Wolsey, Cleveland, Mrs. Robert F. Skutch, Baltimore, Mrs. Moses Gries, Cleveland, Mrs. Sol Foster, Newark, Mrs. Max J. Brandenburger, Brooklyn, Miss Jeannette Miriam Goldberg, Jefferson, Tex., Mrs. Isaac Goldberg, Detroit, Mrs. D. S. Lisberger, San Francisco, Mrs. Alfred Rosenstein, Philadelphia, Mrs. Henry Penn, Boston.

**READING OF THE MINUTES**

The minutes of the last meeting of the Executive Board were read and approved.

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

The following report of the Treasurer, Mrs. B. M. Engelhard, Chicago, was then read and accepted:

**Treasurer's Report**

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 31, 1921.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies: I beg leave to submit a report of the finances in the hands of the Treasurer for the fiscal year commencing Nov. 1, 1920, and ending Oct. 31, 1921. I beg to call the attention of the Executive Board to the fact that I am accepting the Secretary's report of the former Treasurer from Nov. 1, 1920, to June 16, 1921, on which day I assumed charge, and commencing with June 16, the report herewith is an abstract of my books:



## NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TEMPLE SISTERHOODS.

Balance on hand in Bank, Nov. 1, 1920, according to books of former Treasurer, Mrs. A. J. Johnson, of New Haven, Conn., after reconciliation (Mechanics Bank of New Haven).....	\$ 1,584.45	
Received by Mrs. Johnson from George Zepin, Executive Secretary, Nov. 1, 1920, to May 31, 1921.....	16,811.42	
Interest (Mechanics Bank of New Haven).....	73.01	\$18,468.88
Paid Vouchers, Nov. 1, 1920-May 31, 1921, by Mrs. Johnson, amounting to .....	3,469.23	3,469.23
June 16, 1921, received from Rabbi George Zepin a check signed by Mrs. Johnson and deposited in the Greenebaum Sons Banking Company in the name of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods .....		\$14,999.65
Received from Rabbi George Zepin from June 16 to Oct. 31.....		5,500.17
Interest from Greenebaum Sons Banking Co.....		18.67
Interest (U. S. 4th Liberty Bonds).....		82.90
Total Cash received.....		\$20,601.39
Deduct \$5.00 for check which was returned marked "N. S. F." on Cincinnati Bank .....		5.00
Total Cash receipts.....		\$20,596.39
Paid out on Vouchers, checks No. 1 to No. 139, inclusive.....	\$16,026.25	
Exchange charges .....	17.89	
Total checks drawn.....	\$16,044.14	16,044.14
Balance .....		\$ 4,552.25
Checks No. 136, No. 133 and No. 126 not yet returned to Bank...		150.00
Cash Balance in Bank Oct. 31, 1921.....		\$ 4,702.25

The Bank Balance agrees with this report and was submitted by me to the Executive Secretary at Cincinnati.

Respectfully submitted,  
 (Mrs. Benjamin) MINNIE ENGELHARD,  
 Treasurer.

## Report of Public Accountants

December 14, 1921.

The President and Board of Directors of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mesdames: In compliance with your request, we have audited the books of your organization for the year ended October 31st, 1921, and beg to report as follows, submitting a Schedule of Receipts and Disbursements and Securities.

We have checked all postings and footings and reconciled the Bank Balance with the Cash Book; have examined and verified the securities deposited in the safety deposit vault of The Central Trust Company.

We believe that the report shows the true financial condition of your organization as of October 31st, 1921.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD SMETHURST & COMPANY,

By R. B. Smethurst,  
Certified Public Accountant.

### REPORT OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

### SCHEDULE "A"

### NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TEMPLE SISTERHOODS

### STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For Year Ended October 31, 1921

Balance in Bank at Nov. 1, 1920 .....		\$ 1,584.45
<b>Receipts—</b>		
Dues .....	\$3,791.10	
Less—Dues refunded .....	7.20	
		\$ 3,783.90
Sale of Calendars .....	1,863.85	
Sale of Uniongrams .....	2,573.48	
Scholarships .....	12,541.80	
Scholarships from Uniongram Apportionment.....	1,042.60	
Scholarship Floral Fund .....	210.50	
Announcement Cards .....	43.01	
Membership Cards .....	61.01	
State Federation Dues .....	10.00	
Miscellaneous .....	49.05	
Interest on Securities .....	248.65	
Interest on Bank Deposits.....	112.12	
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>\$22,548.97</b>	

**Disbursements—**

Calendars .....	\$ 1,467.42	
Uniongrams .....	214.33	
Scholarships .....	13,100.00	
Scholarships from Uniongram Apportionment....	1,042.60	
Announcement Cards .....	6.19	
Committee on Scholarships .....	315.51	
Committee on Cooperation .....	115.39	
Committee on Religion .....	26.10	
Committee on Propaganda .....	9.30	
New York Committee on Propaganda.....	45.98	
Convention Expense .....	403.05	
Bank Exchange .....	17.89	
President's Office .....	325.00	
Office Expense .....	2,249.65	
Miscellaneous .....	35.88	
Membership Cards .....	18.70	
Traveling Expense—Miss Westheimer .....	88.52	
Bond Premium .....	37.50	
Dormitory Campaign .....	89.71	
<b>Total Disbursements .....</b>		<b>\$19,608.72</b>

**Excess Receipts Over Disbursements.....** \$ 2,940.25

**Net Balance as per Books.....** \$ 4,524.70

**Add—Vouchers entered but checks not drawn—**

No. 1259 .....	\$ 3.52
No. 1264 .....	5.78
No. 1297 .....	6.00
No. 1298 .....	10.00
No. 1299 .....	2.25

**Total Vouchers Unpaid.....** 27.55  
**Net Cash Balance at Oct. 31, 1921.....** 4,552.25

**SCHEDULE "A"—EXHIBIT I**

**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TEMPLE SISTERHOODS.**

**RECONCILIATION OF GREENEBAUM & SONS BANK & TRUST CO.**

**At October 31st, 1921**

<b>Balance at Close of Business Oct. 31, 1921.....</b>		<b>\$4,702.25</b>
<b>Less checks outstanding—</b>		
No. 126 .....	\$40.00	
No. 133 .....	75.00	
No. 136 .....	35.00	
<b>Total Outstanding Checks.....</b>		<b>150.00</b>
<b>Cash Balance at Oct. 31, 1921.....</b>		<b>\$4,552.25</b>

SCHEDULE "B"  
NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TEMPLE SISTERHOODS  
DETAILED STATEMENT OF SECURITIES

At October 31, 1921

Fourth Liberty Loan.....	\$1,000.00	
Fourth Liberty Loan.....	1,000.00	
Fourth Liberty Loan.....	1,000.00	
Fourth Liberty Loan.....	500.00	
Fourth Liberty Loan.....	100.00	
Fourth Liberty Loan.....	100.00	
Fourth Liberty Loan.....	100.00	
Fourth Liberty Loan.....	100.00	
<b>Total Securities</b> .....		<b>\$3,900.00</b>



## Report of the President

Baltimore, January 7, 1922.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

In the few brief months since our meeting in Buffalo the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods has gone forward by leaps and bounds. The enthusiasm engendered by the Biennial Convention seems to have permeated every department of our organization. It is with great pleasure that I report to you today that in the year now closing we have added 46 organizations to our membership list, a number almost equal to that with which our Federation was started. But it is not the matter of numbers which gives me most pleasure; it is the fact that everywhere women, and in consequence men, are taking a deeper and more abiding interest in the Sisterhood, and that for which it stands, Judaism and its sign and symbol, the congregation. Thus by our outgoing numbers we help spread our truth.

I shall not touch upon the labor of our Committees, although through them is the real work of the Federation accomplished. Each will report of its own efforts, and the total will be the sum of our achievements. That we have not striven in vain you will, I am sure, agree.

We have attempted one large and constructive piece of work for which our Constitution does not provide a standing committee. I refer to the very active campaign for State Federation which has been conducted from the Executive Office under the able leadership of the executive secretaries. For a number of years State Federations have been discussed by your Executive Board. Finally, at the Fourth Biennial Meeting, the sanction of the organization was given them. Prior to this the states of Ohio, Pennsylvania and Connecticut had already federated and the splendid work done by these organizations was the determining factor for the sponsoring of State Federations by the National. We voted for

State Federations at Buffalo, but we neglected to provide the machinery to do the work. We were most fortunate in having the office ready and willing to take up the task and the result has been most satisfactory, but at this meeting we should consider the creation of a National Committee on State Federation and the appointing of a Chairman. The country has been divided for the purpose of federation into 25 districts and a temporary chairman appointed for each; 19 have consented to hold meetings and 10 district meetings have been arranged, 7 having been held in December and 3 planned for January. Others will follow in the late winter and early spring. Ten of the twenty-five State Federations have already applied for a charter. That these State Federations make for enthusiasm and a better understanding of our purpose is self-evident, but the National, while at all times encouraging and sponsoring them, must safe-guard itself and not allow over-organization nor organizations which are too large. This can be done by keeping a watchful eye on all organizations and by the adoption of a model constitution which will later be submitted for your consideration.

The Chairman of the Committee on Dormitory will report to you in detail; I shall but repeat that it is the duty of every member of this Board to consider herself an especial assistant to that Committee, so that she may with all her strength and all her might work for the successful completion of this, the biggest task ever undertaken by American Jewesses. If we so work, so enthuse ourselves and others, we cannot fail, and the home we so ardently desire for our future Rabbis will stand as a monument to the Mothers in Israel, who have from time immemorial been home makers and home preservers.

The special committee appointed to do University Extension work will give you a detailed report, but I wish to call your especial attention to this endeavor. If Juda-

ism is to survive—and survive it will—we must safe-guard the boy and girl, particularly those away from home and at college. Adolescence is a period of questions and doubts. Higher education tends to answer all questions from a strictly scientific standpoint. Those relating to religion are treated as all others. We who are older know that set rules will not do for these questions and that religion, being a thing of sentiment, science cannot answer. We also know that at this time of doubt and stress the student needs all the influence of home, all the ties of kindred and sympathy to help him. This the Jewish homes and synagogues in university towns can supply and the Sisterhoods can aid by the work already so well started; a work which I hope will be so increased, so enlarged that it will soon be one of the greatest of the Sisterhood's activities.

We must also consider and decide the steps which should be taken to bring into existence the work planned by the Committee on Jewish Art. The Sisterhood should encourage and sponsor such cultural endeavors and so help and encourage the coming generation to a truer appreciation of better and higher things.

With our increasing numbers the work of our committees has naturally grown. It may be found necessary to make changes in some directions to meet our needs. I would instance a reapportioning of scholarship districts, made necessary by the formation of State Federations. This could be done with little effort and would equalize matters. This, too, might lead to the giving of more scholarships. The necessity of these scholarships cannot be overestimated and our membership must be made aware of this need, since conditions at the College are not generally understood. To this end I would suggest a letter to Sisterhoods explaining conditions exactly.

Since the Sisterhood's special sphere is the synagogue and that which it represents, we should use our growing influence for the benefit of the services. It has often been said that Reform Judaism is too passive; the congregation takes too little part in the service; The Union Prayer Book has introduced responsive reading, but too often the congregation does not respond. As for congregational singing, somehow we Jews seem to be afraid of the sound of our own voices.

Through our Committee on Religion we should urge congregational singing, but we must insist that we use the traditional music. If we could be assured that the same Adon Olom, the same En Keloheinu, etc., be sung everywhere, we shall have gone a step further in making Jews feel at home in any and every temple, the goal toward which the Conference started when it issued the Union Prayer Book.

Another suggestion for the Committee on Religion is the establishment of a Sisterhood Sabbath. A definite Sabbath should be set aside and in all congregations on that day a woman bring the message. This has been done successfully in several large cities; in one, the three Sisterhoods held a joint service and the message brought by a member of the National Executive Board proved a great inspiration.

At the Biennial Meeting held in Boston in May, 1919, a committee was appointed to confer with a committee of the Central Conference of American Rabbis to consider the advisability of publishing a book of prayer suitable for every day of the year—prayers to bring hope and cheer and to become a help and comfort to us all. The suggestion was accepted by the Conference and later a committee appointed to undertake this work. Unfortunately the able chairman was compelled to resign, owing to ill health, and another was appointed in his place. Since then I have written repeatedly urging that the work be completed, only to be told that the book would be published as soon as possible. Requests and demands for this book increase steadily; our women need it for their own use and we need it to offset growing indifference, and may I say, infidelity? Now I suggest that, as a Board, we petition the President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and urge him to make greater efforts for the completion of this task.

From time to time we hear complaints that the members of the Board are not kept in direct contact with the work of the organization. In the early fall of this year a letter was sent to every Board member asking suggestions for work. Many responded. It seems to me that this should be done in the late spring, when Sisterhood needs are fresh in our memories, and from the answers then received each chairman could

formulate her plans for the next season. These could be sent to the Executive Office and from these suggestions and outlines the work for the season planned.

At the meeting in Buffalo we went on record as joining other organizations in an "appeal to President Harding to call an international conference to consider World Disarmament." Soon after our meeting the International Conference for the limiting of Armaments was called and it became necessary to formulate public opinion in this direction. At the suggestion and upon the request of Dr. Calisch of Richmond, President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, a letter was sent to each Sisterhood asking that all members do everything in their power to help in this task. Since then a letter has been received from Mr. Frederick J. Libby, Executive Secretary of the National Council for the Limitation of Armament asking that the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods be enrolled either as a participating or cooperating organization. The latter are those that work in harmony with the main organization, send a person to each of its meetings, but do not participate in determining the Council's policy. The purpose of the Council is to make articulate, through its member organizations, the sentiments of the people of the country in favor of the reduction of armament. That there is still much to be done by the governments of the world before this question can be settled and that in the final analysis public opinion will be a strong factor in bringing about the much-prayed-for, much-hoped-for result we know. I am utterly opposed to the Federation entering the arena of politics. Our mission is religious and as such we must maintain our position; but this National Council is to my mind not a political, but a humanitarian movement and so within our province. As mothers, and consequently the greatest sufferers from war's horrors, we should do all in our power to bring about this most needed reform; and so I trust that you will see fit to enroll the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods among those who, loving peace, desire it.

To the help and cooperation of each and every member of the Board I am indebted for whatever degree of success has crowned my feeble efforts; without such support I could not have carried on; but with it—and I pray its continuance—and with God's

grace I hope to bring nearer realization that dream of the founder of the Federation, that dream which is dreamed by us all, a better Judaism, brought about by a better understanding of our glorious heritage and of each other.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs. Joseph) Hattie M. Wiesenfeld,  
President.

It was moved and duly carried that the President's message be accepted with thanks and the recommendations be considered seriatim.

#### STATE OR DISTRICT FEDERATIONS

In connection with that part of the President's report dealing with State Federations, it was moved by Mrs. Abram Simon, seconded by Mrs. Benjamin Loewenstein and carried, that the president be authorized to appoint a Committee on State Federations and to designate the chairman thereof, and that the Board recommend that the Constitution be amended so as to provide for a national Standing Committee on State Federations.

#### SISTERHOOD SABBATH

In connection with that part of the President's report dealing with a Sisterhood Sabbath;

It was moved by Mrs. Cohn, duly seconded and carried that the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods recommend to all congregations the advisability of establishing a National Sisterhood Day during the first week of November.

#### REAPPORTIONMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS ALONG STATE FEDERATION LINES

In connection with that part of the President's Report dealing with the reapportionment of Scholarship Districts;

It was moved by Mrs. Edgar Cahn, seconded by Mrs. Stolz and duly carried, that the Scholarship Districts be reapportioned along State District Federation lines and further that a letter be sent to each Sisterhood explaining the great need for Scholarships.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ART PRODUCTIONS

In connection with that part of the President's Report dealing with the Committee on Art;

It was moved by Mrs. A. L. Fishel, seconded by Mrs. Benjamin Loewenstein and duly carried that this subject be made the first order of business at the morning session.

### BOOK OF PRIVATE DEVOTIONS

In connection with that part of the President's Report dealing with the book of Private Devotions,

It was moved by Mrs. Lillie Mikolas, duly seconded and carried, that the Executive Board of the Federation petition the President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis to urge the completion of the Book of Private Devotions.

Mrs. Wiesenfeld presented a special report dealing with the subject of a Book of Private Devotions.

It was moved by Mrs. Charles Cohn, seconded by Mrs. Lillie Mikolas and duly carried,

that the report be accepted with thanks and filed and that the President be authorized to appoint a Committee of three to carry out the provisions of the special report presented by Mrs. Wiesenfeld.

The President appointed the following on this committee: Mrs. Chas. Cohn, Mrs. Leon Goodman, and Mrs. Otto Kempner.

### MEMBERSHIP IN THE COUNCIL FOR LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS

In connection with that part of the President's report dealing with the Council for Limitation of Armaments;

It was moved by Mrs. Benjamin Loewenstein, duly seconded and carried, that the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods become a cooperative member of the National Council for Limitation of Armaments.

### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The following report of the Executive Secretary, Rabbi George Zepin, was presented and upon motion duly seconded and carried, accepted.

## Report of the Executive Secretary

Cincinnati, O., Oct. 31, 1921.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies: I beg leave to submit the following report for the fiscal year ending October 31st, 1921.

#### INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP

From November 1, 1920, to October 31, 1921, forty-five societies have become affiliated with the Federation. They are:

Albany, N. Y.

Sisterhood Temple Beth Emeth.

Alliance, O.

Sisterhood Temple Israel.

Appleton, Wis.

Jewish Ladies' Aid Society Temple Zion.

Ashland, Ky.

Sisterhood Agudath Achim.

Augusta, Ga.

Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society.

Beaumont, Tex.

Emanuel Sisterhood.

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Progressive Synagogue Sisterhood.

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Ladies' Hebrew Benevolent Society of Greenpoint.

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Ladies' Auxiliary Jewish Communal Center of Flatbush.

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Ladies' Auxiliary Emanu-El of Boro Park.

Caldwell, N. J.

Ladies' Auxiliary Jewish League of Caldwell.

Chicago, Ill.

Sisterhood Temple Beth Israel.

East Orange, N. J.

Ladies' Auxiliary Temple Sharey Tefla.

Fremont, O.

Jewish Ladies' Society.

Henderson, Ky.

Adath Israel Sisterhood.

Honesdale, Pa.

Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society.

Houston, Tex.

Sisterhood Temple Beth Israel.

Jackson, Mich.

Ladies' Temple Aid.

Johnstown, Pa.

The Temple Sisterhood.

Joplin, Mo.

Temple Aid Sisterhood.



Lebanon, Pa.  
 Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society.  
 Newark, Ohio.  
 Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society.  
 New York, N. Y.  
 Tremont Sisterhood.  
 New York, N. Y.  
 Shaaray Tefila Sisterhood (West End).  
 New York, N. Y.  
 The Hebrew Sisterhood of Inwood.  
 New York, N. Y.  
 Beth El Women's Guild.  
 New York, N. Y.  
 Sisterhood Temple Mt. Zion.  
 New York, N. Y.  
 Women's Guild of Free Synagogue of  
 Flushing.  
 New York, N. Y.  
 Mt. Neboh Sisterhood.  
 New York, N. Y.  
 Sisterhood of Hebrew Tabernacle.  
 Norwood, Ohio.  
 The Norwood Ladies' Auxiliary.  
 Pocatello, Idaho.  
 Jewish Sisterhood of Pocatello.  
 Portland, Ore.  
 Beth Israel Sisterhood.  
 Pueblo, Colo.  
 Ladies' Temple Association.  
 Quincy, Fla.  
 Quincy Sisterhood Guild.  
 Racine, Wisc.  
 The Sinai Sisterhood.  
 Richmond, Va.  
 Beth Ahabah Auxiliary.  
 St. Paul, Minn.  
 Sisterhood of Mt. Zion.  
 San Antonio, Tex.  
 Ladies' Auxiliary Temple Beth El.  
 Spartanburg, S. C.  
 The Temple Aid Society.  
 Stevens Point, Wisc.  
 Sisterhood of Beth Israel.  
 Troy, N. Y.  
 Sisterhood of Third St. Temple.  
 Tucson, Ariz.  
 Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel.  
 Tuscaloosa, Ala.  
 Temple Emanuel Sisterhood.  
 Williamsport, Pa.  
 Sisterhood Temple Hasholom.

Two societies, The Jewish Women's Auxiliary of Elkhart, Ind., and the Daughters of Israel, Spokane, Wash., have withdrawn from the Federation, leaving a total of 265 Sisterhoods.

## SECRETARIAL ACTIVITY

The Executive Office conducts a large correspondence with the presidents and secretaries of the various Sisterhoods, and in this way keeps in touch with all of the local organizations. It acts as a medium of communication between the chairmen of the national committees and the corresponding local chairmen. Records of every letter received are kept on file for reference.

The N. F. T. S. Year Book containing an account of the proceedings of the IV Biennial Convention held in Buffalo was edited and released in August. The three papers of the Symposium delivered at the Convention were published in pamphlet form and distributed. Other literature has been circulated from the office. A Scholarship Floral Fund poster, a set of Floral Fund Cards and a folder on Cooperation have been issued. Form letters calling the specific work of the national committees to the attention of the members of the Sisterhoods are sent out from time to time.

Twelve thousand copies of the Jewish Art Calendar (Life of Jacob) were published and sold, and over one thousand additional orders were received.

## PRESS PUBLICITY

The annual reports and monthly accounts received from the Sisterhoods are compiled into reports and used for publicity. Each week a news letter containing several Sisterhood items is sent to fifty Jewish newspapers. The Union Bulletin Magazine devotes several pages to Sisterhood news publishing pictures, unusual ideas, plans for work or general reports. It also prints advertisements of the projects of the National Committees and several Uniongram and Scholarship ads appeared during the past season.

The Executive Secretary wishes to express his thanks to the Executive Board for the cooperation which its officers and members have always given him. The courteous response with which the activity of the Executive Office has met has been one of the greatest sources of encouragement in the work.

Respectfully submitted,

George Zepin,  
 Executive Secretary.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

## NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TEMPLE SISTERHOODS

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements November 1, 1920, to October 31, 1921

## Receipts—

Balance in Bank November 1, 1920.....		\$ 1,584.45
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		\$ 3,783.90
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Interest on Securities .....	24.65	
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<b>Total Receipts</b> .....		<b>\$22,548.97</b>

## Disbursements—

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<b>Total Disbursements</b> .....		<b>\$19,608.72</b>
<b>Excess Receipts Over Disbursements</b> .....		<b>2,940.25</b>
Net Balance Cash on Hand October 31, 1921.....		<b>\$ 4,524.70</b>

**STATEMENT OF CASH AND RECONCILIATION OF BANK ACCOUNT**

The balance in the bank exceeds balance on the books by \$177.55. This was due to the fact that there were outstanding unpaid vouchers to the amount of \$177.55. The balance will disappear when the checks are drawn.

In explanation of the above, I wish to add that on October 31, when the books were closed, we had in addition to \$4,524.70, also \$3,900.00 invested in U. S. 4th Liberty Loan Bonds.

Respectfully submitted,

George Zepin,  
Executive Secretary.

Upon motion of Mrs. Abram Simon, duly seconded and carried, a rising vote of thanks was extended to Rabbi Zepin, Miss Westheimer and to Mrs. Engelhard, for their services to the Federation.

**REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON RELIGION**

Mrs. Leon Goodman, Chairman of the National Committee on Religion, presented the following report:

**Report of the National Committee on Religion**

Louisville, Ky., Oct. 31, 1921.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Friends and Co-Workers: The reports of local Chairmen on Religion show an increased interest in Judaism and in affairs pertaining to Jewish life. It is gratifying to realize that the suggestions of the National Committee on Religion are being carried out by almost every Sisterhood affiliated with the Federation. This acts as an incentive to plan more extensively in order that the religious fervor which formerly existed among our co-religionists may be restored.

Few people realize the vital role the Temple plays in the community. On Rosh Hashonah and Yom Kippur every temple is filled to overflowing. Unfortunately this large attendance is not duplicated on other holidays or on the Sabbath morning. However, there has been a marked increase in the attendance at services and much of the credit goes to the Sisterhoods. In many communities regular services which include a sermon are conducted on Friday night as well as on the Sabbath morning.

Each member of the Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood of Dallas, endeavors to bring at least one friend to the weekly services. In many cities where there are colleges, members of the Sisterhood arrange to have the

students come to the synagog. If the services are on Friday evening, the girls are escorted to and from the temple. Several Sisterhoods have posted notices of divine worship in the hotels and have added a word of welcome to transients. In some instances they have appointed committees to greet these strangers on their arrival at the temple and to furnish them with prayer books that they may actively participate in the services.

The Brunswick Temple Guild was instrumental in getting a member of the congregation to conduct the services in order that the temple could be opened on Rosh Hashona and Yom Kippur. In Greensboro, N. C., an address "Synagoging the Unsynagoged" resulted in the adoption of a resolution to hold Friday evening services regularly, regardless of the fact that the congregation was without a rabbi. In Natchez, also, a layman conducted services. Many temples remained open during the summer and in several instances members of the Sisterhoods read the services.

The Keneseth Israel Sisterhood of Philadelphia, cooperates with a local organization in providing religious services in districts of the city where they have not previously been held. The Mishkan Israel Temple Sisterhood of New Haven, with the assistance of the local Rabbis conducts Sabbath Services for the Jewish boys at the Allentown hospital.

### BIBLE AND STUDY CLASSES

Bible classes are being established in almost every community. Attendance at these classes is encouraging, and when they are held in the evening, the men of the congregation often attend. In most cases the Rabbi conducts the class, but occasionally a member of the Sisterhood is the leader. Through these classes a better understanding of religion is gained.

Sisterhoods have also introduced courses of study on Jewish subjects of general interest. These include lectures on "Prominent Jews of Modern Times", "Interesting Movements in Jewish History", "The Jews in Literature" and "The Influence of the Jewish Woman". Frequently these lectures are a part of the monthly meeting and they are often given as a lyceum course in the evening.

Many choral societies have been organized whose members participate in the singing of religious services. The Temple Sisterhood of Jacksonville has inaugurated a series of Twilight Recitals. These were held on twelve consecutive Sundays, and local and visiting artists contributed to the programs. Half the net proceeds derived from this musical enterprise were given to the Temple.

There are innumerable ways in which the Sisterhood can and does cooperate with the Temple. Many Sisterhoods have aided financially by contributing to the Synagogue's support. Others have bought necessary equipment, an organ, altar cloth or Torah. One Sisterhood had a heating system installed. The Raleigh, N. C., Sisterhood bears all expenses for the upkeep of the room where services are held. Besides this, they furnish the special music on holidays; a practice which is encouraged by many organizations.

### HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE

The traditions which surround our Jewish holidays are both interesting and beautiful. Every holiday has a significance which should be observed according to custom. The Sisterhoods realizing the importance of this, have urged the observance of holidays in the homes, setting the example by services and entertainments at the Temple. On Succoth, Succahs are erected; Menorahs are given to the children for Chanukah; to observe Pesach, public Seders are held and

for Shavuoth one Sisterhood presented each confirmant with a Prayer Book containing an appropriate inscription. On these and other holidays, suitable papers, plays, or entertainments are given. The October program of the Atlanta Sisterhood consisted of a series of tableaux representing all the holidays.

The plea for the simplicity of Confirmation exercises has been well supported. Indiscriminate giving of presents and elaborate receptions are being discouraged. Instead, only the parents give presents, and many communities hold a joint reception at the Temple. This emphasizes the seriousness of the occasion.

The Temple Sinai Sisterhood of New Orleans sent a list of the holidays to all the schools and colleges in the city, requesting that examinations should not be given to the students on those days. Several Sisterhoods sent Passover boxes to inmates of prisons and other reform institutions on these occasions.

At the IV Biennial Assembly held in Buffalo, a resolution was adopted to endorse children's services on Jewish holidays, and to urge the affiliated Sisterhoods to encourage the holding of these special children's services in their community. The Sisterhoods were asked to aid the Rabbis in this matter. This action was taken in order to stimulate children's attendance at services.

Sisterhoods have urged the lighting of the Sabbath Lights in the home. The Ladies Auxiliary of Temple Israel of New York has arranged a special Friday night service once a month. After the regular services in the temple, the congregation adjourns to the vestry room where prayers are recited over bread and wine.

Several Sisterhoods have adopted the idea of a Sisterhood Sabbath. On one Friday evening or Sabbath morning during the year the services include a special Sisterhood message.

### INTEREST IN JEWISH PLAYS

Because of the dearth of Jewish plays, the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation Sisterhood offered a prize for the two best, original plays on Jewish subjects. Seventeen were submitted, prizes were awarded and the two best plays were produced. The Keneseth Israel Sisterhood of Philadelphia

also offered a prize for the best Chanukah or Purim Play.

The B'nai El Sisterhood of St. Louis has placed a Bible in every room of the Jewish hospital. Inscribed on each fly-leaf is a message of cheer. No better act to promote religious fervor could be performed.

This year has seen a very successful sale of Art Calendars. One hundred and forty-eight Sisterhoods ordered the Life of Jacob Art Calendar. It was not possible to fill every order, although the number printed exceeded that of any preceding year. 12,000 were sold and late orders for 1,500 Calendars could not be filled.

The Sisterhood was created as a religious organization. In strengthening religious belief it is carrying out the fundamental principle for which it was formed. If the National Committee on Religion can stimulate the 40,000 women belonging to the Federation to take an active interest in religious

affairs, it will prove one of the greatest factors in Judaism.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Leon Goodman, Chairman,  
Mrs. Henry Bauer, Vice-Chairman,  
Mrs. Chas. Cohn,  
Mrs. A. L. Fishel,  
Mrs. Moses Gries,  
Mrs. Ben Lowenstein,  
Mrs. Henry Nathan,  
Mrs. David Philipson,  
Mrs. B. H. Printz.

Upon motion of Mrs. Lillie Mikolas, seconded by Mrs. Cahn, and duly carried, the report was accepted with thanks.

#### REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON HEBREW UNION COLLEGE DORMITORY

Mrs. Abram Simon, the Chairman of the Special Committee on Dormitory, presented the following report of that Committee, which was accepted with thanks.

## Report of the Special Committee on Hebrew Union College Dormitory

Washington, D. C.,  
January 17, 1922.

Temple Sisterhood of New York City.

To the President and Members of the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods: Ladies,

At the Biennial Session of our Federation held in Buffalo, May, 1921, the proposal of Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld that the Sisterhoods pledge themselves to the building of a Dormitory at the Hebrew Union College was received with a great deal of enthusiasm, and its presentation on the floor of the Union of American Hebrew Congregation Council was equally well acclaimed. In order to stimulate interest in this project and to have as many Sisterhoods as possible work hard for its success, a friend of the Union generously offered a prize of \$250 to that Sisterhood which presented the most acceptable suggestion for the raising of the money necessary to build the dormitory. I wish to report that by the majority vote of the National Dormitory Committee the prize was won by, and immediately forwarded to. Mrs. D. Hahn of the Tremont

Because of the close proximity of the Buffalo Convention to the summer months and the following thereafter of the holiday season, it was impossible to begin the Dormitory campaign until the month of November. Since then, our headquarters have been very active. One hundred and sixty-four Sisterhoods have formed special committees, and others are now in the process of organization. Nine letters with their special directness and appeal have been issued to the chairman of the local campaign committee or the president of the Sisterhood, urging them to the successful prosecution of their task. Dr. Edward N. Calisch, President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, whose official cooperation I invited, responded very enthusiastically, and issued a call to the members of the Conference to support our project.

In speaking of the results of the campaign thus far, let me say, that I have received many encouraging letters from Sisterhoods who, if they had not already col-

lected their quota, are headed in that direction. From some Sisterhoods have come the request for an extension of time to a year or more for the completion of their drives: while other cities have pressed home to me that local conditions have been receiving priority of consideration. In one

or two instances some Sisterhoods have requested the privilege of sending a modest contribution where for some reason or other they found themselves unable to give a per capita subscription.

The following sums from Sisterhoods are now made public:

I. Seven Sisterhoods have raised and sent in more than their quota.

Sisterhoods	Quota	Amount Raised
Baltimore, Md.		
Har Sinai Sisterhood.....	\$2,424	\$2,629
Eutaw Pl. Sisterhood.....	4,448	5,000
Columbus, Ohio.....	1,400	1,560
Hamilton, Ohio.....	133	200
Newark, Ohio.....	147	150
Pittsburgh, Pa.....	4,466	4,500
Wilkes Barre, Pa.....	490	536

II. Three Sisterhoods have raised and sent in their quota.

Sisterhoods	Quota
Brownsville, Tenn.....	\$161
Davenport, Ia.....	315
Wheeling, W. Va.....	735

III. Twenty-three Sisterhoods have contributed part of their quota.

Sisterhoods	Quota	Amt. Sent In
Bay City, Mich.....	\$140	\$50
Bellaire, Ohio.....	217	194
Concord, N. H.....	140	10
Grand Rapids, Mich.....	357	25
Greensboro, N. C.....	206	50
Greenville, Miss.....	595	100
Harrisburg, Pa.....	469	250
Hazelton, Pa.....	315	200
Lafayette, La.....	84	25
Lima, Ohio.....	210	25
Mansfield, Ohio.....	175	10
Milwaukee, Wis., B'ne Jeshurun Sist.....	2,170	214
Mt. Vernon, Ind.....	126	25
Natchez, Miss.....	700	100
New Haven, Conn.....	1,820	1,000
Portsmouth, Ohio.....	203	55
Richmond, Ind.....	63	43
Quincy, Fla.....	112	25
Williamsport, Pa.....	350	56
Tuscaloosa, Ala.....	189	25

The cities which have raised more than their quota, but have not sent it in are:

Baltimore, Md.	
Baltimore Hebrew Cong. Sisterhood.....	\$5,000

Cincinnati, Ohio.

Reading Rd. Temple Sisterhood.....	2,500
Rockdale Ave, Temple Sisterhood.....	10,000
Plum St. Temple Sisterhood.....	10,000

Louisville, Ky.

Adath Israel Sisterhood.....	5,759
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New Haven, Conn.....	2,200
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From individuals we have received the following contributions.

CITY	Contributor	Amount
Atlanta, Ga.....	Isaac Schoen.....	\$10
Brooklyn, N. Y.....	Rabbi Simon R. Cohen.....	565
	(Collections raised at Sacandaga Park during Summer Service)	
Cincinnati, Ohio.....	Religious School of Rabbi David Philipson .....	12
Lafayette, Ind.....	Council of Jewish Women.....	50
Cincinnati, Ohio.....	Alumni Association of the Hebrew Union College.....	1,000
Greensboro, N. C.....	Cone and Sternberger family.....	2,500
Atlantic City, N. J.....	Mrs. N. Hoffheimer.....	200
New York, N. Y.....	Adolph S. Ochs.....	1,000
New York, N. Y.....	Nathan Goodman.....	5
Cincinnati, Ohio.....	Sisters of Ruth, No. 18, U. O. T. S..	300
Cincinnati, Ohio.....	Mrs. Rose N. Bloch.....	50
San Francisco, Cal.....	Dr. Martin A. Meyer.....	50
Cincinnati, Ohio.....	Kitchen Garden Memorial Fund.....	25
Cincinnati, Ohio.....	Arthur Joseph.....	100
New York, N. Y.....	Alfred Hahn.....	50
Denver, Colo.....	Mrs. S. Pisko (Credited to Sist).....	100
Providence, R. I.....	Mrs. Caesar Misch (Credited to Sist)	50

\*To date, \$24,244.05 has been turned into the Executive office and \$58,034.50 additional has been reported collected.

It is interesting to note that the first check was sent by Har Sinai Sisterhood of Baltimore after two weeks' intensive campaign in August and in the popular phrase "It went over the top".

Considering now that our campaign has been running for two months only and of right received first consideration, and that there are always local problems in each community over which we have no control, I believe I am correct in saying that the campaign has thus far been eminently

successful. It is making many friends in all parts of the country. We must not lose patience, enthusiasm or driving directness.

Respectfully submitted,  
 MRS. ABRAM SIMON, Chairman.  
 MRS. MARCUS RAUH,  
 MRS. DAN FRANK,  
 MRS. S. PISKO,  
 MRS. JOSEPH STOLZ,  
 MRS. HENRY BAUER,  
 MRS. JOSEPH WIESENFELD.

At 5:30 P. M. the Executive Board adjourned to meet Friday at 9:30 A. M.

\*Since the writing of this report, \$46,669.87 has been turned into the executive office, and \$76,297.27 has been reported collected.

## Second Day's Proceedings

The Executive Board met at the Claypool Hotel at 9:30 A. M. on Friday, January 20th. The President, Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld, presided and Mrs. Benjamin Loewenstein recorded the Minutes.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The report of the Committee on Art Productions presented at the last Biennial As-

sembly was discussed. No formal action was taken.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COOPERATION

The following report of the Committee on Cooperation was presented and upon motion seconded and carried, accepted with thanks.

## Report of the National Committee on Cooperation

Chicago, Oct. 31, 1921.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies: The many activities of the Committee on Cooperation have been increased during the past year. Sisterhoods have again availed themselves of the opportunity to secure suggestions for winter programs from the National Office. They have adopted novel means for raising funds, ideas for plays, lectures and other forms of entertainment. If a plan is successful in one Sisterhood, it usually meets with similar success in other organizations. This year, one hundred and eleven organizations sent in an annual report of their work to the Executive Office, and these reports were in turn transmitted to other societies which benefited by them.

### UNUSUAL PLANS

The Sisterhoods are called upon to expend large sums of money in the fulfillment of their yearly program. Very often this financial outlay cannot be met by dues alone. Moving pictures, shows, bridge parties, theatre parties, utility sales, bazaars, dances and lunches are arranged to raise funds. In one small city where the temple was renovated at a cost of \$5,000, the entire amount was raised by the Sisterhood. Several Sisterhoods have annual "Potato or Jelly Days." At these meetings the price of admission is a few potatoes or a glass of jelly, and the edibles collected are sent to some needy institution.

Joint meetings have proved a basis for larger fields of endeavor. The keynote of these meetings is Cooperation, and the concerted efforts have obtained better results. This has been especially true in philanthropic work. In Boston the two Sisterhoods

have a joint committee which visits hospitals and works among the blind. At a joint Purim entertainment given by several Sisterhoods in one city, money and groceries were contributed by the members and sent to poor worthy families. The three Sisterhoods of Baltimore sent out a letter to all Sisterhood presidents asking them to send at any time, the names of their local members who were ill at the Baltimore hospitals in order that these patients may be visited by their committee.

In order to develop extensive cooperation, three Sisterhoods of one city hold joint Executive Board meetings as well as general meetings. Team work has proved very effective in recent drives for the H. U. C. Dormitory and in most of the larger cities committees to devise means for raising funds are made up from the Board members of the joint Sisterhoods.

Many Sisterhoods have instituted monthly or weekly suppers followed by various entertainments, to promote sociability in the congregation. An innovation in entertainment was the "Father and Son Dinner" held under the auspices of the El Paso Sisterhood. Sisterhoods of Memphis and Nashville have been very successful in arranging novel programs and their "Creative" and "Magazine" original entertainments proved especially interesting to their members. In a number of places lecture-concert courses, usually consisting of three or four lectures, have been inaugurated. Notable Jewish and non-Jewish artists were secured on these occasions.

### COMMUNITY CENTERS

The need of a Community Center to carry on extensive religious work is growing urgent. Five of the Sisterhoods—The Ladies'



Society of B'nai Sholom Temple Israel, Isaiah Woman's Club of Chicago, the Beth El Sisterhood of Saginaw, the Jewish Sisterhood of Binghamton, N. Y., and the Beth El Sisterhood of Atlantic City have secured centers in which they can carry on their good work. The Ladies' Society of B'nai Sholom Temple Israel have Saturday afternoon dancing classes at their community center for the children. Several evenings a week the community center is thrown open for social gatherings.

In order that all young mothers may attend the Sisterhood meetings at Sisterhood Keneseth Israel Temple of Philadelphia, a "Kreche" or playroom has been established. An attendant is in charge, and all children between the ages of three and six may be left in the playroom while their mothers attend the meetings.

Publicity is always a big factor in any large organization. The Union Bulletin devotes a special Sisterhood section to reports and pictures which are sent to the Executive Office. Several Sisterhoods publish monthly or weekly Bulletins of their own or in conjunction with the Temple Bulletin, and a large number of organizations have gotten out a yearly prospectus or program. One has adopted the excellent idea of keeping a scrap book containing all press notices and publications pertaining to their society.

Although the third anniversary of Armistice Day has been celebrated, there is still much post-war work to be done. At a Thanksgiving Service the Beth Israel Sisterhood of Atlantic City collected an offering which was used to give a Thanksgiving Dinner to ex-service men in the local convalescent home. All over the country the Sisterhoods are adopting war orphans. The Temple Emanuel Guild of San Francisco has reported the adoption of five. The Sisterhood of the Washington Hebrew Congregation gives entertainments in the Vestry room of the Temple for ex-service men in the local hospitals. They call for the boys and take them back to the hospitals in machines furnished by the members. In St. Louis the Sisterhoods, together with other Jewish organizations, visit soldiers at the Government Hospital, entertain them in various ways and serve refreshments.

The Sisterhoods continue to interest themselves in Prison Welfare Work. They have been instrumental in instituting religious services on the Sabbath and the Holydays

in several prisons. Six Passover boxes were sent by the Baton Rouge Sisterhood to prisoners in a southern penitentiary. The Sisterhood of Duluth has been especially interested in preventative work in the Juvenile Court and reports that no Jewish child has been brought before the court since August, 1920.

Although the Sisterhoods are interested primarily in religious work, they do not fail when asked to assume some share of civic responsibility. One society helped build up a library for juveniles at the Educational Alliance. Another contributed to a Free Clinic furnished by all Women's Organizations in the city. The Sisterhoods have also cooperated with other organizations in bringing noted speakers to their cities.

Almost every report received refers to some type of social work done by the Sisterhood. In one city eight families are being taken care of. They are supplied with fuel, clothing and other necessities. Big Sister Organizations have been formed, and the Rochester Sisterhood claims the distinction of being the first organization in its city to inaugurate this movement. The Sisterhood of New Haven supervises the Girls Friendship Club for working girls. Its members pay nominal dues and a small fee for bi-weekly suppers. Among the activities of the Club are theatricals and dances which afford the girls opportunities to enjoy social intercourse which would otherwise be denied them. In order to enable a poor child to secure a proper education, one Sisterhood contributed to a fund which is given to the parents of the child as compensation for their loss of the child's earnings.

The scope of work of the committee on Cooperation embraces an almost unlimited field of activities. Cooperation in all new ventures should be employed to its fullest extent. Increase in effort means an increase in activity, and increase in activity means promotion of Jewish ideals in relation to all humanity.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Israel Cowen, Chairman,  
Mrs. David Lefkowitz, Vice-Chairman,  
Mrs. Alfred Baker,  
Mrs. S. M. Blumauer,  
Mrs. Lizzie Drey,  
Mrs. Samuel Hirschberg,  
Mrs. Albert J. Johnson,  
Mrs. Caesar Misch,  
Mrs. Alfred Rosenstein.

**APPOINTMENT OF A PROGRAM  
COMMITTEE**

The President appointed the following Committee on Program for the V Biennial Convention: Mrs. Sallie Kubie Glauber, Chairman, Mrs. Max J. Brandenburger, Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg, Mrs. Arthur K. Stern, Mrs. Henry Nathan and Mrs. Abram Simon.

**APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE ON  
STATE FEDERATION**

The President, with the consent of the Board, announced the appointment of the following National Standing Committee on State Federations: Mrs. Ferd Dilsheimer,

Chairman, Miss Edna Goldsmith, Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Sol. Weil, Mrs. Charles Cohn, Mrs. Isaac Ullman, Mrs. Lillie Mikolas, Mrs. Paul L. Godchaux, Mrs. Maurice Steinfeld, Mrs. Isaac Born, Mrs. A. L. Fishel, Mrs. Martin Barbe.

**STATE FEDERATION CHARTER**

Upon motion of Mrs. Barbe, seconded by Mrs. Drey and duly carried, the following form of State Federation Charter was adopted with the understanding that after presentation, it remain in the temporary custody of the Sisterhood of the president of the State or District Federation.





# The National Federation Of Temple Sisterhoods.

בשכר נשים צדקניות ננאלו ישראל ממצרים

"By the merit of its righteous women was Israel redeemed from Egypt."

## To All Whom It May Concern:



### The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods,

upon application received, herewith grants this charter for a Federation to be known by the title Federation, number to hold its sessions in the State(s) of

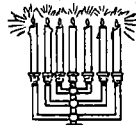
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Accordingly: we the undersigned officers of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods do hereby authorize and empower the above named Federation to hold meetings and engage in all activities for the furtherance and development of Judaism as fostered and conducted by the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods and do confer upon it all the Rights and Privileges guaranteed to a state or district Federation by the Constitution of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

Provided always that the above Federation pay due respect to the Constitution of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods and conform to its provisions.

Given under our hand and the seal of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods this day of

SEAL



President.

Executive Secretary

It was moved by Mrs. Drey, seconded by Mrs. Cahn and duly carried, that a National Charter be designed and presented to each Sisterhood and that a charge of \$5.00 be made for the necessary expense of engrossing.

It was moved by Mrs. Barbe, seconded by Mrs. Simon and duly carried, that a uniform constitution should be adopted by all State Federations, and that the by-laws be adapted to meet local needs.

It was moved by Mrs. Barbe, seconded by Mrs. Loewenstein and duly carried, that it be obligatory for the State Federations to submit for approval to the National Committee on State Federations, all amendments to the by-laws of their respective organizations.

**MODEL STATE CONSTITUTION**

The following State Federation Constitution was adopted for use of State and District Federations:

**Model Constitution**

of

**State or District Federation of Temple Sisterhoods**

**Article I.**

**Name.**

This organization shall be known as The ..... Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

**Article II.**

**Objects.**

The objects of this Federation shall be to further the purposes of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, and to bring the various Sisterhoods of..... into closer cooperation and association with one another.

**Article III.**

**Membership.**

Section 1. Any organization of Jewish women, located within the State of..... affiliated with The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, shall be eligible to membership in the State Federation.

Section 2. Any organization eligible for membership, may become a member of the ..... Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, by sending to the State Recording Secretary, the name of the organization, the names of its officers and the number of its members, with a written application for membership.

**Article IV.**

**Officers and Executive Board.**

Section 1. The Executive Board of the ..... Federation of Temple Sisterhoods shall consist of two duly authorized Representatives of each Sisterhood of this State or District that is a member of The ..... Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

Section 2. The officers shall be a President, Vice-Presidents, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected by the Executive Board from its own members.

These officers shall be elected at the annual meeting by a majority ballot and shall hold office for one year, or until their successors are elected and have assumed office.

Section 3. The Board shall make an annual report to the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

Section 4. No member shall be eligible for the same office for more than two consecutive terms.

Section 5. A vacancy occurring in any office shall be filled by the President until the next annual meeting.

Section 6. The duties of the officers shall be such as usually appertain to such offices.

Section 7. The control and management of the affairs of the.....Federation of Temple Sisterhoods shall be vested in the Executive Board.

#### Article V.

Section 1. Each Sisterhood shall pay as Annual Dues into the National Treasury for transmission to the State Treasury, \$....., but not in excess of 50 per cent of the National Dues.

Section 2. Dues shall be payable in advance for fiscal year beginning November 1st.

Section 3. Sisterhoods in arrears for two years, shall not be eligible for representation on Executive Board.

#### Article VI.

##### Meetings.

Section 1. The regular meetings of the Executive Board of.....Federation of Temple Sisterhoods shall be held annually.

Section 2. The meetings shall be held at such time and place as may be determined by The Executive Board of the State Federation.

Section 3. ....members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum.

#### Article VII.

##### Committees.

The President shall appoint standing Committees corresponding to the Committees of the National Federation.

#### Article VIII.

##### Amendments.

Section 1. Amendments to laws must be proposed in writing and signed by not less than five (5) members of the Executive Board and filed with the Secretary.

Section 2. Such amendments may be acted upon at any regular meeting of the Executive Board, or at any special meeting, called for that purpose.

Section 3. Copies of proposed amendments shall be mailed to each member, with the notice of the meeting thirty (30) days prior thereto.

Section 4. A two-thirds vote of the members present shall be necessary to adopt any amendment.

#### Article IX.

The authority governing this organization shall be Roberts Rules of Order Revised.

The Executive Board adjourned to meet Friday afternoon, at 3:00 o'clock.

## Afternoon Session

The Executive Board met pursuant to adjournment, Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld in the chair.

It was moved by Mrs. Cahn, seconded by Mrs. Rice and duly carried, that the expenses of Mrs. Simon, Chairman of the Hebrew Union College Dormitory Committee in coming to the Executive Board meeting, be paid out of the general fund.

It was moved by Mrs. Loewenstein and seconded by Mrs. Cahn that the Treasurer be included in the list of officers whose expenses to the Executive Board meetings be paid by the National Federation of Tem-

ple Sisterhoods, and that the Executive Board recommend that article XXXI of the Constitution be amended to read:

"The railroad expenses of the following officers of the Executive Board attending the annual meetings of the Executive Board in years when there is no assembly, shall be paid out of the treasury of the Federation: President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Chairman of each of the National Standing Committees. In the event that the President finds herself unable to come, the expenses of the first vice-president or the next vice-president in order who is able to attend shall be paid."

It was moved by Mrs. Loewenstein, seconded by Mrs. Engelhard and duly carried, that Mrs. Albert Zunder be made a member of the National Committee on Uniongram.

Upon motion duly seconded and carried, it was decided to assign to the members of the Executive Board the responsibility of visiting cities in their neighborhood, with the object of stimulating interest in Sis-

terhood activities, and arousing enthusiasm in the Dormitory Campaign.

#### REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY RELIGIOUS WORK

The report of the Chairman of the Committee on University Religious Work was then presented and upon motion of Mrs. Loewenstein, seconded by Mrs. Kirsh and duly carried, accepted with thanks.

## Report of the Chairman on the Special Committee on University Religious Welfare Work

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies: The Special Committee on University Religious Welfare Work was created in order to interest the members of the Sisterhoods in or near college towns in the young girls attending the schools of their city. The Department of Synagogue and School Extension has found it difficult to do work in women's colleges because it had no women workers and because men are not usually welcomed as organizers in colleges of this sort.

In appointing members of the committee, women who lived in or near college towns were selected. This was done on the assumption that personal contact is most successful in work of this kind, and makes these young girls who are away from home feel that their own people are interested in them.

On August fifteenth a letter was sent out over the chairman's signature to every rabbi. The letter stated the purpose of the committee and asked the rabbi to send to her the names of the young ladies in his community who were attending out of town colleges and the locality of the college. Upon receipt of this information, the names were sent to the President of the Sisterhood nearest the School or College, and she was asked to get in touch with these students.

Replies were received from twenty-two rabbis and the names of seventy girls sent in. The names of six boys were also received with the request that the Federation

interest itself in boy's schools as well as girls. This was not done this year, but the suggestion may grow out of the work and be acted upon for the next season.

#### LOCAL ACTIVITIES

Many Sisterhoods are already doing this work, notably the Sisterhoods of Boston, Mass., Champaign-Urbana, Ill., of Columbus, Ohio, Baltimore, Md., Oakland, Cal., Spartansburg, S. C., New York City, Nashville, Tenn., Cleveland, O., and Philadelphia, Pa. Many societies give annual receptions for the students. The Nashville Sisterhood sends a letter to prospective students at Ward Belmont offering to meet them at the train upon their arrival at Nashville. They are asked to attend the services and some of the Sisterhoods arrange to call for and return the girls to their schools on Friday evening. The students meet the Jewish people of the community, are invited to the homes of the members on the holidays and are asked to participate in all congregational affairs. At Spartansburg, S. C., a number of the young women students teach in the religious schools. The years which these young girls spend at college are the most impressionable of their life, when their most vivid impressions are formed. They are away from their homes from all Jewish surroundings, and if at that time, the Sisterhoods can exert some influence upon these young people, by showing them these courteous attentions, many of them will always remember it.

