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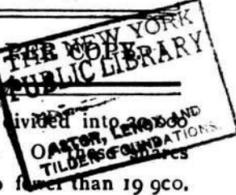
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## OLD FRIENDS.

There are no friends like old friends,  
And none so good and true;  
We greet them when we meet them,  
As roses greet the dew;  
No other friends are dearer,  
Though born of kindred mold;  
And while we prize the new ones,  
We treasure more the old.

There are no friends like old friends,  
Where'er we dwell or roam;  
In lands beyond the ocean,  
Or near the bounds of home;  
And when they smile to gladden,  
Or sometimes frown to guide,  
We fondly wish those old friends  
Were always by our side.

There are no friends like old friends,  
To help us with the load  
That all must bear who journey  
O'er life's uneven road;  
And when unconquered sorrows  
The weary hours invest,  
The kindly words of old friends  
Are always found the best.

There are no friends like old friends,  
To calm our frequent fears,  
When shadows fall and deepen  
Through life's declining years;  
And when our faltering footsteps  
Approach the Great Divide,  
We'll long to meet the old friends  
Who wait the other side.  
—"Leaves of Lotus."

From Pearson's Weekly.

## THE MOST CHARITABLE MILLIONAIRE WHO EVER LIVED.

The history of the first Rothschild is typical of the great run of rich Jews, for the race has ever known that manual labor brings in small gains compared with exercising wits. They, true, have lived by the sweat of their brow. Money-lending, note shaving, dealing in stocks and shares—the records of these do not appeal to the people. There is here no wish to imply that Jews confine themselves to money lending; indeed, one has to look about him here in Great Britain to find them active in practically all industry; but those of them who are outstanding, it will be found, are almost without exception bankers and financiers to governments.

But there is one virtue—the greatest of all virtues—in which they rival the best of Christians, and that is Charity. When they have they give—they give with open hands. And one of the greatest givers of the century was Baron de Hirsch. After his death his good works continued, for the Baroness was in full sympathy with his sympathies, and carried on his works. Few foreigners—for Baron de Hirsch was a foreigner, although he, to all appearances, loved England above all lands—have won the same esteem in this kingdom that he secured for himself and his memory.

Nothing appeals to the English speaking race more than a kind heart and an open hand. His charity was colossal, and he proved himself a sportsman. That is a combination that "fetches the Britisher every time."

Baron de Hirsch was not the founder of

his marvellous fortune. To look to the beginning of things in respect to this fortune, one must go back to his grandfather, who was born at Königshoten, near Wurzburg, in the year 1764. In a small house looking on to a narrow lane behind the cathedral at Wurzburg, Jacob Hirsch carried on his business, beginning in a small enough way, one may be sure, for he had no fortune to secure him attention, or to stock his shop as it should be stocked. He dealt in all sorts of merchandise—anything, everything—and took care that whatever he touched put money into his wallet. From this humble position he grew into a man of great financial importance, and lo and behold! one day the once-on-a-time dealer in miscellany blossomed forth into Royal Bavarian Court Banker. Not only this, but privileges fell to him. At this time he was granted the privilege—the first Jew to get it—of acquiring and holding landed property in the kingdom. This, to be sure, was looked upon as a remarkable mark of royal favor, and no doubt there were substantial reasons why he should have been so favored. But whatever he had done to win such privileges, it was all forgotten in 1806, and Jacob Hirsch found it good policy to shake the dust of Wurzburg from his feet and betake himself to Munich to escape the persecution of the Jews that had begun in his native place. Matters were different for him now; no longer did he enjoy the rights that had been by royal favor granted to him. He, like the rest of the Jews, could not hold landed property, and must walk by rule. Nevertheless, he pressed doggedly on, and not only proved himself enterprising in affairs connected with his own prosperity, but also played a shining part in matters connected with the State; for when the shadow of the mighty Napoleon fell across the land, and the centre of Europe lay in fear of being trampled under foot by the all conquering one, Hirsch gathered his money together, raised a battalion of infantry, fitted the soldiers out at his own expense, and, too, kept them in the field at his own expense. It is little to be wondered at that when the danger passed and brighter times dawned for the land his services were not forgotten. King Maximilian Joseph I. freed him from all Jewish disabilities, and raised him to the hereditary "Adelsstand," the initial degree in the nobility. This, the first Hirsch of history, bore to the round old age of 75, dying in 1841. He left three children, his second son, Joseph, succeeded him as court banker. Joseph Hirsch, like his father before him, was a man of lively enterprise, daring to risk much to gain much, keen at a bargain as the proverbial Jew, and multiplied the estate left to him by his father perhaps fifty fold. His ability was so marked, and his success so great, that King Louis II. created him a baron in 1866. Joseph Hirsch had seven children, the oldest of them being Maurice Hirsch, the subject of this life sketch.

