

REGARDING OBSERVANCE OF CHANUKAH BY JEWS - 1924

Whereas, there seems to be a growing tendency for the observance of Christmas in Jewish homes, and

Whereas, Christmas is a Christian religious holiday, definitely marking the birthday of the founder of Christianity and the Messiah of the Christians,

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Executive Board of the N.F.T.S. go on record as being opposed to the celebration of Christmas among Jews and recommend to the Sisterhoods that every effort be used to discourage such practice.

Be it resolved, that Chanukah be more generally celebrated, that the spirit of "good will" be encouraged by the traditional practice of giving gifts at that time and at Purim, and that the Festival of Trees which comes in the Spring of the year be celebrated in the religious schools and wherever else it may be feasible,

Be it further resolved, that whereas today when many things around us tend to send our children away from their ancestral faith, today when the influence of many agencies are non-Jewish, today it becomes the fundamental obligation of the mother to revitalize our faith, and

Whereas, one of the most powerful agencies lies in the direction of educating adults and children in the proper understanding of the use of symbols,

Therefore be it resolved, that Jewish ideals be made more concrete, more effective through an intelligent use of ceremonial objects, through their practice feed and strengthen sentiment, touch the heart and carry with it all the devotion and reverence which of right belong to our religion and are our heritage.

Therefore, be it further resolved, that this resolution be spread on the minutes and a copy sent to the Presidents of all local Sisterhoods in order that due consideration may be given to it at the proper time.