University Religious Welfare Work has been extensively carried on by the local organizations. There is a large field for this work, and a need of it in many cities. This year has only seen the beginnings of the work. Our aim is to emphasize the religious life of our students. Since the logical unit of our religious representation is the congregation, it shall be our aim in the early future to encourage the establishment of student congregations in all colleges where there is a great number of Jewish students. Next year, the President of the Sisterhoods as well as the Rabbis of Congregations should be asked to send in names. Every Sisterhood could appoint a special chairman on this work whose duty it is to send in the names of the young women in her city attending out of town colleges, and to take an interest in the student attending school in her city. The name of every Jewish student and the names of the school or college she attends, could be gathered together for reference, and each name assigned to a nearby Sisterhood. With such a complete list, the Federation could do much to retain the interest of our young people in affairs of Jewish interest.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Maurice Steinfeld, Chairman,  
Mrs. Israel Cowen,  
Mrs. A. L. Fishel,  
Mrs. Joseph Krauskopf,  
Mrs. Morris Lazon,  
Mrs. Mathew Morgan,  
Mrs. Edward Wessel.

It was moved by Mrs. Engelhard, seconded by Mrs. Steinfeld and duly carried, that student congregations be formed wherever they are desired.

It was moved by Mrs. Steinfeld and duly seconded that a census of Jewish students be made by the Executive Office.

A communication from Mrs. Sallie Kubie Glauber of New York was then presented.

It was moved, seconded and duly carried, that the following amendments to the by-

laws of the Constitution of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods be recommended:

1. Any member of the Executive Board absenting herself from two consecutive Board meetings without sufficient excuse may be dropped from the Executive Board.

2. It was moved, seconded and duly carried, that the Nominating Committee of the N. F. T. S. shall consist of one member of each State wherein there are Sisterhoods and that delegates from each State shall elect their own representatives and further that the Chairman of the Nominating Committee shall be elected from and by the Nominating Committee itself.

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that a Committee of one be appointed to consider the advisability of adapting a traditional melody to the Sisterhood Song.

The President appointed Mrs. Lizzie Drey on this Committee.

It was moved, seconded and carried that a copy of the Sisterhood Prayer be sent to every Sisterhood.

It was moved, seconded and carried that it is the sense of this body that the creation of a new Sisterhood Committee to be known as the National Committee on Personal Service be deemed inadvisable at the present time.

On motion duly seconded and carried, it was recommended that the address of Rabbi Henry Berkowitz, on the "Function of the Sisterhood from the viewpoint of the Rabbi" be printed in the Union Bulletin.

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that the consideration of the revision of the Constitution be made the first order of business for the next Biennial Meeting.

#### REPORT OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON HEBREW UNION COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

The report of the National Committee on Scholarship was presented and accepted with thanks.

## Report of the National Committee on Hebrew Union College Scholarships

Chicago, Ill., October 31, 1921.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Friends: During the fiscal year ending October 31st, 1921, two hundred and one Sisterhoods, contributing to the Hebrew Union College Scholarship Fund, succeeded in raising \$14,490. We have thus enrolled twenty-two new Sisterhoods in our work of gathering money for Scholarships and have raised \$2,990 more than we did the previous year. We feel that this means more than a numerical or a material gain. For the very fact that the Sisterhoods are cooperating in this field and that they are making sacrifices to enable them to send their contributions will naturally strengthen their interest in the Federation and its objects, and will make them realize more keenly that their participation in its activities is a vital factor toward its continued development and success.

In the past year, eleven Sisterhoods contributed complete Scholarships of \$350.00 each. Fifteen individual Scholarships of \$300.00 were presented, of which the Rodeph Shalom Sisterhood of Pittsburgh gave three and the Temple Emanuel Guild of San Francisco, two. Besides this, we received six District Scholarships of \$300.00, ten of \$350.00 and a special Scholarship of \$490.00 raised by the State of Texas.

### METHODS EMPLOYED

The Memorial Fund was nationally advocated last year as a means to raise money for Scholarships. Though many Sisterhoods were already using this plan we are pleased to report that twenty-three additional organizations adopted it and were thus able to raise a part, at least, of their Scholarship contribution. It was by this method that San Francisco raised one of the two Scholarships already mentioned.

In some Sisterhoods the proceeds of the Calendar sales are used to swell their Scholarship Fund, while in many others the profits from the sale of Uniongrams are devoted to this cause. The Connecticut State Federation, which has a very active Chair-

man on Uniongrams, reports that through the sale of Uniongrams alone they have already, for the year 1921-22, a complete \$400 Scholarship.

The Temple Sisterhood of Nashville is raising its Scholarship Fund in a very unique manner. Every member is urged to make a gift of one dollar to the Fund on her birthday and on the birthday of her friends and relatives. The names of the donors are read at the monthly meetings. In order to popularize this idea, it was featured at one of the meetings. A large decorated cake with one candle was placed on the table and an appropriate verse was read to explain its meaning.

In Oklahoma City a fifty-cent luncheon precedes each monthly meeting. The members rotate in acting as hostesses, eight serving each time. These eight ladies prepare and pay for the luncheon, the entire proceeds of which are turned over to the Scholarship fund. One organization levies a fifteen-cent per capita tax. Others hold bazaars, rummage sales, or entertainments. The Temple Women's Association of Cleveland has established a Woman's Exchange from which they derive the money for a complete Scholarship. In Chicago many people contribute money to the Scholarship Fund of their Sisterhoods instead of sending gifts to Confirmants.

It is an encouraging sign that the children of the Religious Schools are also cooperating in our work. In Minneapolis, the pupils of the Sabbath School, wishing to honor the memory of their beloved Rabbi, Dr. S. Deinard, chose the very fitting method of a contribution to the Scholarship Fund which they are now attempting to increase to a complete Scholarship. And in Indianapolis some members of the Confirmation Class contributed to the Scholarship Fund instead of exchanging gifts.

Thirty new students were registered at the Hebrew Union College this fall, an enrollment exceeding all previous records. These boys must be stimulated to continue their studies during the nine years prescribed before they can graduate as Rabbis. Their



youthful ardor and enthusiasm for the calling they have chosen and for the religion of their Fathers must be fed by our concern for them. We must all therefore, encourage and support the Dormitory Committee in its effort to raise the money for a Dormitory where these boys can have the comforts and the atmosphere of a cultured Jewish home.

We hope, nay we feel, that the publicity given to the Dormitory project will but strengthen the Scholarship cause. Yet we must sound the warning that the Dormitory will be of little value if, in order to build it, the Sisterhoods cease from contributing to the Scholarship Fund whereby many of the students are assured support during their years of training and without which they could not continue their studies. By the steady yearly increase in our contributions to the Scholarship Fund the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods has led the Union of American Hebrew Congregations to assume that we Mothers in Israel have accepted the responsibility of raising a goodly portion of the money necessary for Scholarships and we dare not fail to fulfill this sacred obligation to the Union as well as to the students who receive our Scholarships. May God strengthen our hands and give us the courage, the insight, the enthusiasm, and the will to fulfill this self-imposed duty, may He again bless with success our efforts thus to perpetuate Judaism.

A detailed report of the contributions for the past fiscal year is appended:

### SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

From October 31, 1920, to October 31, 1921

#### INDIVIDUAL SCHOLARSHIPS

##### Atlanta, Ga.

The Temple Sisterhood (in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Marx)....\$350.00

##### Baltimore, Md.

The Adolph Guttmacher Scholarship of the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation Sisterhood..... 300.00

The Szold Kaiser Scholarship of the Sisterhood of Oheb Shalom Congregation ..... 300.00

The Eirhorn Scholarship of the Sisterhood of Har Sinai Congregation 300.00

##### Boston, Mass.

Temple Israel Sisterhood Scholarship 300.00

##### Canton, Ohio

McKinley Avenue Temple Sisterhood (in honor of Miss Mary Stern)... 300.00

##### Chicago, Ill.

The Isaiah Woman's Club Scholarship ..... 350.00

The Gerson B. Levi Scholarship of Sisterhood B'nai Shalom Temple Israel Congregation..... 350.00

##### Cincinnati, Ohio

The I. M. Wise Scholarship of the Plum St. Temple Sisterhood..... 350.00

Dr. Max Lilienthal Scholarship of the Rockdale Ave. Temple Sisterhood ..... 300.00

##### Cleveland, Ohio

The Euclid Ave. Temple Sisterhood Scholarship ..... 350.00

The Temple Women's Association Scholarship ..... 350.00

##### Detroit, Mich.

Woman's Auxiliary Temple Beth El Scholarship ..... 300.00

##### Indianapolis, Ind.

Sisterhood of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation Scholarship (in memory of departed members for the past year)..... 350.00

##### Louisville, Ky.

Adath Israel Sisterhood Scholarship. 300.00

##### Memphis, Tenn.

The I. M. Wise Scholarship of the Ladies' Auxiliary Children of Israel 350.00

##### Nashville, Tenn.

Vine St. Temple Sisterhood Scholarship ..... 350.00

##### New Orleans, La.

The James K. Gutheim Scholarship of the Sisterhood of Temple Sinai Congregation ..... 300.00

##### New York, N. Y.

The Women's Association of Temple Rodeph Shalom Congregation.... 350.00

Sisterhood of Mt. Neboh Congregation Scholarship..... 350.00

**Pittsburgh, Pa.**

The J. Leonard Levy Scholarship of Sisterhood of Rodef Shalom Congregation .....	300.00
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Falk Scholarship given by Mrs. Meyer Forst in memory of her parents.....	300.00
Mrs. Aimee Rauh Sunstein Scholarship contributed by Mrs. Marcus Rauh and Edwin S. Rauh.....	300.00

**San Francisco, Cal.**

Dr. Martin A. Meyer Scholarship of the Temple Emanuel Guild.....	300.00
The Temple Emanuel Guild (in memory of the Rev. Dr. Jacob Voorsanger) .....	300.00

**Washington, D. C.**

The Dr. Abram Simon Scholarship of the Sisterhood of Washington Hebrew Congregation.....	300.00
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**DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIPS**

**District No. 1—\$294.00**

Boston, Mass.—Sisterhood Ohabei Shalom .....	\$ 69.00
Bridgeport, Conn.—Sist. Congr. Beth Israel .....	5.00
Hartford, Conn.—Lad. Aux. Beth Israel .....	45.00
New Haven, Conn.—Mishkan Israel Sisterhood .....	75.00
Pittsfield, Mass.—Sisterhood of Pittsfield .....	75.00
Providence, R. I.—Sisterhood of Temple Beth El.....	25.00

**District No. 2—\$1,449.30**

Binghamton, N. Y.—Jewish Sisterhood .....	10.00
Brooklyn, N. Y.—Beth Sholom People's Temple.....	25.00
Brooklyn, N. Y.—Sist. Temple Israel .....	53.00
Brooklyn, N. Y.—Woman's Auxiliary Beth Elohim.....	75.00
Brooklyn, N. Y.—Sisterhood Beth Elohim, Keap St.....	82.00
Brooklyn, N. Y.—Sisterhood Shaari Zedek .....	52.00
Brooklyn, N. Y.—Sisterhood Beth Emeth of Flatbush.....	104.80

Buffalo, N. Y.—Woman's Temple Society .....	126.00
Far Rockaway, N. Y.—Woman's Auxiliary Temple Israel.....	72.50
Jamaica, N. Y.—Sisterhood Temple Israel .....	13.00
New Rochelle, N. Y.—Sisterhood Temple Israel.....	25.00
New York, N. Y.—Ladies' Auxiliary Central Synagog.....	200.00
New York, N. Y.—Shaarey Tefila Sist. of West End Syn.....	50.00
New York, N. Y.—Sisterhood of the Covenant .....	43.00
New York, N. Y.—Sinai Henrietta Sisterhood of the Bronx.....	50.00
New York, N. Y.—Ladies' Auxiliary Temple Israel.....	110.00
New York, N. Y.—Hebrew Sisterhood of Inwood.....	5.00
New York, N. Y.—Tremont Sisterhood .....	25.00
New York, N. Y.—Sisterhood of New Synagog .....	136.00
Niagara Falls, N. Y.—Temple Beth El Sisterhood.....	20.00
Niagara Falls, N. Y.—Miss Bertha Silberberg (personal contribution)	10.00
Plattsburg, N. Y.—Beth Israel Sisterhood .....	10.00
Rochester, N. Y.—Berith Kodesh Sisterhood .....	25.00
Syracuse, N. Y.—Ladies' Auxiliary Society of Concord.....	25.00
Woodhaven, N. Y.—U. O. T. S. Queens No. 24.....	2.00
Yonkers, N. Y.—Emanu-El Sisterhood	100.00

**District No. 3—\$349.80**

Allentown, Pa.—Sisterhood Keneseth Israel .....	25.00
Erie, Pa.—Ladies' Hebrew Auxiliary.	10.00
Harrisburg, Pa.—Ohev Sholom Sisterhood .....	28.00
Hazleton, Pa.—Ladies' Guild.....	25.00
Lancaster, Pa.—Sisterhood Shaari Shomayim .....	30.00
New Kensington, Pa.—Ladies' Auxiliary Beth Jacob.....	20.00
Philadelphia, Pa.—Keneseth Israel Sisterhood .....	50.00

Philadelphia, Pa.—Rodeph Shalom Sisterhood .....	50.00	Piqua, Ohio—Jewish Ladies' Aid Society .....	5.00
Reading, Pa.—Oheb Sholem Sisterhood .....	20.00	Portsmouth, Ohio—Ladies' Aid Society .....	5.00
Scranton, Pa.—Sisterhood Madison Ave. Temple.....	41.80	Sandusky, Ohio—Oheb Sholem Sisterhood .....	10.00
Wilkes Barre, Pa.—Woman's Auxiliary B'nai B'rith.....	25.00	Springfield, Ohio—Ladies' Auxiliary Ohev Zadukah.....	23.00
York, Pa.—Sisterhood Beth Israel...	25.00	Toledo, Ohio—Ladies' Auxiliary Society .....	120.00
<b>District No. 5—\$406.00</b>		Youngstown, Ohio—Sisterhood Rodef Sholom Temple.....	108.80
Alexandria, Va.—Beth El Sisterhood	5.00	Zanesville, Ohio—Jewish Woman's Aid Society.....	5.00
Atlantic City, N. J.—Sisterhood Beth Israel .....	10.00	<b>District No. 8—\$261.00</b>	
Charleston, W. Va.—Sisterhood Virginia St. Temple.....	50.00	Albany, Ga.—Temple Sisterhood B'nai Israel.....	5.00
Cumberland, Md.—Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society.....	50.00	Anniston, Ala.—Henrietta Sternè Sisterhood .....	5.00
Elizabeth, N. J.—Daughters of Israel	17.00	Bainbridge, Ga.—The Temple Guild.	5.00
Harrisonburg, Va.—Ladies' Auxiliary	10.00	Bessemer, Ala.—Beth El Sisterhood.	10.00
Jersey City, N. J.—Ladies' Auxiliary Beth El.....	119.00	Birmingham, Ala.—Temple Emanuel Chapter .....	25.00
Newark, N. J.—Women's Assn. B'nai Jeshurun .....	50.00	Brownsville, Tenn.—The Temple Auxiliary .....	5.00
Norfolk, Va.—Oheb Sholom Temple Sisterhood .....	35.00	Charleston, S. C.—Temple Sisterhood K. K. B. E.....	12.00
Trenton, N. J.—Sisterhood Har Sinai	10.00	Chattanooga, Tenn.—Hebrew Ladies' Aid .....	10.00
Wheeling, W. Va.—Ladies' Hebrew Benevolent Society.....	50.00	Columbus, Ga.—Jewish Ladies' Aid Society .....	2.00
<b>District No. 6—\$557.60</b>		Goldsboro, N. C.—The Temple Sisterhood .....	15.00
Akron, Ohio—Ladies' Temple Sisterhood Society .....	50.00	Greensboro, N. C.—The Ladies' Aid	10.00
Bellaire, Ohio—Ladies' Auxiliary Society .....	10.00	Jackson, Tenn.—Mrs. S. Rosenbloom (in memory of L. Hess).....	5.00
Cincinnati, Ohio—Plum St. Temple Sisterhood .....	22.80	Jackson, Tenn.—Ladies' Jewish Benevolent Society.....	10.00
Cincinnati, Ohio—Reading Rd. Temple Sisterhood.....	108.00	Jacksonville, Fla.—The Temple Sisterhood .....	37.00
Dayton, Ohio—Ladies' Temple Auxiliary K. K. B. Y.....	50.00	Knoxville, Tenn.—Woman's Auxiliary Temple Beth El.....	15.00
East Liverpool, O.—Bene Israel Sisterhood .....	5.00	Macon, Ga.—Beth Israel Sisterhood.	25.00
Fremont, Ohio—Jewish Ladies' Society .....	5.00	Quincy, Fla.—Quincy Sisterhood Guild .....	25.00
Hamilton, Ohio—Ladies' Aid Society	10.00	Raleigh, N. C.—Sisterhood Temple Beth El.....	5.00
Marion, Ohio—Marion Temple Sisterhood .....	5.00	Savannah, Ga.—The Temple Guild..	25.00
Mansfield, Ohio—Mansfield Sisterhood .....	5.00	Tuscaloosa, Ala.—Sisterhood Temple Emanu-El .....	10.00
Middletown, Ohio—Sisterhood Temple Emanu-El.....	10.00		

**District No. 9—\$374.20**

Bloomington, Ill.—Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society.....	20.00	Hammond, Ind.—Jewish Ladies' Aid Society .....	10.00
Champaign, Ill.—Jewish Ladies' Social Circle.....	5.00	Indianapolis, Ind.—Indpls. Hebrew Congr. Sisterhood (given by the 1921 Confirmation Class of the Indpls. Hebrew Congregation Sabbath School).....	65.00
Cairo, Ill.—Montefiore Temple Sisterhood .....	5.00	Kalamazoo, Mich.—Hebrew Ladies' Benevolent Society.....	10.00
Chicago, Ill.—Beth El Sisterhood...	10.00	LaPorte, Ind.—Hebrew Ladies' Relief Society .....	5.00
Chicago, Ill.—Chicago Sinai Temple Sisterhood .....	50.00	Michigan City, Ind.—Sinai Sisterhood .....	5.00
Chicago, Ill.—Sisterhood B'nai Abraham Zion.....	50.00	Milwaukee, Wisc.—B'ne Jeshurun Sisterhood .....	60.00
Chicago, Ill.—Ladies' Auxiliary Temple Sholom.....	25.00	Milwaukee, Wisc.—Emanu-El Society	25.00
Chicago, Ill.—K. A. M. Auxiliary...	25.00	Minneapolis, Minn.—Sisterhood, Temple Israel.....	50.00
Chicago, Ill.—Isaiah Woman's Club.	16.00	Mt. Vernon, Ind.—Jewish Ladies' Temple Society.....	3.30
Chicago, Ill.—Temple Emanuel Sisterhood .....	38.20	Richmond, Ind.—Richmond Sisterhood .....	10.00
Chicago, Ill.—Temple Judea Woman's Club.....	25.00	Saginaw, Mich.—Temple Beth El Sisterhood .....	50.00
Decatur, Ill.—Decatur Sisterhood...	5.00	Sioux City, Ia.—Jewish Ladies' Aid Society .....	16.00
Danville, Ill.—Ladies' Mite Society..	10.00	South Bend, Ind.—Ladies' Aid Society .....	30.00
Peoria, Ill.—Sisterhood Anshe Emeth Congregation .....	20.00		
Quincy, Ill.—Hebrew Ladies' Benevolent Society.....	10.00		
Springfield, Ill.—B'rith Sholom Temple Sisterhood.....	60.00		

**District No. 10—\$606.80**

Appleton, Wis.—Jewish Ladies' Aid Society .....	5.00	Alexandria, La.—The Temple Sisterhood .....	10.00
Bay City, Mich.—The Temple Sisterhood .....	21.00	Baton Rouge, La.—B'nai Israel Sisterhood .....	35.00
Davenport, Ia.—Sisterhood Temple Emanuel .....	11.50	Ft. Smith, Ark.—Ladies' Temple Sisterhood .....	25.00
Des Moines, Ia.—United Benevolent Society .....	15.00	Hot Springs, Ark.—Temple Sisterhood House of Israel.....	5.00
Detroit, Mich.—Woman's Auxiliary Temple Beth-El.....	20.00	Greenville, Miss.—Temple Auxiliary Hebrew Union Congr.....	10.00
Duluth, Minn.—The Temple Aid Society .....	10.00	Greenwood, Miss.—Jewish Ladies' Society .....	10.00
Evansville, Ind.—The Temple Sisterhood .....	25.00	Jackson, Miss.—Ladies' Aid Society.	5.00
Ft. Wayne, Ind.—The Temple Sisterhood .....	100.00	Kansas City, Mo.—Temple Sisterhood .....	202.00
Gary, Ind.—Woman's Auxiliary Temple Israel.....	50.00	Lakes Charles, La.—Temple Sinai Aid Society.....	11.00
Grand Rapids, Mich.—Ladies' Auxiliary Society.....	10.00	Lincoln, Nebr.—Jewish Ladies' Aid..	10.00
		Natchez, Miss.—Natchez Temple Sisterhood .....	20.00
		New Orleans, La.—Temple Sinai Sisterhood .....	8.00

**District No. 11—\$903.00**



## Report of the National Committee on Religious Schools

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Oct. 31, 1921.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies: This report has outstanding features in common with all annual reports of your Committees on Religious Schools. This may well be regarded as an indication of an abiding sense of the need of these particular aids to religious school work. Upon diligent inquiry, we find that communal opinion is clearly intent upon establishing such auxiliary agencies.

Your Committee feels that the pioneer work of its predecessors has been wisely planned and effectively carried on and that it will surely serve as a substantial basis for the more general and more intensive development, which we stress as our present problem.

The field of endeavor in the work of this Committee is constantly expanding. Innovations in this phase of activity have been introduced by many communities and whenever a need arises for additional support, it is met by the members of the local Religious School Committee of the Sisterhood. Practically every Sisterhood has sent in a report of some good they have accomplished along these lines, all showing that one of the primary interests of the Federation is the Religious School.

### FREE RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS

In many communities there has long been the need for free Religious Schools. In our larger cities there are usually colonies of less fortunate Jews who are unable to allow their children to enjoy the benefits of the Sabbath Schools connected with the temples of the city, and who cannot support a Religious School themselves. A number of Sisterhoods have supplied the funds, teachers and equipment for the founding of these schools and have supervised their work. In order to encourage attendance at their well-organized Free Religious School, the Emanuel Sisterhood of Denver offers a Bible to those children who are never absent. Last

year almost every child received one. The Rockdale Avenue Temple Sisterhood of Cincinnati entirely supports and directs the work of one Free Religious School and cooperates with the Reading Road Temple Sisterhood in maintaining another School at the Convalescent and Foster Homes. Through the efforts of the Women's Association of Rodeph Sholom Temple, New York City, two hundred children of parents who were unable to afford to give them religious training, were admitted to the Sisterhood Religious School. In all cases the Free Religious School receives the same attention as the School affiliated with the Temple. Inquiries are made into the causes of absence, parents-teachers meetings are held, and entertainments are provided on holidays.

The Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society of Cumberland, Md., was instrumental in having every Jewish child of the community attend the Religious School of the Temple, even if their parents were not members of the congregation. Instead of establishing a Religious School at the Dyker Heights Home for Blind, the Sisterhood of Beth Sholom People's Temple, of Brooklyn, arranged to have the children of that institution attend the Religious School of the Temple. This missionary work of the Sisterhoods cannot be too highly commended.

Realizing the need of arousing in our children a sense of the Temple's importance as a central institution in their life, several Sisterhoods have sought to accomplish this by introducing various activities that would the more readily interest children—gymnasium, swimming, sewing and dancing classes. Scout patrols have been organized, and whenever possible the boys and girls come together at the Religious School. The Temple Sisterhood of Jacksonville and Mishkan Israel Sisterhood of New Haven, have organized children's choirs which take an active part in the Sabbath Morning services. The B'nai Israel Sisterhood of Baton Rouge gives monthly entertainments for the children. They amuse them with story telling and games, and light refreshments are served.

Judaism is rich in holidays commemorating great events in our history. The children in the Religious Schools never grow tired of listening each year to the tales of the victory of the Maccabees and how Esther saved her people from destruction. These stories have been emphasized and made more vivid by tableaux, plays, lantern slides and other forms of instruction and entertainments given under the auspices of the Sisterhoods. In this way the children remember the significance of the religious holidays and are also afforded several enjoyable afternoons or evenings.

#### RELATION OF PARENTS AND TEACHERS

In many cities the Sisterhoods hold parents-teachers meetings. This enables the teachers to explain to the mothers the religious teaching the child should receive in the home. If the two or three hours spent in the Religious School on Sunday morning are not substantiated by religious instruction during the week, the child will not remember for any length of time the things he has learned. In many Sisterhoods a committee of two members is appointed to attend the Religious School each week. Absentees are visited and the cause of absence ascertained.

In several organizations the members are ready at any time to fill teacher's vacancies. In Denver and Wheeling the Sisterhoods have established teachers-training schools. Although there was no rabbi in their community the Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society of Trinidad conducted the Religious School. In Anniston, Ala., the Religious School superintendent and teachers are members of the Sisterhood. Special mention should be made of the work of the Secretary of the Brunswick, Ga., Sisterhood and of the President of the Lake Charles, La., organization. These ladies prepared the young girls in their community for the Confirmation service, which was performed by visiting rabbis.

In many instances the Sisterhoods have contributed materially to the work of the Religious School. One Sisterhood paid for the renovation of the school building; another assumed half the expense of maintaining the school. Many societies offered

prizes for scholarship or attendance. Realizing that children are sensitive to beautiful surroundings, the Women's Association of Rodeph Sholom of New York, arranged curtains and window boxes at the windows, placed vases of flowers on the desks and pictures on the walls of the Religious Schools.

Sisterhoods have been particularly interested in Religious School Libraries. In most cases the Sisterhoods have assumed the entire responsibility; but in a few instances the Temple Board has cooperated in this enterprise. In Raleigh, the Religious School library was kept open during the summer in order to encourage the children to continue reading. In a few communities members of the Sisterhood volunteer their services as librarian and take complete charge. In addition to maintaining an excellent library the Sisterhood of Nashville distributes monthly, 150 copies of the Union Home Study Magazine.

Your committee, expressing its indebtedness to those who have achieved much in promoting the work which has been committed to it, feels highly encouraged to persevere in the task upon which the vitality of the home and the congregation so largely depends. With the continued cooperation of the Sisterhoods of the land we shall go from strength to strength, extending the scope of the influences for impressive teaching and true reverence in our Religious Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Marcus Salzman, Chairman,  
Mrs. Charles J. Freund, Vice-Chairman,  
Mrs. Edgar M. Cahn,  
Mrs. Benj. M. Engelhard,  
Mrs. Isaac Goldberg,  
Mrs. Isaac Landman,  
Mrs. Simon Rice,  
Mrs. Minnie K. Samuels,  
Mrs. Leo Wolf,  
Mrs. Horace J. Wolf.

#### REPORT OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON UNIONGRAMS

The report of the Committee on Uniongrams was presented and accepted with thanks.

## Report of the National Committee on Uniongrams

Indianapolis, Oct. 31, 1921.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies: There is no longer any doubt concerning the success of the Sisterhood's Jewish message, the Uniongram. Its sales have showed that it is now an established medium of communication on all joyous occasions. It has even been adopted by several organizations not affiliated with the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods—an added proof of its popularity.

In 1919-20—7,444 Uniongrams were sold, totaling \$1,861.00. The sales during 1920-21 have been almost double those of the previous year; 2,147 Books of Four and 469 Books of Ten—13,278 Uniongrams in all, were disposed of. The total receipts for these sales amounted to \$3,219.50. Although the sales are greater materially, only 18 additional Sisterhoods have interested themselves in this work. The increase in the sales of those Sisterhoods which have successfully adopted the Uniongram, should serve as an incentive to the other organizations to use this message.

### METHODS OF POPULARIZING UNIONGRAMS

Unique methods have been employed by the Sisterhoods to introduce the Uniongram and to insure its successful sale in their societies. At an entertainment given by one of the southern Sisterhoods, the Uniongram was advertised by an unusual tableau followed by a Uniongram drive which resulted in the sale of Uniongrams amounting to \$47.00. Notices such as "Be Prepared to take Uniongrams home" have been inserted on announcements of monthly meetings and have brought good results. The Temple Sisterhood of Nashville, gave a Uniongram Card Party at which the ticket of admission entitled the holder to a Uniongram. In this way 147 were disposed of. The Sisterhood B'nai El Temple, St. Louis, has instituted a "Happy Day Book." The members are instructed to inscribe in this book, their names and those of their friends and relatives, to-

gether with their birthdays, wedding anniversaries or any other joyous occasion. On these days Uniongrams of congratulations are sent them by the Sisterhood Chairman on Uniongrams. In this way a two-fold good is accomplished. The Sisterhood and its members are brought into closer contact and at the same time the cause of Religious education is benefitted. The Uniongram Chairmen of several Sisterhoods telephone every member who may be interested in a prospective wedding or anniversary, and ask them if they do not wish to send a Uniongram. Many Sisterhoods have a supply of Uniongrams on hand at their monthly meetings for the purpose of encouraging sales.

One of the numbers of the Union Bulletin contained a facsimile copy of the Uniongram. Beneath this copy there was an article explaining the significance of the symbols which are printed on the Uniongram. In other numbers there have been advertisements calling the use and purpose of the message to the attention of its readers.

Organizations other than the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods have adopted the Uniongram. The Independent Order of True Sisters of Far Rockaway and the Sisterhood of Agudath Jeshorim Temple of New York City have used them and donated the proceeds to the Hebrew Union College Scholarship Fund.

It has already been suggested that an attempt be made to interest men in the use of the Uniongram. So far this plan has not met with success. The committee on Uniongram urges that the local chairman bring these messages to the attention of the men of the congregation and encourage their usage of them.

### USE OF UNIONGRAMS

Occasions are constantly arising when a Uniongram is the most appropriate means of sending a message of joy and congratulation. Practically every month contains a Jewish or National holiday when these messages would be acceptable. Greetings may



be sent on Rosh Hashona, Confirmation, Chanukah, Purim, Passover and Succoth. Uniongrams are particularly appropriate on Mothers or Fathers Day, Thanksgiving and the secular New Year, birthdays, and wedding anniversaries. Occasions of receipt of unusual honors may be fittingly remembered by a Uniongram.

The proceeds derived from the sale of Uniongrams have been used to further religious education. The Rockdale Ave. Temple Sisterhood of Cincinnati, through the sale of Uniongrams alone, has been able to maintain one religious school and contribute to the support of another. The Chairman on Uniongrams of the Connecticut State Federation reports a complete Hebrew Union College Scholarship of \$400 which was raised by the four Sisterhoods in Connecticut through the sale of Uniongrams.

Special mention should be given to Temple Sisterhood of B'nai Israel of Albany, N. Y. Although this Sisterhood has but recently joined the National Federation, it is credited with the largest number of sales during the year, 900 Uniongrams. Other Sisterhoods which have made unusual sales are the Sisterhood Rodef. Shalom Congregation of

Pittsburgh, the Rockdale Ave. Temple Sisterhood of Cincinnati, O., and the Mishkan Israel Temple Sisterhood of New Haven, Conn.

The necessity for having active local chairmen is evident. If all chairmen would put forth the effort that some have made, the sale of Uniongrams would be more than doubled for the coming year. At the present time, about one-third of the Sisterhoods belonging to the National Federation are using them. The Committee on Uniongram should continue its efforts until every Sisterhood is selling the Uniongrams.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Isaac Born, Chairman,  
Mrs. Otto Kempner, Vice-Chairman,  
Mrs. Myer Kirsh,  
Mrs. Charles Mayer,  
Mrs. Adolph Rose,  
Mrs. David Samuels,  
Mrs. Robert F. Skutch.

#### REPORT OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON UNION MUSEUM

The report of the Committee on Union Museum was presented and accepted with thanks.

### Report of the National Committee on Union Museum

Cincinnati, O., Oct. 31, 1921.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies: The Committee on Union Museum has always endeavored to stimulate an interest in the collection of ceremonial objects and other traditional examples pertaining to the religious forms, thereby strengthening the bond between the religious and everyday life of the individual. To this end the Board of Directors of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods at its meeting in Buffalo in May, 1921, voted an appropriation of \$500 to Mr. Oko, the Librarian of the Hebrew Union College to be expended for ceremonial objects and other articles of interest. While in Europe he had the opportunity of buying very reasonably a large collection of medals and coins and other interesting articles both antique and modern.

These have not yet been placed in the room at the Hebrew Union College which has been given the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods for its collection. Those articles which have already been given or

loaned to the Sisterhoods are very badly placed and the room is not very attractive. I would suggest that new cases, the kind usually used in museums for the display of "objet d'art" of this kind be secured and placed about the room so that the whole display will be more attractive. Mr. Oko has the itemized list of all these things purchased by him with the history of each one attached.

Several Sisterhoods report valuable collections of their own. Occasionally they lend their exhibits to other Sisterhoods. During the year the Atlanta Sisterhood received eight Jewish Ceremonial objects to add to their collection. The Washington, D. C., Sisterhood has made an extensive collection of objects. One resourceful Sisterhood established a temporary exhibit as a feature of a bazaar and found much interest shown in their collection.

#### CEREMONIAL OBJECT MEETINGS

Every woman who is interested in Jewish traditions and customs will enjoy a ceremonial object meeting. Many yearly pro-

grams plan meetings of this nature at which some one familiar with traditions is the speaker. One Sisterhood reports that the most interesting meeting of the year was the Jewish Ceremonial Program. The National Committee on Museum advocates such a meeting for the program of every sisterhood. Every community has a number of Jewish ceremonial objects which could be procured for such a meeting. The Sisterhood of Albany recently invited Dr. William Rosenau of Baltimore to lecture on "Ceremonial Objects" and made quite a collection for the meeting.

A program worthy of emulation was given by the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation Sisterhood. The subject was "A Study of Jewish Contributions to Modern Culture", and was worked out from the point of view of a non-Jew neither interested or familiar with Jewish culture. A comprehensive exhibition illustrated by portraits, paintings and sculpture and supplemented by appropriate music and literature was arranged. An explanatory talk accompanied the exhibition of Jewish art. I am citing these programs as a suggestion to be used by other Sisterhoods in arranging their programs.

#### GIFTS RECEIVED

During the past year several gifts have been received at the Union Museum in Cincinnati. A brass badge, about the size of a

cent issued in 1873 for the first meeting of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations was donated by Mrs. Carolyn Weil of Cincinnati, Mrs. Weil also gave a pair of antique brass candlesticks. A valuable Seder Cover was sent in by Mrs. M. C. Schloss of California. Rabbi Leo M. Franklin of Detroit gave a bag for Seder Matzoth with a Hebrew inscription upon it. A silver Besomin Box was received from Mrs. George Drucker of Cincinnati. These contributions were added to the collection of Jewish ceremonial objects and are exhibited in one of the rooms of the Hebrew Union College.

The thanks of the Committee on Union Museum are due to the donors who have contributed to the collection and to Drs. Englander and Lauterbach, the Curators of the Museum.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg, Chairman,  
 Mrs. H. Oppenheimer, Vice-Chairman,  
 Mrs. Wm. Fineshriber,  
 Mrs. Henry Fisher,  
 Mrs. Herman Jung.  
 Mrs. Ben F. Weil,  
 Mrs. Louis Wolsey.

#### REPORT OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON PROPAGANDA

The report of the Committee on Propaganda was presented and accepted with thanks.

### Report of the National Committee on Propaganda

Kansas City, Oct. 31, 1921.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies: There is no better way to interest every woman in religious work and to spread the doctrine of Judaism than by enlarging the membership of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. An increased membership makes it possible to spread the Sisterhood idea in new fields and gives an opportunity for religious endeavor in new communities. The fiscal year of 1920-21 has been the banner year for propaganda. Forty-five Sisterhoods joined the Federation during that period. This is almost as large a group as the number of charter societies at the time of organization. In no previous two years, according to our records, has the increase in membership equaled the gain of this year. At the close

of the fiscal year the Federation comprised 265 constituent societies.

The local Sisterhoods report a similar growth. There has been a substantial gain in ninety-two Sisterhoods. The total number of members of the National organization is now 40,000 women, representing a large percentage of the Jewish women of our country.

That State Federation will be invaluable to propaganda work is proven by the fact that two state federations have been effective in bringing seven Sisterhoods into the National. The Ohio State Federation has brought in three, and the Pennsylvania has brought in four societies.

The Greater New York Committee on Propaganda deserves special mention, having brought thirteen organizations into the Federation. When all states are federated there will be an opportunity for members to

travel about in the district in order to interest organizations, not allied with the National, in religious work.

This Committee is indebted to Rabbis and student Rabbis for the propaganda activity in their communities that brought seven Sisterhoods into the National Federation. Individual members visited nearby communities and secured affiliation, and many were brought into the National organization by correspondence carried on from the Executive Office.

There are still many Jewish organizations not allied with the Federation. The Committee on Propaganda asks the aid of every woman on the Executive Board and every member of the local Sisterhoods in bringing these societies to their attention. If this cooperation is secured, each year will be a banner year for the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

The following Sisterhoods have joined the Federation from October 31, 1920, to October 31, 1921.

Albany, N. Y.—Sist. Temple Beth Emeth.  
 Alliance, Ohio—Sist. of Temple Israel.  
 Appleton, Wisc.—Jewish Ladies' Aid Society, Temple Zion.  
 Ashland, Ky.—Sist. Agudath Achim.  
 Augusta, Ga.—Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society.  
 Beaumont, Texas—Temple Emanuel Sisterhood.  
 Brooklyn, N. Y.—Ladies' Hebrew Benevolent Society.  
 Brooklyn, N. Y.—Ladies' Aux. Jewish Communal Center of Flatbush.  
 Brooklyn, N. Y.—Lad. Aux. Emanu El of Boro Pk.  
 Caldwell, N. J.—Ladies' Aux. Jewish League of Caldwell.  
 Chicago, Ill.—Beth El Sisterhood of Chicago.  
 Chicago, Ill.—Sisterhood of Temple Beth Israel.  
 East Orange, N. J.—Ladies' Aux. Temple Shaarey Tefila.  
 Fremont, Ohio—Jewish Ladies' Society.  
 Henderson, Ky.—Adath Israel Sist.  
 Honesdale, Pa.—Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society, Beth Israel.  
 Houston, Texas—Sisterhood Temple Beth Israel.  
 Jackson, Mich.—Ladies' Temple Aid, Beth El Congr.

Johnstown, Pa.—The Temple Sisterhood.  
 Joplin, Mo.—Temple Aid Sisterhood, United Hebrew Congr.  
 Lebanon, Pa.—Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society, Beth Israel.  
 Newark, Ohio—Hebrew Lad. Aid Society.  
 New York, N. Y.—Tremont Sisterhood.  
 New York, N. Y.—Shaarey Tefila Sisterhood.  
 New York, N. Y.—The Hebrew Sist. of Inwood.  
 New York, N. Y.—Beth El Women's Guild.  
 New York, N. Y.—Sist. of Temple Mt. Zion.  
 New York, N. Y.—Women's Guild of Free Synagog of Flushing.  
 New York, N. Y.—Mt. Neboh Sisterhood.  
 New York, N. Y.—Sist. of Hebrew Tabernacle.  
 Norwood, Ohio—The Norwood Ladies' Aux. Congr. Sons of Abraham.  
 Pocatello, Idaho—Jewish Sist. of Pocatello.  
 Portland, Ore.—Beth Israel Sist.  
 Pueblo, Colo.—Ladies' Temple Association.  
 Quincy, Fla.—Quincy Sisterhood Guild.  
 Racine, Wisc.—The Sinai Sisterhood.  
 Richmond, Va.—Beth Ahabah Aux.  
 St. Paul, Minn.—Sist. of Mt. Zion.  
 San Antonio, Texas—Lad. Aux. Temple Beth El.  
 Spartanburg, S. C.—Temple Aid Society.  
 Stevens Point, Wisc.—Sist. of Beth Israel.  
 Troy, N. Y.—Sist. of Third St. Temple, Berith Sholom.  
 Tucson, Ariz.—Sist. Temple Emanuel.  
 Williamsport, Pa.—Sist. Temple Beth Hasholom.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Harry H. Mayer, Chairman,  
 Mrs. Max J. Brandenburger, Vice-Chairman,  
 Mrs. Martin Barbe,  
 Mrs. Ferd Dilsheimer,  
 Miss Jeanette M. Goldberg,  
 Mrs. D. S. Lisberger,  
 Mrs. S. Pisko,  
 Mrs. Maurice Steinfeld.

Adjourned.

Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld,  
 President.

Mrs. Benj. Loewenstein,  
 Recording Secretary.



Minutes  
OF THE  
Executive Board



New York, N. Y.  
January 22, 1923

# Minutes

of the

## Executive Board

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### Morning Session

Hotel Astor,  
New York, January 22, 1923.

Pursuant to the call of the President, the Executive Board met in annual session at the above place and date at 10 a. m.

Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld, President, presided and Mrs. Benjamin Loewenstein, Recording Secretary, recorded the minutes.

There were present: Mrs. Alfred Baker, Erie, Pa.; Mrs. Martin Barbe, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Henry Bauer, Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. Isaac Born, Indianapolis, Ind.; Mrs. Max J. Brandenburger, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. Edgar M. Cahn, New Orleans, La.; Mrs. Chas. Cohn, Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. Josiah Cohen, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mrs. Ferdinand Dilsheimer, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. Lizzie Drey, St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. Benjamin M. Engelhard, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Abraham L. Fishel, Boston, Mass.; Mrs. Solomon Foster, Newark, N. J.; Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg, Cincinnati, O.; Mrs. Chas. Freund, Toledo, O.; Mrs. Sallie Kubie Glauber, New York, N. Y.; Miss Jeannette M. Goldberg, Jefferson, Texas; Mrs. Leon Goodman, Louisville, Ky.; Mrs. Moses Gries, Cleveland, O.; Mrs. Samuel Hirschberg, Milwaukee, Wis.; Mrs. Albert J. Johnson, New Haven, Conn.; Mrs. Herman Jung, Milwaukee, Wisc.; Mrs. Otto Kempner, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. Myer Kirsh, Richmond, Va.; Mrs. Isaac Landman, Far Rockaway, N. Y.; Mrs. David Lefkowitz, Dallas, Texas; Mrs. Ben Loewenstein, Cincinnati, O.; Mrs. H. H. Mayer, Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. Chas. Mayer, Lincoln, Neb.; Mrs. Lillie Mikolas, Minneapolis, Minn.; Mrs. Caesar Misch, Providence, R. I.; Mrs. Henry Nathan, Buffalo, N. Y.; Mrs. H. Oppenheimer, Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Henry Penn, Boston, Mass.; Mrs. David Philipson, Cin-

cinnati, O.; Mrs. S. Pisko, Denver, Colo.; Mrs. Alfred Rosenstein, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. Marcus Salzman, Wilkes Barre, Pa.; Mrs. Minnie K. Samuels, Hartford, Conn.; Mrs. Abram Simon, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Robert F. Skutch, Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Maurice Steinfeld, St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. Joseph Stolz, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Sol Weil, Goldsboro, N. C.; Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld, Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Horace J. Wolf, Rochester, N. Y.; Mrs. Leo Wolf, Wheeling, W. Va.

#### LETTERS FROM MEMBERS UNABLE TO ATTEND

Letters from the following members who were unable to attend the meeting, were then presented: Mrs. Fred Lazarus, Columbus, O.; Mrs. D. S. Lisberger, San Francisco, Calif.; Mrs. B. H. Printz, Youngstown, Ohio; Mrs. Adolph Rose, Vicksburg, Miss.; Mrs. Ben Weil, St. Joseph, Mo.; Mrs. Isaac Goldberg, Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. David B. Samuels, Shreveport, La.; Mrs. Israel Cowen, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Louis Wolsey, Cleveland, Ohio.

#### READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting of the Executive Board held at Indianapolis on January 19 and 20, 1922, were read, and approved.

It was moved and duly carried that a telegram be sent to Mrs. Israel Cowen, voicing the regret of the Board because of her absence from the session.

#### PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORTS

The following reports were then presented in printed form (see pages 55-85 for the following reports):

Report of the Executive Secretary.  
 Report of the Treasurer.  
 Report of the Public Accountant.  
 Report of National Committee on Religion.  
 Report of National Committee on Religious Schools.  
 Report of National Committee on Propaganda.  
 Report of National Committee on Cooperation.  
 Report of National Committee on Hebrew Union College Scholarships.  
 Report of National Committee on Union Museum.  
 Report of National Committee on Union-gram.

#### REPORT OF THE TREASURER

The reading of the Treasurer's Report was called for.

#### FALASHA APPEAL

A letter was presented from Rabbi Ephraim Frisch which asked for a donation of \$100 for the Pro-Falasha Committee and for cooperation in this work.

The President reported that she had authorized a gift of \$100.

On motion duly carried, the action of the President in sending \$100 as a contribution to the Pro-Falasha Society was approved.

The following resolution was adopted:

**Resolved:** That the Executive Board endorse the Pro-Falasha movement.

A letter was presented from Rabbi George Zepin, Executive Secretary, concerning the increased expense incurred by the use of additional space for N. F. T. S. publicity in the Union Bulletin.

On motion duly carried, it was decided that a Committee of three be appointed by the President to consider this question with the Finance Committee of the Union, this Committee to report back to the Executive Board. The President appointed Mrs. Caesar Misch, Chairman, Mrs. Marcus Salzman and Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg.

Mr. N. Henry Beckman, of Cincinnati, asked for the privilege of the floor and made a plea that every member of the Board use her influence in avoiding duplications in the Bulletin mailing list of the N. F. T. S. Upon motion duly carried, it was decided that the request be made of the Secretary of each Sisterhood to compare the Sisterhood list with that of the congregation and to forward a corrected list to the Executive Office in Cincinnati.

It was moved and duly carried that the question of sending the Union Bulletin to non-members in rural districts be referred to the proper Committee of each State or District Federation.

The Executive Board adjourned until 3 p. m.

## Afternoon Session

Hotel Astor,  
 New York, January 22, 1923.

The Executive Board met pursuant to adjournment at 3 p. m.

#### METHOD OF NOMINATING EXECUTIVE BOARD

It was moved by Mrs. Charles Cohn and duly carried, that the Executive Board reconsider the vote taken at its last meeting concerning the proposal for an amendment to the constitution, with reference to the appointment of the Nominating Committee and reading as follows:

#### Former Amendment

"The Nominating Committee of the N. F. T. S. shall consist of one member of each state wherein there are Sisterhoods, and that the delegates from each state shall elect their own representatives, and further—that the Chairman of the Nominating Committee shall be elected from and by the Nominating Committee itself."

Upon re-opening the question, the following substitute amendment was upon motion carried:

**Substitute Amendment**

Section IX of the Constitution shall be amended to read as follows:

"A Nominating Committee, consisting of fifteen members of the Assembly, not more than ten of whom shall be members of the Executive Board shall be appointed by the President. The Committee shall submit to the Assembly for election the names of the proposed members of the Executive Board."

**DUES**

It was moved and duly carried that the Executive Board recommend to the Assembly the amendment of Section IV, to read as follows:

Section IV. "Every Sisterhood shall pay yearly into the treasury of this Federation ten cents for each of its contributing members.

A Sisterhood in arrears for two years' dues may be suspended from membership after due notice by the Executive Board, which may, at any time, reinstate such Sisterhood to membership on such terms as the Board may prescribe. The Executive Board may appoint a committee to exercise these powers."

**SUBSIDIARY STATE AND DISTRICT FEDERATIONS**

It was moved and duly carried that the Executive Board recommend to the Assembly the amendment of Section V, to read as follows:

Section V. "The Executive Board at its discretion may issue charters to State and District Federations of Sisterhoods, comprised of Sisterhoods belonging to the National Federation.

Each State or District Federation shall pay annually to the treasury of the National Federation the sum of ten dollars. State and District Federations in arrears for two years may be suspended, and if in arrears for four years may have their charters recalled by the Executive Board.

Each State or District Federation shall elect one delegate-at-large to the Biennial Assembly."

**ASSEMBLY**

It was moved and duly carried that the Executive Board recommend to the As-

sembly the amendment of Section VI to read as follows:

Section VI. "The legislative body of this Federation, and its highest authority, shall be styled the "Assembly", which shall be composed of the representatives appointed by the Sisterhoods and of the members of the Executive Board.

The Assembly shall be presided over by the officers of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods."

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

It was moved and duly carried that the Executive Board recommend to the Assembly the amendment of Section X to read as follows:

Section X. A. The Assembly shall elect sixty members who shall be styled the Executive Board.

B. The term of office shall be two years and until their successors are elected.

C. Officers shall not be eligible for election for more than two successive terms as officers. Other members of the Board shall not be eligible for election for more than three successive terms unless elected as officers.

D. The office of the Executive Board shall be in Cincinnati, Ohio.

E. Nine members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum.

F. Any member of the Executive Board absenting herself from two consecutive Board meetings without excuse becomes ineligible for re-election on the Executive Board.

**ORGANIZATION AND MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

It was moved and duly carried that the Executive Board recommend to the Assembly the amendment of Section XI to read as follows:

Section XI. "A. The Executive Board shall meet immediately after the final adjournment of the Assembly which elected it, and at the place where the Assembly held its sessions, and shall organize by the election of a President, four Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, the standing committees provided for in the Constitution, and an Executive Secretary

who shall not be a member of the Board and whose salary shall be determined by the Board. The Executive Board may transact any other business arising at this time."

B. The Executive Board shall meet annually at such time and place as may be determined upon by the members of the Executive Board. Special meeting of the Board may be called by the President upon written request of ten of the members."

#### STATE FEDERATIONS

It was moved and duly carried that the Executive Board recommend to the Assembly that Section XX be inserted in the Constitution to read:

Section XX. "The National Committee on State Federations shall have charge of all matters connected with the organization and control of State Federation, including the issuing of charters and fixing of program of work."

#### OFFICERS

It was moved and duly carried that the Executive Board recommend to the Assembly that Section XXV of the By-Laws shall be amended to read as follows:

Section XXV. "The President elected at the Assembly shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Board and at the following Assembly and shall serve until her successor is elected.

The remaining officers of the Federation shall perform such duties as are usually incumbent upon officers of similar societies."

#### STATE FEDERATION DUES

It was moved and duly carried that the Executive Board recommend to the Assembly that Section XXXIV be inserted in the By-Laws to read as follows:

Section XXXIV. "The National Office shall render quarterly statements on the first day of February, May, August and November to each State Treasurer, for the money collected by the National Office for the State Federation. These statements shall be accompanied by checks for dues collected up to the time of closing of books."

Mrs. Ferdinand Dilsheimer presented a resolution adopted by the Pennsylvania State Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, which read as follows:

"Whereas, Women by their loyalty, cooperation and devotion to the best interests of the synagogue have been elected on the Board of Trustees of numerous congregations throughout the country, and

Whereas, The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods has shown the same devotion, loyalty and cooperation to the interests of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations,

Be it Resolved, That the Pennsylvania Federation of Temple Sisterhoods recommends that the Executive Board of The Union of American Hebrew Congregations grant the same privilege and consideration to representatives of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, as shown by other organizations."

On motion duly carried, this resolution was endorsed and referred to the V Assembly.

Adjourned.

Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld,  
President.

Mrs. Ben Loewenstein,  
Recording Secretary.





# Financial Reports



## Report of the Executive Secretary

Cincinnati, Ohio, Oct. 31, 1922.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies: I beg to report that during the past fiscal year twenty-three societies have become affiliated with the Federation. They are:

Brooklyn, N. Y.—

Sisterhood of Temple Sinai.

