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MY GARDEN.

My garden all a shimmer of leaves,
All a glowing glory of light;
Flowers, golden and blue and red,
Crowding together in my sight.

Mighty billows of softest air
Blowing in the eaves overhead;
I am sitting alone, I think
Thus will it be when I am dead.

Thus will the soft wind blow, and thus
The flowers will bloom and the sun will
shine;
And others, I know not who, will sit,
As I do now, in this garden of mine.

And I shall be gone from here—but
where?
Dead, and lying within the ground;
Or living and glad amid scenes more
fair,
With flowers, still brighter than these,
around?

—T. P. Johnston, in Chamber's Journal.

From London Jew's World.

THE RABBI'S WISH.

Translated from the original Hebrew by
FRANK JAFFE.

From time immemorial philosophers and other people have been puzzling their brains to discover why the good things of this world are so unevenly distributed; why adversity will persist in dogging the footsteps of the good man, and why prosperity and fatness are the lot of the bad man; why vice should wallow in luxury and spring cushions, and virtue should only be able just to muster a dry crust and a plank. The explanation lies in our own short sightedness, for in spite of this apparently inexplicable state of affairs,

"There's a Divinity that shapes our ends,
Rough-hew them as we will."

The following tale aptly illustrates this.

It had always been the ardent life-long desire of Rabbi Joshua ben Levi to walk with Elijah. Many days and nights had he passed in devout prayers and meditations that his wishes might be speedily realized, and at last it pleased the Almighty to accede to his request, and the prophet came unto him.

"What would you of me?" asked Elijah.

"I wish," said the Rabbi, "to go with you and see what you do in the world."

"But you will see things that you will be unable to understand."

"For all that, I wish to accompany you," was the reply.

Accordingly, the two set off. The first night they lodged at the house of a poor man and his wife, whose entire worldly possessions consisted of a cow. As soon as the man observed the strangers, he bade them to come in and drink, and altogether treated them very hospitably.

At midnight, Elijah arose, and going to the shed where the cow was shut up, smote her and killed her.

"Why have you done this?" asked the Rabbi, in amazement. "Surely you cannot be Elijah to do such a dastardly thing as kill the cattle of a poor man—and one, too, who has been so kind to us."

"If you ask me any questions," replied Elijah, angrily, "I will leave you."

The next place they came to happened to be the house of a very rich man who, when they saw him, was engaged in some

building operation. He received them very churlishly and gave them neither meat nor drink.

In the middle of the night Elijah awoke his companion and asked him to accompany him to the spot where their unfriendly host had been occupied in building.

"You grasp this corner-stone," said Elijah, pointing to a half-finished wall, "and I will lay hold of the one on the other side."

By their united efforts they succeeded in demolishing the walls, and in their place appeared a magnificent palace of hewed marble, containing one hundred and eighty chambers.

They stood by the door a long while waiting for some one to speak to them; but they all disdained to take any notice of the travellers, and no one offered them any food.

On the following morning Elijah arose and said to them—"God grant that you all become chiefs."

Their next halting place was a wretched hovel of a needy man in a lowly neighborhood, where many of its poverty-stricken denizens were congregated. Nevertheless, out of their poverty they made strangers very welcome and shared with them all the eatables and potables with which their scanty larder was stocked. Before depart-

"Surely you cannot justify your actions."

"If you say anything further I will part from you immediately."

"Nevertheless, I should like you to explain why you killed the cow of the poor man who behaved so generously to us?"

"Well, if you wished to know, I will tell you," was the rejoinder. "That night his wife, dearer to him than a thousand golden *denarii* was to have died. I therefore hastened and killed the animal, so that might serve as a sacrifice* to save her life."

"But why did you build a palace for that miserly rich man?"

"And yet you wished all the boorish, rich men to become chiefs?"

"That is because I desired destruction to come upon them, for wherever many chiefs are found, there dissensions, schisms and destruction, are found too. A ship over which there are many captains is doomed to sink. On the other hand, the poor men exhibited pity for us, and gave us all they possessed. I blessed by saying that only one chief shall govern them, as a place, the people of which are ruled by one, is destined to increase. For what saith Ben Sira: '*Meechod mebein tishashev hozer.*' When you see a wicked man to whom the hour seems auspicious, be sure that it is not for his good. When, however, you see a good man staggering under a burden of want and difficulties, learn that these are sent not to do him harm but to chasten his spirit, and the privations that he undergoes may be a redemption for his soul. On the day of his death the troubles he has suffered here are counted to his good, for man is born to trouble. If you are blessed with wealth, share it with those less fortunate than yourself, for riches have wings, and may fly away, as it is said: '*For he will surely make himself wings, and, like the eagle, will soar unto heaven.*' Open your hand wide and it will lead you to good paths, and will cause you to succeed in all your undertakings. Farewell."

