

MINUTES MISSING BETWEEN AUGUST 8, 1945 AND JANUARY 29, 1946

Ben Swerdloff

1946-01-29 Minutes

(Data is accurate but presented in a summary style)

Meeting was called to order by our President B. Swerdloff at the Jewish Center 1009 W. Second St.

Jack Greenberg suggested we personally contact members in regard to payment of dues if they do not respond to statements which were sent out the Brother Harry Grossman.

Sister Eva Swerdloff, Sisterhood President, will make a personal plea at the sisterhood meeting to see that all moneys due for Sunday school is turned in. She will impress on the parents how important it is that we collect this money which is badly needed for the upkeep of the Rabbi and Center. Brother Dave Kantor made a motion which was seconded and carried that membership cards be printed and signed by members. These cards will be kept in an index file. All paid members will receive membership cards.

The General meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 19th to discuss removal of Rabbi Shore's contact.

No further business. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted Cele Gole, Secretary.

1946-02-19 Minutes

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Minutes of a special meeting called by our president Ben Swerdloff.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved

Sister Eva Swerdloff gave a report on our Sunday school and said the attendance was fine but that the facilities were poor. She felt that if we had more teachers and better facilities the attendance would be even better. She also gave a report on the Purim dinner which will be held at the Monte Vista Resort on Sunday, March 17th, due to the fact that we are unable to hold the affair at the Center and other suitable halls are not available. She also urged for a better Sisterhood attendance.

Brother Jack Greenberg spoke on the lot at White & Alvarado – approximately 200 feet. The only drawback is that the title is not clear and Brother Jack will have an attorney check on same before a decision will be made available on the purchase of the property.

Brother Jack also spoke on the budget and said that approximately \$2,000 would be needed to finish the year up to and including July 15th. So far we have \$1016 in the bank.

New Business:

What decision is to be made with regard to the renewal of Rabbi's contract after July and what are the wishes of the membership? The Rabbi is interested in a renewal of his contract providing he gets an increase in salary. Also what is to be done with regard to the building of a new place of worship? Opinions were expressed and a real interest in our future program and progress was shown.

Harry Rose moved that we take a roll call vote on whether we want a Rabbi call vote whether we want a Rabbi. Julius Feingold and seconded by Jack Gale made an amendment that we decide whether or not we have a roll call vote. Motion carried.

Brother Jack Greenberg moved as to whether the Board of Trustees should contact the Rabbi with regard to renewal of his contract. Seconded by Al Chavin. Brother Jack explained that only paid up members are to vote on the above motion. There was quite a bit of controversy with regard to nonmembers voting. Our President suggested that we allow the whole congregation to vote in the hopes that they will become paid up members.

Votes for each congregational member listed by name on original document) 41 -yes for Rabbi and 1 - no.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted Cele Gole, Secretary.

1946-04-03 Minutes

(Data is accurate but presented in a summary style)

Meeting was called to order by our President Benn Swerdloff at 8:45 P.M.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Al Glusker, who had twenty two years of experience in congregational and organization work gave us some interesting points on how to raise money. He pointed out the following:

- (1) Enlarge Board of Trustees
- (2) Work our Budget
- (3) Have membership drive

In regard to membership dues communities do not have a set amount. He thought a survey of the community should be made and all those who can pay higher membership dues should do so. He also offered to take charge of the membership drive and launch same with the aid of the Board.

Doc Weiss, Ben Swerdloff and Cele Gole will work on the membership drive.

Our president will have membership card printed

Jack Greenberg spoke about the name and type of services for our new temple.

Doctor Weiss moved and seconded by Eva Swerdloff that we affiliate ourselves with the United Synagogues of America. Motion carried.

Jack Greenberg moved that we recommend to the congregation the name of Temple Beth – El and our chapter be amended. Motion carried.

Harry Grossman moved that dues remain at \$36 per year per family including all privileges. Motion carried.

Ben Swerdloff had a talk with Rabbi Shore, and he wishes an increase in salary and a two year contract. This will be taken up with the congregation at large.

We will have a special Board of trustee meeting including all new appointees on Wednesday, April 11th. Mr. Friedgut will speak.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted Cele Gole, Secretary.

