

HARRY GROSSMAN

1947-07-02 Minutes

(Data is accurate but presented in a summary style)

A special meeting of the Board of the Ontario-Pomona Jewish Center was called to order by Vice President Harry Grossman at 8:30 P.M.

The Board voted to accept the resignation of Al Glusker as President of the Ontario-Pomona Jewish Center.

Mark Weiss moved that Harry Grossman be made president for the balance of the year. Carried.

Harry Grossman explained that we must change our attitude. The by-laws say we should have monthly Board meeting, and four general meeting a year. We have been having general meeting much more often and he suggests that we dispense with these general meeting and only call them once in a while when they are necessary. And once and for all stop name-calling at meetings. After suggestions of several members it was decided to continue with general monthly meeting but to confine them to reports of the Board and cultural activities. At the same time collecting dues and accepting donations.

Important projects to discuss this evening – employing a Rabbi and starting the building. Jack Greenberg was called on to report on the building, and he explained that Harry Grossman and Jack Greenberg had spent several hours with Mr. Anderson the architect that day. The two lowest bids for the building so far were around \$36,380. They went over the plans to determine what we could build with the we know we will have and still have an assembly hall an space for Sunday school rooms. The portion that we could build for \$30,000 would consist of the large assembly hall, the pulpit and a room on either side of the pulpit, kitchen and two lavatories. Both Parker and Richie and rebidding on a brick building and Hanawalt will rebid on a reinforced concrete building.

Our finances are:	Collected \$13,025.09
	Paid out \$5,946.87
	Cash in bank \$7,078.22
	To deposit \$100

We have:	\$7,000 on hand
	\$5,000 collectable pledges
	<u>\$14,000</u> obtainable mortgage
	\$31,000 to build

Approximate working budget we will need:	
Employ Rabbi – minimum	\$5,000
Utilities & maintenance	\$1,000
Interest and amortization	\$1,450
insurance	<u>50</u>
	\$7,500

Ben Swerdloff said he would have membership cards ready by the next meeting, Tuesday, July 15th and it was suggested that membership cards be issued to both husband and wife.

Harry Grossman read a letter he proposed to send to the entire community.

Mark Schwartz suggested the ad book be printed. It was decided to do this after we have the ground breaking for the building.

Respectfully submitted, Reta Grossman, Acting Secretary

1947-07-17 Minutes

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A Board meeting of the Ontario-Pomona Jewish Center was called to order at 9:15 P.M. by President, Harry Grossman.

For an hour previous to the meeting the Board visited with Rabbi Alex S. Wiesel of Los Angeles who heard that we were looking for a Rabbi and came out to apply. He told us of his success with the congregation he just left; he built it up from a membership of 20 to over 200. He will be glad to come out to give us a Friday evening service upon our request.

Rabbi Max Vorspan of St. Louis, Minn. A graduate of the Theological Seminary was recommended very highly by Harry Friedgut as a second Rabbi Pressman. If we wish him to come to Pomona to see us we would have to pay his fare which would amount to about \$200. His salary would be \$6,000 per year.

It was understood we could employ a student Rabbi for the High Holiday services for \$1,000. Other Rabbis who have applied to us are Abraham L. Rosenblum at a salary of \$5,000. Also Rabbi David Cohen from Pasadena. Harry Grossman spoke to Rabbi Cohen who would come here part time for \$3,600 or \$4,500 depending on how many days we wanted him; or full time at \$7500.

Maurice Lasky moved to eliminate all Rabbis except Rabbi Vorspan unless he comes out for an interview at his own expense. Seconded by Mark Weiss. Carried.

Jack Greenberg moved to table the application of Rabbi Cohen until we hear Rabbi Wiesel. Seconded by Maurice Lasky. Carried.

Maurice Lasky volunteered to talk to Mr. Waldman who is president of the congregation where Rabbi Wiesel was employed and find out what he could about the Rabbi. He will also see other members of the congregation whom he knows. Harry Grossman will speak to Mr. Friedgut about him and see if he approves of this Rabbi for us.

Harry Grossman suggests until such time that we employ a Rabbi we table matter of continuing with United Synagogue.

Maurice Lasky reported some time with Architect Anderson about changing position of the building on our present lot. If other parts of the building will not be built Mr. Anderson advises turning the building on the lot. Will the building as now suggested be suitable for Pomona if there will be a split in 7 or 8 years? If we could build closer to Ontario the congregation would probably stay together longer.

Jack Greenberg moved that Maurice Lasky be appointed as a committee of one to see we could buy a lot on San Antonio Ave. Seconded by Ben Swerdloff. Carried.

(Motion missing from minutes.) Jack Greenberg suggested that if we consider this man at all we give him a one year contract and then only one more year.

Harry Grossman brought up the question - - should we even think of employing a Rabbi before we have a building? This Center will break a good man's spirit. Should we wait until we get the new building under construction? Decision by Jack Greenberg and Julius Feingold was to hire a man before we start to build.

Stella Kelber brought up a Sunday school question. She said Rose Katz may take over the job of superintendent of the Sunday school. The question is - - if children join the Sunday school whose parents are not members, should they be charged a fee? This matter will be decided upon at a little later date.

Mark Weiss suggested that the orthodox faction be asked to join the Center and meet for early services thereby contributing to the Center and helping in it's support.

Al Glassman moved to send Rabbi Trepp \$25 to cover railroad fare. Seconded by Julius Feingold. Carried.

Maurice Lasky was asked to purchase 5 dozen paper yarmulka to have at the Center. Stella Kelber is to buy 2 dozen tin cup ask trays. Al Glassman is to get a figure on strengthening the floor and wall of the Center can call Harry Grossman.

Julius Feingold said he would be glad to take care of a Yahrzeit book. If everyone would give him dates he would be glad to call them and make arrangements for Yahrzeit services. This is a very good way to have money coming into the Center treasury. There are many other ways of getting in extra money.

Harry Grossman was unable to report on the Ebell club as a place for our High Holiday services as the woman in charge is on vacation and will be back next Monday.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Reta Grossman, Acting Secretary

1947-07-28 Minutes

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A Board meeting was called to order at 8:15 P.M. by President Harry Grossman. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

President Grossman stated that the two major issues were for this meeting were the High Holidays and our proposed building.

Mr. Anderson, the architect, presented two bids for the building: \$28,750 from Mr. Richie and \$30,647 from Mr. Parker. These bids do not include asphalt title, painting, electrical fixtures or hardware. Hanawalt Bros. did not bid as they are not interested in building churches as they are very busy at this time.

Maurice Lasky reported the property adjoining San Antonio School could be purchased. These start with the corner of San Antonio and San Francisco is 127 X 60 feet at \$2,000 and adjoining with a 57 foot frontage on San Francisco at \$1600 each, including all improvements. It was suggested that we need the corner lot and two additional lots. He had the idea that 3 or 4 members could purchase the present Orange Grove Ave. lot from the Center so that the Center could buy the new lots on San Antonio. Then when the Orange Grove Ave lot is sold at a profit the Center could benefit.

Stella Kelber said a church is for sale in Ontario on Euclid Avenue and E. Street for \$31,000. Maurice is look into the church in Ontario and also devote his time to the San Antonio properties.

Mark Weiss, Jack Greenberg and Harry Grossman had an opportunity to speak to Rabbi Leo Rep who came to our community last Friday evening. To give us a service. Rabbi sent a letter after spending some time at the Greenberg home. Jack Greenberg recommended that this Rabbi would be his choice if this community could afford \$6,000.

Maurice Lasky investigated Rabbi Wiesel and Rabbi Hahn of L.A. did not recommend him.

The Glick brothers, members of the South West synagogue praised him and said he was a good teacher, and increased their membership. He was employed as an orthodox Rabbi and admitted he did a few unethical things. Mr. Waldman, president of this congregation, said they gave Rabbi Wiesel \$2200 so he could leave before his contract expired. Harry Grossman added that Harry Friedgut reported that he knows the man and he has no credentials and he is notable to satisfy Mr. Friedgut as an ordained Rabbi. Jack Greenberg moved that we invite Rabbi Wiesel out for a Friday evening service and ask him to stay until Sunday to talk to some of the Board members. Seconded by Mark Weiss, carried. Jack Greenberg suggested that if we consider this man at all we give him a one year contract and then only one more year.

