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History of Sisterhood
Cong. Beth Israel of Beth M.
Compiled by Frances Smith

~~Return
to Anna Cogan
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Forward to Don Porich. ✓ Don, I sent
Dora Petlock a note on this. Thought it
might be housed permanently at the Public Library
or the SYNAGOGUE.

Best wishes!

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[March 1983]

Sylvia

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In 1919, there seems to have been 30 members in the women's group with two names added in pencil, namely, Lizzie Gordon and Mrs. Kutz.

At the bottom of the note book page are added the names of 7 women who lived in Brunswick.

The Bath Names are: Arik, Arrenstam, Abramson, Bloom, Brown, Cohen, Dorfman Green, Gedimen B., J. Goldstein, M. Goldstein, Gordon, Greenblatt, Harris, Fine, Isaacson, Levin (without "e") Miller, J. Mack, S. Mack, N. Petlock, S. Povich, N. Povich, M.S. . Povich, Persky, Solovich, Small, Shamban, (30) Savage, Weinblatt.

Then in pencil, Lizzie Gordon and Mrs. Kutz. (32)

Later: (on page) Abelson, H. Mack, Smith, M. Singer, J. Davis, Gold, Rosen.

(These people paid for something as it shows on account)

That all came from (seemingly) the treasurer's book.

In 1921, Mrs. Greenblatt was pres., Mrs. D Rosen was V.P., Mrs. M. S. Povich was rec. secy and Mrs. M Kutz was financial secy. Mrs. M. Cohen was treas. Mr. Greenblatt was the committee man from Bnai Brith and on Nov. 27, 1921, he spoke to the ladies about an auxiliary to the men's lodge. Decision with the ladies was withheld until a later meeting. This meeting, it is noted, adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

In Dec. of 1921, dues amounted acc. to the books to \$655.00. Mrs. M. Cohen donated a crocheted yoke to be raffled off. When it was raffled, it was won by Mrs. A. Miller. The decision for a ladies group to the Bnai Brith was considered inadvisable but the women voted to help the men whenever necessary. Obviously, these ladies had plenty of time as handwork was collected in a box and aprons were brought to a December meeting and sold. Consternation among the group because chanukah candles had not yet arrived.

At a Dec. meeting, tea was served from a samovar. The silver offering was \$1.75

Jan. 15, 1922 meeting concerned the affair for opening the new shul

Jan. 22, seven days later if you please, the meeting concerned a report on interviewing delinquent members. A committee is appointed for the opening of the shule but no names given. Girls from the YWHA were asked to serve as ushers for the affair.

Feb. 19, 1922, One of the first social gatherings in the new synagog was held this day. Chief event was the hanging of the new mantle on the Torah, also new draperies on windows. Possibly the latter was donated by the YWHA.

A new clock was installed in the hall. Donated by Hebrew Juniors!

In good old colonial style, the draperies were auctioned off and those who bought them, hung them! Morris S. Povich hung the mantle. It cost him \$10.

On April 23 of that year, the discussion at the meeting concerned the finishing of the Mikva. Whether the treasury was to pay or the individuals was an all-time high question. It was left for the next meeting giving the mbrs time to consider. At the april 30th meeting, the treasury was to pay for the Mikva and the society was to investigate systems suitable. Mikva notwithstanding, the meeting adjourned at 9:30.

I did not find out more about this commodity as it is not mentioned again in any of the following meetings. Disappointment, indeed.

In May 1922, Mrs. A. Miller was president and Mrs. M.S. Povich was Rec. secy.

At this point, I want to thank Eva for her fine penmanship and well kept notes.

Sep. 23, a lawn party was held jointly with the YWHA. Successful.

Voted to change the meetings from synagog to the homes.

* Mrs. Rosen invited the group to meet with her in Brunswick for Sep. 17
This must have happened at an earlier meeting.