And with these words Elijah vanished.

The Converted Rabbi Humbug.

The Paterson Young Men's Christian Association have imported what it calls a converted rabbi, and invite the public to come to their hall and hear him tell how he was converted. Of course he tells a lot of other stuff about the Hebrew church. Naturally, the Hebrews, who are numerous and successful in Paterson, object to this procedure. They allege that the converted rabbi is a fraud and a fakir and that the public parading of him is an insult to the Jewish people.

We agree with them fully. If the Y. M. C. A. would devote itself to cleaning their own household of crime, ignorance and unbelief, if they would look to home, so to speak, before reaching over the fence into their neighbor's lot and seeking to fish out men and women who have religion enough and of an old enough brand, they would be of much more service to the church and to the nation. And this applies with unusual weight to Paterson, where crime, ignorance and irreligion abound among degenerate Christians.

The Jews of Paterson, on the other hand, like the Jews everywhere, are self-sustained, self-reliant and strongly inclined to practice the tenets of their ancient religion. The parading of a converted rabbi may offer an attraction to the curious. It may amuse a few, and edify a few others. But it is of no visible service to the cause of religion. It offends reputable Jews, however, and tends to stir up old-time religious rancor and for that reason, if no other, is highly reprehensible.—*Pasaic City (N. J.) Herald.*



PHILIP VALLENTINE.

Our city is favored this week by the presence of Mr. Philip Vallentine of London, England, whose father, Isaac Vallentine, was the founder of the oldest and well-known Jewish publishing house of Vallentine & Co.

The subject of our sketch was born in London in 1826, and has followed his father's footsteps continuing the publication of the well-known Vallentine Jewish Almanac (the first of its kind published), which has a world-wide circulation. His firm are also the publishers of Vallentine's Uniform Edition of the Prayer Book and

Maczorim, so well known in orthodox Jewish circles, and other printed matter pertaining to the Jewish Religion. The books of this firm can be found in all quarters of the globe.

In religious life Mr. Vallentine is closely associated with the great Portland Street Synagogue, where he has held various honorable positions for the past 46 years, and is recognized as one of its most devoted members. Aside from the interest taken in the synagogue, his endeavors branch out in all the various charitable associations of London with which he is

connected.

Socially, Mr. Vallentine is a genial gentleman, "one of ye olden time," a charming conversationalist and full of delightful and interesting reminiscences of by gone days.

His visit to America is merely from a social standpoint, and, as he expresses it, he is more than favorably impressed with the doings of the American people. He has received a warm welcome at the hands of a large circle of relatives, friends and admirers, and, altogether, is having an enjoyable time.

"I cannot help marvelling much at your strange conduct," said Rabbi Joshua, "you killed the cow of the poor man who received us with honor and also gave us of all he had, and you then went and built for a rude fellow who never as much as said a civil word to us."

They then visited a house where a number of influential and worthy people were

ing, Eljah, turning to his kind entertainers, said:

"God grant that one of you become a chief."

These incomprehensible proceedings on the part of the prophet caused the Rabbi much surprise and bewilderment, and regarding the previous rebuke he had received, he said:

"If he had dug four yards deeper into the ground he would have come across a valuable treasure trove. I quickly caused a building to be erected; it will not last long, for it has been erected by a miracle, and will therefore speedily collapse, and the hidden gold will remain undiscovered."

* Hebrew—Victim, redemption.

THE HEBREW TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

The Hebrew Technical Institute held its sixteenth annual commencement exercises last Thursday evening in Cooper Union, and the large hall of the building was crowded with the relatives and friends of the graduates.

The graduates will receive their diplomas which are to serve them as a passport to open many doors for employment, they are as a medal not to be worn for show, but on which they must put the stamp to fix its value by their own efforts.

Their hands, eyes and minds have been trained and their will power has been strengthened to accomplish a definite purpose. They have been taught to build machines and design houses, but above all, they have been surrounded with every influence that helps to build up their own characters.

In nearly every case they have continued in the trades they were taught, all have been constantly employed, none are idle, none have been failures, and many have achieved exceptional success.

