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The Ethical Spirit of Jewish Law*

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It is related of Alexander the Great, son of Philip of Macedonia, and conqueror of a large part of the ancient world, that in the course of his travels he came to a city in Africa and was witness of a curious trial. The facts of the case were as follows: An owner of land had disposed of a portion of his estate to his neighbor. The latter dug the field he had bought and found in it, an iron chest full of gold and silver. The question referred to the court was, who was entitled to the treasure trove, the former or the present owner of the land. Arguments might be adduced in favor of either contention. The land had been sold absolutely in perpetual freehold without qualification or reservation. All that was in it or on it from the center of the earth, *usque ad coelum*, to the very skies accordingly belonged to the purchaser. The treasure was therefore his. On the other hand, it might be urged that the price paid was that of ordinary arable or pastoral land. It was never in the contemplation of the original owner to give away a treasure worth many times what had been paid for the field. Judging by our experiences of the claims set up by litigants in our courts, we would suppose that each of the parties to the suit sought to have the trove delivered to him. But this supposition would be mistaken. Both the buyer and the seller were men of transparent honesty. Each, instead of asserting his own right, asserted the right of the other to the treasure. "I bought the field, not the gold and silver in the iron chest," said the purchaser. "The treasure must be given to the seller." The seller said, "I was not aware that the field contained the iron chest. I sold the land without reservation. The treasure clearly belongs to the purchaser."

The African king, who was the judge in the suit, asked Alexander the Great how cases of this character were decided in Greece. The royal visitor replied: "Such cases never come up for decision in my country. Our people's rule is 'Keep all you have. Get all you can.' " "How would you decide this case," the African ruler then asked his visitor. And Aristotle's pupil answered: "If these parties were my subjects I would feel that individuals so quixotic, and with such high-flown notions of honor were too good

to live. I would cut off their heads and keep the treasure for myself.' The African monarch was taken aback for the moment. He soon re-

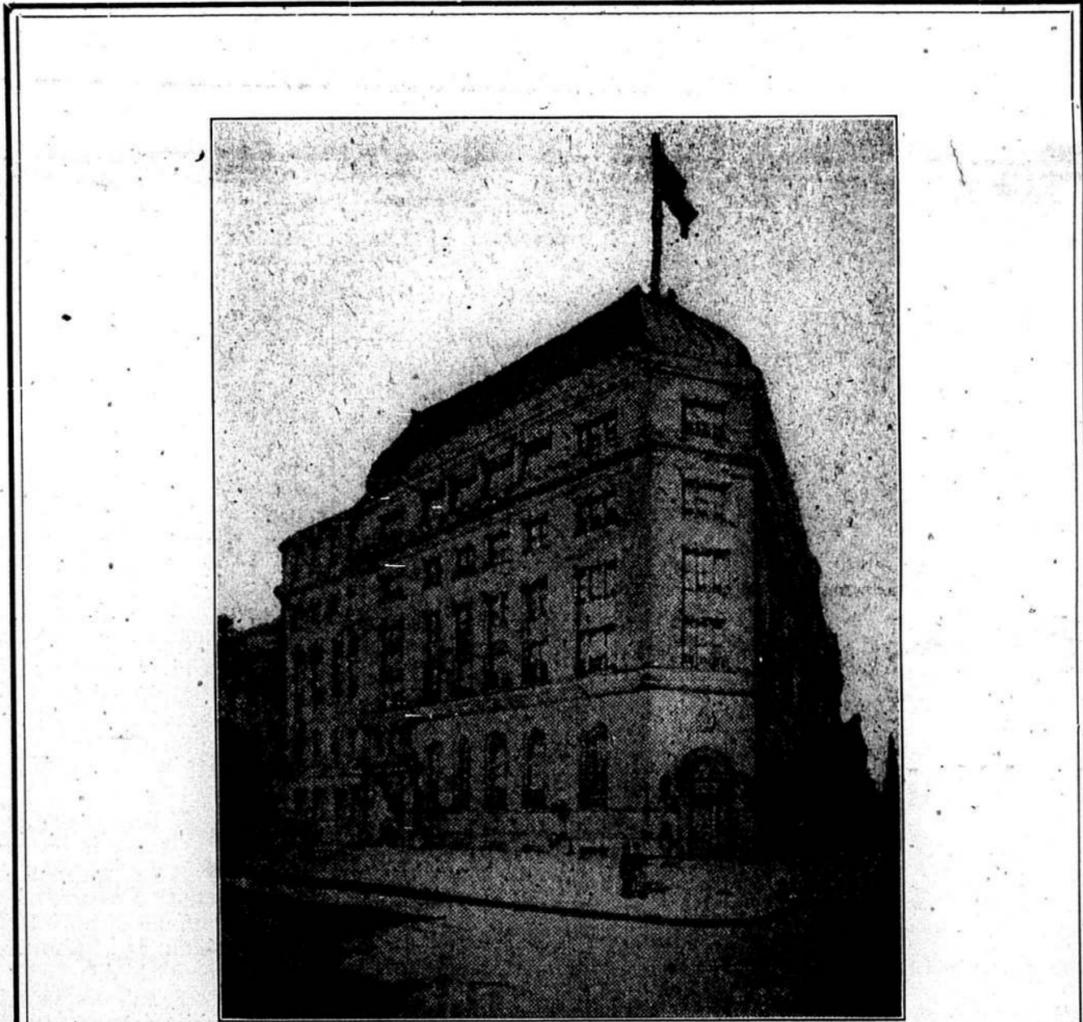
turned and asked: "Why, of course." "Have you cattle?" "O, yes. Flocks and herds browse on the mountain pastures and in the low-

lands, not for the sake of your subjects, but for the sake of the innocent flocks and herds. For His mercies are upon all His creatures.

with a daughter, and these were fond of one another, the wise decision of the African king and judge was that the treasure should be the dowry of the young couple.

So far the story. What shall be our comment upon it? Who was right, the great Greek monarch or the African ruler? The truth lay midway between them. Certainly, Alexander was correct when he said that cases such as the one that came for decision before the African court where parties disclaim rights for themselves and assert rights of one another are very rare and exceptional. But, thank God, in Europe and Asia as in Africa, in ancient as well as modern times, there were and are men of high integrity and transparent honesty with keenly sensitive consciences who would rather suffer countless wrongs than inflict injury on another. Such men are not to be ridiculed or scorned or scoffed at. They should be held in respect, honor and admiration. For they are the salt of the earth that keeps the social organism sweet. Ordinary law, however, can only take account of ordinary, average human nature. And that is why law is often not identical with justice.