Nov. 19, Mrs. Arik donated a piano to the shule. This piano business goes on thruout the years and I have no idea what happened to pianos that came and seemingly went. Mrs. N. Povich read a story in yiddish, which also happened on and off thruout the early years.

Having heard some of these stories ^{in the 30's} they were a treat.

On Dec. 17, 1922, there was a chicken supper. Just for the birds, here is the menu: chopped liver, roast chicken, mashed potatoes, green peas, cranberry sauce, sweet pickles, cucumber pickles, sourkraut, lemon and apple pie, tea. Price 75¢. All food donated. The influence of Am. cookings is felt.

Dec. 31, 1922, Mrs. M. Cohen, president

Feb. 1923, the women met and tacked a quilt in good American fashion.

Society took charge of passover orders. Matzos were ordered directly from Cincinnati by Mrs. Greenblatt. The next 3 meetings are concerned with the orders.

April & 29, 1923, Mrs. S. Levin is president. A blintza and coffee social is planned for Shuvath. It was held May 22.

June 10, a picnic was held at Thomas' Point from what is written. Families are to take their own food and an athletic program was scheduled.

June 24, 1923, there was an election of officers. This is written in yiddish. Mrs. D. Rosen is president and Mrs. S. Greenblatt scy.

Printed cards for meetings is mentioned.

I hope these yiddish notes by Mrs. Greenblatt are kept for always. To me, they represent the passing of an era. Mrs. Greenblatt's transliteration from English into yiddish is priceless. She used freedom and verve.

For instance: Someone^hut donated a booby prize. Gewonnen by The unvensenheit of 10 members collected.... means the presence of so many members brought a collection of so much....

Also: 50¢ fufzig cent is areingeworfen in gas.....

Seemingly the ladies met every week at this time.

Jan. 6, 1924, a supper planned for the 15th was to cost 50¢ for the adults 25¢ for the children.

Jan. 27, 1924, Mrs. B. Gedimen became president with Mrs. Greenblatt, rec. secy.

January 1925 was a short meeting. Pages are missing.

Feb. 21, 1926, the meeting had 10 members and this was good as heretofore some meetings mentioned 7 or 8. Orders for Passover were taken. Mrs. Weinblatt is mentioned as writing for something but Abe Kramer could not read it. The writing in pencil is blurred.

Jan. 9, 1927. This meeting discusses the sale of a bathtub. We think it might be the mickvah.

Jan. 23, 1927, A report from the men confirms the fixing of the bathroom - probably the wash rooms. Mrs. M. Cohen is president and Mrs. M.S. Povich becomes the rec. secy.

Feb 6, 1927, Mrs. B. Gedimen announced the kitchen was properly arranged. Passover orders in the news!

Mar 20, a Purim supper was a huge success. Everyone seemed to have had so much fun at these affairs. The menu was baked haddock, etc.

March 27, the Society voted \$500 for a permanent altar to be built. Contracts are to be given out. The gas stove is moved from the small kitchen to the new one

April 10, Mrs Cohen, Kutz, Gedimen and Povich retire UPSTAIRS to put up the Passover orders, matzos and grocery orders always separate.

A rummage sale is mentioned for the first time.

May 10, the rummage sale netted \$40 with \$3 expenses. Held at 22 Center St. Another sumptuous chicken supper is planned for May 30.

The younger girls are to be waitresses and a 3 piece orchestra is to be found. This may have been the Dedication of the new altar.

June 12, 1927. A fantastic report ~~of~~ a colored Jew named Abraham Simonovitz appeared and - quote "upon the story of his circumcision" was given \$4. He spoke on Judaism. At this meeting, Mrs. Cohen reported on the Dedication (of the altar?) and the chicken supper.

Dec. 18, There is a reference to the YMHA and the YWHA who were giving a supper in the shul at an early date.

Mrs. N. Povich was to meet with the men to have a flush repaired.

