

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, \$2500.00.
Heating Plant, \$1100.00 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 \$1800.00.
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 \$2480.00.
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. Joseph Feinstein, Secy., Mrs. Harry Kagan, Vice-Pres.
Mrs. S. Halperin, Treas.
Congregation presents Dr. Pashall with Wrist Watch at first Banquet in the KofP 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 Bazaar held in the Vestry.
- APRIL 1941 Dr.F.M.Pashall re-elected President, Membership increased to 125. Increased dues to \$15.00.
KESER ISRAEL NEWS (KIN) was born, Louis Scherban first Editor. Sisterhood elects new officers. Mrs. A. Stephson Pres., Mrs. F.M.Pashall, Vice-Pres., Mrs. M. Zimmerman, Treas. Mrs. I. Levett, Fin. Secy., Mrs. J. Feinstein, Rec. Secy. 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 HIRSCHDERFFER PATH
FREDERICK M. PASHALL PATH
Rabbi Morris Schnall, Graduate of Yeshiva College of N.Y. elected as Spiritual Leader. Sisterhood re-elected Mrs. A. Stephson, Pres., Mrs. F.M.Pashall, Vice-Pres., Mrs. Irving Appell, Rec. Secy. Mrs. Harry Webber, Fin. Secy., Mrs. M. Zimmerman, Treas.
- APRIL 1943 Louis Scherban elected President. Congregations destiny directed by Dr.F.M.Pashall while President Louis Scherban served in War Period at Winchesters.
- 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 Abraham 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.