Harry Grossman brought up the question – should we even think of employing a Rabbi before we have a building? This Center will break a good man's spirit. Should we wait until we get the new building under construction? Decision by Jack Greenberg and Julius Feingold was to hire a man before we start to build.

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Mark Weiss suggested that the orthodox faction asked to join the Center and helping in its support.

The Letter sent out by Harry Grossman has received good comments. Several of the members present gave good suggestions for future letters.

Al Glassman moved to send Rabbi Trepp \$25 to cover railroad fare. Julius Feingold seconded, and it carried.

Maurice Lasky was asked to purchase 5 dozen paper Yarmulke for the Center. Al Glassman is to get a figure on strengthening the floor and wall and call Harry Grossman.

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Harry Grossman was unable to report on the Ebell Club as a place for our High Holiday services as the woman in charge is on vacation and will be back next Monday.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Reta Grossman, Acting Secretary.

1947-08-05 Minutes

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A Board meeting of the Ontario-Pomona Jewish Center was called to order at 8:35 P.M. by President Harry Grossman.

Harry Grossman introduced Student Rabbi Paul Dubin who was recommended by Harry Friedgut for High Holiday services. Paul Dubin is 23 years of age, a UCLA graduate and has completed one year of the Theological Seminary in New York besides previous Hebrew training in Los Angeles. Nearly an hour was spend in pleasant discussion, Questions and answers. Two points made Paul Dubin would like ushers should seat members to keep order and quiet and services would start and end on time. The fee would be \$500 for the services plus lodging and food.

Jack Greenberg moved we employ Paul Dubin for High Holiday services for \$500. Seconded by Maurice Lasky and carried.

The Ebell Club will be available for High Holiday services if we can get the o.k. from Bishop Reeves of the Mormon Church to make arrangements to hold their Sunday evening services elsewhere so that we may have one Sunday evening. Harry Grossman will have a definite answer in a few days.

Maurice Lasky reported that plans would be revised if necessary if we decide to purchase the lots on San Antonio Ave. However, nothing further to report at this time.

Harry Grossman, Sam Kelber, and Maurice Lasky looked at the church on the corner of E Street and Euclid Ave in Ontario, which is for sale at \$31,000. This is a red brick building about 35 years old and seats 200. This can be expanded by 100 seats by raising doors of adjoining hall. The roof can be repaired for \$250 (Hoyt Lumber Co.). The building is impressed them and as Harry Grossman says, "If we purchase this church we can get into business quickly." If we purchase this church High Holiday services can be held there. The Board members are to meet Thursday evening at 8:00 o'clock to look at this church.

Maurice Lasky brought information on a Memorial Tablet, however, this will be discussed further at a later date when we have a building.

Maurice Lasky suggested having a rabbi come for a Friday night service for the entire community. Harry Grossman is to invite Rabbi Werner to Pomona to conduct a Friday evening service on July 11. The community will be notified. The Board recommended offering a Rabbi a contract for one year.

The Board will ask for authority to put the present building up for sale, at the next general meeting, July 15th.

High Holiday services were discussed and Mark Weiss, the Religious chairman, will be in charge of these services. Harry Grossman will look into the Ebell club and K of P Hall as suitable places to hold our Holiday services this year.

Ben Swerdloff suggested that the Sisterhood serve refreshments at general meetings which met with the approval of the entire Board. Stella Kelber, Sisterhood president, will be contacted.

Harry Grossman suggested having a picnic. This will be planned to hold after we employ a Rabbi.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Reta Grossman, acting Secretary.

1947-08-19 Minutes

(Data is accurate but presented in a summary style)

General Meeting of the Jewish Center Congregation and all members of the Valley's Jewry was called to order at 8:50 P.M. by President Harry Grossman. Minutes of previous meetings were read and accepted.

A question on charging for Holiday seats was brought up and it was stated that seats will be \$7.50 per seat per adult.

The United Synagogue is putting out a diary telling about the holidays, etc. to sell for 40 cents per single copy or 35 cents in lots of 50 or more. It was decided that anyone wishing to purchase one of these diary's should order individually.

The President appointed a Nominating Committee to get busy on candidates to be elected on the Board of Trustees this year. The new committee – Mark Weiss, Chairman, Ted Blumenfeld,

Al Chavin, Irving Goldman and Ben Swerdloff.

The main purpose of this meeting concerns the purchase of a church in Ontario. Jack Greenberg, Chairman of the Building Committee was asked to tell the price of the property, value of the property from an investment standpoint, condition of the building and rooms available. After a full explanation Jack Greenberg recommended that this property be purchased by us. Mark Weiss, Chairman of the Religious Committee, told the Church's availability for religious purposes. Isabelle Weiss reported on its social aspects. Ben Swerdloff reported as to its facilities for lodges. Church lot 62' X 135'; vacant lot next door 31'X135' priced at \$13,500.

Good points brought forth:

- pride of location; additional members if in Ontario;
- holiday services in our own building tis September;
- immediate possession would strengthen our congregation;
- would employ a Rabbi immediately;
- we would be buying a Temple proper, assembly hall, class rooms and place where lodges could meet;

could make money when we would want to dispose of it; cost \$32,500 (additional \$1000 for incidentals) as compared to \$36,000 to build a Temple.

Bad points: Majority of members live in Pomona.

Harry Grossman said that everyone can speak and discussions were to be limited to 2 minutes. Now was the time to speak or forever hold your peace. Considerable discussion followed.

Item brought up: Finances for purchase:	\$7,000 cash on hand
	\$4,000 to \$5,000 collectable pledges.
	\$3,000 additional from Ontario people
	\$4,000 sale of present lot.

Someday each town will be able to support a Temple of its own. Trustees will work out an agreement satisfactory to both residents for the return of all moneys advanced.

Julius Title moved to give the Board of Trustees authority to negotiate the best possible deal for the purpose of purchasing the Church property in Ontario. Kibby Zatinsky seconded the motion. Motion carried 27 to 9. Jack Krawll and Sal Rosenthal were tellers.

Harry Grossman urged all members to pay their pledges now. Jack Greenberg asked for the money from the ad program, please. Committees will get to work immediately.

Mark Weiss moved that in effect we buy the building in Ontario and the Trustees have authority to sell the lots on Orange Grove Avenue. Julius Feingold seconded the motion and it carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Reta Grossman, Acting Secretary.

1947-09-04 Minutes

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The Jewish Center Board meeting was called to order at 8:40 P.M. by President Harry Grossman.

High Holiday Services will be held at the Ebell clubhouse They want \$135 for the use of the hall. Jack Greenberg moved to proceed to engage the hall for \$135. Al Glassman seconded the motion. Carried.

We visited the church on 5th St and Thomas in Pomona. This church is for sale at \$35,000. Jack Greenberg gave his opinion on the property. He had two objections. 1. The traffic on 5th St. and noise of trucks and 2. The present owners would use the church with us for one year. Sal Rosenthal was asked to make further inquiries. Jack Greenberg will handle all matters pertaining to this sale.

Harry Friedgut advised our president of a Rabbi Halevy, formerly of Pasadena and now of Ventura, is looking for a new pulpit and would like to come out to see us. It was decided to wait until after the holidays and then invite him out.

Harry Grossman read a letter he prepared to send out to the community about Holiday services and ticket sales. Mark Weiss is in charge of ticket sale with the help of Al Glassman in Pomona and San Selk in Ontario. Paul Dubin, who will officiate at our services expressed a desire that each member have his own seat and that we have ushers. Mark Weiss will also take care of ushers.

Stella Kelber advised the Board that Mrs. Siler of the Trinity Church in Pomona would like a speaker for Sunday morning. A young man or woman to speak on Judaism and qualified to answer questions. This is for a married group. For the last four years the church has interfaith services and invited a minister from different faiths to speak. Discussion on a possible speaker followed.

