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## A History of the Jews of Syracuse.

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Syracuse, in Summer, is the most delightful city in the State of New York. Viewed from the commanding elevation on which have been erected, by the munificence of its healthy citizens, the imposing university edifices, the most extensive and picturesque view of the Sylvan city and its beautiful surroundings enchant the eye of the lover of nature. Syracuse is truly "in verdure clad." No visitor who has not seen the busy city before, viewing its situation from the University Heights, would ever as much as suspect that hidden among the mass of foliage are hives of human industry carried on by enterprising citizens, who have invested \$33,000,000 of capital in factories, annually producing \$35,000,000 worth of goods for export.

Amid the parklike city 130,000 people lead an industrious, peaceful and contented life. It is an ideal city. No feverish excitement of make-believe business disturbs the atmosphere of the fourth city of the Empire State. Sound and solid work of a practical and profitable kind is the business of the sensible, level-headed, patriotic men who have built up the important city of Syracuse, which is still growing and expanding on legitimate lines. The business man of Syracuse works hard and steadily, but he does not ruin his health by rushing to a "quick luncheon" restaurant for his mid-day meal. The merchants, bankers and professional men find time to walk or ride to their prettily situated private houses, partaking of a wholesome meal and enjoy a short siesta.

The principal residential streets are profusely shaded from the burning sun and sheltered from a drenching rain by leafy trees, presenting a parklike appearance. In addition there are forty-five parks in the city which give it a real Sylvan appearance. Syracuse is a very pretty city, and the patriotic citizens are doing their utmost in embellishing the streets and squares with statues and imposing substantial buildings. The parks

range from small plots, at street intersections, to Burnett Park on a hillside in the west, with more than one hundred acres. Lincoln Park, a wooded height of twenty acres, on the Eastern border, commands one of the most extensive and picturesque views of the beautiful city and its sylvan surroundings.

Numerous prominent buildings adorn Syracuse. Besides the imposing university halls, erected partly by the munificent gift of the Remingtons, the massive City Hall, the new high school costing \$400,000, the Carnegie Library, the

roads entering the place from ten directions and canals from three. The Erie Canal, which pierces the heart of the city, gives water communication with Lake Erie and the Hudson River, and thence with tidewater, and the Oswego Canal with Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence.

Industrially, Syracuse is fourth among the cities of the State of New York. The leading manufactures are men's clothing, foundry and machine shop products, iron and steel pipes, typewriters and supplies, boots and shoes, agricul-

years, and are employing three thousand men. The works are just outside the city.

The territory on which the city now stands belonged to the Onondaga Indians. By treaties in 1778 and 1795 the State bought a large tract containing the Salt Springs and formed from it the "Onondaga Salt Springs Reservation."

Syracuse proper was first settled in 1805 and was of little importance until after the completion of the Erie Canal, its population in 1820 being only TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY! In 1850 the popu-

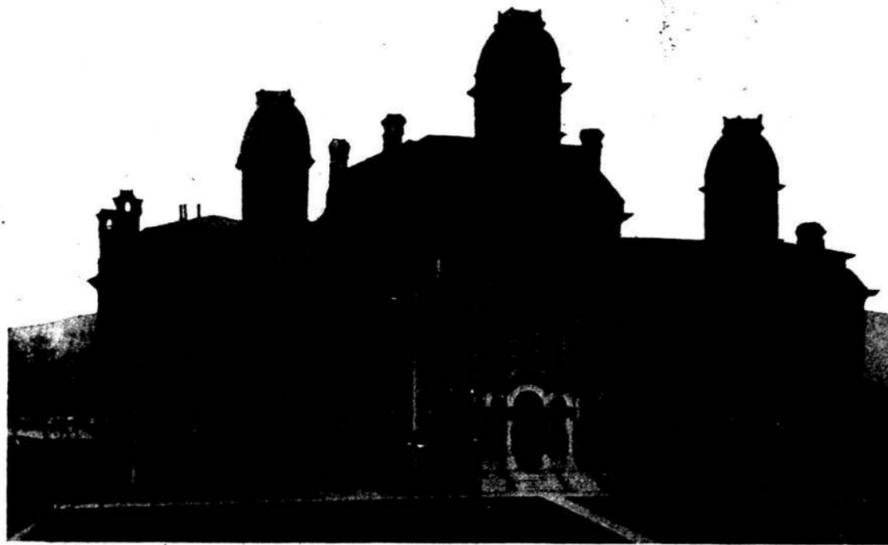
in earning their livelihood during the period of their adolescence, took advantage of the facilities offered by the local university, which is now counted among some of the best equipped in the commonwealth. The University of Syracuse is very wealthy, having an endowment fund of \$1,750,000 and an income of more than \$800,000 a year. The University also possesses real estate valued at \$3,000,000.

The people of Syracuse are not only prosperous, but also cultured. The city is one of the cleanest, in every sense of the term, in the Union.

### THE JEWS OF SYRACUSE.

A more refined and educated class of Jews than the old families of Syracuse it would be difficult to find anywhere in the United States of America. There are some six thousand Jews in the sylvan city, five thousand of whom are recent arrivals who immigrated since the persecutions in Russia and Roumania.

The origin of the community dates back to the year 1839, but its existence as an organized congregation is only about sixty-five years. It was in 1839 that the wholesale notion store of Bernheim & Block stood on the site of the present very imposing "Bastable Block." This store was the rendezvous for traders from the eastern cities of the State of New York, and in the evening it was a trysting place for the Jewish young men who intended to settle in Syracuse. It was at one of these friendly gatherings that a sense of isolation and a want of cohesion made itself felt among the young men who had left their paternal roofs. They felt a yearning for religious communion, as an organized congregation, in good, old, Jewish fashion. The idea was, so to speak, in the atmosphere at these gatherings, and when one of the young men proposed to establish a Jewish place of public worship the proposal was taken up with alacrity. Syracuse was then already considered a desirable place



Hall of Languages, Syracuse University.

County Court House, the Federal Government buildings, the State Asylum for Feeble Minded Children, the County Orphan Asylum, the Old Ladies' Home and the four hospitals. Business offices of the "University Block" type, which would be considered an imposing structure in New York, there are several, the ten-story building with its swift elevators not being unknown in Syracuse. The magnificent structures add importance to the great business centre.

Situated almost exactly half way between Buffalo and Albany, the city of Syracuse has superior facilities for transportation, steam rail-

tural implements, flouring and grist mill products and furniture. Syracuse is particularly noted for its manufacture of typewriters, salt and ash soda. The manufacture of salt from brine pumped out of the springs, on Lake Onondaga, which belong to the State, is an important industry. In fact, it was the salt industry which gave rise to the settlement of the city of Syracuse, originally known as South Salina, and then successively designated as "Bogardus' Corner," "Cassati's Corner" and "Milan."

The Solvay Process Works, manufacturing soda ash, has given an impetus to Syracuse within recent

lation was 22,271; in 1870, 43,051; in 1890, 88,143, and in 1900, 108,374. Now, at the lowest estimate, there are 130,000 people in the progressive city.

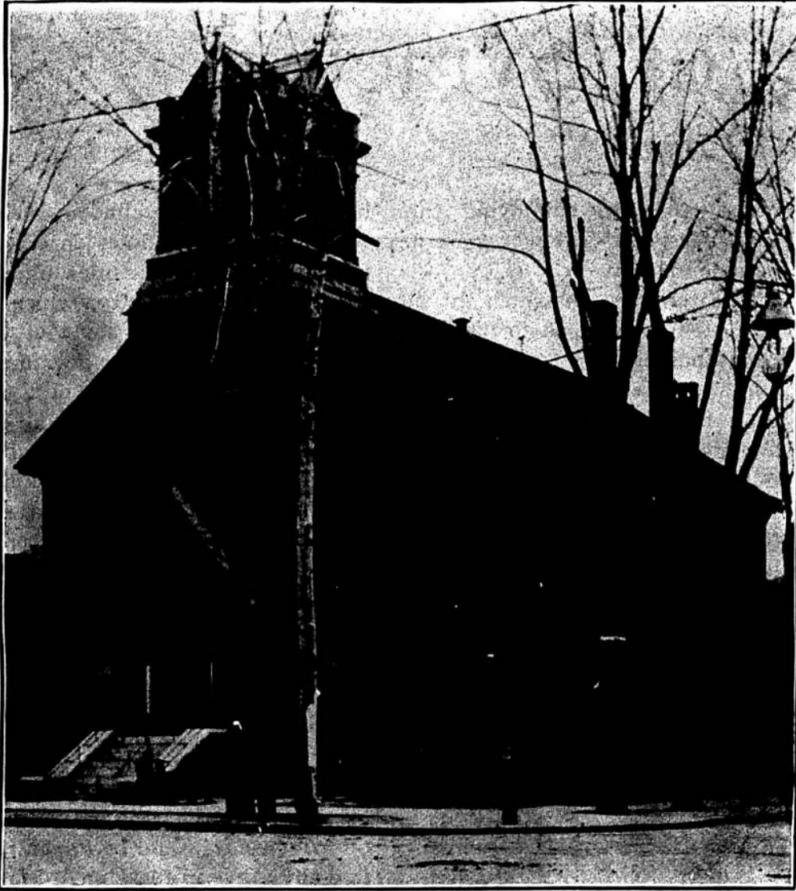
Syracuse was incorporated as a village in 1825. In 1847 it absorbed Salina and was chartered as a city.

Commerce has done much for Syracuse. But the establishing of a high-grade university in the young city has done much more for its people, as the institution has placed within reach of the rising generation the means of a higher education, which many could not have acquired without such an opportunity. The young men engaged

for business enterprise, and on the twenty-sixth of September, 1841, twelve young men met at the house of H. Weiksheimer, in the city of New York, and decided to settle permanently in the thriving village of Syracuse. In those days a journey of three hundred miles to the west of New York State was an important event, and required much planning and preparation. It was not so easy as it is at present to rush up at the last minute to an express train at the Grand Central Station and land in a few hours at Syracuse. So when all business arrangements had been made the question of establishing a synagogue in the new settlement was also discussed seriously, and it was decided to translate intention into action. The twelve men found the pioneers ready to join the movement, but, practically, the dozen newcomers were the founders of

elected president that he set himself vigorously to work in finding the money for erecting a new temple. Ten-dollar bonds were issued, and they were eagerly taken up by the members. A substantial building was erected in 1850 at the corner of Mulberry and Harrison streets. This synagogue was dedicated by Rev. Dr. Raphael, of New York; the Rev. Dr. Isaac Leeser, of Philadelphia, and Dr. Leopold Elsner, of Syracuse, who had been a rabbi before he took his musical degree.

The Rev. Joseph Goodman having resigned, Rev. Jacob Levi was chosen to fill the vacancy, and it was during his ministrations that the cankerworm of discord crept into the Society of Concord. Two factions sprang up in the congregation. The reform party was championed by Joseph Falker, who was elected president in 1861. The burning questions of the period



Society of Concord Synagogue.

"The Society of Concord." The first general meeting of the Jews of Syracuse was held on the twenty-first of November, 1841, at the residence of Jacob Garson, in Mulberry street. The officers chosen were: President, Max Thalheimer; treasurer, Joseph Schloss; trustees, H. Rosenbach and S. Manheimer; secretary, E. Rothschild. The Rev. A. Gunzenhauser was engaged as minister and chazan. The first services of the newly formed congregation were held in an upper room of Mr. Garson's house. Some time afterward services were held in the "Townsend Block," on Water street.

The Rev. Joseph Goodman succeeded Rev. A. Gunzenhauser, entering on his duties in August, 1846. The membership of the Congregation having increased by that time, a house and lot on the south side of Madison street was purchased for \$800. The house was altered and transformed into a synagogue. It was, however, not to be any longer a strictly orthodox place of public worship, for the Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise was the invited celebrant on the occasion of its dedication, having traveled from Albany to perform the ceremony. H. Bronner was the president of that period, and his immediate successor was Aaron Henochsberg.

The membership of the congregation increased very rapidly, and in a short time more accommodation was required. But it was not till the energetic Jacob Stone was

were whether organ-playing should be permitted on Sabbaths and festivals, whether mixed choirs should be introduced, whether family pews in which men and women were to have seats together were permissible, and, above all, there was the vexed question about praying with uncovered heads which the reformers were anxious to adopt. These innovations stirred up a violent opposition, and the minority seceded from the Society of Concord and established an orthodox synagogue, the "Adath Jeshurun," of which Joseph Wiseman became president, and Rev. Jacob Levi chazan.

Rev. Dr. Deutsch, a highly cultured and prominent reformer, was given charge of the temple.

On the retirement of Mr. Falker from the position of president, the office fell successively to such men as Simon and Isaac Loewenthal, Lazar Lester, David Hamburger, and Moritz Marx, who served fifteen consecutive years. William Henochsberg followed as president, and the present occupant of the honorable position is Mr. Gates Thalheimer, a son of one of the founders of the Society of Concord.

In 1883 Dr. A. Guttman was called from Austria to fill the position of rabbi, and he is continuing to discharge his onerous duties with zeal and ability, superintending the half-dozen societies connected with the temple in addition to his ministerial work.

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**DR. ADOLPH GUTTMAN.**

Leipnik, in Moravia, is a noted centre of Jewish learning in Austria. It is also noted as the home of the Guttman family, two members of which—the Brothers David

Diet, was destined for a teacher. Dr. Adolph Guttman, the incumbent of the Reform Temple at Syracuse, comes from the same Leipnik stock and is related to the en-



Rabbi Adolph Guttman.

and Wilhelm Guttman—have been raised to the hereditary nobility. The Guttman brothers, whose philanthropy is historical, made great fortunes from the coal, iron and sugar industries which they developed in Austria. The Guttmans all valued education, and Wilhelm Ritter Von Guttman, who became a member of the Lower Austrian

nobled family. He was born in 1854. He received his academic and Hebrew education at the Leipnik Gymnasium and "Yeshiba," respectively. Then he studied at the University of Vienna. He took his doctor of philosophy degree at Zurerich.

His first position was that of Landesrabiner of Tyrol and

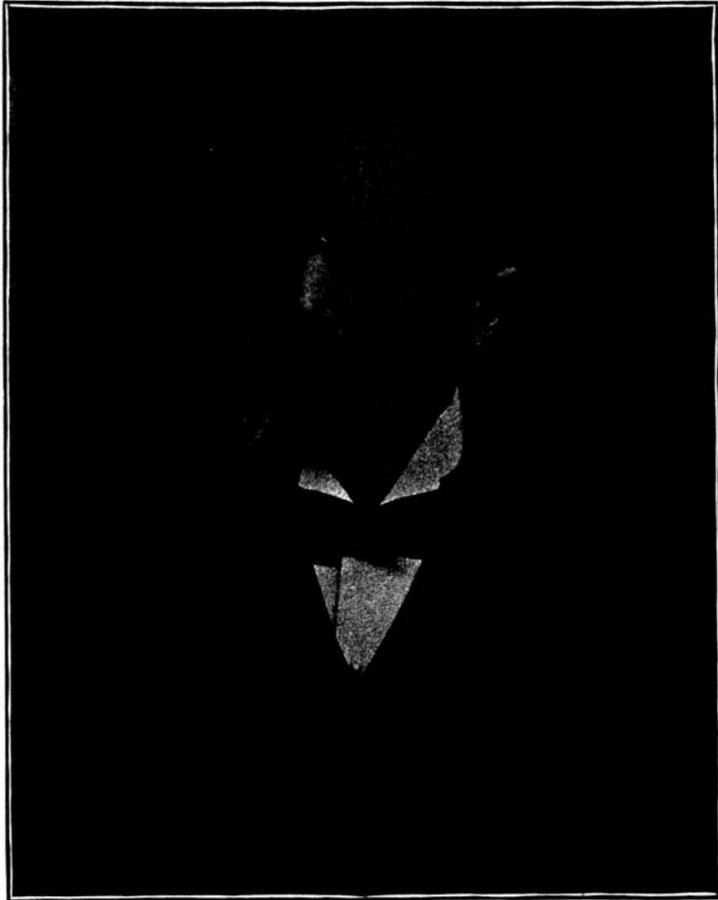
Voralberg, the chief seat being at Hohenems, where the great Cantor Sulzer was born. Subsequently the two men became very intimate, and Cantor Sulzer intrusted Dr. Guttman with all his private papers for biographical purposes. It was at the request of the Conference of American Rabbis, held at Louisville in 1904, that Dr. Guttman wrote the memoirs of Sulzer for the celebration of the great Cantor's centenary.

At first Dr. Guttman preached in German, and, even after having become master of the English language, he refused to preach in it until he had acquired a correct American pronunciation, having taken Dr. Gustav Gottheil's advice on the subject. "Stand before a mirror," said Dr. Gottheil, "and practice to pronounce words with 'th.' When you are perfect in your speech the message to the congregation will be impressive, but it cannot be so when your mispronunciation raises a titter of laughter." Not until Dr. Guttman was perfectly satisfied that his pronunciation of English, or, as Mark Twain and Professor Brander Matthews will have it, "the American language," was satisfactory, did he venture to draw from the well of English pure and undefiled. He refused to follow the example of some rabbis who speak the English with a burr, something after the style of French "as she is spoke at Stafford Atte Bow." Dr. Guttman is an accomplished orator, and he admits having benefited much from his connection with the Syracuse University, where he occupied the chair of Hebrew and German for some time after his arrival in this country.

Dr. Guttman married the only daughter of Mr. Moses Goldstein, a wealthy man and who, by the way, is the only surviving member of the original Society of Concord Congregation.

**MR. GATES THALHEIMER.**

The president of the Reform Temple, Mr. Gates Thalheimer, is one of the most prominent citizens of Syracuse, where he was born in 1851. Head of a large commercial firm Mr. Thalheimer is intimately occupying territory beyond Syracuse.



Gates Thalheimer.

connected with the financial and many industrial institutions. He is director of the Syracuse Trust Company, and a member of the Executive Committee. He is also chairman of the Advisory Committee of Manufacturers, Lloyd's Insurance Company, and one of its directors. Mr. Thalheimer is also interested in the Independent Telephone Company, which is gradually

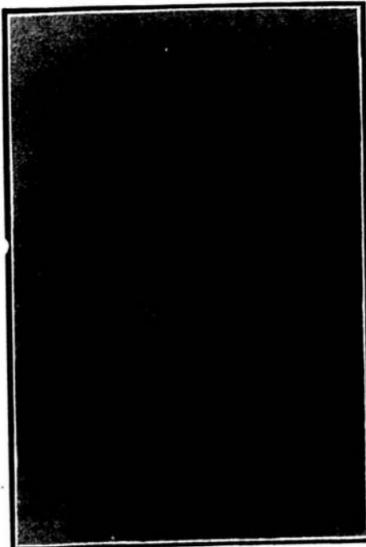
of the Rochester Jewish Orphan Asylum.

Mr. Thalheimer is president of the Fayette, an exclusively Jewish club of eighty members.

Mr. Thalheimer married, in 1876, Jennie Stern, of Toledo. There are two daughters issue. One daughter is married to Mr. Harry Lester and the second to Mr. Jonas Oberdorfer.

**THREE GENERATIONS OF FALKERS.**

Shipwrecked on their voyage to America fifty-two years ago, the Falker family has prospered since their arrival, and is now one of the foremost in the State of New York.



Joseph Falker.

Born in Mussbach, Rheinpfalz, Germany, Joseph Falker, with his age and already possessed a large

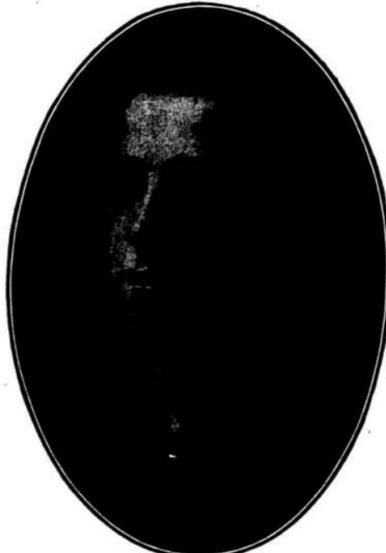
stock of knowledge acquired in the school of his native town. Fond of study, he improved himself in his adopted country and became a man of culture and refinement. He also



August Falker.

developed into an excellent public speaker and an expert in matters of finance. His father died in 1889, aged seventy-eight years.

Mr. August Falker, who was born in 1841, married a daughter of Dr. Elsner, and there is one son issue—Mr. Jesse Elsner Falker, aged twenty-nine years, who has distinguished himself as a graduate at Harvard University, where he studied sociology and political economy. He graduated A. B. in 1901 with high honors. Young as Mr. Jesse Elsner Falker is, his views on finance and political economy generally are sound, and he ought to make a name for himself



Jesse Elsner Falker.

in a larger commercial centre than Syracuse.

The elder Falkers—father and son—were staunch advocates of reform in the early days of the religious controversy among the Jews of Syracuse. August Falker was a moderate advocate of reform and carried the majority of the members of the Society of Concord with him. It was, however, a powerful minority who seceded, and thus weakened the financial position of the congregation. Skill was required to set matters right economically. Dr. Deutsch, a learned man, who was brought from South Germany, helped materially in building up the congregation, as through his conciliatory policy many of the secessionists rejoined the Society of Concord. It was also during the ministry of Dr. Deutsch that nearly all the Jewish charitable institutions of Syracuse were established on a sound basis.

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For many years Mr. August Falker was the leader of the Society of Concord, having become connected with the Board of Trustees since the age of twenty-one years. He was for twenty consecutive years vice-president of the temple. He is a modest, charitable and refined gentleman who stands very high in the estimation of the general community.

Mr. August Falker is a past master of Salisbury Lodge, F. & A. M., and prominent in the councils of the Bnai B'rith.