Whether as workers of wood or metal, or machinists, pattern-makers, draughtsmen, electricians or architects, they have shown that the Jew, given the opportunity, will hold his own in the front ranks of American skilled mechanics.

If there are any fathers and mothers here whom my voice can reach, let me as a friend of our people and especially of those in humble circumstances, advise them to give their sons the benefit of the technical education which our Institution offers them.

Remember the old German saying: "Handwerk hat einen Goldenen Boden," and give them the golden opportunity of becoming self-respecting and honored members of society, they are taught that no one is respected more by others than he who respects himself, and they will respect and remain loyal to their kindred as our experience of seventeen years has proven.

And let me appeal to all of you to aid us in our missionary work by making it known to the classes whom we desire to reach and elevate, and give us your financial aid which we are much in need of.

Prize essays were then read as follows: "A Century of American Progress in the Gas Industry," Adolph Schuler; "Technical Education," Peter H. Friedman; "High Speed Telegraphy," Samuel J.

Harris and "Pattern Making," Morris Feidler.

A practical demonstration of moulding a handwheel and making a casting of it in lead, which was shown on the platform by Samuel J. Goldfarb, received the closest attention and hearty applause.

Edgar S. Barney, the Principal, then made an address to the graduating class. The prizes and diplomas were awarded to the graduating class of 35 members. Jacob M. Grabkowitz received the Joseph B. Bloomingdale and Louis Loeb prizes, \$25 each, for highest standing in the class and highest standing in the drawing department.

Congregation Ateris Zwi.

The closing exercises of the Sabbath school were held on Sunday, June 24, under the supervision of the Rabbi F. Light, which showed good work during the session, and interesting to all present. The prizes were handed to the children by the president, Mr. H. Gottlieb.

Temple Israel.

A play entitled "A Pretty Piece of Business" was presented by the Entertainment Committee of the Temple Israel Alumni Association in the vestry rooms, Tuesday evening, June 26. The cast was as follows:

Capt. Felix Merryweather... Mr. Jos. Auspacher Dr. Launcelot Shee... Mr. Leonard Wallstein Mrs. Fanny Grantly... Miss Lillian Hamburger Miss Charlotte Shee... Miss Beatrice Scherwin Dobson... Miss Rose Dreyfoos

The play was preceded by a musical programme, which was well received by a large audience.

Young Ladies' Charitable Society.

Of the many hundreds of ladies and gentlemen present at the outing of the Young Ladies' Charitable Society, held last Sunday in Linden Park, Staten Island, none could truthfully deny that it was the most successful outing ever given by this society. The threatening weather in the morning was the means of dampening much of the enjoyment, in fact, up to 12 o'clock the attendance was so small that the committee intended to postpone the affair.

A. C. Sitzerhood.

The Rev. Dr. Samuel Sale of St. Louis, Mo., has kindly consented to honor the Ahawath Cheshed Shaar Hashomayim Sisterhood and the Society of Righteous Women (Chevra Noshim Zidkoneos) by delivering a lecture before them.

The subject of the lecture will be "The Present Crisis," and will take place Sunday morning, July 1, at 11 o'clock, at the temple, corner 55th street and Lexington avenue. All are cordially invited to be present.

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ENGAGEMENTS.

BAUM-KATZENSTEIN. — Mr. and Mrs. Sam Katzenstein announce the engagement of their daughter Millie to Mr. Kuno Baum, both of Tucson, A. T.

BAUMLATT — BECKHARDT. — Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Beckhardt announce the engagement of their daughter Helen to Charles S. Baumblatt. At home July 8, 1900, at 1016 Third avenue.

BEYEL-RICHHEIMER. — Mr. and Mrs. Leo Richheimer announce the engagement of their sister Clara to Mr. J. A. Beyel.

BYK-SINGER. — Miss Dora Byk to Mr. Frederick Singer, of New York. At home Sunday, July 1, 1900, from 2 to 7 p. m., 501 Hancock street, Brooklyn.

GOLDSMITH-KAUFMAN. — Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Kaufman announce the engagement of their daughter Carrie to Mr. Marcus T. Goldsmith. At home Sunday, July 1, 1900, 419 West 44th street.

GREENSTEIN-SAMETZ. — Miss Carrie Sametz to Mr. Maurice M. Greenstein. At home July 1, 231 East 80th street.

HARRIS — STRAUSS. — Miss Sadie Strauss of New York, to Mr. Samuel Harris of Brooklyn.

KAPLAN-DAVIS. — Mr. and Mrs. L. Davis beg to announce the engagement of their daughter Lea to Mr. Jacob K. Kaplan.