Bucyrus, Ohio—

Jewish Ladies' Aid Society.

Camden, S. C.—

Ladies' Aid Society.

Chicago, Ill.—

Temple B'nai Jehoshua Sisterhood.

Clarksdale, Miss.—

The Temple Sisterhood.

Columbia, Tenn.—

Sisterhood of Columbia.

Donaldsonville, La.—

Bikur Cholim Temple Sisterhood.

Easton, Pa.—

Sisterhood Temple Covenant of Peace.

Galveston, Texas—

Sisterhood Temple B'nai Israel.

Hopkinsville, Ky.—

Daughters of Israel Sisterhood.

Lewiston, Pa.—

Ohev Shalom Sisterhood.

Lexington, Miss.—

Jewish Ladies' Aid Society.

Ligonier, Ind.—

Ladies' Benevolent Society.

Logan, Ohio—

Sisterhood of Logan.

Marshall, Texas—

Temple Sisterhood.

Morgantown, W. Va.—

Morgantown Sisterhood.

Pine Bluff, Ark.—

Temple Israel Sisterhood.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y.—

Sisterhood of Brethren of Israel.

Rocky Mount, N. C.—

Temple Beth El Sisterhood.

Sumter, S. C.—

Ladies' Aid Society.

Toronto, Canada—

Temple Sisterhood.

Williamson, W. Va.—

Ladies' Guild.

Winnipeg, Canada—

Shaarey Zedek Sisterhood.

Two societies, the Sisterhood of Lebanon, Pa., and the Hebrew Sisterhood of Inwood, N. Y., have resigned from the Federation, leaving a total of 283 Sisterhoods.

### General Activities

The major part of the correspondence handled by the Executive Office during the past year has concerned the Dormitory Campaign. Over one hundred communications were sent out, and the responses requesting information, giving reports of collections, etc., all received replies. A Dormitory Speakers' Handbook was compiled, and numerous posters, cards and other literature were issued.

In addition to the Dormitory campaign, a campaign to organize State Federations was inaugurated. The country was districted into twenty-five State Federations, nineteen of which have become organized. The Executive Secretary has continued to act as Secretary to the various National Standing Committees, and in conjunction with this work, a booklet of Program Suggestions containing ten practical programs for the Sisterhood current year was issued under the auspices of the Committee on Cooperation. Union-gram posters, membership cards, programs and form letters calling attention to the interests of the various committees were sent to the constituent Sisterhoods. The minutes of the Executive Board meeting held in January, 1922, were edited and mailed to the Secretary and President of every Sisterhood. Statistical Inquiry Blanks were sent to secretaries in order to ascertain correctly the membership and officers of each local society.

The annual Jewish Art Calendar for 5683 (Story of Daniel) was again published, and 15,000 copies sold, an average of one calendar to every three Jewish women in the Federation.

**The Union Bulletin**

The Union Bulletin, the magazine of Jewish interest issued by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, publishes monthly accounts of Sisterhood work. Approximately four pages are devoted to Sisterhood news. This includes pictures, general news from local Sisterhoods, accounts of State work, and items of national interest. In addition to this, appear Sisterhood advertisements for Calendars, Scholarships, Uniongrams and Dormitory. The news let-

ter containing accounts of the work of individual Sisterhoods, continues to be sent weekly to fifty Jewish newspapers.

To the officers and Executive Board of the Federation, and to the members of the affiliated Sisterhoods from whom cooperation has always been received, the Executive Secretary offers his thanks for their courtesies.

Respectfully submitted,  
**GEORGE ZEPIN,**  
 Executive Secretary.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TEMPLE SISTERHOODS**

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, November 1, 1921, to October 31, 1922.

**Receipts—**

Balance in Bank November 1, 1921.....		\$4,524.70
Dues .....	\$3,688.69	
Sale of Calendars .....	2,199.70	
Sale of Uniongrams .....	2,951.05	
Scholarships .....	13,791.00	
Scholarships from Uniongram Apportionments.....	2,377.80	
Scholarship Floral Fund .....	474.00	
Announcement Cards .....	20.88	
Scholarship Floral Fund 1922-1923.....	31.50	
Scholarships 1922-1923 .....	1,006.50	
Miscellaneous .....	194.17	
Interest on Securities.....	165.75	
Interest on Bank Deposits.....	129.00	
State Federation Dues .....	628.58	
Donations .....	50.00	
Hebrew Union College Dormitory Campaign Expense Fund .....	2,820.14	
National State Federation Dues.....	20.00	
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>30,548.76</b>	
<b>Total Available for Disbursement.....</b>		<b>\$35,073.46</b>

**Disbursements—**

Calendars .....	\$1,458.52
Uniongrams .....	407.52
Scholarships .....	17,519.20
Scholarships from Uniongram Apportionment.....	210.80
Announcement Cards .....	23.14
Committee on Scholarships .....	178.44
Committee on Union Museum .....	574.00
Committee on Religion .....	7.72
Committee on Propaganda .....	7.16
New York Committee on Propaganda.....	796.71
Auditing Books .....	25.00
Bank Exchange .....	49.02
President's Office .....	300.00
Stationery, Postage and Telegrams.....	2,298.83
Miscellaneous .....	63.54
Dormitory Campaign Expenses.....	3,177.40
Clerk's Salary .....	2,000.00

Union Bulletin .....	2,875.39	
Bond Premium .....	12.50	
State Federation .....	832.17	
Traveling Expenses—Board Members.....	102.75	
Miss Westheimer .....	62.16	
<b>Total Disbursements .....</b>		<u>32,981.97</u>
<b>Cash Balance at Oct. 31, 1922.....</b>		<u>\$2,091.49</u>

Respectfully submitted,  
 GEORGE ZEPIN, Executive Secretary.

### Treasurer's Report

Chicago, Ill., October 31, 1922.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies: I beg leave to submit the following as my report from November 1, 1921, to October 31, 1922:

Balance on hand in Bank, November 1, 1921, after Reconciliation (Greenebaum Sons' Bank & Trust Co.).....		\$4,552.25
Received from Rabbi George Zepin from November 1 to October 31 .....	\$30,204.01	
Donation from Greenebaum Sons' Bank & Trust Co. to offset Exchange Charges .....	50.00	
Interest from Greenebaum Sons' Bank & Trust Co.....	129.00	
Interest (U. S. 4th Liberty Bonds).....	165.75	
		<u>30,548.76</u>
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>		<u>\$35,101.01</u>
Paid Out Vouchers, Checks Nos. 139 to 642 inclusive.....	\$32,861.16	
Exchange Charges .....	49.02	
		<u>\$32,910.18</u>
<b>Balance .....</b>		<u>\$2,190.83</u>
Checks Nos. 520, 573, 596, 618, 625, 629, 630 to 642, not yet Returned to Bank .....		1,090.78
<b>Cash Balance in Bank, October 31, 1922.....</b>		<u>\$3,281.61</u>

The Bank Balance agrees with this report, and was submitted by me to the Executive Secretary at Cincinnati.

Respectfully submitted,  
 (Mrs. Benjamin) Minnie Engelhard, Treasurer.

### Report of Public Accountants

December 2, 1922.

The President and Board of Directors of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, Cincinnati, Ohio:

Mesdames: In accordance with your request, we have audited the books and accounts of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods for the year ended October 31, 1922, and beg to report as follows, submitting a schedule of Receipts and Disbursements and Securities.

We have checked all postings and footings and reconciled the bank balance with the cash book; have examined and verified the securities deposited in the safety deposit vault of the Central Trust Company.

We believe that this report shows the true financial condition of your organization as of October 31, 1922.

Respectfully submitted,  
 RICHARD SMETHURST & COMPANY,  
 By R. B. SMETHURST,  
 Certified Public Accountant.

**REPORT OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS  
SCHEDULE "A"**

**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TEMPLE SISTERHOODS  
STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**

For Year Ended October 31, 1922

**Receipts—**

Dues .....	\$ 3,688.69	
Sale of Calendars .....	2,199.70	
Sale of Uniongrams .....	2,951.05	
Scholarships .....	13,791.00	
Scholarships from Uniongram Apportionment.....	2,377.80	
Scholarship Floral Fund .....	474.00	
Announcement Cards .....	20.88	
Scholarship Floral Fund 1922-1923.....	31.50	
Scholarships 1922-1923 .....	1,006.50	
Miscellaneous .....	194.17	
Interest on Securities .....	165.75	
Interest on Bank Deposits.....	129.00	
State Federation Dues.....	628.58	
Donations .....	50.00	
Hebrew Union College Dormitory Campaign Expense Fund	2,820.14	
National State Federation Dues.....	20.00	
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Total Receipts .....		\$ 30,548.76
ADD: Balance at Nov. 1, 1921.....		4,524.70
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Total Available for Disbursement.....		\$ 35,073.46

**Disbursements—**

Calendars .....	1,458.52	
Uniongrams .....	407.52	
Scholarships .....	17,519.20	
Scholarships from Uniongram Apportionment.....	210.80	
Announcement Cards .....	23.14	
Committee on Scholarships .....	178.44	
Committee on Union Museum .....	574.00	
Committee on Religion .....	7.72	
Committee on Propaganda .....	7.16	
New York Committee on Propaganda.....	796.71	
Auditing Books .....	25.00	
Bank Exchange .....	49.02	
President's Office .....	300.00	
Stationery, Postage and Telegrams.....	2,298.83	
Miscellaneous .....	63.54	
Dormitory Campaign Expenses.....	3,177.40	
Clerk's Salary .....	2,000.00	
Union Bulletin .....	2,875.39	
Bond Premium .....	12.50	
State Federation .....	832.17	
Traveling Expenses—Board Members.....	102.75	
Miss Westheimer .....	62.16	
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Total Disbursements for Year Ended Oct. 31, 1922....		32,981.97
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Balance as per Books— Exh. 1.....		\$ 2,091.49

**SCHEDULE "A"—EXHIBIT 1  
NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TEMPLE SISTERHOODS  
RECONCILIATION OF BANK ACCOUNT**

At October 31, 1922

Greenebaum Sons' Bank & Trust Company

Balance as per Bank Statement Oct. 31, 1922..... \$3,281.61

Less: Outstanding checks—

Voucher No.	Check No.	
1728	573	\$ 48.97
1752	596	171.55
1773	618	52.25
1778	629	.30
1780	625	35.00
1781	626	25.00
1782	631	4.10
1783	632	2.81
1784	634	50.15
1786	635	4.46
1787	636	.59
1789	630	9.80
1790	633	1.50
1791	637	3.43
1792	638	165.30
1793	639	5.70
1794	640	8.87
1796	641	1.00
1797	642	500.00

Total outstanding checks..... 1,090.78

Net Cash Balance as per Treasurer's Report..... \$2,190.83

Less: Vouchers entered but checks not drawn—

1795	\$1.42
1795	\$1.42
1798	5.18
1799	5.23
1800	2.45
1801	3.85
1802	2.90
1803	4.02
1804	2.67
1805	5.45
1806	5.00
1807	18.47
1808	4.13
1809	37.21
1810	.82
1811	.54

Total Vouchers recorded but not paid..... 99.34

Net Balance as per Books Oct. 31, 1922..... \$2,091.49

**SCHEDULE "B"  
STATEMENT OF SECURITIES**

At October 31, 1922

U. S. Fourth Liberty Loan 4¼%..... \$3,900.00

Reports  
of the  
National Standing Committees



## Report of the National Committee on Religion

Louisville, Ky., Oct. 31, 1922.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies: Increased interest in affairs Jewish is being evidenced all over the country. The work of the Committee on Religion cannot always be measured in a tangible way, but better attendance at Sabbath services shows that more persons are being awakened to the beauties of their religion, and the Sisterhoods are in a large measure responsible for this.

In some Sisterhoods Committees on Temple attendance are formed, and have, in many instances, telephoned each member requesting them to attend services regularly. The Committee remains at the entrance of the synagogue and welcomes those who enter. To the strangers special courtesies are extended. Prayer-books are furnished them, seats are found for them, and they are made to feel welcome in their new house of worship. Following the example of the Shreveport, La., Sisterhood, a large number of Sisterhoods have placed notices in the local hotels inviting guests of Jewish faith to attend services. In Shreveport, a personal touch is added by placing the card with the guest's name on the envelope in his box. The transient is welcome at the Temple, and provided with a prayer-book and a seat in one of the pews.

In the Sisterhood of Oakland, California, as elsewhere, there is interest in institutional religious work. On the Sabbath, autos are sent to children's institutions near-by, and the Jewish boys and girls are brought to Temple. On Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur the Jewish students at the California State School for the Blind were called for in machines and taken to services. They were entertained at the homes of members and ate their holiday dinners there. During the summer, twenty children from the Jewish Orphans' Home, of New Orleans, took a course at the Louisiana State College at Baton Rouge. The members of the Sisterhood arranged to have them attend services, and entertained

them in their homes. The New Haven Sisterhood supervises the Sabbath morning services which are conducted at the Allingtown Hospital. The boys eagerly flock around the rabbi, and are very appreciative of the opportunity to worship in the accustomed manner.

In small communities where there is no rabbi services are arranged by the Sisterhood, and are conducted by one or more of the laymen. In Owensboro, Ky., and in a number of other small towns, a student of the Hebrew Union College officiates during the winter months. In the summer, however, in order to open the Temple on the Sabbath, one of the Sisterhood members reads the services. This plan has been adopted very successfully by many Sisterhoods throughout the country.

In numerous other ways the Sisterhoods have lent their support to the synagogue. The women have been active in membership drives and have gained the affiliation of many new members for the congregation. In several cities, upon the advent of a new family in the community, a member of the Sisterhood visits them and secures their affiliation with the Temple. To show their appreciation of the women's cooperation, the men have accorded them representation on the Temple Board, an innovation in woman's religious duties.

The Sisterhoods have also financially aided the synagogue. The Sisterhood of Beth Sholom, Peoples' Temple, of Brooklyn, N. Y., paid for the organ, provided a carpet for the new Temple, and furnished the rabbi's study. The members of the Isaiah Women's Club, of Chicago, assisted in collecting funds for their new Temple, and are raising money for an organ. In Columbia, Tenn., where there are only a few Jewish families, the Sisterhoods, with the aid of the men, rented a hall and had it papered, painted and divided into rooms. They purchased chairs, a small organ, and eighteen new editions of the prayerbook. Some of the members had in their possession a Torah, an ark and a table, and when the hall was fully equipped, services were con-



ducted by one of the men of the congregation. The Sisterhood of Elizabeth, N. J., started the new Temple fund with a donation of \$1,000, and in Lorain, Ohio, the Sisterhood paid off the Temple mortgage. At Temple Ohabei Shalom, Boston, the Sisterhood presented a large sum of money to the officers for the new Temple. The Jewish community of Muskogee, Okla., which numbers forty persons, succeeded in raising \$40,000.00 for a Temple within three years' time. Now that the synagogue is completed, they intend to procure the services of a rabbi, and the Sisterhood will again cooperate in collecting funds.

Other gifts have been given by the Sisterhood; altar cloths have been made, also curtains for the ark. Sisterhoods have placed art windows in the synagogue, and have beautified it in many ways. The equipment of a kitchen and rooms in the Temple annex has also been donated by the Sisterhood.

In New York City and Brooklyn several organizations have inaugurated a social hour after services on Friday evening. The congregation adjourns to one of the vestry-rooms where the Kiddish is made. It is urged that this beautiful custom should be observed in the homes. A few congregations have instituted children's services. In Buffalo, Philadelphia, Louisville, Boston, and several other cities these services are held once a month and the children attend in large numbers. Several cities report that the children take an active part in the reading of the service. The Sisterhoods of Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee, through the efforts of the State Federation Chairmen on Religion, are especially interested in furnishing religious instruction to women in small isolated villages. The Sisterhood of Rochester, N. Y., presented each household of the congregation with a booklet, "Inspirational Reading for the Home", compiled by Rabbi Horace Wolf. The booklet has met with great approval and is in constant use in the homes. In Baltimore, the three Sisterhoods and several other Jewish women's organizations have united in an effort to prevent the proselyting of the Jewish children in East Baltimore.

Before each Holyday the Committee on Religion sends out a letter requesting the

local Chairman to urge the observance of that day, both at the monthly Sisterhood meeting and in the homes. An increased number of congregations now are holding the beautiful harvest festival, for which the Sisterhoods arrange the Sukkah. For Chanukah the Sisterhood of Peoria, Ill., presented two plays written by two of the members.

Many Sisterhoods report the successful congregational Seder, but this is primarily a home celebration, and we are happy to note its increased popularity. We must bring back the beautiful family gatherings, and this Passover celebration is a golden opportunity. If there is a school or college in the city, the Jewish students are also invited. The Sisterhood of Yonkers, N. Y., invited twelve blind children with their attendants to be their guests at the congregational Seder. The same organization distributed matzos among the poor of the city.

For Purim many Sisterhoods arrange a pageant portraying the story of Esther. In Columbia, Tenn., an entertainment was given for the children of the religious school and each child was requested to bring a gift of food. They were told the story of Purim, and then baskets were filled with the contributions and sent to deserving families. The old custom of "giving" on this special holiday is being revived in many Sisterhoods.

Each year finds more religious schools adopting greater simplicity for the confirmation service. Temple receptions are held for the confirmants, and the promiscuous giving of presents is being frowned down upon everywhere. Several Sisterhoods gave a prayer-book or bible to each confirmant, and a similar gift to the boys at the time of their Bar-Mitzvah. The Chairman on Religion of the Kentucky-Tennessee District Federation arranged a contest for the confirmants in her District. In order to bring the spirit of the season closer to the children, a letter was sent to the President of the Sisterhood in Kentucky and Tennessee, requesting that a member of the confirmation class be elected to write a composition stressing simplicity of confirmation. To the child writing the best theme on "Our Plans for Confirmation and Its Significance to Me", a prize was offered.

### Unusual Programs

The National Committee on Religion has requested that the February meeting be of a religious nature. The suggestion has been adopted by almost every Sisterhood, and some time during each February the program is not only Jewish in character, but we find the Sisterhood of the most orthodox congregation meeting with the Sisterhood of the reform congregation and talking over their interests and their problems. This tendency to understanding and cooperation is one of the finest pieces of work that the Sisterhoods have been able to accomplish. But this does not prevent religious discussions at other meetings. Several Sisterhoods planned a course of study for their monthly meeting which extended over the entire season. In Evansville, Ind., the Sisterhood discussed "American Jewish History". In Natchez, Miss., the subject chosen for the monthly meetings was "Jewish Achievements", dealing with Jewish geniuses in the realms of history, science, art, philosophy and literature. In Louisville, Ky., four of the monthly programs will be an exposition and discussion of the following books and plays: "The Truth About the Jew", by Walter Hurt; "The Cock Pit", by Israel Zangwill; "The Jew—a Study in Race and Environment", by Fishberg; "The Voice of Jerusalem", by Zangwill. The Sisterhood of Washington, D. C., arranged an elaborate pageant, depicting many of the women of the Bible.

Of increasing popularity is the Bible Class. In many of the communities these classes were held at night, so that the men were also able to attend. In place of the Bible Class, courses of study on Jewish subjects were also arranged, at which topics of current interest of religious import were studied and discussed. In this way a more comprehensive knowledge of Jewish affairs is gained, and the Committee on Religion, in stressing these Bible Classes, is looking forward to the day when the Jew will not only be known as the "People of the Book" but the "People who know and love the Book."

Several years ago the Committee on Religion recommended the formation of the Junior Congregation. We know that this has been tried in a number of cities and with great success. We recommend that

this matter be again made a part of the active platform of this Committee. The boys and girls between the ages of sixteen and twenty-five are the future torch-bearers of Israel; let us hold them within the fold.

Because of the shortage of art calendars in previous years, a larger supply was ordered for the story of Daniel Art Calendar, published this season. 194 Sisterhoods sent in orders for the calendars, and 15,000, a record number, were sold. May we not hope that the remaining 60 Sisterhoods will be the first to place orders for next year?

Hundreds of letters come to the Executive Office and to the Chairman, and we can only appreciate what is really being done along purely religious lines by having some of the work brought to our notice.

Summing up this report, three outstanding facts were presented to the writer:

1. A growing congregational membership with a corresponding increase in interest along religious lines. This is the more remarkable since there has been very little immigration in the last few years. It is a fine tribute to American Judaism, on the part of those who, a decade or two decades ago, officially belonged to orthodoxy.

2. Children's Services: At least one Sabbath a month is given to the children in the Temple proper. While there are still a large number of congregations not observing this wholesome religious practice, we believe that, if properly urged, every congregation could be interested in this work.

3. Adult week-day religious instruction through Bible Classes.

And this greater interest in Jewish affairs is indicative of the stimulation afforded by the local Committees on Religion. There is an ever-increasing need of this stimulus, for which each and every Sisterhood should continue to do her share in this great work for Judaism.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Leon Goodman, Chairman,  
Mrs. Henry Bauer, Vice-Chairman,  
Mrs. Chas. Cohn,  
Mrs. Abraham L. Fishel,  
Mrs. Moses Gries,  
Mrs. Ben Loewenstein,  
Mrs. Henry Nathan,  
Mrs. David Philipson,  
Mrs. B. H. Printz.

## Report of the National Committee on Religious Schools

Wilkes Barre, Pa., Oct. 31, 1922.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies: The National Committee on Religious Schools, in presenting its report, is gratified to record the rapidly growing interest and expanding activities of the Sisterhoods in connection with the Religious School. Whereas the program for Religious School improvement has long been accepted in its broad lines, there has been a remarkable accession of enthusiastic communities contributing the details which are needed to enliven and complete it. As it were, endowing the skeleton with the flesh and sinews of a vigorous body.

It is very evident from the reports which we have received, that we have reached a point at which the prestige of the Sisterhood's cooperations in the Religious School is so well established that our appeals for the expansion of their field of helpfulness are sure of an earnest hearing. More encouraging still has been the experience with those communities that have sought the assistance of the Committee in the interest of their schools. We may well feel that, in the near future, the roll of Sisterhoods active in such work will include every community affiliated with the Federation.

### Festivals Observed

It is customary for the local Religious School Committee to provide some sort of entertainment for the children on the Holydays. The Chanukah Play; the Purim Ball Masque, the Seder Supper, are usually arranged by the Sisterhood. The Seder Supper given on the second evening of Passover has become a very popular innovation. There are many homes in which the beautiful Seder service is not observed. The school Seder presents an excellent opportunity for the child to see this service; to stimulate his interest, and, incidentally, that of his parents. The Sisterhoods assist in giving this Sabbath School Seder. In one instance, a personal appeal was made to the mothers of the children and a Seder observance in their homes urged upon them. Your Committee feels that the School Seder

should serve only as a model or as a supplementary service, not as one taking the place of the traditional service in the home. The community Seder service has been gaining in favor of late years. We see the distinct value of such a service when held during the Passover week. This likewise should not be permitted to conflict with or to displace the Seder service in the home.

For several years the National Committee on Religious Schools has been urging a community confirmation reception. This idea has taken hold in many communities and the Sisterhood arranges the reception for the confirmands. Wherever the plan has been adopted it has proven itself a happy and effective way of meeting a responsibility that the congregation surely has of welcoming the young people into its religious fellowship. To emphasize the meaning of confirmation day, many Sisterhoods present a Bible to each member of the class.

One Sisterhood took a rather original step in organizing a so-called "Twenty-One" Club, comprised of the confirmands of the class of 1921. Their motive was to bring these young people together and to arouse interest in the Temple activities. The group has been very successful and meets every Sunday morning. In response to the committee's appeal to the religious school for the observance of Succoth, many interesting and varied programs were reported. In some instances noteworthy original pageants impressed the lessons of the festival.

### Parents'-Teachers' Association

As the realizations for the great need of cooperation between the home and the religious school has grown, so has the number of Parents'-Teachers' Associations increased. Especially in the large cities are these organizations formed; Parents'-Teachers' Meetings are held frequently, the problems of the religious school discussed, and, in many instances, solved. As a result of such organization one community has an active body of "Class Mothers", whose duty it is to visit the school every Sunday morning. Attendance has thereby been kept at

a high average and the School Board has found them a valuable help. Another Sisterhood held a teachers' meeting and supper when the rabbis, teachers and parents met to discuss school problems. It has become the practice in many Sisterhoods to devote the program of one regular meeting to the interests of the religious school.

One of the outgrowths of these associations has been a stimulation of school libraries. These are being established in many schools in order that the children may read literature which has a bearing upon the life and history of their people and faith. The Parents'-Teachers' Clubs have also often resulted in the giving of material aid, such as supplying equipment and educational material, and in some instances entirely financing the school.

A special word of commendation should be given to Sisterhoods in small communities who, without the help of a rabbi or without a house of worship, conduct excellent Sabbath Schools. The Sisterhood of Bucyrus, Ohio, organized a school with six children. The children of the neighboring towns were invited, augmenting the enrollment to sixteen. Most of the children are of kindergarten age, and they study a program consisting of music, prayer, nature study and biblical and ethical lessons. In Quincy, Fla., there is a school of eight children. They are asked to bring a charity offering on each joyful occasion, a birthday anniversary, the birth of a sister or brother, etc., and one little girl presented a quarter because "they had a new calf at home". In Statesville, N. C., a Sisterhood of nine members conducts a school, and in Columbia, Tenn., an organization of the same size holds a school session every week, and during the summer months holds children's services every Saturday morning. In Muskogee, Okla., and Anniston, Ala., the superintendent and teachers of the religious school are all members of the Sisterhood. There is no rabbi in Greensboro, N. C., but a school for fifty-five children is conducted. Lorain, Ohio, also has no religious leader. The Sisterhood started a school with a membership of thirty children, and now the enrollment numbers one hundred.

#### Young Israel

The Department of Synagog and School

Extension of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations publishes "Young Israel"; an excellent magazine for children. The paper is distinctly Jewish in character, containing legends of the ancient Jews, biblical stories interestingly told, news of current Jewish interest, and many other fine features. Several Sisterhoods are presenting this magazine to the children of the religious school. Every Jewish mother will find it an invaluable help in instructing her children in the stories of their own faith. The magazine is very attractively illustrated and arranged, and there is no finer gift that a Sisterhood could make to the Sabbath School than the presentation of this Jewish paper to every boy and girl.

The Committee desires to express sincere recognition for the splendid cooperation given by the local chairmen and their co-workers; we are indebted also to the State chairmen who have given impetus to the intensive development of our educational program. The appeal that has repeatedly been made for more general earnest cooperation between home and school has led to good results; but we are far from the goal that we must set for ourselves. Prompted by the desire to help give the education which will make better Jews and Jewesses, the National and local Committees on Religious Schools will continue to find a definite place for their labors.

A rather extended correspondence has given your Committee the opportunity to know our religious educational needs as stated by local chairmen on religious schools. In our judgment, some progress will be made in dealing with their difficulties by adopting the measures suggested in the following recommendations:

We recommend—

I. That there be a more general interest in Teacher Training Classes; that the Sisterhoods familiarize themselves with the means available for such training, and encourage the organization of classes for both teachers and prospective teachers.

II. That the Sisterhoods become active in the distribution of Young Israel, a very good example of collateral educational material in the interest of our religion; that they help it realize its large possibilities as

an aid to the teacher and the parent.

III. That the Committees on Religious Schools seek to encourage the writing of plays, pageants and other forms of vivid presentation, the better to impress the lessons and traditions of our religion; that every such effort be sent to the National Committee on Religious Schools as a contribution to a collection that will be at the service of all of our schools.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Mrs. Marcus Salzman, Chairman,  
 Mrs. Chas. Freund, Vice-Chairman,  
 Mrs. Edgar M. Cahn,  
 Mrs. Benj. M. Engelhard,  
 Mrs. Isaac Goldberg,  
 Mrs. Simon Rice,  
 Mrs. Minnie K. Samuels,  
 Mrs. Leo Wolf,  
 Mrs. Horace Wolf.

## Report of the National Committee on Cooperation

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 31, 1922.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies: Again cooperation has been the keynote of all Sisterhood work. The constituent societies of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods are ever anxious to give and receive suggestions which are helpful to other organizations. Secretaries have been instructed to send to the Executive Office reports of monthly meetings and write-ups of Jewish affairs of general interest. These are given publicity in the weekly Jewish press and in the Union Bulletin. In this way unusual ideas are transmitted from one Sisterhood to another. Requests are often received for papers mentioned in these articles, and therefore the Sisterhoods should continue to meet the demand by supplying the Executive Office with papers read at their meetings.

A suggestion has been received from Richmond, Ind., one of the smallest Sisterhoods of the Federation, to this effect. There should be established an Extension Bureau, which would supply upon request copies of programs received. The smaller organizations which cannot afford prominent speakers, could, in this event, secure papers given by these speakers when addressing larger Sisterhoods. The symposium delivered at the Biennial Convention held in Buffalo has been printed in pamphlet form and used by many organizations at their monthly meetings.

The sheaf of Program Suggestions (Bulletin No. II) has met with a hearty welcome everywhere. Large and small Sisterhoods alike are adopting the programs outlined

therein. It is usually a difficult matter to arrange something "different" for each meeting, and outside suggestions at such a time prove very opportune.

### Successful Ways and Means

A large number of novel programs and ideas are constantly being mentioned in reports received at the Executive Office. New means for raising funds have been devised and proved successful. The Sisterhood of Atlanta, Ga., took over a restaurant for a short period of time and realized over \$500.00. In Raleigh, N. C., the sale of sandwiches has been found very remunerative. The Sandwich Committee caters to the local societies, supplying sandwiches for their affairs, and also prepares sandwiches daily, which are sold at drugstores.

One of the best sources of revenue has been found in the establishment of a woman's exchange. Several Sisterhoods have rooms in the Temple Annex or Community Center, where things are sold before and after meetings. All kinds of articles are on display, most of which are made by the members of the society. In this way the entire proceeds are clear profit, and are turned over to the local treasury. In a number of organizations, the membership is divided into several groups. Each group is held responsible for some plan to raise funds. In one organization, each committee finances its work, devising ways of securing funds. Rummage sales on a large scale are conducted by many societies. These sales fulfill a twofold purpose: the poor people in the community are able to buy necessary articles of clothing at a nominal price, and at the same time the Sisterhood's

treasury is enlarged. On New Year's Eve one of the New York Sisterhoods bought out a large theater seating 3,000, and arranged an after-theater dinner at a near-by restaurant for which 300 reservations were made.

The women's organizations are always willing to be of service to the Men's Temple Clubs, and in many communities the Sisterhoods take care of their monthly suppers. As a rule the cover charge more than pays for the expenses of the meal, and the profit derived reverts to the Sisterhood treasury. The above-mentioned plans are but few of the numerous ones originated by the Sisterhoods.

But the local societies are not merely mercenary, for most of their affairs are given as much to promote sociability as to raise funds. Interesting programs are arranged, and the Jewish community at large invited to attend them. In Baton Rouge, the annual Sisterhood luncheon was dispensed with and a congregational "get-together" banquet substituted. In Brooklyn and New York several of the Sisterhoods have arranged a social hour after Friday evening services at which the Kiddish is made. This beautiful service observed in this way serves to unite the congregation into one large family group. Another Sisterhood arranged a musical program which enabled the members to introduce a Jewish artist to local musical circles. In one city where a B'nai B'rith Convention was assembled, the Sisterhood entertained the visitors at two luncheons. In Hartford, Conn., the Sisterhood was in charge of the annual congregational night. The alumni of the Religious School was also invited, and stimulus for future activities in all the Temple organizations was aroused. The Sisterhood of Saginaw, Mich., gave an elaborate affair on New Year's Eve in order to allow the congregation to celebrate the advent of the New Year "en famille". It was voted a big success, and will no doubt become an annual institution.

The opening meeting of many of the Sisterhoods took the form of a reception for new members. In almost every Sisterhood there is included among the committees a Hospitality Committee. The members of this Committee serve as hostess at

the meetings, and endeavor to introduce new members to old ones. They also welcome strangers who attend services at the Temple. This committee is invaluable, and should be appointed in every Sisterhood. Committees have been formed to make the newcomers feel at home in the community. In Brooklyn one of the Sisterhoods invited neighboring organizations to be their guests, and ideas about Sisterhood work were interchanged.

The majority of the Sisterhoods disband during the summer months, and in order that Sisterhoods work should not be entirely forgotten a Vacation Sisterhood Day was established on August 10. At summer resorts, as well as in the cities, Sisterhood members assembled on that day. In many instances an outing was planned, which included the families of the members. A large number of organizations arranged a regular meeting and the program contained an address on some phase of the Jewish religion. No doubt the most impressive meeting was the one held at Atlantic City. Over four hundred women were present, representatives of a large number of Sisterhoods. They heard a unique greeting when the chimes of one of the Presbyterian churches sounded the traditional En Kelo-henu. The observance of this day served as a stimulus to awaken Sisterhood interest, which is usually dormant during the summer months. Vacation Sisterhood Day promises to be an annual institution.

#### Philanthropic Work

The philanthropic work of the local Sisterhood is in most instances one of their important activities. In large cities, where there are more than one Sisterhood, they usually cooperate in aiding the unfortunate ones of the community. The three Sisterhoods of Cincinnati endeavored to find homes for the Jewish orphans placed in orphan asylums. The Sisterhoods were willing to pay board for the children, if necessary, in order to have them enjoy the privileges of Jewish home life. Smaller Sisterhoods frequently cooperate with other local societies in doing relief work among the poor.

In many cities deserving families are given financial aid, and employment is sought for those in the family who are of

working age. Milk stations have been established in the schools located in the poorer districts. In one community the Sisterhood assists in paying for the services of a Public Health Nurse. In Wilkes-Barre, Pa., the Philanthropic Committee works in groups of three, each group giving two months of active service in carrying on constructive relief work among the poor and needy. The poor children in many cities are not forgotten at Chanukah, but are sent toys, candies and warm articles of clothing.

The Sisterhood of Davenport, Iowa, furnished and maintains a room at one of the local hospitals, which is known as "Temple Emanuel Sisterhood Room". In Columbus, Ga., the Sisterhood takes flowers to the charity ward at a hospital, and has established a circulating library for the ward.

Institutional philanthropic work also plays a large part in Sisterhood activities. On holidays the Jewish inmates of several penal institutions were furnished with prayer-books and packages of dainties. In other institutions, such as Old Folks' Homes, etc., entertainments are arranged for the inmates and magazines and books are sent to them. Very often Sisterhood members take the old people for motor rides. Outings for orphans bring delight to the children. A number of years ago the Temple of Far Rockaway founded the Children's Haven. Here sixty children are taken care of while their mothers are ill. Any mother who is in need of medical attention may send her family to the Haven until she is able to take care of them. There is no time limit to their stay. The Sisterhood provides linens and garments for the Haven and takes an active interest in the children.

The members of the Philanthropic Committee of the Sisterhood of Jamaica, N. Y., devote every second Saturday to the girls of the Council Home, visiting the home and supplying the girls with ice cream and cake, or else arranging an outing for them. Gifts were sent to them for confirmation, and a real Thanksgiving dinner was provided on that day.

Ex-soldiers are not forgotten by the Sisterhoods. One organization adopted a ward in a base hospital and visits the men twice a month, furnishing them with refreshments. Other societies in various ways bring comfort to the men who are confined to hospitals or sanitariums. They provide entertainment and arrange dances for those who can attend, take others for motor rides, and send them cigarettes, magazines and food.

Members of Sisterhoods who are ill are often recipients of little attentions from the Sunshine Committee. The Sisterhoods of Baltimore visit out-of-town patients who seek medical aid at the Baltimore hospitals. In Youngstown, Ohio, a motor corps has been formed to bring anyone to Temple who is unable to walk. Telephone squads have also been organized and are called upon in cases of emergency.

The Sisterhoods have been engaged in forming clubs among the post-confirmands in order to keep them interested in Jewish affairs. In Cleveland, one of the Saturday morning sermons delivered was called "Mother". Mother and daughter attended together, and afterwards 300 sat down to luncheon. Three-minute talks were given, and everyone felt the fine influence of this gathering.

In these, and many other ways, the Sisterhoods have endeavored to promote sociability, stimulate interest in Jewish affairs, and bring aid to the unfortunates of society. The activities of the Committee on Cooperation will not cease as long as the women can continue this work and give their best efforts to their religion.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Israel Cowen, Chairman,  
 Mrs. David Lefkowitz, Vice-Chair'n,  
 Mrs. Alfred Baker,  
 Mrs. S. M. Blumauer,  
 Mrs. Lizzie Drey,  
 Mrs. Samuel Hirschberg,  
 Mrs. Albert J. Johnson,  
 Mrs. Caesar Misch,  
 Mrs. Alfred Rosenstein.

## Report of the National Committee on Union Museum

Cincinnati, O., Oct. 31, 1922.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies: The Jewish people have always been identified with a tendency and a desire to cling to the old traditions of their faith. The outside world cites us as a people who do not scorn symbolic antiquity, as a people who revere rather than disregard. This reverence for the beautiful symbols of our faith may have had much to do with the origin of the Union Museum. All over the country there are innumerable museums containing objects of art of aesthetic value but with no religious significance. The Jewish women of the country are particularly adapted to preserve this symbolism, and to manifest their interest in ceremonial objects the Union Museum was founded. Mrs. Kaufmann Kohler for many years was Chairman of National Committee on Union Museum, and too much credit cannot be given her for her indefatigable work in building up the collection that has found its home in the Hebrew Union College Building. Valuable gifts have been placed in this room from time to time, both by various local Sisterhood members and individuals. Until this present year the Museum was dependent upon these donors for its collection. In 1921 Mr. Adolph Oko, the librarian of the Hebrew Union College, went abroad, and the Executive Board of the National Federation of Sisterhoods voted him an appropriation of \$500.00. Mr. Oko was able to purchase an unusual collection of Jewish medallions and coins with this money. This collection comprises seals and medallions in silver, bronze and aluminum, and may be divided into two classes, historic seals and portrait medallions.

### THE MEDALLION COLLECTION

#### Historic Seals

A number of these medallions have been struck to commemorate significant events in the stormy history of the Jews scattered in various cities of Holland and Germany, the founding of Jewish schools, the dedication of the B'nai B'rith lodge rooms, the meeting of various religious societies.

Among the most interesting of these medals is one in silver, showing a conflagration in the Jews' street, Frankfort, in the year 1711. Small wonder that a devastating fire should have made such an impression that the inhabitants of the Ghetto wish to add visual impression to the written records of the disaster.

Another interesting medal, also in silver, is one dating from the seventeenth century, on the subject of the baptism of the Jews. Such baptisms, holding forth the allurements of wide general education and social recognition for the Jew, must have been occasions for grave concern to the Jewish fathers.

Another medal is commemorative of the edict of Joseph II, of Austria, amplifying toleration of the Jew in a message of such hope and cheer that it, too, was deemed worthy of lasting memorial. An interesting commentary on the daily life of the European Jew is the seal of the Strassburg congregation, bearing the Kosher imprint. Another seal of similar purpose is that authorizing the slaughtering of small cattle.

All in all, the various medals and seals in the museum collection give an illuminating picture of Jewish history.

#### Portrait Medallions

A number of striking portrait medallions have also been collected by the curator of the Union Museum. Among those which appeal particularly to us as Jews and as students of world history, are the medallions in honor of Cremieux, founder of the Alliance Israelite of Kurt Eisner, on the occasion of the death of the well-known philanthropist, Alexander Fiorino, Adolph Sonenthal, the famous actor, Emil Zola, and others.

In a letter from Mr. Oko regarding the Union Museum, he points out the following facts:

"A museum, like a library, cannot be made; it must grow and expand to be of any use. Museum objects are not for 'exhibition' only, but, like certain book collec-



tions, are designed to rescue from oblivion and to revive, at least for the student, matters of the past. And a museum, not unlike a library, cannot 'live' by gifts alone. When fed on gifts, it is bound to suffer from both obesity and anaemia."

This statement proves the need for constant additions to the Museum, for an enlargement of the collection. Gifts from individuals and Sisterhoods are always welcome, but from time to time articles should be purchased which will add to the value. The Museum contains the nucleus of an excellent collection, and its growth should be encouraged.

#### Local Activities

Among the various Sisterhoods, great interest is taken in local collections. The Sisterhood of Youngstown, Ohio, reports a museum on a small scale, in which several objects were placed this year. In Atlanta, Ga., several valuable articles were contributed, one in memory of a Sisterhood member. The Beth Israel Sisterhood, of Portland, Oregon, has an exhibit committee which keeps its collections of ceremonial objects in order, has cards made with the descriptions of each article, and insures the collections. Several Sisterhoods have lectures or talks on ceremonial objects as a feature of their monthly meetings, and Dr. William Rosenau's book on "Jewish Ceremonials" is used as material in Sisterhood study classes. The local rabbi is often called upon to explain ceremonial exhibits.

During the past year two gifts have been received. A miniature Megillah in a nickel case, from Mrs. Julius Abrahams, of Columbia, Tenn., and the Ketubah of Shiraz (Persia) Jews, the gift of Mr. Solomon Samson, of Poona, India. Miss Rose Kohler deposited with the museum as a loan two plaques, "The Synagogue" and "The Spirit of the Synagogue"; the latter has been donated by Ruth Lodge (U. O. T. S.) to the dormitory.

The collection is not exhibited in a manner truly artistic enough, and the Committee feels that a more attractive room and cases should be secured whereby the collection could be shown to better advantage. In closing this report your Committee wishes to thank Mr. Oko, one of the curators, for his great interest in the collection, and Dr. J. Z. Lauterbach and Dr. Henry Englander, the curators of the Union Museum, and the many donors who have contributed to this collection. We trust that our efforts will continue to bear fruit in increasing our National Museum, and that the Sisterhoods will bring before their members the importance of adding to the collection.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg, Chairman,  
Mrs. H. Oppenheimer, Vice-Chair'n,  
Mrs. Wm. Fineshriber,  
Mrs. Henry Fisher,  
Mrs. Herman Jung,  
Mrs. Ben F. Weil,  
Mrs. Louis Wolsey.

## Report of the National Committee on Scholarships

Chicago, Ill., October 31, 1922.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies: To foster and promote education has been a time-honored tradition of the Jewish woman, and to help him who has dedicated himself to the career of rabbi has ever been her special pride. Thus when the founders of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods planned for a Committee on Scholarships, whose duty it should be to stimulate the Sisterhoods to provide scholarships for the students of the Hebrew Union College, they

were only following in the footsteps of their mothers, and the immediate interest and activity shown in this work were the fruitage of an age-long ideal.

#### Statistics

It is very gratifying to report steady growth from year to year, both in the sum total collected for the Scholarship Fund and in the number of contributing Sisterhoods. During the past year unusual demands were made upon us for local, national and foreign needs, not to mention the successful campaign for the Hebrew Union College Dormitory, which many feared would in-

terfere with the collection for scholarships. Yet despite all this, the sum of \$16,920.00 was gathered in the year ending October 31, 1922, an increase of \$2,430.00 over the previous fiscal year, and just about eight times the amount collected during our first year—\$2,116.00. Eighteen new Sisterhoods joined the ranks of contributors, making a total of 219 out of the 265 now constituting the Federation, and we cherish the hope that the time is not far distant when not a single one of our Sisterhoods will fail to contribute to this fund.

While last year fifteen complete Sisterhood scholarships were received from eleven Sisterhoods, this year twenty-eight Sisterhoods contributed thirty complete Sisterhood Scholarships (Pittsburgh and Columbus, Ohio, each contributing two). Sixteen Sisterhoods contributed three hundred and fifty dollar scholarships, and fourteen Sisterhoods, three hundred dollar scholarships.

We heartily recommend the example of those who, through their Sisterhoods, contribute scholarships in memory of beloved ones; for example, the Mr. and Mrs. Charles Falk Memorial Scholarship and the Frederick Lazarus Memorial Scholarship. We also commend the giving of scholarships in honor of worthy living members of a community, e. g., the Gerson B. Levi Scholarship, of Chicago; the Abram Simon Scholarship, of Washington, D. C., and the Josiah Cohen Scholarship, of Pittsburgh.

#### Scholarships Redistricted.

At the last Executive Board meeting it was resolved to abolish the existing scholarship districts, and to reassign the Sisterhoods to the newly-formed State or district Federations.

Nineteen State or district Federations were formed. Twelve appointed scholarship chairmen, and in the remaining seven the Presidents acted in the capacity of chairman. These State or district chairmen rendered valuable assistance to the national committee in the last annual campaign for scholarships. Through letters and by personal visits they succeeded in getting the Sisterhoods under their jurisdiction to send in contributions.

In Texas, the State chairman raised a State scholarship of over five hundred dol-

lars, and she reports that her State is one hundred percent, every Sisterhood in her Federation having sent a contribution—an excellent illustration of what can be achieved by an energetic, efficient State chairman.

Each State or district Federation is expected to raise at least one complete scholarship in addition to the individual scholarships raised by the individual Sisterhoods. In states containing many organizations, it is not uncommon to raise several complete scholarships. New York state, for instance, contributes four complete State scholarships and five individual Sisterhood scholarships.

#### Methods

To raise their funds, our Sisterhoods are employing various methods. Some of the larger ones are including a complete scholarship in their annual budgets. Some solicit voluntary contributions, some levy a per capita tax, others resort to bazaars, sales of various kinds, card and dancing parties, theatrical entertainments and rummage sales—one Sisterhood having raised its complete scholarship by the last-named method. One Sisterhood has a special patron membership of five dollars; another conducts a book and stationery store in its assembly room. Many utilize the profits from the sale of the Jewish art calendars. One has a Happy Day Fund, while others receive contributions in honor of Mother's Day or of Confirmation Day.

The Memorial Flower Fund recommended by your Scholarship Committee two or three years ago is gradually gaining favor, and this year, independent of the two complete Sisterhood scholarships raised in this manner, six hundred ninety-three dollars and fifty cents was added to the fund by this method.

Of the \$16,920.00 received this year, \$2,377.60 was derived from the profit on the sale of Uniongrams. Notable among the year's achievements is the Connecticut Uniongram Scholarship of \$400.00 which was raised entirely by the sale of Uniongrams through the efforts of Mrs. Albert Zunder, State Uniongram chairman, to whom we owe a special debt of gratitude, both for her enthusiastic efforts in her own State and for the splendid incentive she has given other State chairmen. Texas has

quickly followed the example of Connecticut, and its chairman promises a Texas Uniongram Scholarship for next year.

It is encouraging to note that the children of the religious schools have also manifested interest in our cause. In Minneapolis they contributed toward a complete scholarship of three hundred dollars in memory of their beloved rabbi, Dr. Deinard. In Evansville and in Indianapolis the confirmants contributed to the Scholarship Fund instead of indulging in the prevailing fashion of exchanging gifts with one another.

In addition to all these methods, we recommend, as worthy of consideration, the adoption of a Tribute Fund, to which are sent contributions in honor of the living as well as in memory of the dead, a method by which one of our Sisterhoods successfully raises a complete \$350.00 scholarship.

It is gratifying to report that the interest in our work is so keen that before the close of the past fiscal year (October 31, 1922) twenty-eight Sisterhoods had already sent in \$2,199.20 for the next year, and since then \$1,431.40 has been collected from eighteen additional Sisterhoods, all of which will appear in next year's report.

During the past fiscal year the students

of the Hebrew Union College have received \$17,242.08 for scholarships, of which the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods contributed \$16,050.00. The Sisterhoods throughout the country have voluntarily assumed the responsibility of supplying the funds to build a dormitory to solve the housing problem of the students of the Hebrew Union College. This new dormitory will undoubtedly attract many new students, and it is, therefore, incumbent upon the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods to redouble its efforts to increase its funds, so that no worthy student may be prevented from completing his course at the College for lack of the material means necessary for his maintenance.

Much of the success of our work is due to the efficient assistance rendered by the staff of the Executive Office, and particularly to the counsel and promptness of its chief, our executive-secretary, Rabbi George Zepin, to whom we take this means of expressing our deep appreciation.

May the interest and activity so splendidly manifested by our women in behalf of the students of the Hebrew Union College continue to grow and to bless both those who give and those who receive.

A detailed report of the contributions for the past fiscal year is appended.