No statements have been sent as yet to members for this year's dues. It is the consensus of opinion that no invoices will be mailed to members until we buy a building and employ a Rabbi.

The question arose – should we turn away anyone who can't afford tickets. Some members felt that no one was in that position. However, the ticket sellers were advised to use their own good judgement.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Reta Grossman, acting secretary.

1947-10-15 Minutes

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The Jewish Center Board meeting was called to order at 8:30 P.M. by President Harry Grossman.

Members present: H. Grossman, M. Weiss, I. Weiss, J. Greenberg, b. Swerdloff, M. Lasky, Peggy Greenberg, Keta Grossman, and Rose Katz

Pres. Grossman introduced Rabbi Werner who was born in Palestine and graduated from yeshiva in Palestine. He was Rabbi at Bakersfield and in 1938 accepted the Rabbinate at Spokane. Spokane doubled their membership under his guidance. Rabbi Werner is willing to give all his time to the congregation. He wants to have Hebrew lessons four times a week, will supervise and take an active part in Sunday school. President Grossman gave a resume of financial status of the congregation. Rabbi Werner cannot accept less than \$5,000 a year as a salary.

At the next Board meeting four member will be elected as Trustees.

A motion was made to charge all organizations using the Center \$5 to cover light and janitor expenses. Motion was seconded and passed.

Bills will be mailed for membership dues.

Mr. Lasky read a letter from Mr. Reaves about a parcel of land on San Antonio St. President Grossman thanked Mr. Lasky for time spent on looking for lots.

It was decided to build as soon as possible on Grove Ave as soon as we have the go ahead from the congregation.

Respectfully submitted, Reta Grossman, acting secretary.

1947-10-21 Minutes

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Congregation Meeting: President Harry Grossman opened the meeting at 8:50 P.M. Mr. Harry Friedgut and Rabbi Wytholer of Highland Park were introduced. Rabbi Wytholer gave the invocation.

Newcomers to our community were introduced: Mr. & Mrs. Wolfe, Mr. & Mrs. M. Rabin, Mr. & Mrs. J.C. Weinberg and son, Mr. & Mrs. S.L. Brier, Mrs. Drebin, Mrs. Fried, Mr. & Mrs. Gotluss and the Garber Brothers.

Jack Greenberg gave a Building committee report. There is a bank balance of \$7,206.76. Jack is not in favor of purchasing property on San Antonio Ave. The plans have been revamped, and the amount of floor space cut down and a different type of structure to be erected. Under the revised plans an assembly hall, Sunday school class rooms and kitchen make a total of 27,000 sq. costing \$25,000. The Temple proper of 3,000 sq. feet will be built at some future time. An artist drawing of the new plans was shown.

Julius Feingold moved that the Trustees be given authority to erect a building on the Orange Grove property at a cost of \$20,000 to \$25,000. There was very little discussion and the motion passed unanimously. We are hopeful that construction can start in a month.

Jack Greenberg moved that the Trustees place the present building on the market, subject to possession when our new building is ready for occupancy. Loretta Zatinsky seconded the motion and it passed.

The Nomination Committee recommended Sam Selk, Ben Tarshish, Julius Feingold, Mark Schwartz, and Loretta Zatinsky. Al Chavin's name was added from the floor. Mark Weiss moved that nominations be closed, seconded by Reta Grossman, and motion carried. Those elected were Mark Schwartz with 32 votes, Ben Tarshish with 31 votes, Loretta Zatinsky with 30 votes and Sam Selk with 29 votes. Sam Selk will have a two year term to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Glusker. Our Board now consists of Harry Grossman, Jack Greenberg and Ben Swerdloff whose terms expire October 1948; Esther Grossman, M. Lasky, and Sam Selk whose terms expire October 1949; Mark Schwartz, Ben Tarshish and Loretta Zatinsky whose terms expire October 1950.

Reta Grossman moved that we dispense with reading of the minutes as they were not read at the proper time. Seconded and passed.

The meeting was turned over to Mr. Friedgut who complimented us on our meeting tonight. He said it was a very stimulating to him as the last meeting he attended was rather stormy. He introduced Rabbi Wytholer who gave a very interesting talk on the necessity for studying Judaism. That through the knowledge of our religion we gain strength to carry on Without this strength Judaism will perish. Mr. Friedgut made a plea that we raise \$611 for the Seminary. That we should send this money in, in honor of Paul Dubin who officiated at the Holy Day services this year.

It was moved to pay a tuition scholarship of \$611. Petition the U.J.A. for \$400 and raise the balance ourselves. Seconded by Mark Weiss. There was an amendment that we pledge ourselves to raise this money. Amendment was passed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 P.M.
R. Grossman, Secretary.

1947-10-27 Minutes

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Board meeting opened by President Harry Grossman at 8:30 P.M.

Members present: A. Glassman, M. Lasky, M. Schwartz, S. Selk, B. Tarshish, J. Greenberg, I. Weiss, R. Grossman, M. Weiss, B. Swerdloff, E. Grossman, and H. Grossman. Visitors were Peggy Greenberg and Eva Swerdloff.

The Secretary was instructed to write to the various organizations who use the Center that there will be a maintenance charge for each meeting held.

Harry Grossman gave a little talk that serious consideration should be given in choosing the officers. The 1947 – 48 Officers are:

President - Harry Grossman- unanimously elected.

Vice –President Mark Schwartz

Financial Secretary – Ben Swerdloff – unanimously elected.

Secretary – Essie Grossman- elected unanimously.

Warden – Jack Greenberg- elected unanimously.

The plans for the new building were discussed and the following changes were made. Classroom should be 13 feet X 18 feet. The arrangement of lavatories should be changed so that there would be more privacy

At present past presidents of the Temple and past presidents of the Sisterhood have been ex-officio members on the Board. We recommend that the President of the Sisterhood and the Junior Past President of the Temple be accepted as members of the Board with full power to vote. All other past presidents will be able to be elected to the Board if the Congregation so desires.

Jack Greenberg moved that we place our present building on the market for \$7,500. Isabelle Weiss seconded the motion and it passed.

We will proceed with the changing of the name on our charter from Jewish Community Center to Beth Israel. Jack Greenberg moved to table the discussion on raising the \$611 to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 P.M.

E. Grossman, Secretary.

1947-11-10 Minutes

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Board Meeting called to order by President Harry Grossman at 8:40 P.M.

Board members present: M. Schwartz, J. Greenberg, M. Weiss, I. Weiss, R. Grossman, L. Zatsinsky, Stella Kelber, B. Tarshish, M. Lasky, H. Grossman, and Esther. Grossman. Visitors were Sal Rosenthal, Kibby Zatsinsky, Peggy Greenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Axelrad. The three Chidakoff brothers, Essie Frank and [Sadie] Glassman.

Mr. E. Dreiben made an offer to buy our present building at \$4,500 with the provision that we can stay in the building for six months, and if necessary to occupy the building more that six months we are to pay the interest on the loan.

M. Lasky moved we table acceptance of this offer until Sal Rosenthal had the opportunity of advertising the building. M. Weiss seconded the motion, and it was accepted.

Harry Grossman appointed

Welcoming Committee: Isabelle Weiss and Dorothy Langsner to the.

Collection of Dues and Pledges: Loretta Zatinsky, Chairman

Building committee: Jack Greenberg, Chairman

Souvenir Program: M Lasky

Jack Greenberg will check on the position of the freeway and how it will affect our lot.

M. Lasky has the present tax bills and will take care of the.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M. after which delicious refreshments were served by several ladies of the auxiliary.

Respectfully submitted, Esther Grossman, Secretary.

1947-11-24 Minutes

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Congregation Meeting opened at 8:45 P.M. by President Harry Grossman. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved.

Rabbi Morris Dolgin is a candidate as rabbi of our Center. He is well qualified as he is a graduate of the Hebrew Theological College of Chicago, Ill. He was ordained a rabbi on 1945. He also graduated from Central YMCA College of Chicago. He has a degree of Masters of Education from Chicago Teachers College.

