

AL GLUSKER

1946-10-28 Minutes

(Data is accurate but presented in a summary style)

Pomona, Ontario Jewish Community Center 1009 W. Second St. Pomona, CA

Rabbi S. Shore 1335 N. Hamilton Ave, Pomona, CA

The meeting was called to order by President A. J. Glusker at 8:45 P.M.

Members present: Isabel Weiss, Ben Swerdloff, Jack Greenberg, Al Glassman, Rabbi Shore, Sol Rosenthal, Harry Grossman, Ester Grossman. Guest: Peggy Greenberg, Reta Grossman, Cele Gole, Eva Swerdloff.

Appointed Committees:

Religious committee: Dr. Weiss (Chairman), Sam Selk, H.B. Estrin

Building fund: Ben Swerdloff (Chairman), Loretta Zatinsky (CO-Chairman), Bernice Rochester, Mark Schwartz

Visitation committee: Al Glassman (Chairman), Julius Feingold, Sam Selk, I. Kelman

Membership: Sol Rosenthal (Chairman)

Maintenance committee: Julius Feingold (Chairman) Al Glassman, Ben Tarshish, Mr. Benson

Publicity: Maurice Grossman, Mark Schwartz

Forum and Entertainment: Julius Title (Chairman), Phil Rosenberg, Reta Grossman, Jack Krall, Violet Frankel

Sunday School committee: Ester Grossman (Chairman), Julius Swerdloff, Mollie Swerdloff, Ester Weinstock, Jolla Apel, Rose Katz, Rabbi Shore

At the next meeting of the Congregation we will decide on a name for our new Temple and Center. The Board submits the following names: Beth-El Jewish Community Center and Beth Israel Community Center.

Confidence expressed in the Rabbi. Mr. Glusker, Ben Swerdloff and Harry Grossman spoke at some length on the needs of the community.

A bulletin will be put out each week to keep everyone informed on all activities.

A good attendance will bring good sermons. The Rabbi will endeavor to give us good sermons.

Rabbi Shore will visit congregation members as well as newcomers to our community. The Rabbi will be at his office at the Center each day.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted Ester Grossman, Secretary

1946-11-19 Minutes

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Congregation meeting

Meeting opened by A. J. Glusker, President. Minutes of the previous congregation meeting were read and approved. Minutes of the last Board meeting were read.

President Glusker gave a short talk on the importance of committees and the part the chairman lays in getting the committee to function.

Building Committee report by Jack Greenberg: There is a new zoning ordinance in the process of being drafted. Residential areas will be zoned against churches. President Glusker will write to the Planning Commission and acquaint him with our plans to build. We have a building permit and are waiting to hear from the C.P.A. for permission to go ahead. Total pledges \$1200 unpaid and \$1980 paid up.

Julius Feingold asked what kind of floors will the building have and who will hire the contractors? The floor will be cement and the General contractor whom we hire will give out the sub contracts.

Al Glassman moved to build an Annex at once at the cost of \$2,500. Myer Katz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Harry Grossman moved that the Center be open to all Jewish organizations in the valley. Kay Krawll seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ben Swerdloff reported on the Building Fund. Turn in pledges as soon as possible as we are going to build the building and be in it by High Holy days. Contractor need money to start building.

A Chanukah concert will be held December 15th at the Monte Vista Resort. Ann Morton moved to charge \$0.75 per ticket. Merlin Estrin seconded the motion. Julius Feingold made an amendment that the concert be free of charge and no soliciting of funds. Al Glassman seconded the amendment. Amendment carried.

Ben Swerdloff moved the name the congregation Beth Israel Community Center. Isabell Weiss seconded and the motion carried.

Isabelle Weiss spoke of a need of locks for the door to the small room and back door.

Rabbi is to see that a phone is installed in the Temple. Ann Morton will help the Rabbi.

The Junior Congregation committee: Molly Swerdloff (Chairman), Cele Bigelow (Co-Chairman), Cele Gole, Evelyn Benson.

Recess for paying dues.

