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FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION  
OF THE



*Texas*



*State Conference*  
*Council of Jewish Women*

DALLAS

BAKER HOTEL

*April Twelfth, Thirteenth and Fourteenth*  
*Nineteen-Twenty-six*



1926 - Texas State  
Conference

Madam President, Members of El Paso Section,  
National Council of Jewish Women:

Before giving my report I want to thank you, my friends and fellow-workers, for the honor you conferred upon me when you chose me to be one of your representatives. I have not, perhaps, brought back to you much in words, but please be assured that I do come back with a fuller comprehension of the dignity of our beloved organization, and the duties involved in the fulfillment of its ideals. One could hardly come in contact with so many brilliant, earnest women without becoming inoculated with the enthusiasm of service, and even of spirituality and a determination to do one's very best for the betterment of humanity, the ideal of every true Jewish woman, and I herein pledge you my support to the best of my ability.

On Monday morning, April 12, following registration, I attended the morning session of the Council Juniors, and here are some of their activities which I brought home for the benefit of our Juniors.

Waco boasts of assisting the Seniors on Temple Sabbath, supporting a circulating library, selling settlement cookbooks as a means of raising funds, distributing Chanukah boxes of goodies to orphans and Purim gifts to the poor and needy children.

Wichita Falls has a membership of only ten, but doing work which would do credit to a membership of one hundred. They constitute the Temple choir, giving aid to the Haidosah organization by sewing garments for the orphans in Palestine. Dallas Juniors gave a linnenhower, sending one hundred linen garments to the hospital in Palestine.

*Seniors*  
The morning session of the Juniors opened at eleven o'clock with the President, Mrs. Maurice L. Goldman, presiding. The invocation was given by Rabbi Lefkowitz. The morning was given over to routine work, reports of committees, etc. The afternoon session, beginning at 2:15, included an address by Mrs. Spears on prison reform, and a discussion on the subject by Rabbi Cohn of Galveston. The report of these ~~xxxxxx~~ addresses was given to you by Mrs. Mayer.

What impressed me in the Section report which followed is how well they support every worthy cause and twelve of the fourteen Sections represented at the State conference ~~xxxxxx~~ contribute to the Hadassah Society in clothes, hospital supplies and money.

On Monday evening a dinner was given in the Temple Annex by the Sisterhood, and what impressed the El Paso representatives and was most commendable, was the good fellowship shown between the two organizations. Among the invited guests ~~were~~ were Rabbi and Mrs. Taxon, of the Orthodox Congregation, and the courtesy extended them by placing before them only Kosher foods showed a keen respect for the religious views other than their own.

The Dallas Council exhibited the work of their sewing circle, reporting that over two hundred garments were sent to the Hadassah. The Sisterhood helped the Council in this worthy work.

Tuesday morning session was opened with a prayer by Rabbi David Lefkowitz and the morning was given over to Miss Celia Razosky. I need not tell you, who heard her ~~xxxxxxx~~, while in El Paso, of the forceful manner in which she convinced all who came within the reach of her voice of the increased responsibility of the Department of Immigrant Aid.

Mr. E. Scott, Executive Secretary of City Federations, *Dallas* stressed the growing needs in community life. Mr. J. O. Mahoney pleaded for the social incorporation of the immigrant. Most interesting was a paper on the need of citizenship from the viewpoint of the working woman, by Miss Flora Saylor.

A Round Table luncheon, honoring Miss Razosky, took place in the Spanish Room of the Baker Hotel. About 30 of the leading welfare workers of Dallas and the Chairman of the Immigrant Aid Section, attended. Mrs. <sup>A</sup>. Brown, of San Antonio, gave a resumé of the work done on educational lines by that Section. Dallas had little to offer. They said they came to hear what other Texans are doing to better educational conditions in the State.

After hearing the many discussions at this Round Table, the Council members fully agreed that the most important work set out for them is to wage war against ignorance among the Jewish people, in order to combat intolerance, prejudice and hatred.

A paper given by Mrs. A. M. Goldstein, of Waco, on Education for Motherhood, was most interesting. Would that time allowed to give you every word of this paper, and since it cannot be dissected, I have made a number of copies and will be glad to mail them for the asking.