**MRS. AUGUST ETTA ELSNER-FALKER.**

Probably no other Jewish lady in the United States occupies such an important social and official position as Mrs. August Etta Elsner-

inated the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Society of Concord, of which she was the first president, and continued in the position four years.

Eight years ago fell to Mrs. Falker the greatest public honor that can be bestowed on a woman when she was appointed by President—then Governor—Roosevelt manager of the Western House of Refuge at Albion, N. Y. The appointment was for six years. Two years ago Mrs. Falker was reappointed for another term of six years by Governor Higgins.

Socially Mrs. Falker holds a high position. She is a prominent member of the Kanalenah Club and has held office on the board for five years.

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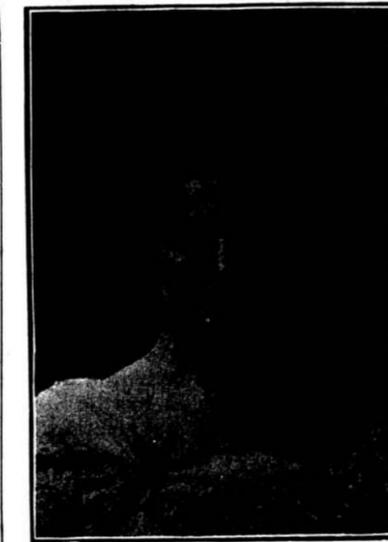
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Mrs. August Etta Elsner-Falker.

Falker, wife of Mr. August Falker. She comes from a highly intellectual family. Her father was first a rabbi and then an eminent medical practitioner. Three of her brothers are also in the medical profession, the oldest being the eminent Professor Elsner, of the Syracuse University.

Having been educated at the Syracuse High School, and also privately, Mrs. Falker began, after her marriage, to make a study of charity, and very soon was afforded an opportunity to engage in its practical activities. She became one of the managers of the auxiliary of St. Joseph's Hospital, vice-president of the New York State Trade School for Women, one of the directors of the Crippled Children's Guild; one of the directors of Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and one of the directors of the Boys' Club, of which Judge Benjamin Shore is president. Mrs. Falker also orig-

## Adath Jeshurun Congregation.

The "Adath Jeshurun" Congregation, which owes its existence mainly to the efforts and munificence of the Rosenblooms, one of the wealthiest Jewish families of Syracuse, was the result of the secessions from the Reform Temple. Its place of public worship is popularly known in Syracuse as "Rosenbloom's Shule." The congregation was organized on the sixth of June, 1864, receiving the charter on the third of March, 1866. Joseph Schwartz was the first president; Joseph Wiseman, first vice-president, and Moses Bronner, treasurer.

The first place of worship was a one-story building in Harrison street.

In 1887 Solomon Rosenbloom purchased a lot on Orange street, and by his efforts and the co-opera-

tion of Morris Thalheimer, Daniel Rosenbloom and K. Wolf, the present beautiful Gothic edifice was erected. Solomon Rosenbloom, who was the mainstay of the congregation, occupied the position of president for twenty-five consecutive years, and his son Daniel succeeded in the presidency, occupying the position for three years, up to the time of his death, which occurred on the twenty-seventh of August, 1905, while David Oberdorfer was practically the permanent treasurer until his death. The first rabbi was B. Newcity, who officiated till 1875. He was succeeded by Rev. Jacob Levi. The Rev. J. Blaustein now occupies the position of chazan.

The president for the current year of the synagogue in Orange street is Mr. Isaac Rosenbloom.

## THE ROSENBLIOM FAMILY.

Old Solomon Rosenbloom, who was the mainstay of Orthodox Judaism in Syracuse, had his quiver full of seven sons. He only had one daughter. Born at Oberaltheim, near Wuerzburg, in Bavaria, the founder of the family came to New York in 1847, and the following year took up his residence in Syracuse, where he married Miss Hannah Herman, and where all their eight children were born. In the early days of his business career old Rosenbloom was carrying the heavy burden of a large family. Nevertheless he was already beginning to accumulate considerable capital. He was especially farsighted in the faith he had in the progress of Syracuse as a business centre, and pinned his faith to real estate, which, fifty years ago, could be bought by the acre for the price it now fetches per inch in Salina street. But it was not till the sons grew up to manhood and united with their parent in carrying on his shoe business that the Rosenbloom name became noted in local financial circles. It was in 1869 that Solomon Rosenbloom took two sons into partnership, and later the other sons joined the firm, demonstrating the fact that a large family pulling harmoniously together must become wealthy and powerful. Anybody looking now at the mammoth department store owned by the five surviving Rosenbloom brothers, must become convinced of the truth—"unity is strength." It is a very large business. The Rosenbloom estate is very vast. The Rosenblooms are the third largest real estate owners in Syracuse, which means something at present prices of property.

While Mr. Simon Rosenbloom, who is not married, devotes much of his time to congregational matters, his married brother, Isaac Rosenbloom, is a politician who takes a keen interest in public af-



Isaac Rosenbloom.

fairs. He was Police Commissioner of Syracuse for six years—from 1896 to 1903—and was slated by the Democratic party for the position of Comptroller for the State of New York at the last election.

Born at Syracuse in 1862 Mr. Isaac Rosenbloom married, in 1900, Miss Clara Guggenheim, of Toledo, Ohio, and there is one boy issue.

In politics Mr. Isaac Rosenbloom is a strong Democrat. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Independence League of Syracuse, a branch of the State League, of which William Randolph Hearst is the president. Mr. Rosenbloom is an ardent supporter of Hearst and of Hearst principles.

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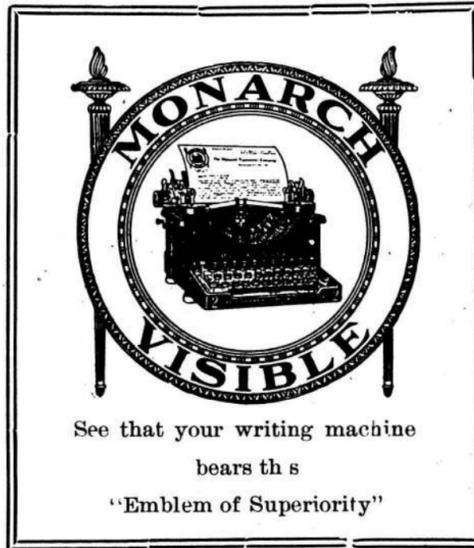
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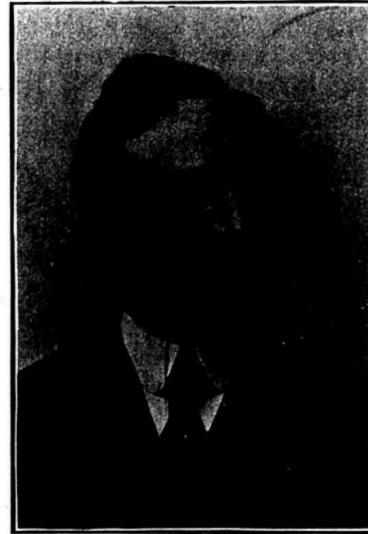
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## DR. HENRY L. ELSNER.

Among the prominent representatives of the medical profession in Syracuse is Dr. Henry L. Elsner, who has the largest and most lucrative practice in Central New York State. He was born in Onondaga County, New York, on the fifteenth day of August, 1856, being the son of Leopold and Hanchen (Sulzbacher) Elsner. His preparatory education was obtained in the Syracuse grammar and high schools. The practice of medicine is hereditary in the Elsner family. Professor Elsner's father was and his three brothers are medical practitioners. Young Leopold began his studies under the preceptorship of his father and brothers long before he entered on his academic course at the university. Subsequently he matriculated in the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York, from which he graduated in the class of 1877. Shortly after securing his degree, Dr. Elsner went to Europe and continued his studies in Berlin and Vienna, in order to better equip himself for his professional career.

After returning to his native country in 1878 Dr. Elsner established an office in Syracuse, and at once entered upon the active duties of his profession. He now enjoys a very extensive patronage, the greater part of which is that of being called in consultation with other physicians in the treatment of difficult cases, and this recognition of Dr. Elsner's skill as a diagnoser of disease is the most unmistakable evidence of his high professional standing. He makes a specialty of internal diseases, to the study and treatment of which he has given

much time and attention, and his services are frequently in demand as an expert medical witness.



Dr. Henry L. Elsner.

Since 1881 Dr. Elsner has been connected with the medical department of Syracuse University, and

holds the chair of the principles and practice of medicine. He is also the consulting physician to the Women's and Children's Hospital of Syracuse. He is consulting physician of the New York State Hospital for Crippled Children at Tarrytown, and visiting physician to St. Joseph's Hospital, Syracuse. He is also on the Board of Managers of the Institution for the Feeble Minded, at Rome, N. Y.

Dr. Elsner is a member and ex-president of the Medical Society of the State of New York; member and ex-president of the Central New York Medical Society; member and ex-president of the Onondaga County Medical Society, and a member of the American Climatological Society. He is the author of a number of valuable scientific papers, which have been read before the various medical societies and published in the medical journals to which he has also contributed much original matter on medical subjects.

In 1881 Dr. Elsner married Miss Pauline Rosenberg, of Rochester, N. Y., and they have one son, Henry L. Elsner, Jr.

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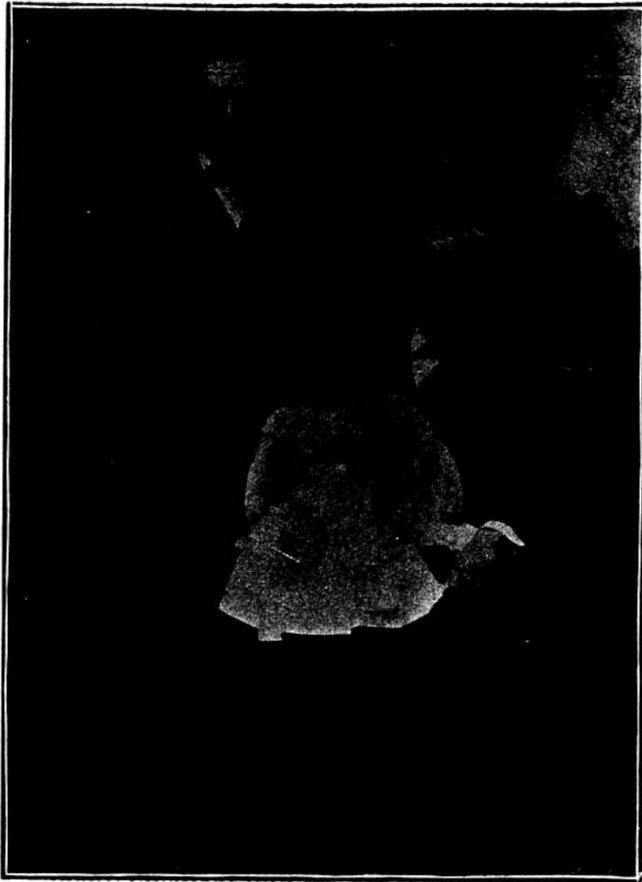
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Three Generations of the Marshall Family.

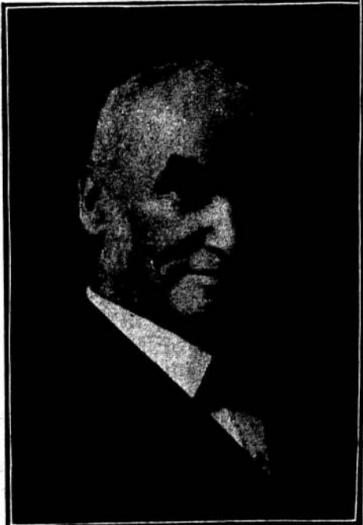
native of Rhenish Bavaria, who, at the age of seventy-eight years, is still conducting a large business at Syracuse, being in possession of his full mental and bodily vigor.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Marshall celebrated their golden nuptials on the twenty-first of March of last year, and on that occasion their children gave \$5,000 to the Jewish charities of Syracuse—\$2,000 to the Orphan Asylum, \$2,000 to the United Jewish Charities of Syracuse to be set aside as a free loan fund, \$250 to the Mission School under the auspices of the Society of Concord, \$150 to St. Joseph's Hospital, \$150 to the Syracuse Hospital for Women and Chil-

daughters—Mrs. A. Rosenberg, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Henry Bronner, of Syracuse; also Mr. Samuel Weil, a son-in-law, of Philadelphia, whose deceased wife was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Marshall.

The Marshall family is very highly respected. Its fame mainly rests on the distinguished career carved out for himself by their son, Louis Marshall, who has a national reputation as a legist and philanthropist.

The Syracuse Jews are very proud of their townsman, Louis Marshall, who, since he made a great reputation as a lawyer, has taken up his residence in New York. Mr. Marshall still considers Syracuse his real home, and every New Year and Yom Kippur, as well as the first night of the Passover, always claims his presence at the parental residence in Cedar street. "He is a wonderful man," said an old resident of Syracuse, the other day. Louis Marshall's memory is prodigious. He has a wonderful capacity for remembering details, and that is how he made a great reputation in the office where he studied law. When the principal asked for the details of any case, Louis Marshall always gave a prompt and correct answer. He even remembered on which page of a law book some particular decision could be found. This capacity for remembering dates and figures he is now exercising in a sentimental way with the members of his family and numerous rela-



Jacob Marshall.

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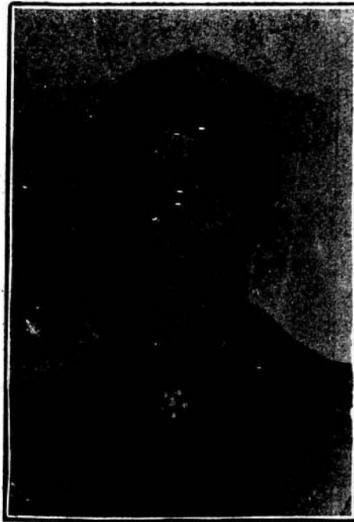
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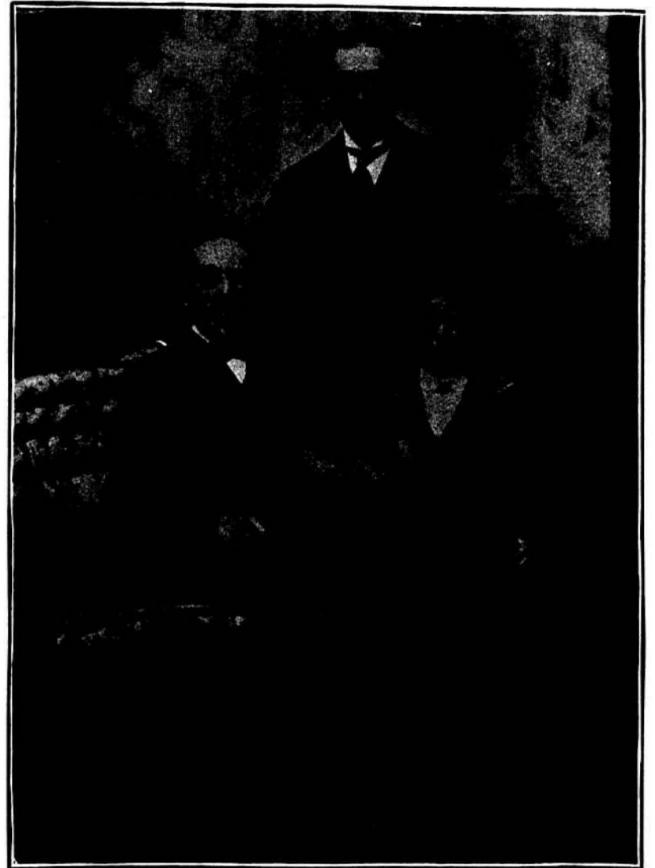
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Three Generations of the Bronner Family.

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His son, Mr. Henry Bronner, who is a trustee of the Society of Concord, was born in New York City in 1859. In 1890 he married Miss Clara Marshall, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Marshall. There are three children issue—two boys and one girl.

Mrs. Clara Marshall-Bronner, who is a sister of Mr. Louis Marshall, occupies the position of president of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Society of Concord, which society is



Mrs. Clara Marshall Bronner.

**DR. NATHAN JACOBSON.**

Mention of the name of Dr. Nathan Jacobson in Syracuse is always made with pride by his fellow citizens. They are all very proud of the eminent surgeon's skill and the position he occupies as professor in the university. He is a native of Syracuse, where he was born on the twenty-sixth of June, 1857. He graduated from the high school in 1874 and studied medicine with Dr. Pease, then graduated from the Syracuse Medical College in 1877.

After a post-graduate course of study, under the eminent Surgeon Bilroth in Vienna, Dr. Jacobson began practice in his native city, and in 1885 was appointed instructor in surgery at the Syracuse University. In 1888 he was raised to the position of lecturer on clinical surgery and laryngology. Further promotion came the following year when he was elected to the chair of laryngology and clinical surgery, and now Dr. Jacobson is full professor. He is surgeon to St. Joseph's hospital and consulting surgeon to the Syracuse Hospital for Women and Children.

Professor Jacobson is a prominent member of several medical so-

cieties and a constant contributor to the magazines. On the third of January, 1883, Dr. Jacobson married Miss Minnie Schwartz, daughter of the late Leopold Schwartz, a wealthy merchant of Buffalo. There are two children issue—Emma May and Gerald Nathan.



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### MR. LOUIS GLAZIER.

Unassuming in manner and simple in his habits, Mr. Louis Glazier is not only one of the best Hebraists in Western New York, but also an excellent English and German scholar. He is moreover a poet, his Hebrew verse being be-



Louis Glazier.

yond civil. When fifteen years of age he translated Schiller's "Robbers" into classic Hebrew and was praised for his work by no less an Hebraist than Kalman Schulman, his fellow townsman.

Mr. Glazier was born at Wilna in 1859. After studying Hebrew and the Talmud at various schools and famous "Yeshiboth," including that of Waloza, he graduated from the "Rabbiner Schule" and was appointed by the Russian Government to a position in Suwalki. He had charge of the public school. The same year he married Helena Davidson, a daughter of a prominent Jewish citizen of Suwalki. After conducting the Jewish school for six years, Mr. Glazier became noted as a vigorous writer on the

social question of the Jews in Russia, but drew upon himself the enmity of the government, which led to his expatriation. He left his family in 1884 and came to America. He studied, under great difficulties, at Cornell College, Ithaca, and taught at Syracuse, until, under the guidance of Dr. Adolph Guttman, he became assistant at the temple. Mr. and Mrs. Glazier have a family of five thoroughly educated daughters. Their hospitality is proverbial in Syracuse.

Mr. Glazier keeps his hand well in journalism. He is an ardent Republican and a close associate of Senator Horace White.

### MR. LAZARUS LESTER.

One of the most amiable and cultured men in Syracuse is Mr. Lazarus Lester, the musical instruments warehouseman. He was born at Aufhausen, Wuertemberg, in the year 1844, and arrived in America with his parents when he was eight years of age. Old Moses L. Lester, who arrived with his wife and eight children—four sons and four daughters—died in 1884.

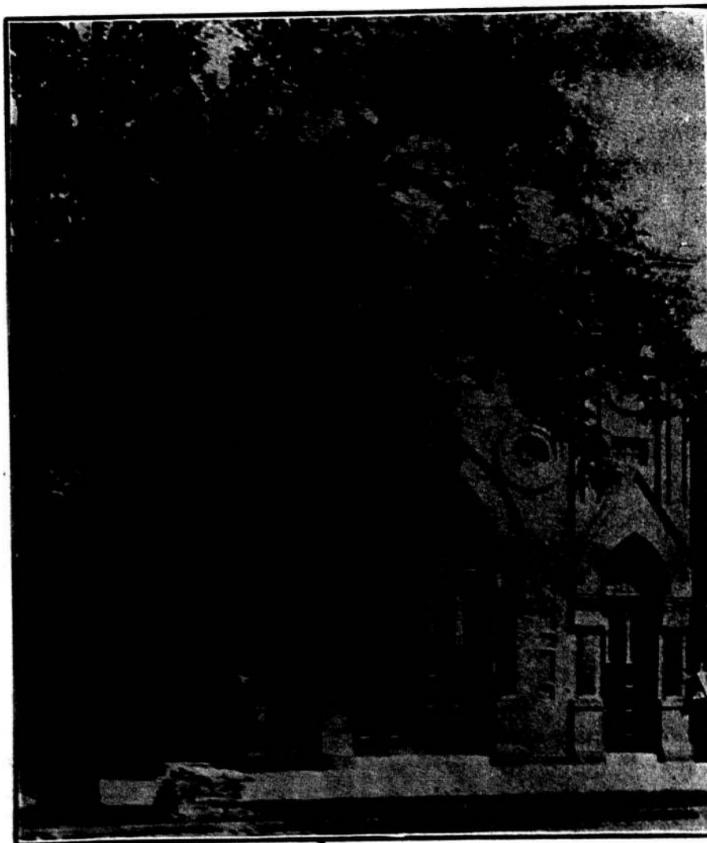
Mr. Lazarus Lester is trustee of the sinking fund of the Jewish Orphan Asylum for Western New York, vice-president of the Society of Concord Temple, and he also belongs to many fraternal institutions.

His brother Herman Lester, who died three years ago, left \$42,000 to the Syracuse charities.

Mr. Lazarus Lester is a widower. He has three children. One son—Dr. Horace L. Lester—studied at Harvard and was formerly house surgeon at the Mount Sinai Hospital, New York City. He is now practicing in Madison avenue. The other son—Mr. Milton M. Lester, a graduate of Harvard and Columbia universities—is a lawyer in good practice.

## BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION.

The "Beth Israel" Congregation Bloom. Rabbi Moses Brody is the incumbent. "Beth Israel" is organized on the seventh of August, 1854, the first service being



Beth Israel Synagogue.

held at the house of Moses Hart, in Adam street. The first officers were: Joshua Jacobs, president; Henry Lazarus, vice-president; M. Bendetson, treasurer; P. Lee, secretary. Committee—Moses Hart, J. Samson, E. Labischinsky and N. Marks. The synagogue was built in 1856 and remodeled in 1887 under the presidency of Mr. M.