Maurice—who for convenience I will refer to as Baron de Hirsch, first went to school at Munich, and after a grounding

there went to Brussels to complete the education deemed necessary for his station in life and prospects. When this was accomplished, Maurice married a daughter of Senator Bischoffsheim, and soon after the happy event he entered the great banking firm of Bischoffsheim, Goldsmith, of London, Paris and Brussels. He now found himself in his elements; he had inherited the instincts, the thrift, the foresight, resolution, and shrewdness of a successful banker from his father and grandfather, and as a man of business he quickly proved himself a veritable gold mine to the great house. Indeed, it was not many years before he was the leading mind in the great concern, the master mind, and the wealth of the bank increased by leaps and bounds. Successful banker and speculator, he quickly showed himself to be pulling off deal after deal each more profitable than the other, until one that he brought off affected the whole course of his financial life by turning his attention to an opening for enterprise which previously had not so much as flickered across his mind. The bank of Langrand Dumonceau, of Brussels, had gone smash, and its effects were up for sale. Baron de Hirsch shrewdly suspected that at the price at which they were sold there might be a great possibility of making money, and he saw that the firm secured the assets. Just what he had bought he did not know, because his occasions for examining were too few. It was a sort of insight, unseen speculation, a lucky bag transaction; and a genuine lucky bag it proved for Baron de Hirsch and those connected with him. Amongst the papers he came across one, a concession for a Turkish railway, and he went into the matter, built the railway, which from the very outset proved a mine of wealth to him. The vast fortune he made from the Turkish venture inspired him to branch out in like enterprises in Austria, the Balkans, and even in Russia, and without exception he reaped great profits.

Of the turf he was an enthusiastic patron and met with his share of successes, too. As he ran horses for sport and not to make money, he made it a practice to send all his winnings to charities, distributing the sums principally among the hospitals. In '91 the sums so distributed amounted to £7,000, in '92 to no less than £35,000, and in '93 it fell to £7,500. But as this heavy falling off seemed to him unfair to the charities, he doubled the amount when sending his cheque.

When his only son died, a talented young man of thirty, his death was a great blow to his parents. Baron de Hirsch disposed of his racing stud and distributed the proceeds of the sale amongst the charities, but as the years passed he again set up a stable, and his colors were once more seen on the turf in England and France. As to politics, the Baron seemed to care nothing for the squabble of parties. Whatever his private opinions he carefully abstained from taking any part in active politics, and was no doubt happier seeing he had nothing to gain.

I have on purpose left the best to the last, the charitable side of Baron de Hirsch. He made the giving away of money a part of the business in his life, and while naturally leaning a little towards charities of the Jewish persuasion, really let his purse know no creed. The outbreak of the Russo-Turkish war affected his interests considerably. Deeply interested in Turkish railways, he was equally deeply interested in Russian lines. So it is not surprising to learn that he played the part of an impartial observer and alms giver, and won the thanks of both sides by establishing hospitals for Russian and Turk alike. His contributions, that is, some of them, to London and provincial hospitals, have already been indicated, but his larger contributions to the charities of the world are yet to be told. Indeed, even at this comparatively late day it is quite impossible to get together anything approaching a complete list of the sums Baron de Hirsch gave away in his lifetime; and his widow, as has been told, never ceased in her well-doing, and when she died left immense sums to be expended on various works of good, sums amounting in all, it is said, to more than four million pounds.

