The Friendship Tea evolved from Interfaith Teas begun in 1943 when the Sisterhood of Anshai Emet Temple invited some of their Protestant friends to a tea. The idea grew in popularity until a committee was formed in 1938 and the first annual Friendship Tea was held early in 1939 with more than 600 attending.

At right, committee members of the Friendship Tea to be held today are, left to right, Mrs. Herman Maple, Mrs. C. Otto Dieken, Mrs. Abner Klein, Miss Juliette Whittaker, and Mrs. Joseph Armentrout.