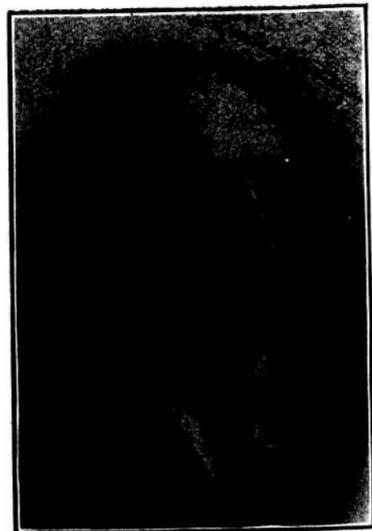
burdened with any debts, and the utmost cordiality exists between all the members.

### MR. JOSEPH BONDY.

Ex-Assemblyman Joseph Bondy, of Syracuse, who is a lawyer by profession, has also a reputation as a magazine writer on sociological subjects.

### MR. MOSES BLOOM.

The president of the "Beth Israel" Congregation, Mr. Moses Bloom, is a mild-mannered, level-headed man of a conciliatory disposition, to whose wise guidance much of the success of this congregation is due. Born near Lodsz, Russian Poland, in 1841, Mr.



Moses Bloom.

Bloom came to America in 1849 and has resided ever since in Syracuse. He married, in 1861, Miss Dora Perlstone, of New York, in the very same synagogue of which he is now the president. There are six children issue. Mr. Bloom has held office continually since 1869. In 1871 he was elected president, and altogether he has been eleven years the chief of the congregation. At present he is holding office as president for the fourth time since 1903.

Mr. Bloom has been a Freemason forty years, and he is also an active member of the Sons of Benjamin and the Free Sons of Israel.

# The New Adath Jeshurun Synagogue.

To distinguish this synagogue from the "Rosenbloom Synagogue," the magnificent place in J. Switzer and E. Rosenzweig following each other in quick succession. The president for the current year is Mr. Isaac Schreiber, who was born in Augustowa, Russian Poland, in the year 1848. He left



Adath Jeshurun Synagogue.

South State street is called The "New" Adath Jeshurun. In 1870 thirty-five young men, seatholders of "Beth Israel" seceded. Their first minister was Marcus Radin, and Elias Labeschinsky, president. The new congregation worshiped in Tabor's Hall. In 1872 they organized under Co-State charter. Solomon Harrison was elected president, Jacob Tumim vice-president and Samuel Solomon secretary. In 1877 the present synagogue was erected.

After the resignation of the Rev. Marcus there were rapid changes in the ministry—Revs. J. Leavinson, C. Caplin, Fisher, M. L. Grosman,



Rabbi A. M. Hirschman.

his native town at the age of six with his parents, and, after three years' stay in London, came to the United States. Mr. Schreiber married thirty-four years ago and there are six children issue.

The vice-president is Mr. Jacob Tumim and the treasurer Mr. James B. Harrison.

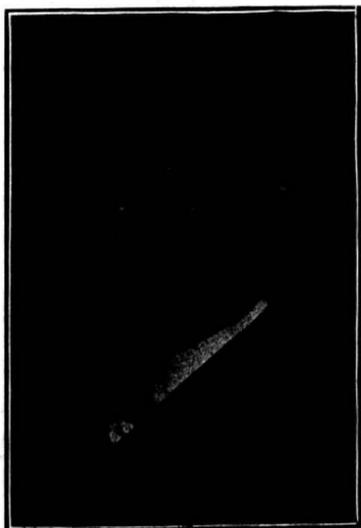
The Rev. A. M. Hirshman, who had graduated from the Jewish Theological Seminary, New York City, was the rabbi of the New Adath Jeshurun until this year, and, under his ministry, a separate Hebrew and Sunday school was organized for the teaching of Hebrew and religion on orthodox lines.

## DR. I. HARRIS LEVY.

Four, five, six and even more professional men in one family is nothing extraordinary among the Jews of Syracuse, who have taken full advantage of the benefits offered by the proximity of a good university. Thus we find in the Levy family an eminent literary lawyer, an eminent young medical expert and two sisters who have also graduated from the university. There are certainly greater educational facilities to lay the foundation of a higher education in a town the size of Syracuse than in an overgrown city like New York.

Dr. I. Harris Levy, a brother of Mr. T. Aaron Levy, was born in Neustadt-Scherwint, Russian Poland, in 1869. He was one year of age when his parents emigrated to America and settled for a time at Elmira. At the age of twelve he entered the high school of Syra-

cuse and graduated with the class of 1890. Then he studied at the



Dr. I. Harris Levy.

Syracuse University Medical College, graduating in 1893. He also

studied two years in Europe—one year at Vienna and one at Berlin. In 1894 he became lecturer at the University of Syracuse and in 1896 he was appointed assistant professor of clinical medicine. In addition to this position, which he now occupies, Dr. Levy is visiting physician to the Hospital of the Good Shepherd and chief of the tuberculosis clinic at the Syracuse Free Dispensary.

Dr. I. Harris Levy is a frequent contributor to medical literature, and will some day become a full professor at the university.

His younger brother, Jacob J. Levy, who was born in 1879 at Elmira, is a rising young practitioner. He also studied at the Syracuse University, and one year in Europe.

Two sisters—one of whom is Mrs. Max Bloch, of Buffalo—are bachelors of philosophy of the University of Syracuse.

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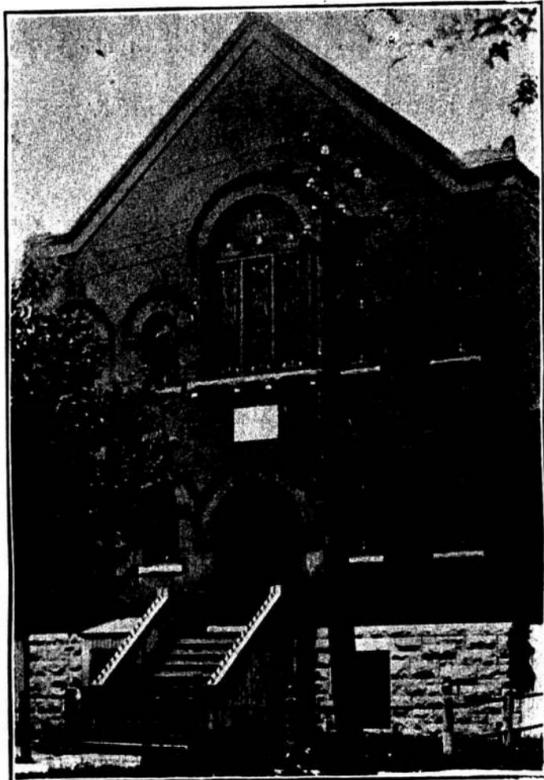
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# The "Poiley Zedeck" Congregation.

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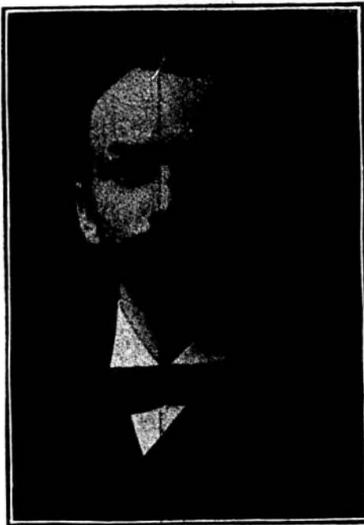


Poiley Zedeck Synagogue.

has been presented with a badge by the Syracuse Lodge No. 31. He is past chief ranger of Foresters, sachem of the Redmen of America, member of the Knights of Pythias and vice-president of the Masonic Temple Club.

### MR. BENJAMIN STOLZ.

Prominent in congregational matters is Mr. Benjamin Stolz, one of the best known young lawyers of Syracuse. His wife is a daugh-



Benjamin Stolz.

sprang into existence about the year 1888 through the exertions of Joseph Wallen, Marks Baliban, Moses Kline, David L. Cohen and Abraham Moses. The charter of this congregation is dated the twenty-third of September, 1888,

man, Isaac Heitner and Philip Kaufman. The first president was Alexander Cohn; secretary, Joseph Honig. The first meeting was held in Sugarman's Hall, in Grape street. The first rabbi was Mr. M. Finberg. The president for the current year is Mr. Charles Serling.

### MR. WILLIAM RUBIN.

Mr. William Rubin, the Assistant Corporation Counsel of Syracuse, was born in Syracuse on the first of July, 1871, and, after attending the common school and

he was in Attorney-General Hancock's office at Albany, and was admitted to practice at the bar on the thirteenth day of September, 1895.

York Law School. Subsequently

ter of Dr. Landsberger, the reform rabbi of Rochester, and his brother, Dr. Joseph Stolz, is the occupant of the pulpit of Isaiah Temple, Chicago. He is a cousin of Mr. Louis Marshall, with whom he studied law. He is at present acting treasurer of the United Jewish Charities of Syracuse.

Mr. Stolz was born on the thirteenth of October, 1867, in Syracuse and graduated from the Columbia University Law School in 1889.

### DR. JESSE S. HEIMAN

was born at Syracuse on the thirteenth of August, 1881. While at school he was vice-president of the Syracuse High School Congress and president of his class. He graduated from the University Medical School in 1904. He is surgeon at St. Joseph's Hospital, medical inspector of schools, chief of the staff of the Day Nursery, teacher of anatomy at the Syracuse Medical College and anaesthetist to St. Joseph's Hospital. He is a member of the Syracuse Academy of Medicine and member of the Sigma Nu Medical Fraternity.

Dr. Jesse S. Heiman's brother, Frank Heiman, is a surgeon at Chicago. Both are nephews of Professor Elsner.

### DR. MARK HEIMAN.

A young specialist in skin diseases who is the dermatologist of St. Joseph's Hospital, Dr. Mark Heiman, is making a great reputation in his particular line. Born at Syracuse on the fifth of September, 1875, he was educated at the common and high schools and then studied at the College of Medicine of the Syracuse University, graduating in 1897. He subsequently studied at Vienna, Berlin and Paris, and has been practicing in Syracuse since 1899.

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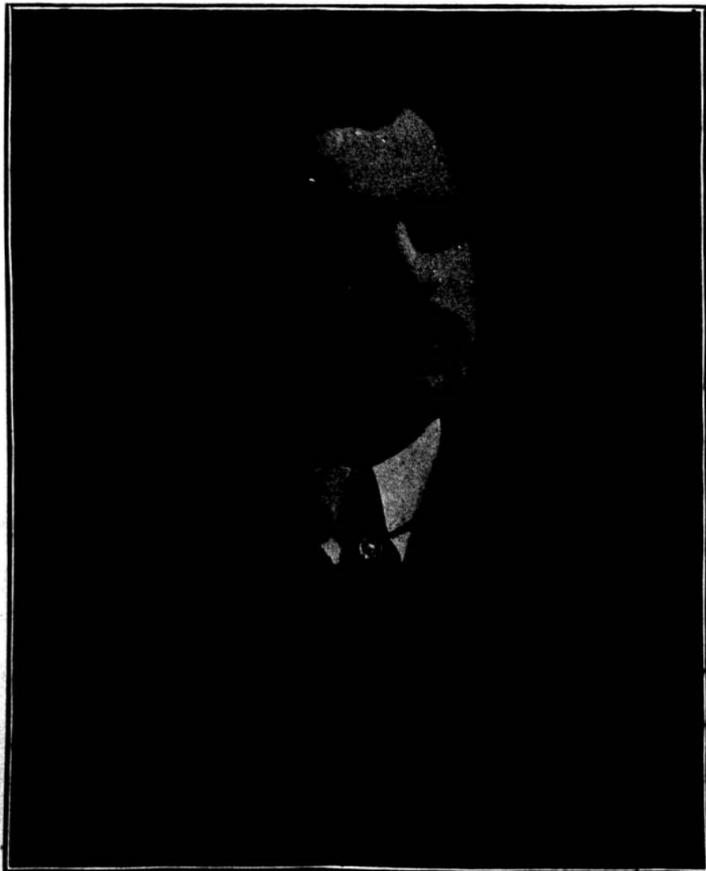


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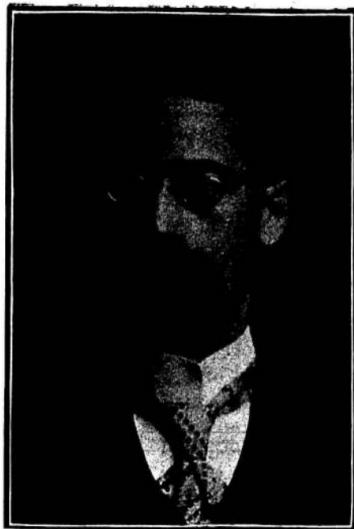
William Rubin

high school, studied four years at the university, graduating B.Ph. in 1893. In 1895 he received the degree of master of philosophy. He also studied in 1894-5 at the New

Mr. William Rubin is a past president of the Free Sons of Israel and past president of the Bnai B'rith. He is a Master Mason and a past exalted ruler of the Elks. He

**MR. SAMUEL DAVID SOLOMON.**

A very busy lawyer is Mr. Samuel David Solomon, but he never-



Samuel David Solomon.

theless finds time to take an active interest in the United Hebrew School and other Jewish institutions. Born on the twenty-second of March, 1863, at Mohawk, Herkimer County, in the State of New York, he attended the village school till the age of nine and then the Syracuse common and high schools, graduating from the latter in December, 1881. In 1886 he graduated B.A. from the University of Syracuse. He studied law for one year in the office of Baldwin, Lewis & Kennedy. Then he studied at the Columbia University, under Dr. Dwight, warden of the Law School. He was admitted to the bar at Utica, N. Y., in 1888 and started practice in the Fall of that year.

Masonically he is an active Shriner and is also secretary of the Masonic Board of Relief, a position which he has now held for thirteen years.

Mr. Solomon is past president of the Free Sons of Israel, one of the directors of the United Jewish Charities, past president of the Hebrew School, director of the "Genilath Chassodim" and director of the "Hachnossat Orchim."

Mr. Solomon is a staunch Zionist and he waves the flag of Judah at Syracuse as the enthusiastic president of the society.

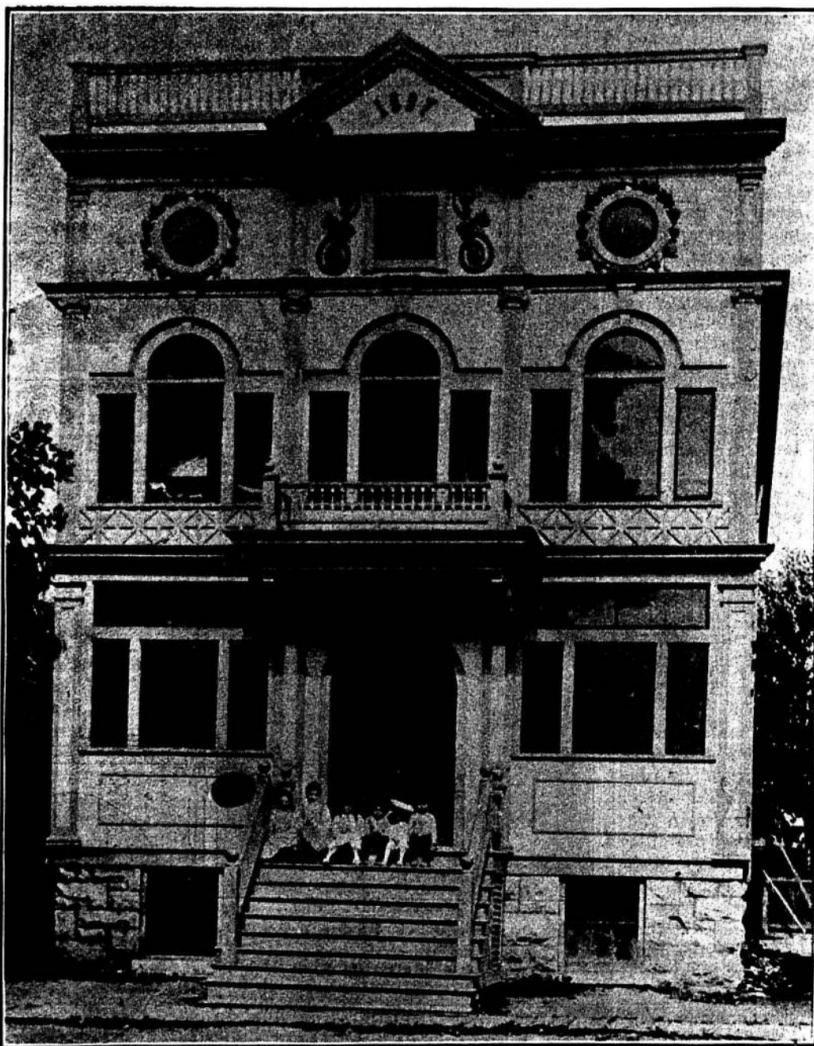
**MR. T. AARON LEVY.**

A young man destined to make a great name for himself as a legist and statesman is Mr. T. Aaron Levy, who is an exceptionally diligent and methodical student of the higher branches of learning. Not content with having graduated A.B. in 1895 and LL.B. in 1897, he is now doing post graduate work at the University of Syracuse, with the view of taking the degree of doctor of philosophy. Meanwhile he is attending to his large law business and also finds time to discharge his duties of School Commissioner, a position which he has held since 1903. Furthermore, Mr. Levy devotes his Sundays to teaching in the school of the Society of Concord. Fraternal institutions claim spare evenings, and he has also numerous calls to speak in public, as he is considered the best orator among the Jews of Syracuse.

is especially a great authority—perhaps the greatest in the United States—on Lincoln, whose life he has studied most minutely. He has published much biographical matter in connection with the martyred President, one of the three greatest who occupied the position of Chief Magistrate of these States. Mr. Levy is a frequent contributor to the educational magazines. Academic recognition has been



T. Aaron Levy.



The Hebrew Free School in Syracuse.

Mr. Levy, who is a model young man, was born in Canton, Pa., in 1874, but has resided in Syracuse since his infancy. As a forensic and platform orator Mr. Levy enjoys a great reputation. The young literary lawyer bears out Bacon's saying: "Reading maketh a full man." When T. Aaron Levy stands up to speak the audience is sure to hear something good. He

given to Mr. Levy's special literary gifts by the bestowal on him of the Phi Beta Kappa Key.

Notwithstanding all his multifarious duties and occupations Mr. Levy does not neglect practical works of charity and philanthropy. He has established boys' clubs, fortnightly Jewish clubs for adults and Jewish social and literary societies. He is president of the Jewish Free Loan Society and one of the directors of the United Jewish Charities.

This remarkably clever, practical and methodical young man, who sacrifices so much of his time for the public welfare, is also a Zionist. Is the successor to Theodore Herzl to come from Syracuse?

**MR. MOSES D. RUBIN.**

A man must be a great favorite with a good record as a citizen who occupies the position of Supervisor during a period of fifteen years. Such a man is Mr. Moses D. Rubin, a native of Augustowa, Russian Poland, where he was born in 1864. At the age of six the boy—in 1870—arrived in Syracuse, where he received the advantages of a common school and business college education.

At seventeen Mr. Rubin launched out for himself in business, and has worked up to an excellent position as a financier.

In February, 1892, Mr. Rubin was elected Supervisor, a position he still occupies. He is chairman of the County Buildings Commit-

tee and chairman of the Republican caucus of the Board of Supervisors. He is General Republican Committeeman of the Fifteenth Ward and member of the Executive Committee of the Onondaga Republican General Committee. He has been Chief Deputy United States Marshal of the Northern District of New York.

Mr. Rubin is connected with nu-

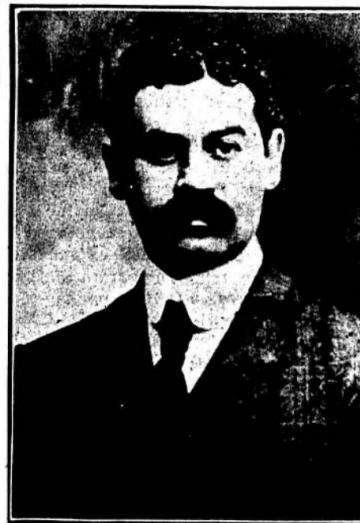


Moses D. Rubin.

merous social and fraternal organizations. He is treasurer of the Jewish Club, a member of the Elks, of the Independent Order of Foresters, of the Knights of Pythias, of the Liederkrantz and of several other associations. The Chamber of Commerce counts Mr. Rubin as one of its valued members, and he is also an active member of the Citizens' Club, the largest organization in Syracuse.

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Syracuse University in 1896. He then pursued special studies in diseases of the eye at Vienna and Berlin.

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One of the foremost industries which Syracuse boasts of is the large establishment of the Merrell-Soule Co. The business was originally established as a canning factory, and the firm also became manufacturers of canning machinery and developed a business which has grown from the start and is to-day one of the foremost in the food industry. The company has won a national reputation through None Such Mince Meat, first introduced in 1885, and so popular with consumers that it has become the main feature of the present business of the company, which was incorporated in 1893 under its present title. Some idea of its magnitude is gleaned from the fact that last year twelve million packages of mince meat were distributed.

In April, 1904, the present spacious plant was occupied; and, though built for expansion of the business, it is even now found crowded in many departments, but as the company owns three acres about the present property they have ample space for additional buildings.

The original firm of Merrell & Soule was composed of Mr. G. L. Merrell and Mr. Oscar F. Soule, the latter of whom died at Pasadena, Cal., in 1902. Mr. G. L. Merrell is the president of the company at this time; Mr. Frank C. Soule, vice-president and treasurer, and Mr. W. B. Gere, secretary.