LIVINGSTON-SCHWARZ. — Mr. and Mrs. L. Schwarz beg to announce the engagement of their daughter Beatrice to Mr. David Livingston, both of New York. At home, 177 East 95th street, Sunday, July 1, from 3 to 6 p. m.

MARKS-KLEIN. — Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Klein announce the engagement of their daughter Henrietta to Mr. Aaron D. Marks, of Providence, R. I.

MORGENSTERN-PEYSER. — Miss Selma Peyser to Dr. Julius Morgenstern. At home Sunday, June 24, 7 to 11 p. m., 241 East 39th street.

MORSE-SCHWARTZ. — Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Schwartz announce the engagement of their daughter Amelia to Mr. Leo Morse.

NATHAN-HAMEL. — Mrs. F. Hamel announces the engagement of her daughter Flora to Isaac Nathan.

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.

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MARRIED.

Heiderman-Buchner.

On Sunday, June 24, 1900, by the Rev. Raphael Benjamin, M. A., Rose Buchner to Joseph S. Heiderman.

Zadurer-Javits.

On Wednesday, June 27, 1900, Miss Bettie Zadurer was married to Mr. Samuel Javits. Rev. Joseph Segal performed the ceremony.

Esberg-Cohen.

Married, Sunday, June 24, at the residence of the bride's mother, 1140 Madison avenue, Amella, daughter of Mrs. Bertha Esberg, to Mr. Bernard Benjamin Cohen, by the Rev. I. Blumenthal.

Maler-Baruch.

Married on Monday, June 18, 1900, by Rev. F. Light, Mr. Solomon Maler to Miss Elsie Baruch.

Kallman-Mendelson.

On Sunday, June 24, 1900, by the Rev. Raphael Benjamin, M. A., Edith Mendelson to Richard Kallman.

Dinkelspiel-Goodman.

The marriage of Miss Laura Dinkelspiel to Mr. Henry J. Goodman, of Washington, D. C., was celebrated at noon on Monday last at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Dinkelspiel,

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Stamper-Goldman.

On Sunday last, June 24, 1900, Miss Birdie Stamper of Woodhaven, N. Y., was married to Mr. Meyer Goldman of New York. The wedding took place at Parkville, N. Y. Rev. Joseph Segal performed the ceremony.

Levin-Levine.

On Tuesday, June 26, 1900, by the Rev. Raphael Benjamin, M. A., Beatrice Levine to Louis H. Levine.

Sundheimer-Weil.

On Sunday, June 17, 1900, by the Rev. B. Hast, Miss Mamie Weil to Mr. Theodore Sundheimer, at 235 East Eightieth street.

Rothschild-Selz.

On Sunday, June 24, 1900, at the Temple Shaave Brocho, Mr. Lucien Rothschild and Miss Aline Selz, both of Paris, France, were united in marriage by the Rev. Dr. Hirsch. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Lucian Selz. Mr. Moe Hirsch was best man, Miss Juliet Selz as flower girl. The bridesmaids were Miss Camiel and Lillian Selz, nieces of the bride.

Mr. Moe and Sam Rothschild acted as ushers.

The dinner which followed at the Waldorf-Astoria was attended by Mr. and Mrs. L. Selz, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Selz, Mr. and Mrs. Moe Hirsch, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rothschild, Mr. and Mrs. Silverman, Mr. Schwab, Miss Camiel and Lillian Selz, Miss Tillie Rothschild, Miss Edith Blum, Mr. Moe Rothschild and many others.

Mack-Weinman.

On Wednesday, June 27, 1900, by the Rev. Raphael Benjamin, M. A., Blanche Weinman to Joseph A. Mack.

Jastrow-Barnett.

On Sunday last, June 24, 1900, Miss Minnie Jastrow of Brooklyn, N. Y., was married to Mr. Max Barnett of same city. Rev. Joseph Segal performed the ceremony.

Younger-Neudorfer.

On Wednesday, June 20, 1900, by the Rev. B. Hast, Miss Bertha Neudorfer to Mr. William Younger, at Knapp's Mansion, Bedford avenue, Brooklyn.

Alter-Zandell.

Married by Rev. F. Light, Mr. Isaac Alter to Miss Annie Zandell on Thursday, June 14, 1900.

Storts-Picard.

On Tuesday, June 26, 1900, Miss Babeth Storts of St. Louis, Mo., was married to Dr. Milton Picard of this city. Rev. Joseph Segal performed the ceremony.

Gettler-Bloch.