When, in 1882, Russia began her blind, vindictive persecution of the Jews, Baron de Hirsch busied himself at once in alleviating the piteous distress in which his co-religionists found themselves suffering. It will be remembered that the impoverished Russian Jews fled from the Russian scourge, and collected together like a huddle of sheep in fear of wolves on the Austrian frontier. There they ran every chance of starving to death. No arrangement had been made to house, clothe, or feed them, and Baron de Hirsch, learning of their pitiful condition, sent £10,000 in money, and still further instructed his agents to do all in their power to make the conditions of the refugees more livable. He built commodious shelters at Brody, where many a famishing soul found food and shelter. But still the persecution went on, the Russian heart was unrelenting, and numbers of unfortunates continued to arrive on the frontier.

When he saw this, the philanthropic millionaire proceeded to make plans for improving the conditions of the Jews in Russia, plans whereby the ignorant would be educated and the State relieved of any burden the authorities might consider it bore on account of indigent Jews. By this means he hoped that there would be no occasion for the people to emigrate. But Russia would have none of it. She was quite willing, even eager to take his millions, but she would not hear of allowing him any control in the spending of the money.

On September 20, 1891, the Jewish Colonization Association was registered in England. For this scheme the Board of Trade, which one may be sure looks well into a thing before granting any favors, allowed the Association to do away with the word "Limited" to its name.

The nominal capital of this Association

is two million pounds, divided into 20,000 shares of £100 each. Baron Hirsch held no more than 19,000. One share was taken by each of the following: Lord Rothschild, Sir Julian Goldschmidt, Mr. Ernest Cassel, Mr. F. D. Mocatta, Mr. H. S. M. Goldschmidt, Mr. B. L. Coenen, Mr P., and M. Solomon Reinach of Paris. According to clauses in the articles of association, the object was, an J, I take it, still is, to assist and to promote the emigration of Jews from any part of Europe or Asia, and principally from countries in which they may for the time be subjected to any special taxes or political or other disabilities, to any other part of the world, and to form and establish colonies in various parts of North and South America and other countries.

He entrusted the task of finding suitable places for colonies to Dr. Lowenthal, who visited Canada, the United States, Mexico and finally decided upon the Argentine Republic as the proper place. Large tracts of suitable land were bought in the States of Buenos Ayres, Santa Fe and Entre Rios. At first there was considerable trouble and confusion, but finally the machinery of the association shook down.

The end of charitable, genial Baron de Hirsch was terribly sudden. One evening in April, 1896, he, while staying at Ogyally, near Komorn in Hungary, felt rather faint, and in consequence retired early. Next morning he was found dead in bed.

## JEW OR AMERICAN.

Mrs. Isaacs—"You say you are licking Shakey because you caught him in a lie?"  
Mr. Isaacs—"Yes! I will teach him to lie better dan dot eef I haff to break effery bone in hees body."—Judge.

The Jew joke with the Boston girl joke has gone the rounds of the comic (?) papers for a generation, and a suffering public will probably have to stand it many more, but isn't one about as absurd as the other?

We have Jews here in Boston, lots of them. Some of them indulge in shady business conduct. A certain element of them are bad citizens. This is true, too, of other races than the Semitic. There are other Jews, however, and in active business, too, whose conduct in business hours and out of them will compare favorably with that of Christians and Aryans.

The old time prejudice against the race has admitted their gifts in art, literature and music. Some day their claims to charity, business honor and patriotism will also be recognized.

They care for their own poor quietly, but effectively, and almost without appeal to the general public. More than this, any list of those responding to public appeals for a worthy cause is sure to contain the names of leading business houses of the Hebrew race and Jewish faith.