The secret of the success of this company is due to integrity, quality and publicity. The company are firm believers in the policy of the open factory door as the key to public confidence, and cleanliness and purity are by-words in the manufacture of their product. A reporter, after being shown through the factory, detailed briefly the process by which None Such Mince Meat is manufactured.

The raw stock is purchased in large quantities at first hands, and ample provision is made for storage in clean, light, tight warehouses, one of which contained 5,500 barrels of sugar, while in another section there were thirty carloads of California raisins and one hundred carloads of apples, with other ingredients in similar proportions carefully stored.

The first process in preparing None Such Mince Meat is the cleaning and drying of the apples, currants and raisins, together with the seeding of the raisins and currants, which, by an ingenious device, is accomplished without tearing the fruit, and this machine delivers the raisins whole and luscious to the compounding machine. The apples, beef and salt are first mixed in a large power chopper, similar to the meat choppers found in every well-regulated kitchen. This combination of beef, apples and salt is then sent up from the basement three floors on a continuous conveyor, and automatically dumped in regular order with other ingredients into the mixing hopper, with stated intervals between each batch.

The battery of mixing machines is arranged in a row in the mixing department, and the overhead conveyor, con-

stantly unloading, automatically, its burden of apples, beef and salt, raisins, currants, sugar, spices and cider, is a very interesting sight and holds the spectator. These ingredients are mixed in the great machines for a given time and the manufactured mince meat is then dumped, automatically, through the hopper to the floor below, where, by an ingenious machine, it is pressed into bricks and then, automatically, fed to the wrapping machines, which with almost human fingers wrap in paraffine paper each brick of mince meat and delivers its wrapped package to girl operatives, who incase it in an inside shell and then in an outside carton.

The finished packages are then placed in cases, nailed by an automatic nailer, fourteen nails being driven simultaneously through each case cover by two kicks of a lever. The filled case then shoots down a spiral conveyor, running on rollers which are so arranged on a sectional track that the cases may be delivered directly into a car placed on the siding, to given parts of the shipping room for storage, or to trucks for city and small freight deliveries.

In the busy season the Merrell-Soule Co. pack 2,500 cases of None Such Mince Meat every working day, and it is a frequent sight in the fall of the year to see a train of eight or ten cars pull out of the yard for delivery to car buyers in all parts of the country.

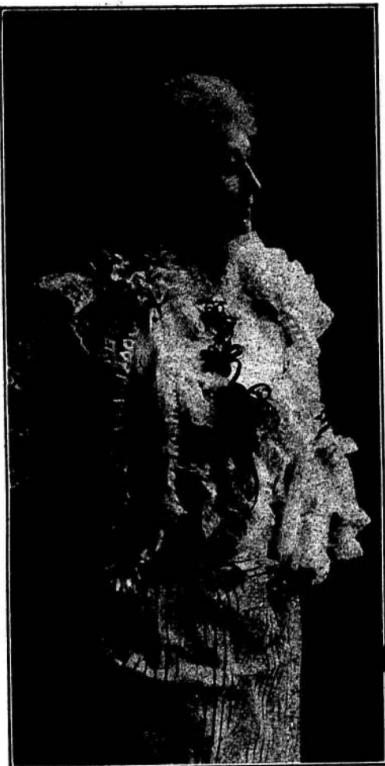
The Merrell-Soule Co. maintains a thoroughly equipped machine shop, employing constantly eight machinists, under a competent foreman, and are thereby enabled to produce all their own special machinery and to repair promptly any breakdowns which naturally occur when high-speed machinery is constantly operated.

The Merrell-Soule Co. claim that their kitchen is as clean as any in the land, and we are prepared to indorse that statement.

We were deeply impressed by the perfect order and system which prevails in this splendid plant, and notably by the many ingenious mechanical devices used to expedite the work and secure a perfect control of raw material, as it is hurried by automatic machinery from one part of the building to another, never being touched by human hand except at one point, where tidy young women spread the currants as they pass over a sieve, in order to have them absolutely clean. We have in this plant a fine illustration of how publicity dispels prejudice. When we recall that thirty years ago the housekeeper would have been laughed to scorn who bought the needed supply of mince meat, a home product the pride of every good wife. The mince meat factory was not classed as a separate industry, but it grew to be such as the people discovered that, by steam and machinery applied to perfect raw material, it could be prepared and combined with scientific accuracy and under more favorable conditions than at home, and at less cost. And so the army of consumers of factory mince meat has grown in a marvelous way, because of the high character of the article and its uniform quality. Thus a fine reward has come to the owners of this splendid plant, whose great aim in the future will be to grow as fast as increasing consumption demands.

### The Ryder Studios.

Photography can now be properly included among the fine arts. The improvements gradually introduced in the mechanism required in taking a picture have reached a high state of perfection. The photographer to take a good picture must have the true artistic temperament, otherwise the results will not be satisfactory. The proper effects of light and shade must be considered, the posing must be graceful, a proper facial expression must be produced, the ad-



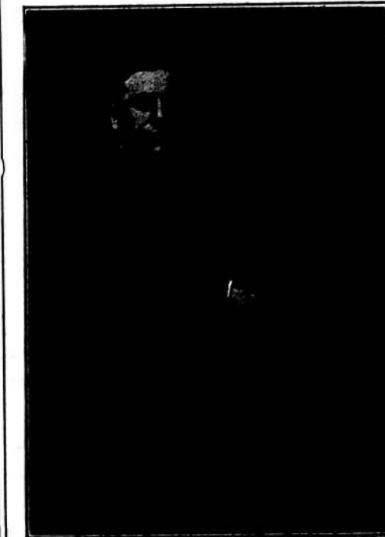
Mrs. Olive Ryder.

justing of the camera to give the requisite tone and sharpness must be thoroughly understood, otherwise the picture will be a mere mechanical production, void of artistic beauty and expression.

The Ryder Studio at 322 S. Salina street, Syracuse, has a reputation in photographic circles for producing the finest pictures in the State. The late Philip S. Ryder was recognized as the foremost among leading photographers. His establishment was conducted for forty years in the same locality. He was known as one of Syracuse's foremost citizens and a power in Democratic circles. He served a term as State Senator, was elected Sheriff, and appointed Police Commissioner, in which several stations he so discharged the duties of those various offices as to receive the commendation of the citizens of all classes irrespective of party affiliations. He died on the 31st of May last. The studio is now ably conducted by his widow, Mrs. Olive Ryder and Mr. Henry E. Edmunds, who was associated with Mr. Ryder for thirteen years, and had charge of the studio prior to Mr. Ryder's death, still attends to all the practical details of the business.

### Sigmund Sugarman.

Sigmund Sugarman is a well-known merchant of Syracuse and is enjoying a successful business career. Mr. Sugarman is a native of Russia and left that country when seventeen years of age, going to Vienna, where he remained



Sigmund Sugarman.

three years, mastering the tailoring trade. He then emigrated to New York and learned cutting and thirteen years ago came to Syracuse. For ten years he was located at No. 317 Fayette street and three years ago he removed to his present quarters in the Yates Building. Mr. Sugarman resides at 1701 S. Salina street. He was married eight years ago to Miss Jennie Blumberg, of Syracuse, and two children, Ethel and Bertram have blessed the union.



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**BROOKLYN.**

**Annual Meeting of the Jewish Hospital.**

The directors of the Brooklyn Jewish Hospital have issued invitations for the annual meeting, which will be held at the Annex Building, 519 Prospect place, near Classon avenue, on Sunday afternoon, November 17, at 3 p. m. After the election of Officers and Directors, an opportunity will be afforded to inspect the building. All are welcome to attend.

Beulah M. Dix and Evelyn G. Sutherland's comedy of fantasy, "The Road to Yesterday," which will be interpreted by Minnie Dupree and an excellent company at the Montauk Theatre next week with matinees Wednesday and Saturday, is one of the most charming fantastic dramas that has been seen in many a day. The authors of the play have cleverly blended the wonderfully realistic pictures of the times of the so-called romance with the mystical poetry of present-day Bohemian life. Miss Minnie Dupree portrays Elsiebeth and with her delicate, singularly appealing voice, she is admirably suited to the role of the quaint, dreamy, ingenuous little American girl. She interprets her love passages with an attractive touch of sentiment and her distress at the dramatic climaxes of the play with exceptionally power. She is supported by a splendid cast, which includes White Whittlesey, Eleanor Moretti, Robert Dempster, Chas. Clary, Esther Lyon, Julia Blanc, Josephine F. Shephard, F. Owen Baxter, Agnes Everett, Willis Martin, Charles H. West, William Beery and Selmar Romaine. Sam S. and Lee Shubert, the producers of "The Road to Yesterday," have provided the play with elaborate scenery.

**United Brothers to Hold Memorial Services.**

Memorial services will be held by the Society of United Brothers on Sunday morning, November 24, in honor of the late Solomon Stransky, the last of the charter members of the society, which was organized in 1846.

**More About Teddy-B and Teddy-G.**

Teddy-B and Teddy-G, the brown bear and the white bear, are now famous around the world. These characters were created by Mr. Seymour Eaton, of Philadelphia, more than two years ago. It was shortly after the President was on his famous bear hunt in Colorado that Mr. Eaton conceived the idea of having two bears get back at civilization by touring the East. The story appeared first in a syndicate of Sunday newspapers and proved immensely popular. The Teddy bear is now a nursery treasure with hundreds of thousands of American children.

In gathering up these Teddy bear stories and presenting them in two attractive volumes, the publishers have added a valuable asset to children's libraries. The first volume, entitled "Teddy-B and Teddy-G: The Roosevelt Bears," published a year ago, gave an account of the tour from Colorado to New York; in country, on Pullman train, in balloon, at the best hotels in Chicago, at Niagara Falls, in Boston and out to sea, where Teddy-B and Teddy-G were picked up by an ocean liner and carried to New York. The second volume, entitled "More About Teddy-B and Teddy-G: The Roosevelt Bears," just now published, completes their tour from New York to Washington, taking in Philadelphia, Pittsburg and Baltimore. At Washington Teddy-B and Teddy-G visit the White House and meet the President. The stories are written throughout in merry jingle, and the book is full from cover to cover of humorous incidents, mischievous adventure and the jolliest, merriest lot of pictures in black and white, and in color, which it has been our pleasure to examine in many a year. Edward Stern & Co., Inc., of Philadelphia, are the publishers.

**PERSONAL.**

On the new Board of Supervisors recently appointed in San Francisco, Cal., are Lippman Sachs, vice-president of Temple Emanuel, and Mr. Gus Brenner, a retired merchant.

Rev. E. J. Stark, cantor of the congregation Emanu-El, of San Francisco, Cal., is here on a three months' vacation, and will be pleased to see his friends Sunday afternoons, at his brother's residence, 433 East Fifty-seventh street.

**BAR MITZVAH.**

**HARRIS.**—Mr. and Mrs. Sam Harris announce the bar mitzvah of their son, Benjamin, Saturday, November 16, 1907, Temple, Sixty-third street and Lexington avenue. At home, 120 West 139th street, Sunday, November 17, from 3 to 6 o'clock.

**LEVINE.**—Mr. and Mrs. Michael Levine announce the bar mitzvah of their son, Harold, Saturday, November 16, at Temple Israel, 120th street and Lenox avenue. At home Sunday, November 17, 3 to 6, 362 West 120th street.

**ENGAGEMENTS.**

**AARON-FROEHLICH.**—Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Froehlich, 229 West 111th street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Hilda, to Mr. Berthold Aaron. Reception Sunday, November 17, from 3 to 6, at the Savigny, 2034 Fifth avenue. No cards.

**BRIGHTMAN-HERSCHEL.**—Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Brightman announce with pleasure the betrothal of their daughter, Estelle Imojene, to Mr. Bernard B. Herschel. They will receive their friends on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, from 3 until 6 p. m., 253 West 139th street. No cards.

**DAVIS - LASHER.**—Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lasher announce the betrothal of their daughter, Tessie, to Mr. Edward H. Davis. At home Sunday, November 17, 1907, 3 to 6, No. 562 West 148th street.

**EZEKIEL-WETTERHAHN.**—Mrs. C. Pinto announces engagement of her niece, Minnie Wetterhahn, to Ansel Leo Ezekiel, Sunday, November 17, 1907, after 7 p. m., 2085 Lexington avenue.

**FRIENDLICH-WOLF.**—Mr. and Mrs. Sol Wolf announce the engagement of their daughter, Rosaline, to Mr. Arthur Friendlich, Sunday, November 24, 1907, 207 West 140th street, New York city. Reception from 3 to 6. No cards.

**GILMAN-LINDNER.**—Mr. and Mrs. Al Lindner announce the engagement of their daughter, Ernestine, to Samuel Gilman, of New York. At home Sunday, November 24, from 3 to 5 p. m., 122 West 132d street.

**HANAUER-GOLDSMITH.**—Mr. Levy Goldsmith, of No. 86 West 119th street, announces the engagement of his daughter, Sadye B. Goldsmith, to Mr. Will Hanauer, of Chicago. At home Sunday, November 24, from 4 to 6 p. m. No cards. Chicago, Cincinnati, European papers please copy.

**LOWENSTEIN - JONES.**—Mr. and Mrs. Max Lowenstein announce the engagement of their only daughter, Viria, to Mr. Richard Jones, of New York. At home Sunday, December 1, 3 to 6 o'clock, 106 West 118th street. No cards.

**WACHTER - SANDMAN.**—Mr. and Mrs. Morris Wachter announce the engagement of their daughter, Etta Jeanette, to Mr. Otto H. Sandman, of Greenport, L. I. At home after 7 Sunday evening, November 24, 67 Howard avenue, Brooklyn. No cards.

**WEYL-SCHWARZ.**—Mr. A. Schwarz, of 416 East Seventy-ninth street, announces the engagement of his daughter, Tillie, to Mr. William Weyl. At home Sunday, November 17, 1907, 3 to 6.

**WOLF-HEYMANN.**—Mr. and Mrs. L. Heymann announce the engagement of their daughter, Estelle, to Mr. David Wolf, of Brooklyn. At home Sunday, November 17, at their new residence, 144 Kent street, Greenpoint, after 6 p. m. No cards.

**Death of Mrs. Loeb.**

Mrs. Blanch Loeb, wife of Louis Loeb, the well known artist, who died on Saturday in her apartments in the Clarendon, Eighty-sixth street and Riverside Drive, was identified with many of the leading Hebrew charities of the city. She was a director of the Hebrew Technical School for Girls and the Hebrew Technical School for Boys and the Emanuel Sisterhood of Personal Service.

**MARRIAGE.**

**HAMMEL - DISTLER.**—Miss Ruth Hammel, niece of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Soble, was married last Sunday afternoon to Mr. Jacob Distler in the Seventy-second Street Synagogue. Rev. Aaron Elseman officiated, assisted by Rev. Marx Cohn.

**IN THE THEATRES.**

The eminent character actor, Mr. Emmet Corrigan, assisted by his own company, will present to the patrons of the Colonial Theatre for the first time next week his new one-act play "My Wife's Picture." The popular comedienne, Belle Bianche, will be seen in a series of her clever imitations, and among the other features announced are Warren and Bianchard, Lily Lena, the Four Fords and Keno Welsh and Melrose.

A particularly good programme has been made up for the patrons of the Alhambra for the week of Nov. 18th, including the first Harlem appearance of Alec Murray and his company of Costers, Corinne, the Kain Dears, Cooper and Robinson and the Vitagraph.

A legitimate actor of great renown and artistic ability will head the bill at Keith & Proctor's Twenty-third Street Theatre during the week of Nov. 18. It is William H. Thompson, who, with his select company, will present the one-act play, "For Sweet Love's Sake." Others on the bill are: The Empire Comedy Four, Koss's musical horse, Matthews and Ashley, Foy and Clark, Irving Jones, Julian Eltinge and Carletta.

The bill prepared for the week of Nov. 18 at Keith & Proctor's Fifty-eighth Street Theatre is one that puts to rout all the claims of any opposition in the field. The headliner is May Tully and her company in the exceedingly clever one-act play that has made her one of the foremost performers on the vaudeville stage to-day. The special added attraction of the long bill is the Pianophiends.

"The Man of the Hour" crowds the Savoy to capacity, while its three touring companies meet with sensational success in various sections of the country. William A. Brady and Joseph K. Grismer showed keen intuition of dramatic values when they produced the Broadhurst play. "The Man of the Hour" is the strong, vital drama of the moment. It is as fresh and convincing now as it was a year ago. The time is far distant when its tenacious hold upon public interest will relax. It is a play of stern moral purpose, throbbing with strong emotions and with red blood in its veins. It is essentially human and its characters are real people, not mere theatrical puppets or dawdling degenerates uttering feeble platitudes. Seats at the Savoy are announced for the next 100 nights, including the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year holidays, when extra matinees will be given. The five hundredth local performance occurs on Wednesday, December 11. The souvenirs will have artistic and money value, something quite out of the common.

Klaw & Erlanger's production of "The Right of Way," Eugene Presbrey's dramatic version of Sir Gilbert Parker's popular story, received a most auspicious premiere at Wallack's Theatre. The piece proved a strong play, full of dramatic and heart interest, and one that appeals to the imagination of every auditor. Mr. Guy Standing as Charley Steele realized, both in his portrayal of the character and in his personality, the creation of Sir Gilbert Parker and the dramatist. Mr. Theodore Roberts, the co-star, has made marked successes in time past in character portrayal, but he never before achieved the success that must be accorded to him in the character of Joe Portugals, the Canadian riverman.

Klaw & Erlanger's production of Edmund Day's Western drama, "The Round Up," continues the attraction at the Broadway Theatre, where it is recording a remarkable success. This play is one of the greatest hits presented on the metropolitan stage this year. Maclyn Arbuckle's superb acting as "Slim" Hoover, the Arizona Sheriff, the battle incident of the third act, the sixteen mounted Indians and the bucking broncos in the last act, combined with the intensely dramatic story and the clever portrayal of every part, has given this piece a vogue in public interest that is not likely to diminish for many weeks to come.

**Atlantic City, N. J.**

Recent arrivals at Hotel Pierrepont include the following New Yorkers: Miss Beatrice Golden, Mrs. A. E. Walker, Mr. H. S. Brightman, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. L. Vogel, Miss Vogel, Mr. Will J. Sherwood, Mr. H. M. Edwards, Mr. John M. Perrins, Miss M. Weis, Mr. A. Weiss, Miss A. Gunther, Mrs. P. B. Levy and Miss Rosa Levy.

**Site for Dropsie College.**

A site for Dropsie College for Hebrew and Cognate Learning, of Philadelphia, Pa., for the establishing of which the late Moses A. Dropsie bequeathed about \$1,000,000, has been purchased on the east side of Broad street below York in that city. A large college building will be erected as soon as plans are prepared.

**Rebuilding the American Garden.**

The American Garden, the favorite resort of many Harlemites and for years one of the attractions of upper New York, was recently extensively improved, and is now more attractive than ever, and Mr. J. Portman, the new proprietor, will conduct it in a manner that will leave no cause for complaint. The growth of population and business in the neighborhood of 116th street and Lenox avenue, where the American Garden is located, made the improvements necessary, but aside from this, Mr. Portman's management in itself will undoubtedly create the necessity for additional facilities, which he endeavors to supply for his growing patronage. The cuisine at the American Garden is a feature, first-class Hungarian cooking of first-class food at popular prices being a strong card. Business men's lunch is served daily for 35 cents and table d'hote all day, with music.

**To Investors.**

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TOO much done for the dead," says Dr. Krauskopf. Result of R(D)eform Judaism.

"POPULARIZING the Bible" is the latest fad." We hope that many Jews will take up this fad.

Ask God to give thee skill in comfort's art,  
That thou mayst consecrated be and set apart.

A CERTAIN Jewish clergyman, on renting a new flat, was told by the Irish janitress: "Doctor, I can recommend you a couple of Bar Mitzvahs." This shows a better knowledge of Judaism than many Jewish mothers possess.

THE news of the serious illness of Mrs. Herzl, the widow of the late Dr. Theodore Herzl, will be received with general regret. The latest despatch says that little hope is being entertained of her recovery.

THE Christian Commonwealth says:

It has long been felt by many sincere Christians that the attempt to convert the Jews is a waste of time and money. Not a few people even regard it as a piece of impertinence. The Jews seem to owe the remarkable vitality of their race to the excellence of their religion. Judaism has already been Christianized. The best way of converting Jews would be to leave them alone; they will acknowledge the power of Christianity when we give practical proofs of its superiority. Mr. Rosensbrauch declares that the large sums of money hitherto contributed for mission purposes have been thrown away.

Bishop Potter please note.

A JEWISH correspondent communicates the following personal experience to the *Frankfurter Zeitung*:—"My five-year old son worried me for a long time with the request that I would buy him an A-B-C book, in order that when he went to school he might 'know something.' I resolved to buy such a book, and went to the nearest shop which dealt in school-books. 'What can I do for you?' asked the attendant. 'An A-B-C book, please!' 'Do you want a Catholic or a Protestant one?' I was speechless. The man, as it seemed the proprietor himself, repeated the question. I told him, in my view, it was not yet necessary for the A-B-C to be taught according to creed. He informed me that in various schools there were certain regulations. I explained that I was a Jew, and asked him which A-B-C book my boy would want. 'The Protestant,' he replied. I left the shop shaking my head."

FROM the announcement sent to us by the "Free Synagogue," we gather that addresses on "Individualism," "Socialism," "Single Tax," "Trades Unionism," and similar "Jewish" subjects, are to be delivered on the East Side. Since the Jewish quarter has a surfeit of such discourses, it would have been much more in place if the managers of the "Free Synagogue" had instituted a course of lectures on strictly Jewish topics. But then it is the "Free Synagogue," and we once before have said "Free Synagogue—Free from Judaism."

