**CHRONOLOGY OF KESER ISRAEL**

**1938--1950**

**APRIL 1938**  
Dr. F.M. Pashall elected President over Barnett Cohen, 12 to 10 votes. Total Membership - 22.  
Dues $10.00, all dues paid up to date.  
Funds on hand $8.40.  
Obligations: Mortgage on Synagogue, $2,500.00.  
Heating Plant, $1,100.00 due.  
Law Suit pending VS Keser Israel for $300.00 by Administrators of Michael Paglan, a former Sexton. Various bills totalled $126.00.  
Cleaned out restraining factors from the growth of the Congregation, Keser Israel VS Morris Kent. Rehabilitation of Vestry at a cost of $1,800.00. Increased Membership to 46.

**APRIL 1939**  
Dr. F.M. Pashall re-elected President.  
Campaigned for Membership, which was increased to 75. Rebuilt Balcony floors and built new Pews in Balcony at a cost of $2,480.00.  
Sisterhood revived from the remains of Sisters of Keser Israel Charity Society, Mrs. Ida Goldberg, Pres. Settled the Paglan claim out of Court.

**APRIL 1940**  
Dr. F.M. Pashall re-elected President.  
Membership increased to 100.  
Rabbi Joseph Freedman selected to be the Spiritual Leader of the Congregation. Salary $10.00 per week. Hebrew School started with 7 children.  
Conversation started about getting off Foote Street. Slogan became "YOU CAN HAVE ANYTHING YOU WANT, IF YOU WANT IT".  
Sisterhood becomes stronger. Mrs. Ida Goldberg, Pres.  
Mrs. S. Halperin, Treas.  
Congregation presents Dr. Pashall with Wrist Watch at first Banquet in the Koff Hall, Feb. 11, 1940.  
Sisterhood presents Rabbi Freedman with Wrist Watch at first Purim Party, which was the first public party given by the Sisterhood, known as Auxiliary.  
First Miniature Dazaar held in the Vestry.

**APRIL 1941**  
Dr. F.M. Pashall re-elected President, Membership increased to 125. Increased dues to $15.00.  
Talmud Torah students numbered 12.
APRIL 1942  Dr. F.M. Pashall re-elected President. Membership increased to 150. Improvement of the Cemetery on Farwell St. West Haven at a cost of approximately $2500.00. Engineered and patterned the Cemetery. Developed 120' of the 360' depth of the entire property. Sidewalks laid. Fill, Loam and Seeding. Water brought in from the Milford Turnpike. Dedication took place on the Cemetery. Rabbis Gorelick and Morris Schnall participated. Sidewalks were named as follows:

DAVID ROSEN PATH
JOSEPH HORCHOWSKY PATH
ABRAHAM HIRSCH PATH
SAMUEL HIRSCHDORFER PATH
FREDERICK M. PASHALL PATH


APRIL 1943  Louis Scherban elected President. Congregations destiny directed by Dr. F.M. Pashall while President Louis Scherban served in War Period at Winchester.

APRIL 1944  Dr. F.M. Pashall elected President. Campaign to remove Mortgage on Synagogue.

APRIL 1945  Dr. F.M. Pashall re-elected President. Rabbi Leon Spitz elected as new Rabbi @ $60.00 per week. Dues increased to $25.00. School expanded. Sisterhood in action.

APRIL 1946  Dr. F.M. Pashall re-elected President. Purchased 224 Norton St. for future Synagogue. Mens Club started. School expanded to KofP Hall on Whalley Ave.

APRIL 1947  Isadore Miller elected President. Sisterhood expanded rapidly.

APRIL 1948  Dr. F.M. Pashall re-elected President. Membership 240. Campaigned for increase of Membership. Negotiated the entire Summer with Plymouth Church to purchase same. Final price $138,000.00. Negotiated 1st Mortgage with New Haven Savings Bank. Fund raising plan to purchase Plymouth Church decided. Seat selling idea presented by Members Joseph Feinstein and Abrahm Gubin was accepted against the Herman Paul plan of Bond Sales and the Isadore Miller plan of Brick Sales.

APRIL 1949  Arranged discounting of notes on Seat Sales with the Tradesman National Bank, discounting of 1st Mortgage. August 26, 1949 was the glorious moment for all of Keser Israel Members who gave all that was humanly possible of themselves to see their dream come true. Dr. F.M. Pashall retired.

APRIL 1950  Abraham Gubin elected President.