They were not Jews who sought and seek to pay the national debt in half dollars, and if the Jews hold a large share of the national securities, they pay a large share of the national taxes, and as cigar-makers, journeyman tailors, clerks and

salesmen; they furnish no mean proportion of wage earners.

They are certainly patriotic according to the button wearing standard. No large establishment on national occasions or public holidays spend in flags or decorations more of the money from which the Jew is so loath to part, than the large business houses owned by Hebrews. If this is merely to attract trade, it would be well if more people sought trade in the same way.

We have heard much of the patriotism of Cubans. When the Seventh Army Corps was laying out its camps in Havana province, certain fields selected were those previously occupied by Spanish outposts. The Spaniards had not paid a cent in rent or damages. The owner was a wealthy Cuban, and though admitting his personal gain from the removal of the Spanish yoke, he not only charged the United States for the use of his land, but sought to exact an annual rent almost equal to the total price for which a neighboring estate of equal size had just been sold.

When the same army corps was in Florida, there was but one piece of land with hills sufficiently high to serve as butts for a rifle year. It was covered in part with a fine growth of timber. The officer in charge waited upon the owner, and asked what he would regard as fair compensation for the destruction of his timber and the use of his land. He was a Jew, a local cigar manufacturer. He said:

"I am too old to go to war myself, but take the land and the trees instead, if they can be of any use, as my contribution. I am an American. Wasn't he?"—*Boston Journal.*

#### PULPIT TOPICS.

##### Congregation Atereth Israel.

The Rev. Dr. M. Krauskopf will preach this Sabbath on the subject "Justice to All."

##### Temple Emanu-El.

Saturday, Jan. 27, Dr. Joseph Silverman will preach on "The Significance of the Mourners' Kaddish," and Sunday at 11.30 a. m. on "Progress in Religion and Liberalism in the Nineteenth Century." The public is invited.

##### Madison Avenue Synagogue.

The Rev. Stephen S. Wise will preach Sabbath morning on "The Tyranny of Public Opinion."

The Honorable Joseph Blumenthal, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary Association, delighted the pupils of the Religious School with a very interesting and instructive talk on Sunday last.

An interesting programme is being arranged for the third regular Mothers' meeting of the Sisterhood, which is to take place Saturday afternoon, at three o'clock, at the Sisterhood house.

##### Newark, N. J.

Congregation B'nai Abraham.—This evening Rev. Jacob Goldstein, No. 2 of the series entitled "The Meaning of the Jew;" "The Gulf Stream."

##### Young Men's Hebrew Association.

The lecture and entertainment which was held at Temple Israel on Thursday evening was very well attended despite the threatening weather and proved very enjoyable. Rev. Dr. F. De Sola Mendes offered prayer, after which a well-arranged concert programme was carried out.

All of the concert numbers were beau-

tifully rendered. The lecture of the evening was delivered by Rev. Dr. Abram S. Isaacs on the topic "The Synagogues of Europe," which was illustrated with many new and original views of synagogues from all climes, even including the one at Pretoria. The lecturer related many anecdotes connected with the various synagogues and an organ accompaniment by Mr. Wm. J. Falk heightened the effect of the lecture.

It was announced that the next lecture, which will be held at the vestry rooms of Temple Beth-El on March 22, will be delivered by Hon. Bird S. Coler, Comptroller of New York.

On Saturday evening, the 27th, Superintendent Yalden of the Baron de Hirsch Trade School will deliver the "Talk" at the rooms of the association on "Industrial Training and Trade Schools." All who feel interested are cordially invited to be present.

##### Hebrew Technical Institute.

The following bequest has been received by the Hebrew Technical Institute from the estate of B. Lichtenstein, \$2,816.25.

