
Annual Report

Temple

Keser Israel

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By

The Outgoing President

Adolph M. Ticotsky

Officers of Temple Keser Israel

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**REPORT OF THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT
ADOLPH M. TICOTSKY**

**Presented to the Congregation at the Installation of
Officers for 1953-54
on Sunday, May 10th, 1953**

Mr. Chairman, Rabbi Klein, Cantor Levinson, Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am pleased at this time, to give you my Annual Report, and to entrust to my first Vice-President, President-elect Mr. Frank Teitelman, the leadership of Temple Keser Israel for the coming fiscal year, 1953-1954. To be a president of a Congregation is indeed an honor, and I accepted it a year ago with a deep sense of humility, because I understood, that in direct proportion with the greatness of the honor, went a great responsibility.

We live in an era of fear and uncertainty, The deadly shadow of a third world war threatens civilization, and disturbs man's peace of mind. There can be no doubt in anyone's mind, that the only place where hope for peace may be regained, and where man may gather strength to continue to work for a better "world of tomorrow", is in a House of Worship.

This is why we witness today a revival of religious spirit all over the United States of America. More and more people recognize the value of Religion, and associate themselves with religious institutions. We, in Keser Israel, have gained thirty five new members during the past year.

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

The Synagogues primary function, is to serve as a House of Worship. Under the able leadership of our Rabbi, Dr. Andrew Klein, our Cantor, Morris Levinson, and the Trustees, Mr. Morris Simon and Mr. Hyman Ruttenberg, we may pride ourselves with the most inspiring, and relatively well attended services.

Daily Chapel Services, at 7:30 A. M. and 6:00 P. M. drew an average of twenty five worshippers. Our Friday Evening Services, which were followed by Oneg Shebat and discussion periods, had an average attendance of one hundred and fifty worshippers a week.

Among the guest speakers during the past year, we were fortunate to have with us Mr. Jesse Moss, National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans: Miss Doris Feldman, principal of Newhall Street School and a member of our Syngogue: Mrs. Dorothea Green, past director of ORT in Germany: Mr. I. E. Still, president of the local ZOA: Mrs. Deborah Motlitsky, special delegate to TARBUT in Israel: Rev. Robert E. Luccock: Rabbi Rabinowitz: Norman Dockman, Executive Director of the New Haven Jewish Community Council: J. Howard Smith, Dean of Men at Arnold College, and others. The messages of these prominent speakers, and the inspiring and informative sermons by our Rabbi, spread the word of God most efficiently among our worshippers.

A new and most beautiful color has been added to our Friday evening services this year, by introducing the Bath Mitzvah celebrations. Of course, our Cantor's congenial personality and excellent voice, and the splendid Choir, are highly responsible for the success of our services. At this time, I must pay tribute to the members of the volunteer Temple Choir, and their wonderful leader, Cantor Levinson.

Turning to a shadowy part of the picture, I must state, that the attendance of Saturday morning services could have been much better, if those who have the good fortune to remain idle on that day, would come and join in prayer.

However, it is with pride and joy that I report on the attendance of the Junior Congregation services at 11:00 A. M. on Saturday mornings. Our children lead these services, under the direction of our Rabbi and Cantor, and we visualize a bright future when we see our children coming to these services in increasing numbers.

To conclude this part of my report, I am happy to state that Keser Israel conducted a highly successful Auxiliary Service during the High Holidays, for members who do not own seats in the Sanctuary, and members' older children, Mr. and Mrs. Club, and others.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

The second function of the Synagogue is to serve as a House of Study.

For the Adults, the Rabbi offered Hebrew Language and Jewish History classes: gave a lecture series on the Prayer Book: and conducted a Seder Institute.

For the children, we provide more than two hundred youngsters, from the age of four to sixteen with Religious Education. We have the only three day a week program for post Bar Mitzvah and Bath Mitzvah children in the city. This is one of the reasons our subsidy has been raised by one thousand-five hundred dollars by the Board of Jewish Education this year. Under the principalship of Rabbi Klein and with

the assistance of Cantor Levinson, seven certified teachers instill into our children the love of God, and knowledge of the Torah.

I must mention with deep satisfaction the School Board Committee, under the able leadership of Mr. Louis Sherban - their work was outstanding.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The third function of a modern Synagogue is to serve as a Beth Hakeneseth, the House of Assembly. Temple Keser Israel provides its members with social and recreational activities. The most vital organization in our Temple is the Sisterhood. The ladies of our Synagogue, under the dynamic leadership of Mrs. Moe Goldstein, have indeed written another glorious chapter in the history of Keser Israel. Their monthly meetings are entertaining and informative; their monthly Rummage Sales are extremely successful; their Tree of Life project is well under way; and all in all, they have had a wonderful year. The sisters have pledged two thousand dollars to the Samuel A. Smith Memorial Fund, of which one thousand dollars has already been paid. May God bless our ladies !

Our Mr. and Mrs. Club, with Irving Magun as president, continues to be a social attraction to the young married couples. They have pledged five hundred dollars to the Fund.

The P. T. A. had four informative and interesting meetings, with prominent speakers. Mr. Goodwin Wolff, P. T. A. president has done a remarkable job in terms of binding the home and Hebrew School into one co-operative unit.

Our Men's Club, headed by Mr. Robert Weiss, is now in the process of re-organization, and I am confident, that before too long, the Men's Club will be another strong arm of our Temple.

THE SAMUEL A. SMITH MEMORIAL FUND

On the morning of November 11th, 1952, we were all shocked and saddened to learn that Sam Smith had passed away about half an hour after closing an important Executive Board meeting. It was his great ambition to see that our mortgage was redeemed as soon as possible, and there-by lessening our burden, and reducing our budget by about five thousand dollars. Abe Gubin conceived the idea of creating a mortgage redemption fund in memory of Samuel A. Smith. Abe Gubin's idea is to have a beautiful bronze plaque, with a suitable inscription there-on to include the names of all donors. Up to this time only 75 members have been approached and have subscribed over \$13,400 dollars.

I am certain that when the rest of our members will be approached, we will over-subscribe the amount necessary, and that, on the first anniversary of the passing of our late brother, we will unveil the bronze plaque and burn our mortgage !

With this hope in mind, I wish to thank you for the privilege of being able to serve as your president for the past year. I also wish to thank my fellow officers, the members of the Executive Board, the Rabbi, the Cantor, Mrs. Beck, and all the members, for their splendid co-operation and support.

I cannot close this report without giving special thanks to brother Abe Gubin, for, without his untiring assistance I would not have been able to carry on.

And now, I wish the new officers a successful term of office, and I shall do everything in my power to make it so.

Thank You,

ADOLPH M. TICOTSKY