Various members expressed their opinions and each one was well pleased and brought in very good reports.

Rabbi Dolgin asks a salary of \$4,500 per year with a two year contract. Until such time as he terminates his teaching duties in L.A. - - \$200 will be deducted from his salary.

Ben Tarshish moved we employ Rabbi Dolgin. J. Feingold seconded the motion. The contract was read by President Grossman. A new contract will be drawn up to cover points that we wish changed. The motion passed unanimously.

J. Feingold moved that a new contract be drawn up to employ new suggestions. Al Glassman seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Mr. Lasky turned in his resignation to the Board and Building Committee.

Lilian Feingold moved that it is with regret we accept his resignation. Seconded by Peggy Greenberg, motion passed.

Taxes on the lot must be paid. Flood control tax on the building must be paid.

Meeting adjourned, respectfully submitted Esther Grossman, Secretary.

1948--01-25 Minutes

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The Board meeting was opened by President Harry Grossman at 8:30 P.M.

Members present Sam Selk, Jack Greenberg, Mark Weiss, Isabelle Weiss, Reta Grossman, Mark Schwartz, Harry Grossman, Al Glassman and Esther Grossman. Minutes of the last Board meeting were read and approved.

\$236 was raised at the ground breaking ceremony by the Planters Club. The money is earmarked for landscaping.

President Grossman stressed the need for more congregational workers.

The third Tuesday of each month is reserved for a regular congregation meeting. The next meeting is January 20th.

It is with regret we accept the books from Ben Swerdloff, who has served as financial secretary. Ben finds it impossible to give the time necessary that the job entails. If one of our members is not willing to take over the work of financial secretary, the Board will hire someone to do the necessary work.

The Board recommends that we hire a professional worker on the souvenir program book.

Harry brought up the selling of various items in our new building that members may wish to dedicate. Harry has a proposed price list that he has worked long hours at for our approval.

Isabelle Weiss moved that we buy Rabbi Dolgin a set of silver was a wedding gift. Seconded by San Selk, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned, respectfully submitted Esther Grossman, Secretary.

1948-02-03 Minutes

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Congregational meeting opened at 9:00 P.M. by President Harry Grossman.

Minutes of the previous meeting and of the Board meeting were read and approved.

President Grossman introduced Mr. & Mrs. Meyers, who are our guest this evening. He is with the Seminary and is their representative on the Coast. He is taking Mr. Harry Friedgut's place.

President Grossman spoke on the need to enlarge our membership. We have a \$9,000 per year budget.

President Grossman says that he has tentatively planned a membership banquet on February 22 and will formally install Rabbi Dolgin at that time. He did not have all the details of the banquet worked out and everyone will be notified through the bulletin.

Mr. Meyers gave a short talk. He reminded us that we know well the work of the Seminary. The Eternal Light program on the radio is one of their projects as well as the rabbinical school. He stressed the need of a large membership and that he may be able to have Mr. Dor Sheri, producer of the picture "Crossfire" as a guest speaker at the membership banquet. Mr. Meyers also suggested having one of the recordings of the Eternal Light program as a feature for the banquet. It was suggested by Mr. Meyers that we place the amount of \$611 that we are to raise for the Seminary on our community Fund Drive.

Mr. J. Greenberg made a motion that we sell our present building to Mr. Shapiro for \$5,000. Seconded by Loretta Zatinsky. Motion carried. A cashier's check for \$500 accompanied the offer.

Jack Greenberg spoke on the need of every one paying up on their pledges as our building is going up and the contractor will be presenting his bills soon.

Jake Greenberg moved that we apply the \$5,000 from the sale of the building as soon as possible to reduce the mortgage. Seconded by Mark Weiss, motion carried.

Reta Grossman moved that we employ Mr. Collins to take over the books of the congregation. Carl Zatinsky seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Harry Grossman stated that he and Mr. Tarshish have undertaken to investigate the matter of a cemetery. The Pomona Cemetery has 20 acres that is undeveloped and would be

glad to let us have 5 acres. They would improve a small area of about 50 graves for \$50. The graves would cost the Congregation about \$75 or \$80 and could be sold for \$150 per grave. This price would include perpetual care of the graves; the Rabbi has investigated Blackman's mortuary and finds that there is nothing to keep us from using this establishment.

Once again we hope for the last time the question of children attending our Sunday school and Hebrew School who are not members was made clear. Children whose parents are not members will be accepted for a fee of \$36 per year. In cases where finances do not permit payment of their sum, if such a person will see President Grossman, arrangement will be made to accept the child or children.

Jack Greenberg volunteered to raise his dues for the year 1947 and 1948 from \$36 to \$250. Carl Zatinsky added \$100 to his dues, making his dues \$136. Mark Schwartz added \$36 to his dues making his membership dues \$72. Essie rank raised her dues to \$50. Ann Morton raised her dues to \$75. Harry Grossman added \$100 to his dues making it \$200. Dr. Langsner added \$14 to what he has already paid.

Rabbi Dolgin is willing to help out on the membership drive.

The next Congregational meeting will be held on the third Tuesday in March.

Dr. Langerhans announced the J.C.R.A. banquet next Wednesday.

Members present – Harry Grossman, Mark Schwartz, Sam Selk, Loretta Zatinsky, Esther Grossman, ex-officio members Al Glassman, Isabelle Weiss, Mark Weiss, and Reta Grossman.

Meeting adjourned, respectfully submitted Esther Grossman, Secretary.

1948-03-03 Minutes

(Data is accurate but presented in a summary style)

The Board meeting was opened by President Harry Grossman at 8:30 P.M. m)

Minutes of the Congregational meeting of February 3 were approved by the Board.

President Grossman: Plans with reference to collecting dues and obtaining new members were reviewed and are to be carried out. If there are not enough men to do this job then we must depend upon the co-operation of women. The Vice President is membership chairman. The secretary is to compile a list of the community membership for Mark Schwartz with remarks – “Members”-“Disinterested in Center” and “Prospective members”.

Souvenir Program – Al Glusker is still of the opinion that we have professional help. It was decided that we employ a professional money raiser to conclude this program. Harry Grossman is to obtain outstanding checks from H.B. Estrin and cash them. A Beth Israel Community Center rubber stamp is to be made and every check received by the professional solicitor is to be stamped. This was the suggestion of Jack Greenberg.

It was decided that the Cornerstone Laying should be one definite affair. There was thought and discussion on the raising of money at the dedication of the Temple. Both Stella Kelber and Mark Schwartz suggested that a list of the items “for sale” be published on the back of the weekly bulletin and repeated every week until ready for the dedication. Jack Greenberg further suggested that a card be enclosed in the bulletin to be returned by members who will state on same what they would like to “buy” and their bid. Giving preference to people who have helped build Temple on purchases of building dedications was another subject under discussion.

Dedication of the building should not conflict with the coming UJA program.

Treasure Ben Swerdloff asked that his resignation be accepted. Jack Greenberg moved and

Ben Swerdloff seconded the motion and at the same time accept Sam Selk's offer to be Treasurer. Motion carried.

Al Glusker suggested that we have a part time secretary but the Board decided to take this under advisement for the future when the Rabbi has an office.

Stella Kelber made a recommendation – already voted and approved by the Sisterhood- that two members of the Sisterhood be appointed to work with one or two men of the Board on a Sunday school Grievance Committee. Harry Grossman appointed Sam Selk to work with the two women appointed by Stella Kelber. This idea was approved by the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 P.M. Respectfully submitted by Reta Grossman, Acting Secretary.

1947-04-04 Minutes

(Data is accurate but presented in a summary style)

Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Beth Israel Community Center was called to order by our President Harry Grossman at 8:45 P.M. at his home.