January 15, 1928: A new ruling passed that officers serve according to the alphabet. Length of term 6 months. Mrs. M. Cohen is still president and secy is Mrs. A. Gedimen.

May 1928, Mrs. Gedimen is president and Mrs. S. Greenblatt rec. secy.

There is only one entry by Mrs. Greenblatt in yiddish which I did not have time to have read by Abe. It is beautiful penmanship, yiddish of course.

August 1928, Mrs. M. Kutz is secy.

Talka and Sadie have penmanships which I hardly admire. Dad as mine.

Mrs. Kutz's reports are short and to the point. The men reported via the secy got \$750.00 from the Davenport fund.

Feb. 3, 1929, President Mrs. A. Gedimen, Rec Secy is Belle Levine.
her penmanship is legible.

June 2, 1929, Whist party in shul, Adm. 25¢ Mrs. Cogan won first prize.

Oct. 27, a report of \$10.60 from a whist party is given and it is to be donated to the Old Folks Home in Portland.

Nov. 24, 1929, Mrs. A. Gedimen was appointed to visit a new family in town.

Dec. 8, 1929: money is being collected for poor children in Palestine.

This may be the beginning of what we now call the Penny Collection.

Mentioned here for first time.

Jan. 30, 1929 Mrs. Max Kutz is president

NOTHING FOR 1930, 31 and 32 except from my own diary: Nov. 1930 Mrs. M. Conen having just returned from a trip to Europe to visit Mr. Cohen's father & family, called on Mrs. Jos. I. Smith, just in town 6 weeks. All the Cohens of that time went to Europe.

1933 meetings are not written up in note form but in agenda form. Possibly that book, too, is missing. The writing here is Ann Cogan's.

1934 still looks like Ann Cogans writing and we have:

January, 1934, Mrs. Gedimen (?) was appointed to give a prayer at meeting

THERE IS NOTHING FOR 1935, 36, 37 and 38. Anyone have the books?

In Jan. 1939, Mrs. Jos. I. Smith conducted the meeting because the president was absent. Perl Levy was secy. Mrs. I. Singer is a new member.

Feb. 1939, Society gave men's group \$50. This goes on for years....

Feb. 19, Mrs. Smith conducted ^{services} S.S. for the older children at the Shul at 10:30 and for the little children at 11:30. Later, she had them at her home.

March 5, 1939, Mrs. Rubin, pres of Bnai Brith asked to use Shul cups & saucers. A visiting com. was to see Mrs. Epstein just moved here.

May 12 21, Bess Korolick president, Frances Smith rec. secy.

Later in June, Mrs. Korolick was leaving town so Mrs. S. Prawer is pres.

John Sickys
 Sep. 1939, a reference here to the Simmons College Refugee Com. to which we sent money off and on. Don't remember it.

The Com. on Heating was to look into the matter of heating the Vestry.

A discussion of pews took place. Nothing more is said.

Oct. 2, 1939, We got into a kitchen Key entanglement which went on for years.

Either the keys did not fit or the lock was wrong. Someone was forever coming in to fix the locks or we were hunting keys. It was a real picnic - only in retrospect. Mrs. Rubin reported \$13.55 profit from a dance held in the vestry.

Oct. 15, the secy forgot the raffle tickets and the hostess forgot the prize!

Bess Singer was hostess. I was secy. Martha Miller is an active member.

Nov. 26, Morris Petlock appealed for help for the men's group. Secy reported poor condition of shul due to carelessness of men at meetings. This secy. obviously reported the carelessness of men at every meeting. New ash trays seem to have been bought but not used!

Dec. 10, Voted to have a supply of paper towels in wash rooms.

A few new tables were to be built.

We were supposed to meet with Mrs. May on Dec. 24 but nothing came of it.

Jan. 6, 1940: report says we paid \$4.50 for each table. Someone had wanted \$7.50 but we thought the lower price more appealing. Made in Winnegance, I gather.

