

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 1969

For Judaism and Jewish values to survive in an era of rapid change and tension, which is too often secular and materialistic in its attitudes and commitment, Jewish youth and adults need every opportunity to be Jewishly informed, educated and oriented.

Religious education in religious schools, in camps and in various educational experiences, both within and without the home, should be strengthened, expanded and deepened. Therefore, mindful of the increasingly strong secular influences which are endangering spiritual life, the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods in Convention assembled in Miami Beach, Florida, in October 1969 endorses the desire of the Commission on Jewish Education for the further development of experimental education within the UAHC Department on Jewish Education. Furthermore, NFTS strongly urges that the Department on Education shall include young men and women of Reform congregations to assist in the planning of programs for religious schools, camps and youth; consideration shall also be given to a wider inclusion of qualified women on the Commission on Jewish Education.

In the last analysis, the finest of religious schools cannot alone impart the totality of Jewish knowledge and commitment which lead to Jewish survival. Therefore, the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods once again calls upon all its members to deepen and intensify the quality of Jewish values, observances and education within their homes. Furthermore, the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods urges its local and District Committees on Religious Schools and Family Education to assist whenever feasible in the strengthening of congregational and religious school programs in Jewish education for all ages.