Jewish law stands superior to all systems of jurisprudence, ancient and modern, just because its aim is not merely to preserve the status quo and to confirm people in possession of what their strong right arm has acquired, but because its purpose is to temper law with equity, and unite justice with mercy, so that those who enter its courts as enemies may leave firm and fast friends. The Roman maxim was "Fiat Justitia Ruat Coelum," "Let the dictates of law be carried into execution though the heavens fall." The Talmud, on the other hand, says "Jerusalem fell because its citizens insisted on their legal rights instead of on justice," which meant having an equal concern for the rights of others. If the union of law and equity, justice and mercy guides and governs procedure of Jewish courts of law, they, too, are the dominating principles of our substantive jurisprudence, and are abundantly illustrated in the enactments which we read in the Sedra of this morning. Let us direct our attention to two sections, the one that introduces the civil and criminal code of *mishpotim* and the one that concludes it. The Sedra begins, "And these are the judgments which thou shalt set be-



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covered himself and asked: "Does the rain fall in your country?" "Certainly," said Alexander. "And does

land meadows of the Achaean peninsula." "Now, I understand," said the African. "God sends you sun-

To complete the story, I will add that as the seller of the parcel of land had a son and the purchaser was blessed

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fore them." And how does the next verse begin? "When thou purchases a slave"—not a member of a different race, a negro for example, or at least of a different nationality. No, the text reads: "When thou purchased a Hebrew"—one of thine own

people—"as a slave." What a shock of surprise this introduction must give us. Israel had spent two hundred and ten years in the iron crucible of Egyptian slavery. God had delivered them from that terribly hard bondage. He had brought them three months later to the foot of Sinai. And to the accompaniment of lightnings and thunders and earthquakes He had given them a law of truth, a charter of liberty for them and all mankind, which commences, "I am the Lord thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage." And after the account of the stupendous Revelation in the very next Sedra, at its very beginning, we have a recognition and official sanction of the institution of slavery.

Yesterday was the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, whose name is

joined with that of George Washington as a benefactor of this country, as a representative of the American spirit. His title to fame rests on the fact that he stood for the principle of liberty. Liberty to every human being, without regard to creed or race or color. The assertion of this principle cost this country dear. It nearly led to a secession between North and South. The establishment of two governments was prevented by a terrible war that lasted some years. Treasure was squandered, torrents of blood were shed in order to assert the sacred right of human beings to liberty. In our Sedra this principle seems to be trampled under foot. What are we to make of the enactment beginning "When thou purchased a Hebrew as a slave." Was the ancient Hebrew jurisprudence so backward? Have our conceptions of human rights made such rapid advances? Are they so infinitely superior to those exhibited in the Mosaic law? Let us study the section carefully by the light of tradition and with the help of the authoritative interpreters of the Scriptures. And we will be reassured. We will become convinced that the Jewish law is in no whit inferior to any system of jurisprudence, but on the contrary stands high above all of them.

The second verse of our portion, says the Mechilta, refers to the case of one who had committed a theft and had been sold by the court. The Pentateuch lays it down (Ex. 21:37) that if any one steal an ox or an ass and slaughter it or sell it, the thief, on conviction, is sentenced to pay five oxen for each ox, and four sheep for each sheep. The object of this severity is twofold. It was to act as a deterrent to the crime of theft. It was to discourage the owners who had suffered depredations from taking the law into their own hands. Knowing that the authorities would deal sternly with the offender and compel him to make adequate compensation, those wronged would not yield to the temptation of taking summary vengeance. Where heavy fines are imposed there is no occasion for lynch law. But if the thief who had made away with the proceeds of his theft is destitute and cannot pay a fine, what is to be done? In such a case, is there no remedy for the injured party? Is the offender to escape scot free? The Torah gives the answer: "If he has nothing he shall be sold." Sold not to pay the heavy fine, but only to reimburse the individual whom he had wronged for his loss.

Note how the interests even of evildoers are carefully safeguarded. The thief might be sold for a shorter, but never for a longer term than six years. "Six years shall he labor and in the seventh year he shall go out free for nought, i. e., without having to purchase his freedom." His dependents, if any, are not forgotten. "If he enters into service by himself," that is, if he is unmarried, he leaves service by himself. "But if he is married his wife shall go out with him." What is the meaning of this provision? What is the necessity for it? Who brought the bondman's wife in, that the Torah should need to tell us that she leaves with her husband? The Talmud draws the inference that the purchaser of a Hebrew bondman had to make provision for the maintenance of his wife and children. They were not to be left to the cold charity of a heartless world.

The bondman finds himself in comfortable circumstances. When the term of his servitude is expired he prefers the security and shelter of his master's home to independence with the battle for existence it necessarily involves. He desires an extension of his term. His wish is granted, but only after due and careful inquiry "His master must bring him to the

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judges." They are his guardians. They sold him into service. It is their duty to protect him even against himself. They must see that he does not enter into rash engagements of which he might subsequently repent. They must, in the first place, satisfy themselves that his desire is genuine, that the affection he professes for his master is reciprocated. They must satisfy themselves that his condition is not likely to be worsened. He must be married and must have children. His master must also be a married man with living issue. The reason for this proviso is clear. If the master is a bachelor his subsequent marriage—the presence of a new mistress in the home—might make the Hebrew bondman's position intolerable. If he himself is a bachelor, his desire to marry might be thwarted. His master might reasonably object. "I consented to your continuing your service with me, but I did not anticipate having the additional obligation of maintaining a family. If all conditions were favorable the bondman was permitted to continue in service. "He might serve his master," but not his heir, not even if his master's son was his heir. He might serve his master, but not for an indefinite period. *L'Olam* means till the Jubilee. "In the year of the Jubilee ye shall return each to his possession, everyone to his family shall ye return."

There was another case where a Hebrew might become a bondman. An Israelite might be forced by extreme poverty to sell his services for a definite period. He, too, might, with the consent of the court, extend his term of service, but only to the Jubilee. And the Torah marks its sense of the degradation of one who preferred an extension of servitude to freedom by ordering that his right ear shall be bored. "The ear of him who heard on Mount Sinai the command, 'Thou shalt not steal' and violated that prohibition shall be pierced." The ear of him who heard the words of God, 'Ye are My servants' and voluntarily sold himself to be another fellow-creature's bondman, shall be pierced. Why should bondage be preferred to liberty? Because the purchaser had to treat the Hebrew he had bought, not as a chattel, but as a human being, not as an inferior, but as an equal, not as a stranger, but as a brother or a child.