Feb. 4, 1940: Mrs. Præer will bring a report on the Aliyah movement via Mrs. Kaplan of Portland, to next meeting.

April 24, Society bought a Juke box or Nicleodeum

June 9, There is a meeting with Mrs. May. Martha Miller is rec. secy.

A sewing group was working for Red Cross.

Sep. 15, Ed Cogan gave a chemistry demonstration much to the ladies' delight.

Dec. 15, A com. was to look into matter of buying 25 folding chairs.

Eventually they were bought but the method was complicated and involved.

We had a baked bean supper that season. Mrs. S. Greenblatt baked all the beans

with meat which was a special treat. Mrs. M. Cohen made strudel. Mrs. Kramer

made the lemon pie. See her name for the first time. Mrs. Lindenburg still here

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Oct. 6, 1940, Mrs. Justin Wayne became a member

April 6, 1941 Cabinets were discussed at this meeting.

June 8, 1941 Sunday: Mrs. Ziblatt is president. Mrs. Sara Finlestein, rec secy

Sep. 28, Mrs. Wm. Fradkin a new member

Sun. Jan. 4, 1942: a white elephant sale netted \$15.08

Mar 8, 1942: Dr. Joseph I. Smith was the guest speaker.

Guess what - he wanted money and asked for \$100 for the men's group

April 12, 1942: Mrs. Ziblatt is still president but Mrs. May is rec secy and

this is really penmanship - oy, vey...

May 4, a Father & Son banquet is held on the 17th. Planned now, of course.

Everyone attended. The profit was \$3.07

June 21, 1942, Mrs. Jacob Smith is president and Mrs. Wm. Fradkin rec secy.

Oct. 4: Mrs. Kramer volunteered to mark all linens
Mrs. Jacob Smith left to join her husband in the army and
Mrs. M. Cohen took over the presidency.

Oct. 18, 1942: Mrs. Louis Petlock was elected president. New members are
Mrs. Nathan Press, Mrs. Simon Werner and Mrs. Joe Yankowitz

Nov. 15, 1942: Someone reported \$24.76 profit from a Harvest Dance.
Mrs. May is still here. We are discussing new lights at
this meeting. For what or where, I don't know.

Dec. 27: Gave men \$150. We asked the men for a written request stating
why they needed the money!

Jan. 10, 1943 Someone spent 5 hrs cleaning the shul. Paid \$2.30 those
were the days.

The new lights referred to on Nov. 15th, were the side lights in the sanctuary
which resembled bathroom fixtures and which disappeared not too long ago.

Mrs. Fradkin resigned as rec. secy.

Feb. 1942, Mrs. Sara Finklestein became rec. secy. Dim-out curtains discussed.

This went on for some meetings. 7 volunteers for Red Cross knitting.

Mrs. Jaffee is mentioned on a committee. Mrs. Klein is a new mbr. Mrs. May is
still here. Motion at this meeting was made to limit refreshments to crackers,
cheese and tea or coffee. Passed but did no good. Thank goodness.

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May 14, 1943: Black curtains are to made for the vestry.

At later meeting, group discussed buying Savings Bonds.

June 20, 1943, Meeting at Mrs. Wayne's. Belle Levin president and Betty Press is rec. secy.

June 21, Two bonds were bought at the Opera House. A rally, what?

Oct. 17, A dinner set won by Mrs. Lawrence Katz in raffle. Mrs. Petlock -Louis was in charge of raffle but absent at meeting. Group felt she had not been properly thanked. (I dont know what we did about it!)

Mrs. Ginsberg named on a committee.

Oct. 31, 1943: Mrs. Jaffee called on Mrs. Ralph Diamon, a new member.

Rabbi Bernstien's name appears here.

Feb. 8, 1944 First time meeting held on a Tuesday evening. At. Mrs. Kramer's. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Levin to visit Mrs. Feingold. (W ho was she?)

