

## *Sons of Israel Association*

The Sons of Israel is a local fraternal order, and was founded in the city of Memphis in February, 1900. The only surviving members of the original group are A. Walter and A. Gold. The purpose for which the organization was founded was to take care of its own, to relieve distress caused by sickness or death or to alleviate financial stress of its members. However, it has gone far beyond the original purpose and has aided many worthy causes such as Zionism, the B'nai B'rith, national drives for the relief of suffering Jewry thruout the world, and numerous local causes. The one word slogan of the "Sons of Israel" is "Give," and it has carried out this slogan thru the years in actual practice.

From a small beginning, the lodge has increased in size until the present time it has a membership of over one hundred. Its membership is active, and meets twice each month on the Second and Fourth Sundays of the month at the Beth El Emeth Social Center on Poplar Avenue, near Third Street.

The purpose of the Sons of Israel Lodge today is the same as when it was founded in 1900. Its larger membership has made it possible to undertake larger and difficult tasks, but it has not been the purpose of the lodge to do things of a sensational nature, but to render constant and consistent service to its membership and the Jewish community of Memphis. It pursues its tasks quietly and efficiently, and its constantly growing strength is the testimonial of service which it has rendered.

The present officers are K. Kesserm, past president; Morris Yergin, president; N. Tennebaum, vice president; William Sizeler, secretary; L. Samuels, treasurer; Sam O'Mell, trustee; S. Kaplan, chaplain; and the following members of the executive board: S. Fortas, H. Berger, B. Milstein, D. Lazarov, M. Weinberg, L. Feldman, M. Brown, and J. Rosenblum.