The master was not permitted to impose on his Hebrew bondman arbitrary tasks, or tasks of indefinite duration. If the Hebrew ser-

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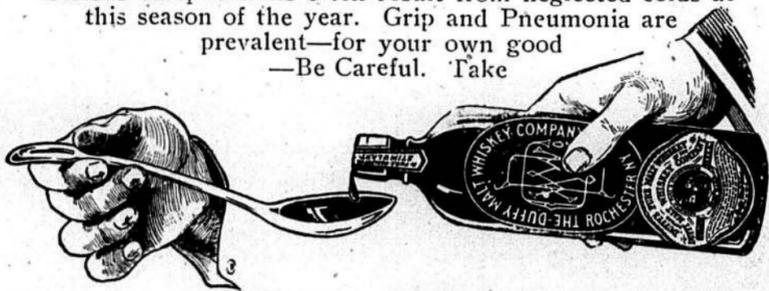
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vant was a skilled artisan, he was not to take him from the trade which he knew and assign to him the work of an unskilled laborer. He was not to demand from him the performance of menial offices, such as a child might fittingly render its parent or a pupil his teacher. The master was to care for the physical comfort and well being of the Hebrew bondman. He was not to eat bread made of fine flour and force his servant to consume bread made of coarse grain, drink wine while the servant had nought but water to quench his thirst, repose on a soft couch while the servant lay on the hard floor. So that the saying was current in ancient times "He who buys a Hebrew bondman acquires for himself not a servant but a master." When we consider the law of the Hebrew slave as expounded by tradition, do we not see how superior it is to the ancient, mediaeval and modern methods of treating the destitute and the wrongdoer. In the Jewish system there are no unhealthy prisons for offenders against the law; no useless heart-breaking tasks; no workhouses for the destitute, with their mechanical systems that crush the mind and heart and

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NEWS FROM ENGLAND

(Exclusive Correspondence to the HEBREW STANDARD)

Another Jew Elevated to Cabinet Rank in England—Rise of Edwin Samuel Montagu—Cairo Stories of Jewish Refugees from Turkey and Their Sufferings—Some Counter Assertions—Polish, Lithuanian and Russian Jewish Bund Issues Cry to Civilized World About Treatment of Jews in Russia—More Reassuring Views in Influential London Organ of Opinion from Pen of Jewish Writer.

London, Feb. 5, 1915.

There are now two Jews in the British Cabinet and thus two Jews are lending a hand to control the destinies of the British Empire. The latest appointment is that of Mr. Edwin Samuel Montagu to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, with a seat in the Cabinet. He is already a Member of Parliament for a Cambridge constituency and is a brother of the present Lord Swaythling, being second son of the late Lord, whose family name was Samuel Montagu. He is a cousin of Herbert Samuel, president of the Local Government Board, the other Jewish member of the Cabinet. Furthermore, he is related to Sir Stuart Samuel, Member of Parliament for Whitechapel. Born in 1879, he received his education at the City of London School and Trinity College, Cambridge.

It is related by the *Cambridge Review* that when Mr. Montagu was up at the university he possessed a private enthusiasm for natural history which led him to install a mongoose in his rooms in the Great Court of Trinity. The animal was intended to slay the rats which come up, lusty and strong, from the river. "Alas!" said the writer, "he started on a voyage of exploration from which he never returned, and it is but too probable that his body was devoured by those very animals which it was hoped that he would exterminate."

Mr. Montagu has been looked upon as one of the most promising young men in the House of Commons and he reaches Cabinet rank at the age of 35, pretty nearly thus equalling the record youthfulness of Winston Churchill who, by becoming president of the Board of Trade in 1908, became Cabinet Minister at 34. Montagu is a tall, dark, earnest young man, and someone has said of him that he is "wordy" and that "a sub-editorial blue pencil should have roamed over the typewritten sheets of his speeches." This is somewhat unkind.

His political rise has been rapid. He acted as private secretary to the Premier, Mr. Asquith, for the first four years of his Parliamentary life and was then appointed Under-Secretary for India. That was in 1910. Many of his speeches in connection with this latter post were quite notable. He next went to the Treasury, where he has been Chancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd George's right hand man in the many arduous and difficult duties which have fallen upon that department since the outbreak of war.

The office of Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, to which Mr. Montagu has just been appointed, carries with it a salary of \$10,000 a year and has its roots very deep in the past. The Duchy of Lancaster belonged to Henry IV. before he became King of England in 1399. Henry IV. felt that his hold upon the kingship was, to say the least, uncertain, and he was naturally anxious to have the Duchy fall back upon if he lost the crown. Accordingly he obtained an Act of Parliament which prevented the lands which go with the duchy from being merged or mixed with the lands which go with the crown. The crown lands were surrendered by George III. on his accession in return for a fixed salary as king, but, by virtue of this old act of Henry IV.—re-enacted several times—the revenues of the Duchy of Lancaster, which are derived from property not only in Lancashire but in other parts of the country, remain a source of private income to the king. In 1913 their value to the king was \$305,000.

The Chancellor of the Duchy, as such, has next to nothing to do. The vice-chancellor, Mr. Stewart Smith, K. C., presides over the Chancery Court which was left to the duchy even by the clean-sweeping judicature act, and the management of the estates is done by a staff of receivers and solicitors and surveyors. When he had made an appointment to any vacant county court judgeship within the limits of the duchy, the chancellor has done the most, if not quite all, of what he has to do, and the office has in the past been held by some politician of eminence but of a mind better at the principles than the details of statesmanship. That is why it was the best office that could be found for Mr. Bright, who held it twice. Nowadays the Chancellor of the Duchy often fills in his time with administrative work of an unclassified character, but of immense importance. National insurance was the real occupation of Mr. Masterman, the Cabinet Minister whom Mr. Montagu has succeeded. It is a rule in this country that when a Member of Parliament receives a salaried office he should at once present himself to his constituents for re-election or otherwise. Owing to the truce between all the political parties in the House of Commons during the war period Mr. Montagu's re-election is only a matter of form.

Very sad news is reaching England from Egypt with regard to the sufferings of the Jews who are flying or being expelled from Palestine and the other Turkish dominions in Asia Minor generally. According to latest figures close upon 10,000 refugee Jews have reached Cairo, where the government of the new Sultan is giving thirty days' keep prior to moving the refugees on to the Island of Cyprus and the now Greek city of Salonika. The *London Daily News* last week contained the following from a special correspondent at Cairo:

"In Jaffa and Jerusalem there is great distress, and cases of actual starvation have occurred. The position is more favorable in Galilee, the reason given being that there are fewer Zionist organizations there. Aldin Bey, the late Governor of Jaffa, and now attached to the staff of the Fourth Army Corps, has sworn to exterminate the Zionist organizations throughout Palestine. He is a cousin of Enver Bey. Many Jewish notables in Judea have been banished to Damascus. The refugees think that recent articles in the London press on Jewish nationalist aspirations are the main cause of Turkish persecution."

The *London Daily Telegraph's* correspondent in the same city has also written as follows: "Refugees from Syria continue to arrive by the United States warship Tennessee, which is doing humanitarian work in conveying people away who are likely to be persecuted by the Ottomans to Alexandria, where committees are striving to the utmost to alleviate the sufferings of the poor. A fresh batch of refugees arriving to-day brings reports of the peril to the Zionist movement in Palestine. They say that Aldin Bey, a cousin of Enver Pasha, late Governor of Jaffa, and now on the staff of the Fourth Turkish Army Corps, has sworn to exterminate the Zionist organizations in Palestine. Cases of starvation have occurred in Jaffa and Jerusalem, and many prominent Jews in Judea have been sent to Damascus."