Volunteers to serve at USO quarters.

May 16, A letter signed by E H Robinson and Madeyn Pierce thanks the group for a splendid supper which we served at USO on April 23, 1944.

Mrs. Jos. I. Smith became a member of the USO directors - probably because of the supper!

In both 1943 and 44, there are excellent annual reports from the secy.

Bess Singer was secy in 1944.

A new member is Mrs. Wm. Kamer (Who is she?), other new mbrs are Mrs. Morris Petlock, Mrs. Hyman Diamond and Mrs. Morris Goldstein.

Jan. 9, 1945: A supper in the shul was voted down and a discussion of E bonds took place.

Feb. 13, Jimmy Smith and Arnold Cogan dragged chairs by sled from ^{shul} sul to Jim's home for a party. Each boy paid 50¢/ It was a lot of money then....

April 24, \$5 sent to the Zion Orphanage in Palestine.

May 8, A moment of silence observed for V-E Day.

May 22, Mrs. Prawer is president and Sara Finlestein, rec secy

Oct. 9, Mrs. Singer will represent Beth Israel at Red Cross meetings.

Nov. 6, 1945: We talked about letting a permanent rabbi. This too is an old refrain

Dec. 18, a boy from Bowdoin was to be found to teach S.S. for the little children. Ladies Society to take charge of payments.

~~xxxx~~ January 28, 1946 Ladies were asked to organize a Hadassah. Nothing came of it.

Feb. 12: Mrs. Esther Diamond became treasurer.
Locks and keys are back in the news. A Com. was to find ways & means to make locks and keys work.
• Cars are to be sent instead of flowers except in special instances
S.S. teacher costs \$4 per week
A letter from Maine Jewish Council read asking us to help Jews from Europe.
There's a rabbi here named Kohansky. (was that his name?)
Bowdoin student is not needed.
was this the rabbi who chased his children while brandishing a butcher knife? The boy was hanging from the pipes across the ceiling as witnessed by Mrs. J Goldstein and reported to us....
The knife was purely incidental.

May 7, refers to services held in synagog on Friday night
complaints that boys were not attending S.S.

June 18: Voted to give \$10 per week in support of rabbi

Pres is Ann Cogan. Secy is Bessie Klein.

Sep. 12, Dont know what happened here but Bess Singer was appointed Sec. Secy and Mrs. Kramer corres. secy. A visiting com. was to see Mrs. Lait, Mrs. Diamond (?) Mrs. Bates (?) Mrs. Zimmerman and Mrs. Berman, Mrs. Katz and Mrs. Sass.
Frances Smith to conduct a Bible Course Study. This went on for some time.

Feb. 26, 1947 \$500 given to men's group. Purim party planned.

May 11, Letter read on Refug/ee problem and about solution in West Indies.

A covered dish supper was called off because of storm.

Mar. 11, Mr. Kohansky mentioned again. Mrs. Kramer instructed to buy a book case. (Watch this bookcase story....)

May 9, a group of Bowdoin boys conducted services in shul.

An inter-faith group program sponsored by Colby College was accepted for group.

An emergency door at back of vestry was discussed.

Mrs. Singer teaching S.S. to younger children and Mrs. Smith has older group.

Notes say that Mrs. Smith was honored by being asked to serve as a mbr of the state Sunday school board. (I dont remember this at all and never went to a meeting) ~~xxxxxx~~

Sep. 25, Hospital thanked us for a \$10 donation to the Fair.
 A togus veteran thanked us for a birthday gift. We are to give 10 birthday gifts at \$1.50 ea. to Togus thru Camp and hosp. Service of Red Cross. Mrs. Ruth Silverman in charge.
 The sea scouts thru Mr. Jaffee were given permission to meet in our vestry as long as they kept it clean. Later, they were not permitted even to enter as there was too much equipment and gear to store. Joint meetings were popular for a while.
 Don Povich and Ed Cogan took chg. of kindergarten sunday school. Dr. Zimmerman had the intermediate group. Mrs. Frances Smith still had the older group and Bess Singer was supt.