Rabbi Leon Rosenberg of Los Angeles spoke on the need of Judaism to be revised to meet the needs of our present world. He urged the young people to speak up and demand what they want the Temple to give them. We need a Jewish unified Community.

Respectively submitted, Esther Grossman.

1946-12-10 Minutes

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Minutes of Special Meeting of Pomona-Ontario Jewish Center

Meeting called to order by Ben Swerdloff, President, [error? A.J. Glusker is President]

New Building:

We will build on our present location or find another suitable location. Harry Rose had plans drawn up by Anderson and received bids from several architects. The bids were - \$3150, \$2600, \$3000, and \$3750. Doc Title feels that any money spent on our old location is money wasted. The property too small, location not suitable and we are not improving the property of the Center. Loretta Zatinsky agrees. A new building can be rented to B'nai Brith for meeting and other Jewish organizations. Mr. Gray thought the plans were poor. Dr. Weiss spoke against a new Temple as we do not have the needed \$30,000. Harry Grossman gave building costs and spoke about a new building. Materials are impossible to get and even if we would decide to add on an addition it would be at least six months before it could be completed. Doc Title moved and Ted Blumenfeld seconded that the congregation reject the plans with regard to remodeling the old building. Proposal voted down to add addition to Jewish Center. Brother Title made a motion, seconded by Harry Grossman, and carried the Jewish community Center give the building committee a vote of confidence with regard to the picking of a location. Amendment made by Ben Schutz that two women be picked to work on the building committee. This was seconded by Dave Kantor. Amendment carried.

Building committee: Jack Greenberg, Dave Kantor, Harry Grossman, Ben Tarshish, Doctor Weiss, Anne Morton, Ted Blumenfeld, Molly Swerdloff, Kibbie Zatinsky.

Julius Feingold made a suggestion that we contact Emanuel Blumenfeld and ask him about a \$10,000 mortgage. This will help towards the building of the Temple. In order to raise money all those who can should double their pledge. Mr. Gray tripled his pledge donation.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 P.M.
Respectfully submitted, Cele Cole, Secretary





Photos: Essie Grossman and Rose Katz with their Sunday School classes.

1947-01-15 Minutes

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Board meeting called to order by A.J. Glusker at 8:50 P.M. at the home of Maurice and Esther Grossman. Board members present Rabbi Shore, A. J. Glusker, Ben Swerdloff, Sam Selk, Sal Rosenthal, Isabel Weiss, and Esther Grossman. Visitor Loretta Zatinsky.

Dr. Weiss, Harry Grossman, Jack Greenberg, and Mark Schwartz are to call on the people who pledged towards the building fund in order to obtain the money necessary to start the building.

Members are delinquent in their dues if they are not paid up by December 1 of the fiscal year. Our year starts on July 1 and dues are delinquent on December 1. Delinquent members will be contacted.

Isabel Weiss moved to cross off our membership list all those who did not sign pledge cards and did not pay dues. Sam Selk seconded the motion. Motion carried. Those crossed off list: A. Ettlebaum, N. Selk, J. Molk, P. Gluck and H. Diamond.

The bill from John Movich for accounting will be tabled until the next meeting when Harry will be present.

In filing tax exemptions you must state that the building is not rented to anyone and that you do not have anyone living on the property. Tax exemptions must be filed after the first Monday in March and before the last Monday in June. The taxes in arrears are \$77.70. Isabel Weiss moved that we pay the back tax. Sam Selk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sal Rosenthal, Membership chairman, wants all members to contact those who are not members.

Loretta Zatinsky from Sisterhood wishes to put on a Purim affair. It was decided that was fine but

not to make any public appeal for money at this time. Nothing should interfere with the collection of pledges.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 P.M. for cake and coffee.

1947-01-22 Minutes

(Data is accurate but presented in a summary style)

Regular meeting of the Jewish community Center called to order at 8:30 pm by President Al Glusker. Secretary not present.

Our worthy treasurer, Sal Rosenthal, reported there is still unpaid annual dues.

A serious discussion was had by the members.

Isabelle Weiss, Sisterhood president, announced the time of the Purim dinner.