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE H. U. C. SCHOLARSHIP FUND

November 1, 1921—October 31, 1922

### DISTRICT No. 1

#### Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island

MRS. D. BERNKOPF, District Scholarship Chairman

#### Individual Scholarship

Boston, Mass.....	Temple Israel Sisterhood (The Temple Israel Sisterhood Scholarship) .....	\$350.00
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#### District Scholarship

Boston, Mass.....	Sisterhood Temple Ohabei Shalom .....	113.00
Pittsfield, Mass.....	Sisterhood of Pittsfield .....	75.00
Providence, R. I.....	Sisterhood Temple Beth El.....	75.00

**DISTRICT No. 2**

**Connecticut**

MRS. ALBERT ZUNDER, District Scholarship Chairman

**The Connecticut Uniongram Scholarship**

Bridgeport .....	Sisterhood of Park Avenue Temple.....	\$90.00
Hartford.....	Woman's Auxiliary, C. B. I. ....	95.00
	Council of Jewish Women.....	20.00
New Haven .....	Mishkan Israel Temple Sisterhood.....	130.00
Stamford .....	Council of Jewish Women.....	20.00
Waterbury .....	The Temple Sisterhood .....	45.00

**DISTRICT No 3**

**New York**

MRS. OTTO SAMISCH, District Scholarship Chairman

**Individual Scholarships**

Albany, N. Y.....	Temple Beth Emeth (The Temple Beth Emeth Sisterhood Scholarship) .....	\$350.00
New York, N. Y.....	Ladies' Auxiliary Central Synagogue (The Ladies' Auxiliary Central Synagogue Scholarship).....	350.00
	Rodeph Sholom Woman's Association (Rodeph Sholom Woman's Association Scholarship).....	350.00
	Women's Guild, Temple Beth El (The Temple Beth El Women's Guild Scholarship).....	350.00
	Sisterhood of Mt. Neboh (The Mt. Neboh Sisterhood Scholarship) .....	350.00

**District Scholarships**

Binghamton, N. Y.....	Jewish Sisterhood .....	10.00
Brooklyn, N. Y.....	Woman' Aux., Temple Beth Elohim, 8th Ave.....	80.00
	Union Temple Sisterhood.....	120.00
	Sisterhood Beth Sholom People's Temple.....	96.50
	Sisterhood Shaari Zedek .....	25.00
	Sisterhood Temple Beth Emeth of Flatbush.....	50.00
Buffalo, N. Y.....	Women's Temple Society.....	70.00
Far Rockaway, N. Y.....	The Women's Auxiliary, Temple Israel.....	84.00
Jamaica, N. Y.....	Sisterhood Temple Israel of Jamaica.....	100.00
Montreal (Que.), Canada.	Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood .....	25.00
New Rochelle, N. Y.....	Sisterhood Temple Israel.....	50.00
New York, N. Y.....	Sisterhood of the New Synagog.....	32.80
	Sinai Henrietta Sisterhood of Bronx.....	50.00
	Daughters of the Covenant, Washington Heights....	30.00
	Ladies' Auxiliary, Temple Israel.....	135.00
	Tremont Sisterhood .....	34.50
	Sisterhood Rodeph Sholom Woman's Association....	8.00
	Temple Beth El Women's Guild.....	20.00
	Hebrew Sisterhood of Inwood.....	6.80
	Shaaray Tefila Sisterhood West End Synagog.....	25.00
	Woman's Guild of Free Synagogue of Flushing.....	25.00
	Hebrew Tabernacle .....	20.00
Niagara Falls, N. Y.....	Temple Beth El Sisterhood.....	45.00
Plattsburgh, N. Y.....	Beth Israel Sisterhood.....	10.00
Rochester, N. Y.....	Berith Kodesh Sisterhood.....	25.00
Syracuse, N. Y.....	Ladies' Auxiliary, Society of Concord.....	50.00
Yonkers, N. Y.....	Emanu-El Sisterhood of Yonkers.....	108.00

**DISTRICT No. 4****New Jersey**

MRS. HERMAN JAFFEE, District Scholarship Chairman

**District Scholarship**

Atlantic City, N. J.....	Sisterhood Beth Israel.....	\$10.00
East Orange, N. J.....	Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple Sharay Tefila.....	10.00
Elizabeth, N. J.....	Sisterhood of B'nai Israel.....	25.00
Jersey City, N. J.....	Ladies' Auxiliary, Temple Beth El.....	90.00
Newark, N. J.....	The Women's Ass'n of Temple B'nai Jeshurum.....	110.00
Trenton, N. J.....	Sisterhood of Har Sinai Congregation.....	10.00

**DISTRICT No. 5****Pennsylvania**

MISS CARRIE T. KUHN, District Scholarship Chairman

**Individual Scholarships**

Pittsburgh, Pa.....	Rodef Shalom Congregation, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Falk Scholarship), given by Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Forst in memory of their parents.....	\$300.00
	Sisterhood Rodef Shalom Congregation (The J. Leonard Levy Scholarship).....	350.00

**District Scholarships**

Allentown, Pa.....	Sisterhood of Keneseth Israel.....	25.00
Altoona, Pa.....	Ladies' Temple Society.....	10.00
Erie, Pa.....	Sisterhood of West 8th St. Temple.....	20.00
Harrisburg, Pa.....	Ohev Shalom Sisterhood.....	16.75
Hazleton, Pa.....	Ladies' Guild.....	25.00
Honesdale, Pa.....	Hebrew Ladies' Aid.....	10.00
Johnstown, Pa.....	Sisterhood Beth Zion.....	5.00
Lancaster, Pa.....	The Ladies' Temple Auxiliary.....	25.00
Philadelphia, Pa.....	Sisterhood Keneseth Israel Congregation.....	90.00
	Sisterhood of Rodeph Shalom Congregation.....	90.40
Reading, Pa.....	Sisterhood of Oheb Sholem.....	20.00
Scranton, Pa.....	Sisterhood of Madison Ave. Temple.....	13.00
Wilkes Barre, Pa.....	Sisterhood B'nai B'rith.....	40.00
Williamsport, Pa.....	Sisterhood Temple Beth Hasholom.....	10.00
York, Pa.....	Sisterhood Temple Beth Israel.....	25.00

**DISTRICT No. 6****Ohio**

MRS. J. H. FREEDMAN, District Scholarship Chairman

**Individual Scholarships**

Cincinnati, Ohio.....	Plum St. Temple Sisterhood (The I. M. Wise Scholarship).....	\$350.00
	Rockdale Ave. Temple Sisterhood (Dr. Max Lilienthal Scholarship).....	300.00
Cleveland, Ohio.....	The Temple Women's Association (The Temple Women's Association Scholarship).....	350.00
	Euclid Ave. Temple Sisterhood (The Euclid Ave. Temple Sisterhood Scholarship).....	400.00

Columbus, Ohio.....	Temple Israel Sisterhood* (The Frederick Lazarus Scholarship), given by Rose E. Lazarus in memory of her husband.....	350.00
	Temple Israel Sisterhood Scholarship.....	300.00

**District Scholarships**

Akron, Ohio.....	Sisterhood Temple Israel .....	50.00
Alliance, Ohio.....	Sisterhood Temple Israel .....	5.00
Bellaire, Ohio.....	Ladies' Hebrew Relief Society.....	10.00
Bucyrus, Ohio.....	Jewish Ladies' Aid Society.....	5.00
Canton, Ohio.....	McKinley Ave. Sisterhood.....	130.00
Cincinnati, Ohio.....	Plum St. Temple Sisterhood.....	5.00
	Reading Road Temple Sisterhood.....	150.00
Dayton, Ohio.....	Sisterhood of Temple K. K. B. Y.....	112.00
East Liverpool, Ohio.....	Sisterhood Bene Israel .....	5.00
Hamilton, Ohio.....	Ladies' Aid Society .....	10.00
Lima, Ohio.....	Ladies' Aid Society .....	10.00
Mansfield, Ohio.....	The Mansfield Sisterhood .....	15.80
Marion, Ohio.....	The Marion Temple Sisterhood.....	8.00
Middletown, Ohio.....	Jewish Reform Auxiliary.....	20.00
Newark, Ohio.....	Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society.....	25.00
Piqua, Ohio.....	The Jewish Ladies' Aid Society.....	5.00
Sandusky, Ohio.....	Oheb Shalom Sisterhood.....	10.00
Springfield, Ohio.....	Ladies' Auxiliary Oheb Zadukah.....	31.00
Toledo, Ohio.....	Sisterhood of Collingwood Ave. Temple.....	60.00
Youngstown, Ohio.....	Sisterhood Rodef Sholom Temple.....	156.80
Zanesville, Ohio.....	Jewish Woman's Aid Society.....	8.60

**DISTRICT No. 7**

**West Virginia**

MRS. D. M. OSGOOD, District Scholarship Chairman

**District Scholarship**

Charleston, W. Va.....	Sisterhood Virginia St. Temple.....	\$50.00
Clarksburg, W. Va.....	Sisterhood Temple Emanuel.....	35.00
Fairmont, W. Va.....	The Temple Sisterhood.....	10.00
Parkersburg, W. Va.....	Hebrew Ladies' Auxiliary.....	25.00
Wheeling, W. Va. ....	Ladies' Hebrew Benevolent Society.....	100.00

**DISTRICT No. 8.**

**District of Columbia, Maryland**

MRS. LEE LICHTENSTEIN, District Scholarship Chairman

**Individual Scholarships**

Washington, D. C. ....	Sisterhood Washington Hebrew Congregation (The Abram Simon Scholarship).....	\$300.00
Baltimore, Md. ....	Sisterhood Har Sinai Congregation (The Einhorn Scholarship) .....	300.00
	Sisterhood Oheb Shalom (The Szold-Kaiser Scholarship) .....	300.00
	Sisterhood Baltimore Hebrew Congregation (The Adolf Guttmacher Scholarship).....	300.00

**District Scholarship**

Cumberland, Md. ....	Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society.....	25.00
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**DISTRICT No. 9****Virginia****Individual Scholarship**

Richmond, Va.....	Beth Ahabah Sisterhood (The Beth Ahabah Sisterhood Scholarship) .....	\$300.00
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**District Scholarship**

Alexandria, Va.....	Beth El Sisterhood .....	5.00
Harrisonburg, Va.....	Ladies' Auxiliary .....	10.00
Norfolk, Va.....	Sisterhood Oheb Shalom.....	35.00

**DISTRICT No. 10****Indiana****Individual Scholarship**

Indianapolis, Ind.....	Sisterhood Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (Indianapolis Hebrew Cong. Sisterhood Scholarship, in memory of the relatives and friends of the members of the Sisterhood).....	\$350.00
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**District Scholarship**

Evansville, Ind.....	Washington Ave. Temple Sisterhood.....	25.00
	Confirmation Class of Washington Ave. Temple.....	40.00
Ft. Wayne, Ind.....	Achduth Vesholom Sisterhood .....	100.00
Gary, Ind.....	Woman's Auxiliary of Temple Israel.....	10.00
Hammond, Ind.....	Jewish Ladies' Aid Society.....	5.00
Indianapolis, Ind.....	Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation Sisterhood, given by 1922 Confirmation Class.....	47.50
Ligonier, Ind.....	Ladies' Benevolent Society.....	15.00
La Porte, Ind.....	Hebrew Ladies' Relief Society.....	8.00
Mt. Vernon, Ind.....	Mt. Vernon Temple Sisterhood.....	2.50
Richmond, Ind.....	Sisterhood of Richmond.....	21.00
South Bend, Ind.....	The Ladies' Aid Society.....	25.00

**DISTRICT No. 11****Michigan****Individual Scholarship**

Detroit, Mich.....	Sisterhood Temple Beth El (The Temple Beth El Sisterhood Scholarship) .....	\$300.00
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**District Scholarship**

Bay City, Mich.....	Temple Sisterhood .....	26.10
Kalamazoo, Mich.....	Hebrew Ladies' Benevolent Society.....	10.00
Saginaw, Mich.....	Beth El Sisterhood.....	50.00

**DISTRICT No. 12****Kentucky, Tennessee****Individual Scholarships**

Nashville, Tenn.....	Vine St. Temple Sisterhood (Vine St. Temple Sisterhood Scholarship) .....	\$300.00
Louisville, Ky.....	Adath Israel Sisterhood (Adath Israel Sisterhood Scholarship) .....	300.00
Memphis, Tenn.....	The Temple Sisterhood (The Temple Sisterhood Scholarship) .....	350.00

**District Scholarship**

Henderson, Ky.....	Adath Israel Sisterhood.....	10.00
Lexington, Ky.....	Sisterhood K. K. A. I.....	35.00
Louisville, Ky.....	Adath Israel Sisterhood.....	8.00
	Ladies' Auxiliary, Temple Brith Sholom.....	71.00
Owensboro, Ky.....	Adath Israel Sisterhood.....	14.00
Paducah, Ky.....	Adath Israel Sisterhood.....	15.00
Brownsville, Tenn.....	Temple Auxiliary.....	13.00
Chattanooga, Tenn.....	Hebrew Ladies' Aid Association.....	10.00
Jackson, Tenn.....	Ladies' Jewish Benevolent Society.....	15.00
Knoxville, Tenn.....	Woman's Auxiliary, Temple Beth El.....	24.00

**DISTRICT No. 13**

**North and South Carolina**

**District Scholarship**

Goldsboro, N. C.....	Goldsboro Temple Sisterhood.....	\$85.00
Greensboro, N. C.....	The Temple Sisterhood.....	16.75
Raleigh, N. C.....	Sisterhood Temple Beth Or.....	20.00
Charleston, S. C.....	Temple Sisterhood K. K. B. E.....	22.70
Spartanburg, S. C.....	Temple Aid Society.....)	5.00

**DISTRICT No. 14**

**Florida, Georgia**

MRS. A. D. GREENFIELD, District Scholarship Chairman

**Individual Scholarship**

Atlanta, Ga.....	The Temple Sisterhood (The Temple Sisterhood Scholarship, in memory of Miss Melanie Fiebleman)...	\$350.00
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**District Scholarship**

Jacksonville, Fla.....	Temple Sisterhood.....	96.50
Quincy, Fla.....	Quincy Sisterhood Guild.....	50.00
Pensacola, Fla.....	Ladies' Benevolent Society.....	25.00
Albany, Ga.....	Temple Sisterhood.....	5.00
Augusta, Ga.....	Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society.....	10.00
Bainbridge, Ga.....	Temple Guild.....	5.00
Macon, Ga.....	Beth Israel Sisterhood.....	51.60
Columbus, Ga.....	Jewish Ladies' Aid Society.....	5.00
Savannah, Ga.....	Temple Sisterhood.....	25.00

**DISTRICT No. 15**

**Alabama**

**District Scholarship**

Aniston, Ala.....	Henrietta Sterne Sisterhood.....	\$25.00
Bessemer, Ala.....	Beth El Sisterhood.....	10.00
Birmingham, Ala.....	Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood.....	25.00
Tuscaloosa, Ala.....	Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood.....	10.00



**DISTRICT No. 16****Mississippi****District Scholarship**

Greenville, Miss.....	Temple Auxiliary .....	\$10.00
Greenwood, Miss.....	Jewish Ladies' Aid Society.....	10.00
Jackson, Miss.....	Ladies' Aid Society .....	5.00
Meridian, Miss.....	Temple Guild Sisterhood .....	25.00
Natchez, Miss.....	Natchez Temple Sisterhood.....	20.00
Vicksburg, Miss.....	The Ladies' Auxiliary, Congregation Anshe Chesed.	20.00

**DISTRICT No. 17****Louisiana**

MRS. O. MAYER, District Scholarship Chairman

**Individual Scholarship**

New Orleans, La.....	Temple Sinai Sisterhood (The James K. Gutheim Scholarship) .....	\$300.00
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**District Scholarship**

Alexandria, La.....	Temple Sisterhood .....	10.00
Baton Rouge, La.....	B'nai Israel Congregation Sisterhood.....	25.00
Lake Charles, La.....	Temple Sinai Aid Society.....	5.00
New Orleans, La.....	Sisterhood of Beth Israel.....	10.00
	Ladies' Auxiliary Gates of Prayer.....	10.00
	Sisterhood League of Touro Synagog.....	25.00
Shreveport, La.....	Sisterhood B'nai Zion.....	105.00

**DISTRICT No. 18****Illinois****Individual Scholarships**

Chicago, Ill.....	Isaiah Woman's Club (The Isaiah Woman's Club Scholarship) .....	\$350.00
	Sisterhood B'nai Sholom Temple Israel (The Gerson B. Levi Scholarship).....	350.00

**District Scholarship**

Cairo, Ill.....	Montefiore Temple Sisterhood.....	5.00
Champaign, Ill.....	Sisterhood of Sinai Temple.....	10.00
Chicago, Ill.....	Ladies' Auxiliary Temple Sholom.....	25.00
	Chicago Sinai Temple Sisterhood.....	50.00
	Washington Blvd. Temple Sisterhood.....	60.80
	Temple Emanuel Sisterhood.....	39.00
	K. A. M. Auxiliary .....	25.00
	Beth El Sisterhood .....	10.00
Danville, Ill.....	Ladies' Mite Society.....	10.00

**DISTRICT No. 19****Minnesota, South Dakota, Wisconsin****Individual Scholarship**

Minneapolis, Minn.....	The Sisterhood of Temple Israel (The Dr. Samuel N. Deinard Memorial Scholarship).....	\$300.00
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**District Scholarship**

Duluth, Minn.....	Temple Aid Society.....	25.00
Sioux Falls, S. D.....	Sisterhood Mt. Zion Congregation.....	7.00
Appleton, Wis.....	Jewish Ladies' Aid Society.....	5.00
Milwaukee, Wis.....	Emanu-El Ladies' Society.....	25.00
	B'ne Jeshurun Sisterhood.....	90.00
Oshkosh, Wis.....	Ladies' Jewish Aid Society.....	10.00

**DISTRICT No. 20**

**Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska**

**District Scholarship**

Davenport, Iowa.....	Tri-Cities Sisterhood.....	\$18.50
Des Moines, Iowa.....	Temple Sisterhood B'nai Jeshurun.....	25.00
Sioux City, Iowa.....	Sisterhood of Mt. Sinai.....	50.00
Joplin, Mo.....	Temple Aid Sisterhood.....	10.00
St. Joseph, Mo.....	Adath Joseph Sisterhood.....	25.00
St. Louis, Mo.....	Sisterhood Temple Israel.....	5.50
	B'nai El Temple Sisterhood.....	25.00
	Sisterhood Temple Shaare Emeth.....	133.00
Springfield, Mo.....	Jewish Ladies' Aid Society.....	10.00
Lincoln, Nebr.....	Jewish Ladies' Aid Society.....	10.00
Omaha, Nebr.....	Temple Israel Sisterhood.....	15.00

**DISTRICT No. 21**

**Arkansas, Oklahoma**

**District Scholarship**

Ft. Smith, Ark.....	Temple Aid Sisterhood.....	\$29.80
Helena, Ark.....	Temple Aid Sisterhood.....	43.50
Hot Springs, Ark.....	Temple Sisterhood, House of Israel.....	5.00
Pine Bluff, Ark.....	Temple Sisterhood of Pine Bluff.....	50.00
Oklahoma City, Okla.....	Jewish Ladies' Aid, Temple Sinai B'nai Israel.....	100.00
Tulsa, Okla.....	Temple Israel Sisterhood.....	51.00

**DISTRICT No. 22**

**Arizona, Texas**

MRS. MARTIN ZIELONKA, District Scholarship Chairman

**The Texas State Scholarship**

Beaumont.....	Temple Emanuel Sisterhood.....	\$25.00
Dallas.....	Temple Emanuel Sisterhood.....	130.00
El Paso.....	Mt. Sinai Sisterhood.....	75.00
Houston.....	Ladies' Aid Society.....	85.00
San Antonio.....	Ladies' Auxiliary, Temple Beth El.....	85.00
Waco.....	The Temple Sisterhood of Waco.....	10.00
Austin.....	Council of Jewish Women.....	25.00
Galveston.....	Council of Jewish Women.....	60.00
Wichita Falls.....	Council of Jewish Women.....	25.00

**DISTRICT No. 23****Colorado, Utah, Wyoming****District Scholarship**

Denver, Colo.....Emanuel Sisterhood .....	\$31.00
Trinidad, Colo.....Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society.....	30.00
Salt Lake City, Utah.....B'nai Israel Sisterhood.....	50.00
Cheyenne, Wyo.....Ladies of Jewish Circle.....	5.00

**DISTRICT No. 24****California****Individual Scholarship**

San Francisco.....Emanuel Guild (Emanuel Guild Scholarship, in memory of Jesse W. Lilienthal).....	\$300.00
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**District Scholarship**

Los Angeles.....Sisterhood Temple B'nai Brith.....	\$130.40
Oakland.....Sisterhood Temple Sinai .....	50.00
San Diego.....Temple Beth Israel Auxiliary .....	1.00

**DISTRICT No. 25****Idaho, Oregon, Washington****District Scholarship**

Portland, Ore.....Beth Israel Sisterhood.....	\$25.00
Seattle, Wash.....Ladies' Auxiliary, Temple De Hirsch.....	18.00
Spokane, Wash.....Sisterhood of Temple Emanu-El.....	10.00
Tacoma, Wash.....Beth Israel Sisterhood.....	25.00

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Joseph Stolz, Chairman,  
Mrs. Sol Weil, Vice-Chairman,  
Mrs. Josiah Cohen,  
Mrs. Solomon Foster,  
Mrs. Sallie Kubie Glauber,  
Mrs. Fred Lazarus,  
Mrs. Lillie Mikolas,  
Mrs. Henry Penn,  
Mrs. Abram Simon.

## Report of the National Committee on Propaganda

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 31, 1922.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies: This past fiscal year has shown an increase of twenty-three societies on the membership list of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. At the close of the previous fiscal year, October 31, 1921, the Federation comprised 265 constituent Sisterhoods. This year records a total of 283 organizations, with a combined membership

of 45,000 women. This figure embraces a large group of Jewish women, located in all parts of the United States and in Canada.

At the beginning of the fall season, usually on October first, the Executive Office begins its propaganda campaign. A series of letters are sent to Sisterhood prospects, explaining the aims and purposes of the Federation and its place in American Jewry. As a result of the correspondence this fall (October 1—October 31, 1922), eleven Sis-

terhoods have joined the Federation. Correspondence is also being conducted with forty unaffiliated societies, of which four Sisterhoods are immediate prospects.

### METHODS OF PROPAGANDA

#### (1) Through Student Rabbis.

One of the greatest aids in securing new Sisterhoods for the Federation have been the student rabbis. The Executive Office requests each student rabbi who is officiating in a community which has no Sisterhood to urge organization and affiliation. Many Sisterhoods have been brought into the Federation in this manner, and have given continued interest and cooperation in Federation work.

#### (2) Through State Federations.

The recently-organized State Federations have also served to greatly increase propaganda work. Most of the Federations have State field secretaries who write to prospects in their state or districts and try to secure their interest. If this cannot be done by correspondence, a visit is made. In each case the state secretary informs the prospect that membership cannot be secured in the State Federation unless the local Sisterhood is also a member of the National Federation. Nine Sisterhoods have come into the Federation during the past year through this branch of work. By reason of her local work, the state secretary is able to readily secure names of near-by prospects and to come into more direct contact with them.

#### (3) Through Local Sisterhoods.

A word of commendation should be given to local Sisterhoods which are interested in seeing the Jewish women in neighboring cities organize Sisterhoods. In several instances the President and a group of ladies from an affiliated society have motored to a near-by town, talked "Sisterhood", distributed literature supplied by the Executive Office, and the result is another Sisterhood. This was done by the ladies of Baton Rouge, La., who organized a Sisterhood in Donaldsonville, La., and by some members of the Nashville, Tenn. Sisterhood who organized a society in Columbia, Tenn. A little interest and an occasional helping

hand, and the work of organization is easily accomplished.

Local Sisterhoods have been doing propaganda work during the past year, and four Sisterhoods report a gain of over 150 members. They are the Sisterhood of the Euclid Ave. Temple, Cleveland, Ohio; the Sisterhood of Dallas, Texas; the Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple Shalom, Chicago, Ill., and the Sisterhood of Oakland, California. Three Sisterhoods have reported gains of a hundred members, and many societies have greatly increased their membership.

There is still much propaganda work to be done in local and national fields. The National Committee on Propaganda asks two things: first, that new societies be brought into the Federation, and second, that local membership be increased. To accomplish this, the continued help of every member is needed, for in this way only can the work for which the Federation stands become known to every Jewish woman.

The following Sisterhoods have joined the Federation from October 31, 1921, to October 31, 1922:

- Brooklyn, N. Y.—Sisterhood of Temple Sinai.
- Bucyrus, Ohio—The Jewish Ladies' Aid Society.
- Camden, S. C.—The Ladies' Aid Society.
- Clarksdale, Miss.—The Temple Sisterhood.
- Chicago, Ill.—Temple B'nai Jehoshua Sisterhood.
- Columbia, Tenn.—Sisterhood of Columbia.
- Donaldsonville, La.—Bikur Cholim Temple Sisterhood.
- Easton, Pa.—Sisterhood of Temple Covenant of Peace.
- Galveston, Texas—Sisterhood Temple B'nai Israel.
- Hopkinsville, Ky.—Daughters of Israel Sisterhood.
- Lewiston, Pa.—Ohev Shalom Sisterhood.
- Lexington, Miss.—Jewish Ladies' Aid Society.
- Ligonier, Ind.—Ladies' Benevolent Society.
- Logan, Ohio—Sisterhood of Logan.
- Marshall, Texas—Temple Sisterhood.
- Morgantown, W. Va.—Morgantown Sisterhood.
- Pine Bluff, Ark.—Temple Israel Sisterhood.
- Poughkeepsie, N. Y.—Sisterhood of Brethren of Israel.

Rocky Mt., N. C.—Temple Beth-El Sisterhood.

Sumter, S. C.—Ladies' Aid Society.

Toronto, Canada—Temple Sisterhood of Holy Blossom Synagogue.

Williamson, W. Va.—Ladies' Guild.

Winnipeg, Canada—Shaarey Zedek Sisterhood.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Harry H. Mayer, Chairman,  
Mrs. Max Brandenburger, Vice-Chrn.,  
Mrs. Martin Barbe,  
Mrs. Ferd. Dilsheimer,  
Miss Jeanette M. Goldberg,  
Mrs. D. S. Lisberger,  
Mrs. S. Pisko,  
Mrs. Maurice Steinfeld.

## Report of the National Committee on Uniongrams

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 31, 1922.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies: When the Uniongram was introduced in 1916, the first Chairman of this Committee, justly proud of her work, reported at the close of that year a record sale of 2,220 Uniongrams. It is a coincidence that at the close of the ten years of work of the National Federation, six years after the Uniongram had been inaugurated, the Uniongram sales have increased to just ten times the original size, and this fiscal year shows a record of 22,702 Uniongrams sold.

13,278 Uniongrams were sold from Oct. 31, 1920, to Oct. 31, 1921. For this year the Sisterhoods disposed of 4,268 books of four, and 560 books of ten—22,702 Uniongrams in all—almost doubling last year's sales, which had previously been the largest. The total receipts for this year amounted to \$5,675.50, and 25 more Sisterhoods have introduced this branch of work. Many of the larger Sisterhoods have doubled their orders for this year.

### The Uniongram and Local Sisterhoods

Twice the number of Sisterhoods are using Uniongrams this year in comparison to last year, and 182 Sisterhoods use this message. The five Sisterhoods which ordered the most Uniongrams during the past fiscal year disposed of 5,560 Uniongrams. First among these organizations is the Rockdale Avenue Temple Sisterhood, Cincinnati, Ohio, whose capable Chairman, Miss Belle Franklin, has disposed of 1,560 Uniongrams and more than doubled her order for last year. The second highest is the Sisterhood of Washington, D. C., Mrs. David Pressler, Chairman, 1,200 Uniongrams; third, New Haven, Conn., Mrs. Al-

bert Zünder, Chairman, 1,000 Uniongrams; fourth, Albany, N. Y., Mrs. Louis Bookheim, Chairman, 900 Uniongrams, and Newark, N. J., Mrs. Louis Kreiger, Chairman, 900 Uniongrams.

It has been suggested that the Uniongram be used on occasions of sorrow as well as joy. A Jewish message of condolence and sympathy carries a particular appeal. Several Sisterhoods have requested the use of Uniongrams on these occasions. In order that this be done, a change in the wording on the back of the Uniongram will be necessary.

Many novel ideas for disposing of these messages have been adopted by local organizations. The Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Elohim, of Brooklyn, staged a small sketch called "The Little Messenger's Appeal", which was enacted by the children of members. The children were costumed in lavender and gray, the Uniongram colors, and their appeal netted the Sisterhood fifty dollars, and insured future interest in Uniongrams. The Uniongram Chairman in Shreveport, La., procured ten note-books, and divided up the 250 members of her Sisterhood by inscribing twenty-five names in each book, and then gave the books to the members of her Committee. Each of the Committee members was asked to list in the book the dates of anniversaries, birthdays, weddings, etc., of the twenty-five ladies in her charge, and to telephone them and remind them that this was a fitting occasion to send a Uniongram. In Greensboro, N. C., \$16.75 was realized on one Uniongram. A popular young lady was married, and the President of the Sisterhood conceived the idea of sending a Uniongram to the young couple. She secured the name of every member

who wished to add his or her name to the list of well-wishers, and explained that the twenty-five cents would go to the Scholarship Fund. A large number of names were added, and the money was sent to the H. U. C. Scholarship Fund.

Many Sisterhoods use their weekly bulletins to advertise Uniongrams to members of the Sisterhood and congregation. In the Rodeph Shalom Review, Philadelphia, these slogans appeared: "Make a Happy New Year Even Happier—Send a Uniongram", and "Think, Decide and Order—What? Uniongrams." At every opportunity, the Shaare Emeth Sisterhood, of St. Louis, bulletin urges: "Get the Uniongram Habit", and the Sisterhood of Albany, N. Y., asks at all times that their members "Say it with Uniongrams". Isaiah Woman's Club, Chicago, and the Plum Street Temple Sisterhood, of Cincinnati, insert notices almost every week advertising this Jewish message.

#### The Uniongram and State Federations

One of the outstanding features of the Uniongram work for this year has been the two complete Uniongram Scholarships for \$400.00 given by the State of Connecticut, and one for \$350.00 given by the State of Texas. This is the second year for the Connecticut State Scholarship, of which Mrs. Albert Zunder is State Chairman. Mrs. J. Ehrenfeld is Texas State Chairman. Both ladies apportioned the number of Uniongrams necessary to make up a State Scholarship among the Sisterhoods in their states and each local Sisterhood sold its quota of Uniongrams. This is an excellent example of one of the fields in which State Federations can do active work and can further a national project. In both cases the successful results were, of course, due to the active Chairman, and what these two ladies have accomplished can be done in every state. The necessity for appointing interested and energetic chairmen is plainly emphasized by the remarkable work which can be done, as exemplified in the two states mentioned. Sales have been

greatly stimulated and increased in the State of New York by Mrs. Chas. C. Rosenberg, State Chairman. She has even secured publicity in the bulletin of the Independent Order of True Sisters, "The Echo", and has published an appeal for Uniongrams in this paper. Other State Chairmen are also striving to increase sales, and next year unusual results are looked for from State work.

At the last Executive Board meeting which took place in Indianapolis last January, Mrs. Albert Zunder, of New Haven, Conn., because of the fine work which she had done and the interest which she had shown in popularizing the Uniongram, was appointed a member of the National Committee on Uniongrams. During the year she also acted as Eastern agent, and visited Sisterhoods in Boston, Providence, Philadelphia and New York, and in the State of Connecticut, stimulating the sales of Uniongrams in these cities.

The percentage of Sisterhoods using the Uniongrams is a fairly large one, but in view of the two worthy causes which the Jewish message aids, it is not large enough. The maintenance of free religious schools and of the Hebrew Union College Scholarship Fund should have the support of every constituent Sisterhood in the Federation. The Committee on Uniongram began a campaign at the beginning of the fall season, in October, 1922, and the responses were most gratifying. In small as well as large communities, a place is being found for Uniongrams, and the Jewish people have adopted this message and are using it on all occasions.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Isaac Born, Chairman,  
Mrs. Otto Kempner, Vice-Chair'n,  
Mrs. Myer Kirsh,  
Mrs. Charles Mayer,  
Mrs. Adolph Rose,  
Mrs. David Samuels,  
Mrs. Robert F. Skutch.  
Mrs. Albert Zunder.

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### First Day's Proceedings

Hotel Astor, New York City,  
January 23, 1923, 9:50 a. m.

The V Assembly of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods was called to order by the President, Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Dr. Kaufmann Kohler, of New York.

#### ORGANIZATION OF THE V ASSEMBLY

The President, Mrs. Wiesenfeld, appointed the following Committee on Credentials, Program and Rules.

##### Committee on Credentials

Mrs. David Goldfarb, Chairman, New York; Mrs. H. Oppenheimer, Vice-Chairman, Baltimore; Mrs. William Klein, Newark; Mrs. Lee Lichtenstein, Cumberland; Mrs. David Marx, Atlanta; Mrs. Abram Bretzfelder, New York; Mrs. Josiah Cohen, Pittsburgh; Mrs. Myer Kirsh, Richmond; Mrs.

Charles Freund, Toledo; Mrs. Charles Mayer, Lincoln; Mrs. Adolph Rose, Vicksburg; Miss Daisy Weil, Morgantown; Mrs. Joseph J. Davis, Waterbury; Mrs. Leon Stein, Wheeling; Mrs. G. Dannenbaum, Wilmington; Mrs. L. Churchill, Winnipeg; Mrs. Sol Weinberger, Youngstown; Mrs. Max Grumbacher, York; Mrs. W. S. Friedman, Denver; Mrs. S. Mayerburg, Dayton, Mrs. Nathan Krass, New York.

##### Committee on Program and Rules

Mrs. Sallie Kubie Glauber, Chairman, New York; Mrs. Max J. Brandenburger, Brooklyn, Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg, Cincinnati; Mrs. Arthur K. Stern, Philadelphia; Mrs. Henry Nathan, Buffalo; Mrs. Abram Simon, Washington.

##### ADDRESS OF WELCOME

Mrs. Daniel P. Hays, of New York City, delivered the following address of welcome:

### Address of Welcome

by MRS. DANIEL P. HAYS

Madam President, Delegates to the Assembly of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

It is really an honor to have this opportunity to welcome you to the City of New York, where you are having your convention, and to extend to you our hospitality and hope that you will have a pleasant stay here.

If I were the Mayor of the City I would extend to you the freedom of the city. Per-

haps some day when you come here again we may have a woman Mayor.

New York, although a great mercantile city, you will find to be warm, hospitable and generous. The women of New York are so glad to have you; they wish to make your stay as pleasant as possible. They want you to be comfortable, to enjoy each day that you are in their midst.

We are, indeed, happy that our women have joined your Federation, which has



done such splendid work for the past ten years, and we congratulate you on this anniversary. We rejoice as we look over this assemblage of women, we rejoice in the fact that from all states in the Union you are here to consider perplexing questions and problems. We rejoice that the future life of Judaism is in a large part in the hands of the women.

The position of woman has undergone a great change in the past twenty-five years by reason of economic and social conditions, and the enlightenment of man. Now with her enfranchisement she has shown her capability in many fields, education, medicine, law, civics, in official positions in city, state and nation. We want to add the ministry. Surely there is a place for her in religion.

Our Jewish mothers created a religious atmosphere in the home, instilled their children with a love of God and by their example helped to preserve Judaism for us. Now that women have been given the opportunity of carrying on their religious work outside the home and into the religious school and synagogue, their influence has been increased and the sphere of their religious activity widened.

It is gratifying to know that so many Jewish women are now active on the School Boards of our religious schools, and that in many Temples they are represented on the Board of Trustees. They are naturally fitted to develop and understand the religious life. That they have confined their efforts to the home and not contributed toward the promotion of religion in the communal life to any great extent, until recent years, is due to the fact that they have not been called upon to do so, perhaps we might say, not even permitted; certainly not requested!

The willingness and desire of men that we should assist them in awakening and meeting the religious needs of men, women and children of our own faith, has met with a hearty response and this body of earnest, spiritually-minded Jewish women has responded to the call and become a potent force in promoting, preserving and maintaining Judaism in America.

With the opening of new fields for her activities, the Jewish woman must not neglect the home. There it is that faith in

God is first instilled in the heart of the child and its religious impulses awakened. No one can do this as successfully as the mother. It is the sphere for which God has fitted her.

The home is the source of our most sacred emotions and while the mother is supplying her children with food to strengthen their physical growth and development, we must not neglect the soul which also requires sustenance, that it may live and develop with the body. We must restore the Jewish home by making it a dwelling place for God as well as for ourselves and children. It will thus become a holy place as it was of old.

We have discarded many symbols of our religion. The age is practical and material. We have made a mistake. We must cultivate the sentiment and arouse the imagination, unless we deem the spirit as unnecessary to a complete life. As we usher in the Sabbath with the lighted candles, emblematic of the light of God and truth, as we create an atmosphere of peace and contentment different from other nights and utter our thanks to God for the blessings of the week and the fruits of the earth, we are adding to the spiritual food of our children and making our religious professions living things.

Though modern life with its changed economic conditions renders it difficult for men to keep the Sabbath, the vast majority of women are not so affected. We can observe it if we so desire, anticipating our household wants before it arrives, attending divine service, and while not giving it the puritanical aspect of olden times, make of it a day different from others, an oasis for satisfying our spiritual thirst.

While there exists so much skepticism and doubt, so much ignorance and prejudice, we cannot remain idle. With renewed effort, Jewish women must exert their influence to bring about a better understanding of the principles of their faith, infuse a love of God in the hearts of the children and teach them how to pray.

This is the crucial moment (when scoffers exist within our ranks and prejudice is asserting itself from without), for the American Jewish women to arise and declare their position. It will bring more respect,

more consideration from others than to allow fear of criticism to weaken us.

Oh, my sisters in Israel, let us be firm in our determination to meet the problems that confront us with courage, optimism and evidences of our faith in God. There are those in our community who are almost ashamed of being considered Jewish, who desire to follow new creeds, new religions. They are indeed short-sighted. They are simply satisfying themselves as best they can with makeshifts. They are too blind to see. They know little of their historic past. They do not realize they are linked to that past with a chain of iron, and that breaking a link in the chain means destruction in the future. Through the ages the Jew will live. Nothing can destroy his religion while in him is the spirit of God.

We are united as Jewish women with the mission to spread among our own brothers and sisters the true belief in God. God Who watches over us knows our every thought, our daily actions, and so influences our lives that not only in joy but when sorrow comes we realize that He is our

mainstay. We do not question. We bow our heads and say "Thy will be done". We find our comfort in the faith of our fathers'.

Let it be our aim in this convention to create an atmosphere of love, respect and tolerance, showing the influence of our religious thinking and the strength of our faith in our professions. No matter how we may differ upon questions coming before the convention, let us be calm, kindly and considerate of each other and let a spirit of friendliness govern our deliberations.

May the inspiration from all you will hear at this convention take you back to your homes with a new fervor, new interest, new stimulation to carry God's message, and instill in the heart of Jewish men and women renewed love of their faith. May you find that to walk with God means daily growth.

Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg, of Cincinnati, First Vice-President of the Federation, responded on behalf of the Federation.

## Response to Address of Welcome

by MRS. J. WALTER FREIBERG

Mrs. Hays, and Ladies:

It is indeed a wonderful privilege for the delegates to the Assembly of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods to meet in this metropolis, the great center of Jewish life, to consider the many perplexing questions which confront us daily. We are now a very important organization, numbering more than forty-six thousand women, and therefore we wield a great influence in the home, in the congregation and in the community.

We thank Mrs. Glauber, the very capable and efficient Chairman, her committee who have worked so faithfully and so willingly for our comfort and for our entertainment, and all the women of New York who have shown so much consideration and so many untiring efforts for our pleasure. In the words of the psalmist let us say, "Let the beauty of the Lord, our God, rest upon us.

Establish for us the work of our hands, yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it."

### LETTERS OF GREETING

Letters, Uniongrams and telegrams of greeting from the following organizations and individuals were read to the V Assembly: The Pennsylvania State Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, District No. 19 State Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, the Pittsburgh Section of C. J. W., Chicago Section C. J. W., Minneapolis Section C. J. W., the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of Baltimore, the National Hadassah Society, Sisterhood of Temple of the Covenant, New York; the Adath Israel Sisterhood, Henderson, Ky.; Mt. Sinai Sisterhood, El Paso, Texas; Chicago Sinai Temple Sisterhood; B'nai El Temple Sisterhood, New York; Sisterhood Keneseth Israel, Philadelphia, Pa.; Beth El Sisterhood, Alex-

andria, Va.; Rodef Sholom Sisterhood, Youngstown, Ohio; Mishkan Israel Temple Sisterhood, New Haven, Conn.; Sisterhood Temple Ohabei Shalom, Boston; The Temple Sisterhood, Atlanta, Ga.; Sisterhood Temple Adath Israel, Boston; Har Sinai Sisterhood, Baltimore; Baltimore Hebrew Congregation Sisterhood; The Jewish Sisterhood, Binghamton, N. Y.; Sisterhood B'nai Sholom Temple Israel, Chicago; Sisterhood Temple Beth El, Detroit, Mich.; Ohev Sholom Sisterhood, Harrisburg, Pa.; The Temple Sisterhood, Jacksonville, Fla.; The Temple Sisterhood, Memphis, Tenn.; Sisterhood Temple B'ne Jeshurun, Milwaukee, Wisc.; Sisterhood Temple Israel, Minneapolis,

Minn.; Temple Sinai Sisterhood, Oakland, Calif.; Sisterhood of Temple Oheb Sholom, Reading, Pa.; The Ladies Auxiliary Congregation Anshe Chesed, Vicksburg, Miss.; Sisterhood of Temple Beth Israel, York, Pa.; Mrs. May Wolf, Baltimore; Mrs. Dan Frank, Cincinnati, O.; Mrs. Jacob S. Goldsmith, Baltimore; Md.; Mrs. L. Kronheimer, Washington, D. C.; The Board of Directors of the Sisterhood of Temple Adath Israel, Boston, Mass.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Executive Board were read and approved.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following report, which was adopted:

## Report of Committee on Credentials

The Committee on Credentials begs leave to report that the following named persons are duly accredited delegates, and are empowered to participate in all of the proceedings of the Fifth Biennial Assembly of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.\*

### DISTRICT FEDERATION DELEGATES

- District Federation No. 1—Mrs. Felix Vorenberg, Boston, Mass.  
 District Federation No. 2—Mrs. I. M. Ullman, New Haven, Conn.  
 District Federation No. 3—Mrs. Abraham L. Bretzfelder, New York City.  
 District Federation No. 4—Mrs. Solomon Foster, Newark, N. J.  
 District Federation No. 5—Mrs. Ferd. Dilsheimer, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 District Federation No. 7—Mrs. Eph. Broh, Huntington, W. Va.  
 District Federation No. 8—Mrs. L. Lee Lichtenstein, Cumberland, Md.  
 District Federation No. 11—Mrs. Mayer Sulzberger, Detroit, Mich.  
 District Federation No. 12—Mrs. Charles Cohn, Nashville, Tenn.  
 District Federation No. 13—Mrs. Louis Lyons, Sumter, S. C.  
 District Federation No. 14—Mrs. David Marx, Atlanta, Ga.  
 District Federation No. 22—Mrs. Victor H. Hexter, Dallas, Tex.

### DELEGATES REPRESENTING SISTERHOODS

- Akron, Ohio.**—Sisterhood of Temple Israel.  
 Mrs. David Alexander,  
 Mrs. Armin Sicherman,  
 Miss Malvyn Wachner.
- Albany, N. Y.**—Sisterhood Temple Beth Emeth.  
 Mrs. Simon I. Nusbaum,  
 Mrs. J. H. Blatner,  
 Mrs. Henry Baruch,  
 Mrs. F. Thanauer.
- Alexandria, La.**—The Temple Sisterhood.  
 Mrs. Morris Weiss,  
 Mrs. Jake Rosner.
- Alexandria, Va.**—Sisterhood of Beth El.  
 Mrs. B. Weil.
- Allentown, Pa.**—Sisterhood of Keneseth Israel.  
 Mrs. Charles Kline.
- Alliance, Ohio.**—Sisterhood of Temple Israel.  
 Mrs. J. W. Frutkin.
- Altoona, Pa.**—Sisterhood Ladies' Temple Society.  
 Mrs. Isaiah Scheeline.

\* Members of the Executive Board are, by provision of the Constitution, members of the Assembly.

- Atlanta, Ga.**—The Temple Sisterhood.  
 Mrs. Sam Schoen,  
 Mrs. Edgar Bodenheimer,  
 Mrs. Jake Selig.  
 Mrs. Julius Simon,  
 Mrs. Simon Rosenfeld,  
 Mrs. Maurice Kent.
- Atlantic City, N. J.**—Sisterhood Beth Israel.  
 Mrs. Adolph Ullman,  
 Mrs. Morris Aron,  
 Mrs. Philip Arnold.
- Augusta, Ga.**—Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society.  
 Mrs. David Nachman.
- Baltimore, Md.**—Baltimore Hebrew Congregation Sisterhood.  
 Mrs. Morris Lazon,  
 Mrs. Chas. Gans,  
 Miss Rose Landauer,  
 Mrs. Hiram Wiesenfeld,  
 Mrs. Herman Cohn,  
 Miss Clara Hoffman.
- Baltimore, Md.**—Har Sinai Sisterhood.  
 Mrs. Charles Wolf,  
 Mrs. Charles Weiller,  
 Mrs. Jacob Hornstein,  
 Mrs. Jacob Engel,  
 Mrs. Freda Nassauer,  
 Mrs. Isaac Sachs.
- Baltimore, Md.**—Sisterhood Temple Oheb Sholem.  
 Mrs. Henry Grinsfelder,  
 Mrs. Jacob Goldsmith,  
 Mrs. Leonard A. Hecht,  
 Mrs. Herman J. Cahn,  
 Mrs. David S. Ulman,  
 Miss Carolyn J. Weiss.
- Baton Rouge, La.**—B'nai Israel Sisterhood.  
 Miss Caroline Farrnbacher.
- Bay City, Mich.**—The Temple Sisterhood.  
 Mrs. N. Seitner,
- Bellaire, Ohio.**—Ladies' Auxiliary "Sons of Israel."  
 Mrs. Max Herzberg.
- Binghamton, N. Y.**—Jewish Sisterhood.  
 Minnie D. Harris (Mrs. S. H.)
- Birmingham, Ala.**—Temple Emanuel Sisterhood.  
 Mrs. Morris Newfield,  
 Mrs. Jonas Schwab,  
 Mrs. Joseph Beitman,  
 Mrs. Leon Meyer.
- Boston, Mass.**—Temple Israel Sisterhood.  
 Mrs. Harry Liebman,  
 Mrs. Harry Levi,  
 Mrs. Reuben Gryzmish,  
 Mrs. Henry G. Morris,  
 Mrs. Joseph B. Jacobs,  
 Mrs. Sarah Manister.
- Boston, Mass.**—Sisterhood Temple Ohabei Shalom.  
 Mrs. Edward Ginsburg,  
 Mrs. L. P. B. Goldman,  
 Mrs. Samuel J. Abrams,  
 Miss Theresa Cohen,  
 Mrs. John Nathan.
- Bridgeport, Conn.**—Sisterhood of Park Avenue Temple.  
 Mrs. Lewis R. Salabes,  
 Mrs. Herman Walder.
- Brooklyn, N. Y.**—Beth Emeth of Flatbush Sisterhood.  
 Mrs. M. N. Sammet,  
 Mrs. H. Hirsch,  
 Mrs. B. Finkelbrand,  
 Mrs. M. Weinberg.
- Brooklyn, N. Y.**—Ladies' Auxiliary Ahavath Sholom.  
 Mrs. J. M. Fuerth,  
 Mrs. H. Gottlieb,  
 Mrs. J. Livingston.
- Brooklyn, N. Y.**—Progressive Synagogue Sisterhood.  
 Mrs. Rose Apfelbaum.
- Brooklyn, N. Y.**—Shaari Zedek Sisterhood.  
 Mrs. Hannah Franklin,  
 Mrs. G. J. Baruch,  
 Mrs. J. E. Brill.
- Brooklyn, N. Y.**—Sisterhood of Union Temple.  
 Mrs. Jos. Rosenthal,  
 Mrs. Henry Neuman,  
 Mrs. Simon R. Cohen,  
 Mrs. Ph. Lustig,  
 Mrs. M. B. Schmidt,  
 Mrs. Wm. Abrahams.
- Brooklyn, N. Y.**—Sisterhood Beth Sholom People's Temple.  
 Mrs. B. F. Cohen,  
 Mrs. J. Schattman,  
 Mrs. J. Oppenheimer,  
 Mrs. J. Lefkowitz,  
 Mrs. S. O. Ludwig.
- Brooklyn, N. Y.**—Women's Auxiliary Congregation Beth Elohim.  
 Mrs. Max Marx,  
 Mrs. Max Goldmeyer,  
 Mrs. Geo. Dressler,  
 Mrs. Bernard Natt,  
 Mrs. Etta L. Miller.
- Brunswick, Ga.**—Temple Sisterhood  
 Mrs. Alex Rotholz.

- Buffalo, N. Y.**—Woman's Temple Society.  
Mrs. Louis J. Kopald,  
Mrs. Eugene Warner,  
Mrs. Frederick Ullman,  
Mrs. Dan. Desbecker,  
Mrs. Charles Bock,  
Mrs. Herman Wile,
- Cairo, Ill.**—Montefiore Temple Sisterhood.  
Mrs. Leo Kaufman,
- Canton, Ohio.**—McKinley Ave. Temple Sisterhood.  
Mrs. J. H. Friedman,  
Mrs. Darwin Luntz.
- Charleston, W. Va.**—Virginia St. Temple Sisterhood.  
Mrs. Garris Barkus.  
Mrs. Isaac Rosenberg.
- Chattanooga, Tenn.**—Mizpah Temple Sisterhood.  
Mrs. Leo Rosenblum.
- Chicago, Ill.**—Temple Emanuel Sisterhood.  
Mrs. William Cerf,  
Mrs. Herman Selz,  
Mrs. Benjamin Levy,  
Mrs. Hugo King,  
Mrs. Max A. Schwartz.
- Chicago, Ill.**—Chicago Sinai Temple Sisterhood.  
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**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AND RULES**

The Committee on Program and Rules presented the following report which was adopted:

## Report of the Committee on Program and Rules

In presenting to you the report of the Program Committee, I beg leave to emphasize a few points, viz.:

1. The purposes of an Assembly.
2. How best to accomplish them.
3. Short-comings.

It is my humble opinion that one of the main purposes of these Assemblies is to reaffirm—that while individual initiative is valuable still a training to group responsibility is the foundation and the rock upon which by co-operative effort may be accomplished the objects of our organization and through it the lofty ideals for which Judaism stands.

Committees are the instruments and the avenues through which concrete and constructive work should bring about specific results.

If I may be permitted to be facetious for a moment, I would say that while not coming from "Missouri", I am nevertheless one of those beings who will not be content without a proper regard for the "show me". I must see results.

I am out of sympathy with gatherings that come together, merely to talk and do nothing, who are enthused for the moment only and who depart again with the dominant feeling of having a good time and that most indefinite term—"inspiration".

Lest I might be accused of a breach of etiquette or a lack of hospitality or graciousness, let me say at once that New York is proud and happy that the honor of celebrating the Golden Jubilee of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the "Tenth Anniversary" of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods has come to it.

We want everybody and all concerned to have the best time ever. We are seriously mindful of the question that arises—"What would be the relationship of Jewish woman to Jewish woman, of organization to organization, if they never even met?"

We want to feel that this Assembly will not only engender a closer sisterly feeling, but more than that, that it will mark the beginning of an even keener interest and will stir our hearts even more deeply to renewed and intensified activity in the cause that is precious to us all.

One of the shortcomings of the last convention was the overlapping of meetings of the Union and the Federation with resultant confusion. To overcome this, your Program Committee at the very outset urged upon the Union Program Committee the need for having one joint meeting and has seen to it that such an arrangement was made.

Another of the shortcomings of Conventions lies in the fact that not sufficient provision is made for discussion, for the putting of direct questions concerning activities and receiving the help that accompanies such questioning.

Keeping this thought in the foreground, the Committee planned "Departmental Meetings", that is, it set aside a particular time when the Chairman of all National Committees would meet with the State Chairman and the Local Chairman of like Committees and in an intimate way be given the opportunity for full and free discussions of problems that confront the leaders, but which because only of lack of time cannot be taken up at the general Assemblies.

To these "Departmental Meetings" are invited not only Chairmen, but all who may be interested in any particular phase of work.

The results of these forums with side lights and definite recommendations ensuing therefrom will, however, be brought before the entire Assembly.

In conjunction with our Officers, the Committee has worked out, after much thought, the order of the business of the Assembly. It has endeavored to economize in time but not in substance and hopes that the plan will meet with your approval.

Bearing in mind also that the nature of these Assemblies is National in character and that consideration must be given to matters touching all parts of the country, your Chairman communicated with Rabbis in all sections of the States. In most instances not even the courtesy of a reply was accorded. I make this statement for no purpose other than to submit that if Assemblies such as these are to adequately fulfill their mission, then it becomes clearly the function and the obligation of the Rabbis under all circumstances to facilitate the purposes at least by way of suggestion.

A number of subjects were submitted by the Committee for the so-called "Round Table" and finally a selection was made, not that the subject is at all new, but because problems and their nature are ever on the increase and spreading in all walks of life and woman is more and more called upon to assume her share in helping to solve them.

The Committee hereby expresses its grateful appreciation to Mmes. Albert J. May, Louis J. Kopald and Mayer Sulzberger, for consenting to present the topics and to make the program effectual, to the President, Mrs. Wiesenfeld and to Rabbi George Zepin for their ever ready advice and assistance.

The Committee feels that at the conclusion of the Assembly the true Sisterhood spirit and Sisterhood ideals will prevail and that the gospel of united service will be translated into living practice.

#### RULES FOR GOVERNMENT OF ASSEMBLY

Your Committee begs to present the following rules to be observed in conducting the business of the Assembly:

- 1—The voting members of this Assembly shall be the Officers—Honorary President, Executive Board and the Delegates.
- 2—A majority of the voting members registered and present shall constitute a quorum for the Assembly.
- 3—Each person entitled to a vote may vote in one capacity only—(State which at registration, National Officer, Executive Board, Delegate).
- 4—The voting body shall occupy the front seats.
- 5—All members entitled to vote shall wear a badge.
- 6—All members of the organization shall have the privilege of the floor, of proposing questions and taking part in discussions, but not of making motions nor of voting.
- 7—No speaker shall have the right to the floor a second time until all those who desire to speak on the question have done so.
- 8—No one shall speak longer than two minutes on matters of business and three minutes in the discussion of papers without the consent of the Assembly.
- 9—A time-keeper shall be appointed.
- 10—All Committees shall be appointed by the Chairman unless otherwise ordered.
- 11—All resolutions must be made in writing, signed and placed in the hands of the Resolutions Committee before Wednesday night.
- 12—The meetings of the Assembly shall open at 9:30 a. m. and 2:00 p. m.
- 13—Adjournment shall be at 12:30 and 5:00 p. m.

In accordance with the report of this Committee, the President appointed Mrs. Henry Nathan, of Buffalo, time-keeper.

Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg, First Vice-President, was called to the chair while Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld delivered the President's Message.

## The President's Message

To the Fifth Assembly of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Organizations, like individuals, must stop now and then and contemplate their work, their ideals, their hopes and aspirations. The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods has reached such a place in its career. We have finished the first decade of our existence. We are looking back upon ten years of useful activity.