Donation from General Committee District Grand Lodge, No. 1, Independent Order Free Sons of Israel .....	\$25 00
Mr. Silas B. Brownell .....	25 00
Mr. Edward Kuhn .....	25 00
Mrs. David M. Hyman .....	20 00
For Library Fund in commemoration of 11th of Tebeth from Mrs. Jacob H. Schiff .....	50 00

##### Surprise.

On Tuesday evening, Jan. 23, 1900, the Arcade Bowling Club tendered a pleasant surprise to Mrs. Isidor Levin, of No. 73 East 128th street, in the form of a farewell dinner, as Mrs. Levin is going on an extended trip through Europe, visiting Berlin and Paris.

Some of the members of the Arcade Bowling Club and guests present were Messrs. Moe Newman, Morris Heyman, Joe Sklower, George Levin, Mrs. E. Levin, Mr. and Mrs. A. Sternlicht, the Misses Mollie Newman, Elsie Levin, Sadie Schweiger, Messrs. Max Monfried, Martin Loewenthal and others.

##### Hebrew Sheltering Guardian Society.

The band and fife and drum corps have been invited by the Third Avenue Railroad Employes' Mutual Relief Association to be present at a performance given for their benefit at the Lenox Lyceum, Madison avenue and Sixtieth street, on Feb. 14, 1900. After the performance the band will give several selections from its repertoire.

##### Proctor's All-Star Bills.

At Proctor's Twenty-third Street Theatre, week of Jan. 29, the big "Items" of the continuous bill will be: The Rossow Midgets, in their unique athletic pastimes; Montgomery and Stone, favorite black-face entertainers; three Merkel Sisters, in a bright comedietta; Diana, in her latest mirror dances; McPhee and Hill, triple-bar experts; Kalatechnoscope, showing a number of new views of the Transvaal, and some twenty more.

At Proctor's Palace, week of Jan. 29, the "big typed" numbers are: The Four Cohans, vaudeville's favorite comedians; Yorke and Adams, two plain Jews; Ethel Levey, singing comedienne; John E. Camp, original comedian; Whitney Bros., musical act; Ramza and Arno, with their funny Blondin monkey; Lenton Bros., acrobats; Kalatechnoscope, with the latest war, mystical and comic moving pictures.

Advertise in the Hebrew Standard.

## MARRIAGES.

##### Deehingel—Miller.

Mr. Max Deehingel to Miss Estelle Miller at the Pouch Mansion, Brooklyn, N. Y., Tuesday evening, Jan. 23, by Rev. S. S. Wise.

##### Neuwirth—Simmons.

Miss Jeannette Neuwirth and Mr. Moe L. Simmons were married Sunday last at the residence of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Neuwirth, 153 East Fifty-third street. The Rev. Dr. Hirsch officiated. The ushers were Messrs. Isidor Miller, Louis Neuwirth (brother to the bride), Louis Neuwirth (cousin to the bride), Dave Baer and Abraham Baer. Mr. Edward Neuwirth acted as toastmaster at the wedding dinner which followed. During the evening Prof. Arpad Rado rendered some violin solos. Among the many present was the grandfather of the bride, Mr. Moses Neuwirth, who has passed his eighty-fourth birthday, and who came from quite a distance for the occasion; Mr. and Mrs. William L. Simmons, Mr. Louis M. Stern, Mr. Samuel Simmons, Mr. Simon L. Simmons, Miss Bertha Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. Myer Baer of Nyack, Mr. and Mrs. Isidor Neuwirth and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Neuwirth.

##### Kahn—Friedman.

Emil W. Kahn and Miss Cora Friedman, daughter of Henry Friedman, were married Monday at the home of the bride's father, 6 East Ninety-fourth street. Dr. Felix Adler performed the ceremony. Dinner was served after the ceremony at Sherry's.

##### Frank—Sachs.

On Wednesday, Jan. 24, 1900, by the Rev. Raphael Benjamin, M. A., Clara Sachs to Samuel Frank.