Sal Rosenthal, financial secretary, made an appeal for members to sign up new members. We are sorry to report that volunteers were conspicuous by their absence.

Brother Jack Greenberg, Building committee, reported that \$6,380 is now on hand and \$6,660 is the balance due on unpaid pledges; \$2,000 of which is expected to be received in the next 30 days. The collection of the \$4,600 balance remains questionable. He requests a meeting of all the members of the Building committee and particularly the Fund Raising Committee in order that the building program function s in a spirited manner.

No further business, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Harry Grossman, Acting Secretary.

1947-02-13 Minutes

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Board meeting called to order by vice president Harry Grossman at 8:20 P.M.

Jack Greenberg report: Total amount \$11,030.09. Paid out \$1,650.87 and on hand \$6,380. Outstanding pledges \$6,460. There is over \$2,000 outstanding pledges which should be collected within the next 60 to 90 days. The building will cost \$35,000. There will be a final drive to collect outstanding pledges.

Mark Schwartz is trying to get Edgar Bergen's broadcast to come to Pomona and to sell tickets and have souvenirs to raise money.

Ben Swerdloff suggested we have a paid secretary to run a souvenir program. We could raise money for the general community.

Jack Greenberg moved to expend whatever sum necessary, up to \$1,000, for a souvenir program and any help to run it. Ben Swerdloff seconded, motion carried.

Mark Weiss moved that actual construction of the building not start until we have one half of the necessary money in the bank. Mark Schwartz seconded and motion carried.

The architect's bill was approved for \$296.

Sal Rosenthal spoke on the expenses in running a new building.

Esther Grossman moved the Congregational meeting for renewal of the Rabbi's contract be a closed meeting and only members in good standing be permitted to vote. Mark Weiss seconded the motion and it carried. Meet will be held on February 26th.

Mark Schwartz moved that the Center assume the initiative in forming a coordinated council for the clearing house for dates of affairs. Al Glassman seconded and the motion carried. Each organization will have a representative on the council.

Esther Grossman, Secretary

1947-02-18 Minutes

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Special meeting of Board called to order by President A. J. Glusker at 8:45 P.M. and the meeting turned over to Rabbi Shore who called the meeting to order.

Rabbi said that the goal of a new building was to make a road to success. He said that the Congregation had not cooperated with him and that he had to carry on alone. But in spite of this he had instituted the Bulletin which is mailed to everyone in the Community; he had reshaped the Sunday School so that it is a success, a Junior Congregation has been formed and the Hebrew School was well attended. A new pulpit has been offered to Rabbi Shore and he wishes to resign. His resignation to be effective March 18, 1947. It is with regret that the Board accepts this resignation. Rabbi Shore stated that he did not feel the Community made a mistake in electing him 3 years ago.

Jack Greenberg moved that we accept the Rabbi's resignation, seconded by Dr. Weiss. It is with regret we accept the resignation, and wish Rabbi Shore every success in his new pulpit.

Rabbi Shore would like to have his months' vacation as he has served most of the year.

Meeting adjourned 9:40 P.M. Tea and cake served by Mrs. Shore.

All Board Members were present. Visitors Peggy Greenberg, Sarah Selk, and Ben Shutz.

Board members went over to the home of Sal Rosenthal where a meeting was called to order by President Glusker at 10:15 P.M.

It was decided to notify Mr. Friedgut of the vacancy in our temple. We would appreciate his assistance in helping us locate a Rabbi. Salary \$4,000 a year.

Jack Green moved the Board of Trustees recommend to the congregation the Rabbi be paid his proportionate salary for March and prorated vacation accordingly. Seconded by Harry Grossman. Sal Rosenthal amended the motion that we give Rabbi Shore his full months' vacation and proportionate salary for the month of March. Ben Swerdloff seconded the motion. 6 voted yes and 5 voted no. Motion carried.

Harry Grossman moved that the Treasurer be bonded and be permitted to sign checks. Mark Weiss second and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 P.M.