On the other hand, the *Frankfurter Zeitung* prints the following: "We are informed from a quarter which is thoroughly acquainted with affairs in Palestine that as a matter of fact a very simple matter arises out of this gross exaggeration. In Palestine, apart from the Jews who, prior to the war, possessed Turkish citizenship, there are others who retained their former nationality, such as Russian and English subjects. When the war broke out, these subjects of enemy states of the Government of Palestine were asked by the Turkish authorities whether they wished to become Ottoman subjects. A large number of these people so approached, namely, the Russians, seized the opportunity of obtaining the right of citizenship in the land which had become their home. On the other hand, a few of the Jews who lived under English protection decided to retain their former nationality. Although even these

suffered no inconvenience at the hands of the Turks, a portion of them did not feel comfortable there during the war—only a small number of persons are concerned—they, therefore, journeyed to England, the only route to which, at present, is via Alexandria. It is absolute nonsense for the London papers to assert that the Turkish Government fosters anti-Semitic tendencies and has advised the Arabs to seize land belonging to Jews. The Jewish colonists are entirely undisturbed on their property."

The above accounts appear to conflict pretty radically, but reading between the lines perhaps the discrepancy is not so great.

One of the most disquieting notes of the past week has been the publication of an appeal to the civilized world with regard to the present treatment of Jews by the Russian Government, and this emanates from the committee of Lithuanian, Polish and Russian Jews living abroad and seems to have been published in Paris. It begins by saying that, in spite of statements made to the contrary, the legal situation of the Jews in Russia is unchanged; they are still confined to the Ghetto and subject to all the same disabilities as before the war. The hopes of a liberal and reforming tendency of the part of the Russian Government have, it says, so far proved baseless; on the contrary, the general policy of the government since the war began has been more reactionary than before.

After referring to the present policy of repression in Finland, the appeal goes on to speak of the treatment of the Jews. In Poland, it says, and in certain provinces of Lithuania, the Jews, fleeing before the German invaders, have been compelled by the Russian Government to remain within the limits of the Ghetto, which are in the invaded districts, and are consequently ruined and even starving. Even wounded Jewish soldiers are treated in the same way when they have left the hospital. In Lodz, the Russian textile center, which has a population of half a million, there was a pogrom lasting several days during the Russian occupation of the town. In other places the Jews have been exiled by the Russian authorities, and more than 100,000 Jewish refugees have sought shelter at Warsaw. The Jews have also suffered terribly at the hands of the Cossacks. The excuse is the accusation that the Jews are favorable to Germany, although the Czar has received Jewish deputations and thanked them for the "devoted attachment" of the Jews.

The French censors have allowed the publication of this appeal, or extracts from it, with one or two excisions; but a leading article on the subject by M. Gustave Herve has been suppressed in the *Guerre Sociale* on the demand of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In this article M. Herve recalled the fact that he was one of the first to welcome the liberating promises of the Czar, and that it was in the *Guerre Sociale* that Bourtzeff, "with a patriotism that was so ill-rewarded on his return to his country," appealed

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ITEMS OF INTEREST IN THE JEWISH WORLD

A Council of Jewish Women is being organized in Wilkesbarre, Pa.

A Young Men's Zionist Society is being formed at Detroit, Mich.

The Turkish authorities have disarmed the Jewish watchmen in the Palestinian colonies.

Solomon Beary, who died at Portland, Ore., last week, at the age of 91, was the first Jew to settle in that city.

In Baltimore, Md., a combination is being urged of the Federated Jewish Charities and the United Hebrew Charities.

The New Bedford (Mass.) Young Men's Hebrew Association has inaugurated a campaign to increase the membership to 500.

Only one vessel brought immigrants to the port of Philadelphia during January, and there were only four Jews landed.

By order of the authorities all Hebrew and Yiddish publications in the district of Kieff have been suspended till the end of the war.

To meet a deficit of the Boston (Mass.) Federated Jewish Charities \$5,000 was raised in less than ten minutes at a recent meeting.

Last year at the Beth Israel Hospital of New York city there were 47,977 patients treated, 93 per cent. of these were treated free.

The Young Men's Hebrew Association of Newark, N. J., is now in process of reorganization, and over 400 names appear as members.

Charles Dickson is rewriting "The Schachden," which he produced some twenty years ago. The play is being brought up to date.

The Jewish Hospital of Philadelphia rounded out its fiftieth year last week. The formal celebration of the event has been postponed to May 30.

Dr. S. P. Goodhart, has been appointed assistant professor of neurology at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, of New York City.

It is reported that a large number of Italian Jews have joined the Garibaldi, the Italian volunteers who are fighting with the French army.

It is said that the French, and English houses of Rothschild have disbursed in various charities during the last three months a sum exceeding \$750,000.

The Pennsylvania Young Men's Hebrew Associations have appointed a traveling superintendent who will visit the local organizations periodically.

Mrs. Mathilda Harnel has presented the Mobile (Ala.) Infirmary a new operating room, complete in every detail. The gift is in memory of her late husband.

Mr. Jacob H. Berman, who was recently appointed assistant district attorney for Portland, Me., has been promoted to be District Attorney by Governor Curtis.

The Cleveland (Ohio) Jewish Orphanage will most likely abandon the school maintained in the institution and will in future send its wards to the public schools.

Under the auspices of the trade unions of the Jewish workers of Manhattan and Brooklyn, kitchens have been opened where the children of members out of work are fed.

The Moscow Relief Committee has decided to place 14 per cent. of its funds for Poland in the hands of the Warsaw Jews. An attempt of the anti-Semites to reduce the grant failed.

The head office of the Jewish National Fund at The Hague announces that donations to the Jewish National Fund during the month of January, 1915, amounted to 24,691.85 francs.

The Louisville (Ky.) Young Men's Hebrew Association is now in its new home. The building and furnishings cost \$150,000, \$75,000 of which was raised in a wind campaign in 1913.

The Russian Official Publishing Department has announced that the war has brought about almost a total standstill in the printing and publication of Jewish books, even religious and rabbinical.

The Hebrew Sheltering Guardian Society is appealing for funds to make possible the teaching of intensive agriculture at its home in Pleasantville, N. Y., where 600 boys and girls are being cared for.

The large Jewish community of Wilna, Poland, is experiencing the same difficulty as that of Odessa in the conduct of its financial affairs. Owing to the prevailing distress so little meat is eaten that the Kosher meat tax yields no profit.

Arnold Steinhauser, who died recently in Columbus, Ohio, was the sole surviving charter member of Zion Lodge, I. O. B. B., which he helped found in 1866. He was also a charter member of Temple Israel.

A new organization for prison and other reforms has been instituted in Memphis, Tenn. Mr. George Ellman has been elected as superintendent and Rabbi M. Samfield has been elected a director.