1946-04-30 Minutes

(Data is accurate but presented in a summary style)

Meeting called to order by our President, Ben Swerdloff at 8:45 P.M.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Brother Al Glusker gave a report on membership. There were 39 new members making a total of 59 members who pledged for 1946-47.

Brother Ben Swerdloff thank Brother Glusker for his good work as well as Brother Rosenthal and all others who worked on membership. Keep up the good work.

Sister Eva Swerdloff gave a report on the Sisterhood and Sunday school. There are 45 children attending Sunday school.

Building committee report by Jack Greenberg: We still owe \$3500 on the lot which is still in escrow.

Brother Jack, chairman of U.J.A., told us that 33% of the United Jewish Appeal will be given to the Jewish Community building fund. \$130 from last year will be turned over to this fund.

Brother Julius Title as appointed to take charge of all Forums. This will be held on Friday evenings. Financial report by Harry Grossman: He asked people who did not pay their dues of 1945-46 to please do so. There is \$2521.40 in the bank.

A letter from the Rabbi was read to the congregation concerning his contract and salary.

Sister Molly Swerdloff move and Brother Doc Weiss seconded that Rabbi Shore be paid \$4,000 per year. Motion carried.

There was a great deal of discussion for and against the rabbi. Discussion on 1 or 2 year contracts and that the rabbi had educated the members over the last two years. A final vote was taken as to whether Rabbi Shore was to receive \$4,000 per year. There were 47 yes and 16 no. Motion passed.

Brother Jack Greenberg moved and Dave Kantor seconded that our rabbi be given a one year contract. A vote of was taken for the number of years of the contract. For one year 30 and 27 for two year. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted Cele Gole, Secretary.

1946-05-21 Minutes

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Special meeting held at the home of Rabbi Shore. Rabbi Shore's contract was read to the board of Directors.

Letters from the United Synagogues of America were read. A letter from Harry Friedgut complimented the work of Rabbi Shore.

Brother Ben spoke about delegates to be appointed to attend meetings held by the United Synagogues. There are to be delegates for a 3 year term (Ben Swerdloff), two year term (Sam Selk and Sol Rosenthal) and one year term (Jack Greenberg and Harvey Grossman). Names will be presented to the congregation.

Brother Ben spoke about a long range plan to get all the 150 families together. We should have well known speakers, Cantorial music, outstanding rabbi, *etc.*

Suggestion for a community picnic.

Appointees for the long range program: Al Glusker, Sol Rosenthal, and Jack Greenberg (alternate)

On the future Bulletin the members appointed: Rabbi Shore (in charge, Al Glassman and Cele Gole will assist.

Sunday school committees: Rabbi Shore, Essie Swerdloff (chairman) Eva Swerdloff and Molly Swerdloff.

High Holidays: Harry Grossman will check on Ebell Club.

On the religious committee those appointed: Harry Grossman, Julius Feingold, Ben Tarshish, and San Selk.

All members no charge for High Holidays; nonmembers to be charged full price of membership.

Respectfully submitted Cele Gole, Secretary.

1946-07-02 Minutes

(Data is accurate but presented in a summary style)

Meeting was called to order by our President Ben Swerdloff at 9 o'clock. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

1 Financial report: \$473 in the bank, as \$700 was borrowed from the general fund for our lot. This will be replaced.

Membership report: Brother Al Glusker stated we had 63 members. He suggested statements be sent out immediately for collection of dues.

Brother Julius Title gave a report on the forums and feels they were very successful. He hope to continue them in the Fall when Temple services resume.

Brother Julius Feingold asked for a report on the Purim dinner. The report should be in our minutes.

New business: 1. What are we going to plan for July and August? 2. What is to be done about the center to make it more presentable looking?

Rabbi Shore brought up the subject of a confirmation dance to be held annually during the month of July or August. He also suggested a card party as a money raising affair. He also brought up the subject of a memorial tablet, which would be appropriate to be installed in the Fall as a great source of revenue. Rabbi Shore spent several hours discussing with Mr. Rosenthal the idea of a choir. He suggested that the High Holiday services be held in suitable place. He will do his utmost with regard to having a bulletin. He agreed with Julius Title with regard to our forum and hopes more people will take a more active interest.

Brother Rosenthal spoke on the forming of a choir. He was very much enthused in the beginning but when form letters were sent out inquiring of those who would care to join he received no responses. He suggested that next season we start services at 8:15 to allow time for the choir. He also made the suggestion that we change our Forum evening to another night other than Friday evening.