1947-02-26 Minutes

(Data is accurate but presented in a summary style)

Congregation meeting called to order by A.J. Glusker at 9:00 P.M. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

A letter from Rabbi Shore was read. He wished to terminate his contract and wishes his resignation be effective March 15, 1947. Sol Rosenthal made a motion to accept the resignation, seconded by Dr. Weiss, and motion carried. The Congregation voted to pay Rabbi Shore his salary up to March 15, and give him his months' salary for his vacation month.

Harry Grossman said that the plans are completed for the part of the building which we wish to put up just now. The plans will be given to contractors to bid on very shortly. It is essential that this souvenir program be a success if we are to be able to raise the money necessary for building. Harry asked the Congregation to repeat after him a pledge that each one will give his or hers best effort during this fund raising campaign.

A tentative date of May 15, 1947 was set as the date for laying the corner stone.

Sol Rosenthal was appointed Chairman of the drive. He will also act as secretary for the drive and does not wish to accept any money for this work.

Captains will be appointed and teams will go to work.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Esther Grossman, Secretary.

1947-03-03 Minutes

(Data is accurate but presented in a summary style)

Board meeting – called to order by President A.J. Glusker at his home at 8:35 P.M.

Mr. Glusker and Sol Rosenthal went to L.A. the day before to see about getting help with the souvenir program. A letter was read from Margaret Hughes to run the campaign.

A great discussion followed. Mark Weiss moved and Al glass man seconded that we go ahead with the original plan and put on the program ourselves. Motion carried.

The Board is working very hard for the members. They are not just trying to spend other people's money as some members think. They are doing the work and assuming the responsibility but must have the cooperation of all the membership if they are to do a good job.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 P.M. for coffee and cake served by Mrs. Glusker.

Respectfully submitted Esther Grossman, Secretary.

1947-03-19 Minutes

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Board Meeting was called to order at 8:30 P.M. by President A.J. Glusker at the Center. Minutes of the previous board meeting were read and approved.

Jack Greenberg reported that no money is coming in from the pledges.

Stroner has bid on the plans of a large hall- small hall and 2 classrooms - \$43,000. Bank of America will loan us \$18,000 when and if we have \$15,000 on deposit with them. Harry Grossman was appointed to take Jack Greenberg's place on the Building committee while Jack is away.

Again there was much discussion about building. Money is coming in so slowly and while we will make a good sum from the souvenir program, more is needed. There was discussion about selling our present quarters and adding this amount to the building fund.

Jack Greenberg asked permission to withdraw the building fund from the First National Bank and place same in Bank of America. The Board gave him permission to do so. There will be 3 signatures on file. Any 2 can sign checks. Jack Greenberg, Harry Grossman and A.J. Glusker.

The Board recommended that the time is appropriate to lay the foundation and cornerstone. Sam Selk seconded the motion. It passed.

It was moved to pay visiting Rabbis \$25 for Friday night services. Dr. Weiss seconded, motion passes.

Mr. Rosenthal gave a report on financial standing at this time - \$406 in the general fund.

Mr. Jack Danberg spoke on the U.J.A. Appeal. He asked that we postpone our money raising campaign for the Center and have our A.J.A. Appeal at this time. It would be ideal to have one fund raising in this community. It is not good to have too many fund raising affairs.

No further business. The meeting adjourned at 11:14 P.M.

Respectfully submitted Esther Grossman, Secretary.

1947-04-01 Minutes

(Data is accurate but presented in a summary style)

Regular meeting of the Jewish community Center called to order at 8:50pm by President Al Glusker. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Glusker opened the meeting with a short talk.

At present we do not have a Rabbi. There is \$406 in the treasury (general fund). The building fund has \$7,000 and pledges for \$4,000 that we will eventually collect. \$1,500 is the amount of the dues that

are outstanding. Now some things that must be given very serious consideration are:

Are we ready for a Rabbi?

Are we ready to lay the cornerstone of the new building?

Do you want to get the Community united?

Do you want Sunday school?

Mr. Sol Rosenthal offered his resignation as treasurer and a member of the board of Trustees.