A very enjoyable affair was the marriage of Miss Celia Gettler to Mr. Leo Bloch, which was solemnized last Sunday, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bloch, No. 21 East 113th street, Rev. Dr. D. Lowenthal officiating. A dinner followed. Among those present

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were: Mr. and Mrs. H. Bloch, Mr. S. Bloch, Mr. Harry Bloch, Mr. and Mrs. W. Gettler, Mr. and Mrs. Moe Gettler, Mr. and Mrs. A. Goldberger, Mr. and Mrs. D. Ruirra, Mrs. H. Michel, the Misses Michel, Mrs. F. Umbel, Mrs. V. Manheimer, Miss Jennie Manheimer, Mr. and Mrs. A. Tausig and daughter, Mr and Mrs. Emanuel Arnssetin, Mr. and Mrs. Greenwald and others.

Sobel-Piser.

The marriage of Miss Estelle Piser, daughter of Mrs. Annie Piser, to Mr. Joseph Sobel, was celebrated yesterday afternoon at Tuxedo Hall. The Rev. Dr. Stephen Wise performed the ceremony. Miss Esther Piser, the bride's youngest sister, acted as maid of honor. The bridesmaids were the Misses Shear, Marcus, Leszynsky, and Schlessinger. Mortimer Shaw was best man. The ushers were Charles Josephs, Harry Bart, Abraham Levine and Albert Sobel.

Hebrew Sheltering Guardian Society Orphanage.

Mr. S. Reich, M. A., has been appointed assistant instructor in Hebrew and religion at this institution.

Jewish Theological Seminary.

The closing examinations of the term will take place Sunday and Monday, the 1st and 2d of July, beginning at 9.30 a. m. and 2 p. m. All interested are cordially invited to be present.

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pleasure of the Trustee and his *mishpachah* when the election is close at hand? What is the rule laid down by "reform lights" under the circumstance? If you are requested to preach a good, sound, religious, Jewish sermon, and you have not the qualifications necessary for the duty, would you consider it a *Kiddush hashem* to steal one from the columns of the HEBREW STANDARD?

I think I could furnish on these lines, enough material to occupy a half a dozen conferences, the worst of it all is, that while it may be very funny to talk and write about it, yet the situation is really alarming when we consider that the "half-baked" are the spiritual guides of the coming generation and reflect upon the dire results that must inevitably follow.

In our fashionable Temples the farce of "Dissolving Views" has been presented for the four Sabbaths following "Confirmation Day"—as was predicted—half of the class being absent the Shabbas immediately following the administration of the rite, and now it has entirely disappeared.

I saw the young Bishop of Portland wending his way homewards last Shabbas, rigged out in a new summer suit cut in the latest Episcopalian clerical style. I did not know him at first, he looked so much like a dashing young *gallach* with his Roman collar and broad brimmed hat, that I unintentionally mistook him for "a soul saver." It was only when he greeted me with "Good Shabbas, Mr. Aspaklarya," that I discovered my error.

The census enumerator should have added to his statistics the number of heart-broken damsels Stephen will leave behind him to mourn his "untimely taking off," and to compute, if it is within the bounds of reason to make such a delightful calculation, the number of Oregon's fair daughters who when he makes his advent in Portland will yearn to crown him king of their hearts.

I don't know of any young Rabbi whose ministrations have been more successful or who by his truly modest demeanor has done more to popularize "the cloth," not alone in his own congregation, but in this great metropolis generally, than Stephen S. Wise.

Added to this, his graceful gifts as a pulpit orator, the consciousness that "he does not know it all," and his aversion of everything that smacks of sensationalism, it is no wonder his

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many admirers look upon his near departure with sincere feelings of regret.

Before the ides of August shall have passed, the sluices of patriotic oratory will be opened, the muddy waters of politics stirred to their depths, and the bosoms of prospective office holders filled with delightful anticipations of unceasing revenue. Amid the melody of the tournament, the shouts of contending parties will make the welkin ring with their battle cries of "Imperialism," "Trusts," "Ice," "Free Silver," etc. Hanna will be anathematized, Platt satirized and Croker pulverized.

I only hope, that in addition to the fireworks, torch-light processions and the blare of discordant trumpets, that we may not be compelled to listen to any political sermons from Jewish pulpits.

Our young Rabbis who know everything, "from the hyssop that creepeth on the wall to the cedars of Lebanon," may deem it their duty to "help saving the country" by preaching upon "Purity in Politics," "The Citizens' Duty," "Trust in the Lord—the only trust," etc.