##### Lieberman—Sussman.

The marriage of Miss Gabriella Lucia Sussman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Sussman, of No. 14 West 119th street, to Mr. Saul Nathan Lieberman, was solemnized at five o'clock yesterday afternoon, in the Temple Emanu-El, Fifth avenue and Forty-third street.

##### Altheimer—Calisher.

On Wednesday, Jan. 24, 1900, by the Rev. Raphael Benjamin, M. A., Raye Calisher to Milton Altheimer.

##### Gottheimer—Cohen.

On Sunday, Jan. 21, 1900, by the Rev. Raphael Benjamin, M. A., Carrie Cohen to David Gottheimer.

##### Englander—Bauman.

Max Englander and Miss Lillie Bauman, daughter of Samuel Bauman of 51 West Eighty-ninth street, were married last Monday night at Sherry's. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Davidson. The maid of honor was Miss Bettie Coon, and the bridesmaids were the Misses Selma Englander, Stella Goldsmith, Stella Appell and Miriam Fox. The best man was B. B. Englander. The ushers were William Blau, Leo Weiff, Maurice Appell and Samuel Appell.

##### Nechamkus—Nechamkus.

Married on Sunday, Jan. 21, 1900, by Rev. F. Light, Mr. Samuel Nechamkus to Miss Rosie Nechamkus.

##### Abrams—Schwerzenski.

Mr. Lewis Abrams to Miss Sadie Schwerzenski at Vienna Hall, Wednesday evening, Jan. 24, 1900, by Rev. Stephen S. Wise.

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##### Wedding Bells.

Cards are out for the wedding of Miss Adelaide Emsheimer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Emsheimer, of No. 143 West Seventy-fifth street, and Mr. Emanuel M. Rosenthal, of Chicago. The marriage will take place on Tuesday evening, Jan. 30, at the Hotel Majestic.

##### Engaged.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Stern, of No. 4 East Eighty-sixth street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Dora Stern, to Mr. David Rothschild.

The engagement is announced of Miss Flora S. Pearlstone to Mr. Jacob Jacobs, of Charleston, S. C., Sunday, Jan. 14, 1900.

The Albany Dental Association, under the management of F. L. Morhard, D. D., has become one of the largest establishments in this city, through the genuine good work it is doing all along.

Their new method of extracting teeth and inserting new ones the same day is a feature of the establishment, as well as the manufacture of sets at a lower rate than anywhere else in the city. Their prices are very reasonable, as the following will show:

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PARIS, Saturday.—A contract has been signed for M. Labori, who was counsel for Alfred Dreyfus during the trial at Rennes, to lecture for thirteen weeks in the United States next autumn.

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**THE MIRROR.**

I have just glimpsed at the last report of the pretentious Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and its contents are very suggestive.

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I call it "pretentious" for of the contributing members of 88 congregations forming the Union, I find that of the number there are 37 with a membership of 50 or less, and of these 20 of them have a membership of less than 25; and 11 have a membership of 15 and less.

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In all the Eastern States there are 15 congregations represented in the Union, with a membership of 2,420, of which Temple Emanuel furnishes 630 members, Ahawath Chesed 375, and Beth El 196. Keneseth Israel of Philadelphia has 506 members, Rodef Sholem of Philadelphia, 200, and of Pittsburg 150.

But of course the East is the home of the "sea-side" orthodox.

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There is an overdraft of \$21,444, which has eaten up the endowment fund all but \$524.61. The financial condition is evidently as bad off as the religious state of affairs, and I don't wonder at the plaint of the "Grand Old Man" about his ungrateful young Rabbonim.

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And yet there is a humorous side to the doleful presentment of melancholy facts, and that is, the payment to the *American Hebrew* of three dollars per annum.

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Now this little funny incident, exhibits the unique diplomacy of the Grand Old Man, combined with his knowledge of human nature. His journalistic experience has demonstrated, that the *American Hebrew* is prepared to make any sacrifice for the sake of retaining its few remaining subscribers, and, as a result, the publisher eats the infinitesimal mess of pottage, and the Board of Editors is stumm.