Mr. Lasky moved to accept Mr. Rosenthal's resignation, seconded by Loretta Zatinsky. There was discussion that Mr. Rosenthal should reconsider. He responded that he did not wish to remain on the Board or hold an office as it was detrimental to his friendships. 18 voted to accept the resignation and 8 opposed it.

It is with regret that we accept this resignation. Mr. Rosenthal gave a full financial report and was given a vote of thanks for his past work.

Mr. Lasky and Mark Schwartz were nominated to fill the vacancy on the Board of Trustees. Mr. Lasky was elected to take the place of Mr. Rosenthal on the Board of Trustees.

Isabel Weiss moved that we do not continue with the Hebrew teacher who have been taking the classes the past two week as the salary is too high. Lillian Feingold second and the motion carried.

It was felt that the foundation of the building should not be laid as we are not ready to make the loan for erecting the building.

Ben Swerdloff, Chairman of the Building Fund, said that the committees had been formed to go out and collect the outstanding pledges.

Ben Shutz will be editor of the bulletin.

Meeting adjourned to hear Rabbi Liebowitz, a candidate for our Pulpit. Rabbi Liebowitz (2 different spellings of his name in the minutes) gave a sermon.

Meeting adjourned after his talk at 10:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Esther Grossman, Secretary

1947-04-01 Minutes and Congregational Meeting

(Data is accurate but presented in a summary style)

Board Meeting immediately after the Congregational meeting to discuss several matters that had to be taken care of at once.

Ben Swerdloff said that we should not permit rabbis to take over the congregation meetings but said rabbis should first meet with the Board.

Isabel Weiss moved that we have an ironclad rule that prospective rabbis meet with the Board before being invited to address the Congregation, seconded by Mark Weiss. Motion carried.

Nominations for Treasurer, Mr. M. Lasky and Ben Swerdloff. Mark Weiss moved to close the nominations. Motion seconded. Lasky 3 and Ben 6. Ben Swerdloff was elected Treasurer. He will contact Movich as to his price for auditing the books.

The next Board meeting will be held on the third Tuesday of this month at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Weiss.

Respectfully submitted Esther Grossman, Secretary.

1947-04-14 Minutes

(Data is accurate but presented in a summary style)

The Board Meeting was opened by President A .J. Glusker at 8:55 P.M. at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Marc Weiss.

Mr. Glusker reported that Mr. Feidgut is expecting a Rabbi from the east by the end of April whom he thinks would be a good man for us.

How shall we continue our Friday night services? Does the Board approve of hiring a Rabbi for each Friday evening service?

Marc Weiss moved that we do not have a paid speaker for each Friday evening service, seconded by Al Glassman and carried.

Mark Weiss is definitely in favor of continuing Friday evening services but we do them among ourselves.

In as much as Dr. Weiss is chairman of the religious committee, Friday night services were put under his jurisdiction.

Marc Weiss moved that we do not attempt to obtain a Hebrew teacher just now as it is too near the end of the term. Seconded by Isabel Weiss and motion carried.

The chairman of the Sunday school was given the authority to disband Sunday school if the attendance fall off too much.

Harry Grossman reported on the new building. Some bids have not come in as yet and he thinks we should wait for these bids. The lot needs to have weeds cleaned off. The fire department will be contacted and several of the men will go out and burn the weeds off on the first suitable day. The architect was submitted a bill for \$1,000.

Ben Swerdloff reports that the Ontario teams are working on the program book. The losing team will treat the winning team and their wives to dinner. A watch will be given to the one who sells the most ads.

It was unanimously agreed that the U.J.A. Appeal should not be postponed and should be held in the near future.

The present board thinks it would be an excellent idea to increase the number of members on the Board.

Harry Grossman brought up the fact that we have only about 40 members paying an average of \$50 per month. This is not enough capital to run things and he thinks that our dues should be increased from \$36 per couple.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:30 and delicious refreshments were served by the hostess Mrs. Weiss. Respectfully submitted Esther Grossman, Secretary.

1947-04-20 Minutes

(Data is accurate but presented in a summary style)

Congregation Meeting called to order by President Gusher at 8:45 P.M. at the Center.