Brother Julius Feingold said that he would give us a definite price on the painting of the inside of our center. Sister Lill Feingold suggested that we have a money raising affair and call it a clean-up party.

Brother Sol Rosenthal spoke about our Temple being a disgrace and that something should be done about improving it for the time being. Brother Kelman feels that every family will

donate for a new temple and that this could be done within the next year. Brother Al Glusker feels that most direct thing is to build as soon as possible.

Brother Kelman moved and Al Glusker seconded that the Board of Directors have plans drawn up for our new building. Motion carried.

Brother Al Glusker also suggested that a committee be appointed on fund raising program. He moved that Rabbi Shore be appointed to look into the purchase of a memorial tablet. This was seconded and carried.

It was also suggested that Rabbi Shore be in on the Board of Directors meeting and should offer his suggestions.

Brother Julius Feingold moved and seconded by sol Rosenthal that congregation meet once a month. Motion carried to changes the By-Laws.

Brother Sol Rosenthal offered his grounds for a fund raising affair to be held sometimes in August. He will chair a committee with as his assistants: Al Glusker, Rabbi Shore, Sam Selk and Al Glassman.

Respectfully submitted Cele Gole, Secretary.

1946-07-16 Minutes

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Meeting was called to order by our President Ben Swerdloff. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Harry Grossman reported that statements will be sent out for all dues due.

1 Rabbi shore reported that the Ebell Club is available for the High Holiday for Rosh Hashanah but not for Yom Kippur. He will contact the K. P. Hall.

Brother Sol Rosenthal suggested enlarging our building until we build a new community center.

Painting bid \$150.

Religious committee is to meet with Rabbi to discuss High Holiday Services.

Brother Sol Rosenthal spoke about a raffle of a radio and record changer to be raffled off on August 24th on the grounds or patio of his home to raise money for the center. Tickets have been printed and letters sent out to every Jewish family in the valley. Eva Swerdloff and Cele Gole have been added to the committee to work with Sol Rosenthal.

Sunday school problems were discussed and facilities for Sunday school will be looked into.

Respectfully submitted Cele Gole, Secretary.

1946-08-12 Minutes

(Data is accurate but presented in a summary style)

A combination Board meeting and committee meeting at the home of Brother Sol Rosenthal on Monday, August 12, 1946.

19 Rabbi Shore discussed High Holiday services. The B'nai Brith meeting hall will charge \$40 for the three days of High Holidays. No other halls were available.

Brother Weiss made a suggestion that residents of the Valley who wish to attend High Holiday services must pay full membership fee in order to attend. Bother Al Glassman

seconded the motion. A suggestion was made by Rabbi Shore that the tickets for non-members should be \$10 per person. Tickets will be printed for High Holiday services and also memorial service cards. Rabbi Shore will take care of this.

Brother Harry Grossman brought a sketch of Sunday school classrooms, assembly hall, etc., which he thought could be erected as soon as possible on our lot. Brother Jack Greenberg that instead of spending \$10,000 or \$11,000 for a Sunday School building that we should try and raise \$25,000 and start building our temple. This drive should begin at the time of the High Holiday services.

A regular meeting of the congregation will take place on Tuesday, August 20th, 1946.

Brother Ben Schutz promised to give Rabbi Shore 100% co-operation on our bulletin. Thanks Brother Ben.

Rabbi Shore again spoke about the memorial tablet. This will be tabled for our regular meeting.

Refreshments were served by our host, Sol Rosenthal, which were very refreshing.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted Cele Gole, Secretary.

1946-08-20 Minutes

(Data is accurate but presented in a summary style)

Meeting was called to order by our President Ben Swerdloff at 8:45 P.M. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Report was given by Rabbi Shore on halls available for High Holidays. The American Legion Hall is the only one available for the three High Holiday services.

Brother Al Glusker will do his utmost to assist Rabbi Shore during the holiday services but suggested that Brother I. J. Swerdloff be contacted also. Brother Sal Rosenthal will blow the shofar.

Doc Weiss moved, seconded by Jack Greenberg that we rent the American Legion Hall. Motion carried.

Brother (no name given) moved that we charge \$10 per ticket for non-members for the High Holiday services. Motion carried.