As a striking contrast to this want of Jewishness on the part of the "Free Synagogue" people is the action of Professor James H. Hamilton, head worker of the University Settlement, who has arranged for a course of lectures on "The Life and the Characteristics of the Jews of the Different Nationalities constituting the Lower East Side of New York in their native land and in the land of their adoption" by Dr. David Blaustein, who, of course, is an authority on matters relating to the immigrant. If the "Free Synagogue" is to meet with any success at all down-town, it must be Jewish in the strictest sense of the word.

There are thousands upon thousands of Jewish children in the large cities of the country who are wholly without religious training. In the majority of instances this is the fault of their parents. In other instances the children are to blame, because they refuse to listen to the request of their parents to attend religious schools. There are very few Sabbath schools in the country which are not open to all children. Even if a nominal charge is made in certain congregations, if the proper request would be made by those who could not afford it, their children would be admitted free. As it is all the Sabbath schools are overcrowded. It is a fact, too, that in the majority of instances that the children of non-members attending these schools by far outnumber the children of the members. The fact that there is such a large number of children wholly without religious training ought to arouse the Jews of the larger communities to their duty. Here is missionary work for us and missionary work of the proper sort. The Jew need not go out and try to make recruits among non-Jews, he should first win his own. The Jews of New York and Chicago have started a number of so-called mission schools, but with the half-dozen or more that they have established they have simply begun to touch the outer edge of those who are outside of religious training among the young. The Christian missionary is at work, and if we want to forestall his work among our children we must establish more so-called mission schools among the Jewish children.

THE above from the *American Israelite* bears out what we have been contending for many years past. The Jewish Centres Association should be liberally supported, and then there might be a chance of nullifying the evil influences of the "soul-snatchers."

THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF SYRACUSE.

IN keeping with the policy of the HEBREW STANDARD, we present to our readers once more the history of one of the important Jewish centres of the State of New York, to wit, Syracuse.

These accounts, besides proving interesting reading, supply a much needed object-lesson to the Jews of the metropolis. We are so accustomed to speak of the largest Jewish community of the world, that we lose sight of the fact that there are other Jewish centres in this country.

The Jewish community of Syracuse dates back to the year 1839, and the handful of devout and faithful Jews has grown into a community of which the Jews of the whole country have every reason to be proud. The congregations, the charitable and philanthropic institutions of Syracuse, are well managed, and their progress is a tribute to the earnestness and sincerity responsible for their maintenance.

We congregate our co-religionists residing in the good city of Syracuse upon their achievements in the past, and express the hope that they will continue to flourish and prosper in the days that are to come, and that we shall have cause to be as proud of them in the future as we are to-day.

A CONFESSION OF WEAKNESS.

THE self-elected, self-constituted committee of the *Hofjuden*, grandiloquently known as the American Jewish Committee, has met in annual session—behind closed doors. The impertinence by which this committee arrogates to itself the right to speak in the name of the American Jews can only be described as colossal.

Let us we may be thought guilty of giving vent to our prejudice against this committee, we shall quote from the reports furnished to the press by Secretary Friedenwald. The *New York Times* says: "In every sense the sessions were purely executive"; and the *New York Press* states: "Mr. Friedenwald, who was deputed to give an account of the sessions, said that nothing of public importance had been discussed."

What has this precious committee accomplished to entitle it to any public recognition, to constitute it the mouthpiece of American Israel? From the reports furnished us by the secretary of the committee, and which have appeared from time to time in the columns of the HEBREW STANDARD, nothing of importance has been transacted by the committee. The collection of the San Francisco Relief Fund was an absolute failure, and the exchange of a few letters between the committee and the I. T. O., the I. C. A. and the Huelfsverein, certainly do not call for any encomiums, and it was therefore best that that gentlemen, who presume to speak in the name of the Jews of this country, should have met behind closed doors. It was a striking confession of weakness, and once more demonstrates the correctness of our continued opposition to this clique of *Hofjuden*.

That the so-called "American Jewish Committee" carries no weight is evidenced by the fact that only an infinitesimal number of Jews take any cognizance of this self-appointed organization. Its deliberations are of absolutely no influence, since the men who compose the body represent—as Prof. Morris Loeb, one of their number pointed out at one of the meetings—no one but themselves.

We have need of a representative organization which shall be so recognized that it will be in a position to speak in the name of all the Jews of this country, and not be compelled to meet in secret conclave for the sole purpose of afterwards telling the public that "nothing of public importance had been discussed."

NEW YORK'S HANDSOME WOMEN.

NOW and then we see in the daily papers, and more especially in the pictorial magazines of the Sunday issues, the woodcuts of what a certain class of people love to call New York's beautiful women. The counterfeit presentments, as displayed in these papers, would often serve as well for a gallery of New York's ugly-looking women. Few of these cuts are transferred to the paper successfully enough to give a fair likeness of the subject sought to be portrayed.

The head-lines in such instances ought rather to be, it seems, "New York's Beautiful Women Amongst Our Wealthy Classes," and not "New York's Beautiful Women." It is rarely that the woodcut of the face of any woman other than one belonging to the very rich is presented under the head-lines referred to. There are few, however, rash enough to maintain that the beautiful women of New York are monopolized or confined within the lines circumscribed by wealth. While *Fortune* has smiled and continues to shower its favors upon the wealthy, Nature has not always been equally as kind in this direction. Wealth will enable many to purchase artificial beauty, and many of the women who are called beautiful among this class are simply the productions of the laboratory. "Wealth and fame from no condition rise," nor does beauty; the latter is one of the attributes with which Nature may adorn those rising from the humblest origin.

There is no set standard by which true beauty and loveliness of womanly features may be measured. Where one will go into dithrambic ecstasies over the beauty of one woman, another one will find nothing striking to note in the same subject. On scarcely any other question will one find opinions more diametrically opposed. One cries, "Divine"; another shouts, "Commonplace."

The middle classes—aye, the working classes—of New York muster some of the handsomest women of the world. Let one make an excursive observation in the large stores abounding in the metropolis, and glance among the thousands of young women who are saleswomen in these shops, and one will find handsome women in every type of beauty—natural beauty, unadorned, and not revealed through the thousand and one modern appliances which will give a presentable appearance, even to a jade—not made up, but true specimens of Nature's handiwork.

No; we must not look to our wealthy classes exclusively for our handsome women; no more so than for a monopoly of culture and character, genius and intelligence, and other virtues. These, all of these, know no bounds, and no arbitrary or artificial limits can circumscribe them.

There are many handsome women, no doubt, among the wealthy, but the proportion of beauties is largely in favor of the middle and so-called poorer situated part of the community. L'AIGLON.

Shall We Compromise?

קודם וואס

"The God of Abraham and the God of Nachor shall judge between us, but Jacob swore by the fear of his father."—Genesis xxxi, 53.

IF there is any one trait to be admired in man more than another, it is his firm steadfastness in what he conceives right and stands by it. If the Jew would not believe in the faith of his ancestors he would not adhere to it, but adhering to it and then being ashamed to profess it is cowardice. It is not necessary to evade or deny our religion, especially in this advanced age of culture, when we are more respected and more trusted if we are open and free, than if we hide the highest and the holiest sentiment we possess. Moses, when he gave his last monitions and exhortations to the people, impressed it upon them, קודם וואס, "be strong and firm!" The Israelites were made the exemplars of all peoples in matters of religion, and all have adopted, adapted and copied from them, a fact that no intelligent person is ignorant of; now in the face of that should we cringe before the faith of others and conceal our identity, or compromise in any way, yielding something of ours and adopting something of others? No! Be firm and strong!

We have before us to-day the history of Jacob as he left the house of Laban, who pursued him, intending to have a conflict with him, but when he reached him and they came to an understanding, Jacob had argued his case so convincingly, showing him how he had unjustly dealt with him and his own daughters, the wives of Jacob, that Laban recognizing his error proposed to have a covenant made between them, and according to custom of the time, each confirmed the covenant with an oath. Laban, in his oath said: "The God of Abraham and the God of Nachor shall judge between us," which to Jacob must have sounded as mockery. Laban did not believe in the God of Abraham, why did he then bring that in? He was compromising; he wanted to flatter himself into the favor of Jacob, who on the other hand either would not want to offend Laban in doing the same, or he wanted to teach him a lesson of filial love, something his wronged daughters evidently did not bear for him, "he swore by the fear of his father Isaac." He would not compromise his religion, swearing by the God of Abraham, the true and living God, and couple him to the God of Nachor, that was an idol, a no god; but the fear, i.e., the reverence and respect of his father was to him as sacred as to bind him to keep that covenant faithfully.

Occasionally a good saintlike Christian speaks to a Jew, like Laban did of the God of Abraham, with assumed affection for the Jews, telling us how interested he is in the Jews, how he loves the Jewish race, and of what a noble ancestry they come! All for what? For his hypocritical schemery of snatching the Jewish soul away to add it to the souls of Christians; and, have we not Jews again, who are loud in their prayers in the synagogue, press their eyes close as they say the word *echod* of the *shma yisroel*, jump at the *Kodosh* of the *Kedusho*, and otherwise display, oh, such devotion to their faith; but when they have some

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dealing with Christians they simulate some of their ways as if they approved so highly of their faith, compromising their own faith most hypocritically. If they had the honor of a Jacob, they would swear by the fear of their fathers, whose pride was to rear and train their children in that faith which gave faith to peoples and nations. They would be faithful to that God who is the God of their fathers and the God of all worlds and eternities. They would not compromise their religion like Nachor did, but follow the exhortation of Moses, our great and noble teacher, and be firm and strong in their conviction and the practices of their religion.

(For the Hebrew Standard.)

### The Last Kiss.

I KISSED him on his forehead,  
Where, often as a child,  
I stroked his care-made furrows,  
With wonderment beguiled.

I kissed him on his forehead,  
Alas! it froze my heart;  
It's chill was like the winter  
That never can depart.

In memory it lingers,  
That kiss, that last farewell,  
With all the piercing anguish  
A thousand tongues can't tell.

The last kiss, the last kiss,  
So cold, so cold to me,  
I know its warmth in other lands  
Will soon restored be.

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### On Guard.

A SKETCH.

By NAHUM SOKOLOV.

THEY came to him and they said:  
"Listen Israel, we, i.e., the  
army of our wise Government, is  
fighting in Manchuria with the sav-  
age, treacherous, cunning, monkey-  
faced, yellow-skinned Japanese army.  
We have the honor to request you,  
therefore, to don your uniform, put  
your belt round your waist, shoulder  
your rifle, and go to the front. Do  
you understand, Reb Israel?"

No. He understood nothing. He  
felt as if struck by lightning. His  
head was swimming, a wave of fear  
seemed to have seized his vitals, his  
teeth chattered, a veil of darkness  
was drawn before his eyes. He un-  
derstood nothing. "Manchuria, Jap-  
anese, monkeys, yellow-skins!" Good  
God! what did it all mean? In the  
Beth Hamidrash and the communal  
bath he had heard tell of various peo-  
ples. There were strange, wonderful  
peoples in the world: the little red  
Jews, the "sons of Moses," the "Ana-  
kim," the "Achaschtaranim b'nei  
Haramachim," from the Megillah, and  
so on. In the Beth Hamidrash, and  
in the bath-house, he had heard of  
strange and wonderful lands: the  
Sambatyon lands, the "Black Moun-  
tains," the nether Gan-Eden, and so  
on. But Japan? Manchuria?

Might he be as free from sorrow  
and suffering as he was from knowl-  
edge of these names! And suddenly  
the honor is conferred upon him to go  
to Manchuria and fight against the  
Japanese. To whom shall he leave  
his shop, with its meagre stock? To  
whom—to his wife. Sarah, mother  
of many children, who from time to  
time is laid up ill in bed? And his old,  
blind mother?

And are they not joking, those men  
who urge him to go to the war? He  
—and war? Gracious Heaven! True  
he had served for four years, but his  
service was not war. He was a hewer  
of wood and drawer of water, like a  
Gibeonite. He used to light the fires,  
clean the sergeant's boots, scrub the  
barrack floors. Only two or three  
times had he stood in the ranks with  
the soldiers. And now, all at once—  
go to the front! He to kill men?  
Quite strange men, who have never  
done him any harm, whom he has  
never seen, neither he nor the fathers  
of his fathers?

His heart was soft. At the sight of  
a drop of blood he would shudder.  
He had never hurt a fly. Suddenly—  
go, shoot, stab. Why? Merciful God!

No, He cannot understand. His  
heart, his brain, are confused.

But there is no way out. He must  
take the evil with the good. He had  
never had the courage to refuse any-  
body anything, let alone such "great  
gentlemen." No hope. Probably it

is his destiny. One must obey the  
wishes of the wise Government.

Reb Israel put on his worn-out uni-  
form, lifted his trembling feet, left  
his poor little shop, his blind mother,  
his wife (who on that very day was  
once more in bed), and his little chil-  
dren, and went to Manchuria.

Eight—nine months sped by—a  
painful, terrible time, heat and cold,  
hunger and thirst, fear and suffering.

He had already made a closer ac-  
quaintance with the "savage" Jap-  
anese, and could already tell more  
about them than about the "little red  
Jews" and the "sons of Moses." Rifle-  
shots and the roar of cannon had  
become quiet familiar to him. He  
was already used to streams of blood,  
shattered skulls, mutilated corpses,  
cries, sighs, groans of wounded men,  
who after the fight with the enemy  
waged another fight with Death. He  
was already accustomed to the hor-  
rors of war. He no longer shuddered  
at the sight of a drop of blood. He  
could look calmly at whole fields of  
corpses. He felt that he had become  
another man. A spark of heroism  
glowed in his heart. He aimed surely  
and thrusted boldly and remorselessly  
with his bayonet. Only one question  
went through his brain and gave him  
no rest:—Why?

Why shed the blood of thousands  
of men? Are not the men strong and  
young and beautiful! Why do the  
nations fight one another? They do  
not know each other even! Neither  
has absolutely anything against the  
other! Why the many slain and  
wounded on either side? Why are  
poor women and children made wid-  
ows and orphans?

And now he is "on guard."  
His uniform hangs in shreds; the  
buttons are no longer bright. His  
boots are broken. He looks just like  
a beggar. And no wonder, for who  
could recount all the sufferings which  
he and his regiment had endured since  
they left home?

He stands on a high, almost steep,  
crown of rock and looks with keen  
eyes all around him. "Take care,  
Israel! Forget not that if you cease  
to look out for a single moment the  
regiment is in danger of being slaugh-  
tered or taken prisoner. Look out un-  
ceasingly, take in attentively all that  
can be seen or heard in the enemy's  
lines."

Thus ran the injunction of the offi-  
cer. Israel carried out the command  
with scrupulous conscientiousness.  
He was well-nigh exhausted. For five  
days and five nights he had eaten  
little and slept not at all. By sum-  
moning up all his strength, perhaps  
his last store of strength, he con-  
quered hunger and the craving for  
rest. He went up and down, peering  
with all his senses in every direction.

The shadows of a bright night are  
over hill and dale, tree and shrub,  
over the never-ending plain. Israel's  
ears are open and eagerly strain after  
every sound. He sees the ravens fly  
down to the corpses. He hears the  
snoring of his comrades sleeping below  
in the valley. Rest is everywhere—  
the rest of a field of death, the silence  
of the grave, no sound, no movement.

Only the one question goes through  
his brain, even here at his post.

"Good God! why all this?" Thou  
has created the world and made room  
for all thy creatures. Why do men  
grudge each other an inch of room?  
Why shed each other's blood?"

And suddenly there rise before his  
mental vision pictures of his blind  
mother, his ailing wife and his chil-  
dren. A terrible question assails his  
heart: "Who knows? Perhaps my  
wife and children may be widow and  
orphans within an hour?" He feels

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as if carried away on the wings of a  
storm. The rocks seem to whirl  
round him. It becomes quite dark.

He shudders. He had almost for-  
gotten the orders of the officer. But  
it is gone. He has summoned new  
strength. Once more he peers and  
listens in every direction.

Be thankful, Reb Israel, that thou  
canst not see and hear too far! Hap-  
pily thou dost not understand, like  
Solomon, the language of the wind,  
which whispers in thine ears? Thy  
wife will no more be widowed and  
thy children will not become orphans.  
For while thou standest here to guard  
the army of thy fatherland, and peer-  
est into the outer darkness to protect  
them from the foe, the "true" cav-  
aliers of thy Fatherland are plun-  
dering thy God-forsaken shop, and the  
"great gentlemen" of the wise Gov-  
ernment that bade thee go out to war  
are standing over the blood-stained  
corpses of thy mother, thy wife and  
thy children!—*Jewish Chronicle*.

### B'rocho or Makoth.

IN the *Jewish Tribune* "M. M." tells  
the following action on the part  
of a synagogue president, which is  
worth adopting by other *parnassim*:

A good story is told about President  
Ginsburger, of Temple *Emanu-El*, at  
Vancouver, B. C. It appears that  
after much coaxing he consented to

accept the office of presiding genius  
over Vancouver's leading synagogue.  
However, he informed the committee  
which called on him that nothing will  
deter him from keeping strict order  
at all meetings of the members. At  
the first business meeting after elec-  
tions Mr. Ginsburger was seen to seat  
himself firmly in the president's chair,  
but in his hand he held a hybrid—  
half mallet and half gavel. Before  
the members present could decide as  
to what it really was, Mr. Ginsburger  
proudly exhibited the article, explain-  
ing:

"You see, gentlemen, I have been  
elected your president. Now, a presi-  
dent always has a gavel, with which  
he emphasizes his requests for order.  
This gavel is my own invention. You  
see on one end of the head is written  
*B'rocho*—this end will be used when  
my requests will be complied with-  
but on the opposite end, do you see  
what is inscribed? Look closer. It  
reads *Makoth*. In case there is any  
disorder, this is what you'll surely  
get—*Makoth*."

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# CONCESSION IN PALESTINE. SULTAN CHANGES HIS POLICY.

The Jewish Chronicle, of London, says: Information has reached us from a particularly reliable source that the Sultan has now expressed himself disposed, on certain conditions, to make liberal concessions to Jews in Palestine. With this object in view, the Chief Rabbi of Turkey was last week summoned to the Imperial Palace, where he had a long interview with the principal Private Secretary of the Sultan. This official formally stated that the Government was disposed to make concessions to the Jews in Palestine. The Chief Rabbi was urged to place himself in direct communication with Jewish bodies which had approached the Government in connection with Palestine. The Chief Rabbi declared, however, that he had no relations whatsoever with any of these organizations, and that, therefore, he could not undertake the matter. The steps taken by the Government did not rest here. "Another Jew, who at the present moment holds a very high public position," we are further informed, "was also summoned to the Palace," and a communication was made to him similar to that given above.

## Jewish Chautauqua.

The vigorous campaign which was inaugurated by the Jewish Chautauqua Society this fall has accomplished remarkable results. The one hundred mark has already been passed in the enrollment of circles, and present indications point to the two hundred mark being reached before the next summer assembly.

The field secretary has been actively traveling since September 24 and up to the present date has visited about thirty-five cities throughout the South and West, in every one of which most enthusiastic receptions were accorded her. A number of these communities were already enrolled in the Chautauqua list, but the revisits to them were for the purpose of strengthening the organization and introducing innovations. In many cases these old circles increased their membership and otherwise augmented their activities as a result of the official revisit.

Furthermore, all these new circles have been enrolled in the following communities: Morgan City, La., Lafayette, La., Donaldsonville, La., Natchitoches, La., Summit, Miss., Lexington, Miss., Greenwood, Miss., Biloxi, Miss., Chautauqua, Tenn., Columbia, Tenn., Paducah, Ky., Tuscaloosa, Ala., and Waco, Tex. These circles average from fifteen to thirty members and have already actively started on the Chautauqua course which it elected.

The field secretary will remain in the field for her present trip until the first of December, covering all the communities in the South along the Atlantic coast, and thence back to Philadelphia, arriving there on December 8.

This remarkable work has served as a stimulus to the campaign now being waged for the society for the creation of the field secretary fund by Drs. Berkowitz and Rosenau. They have received good sums in Louisville, Cincinnati, Philadelphia and Baltimore and Washington. They will continue their canvass work and it is probable that they can extend the trip through the South for this purpose within the next ten days or two weeks.

The lantern slide activities of the society are also showing remarkable vigor. Itineraries have been made up which include such divergent points as Mississippi, Utah and even such Western points as Seattle, Wash.

## First Jewish Police Captain in Years.

Gen. Bingham on Monday promoted Lieut. Isaac Frank to the rank of captain and sent him to take command of the Madison Street Station. Capt. Frank is the first Hebrew captain appointed on the New York police force in many years and there was great rejoicing on the East Side. The Madison Street Precinct has a population of 300,000 people, of which 250,000 are Hebrews; and every one declared that Frank was the right man in the right place.

When Frank passed along Mulberry street to go into Police Headquarters, he passed an inspector.

"There goes a man," said the inspector, "who served under me as patrolman and now he's going upstairs to be promoted to captain without the cost of a shoestring. How times have changed!"

## Jewish Centres Association.

The following letter was sent by the auxiliary of the Jewish Centres Association to the directors of the J. C. Association and to a number of other people who, it was thought, would be interested:

New York, Nov. 10, 1907.

Dear Sir.—In view of the financial difficulties that have prevented your association from increasing its very necessary sphere of usefulness, this auxiliary of young people, actuated by a desire to assist to the fullest extent, in your endeavor to repel the insidious and nefarious work among our children, so ardently pursued by the proselytizing missionaries, request you to attend a meeting at their meeting rooms, at the Harlem Terrace, 210-212 East 104th street, near Third avenue, on Saturday evening, November 16, at 8.15 p. m.