Dr. Weiss reported that attendance at Friday night services is very small – just a minimum number.

Ben Swerdloff reported there is \$491.27 in the treasury and \$801.73 from the Building fund belonging to the treasury. This was borrowed at the time the lot was purchased. There is still \$826.00 in dues outstanding.

Committees are working on the souvenir program and \$800 has been collected. Mark Schwartz from Pomona reports that as yet they have not received permission from the Chamber of commerce to solicit the merchants in Pomona. The money for ads should be collected at the time the contract is made.

Jack Greenberg says the lowest bid to build to date is \$36,000.

Sol Rosenthal spoke on the recommended plan to split the Congregation into two separate communities. There was a motion to dispense with the discussion of splitting the community and let Rabbi Pressman speak as he is our guest tonight.

Rabbi Pressman spoke in a very interesting manner. As always he talk was to the point and gave us much needed information. He hoped that we would have the satisfaction of leaving a Community Center. A Center and school brings much nachos. There are three essentials necessary to this nachos. First, unity, second ideology, and last but not least – money. Rabbi Pressman endeavored to answer

numerous questions from the audience and left us with a feeling that we Jews of Pomona and Ontario know very little about running a congregation and leave so much to learn.

Mr. Gusher read a letter from Mr. Freidgut that we can engage a student Rabbi for the summer and through the High Holy Days for \$1500. Jack Greenberg moved to write Mr. Friedgut that we are interested but want the figure reconsidered. Harry Grossman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There will be services for Shavuot on Saturday night at 7:00 P.M., Sunday morning at 9:00 A.M. and Monday morning at 9:00 A.M. A Chazzan will be engaged for these services.

Molly Swerdloff moved to recommend to the Board to sell the present lot and buy one midway between the present lot and Ontario and Pomona. Marilyn Estrin seconded the motion. Sam Selk made an amendment to table this discussion. Seconded by M. Lasky. The amendment was not carried. Molly withdrew her motion.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted- Esther Grossman.

1947-04-29 Minutes

(Data is accurate but presented in a summary style)

A special meeting of the Board was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grossman. The meeting was called to order by President A. J. Glusker at 8:45 P.M.

Mrs. Glusker gave a resume of the community to acquaint 2 years at the Brooklyn Synagogue. (Regular Friday service at 8 P.M. Dr. Weiss in charge.

Rabbi Pressman and Rabbi Prombaum of Brooklyn, N.Y. were guests. Rabbi is looking over the territory in California with a possibility of locating in California.

Mr. Glusker gave a short resume of our Community to acquaint Rabbi with our problems and needs. Rabbi is a very pleasant and engaging young man. Much time was spent just in talking to get acquainted with the Rabbi on our part and to give him some idea whether this is the community he would enjoy working in.

A pleasant evening was adjourned and coffee and cake was served by the hostess. A pleasant discussion of the problems incidental to running a congregation was had by Rabbi Pressman. Ester Grossman, Secretary.

1947-05-16 Minutes

(Data is accurate but presented in a summary style)

Board Meeting called to order by 9:05 P.M. by President Glusker. Minutes of Congregation meeting read.

Mr. Glusker gave a report that the Chazan for the Shavuot services did not show up for the services. The Congregation did not show up.

New Year starting and dues are due now for the New Year.

Mr. Glusker states there is a definite movement to have a Center in Ontario.

Mr. Lasky gave a report of meeting at Ben's home.

Jack Greenberg says he doesn't think anyone wants an old home for a Center.

Harry Grossman demanded a report of names. (sentence?)

A list of names and donations for an Ontario Center was listed in the meeting notes. 15 individuals expressed a desire for an Ontario Center and said they would done a total of \$2,750. There was not sufficient interest and the change type of building (home?). On pledges cards that building should be put up by October.

Jack Greenberg mimeograph questionnaires to be presented to Congregation. Tarshish seconded the motion.