The founder of our organization had as her slogan, "Service and more service for the cause of Judaism." For six years she guided us along the paths marked out by her. During the past four years it has been our aim to live up to her aspiration, and to do "service, and more service, and still more service" for our cause. The question now is, have we succeeded in doing all that we could—all that we should?

In point of numbers we have grown with almost unprecedented rapidity. We organized with 52 constituent societies. Today we number 288, and have become an international organization, with three Sisterhoods in Canada. We are an organization of approximately 45,000. I venture to say that never in the history of Jewry has so large an army of women been enrolled for only religious purposes. We have become a vital factor in the life of American Jewry, being at all times ready and willing to espouse any and every cause for its betterment.

But if it were numbers alone upon which we depended, the story, while showing progress, would not be complete. During the World War, with other religious organizations, we took our place and did with all our might that which our hands found to do. We, as an organization, were active in all welfare work, both Jewish and secular. And in addition to the fact that we were working along these lines, we increased our religious zeal and impressed upon our members the need of religion in the home as well as in the outside world. Since the signing of the armistice and all the troublesome times through which we have passed, we have gone steadily forward, holding aloft our beacon and growing from strength to

strength, until today I believe I can truthfully say that we have made Jewish women more keenly alive to their responsibility in the cause of religion.

While having for our aim the deepening of the Jewish consciousness, we have been compelled to do our work by means of things which often seemed extraneous. We have had to resort to methods and plans to impress upon our members that for which we stand. All of this had to be done by means of letters, and it is gratifying to note the increasing promptness with which our appeals are met and the real spirit of cooperation which is growing throughout our organization.

That we have been successful is due, not only to the unfailing interest and encouragement of the chairmen of our various committees, but in a large degree to the fact that at every step of the way the Union of American Hebrew Congregations has been ready to help us and to encourage us. We are indebted to it for the financial aid which made possible the carrying out of many of our plans. Our per capita tax of ten cents would never enable us to do all the big things we have done and wish to do. Last year the Union spent in our behalf more than \$20,000. As an integral part of so large an organization, we have advantages which otherwise we could not enjoy. Our thanks are due the Union for all of this, and our congratulations are extended to it upon the completion of fifty years of useful activity. We rejoice in its Golden Jubilee, and pray that the succeeding years will but witness a widening of its powers.

### The H. U. C. Dormitory

At the last Assembly, held in Buffalo, the plan to raise money for the building of a Dormitory on the campus of the Hebrew Union College was unanimously adopted. It is not my prerogative to give you a detailed report of what has been done. The Chairman, Mrs. Abram Simon, will do this in the course of our Assembly. But I would be derelict in my duty did I not say that whatever success we have met has been due in no small degree to the efforts of

our chairman and to the district chairmen appointed by her, as well as to the never-flagging efforts of Rabbi Zepin and Miss Miriam Westheimer of the Cincinnati Office. I am afraid you have often complained that you received too many letters urging you to contribute to the Dormitory Fund. If, however, you will for one moment reflect upon the fact that \$240,000 has been collected through the mails, you will realize that letters without number were necessary to accomplish this. When I tell you that this large amount of money was gotten together at an expense of less than 2%, I am sure you will feel with me, that not too many letters were written. I want to add that this collection has been unique, because of the small amount expended in the gathering of it.

I regret exceedingly that the full amount pledged at the last Assembly has not been raised. But I feel so strongly that the mothers in Israel realize their responsibility in this matter, that I am confident that the slight deficiency will soon be overcome. I know that our collections were made during a time of business stress and depression; that many communities were compelled to look after their own needs, and for this reason could not help in the work. I trust, however, that in the near future all Sisterhoods that have not reached their full quota will do so, so that we may claim that in every instance our Sisterhoods have lived up to their pledges. The Dormitory will always stand as a sign and symbol of the love which the mothers in Israel have for those who will guide and direct the destinies of American Jewry in time to come.

On December 7, ground was broken for the new Dormitory amid the enthusiastic applause of the student body and the inspiring presence of the Board of Trustees of the College, the members of the Union's Board in Cincinnati, and the assembled Sisterhoods of that city. To those of us who had labored so long for the building of this home the moment was indeed a thrilling one, and the enthusiasm engendered was not dampened in the slightest by the down-pour of rain. At the same time, ground was broken for the J. Walter Freiberg Memorial Gymnasium. While this is not primarily the work of the National Sisterhood, I feel that in some degree we are respon-

sible for this beautiful memorial to the memory of him who, through his love for Judaism and his never-failing energy in its cause, made possible much that the Union, the College and the Sisterhoods are doing today. Our honored Vice-President, Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg, has completed that which we have begun, and the splendid gymnasium which she is erecting makes possible the physical development of the students for whose needs and comfort we have all labored.

#### State Federations

At the Assembly in Buffalo the project of State Federations was discussed at length, but unfortunately no means of putting this branch of the work into execution was adopted. In consequence, for one year all work in connection with State Federations was done by the secretaries of the Executive Office, and to their credit be it said that it was done most thoroughly and acceptably. At the Annual Executive Board Meeting in Indianapolis, in January, 1922, it was unanimously recommended that another national standing committee be added to those already formed, a Committee on State Federations. Mrs. Ferdinand Dilsheimer consented to assume the responsibility of this committee, and under her able leadership the work has made splendid progress. The country was divided into twenty-five districts, nineteen of which have been organized. In the other six the question is still pending, but the long distances from city to city, have, in most instances, been the drawback. That State Federations are a power for good those of us who have studied the question fully realize. The many achievements of this committee will be reported by the chairman. I cannot refrain, however, from enumerating a few of the outstanding accomplishments. Through the State Federation, a Lecture Bureau has been established in Pennsylvania. In Connecticut, the Chairman on Uniongrams has established through the State Federation a Uniongram Scholarship. The State of Texas has followed this example, and it, too, has established a Uniongram Scholarship. In New York many new Sisterhoods have been formed and much earnest work accomplished. In Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee much good has been done in rural districts.

It seems to me that this phase of the work should be emphasized in all State Federations. I remember distinctly at one State Federation meeting which I had the pleasure of attending, a question asked by a woman living on a farm many miles from a Jewish center. She wanted to know where and how she could obtain Jewish literature and text-books used in our religious schools. She wanted to give her children what she could of Jewish culture and to help perpetuate our faith. She brought her problem to the right place, and I hope that her question was answered to her entire satisfaction. This woman's case is not an exceptional one. Throughout the length and breadth of our land there are Jewish families living far away from Jewish centers, with no way of reaching that which they crave for their children. I would suggest that each State Federation make a part of its year's work the taking of a census of the outlying districts, and after that, the getting in touch with such families as need our religious help. It is upon the children that the future of Judaism depends, and we, as mothers, must help build up an enlightened generation.

The work outlined by the various National standing committees in the early days of our organization has been followed as closely as possible. But with our increasing numbers and strength it has been necessary from time to time to add to those committees. Three years ago the Committee on Cooperation felt that the work done along the lines of University Religious Welfare had so grown that it was necessary to appoint a sub-committee for the carrying out of this work. Sisterhoods in university towns have been asked to look after boys and girls living in the universities. Mothers realize, when their children leave them and enter universities, that with the many advantages accorded, there is still one drawback. Away from the restrictions of home life and the restraints which living in Jewish communities bring, these boys and girls frequently go far afield, and in their four years at college forget all the Jewish teachings they have acquired. At this time of life—their adolescence—they receive their deepest impressions and apply the rule of reason to each and all questions. But religion, being a thing of the emotions and

not of reason, does not appeal, and then they need that stabilizing influence which only the intercourse with those of their own faith can bring. With this object in view, Mrs. Maurice Steinfeld, chairman of this committee, sent out a questionnaire last year asking that the names of prospective students be sent her, so that she might in turn confer with the Sisterhoods near the college designated. Seventy names were sent in the first year. For the opening of the season of 1922, 570 names were received. This remarkable increase proved conclusively that the work has touched a responsive chord in the hearts of parents, and those of us living in university towns realize that the out-of-town boys and girls are eager to avail themselves of the hospitality offered by the members of the Sisterhood. In these days when anti-Semitism is growing, particularly in our institutions of learning, it is well that the youth of our people should recognize that we are interested in them, and that when they are away from home they still have the Jewish background, which lends dignity to them and helps them bear the jibes and sneers with a bit more complacency. The work of this committee is so essential, and the possibilities so great, that I recommend it be made a National standing committee so that its work may be extended.

#### New Undertakings

In order that the stimulus given by the winter's work be not lost in summer, a resolution was introduced at the last Biennial Meeting to establish a Vacation Sisterhood Day, which was celebrated during the last year on August 10. This plan was most successful. Over sixty meetings were held in different parts of the country. In Atlantic City alone 400 guests were present. It can readily be seen what a help these meetings are, particularly in such places as Atlantic City and the various summer resorts where people gather. The exchange of ideas, the meeting of people from widely-scattered districts, cannot help but make for a better understanding of the problem confronting us all.

This is woman's age! With the granting of suffrage our influence has grown apace. On all sides we are asked to espouse and to recommend one cause or another. All reforms, of whatever character,

first or last, must have the sanction and endorsement of the women of the country. Since we are, to a large degree, either the beneficiaries or the sufferers from all causes, it is but right that we should have a voice in the affairs relating to us. With this in mind, the National Council for the Prevention of War, whose Vice-Chairman, Miss Jane Addams, is an acknowledged leader for the noblest and best in all of American life, asked for the cooperation of our Federation in its noble endeavor. That we, the mothers, suffered most in the great World War, is a fact which requires no amplification. As a result of that suffering, if it is possible, we want to do away with war for all time to come. The last war took as its toll 9,999,000 killed, 20,298,000 wounded, and \$328,000,000,000, all of which, in the light of these years since the armistice, has been proven wasted and doubly wasted. If, through education and the insistence upon the world-wide reduction of arms to a police status, we can help in this worthy cause, is it not our duty, as American mothers and as Jewesses, to do whatever lies in our power? Remember, we are an organization of approximately 45,000, and our power and influence is far-reaching. We want peace! We know that we cannot drift into a permanent peace. We realize that without education there will be World War again within so few years that we shudder to think of it. Then shall we not throw the weight of our influence into the scales against another holocaust? At Indianapolis we decided to affiliate with the National Council for the Prevention of War. I hope that this Assembly will endorse the action of the Executive Board.

During the past month a plea has gone forth to help 50,000 Jews in Abyssinia. This work is done through a committee called the Pro-Falasha Committee. The extermination of these co-religionists would be a sad commentary upon us as Jews. When our organization was asked to contribute the sum of \$100.00, knowing your interest in everything Jewish, your President acceded to the request and forwarded the money. I believe that this is the first time in the history of our organization that such a thing has been done, and I hope and trust that you will approve.

Four years ago, at the Assembly held in

Boston, it was the sense of the meeting that the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods ask the Central Conference of American Rabbis to publish a Book of Daily Prayer. At the same time the Federation pledged itself to see to the distribution of this book. From time to time your President has importuned the President of the Conference and urged the publication of this volume. I regret exceedingly to report that up to this time the book has not been completed. I sincerely trust that in the near future it will be in our hands. I mention this fact in order that you may know, as far as lies in the power of the Federation, your wishes have been carried out, and that the delay is due rather to the great amount of work the committee appointed by the Conference had on hand than to anyone's negligence.

#### The National Committees

I realize that the real work of the Federation is done through the National standing committees, and that from the reports of the various chairmen you will get the history of the last two years. But no President's report would be considered complete without some reference to the fine work done by these committees under the leadership of the chairmen who have so unselfishly and untiringly given of their service.

The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods is primarily a religious organization. Unless religion is made its keynote, all of our work would be vain and our existence would be reasonless. The Temple, the religious school, the home, are where our real duty centers. We have taken our place in the synagogue, and have been accepted by the leaders as a potent influence for good, a power for strength. We have asked a place on the Board of Trustees of our synagogues and a voice in the affairs of the congregation. In many instances these privileges have been granted. I would suggest that the demand be made again and again, until finally we shall have representation upon the Board of Trustees of every congregation in the Union. We have earned this right by the interest we have evidenced. But with every responsibility comes an obligation. It is our duty to live up to that which we promise. We must endeavor to put religion into our



homes, must observe the holidays, must attend divine services and cooperate with the rabbi in all of his endeavors. In order to accomplish these things, Mrs. Leon Goodman, Chairman of the Committee on Religion, asks your cooperation and help. Mrs. Goodman will give the report of her committee in detail, but I shall take this opportunity of thanking her for the exceptional work she has done and the fine ideals she has injected into the organization since its inception. I beg that you will work with her and help further what, after all, is the primary work of our organization—religion.

To Mrs. Marcus Salzman, Chairman of the Committee on Religious Schools, all credit and honor are due. She has proven that the Sisterhoods can help in the religious schools by fostering Teachers and Parents' Meetings, providing for entertainments, awarding prizes to stimulate interest in the school and in the observance of the holidays. This committee also can and will cooperate with the State Federations in extending the privileges of religious schools to those in rural districts. As I have said before, the future of Judaism rests upon its children. This committee, dealing directly with the children of American Jewry, has most important work to do—work that should not be minimized nor slighted. I ask that you help the National Committee on Religious Schools by cooperating with it in all its endeavors.

If religion is the keynote of the Federation, then the producing of the right sort of teachers for religion is a task to which the Federation should give its heartiest support. The Committee on Hebrew Union College Scholarship and its Chairman, Mrs. Joseph Stolz, have accomplished a Herculean task along the line of establishing such scholarships for students who, without this help, would in many instances be compelled to deny the call which has come to them. The women of the Sisterhoods, realizing their duty, and being anxious to have as teachers for their children the men who are willing to put aside worldly ambition and to consecrate themselves to lives of service, have responded with increasing generosity to the cause.

During the past year \$16,920 were contributed for scholarships. It is sincerely hoped that more scholarships will be estab-

lished, because we feel that with the opening of the new Dormitory the enrollment at the College will increase greatly. To Mrs. Stolz and her committee the thanks of the Federation are due. We trust that in the years to come the encouragement given this splendid work will be increased.

Interested as the Sisterhoods all are along the same line of work—that of fostering and perpetuating our faith,—things appealing to one group of women are very apt to meet with the same response from another group, although widely separated geographically. With this thought in mind, the Chairman of the Committee on Cooperation, our honored Vice-President, Mrs. Israel Cowen, has established a bureau in the office in Cincinnati to which programs of unusual excellence and interest may be sent, and from which Sisterhoods are invited to ask help in the matter of programs. I mention this one feature of the work of the Committee on Cooperation simply because the question often comes to me, "Where can I find a tried program?" This is but one phase, and a small one, of the work of the Committee on Cooperation. The committee has fostered joint meetings in cities and districts, has suggested Hospitality Committees in the Temple to welcome strangers, has advised the formation of Hospital Visiting Committees, and has in all ways endeavored through its cooperative spirit to work with our less fortunate fellow Jews. That the work of the committee is worthy of your closest attention I need not tell you. That your own Sisterhood will benefit by your cooperation is manifest. To the chairman and members of the committee the Federation is indebted for the splendid work so well accomplished.

In the early days of the Federation, the sale of the Uniongram was established in order to give to the Sisterhoods some definite and concrete way of realizing money, with which either to establish scholarships at the Hebrew Union College or to assist in the maintenance of free religious schools. That the Uniongram has grown in favor is evidenced by the rapidly increasing number sold. During the past year nearly 23,000 were sold, and to Mrs. Isaac Born, Chairman of the Uniongram Committee, is due the credit of having practically doubled the output since the last Biennial Assembly. At the present time the Uniongram is

largely used as a messenger of cheer. Why can we not increase its usefulness by sending a Uniongram in times of sorrow as well as joy? Surely in affliction a message from one Jew to another, a message which helps along a Jewish cause, cannot fail to be acceptable. As to the chairmen of the other committees, so to Mrs. Born, the Federation is indebted for excellent work and noteworthy achievement.

Several times in the course of this report I have alluded to the numerical strength of our organization. We have grown with great rapidity. We now number 288 organizations, and have added 5,000 to our membership list since the last Assembly. This remarkable increase is due to the Chairman of the Committee on Propaganda and her very able committee, to whom our thanks are extended. Much work was done through the State Federations, with which committee Mrs. Mayer has worked side by side. I trust that before the next Assembly meets we shall have enrolled 400 organizations, not for the numbers alone, but for the increasing influence which such numbers will bring.

From this brief outline of the work of the committees you will, I am sure, appreciate something of what the Federation has accomplished and something of what it has attained. That the work has been satisfactory you will agree. But I must tell you that the fine work done in the Executive Office under the able leadership of Rabbi Zepin and Miss Miriam Westheimer has helped in no small degree to bring to fruition much that was planned. The Federation and I are deeply grateful for this assistance, and hereby extend our thanks.

My personal thanks are due also to all officers and to each and every member of our committees for the deep interest evinced and the splendid work accomplished. Four years ago, when I had the honor of being elected President of this organization, I immediately, as was natural, thought of what might work for its ultimate good. In consequence, my first recommendation to the Board of Directors was to limit the tenure of office of the President. At that Assembly in Buffalo my recommendation was considered, and it was unanimously decided that the officers could serve but two terms. In accordance with this, I have reached the end of my years of service as

your President. That I have endeavored to promote and advance the destinies of our organization you need not be told. I hope that I am leaving the Federation as strong, if not stronger, than when I assumed office. I have put my heart and soul into the work, and if I have failed it has not been for lack of effort. To me the Federation is a holy cause; I have endeavored at all times to keep out of it all that is personal, all that is unworthy. I pray that my successor, whomsoever she be, will have the same joy in the work that I have had, and that she too, will realize that we women of American Jewry have a mission, the carrying out of which will redound to our credit in all times to come.

Respectfully submitted,  
(Mrs. Joseph) Hattie M. Wiesenfeld.

It was moved and duly carried, that the report of the President be received with thanks and referred to a Committee on President's Message.

#### MESSAGE OF GREETING

It was moved and duly carried that a Committee be appointed from among the members of the Assembly to convey to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations a message of congratulations upon its Golden Jubilee celebration. The President appointed Mrs. Adolph Rosenberg, Chairman, Mrs. Jacob Engel and Mrs. Lizzie Drey, who sent the following message:

To the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods in conference assembled extends its heartiest congratulations to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations on this, the happy occasion of its Golden Jubilee Convention. Realizing its indebtedness to the parent organization, the Union, The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods pledges continued support and enthusiasm. The Federation also expresses the hope, that, by increasingly helpful service, it may assist in adding new lustre to the golden record already established by the Union.

MRS. ADOLPH ROSENBERG,  
Chairman  
MRS. JACOB ENGEL,  
MRS. LIZZIE H. DREY,  
MRS. JOSEPH WIESENFELD,  
President.

It was moved and duly carried that a message of sympathy be sent by the Assembly to Mrs. Emil G. Hirsch.

Greetings were conveyed to the Assembly by Miss Rose Brenner, National President of the Council of Jewish Women and by Mrs. Charles Hoffman, President of the Women's League of United Synagogues.

It was moved by Mrs. Loewenstein and duly carried, that a Committee of Seven be appointed, the personnel of which is as follows: two members from the Council of Jewish Women, two from the Women's League of United Synagogues and two from the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, and one member-at-large, elected by the afore-mentioned body. The purpose of this Committee shall be to devise some plan which shall form a basis of cooperation in order to co-ordinate the work of the various Jewish Women's organizations throughout the country, so that through this "League" there may be put into operation either nationally or locally (as circumstances may permit), the opportunity to initiate work of a Jewish character, or to cooperate with non-Jewish organizations whenever possible.

#### APPOINTMENT OF ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES

The following Committees were then appointed by the President:

COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, to whom shall be referred the report of the President—Mrs. Abraham Fishel, Boston, Chairman; Mrs. Charles Shohl, Cincinnati; Mrs. Charles Kline, Allentown, Pa.; Mrs. Victor Hexter, Dallas, Texas; Mrs. Isaac Ullman, New Haven, Conn.; Mrs. Simon Nussbaum, Albany, N. Y.; Mrs. Sam Schoen, Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. Philip Arnold, Atlantic City, N. J.; Mrs. Jacob Engel, Baltimore; Miss Caroline Farnbacher, Baton Rouge, La.; Mrs. Benjamin Lurio, Lancaster, Pa.; Mrs. Morris Koch, Louisville, Ky.; Mrs. Jacob Schnadig, Chicago; Mrs. A. Dreyfus, Pine Bluff, Ark.; Mrs. Jacob Kaplan, Cincinnati; Mrs. Henry Morris, Boston; Mrs. William Cerf, Chicago; Mrs. Julian Wiley, Rochester, N. Y.; Mrs. Bert Lyon, Kansas City, Mo.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS, to whom all resolutions are referred without debate—Mrs. S. Pisko, Denver, Chairman;

Mrs. Edgar Cahn, New Orleans; Mrs. Albert Hessberg, Albany, N. Y.; Mrs. Dave Colton, Ft. Worth; Mrs. Charles Gans, Baltimore; Mrs. Harry Levi, Boston; Mrs. J. M. Fuerth, Brooklyn; Mrs. Herman Wile, Buffalo; Mrs. J. H. Friedman, Canton, O.; Mrs. Sam Wolfstein, Cincinnati, O.; Mrs. Tobias Covy, Cincinnati; Mrs. Simon R. Cohen, Brooklyn; Mrs. R. I. Cohen, Galveston; Mrs. Abraham Weil, Chicago; Mrs. B. M. Engelhard, Chicago; Mrs. Harry Kates, Jamaica, N. Y.; Miss Pauline Emanuel, Far Rockaway, N. Y.; Mrs. B. Weil, Alexandria, Va.; Mrs. Albert Minda, Minneapolis; Mrs. Minnie K. Samuels, Hartford; Mrs. Philip J. Goodhart, New York.

COMMITTEE ON THANKS—Mrs. Sol Weil, Goldsboro, N. C. Chairman; Mrs. Max Heller, New Orleans; Mrs. Jacob Goldsmith, Baltimore; Mrs. David Philipson, Cincinnati; Mrs. L. Epstein, Yonkers; Mrs. I. Newton Traeger, Cincinnati; Mrs. L. R. Salabes, Bridgeport; Mrs. Herman Apfelbaum, Brooklyn; Mrs. Max Marx, Brooklyn; Mrs. Eugene Warner, Buffalo; Mrs. Fred Lazarus, Jr., Columbus; Mrs. Louis Kronheimer, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Charles Marx, Providence, R. I.; Mrs. Louis Witt, St. Louis; Mrs. Sigmund Livingston, St. Louis; Mrs. E. Stern, Dallas; Mrs. Abram Brill, Shreveport, La.; Mrs. William Hirschman, Huntington, W. Va.; Mrs. M. D. Barnett, Denver; Mrs. Bella Schnitzler, New York; Mrs. I. N. Spiegelburg, New York.

COMMITTEE ON STATUS OF FEDERATION, to whom shall be referred the reports of the Executive Secretary, Treasurer, and Public Accountant—Mrs. Robert F. Skutch, Baltimore, Chairman; Mrs. Julian Pack, Johnstown; Mrs. L. P. Goldman, Boston; Mrs. Chas. Levy, Nashville; Mrs. Fred Ullman, Buffalo; Mrs. A. L. Salzstein, Milwaukee.

COMMITTEE ON UNION MUSEUM, to whom shall be referred the report of the National Committee on Union Museum—Mrs. Alfred Rosenstein, Philadelphia, Chairman; Mrs. William Fineshriver, Memphis; Mrs. Elizabeth Weil, Evansville, Ind.; Mrs. H. A. Schoenfeld, Seattle; Mrs. B. Lowenthal, Paterson, N. J.; Mrs. Emil Leipziger, New Orleans; Mrs. Martin Strauss, New York; Mrs. A. J. Feldman, Philadelphia; Mrs. Ephraim Frisch, New York; Mrs.

S. H. Harris, Binghamton; Mrs. Nicholas Bloch, Macon; Mrs. Henry Fisher, Atlantic City; Mrs. Louis J. Affelder, Pittsburgh.

**COMMITTEE ON PROPAGANDA**, to whom shall be referred the report of the National Committee on Propaganda—Mrs. Max Brandenburger, Brooklyn, Chairman; Miss Jeanette M. Goldberg, Philadelphia; Mrs. Leo Franklin, Detroit; Mrs. Sol Schoenmann, Houston; Mrs. Jonas Frenkel, Cincinnati; Mrs. J. Lefkowitz, Brooklyn; Mrs. E. L. Cohen Chicago; Mrs. Elleñe Lederer, Pittsfield, Mass.; Mrs. Samuel H. Goldenson, Pittsburgh; Mrs. I. Rich, Saginaw, Mrs. A. G. Stromberg, Scranton; Mrs. Morris Feuerlicht, Indianapolis; Mrs. Herman Jung, Milwaukee; Mrs. Harry Lehman, Dayton; Mrs. M. Hoffheimer, Norfolk, Va.

**COMMITTEE ON COOPERATION**, to whom shall be referred the report of the National Committee on Cooperation—Mrs. Alfred Baker, Erie, Chairman; Mrs. Seymour Kashman, Hartford; Mrs. Lizzie Drey, St. Louis; Mrs. Moses Gries, Cleveland; Mrs. Louis Byck, Louisville; Mrs. Daniel Lyons, Kansas City; Mrs. Jonah Wise, Portland; Mrs. Milford Stern, Detroit; Mrs. Samuel Kubie, Far Rockaway; Mrs. Harry Isaacs, Sandusky, O.; Mrs. J. Rosenfeld, Lorain, O.; Mrs. David Lefkowitz, Dallas; Mrs. William Trost, Louisville; Mrs. Caesar Misch, Providence, R. I.

**COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS**, to whom shall be referred the report of the National Committee on Religious Schools—Mrs. Horace Wolf, Rochester, Chairman; Mrs. Joseph Kestin, Chicago; Mrs. M. N. Sammet, Brooklyn; Mrs. Samuel Abrahams, Boston; Miss Caroline Goldman, St. Paul; Mrs. J. J. Sterne, San Antonio; Mrs. I. H. Kempner, New York; Mrs. Joseph Blatt, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Nathan Berg, Philadelphia; Mrs. Rudolph Grossman, New York; Mrs. M. H. Asher, Richmond, Va.; Mrs. Sigmund Schweriner, Reading, Pa.; Mrs. Joseph Kruger, Montreal, Canada; Mrs. Frances Stone, New York.

**COMMITTEE ON RELIGION**, to whom shall be referred the report of the National Committee on Religion—Mrs. Henry Nathan, Buffalo, Chairman; Mrs. Charles Cohn, Nashville; Mrs. Louis Abramson, Shreveport; Mrs. Irving E. Goldman, Toledo;

Mrs. Adolph Rosenberg, Cincinnati; Mrs. Harry Liebman, Boston; Mrs. Morris Newfield, Birmingham; Mrs. David Alexander, Akron; Mrs. Hannah Franklin, Brooklyn; Mrs. Charles Lange, Chicago; Mrs. B. Mosbacher, Oakland, Calif.; Mrs. Joseph Jackson, Pittsburgh; Mrs. Henry Bauer, Atlanta; Mrs. Ben Levy, Ft. Wayne.

**COMMITTEE ON SCHOLARSHIPS**, to whom shall be referred the report of the National Committee on Scholarships—Mrs. Lillie R. Mikolas, Minneapolis, Chairman; Mrs. Albert J. Johnson, New Haven; Mrs. Martin Zielonka, El Paso; Mrs. Sol Foster, Newark; Mrs. Hugo Kohlman, New York; Mrs. Arthur Stern, Philadelphia; Mrs. Marcus Feder, Cleveland; Mrs. M. Purvin, Chicago; Mrs. J. Oberdorfer, Syracuse; Mrs. Maurice D. Rosenberg, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Asher Sanger, Waco; Mrs. Bernard Greensfelder, St. Louis; Mrs. Helen Elias, Raleigh; Mrs. Harry Freund, St. Louis.

**COMMITTEE ON UNIONGRAM**, to whom shall be referred the report of the National Committee on Uniongram—Mrs. Leo Wolf, Wheeling, Chairman; Mrs. Sam Cohn, Cleveland; Mrs. Nathan Gumble, Columbus; Mrs. Sam Cohn, Chicago; Mrs. Frederick Cohn, Omaha; Mrs. Samuel Hirschberg, Milwaukee; Mrs. Otto Kempner, Brooklyn; Mrs. David Samuels, Shreveport; Mrs. Henry Penn, Boston; Mrs. Norman Auerhahn, New York; Mrs. G. Silberburg, Niagara Falls, Mrs. Albert Zunder, New Haven; Mrs. M. Zarne, Milwaukee; Mrs. L. J. Loventhal, Nashville.

At 12.30 p. m. the Assembly adjourned to meet in seven sectional meetings at 2:00 p. m. and to reconvene as a body at 4 o'clock.

#### THE SECTIONAL MEETINGS

At 2:00 p. m. seven Sectional Meetings corresponding to the seven Standing Committees of the N. F. T. S. were held.

Each Sectional Meeting was presided over by the Chairman of the Assembly Committee of corresponding title. At each meeting the National Chairman of the Committee read her report, which was informally discussed. Recommendations offered were embodied in the reports of the Assembly Committees.

## First Day's Proceedings

### Afternoon Session

The Assembly met pursuant to adjournment at 4 p. m.

In accordance with the ruling passed by the Executive Board at its previous meeting, the consideration of constitutional changes was made the first order of business.

#### DUES

Upon motion duly carried it was decided that Section IV of the Constitution be amended to read:

"Every Sisterhood shall pay yearly into the treasury of this Federation ten cents for each of its contributing members.

A Sisterhood in arrears for two years' dues may be suspended from membership after due notice by the Executive Board, which may, at any time, reinstate such Sisterhood to membership on such terms as the Board may prescribe. The Executive Board may appoint a committee to exercise these powers."

#### SUBSIDIARY STATE AND DISTRICT FEDERATIONS

Upon motion duly carried it was decided that Section V of the Constitution be amended to read:

"The Executive Board at its discretion may issue charters to State and District Federations of Sisterhoods, comprised of Sisterhoods belonging to the National Federation.

Each State or District Federation shall pay annually to the treasury of the National Federation the sum of ten dollars. State and District Federations in arrears for two years may be suspended, and if in arrears for four years may have their charters recalled by the Executive Board.

Each State or District Federation shall elect one delegate-at-large to the Biennial Assembly."

#### ASSEMBLY

Upon motion duly carried it was decided that Section VI of the Constitution be amended to read:

"The legislative body of this Federation, and its highest authority, shall be styled the "Assembly", which shall be composed of the representatives appointed by the

Sisterhoods and of the members of the Executive Board.

The Assembly shall be presided over by the officers of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods."

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

It was moved and carried that Section IX of the Constitution be amended to read:

"A nominating committee consisting of fifteen members of the Assembly, not more than ten of whom shall be members of the Executive Board shall be appointed by the President. The committee shall submit to the Assembly for election the names of the proposed members of the Executive Board."

#### OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD

Upon motion duly carried it was decided that Section X of the Constitution be amended to read:

"A. The Assembly shall elect sixty members who shall be styled the Executive Board.

B. The term of office shall be two years and until their successors are elected.

C. Officers shall not be eligible for election for more than two successive terms as officers. Other members of the Board shall not be eligible for election for more than three successive terms unless elected as officers.

D. The office of the Executive Board shall be in Cincinnati, Ohio.

E. Nine members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum.

F. Any member of the Executive Board absenting herself from two consecutive Board Meetings without excuse becomes ineligible for re-election on the Executive Board."

#### ORGANIZATION AND MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Upon motion duly carried it was decided that Section XI of the Constitution be amended to read:

"A. The Executive Board shall meet immediately after the final adjournment of the Assembly which elected it, and at the place where the Assembly held its sessions, and

shall organize by the election of a President, four Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, the standing committees provided for in the Constitution, and an Executive Secretary who shall not be a member of the Board and whose salary shall be determined by the Board. The Executive Board may transact any other business arising at this time.

B. The Executive Board shall meet annually at such time and place as may be determined upon by the members of the Executive Board. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President upon written request of ten of the members."

#### NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON STATE FEDERATIONS

Upon motion duly carried it was decided that Section XX be inserted in the Constitution to read:

"The National Committee on State Federations shall have charge of all matters connected with the organization and control of State Federations, including the issuing of charters and fixing of program of work."

#### OFFICERS

Upon motion duly carried it was decided that Section XXV of the Constitution be amended to read:

"The President elected at the Assembly shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Board and at the following Assembly and shall serve until her successor is elected.

The remaining officers of the Federation shall perform such duties as are usually incumbent upon officers of similar societies."

#### EXPENSES OF OFFICERS TO ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD IN YEARS WHEN NO ASSEMBLY IS HELD

Upon motion duly carried it was moved that the word "Treasurer" be inserted in Article XXXII to read as follows:

"The railroad expenses of the following members of the Executive Board attending the annual meetings of the Executive Board in years when there is no Assembly shall be paid out of the treasury of the Federation: The President, the Recording Secretary, the Treasurer and the Chairman of

each of the National Standing Committees. In the event that the President finds herself unable to come, the expenses of the first Vice-President or the next Vice-President in order who is able to attend shall be paid."

#### STATE FEDERATION DUES

Upon motion duly carried it was decided that Section XXXIV be inserted in the Constitution to read:

"The National Office shall render quarterly statements on the first day of February, May, August and November to each state Treasurer for the moneys collected by the National Office for the State Federations. These statements shall be accompanied by check for dues collected up to the time of closing the books."

#### THE READING OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT

The reading of the report of the Treasurer, was called for. Mrs. Benjamin Engelhard read her report (see page 57 for Report of Treasurer).

The following resolution suggested by the Pennsylvania State Federation of Temple Sisterhoods and endorsed by the Executive Board of the National Federation was adopted by the Assembly.

"Whereas, Women by their loyalty, cooperation and devotion to the best interests of the synagogue have been elected on the Board of Trustees of numerous congregations throughout the country, and

"Whereas, The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods has shown the same devotion, loyalty and cooperation to the interests of The Union of American Hebrew Congregations,

"Be it Resolved, That the Pennsylvania Federation of Temple Sisterhoods recommends that the Executive Board of The Union of American Hebrew Congregations grant the same privilege and consideration to representatives of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, as shown by other organizations."

On motion duly carried, this resolution was endorsed and ordered sent to the meeting of The Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

The Assembly adjourned to meet Wednesday at 9:45 a. m.

## Second Day's Proceedings

### Morning Session

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Wiesenfeld at 9:45 a. m.

The invocation was delivered by Rabbi Jonah Wise, of Portland, Ore.

The minutes of the preceding session, January 23 were read and approved.

### REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON STATE OR DISTRICT FEDERATIONS

Mrs. Ferdinand Dilsheimer, Chairman of the Special Committee on State or District Federations, presented the following report which was accepted with thanks:

## Report of the Special Committee on State and District Federations

Philadelphia, Oct. 31, 1922.

To the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies: Four years ago at the III Biennial Convention held in Boston the question of State Federations was first discussed. For some time the need had been felt for these organizations which were to link together more closely the local organizations and to strengthen the aims of the National Federation. In 1920, at the following Executive Board meeting, in her annual report, Mrs. Wiesenfeld spoke of the organization of several State Federations, namely: Ohio, which had been the pioneer in this important work, Indiana, Pennsylvania and Kentucky. A committee was appointed by the Executive Board to submit a report to the next Biennial Assembly, where final action was to be taken.

At the IV Biennial Assembly Mrs. S. K. Glauber, the Chairman of the Special Committee to investigate City, State or District Federations, presented her report. The Committee recommended that the N. F. T. S. encourage and organize State or District Federations, and the Assembly endorsed its recommendation.

In November, 1921, an active campaign was inaugurated by the Executive Office to organize State Federations. The country at large was divided into twenty-five districts. The President of the largest Sisterhood in each District was asked to act as temporary chairman, and to hold the first meeting for organization in her city. Four State Federations—Ohio, Pennsylvania, Indiana and Connecticut—were already organ-

ized. When the Executive Board assembled in January, ten Federations were organized and had applied for a charter. The Board at this meeting created a Special Committee on State Federations, of which I was appointed Chairman. The Board also prepared a model constitution patterned after the Ohio State Constitution and a charter. Since that time nine more Federations have become organized. Of the total nineteen, seven have already held their second meeting and received charters. The others will be presented some time during the year.

The greatest drawback in organizing has been due to long distances. Especially is this true of the far West, where it is very difficult for very widely scattered Sisterhoods to come together for a meeting. It may be possible to arrange Biennial meetings for these Federations, and conduct much of the work by mail. The most effective remedy for these Federations is, of course, propaganda. Building up Sisterhoods in nearby towns will make for a possibility of federating.

When State Federations were originally discussed many objections were raised because it was believed that loyalty to the N. F. T. S. might be disseminated. Their short history has proved this fallacious, and the organized Federations today have each done their share to strengthen the fine religious aims expounded by the Federation. The national body must act and continue always to act as the guiding sponsor. No Sisterhood is eligible to membership in a State Federation unless it is affiliated with the National, and the ruling is strictly enforced. The hackneyed phrase,

"In Union there is Strength", applies here, and no over-organization must interfere with the principles and work of the parent organization. The State Federations should constitute themselves to strengthen and adhere to these principles.

#### Functions of the State Federation

A State Federation has primarily three functions:

1. To strengthen the work of the National Federation by means of appointing State committees corresponding to the National, and by working along national lines.

2. To do propaganda work.

3. To bring together groups of Jewish women in one locality for interchange of ideas which will naturally redound to the stimulation of local work.

A State Federation, to be largely successful, must co-ordinate activities. At its head must be a strong leader, for especially do the smaller societies depend on her for inspiration and advice. She must be able to find something in which to interest every Sisterhood in her District. She must be able to suggest new plans to them and to stimulate their work.

In accordance with the provisions of the model constitution adopted by the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods at their last meeting, Article IV, Section 3, reads: "The Board shall make an annual report to the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods." Accordingly a letter was sent by me to the eighteen organized State and District Federations, asking for an outline of activities, and putting three specific questions, namely:

1. In your opinion, does the State Federation help the local Sisterhoods to carry out the work of the National Federation?

2. What are the outstanding achievements of your State Federation for the year?

3. In which activity have you been most successful?

I regret that up to the time of the writing of this report only eleven of the eighteen have replied; therefore I can only speak for

that number, viz., Connecticut, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, West Virginia, Kentucky-Tennessee, Michigan, Iowa-Nebraska-Missouri, New York and Ohio. The majority agree that State Federation helps the local Sisterhoods carry out the work of the National. The majority also think that they have been formed too recently to have accomplished much worthy of special mention, but Propaganda work seems to be the greatest field of activity of each. West Virginia is bending its efforts towards the mountain district of the State. Several are making a census of their respective territory. All report much inspiration received at State meetings, and agree that here women are given an opportunity to freely express themselves and their thoughts.

Some outstanding State Federation achievements during the past year are:

1. A Connecticut State Uniongram Scholarship of \$400.00.

2. A Texas Scholarship of \$500.00.  
A Texas Uniongram Scholarship.

3. A Pennsylvania State Speakers' Bureau.

4. Work in rural districts in Ohio and Kentucky-Tennessee.

5. State University Religious Welfare Work in District No. 20 (Iowa, Missouri-Nebraska).

6. District meetings introduced by the Ohio Federation.

7. Connecticut Federation cooperation with the Council of Jewish Women in farm work.

8. Pennsylvania Federation passing resolution of great importance, urging representation of The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods on the Board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

9. An Exchange Bureau in New York.

Letters were sent to the State Presidents urging a State Scholarship and a Speakers' Bureau. The former is most valuable in increasing the number of young men who will occupy our pulpits in the future, and the latter is invaluable to the smaller Sisterhoods, who have not the field of the larger cities to draw on.



Where it has not already been done, I would recommend a Committee on Smaller Communities, which is in line with census work already being undertaken, so that all can be reached which are not already affiliated.

I would also suggest to the National Executive Office the preparation of an outline for study circles, along both religious and Jewish literary lines, as frequent requests come from smaller organizations for such help, especially those struggling along without a rabbi.

I wish I could inspire you with my belief in the value of State and District Federations. In my opinion they are of inestimable value to the National body. They create a closer bond of fellowship and a stronger appeal for the things for which the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods stands. They can and should carry a practical message to supplement those of a more or less general character sent out by the National office. It is impossible for one large organization to go into the small highways and byways to reach those who are in greatest need of those things for which we stand, and it is here that our State Federations can render great service.

I am told we have a membership of 45,000 women. Do all of these attend divine services on the Sabbath? Does each woman see that her children are raised strong in the faith of our Fathers? Does each woman observe the ceremonials of her religion in the home? When I receive an affirmative reply, then I will say, "Verily, State Federations have no more work to do", but until then, there is work, much work for all—for your State and for your National organization. And just as the

leader of each organization is strong, and the cooperation great, so will the results of each show great accomplishment.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Ferdinand Dilsheimer, Chairman,  
Mrs. Martin Barbe,  
Mrs. Isaac Born,  
Mrs. Charles Cohn,  
Mrs. A. L. Fishel,  
Mrs. Paul Godchaux,  
Mrs. Lillie Mikolas,  
Mrs. Maurice Steinfeld,  
Mrs. Isaac Ullman,  
Mrs. Sol Weil.

#### APPOINTMENT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

In accordance with the constitutional amendment passed at the previous session, the President announced the appointment of the following Committee on Nominations: Mrs. Leo Wolf, Wheeling, Chairman; Mrs. Harry Liebman, Boston; Mrs. Max Brandenburger, Brooklyn; Mrs. Solomon Foster, Newark; Mrs. Herman Jung, Milwaukee; Mrs. Isaac Born, Indianapolis; Mrs. William Trost, Louisville; Mrs. Jonas Frenkel, Cincinnati; Mrs. Moses Purvin, Chicago; Mrs. Victor Hexter, Dallas; Mrs. Leo Rosenbloom, Chattanooga; Mrs. Adolph Oettinger, Goldsboro; Mrs. Ben Mosbacher, Oakland, Mrs. M. D. Barnet, Denver, and Mrs. Albert Berkowitz, Philadelphia.

#### REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON HEBREW UNION COLLEGE DORMITORY

Mrs. Abram Simon, Chairman of the Special Committee on Hebrew Union College Dormitory, presented the following report which was accepted with thanks:



While a hundred and thirty-nine Sisterhoods have raised their complete quota, the following were the first five to send theirs in:

	Quota	Raised
Har Sinai Sisterhood, of Baltimore, Md.....	\$2,324.00	\$2,629.00
Ladies' Aid Society, Newark, Ohio.....	147.00	150.00
Sisterhood Temple Emanuel, Davenport, Iowa.....	315.00	315.00
Temple Sisterhood, Wheeling, W. Va.....	735.00	735.00
Rodef Shalom Sisterhood, Pittsburgh, Pa.....	4,460.00	4,707.00

The Har Sinai Sisterhood, of Baltimore, began its campaign immediately after the Biennial Assembly in Buffalo, and by the end of June, 1921, it had already gone over the top. Incidentally, it may be remarked that Baltimore was the first city with more than one Sisterhood to exceed its quota.

The three Sisterhoods of Cincinnati trebled their allotments, the Plum St. Sisterhood of that city raising the largest amount of any Sisterhood in the country. An extensive campaign undertaken by three chairmen brought the following results:

	Quota	Raised
Reading Road Temple Sisterhood.....	\$700.00	\$2,500.00
Rockdale Ave. Temple Sisterhood .....	3,801.00	10,728.11
Plum St. Temple Sisterhood.....	3,500.00	11,266.86

The Adath Israel Sisterhood, of Louisville, more than doubled its quota of \$2,737.00. It raised \$6,000 by methods of personal solicitation.

Each community has its own unique Dormitory story. Some day those tales, with their enthusiasm or discouragements, will have to be written out.

#### (A)—FINANCIAL STATEMENT

##### Receipts

Amount sent in.....	\$232,937.68
Amount reported raised.....	7,813.85
Interest on Securities .....	5,845.25
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$246,596.78</b>

##### Expenditures

Stationery and Office Supplies.....	\$378.47
Printing and Multigraphing .....	2,508.96
Postage and Expressage .....	658.57
Traveling Expenses, Mrs. Simon.....	80.04
Telegrams .....	209.28
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$3,835.32</b>

There remains but a small sum to be raised, and our Committee is not indicating just how this sum, which represents wholly the delinquencies of several Sisterhoods, may be collected. You may discuss for yourselves if Sisterhoods should approve of having specific Memorials in the Dormitory, such as for furnishing certain rooms or adorning the walls, or for the social equipment of some rooms. Figures are in the hands of your Committee as to the cost of such equipment.

The formal breaking of ground for the Dormitory, which took place with becoming exercises in Cincinnati on December 7, 1922, was a red-letter day in Sisterhood annals.

#### (B)—INVITATION AND PROGRAM OF EXERCISES AT BREAKING OF GROUND

**Program of Exercises**  
at the  
**Formal Breaking of Ground**  
of  
**The Hebrew Union College  
Dormitory**  
and  
**Gymnasium**

**PROCESSIONAL**—Sisterhoods, Students of the Hebrew Union College, Faculty of the Hebrew Union College, Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College, Executive Board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, officers and guests.

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**—  
Dr. Julian Morgenstern, President of the Hebrew Union College.

**ANTHEM**—Student Choir of the Hebrew Union College.

**ADDRESS**—Mrs. Abram Simon, Chairman, H. U. C. Dormitory Committee.

**ADDRESS**—Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld, President, National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

**BREAKING OF GROUND**—

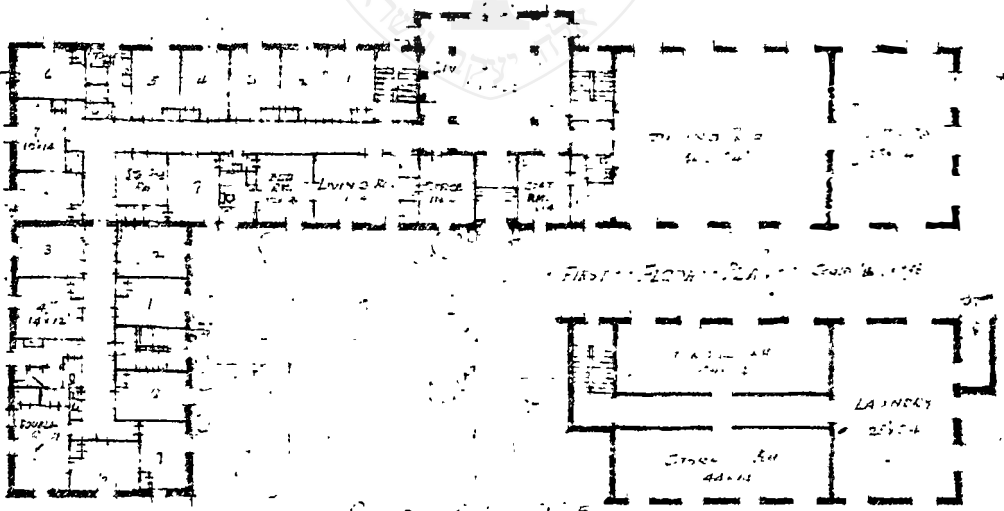
**ANTHEM**—Student Choir of the Hebrew Union College.

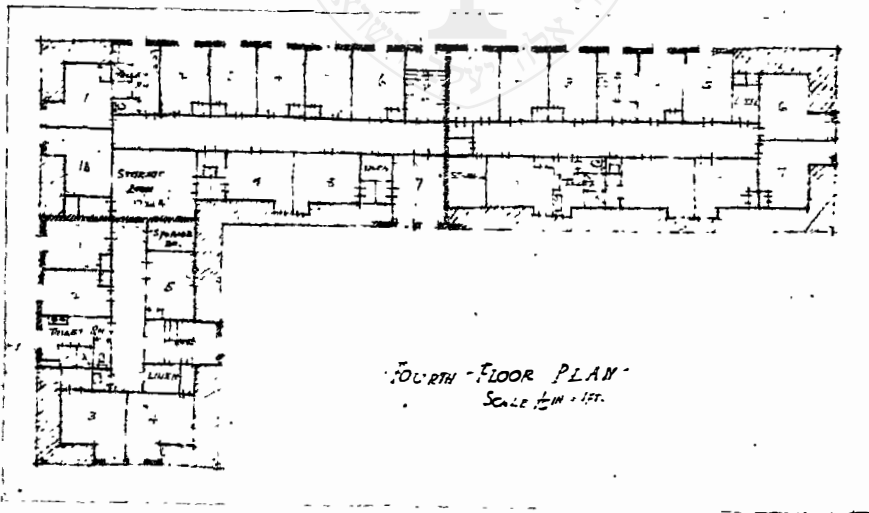
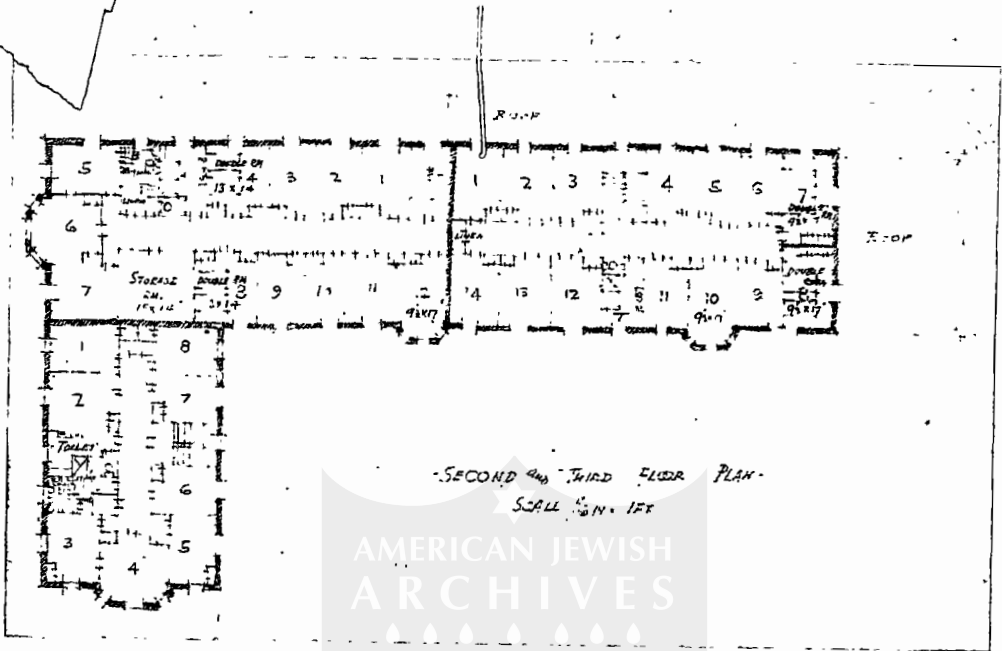
**DECEMBER 7, 1922**

**AT 1:30 P. M.**

The Committee owes it to you to present a sketch of the Dormitory, and to indicate the exact specifications, accommodations and equipment which the completed building calls for. I refer you to (C):

(C)—DRAWING AND DESCRIPTION OF DORMITORY





Your Committee closes its report with a high sense of elation for the labors almost completed, and with a feeling of happiness for the opportunity thus presented to us to serve the cause of Judaism in a large and practical way. The collection of \$250,000, at first so stupendous and fear-inspiring, was rendered easy by the fine enthusiasm of our women. This sum represents the greatest piece of constructive work which the Jewish women of our country have ever carried forward to success. Your Committee closes its report with sincerest congratulations to Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld and the constituent members of our Federation, and bids you look forward joyfully and proudly to the Fall of 1923 when the Dormitory, crowning the hills of far-famed Cincinnati, will be ready for dedication and occupancy—a thing of beauty and a joy forever.