Nothing having come of Mrs. Kramer and the bookcase, Mrs. Singer & Mrs. Press took over. A bookcase with a good lock is wanted.

Oct. 28, Mrs. Robert Levine and Mrs. Sam Share are new members. Mrs. Abe Greenblatt is a guest.
 After all the fuss about the bookcase, Miss Sophie Mickels offers a used one. There is more to come....
 Mrs. Singer is representative to Skating Rink Com. sponsored by Rotary

Nov. 18, Mrs. Kramer and Miss Mikels got together about the bookcase. Mrs. Kramer will see about repairs.

Dec. 2, Somebody bought some records for machine
 Nom. com has a terrible time. Mrs. Jacob Smith is named Pres. from the floor, if you dont mind.

Dec. 16, Probably no one remembers what happened but Mrs. Kramer reported that a 5-shelf bookcase with glass doors had been bought for \$10.
 A party at the shul with movies by Mr. Share netted \$33.70
 Celia Epstein is new primary S.S. teacher. In a burst of happiness and glory to Israel, Mrs. Epstein was made an honorary member as long as she taught S.S. I think this meant that she did not pay dues! Sylvia Katz is rec. secy and G. Kramer is corres. secy.
 There is a fine yearly report.

In 1947, we lost 2 mbs by death - Mrs. Diamond and Mrs. Anna Mikelsky
 According to the secy., 4 mbrs moved away, there were 2 new members and one honorary. Total membership 34.

January 13, 1948 Sara Smith is president and will collect \$10 for the bookcase, I dont know from whom or from where.

Again, Jimmy and Arnold are collecting rummage from our members for a sophomore summae sale.

Jan. 27, 1948. Frances Smith is collecting articles of clothing for a Jewish orphanage in Italy via the Nat. Council of Jewish women.
 Jimmy & Arnold are asked to shovel snow from shul after storms. Wonder what they got for this...

Mar. 9, Mrs. Evelyn Merson was a guest at the meeting.

Mar. 23, Sunday school children donated \$1.95 for arbor day for Palestine.
 A Stanley products demonstration by someone held. Netted \$7.37 reported at later meeting.

Nov. 8, Irene Lait and Sylvia Cohen teaching sunday school.

Dec. 7, Mrs. Rubin, a popular V.P. presided at this meeting.

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In the 1948 annual report, it is noted that our group was invited to attend a meeting with the Winter St. Ch. Auxiliary at which Mrs. Sumner Sewall spoke. I can not find whether anyone attended.

Jan. 6, 1949 A young Judea group was organized with Jim Smith, Pres., Gilbert Frawer V.P., Sylvia Cohen secy and Owen Greenblatt trea. Lorna Kramer was director.

New president is Mrs. Morris Petlock. Gertrude Kramer is corres sec and Bess Singer is rec secy.

Group decided to invite Winter St. ladies to a meeting. This goes on for a long time, watch it....

Jan. 18, Meetin in Brunswick with Mrs. Share. New member is Mrs. Abe Greenblatt. Reactivated member is Mrs. S. Povich.

Feb. 1, Secy was asked to write to Cincinnati about a rabbi. Letter was read at next meeting and Mrs. L. Petlock will interview the gentleman in Boston so

Mar. 8, Dora Petlock did not like the rabbi.
There is so much sickness around that a children's party is postponed.

May 31, Mrs. Frances Smith, pres. of Maine state pta spoke on that subject at the request of the president, Mrs. Mary Petlock.

June 14, Gifts still being sent to Togus. The Juke box is in the limelight. Mrs. Goldstein let a group of Bowdoin boys use it. We decided that here and now that nothing could leave the shul but chairs and tables and that only to members.