We feel sure that you will do your share to prevent the disgrace that will fall upon the enormous community of Jews of this city and the consequent triumph of their enemies if this association, that attempted to fight the "Meshomdim" in the most proper way, failed through lack of support. Your attendance is therefore earnestly looked forward to. Yours very respectfully,

R. P. ABKOWITZ, President.

I. S. SPERAK, Secretary.

## Auxiliary of the Hebrew Tabernacle.

Final arrangements are being made by the auxiliary of the Hebrew Tabernacle for their package party and novelty dance, which is to be held on Saturday evening, November 23, at Ellsmere Hall, 80 West 126th street.

The committee in charge are sparing no efforts to make the affair as successful as the previous ones given by this well-known young folks' society. Several of Harlem's most prominent men will act as auctioneers on this occasion.

The Arrangement Committee, consisting of Miss Celia Goldsmith, Miss Nina Kleinman, Miss Annie Plato, Mr. Mortimer E. Isaacs and Mr. Milton J. Teller, chairman, will be ably assisted by the following committee:

Floor Committee—Mr. Mortimer E. Isaacs, Mr. Harry C. Adams.

Package Committee—Miss Carrye Stern, chairlady; Miss Birnbaum, Miss R. Hirshfeld, Miss C. Jacobs, Miss Guslie Rosenfeld and Mr. Maurice A. Teller.

Donation and Flower Committee—Miss Celia Goldsmith, chairlady; Miss A. Witt, Miss E. Gatterdam.

The proceeds will be donated to the building fund of the Hebrew Tabernacle for the erection of a new edifice for the spread of Jewish ethics.

The officers are: Mr. Mortimer E. Isaacs, chairman; Miss Carrye Plato, vice-chairlady; Miss Gustavine Kleinman, financial secretary; Miss L. Ruth Isaacs, recording secretary; Mr. Milton J. Teller, treasurer, and Mr. Fred Greenbaum, guide.

## United Hebrew Charities Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of this society for the reception of the annual reports, election of trustees, and transaction of such other business as may be properly brought before the meeting, will be held on Sunday, November 24, 1907, at 3 p. m., at the Hebrew Charities Building, Twenty-first street and Second avenue.

# THE HARLEM RELIEF CIRCLE.

One of the largest and most prominent Harlem charitable and social organizations which aids the deserving poor in Harlem and other parts of the city will hold its fourth annual entertainment and ball on Saturday evening, Nov. 23, at Terrace Garden. The members will present a military operetta entitled "Military Molly," under the direction of Al Lubin. They have spared no expense in making this affair eclipse all previous ones as a financial and social success. The officers are: President, Mr. P. Brock; vice-president, J. Axel; treasurer, Dr. J. Levy; financial secretary, Miss D. Rubenstone, and corresponding secretary, Miss P. Newmark. On the Advisory Board are Mr. J. Axel, M. Markowitz, C. Rothman, J. Sacks, W. Tesser, Mr. J. Levy, Misses H. Sargent, D. Rubenstone, J. Ginsburg, E. Osnowitz and Miss A. Dishler. Tickets for the above affair can be had from any of the members or by addressing Mr. Wm. Tesser, No. 30 Great Jones street.

# COLLEGIATE ZIONIST LEAGUE.

The Collegiate Zionist League renewed its activity with increased zeal after its successful efforts before the vacation. On October 26, the league held an open meeting at Earl Hall, Columbia University, at which Mr. Louis Lipsky delivered a lecture on the question: "The Dilemma of Partial Assimilation." The speaker also answered questions put to him by some of the audience.

The rest of the programme consisted of a violin solo, rendered by Mr. Sukoff and accompanied on the piano by Miss Sukoff; of a piano solo by Miss Sabsovitch, of a vocal solo by Miss Nemeroff, and of a recitation delivered by Miss Neumark.

The next programme of the Collegiate Zionist League will be presented at Vienna Hall on the evening of November 30, where the league will hold its anniversary celebration. Tickets are to be had of Mr. Drob, 529 West 123d street, or of any member of the league.

# THE A. C. S. H. SISTERHOOD.

A bazaar will be held at Tuxedo Hall, Fifty-ninth street and Madison avenue, December 11-14 inclusive, for the benefit of the poor of the district in charge of the A. C. S. H. Sisterhood, of which Mrs. B. Leerberger is president. Mrs. Arthur Lederer is chairman of the Fair Committee, and with her many able assistants are now making a thorough canvass for donations. An elegant diamond necklace was presented to the bazaar, which will net \$1,000; also a large silver bowl, Cluny lace tablecloth, besides numerous handsome articles which will attract many visitors to the fair. Among the members of the committee are Mrs. Dr. Frischman, Mrs. Max Steiner, Mrs. J. A. Stein, Mrs. Max Straus, Mrs. A. Randwiltz, Mrs. Moe Lefler, Mrs. Joe Seeman, Mrs. Klein, Mrs. Sam Marks, Mrs. M. Hahn, Mrs. Julius Stich, Mrs. Morris Steinhart, Mrs. Carl Hirschmann, Mrs. Lanny Rice, Mrs. F. Weisel, Mrs. H. Lederer, Mrs. B. Kurtzman, Miss Hattie Rosenbaum, Mrs. Fred Levy, Mrs. L. Blaut, Mrs. S. Green.

# THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE MEETS.

EXECUTIVE SESSION — "NOTHING OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE" TRANSACTED.

Jews from the greater part of the United States attended the annual meeting of the American Jewish Committee in an all-day session at the Hotel Astor yesterday. There had been some conferences of the members of the committee Saturday night, and some of the members spent the greater portion of Saturday night and Sunday morning, up to the time of the convocation of the conference at 10 o'clock, in earnest discussion of ways and means.

According to the official statement of the committee, of whose work little has been heralded, it is to prevent infringement of the civil and religious rights of Jews and to alleviate the consequences of persecution. In the event of a threatened or actual denial or invasion of such rights, or when conditions calling for relief from calamities affecting Jews exist anywhere, correspondence may be entered into with those familiar with the situation, and if the persons on the spot feel themselves able to cope with the situation no action need be taken; if, on the other hand, they request aid, steps shall be taken to furnish it.

The Southern, Middle West, and Coast States are partially represented, while Pennsylvania and New Jersey have nine members in district representation, Maryland, Virginia, Delaware and the District of Columbia three members, the six New England States three members, and New York—the largest centre of Jewish population in the world—seventeen members.

In every sense the sessions were purely executive, and lasted from 10 o'clock in the morning to 6 o'clock, with an intermission for luncheon, which was served in a room across the hallway from the meeting room. The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: President—Mayer Sulzberger, of Philadelphia.

## Free Sons of Israel.

Grand Master M. Samuel Stern, accompanied by the members of the Executive Committee, will visit Buffalo City Lodge at Buffalo on Sunday, November 17, and Continental Lodge, at Rochester, on Monday, November 18. The grand master has several more official visits in contemplation, and there is every indication of renewed activity in Free Son circles during the coming winter. Commencing with our next issue these columns will again chronicle happenings of interest to members of the order.

## Jewish Endeavor Society.

The second lecture in the course on "Jewish Literature" will be delivered before the Jewish Endeavor Society at 213 East Broadway on Sunday evening by the Rev. Alexander Basle, who will speak on "The Bible."

## Irving Literary Society to Hold Reunion.

The Irving Literary Union, which was founded in 1883, will hold a reunion on some date to be decided upon by the committee in charge. In the meantime all who were at one time members of the organization are requested to communicate with Mr. Adolph Schwarzbaum, No. 227 West 121st street.

## The Temple Beth-El Club.

The Temple Beth-El Club will hold its second entertainment of the season on Tuesday, November 19, 1907, on which occasion the Rev. Dr. Thomas Slicer, of All Souls' Unitarian Church, will deliver a lecture on "Leading Thoughts in Great Writers." The club is connected with Temple Beth-El, Fifth avenue and Seventy-sixth street.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

Editor, HEBREW STANDARD:

It is not in accord with my dignity, as Rabbi of Jerusalem, to answer the comment published in the American Israelite of September 5. But in defense of the people of my race, and to enlighten the public upon the subject, it becomes my painful duty to respond to one absurd accusation made by the editor of the American Israelite and respectfully request you to be so kind and publish the following in the columns of your worthy paper. Because I appealed to the American public to contribute for an American woman of intelligence and refinement at present in great need and dangerously ill at Jerusalem the editor of the Israelite called me, also Rabbi S. H. Horwitz and practically all Jews at this city, a gang of impudent beggars. I officiated as rabbi of New York eleven years, and worked together with such men as the Rev. H. Pereira Mendes and Dr. B. Drachman. Am seventy years old and don't desire to get rich. The glory of Judaism consists in three attributes: compassion, benevolence and a feeling of shame.

My congregation and I have seen the suffering of this deserving woman, Mrs. Lena Rich, whom every true Jew ought to aid, and for whose sole benefit I made the appeal, therefore the editor of the Israelite must be counted as a Jeroboam, the seducer who led Israel in the path of sin. A feeling of shame he has not, as every Christian denomination supports its representatives here in Jerusalem out of moneys contributed by their brethren, and there never arose in Christendom a man who so impudently without cause slandered his own co-religionists. Benevolent, he is not, for it's the Jew's duty to practice it upon those in need of it, and to be merciful even to those who don't merit it. I have shown that the editor of the Israelite does not possess these three attributes, without which no person can claim to be a Jew, therefore he is an Amalek, who pursued the weak and helpless. His slander does not touch me, for I stand high above him in principle, but it strikes the poor and helpless of Jerusalem, especially this poor American woman so greatly in need. Neither can he be counted a Christian, for they help their poor and sick without humiliating them. He attacked without cause the United States Consul Thos. R. Wallace, of Jerusalem, for doing his duty of authenticating the letters, a gentleman of honor, an example of an honest and true American and the greatest friend the Jews have in this part of the world, and for this alone he ought to be condemned by every true Jew as not worthy of any consideration. For all this I thank the editor of the American Israelite as the Talmud says: In the last days of the Messiah people from your own generation will have the face of a dog, and as the editor of the Israelite yells at everything without cause that happens to pass his way, is sufficient proof for me that we are now living in the last days of the Messiah.

Hoping the God of Israel will judge him according to his deeds, I am,

Respectfully,

RABBI MAYER I. FRIEDMAN.

## Orphans Boys to Have Court.

The Boys' Republic Council meeting, held last Sunday evening in the assembly room of the Hebrew Sheltering Guardian Society, was one of the most important sessions of this administration. Several new projects for the furtherance of the communal welfare were discussed. One of the most important of these was the problem of maintaining a republic magazine. After a lively debate on this subject it was unanimously decided to conduct the paper as a quarterly magazine of about twelve pages, to be divided into several departments for the republics' athletics, clubs, alumni and religious, together with the editorial column and a department on the proposed cottage plan institution, which will be edited by the superintendent. The first number of the new periodical will probably appear on the first of January.

Another plan for the new year is the formation of an athletic association,

with subdivisions for football, baseball, basketball and track athletics. The purpose of this association will be primarily to arrange athletic games which, although thoroughly democratic in character, will eliminate any interference with the general school work of the citizens.

But most important of all, however, is the new judiciary, which will shortly be inaugurated in both the boys' and girls' republics. The management purposely refrained from instituting this feature when the republics were first launched because adequate preparation was deemed absolutely necessary. Now, however, the spirit of the citizens has so far developed that the superintendent has decided to grant them full judicial powers. The scheme will conform essentially with that of our American institutions, diverging therefrom only in those minor aspects which are deemed objectionable either practically or educationally.

## Congregation Anshe Chesed to Break Ground for New Edifice.

The members and friends of the Congregation Anshe Chesed will assemble on Sunday afternoon, November 17, at 2.30 on the corner of 114th street and Seventh avenue, to participate in the ceremonies incidental to breaking ground for the new synagogue, which the congregation is about to erect. Rev. Gustav N. Hausmann, the Rabbi of the congregation, will open the exercises with prayer, followed by a hymn sung by the pupils of the congregation's free religious school. Short addresses will then be delivered by Messrs. Herman Kroll, David Auerbach, S. Reinhardt, Isidore Monheimer, Mrs. Daniel Kraus (president of the Sisterhood), and Morris Schiff (president of the Young Folks' League). The ceremonies will conclude with singing and prayer. The affair will be in charge of Messrs. B. W. Jacob-

son, Arthur Collins and Meyer Goodfriend.

The campaign to gather funds for the new Temple will be opened by the Young Folks League of the congregation, next Sunday evening, November 17, at Yorkville Casino, Eighty-sixth street, near Third avenue. A professional entertainment and ball will be given, and all arrangements have been completed to make it a great financial success. Mr. David H. Keith will direct the performance and Prof. Joseph Gerson leads the orchestra. It is expected that not less than fifteen hundred people will be present.

Rabbi Hausmann will preach the sermon at Young Men's Hebrew Association on Friday evening, November 22. His subject will be: "Death as a Career."

## The Jews in Argentina.

El Municipio, of Rosario, in a recent issue, prints a long article on the "Jews in Argentina; how they live, what they are doing, and who they are." It places the earliest immigration of Jews in the country at a period anterior to the existence of Argentina as an independent country, and states that many of the oldest Argentine families have characteristic Jewish features, and bear names essentially and exclusively Jewish. It then mentions the current of Jewish immigration from Russia, and refers in favorable terms to the Ica colonies. The article concludes:

The Jewish community has found in the Argentine Republic the wished-for fatherland where the Jews can apply

their marvelous racial faculties and in a short space of time attain to high positions; they dedicate themselves to agriculture, cattle-breeding, commerce and the arts and receive as recompense all the gifts that Argentine gives to its working citizens. We wish to express here clearly our opinion that the country should throw wide open its gates to this immigration. There is no risk that they will form a nationality within a nationality. Let us leave to the Russian Jews full liberty; let us allow them to do what they please and they will prove to be citizens equal to the rest of the population, as the eighty thousand who already live among us have proved themselves to be.

### Young Men's Hebrew Association.

The attendance in the building for the month of October was 23,057, showing quite an increase over the same month last year.

The lectures on music by Mr. Rubin Goldmark, and the art lectures by Dr. Daniel A. Huebsch, under the auspices of the Board of Education and the association, are attracting large and appreciative audiences.

This Saturday evening, November 16, the lecture will be given by Mr. Rubin Goldmark; subject: "Siegfried," illustrated by musical selections.

Next Wednesday evening, November 20, the lecture will be given by Miss Hannish H. Hefter; subject: "Greek Architecture," illustrated by stereopticon views.

On Friday evening, November 15, Mr. Daniel P. Hays will deliver the address at the religious services.

On Sunday evening, November 17, a camp reunion will be held in the auditorium. Members and their friends who attended the vacation camp will be invited, and a very interesting and enjoyable programme has been arranged.

### Manhattan Lodge, I. O. B. B.

The largest meeting held by Manhattan Lodge in twenty years was held at the Harlem Casino on Thursday evening last. The rooms were simply packed by the members. Five candidates were initiated by the officers of the Grand Lodge, President Adam Wiener and Julius Levy, first vice-president. Rev. Dr. Joseph Silverman, of the General Committee, delivered an address upon the "B'nai B'rith of the Future," which was warmly applauded. Manhattan Lodge has been having largely attended meetings of late. There is a marked rejuvenation going on in this staunch old lodge.

### Y. F. L. of Temple Israel of Harlem.

The members of the Young Folks League of Temple Israel held their first dance of the season Saturday evening, November 2, at the Waldorf-Astoria, and in spite of the stormy night a large gathering of young folks were present and spent a very enjoyable evening, dancing until the early hours of morning. Among the active members present were the Misses Judith and Mabel Hays, Florence Metzger, Blanche Newman, Belle Ury, Elsie Leerburger, Maud Heyman, Ida Handle, Mrs. Corn, also the Messrs. Chas. Foltz, Martin C. Anson, Kaufman Lesser, Mortimer Metzger, Adolph Rosenfeld, Edwin Hays, Henry Newman, Sydney Levy, Ira Anson, Gus Ury, Dr. Cohn, Mr. Jos. Corn and many others.

## IN THE SYNAGOGUES.

### Shari Zedek of Harlem.

"The Ladder in the Dream of Jacob" will be the subject of Dr. Spiegel's discourse Saturday.

### Temple "Es Chaim" of Yorkville.

107 East Ninety-second street. Dr. J. D. Spear will preach on the subject: "Love and Fear." Friday evening service at 4.30 p. m.

### Hebrew Tabernacle, 218 West 130th Street.

At the next Friday evening (8 p. m.) services the Rev. Edward Lissman will lecture; subject: "Reason and Force."

### The Educational Alliance.

The following will officiate at the Children's Services, Saturday afternoon, Nov. 16: Rabbi Dr. M. H. Harris, Cantor Rev. H. Newmark.

### Cong. Beth Israel Bikur Cholim.

Rev. Aaron Eiseman will preach the sermon this Sabbath morning on the topic "God's Presence." Special services are held every Friday evening in the synagogue for deaf mutes. The Young People's League will meet on Monday evening, Nov. 18, 1907, in the vestry rooms at 8 o'clock. Bible class session. Young men and women are welcome.

### Temple Emanu-El.

At the first Sunday service for this season, which will be held next Sunday, November 17, at 11.15 a. m., Rev. Dr. Joseph Siberman will lecture on "The Pilgrim's Progress" in literature, on the stage and in life. The public is invited and the pews are free to all.

Thanksgiving Day services will be held Thursday, November 28, at 11 a. m. All are welcome.

### The Free Synagogue.

On Sunday morning, November 17, at 11.15, Dr. Wise will preach on "The Tyranny of Majorities."

Professor Nathaniel Schmidt, of Cornell University, will deliver an address on Friday evening at 8.15, at the Clinton Hall branch—this being the first of a series of addresses to be given throughout the year on "Jewish Questions," including "The Jew as an Agriculturist," with addresses by Dr. Joseph Krauskopf, president of the National Farm School, and Professor H. L. Sabsovich, of the Baron de Hirsch Fund, "The Jewish Reformation," Dr. J. Leonard Levy, of Pittsburg; "The Jew in Citizenship," Hon. W. T. Jerome, and Mr. Meyer Bloomfield, head of the Civic Service House of Boston; "The Jew in Charity," Hon. Julian W. Mack, of Chicago; "The Jewish Immigrant," Dr. David Blaustein. Sunday afternoon at 3, Professor Franklin H. Giddings of Columbia University, will give an address, introductory to a course on "Social Remedies," the addresses to be given at Clinton Hall on the third Sunday afternoon of the month, November to April. Subsequent addresses will deal with "Individualism," "Socialism," "Anarchism," "Single-Tax," "Trades Unionism," and are to be followed by open discussion.

### Cong. Kehillath Israel.

1162 Jackson avenue, Bronx.

The alterations on the synagogue have been completed and preparations are being made to dedicate the building on the first day of Hanukkah, Sunday, December 1, at 3 p. m. The programme for the occasion will be an excellent one, both in its musical part as well as with respect to the speakers who will take part in the dedication ceremony. Cantor B. Wladowsky, of the Hungarian Synagogue Ohez Zedek, assisted by his choir, will render the musical portions of the programme, while among the speakers will be Prof. S. Schechter, Prof. Israel Friedlander, Rev. Dr. H. Perelra Mendes, Rev. Henry S. Morais and Rev. H. Maslansky. The affair promises to be one that will be long remembered by those present.

The lecture last Friday evening treated of the ancient sage, Hillel the leader. This was the first lecture in a series on the great rabbis of the Talmud which will be delivered at the synagogue during the winter season.

This Friday evening at 8.30 o'clock Rabbi Elias L. Solomon will speak on "What Woman Has Done for Judaism," a sequel to the lecture on the "Place of Woman in Judaism," delivered several weeks ago. Residents in the vicinity of Kehillath Israel are invited to attend.

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The ladies are arduously at work trying to make the affair a financial as well as social success. Great credit is due to the chairlady, Mrs. Benjamin Shapiro, Mrs. John Katzman, the assistant chairlady; also to the officers, directors and members, for their co-operation.

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### GERMAN PALESTINE SOCIETY.

During the last week of September the German Palestine Society met in Basle, under the presidency of Dr. Kautzsch, of Halle. The society was founded in the year 1877. German scholars who had taken an eminent part in Bible criticism considered it beneath their dignity to lag behind the English in regard to exploration work in Palestine. The Palestine Exploration Fund, chiefly through Colonel (then Lieutenant) Conder, had already carried out epoch-making investigations. The German Society, founded for the same purpose, was speedily joined by all the eminent Bible critics, Orientalists and noted personalities in Germany. It enjoys the special patronage of the Kaiser, who has frequently granted it resources from his privy purse for particular inquiries. Professor Kautzsch, who has been president for many years, is one of the most eminent authorities in the field of Biblical research. The chief agent of the society in Palestine has been Herr Schumacher, of Haifa. The most notable achievement of the German Palestine Society was the discovery of the Siloam inscription. At the general meeting at Basle, Professor Furrer, of Zurich, explained, in a comprehensive address, how indispensable Palestinian exploration was to a proper understanding of the Bible. Professor Steuernagel, of Halle, reported concerning the recent excavations made under the society's auspices on the site of the old Megiddo, the present Tel-Mutesellim. As in the case of ancient Troy, the ruins of various

epochs were arranged in strata above each other, some of them being four thousand years old. A palace, the ruins of which had been revealed by the excavations, dated from the time of King Solomon, who, according to the Book of Kings, had a governor in Megiddo. Two sepulchres were discovered in which respectively six and twelve well-preserved corpses were found. All the valuable objects had been presented by the society to the Turkish museum in Constantinople. Professor Steuernagel was of opinion that the discoveries not only confirmed the statements in the Bible concerning the sacrifice of children to heathen deities by the Canaanites, but also that such sacrifices took place in the early days of Jewish occupation.