Mr. Samuel Rosenfeld has been elected chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee, which selects Democratic candidates for St. Louis, Mo., under the new charter, of which Mr. Rosenfeld was one of the framers.

Lieut.-Col. Levy, of the 245th French Infantry Regiment, has been appointed Chief of the General Staff of the fortress of Cherbourg, and Lieut.-Col. Carvallo has been appointed commandant of a division of artillery.

Ground has been broken for the new synagogue to be erected by the Congregation Children of Israel, of Memphis, Tenn. The building, which will be one of the handsomest church edifices in the South, will cost \$100,000.

During the past year the Widowed Mothers' Fund Association expended \$25,989 for the relief of widowed mothers and their dependent children in New York City. The society cared for 171 families having 618 children.

Another Yiddish daily will make its appearance in New York city. It will be known as *The Jewish Leader*, and will be issued about May 1. Louis E. Miller, formerly the publisher of *The Wahrheit*, is at the head of the enterprise.

Dr. D'Orsay Hecht, prominent physician of Chicago, Ill., died last week. He was on the medical staff of some prominent hospitals, was a member of the Northwestern University faculty and had written a number of medical books.

On the representation of the Judicial Chamber the Czar has reduced the sentences imposed on two hundred and seventy Jewish dentists in connection with their trial in respect to the right of domicile. The dentists have regained their civil rights.

The new Governor-General of Warsaw, Prince Engalitchek, has received a Jewish deputation which consisted of two rabbis and the president of the community, M. Bergson. The prince promised that he would protect all loyal citizens without distinction of race or creed.

The semi-official Italian newspaper, the *Tribuna*, has published an article on the future of Palestine, favoring the establishment of a Jewish home there and the placing of the Holy Land under Jewish control. Other Italian organs have recently expressed similar views.

Five Jewish students have created a sensation in Petrograd, Russia, by making application for admission into the Orthodox Spiritual Academy with a view to becoming monks. As there is no precedent for such a case the rector is consulting the Synod on the matter.

Rabbi H. H. Mayer, of Kansas City, Mo., addressed the local Knights of Columbus on the 10th inst. Rabbi Mayer spoke on "The Search for Happiness," and his words made a profound impression on the large audience of Catholics which crowded the auditorium.

"Sholem Aleicham" has signed a contract with Ben R. Atwell and will begin a lecture tour which will take him into every large Jewish center in the country. Mr. Atwell was instrumental in bringing Sirota over here a few years ago and later on managed the Pavlowa tours.

The oldest member of the Jewish community in Rotterdam, Heer J. S. Bosman, died there last month at the age of one hundred and two. Until close on his hundredth year, he took an active part in communal affairs. He was a founder of the Jewish Children's Meals Society and of the Montefiore Society.

District Grand Lodge No. 4, I. O. B. B., which embraces the Far West, reports a gain of nine new lodges during the past year. The new lodges are situated in Helena, Mont.; Bellingham, Wash.; Grays Harbor, Wash.; Victoria, B. C.; Reno, Nev.; Everett, Wash.; Tucson, Ariz.; Bakersfield, Cal., and Berkeley, Cal.

Mrs. Enoch Rauh, of Pittsburgh, has been appointed a member of the Home Advisory Board of the International Conference of Women Workers for the Promotion of World Peace. She is to represent Pennsylvania at the meeting of this movement which will be held in San Francisco on July 4, 5, 6 and 7.

The Polish anti-Semitic organs have printed attacks on the Russian Liberals for siding with the Jews and allowing the latter to interfere between the Poles and the Russians. M. Gutchkoff, after a visit to Poland, reports that despite the loyal response of the Jews the Poles are determined to maintain their hostility to them.

The Russian anti-Semitic bureaucracy is circulating a memorial in government circles against Jews being repaid for their loyalty by the grant to them of equal rights, as the emancipation of the Jews would ruin Russia. The anti-Semites also demand the distribution of the land belonging to Galician Jews among the peasants.

The much-coveted Military Medal of France, which is valued to a greater extent than the Order of the Legion of Honor, has been bestowed on Sergeant Georges Netter, of the 26th Infantry Regiment. In a reconnaissance under the enemy's fire, although he had lost three men out of four, he continued his patrol, and was able to give precise reports to his superiors.

The chairman of the Nadvinsk Peasants' Union had prepared a memorial for the Co-operative Conference at Smolensk in favor of a petition for the abolition of all anti-Jewish restrictions and of permitting Jews to purchase land through the Peasants' Bank. The conference found itself unable to discuss the matter, but the fact that purely peasant societies have such views on the Jewish problem is highly significant.

A. H. Woods is soon to produce Herman Scheffauer's drama, "The New Skylock," with a brilliant all-star cast. This play is the first play to be presented by Miss Horniman's famous repertoire company, of Manchester, England. It was produced in London recently with Louis Calbert and Madge Titherage in the cast. The scenes are laid in the Jewish quarters on the East Side of New York.

Thanks to the emphatic declarations of the orthodox priest and of the Judge of Zamostie, denying the Polish statement that the Jews had welcomed the invaders, all Jewish prisoners have been released, and the community has thus been saved from the terrible ordeal that visited Yanov, where, as a result of the Polish libels, nearly every Jewish family is either in mourning or is fasting and praying for mercy for its members who have been imprisoned.

M. Ivanoff, a member of the Russian Upper House, has obtained a promise from the Ministry of Commerce that it will entertain a proposal to allow a thousand students, without distinction of creed, from among those who had studied abroad to complete their educational career in Russian technical high schools. On the other hand, at Kishineff the petition of Jewish students for permission to sit for the external examinations above the percentage norm was rejected by the Ministry of Education.

Several Jews have received honors lately in Russia. Rabbi Kroshkin, of Akerman, has received a gold medal and the St. Alexander ribbon. A silver medal and the St. Stanislaw ribbon were awarded MM. Shur, Fonareff, Sternberg, and Kotlarovsky. MM. Spanjon and Kohan received the Order of St. Stanislaw, third class; M. Benjamin Baumholtz was awarded the Order of St. Vladimir, fourth class; M. Nemetz, the owner of the famous Kremenchug mills, received a gold medal and the St. Alexander ribbon.

Ralph Blum, fifty-four years old, merchant and philanthropist, of Philadelphia, and for many years a member of the State Board of Charities, died suddenly last Monday in Atlantic City. Mr. Blum was born in France and when six years old came to this country with his parents. They went to Wheeling, W. Va., where Mr. Blum received a common school education. He came to Philadelphia in 1877, where he began his business career as a manufacturer of women's cloaks, and subsequently established the firm of Blum Bros.

The municipality of the historic city of Smolensk (an important Russian town outside the Pale) has resolved to petition the government to abolish all anti-Jewish restrictions, especially the Pale. Only two members voted against the resolution. By a unanimous vote the municipality also requested the Governor not to exile from the city Jewish refugees or families whose heads were at the front. The reason that prompted the municipality to take action was the disgust of the members with the treatment of the Jews at a time when over 300,000 of them were fighting the enemy. The municipality boldly described as a great wrong the difficulties placed in the way of wounded Jewish soldiers who desire to remain outside the Pale after their discharge from hospitals.