Program for the Cornerstone ceremony. Rabbi Dolgin has invited his brother out from Los Angeles and also some other Rabbis. There will be speeches by Rabbi Morris Dolgin and also one by his brother Rabbi Simon Dolgin. The children will put on a skit. The winning number will be picked. One of the Board members will try to get a drum from the Junior Chamber of Commerce for the stubs word?). There will be refreshments; J.M. Frankel will order the ice cream. Stella Kelber, Peggy Greenberg, Marilyn Estrin, Loretta Zatinsky, Reta Grossman, Peggy Greenberg and Isabell Weiss will bake cookies. Movies will be taken by the Greenbergs. Vice President Mark Schwartz will take over in the absence of President Harry Grossman, who is forced to be out of town on business.

Sam Selk as our new Treasurer found it more convenient to change the bank from Pomona to Ontario. In the future three Board members will have the authority to sign checks, however, two of the three signatures will appear on all checks- Harry Grossman, Sam Selk and Esther Grossman. The third signature to be used when one of the others is unavailable.

Jack Greenberg will see to having tax exempt on our Orange Grove property now and not the West 2nd St. property.

Consensus of opinion on charges to be made to organizations desiring to use our new building is a minimum DONATION of \$10. The auditor will be instructed to invoice users accordingly. The only organizations to be exempt of this Donation Fee will the United Jewish Appeal and the youth organization such as Sigmund Livingston Club, as long as they leave the building clean.

Mark Weiss moved that absolutely nothing is to be taken or borrowed from the Kitchen or building. Seconded by Isabelle Weiss. Passed.

The expense of the Bulletin has been approximately \$50. Per month. There was discussion on revenue in the form of a few ads to defray expenses. Jack Greenberg suggested that we eliminate some names from our mailing list. However, this was tabled for a while.

Harry Grossman feels that we should definably have an Official Temple Visitation Committee. This committee to call on all newcomers – make them feel at home and welcome in the community. Rose Schwartz volunteered to be on this committee. This project will be taken up further.

Membership Chairman Mark Schwartz has plans for a continuous membership drive, which

will be under way after the B'nai B'rith Smoker on April 6th. Ben Swerdloff suggested that we wait until we get into the new building and invite all members of the community to the "Open House". This suggestion met with whole hearted approval and a tentative date of Sunday evening, May 9th was set for "Open House". This should be a Social Evening – no cards – perhaps music or a light program.

Official papers on changing of our name to Beth Israel Community Center is to be passed around for signatures of Trustees, officers and other members.

A professional money raiser has been contacted and the month of September tentatively arranged for. He will bring in a staff and arrange money raising affairs for 6%.

Passover Seder: Rabbi Dolgin is to be contacted to find out prices, etc. for catering Passover dinner.

Jack Greenberg moved and Peggy Greenberg seconded that to purchase Sadie and Al Glassman some luggage for a Farewell gift. Jack Greenberg is to solicit money from members of the Congregation. Carried.

Money on pledges must be collected. Problem facing us now is a \$1,400 bill for the folding doors and a bill for approximately \$600 for the painter. These must be paid NO. Committee to collect all outstanding pledges will go out next week.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Rita Grossman, Secretary.

1948-04-07 Minutes

(Data is accurate but presented in a summary style)

Congregational Meeting called to order by President Harry Grossman at 8:45 P.M.

President Grossman announced that open house will be held in our new Temple Sunday May 9, 1948.

We have a committee to call upon newcomers in our community as they come into Ontario and Pomona. The Pomona members are Mr. and Mrs. M. Schwartz, Rabbi and Mrs. Dolgin; the Ontario members are Mr. Mrs. N. Estrin and Mr. and Mrs. M. Lasky.

Mr. Sal Rosenthal brought up the point that other organizations would like to post notices in the bulletin. No action was taken at this time. President Grossman said that Jack Greenberg thought we could get enough advertisement to defray the cost of publishing the bulletin.

President Grossman announced the laying of the cornerstone will be April 11, 1948 at 3:00 P.M. The response on the raffle tickets is far from being good. Money is needed to pay for the folding doors and the painting, which was not include in the contract. People are not paying up their pledges as they should. and the money is needed.

President Grossman called Al Glassman to come up front. Al and Sadie are leaving for San Francisco. A beautiful suit case was given to them as a farewell gift. We will miss Al and Sadie as they have been willing and hard workers in this community. The best of luck, health and happiness in your new venture.

Meeting closed at 9:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Rita Grossman, Secretary.

1948-04-20 Minutes

(Data is accurate but presented in a summary style)

Board Meeting called to order by President Grossman at 8:45 P.M.

Rabbi Dolgin will post the new notices in the Pomona & Ontario papers.

Open house May 9, 1948 – Sol Rosenthal Chairman. Sell votes for the most popular mother. Sol will take full charge.

Loretta Zatinsky moved that the Committee to use its own judgement on expenses. Stella Kelber seconded, motion passed.[assumed it passed]

Jack Greenberg, Chair for advertising space. Loretta Zatinsky moved to solicit ads. Sam Selk seconded the motion. [assumed it passed]

Rabbi Dolgin's uncle will make the ark. He is to be contacted about specifications.

We are not ready to serve 150 to 200 people today.

Report on chairs: folding chairs that are quite sturdy are \$4 per chair.

Stella Kelber moved that no sermon or guest speaker. Reta Grossman seconded the motion. Carried.

Raising funds- a paid worker to collect dues, pledges, etc. as people do not pay up as they should. Rabbi will try to contact people. Some of the girls will drive him around.

The Rabbi requests that the Sisterhood have a Sunday school supervisor.

Submitted Esther Grossman, Secretary.

1948-05-04 Minutes

(Data is accurate but presented in a summary style)

Name changed to Beth Israel Community Center (Articles of Incorporation)

Congregational meeting of Beth Israel Congregation was called to order at 8:55 P.M. by President Harry Grossman. The minutes of the April 4th Board meeting and April 7th Congregational meeting were read and approved.

Harry Grossman: The proceeds of the old building are being applied on the mortgage of the new building and that we all felt pretty certain that sufficient funds would come in so that we could pay our bills but money has not come in. Our Building committee tells us that we need about \$3,000 immediately. Bills to be paid now are \$1,400 for the sliding doors; \$625 painting; \$272 due Mr. Anderson for supervision of building; extra on the building not contracted for \$137. A bill has not yet been turned in from Sam Selk for the floors but will be approximately \$600 – Sam Selk's cost.

We were informed at this time that the United Jewish Appeal Committee has allocated 10% of the amount raised on this drive to the building and Center. This news we all enjoyed hearing.

Harry Grossman ask to please give Jack Greenberg a round of applause for the splendid work he has done for our building. Sam Selk ask for the same appreciation for Harry Grossman.

Sam Selk also told us the good news that a velvet carpet is being donated for the pulpit by San Selk of Ontario.

Mark Weiss gave Harry Grossman a check for \$500 as a donation to the building that we purchase chairs so vitally needed. He is fully in accord, however, of the suggestion of Harry Grossman to sell seats to members for \$10 each in order to raise additional funds. Harry Grossman and Jack Greenberg saw some metal folding chairs which sell retail for \$6.30 each and which we will be able to purchase through a dealer at the dealer's cost of 30% discount making the price \$4.50 each. These will be purchased.

A number of men have been thinking of a Men's Club for our Temple. Our President has asked Dave Kantor to assume chairmanship to organize this club. This will be strictly a social

club but still have one project a year to raise money for the Temple. This should bring in many people who may not be interested in other offerings of the Temple.

Our president leaves Wednesday morning on a business trip and he informed us and particularly Loretta Zatinsky- that while in the East he will see if he can find a suitable Eternal Light for the pulpit. Loretta Zatinsky expressed a wish some time ago to donate this light.

Loretta Zatinsky volunteered to purchase one dozen tin cups to be used as ash trays.

Isabell Weiss was authorized to make arrangements with the cleaning woman to keep our building clean and the price not to exceed \$15 per month.

The Sisterhood was asked to arrange to have flowers every Friday night for the altar.

Jack Greenberg reported that he had four ads for our bulletin. He asked for a co-chairman for Ontario. Sam Kelber volunteered to take care of this.

