

SUPERIOR JEWS HAVE COMPLETED NEW SYNAGOGUE

Equipped With Steam Heat,
Combination Lighting System,
Auditorium and Clubrooms.

Superior Hebrew synagogue, 602 Hammond avenue, is the newest edifice in the city, being completed only a couple of weeks ago. The framework of the synagogue was erected in 1905 and it has been used for religious services ever since. Last year, however, the building was raised and set on a 12-foot concrete basement, and the old frame building has been converted into a plaster church, which gives it a more substantial appearance and makes the building safer from fire danger.

The congregation was organized in 1905 with 15 active members, which means that the 15 men made regular payments for the support of the congregation. Besides this, many Hebrews in the city gave occasional contributions. These people and their families on special occasions taxed the capacity of the synagogue.

The first officers of the congregation were Harry Sparberg, chairman; William Schlossberg, secretary, and A. Siegel, treasurer. During the 12 years which have passed since the organization of the congregation, and the building of the original synagogue, prominent Hebrews in Superior have held office and performed a great amount of devoted and painstaking work in order to bring the congregation up to its present size and standing.

Today the active membership has increased to 40, and the attendance has reached a proportion that the organizers never dreamed of. The general services are held Friday night, Saturday morning and night, and they are always well attended. On holidays and at special services the attendance averages 300 persons.

For many years the congregation engaged a rabbi who was permanently stationed in Superior, but the last year there has been no salaried rabbi. Within the congregation are many men who are students of the Talmud and the scriptures, and these men turn about in serving as readers and address the congregation on religious and semi-religious subjects at the weekly services. These men also alternate as leaders of the daily prayer meetings held every morning and night.

The synagogue is 40 by 60 feet, furnished with steam heat and combination gas and electric lighting system. The concrete basement is divided into an auditorium, wash rooms and two club rooms. This basement is used for social gatherings, lodge meetings and the Young Men's Hebrew association expects to make its headquarters in one of the club rooms. The building is valued at \$12,000 and the remaining debt, after the improvements made the last year have been included, is negligible.

The present officers of the congregation are: A. Heitzberg, chairman; M. Rosenbloom, secretary, and J. Simon, treasurer. These men feel elated over last year's progress and in common with the members of the congregation they take great pride in the new and modern synagogue.

The congregation is orthodox in its teachings and adheres as strictly as possible to the old language and customs. No move has been made to reform the church in accordance with the wishes of some of the aggressive members of the Jewish race, who want to adopt the English language and American customs, and it is not anticipated at this time that any such move will be made by the congregation, officers declare.

In connection with the synagogue is a "Ladies' Aid" society which works for the benefit of the congregation by making fancy work, giving socials and generally contributing to a better social intercourse between members of the congregation as well as members of the Hebrew race who visit Superior or belong to another synagogue.

These women are loyal and faithful workers. They make the assembly room homelike and cheerful and they have of their own accord paid for installation of much of the equipment in the synagogue. The officers are Mrs. J. Weingarten, president; Mrs. A. Cedar, secretary, and Mrs. Esther Frankel, treasurer.

The younger women of the congregation, not desirous of being outdone by their mothers and elder sisters, have organized the "Ezra Girls," who meet in the club rooms to work for the welfare of the congregation. Besides working for the church and raising money for installation of equipment and taking care of obligations which they voluntarily assume, they devote themselves to literary and musical pursuits and bring the spirit, life and zest of youth into the gatherings.

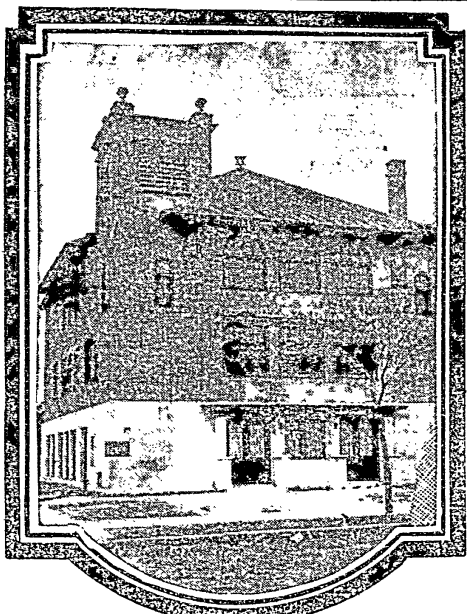
The officers of the Ezra Girls are Alice Holberg, president; Miss Edith Laaky, secretary, and Miss Helen Weingarten, treasurer.

The Superior Hebrew Cemetery association is independent of the congregation, but many of the leading members take an active part in this venture. J. I. Sher is the secretary.

Another independent organization is the Young Men's Hebrew association, which has held meetings in ordinary lodge halls during the remodeling of the synagogue. Now, however, it is the intention to move the headquarters to one of the club rooms in the basement of the synagogue.

There are a number of Jewish societies in Superior, but they have no direct or indirect connection with the church.

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