Brother Al Glusker suggested that when letters are sent to members announcing services that they get in touch with the chairman and tell him if they have guests. Brother Al Glusker also suggested that we have a committee to take care of the seating arrangement.

Sunday school: Sister Essie Grossman, Chairman of the Sunday School, gave her report. Ten members met at her home, Monday August 19th to discuss Sunday school problems. Sister Essie has a very nice program to follow which she received from the United Jewish Synagogue, but Sunday school must start at 10 O'clock and end at 12 o'clock. September 22nd will be registration day. The teachers are as follows: Mrs. Winestock, Tola Appel, and Rabbi Shore.

Motion made by Brother Jack Greenberg, seconded by Brother Harry Rose that we have George Siddell take care of our books and sending out of statements to our members- charge to be \$100 per year. Motion carried.

Doc Weiss moved and seconded that we sell Aliyehs's during the High Holidays. Motion carried.

Brother Sal Rosenthal gave a report on the sale of raffle tickets for the Bingo party. Cash collected up to this evening \$191. Brother Sal is working very hard on this project and needs

the assistance of every member of the congregation. So far he has done most of the work himself. Let's work hand in hand and make this a big success.

Brother Jack Greenberg spoke on the building fund and that there is still quite a bite of money outstanding from the original \$7,000 that was pledged. Brother Jack has engaged an architect to draw up plans for our new temple and these will be presented during the High Holidays. There will be two separate buildings, a Sunday School building so arranged that they will look like one building. The estimated cost of this building will be about \$35,000. There will be a small charge for the drawings up of plans for the building and if the architect should be engaged, there will be no charge for this.

Brother Al Glusker moved and seconded by Brother Dave Kantor that Brother Jack be authorized to hire the architect. Motion carried.

Doc Weiss moved, seconded by Sister Isabel Weiss, that we have a congregational meeting the third Tuesday of every month, and that the By-Laws be amended. Motion carried.

Good and Welfare: Sister Anne Morton suggested that we clean up the Center for the time being.

Brother Julius Feingold gave prices on the two bids which he received: 1. \$150 for the inside only. 2. \$300 for the inside and outside, repairing the roof, waxing of floors, etc.

Brother Harry Rose told the congregation that the owner of the El Rancho Club would be most happy to let us have the club for a dinner dance, hire our own orchestra, and would only charge us the cost of the dinner. Motion made by Brother Al Glusker and seconded by that we turn this matter over to our fund raising committee. Motion carried.

Friday night services will begin the first Friday in September.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted Cele Gole, Secretary.

1946-09-17 Minutes

(Data is accurate but presented in a summary style)

Meeting was called to order by our President Ben Swerdloff at 8:45 P.M. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved except for slight changes.

Sal Rosenthal reported on the Bingo party:

929 paid tickets and 60 pair not returned = made a net of \$548.55

President discussed High Holiday plans and Sunday school. He suggested that Wednesday classes start at 4 P.M.

Brother Julius Feingold reported that the painting and roof repair of the Center would cost \$250 including waxing of floor.

New Business: Brother Kibby Zatinsky was appointed to inquire about placing a telephone on premises. Ticket committee – Dr. Weiss and Julius Feingold.

Good and Welfare: Brothers Sal Rosenberg and Jack Krawll spoke on problem Jews in Palestine and duty to back them. Election to be held next meeting for coming year trustees. It was suggested that appeal for building fund be held on Kol Nidre night. A request was made by Jack Krawll for volunteers to aid Pomona Community Fund.

Respectfully submitted by Brother Jack Greenberg in the absence of Cele Gole, Secretary.

1946-10-15 Minutes

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Meeting was called to order by our President Ben Swerdloff at 8:45 P.M. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved except for slight changes.

Sister Essie Grossman gave a report on Sunday school. She thanked the parents for sending their children and also that the teachers are very enthusiastic about their groups.

Sisterhood report: New officers- Isabel Weiss, President, Cele Biglow, Vice-President, Vi Frankel, Secretary, Rose Schwartz, Treasurer; Trustees- Essie Fank, Ulda Frankel, Kay Krawll; Honorary Trustee – Lillian Shore; Lighting Friday night candles- Mrs. Benson; Sister Anne Morton will see that we have someone to clean up the Center each week.

Brother Julius Title hopes to have plans for our Forums ready as soon as possible.