I may mention that a Jewish society, which has for its main object the cultivation of Palestine recently held a meeting under the presidency of Professor Warburg, and decided to buy the first piece of land in the neighborhood of Rechoboth. This "Pflanzungsverein" was founded about a year ago, but has hitherto confined its activities to a very small circle. The society aims at spreading horticulture among the Jews of Palestine, and the land purchased by it will be leased in small holdings. It has been determined that a contributor of an annual sum of eighty marks shall become the owner of a small cultivated tract, and will receive every year some of the products of the land. The area purchased by the society cost 13,000 marks.

### From the Four Corners of the Earth

The United Zionists of Toronto, Limited, has been incorporated.

The public library of St. Paul, Minn., will have a Yiddish and Hebrew department.

Detroit is to have a flat with six apartments which will be rented free to Jewish widows.

The Zionist flag is among the flags unfurled in honor of the "Home Coming Week" in Baltimore.

The Emperor of Germany has contributed seven thousand marks to the building of a synagogue at Shirmeck, Alsace.

The last report of the Jewish Colonial Trust shows that the business of the bank has not grown as rapidly as its friends had hoped.

It is reported that the Connecticut Sunday law has been so modified as to permit those who observe Saturday to do business on Sunday.

The Jews of Teheran took an active part in the celebration of the first anniversary of the granting of a constitution to the Persian people.

Otto S. Schnelder, president of the Chicago Board of Education, has stated that he is opposed to the teaching of the Bible in the public schools.

Zvonitz, Russia, was destroyed by fire last week. Eight hundred Jewish families are homeless. A relief committee has been organized in New York.

On Jan. 13, 1908, the tenth anniversary of the publication of Zola's famous letter, "I Accuse," a monument in his memory will be unveiled in Paris.

Dr. Cantor, of Wilna, and Dr. Peferkovitch, are candidates for the position of official rabbi of St. Petersburg, to succeed Dr. Drapkin, who has retired.

In 1906, 1.06 per cent. of the candidates for teachers in the higher schools of Prussia were Jews. In 1904 there were .74 per cent., and in 1905 only .31 per cent.

The Emperor Francis Joseph sent his thanks through the Austrian Consul at Jerusalem to the Austro-Hungarian Congregation of that city which sent him congratulation on the fortieth anniversary of his accession to the throne.

The Russian Government has appointed a commission to investigate the sad plight of the emigrants who, after disposing of their belongings, are rejected by the steamship companies, and are compelled to return to their homes.

The last student to register in the graduate departments of Johns Hopkins is Mordecai Bassan, a native of Palestine. He has a native command of Hebrew and Arabic. He comes from the University of Berlin and will study Oriental history and Sanskrit under Professors Paul Haupt and Maurice Bloomfield.

The "Judischer Frauenbund for Kulturarbeit in Palestine" has issued an appeal to all Zionist and non-Zionist women to join its organization. Its first task will be the establishment of a training school and home for nurses and teachers in Palestine. A school of domestic science will be connected with the home.

An indication of the Turkish Sultan's personal favor to his Jewish subjects was afforded by the recent celebration of His Majesty's birthday. It is usual for the various religious heads to present their congratulations to the Sultan on the occasion but owing to the illness of the chief rabbi, this dignitary sent his representative to the function. The Sultan asked the cause of the Haham Rashi's absence, and sent twice during the day an official of the palace to make inquiries. As a mark of his good will he also forwarded a considerable sum of money to be distributed among the Jewish poor.

### CONVERSIONS IN GERMANY.

One of the matters dealt with at the recent conference of the Union of German Jews was the premium put by the authorities upon apostasy in the apportionment of public offices. There are no official statistics for the whole of Germany as to the number of Jews who have left the faith, but in Prussia, under a law of 1873, each Austritt has to be accomplished by a declaration before a Court of Law, which communicates the fact to the governing body of the Jewish community. In this way the community becomes acquainted with the facts relating to each secession from the faith. Hitherto the materials on this subject have not been worked up, and it was only within the last few weeks that, at the instance of the Statistical Bureau, Dr. Blau has examined the records of the Berlin Jewish community for information concerning Jewish apostasy. From this information it is possible to deduce a clear idea of the secession movement throughout the whole of Germany, for other inquiries have shown that it is correct to suppose that at least three-quarters of all the Jewish baptisms in Germany emanate from the capital. In the period 1873-1906, 1,574 persons (1,285 males and 43

females) in Berlin seceded from Judaism. In the early years of this period the number of secessions is very small. Thus up to 1884 the highest number in any one year was ten (in 1876 and 1883); since 1887 the number has never fallen below 20, and since 1892 it has risen very considerably, and in 1905 and 1906 reached the high figures of 157 and 156. The secession statistics do not correspond to the increase in the Jewish population of Berlin, but increase out of all proportion to the growth in the number of the Jewish inhabitants. The number of Jewish baptisms is still higher than that of mere secessions from the Jewish community, for these latter relate only to adult persons who have been fully-fledged members of the community; the baptisms include children under fourteen years of age, of whom the Jewish community has no cognizance. Besides the moral damage which the Jewish community sustains by these conversions it also suffers considerable material loss, through the diminution of its tax-paying members. The seceders, as a rule, belong to the well-to-do classes and pay high contributions. The annual loss to the Jewish community through the secessions in the period 1887-1906 was about 24,000 marks.

### JEW IN THE JUDICIAL SERVICE.

Judicial Councillor Bernhard Bruns prepared an instructive pamphlet for the recent general conference of the Verband der Deutschen Juden in Frankfurt, showing the discriminations against Jews in the higher branches of the judicial service in Prussia. The memorial covers those officials who passed their final examinations between the years 1875-1896. Of the 685 persons promoted to high posts, 611 were Christians and only four Jews. Of the assessors in the High Court there were 290 Christians to four Jews, 341 Christians and no Jews became directors and presidents of Courts. Whereas the Jews promoted represented only 2.6 per cent. of the total number of promotions, the proportion of converted Jews was 27.3 per cent., which clearly proves the premium put upon apostasy. Out of 253 Government Councils (corresponding to our King's Councils) there were no Jews, but three converts. In Bavaria Jews were admitted to the post of Government Council, but here, as in Baden, and till recently in Alsace,

there was no Jewish Director or President, whereas in Baden there was one converted President and Director. In Wurttemberg there were three Judges of the lower Court, in Oldenburg and Sachsen-Meiningen one each; in Saxony on the other hand, in the smaller German States (with the exception of Meiningen) there was no Jewish judge. In Bremen and Lubek there was no Jewish judge, while in Hamburg up to the beginning of the present year, there were eight Jewish judges of the lower Court, and of eight converts, one was assessor to the High Court and one Director. In the Appeal Court there was no Jewish judge, though a convert was President of the Senate, and there were two apostate assessors.

It is reported that through the influence of Lord Rothschild and Sir Matthew Nathan the Itz has been offered two tracts of land for the establishment of autonomous Jewish colonies. Their location is not yet disclosed.

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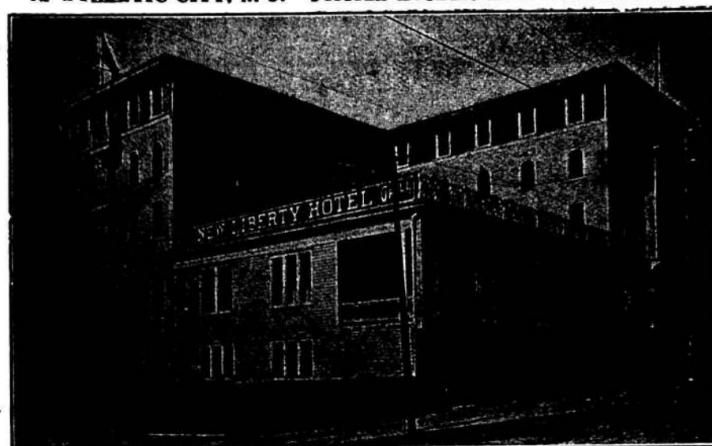
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# Children's Page.

## THE CHARACTER ON A HAPPY LIFE.

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That serveth not another's will;  
Whose armor is his honest thought  
And simple truth his utmost skill.  
Whose passions not his masters are,  
Whose soul is still prepared for death,  
Untied unto the worldly care  
Of public fame or private breath;  
Who envies none that chance doth raise  
Or vice; who never understood  
How deepest wounds are giv'n by praise,  
Not rules of State, but rules of good;  
Who hath his life from rumors freed,  
Whose conscience is his strong retreat,  
Whose State can neither flatterers feed  
Nor ruin make oppressors great;  
Who God doth late and early pray  
More of His grace than gifts to lend  
And entertains the harmless day  
With a religious book or friend;  
This man is freed from servile bands  
Of hope to rise or fear to fall,  
Lord of himself tho' not of lands;  
And having nothing yet hath all.

SIR HENRY WOTTON (1568-1640).

### Denied!

A STORY OF TRUTH.

The banns had been published. The ceremony was to take place on the following Thursday at St. Anne's, a charming little ivy-covered Episcopal church situated at R—d, a suburb of London, where the bride and her widowed mother lived.

Mrs. Hampstel was a handsome woman of extreme dignity, simplicity and unaffected manner, these being the outward expressions of a placid and well-ordered mind. Her sight for some years had been much impaired, and since her daughter had met Herbert Raynor, her constant companion was a young Russian Jewess.

This Friday afternoon, a bright sunny day in the early May, Kate and Herbert were taking a walk in the quiet, green, flower-scented suburb. He was fair and conventionally good-looking; she, brown-haired, with an intelligent face of promising interest. They talked, as lovers will; they looked into each other's eyes, as lovers will; they made some not very practical plans, as lovers will; there were a few endearing pressures of the hand, a few common-place remarks on passing pedestrians, and, would you believe it? being "grayvelled for lack of matter," they actually spoke of that most useful, if not very original, topic, the weather.

"Isn't it a bright, lovely, perfect day?" said she—"as our life is going to be, dear," she added.

"But look at those little clouds!"

Sure enough, a few stray, fleecy clouds were hurrying together, ap-

parently to talk things over; they scowled and raindrops fell. Kate and Herbert went for shelter into a confectioner's shop and ordered tea.

While they were out, Ruth was reading to Mrs. Hampstel in the garden. She was interrupted by the butler bringing a card. Ruth took it.

"Frederick Joel—Sydney," she read. "Ask him to step in the garden, Carter, and bring the tea. This is a surprise," continued Mrs. Hampstel as the servant retired in the house; "he is the son of a dearly beloved schoolmate of mine."

Fred Joel greeted Mrs. Hampstel cordially; was introduced to Ruth—did Cupid spring an arrow as their eyes met?—no matter.

Tea was served. The conversation was long and merry, and finally turned upon Kate's approaching marriage.

"And who is the very lucky fellow?"

"Herbert Raynor."

"Indeed! I knew him well, in Australia. He's an orphan, isn't he? We were at college together and—er—I suppose you would call it confirmed, at the same synagogue."

"Synagogue! Is Mr. Raynor a Jew then?"

There was a painful silence, which was fortunately broken by the rain. They all went indoors. In the drawing-room Mrs. Hampstel did not recur to the subject, but, with a delicate tact, put her guest and companion at their ease. Mr. Joel soon left. He could not wait; a most particular engagement—he would call the following day—"every day," he said to himself, as he closed the gate.

The lovers returned. Kate kissed her mother and also Ruth. There was another painful silence. Mrs. Hampstel stopped Herbert Raynor as he moved to a chair.

"Answer me one question, Mr. Raynor, before you sit down. Are you a Jew?"

Herbert avoided every eye that was upon him. Should he confess or deny it? He could not quickly determine.

"No need to answer, Mr. Raynor; I see that you are. Be good enough to leave my house and consider your

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engagement to my daughter at an end."

Then followed a pitiful appeal from Kate; a remonstrance from Herbert, who would not, he said, allow such "petty religious scruples" to stand between him and his love.

Mrs. Hampstel quietly rang the bell, and still more quietly asked him to "kindly leave." He left the house, his face ashen pale with mingled fear and vexation, and muttering the while suppressed threats and jeers. A dead silence followed, broken only by sobs from Kate and comforting whispers from her mother, who vainly tried to comfort her. It was Ruth who first spoke: "Then," she said, "I suppose I must go, too, for I am a Jewess."

Mrs. Hampstel left her daughter's side, took both of Ruth's hands in hers, and looking into her face, her voice choked with emotion, she asked: "How can you think that was the reason? You know, too well, how I revere your people. And you, my poor, dear, darling Kate," she continued, again turning to her child, "don't cry—it is for your good—you will see later. Don't you know that the Jew who denies his race must have all their faults, without any of their virtues?"—*Young Israel.*

### The Great Apple Problem.

Probably our great ancestor, Adam, little thought of the trouble he would cause posterity by eating an apple. But now the question as to how many apples he really did eat is a new difficulty.

How many apples did Adam and Eve eat? Was it one or was it millions? When the subject was first mooted the editor very naturally replied: "Why, one, of course."

"No," said the assistant editor, "Eve ate one, and Adam ate one, too, that's—2."

Then the sub-editor passed along a slip of paper, on which was written: "Eve 81 and Adam 81, making—162."

But the poet, who is a man of imagination, capped this with: "Eve 81 and Adam 812—893."

Then the publisher tried his hand, and his contribution was: "Eve 812 see how it tasted, and Adam 812—8,954."

But his assistant beat the publisher, asserting that "Eve 812 see how it tasted, and Adam 812 keep her company—16,284."

The poet, who dislikes being surpassed as much as he hates barbers, came up to the scratch again with: "Eve 812 see how it tasted, and Adam 81242 keep her company—89,384."

Then the humorist, who had been listening quietly, handed in his contribution: "Eve 812 see how it tasted, and Adam 8124210-der a husband to see her eat alone—8,132,352."

The matter rests for the present, and we are very thankful it does rest.

When we are alone we have our thoughts to watch; in our families, our tempers, and in society, our tongues.

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**Connudrums.**  
What sense pleases you most in an unpleasant acquaintance? Absence.  
Why is a man looking for the philosopher's stone like Neptune? Because he's a sea-king what never was.  
Who are the two largest ladies in the United States? Miss Ouri and Mrs. Sippi.

Why are seeds when sown like gate-posts? Because they progagate (prop a gate).  
When is a clock on the stairs dangerous? When it runs down.

What thing is that which is lengthened by being cut at both ends? A ditch.  
What part of a locomotive train ought to have the most careful attention? The tender part.

When are clouds in danger of being turned over? When they let fall the rains (reins).  
Why is fashion like a blank cart-ridge? Because it's all powder and puff.

How would you increase the speed of a very slow boat? Make her fast.  
What is the difference between a tight boot and an oak tree? One makes acorns, the other—makes corns ache.

Why are sentries like day and night? Because when one comes the other goes.  
When is a carpenter like a circumstance? When he alters cases.

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Yes, the sanctity of wedlock and the inviolability of the home are the foundation and crown of commonwealth, church, society and morals. The strength of the home is the bulwark and glory of mankind. Its enemies, conscious or unconscious, are the destroyers of our inheritance, our dearest rights, of our precious safeguards, the paradise of infancy, the dream and fulfillment of our highest happiness.

Though our literature be infiltrated with foreign poison, our stage degenerate, our religions relaxed in authority and strength, yet the home alone is sufficient, if intact and inviolable, to restore our wasted moral energies, to regenerate mankind and safeguard the highest future of the race.

So, in this age of an omnipresent press, with its chronicle of sensations, scandals, of the disgraceful and abnormal, let us remember that its very record is usually that of the exceptional, the novel, the irregular. We cannot gather the essential history of a nation from its police courts, or read it in a sensational press, where vices crowd out the homely virtues and the philanthropies and fidelities are sidetracked for the prize ring and the divorce court.

Even to lose faith in God is not more fatal than to lose faith in man. The world is not walking backwards. Our moral sense is not drugged. If printers' ink may blacken our optimism, let us remember that not Luther alone threw his ink-well at the devil. A sturdy optimism, indeed, is our moral backbone, our driving force, our hope and faith for the home and for the nation.

The home, indeed, guarantees the nation. We are told that 80,000 divorces in one year in Paris preceded the French revolution. Home instituted by wedlock—the fruitful home—where children multiply and thrive, is the link of heredity, the choice of environment, the depository of progress, the nursery of the future, the cradle of the race.

### JOINED BY DIVINE CHARTER.

In the home the sexes are joined by a holy tie, a divine charter, that links rights with responsibilities. Wedlock consecrates sex, passion is transfigured by love, selfishness becomes sacrifice, unholy instincts die in that pure air, the man and woman realize themselves in union, and are glorified in the family.

Sex, it is said, is the root of all vice and all virtue, of all sin and all sainthood. Sex may be the element of destruction and disgrace, or of every excellence and worth, of social soundness and moral strength.

Marriage, then, is the moral anti-septic of society. Divorce is surgery. The foes of wedlock lay violent hands upon the social organism and poison the very fountain head of our common life.

(a) It is obvious, first, that the sources of life are contaminated by the marriage of the unfit, of the criminal, the vicious, the diseased. There are those, too, morally unfit for marriage, those that expect everything and bring nothing—yes, less than nothing; that appropriate the sanctity of a stainless life, though leprous themselves with foul living and wasted by vice almost out of the semblance of manhood.

It was, I think, Plato, in his "Ideal Republic," who commended the mating of men and women by the wisdom of the State, and there has not been wanting, here and there, similar attempts at the State regulation of wedlock. A commission has been suggested, as if those not wise enough to choose their mate were wise enough to choose an agent to do it for them.

(b) The marriage of convenience, the worldly marriage, often comes under this head. In such instances the unspoken but inner marriage vow often is: "I take thee, O bank account, with houses and lands and large dividends, and vow to be loving and faithful as long as the money shall last."

(c) But one of the worst enemies of domestic peace is that grim tragedy, so often enacted with sorrow too bitter for tears, in the growing apart of a couple, not unhappily mated in the beginning, through the growth of the one and the arrested development of the other. How often we see the rise of the man, his development and increasing faculties and strength, and the incapacity or indifference of the woman, and how frequently we see the reverse form of his inequality. Such instances are sadly many and painful beyond expression; often the man stands alone in not realizing his progressive unfitness for companionship, and the fact that, walking alone on different levels, they are walking farther and farther apart in capacity, in sympathies, in union.

It is, of course, roundly unjust to charge this melancholy inequality largely on the wife. Often hers is all the culture and insight and his all the coarse materialism; not infrequently the wife is by far the superior in the finest qualities. But in either case, the cause is the lack of healthy growth, of widening interests, a sterility of ideas, an atrophied mind, without a single common interest save the wedding ring and the common home.

### CLUBS AN AID TO WOMAN.

In many instances the intuition of love helps and saves the divination of affections, the joining of hearts, if not heads. But in nearly every instance culture is the helpful and broadening influence. The intellectual awakening among women to-day, their clubs and classes, their higher education, is a powerful remedial factor, tending not to make the woman less feminine, but more broadly human, a happier wife, a wiser mother, a true help-mate, and queen in her own field and in the world.

And I do not ignore the view, no diverse, but supplementary, of a contemporary thinker, that culture begets with mental growth a certain fastidiousness and sensitiveness, and often a self-centered life, that exacts delicate adjustments, and sometimes makes the certainty of harmony fugitive. The instances are cited from George Eliot's "Middlemarch" of Lydgate, crushed by Rosamond's utter inadequacy, and conversely, of Dorothea, deadened and withered by Cassaubon's dreary mind and hopeless pendency.

(d) We are constrained thus to realize that the formula, "The Survival of the Fittest," is sharply paralleled, if not contradicted, in our human instances by the "Survival of the Unfittest," and that even the fit—that is, those fit for each other—often become the unfit by drifting apart and living on different levels.

This problem of "Marriage and the Home," and the conditions that strengthen them, is not a detached problem; it is not something apart from the spirit of the times and the immense changes that are occasioned both by evolution and revolution. We are realizing to-day the solidarity of mankind in all its functions and phases. Can governments change and religions shift their center of gravity, and the social order be leavened from the bottom up by a new fermentation, without marriage registering its impact of new forces—without the home reflecting the upheavals in the larger world, where men are chemically fused into man? "The old order changeth, giving place to new." Our industrial system is to-day in the throes of birth. Our national constitutions, if not changed, are being stretched to an inclusiveness and applications undreamt of by the founders. The church, the synagogue, can no longer shut themselves in, or shut out this questioning, implacable spirit that annuls, reforms, broadens and creates. And the home, the germ-cell of the social body, and marriage, that alike conserves and perpetuates, are immediately responsive to the new conditions, and express in tangible and intelligible form the change that has come over the world. It would amplify the sweep and scope of our argument and clarify our message to consider these foes (that might well be friends) of the domestic order under the aspects economic, legal and religious, or ethical.

The economic danger is, in the first instance, vital and central. The affec-

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tions of the fireside perish through starvation by miserable poverty, or through fatty degeneration by stupendous wealth. Hovels cannot long be homes. Statistics prove that the percentage of marriage varies with the rate of wages. Sordid squalor pinches not alone flesh and body, but heart and affections. It has been asked: How can there be manhood when there is no childhood? How can pig-sties breed men? How can griping poverty foster or sanctify homes?

**HOMES OF THE WEALTHY.**

And can those, appoplectic with wealth, whose scanty children are the nurslings of hired servants; whose millions can purchase everything but contentment, everything that is purchasable, that is as material as the money that buys it; whose possessions own and crush them; whose touch gilds fatally, like Midas in the wise old tale, can they safeguard and champion that domestic simplicity and family seclusion and imperishable bond of heart to heart, debased and famished by pomp, ostentation and barbaric splendor?

The spirit of selfishness and unmotherliness that hands over children to menials to be the foster mothers of their own flesh and blood, and the kindred spirit that chooses the homelessness of boarding-houses and hotels, instead of the sweet seclusion of the fireside, and brings up little ones in that public atmosphere rather than assume the cares and gain the sanctity and privacy of home—such a spirit desecrates this God-given covenant, reveals the hard selfishness that prefers a petty and indolent ease to domestic traditions and duties, and coarsens alike parents and children by shriveling the pitiful apology for a home into lodging-place and eating-house.