First Services in Washington Heights Congregation.

This evening services will be inaugurated by Temple Beth Israel, which has lately been organized in the Washington Heights section. Services will be held at No. 362 Audubon avenue, corner 183d street. A daily religious school will also be maintained.

The Central Committee for the Relief of Jews Suffering Through the War.

At a special meeting of the Central Committee for the Relief of Jews Suffering Through the War, held on Wednesday, February 17, the following resolutions were passed unanimously:

Whereas, The Joint Distribution Committee has remitted to Europe and Palestine to date the sum of \$200,000; and,

Whereas, The distress is daily growing greater and the immediate relief of our suffering brethren; and in many instances the soup kitchens and bread lines that are supported from America are the only means of saving them from starving to death; and,

Resolved, That the methods of contribution by our self-taxation stamps should be adopted by every one, by which they can regulate their contributions according to their means.

Resolved, That the Jewish public throughout the United States is requested to tax itself one cent with each pound of matzohs to be delivered during the ensuing Passover, which in most families will not amount to more than 20 or 30 cents. Be it further

Resolved, That the matzoh bakers and all distributors of matzohs are requested to communicate with this office for a supply of stamps for this purpose; and be it further,

Resolved, That every rabbi throughout the United States is earnestly requested to make appeals from his pulpit and in every other way induce his congregation to comply with these resolutions.

At the meeting of the Joint Distribution Committee held on Thursday, February 18, Mr. Albert Lucas reported that at a meeting of the Executive of the Central Relief Committee, held on the previous day, the sum of \$10,000 had been appropriated toward the purchase of food for the Palestine relief ship. That sum will be handed over to Mr. Felix M. Warburg, special treasurer of that fund.

No appropriation for Hungary having been made by the Executive Committee of the American Jewish Relief Committee, Mr. Lucas moved that a further sum of \$10,000 should be paid over by the treasurer of the Central Relief Committee, and Mr. Morris Engelman then moved that the sum of \$30,000 should be immediately appropriated and sent to a committee in Hungary consisting of Ober-Rabbiner, Koppel Reich, Adolph Frankel and Leopold Grossberg, in Budapest; Rabiner Akiba Schreiber and Lazar Gestantner, in Pressburg; Rabbiner Lazar Levy, in Ungvar; Rabbiner Samuel Rosenberg, in Huntzendorf; Jacob Zauber, in Laszo, Saros Co.; Jonas Firth, in Miskolcz. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Executive of the Central Committee at its meeting also appropriated \$3,000 for the relief of students in the Russian and Austro-Hungarian Yeshivoth, who were in distress through the war. Rabbis M. S. Margolies and Philip Klein were appointed as a committee to designate the places to which the money was to be sent.

Relief for Palestine.

The United States Government has granted the American Jewish Relief Committee on its naval vessel Vulcan space for 900 tons of foodstuffs for the starving multitudes in Palestine. The Vulcan will sail for Jaffa about March 1. In order to take the fullest advantage of the co-operation of the government, and to utilize all the available space, the committee requires donations of flour, sugar, rice, tea and coffee. All shipments must be packed in bags, and each bag stenciled, "For United States Consul, Jerusalem, to be landed at Jaffa," and addressed to "Representative, American Jewish Relief Committee, on board United States steamer Vulcan, care of General Storekeeper, Navy Yard, Philadelphia, Pa."

Shipments must be rushed by fast freight in order to reach Philadelphia in time. Persons who are unable to send donations of foodstuffs may send cash equivalent, to Mr. Felix Warburg, Treasurer, 52 William street, New York City, N. Y., and marked "Palestine Food Ship."

Young Women's Hebrew Association.

Purim will be celebrated on many occasions this coming week, entertainments being planned for Sunday by the children of the religious school and by the classes and clubs. Before the annual masquerade dance, which will take place on Saturday evening, Rabbi Blechman will read the Megillah in English to the residents of the house.

A decided interest is being taken in the Saturday afternoon service and the forum that are held each week at 4 o'clock. The speaker this coming Saturday afternoon will be Rabbi Nathan Blechman.

On Sunday afternoon, the 28th, the league will again entertain the residents of the house. On Sunday evening, the 21st, the residents were given a delightful entertainment through the kindness of Mrs. Morris Jacoby and Mrs. Maurice E. Shrier.

Visitors are cordially invited to attend one of the classes in domestic science. Several new classes, both day and evening, are opening this week. The course is a most excellent and interesting one.

Meeting of Lebanon Hospital.

The twenty-first annual meeting of the Lebanon Hospital Association will be held on Sunday, March 7, at 3 p. m., at the building of the Training School for Nurses, opposite the hospital. Dr. Stephen S. Wise and Judge Lewis D. Gibbs will address the gathering.

Last year the hospital treated 50,614 patients.

Federation of Sisterhoods.

The last meeting of the Federation of Sisterhoods was largely attended by a representative membership who are actively engaged in taking care of the Jewish poor; \$150,000 was given by the constituent organizations during the year, supplemented by a large amount of clothing, Passover supplies, milk, coal and the many other things that made the lives of their charges a little more comfortable. The keynote of the workers is personal services, and, of course, cannot be estimated by figures.

Mr. Morris D. Waldman gave illuminating information on the relief of the needy in their homes. Dr. J. L. Magnes told of the work of the Kehillah. Mrs. William Einstein, founder, introduced some important resolutions. Mrs. Henry Bodenheimer reported on the annual meeting which had the largest attendance in the history of the organization. Mrs. Moses Hyamson, Mrs. Daniel Guggenheim and Mrs. L. Block reported for the Committee on Co-Operation. Among those who made three-minute addresses were Mesdames David E. Goldfarb, B. Oppenheim, R. W. Herschman, A. Lederer and Mortimer M. Menken. Mrs. M. L. Phillips is secretary and Mrs. Harry Kraft, treasurer.

The Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue.

The Sunday morning Young People's Circle and the Tuesday afternoon (alternate) Bible Class for Ladies meets regularly.

The Sisterhood is busy with its tableaux, which are set for next Sunday evening and which will represent the part played by Jews in American history.

The Junior League opened its spring course of lectures with an address by Dr. Faltlovitch on the Jews of Abyssinia. Dr. Mendes, in introducing him, spoke of the scattered communities of Jews found, after the lapse of many centuries, in China and India besides in Abyssinia. Dr. Faltlovitch described his work among the Falashas and illustrated his subject with lantern slides from photographs which he himself had taken.

Mrs. Haskill and Miss Silberberg kindly gave their valued services for musical numbers.

The clubs are well organized and are doing effective work under the guidance of the league. A Purim rally of all of them was held last Sunday night in the hall, Seventy-ninth street and Columbus avenue.