Tables: the cost of tables needed will be \$200. The number of tables and sizes are all figured out. Harry Grossman had a sample table made at the Bestile shop and that table is in our building now. The men will get together and make the rest of these tables.

The colored movies taken by Peggy Greenberg of the Ground Breaking and Cornerstone Laying will be shown at the next Congregational meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 P.M. However, Joe Hecht, chairman of the UJA drive, his committee and guests from Los Angeles are visiting tonight. Dr. Geo. Chase spoke on what is a Palestinian Jew.

Respectfully submitted, Reta Grossman, Acting Secretary.

Attached in hand writing at the end of the minutes.

1948-05-31 Minutes

(Data is accurate but presented in a summary style)

Board Meeting (assumption) opened by President Grossman at 8:05 P.M. Minutes read and approved

Harry thanked Loretta for the cups and Feingold for putting up the mail box.

Sam Kelber was appointed as a trustee to fill unexpired term of Lasky.

Harry Grossman found an eternal light in an antique shop. It used oil [is] now being wired for electricity.

Mrs. Kirsch wants the names of parents to remain on the ark.

Bingo Party July 17th with the proceeds to the Temple.

Insurance: \$10 to 20,000 liability to February 22, 1949. \$20,000 fire insurance. \$1,000 fire insurance on equipment to \$5,000. Mark Schwartz assumes the Chairmanship for insurance.

Professional money raiser set aside to September for the drive.

Write to church about the results obtained.

J. Greenberg will try to find a chairman for the Men's club. Dave Kantor has refused the chairmanship.

Mark S. on membership: Sam Selk, the Ontario Chairman, has the groups to assemble at homes.

Tax exemption taken care of on old building and on the new building.

Jack Greenberg: paid out \$3955. Balance \$2100.

Approximate account payable \$600 (\$240-\$800).

Mortgage is \$12,500 now.

Harry Grossman came to an understanding about a choir. Approached Mr. Kaufman, a voice

teacher, and he would like to organize a choir at \$75 per month. Rabbi is opposed to playing an organ or piano in the Temple. A choir is permissible and welcome.

Harry Grossman, "Rabbi are you looking for a new position? When did you first think of looking for another position?"

Rabbi has interviewed at another congregation and thinks we are incompatible religiously. Get principles of Conservatives Judaism from headquarters. Kosher kitchen necessary.

June 19th – Sherwin Feingold Bar Mitzvah.

Adjourned 11:50 P.M. Esther Grossman, Secretary

1948-06-07 Minutes

(Data is accurate but presented in a summary style)

Board Meeting called to order at 7:40 P.M. by President H. Grossman.

Decide once and for all about the use of a kosher kitchen. We have the highest regard for rabbi. His views and convictions. Koslovsky – use of dishes and kitchen.

M. Weiss moved Koslovsky serve the type of meal they serve in their home and use our dishes. Seconded by Isabel. J. Greenberg – M. Weiss rescinded motion.

Sam Selk said that rabbi must live up to his principles no matter if it cost him his own money and his time.

Marilyn Estrin question: "Will you make it [your] business to see that chickens are taken care of or take the word the girls are right." Answer: "yes."

Harry Grossman:-"Rabbi do you insist on forcing your will on these people or are you willing to pull in your horns?"

Sam Kelber, –"See if rabbi can conduct or supervise a wedding." Jack G seconded.

Consensus of opinion is that nothing further be done about a kosher kitchen. Motion passed

1948-07-12 Minutes

(Data is accurate but presented in a summary style)

Board Meeting of the Temple Beth Israel Community Center held on July 12, 1948, at the home of the President Harry Grossman.

Approval was granted the Building Committee to have the city burn weeds on the Center lot.

There was discussion on landscaping the property. Stella Kelber suggested that the Sisterhood take on the project for putting in the sprinkler system. Loretta Zatinsky is to ask Kibby about pipe, etc.

The fact that we do not have enough Prayer Books was brought to our attention.

There was discussion on the Rabbi and also dues payable. Harry Grossman suggests we need a full or part time secretary; someone qualified to help develop; this congregation.

Mark Weiss moved that all paid up members have free seats for the High Holy days and all others pay whatever dues are. Stella Kelber seconded and it carried.

Isabelle Weiss moved that we discontinue the bulletin for the summer. Loretta Zatinsky seconded and it carried. The bulletin will probably be resumed before the High Holidays.

Marilyn Estrin reported on the Visitation committee.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Reta Grossman, Acting Secretary

1948-07-14 Minutes

(Data is accurate but presented in a summary style)

Congregation Meeting called to order by President Harry Grossman at 9:00 P.M.

Officers present: Harry Grossman, Sam Selk, Mark Weiss, Jack Greenberg, Mark Schwartz, Marilyn Estrin, Essie Grossman; ex officio members present Isabelle Weiss, Reta Grossman.

Minutes of previous meeting of the Congregation was read and approved.

Report of our financial standing was taken up by President Grossman. We have 68 members on our books for 1947 -48. To date \$1,800 has been collected. The balance of dues outstanding is \$15. The financial year of 1947-1948 is over and we have started the year 1948-1949. A balance of \$344.42 on hand in the bank.

Mr. Collins, the auditor will have a detailed report for the next meeting.

The project of a Men's Club was tabled until cooler weather.

[A Formal dedication of the Temple](#) and of the Eternal Light will be held just before the High Holidays.

A note of thanks was given to the men who built the tables.

Harry Grossman gave a report of a Board Meeting held at his house Monday July 12, 1948.

The Bulletin will be discontinued until further notice. The rabbi until further notice will be on vacation during the month of August. An effort will be made to have services on Friday evenings.

President Grossman reported that at this Board Meeting, it was decided that all members who have paid up their dues for 1948-1949 by September 30, 1948 will be entitled to free seats for themselves and their children at the Holiday services. Nonmembers will be charged \$36 per couple or family and a single man or woman \$18 per seat.

Jack Greenberg moved that any member may bring in a guest at \$10 per seat. J. Feingold seconded the motion. Sol Rosenthal amended the motion to if a man is not paid up or a guest-charges per seat to be \$18 for a single person, \$36 per couple or family. Isabell Weiss seconded. The amended motion carried.

New Business: The Zionists will place a book case and books in the Center. Books will be available to the Community. President Grossman thanked Sol Rosenthal.

There was a suggestion that members of the Congregation paint the interior of the Temple. Mr. Mordetsky to supervise the work.

Lillian Feingold brought to attention once more that the yard is badly in need of being cleaned.

Sol Rosenthal spoke on Zionism and the desire that all the leaders of various organization should work for Zionism. The need for workers is great.

President Grossman urged that people of the community undertake to become more interested workers in Zionism.

Board meeting of Sisterhood at Marilyn Estrin's home July 19th at 1:00 P.M. Sisterhood card party July 31st.

Mr. Steelman gave \$25 in memory of his first wife towards a book case that the Zionists are to purchase.

Mr. Lasky urged everyone to send telegrams for lifting the arms embargo to Palestine.

Reception August 1 and wedding September 5 of Anita Tarshish, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Tarshish.

Meeting adjourned 11:00 P.M. E. Grossman, Secretary.

1948-08-31 Minutes

(Data is accurate but presented in a summary style)

Congregation Meeting called to order by President Harry Grossman at 8:45 P.M. The minutes of the July 12th Board Meeting were read and approved.

Harry Grossman welcomed new comers to our community- Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Cohn and Mr. Jack Miller.

Rose Schwartz and Marilyn Estrin, Visitation Committee, reported that they did nothing over the summer but hope to get going real soon, as did Mark Schwartz of the Membership Committee

Harry Grossman stated that the lectern being made for the Temple in honor of the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Frankel will be ready soon. It is being built of White Birch with a darker wood Star of David on the front.

Mark Weiss asked to report on the Seminar held in L.A. on Monday evening and was attended by Harry Grossman, Sam Selk and Mark Weiss.

The main discuss for the evening was High Holiday. We were informed that all the congregations in Southern California are giving free seats for all paid members. In other words, members for the holidays must have paid up at least the minimum yearly dues. We are do the same as everyone.