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE H. U. C. DORMITORY

June 1, 1921 — Jan. 19, 1923

Akron, Ohio .....	\$550.00	*Sisterhood Beth Sholom,	
Albany, Ga. ....	278.50	People's Temple .....	1,400.30
*Albany, N. Y. ....	1,970.00	Sisterhood Shaari Zedek.....	400.10
*Allentown, Pa. ....	500.00	Beth Emeth of Flatbush Sist.	100.00
*Alexandria, La. ....	574.00	Progressive Synagog Sister'd..	50.00
*Alexandria, Va. ....	226.37	Ladies Auxiliary Emanu-El of	
Alliance, Ohio .....	32.00	Boro Park .....	50.00
†Altoona, Pa. ....	315.00	†Brownsville, Tenn. ....	161.00
*Anniston, Ala. ....	169.25	†Brunswick, Ga. ....	189.00
†Appleton, Wis. ....	77.00	*Bucyrus, Ohio .....	110.00
Ashland, Ky. ....	75.00	†Buffalo, N. Y. ....	2,800.00
*Atlanta, Ga. ....	3,187.36	†Cairo, Ill. ....	168.00
*Atlantic City, N. J. ....	1,400.00	Canton, Ohio .....	656.20
Augusta, Ga. ....	216.00	*Champaign-Urbana, Ill. ....	268.76
†Bainbridge, Ga. ....	168.00	Charleston, S. C. ....	208.00
Baltimore, Md.—		*Charleston, W. Va. ....	610.00
*Har Sinai Sisterhood.....	2,629.00	Chattanooga, Tenn. ....	400.00
*Sister'd Temple Oheb Shalom.	5,000.00	Cheyenne, Wyo. ....	25.00
†Baltimore Hebrew Cong. Sis-		Chicago, Ill.—	
terhood .....	5,089.00	Ladies' Aux. of Temp. Sholom.	3,958.50
Baton Rouge, La. ....	360.00	Chicago Sinai Temple Sister'd..	3,204.55
*Bay City, Mich. ....	142.31	Isaiah Woman's Club.....	4,025.00
Beaumont, Texas .....	100.00	Washington Blvd. Sisterhood.	1,000.00
*Bellaire, Ohio .....	255.00	Temple Emanuel Sisterhood...	1,000.00
Bessemer, Ala. ....	50.00	K. A. M. Auxiliary .....	450.00
†Binghamton, N. Y. ....	385.00	Sist. of B'nai Sholom Temple.	1,750.00
Birmingham, Ala. ....	333.50	Beth El Sister'h'd of Chicago..	125.70
†Bloomington, Ill. ....	105.00	Cincinnati, Ohio—	
Boston, Mass.—		*Reading Rd. Temp. Sisterhood.	2,572.41
*Temple Israel Sisterhood.....	2,788.55	*Plum St. Temple Sisterhood..	11,066.86
†Sisterhood Temple Oabei Sha-		*Rockdale Ave. Temp. Sister'd.	10,728.11
lom .....	1,883.00	†Clarksburg, W. Va. ....	147.00
Bridgeport, Conn. ....	532.73	Cleveland, Ohio—	
Brooklyn, N. Y.—		*Euclid Ave. Temp. Sisterhood.	9,483.61
Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple		†The Temple Women's Ass'n..	10,500.00
Ahavath Sholom .....	116.00	*Columbia, Tenn. ....	80.00
†Wom. Aux. Congr. Beth Elo-		†Columbus, Ga. ....	315.00
him, 8th Ave. ....	2,450.00	*Columbus, Ohio .....	1,575.00
†Union Temple Sisterhood.....	3,500.00		
* Over the top. † Quota completed.			

*Concord, N. H. ....	10.00	Joplin, Mo. ....	300.00
‡Cumberland, Md. ....	280.00	‡Kalamazoo, Mich. ....	416.00
*Dallas, Texas ....	1,179.75	‡Kansas City, Mo. ....	2,660.00
*Danville, Ill. ....	306.00	‡Knoxville, Tenn. ....	315.00
‡Davenport, Iowa ....	315.00	Lafayette, La. ....	25.00
*Dayton, Ohio ....	1,811.58	‡Lake Charles, La. ....	154.00
Decatur, Ill. ....	10.00	‡Lancaster, Pa. ....	490.00
*Denver, Colo. ....	1,451.70	‡La Porte, Ind. ....	91.00
‡Des Moines, Iowa ....	854.00	‡Lexington, Ky. ....	455.00
*Detroit, Mich. ....	5,200.00	Lewistown, Pa. ....	25.00
East Orange, N. J. ....	65.00	‡Ligonier, Ind. ....	140.00
Elizabeth, N. J. ....	533.00	*Lima, Ohio ....	225.00
*El Paso, Texas ....	1,200.00	Lincoln, Nebr. ....	430.00
‡Erie, Pa. ....	714.00	Lorain, Ohio ....	110.00
‡Evansville, Ind. ....	700.00	‡Los Angeles, Cal. ....	2,800.00
Fairmont, W. Va. ....	104.65	Louisville, Ky.—	
‡Far Rockaway, N. Y. ....	2,065.00	‡Aux. Temp. Brith Sholom....	1,260.00
*Ft. Smith, Ark. ....	400.00	*Macon, Ga. ....	628.16
‡Ft. Wayne, Ind. ....	714.00	Mansfield, Ohio ....	164.17
*Ft. Worth, Texas ....	457.00	*Marion, Ohio ....	120.00
‡Fremont, Ohio ....	84.00	Memphis, Tenn. ....	2,000.00
Gary, Ind. ....	285.00	‡Meridian, Miss. ....	560.00
*Goldsboro, N. C. ....	232.00	*Middletown, Ohio ....	150.00
‡Grand Rapids, Mich. ....	357.00	Milwaukee, Wis.—	
‡Greensboro, N. C. ....	266.00	Emanu-El Ladies' Society....	1,207.00
Greenville, Miss. ....	150.00	*B'ne Jeshurun Sisterhood....	2,205.80
Greenwood, Miss. ....	50.00	*Minneapolis, Minn. ....	1,400.00
*Hamilton, Ohio ....	308.00	Montreal, Que., Canada....	100.00
Hammond, Ind. ....	50.00	Mt. Vernon, Ind. ....	50.00
*Harrisburg, Pa. ....	475.00	‡Muskogee, Okla. ....	210.00
‡Hartford, Conn. ....	1,295.00	*Nashville, Tenn. ....	3,180.00
‡Hazelton, Pa. ....	245.00	Natchez, Miss. ....	334.25
Helena, Ark. ....	44.00	*Newark, N. J. ....	2,600.00
*Henderson, Ky. ....	210.82	*Newark, Ohio ....	150.00
Honesdale, Pa. ....	112.50	*New Haven, Conn. ....	2,349.00
‡Hot Springs, Ark. ....	266.00	New Kensington, Pa. ....	60.00
‡Houston, Texas ....	1,393.00	● New Orleans, La.—	
‡Huntington, W. Va. ....	455.00	Ladies Aux. Gates of Prayer..	222.50
*Indianapolis, Ind. ....	1,655.00	Sisterhood of Beth Israel....	122.40
Jackson, Mich. ....	25.00	Temple Sinai Sisterhood....	1,370.00
*Jackson, Miss. ....	148.00	Sist. League of Touro Syn....	700.00
*Jackson, Tenn. ....	246.00	Sisterhood Cong. Anshe Sford	80.00
Jacksonville, Fla. ....	738.50	New Rochelle, N. Y. ....	1,097.00
Jamaica, N. Y. ....	525.00	New York, N. Y.—	
Jersey City, N. J. ....	237.80	‡Sisterhood of New Synagog...	1,148.00
*Johnstown, Pa. ....	325.00		

‡ Over the top. † Quota completed.



Ladies' Aux. of Central Syn...	1,285.00	Sacramento, Cal. ....	50.00
Sist. of Temp. of the Covenant	200.00	†Saginaw, Mich. ....	252.00
Ladies' Aux. Temple Israel...	550.00	St. Joseph, Mo. ....	100.00
†Women's Ass'n, Temp. Rodeph		St. Louis, Mo.—	
Sholom .....	2,100.00	Sisterhood of Temple Israel...	1,767.26
Tremont Sisterhood .....	908.40	Sisterhood of B'nai El Temple.	200.00
Shaaray Tefila Sisterhood.....	2,186.70	Unit. Hebrew Ladies' Aid Soc.	1,000.00
*Beth El Women's Guild.....	1,128.75	Shaare Emeth Sisterhood.....	1,735.00
*Sisterhood of Temple Mt. Zion	400.00	*St. Paul, Minn.....	1,034.00
Women's Guild, Free Synagog		Salt Lake City, Utah.....	300.00
of Flushing .....	213.75	†San Antonio, Texas.....	994.00
Mt. Neboh Sisterhood .....	1,000.00	San Diego, Calif. ....	100.00
*Niagara Falls, N. Y.....	400.00	†Sandusky, Ohio .....	154.00
†Norfolk, Va. ....	1,225.00	San Francisco, Calif.....	2,015.00
Norwood, Ohio .....	15.00	Savannah, Ga. ....	1,100.00
Oakland, Calif. ....	530.00	†Scranton, Pa. ....	1,050.00
Oklahoma City, Okla.....	350.00	Seattle, Wash. ....	578.50
†Omaha, Nebr. ....	1,029.00	†Shreveport, La. ....	1,141.00
†Oshkosh, Wis. ....	84.00	Sioux City, Iowa.....	170.50
†Owensboro, Ky. ....	245.00	Sioux Falls, S. D.....	75.00
*Paducah, Ky. ....	356.76	South Bend, Ind. ....	230.00
†Parkersburg, W. Va.....	140.00	†Springfield, Ill. ....	525.00
Paterson, N. J.....	75.00	†Springfield, Mo. ....	147.00
†Pensacola, Fla. ....	525.00	†Statesville, N. C.....	49.00
*Peoria, Ill. ....	854.00	Stevens Point, Wis.....	89.00
Philadelphia, Pa.—		*Syracuse, N. Y.....	1,472.00
Sist. Rodeph Shalom Cong....	3,000.00	†Toledo, Ohio .....	2,065.00
Pine Bluff, Ark.—		†Trenton, N. J.....	490.00
*Temp. Sisterhood of Pine Bluff	320.00	†Trinidad, Colo. ....	259.00
*Pittsburgh, Pa. ....	4,707.00	Troy, N. Y.....	100.00
Pittsfield, Mass. ....	245.30	Tucson, Ariz. ....	50.00
Plattsburg, N. Y.....	79.50	Tulsa, Okla. ....	300.00
†Portland, Ore. ....	1,715.68	Tuscaloosa, Ala. ....	25.00
Portsmouth, Ohio .....	126.00	†Uniontown, Pa. ....	301.00
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.....	50.00	†Vicksburg, Miss. ....	616.00
*Providence, R. I.....	750.00	Waco, Texas .....	343.25
†Quincy, Fla. ....	112.00	Washington, D. C.....	2,600.00
*Quincy, Ill. ....	154.95	Waterbury, Conn. ....	60.00
†Racine, Wis. ....	175.00	†Wheeling, W. Va. ....	735.00
†Raleigh, N. C. ....	203.00	*Wilkes Barre, Pa.....	536.00
Reading, Pa. ....	370.00	*Williamsport, Pa. ....	370.00
*Richmond, Ind.....	73.00	Yonkers, N. Y.....	1,000.00
*Richmond, Va. ....	1,825.00	†York, Pa. ....	364.00
†Rochester, N. Y. ....	2,730.00	*Youngstown, Ohio .....	1,304.13
		†Zanesville, Ohio.....	168.00

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**GIFTS FROM INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS NOT GIVEN THROUGH SISTERHOODS**

Name	City	Amount
Isaac Schoen	Atlanta, Ga.	\$ 10.00
Religious School of Rockdale Avenue Temple	Cincinnati, O.	22.00
Alumni Association of the Hebrew Union College	Cincinnati, O.	1,000.00
The Cone and Sternberger families	Greensboro, N. C.	2,600.00
Adolph S. Ochs	New York, N. Y.	1,000.00
Sisters of Ruth No. 18, U. O. T. S.	Cincinnati, O.	300.00
Mrs. Rose N. Bloch	Cincinnati, O.	50.00
In memory of Rose Grothwell	San Francisco, Cal.	50.00
Kitchen Garden Memorial Fund	Cincinnati, O.	25.00
Arthur Joseph	Cincinnati, O.	100.00
Alfred Hahn	New York, N. Y.	50.00
Nathan Goodman	New York, N. Y.	5.00
Council of Jewish Women	Lafayette, Ind.	50.00
Max Meyer	New York, N. Y.	20.00
Mrs. Ferd. Dilsheimer	Philadelphia, Pa.	10.00
Mrs. S. F. Hertz and Mrs. Oscar B. Schmidt	Philadelphia, Pa.	40.00
Ladies' Hebrew Benevolent Society	Athens, Ga.	35.00
Council of Jewish Women	Terre Haute, Ind.	50.00
Grand Lodge, U. O. T. S.	New York, N. Y.	100.00
Chas. Hellman	St. Louis, Mo.	6.00
Mr. David Moshkowitz	New York, N. Y.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Buchband	Chicago, Ill.	10.00
Council of Jewish Women	Ashland, Ohio	10.00
Sisters of Peace	Chicago, Ill.	25.00
Mrs. Levi S. Levor	Attica, Ind.	5.00
Mrs. Max Marks	Bristol, Va.	5.00
Ladies' Auxiliary	Schenectady, N. Y.	25.00
Religious School of Shaare Emeth Temple	St. Louis, Mo.	15.00
Clarence Barnett	Far Rockaway, N. Y.	1.00
Council of Jewish Women	Montgomery, Ala.	500.00
Temple Aid Society	Little Rock, Ark.	250.00
Raised at Hotel Entertainment	Kennebunkport, Me.	150.00
Hebrew Ladies' Benevolent Society	Columbia City, Ind.	120.00
Kewin Fauber	Brooklyn, N. Y.	2.00
Ruth Weiner	New York, N. Y.	5.00
Emma C. Uhlman	New York, N. Y.	10.00
Gan Eden Lodge No. 110, I. O. B. B.	Terre Haute, Ind.	100.00
E. Steinhardt	New York, N. Y.	5.00
Philip Anspacher	San Francisco, Cal.	25.00

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Abram Simon, Chairman,  
 Mrs. Henry Bauer,  
 Mrs. Dan Frank,  
 Mrs. S. Pisko,  
 Mrs. Marcus Rauh,  
 Mrs. Joseph Stolz,  
 Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld.

Mrs. Jacob Wertheim, of the Woman's Auxiliary, Temple Emanuel, New York, was invited to the platform and addressed the

assembly on the subject of the Dormitory. Through her efforts the following pledges for the Dormitory were obtained:

## Dormitory Pledges

### SISTERHOODS

Sisterhood of Temple Israel, Akron, O..\$	260	Mrs. Mark Abrahams, Brookline, Mass. (in memory of father, Mr. Charles Dreyfus) .....	10
Sisterhood Temple Oheb Shalom, Baltimore, Md. (in honor of Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld) .....	100	Anonymous; New York, N. Y.....	20
Har Sinai Sisterhood, Baltimore, Md. (in memory of Rabbi Louis Bernstein) .....	100	Mrs. Morris Aron, New York, N. Y....	100
Baltimore Hebrew Congregation Sisterhood, Baltimore, Md.....	100	Mrs. J. Beitman, Birmingham, Ala. (in honor of mother's, Mrs. Herman Stern's birthday) .....	25
Sisterhood Temple Ohabei, Shalom, Boston, Mass. (in honor of Rabbi Samuel Abrams) .....	50	Mrs. Isaac Born, Indianapolis, Ind... Mrs. Josiah Cohen, Pittsburgh, Pa....	25 25
Temple Israel Sisterhood, Boston, Mass. (in honor of Rabbi Harry Levi)...	50	Rabbi Hyman Enelow, New York, N. Y.	100
Temple Israel Sisterhood, Boston, Mass. ....	100	Mrs. R. B. Feuerlicht, Boston, Mass. (in memory of husband, Rabbi J. Feuerlicht) .....	25
McKinley Ave. Temple Sisterhood, Canton, O. ....	65	Mrs. Mayer Forst, Pittsburgh, Pa....	100
Sisterhood B'nai Sholom Temple Israel, Chicago, Ill. ....	1000	Mrs. J. M. Gidding, New York, N. Y..	100
Isaiah Woman's Club, Chicago, Ill....	300	Mrs. S. H. Goldenson, Pittsburgh, Pa.	25
Sisterhood Rockdale Ave. Temple, Cincinnati, O. (in honor of Dr. David Philipson) .....	100	Mrs. Philip Goodhart, New York, N. Y.	200
Sisterhood of Temple Beth El, Detroit, Mich. ....	100	Mrs. A. Grant, New Rochelle, N. Y... Mrs. I. A. Gusdorf, Baltimore, Md....	100 100
Sisterhood Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, Indianapolis, Ind.....	50	Mrs. I. A. Gusdorf, Baltimore, Md. (in memory of brother, Mr. A. Latz)...	25
B'ne Jeshurun Sisterhood, Milwaukee, Wis. (in honor of Dr. Charles Levi)	100	Mrs. Daniel P. Hays, New York, N. Y.	100
Woman's Association B'nai Jeshurun, Newark, N. J. (in honor of Rabbi Solomon Foster) .....	50	Mrs. Joseph Herman, Boston, Mass... Mrs. A. J. Johnson, New Haven, Conn.	25 25
Woman's Auxiliary Central Synagogue, New York City .....	300	Mrs. Edward Katzinger, Chicago, Ill.. Mrs. Maurice Kent, Atlanta, Ga. (in memory of her daughter).....	10 10
Tremont Sisterhood, New York, N. Y..	600	Mrs. K. Kohler, New York, N. Y. (in memory of Mrs. Max Kohler).....	10
Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple Israel, New York, N. Y.....	640	Mrs. Hayman Krupp, El Paso, Texas.	100
Sisterhood of Temple Israel, St. Louis, Mo. ....	1300	Mrs. Benjamin Leon and Washington, D. C. delegates (in honor of Mrs. Abram Simon) .....	15
Sisterhood B'nai El Temple, St. Louis, Mo. ....	800	Miss Carrie Levy, New York, N. Y. (in memory of Isaac and Kate Levy)	10
Sisterhood of Temple Sinai, Sumter, S. C. ....	100	Mrs. Harry Liebman, Boston, Mass... Mrs. S. Loewith, Bridgeport, Conn....	200 10
Ladies' Auxiliary Society of Concord, Syracuse, N. Y. (in honor of Rabbi Benjamin Friedman) .....	50	Mrs. Millard Long, Wilkes Barre, Pa. (in honor of uncle, Mr. Simon Wolf)	25
		Mrs. S. O. Ludwig, Brooklyn, N. Y. (in memory of daughter, Annette Dorothy Ludwig) .....	10
		Mrs. Benj. Lurio, Lancaster, Pa. (in memory of her son).....	25
		Mrs. Charles Mayer, Lincoln, Neb.... Mrs. Effie Wise Ochs, New York, N. Y.	100 500
		Mrs. Rose Osterweis, New Haven, Conn. ....	100
		Mrs. Leopold Plaut, New York, N. Y.	50
		Mrs. Jacob Schoeneman, Baltimore, Md. ....	50
		Mrs. I. Spiegelberg, New York, N. Y.	200

### INDIVIDUALS

Mrs. Wm. Abraham, Brooklyn, N. Y. (in memory of father, Mr. Bernard Baruch) .....	\$ 10
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Mrs. Joseph Stolz, Chicago, Ill. (in honor of her mother, Mrs. Fannie Rauh) ..... 10  
 Mrs. Aaron Strauss, Baltimore Md.... 100  
 Mrs. Martin Strauss, New York, N. Y. 100  
 Mrs. Martin Strauss, New York, N. Y. in memory of Mrs. Frances Cohn) 10  
 Mrs. Henry Toch, New York, N. Y... 100  
 Mrs. Felix Warburg, New York, N. Y. 500  
 Mrs. Felix Vorenberg, Boston, Mass.. 100  
 Miss Daisy Weil, Morgantown, W. Va. (in memory of brother, Mr. Solomon Weil) ..... 10  
 Mrs. Jacob Wertheim, New York, N. Y. 400  
 Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld, Baltimore, Md. .... 50  
 Mrs. James Wolf, New York, N. Y.... 100  
 Mrs. Louis Ziegel, Boston, Mass..... 100  
 Mrs. Martin Zielonka, El Paso, Texas (in honor of son at H. U. C.)..... 25

A rising vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Wertheim in recognition of her fine services.

Mr. Charles Shohl, President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations was invited to the platform and addressed the Assembly.

Rabbi Isaac Marcuson requested the privilege of the floor to present a statement for the Central Conference of American Rabbis. He reported that the book of private meditations compiled at the suggestion of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods is ready for publication and that it will be distributed at a nominal cost.

**THE SYMPOSIUM**

The following special order of business provided by the Program Committee, was taken up at 11:30 a. m., a symposium on the theme "Woman's share in solving the Religious Problem". Mrs. Albert J. May, of Flushing, delivered the first address—"The Jewish Problem in the Home". She spoke as follows:

**The Jewish Problem in the Home**

by **MRS. ALBERT J. MAY, Flushing, N. Y.**

It always strikes me, as out of place, that a paper, such as this, should be read to a body of women, whose obvious aims and ideals are such, as to receive only the commendation of the world and the approval of their communities. It must, in the same way, be equally discouraging to the rabbis, the religious teachers, the scholars, who see the necessity for reproofing the backsliders, the thoughtless and the ignorant and find themselves reaching none of these. Could we but call by some modern method of mental and aural approach, those men and women whose lives are so complete that Israel and Israel's GOD is lost to them, then we might raise our voices, as did the prophets, in an unimpassioned plea for a hearing.

In this age of materialism of utter worldliness, of eager rushing here and there; to pile dollar upon dollar, to drink more deeply of the joys of life; to fill each moment to overflowing; woman has found more and more that religion, its synagogal service, and its home teaching relies

upon her. She must be the one whose life is so filled with idealism, service and real, deep beliefs that the children of her heart can not but follow where she leads. Her home must be a beautiful refuge, to which her family returns when the daily cares and duties are over. A hallowed spot made charming not by luxurious furnishings and costly works of art, but by a spirit of affection, of whole-souled communion of joyous hospitality, where children return to their parents in gentle courtesy, a measure of reward for love and care offered them. Indeed, were all our homes such sanctuaries of quiet peace, our social problems would be solved and our religious life assured of strength and faith. I do not in any way wish to underrate the value of the father in home observances. He is the respected comrade, the admired leader in those beautiful services, that makes the Jewish home life so distinctive. The rush of life has engulfed him. He returns to his home at night, wearied by cares of business or profession, and leaves the di-

rection of his children, their problems, their mental and spiritual development to his help-mate; for such has always been the happy term applied to a mother in Israel.

I should delight in being wholly optimistic and paint in such rosy colors your honest achievements, that you might leave this Council Chamber, filled with pride in all your sisters and satisfied that the outlook for the future was one of continued loyalty and fearless belief in Judaism, and that the Jewish home lacked nothing in culture, in spiritual graciousness and splendid virtue. We are gathered here for an open consideration of an interesting problem; let us approach it honestly and whole-heartedly.

Has not the vanity of society, the fear of being different from our neighbors robbed us of some of the bloom of our marital relationship? It has always been our pride that the sanctity of marriage, involving as it does the love of children, the reverence for womanhood, have been the basic principles of the family life of the Jew. More and more do we see these traditions falling into disuse. The stage and modern literature have combined to belittle, to depreciate their beauty, their sanctity. The home, where the frivolities, the sordidness, the crass materialism, might be combated, is fast losing its hold upon its youth, because that same lack has crept past its doors. "STOP, LOOK, LISTEN" is a life saver in daily traffic and could well be the motto of every parent.

Our mothers had not the manifold problems of modern life to face. Their time, their interests, their love, their very soul was dedicated to the home they made liveable and the children they did not hesitate to bear. Life called to them only when the home duties and offices were well done. Service to them was a part of their creed and social life a well-earned recreation from multifarious duties. Their lives were busy ones, but never so full that the beautiful observances of Sabbath or festival was ever forgotten or neglected. For them, as it should be for us, the Sabbath was a day upon which real labor ceased. It offered rest from the routine of the week, and a respite, wherein the mind could give itself to spiritual contemplation. A period of calm was this day, health-giving in its results. There were Sabbath clothes

for the parents and Sabbath clothes for the children, who delighted in their use and wore them proudly to the synagogue. We no longer horde our Sabbath apparel, but we still cling loyally to the hope of reviving Sabbath rest. Women, who are nobly giving themselves to the work of this organization, are feeling more and more the absorbing value of the consecration of the Sabbath.

Our women, have taken their places in the larger world; we like to see them as untiring and splendid social service workers, as leaders in civic life, as interested clubwomen, as students and loyal, efficient mothers. All these activities make for finer women and can not but be reflected in the lives of their children. It is too evident, however, that in their desire to lead, to be heard, to be seen, they have laid aside some of the joys of Motherhood. More and more they are delegating their duties to paid underlings. The little child, who in his first stumbling attempts at speech, was taught a simple prayer by an adoring mother, now falls asleep in a nursery, of the most hygienic perfection, laid in his downy crib by a nurse, spic and span, whose whole ideal is bodily perfection. If the mother comes at all, to kiss the little one good-night it is sometimes from sheer embarrassment, that she hesitates to teach the simple beautiful prayers that so long were cherished and chanted by Jewish mother to Jewish child. There are other mothers, whom life is harassing, either with a too complete enjoyment of its benefits, or too much effort to keep up with the daily routine of home duties and demands from the world without. There are still scores of mothers, old-fashioned enough to find real joy in repeating with their children words of prayer, no matter whether in English or Hebrew, just so they carry with them the cherished beginnings of Religion in the Home. Look back upon your childhood and remember just what the recollections of the moments at bed-time with your beloved mother means to you, even today, and how unconsciously you fall asleep with that self-same childish prayer upon your lips.

These little souls, entrusted to you by an all wise Father and reared by you in fear and love, demand more of you than merely to be clothed, fed, educated and taught.

graces of society, art, music and all the culturalisms that keep the modern child so hurried and so busy. They ask of you a deep, spiritual background, a foundation for character. After all, the hope of success in life, the great happiness that comes from work well done, is built upon strength of character. This gift is in the hands of the fine mother and thinking father and must be added bit by bit, to the spiritual upbuilding of the child. Religion, built upon such a foundation, relies not only upon the observances of forms and ceremonies and a profound reverence in temple attendance, it is a preparation for Life, its joys and its great sorrow.

The value of culture in the home can not be underestimated. Not a cultural veneer, hypocritical in its tendency and only leading the family to a devotion to the modern thinking of a few heralded philosophers and much-discussed novelists, who leave us a superficial outlook on the real problems of life. We need a culture that seeks out the best that is to be found in art, music and literature; a culture that produces soft-voiced, gentle mothers, and thoughtful, courtly fathers, whose hearts and minds are attuned to the problems of their young. We need a culture that teaches modesty in dress, a gentle, conciliatory attitude toward our neighbors, for offenses of the individual militates against us all and we mothers must so counsel our youth. We know, for history has proven it, that a genuine culture gives its hearers a fine spiritual mastery, a background of rare worth and is a heritage for generations. Israel has produced such culture under the leash of oppressors. "She has prayed for deeper wisdom and has valued greater knowledge as a clearer insight of the Divine."—(Maurice Joseph.) Often has this culture been allowed to tarnish, while a more tawdry plate was in vogue. Reburnish this precious metal you can all harbor within your home and let the real luster endure.

Could we but teach our children the value of service. A life is never full without whole hearted, generous giving, not alone the sharing of worldly goods, but a desire to give of one's self. Gone are the days when the mother, with one of her children, went forth with generously laden baskets, into the homes of the needy and

the sick, bringing not only cheer and alleviation of suffering, but real comradely affection and sympathy. Science has developed our mode of giving into a concerted plan of action, we have seen our Federation grow, and glory in their expertness and splendid results, but our children know little or nothing of the trials and deprivations of the poor. It is true that we include them in our drives; we take their hoarded pennies after carefully explaining the trials of our foreign brothers and the hunger of those nearer to us. Yet we hesitate to bring them close to suffering, to the heart breaking lack of the beautiful in the lives of the uncounted numbers at our very doors. A Jew, worthy of the name, has never dared to live a narrow selfish life and the youth of our faith learn only by precept and example. It is not that many mothers do not feel, do not think, it is only that their hearts have not been touched, that their lives are fast growing limited. When you are laying your damask cloth or feasting your eyes upon the beauties of a perfectly appointed table, on Sabbath eve, add a few chairs and call in from the whirl of humankind the lonely stranger, the student, the orphaned child, the sad and bereft. Allow them the joy of hearing a Jewish mother bless the lighted candles or bow reverently when the father recites the Kiddush over bread and grape juice the spiritual grace of that night. Breaking bread with the stranger and the needy has always been one of the holy mitzvahs of the Jew.

The Religious School has been developed and is fast meeting the demand of the most critical of parents. It is constantly improving its curriculum. It is engaging more and more real pedagogues, whose records show efficient and splendid effort. It attempts to reach your child, through heart and intellect. The rabbi, the superintendent, the teachers prepare for the festivals—Succoth, with its charming booth covered with fruits and flowers, wherein the child hears the grace recited and tastes of the season's harvest; Chanukah with its branched candlestick; Purim with its age old Hamon kuchen and spirit of revelry; the Seder table with its symbolic significance of new life—all give these events their eager interest, thought and time, what value would their efforts have, without the

proper interest emanating from a really God-fearing home? Would it not be gracious and helpful to your rabbi and the teachers of your schools, besides increasing the children's interest, if you made it a point to be with them on these festive occasions? Not only the Religious School committee of your Sisterhood and of your Temple Board, but the parents. So many of us fail our children so utterly when it comes to a real, live regard for the work of the Religious School. The very ones who are the most insistent in demanding perfect preparation for the public or private schools are wantonly neglectful of any demands of the Religious School. A thoughtful consideration of this work might arouse every mother to the necessity of a deeper study of the history of her people, a brushing up in the Hebrew, she has long forgotten or give her an added zest to observe the Sabbath, by reinvesting it with its hallowed graciousness; and a renewed joy in attending synagogue with her children by her side.

We could place in the hands of our children, the beautiful stories of Biblical and Talmudic origin, the colorful lives of Jewish heroes and heroines, replete with the courage of their faith, and acquaint them with modern novelist, historian and thinkers whose work is of a special significance to the Jew.

With such books at their command, the work of the school would be well complemented and would build an ideal background.

A mother worthy of the name need not preach to her children of the glories of religion, the ethics of Judaism. Abstract things were never known to appeal to the young. It is her duty to teach her children to love their work, that idleness is degrading, that industry is a high ideal. She may walk with her children in the open country or in the city park or watch with them from veranda or window the raging storm or the beauties of the setting sun. All the sublime manifestations of nature give her an opportunity to teach the inscrutable wonders of Creation. From nature, too, she can draw the story, so often crudely told on the outside, but filled with awe and wonder by the subtle, tender mother voice, the story of the mystery of life. Mother, this is your rare privilege, invest it with

real love, and impress the pure mind, so that the tragic pitfalls of modern society will not cause your children to fall into the mire of the unfaithful. Judaism teaches bodily purity and offers health as a gift from God, a treasured possession. Our children know this to be a beautiful world and must keep it so by the graciousness of their lives.

Music has always been an emotional outlet and could be made a medium of religious expression in the family circle. Every child loves to try new and simple melodies, suited to its ability. It would be as easy to place a book of simple, traditional hymns upon the music rack to replace the modern flippant jazz and how infinitely more beautiful. I am not asking of you to make your children hymn-singing hypocrites, for the world has too many of these in every religion. A love of music fostered early, is invaluable to the child's development. The great masters have written sacred music with reverence and humility, a reverence we would gladly bring to the youth of our country, humility, not in the sense of abject deference to the wills and ideals of their elders, but in the light of a real desire to make of their lives something fine and splendid, without subservience to the snobbishness and petty demands of our social life.

Observe the Chanukah in your homes with a real festive spirit. Foster a delight in gift giving among those near and dear to you. The candle light and chanukah-hymn with the age old gloriously heroic tales of the Maccabees, the story of brave Hannah, causing a spirit of real patriotism and mother heroism to pervade an evening filled with real contentment and family affection. The lighting of the tapers each eve adds a charm and fascination to a festival so near to the much heralded national celebration of Christmas and would gradually outshine the Christmas tree. Patriotism is taught your children by instructors, pulpit orators and newspapers in such a way often to mislead.

To them, dear imaginative folk, it means the tramp of soldiers and the waving of flags, the brassy sounds of music, blaring or sad. Alas, such patriotism is but a poor substitute for the real heritage of loyalty to institutions, love of home, respect for law and a constant desire for

peace, in the hearts of men. Could our homes teach such lessons to the outside world, then our children would indeed be blessed.

The Seder heralding the week of Passover, with its symbolic charm, its enduring service, and even its Yom Tov dinner, may be celebrated on the second night in the hall or temple center, but its first night observance must be in every home. I have a picture ever alive and undimmed before me now of many Seder-nights in a blessed Jewish home. A very long table, reaching from end to end of a large room. A smiling, capable wife and mother, a happy group of children and grand children, students eager to go forth to expound their Judaism; strangers from every clime grouped about it. At the table's head is seated the white haired, clear skinned, whimsically smiling father, grandfather and loved teacher. In his hand the Hagadah and placed before him the Matzoth, the unleavened bread; symbol of Israel's affliction, the lamb bone, the roasted egg, the charoseth and the bitter herbs all explained by the reading of the Hagadah, intoned in pure English. Often this seer burst forth into melodious Hebrew chanting, assisted by earnest youth and thoughtful age. Every child found a place in that service, every man and woman received with pride their portion to read. Simplicity prevailed but a really religious ardor, a spirit to rejoice the heart and remain with one through the years. No leaven appeared upon that table during that week and none felt its lack. Self-abnegation was the spirit of that household.

Many of our young people, college bred as well as factory workers, charge Judaism with a decadence, a lack of living spirit, and proudly call themselves scoffers, individualists, faithful devotees of the sciences. Their elders draw long faces and blame the pulpit, the religious school, the modern thinkers and calmly travel their various paths in smug content. We find it easy to criticize authorities on religion, for a lack of spiritual fineness, the preacher for too little or too much oratory, or real knowledge and no pastor spirit. The teacher, we frown upon as a mere pedant, a disciplinarian, who loves not the children enough or is not spiritual enough to draw them straight into his heart. When our homes become the centers of religious life; when our children find there a reverence

for but a few of its sacred customs; when our lives are lived as normal home-builders not as pleasure loving mammon-seekers; when we live with our young people as dearly beloved companions and exact such reverence as we are fitted to deserve, then we can go to these scholars, teachers and preachers and say "This really fine Jewish home, cleansed of all hypocrisy and false values, is sending into the world, fine pure understanding girls and boys; give them, we pray you, your best and we will aid you and worship with you as long as we live."

Modern life is so filled with gayety that it would be with ease that we celebrate Purim in our laughter loving homes. We are play actors at heart and find an innocent joy in masquerading. Children should be urged to use their natural talents in arranging pictures depicting the story of Queen Esther or a playlet based upon the simple faith of a Mordecai. Invite their companions and glory with them in a faith that lives so whole-heartedly with its traditions. Dance away your cares with the youthful Esthers, Mordecais and Hamans. Your youth returns with the taste of Hamon-kuchen and a draft of age old drink. Tomorrow, life may be drab and full of cares, tonight, it is festive, contentment is yours.

The millenium is many eons away; our courage is great, we need neither falter nor be depressed by any man's unjust criticism. Our faith in Judaism is a gift descended to us through pain and hardship, yet offering us withal and forever a solace for trial and illimitable joy.

We ask you mothers in Israel, "Will you make your homes the stronghold of religious 'TRUTH' and your children its banner bearers, or will you hide your heads in the sands of indifference and bear the pain of a loss to future generations so great as to be infinite?" You are the same mothers as of old, endowed with the same spirit of love and reverence aye infinitely more, a fine opportunity for knowledge, the right to enter public life and foster its well being and lofty ideals, to be big, fine, thoughtful and just—Yours is a grave responsibility—you cannot but "CARRY ON".

After an informal discussion of the paper, the meeting adjourned to re-convene at 2:30 p. m.



## Second Day's Proceedings

### Afternoon Session

The Assembly met pursuant to adjournment at 2:30 p. m.

The second paper of the symposium, "The Jewish Problem in the Realm of Education,"

was prepared by Mrs. Louis J. Kopald, of Buffalo. Owing to Mrs. Kopald's unavoidable absence from the Convention, the paper was read by Mrs. Henry Nathan, of Buffalo.

## The Jewish Problem in the Realm of Education

by MRS. LOUIS J. KOPALD, Buffalo, N. Y.

As I face the title at the top of the page, I realize more than ever into what deep waters a mere report can bring one. As Chairman on Religion of the New York State Federation and before the President had received sufficient responses to organize my Committee, I, individually, submitted a report at the annual meeting of the Federation last May, which report, with some small amplifications and readjustment to the above title, the Program Committee of our present convention has asked me to repeat here for you.

Naturally, at first blush, the title "The Jewish Problem in the Realm of Education" might appear to deal with the problem of Jewish fraternities or the question of the Jew in the universities: that question which so engrosses us just now in connection with the outbreak at Cambridge and other institutions of learning; that primarily social question which concerns the problem of the Jew and the Christian and which, therefore, not being a matter of purely Jewish education, more properly relates to the paper which follows this—"The Jewish Problem in the Larger World." What we are here concerned with is the problem of a really Jewish education in matters Jewish, for the child, the adolescent and the adult.

More and more in these years of unrestricted, of freedom and of commercial emancipation, do we see the Jew growing away from his heritage, selling all that had been most precious to his forefathers and which alone kept them from annihilation—for the appearance of a greater uniformity with his Christian neighbor; for a pleasure-loving, business-loving life in which religious observances play but little part. Unhappy he—that he does not realize that

his very renunciation of his loyalty to Judaism, far from winning favor with the Christian, but changes him into a creature neither fish nor fowl (witness, for example, the contemporaneous experience of Maxmillian Harden), a creature, I say bereft of the respect of others because he no longer has respect for himself.

True, the ignorance of the modern Jew of his heritage is often not deliberately achieved; the change from passionate loyalty to careless disloyalty has been a gradual one and the every-day atmosphere of Jewish life and thought, of Jewish devoutness, of love of God, has change imperceptibly into an every-day atmosphere wherein all the lovelier side of our Judaism has been displaced by materialism and worldliness.

Therefore, let us not too greatly blame our Jewish friends who have grown away from the fold. Perhaps in their own homes in their youth they no longer saw the joy in observance of the Sabbath, the thankfulness of God for blessings received; or perhaps the religious forms that they witnessed were merely forms without a sympathetic explanation of their meaning; forms clung to by Orthodox parents in shocked amazement at the laxities among which they found themselves, forms which engendered life-long indifference in the children upon whom they were forced in an irksome routine, wherein was lost the spirit of it all which in its beauty should hold one without compulsion. But let us rather realize that to the degree to which the Jew is re-educated in matters Jewish, to the degree to which he recaptures the spirit and love of Judaism of our fathers, whose whole lives were steeped in its beauty, to

that degree will he grow in sympathetic understanding of what Judaism means and into a sincere pride in the richness of his birthright.

The task that lies before us, then, is to surround the Jews of today with something of the atmosphere which surrounded the Jew of yesterday. What Jew of the old world would have said what our modern American Jews are so fond of saying—what your own sons and daughters are fond of saying—that they would rather not be Jews at all? That point of view was impossible to the former Jew because his Jewish education had awakened in him a fiery love of Judaism which could never die. So I say, our task is, through education in things Jewish to re-create that Jewish atmosphere so that our sons and daughters and we ourselves may learn to carry our heads high and to win and hold the respect of the Christian.

How is that atmosphere to be re-created? How—at least to be approximated? How—in these days of a secular education which has almost entirely displaced the religious education which formed the life of the Jew of yesterday? How win from the parents the support of their children in the unfolding of their Jewish point of view? How show the parents themselves the secret—and sacred—door to a rebirth of Jewish self-respect and loyalty?

Of course, it would be presumptuous and absurd on my part to attempt to outline a program which would solve the problem of Jewish education, a problem which puzzles the Jewish leaders of our day. But, perhaps, the suggestions which I now place before you may help to unite us of the Sisterhoods in offering something of assistance to those leaders through our own interest and encouragement.

Allow me then first to take up the suggestions whose only aim is to assist in making more effective our Religious School methods in inspiring our children with a love of things Jewish. Rare is the Jew who needs to be educated as to the significance of the Holy Days, but surely you will agree with me that, if the Religious Schools cannot engender in our youth a love of the Sabbath and of the Seder Service and an understanding of Confirmation, the whole fabric of our Judaism is endangered.

Frequent efforts have been made to re-

vive the Kiddush and the Seder Service in the home, in the case of the Seder with marked success in some congregations. The suggestion here offered is an attempt to standardize a method whereby almost complete and uniform success is obtainable. This method is that, through the children of the Religious School and the records kept by the faculty of the School, an actual count be kept from year to year as to the number of children of the Religious School in whose homes the Kiddush Service has been given, as also the Seder. This suggestion is given because of the actual experience in Buffalo in this direction. The Kiddush Service has been revived in our congregation to a most gratifying degree; likewise the Seder.

I trust that you will pardon this and succeeding references to our community. After all one can speak through one's own experience and you will understand, I am sure, that the references are not made boastfully or immodestly but, of course, if possible, helpfully.

We attribute our success not alone to the spoken word of encouragement, but to the fact that a definite record is kept each Sunday morning in each classroom by the teacher as to the number of children in whose homes the Kiddush has been given on the previous Friday. Thus a kind of rivalry exists among the children—but the religious values through the game of rivalry are there just the same.

Likewise a record is kept each year of the number of children in whose homes the Seder Service is given, as well as those who attend the Congregational Seder; and also of those who attend no Seder Service whatsoever. By keeping such a record from year to year, the number of children who attend a Seder Service, either in a private home or in the Temple itself, has grown by leaps and bounds so that practically all of our children now actually attend a Seder Service. We suggest the same method for each Sisterhood in the Federation. The little booklet on Jewish ceremonial customs, of which we will speak later in this paper, would be of immeasurable value in this connection.

The spiritual significance of the Confirmation and Confirmation period likewise is a subject of first importance if the educational ideal of our Religious School is to

be attained. We are all familiar with the numerous attempts that have been made in many cities for many years that the baneful influence of the acceptance by children of Confirmation gifts, home receptions and showy dress on the pulpit might cease. But most of us know that though in some communities, with some small or larger degree of success, these objectionable practices attendant upon Confirmation have been eliminated, in the vast majority of communities the nuisance still continues. We would not discuss the matter here today were it not that we feel that we in Buffalo have had outstanding success almost for the last decade in the elimination completely and permanently of Confirmation gifts, home receptions, etc., in our congregation. For the past almost ten years not a single Confirmation gift has been accepted by a child except from parents; during these years, each year no more than from two to five gifts have been offered the children as the result of the educational campaign conducted, and these gifts usually from out of the city; and, in all cases of the offering of such gifts from others than parents, the gifts have been voluntarily returned by the children to their donors, even though it meant returning a gift to a friend or relative out of the city.

We cite our own experiences—perhaps immodestly again—only because we feel that we have developed a method for the complete and permanent elimination of Confirmation gifts which is unique and which may be of real service to Sisterhoods interested in this campaign.

Briefly summarized, our method, which from the very first year it was inaugurated has been completely successful, is as follows:

Some months before Confirmation Day, the rabbi discusses intimately with the Confirmation Class the undesirability of accepting Confirmation gifts and the dignity and character which their refusal displays, in impressing upon the children the meaningfulness of Confirmation. The Rabbi then asks the children to take a vote on the subject of eliminating Confirmation gifts except from parents. He impresses upon them that absolutely no exception may be allowed, not even that of grandparents. In every case in Buffalo, the class has un-animously decided that their self-respect

and dignity demand the elimination of Confirmation gifts completely. With the consent of the children assured, the rabbi then calls a meeting of the parents of the children and presents the issue to them likewise. The success has always been 100 per cent. There is no mother or father in the land, we are sure, who would object if the subject were presented to him in its real significance. Having thus the two-fold consent of children and parents, the Rabbi then begins a series of announcements from the pulpit and through the congregational bulletin to the effect that, at the triple request of children, parents and rabbi, the congregation may be good enough to forbear sending gifts to the children, including flowers—all of which gifts will be returned if any should trespass upon the determination of the children and parents.

The success of our method lies in the fact, first of all, that we have the complete cooperation through actual conviction of all the children and of their parents alike; second, that absolutely no exceptions are allowed because the allowance of a single exception to the rule is the first step toward breaking down the whole principle; third, that the announcement is definitely made as coming from children, parents and rabbi; fourth, that if any person sends a gift to a Confirmant, the gift is returned in every instance.

Through the same method of cooperation with children and parents, we have eliminated in Buffalo the home receptions which are undemocratic and give a false flavor to the Confirmation period, and which have been replaced by a Joint Reception in the Temple Centre; as well as the wearing of elaborate dresses and jewelry, etc., by the children during the Confirmation Service.

As the child passes the age of Religious School and Confirmation, his next step takes him, perhaps, into a college or university where the new life of unaccustomed freedom, of unsupervised study, may, in its novelty allure him from his Jewish interests. Should not then, during this precarious time in Jewish education and emphasizing a suggestion made before the writing of this paper, should not then Jewish Religious Workers, similar to the workers of the Y. M. C. A., be provided for these boys and girls away from home? Workers of some personal magnetism and enthusiasm

who may lead these eager, questing minds into the paths which later on they will find the most satisfying of destination?

Last summer a well-known citizen of Boston told me that one of the thrusts used by President Lowell in his anti-Jewish Campaign, was that Jewish day-students, from Chelsea and thereabouts, flooded the libraries during spare hours and made the frequenting of these buildings less convenient and sometimes impossible for the other students of the university. Is it not pathetic that the very fever for knowledge which fills these Jewish scholars should lead them into the morass of prejudice? And would it not be wise for a religious director to see to the welfare of these students and to divert some of this love of knowledge toward knowledge of things Jewish; toward the aims and hopes of Judaism as well as toward knowledge of the qualities most needed in the right sort of American?

These workers might be sponsored and paid by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations; might have charge of the Jewish Student Congregations so thoroughly approved of by College Presidents; might provide study and lecture courses on Jewish themes; might arrange many social activities among the students; might eventually supervise a chapel and hall built to take care of the Jewish students and prevent their now sensitive dependence upon the facilities provided by the Y. M. C. A.

Leaving the college and university, our Jewish youth come home to take up their part of the adult life of the community. And this brings us to the biggest problem of all. How now shall these young people retain their interest in things Jewish and in the preservation of the Jewish self-respect which is to mean so much to them in their lives to come?

Following are three or four concrete suggestions which may tend to bring us nearer to the desired result:

#### 1. BOOKLET OR PAMPHLET FOR USE IN JEWISH HOMES

The first suggestion concerns the issuance of a booklet to be distributed among all members of the Federation, through its constituent societies, for use in the home. The purpose of the publication of such a

booklet is to present, in easy and ready fashion, in simple but attractive form, the ritual and other suggestions for the proper observance of the Jewish Festivals and Holy Days as they are observed in the home. Our idea is that, to the degree to which mothers and fathers have before them in the home some simple presentation of the method of observance of the beauties and of the inspiration of the Festivals and Holy Days, to that degree will they be inclined to give the example to their children.

To some of your minds there will already have sprung the thought that there are several such booklets extant at this moment. Besides the ritual at the back of the Union Prayer Book and "Sabbath Sentiment", by Dr. Berkowitz, there is, of course, the little book published by the women of the Society of Mizpah in Chicago, as well as publication by Rabbi Wolf's congregation in Rochester. These booklets, however, excellent though they are, have not quite the simplicity necessary to the project in mind. I feel that the proposed booklet should be in small pocket edition; should have no extraneous matter; should be clear and unconfusing to even a child reader, and should contain only the Kiddush, special instructions concerning the Seder, Chanukah Benedictions, Grace before meals and kindred material. It should omit special prayers, poetry of Jewish interest and such ritual as is not appropriate to a Reform Jewish home, all of which features, to my mind, make the publications already existent less effective for this purpose than otherwise they might be.

As a matter of fact, a year and a half ago, Rabbi Kopald, for instance, had arranged with the Board of Trustees of our congregation in Buffalo to issue such a booklet, illness having prevented the carrying out of the plan. He agrees, however, that the propagation of this idea would best be left to the Sisterhoods and that a uniformity of publication and distribution throughout the membership would be highly advisable and infinitely more valuable than publication by one or another congregation.

Perhaps, if the Federation approves this idea, it might even see fit to dedicate such a publication to the Golden Jubilee Convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

## 2. MODEL LESSONS FOR THE AWAKENING OF INTEREST IN BIBLE STUDY

Our second suggestion has to do with the question as to how we can awaken a greater interest among our members in the study of the Bible. It has been my observation, and you will doubtless agree, that most Bible Classes do not exist longer than a few years and that the success of some is often due to the personality of the rabbi. Experience has shown that the reason for the failure of so many of our Bible Classes is the fact that the women, except in rare instances, have not a real interest in the subject-matter before they enter the class. If a series of Bible talks or Bible lectures might be given, the purpose of which is, not actually to study the Bible itself, but to awaken and to quicken an interest in Bible study, it is much more plausible to expect that, when later on our women approach the Bible itself, their intrinsic interest will more surely fit them for the subject in hand.

I, therefore, suggest that, if the idea meets with approval, a series of six Model Lessons for the Awakening of Interest in Bible Study be prepared and distributed among our Sisterhoods for use in Bible Classes by lay leaders or specialists.

Any way I again emphasize the purpose of this series, which is not to outline a course in Bible Study but to create a real and permanent interest in Bible Study. The Model Lessons, therefore, well might be called An Introduction to Bible Study. The underlying purpose of these Model Lessons would be to awaken pride in the Bible, which is commonly not appreciated by us Jews ourselves; but which has been the inspiration of literary masterpieces by Christian authors at all times. Many a Jew and Jewess have learned to look with interest upon the Bible when they have realized that Browning, for example, has used the figure of Saul as the subject of one of the greatest of his poems.

My hearers will understand more clearly the idea if I indicate herewith, as an example, the content of such a Model Lesson.

Subject: The David Cycle of Stories.

Method of Approach:

To show, as in the instance of every model lesson, that the great Bible themes have been the subject of great literary products throughout the ages.

Discussion:

The character of David as a man, and the place of David in Jewish and world history. Emphasis upon the purely human phases of David's career which have made him a hero for all generations.

Point of Contact:

Quotation of Biblical passage of high literary character in the David Cycle.

Interpretative Reading:

In order to evidence the fact that the David Story has been employed frequently by great literary artists, the lesson closes with a condensed Dramatic Reading of Stephen Phillips' masterpiece, "The Sin of David."

## 3. QUESTIONNAIRE OF JEWISH INTEREST—ONE HUNDRED ANSWERS EVERY JEW SHOULD KNOW

Our final suggestion we advocate as a means by which the general ignorance of most Jews regarding their traditional background may be lessened and a consciousness of their Jewish individuality may be aroused. We feel that most Jews and Jewesses of today are largely uninformed on the very vitals of the Jewish point of view and matters relating to the Jew upon which they should be informed. Recently, for example, at a well-known non-sectarian school, a Jewish child was asked who was the greatest Jew who ever lived, and the boy said Jesus Christ. It is safe to say, unfortunately, that the ignorance of this boy's answer is not very much larger than that of most Jewish grown-ups today on matter Jewish. It is also safe to say that if his parents had been better informed it is likely that he, likewise, would have been.