The religious school of the congregation will hold its Purim festival next Sunday afternoon, when a varied programme, rendered by the children, will be given.

Sisterhood of the Eighty-sixth Street Temple.

Last Sunday evening a grand musicale was given under the auspices of the Sisterhood of the Eighty-sixth Street Temple, when a classical programme was rendered.

The Sisterhood of the Eighty-sixth Street Temple desires to enlist the interest and co-operation of the ladies of Yorkville in the congregational and charitable endeavors that it is pursuing. Meetings are held in the vestry rooms every second and fourth Tuesday at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The officers are: President, Mrs. Amelia Morgenroth; honorary president, Rabbi G. Lipkind; vice-president, Mrs. Oppenheimer; recording and financial secretary, Mrs. Remy; treasurer, Mrs. Stein.

Children's services with juvenile choir and a special children's sermon by Rabbi Lipkind are now being held regularly at the Temple the last Saturday of every month.

Young Men's Hebrew Association.

On Saturday evening the boys' clubs will celebrate Purim with an entertainment consisting of recitations, musical numbers and a moving picture telling the story of the Purim. Purim will be celebrated by the members of the association by a festival lasting all afternoon and evening. At 3 o'clock there will be a basketball game, followed by a Purim dinner at 6.30. After dinner the members of the association will attend a Purim play to be presented by the Menken Club, after which there will be dancing in the gymnasium.

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock Mr. David Perlman will deliver a lecture on "The Sea-Gull," by Chekoff, the first lecture on this play to be presented in this country.

Board of Patronesses Meet.

The Board of Patronesses of the United Hebrew Charities met yesterday (Thursday) afternoon, at the residence of Mrs. J. B. Greenhut, No. 135 Central Park West. Reports of the various activities of the board were read by the chairmen of the different standing committees.

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ENGAGEMENTS.

BERMAN-LIEBER.—Mr. and Mrs. Bernard M. Lieber, of 601 West 151st street, announce the engagement of their daughter Helen to Samuel Berman, Sunday, March 7. At home 3 to 6.

COHEN-BLOOM.—Mr. and Mrs. I. Bloom, of 981 Whitlock avenue, Bronx, announce the engagement of their daughter Ruth to Mr. Max Cohen. At home Sunday, March 7, from 3 to 6 o'clock.

GOLDMANN-ARONS.—Mrs. H. Arons, of 601 West 141st street, announces the engagement of her daughter Irma to Herbert M. Goldmann.

GRATZ-BARDACH.—Mr. and Mrs. Simon Bardach, of 565 West 144th street, announce the engagement of their daughter Charlotte to Dr. Samuel N. Gratz.

KESTENBAUM - MARINSTEIN.—Mr. and Mrs. D. Marinstein, of 5 East 101st street, announce the betrothal of their daughter Hannah to Mr. Ed Kestenbaum. At home Sunday, February 28, 2 to 6 p. m.

KRAKAUR-KAHN.—Mr. and Mrs. J. Kahn, 222 West 140th street, announce the engagement of their daughter Edna Helen to Herbert Krakaur. Reception Sunday, March 7, Lenox Hall, 227 Lenox avenue, 8 p. m.

LOWENSTEIN - SCHINDLER.—Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Schindler, of 557 West 148th street, announce the engagement of their daughter Rosalind to David Lowenstein, of Nashville, Tenn.

MITCHELL-RATKOWSKY.—Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Ratkowsky, of No. 50 West 120th street, announce the betrothal of their daughter Stella to Mr. Samuel Mitchell. Reception Sunday, March 14, from 3 to 6 p. m., at their home. No cards.

REINHHEIMER-KATZ.—Mr. and Mrs. J. Daniel, of 222 Riverside Drive, announce the engagement of their sister, Blanche Katz, to Mr. Adolf Reinheimer. At home March 7, from 3 to 6 p. m.

SPRINGER - GOLDSTEIN.—Mrs. R. Goldstein, of 139 West 116th street, announces the betrothal of her daughter Molly to Mr. Jerome Springer. At home Sunday, February 28, 1915.

STRAUS-PROWN.—Mr. and Mrs. J. Prown, of Lakewood, N. J., announce the engagement of their daughter Rose to Mr. Samuel S. Straus, of Bensonhurst, L. I.

WARSCHAUER - MARKOWITZ.—Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Markowitz an-

nounce the betrothal of their daughter Lillie to Isidore B. Warschauer.

WEIL-GEIGER.—Mrs. Eva Geiger, of No. 58 East Ninety-fourth street, announces the engagement of her daughter, Frances F., to Mr. Louis Weil. Reception March 7, 1915, Hotel Savoy, Fifth avenue and Fifty-ninth street, 3 to 6. No cards.

WOHLGEMUTH-LEVY.—Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Wohlgemuth, of No. 218 West 112th street, announce the engagement of their daughter Johanna to Dr. Albert L. Levy, of Atlantic City, son of Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Spitzer, of 35 West 113th street. Reception Sunday, March 7, at Delmonico's after eight o'clock.

WYLLINS-BLUM.—Mr. and Mrs. M. Blum announce the engagement of their daughter Jeanette F. to Mr. Julius Wyllins. Reception February 28 at Hotel Marseilles, 103d street and Broadway, 3 to 6 p. m.

ZIEGLER-SIMONS.—Mrs. H. S. Simons, of 1324 Fifth avenue, announces the engagement of her daughter Minnie to Moe L. Ziegler.

MARRIAGES.

ABRAMS-FRINDEL.—Isidor Wolf Abrams to Lettie Esther Frindel, of 645 Saratoga avenue, Brooklyn, at the home of Dr. Max Rainsin, who officiated.

BERGER-NEUBLATT.—Miss Deborah Newblatt, of 537 Prospect avenue, was married to Mr. Max Berger, of 61 Myrtle avenue, on Sunday, February 21, at the Ninth Street Temple, Rabbi Israel H. Levinthal officiating.

BERNSTEIN-ROSEN.—Max Bernstein to Anna Rosen, at Carlton Hall on Tuesday, February 16, 1915, by Rev. Dr. Adolph Spiegel.

BREITZER-LIPSCHITZ.—Miss Anna Lipschitz, of 14 Windsor place, was married to Mr. Tobias Breitzer, of 114 Windsor place, on Sunday, February 21, at the Ninth Street Temple, Rabbi Israel H. Levinthal officiating.

FISHER-COHEN.—On Saturday evening, February 20, 1915, by Rabbi Samuel Buchler, Miss Sadie Cohen to Mr. Bertam Fisher.

GERMANSKY-MARKS.—On Sunday, February 14, 1915, Miss Henrietta Marks to Mr. Raphael Gernansky by Rev. Jos. Segal.

HAMBURGER-EIDLEN.—Mrs. Ida Eidlén, of No. 1359 Lyman place, announces the marriage of her daughter Blanche to Mr. Jerome Hamburger on Tuesday evening, February 23, 1915, at the Carlton. Rabbi Aaron Eiseman performed the ceremony.

