

## What makes it hard to live in community? What are the benefits? (Modified)

*Ray Frank, often called “the Girl Rabbi of the West” was the first woman to give formal speeches in synagogue. In 1890, she was asked to address the Jewish community of Spokane, WA, which was trying to decide whether to form a permanent synagogue in Spokane.*

Now is a good time to decide whether to form a permanent synagogue. There are disagreements here about whether we should keep the old orthodox style or change it. This is a **progressive age**, Some of the customs of two or three thousand years ago will not do for to-day, but at the same time many customs which were good then are just as good now.

In union there is strength, and therefore, you should unite. Stop arguing about, for example, whether you should take off your hats during the service, and join hands in one glorious cause. We are all Jews, and want to help each other.

Start a permanent synagogue as soon as possible, and organize a religious school. Unless one is established soon your children will grow up without any **creed** at all. One must believe in something, and one must have faith in something or become a **menace** to society. It isn't good for you to do as you are doing.

**Progressive age:** modern time

**Creed:** religion

**Menace:** danger