Sol Rosenthal and his new wife were welcomed by our President.

Lou Ziskin, on the Committee for Personal Service in L. A., called Harry Grossman some weeks back to ask him to substitute as Chaplain at the Chino Prison that particular week. Harry did this work for the B'nai B'rith several years ago. Mr. Winokur suggested that we contact the San Bernardino, Fontana, Riverside, and Santa Anna congregations, and together we purchase a Torah and made a gift of it to the prison. There are nine Jewish men at this Honor Prison and one of them built a beautiful Ark with inlaid woods that is large enough to hold one Torah. They have no Torah and would like a loan or gift of a Torah. Our President asked the Rabbi to take care of this and report back the results.

Mark Schwartz has been working on a money raising affair for our Center. We are going to have a concert in Pomona at the Fremont Junior High Auditorium on Saturday evening, September 11th. The Hollywood String Quartet will attend. They have waived all enumeration and the entire proceeds will go to the Center. Permission has been granted to use the school auditorium and also from the City Council to hold the concert, tax exempt. Admission will be \$1 per person. We will have suitable publicity. Admission will be sold in many of the stores in Ontario and Pomona and also through members of the congregation. Tickets must be sold at once as the time is short. There are many music lovers in Pomona Valley and this should be a huge success.

Harry Grossman had hoped that a large Dedication Banquet could be held before the holidays but it will possibly take place shortly after the holidays.

Election of new trustees will be coming soon and there are four men to be elected. Men with terms expiring this year are Harry Grossman, Jack Greenberg, and Ben Swerdloff. Sam Kelber was appointed to fill an unexpired term. Our president appointed the following men on the Nominating Committee- Dave Kantor, (chairman), Julius Feingold and Jack Krawll. They are to report at our next congregational meeting on Tuesday, September 21st.

It is entirely in order to give a Yom Kippur Dance, in fact it is a very old tradition. Mark

Schwartz advised us that it is very possible that he can obtain the services of Mickey Katz for us if that date is still open for him.

Isabell Weiss told us about a square dance she and Mark attended in Long Beach and what fun it was for everyone. Our President asked Isabell Weiss and Marilyn Estrin to get one started for Pomona and report at the next meeting.

Members were glad to learn that the Center is to get a good percentage of the proceeds from this year's B'nai B'rith Ad Book and Dance, advised Mark Schwartz, president of the BB. The dance will be on October 24th at the Los Seranos Country Club. Admission is \$1 per person. Anyone wishing to have dinner at the club should first contact Mark Schwartz or any other committee member for reservations. Dinner will be at the club's regular price.

Marilyn Estrin made several Sisterhood announcements. Isabell Weiss announced a Social Dance the B. B. chapter is holding on September 18th at the Center.

Rabbi Dolgin reported that he followed instructions and engaged Cantor Shapiro to assist him at the High Holy Dan Services. Regular Friday evening services will begin Friday, September 3rd and the Rabbi will have postcards sent out announcing same.

Paint is supposed to arrive this week at the Bestile plant. Walls of the Temple are to be painted by members of the Congregation, Sunday, September 12th.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M. Respectfully submitted, Reta Grossman, Acting Secretary.

1948-09-21 Minutes

(Data is accurate but presented in a summary style)

Congregation Meeting called to order by President Harry Grossman at 8:55 P.M.

Trustees present- Harry Grossman, Sam Selk, Loretta Zatinsky, Mark Schwartz, Essie Grossman, and Marilyn Estrin. Ex officio members Isabelle Weiss and Mark Weiss.

President Grossman spoke on the lack of attendance at congregational meetings and asked co-operation- that members attend, if we are to have Congregational Meetings.

The Nomination Committee recommended that all present trustees whose terms expire be nominated- Ben Swerdloff, Jack Greenberg and Harry Grossman. Others recommended by the committee are Julius Title, Harry Wolfe, Sam Zatinsky (spelling), Kibbe Zatinsky. Nominations from the floor- Julius Feingold, Mr. Rabinowitz, Reta Grossman. Nominations closed

President Grossman said that he would arrange to have someone from the United Synagogues install the new officers. Installation will be held at the Sisterhood dinner.

Rabbi will try to borrow a Torah for Chino Prison.

Mark Schwartz reported on the concert. The attendance was very good and the talent gave an enjoyable program. The profit was about \$12.

B. B. gave a dance October 31 at Los Serrano Country Club. 25% of the proceeds will go to the Center. But the Center will not benefit from these various affairs if we do not make a united effort to see that all affairs are successful.

A bulletin board will be installed in the foyer.

Mr. And Mrs. Kessler were introduced. Mark Weiss received birthday congratulations.

The Center Bulletin will be mailed to members only.

J. Feingold moved that we charge \$2.50 per year subscription to the bulletin. Marilyn Estrin seconded. Motion defeated.

Mark Schwartz gave a report on the B.B. bring in one family a month from Europe and asked that everyone support this worthy movement. Mark Schwartz will draw up rules of

behavior in the Temple and post them on the bulletin board.

Rabbi gave a report on Sunday school and Hebrew school. Both are very successfully underway for the coming year.

Sam Selk gave a report: We have 36 paid up members. Balance on hand \$1,332.18.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

1 Respectfully submitted Essie Grossman, Secretary.

1948-10-06 Minutes

(Data is accurate but presented in a summary style)

Board Meeting called to order by President Grossman at 8:25 P.M.

Trustees present: Mark Schwartz, Loretta Zatinsky, Sam Selk, Jack Greenberg, Ben Tarshish, Harry Grossman, and Essie Grossman. Ex officio Mark Weiss, Isabelle Weiss, Reta Grossman, Stella Kelber. Visitor Peggy Greenberg.

President Grossman brought up the idea of selling the various Memorials, as a way to raising some money to carry on our heavy expenses. He planned to offer these for sale Kol Nidre night and read a letter that he had prepared to send out to inform the Jewish people that if they wished to remember someone or honor them that this was an ideal time to do it. The Board agreed on this project.

Stella Kelber moved that space on the Eternal Yahrzeit Plaque sell at \$50 per name. Mark Schwartz seconded and motion carried. (m0

Isabell Weiss moved that confirmands must have attended Sunday, at least the year of their confirmation. Mark Weiss seconded and motion carried.

Harry Grossman declined to accept nomination as trustee for the coming year. However, as past president of the Congregation, he will be on the Board, but not eligible for office.

Meeting closed at 9:50 P.M.

1 Respectfully submitted Essie Grossman, Secretary.

1948-10-19 Minutes

(Data is accurate but presented in a summary style)

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Mark Schwartz , at 9:20 pm.

Minutes of previous meeting was read and approved.

Election of four trustees was the important business of the evening.

Nominations were opened and jack fox was nominated. There being no further nominations. Jack Fox declined the nomination. Those elected to serve a term of three years are Harry Wolfe – 21 votes, William Rosenberg 16 votes, Julius Feingold 15 votes. Kibbe Zatinsky 15 votes will serve for one year to close the term of M. Lasky, who resigned.

Installation of officers of the Congregation will be held November 7th at a Sisterhood dinner.

Mr. Aaron Gordon of the United Synagogue will be the installation officer.

Harry Wolfe and J. Feingold will install the screens.

Treasure's report: Balance \$1,775.00. Current bills are paid up to date.

J. Greenberg gave a report of the building funds. About \$1,200 in bank and a bill of chairs of about \$900 will be in very soon. \$900 has been received from the United Jewish Appeal.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 P.M. Respectfully submitted Essie Grossman, Secretary.

1948-11-02 Minutes

(Data is accurate but presented in a summary style)

Congregational Meeting called to order by Vice-President Mark Schwartz at 9:20 P.M. All trustees were present except Harry Grossman. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mark Schwartz was nominated but declined.

Julius Feingold was nominated by Stella Kelber.

Harry Wolfe was nominated as Vice-President. Sam Selk for treasurer.

William Rosenberg Secretary and Ben Tarshish Warden. Estella Kelber moved that a unanimous ballot be cast for this slate of officers. There being no opposition all candidate were elected.