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Considering the fact that the majority of the "ham-eating" Rabbis bear the osculatory *smeecha* upon their cheek, it seems passing strange to me that the second class should study *Perek Elu Terefoth* or devote (one hour weekly) to *Shechitah* or *Maachaloth Asuroth*, for the latter is evidently practically demonstrated at every meal.

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The usual Coptic, Egyptian, Persian, Avestan, Sanscrit, Phœnician facilities are glowingly presented, and with the chunks of all this necessary learning thus promiscuously scattered around, I am not surprised at the inability of the learned Rabbis to read Hebrew without the aid of vowel points.

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The eloquent baccalaureate address of Dr. Krauskopf has a scintillation of grotesque humor when he says: "Isaiah, Savanarola, Huss, Knox, Wise came and preached against the will of their generation," and I presume when the Grand Old Man heard that "he winked the other eye."

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When I note that Wise's Pronaus,

Wise's Cosmetic God, Wise's Second Commonwealth, Wise's Introduction to Holy Writ, and Wise's Systematic Theology, form part of the curriculum of Wise's Cheder, I do not wonder any longer why Wise's Rabbis are such brilliant representatives of Judaism.

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Now if I had thrown that particular stone against the "servants of religion," I would have been denounced as a hide-bound—medieval—retrogressive—benighted, etc., etc., orthodox scribbler.

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Dr. Leiser in the *Reform Advocate* says: "There seems to be a disposition among the younger Rabbis to be nothing more nor less than sweet pastors, visiting the members of their congregations on special and common occasions."

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I notice that District Attorney Maurice B. Blumenthal has the appearance of walking on rainbows and living in an atmosphere of redolent fragrance of orange blossoms. No doubt his skies are tinted with the hue of roses, and feeding solely on love, his appetite for earthly things is failing. I was at one time engaged to be married, and I know how it is myself.

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If you reside outside of the City of New York and wish to be a little more *grossartig* than the general run, and if you want a wedding in "grand style," invite a Rabbi from a neighboring city, (a high salaried Rabbi will be so much grander), to assist your local Rabbi, then give the invited Rabbi a good fee and leave your local Rabbi unremunerated, thinking how nicely they have fooled him. That will add so much to your standing as a gentleman, and the bride—well, she will smile assent and add to her happiness.

ASPAKLARYA.

**REPENT AND RETURN.**

In the annual report of the President of the Memphis Reform Congregation, he complains that:

"Though the access to the Temple from all parts of the city is easy, and yet many of our representative members, among them even some of the Trustees, the representatives of the congregation, are absent on Friday eve, indulging in pleasures and amusements on the Sabbath, though they have ample opportunity to choose any other evening. So prevalent has this irreligious practice become that managers of theatres count on the Jews of Memphis to make Friday night the gala night of the week."

As our Reform Rabbis for decades past have done their "level best" to destroy the religious sanctity of the time-honored Jewish Friday night, they should not now complain. The remedy is in their own hands—Repent and Return.

**DEFEAT OF GEN. MERCIER.**

PARIS, Jan. 21.—Gen. Mercier received an unexpected rebuff yesterday when the old students of the Ecole Polytechnique, which furnishes a majority of the artillery and engineer officers of the army, met in the school theatre to elect a President. Amid great excitement the ballot was taken, the result showing only 200 votes for

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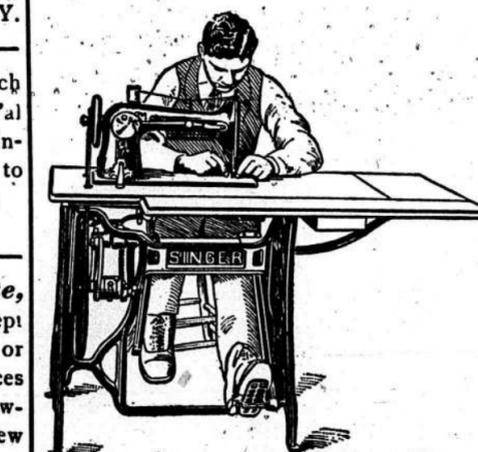
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The Jewish Foster Home of Philadelphia shelters 114 children.