Our idea is, therefore, to distribute among the members of our Sisterhoods copies of a very attractive sheet by way of a Questionnaire of Jewish interest, containing approximately One Hundred Answers Every Jew Should Know. (The number, of course, cannot be made definite until the Questionnaire is prepared.) The plan is, if this suggestion is accepted, to divide the questions into three general groups; approximately fifty questions to be devoted to matters of Judaism and Jewish Life; approximately twenty-five questions to be devoted to Christianity and Christian Life; approximately twenty-five questions

to be devoted to the Relationships and Differences between Judaism and Christianity. This idea originated with Rabbi Kopald who had planned the preparation of such a Questionnaire under Temple auspices. He is most glad to have the Federation sponsor this matter if it meets with approval.

Many plans might be devised as to the use of such a Questionnaire. First of all, copies could be printed and distributed among all of the Federations. It might be well, however, that before they are distributed some plan for their use at a Sisterhood meeting be prepared. For instance, it might be well if the questions be used in a spelling match. Or it might be that the women at a meeting be given copies of the questions and asked to write the answers. The correct answer could then be given at the close of the meeting. Then too, if such a Questionnaire be published by our Federation, it could, of course, be given nation-wide publicity through the Jewish press.

May it also be added if this suggestion be accepted, Rabbi Kopald will be very glad to prepare the Questionnaire and answers. To illustrate concretely the idea, he has prepared nine typical questions and answers, three for each of the subdivisions of the Questionnaire:

**A**

**JUDAISM AND JEWISH LIFE**

1. Q. What is the central theme of Judaism?  
A. The One-ness of God, with its implication of human Duty and resultant Brotherhood.
2. Q. What is the proper present usage of the words Hebrew, Israelite, Jew?  
A. "Hebrew" should be used as the name of the language of the Bible; "Israelite" as the ethnographic (national or racial) term; "Jew" as the religious or denominational term.
3. Q. What is the Jewish attitude toward Evolution?  
A. There is no official Jewish attitude, but Jewish History displays vital changes of viewpoint in conformity with progressive thought, while as Dr. Emil G. Hirsch says, "the philosophy of Reform Judaism has even found corroboration in the theory of Evolution."

**B**

**CHRISTIANITY AND CHRISTIAN LIFE**

1. Q. What is the central theme of Christianity?  
A. The Divinity of Jesus and his unique place as Mediator between God and Man.
2. Q. What are the most orthodox and the most liberal branches of the Christian church?  
A. The most orthodox are the Catholic and Lutheran; the most liberal, the Unitarian and Universalist.
3. Q. How is the Episcopal Church classified?  
A. The Episcopal Church is second in orthodoxy to the Catholic and Lutheran, and less liberal than the other Protestant Churches, though formally classified as Protestant.

**C**

**RELATIONSHIPS AND DIFFERENCES BETWEEN JUDAISM AND CHRISTIANITY**

1. Q. What is the difference in the Jewish, the general Christian and the Unitarian attitudes toward Jesus?  
A. The Christian believes in the Divinity of Jesus. The Unitarian denies the Divinity of Jesus, but acclaims him as the uniquely "divine" man. The Jew rejects both.
2. Q. Does Christianity accept the Jewish doctrine of the Messiah?  
A. Christianity speaks of the Millennium, which, like the Messianic doctrine, means the realization of "brotherly love, peace and harmony."
3. Q. Do Judaism and Christianity differ on the question of Immortality?  
A. Yes, for although both accept the doctrine of Immortality, Christianity rests upon it and Resurrection, while Judaism emphasizes rather the Kingdom of God in this world through Righteousness.

In closing may I say that since this paper had its basis in a report, the suggestions herein set forth are given as recommendations. I trust that their spirit will not be misunderstood.

"The measure of the depth at which a word is spoken is the measure of the depth at which it will be heard."

Dare I hope that my honest desire to be of service may truly find response in you and bring us nearer to the goal of a more effective Jewish education and a more ideally Jewish development.

It was moved and duly carried that a letter be sent Mrs. Kopald thanking her for the paper and expressing the regret of the Assembly at her absence.

## Report of the Assembly Committee on Religious Schools

To the V Biennial Assembly of the N. F. T. S.

Your Assembly Committee on Religious Schools has examined the report of the National Committee of this name, and begs leave to submit its report.

Your Committee notes with pleasure the spread of interest among sisterhoods in the work of Religious Schools. The large number of Sisterhoods active in this field augurs well and cannot help but intensify the emphasis placed on future religious training.

### TEACHERS' TRAINING CLASSES

In order to establish well organized Sabbath Schools and to prepare a regular curriculum of work in all schools, efficient teachers are necessary. Your Committee therefore recommends that there be a more general interest in Teachers' Training Classes, that the Sisterhoods familiarize themselves with the means available for training, and encourage the organization of such classes for both teachers and prospective teachers. It is also suggested that a curriculum be printed and placed in the hands of the state Chairman on Religious Schools for distribution in rural districts. Such a curriculum has been worked out by Mrs. Albert J. May, of Flushing, and has been used very successfully by the Ohio Teachers' Association.

The Committee heartily endorses the suggestion of the organization of a summer school for Religious School Teachers to be conducted at the Hebrew Union College. It is further urged that a lecture bureau be

It was moved and duly carried that the suggestion contained in the paper with reference to the questionnaire therein outlined be referred to the proper committee.

### REPORT OF THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS

The Assembly Committee on Religious Schools presented the following report which was adopted (see page 66 for Report of National Committee on Religious Schools):

inaugurated as a branch of the work of the Hebrew Union College in order that extension lectures dealing with the work of the Religious School may be heard.

### JEWISH YOUNG ISRAEL

The use of Young Israel as a magazine for Jewish boys and girls is most heartily recommended. The need of material of this type has long been felt. It is asked that the Sisterhoods become active in the distribution of "Young Israel" which is an excellent example of collateral educational material in the interest of Judaism, and that they help realize its large possibilities as an aid to the teacher and parent.

### PAGEANT AND PLAYS

As there is a recognized dearth of plays dealing with subjects of religious interest, and as the demand for these plays grows continually, in order that the lessons and traditions of our religion be vividly impressed upon the children, your Committee wishes to commend the suggestion that the writing of plays, pageants and other forms of presentation be encouraged, and that every such effort be sent to the National Committee on Religious Schools for distribution among all local schools.

Your Committee desires to express their appreciation of the work of the National Committee, and to especially commend the work of the Chairman during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed by the Committee.

On motion duly carried the meeting adjourned to re-convene at 9:40 a. m.

## Third Day's Proceedings

### Morning Session

The Assembly met at the Astor at 9:40 a. m., January 25, 1923.

The President Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld presided.

Rabbi Harvey Wessel, of Baltimore, delivered the opening prayer.

The minutes of the preceding session, January 24, were read and approved.

#### REPORT OF THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON COOPERATION

The Assembly Committee on Cooperation presented the following report which was adopted (see page 68 for Report of National Committee on Cooperation):

### Report of the Assembly Committee on Cooperation

To the V Biennial Assembly of the N. F. T. S.

Your Assembly Committee on Cooperation has read with interest the report of the National Committee on Cooperation. Your Committee observes with satisfaction the cooperative spirit which permeates the societies affiliated with the N. F. T. S. and which makes for greater accomplishments in all fields of the Federation work.

#### LOCAL COMMITTEE

Because of the importance of this branch of Sisterhood work, your Committee wishes to suggest that the various local Committees on Cooperation be comprised of one member from each of the other Sisterhood Committees. In this manner the fullest extent of cooperation can be reached.

#### CORRESPONDENCE WITH NATIONAL CHAIRMAN

It was expressed as the sentiment of the Committee that the local organizations correspond more frequently with the National Chairman and with each other. In this way, direct contact is established and an interchange of ideas effected.

#### COOPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

In many cities, there is conflicting and overlapping cooperation, and your Committee recommends that where there are several Jewish organizations or groups in a city, their leaders meet with one another and decide on a line of demarcation. In this way duplication of effort and result will be avoided. It is also urged that concentration of effort be made with outside organizations to form Bible Classes, and to stress attendance at divine services.

Your Committee closes this report with a special word of commendation for the work which has been accomplished by this National Committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
Signed by the Committee.

On motion duly carried, the thanks of the Assembly were offered to Mrs. Wiesenfeld in appreciation of her splendid address delivered at the banquet on the previous evening.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 to reconvene at 2:30 p. m.

### Afternoon Session

The Assembly met pursuant to adjournment at 2:30 p. m.

The third paper of the symposium—"The

Jewish Problem in the Larger World," prepared by Mrs. Mayer Sulzberger, of Detroit, and read by Miss G. Ginsburg of that city, was as follows:



## The Jewish Problem in the Larger World

by MRS. MAYER SULZBERGER, Detroit, Mich.

I hardly know from what source I derive courage to present a paper before so august a gathering, unless, little by little, day by day, we are getting braver and braver. And my boldness in assuming a critical tone toward things Jewish must be a contagion contracted in my city, Detroit, whose outdoor sport is the auto, whose indoor diversion the Jew. If I make this early reference to our familiar fanatic it is to follow the example of the card-player who begins by removing the joker. I eliminate the "knave" as well.

It was about thirty years ago that Jewish women in this country first began meeting in groups, following the prevailing club movement. I am sure that we did not discuss the preserving of our traditions then as much as the preserving of our fruit. For those were the days when we lived up to Heine's flattering observation that the Jewish religion had an excellent kitchen. Perhaps we did talk a bit about charity sewing and the poor-box. The new red Wilton runner for the Temple aisle was also a forerunner of our problems.

Thus in the dim and distant past. And what of a single decade ago? I recall the careful papers we culled from the Encyclopedia, of the Thanatopsis Club variety. We mustered up a company of neat and well drilled phrases, familiar veterans of many a previous dissertation, and paraded our dull but wholesome sentiments before the patient Temple Aid Societies. And many a reactionary exclaims today, in true saleslady accents, "The sentiments and ideals manufactured before the war, Madam, will give you much better wear than the newer stuff on the market." We were concerned with two things. First, our glorious heritage as Jews. And from our platforms, while we nervously clutched our skirts with one forefinger, we pointed the other accusingly at our women, asserting that they caused prejudice by their clannishness, dress, voice and excessive exuberance of manners. We urged upon them the study of Behavior-

ology. At the same time we were exploiting quite a different set of ideas as a means of offsetting anti-Semitism. Along with other women we had become victims of violent feminism figuring in literature as in legislation. And we urged upon our women an interest in clubs, forums and civic enterprises—in poetry, music and public life impartially. We invoked to our aid, without the least discrimination, the nine Muses and the three Graces, and a legion of modern goddesses unknown to Greece. And we let it be known by innuendo that any place was a good place for a woman just so it wasn't home.

That was a decade ago. And what of today? The years have mercilessly revealed our excesses and mercifully taught us the way.

The task of coaxing our Jewish women out of the snug chrysalis of happy home life into the less happy world is still in progress, though we have learned to modify enthusiasm with discretion. Our efforts are needed in behalf of child labor, woman in industry, prison reform, clean politics, permanent peace. "Good name in man or woman, dear my lord" comes with doing public chores. As the Jewish woman is seen attending energetically to the world's work, the prejudice that is in part a suspicion of her aloofness will disappear. The bread thus cast upon the waters will come back to her not only in the negative good of abating anti-Semitism, but in the positive form of a trained mind and an understanding heart. In the words of Leonardo da Vinci, on his deathbed, "God sells all things for the price of labor." In this way do I comprehend woman's part in helping to solve Jewish problems. The world will discover us while we unselfishly lose ourselves even as the angels once cleaned up St. Anthony's cell while he was lost in prayer. And if the Jewish woman has not the opportunity or inclination to do such work as an individual, she may still serve by upholding the two arms of our Moses,

Sisterhood and Council, in touch as they are with national and international issues. I mention at random the overseas Reconstruction work of the Council of Jewish Women, and the cooperation of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods this very month with the Woman's Bureau of the United States Department of Labor.

And as we see our duty before us let us beware of pitfalls. Our "up-to-date" woman of leisure has partaken of a delight till it turns into a drug. The modern Jewish woman is a culture addict. She avidly and objectively chases ends unrelated to her. And the young Jewish woman in industry shies at the reality of life in still another way. She aspires to be a teacher, she desires to be a secretary, she hires out as an office girl. And the fields are already overcrowded. With a sort of racial snobbery she scorns work of the hands. One would think that only Christians had been driven out of Eden to work by the sweat of the brow. We do not know the Lord's latter-day dictum, that while ease is a heaven, work is a haven.

In a recent one-act play there were characters looking for an author. On the world's stage there are jobs looking for hands to do them. Let us take hold of them and confound anti-Semites. Furthermore, we women must develop a conscious interest in ourselves as Jews. By devious paths we have chanced upon the most entrancing of all subjects—ourselves. Like the children in the Bluebird we awake to find happiness close to us at dawn, after searching through a futile, starry night. The whole world is interested in the problem of the Jew. Shall the Jewish woman be more interested in free verse or Ming pottery? Only this year Japan sent a scholar into Germany to study the occidental phenomenon of race prejudice. Some of us are experiencing the surprise of the first mediaeval mariner who found himself returning the other way after sailing far enough from home. On this round earth who can escape himself? Surely not the Jew.

The Jewish woman may help in still another way—by exercising the faculty of thought.

Though possibly I had better heed the warning of Heywood Brown that people do

not mind thinking if you call it something else. If the Jew's final adjustment to the world is to be conscious and not accidental we must exert our minds in our own behalf. Especially must our women cultivate a point of view that is neither feminine nor masculine, but simply human. We must claim for ourselves the privilege that Reform Judaism has wrested for us from the claws of the old gargoyle, tradition. Reform Judaism of America has liberated women from the balcony point of view. We are a part of the Pageant. Our meetings are no longer clubs. They are clinics. We diagnose our ills and try to cure them. And if we are forty, says the proverb, we are physician or fool.

What I have to say about the first half of my subject, "Woman's Share in Helping to Solve Religious Problems," may be summed up in a paragraph. When we have learned to discharge our duties to home and synagogue simply, lovingly, and spontaneously, let us give the gift of our leisure to the wider work of the world. If anti-Semitism has a hundred questions concerning the Jewish woman, there are a hundred answers in her worthy occupation. And since the world is so obviously aware of our Jewishness let us not hide our heads in the sand. "Let there be light" and "know thyself" are hints divine and human for attaining mastery out of the mist.

I have not prepared a thesis for you so much as a monologue. I even wish it might be a conversation. What I have to say on the sub-heading "Jewish Problem in the Larger World" may be divided into past mistakes and future opportunities. As for the present—it is literally true that there is no time like it. For while we talk it is gone.

To one lacking in every form of authority there is but one becoming point of view—the empirical. Even this may have value as evidence before Truth, the attorney. I remember the testimony of a "converted" dog once seriously given at a Christian Science meeting, interpreted by the animal's master who knew dog-Latin as well as Church-Latin, it would seem. The man had found the poor brute in a dark alley with a tin can tied to his self-respect. He was dejected and yellow. But after the ampu-

tation of the can and the application of a bath, the dog became a convert to canine optimism. So if I boldly express myself today it is because no witness is too humble if he be sincere.

Our earliest, or rather youngest mistake is to listen to the advocates of the Jew's assimilation. When the average, American-Jewish youth first bends if not breaks his hearts over the Wandering Jew he has probably reached the late teens and with it a momentous decision. Contemptuous of adult compromises he opines that there is no happy solution of the Jewish Problem. The Heritage is an albatross tied to his neck. So one day he announces to an anxiously waiting world that he stands for the solution dreadful and drastic. Only with passing years does he realize that the word, assimilation, is a dud and does not explode. Sometime there comes a flash of racial memory—and he hears the singing of his blood that is like the thousand young voices in the Temple of Solomon chanting "Lift up your heads oh ye gates!" He sees the poet's writing on the wall and is seized with sadness for what might have been:

"Thus fade the works of men back to earth again,

Ancient and holy things fade like a dream."

The hope of assimilation is a juvenile fallacy, a rebellious measles. Fortunately it proves to be more fantastic than fatal, for its effect is to challenge the subconscious loyalties of the blood to combativeness. We find another microbe in the Jewish social body that when magnified is a two-headed Cerebus: An unhealthy, artificial and dual state of mind gravitating between two poses—the "holier-than-thou" on the one hand and a suspicion of the world's injustice on the other. In short, we dramatize ourselves as exploited people are tempted to do. We see ourselves in roles of grandeur and its antithesis, persecution—exact symptoms of paranoia. We boast before the world and whine before the Lord in a vehement attempt to justify our separate existence.

Pride of race is indeed a thing to cherish. And persecution is an obstacle to overcome. But can we not be more reserved about them both? The glories of which we

boast become mere crutches, to a limping self-esteem. How often do we tell the world that we've been listed in **Who's Who** longer than any living people? We must share that boast with the Hindoo, since we took our perpetual light from the fires of Zoroaster. And with the gypsy, who was old in Egypt when the sphynx was a flapper. We Jews of today must look forward for our laurels, not snatch them from the heads of our progenitors. Let us face the world with a simple form of faith in ourselves, and cease to clothe a reasonable instinct of self-preservation in grandiloquent talk of the Chosen and of our Mission. For though England be Protestant, Ireland Catholic, China Confusion and America confusin', the patient old Earth is a heathen and has room for us all. And this holds true irrespective of our ultimate philosophy—whether we hold with the arch optimist that life is real and earnest, or with the wistful one of Old Japan that "this world is a white wake behind a ship that has rowed away at dawn."

And as we cease to talk of grandeurs let us not mention martyrdoms oftener than we must. Too long have we, like picturesque beggars of the streets of Paris, revelled in our disfigurement. It is a wonder we have not turned to pillars of salt from staring at our lurid fate. Not that I deny, for one foolish moment, the prevailing misery of the Jews of the East. Did I need enlightenment on this subject I should go to the ant who can instruct philosophers and sluggard both. Have you ever noticed, under a lifted stone, how the insects, scurry about removing to safe places the eggs that contain their sealed orders for the future? So have I pictured pogroms, and the Children of Israel hurrying to hide beneath the stone of some protecting government the egg of all wisdom, the Torah of the Lord, while over them break the awful words of Russia's hymn:

"God the All-terrible, Thou who ordainest, Thunder thy clarion, Lightning thy sword."

But persecution per se does not glorify. It is a dreadful accident of clashing human purposes and destinies. When the first-aid nurse, Relief, has ministered to the scene of disaster, it is time to send for the world's newest surgeon, Sociology, a study of the associated life of humanity. A sick world

must cure its evils through Developing Social Science. Let us not rest till we know why the Jew is a thorn in the side of this or that nation instead of a rose at her breast. I hear the echo of ancient answers—Killing of Christ—Belief in one God. But was it ever religion? Even in the dark ages good Christians were martyred for slight deviations in doctrine while the Jew was only segregated and comparatively unmolested denying the very existence of Christ. No—to understand persecution we must excavate in the hinterland of apparent reasons. Let History be the spade, Economics the pick-axe. We do not know our destination, but we sense the direction. Would it not be amazing to unearth for instance, that the Jew's "slings and arrows of outrageous fortune", are related to the goings-on in the farm yard, where the population to the last fat hen pecks at the chick whose weakness is an affront to species and an open invitation to cruelty?

Let us watch our attitudes lest they become platitudes. Let us guard against another error too—the exaggerating of our own particular epoch out of all due proportion. Every period coyly figures itself to be a time of transition, thus borrowing a vicarious importance. But Time is a river flowing unbrokenly toward eternity, and if human nature change at all it is in the outward manifestations.

We are here this week to celebrate a Golden Jubilee and our enthusiasm is tinged with a bit of superstition. Fifty years is a time so perfectly rounded, so neatly the half of the occult one hundred that we think it must stand for some tremendous change. As for the nature of the change we are torn between the hope that it is for the better and the fear that it is for the worse.

Now let us see whether the Jew has changed much. Let us take a scene from a typical festival, the Passover, and compare its celebration fifty years ago and now. Comparisons may be odious but they are enlightening.

Since it is better to quote aptly than to poorly improvise, I take this old Seder scene from the story of the Patriarch:

"Like a prince old Leopold Friedlander sat among his own. Today the unassuming man is a king of a family celebration and

a religious festival. He wears a robe of white, to be used later as a shroud. At his side sits Hannah in grey brocade and a cap of ivory white, traditional headdress of the Orthodox. There are sixty members of the family present. The younger women, in light and airy dresses suggest Botticelli. The younger men are in evening dress.

Deep emotion takes hold of the company. In reverence they follow the recital of the Hagadah as the Patriarch intones in feeble but impressive voice the queer Talmudic interpretations of the Festival. And now the treble of the great, great grandchild of the Patriarch is heard asking questions. They look from the old to the young and wonder if youth will listen to what age teaches. As, with trembling hands, the old man fills the silver beaker with wine for the prophet, Elijah, a spirit of awe descends on all present and a spiritual Zion arises in this humble abode."

This—fifty years ago. And now? Here is a Seder scene of recent date between the Rockies and the Alleghenies:

"Grandpa Jacob Appelbaum blew the shofar of a doubtful authority and summoned his flock to the festive board for Pesach. (They called it Passover, or Our Easter.)

There are only seven of the depleted Applebaum stock. Long since Grandma had gone to the land where the shofar blows but faintly and the horns of Elfsand die.

On either side of Grandpa sits a son. To the right—one known to all the fur trade as Abe Apple & Company, Fine Skins. Later on he will make his annual contribution to the table-talk while sipping raisin-wine that cheers but not inebriates, with "Say, Pa, I always thought you had a pull with the Rabbi." On the left of Grandpa his other son—once Isaac Applebaum, now I. R. Tree. His wife did not approve Abe's succulent choicé of a surname. But neither has he fallen further from the parent stem than the exigencies of the times demand. They hope the old man understands. Beside these two citizens—wives. Abe's wife, as usual, is overdressed. But she is sentimental and eats matzoth in spite of indigestion. I. R.'s wife, beside him, almost forgot the Jewish Easter as she was booked

for the theosophy class. As is her usual custom when she must endure a family dinner, she wears last year's second best. Her nine-year old boy, heir of all the Applebaums, sits beside her in miserable cleanliness. He is in an agony of apprehension over the lines he must recite, and abortive murmurs of "Aw, cut de comedy", are heard. When the service is over he will console himself with the **charoseth**, plastering a youthful cavity with this ancient mortar.

Last and most important is Grandpa's daughter, Rachael, child of his old age and child of the Jazz age. Because she is a modern incorrigible she will not change her name to Ray. She has lately come back from a Western college rolling everything before her—her r's, stockings, and cigarettes. She delights Grandpa by asserting that it is dandy to be descended from Princes of the East and all that, and she thinks Jewish ceremonials are Simply Stunning. She would have majored in Hebrew but the Crowd wouldn't stand for it. Rachael is the pendulum swinging back the other way.

And Grandpa—he reads from the one voluminous Hagadah. Although its covers almost meet they urge him to "make it snappy" and "step on the gas". But Grandpa knows the heart of three generations. So as he looks—he overlooks.

In picturing these two different scenes, the sublime and the ridiculous, it is not my intention to damn the latter except with faint praise. I prefer the way in which the present heroically ridicules itself to the way in which the vain past admitted superiorities. Did the troubadours ever tell of how King Charlemagne and his court ate with their fingers? Did poets divulge how beauty at the tournament was marred by a lack of dentistry? The present spirit began when Cromwell said to the artist "Paint me as I am, warts and all".

I believe that the passing of half a century finds the Jew with a twinkle in his eye oftener than a tear, but fundamentally the same. Challenge if you will our changing customs but have faith that essentials abide. I recall a line from *Dombey & Son*: "The old, old fashion, Death—And the older fashion still of immortality." It is a pity to qualify optimism. But the

loyalty of the young Jewish "Intelligensia" of today, evidenced as it is by Menorah societies and Jewish frats is in a state of suspended animation. Our young American Jews search for a new mental content to replenish the evaporated pieties of the Kiddush cup. Will our religious leaders supply it?

But it is in the field of opportunities rather than mistakes that we may most profitably reflect. And just as modern Hebrew words are being coined today to suit a need, so Jewish sentiment in many fields must be chrystalized to meet the urgent hour. For Jewish consciousness is wider than Judaism, and religion need not be the Jew's final gesture before the world, though it be his finest. Though I have said that I did not believe religion to have been the cause of the Jew's persecution I know it to have been the cause of his salvation through the ages. The Cheko-Slovak, during his grim period of subjugation kept his soul alive with a weird system of gymnastics dimly related to a national sport. It served to bind the submerged generations. But the Jew has lived by better bread—his religion—the exercises of the soul. Each century has whispered to the next like shadows from Flanders Field, "If ye break faith with us we cannot sleep." So in the spirit of our past let us turn to the future and to our opportunities as Jews. We might close our paper at this point with the indeterminate ending so popular in writings of today, were it not for a double hope. First—that the Jew be in the vanguard of internationalism with its ideal of the brotherhood of man, and second—that he bestow a blessing all his own upon America.

Among the most advanced thinkers of our time, not the professional statesman but the writer and lecturer, there is a reversion that is in reality progress. Strident patriotisms of the war no longer blow the siren. Cruel violent loyalties have abated. And the enlightened leaders of the world (may their tribe increase before the next war) grind axes but to demolish the fence between neighboring nations and to stress the wide evil of the narrow virtue of national pride. What is the reaction of the Jew? I fear he comes out at the wrong end of the horn and, being resourceful blows

that. Who was more vociferous in wartime than the Jew, proclaiming his adherence to the various lands that he had tried, adapted and grappled to his soul? Now he tells the nations, "Behold in me your first universal people." True, but trite. True in a way that would have more weight had he not wailed all these centuries at the wall but rejoiced in the privilege of being a pioneer. Till now the Jew has presented the spectacle of a defeated people, a Jonah alive but somehow miraculously undigested in the stomach of victorious whales. Is he now embracing universalism when he speaks of beating swords into ploughshares or does he mean beating anti-Semites into Judeophiles?

For two thousand years the Jew has been like the Eurasians in the novel, "Kimono." "The pale, handsome children of Eurasia, shadows blown by harsh winds of destiny across the face of the lands, who can find no resting place. Unhappiest on earth, denizens of a dream country with a melodious name and no geographical existence. Thistledown children of a land with parliaments, or an acre of ground for heritage, or any concrete symbol for its soul."

Expatriating upon the evils of nationalism and sentimentalizing on the lack of it may sound as paradoxical as the Hindoo proverb, "All things are true and the opposite of all things is true." But who can deny that Empire is the ladder on which humanity has climbed to its civilization? The Jew has missed many rungs. Only a super-human effort can elevate him to a selfless universal outlook. Individuals have made the effort, and their names transcend all boundaries and borrow omnipresence, names of the immediate past and present. In medicine—Ehrlich, in science—Einstein, in philanthropy—Schiff, in philosophy—Bergson, in social science—Carl Marx, in literature—Wasserman, Zangwill, Heine.

I spoke of another opportunity—to enrich the life of America in the blending of our age—old culture with this country's giant young strength. But first must the separate elements of Jewry in America re-discover that in union there is strength, and in love there is victory. Do not Romeo and Juliet forever, hold up to ridicule the bickerings of all Montagues and Capulets? In this country the word, foreign, is a relative term. Let the so-called American Jew feel

his responsibility to the rest, even though the Senate be praying "O God, give us men! But not too many from Russia." For he is Wotan at the Western Gate guarding the rainbow and a stranger from the East has asked to pass—one whose sword was plucked from Ygdrasil, the tree of life. And as we answer him we will be judged by the future, even as we judge the past.

I have not attempted to give you a new idea. Such an attempt would be red radicalism. But I have a dream that both Eastern and Western Jewry may contribute to a future American Judaism. The contribution of the East is a mystic nationalism,—idealistic, creative. It is the romance of a pragmatic day, this hope of reincubating a great but somewhat enervated people in its early cradle with the dream of a better breed. The contribution of the West is a progressive and practical reform. It has lopped off dead limbs that the vital sap might flow. But let successful movements beware of intolerance toward the non-conforming idea. For the beliefs of today are mere descendents of yesterday's brave doubts, and the doubts of today may be the ancestors of tomorrow's beliefs.

What if these two elements were to combine, the imaginative with the virile? Somewhere down the dim corridor of time must be coming one who is the superb child of these two potent forces.

Do you remember the folk-tale of the "Goosegirl"? The Villagers assemble on the dusty road at noonday, for it has been foretold them that their real ruler would appear. And there approaches a poor girl with no glory but her flock of geese, and the sunshine on her golden hair for a crown. So when the world shall next scan the highway for a hope may it discern in the weary traveler and his great book the "Koenigskind". Undoubtedly the American Jew of the future bears a gift for this country and so for all. Ours the privilege of striving for this end that the Jew may one day say to mankind, "I am come that ye may have life more abundant."

And with this thought I leave you, for it is, in the words of G. B. Shaw, "As far as thought can reach."

The report of the Special Committee on Progress of Sisterhoods was presented by the Chairman, Mrs. Martin Barbe.

## Report of the Special Committee on Progress of Sisterhoods

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 8, 1923.

Madam President and Ladies:

Progress is a forward movement, and is said of that which has attained and that which improves. Progress is infinite, and will cease only with life. Progress to an organization is as the unfolding of the bud to the flower. Victor Hugo has said, "Progress is the stride of God." The definition given by Emanuel Sisterhood, of Yonkers, has solved the question by saying that "Confidence plus Cooperation, equals Progress". This definition is very comprehensive.

The biennial period has not been unique in any way, other than the raising of the Dormitory Fund, but shows a steady normal growth of interest and of development along all lines. There has been much of that healthy unrest which makes for progress. The Sisterhoods have recognized that self-satisfaction and inaction are deadly and the highest rocks between the toiler and success. "Sad is the day for any man when he becomes absolutely satisfied with the life he is living, the thoughts he is thinking and the deeds he is doing." This is the philosophy which has governed our affiliated Sisterhoods, judging by their reports, in their local circles, in their relation one to the other and all to the National. There is shown a constant desire for opportunity to discover that which will develop cooperation along lines spiritual, intellectual, educational and philanthropic.

There can, however, be no definite progress without a basis of knowledge—without understanding—without some sort of a background of study of human thoughts, of our religion and of our institutions. This, the Sisterhoods have understood. They have shown that they had a vision of the needs and of the value of woman's work. They have had courage and persistence, for only by persistence can success be achieved. They have had sympathy—that sympathy which, through understanding, makes for betterment of conditions. In presenting to this assembly the hopes, the ac-

complishments, the array of splendid attainments, the vital directing influences which have been a means toward cultivating a proper receptivity of the great truths of our religion—to do justice to all seems an almost impossible task. The Sisterhoods in the smaller communities should have special commendation for the success of their efforts. There is a lack in smaller towns of the stimulus which comes to one in large cities where there is greater opportunity as well as greater responsibility. This in turn brings the realization of that responsibility which results in greater activity.

In compiling a report such as the following, an explanation is due the delegates from the various Sisterhoods. It was impossible to do credit, in a condensed recital, to all the excellent work done along the different lines. The reading of the answers to the questionnaires has been one of the most interesting tasks imaginable. They were fascinating reading. The energy, enthusiasm, earnestness, and desire for helpfulness evinced in each report was a delight, and all were remarkable records of loyalty to our faith and our organization. There is only one regret, namely—that the time is so limited that each report and the different interesting programs could not be read in their entirety.

I am reminded of a story which seems applicable:

A stone-breaker regarded a pile of stones before him sorrowfully. It was very large, and the day was drawing to a close.

The village clergyman came along, and, seeing him, shouted out:

"Hello, John! Plenty of work to do—eh?"

"Ay", said the stone-breaker, "them stones are like the ten commandments."

"Why's that?" asked the parson.

"You can go on breaking them forever", was the reply, "but they are still all there."

Your reports, dear sisters, may be "broken", but they are all there.

### Actual Achievements

The total number of questionnaires received for this Biennial period was 150. These report a gain of 31,856 members, the largest membership being 1,850 (Temple Women's Association, Cleveland, Ohio), and the smallest 8 (Marion Temple Sisterhood, Marion, Ohio). There has been a total increase in membership of 5,483. Mt. Neboh Sisterhood, New York City, reports the largest increase, a gain of 540 members. The decrease in membership records 209, caused by death in many cases, and in others the loss in one community was the gain in others.

Forty-two free Religious Schools are supported. The Sisterhoods report 12,806 Uniongrams sold, the largest sale, 1,560, being made by the Rockdale Ave. Temple Sisterhood of Cincinnati, O. Nine thousand, one hundred and twenty-three Calendars were sold, Nashville, Tenn., selling the largest number, 1,278. Thirteen Sisterhoods use the Memorial Floral Fund plan, ten have permanent ceremonial exhibits, while many have temporary exhibits.

\$3,950.75 was reported sent to the Scholarship Fund, in addition to the credit given for Uniongrams. In addition to this, the Euclid Ave. Sisterhood, of Cleveland, gave a \$400.00 Scholarship and a prize of \$200.00 as an incentive to an earnest student wishing to enter the College. The Women's Temple Association, of Cleveland, contributes a regular Scholarship in ten monthly payments of \$35 as a Special Scholarship for first year pupils. Rodef Sholom Sisterhood, of Pittsburgh, gives four regular Scholarships and \$325.00 to a student not eligible for Scholarships, totaling \$7,525.00; \$10,325.00 in all is given in individual scholarships.

One hundred and thirteen (113) Sisterhoods are members of State Federations, 49 are interested in University Religious Welfare Work; 79 Sisterhoods report their quota raised for the Dormitory Fund. The three Sisterhoods of Cincinnati trebled, and the Adath Israel Sisterhood of Louisville, Ky., doubled, their quotas; 126 Sisterhoods did not raise their entire quota.

Large sums have been spent by Sisterhoods for Temple purposes, purchasing ground, building, installing organs, etc., all of which crippled the Dormitory Fund. Among the large contributions to local con-

gregational gifts are the following: The gifts of the Sisterhood of Richmond, Va., \$42,000; Sisterhood of Detroit, Mich., \$50,000; Isaiah Woman's Club, Chicago, \$19,000; Sisterhood of Washington Boulevard, Chicago, \$9,000; Emanu-El Sisterhood of Dallas, Texas, \$7,500; Emanuel Sisterhood of Beaumont, Texas, \$2,500. Mortgages have been raised, Temples painted, windows put in, interiors decorated, lights purchased, and innumerable other acts of helpfulness have been performed. Can you visualize the modern Temple and Congregation without the Sisterhood?

### Ways and Means

The methods of procedure employed by the Sisterhoods for the purpose of raising money for their different needs are very similar. There are reports from many of lawn fetes, bazaars, theatricals (amateur and professional), cafeterias, congregational suppers, domestic science, cake sales, bundle days, mock trials, rummage sales, birthday dollars, moving pictures, memorial and happy-day funds, and of story telling. Portland, Oregon, had a "Paper Drive". The children collected paper and sold it at \$20.00 per ton. Quite a bit of money was raised in this manner. Seattle, Washington, tells of an "Apron Party". Each member paid so much per inch according to the size of her waist. Winnipeg, Canada, collects a "tithe" from the children, one-tenth of their spending and saving money, in addition to and separate from the regular Sabbath-school collection. Thus they cultivate a spirit of philanthropy in the hearts of the children.

In order to stimulate the interest in the Temple services, the Sisterhood activities and Sabbath-school, letters instead of postals are sent by some. Telephone corps and flying squadrons are formed, congregational suppers given, community singing introduced and get-together meetings held. Libraries are established, choral unions organized; mothers' and daughters' and fathers' and sons' days are also given; prayer-books and inspirational readings are edited and distributed to the members and to the confirmants. Bulletins are published, Bible and parliamentary classes are formed, Sabbath services are conducted, sermon and all, by the members of the Sisterhood, and



Sisterhood Sabbath and Vacation Sisterhood Days are observed. Through the influence of the Sisterhoods, women have been elected on Temple boards. Some Sisterhoods pay the salaries of Sabbath-school teachers, and some have established a High-school Department in Sabbath-school. They see to it that all Holiday services are properly observed by the children. The Big Sister and Brother movement is endorsed, girl and boy scout troops formed, and bridge parties planned. All these activities tend toward drawing the members closer into the fold and strengthen the bond of allegiance to the Temple.

Temple B'nai Zion Sisterhood, of Shreveport, La., sends printed invitations for services to every Jewish stranger in town and to all the Jews residing in boarding houses. They and Keneseth Israel, Philadelphia, have a "Cradle Roll", sending cards at the birth of a child requesting name and date of birth, and posting name in kindergarten. They remember every birthday, and when the child has reached the proper age, see that he or she is enrolled as a pupil of the Sabbath-school. One Sisterhood has established a "creche", caring for the children so parents may attend services.

The invitation sent by Baltimore inviting all members who may be in that city for medical treatment to avail themselves of their hospitality, as well as the one from Rodeph Sholom, of Philadelphia, asking all strangers to take advantage of their friendship and be at home at their Temple, shows a splendid spirit of cooperation.

Sisterhood Temple Israel, of Waterbury, Conn., thinks that a short report of their labors in the past two years, after ten years of stagnation, may be an inspiration to "dormant Sisterhoods", if there be any. In less than two years, with only a handful of people, who met wherever they could obtain quarters, they have built a beautiful little Temple, established a Sabbath-school, enrolled 112 in a high-school class, liberalized Orthodox neighbors as well as Christian, and even themselves. A splendid record, and typical of many others.

#### Scope of Activities

**Charities:** There are but few Sisterhoods that confine their interest solely to the Sabbath-schools and the Temple. Most are active in the communal and Jewish

charities. Many war orphans are cared for. There is much splendid effort in hospital and re-construction work for disabled soldiers, in conducting large classes in Americanization, helping the lame, the halt and the blind. All of this is personal service of the highest order. The Red Cross and Chaplain for penal and corrective institutions also receive earnest assistance.

**Cooperation:** The spirit of cooperation is one of the chief assets of our Sisterhoods, thereby establishing a friendly spirit with other organizations. Eutaw Place Temple, in Baltimore, has joint Bible classes with the Council of Jewish Women.

Temple Sholom, of Chicago, sponsors religious schools conducted by the Council, and there are many other instances of laudable effort along the line of cooperation.

**Religious Welfare for Students:** Student hospitality has been a grave problem to many in college towns, but Temple Israel, Boston, seems to have solved that problem better than almost any other Sisterhood. They have a mailing list of all Jewish students, and a college club of 500 which is self-governed. This club meets twice every month in the vestry-rooms. There are also dances, Sunday afternoon teas, parties of all sorts, at which the local young people act as hosts. The invitation sent out by the National committee to the different Sisterhoods, asking for names of students at college, should receive spontaneous and cordial response. The Junior Auxiliaries and Junior Congregations are flourishing under the charge of the seniors, and many future members of the Sisterhoods and the Temples are in prospect.

Much could be said of the programs presented at the meetings, but time will not permit. Suffice it to say that they were selected with thoughtfulness, with the idea of fitness, and with the hopes of giving the audience satisfaction and instruction. Many followed the plan suggested by the National. The suggestions given the members regarding simplicity in service, dress, gifts, and serving at time of confirmation, were the means of introducing sane, helpful ambition in the child's mind, and of instructing the parents in discrimination as to what is essential and what is nonessential in a serious, religious period of the child's life. So we of our generation "build

the bridge over which the next generation must cross into the future." It would be easy to go on indefinitely telling you of the plans, hopes and value of the Sisterhoods. A little story of which I am particularly fond, which some of you may have heard, seems fitting just here, as "life is intensely personal to all of us, and it is not easy for us to realize how wonderfully the individual conforms to the Big Plan." This little story is of a stitch which sat sadly beside the great loom on which a wonderful tapestry was being woven, fearing to take her place in the beautiful pattern lest a sunbeam, which had rested upon her, had faded her color. Day after day the weaving went on, but the pattern never took shape, until at last one day the Wind of Destiny came blowing in at the window. He picked up the little stitch and whirled her into her place, and behold, the beautiful pattern was instantly finished.

Just so the National, in weaving their beautiful tapestry of the Federation, so loved by all of us, wove into it, in order to complete the pattern, the individual Sisterhoods. None of us feared to take our place, for we trusted confidently to the National to give us our proper position. All of us love to feel that we are important stitches in this wonderful pattern, that we are not there by chance, but as individuals who conform harmoniously to the "Big Plan". Through our place in this tapestry we all will in time learn to subordinate individual preferences to concerted action.

We offer to you, dear Madam President, to our rabbis and our congregations, renewed pledges of loyalty and allegiance. We will try more earnestly than ever before to live not for ourselves alone, but for the community, for the broader humanity. We will hope to gain a better understanding of each other's aims and ambitions, and thereby broaden our scope of work and mark the high tide of usefulness as a component part of the National Federation.

We will be ready to serve, to sacrifice, and will in all honesty and faith uphold the integrity of our Federation. We can look back on this Biennial period and feel we have in truth progressed, for it is not only what we have done, but how we have done it; that counts, and we will never ask whether "The task is big enough for our

powers, but are our powers big enough for the task."

"May the Giver of Gifts give unto you  
That which is Good and that which is True,  
The Will to help and the Courage to do,  
A heart that can sing the whole day through  
May the Giver of Gifts give these to you."

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Martin Barbe, Chairman.

On motion duly carried the report was accepted with thanks.

It was moved and duly carried that the tribute paid to Dr. Emil G. Hirsch by Mrs. Barbe be spread upon the minutes.

#### TRIBUTE TO DR. EMIL G. HIRSCH

Our President has graciously granted me her permission to add to the many eloquent expressions of admiration and respect to the memory of Dr. Emil G. Hirsch my humble tribute. For Sinai of Chicago and Sinai Sisterhood it is difficult to visualize either without our leader, our guide, our inspiration. We are like a rudderless bark drifting in the darkness. This report which includes the activities and progress of our Sisterhood would not be complete without a public acknowledgment of my debt, of that of our Sisterhood and Temple, yea, of the entire Jewish world to that master mind of the greatest man in Judaism in his generation. Dr. Emil G. Hirsch was a leader amongst men as well as a leader of men. The world of religion, the world of letters, the world of thinkers, all are the sufferers by his going. He was a man of strength of intellect, one who hated shams and social injustice. A man of great moral courage—the courage of his convictions—a man with a passion for righteousness, with the gift of oratory, with the power to charm as well as rebuke—such was the man we mourn, whom we, who are Jews, have lost.

Dr. Hirsch was a true Jew, who had a philosophy of life which was absolutely and purely Jewish judged from any angle. He was a Jew who knew and understood Judaism, who saw the truth as he understood it, and presented it in a forceful eloquent manner, regardless of consequences.

We thank God for the blessing of his life and his teachings for the privilege granted us of sitting at his feet and of working with him and for him. We mourn his loss and will always call his memory "blessed".

One of our members, Louise L. Hamburger, has written:

Dr. Hirsch—January 7, 1923.

A light is out in Israel.

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No soft, rose-tinted glow  
Of sentimental compromise,  
A bold and cruel flame  
Uncovering shams and stripping lies.  
A light is out in Israel.

A fiercely-burning light,  
A stark, defiant light,  
A light of Truth—  
Clear, luminous in Night:

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A light is out in Israel.

Mrs. Maurice Steinfeld, Chairman of the Special Committee on University Religious Welfare Work, presented her report.

## Report of the Special Committee on University Religious Welfare Work

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 31, 1922.

To the Members of the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods:

Ladies: The almost spectacular growth of the work of the Special Committee on University Religious Welfare Work is proof of its very great need. This Committee was created at the Fourth Biennial Meeting, because it was felt that its scope of work was too great to be included as a branch of the Committee on Co-operation.

When the work was first begun in 1921, an appeal was made to rabbis of congregations, and in answer to letters sent out, the names of seventy girls attending colleges out of their own city were sent in.

This year the names of young men were also asked for. The Chairman issued a letter in March, asking Sisterhood Presidents to bring the matter to the attention of their members at the final meeting of the season, in April or May, so that a complete list could be sent to the Executive Office before the school season started in September.

On August 7 a letter was again sent by the Chairman requesting the names of students. In reply to this letter the Executive Office has received from seventy-five Sisterhoods the names of 570 students, 290 girls and 280 boys. In every case where these names came in time they were forwarded to the Presidents of Sisterhoods in or near the college town, together with a special letter asking that these Jewish young men and women be invited to attend services and to the homes on Rosh Hashonah and Yom Kippur.

### Local Responsibility

The Chairman has assigned the names of almost every student, except in a few instances, where schools are too far removed from any city which has a Sisterhood. However, she can go no further. The responsibility then lies with the local Chairman on University Religious Welfare Work and with the individual Sisterhoods. Many letters which have come into the Executive Office have urged that an interest be taken in these boys and girls. It means much to them to be met at the train by some women of their own faith, to be assured that these women are interested in them, that they are welcome in their homes and in their houses of worship. In no school or college is the number of Jewish students so great that the members of the local Sisterhood cannot take care of them. If the college is in a near-by town, and accessible by automobile, students should be visited; notes should be written to them individually, asking them to come into the city for services on the holidays. The crying need for this work has been evidenced in personal letters received from students asking that they be invited into Jewish homes on the holidays, and that they meet people of their own faith.

Although there is still tremendous need for more of this work, nevertheless, many Sisterhoods have been participating actively in it and have accomplished much this year. Only a small part of the outstanding work can be mentioned. The Isaiah Woman's Club, of Chicago, and the Sisterhood of Rodeph Shalom, Philadelphia, inserted notices in their weekly bulletins asking that

the names of the sons and daughters of the members of the congregation who are attending out-of-town schools be sent to the local Chairman, who, in turn, will forward them to the Executive Office. The latter Sisterhoods as well as those in Columbus, O., Shreveport, La., Birmingham, Ala., Champaign, Ill., New Haven, Conn., Louisville, Ky., Gary, Ind., Oakland, Calif., and other cities, give an annual reception or dance for the students and introduce them to the local Jewish community. In Lima, Ohio, students are invited to homes for the High Holydays, seats are reserved in the Temple for them, and a reception and dance are given. The Sisterhood of Temple Beth El, Detroit, and the Sisterhood of Keneseth Israel, Philadelphia, have annual students' days when they are welcome to Temple services and to Jewish homes. The Sisterhoods of Cincinnati, of Shaare Emeth and Temple Israel, St. Louis, and the Sisterhood of Seattle, call upon the students, and also invite them to the congregational Seder. In Raleigh, N. C., Harrisburg, Pa., Allentown, Pa., and Baton Rouge, La., invitation are issued for the Holyday services, and the boys and girls are entertained at homes. The Sisterhood of Ladies' Auxiliary, Temple Sholem, Chicago, goes a step further, and arranges several students' social affairs during the season, and sends a complimentary ticket to the students for their Lyceum courses.

A novel feature was introduced by the Denver Sisterhood. The Secretary writes to each college in the State of Colorado, informing the authorities that Jewish students will be welcomed at the holiday services, and the members of the Sisterhoods will be glad to house them during that time. Dallas, Texas, too, offers hospitality to newcomers, meets them at trains and calls for them and returns the students to their schools on Friday evenings. In New Orleans, Temple Sinai Sisterhood gives the girls of Newcombe College two outings, invitations are sent to the students of Tulane and Newcombe to attend services, and the Sisterhood arranges to call for them and return them to their schools. During Pesach all students are invited to Jewish homes.

The Sisterhood of Temple Israel of Boston was a pioneer in this work, having

through many years, and without interruption until the World War, given a College Ball early in the year to out-of-town students, thus creating an opportunity for their own young people, as well as the visiting students, to meet the Sisterhood Committee. The students have always been encouraged to attend divine services and to take advantage of all the Temple activities. The number of students in this particular neighborhood numbers many hundreds, so that the Committee this year planned a series of Sunday afternoon Teas in place of the Ball. Rabbi Levi, of Temple Israel, has organized a self-governing College Club, open to all Jewish students, meeting twice a month for social and instructive purposes. These meetings have an attendance of several hundred this year. Members of the Sisterhood College Committee are asked each time to act as matrons.

The Sisterhood of Nashville, Tenn., writes to prospective students offering to meet them at the train upon their arrival. Early in the fall they have a "get-together" meeting with the students. The latter are asked to attend services, are invited to the homes of the members, and are given every opportunity to meet the Jewish people of the community and to participate in all congregational activities.

Last November the Nashville Sisterhood entertained these students at a delightful dinner to which the Alumni were also invited. A splendid program followed, both alumni and students participating. The rooms were decorated with college colors and flowers, and each wore the color of his college. As each student arrived, he registered his name and both local and home address, thus enabling the Sisterhood to keep in close touch with him.

The Sisterhood has recently adopted a plan whereby each Jewish girl at Ward Belmont College has been given a Big Sister from the Sisterhood membership. The latter's duty is to look after the student's welfare and see that she is entertained outside of the college at least once a month.

In Baltimore a joint committee comprised of members of the Sisterhoods of the three Reformed and one Orthodox congregation invited a number of young matrons and ex-college girls to act as substitute mothers to

the Goucher College Freshmen. A large supper was given at a social club to which each "substitute mother" brought her Freshman, broke bread with her, and when the evening was over, invited her to her home and offered to be of service to her in any way the student might desire. Be the problem great or small, the "substitute mother" stands ready to be of service. This plan has proven so satisfactory that the committee is now arranging to follow a like one, with upper classmen. Shortly after the holidays, Baltimore gave a dance to which both men and women students were invited.

Minneapolis, Minn., also has a joint committee composed of representatives of the leading Jewish organizations. Each month the students are guests of honor at one of the synagogues and they are invited to the homes of members. Minneapolis is now planning a special Purim fete for these students.

In New Haven the Sisterhood invites all of the Jewish students at Yale to all Services and at least once a year, gives a dance for the out-of-town Jewish students to meet the young men and young women of the congregation. These dances are usually given early in the year and after that most of the out-of-town students are invited to the homes of the members of the Sisterhood where there are young people, for Sunday dinners, etc. In addition some of the students teach in the Religious School and attend the functions of the Young People's Society of the congregation. Over one hundred Jewish students from all parts of the United States meet with Dr. Mann, the Rabbi of the congregation, every Sunday morning for a lecture which is thrown open to discussion afterward. This last feature has proved of great interest.

At Columbus, Ohio, the Rabbi has set aside one Friday evening of each month for students when he speaks to them on topics in which they are interested. After services there is a social hour for students and young members of the congregation, at which time the vestry rooms are filled to capacity. The temple holds a supper once a month to which all students are invited and they come in very large numbers. After these suppers they have entertainments in which the students very often take

active part—and are thus brought in close touch with the young members of the temple. It is the aim of this committee to have a worker on the campus, at the time of registration to see that all students are happily placed, which at present is quite a problem.

Recently a letter was sent to each Jewish student on the campus telling them that the Temple had a men's advisory committee, and where its members might be reached at any time. This committee held a large meeting on the campus, on January fourteenth.

Cincinnati is rather different from other cities, since most of its non-resident students attend the Hebrew Union College, and therefore would seem to require no special religious welfare work. Nevertheless, the committee has found opportunities even there. Last year, each of the sisterhoods gave a Seder for all out-of-town students both men and women—and for not only the rabbinical students, but also for those studying law, medicine, engineering, music, etc. For the past years, the boys of the Hebrew Union College who have not officiated for the Holidays, have been invited into private homes on the Jewish Holidays and Thanksgiving. A committee has found rooms and board for the students of the H. U. C., so that they now have a room registry of homes which have been inspected. A reception was given by the three Sisterhoods last year to welcome the new students.

New York too has cooperated in this work. The Shaaray Tefila Sisterhood is attempting to bring this matter to the attention of the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations. In this way it hopes to interest and enthruse other affiliated societies in this work. The Ladies' Auxiliary of Temple Israel have secured names of non-resident Jewish students in the 16 schools and universities. Plans are being formulated which will culminate in definite action, so that the students will be properly placed, when we celebrate the coming Holidays, the Passover.

The Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska District Federation has planned special propaganda in this connection. Their rural committee will carry the message of this as well as other Sisterhood activities into districts too.

small to maintain their own organizations. This will enable us to secure names of many students hitherto unavailable. The Chairman urges that other State or District Federations adopt the same plan.

Much has been done in a year's time in this work, and much is still left to do. Many Sisterhoods have not appointed local chairmen of this work and this is very necessary. The importance of the work cannot be over-emphasized. In many instances when a girl or boy goes away to college it is the first time she or he has been cut off from a Jewish environment. The period of adolescence is the most impressionable age, the influences brought to bear at that time the most lasting. It is a small thing for the Jewish women to show their interest in these boys and girls of

their own faith, but that interest may be the means of making these young men and women better Jews and Jewesses.

Respectfully submitted,

MARTHA L. STEINFELD,  
Chairman,  
MRS. ISRAEL COWEN,  
MRS. ABRAHAM L. FISHEL,  
MRS. JOSEPH KRAUSKOPF,  
MRS. MORRIS LAZARON.

On motion duly carried, the report was accepted with thanks.

The Assembly Committee on Religion presented the following report: (See page 63 for Report of National Committee on Religion.)

## Report of the Assembly Committee on Religion

To the V Biennial Assembly.

Your Assembly Committee appointed to consider the report of the National Committee on Religion has incorporated in its report, not only the deliberations of the Committee, but also the opinions of the sectional meeting.

The report presented by the National Chairman evidenced the progress of religious work done by Sisterhoods throughout the country. Attendance at divine services has been stimulated and increased, synagogues have been financially aided, membership in congregations increased, Bible classes established, Junior congregations organized and many other encouraging features reported. To the National Chairman, and to the members of her Committee who have served so faithfully to increase the scope of their work, your Committee expresses its sincere thanks.

### JUNIOR CONGREGATIONS

Your Committee notes with interest the organization of Junior Congregations and the practice of holding services for children. Realizing the necessity of impressing the teachings of our faith upon our youths, the Committee heartily endorses religious work among the young men and women and particularly commends the organizations of Junior Congregations.

### TRANSLITERATION OF KADDISH PRAYER

Because of the great demand for a phonetic version of the Hebrew Kaddish prayer, your Committee recommends that such an English transliteration be published and distributed by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and further that an English translation accompany this version.

### ATTENDANCE AT DIVINE SERVICES

Your Committee read with pleasure of the various methods employed to increase attendance at divine services. The social hour after Friday evening services, and the story hour held for children on Saturday morning in order that their parents may attend services, are both good plans. Your Committee particularly endorses the placing of cards of invitation to divine services in the boxes of strangers at hotels.

### CENSUS OF JEWS IN RURAL DISTRICTS

Your Committee submits with its recommendation, the following resolution and plan presented at its sectional meeting:

**Whereas**, It is most important that some religious inspiration be taken to Jewish families in small communities and isolated districts, and

**Whereas**, The State and District Federations seem the proper channel through

which such religious propaganda can best be directed;

**Therefore, be it Resolved,** That the following plan be respectfully submitted to the State Federations for their consideration.

#### Plan

A census of the Jewish families in the state should be secured and propaganda sent through the larger communities to groups of outlying neighboring districts. Wherever possible, personal visits should be made and a short Friday evening service arranged and instituted. Where needed, transliterations of the important Hebrew prayers and responses should be furnished;

Further, it is suggested that wherever possible, Editorial Staffs be organized in

State or District Federation headquarters that there may be sent to these families weekly leaflets containing the Bible Reading for the week, a short sermon paragraph by Rabbis of the District, and such other information as may prove valuable and inspirational to the worshippers at the Friday evening service.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed by the Committee.

It was moved and duly carried that the report be adopted and the resolution contained therein be referred to the incoming administration.

On motion duly carried the meeting adjourned, to re-convene at 9:40 a. m.

## Fourth Day's Proceedings

### A Morning Session

The Assembly met pursuant to adjournment at the Astor, 9:40 a. m. Friday morning, January 26, 1923.

The President, Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld, presided. The Assembly opened with silent prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

#### REPORT OF THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON SCHOLARSHIPS

The Assembly Committee on Scholarships presented the following report which was adopted (see page 72 for Report of National Committee on H. U. C. Scholarships):

### Report of the Assembly Committee on Scholarships

To the V Biennial Assembly.

Your Assembly Committee read and accepted the excellent report of the National Committee on Scholarships. The following report embodies not only the opinion of the Committee, but also suggestions resultant from the discussion at the sectional meetings.

Your Committee noted with great satisfaction that two hundred and nineteen Sisterhoods contributed to the Fund during the past year. Almost \$17,000 was subscribed to this worthy cause, a part of which was given in the form of fifteen individual scholarships. The National Committee on Scholarships is to be commended for its good work which was carried on during the campaign to raise funds for the Dormitory.

#### TRIBUTE FUND

Your Committee endorses the action of Pittsburgh in initiating a permanent scholarship endowment fund of \$6,000 in honor of Judge Josiah Cohen. It recommends that other Sisterhoods emulate this example. It also recommends the action of the confirmants of the Religious Schools who contributed to the Scholarship fund, instead of exchanging gifts with one another. It urges that persons desirous of remembering the confirmants send donations to the fund in the confirmant's name.

#### MEMORIAL FUND

It was noted that many organizations have established Floral or Memorial Funds, to which donations are sent in memory of a dear departed relative or friend. The

Chairman stressed the value of personal letters in acknowledging these contributions.

**METHODS OF RAISING FUNDS**

Your Committee approves of the plan to ask the constituent Sisterhoods to pledge a definite sum each year to the Scholarship Fund. It is further urged that State Federations endeavor to raise complete scholarships in addition to the ones contributed by the individual organizations. Your Committee noted with pleasure that over \$2,000 was contributed through the sale of Union-grams.

Because it is necessary to have properly trained spiritual leaders, we must provide

the means for procuring a religious education. We should therefore, lend our whole-hearted support to the Committee on Scholarships.

In closing, your Committee wishes to commend the splendid work of the National Chairman.

Respectfully submitted,  
Signed by the Committee.

**REPORT OF THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON PROPAGANDA**

The Assembly Committee on Propaganda presented the following report which was adopted (see page 82 for Report of National Committee on Propaganda):

**Report of the Assembly Committee on Propaganda**

To the V Biennial Assembly.

Ladies:

Your Assembly Committee has examined the report of the National Committee on Propaganda and begs leave to submit the following report:

Your Committee is impressed with the extensive propaganda work done by the National Committee and by the Executive Office, and wishes to express its hearty approval. Twenty-three societies have been brought into the Federation within the past year, and this group will add its strength to the high aims and purposes of the parent organization.

**STATE FEDERATIONS**

Your Committee is of the opinion that State Federations can do much to increase and aid the efforts of the National Propaganda Committee. Excellent results have been achieved through state committees, and it is recommended that every State Federation join in this work, and send members

into unorganized districts to organize Sisterhoods and secure affiliation with the Federation.

**NATIONAL FIELD WORK**

Your Committee believes that personal contact is the most effective means of organizing, and so it heartily recommends that the National Federation so construct its budget as to include the sending out of field workers. Particularly does it commend the sending of the National officers to the meetings of the State or District Federations where an inspiring message may be given to representatives assembled from all parts of the State.

Respectfully submitted,  
Signed by the Committee.

**REPORT OF THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON UNION MUSEUM**

The Assembly Committee on Union Museum presented the following report which was adopted (see page 71 for Report of National Committee on Union Museum):

**Report of the Assembly Committee on Union Museum**

To the V Biennial Assembly.

Ladies:

The Assembly Committee heard with pleasure the splendid report of the National Committee on Union Museum. It was observed with satisfaction, that several local Sisterhoods have a collection of ceremonial objects, and it is urged that other societies also become interested in this phase of Sisterhood activities.

**COLLECTION OF COINS AND MEDALLIONS**

Your Committee noted with pleasure the purchase of an unusual collection of Jewish coins and medallions, secured by Mr. Adolph Oko, during his trip abroad. It is felt that at the present time the collection is not exhibited to advantage, and it is recommended that a more attractive room and cases be secured.



**PUBLICITY**

Your Committee realizing that insufficient publicity has been given to this phase of Sisterhood work, recommends the following:

That a communication be sent to every constituent Sisterhood of the Federation:

1st—Explaining the content and scope of the Union Museum housed at the Hebrew Union College and containing an appeal for additions to this collection.

2d—Encouraging and enlarging the collection of historical and ceremonial objects by local Sisterhoods for the purpose of introducing the history and use of these in observance of our ceremonials.

That a copy of the Union Museum Catalog be sent to each sisterhood as a reference book in forming such a collection.

That not only the children, but their parents should be informed of the history and use of these ceremonial objects and it

was therefore suggested that at least one entertainment a year be devoted to this subject.

That the distribution of Chanukah candelabra and candles be encouraged where this is not already the practice in order to overcome in some measure, the Christmas celebration and to emphasize our own holiday.

In closing, your Committee desires to express appreciation for the interest taken by the National Chairman and the members of her committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
Signed by the Committee.

**REPORT OF THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON UNIONGRAMS**

The Assembly Committee on Uniongrams presented the following report which was adopted (see page 84 for Report of National Committee on Uniongrams):

**Report of the Assembly Committee on Uniongrams**

To the V Biennial Assembly of the N. F. T. S.

Your Committee to which was referred the consideration of the report of the National Committee on Uniongrams, covering its work for the past year, submits the following report:

We congratulate the National Committee upon the increase in the sales of Uniongrams and the disposal of 22,702 of these message blanks. Every Uniongram sold helps maintain a free Religious School or adds to the Hebrew Union College Scholarship Fund, and the success with which the sale of these Jewish messages is meeting, proves the well established response to these worthy causes.

**A BOOK FOR EVERY MEMBER**

We endorse the suggestion made by the Chairman at the sectional meeting that a book of four Uniongrams be sold to every member of the Federation. This would mean the sale of 180,000 Uniongrams. We feel that each woman who is a Sisterhood member, should be willing to give her support to this enterprise.

**ACTIVE LOCAL CHAIRMEN**

We heartily endorse the suggestion contained in the report that an active local

Chairman be appointed in every Sisterhood. The accomplishments of such chairmen are set forth in the report—their example may well be emulated.

**CONDOLENCE MESSAGE**

We believe that the plan suggested for the use of the Uniongram as a message of condolence as well as a message of joy is an excellent one and should be carried out. Only a change of the printing on the back of the Uniongrams will be necessary to make this possible. Such a change will meet a large demand, and will be instrumental in increasing the usage of the Uniongram.

In closing this report, your Committee feels that it must recommend to the Sisterhoods the greatest possible cooperation with the projects of the National Committee on Uniongrams.

Respectfully submitted,  
Signed by the Committee.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATUS OF FEDERATION**

The Committee on Status of Federation presented the following report which was adopted:

## Report of Committee on Status of Federation

To the V Assembly of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods,

Your Committee on Status of Sisterhoods has compared the report of your Treasurer for fiscal years commencing November 1, 1921, and ending October 31, 1922, with that of the Executive Secretary's for the same period and has found that they coincide.

We are cognizant of the heavy task placed upon our Treasurer, Mrs. Engelhard, and

wish to express our appreciation of her services. Our thanks are also due Rabbi Zepin, Miss Westheimer and their staff upon whom devolves the work of keeping the books for the various departments.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed by the Committee.

The Committee on the President's Message presented the following report:

## Report of Committee on President's Message

To the V Assembly of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods,

In presenting the report on the President's message, your committee desires to thank Mrs. Wiesenfeld on behalf of the Assembly, for the careful preparation of this message.

The sympathy and understanding of the work already accomplished, the foresight, yea and vision for future development of the work of the N. F. T. S. can be the outcome only of a heart and mind loving and devoted with single purpose of the welfare of the organization guided by so light a touch through this administration.

The entire report breathes constructive optimism, with splendid opportunities to keep our women busy nationally and locally through the coming biennial period.

The census of the outlying districts in sections where there is a Sisterhood is in itself a splendid work and our committee recommends to this body that part of the program of work of the State Federations shall be taking of some sort of census in their respective districts.

Certainly we women carry a heavy penalty because of wars and not one of us here but would sacrifice much were she able to cast the deciding vote to eliminate this most devastating horror. Therefore our Committee recommends to this Assembly the endorsement of the action of the Execu-

tive Board in session in Indianapolis in January, 1922, affiliating the N. F. T. S. with the National Council for the Prevention of War.

Believing in the comfort of prayer and meditation, this Committee recommends that the pledge of the N. F. T. S. to assume the sale and distribution of such a compilation as is about to be published by the Central Conference of American Rabbis be conscientiously kept.

This Committee fully cognizant of the often repeated request being sooner or later granted, recommends the suggestion of our President that those delegates who as yet have not been able to convince their Temple Trustees of the great need and help of women on such Boards make new and often repeated appeal for such recognition.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed by the Committee.

It was moved and carried that the report of the Committee on President's Message be adopted and that a copy of the Resolutions with reference to the Book of Private Devotions accompany the copies of the book to be sent to every Sisterhood.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THANKS

The Committee on Thanks presented the following report which was upon motion duly carried, adopted:

## Report of Committee on Thanks

To the V Assembly of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods,

The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, desiring to voice the appreciation of the bounteous and generous hospitality tendered by the Jewish men and women of Greater New York, extends to them its heartfelt thanks. The Federation realizes that in the splendid exhibition of comradeship the true meaning of brotherhood and sisterhood is triumphantly vindicated.

The Federation is fully aware of the gigantic undertaking that lay before the men and women of New York City. It has been no small accomplishment to have successfully carried out a perfectly planned program for the entertainment of thousands of visitors. This achievement has been noteworthy, and we send a message of sincere thanks. The genius of this magnifi-

cent achievement, Mrs. S. K. Glauber, deserves special thanks for her unflinching kindness and executive ability. She has made possible the efficiency of these meetings and the comfort of the guests.

May this understanding of true hospitality awaken in the hearts of both giver and recipient, the fullest meaning of the Jewish spirit.

In connection with the report of the Committee on Thanks a rising vote of thanks was given Mrs. Glauber.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

The Committee on Resolutions then recommended to the Assembly the following resolutions, which were upon motion duly accepted:

## Report of Committee on Resolutions

To the V Assembly of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

The Committee on Resolutions begs to submit to the Assembly the following resolutions for your favorable action:

### Resolution No. 1

#### RECOMMENDATION FOR PERMANENT PEACE

Whereas, The spirit and teaching of Judaism supports the principle of peace among men, and

Whereas, the welfare of our own country as well as of all countries of the world will best be benefitted when men are at peace with one another, and

Whereas, We aim for and desire such legislation as will promote the greatest moral and physical welfare of the citizens of our beloved country, as well as of all the nations of the earth.

**Be it Therefore Resolved,** That the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods stands for earnest endeavor to find and promote some way of establishing permanent peace among the nations.

### Resolution No. 2

#### HOME OBSERVANCE OF CEREMONIALS

Whereas, The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods has inspired the Jewish women of America to the attainment of a deeper Jewish consciousness, in order further to promote this inspiration

**Be it Resolved,** That the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods urge the revival of religious ceremonials in the home and through these observances, stimulate a greater desire for Temple attendance.

### Resolution No. 3

#### NEAR EAST RELIEF

Whereas, The whole world stands appalled at the desperate plight of the non-Moslem minorities in the Near East; and

Whereas, Near East Relief is now caring for 110,000 orphan children and at least as many more have not yet been reached; and

Whereas, Near East Relief is doing its utmost to aid in removing and caring for the refugees from Smyrna and Thrace,

**Be it Therefore Resolved,** That the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods

does hereby endorse the work of Near East Relief in its efforts to alleviate and remove these desperate conditions and be it

**Further Resolved**, That we express to the President of the United States, the Secretary of State and the Foreign Relations Committee in both the Senate and the House, the urgent hope that some way may be found to secure the protection of the non-Moslem women and children of the Near East.

**Resolution No. 4**

**Resolved**, That the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods recommend that all Sisterhoods urge relatives and friends of Confirmants to substitute the practice of contributing money to the Hebrew Union College Scholarship Fund for the practice of making personal gifts to the Confirmants.

**Resolution No. 5**

**Resolved**, That in communities requiring a trained Religious School teacher, the Sisterhood undertake to send the man or woman selected for this important work, to the Teachers' Training School in Cincinnati for at least one summer; this preparation for teaching in religious schools to be the first step toward a standardized curriculum.

**Resolution No. 6**

**Whereas**, The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods in convention here assembled, is bringing forth every effort to revitalize the Jewish consciousness of our people, and

**Whereas**, Every paper, and discussion thereof has been toward this end; and

**Whereas**, We feel that the women cannot bring about this religious renaissance alone, but need the assistance and cooperation of the synagogues,

**Therefore, Be it Resolved**, That this body in convention assembled, do hereby ask the Union of American Hebrew Congregations to give its earnest and sincere attention to the advisability of having the synagogues (wherever possible) open every day if only for an hour or more, where even without services, one could go for spiritual solace and comfort.

**Resolution No. 7**

**VOTE OF COMMENDATION**

**Whereas**, Our President, Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld, has during her four years of service given the inspiration that can only come through such a fine spiritual being, as she has proven herself to be; and

**Whereas**, She has presided over our deliberations with graciousness and tact and has endeared herself to all members of our organization,

**Therefore, Be it Resolved**, That we express our deep appreciation and love for Mrs. Wiesenfeld and pray that her spirit may always be our heritage of her administration.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS**

The Committee on Nominations presented the following report to the Assembly, which was adopted:

**Report of the Committee on Nominations**

To the members of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

Madam President and Ladies:

We, the members of your Nominating Committee beg leave to submit the following report:

In order that as many states as possible may be represented and that we may at the same time abide by the constitutional ruling "the Board of Directors shall consist of sixty members", your Committee

has decided that there shall not be more than one representative from any Sisterhood excepting from Cincinnati, the home of the National Executive Office. Your Committee has ruled that in view of the fact that our task has been very difficult we recommend a change in the method of naming the Nominating Committee before the next Biennial election. The Committee has made a census of the states and Sisterhoods and as far as possible, has given

representation on the National Board by virtue of their per capita showing. We have given representation to thirty-three states; the District of Columbia and Canada. After careful and studious deliberation we nominate the following names to serve on the National Executive Board: Mrs. Louis Abramson, Shreveport, La.; Mrs. Martin Barbe, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Henry Bauer, Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. Garris I. Barkus, Charleston, W. Va.; Mrs. Alfred Baker, Erie, Pa.; Mrs. M. N. Becker, Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. Mrs. Isaac Born, Indianapolis, Ind.; Mrs. Max J. Brandenburger, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. Edgar M. Cahn, New Orleans, La.; Mrs. Josiah Cohen, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mrs. Charles M. Cohn, Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. Samuel H. Cohn, Cleveland, O.; Mrs. Israel Cowen, Chicago, Ills.; Mrs. Ferdinand Dilsheimer, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. Lizzie Drey, St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. Nathan Eckstein, Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Benjamin Engelhard, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Solomon Foster, Newark, N. J.; Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg, Cincinnati, Ohio; Mrs. Charles Freund, Toledo, O.; Mrs. Alex Friedman, Pensacola, Fla.; Mrs. Edward Ginsberg, Boston, Mass.; Mrs. Sallie Kubie Glauber, New York City; Mrs. Isaac Goldberg, Detroit, Mich.; Miss Carolyn Goldman, St. Paul, Minn.; Mrs. Leon Goodman, Louisville, Ky.; Miss Edna Goldsmith, Cleveland, O.; Mrs. Nathan Goldstein, Greenville, Miss.; Mrs. Nathan Gumble, Columbus, O.; Mrs. Victor Hexter, Dallas, Texas; Mrs. Albert J. Johnson, New Haven, Conn.; Mrs. Herman Jung, Milwaukee, Wisc.; Mrs. Otto Kempner, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. Myer Kirsh, Richmond, Va.; Mrs. Joseph Kruger, Montreal, Canada; Mrs. Gerson B. Levi, Chicago, Ills.; Mrs. Harry Liebman, Boston, Mass.; Mrs. Benjamin Loewenstein, Cincinnati, O.; Mrs. H. H. Mayer, Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. Lillie R. Mikolas, Minneapolis, Minn.; Mrs. Nathan J. Miller, New York City; Mrs. Caesar

Misch, Providence, R. I.; Mrs. Bernard L. Mosbacher, Oakland, Calif.; Mrs. Henry Nathan, Buffalo, N. Y.; Mrs. Morris Newfield, Birmingham, Ala.; Mrs. Henry Oppenheimer, Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Sigmund Ottenheimer, Portland, Ore.; Mrs. S. Pisko, Denver, Colo.; Mrs. Adolph Rosenberg, Cincinnati, O.; Mrs. Alfred Rosenstein, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. Henry Sahlein, San Francisco, Cal.; Mrs. Sol Schoenmann, Houston, Texas; Mrs. Robert F. Skutch, Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Maurice Steinfeld, St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. Joseph Stolz, Chicago, Ills.; Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld, Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Sol Weil, Goldsboro, N. C.; Mrs. Edward Wessel, New York City; Mrs. Cora Wolf, Omaha, Nebr.; Mrs. Horace Wolf, Rochester, N. Y.

It was moved and duly carried that the Secretary cast one ballot for all those mentioned in the report of the Committee on Nominations.

This being done, the President declared all the nominees duly elected as members of the Executive Board.

It was moved and duly carried that the Chairman of the Committee on Nominations be thanked for her services and for her excellent report.

It was moved and duly carried that a rising vote of thanks be given Mrs. Ben Loewenstein, the Recording Secretary, for her services.

The closing benediction was pronounced by Dr. Max Heller, of New Orleans, La.

The President, Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld, then declared the Fifth Biennial Assembly of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods adjourned sine die.



MRS. JOSEPH WIESENFELD  
President

MRS. BENJ. LOEWENSTEIN,  
Recording Secretary

**Minutes**  
of the  
**Executive Board**



**New York, N. Y.**  
**January 26, 1923**

# Minutes

of the

## Executive Board

Hôtel Astor,  
New York City, Jan. 26, 1923, 2:30 p. m.

The newly elected members of the Executive Board met for organization at the above time and place.

There were present Mrs. Louis Abramson, Shreveport, La.; Mrs. Martin Barbe, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Henry Bauer, Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. Isaac Born, Indianapolis, Ind.; Mrs. Max J. Brandenburger, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. Garris I. Barkus, Charleston, W. Va.; Mrs. Alfred Baker, Erie, Pa.; Mrs. M. N. Becker, Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. Edgar M. Cahn, New Orleans, La.; Mrs. Chas. M. Cohn, Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. Josiah Cohen, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mrs. Samuel H. Cohn, Cleveland, O.; Mrs. Ferdinand Dilsheimer, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. Lizzie Drey, St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. Benjamin Engelhard, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg, Cincinnati, O.; Mrs. Solomon Foster, Newark, N. J.; Mrs. Charles Freund, Toledo, O.; Mrs. Sallie Kubie Glauber, New York City; Mrs. Leon Goodman, Louisville, Ky.; Mrs. Nathan Gumble, Columbus, O.; Mrs. Edward Ginsberg, Boston, Mass.; Mrs. Victor Hexter, Dallas, Texas; Mrs. Herman Jung, Milwaukee, Wisc.; Mrs. Albert J. Johnson, New Haven, Conn.; Mrs. Otto Kempner, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. Myer Kirsh, Richmond, Va.; Mrs. Benjamin Loewenstein, Cincinnati, O.; Mrs. Gerson B. Levi, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Harry Liebman, Boston, Mass.; Mrs. Bernard L. Mosbacher, Oakland, Calif.; Mrs. Lillie Mikolas, Minneapolis, Minn.; Mrs. Caesar Misch, Providence, R. I.; Mrs. Henry Nathan, Buffalo, N. Y.; Mrs. Henry Oppenheimer, Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Adolph Rosenberg, Cincinnati, O.; Mrs. S. Pisko, Denver, Colo.; Mrs. Alfred Rosenstein, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. Abram Simon, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Sol Schoenmann, Houston, Texas; Mrs. Robert F. Skutch, Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Maurice Steinfeld, St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. Joseph Stolz,

Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld, Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Sol Weil, Goldsboro, N. C.; Mrs. Edward Wessel, New York City.

Mrs. Joseph Wiesenfeld presided. Mrs. Ben Loewenstein recorded the minutes.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Executive Board proceeded to the election of officers in accordance with the provisions of the constitution.

The following officers were unanimously elected:

Mrs. Abram Simon, Honorary President.  
Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg, President.

Mrs. Maurice Steinfeld, First Vice-President.

Mrs. Israel Cowen, Second Vice-President.

Mrs. Sallie Kubie Glauber, Third Vice-President.

Mrs. Leon Goodman, Fourth Vice-President.

Mrs. Benj. Loewenstein, Recording Secretary.

Mrs. Benjamin M. Engelhard, Treasurer.  
Rabbi George Zepin, Executive Secretary.

### CENSUS OF JEWS IN RURAL DISTRICTS

The following resolution and plan were presented:

**Whereas**, It is most important that some religious inspiration be taken to Jewish families in small communities and isolated districts, and

**Whereas**, The State and District Federations seem the proper channel through which such religious propaganda can best be directed;

**Therefore, Be it Resolved**, That the following plan be respectfully submitted to the State Federations for their consideration.

#### Plan

A census of the Jewish families in the State should be secured and propaganda sent through the larger communities to

groups of outlying neighboring districts. Wherever possible, personal visits should be made and a short Friday evening service arranged and instituted. Where needed, transliterations of the important Hebrew prayers and responses should be furnished;

Further, it is suggested that wherever possible, Editorial Staffs be organized in State or District Federation headquarters that there may be sent to these families weekly leaflets containing the Bible reading for the week, a short sermon paragraph by Rabbis of the District, and such other information as may prove valuable and inspirational to the worshippers at the Friday evening service.

A statement was made by the President, to the effect that the above Plan had received the endorsement of the Sectional Meeting conducted by the Committee on Religion at the Fifth Biennial Assembly of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, January 23, 1923.

It was moved and duly carried, that this resolution be referred to a Committee from the Department of Synagog and School Extension and to the Central Conference of American Rabbis for advice and cooperation, with the recommendation that they give it serious consideration and that they report back to the Sisterhoods the most expeditious method of handling this matter.

Mrs. Caesar Misch, Chairman of the Special Committee on Finance reported verbally with reference to the charge for space in the Union Bulletin, stating that this charge would probably be borne by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in the future.

It was moved, seconded and duly carried, that surplus funds and endowment of rooms in the Hebrew Union College Dormitory be made the first order of business for the next Executive Board meeting.

It was moved by Mrs. Loewenstein, duly seconded and carried that a Special Committee of five be appointed by the chair, on the revision of the constitution. The President appointed Mrs. Ben Loewenstein Chairman of this Committee.

An invitation was extended to the Executive Board from the twin cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis, to hold its next annual meeting in these cities. It was moved and duly carried, that this invitation be accepted with thanks.

Adjourned.

Mrs. J. Walter Freiberg,  
President.

Mrs. Benj. Loewenstein,  
Recording Secretary.





## Appendix A

### Membership List

City	Sisterhood	Membership	Officers
Akron, O.	Temple Israel Sisterhood	169	Mrs. David Alexander, Pres. Mrs. Chas. Goldberg, Secy.
Albany, Ga.	Temple Sisterhood	65	Mrs. L. S. Plonksy, Pres. Mrs. Isidore Gusick, Secy.
Albany, N. Y.	Sisterhood Temple Beth Emeth	265	Mrs. Simon Nusbaum, Pres. Mrs. Aaron Barrick, Secy.
Alexandria, La.	Temple Sisterhood	90	Mrs. I. Lucas, Pres. Mrs. C. L. Sackman, Secy.
Alexandria, Va.	Sisterhood of Beth El	27	Mrs. J. Bernheimer, Pres. Miss M. Jaffa, Secy.
Allentown, Pa.	Keneseth Israel Sisterhood	82	Mrs. Chas. Kline, Pres. Mrs. Jos. A. Schmidt, Secy.
Alliance, O.	Sisterhood of Temple Israel	26	Mrs. J. W. Fruitkin, Pres. Mrs. I. C. Rudner, Secy.
Altoona, Pa.	Temple Beth Israel Sisterhood	57	Mrs. Jacob Sitnek, Pres. Mrs. Jos. H. Blumenthal, Secy.
Anniston, Ala.	Henriette Sterne Sisterhood	24	Mrs. S. J. Rund, Pres. Miss Carrie Sterne, Secy.
Appleton, Wis.	Jewish Ladies Aid Society	22	Mrs. J. Kahn, Pres. Mrs. L. J. Marshall, Secy.
Ardmore, Okla.	Temple Emeth Sisterhood	21	Mrs. Henry Blank, Pres. Mrs. Frank Herzmark, Secy.
Ashland, Ky.	Sisterhood Agudath Achim	24	Mrs. I. Lefkowitz, Pres. Mrs. Isadore Edelson, Secy.
Ashtabula, O.	Ashtabula Sisterhood	25	Mrs. Morris Pickard, Pres. Mrs. Alfred Kahne, Secy.
Athens, Ga.	Hebrew Ladies' Benevolent Society	35	Mrs. Simon Michael, Pres. Mrs. M. G. Michael, Secy.
Atlanta, Ga.	The Temple Sisterhood	410	Mrs. Sam Schoen, Pres. Mrs. S. Einstein, Secy.
Atlantic City, N. J.	Beth Israel Sisterhood	200	Mrs. Benj. Bacharach, Pres. Mrs. L. J. Kursheedt, Secy.
Augusta, Ga.	Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society	50	Mrs. David Nachman, Pres. Mrs. Chas. Sylvester, Secy.
Bainbridge, Ga.	Temple Beth El Sisterhood	24	Mrs. Max E. Nussbaum, Pres. Miss E. Nussbaum, Secy.
Baltimore, Md.	Sisterhood Temple Oheb Sholom	628	Mrs. Jos. Wiesenfeld, Pres. Mrs. Alvin Thalheimer, Secy.
	Baltimore Hebrew Cong. Sisterhood	712	Mrs. Robert F. Skutch, Pres. Mrs. Chas. Gans, Secy.
	Har Sinai Sisterhood	332	Mrs. Charles Wolf, Pres. Mrs. Albert H. Samuel, Secy.
Baton Rouge, La.	B'nai Israel Sisterhood	81	Mrs. Mayer Maas, Pres. Miss C. Farrnbacher, Secy.
Bay City, Mich.	The Temple Sisterhood	25	Mrs. N. Seitner, Pres. Mrs. H. Helper, Secy.
Beaumont, Tex.	Temple Emanuel Sisterhood	100	Mrs. Sol. Gordon, Pres. Mrs. S. Rosinger, Secy.
Bellaire, O.	Ladies' Auxiliary "Sons of Israel"	31	Mrs. Henry Blum, Pres. Mrs. Bert Wohlgemuth, Secy.
Bessemer, Ala.	Beth El Sisterhood	25	Mrs. Julian Erlick, Pres. Mrs. B. L. Michaelson, Secy.
Binghamton, N. Y.	The Jewish Sisterhood	55	Mrs. Sam Harris, Pres. Mrs. J. Fischer, Secy.
Birmingham, Ala.	Temple Emanuel Sisterhood	221	Mrs. Morris Newfield, Pres. Mrs. James L. Hirsh, Secy.
Bloomington, Ill.	Jewish Ladies' Aid and Temple Sisterhood	20	Mrs. Albert Swartzman, Pres. Mrs. Herman Bachenheimer, Secy.

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Boston, Mass.	Temple Israel Sisterhood	420	Mrs. Harry Leibman, Pres. Mrs. Jos. Jacobs, Secy.
	Sisterhood Temple Ohabei Shalom	269	Mrs. Edward Ginsburg, Pres. Mrs. L. P. B. Goldman, Secy.
Bridgeport, Conn.	Park Avenue Temple Sisterhood	120	Mrs. L. R. Salabes, Pres. Mrs. Maximillion Stein, Secy.
Bristol, Va.	The Jewish Ladies' Aid Society	11	Miss Hattie Stern, Pres. Mrs. Gordon Aronhime, Secy.
Brooklyn, N. Y.	Woman's Auxiliary Congregation Beth Elohim-8th Ave.	450	Mrs. M. Marx, Pres. Mrs. Bernard Natt, Secy.
	Sisterhood of Union Temple	500	Mrs. Joseph Rosenthal, Pres. Mrs. H. Newman, Secy.
	Beth Emeth of Flatbush Sisterhood	225	Mrs. Hugo Heydeman, Pres. Mrs. D. Fraad, Secy.
	Ladies' Auxiliary Ahavath Sholom	150	Mrs. Julius M. Fuerth, Pres. Mrs. Mortimer A. May, Secy.
	Sisterhood Shaari Zedek	96	Mrs. Hannah Franklin, Pres. Mrs. Isabel Sprung, Secy.
	Sisterhood Beth Sholom People's Temple	300	Mrs. J. Lefkowitz, Pres. Mrs. S. O. Ludwig, Secy.
	Progressive Synagogue Sisterhood	25	Mrs. Herman Apfelbaum, Pres. Mrs. Arnold Jacoby, Secy.
	Ladies' Auxiliary Emanu El of Boro Park	100	Mrs. I. M. Barnet, Pres. Mrs. Samuel J. Kasindorf, Secy.
	Ladies' Aux. Jewish Communal Center of Flatbush	150	Mrs. Nathan L. Goldstein, Pres. Mrs. I. Meyer, Secy.
	Ladies' Hebrew Benevolent Society of Greenpoint	200	Mrs. Betty Novek, Pres. Mrs. Rose Casper, Secy.
	Sisterhood of Temple Sinai	50	Mrs. L. J. Ensler, Pres. Mrs. D. Goldsmith, Secy.
	Brownsville, Tenn.	The Temple Auxiliary	25
Brunswick, Ga.	Temple Sisterhood	26	Mrs. Alexander Rotholz, Pres. Mrs. David Fruchtman, Secy.
Bucyrus, O.	The Jewish Ladies' Aid Society	15	Mrs. Jacob Bach, Pres. Mrs. S. Geiger, Secy.
Buffalo, N. Y.	Woman's Temple Society	430	Mrs. Henry Nathan, Pres. Mrs. Walter Cohn, Secy.
Cairo, Ill.	Montefiore Temple Sisterhood	20	Mrs. Dave Ringol, Pres. Mrs. Jacob Solomon, Secy.
Caldwell, N. J.	Ladies' Aux. Jewish League of Cald- well	42	Mrs. A. H. Kaufman, Pres. Mrs. L. Cooper, Secy.
Camden, S. C.	Ladies' Aid Society	31	Mrs. Harry Schlosburg, Pres. Mrs. Leo Schenk, Secy.
Canton, O.	McKinley Ave. Temple Sisterhood	103	Mrs. Darwin Luntz, Pres. Mrs. J. C. Waters, Secy.
Champaign-Urbana, Ill.	Sisterhood of Temple Sinai	45	Mrs. M. Feist, Pres. Miss Rose Shulhafer, Secy.
Charleston, S. C.	Temple Sisterhood K. K. B. E.	71	Mrs. Ralph Elias, Pres. Mrs. M. Nathan, Secy.
Charleston, W. Va.	Sisterhood Virginia Street Temple	107	Mrs. Garris I. Barkus, Pres. Mrs. Dave Baer, Secy.
Chattanooga, Tenn.	Sisterhood of Mizpah Temple	89	Mrs. Leo Rosenblum, Pres. Mrs. Sidney H. Mayer, Secy.
Cheyenne, Wyo.	Ladies of Jewish Circle	20	Mrs. Wm. Myers, Pres. Mrs. Rose Frank, Secy.
Chicago, Ill.	Temple Judea Woman's Club	100	Mrs. M. J. Kestin, Pres. Mrs. J. M. Schatz, Secy.
	Isajah Woman's Club	896	Mrs. Abraham Weil, Pres. Mrs. Julius N. Eiseman, Secy.
	Chicago Sinai Temple Sisterhood	568	Mrs. Martin Barbe, Pres. Miss Rosalie Glaser, Secy.

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	Ladies' Aux. of Temple Sholom	713	Mrs. Charles Lange, Pres. Mrs. Louis S. Berlin, Secy.
	K. A. M. Auxiliary	275	Miss Celia Adler, Pres. Mrs. Leon Weil, Secy.
	Temple Emanuel Sisterhood	400	Mrs. William Cerf, Pres. Mrs. Dan Levy, Secy.
	Sisterhood B'nai Sholom Temple Israel	530	Mrs. Gerson B. Levi, Pres. Mrs. Albert Marienthal, Secy.
	Beth El Sisterhood of Chicago	100	Mrs. A. Levy, Pres. Mrs. A. Barnet, Secy.
	Washington Blvd. Temple Sisterhood	378	Mrs. Sam Cohn, Pres. Mrs. Benjamin M. Barron, Secy.
	Sisterhood of Temple Beth Israel	95	Mrs. E. L. Cohen, Pres. Mrs. B. Zillman, Secy.
	Temple B'nai Jehoshua Sisterhood	250	Mrs. Jeanette Ball, Pres. Mrs. Clara G. Klein, Secy.
Cincinnati, O.	Rockdale Avenue Temple Sisterhood	629	Mrs. Adolph Rosenberg, Pres. Mrs. Louis I. Egelson, Secy.
	Plum Street Temple Sisterhood	500	Mrs. Jonas B. Frenkel, Pres. Mrs. H. A. Seinsheimer, Secy.
	Reading Road Temple Sisterhood	100	Mrs. Tobias Covy, Pres. Mrs. J. E. Rappoport, Secy.
Clarksburg, W. Va.	Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel	38	Mrs. Simie Nusbaum, Pres. Mrs. Isadore Aaron, Secy.
Clarksdale, Miss.	The Temple Sisterhood	49	Mrs. W. Goodman, Secy.
Cleveland, O.	The Temple Women's Association	1500	Mrs. Marcus Feder, Pres. Mrs. Myron Metzenbaum, Secy.
	Euclid Avenue Temple Sisterhood	1500	Mrs. Samuel H. Cohn, Pres. Mrs. Saul Klein, Secy.
Columbia, S. C.	Ladies' Aid Society Tree of Life	22	Mrs. E. H. Joseph, Pres. Mrs. J. M. Cohen, Secy.
Columbia, Tenn.	Sisterhood of Columbia, Tenn.	8	Mrs. Julius Abrahams, Pres. Miss Fannie Garber, Secy.
Columbus, Ga.	Jewish Ladies' Aid Society	45	Mrs. H. Rothschild, Pres. Mrs. H. Julius, Secy.
Columbus, O.	Sisterhood Temple Israel	200	Mrs. Fred Lazarus, Pres. Mrs. Arthur E. Loeb, Secy.
Cumberland, Md.	The Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society	50	Mrs. Morris Rosenbaum, Pres. Mrs. Geo. Millenson, Secy.
Dallas, Tex.	Temple Emanuel Sisterhood	250	Mrs. V. H. Hexter, Pres. Mrs. Albert H. Mittenthal, Secy.
Danville, Ill.	Ladies' Mite Society	45	Mrs. Wm. F. Baum, Pres. Mrs. Nathan Rabinowitz, Secy.
Davenport, Ia.	Tri-Cities Sisterhood	67	Mrs. H. R. Coffman, Pres. Mrs. Mark Silber, Secy.
Dayton, O.	Sisterhood of Temple K. K. B. Y.	262	Mrs. Samuel Mayerberg, Pres. Mrs. Chester Adler, Secy.
Decatur, Ala.	Temple Sisterhood	11	Mrs. Lyons, Pres. Mrs. J. S. Patterson, Secy.
Decatur, Ill.	Decatur Sisterhood	44	Mrs. J. M. Burstein, Pres. Mrs. Jake Greenberg, Secy.
Denver, Colo.	Emanuel Sisterhood	350	Mrs. M. D. Barnett, Pres. Mrs. Chas. Birnbaum, Secy.
Des Moines, Ia.	Temple Sisterhood B'nai Jeshurun	121	Mrs. Eugene Mannheimer, Pres. Mrs. M. H. Cohen, Secy.
Detroit, Mich.	Sisterhood Temple Beth El	750	Mrs. Mayer Sulzberger, Pres. Miss Ruth Rosenfield, Secy.

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Donaldsonville, La.	Bikur Cholim Temple Sisterhood	38	Mrs. R. A. Singer, Pres. Mrs. G. Samuelson, Secy.
Duluth, Minn.	The Temple Aid Society	100	Mrs. E. A. Silberstein, Pres. Mrs. B. J. Cook, Secy.
East Liverpool, O.	Sisterhood B'nai Israel	36	Mrs. G. Rickersberg, Pres. Miss Ethel Wasbutzky, Secy.
East Orange, N. J.	Ladies' Aux. Temple Shaarey Tefila	113	Mrs. David Loeser, Pres. Mrs. H. Kanegsberg, Secy.
Easton, Pa.	Sisterhood of Temple Covenant of the Peace.	49	Mrs. Levi Rosenbaum, Pres. Mrs. Louis Schiff, Secy.
Elizabeth, N. J.	Sisterhood B'nai Israel	108	Mrs. Samuel Koestler, Pres. Mrs. John J. Stampler, Secy.
El Paso, Tex.	Mt. Sinai Sisterhood	207	Mrs. Gus Zork, Pres. Mrs. Leonard A. Goodman, Secy.
Erie, Pa.	Sisterhood of the West Eighth Street Temple	103	Mrs. Louis D. Levi, Pres. Mrs. Philip Hanauer, Secy.
Evansville, Ind.	Washington Avenue Temple Sisterhood	109	Mrs. Emil Weil, Pres. Mrs. Mark U. Gross, Secy.
Fairmont, W. Va.	The Temple Sisterhood	24	Mrs. Joseph Cantor, Pres. Miss Edith Klaw, Secy.
Far Rockaway, N. Y.	The Women's Aux. of Temple Israel	400	Mrs. S. Kubie, Pres. Miss Pa uline Emanuel, Secy.
Fort Smith, Ark.	The Temple Aid Sisterhood	56	Mrs. Ben Wolf, Pres. Mrs. Josephine Hopp, Secy.
Ft. Wayne, Ind.	Achduth Vesholom Sisterhood	102	Mrs. Freda Strauss, Pres. Mrs. Gustave Meyer, Secy.
Ft. Worth, Tex.	Sisterhood Temple Beth El	100	Mrs. N. E. Rubin, Pres. Mrs. H. H. Miller, Secy.
Fremont, O.	Temple Sisterhood	14	Miss Bertha Youngman, Pres. Mrs. I. Joseph, Secy.
Gadsden, Ala.	Ladies' Temple Aid Society	21	Mrs. Ike Saks, Pres. Mrs. Harry Frankel, Secy.
Galveston, Tex.	Sisterhood Temple B'nai Israel	102	Mrs. Robert I. Cohen, Pres. Mrs. Mella Weill, Secy.
Gary, Ind.	Woman's Auxiliary Temple Israel	83	Mrs. Jos. Winter, Pres. Mrs. Jos. Mack, Secy.
Goldsboro, N. C.	Goldsboro Temple Sisterhood	32	Mrs. Lionel Weil, Pres. Mrs. N. A. Edwards, Secy.
Grand Rapids, Mich.	Ladies' Auxiliary Temple Emanu-El	51	Mrs. Reuben Roden, Pres. Mrs. Isaac Warsaw, Secy.
Greensboro, N. C.	The Temple Sisterhood	38	Mrs. Helen D. Schiffman, Pres. Mrs. A. Oettinger, Secy.
Greenville, Miss.	The Temple Auxiliary	85	Mrs. Nathan Goldstein, Pres. Mrs. Henry Schall, Secy.
Greenwood, Miss.	Jewish Ladies' Aid Society	26	Mrs. A. Weiler, Pres. Mrs. S. Fogel, Secy.
Hamilton, O.	Ladies' Aid Society	21	Mrs. Gus Cohen, Pres. Mrs. A. Ballinger, Secy.
Hammond, Ind.	Sisterhood of Temple Beth El	38	Mrs. Leo Wolf, Pres. Mrs. A. J. Weiss, Secy.
Harrisburg, Pa.	Ohev Sholom Sisterhood	81	Mrs. Morris E. Jacobson, Pres. Mrs. Edward Tausig, Secy.
Harrisonburg, Va.	Ladies' Auxiliary	30	Mrs. C. E. Loewner, Secy.
Hartford, Conn.	Temple Sisterhood Congregation Beth Israel	200	Mrs. Seymour Kashmann, Pres. Mrs. I. Bauer, Secy.
Hazleton, Pa.	Ladies' Guild of Beth El Congregation	41	Mrs. L. A. Dessen, Pres. Mrs. Charles Mason, Secy.
Helena, Ark.	Temple Aid Sisterhood	95	Mrs. Lafe Solomon, Pres. Mrs. M. A. Altman, Secy.
Henderson, Ky.	Adath Israel Sisterhood	25	Mrs. I. Loeb, Pres. Mrs. Harry Geibel, Secy.

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Hoboken, N. J.	Sisterhood Adath Emuno	85	Mrs. H. Jaffee, Pres. Mrs. M. Engler, Secy.
Honesdale, Pa.	Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society	22	Mrs. L. Fuerth, Pres. Mrs. Sig. Katz, Secy.
Hopkinsville, Ky.	Daughters of Israel Sisterhood	19	Mrs. Saul Sacks, Pres. Mrs. Sam D. Sacks, Secy.
Hot Springs, Ark.	Temple Sist. House of Israel	39	Mrs. S. Bowman, Pres. Mrs. S. Schudmak, Secy.
Houston, Texas.	Sisterhood Temple Beth Israel	300	Mrs. Sol Schoenmann, Pres. Mrs. H. M. Nussbaum, Secy.
Huntington, W. Va.	Temple Sisterhood	84	Mrs. Ephraim Broh, Pres. Mrs. Bertram Landau, Secy.
Indianapolis, Ind.	Sisterhood Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation	250	Mrs. Isaac Born, Pres. Mrs. Saul Solomon, Secy.
Jackson, Mich.	Ladies' Temple Aid	38	Mrs. Sol Cohen, Pres. Mrs. Milton L. Cohen, Secy.
Jackson, Miss.	Ladies' Aid Society	20	Mrs. A. H. Schwartz, Pres. Mrs. E. S. Ascher, Secy.
Jackson, Tenn.	Temple B'nai Israel Sisterhood	25	Mrs. Samuel T. Tamm, Pres. Mrs. Joe Silverstein, Secy.
Jacksonville, Fla.	The Temple Sisterhood	158	Mrs. V. E. Strasburger, Pres. Miss Ray Halle, Secy.
Jamaica, N. Y.	Sisterhood of Temple Israel of Jamaica	205	Mrs. Harry Kates, Pres. Mrs. Louis Levy, Secy.
Jersey City, N. J.	Temple Beth El Sisterhood	142	Mrs. M. Thorner, Pres. Mrs. M. Klipper, Secy.
Johnstown, Pa.	Sisterhood Beth Zion	50	Mrs. Nelson Elsasser, Pres. Mrs. Julian Pack, Secy.
Joplin, Mo.	Temple Aid Sisterhood	63	Mrs. William Fleischaker, Pres. Mrs. J. B. Cohen, Secy.
Kalamazoo, Mich.	Hebrew Ladies' Benevolent Society	40	Mrs. Henry Desenberg, Pres. Mrs. Milton Stern, Secy.
Kansas City, Mo.	The Temple Sisterhood	403	Mrs. Daniel Lyons, Pres. Miss Lotta Hess, Secy.
Knoxville, Tenn.	The Jewish Woman's Auxiliary	48	Mrs. M. Deitch, Pres. Mrs. Max Reich, Secy.
Lafayette, La.	Temple Sisterhood of Lafayette	12	Mrs. Vic Levy, Pres. Mrs. Lucien Meyer, Secy.
Lake Charles, La.	Temple Sinai Aid Society	26	Mrs. E. R. Kaufman, Pres. Miss Besie S. Jacobs, Secy.
Lancaster, Pa.	Ladies' Temple Auxiliary	110	Mrs. Benj. Lurio, Pres. Mrs. A. Kashland, Secy.
La Porte, Ind.	Hebrew Ladies' Relief Society	14	Mrs. Marcus Henock, Pres. Mrs. J. Levi, Secy.
Leavenworth, Kans.	Sisterhood Temple B'nai Jeshurun	34	Mrs. Walter J. Samisch, Pres. Mrs. A. Goldman, Secy.
Lewistown, Pa.	Ober Sholom Sisterhood	23	Mrs. Harry Hayman, Pres. Mrs. Frances Hayman, Secy.
Lexington, Ky.	Sisterhood Lexington K. K. A. I.	71	Mrs. Maurice Weil, Pres. Mrs. J. D. Weil, Secy.
Lexington, Miss.	Jewish Ladies' Aid Society	18	Mrs. A. Gertz, Pres. Mrs. M. Lewis, Secy.
Ligonier, Ind.	Ladies' Jewish Benevolent Society	20	Mrs. Clara Jacobs, Pres. Mrs. Milton Selig, Secy.
Lima, O.	Ladies' Aid Society	42	Mrs. Theo. Michael, Pres. Mrs. S. S. Brunner, Secy.
Lincoln, Neb.	Jewish Ladies' Aid Society	79	Mrs. Edward Gugenheim, Pres. Mrs. Albert Speier, Secy.
Logan, O.	Sisterhood of Logan	12	Mrs. E. Eichel, Pres. Mrs. J. Porter, Secy.

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	Emanu-El Sisterhood	325	Mrs. Nathan Glicksman, Pres. Mrs. Leon B. Lamfrom, Secy.
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New Kensington, Pa.	Ladies' Aux. of Beth Jacob Congregation	75	Mrs. Ben Myers, Pres. Miss Rose L. Cohen, Secy.
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	Tremont Sisterhood of Bronx	250	Mrs. N. Auerhahn, Pres. Mrs. A. Reichmann, Secy.
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Omaha, Neb.	Temple Israel Sisterhood	147	Mrs. N. Mantel, Pres. Mrs. Simon Meyer, Secy.
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Parkersburg, W. Va.	The Jewish Ladies' Auxliary	21	Mrs. J. S. Broida, Pres. Mrs. Sam Beckenstein, Secy.
Paterson, N. J.	Sisterhood of Barnert Temple	86	Mrs. Benjamin Greenberg, Pres. Mrs. Frank Finkelstein, Secy.
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Peoria, Ill.	Sisterhood Anshe Emeth	110	Mrs. D. M. Citron, Pres. Mrs. I. J. Levinson, Secy.

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	Temple Israel Sisterhood	44	Mrs. Wm. Rosenzweig, Pres. Mrs. A. Thalheimer, Secy.
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Quincy, Ill.	Hebrew Ladies Benevolent Society	22	Mrs. A. I. Simmons, Pres. Mrs. H. Davidson, Secy.
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St. Joseph, Mo.	Adath Joseph Sisterhood	131	Mrs. Albert Ehrlich, Pres. Mrs. Murray Marks, Secy.
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	Sisterhood of Temple Israel	375	Mrs. Sigmund Livingston, Pres. Mrs. J. Forcheimer, Secy.
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	Shaare Emeth Sisterhood	332	Mrs. B. Greensfelder, Pres. Mrs. Charles Wilson, Secy.



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Waco, Tex.	Sisterhood Rodef Sholom	104	Mrs. J. C. Simmons, Pres. Mrs. H. Auerbach, Secy.
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Waterbury, Conn.	The Temple Sisterhood	38	Mrs. Jos. J. Davis, Pres. Mrs. A. Henry Weisman, Secy.
Wheeling, W. Va.	The Temple Sisterhood	135	Mrs. Leon B. Stein, Pres. Mrs. Herbert O. Baer, Secy.
Wilkes Barre, Pa.	Sisterhood B'nai B'rith	70	Mrs. Louis Casper, Pres. Mrs. Marcus Salzman, Secy.
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Williamsport, Pa.	Sist. of Temple Beth Hasholom	59	Mrs. Max Lindheimer, Pres. Mrs. Max A. Jaffe, Secy.
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