Sam Selk gave a report \$2,000 on hand. About \$1,000 still to be collected on dues.

All matters discussed were tabled until the new officers are installed and they can take over.

Items discussed:

Revision of By-laws;

Shall we keep the Rabbi?;

Committee for Board of education for Sunday school;

All organizations band together (BB – men and women chapters, Zionist, Congregation and Sisterhood to have a bulletin printed once a month with a calendar of all events.

Rabbi should be presented with a written program of what the Trustees want him to do this coming year. Shall the Rabbi be a member of the Board of Trustees with power to vote?

1 Sam Selk announced that a reception would be held at the Center Sunday November 28, 1948 in honor of his daughter Nan's engagement.

Respectfully submitted, E. Grossman

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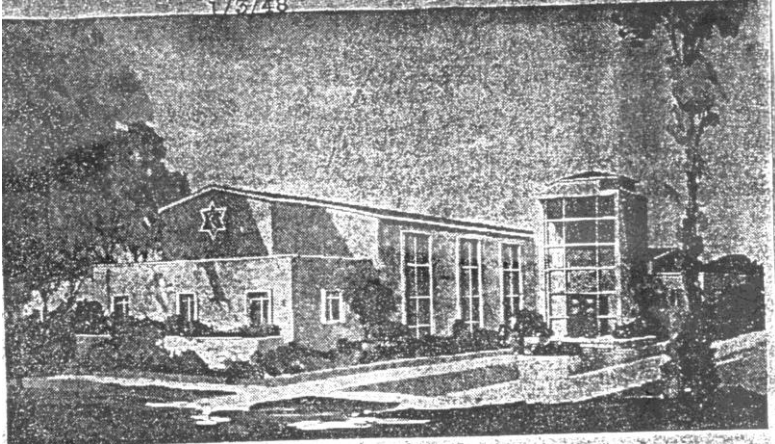
Officers and Trustees:

President	Julius Feingold	1157 Wisconsin Place
Vice-President	Harry Wolf	539 W. Nevada
Treasurer	Sam Selk	
Secretary	William Rosenberg	
Warden	Ben Tarshish	
<u>Trustees:</u>		
Esther Grossman		223 La Densy Dr.
<i>Mark Schwartz (he resigned)</i>		
Loretta Zatinsky		1292 W. 5 th Ave
Carl Zatinsky		

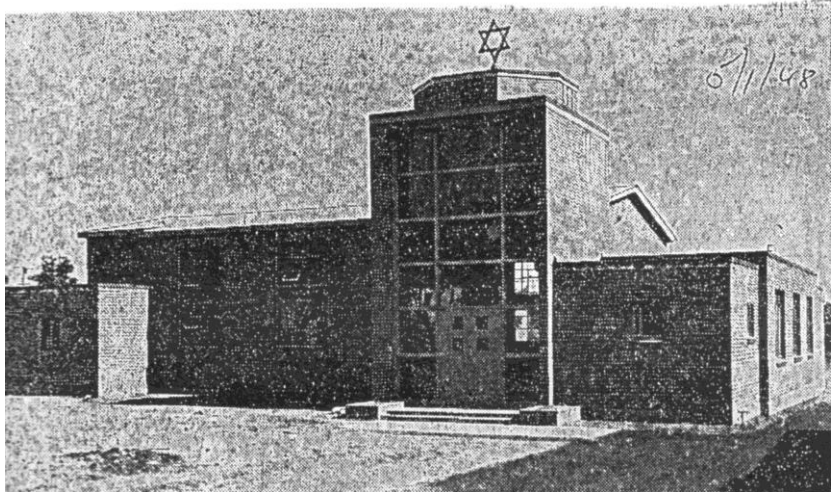
ORANGE GROVE TEMPLE PHOTOS (May, 1961)



Newspaper articles related to the Orange Grove Temple



GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONIES SCHEDULED—New building of Beth Israel Community center, which formerly was known as Pomona-Ontario Jewish Community center, is shown in sketch. Designed by B. H. Anderson, Pomona architect, it will include an assembly hall, four classrooms, kitchen and other facilities. Ground breaking ceremonies will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday on the site, 465 W. Orange Grove avenue, and construction will be begun next week by Ritcher Construction company, Ontario, general contractor.



JEWISH CENTER BUILDING DEDICATED—Newly completed Beth Israel Community center, 456 W. Orange Grove, which was dedicated last evening. Building designed by H. H. Anderson, local architect, includes large assembly hall, five classrooms, rabbi's office and kitchen. A wing to be added within the next two years will extend nearly to

Beth Israel Center Dedicated at Service

For local residents of the Jewish faith, dedication of the newly completed Beth Israel Community center at 456 W. Orange Grove last evening was a dual occasion. In addition to the dedication of their synagogue, the local Jewish congregation celebrated the feast of Passover, ancient holiday.

Dedication of the structure was marked by the placing of the Sefra Torah (holy scrolls) in their new resting place in the temple.

Following the dedicatory service performed by Rabbi Morris Dolgin, children of the Hebrew and Sunday school presented a Passover program.

The temple was erected in less than four months time at a cost of about \$30,000 by the Ritchea Construction company of Ontario. B. H. Anderson of Pomona was the architect.

Assembly Hall Seats 250

Facilities of the temple include an assembly hall to seat 250 persons, five classrooms, rabbi's office and the pre-

ground-breaking ceremonies at 8 p.m. Sunday will presage the start of the new building of Beth Israel Community center, formerly known as the Pomona Ontario Jewish Community center, on the site at 456 W. Orange Grove. Plans prepared by H. H. Anderson, Pomona architect, call for an assembly hall to seat 250 persons; five classrooms; a kitchen; and a dining room for social and communal affairs. Ritchea Construction company of Ontario is general contractor for the project, which is expected to represent an investment of about \$27,000 exclusive of furnishings, furniture, plates, books and other items. It is scheduled for completion about April 15.

The congregations of what is now known as Beth Israel Community center was organized by local residents. It originally convened at the home of members and subsequently in halls rented for the purpose. Its present home, a renovated store building at 1009 W. 2nd street, was purchased and converted into a synagogue quarters by the congregation in 1936. As the congregation grew and the needs of the members increased, it was necessary to find more adequate quarters. The new building at W. Orange Grove avenue site was purchased two years ago.

Classrooms in the new building will be for use of the enlarged Hebrew school, which meets five days a week on Monday through Thursday, and the Sabbath school, which meets on Saturdays and for the Sunday school meeting on Sunday.

Rabbi Morris Dolgin, recently ordained graduate of the Hebrew Theological college of Chicago, Ill., is the newly elected spiritual leader of Beth Israel Community center, and Harry Grossman, Ontario manufacturer, is president. Chairman of the building committee is Jack Greenberg of Pomona, assisted by Mrs. Isabel Weis and Mrs. Loretta Zitinsky.

A chromium-plated spade, suitably inscribed, will be used for the ground-breaking. The names of all who participate in the actual ground-breaking will be placed on a plaque to be posted alongside the chromium spade in a conspicuous place in the new center building.

The Sunday afternoon ceremony will open with the assembly singing "The Star Spangled Banner," led by Mrs. Morris Leaky. Chairman Greenberg of the building committee will extend greetings and children of the Hebrew school will conduct a round table discussion of "The Holy Temple in Ancient Times."

The address will be given by Rabbi Simon Dolgin, rabbi of Beth Jacob congregation, Los Angeles. After concluding remarks by Rabbi Morris Dolgin, the actual ground-breaking ceremonies will be conducted by President Grossman of the local center. The program will be concluded with the singing of "Hallelujah" led by

NOTE:

These newspaper clippings were among the long-term items found when the Archives was started. The individuals who thought enough to cut them out for us, did not put dates on them.

The Minutes indicate the Cornerstone and Dedication were done at the same ceremony sometime before the High Holidays started on September 5th, 1948. If you can tell us the date, we will find better copies of the newspaper clippings so that they are readable.