2. What wonder, then, when tacit obligations assumed are shamelessly declined, when whim and caprice and selfish ease crowd out the willing service of love and the glad sacrifice of duty, that the second enemy should arise, of the home and its sacred contract, the growing evil of divorce? With America registering in twenty years, according to Commissioner Wright's report, 328,000 divorces, with 10,000 granted in 1867 and 25,000 in 1886, with the percentage of divorce to marriage within the State, though in New Jersey but one in forty-nine, rising in staid New England, Conn., to one divorce for every eleven marriages in the year—yes, one occasion to one in eight—what are we to think of the domestic future of the country? It is impossible at present to do more than indicate this monstrous fact, this increasing evil, which, side by side with a diminishing percentage of marriage, sets this ominously increasing and huge percentage of divorce.

To examine this terrible problem, even in outline, will require a separate article. It may, of course, be acknowledged in fairness that this evil is at least a safety-valve; that it prevents or relieves others far worse; that in countries where divorce and remarriage are impossible or restricted to a scanty minimum, the moral tone of society is often unspeakably deplorable.

We cannot now enter into the ramifications of this vast question. Suffice it at present to mention one of the two great perils which, in addition to stupendous wealth in a few hands, according to Mr. Gladstone, threatened the survival of our American commonwealth.

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ditions, but; to a cause of the causes of them. I mean the decline of the religious instinct in the present day, a spiritual bankruptcy that impoverishes wedlock, a poison that infests home, makes the marriage vow a fleeting breath and the door of divorce an ever-easy way out; the weakening of faith in God and in his divine will, that secularizes marriage, depraves it, in many opinions, to the level of any lay contract, to be assumed or abandoned, according to caprice or inclination, without the solemn call of duty, the common welfare, the sacred traditions of the race, casting aught in the scale as against egotism, whim and passing fancy. "Nothing," says Balzac, "more clearly proves the necessity of marriage than the instability of passion."

It is impossible honestly to deny that when the religious spirit wanes, almost invariably the sense of duty is enfeebled, the sanctities of life are desecrated, and mankind is in danger of moral shipwreck.

The President of the United States has delivered himself of an informal message to the nation that earnestly pleads with the people for the old-fashioned household, for its abounding life, for the full fatherhood and motherhood that shall fill all homes with their greatest glory and pride, with the strength and beauty of the children.

He pleads for the home of our fathers; for the family; for unselfishness; for the old ways, the old self-sacrifice, the ancient commandments of God; for the crown of marriage, the strength of the nation; for the excellence and promise of the coming race.

Our problems shall be solved—of industry, of law, of faith; the passing obscuration of our pole star of duty shall vanish; the heart of man shall be found still steadfast to the fine old traditions and to his holiest dreams, and he "that setteth the solitary in families" shall "turn the hearts of the children to the fathers and the hearts of the fathers to the children," that they shall long for each other and live for each other in the cradle of mankind, in the sanctuary of the home.

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MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC COMMENT.

IN order to insure us against a possible famine in instrumental music, the Philadelphia Orchestra came to town one afternoon last week. It proved a highly-trained body, and the acquaintance of Herr Carl Pohlig, the conductor, was well worth making. Had he known the difference in the acoustics of Carnegie Hall from those of the theatre to which he is accustomed, the overpowering effect of his climaxes would doubtless have been obviated. Herr Pohlig knows his scores by heart, and his interpretations of Liszt's "Preludes" and Beethoven's "Fifth," by their vital energy and vivid contrasts, fairly brought the audience to its feet. After the first number he was recalled five times. Mr. Richard

Fannie Bloomfield Zeisler, whose picture adorns this page, is one of the greatest woman pianists living. But there are two things to be said against her — she comes to New York very seldom, and does not stay long enough.

An adaptation by Benns Jacobson of Feyderen's "The Duchess of the Folies Bergere" will be given for the first time at the Deutsches Theatre this evening. Some of the ablest members of the company are in the cast, and new scenery is promised.

The first week of the season at the Manhattan Opera House brought two new productions, both of which reflected the highest credit upon nearly all concerned. Oscar Hammerstein

than of old, and her legato singing has become smooth and fluent.

The one opera which will surely keep Ponchielli's name before the public for many years to come—"La Gioconda"—shows the ensemble to equally good advantage. Here again I cannot help mentioning Campanini, who directs, animates, vitalizes with a minimum of physical effort, but a maximum of results attained. Greater vocalists have been heard in the chief parts, but I doubt whether the finale to the third act has ever been sung with such a sweep of power or such a climactic effect.

Of the new acquisitions, the chief interest centres naturally around M. Zenatello. This gentleman's natural organ is of the stuff of which great tenors are made. It is vibrant, powerful, of great range, and of fine timbre throughout all of its registers. A genuine *tenore robusto*, with a baritone coloring in the low tones. The defects in M. Zenatello's method are a tendency to force his tones, a lack of polish in phrasing, and little suggestion of the *mezzo voce*. These things can all be remedied, and if the singer takes his art seriously there is no reason why he should not place himself at the top. Mlle. Gerville-Reache, the new contralto, has low tones of uncommon power. Her upper tones are of much beauty, but between these registers there seems to be a gap, which made one think of Scalchi.

It was a great pleasure to find Madam Nordica in good voice. She is still a great dramatic singer, with the art and the authority only conferred by years of experience and study.

To-night "Les Contes d' Hoffman," the posthumous comic opera of Jacques Offenbach. Saturday's operas are "La Gioconda" in the afternoon and "Carmen" in the evening.

The season at the Metropolitan Opera House begins next Monday with "Adriana Lecouvreur" (Caruso, Cavaleri). On Wednesday, "Mefistofele" (Farrar, Chaliapine). Thursday, "Aida" (Gadski, Caruso). Friday, "Rigoletto" (Sembrich, Bonci). Saturday evening, "Meistersinger" (Knote, Gadski, Van Rooy), and at the matinee, "Mefistofele." JACQUES MAYER.



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Buhlig, a young American pianist, selected for his debut Brahms's concerto. His performance was very creditable on the technical side, but neither the intellectual or the poetic contents of the work received an adequate exposition. Mr. Karl Klein, another young compatriot and a very talented one, also made a first appearance. To place the Tschaiowsky violin at the end of a long and abominably arranged programme was an error of judgment for which the young violinist can surely not be held responsible, and therefore I prefer not to record my impressions of his playing until I hear him under more favorable circumstances.

The Kneisel Quartet will give its concerts at Mendelssohn Hall on the Tuesday evenings of Dec. 3, Jan. 7, Feb. 4, March 10, April 7 and 14. Among the assisting artists are Olga Samaroff, Katherine Goodson, Harold Bauer, Rudolph Gans, Sigismund Stojocoski and Arthur Whiting. Reports from the cities where the quartet has already played are to the effect that the two new members are proving themselves worthy successors of Messrs. Schroeder and Theodorowitch.

is nothing if not plucky. That, of course, is an old story, and yet one marvels at every fresh display of that fertility of resource which marks each step of his career as an impresario. To be sure, in Maestro Campanini he possesses a musical director of wide knowledge, tremendous energy, and a degree of interpretative skill seldom met with in these days of specialization. These qualities shine with particularly brilliancy, for the new orchestra is much better balanced, and includes material far superior to that of last year. "The Damnation of Faust" was admirably performed. One very important feature, the choral singing, for power, delicacy, distribution of light and shade and tonal beauty I have never heard surpassed in any opera house, either here or abroad. Mr. Renaud's *Mephisto* is a conception of distinct originality, carried out with great histrionic skill, and vocally has moments of rare charm. Mr. Dalmores is another excellent lyric actor, and his singing appeared to me to possess even more finish, refinement and eloquence than it did last spring. An agreeable surprise was the *Marguerite* of Mlle. Jomelli. The lady produces her tones with much greater freedom

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IT IS A PITY!

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THE same misfortune happened to them both:

To her—her fiance dropped her;

To him—the young lady whom he loved to distraction did not accept his proposal.

The same misfortune happened to them both: both suffered from disappointed love, but they felt it differently. She felt insulted, humiliated. She was enraged against him who professed love for her, and who swore everlasting devotion. Her love for him was substituted by hatred, and a longing for revenge took possession of her. He, on the contrary, had no claims to make; she didn't love him, and feeling cannot be aroused by compulsion. He excused her. The excuse was logical; but he loved her, and deep in his heart he suffered.

As fate would have it, the two disappointed met.

In him she soon found the means of "revenge."

He was a handsome, quiet young man, very intelligent. Why shouldn't she try to gain his admiration? He is by far handsomer than the first one, more intelligent. Let him see that she is not lost, that better young men can fall in love with her. He will feel pained, he will regret his step; but it will be too late. Let him suffer; she must have her revenge on him.

He, again, experienced a peculiar sensation in her presence. She was to him, good and gentle. The other one was cold, proud, and never cared to throw a smile at him. It seemed to him that all girls are like her. But this one looks different from all others. She is so good, so kind, so gentle, and smiles so sweetly to him.

He has no doubt that she loves him; he is quite certain that she loves him with all the ardor of a young heart. Why, then, look for another one! All girls are alike, anyway, excepting that one—and that one does not care for him.

A short time elapsed and they came to an understanding. She protested her love for him, assured him that she loved him from the first moment she met him, and that she waited for the proposal impatiently. He, on his part, employed similar terms, and they were engaged.

Her "revenge" was realized. Still, her former fiance did not commit suicide, but married instead. She was exasperated; she became embittered against the whole world, against her former fiance and against the present one. She began to feel unpleasant in her young man's presence.

She began to experience the first impulses of a loveless marriage.

She wouldn't care any more for her former lover; she would forget everything, if only nothing should come out of this engagement. She desired to have an open talk with him, to explain to him how unhappy they both would be—but it is a pity, such a pity, he is so much in love with her; and she experienced already the bitterness of disappointed love.

He, also, was disillusioned. He began to feel that all girls are, after all, not alike, and he felt that he does not love her, that he is unhappy in her presence. But how can he tell that to her; it is such a pity!

He also changed regarding his former love; he entirely forgot it. If he could only free himself of this girl, he wouldn't care any more for another; but how could he do that; it was such a pity!

Meanwhile days, weeks, months, passed by. The wedding day was approaching, and its remembrance put fright into both their hearts. However, they both remained silent; they had no heart to reveal their feelings to each other; they tasted already the bitterness of disappointed love.

In spite of the fact that they avoided making any mention of the wedding day, it came, and they were married.

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Have Patience.

IT is one of the hardest things in the world to be patient when one wants a thing very much. One may be wishing earnestly for something that is really a good thing, but he wants it now, and wonders why he must wait. There are young people who are in a hurry to be older, to be grown up, and to have the things that they think will belong to them then. They can hardly wait. It is a great blessing that God does not allow his good things to be snatched before the time. Everything that is good is coming as fast as he thinks best. As one has wisely said: "God's clock is never too slow."

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HOW A JEW FOUND THE NEWS ABSORBING.

UNDER the heading of "New Readers of the News," Ernest Poole contributes to the current number of The American Magazine an interesting article upon the self education of the immigrant. The following is of special interest to Jewish readers:

What money can give! Down in the Ghetto at night, in his tenement room, old Abraham sat reading. The small student lamp left the room in dark shadows, threw only a narrow circle of light on his massive, wrinkled face, his huge gray beard, his deep-set eyes on the great, thick, battered old book over which he was bending. This book was the Talmud, the Bible of the Jews. All round it all Abraham's life and hopes and dreams were centered, as the lives of his forefathers had been centered for ages before him. He had never read any book but this; for, as the Talmud says, if you read anything elsewhere of value, you might have found it here more nobly expressed; and if you read anything elsewhere that is not in the Talmud, then be sure it is either useless or deadly. So here for half-a-century his mind had made its home, traveling through this vast labyrinth of dreams and hopes and speculations. He knew the 613 commandments by heart. Every morning and every night he went to the synagogue to pray. Every day of his life his powerful mind went on building his dream, in the darkness, of the radiant life to come—a dazzling, lofty dream! . . . While outsiders saw only a tall, bony old peddler slowly trundling a push-cart.

The clattering, laughing, roaring American streets could not lead Abraham to forsake his dream. His bitter sorrow was this:

"Our young people," he said, "are leaving the Talmud for the newspapers."

As he read now, he could hear the newsboys in the street far below shrieking out in Yiddish the latest sensations. He put his hands to his ears and bent closer.

Suddenly he started up and listened. Just so he had often listened before, for a moment, impatiently resuming his reading. But now he sat straight and rigid, his head turned round, and slowly on his massive face there came the expression so familiar to men of his race in the land of the Czar.

Ten minutes later he was down in the narrow streets, walking hurriedly about through the crowds of wildly-excited men and women, listening to the wailing, the furious shouts, the frantic questions; listening to the groups packed close round the Yiddish newspapers; listening to the first report of the Kishineff Massacre!

And up in his room, with his family close around him, all that night until the gray of the morning old Abraham read the news.

And that was the beginning of a deep change. In the days and nights that followed he read, with a terrible intensity, every edition that appeared.

And although, when the excitement died down, he went back to his Talmud, it was not the same. The world would not be shut out. Now they were raising money for the sufferers. Again did Abraham read. And he read not only of this, but of other things.

Pushing his cart in the streets, he began to watch the people around him with different eyes—especially the young people. And at night, when he tried to read the old book, those faces in the street rose up between, bringing new thoughts, hopes, anxieties, problems.

And so, little by little, his powerful, bright old mind, made keen and clear by a lifelong training in the Talmud's brilliant reasonings, now took hold of the life around him. And just as Abraham had thought and dreamed of what life might be in the world to come, so now he thought and dreamed of what life might be in this.

He learned to read English. He read two of the big American papers—the least sensational he could find. He read swiftly through the news, and spent most of his time on the reviews of new books: books on science and art, on history, on the deep modern social and economic problems. Half the time he could not understand, but still he struggled on. He read often till two in the morning, though he had to be out with his push-cart to catch the factory crowds at six. This strain soon told; his gigantic frame grew bonier and his muscles twitched.

But then came a splendid surprise. His only son, a boy of twenty, suddenly received a raise in salary, from ten to fifteen dollars a week. And he at once insisted that his father should stop work.

Now, indeed, was old Abraham happy. In his life there had come a deep new birth. He spent hours and hours in a small public library reading. At night he read his two papers with eyes that saw each month more clearly. And whether from the sudden joy of leisure or the serenity of old age or for other reasons, Abraham grew steadily more sure of the new dream he was building.

"There must be some safe way," he would tell his son, "some safe and wise way, according to the laws of nature, to give to all people here a free and equal chance to enter into the riches of life, to put starvation far behind. Why should men starve? Look into the sweatshops. Are men lazy? No; they work at the machines at racing speed, they work late in the night: many young men in a few years break down and die. This need not be. Men work hard enough—too hard. They should have more time for happiness and the beauty of life. They should have the means to enjoy life's simple riches. And all this is quite possible.

"Only one trouble lies in the way," he would continue, with a gentle smile. "A few, a very few, men have grown greedy, and have by shrewd schemes gathered most of the money to themselves. The stories of their schemes fill the newspapers. Is this helpful reading? Is this good for young men to read? And these greedy men themselves, are they happy, spending sums so enormous? No, my son; it is easy to see they are not. And they will be happier when all this is made impossible, when the social system is changed. And so will the world grow brighter. So we shall slowly move upward, until this world itself shall become the heaven that

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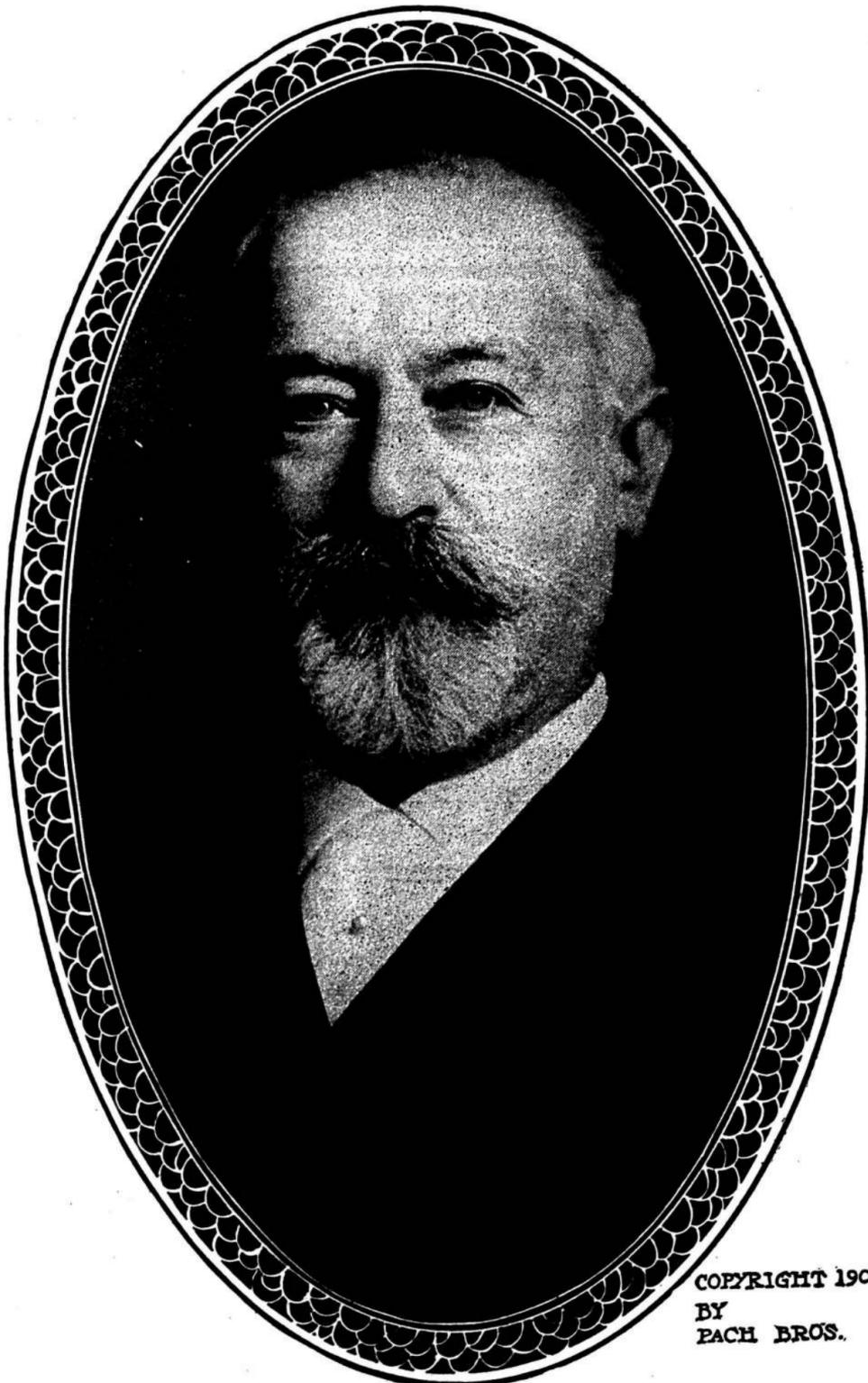
# RESTRICTION OR REGULATION OF IMMIGRATION?

BY MR. JACOB H. SCHIFF.

Is the agitation for restriction of immigration justified? No careful student of the history of this country, of its progress in every direction, no one giving proper consideration to the position it has attained among nations of the world, or to the happiness its own people enjoy, can honestly give

stant, unrestricted inflow of the surplus population of the Old World. Even after all that has been said against the danger of permitting the coming of many, who, in the country of their origin, have been classed as undesirable it will not be denied that the American people, taken as a whole are the most

Why then restrict immigration? What is needed is rather a better distribution of the incoming masses than the putting up of a barrier against their coming. It cannot be denied that housing and some other conditions in New York and the North Atlantic seaport towns are not entirely what they should be, nor that with



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this an affirmative answer. Within these limits it is not possible or necessary to elaborate on the manner so well known and generally understood, in which this nation has gradually been built up from a small colony into a mighty world power, through the con-

law abiding and orderly people in the world.

Take our large North Atlantic seaport towns, New York, Boston, Philadelphia or Baltimore; where so considerable a percentage of the great multitude, which has come to our shores, has remained. No other factor has contributed so largely to the commercial supremacy these cities have attained, as have the teeming thousands, who have flowed into them during recent decades, and who have added so largely to their working population, both skilled and unskilled. It is this immigration that has made it possible for our merchants to compete and surpass in almost every branch of trade and commerce. The worker in the tenement, who has hardly learned to understand our language, but who toils by day to earn a mere pittance, does more to add to the greatness of the metropolis and to assure its supremacy than the native-born millionaire who drives his four-in-hand in Fifth avenue and Central Park.

a recession in trade and commerce, which sooner or later is likely to come, there may not result an over-abundance of labor, through which quite a number who are now self-supporting may be thrown out of employment and a somewhat difficult situation be created.

While such conditions, if they come, can only be temporary and will pass, it is nevertheless desirable, if not imperative, that ways and means be sought, which, without interfering with the inflow and depriving the country of the benefits immigration is still certain to bring it, shall so regulate the stream, that it will flow to centres, where not only it is actually needed, but where, moreover, the newcomers can be made happier than in the overcrowded centers of the North Atlantic coast, and where the further addition of workers is not likely to become a disturbing factor in economic conditions.

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It has been claimed that to make a movement, as here outlined, absolutely successful, it will be necessary to establish through legislation something like a port limitation, restricting the number which shall be permitted to enter each year through New York and other North Atlantic ports. It is perhaps not even desirable that such a restriction be imposed, but ways and means can no doubt be found to make an entirely effective regulation of immigration which shall tend, not to restrict, but to lead the inflow into channels, where it will continue to result in the greatest good to the greatest number.—Charters and Commons.

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