Brother Jack Greenberg gave a report on the building fund and said there is \$320 in the treasury plus \$25 War Saving Bond and that we owe to the general fund \$700, which was borrowed at the time to purchase our lot. He had Mr. Anderson, architect, draw up plans of the new building which will cost about \$40,000.

Brother Al Glusker gave a report on the building fund raising affair – banquet to be held on Sunday October 27th at the Monte Vista resort. Rabbi Pressman will address us. He is Assistant Rabbi of Sinai Temple. He is trying to get fine talent of the community to attend.

Treasurer's report: Brother Dave Kantor said we have \$1921.40 presently.

Mr. Sal Rosenthal gave a final report on the Bingo Party. Gross income \$548.55, expenses \$391.26 for painting of Center and carpeting = net \$157.

1 Brother Sal Rosenthal moved and seconded by Brother Doc Weiss that balance proceeds from the Bingo raffle party be put into the general fund. Motion carried

New Business: Sister Berenice Rochester moved and seconded by Sister Molly Swerdloff that acting presidents of the Sisterhood automatically be on the Board of Directors. Motion carried.

Brother Doc Weiss spoke on the Sunday evening special meeting held with the Hebrew Congregation of Pomona. Their main objection seems to be our spiritual leader. They want to know whether or not we are going to retain our present leader after June 30th, 1947, at which time his contract expires. Many of our members voiced their opinion for and against our rabbi and the majority felt that if anything should be done this was not the time to discuss our leader but to at least wait until 90 days before his contract expires, at which time we can notify him as to whether his contract is to be renewed or not.

Brother Sam Kelber spoke and tried to explain the feelings of the Hebrew Congregation of Pomona as individuals. He feels that they are not against our spiritual leader.

Brother Sal Rosenthal, seconded by Brother Doc Title, moved that we should not amalgamate or join with any group but should leave our doors open to any right thinking Jews who wish to come in as members. Motion carried.

Doc Weiss moved and Jack Greenberg seconded that a vote be take that when Rabbi Shore's contract expires June 30th, 1947, that we renew his contract for another year.

Brother Al Glusker moved that we table the motion with regard to renew Rabbi Shore's contract. Brother Mayer Katz feels that everyone should be notified with regard to voting on our leader and that it should not be taken up by the Board of Directors alone. Motion passed to table the matter of Rabbi's contract.

Respectfully submitted by Cele Gole, Secretary.

1946-10-21 Minutes

(Data is accurate but presented in a summary style)

A Board of Directors meeting was held at the home of our President, Ben Swerdloff. Meeting was called to order at 8:45 P.M. Minutes of previous board meeting were read and approved.

Committee reports: Brother Al Glusker gave a report on the banquet which will be held at the Monte Vista Resort.

Election of Officers:

President – Al Glusker

Vice President – Harry Grossman

Corresponding Secretary – Essie (Esther) Grossman 223 La Deney Dr. Ontario

Financial Secretary – Jack Greenberg

Treasurer – Sal Rosenthal

Warden – Julius Feingold

Board of Directors:

Jack Greenberg

Ben Swerdloff

Sam Selk

Dr. Mark Weiss

Julius Feingold

Al Glassman

Ben Tarshish

M. Lasky

Stella Kelber

Jack Greenberg moved and Doc Weiss seconded that installations of officers be held at the banquet, Sunday October 27th, 1946 with Mr. Friedgut installing. Mr. Friedgut to be instructed that no speeches are to be made except by incoming president, other officers only to be introduced. Motion carried.

Motion made by Brother Sal Rosenthal, seconded by Harry Grossman, that call a special board meeting with the Rabbi to settle all differences. Meeting to be held Monday, October 28th, 1946 at the home of Sister Essie Grossman. Motion carried.

Sister Essie Grossman, Sunday school supervisor, spoke about a confirmation class. There are only two children to be confirmed and she feels that this honor should be given to them as they have studied and worked hard towards this goal. This will to taken up with Rabbi Shore.

Good and Welfare: Brother Doc Weiss moved, seconded by Brother Jack Greenberg, that we give Rabbi Shore \$100 as a holiday donation. Motion carried.

Lovely refreshments were served by our hostess, Sister Molly Swerdloff.

Respectfully submitted, Cele Gole, Secretary.