Aug. 17, Mrs. Eva Povich announced dedication of a memorial plaque to the shul ~~in~~ given by the Povich family in memory of their parents and brother.

Sep. 15, Mr. Hall is conducting high holiday services. We all seem to like him. He will sleep and eat anywhere and leave telephone bills unpaid!
\$400 given to men's group, to help ~~pay~~ for furnace.
A Bowdoin student is teaching S.D. and Hebrew to children

Nov. 15, Roberta Lait is leader of Young Judea.

Dec. 6, 1949, Cant find a president. Belle Levin volunteered. Jennie Lait is rec secy.

Dec. 27, For first time in these many books, there was not a quorum and no meeting was held. (For future use: according to the new Roberts, a meeting can be held but money can not be paid out.)

Jan. 17, 1950 Jennie Lait probably used the new ball point pen. The ink is brilliant blue and the pages are smudged!
Ada Greenblatt is conducting sunday school

Feb. 21, A thankyou note is sent to Frank Freeman for candelabras.

Mar. 7, a rummage sale netted \$104.00. Gertrude Kramer chairman.

Oct. 10, Sara Finlestein moved to Portland.

Oct. 26, Another invitation from Winter St. Ch Auxiliary.

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Nov. 21, The ladies really attended the meeting at Winter St.

Feb. 6, 1951 No president but work went right on. V.P. Sylvia Katz took charge. She really holds the record for V.P. D. Rubin comes next.

Mar. 20, 1951, Esther Diamont president.

May 1, Winter St. Ladies were invited to Shul May 22.

June 5, The event of May 1st was really held May 22 and on this date was reported a huge success. There was a discussion about the speaker. Who was it?

Sep. 18, A moment of silence observed in memory of Mrs. Lva Povich and Mrs. Minnie Goldstein.
Sunday school troubles again.

Nov. 13, A beano party is shaping up. Mrs. Diamont read a passage from the Bible.

Jan. 15, 1952 More presidential troubles. Belle Levin who holds the record graciously offered to serve.
Mrs. Diamont is res secy and Sylvia Katz, of course, V.P.

Mar. 11, Belle Levin was honored as a pourer at Tea at Hyde Home sponsored by Club 42.

April 22, Envelopes folded for Easter Seal drive

May 6, Rug for sanctuary discussed. This went on for months....

September 9, \$100 given to men. Copy of bylaws in secy's book. Bonds to be checked by president.

Dec. 16, A discussion of the ubiquitous kitchen troubles again on agenda. New slate of officers: Belle Levin is president. Jennie Lait is rec secy.
Annual report mentions book-racks on back of pews installed.

Feb. 24, 1953 A long write-up about a Purim party and then cancelled.

Mar. 10, Ladies filled 5700 envelopes for Easter Seals.

Oct. 27, Janice Povich is asked to contact Jay Povich about asphalt tile for vestry floor.

Jan. 5, 1954 This meeting and several following were devoted theoretically to a change in the kitchen. The kitchen is still with us.

Jan. 19, A new stove is discussed for said kitchen.
Keys to kitchen cupboards back in the news.

Feb. 2, balance in treasury \$775.78

April 13, 1954, A moment of silence for Mrs. S. Greenblatt, a dearly beloved member who to many of us was the last link with our own parents' generation, certainly concerning traditions and heritage of Judaism.

Jan. 4, 1955 Frances Smith agreed reluctantly to be president after the usual troubles. Good ole Sylvia again is V. P. Esther Diamont is rec secy.

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Jan. 18, 1955, A new ruling passed: when men use the kitchen, a member of the women's group will be appointed to see that everything used is stored and locked afterwards. Men continue to be careless.

Another ruling: nothing is to be taken from kitchen to anyone's home.

Mar. 15, A community seder was voted down.

April 20, The vestry is to be painted and new drapes will be hung April 26.

April 26, The drapes were hung.

Here the book ends.

*and no time to find the one
that follows 1955*

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