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QUESTIONNAIRE

(To all congregations and Educational Institutions)

CONGREGATIONAL

- 1) Name of congregation... *Sheffield's District Hebrew Cong.* Founded... *1956*
- 2) Name of Rabbi(s)..... *None*
Other Ministers..... *Rev. L. Soran*
- 3) Apart from major Festivals are (were) Services held on:-
Friday Night in 1946... *No* in 1958... *No*
Saturday Morning " *No* " " *Yes*
Weekday Mornings " *No* " " *No*
- 4) Average attendance on
Friday Night in 1946... *Nil* in 1958... *Nil*
Saturday Morning " *10* " " *18*
Weekdays " *Nil* " " *Nil*
- 5) Average attendance of regular Sabbath Morning
Children's Services (if any) in 1946... *None* in 1958... *16*
- 6) Maximum attendance during the year at statutory Services
(i.e. probably Kol Nidre) in 1946... *None* in 1958... *280*
Yom Kippur Children's Service " *None* " " *60*
- 7) Approximate percentage of young people (say 15-25 years)
at regular Services in 1946... *None* in 1958... *40%*
- 8) Number of ADULT financial members a) male in 1946... *None* in 1958... *127*
b) female " " *None* " " *98*
- 9) Number of Weddings in the year 1945/46... *None* in 1957/58... *None*
(according to your Annual Report)
- 10) Number of Barmitzvahs in the year 1945/46... *None* in 1957/58... ..
Batmitzvahs " " " " *None* " " " " *None*

B. RELIGIOUS EDUCATIONS

- 11) Number of children enrolled in the (congregational)
school or Talmud Torah in 1946... .. in 1958... *57*
and the average attendances for 1946... .. 1958... ..
- 12) Number of Teachers in such school in 1946... .. in 1958... *4*
- 13) When does school meet (incl. hours of instruction)
in 1946... .. in 1958... *Tues. Thurs. Sundays*
4-5 4-5 9.50-12 AM
- 14) Number of children in post-Barmitzvah class in 1946... *None* 1958... ..
If no such class exists how many pupils are over 13 years
in 1946... .. 1958... ..

C. YOUTH (name the various youth groups or organisations)

- 15) a) Name... *Sheffield Jewish Youth* Age Group... *14-18*
Number of members in 1946... *None* in 1958... *50*
- b) Name... *Bechor* Age Group... ..
Number of members in 1946... *None* in 1958... *27*
- c) Name... *Kabonim* Age Group... ..
Number of members in 1946... *None* in 1958... *18*

16) How often do they meet and what is the nature of their activities?

*Once a week for services, social activities, film screenings
(Israeli films)*

D. AUXILIARY ORGANISATIONS (such as Women's Guilds, etc.)

17) Name... *Shottfield and Hebrew Congregation Lecher, Lecher*
Number of members in 1946... *None*.....1958... *42*.....

E. FINANCE

18) Total current and regular expenditure (excluding capital expenditure) in congregational fiscal year in 1945/46... *None*.....in 1957/58.....

19) What major building activities have been undertaken in the period 1946-1958 (state costs).....
Purchase of property at Shottfield £4,500
Erection of Synagogue and Communal Hall £14,000 approx.

F. GENERAL

Please give evaluation - as objectively as possible - of the qualitative religious growth (if any) of your congregation in the period 1946-1958 e.g. in regard to religious observance, to parents' interest in the religious education of their children, to congregational participation in the Services, to the standards of the Barnitzvah tests, to the response to congregational cultural activity, and any other aspects you deem important as symptomatic of the spiritual development of the congregation. Please make this answer comprehensive and realistic.

The Shottfield and ^{spirit} Hebrew Congregation has developed from the original Shottfield P.O.C. Association, which consisted of the parents of the children attending the classes on a Sunday morning, supplied by the U.S.W. Board of Jewish Education. With the enrollment into active membership of more than the parents only and with the much more varied activities entered into the name of the organisation was changed into the Shottfield Jewish Centre. One of the first activities entered into by the Centre was the provision of a place of worship, and a room in the building owned by the U.S.W. Board of Jewish Education was furnished as a small synagogue, and a Sept Torah purchased. Saturday morning services were started, and were followed by festival services. With these services have followed naturally a very much deeper interest in Jewish religious life, and this spirit is growing and making itself

NOTES: By 1946 and 1958 we mean (where applicable) the congregational fiscal year of 12 months i.e. 1945/46 and 1957/58 i.e. the first year after the war and the present year.
When a more specific date is required the beginning of the Jewish year, mostly coinciding with the beginning of the congregational administrative year, is referred to.

I should be grateful for a copy of the last Annual Report and Financial Statement and, where possible, for a similar Report for 1945/46.

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS should fill in only Nos. 1,11,12,13,14,18,19 and an equivalent to "General" applicable to the standards of the school or schools. In many cases a separate report attached to the Questionnaire will be most practical.