The Congregation of Beaumont, Texas will erect a new edifice this year.

The Hebrew Orphan Asylum of Brooklyn cares for nearly 400 children.

The Hebrew Ladies' Sewing Society of St. Louis has a membership of 293.

The East Boston Hebrew Educational Club will give its fourth annual ball on Jan. 31.

A movement is being inaugurated in In April, 1900, Prof. Dr. Moritz Steinschneider will celebrate his 80th birthday.

The Jewish Agriculturists' Aid Society was incorporated at Springfield, Ill., last week.

There are now 38 inmates in the Philadelphia Home for Aged and Infirm Israelites.

The Bnai Emmes Congregation of Davenport, Iowa, have purchased land for a new cemetery.

New Haven looking toward the establishment of a Hebrew institute for educational purposes.

The total value of M. Raphael Bischoff's gift to the University of France is estimated at \$1,000,000.

The Mercantile Club of Philadelphia has a membership of 485 and assets amounting to \$429,939.

According to the last census there are in the government of Mohilev 508,560 Jews; the total population is 1,717,291.

The Jews' Infant School in Rome, one of the best institutions of its kind in Italy, recently celebrated its jubilee.

Indianapolis has a Jewish population of about 8,000, with five orthodox congregations, one Temple and two Jewish charitable societies.

The Hebrew Mutual Benevolent Society of Coney Island has purchased a plot at Sheepshead Bay Road and West Eighth street, 45x200, and will erect a synagogue.

The Israelites of Marinette, Wis., have decided to build a synagogue. Work will begin as soon as a site can be selected and plans made. The estimated cost is \$5,000.

In nearly all the school rooms of Canton the teachers open the work each morning with readings from the Bible, reinforced, oftentimes, with the Lord's prayer.

Prof. Richard Gottheil of Columbia University will deliver a series of lectures in Chicago, beginning Jan. 27, and taking as his subject "Zionism and the Zionist Movement."

The Ladies' Hebrew Benevolent Association of Hartford, Conn., has bought a

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The Hebrew Orphan Asylum and the Hebrew Hospital of Baldwin receive Hebrew Hospital of Baltimore receive state aid to the amount of \$2,500 each.

A number of the prominent Jews who have children attending the schools have taken the matter up, and are preparing a protest and a petition asking the Board of Education to stop the practice.—Wooster (Ohio) Jacksonian.

The Boston Purim ball will take place on February 8th.

2500 cases of distress were relieved during the past year by the Evreka Benevolent Society of San Francisco.

Warsaw has a population 645,848, of whom 231,678 belong to the Jewish faith.

Montefiore Lodge No. 1, A. J. O. K. S. B., of California, has petitioned the Superior Court of that State to change its corporate name to "Montefiore Benevolent Society."

No Jews in the Almshouse.

Charities Commissioner John W. Keller is the right man to run a department to which so much of sadness, destitution and human decadence is met with. He is an optimist of a most cheery character, and yet has good business judgment in disposing of problems that rise. The subject of moral degradation on the great East Side came up before him the other day. A Rabbi stopped to talk with him about it and to interest him in the work of reformation. The Rabbi was rather discouraged, saying it was strange how little impression had been made on the great mass despite the constant work of people of all denominations to improve the moral conditions. "The Ghetto," he said in conclusion, "appears still to be the 'ghetto,' and it does seem to be impossible to improve it."

Then came the optimistic reply of the Commissioner: "I do not believe it is impossible. I am of the opinion that a people who had the moral courage and strength to throw off the conditions of the Old World, to break away from associations and traditions, to come to this land to better their condition, have within them the material for good citizenship, and I believe it will come out all right in the end. One sign of promise to me lies in the fact that in the almshouse there is not a single Jew."

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