Heaven forefend that the Jewish pulpit be desecrated by the frothy utterances of frocked blatherskites. Burchard, with his "Rum, Romanism and Rebelion," killed Blaine; Browne, with his pointed tongue, is after McKinley, on account of the Jewish chaplains. Whether the fates have in store some howling Rabbi who will run his lingual stiletto under Bryan's fifth rib, remains to be seen.

The "ignorant Rabbi" is bad enough, a grade lower stands the "hypocritical Rabbi," but the lowest grade of all is the "political Rabbi." I have neither patience with nor respect for any minister, no matter what his creed, who mixes his politics with his religion. ASPAKLARYA.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Editor Hebrew Standard: In your article of June 15, entitled, "More Vagaries," you do me a great injustice by placing me in the same category with the sensational rabbis and שעלים קמנים מחבלים צרמים. The very fact that, as you well know, for years as editor of the Chicago Occident and contributor to the Jewish press, I waged war against sensationalism and vagaries in the Jewish pulpit, ought to have induced you to make first inquiries before hastily misjudging me in public on the strength of an article of a daily paper. As an old New Yorker you certainly know how little the average reporter knows of Judaism, and that his remarks must always be taken cum grano salsi, particularly when he speaks as did the reporter of the Chicago Chronicle of "confirmation of children in accordance with the rites prescribed by the Talmud." For, while I do not admit that, as you state, "the rite of confirmation has been bodily stolen from the ceremonies of the church," I certainly would not indorse the assertion, that it is a "rite prescribed by the Talmud." A student of the Talmud knows: (1.) That Jewish confirmation is no rite at all; (2.) That the Talmud knows nothing of it, and that orthodox rabbis, who have introduced confirmation—and I understand that the graduates of the orthodox New York Seminary have done so—have introduced an important reform. As to my case, it is not correct that Rev. Dr. Myron W. Haynes of the Bel-

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There was a large attendance at the services last Sabbath. Mr. Jaffe read Mussaph. The regular monthly meeting will be held Sunday, July 1, at 7.30 P. M., at the Synagogue.

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KAHN, HENRY.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. Frank T. Fitzgerald, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Henry Kahn, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscribers, at their place of transacting business, at the office of Platzeck & Stroock, No. 320 Broadway, in the City of New York, on or before the first day of December next. Dated New York, the fourth day of April, 1900. ELEANOR SCHEINER, ELZA MAYER, Executrices. Platzeck & Stroock, Attorneys for executrices, 320 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

LUBELSKY, LOUI.—At a Special Term of the City Court of the City of New York, held at the Chambers thereof, in the Court House, Borough of Manhattan, in and for the City of New York, on the 26th day of June, 1900. Present: Hon. JOHN HENRY MCCARTHY, Justice. In the matter of the application of Lou Lubelsky, for an order authorizing him to assume another name. Lou Lubelsky having presented a duly verified petition to the court praying for an order authorizing him to assume the name of Loui Louis, and the Court being satisfied by such petition so verified, that there is no reasonable objection to the petitioner assuming such new name; now, on motion of I. B. Ripin, attorney for said petitioner, it is hereby ORDERED, That the said petitioner be, and he hereby is, authorized to assume the name of Loui Louis from and after the 30th day of July, 1900.

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That a copy of this order be published, within ten days after the entry hereof, in the Hebrew Standard, a newspaper published in the County of New York. I. B. Ripin, Atty. for Petitioner, 132 Nassau St., New York.

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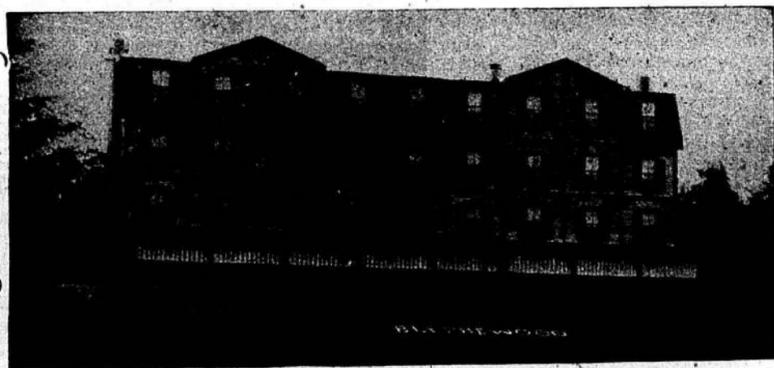
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