Tuesday evening the delegates were the guests at a banquet at the Columbian Club. A most interesting and enjoyable program was given by the toastmistress, Miss Leah Zebe. A few of her suggestions may well be accepted by our El Paso Section, namely, - refuse card parties on meeting day. When asked to subscribe one dollar, say, oh, here is five. Stop criticising the President. "Be to her faults a little blind, and to her virtues always kind."

A play written by Miss Leah Zebe-"In the Balance"- was most cleverly given by the Council members and is recommended to the Sections.

The final session of the State Conference was opened Wednesday morning with an invocation by Rabbi M. Taxon. The first on the program was a report of the San Antonio Section, by Mrs. A. Brown. An interesting and instructive report. Perhaps the most significant feature was a method employed in raising funds, but the outstanding point of interest was the thrilling fact that this Section has financed and built its own clubhouse.

Following this report, Mrs. Goldman introduced Miss Rose Strauss, of Waco, writer of verse, who asked for the privilege of the floor to read her poems. Mrs. I. Bloch, of Waco, requested that the conference encourage this young writer by the purchase of her booklet, to which there was a generous response.

An excellent and most scholarly paper on "Judaism and the Modern World" ~~was~~ read by Mrs. Harry Merfeld, of Fort Worth, was followed by a spirited discussion in a most capable and original manner, by Mrs. Wolf Macht, of Waco. Two other splendid papers were given, one by Mrs. N. L. Marks, of Corsicana, a survey of the Council's best programs of the year. A most comprehensive treatment of the subject, with the spirituality of the contents of its message gleaned from the superior programs held throughout the State. Among those was the memorial service held in Dallas for the beloved and lamented President, Grace Goldstein Neuman. The other inspiring and enthusiastic paper the "Goal of the Juniors' Program", was given by Miss Rebecca Rosenberg, of Waco. It is hoped by this delegate that these most excellent papers be either published by our Jewish Press, or be exchanged by the various Sections, so that membership at large may get a better understanding of their import, than mere mention of a fuller resume' can give.

The following resolutions were read by Mrs. Max Nathan, of Houston:

First.- resolutions of appreciation for the hospitality extended delegates and visitors by the Dallas Section and the community.

Second.- That each Section become a member of <sup>the</sup> Prison Reform movement.

Third.- resolutions of respect and regret on the death of Mrs. Grace Goldstein Neuman, of Dallas, and Miss Rose Brenner, National President, of New York.

The nominating committee, Mrs. Hexter, Chairman, presented their report, which was unanimously accepted. We have the

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My dear Mrs. Zlaborsky:-

I am writing you relative to Miss Ellen Alpern, in whose case you are so kindly interested, and whose guarantee was signed by your Organization.

As you know, Miss Alpern is a far advanced case of pulmonary tuberculosis with a large cavitation in the right upper lobe. Numerous attempts have been made to collapse the right lung, but without success because of the pleural adhesions, and we do not feel that a surgical collapse (Thoracoplasty) is indicated because there are still pathological changes in the so-called "good lung." In our opinion, the only thing which will improve Miss Alpern's condition and cause a gradual shrinkage is an immobilization girdle, the cost of which is \$62.00.

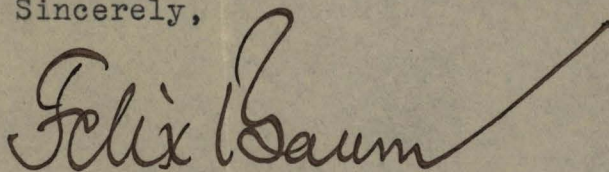
We are sure that the kind ladies of your Organization who have been so kind to Ellen, will further cooperate with us by giving their authorization to purchase this girdle. We know that you want to give her every opportunity to improve her health and to help us restore her to her many friends and relatives.

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Jewish Women's Relief Society,  
El Paso, Texas

With cordial greetings and assuring  
you that we are eagerly looking forward to your  
reply authorizing us to give Ellen her last  
chance to get well, I am,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Felix Baum". The signature is written in dark ink and has a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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Felix Baum, M.D.  
Medical Director

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