(No further information)

1947-06-16 Minutes

(Data is accurate but presented in a summary style)

Board Meeting was called to order by President Glusker at 9:05 P.M. at the Center. Minutes of the Congregation meeting were read.

Mr. Glusker gave a report that the Chazzan for the Shavuot services did not show up for the services. The Congregation did not show up.

There is a definite movement underway to try to persuade the Congregation to take up headquarters in Ontario. As the movement to leave the Center in Pomona seems to be at a standstill in the eyes of some of our members.

Mr. Lasky gave a report of a meeting held at Ben Swerdloff's home.

Jack Greenberg does not think we want to purchase an old home to be used as a Center.

Harry Grossman demanded a report of names of those present and their attitude on this matter.

Mr. Lasky says they have canvassed Ontario sufficiently to see if there is enough interest and he feels there is. Harry Grossman is analyzing the situation and does not feel there is sufficient money from Ontario sources to have a separate Center.

It might be a very excellent idea to build as much as our present plans as our finances allow at this time and add to it as we raise the money.

In so much as our year ends just now and we have 22 delinquent members, Jack Greenberg moved to have a questionnaire prepared to submit to the members to clarify all this talk one-way and (or) another. Seconded by Mr. Tarshish. Motion carried

Only those members who have paid up their dues for the past year will be eligible to vote. All others have been delinquent for 6 months and have received ample notice to get their dues paid up.

Bills presented \$1,000 for Mr. Anderson's fees. \$6.80 for mimeographing, stamps and cards for the last two meetings.

Respectfully submitted.

1947-06-17 Minutes

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Congregation meeting opened at 9:00 P.M.

Board members present: Harry, Jack Lasky, Stella, Glusker, Essie, Sam Smilkstein, Al Glassman, Tarshish.

Harry Grossman presented the side of the Ontario –Pomona Center as far as this movement that is on....

Jack Lasky presented the side for the reactionaries.

(Discussion by many people on both sides of the issue but minutes very terse in what they said)

Ben Shutz moved to give Ontario 60 days to produce enough money to build the Center. Seconded by Sam Selk. Sol Rosenthal amendment – 60 days show what Ontario can do. Harry Grossman seconded. Jack Greenberg amendment to read for 30 days- written letter with the purpose with a meeting to sell the present property. Cele Gole seconded. Motion carried.

Julius Feingold. Should Temple be built in Ontario? Do you want your money refunded which is paid in to fund at present? Want a paid secretary to send out this letter to the Congregation.

Glusker and Lasky: We ought to resign so we can remain neutral.

Meeting adjourned 11:30 P.M.

1947-07-01 Minutes

(Data is accurate but presented in a summary style)

Special meeting of the Board of the Ontario-Pomona Jewish Center was called to order by the President, Al Glusker at 9:00 P.M. Invited to attend this meeting also were other leaders and influential Jewish citizens of the community.

Mr. Harry Friedgut, Director of the United Synagogues, brought out to Pomona Rabbi Aaron Werner, formerly of Spokane, Washington, and for reasons of health in his family has moved to Southern California; also Mr. Aaron Gordon, President of the United Synagogues in this territory. Inasmuch as the secretary was absent no minutes were read.

Mr. Friedgut was called upon to address the group and explain fully and plainly the disaster to the communities if we should split and the great necessity of a United Jewry in this valley.

After much discussion from several members of the assembled people the Rabbi was asked to speak and from his talk we could readily see that he understood our trouble and knew a remedy.

Mr. Gordon, came as he said as a spectator, but after listening at length, explained the difficulties and problems they had in Huntington Park and after forging ahead what wonderful progress they made and all in four years.

Jack Greenberg then pinned down the Ontario people present by asking them individually if they were with us and from all indication we could count on the majority.

Al Glusker at this time resigned from the presidency feeling that he could do no more in that capacity and turned over his chair to Harry Grossman, vice President.

Mr. Friedgut explained the capabilities and qualities of Rabbi Werner and that we could possible engage him for \$5,000 per year.

The meeting was brought back to a quick conclusion with a special meeting on the Board called for the next evening at 8:00 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted, Reta Grossman, Acting Secretary