KAHN-FRIESHEIM.—Mr. C. Friesheim announces the marriage of his daughter Sylvia to Mr. Morris Kahn on Sunday, February 21, 1915, by Rev. Dr. E. Lissman.

LEVIN-KRONMAN.—At the Shaari Zedek Synagogue, on Sunday, February 21, 1915, Miss Evelyn Kronman to Dr. Charles Levin, by Dr. Adolph Spiegel.

REINFELD - FINKELSTEIN.—On Sunday, February 14, 1915, Miss Jeanette Finkelstein to Mr. Nathan Reinfeld. Rev. Jos. Segal officiated.

RUBINSTEIN-EPSTEIN.—On Thursday, February 18, 1915, Miss Sophie Epstein to Mr. Samuel G. Rubinstein. Rabbi Samuel Buchler officiated.

STEIN-ZECHNOWITZ.—Mrs. M. Zechnowitz wishes to announce the marriage of her daughter Esther to Mr. Maurice I. Stein on Sunday, February 21, 1915, at Temple Shaari Zedek (Brooklyn). Rev. Dr. Maurice Eisenberg and Dr. Max Rainsin performed the ceremony.

WEISS-HAHN.—On Wednesday, February 17, at Hotel Majestic, by Rev. Dr. Rudolph Grossman, Alexander Weiss to Gertrude Hahn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Hahn.

WEISS-KOPELAND.—Rose Kopeland to Morris Weiss, by Rev. Dr. Adolph Spiegel, on February 21, 1915.

BAR MITZVAH.

BERG.—Mr. and Mrs. Jay Berg, of No. 1111 Madison avenue, announce the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Philip J., on Saturday, February 27, 1915, at Synagogue Orach Chaim, No. 1463 Lexington avenue. At home Saturday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock.

RITTER.—Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ritter, 1803 Seventh avenue, announce the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Matthew W., on Saturday, March 6, at Temple Anshe Chesed, Seventh avenue and 114th street. Relatives and friends are cordially invited.

RUBIN.—Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rubin, of No. 22 East Ninety-third street, announce the Bar Mitzvah of their son Arthur Lincoln, on Saturday, March 13, at 9 a. m., at the Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun, at Nos. 117-121 East Eighty-fifth street. At home Sunday March 14, three to six. No cards.

SCHLANSKY.—Dr. and Mrs. Harry P. Schlansky, of No. 750 Kelly street, Bronx, announce the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Burnette S., on Saturday, February 27, 1915, at Montefiore Temple, 762 Hewitt place, Bronx. At home Saturday.

BIRTHS.

HIRSCH.—To Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Hirsch, 1858 Seventh avenue, a daughter Sunday, February 14, 1915.

SCHLOSS.—To Mr. and Mrs. Norman F. Schloss (nee Beatrice Feis), a daughter, February 16.

SWEIG.—Mr. and Mrs. Max Sweig (nee Sadie Frankel), of No. 173 Hewes street, Brooklyn, announce the birth of a son on Saturday, February 13, 1915.

IN THE SYNAGOGUES.

ADATH ISRAEL (Bronx).—Rabbi Mayer Kopstein preaches this evening on "Prejudice."

ADATH ISRAEL (Coney Island).—Rev. Dr. Samuel Buchler will preach this evening on "The American Jew as Compared to the Jews of Other Countries." Sabbath morning on the portion of the week.

AHAWATH CHESED SHAAR HASHOMAYIM.—Rabbi Isaac S. Moses will preach Sabbath morning on "Mordecai the Jew." The children's Purim festival will take place Sunday at 10 a. m.

BETH EL.—Dr. Samuel Schulman preaches Sabbath morning. Sunday at 11 Dr. Schulman will lecture on "Man and Jew."

BETH ISRAEL BIKUR CHOLIM.—Rabbi Aaron preaches Sabbath morning on "The Tragedy of the Jew To-day," a Purim sermon. Purim services will be held on Saturday evening at 5.30 and Sunday morning at 6.30.

B'NAI JESHURUN.—Rabbi Joel Blau preaches Sabbath morning on "Purim Thoughts."

B'NAI SHOLAUM (Brooklyn).—Rabbi Israel Herbert Levinthal will preach this evening on "Mordecai and Esther—A Purim Inspiration."

EIGHTY-SIXTH STREET TEMPLE.—Rabbi G. Lipkind preaches this evening on "Anti-Semitism and Its Antidote." Sabbath morning on the portion of the week.

EDUCATIONAL ALLIANCE.—Rabbi Jacob Grossman preaches Sabbath morning on "Mordecai—the Jew."

EMANUEL-EL BROTHERHOOD.—Rev. Dr. Leo Manheimer will be the speaker at the service this evening.

FREE SYNAGOGUE.—This evening Rev. Sidney E. Goldstein preaches at the downtown branch and Rabbi Fichman will speak at the Bronx branch. Sunday, at 11 a. m., at Carnegie Hall. Dr. Wise lectures on "Why Remain Jews?"

ISAIAH.—Rabbi Samuel Greenfield lectures this evening on "What the Jew Stands For." Sabbath morning, Dr. Greenfield preaches on "Remember."

MT. ZION.—Rabbi B. A. Tintner lectures this evening on "Purim." Rabbi Tintner preaches Sabbath morning.

ORACH CHAIM.—Rev. Dr. M. Hyamson preaches Sabbath morning on the portion of the week.

PENI EL.—Rev. Dr. Isidor Reichert will preach this evening on "The Miracle of History." Sabbath morning, "Israel a Missionary People."

SHARRI ZEDEK.—Rev. Dr. Adolph Spiegel preaches Sabbath morning on

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SHAARI ZEDEK (Brooklyn).—Dr. Max Rainsin preaches this evening on "Purim's Eternal Message." Sabbath morning on the portion of the week.

SINAI (Bronx).—Rabbi Jacob D. Schwarz, of Cincinnati, preaches this evening. Sabbath morning Rabbi Max Reichler preaches on "A Perpetual Light."

SINAI (Mt. Vernon).—Dr. J. I. Gorkinkle preaches this evening on "Steadfast Jews." Sabbath morning, "Purim." A Purim entertainment will be held on Sunday at 3 p. m.

YOUNG MEN'S HEBREW ASSOCIATION.—Mr. Falk Younker will be the speaker at the services this evening.

YOUNG WOMEN'S HEBREW ASSOCIATION.—Rabbi Nathan Blechman will be the speaker at the services this evening.

ZICHRON EPHRAIM.—Rev. Dr. Bernard Drachman preaches Sabbath morning on "Can Wars Be Prevented?"

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soul of the inmates and kill every spark of hope and courage in their breasts. The destitute, of his own free will, the wrongdoer, by order of the court, are treated as defectives. They are brought into homes where kind treatment with regular healthy employment is secured for them. Their families, wife and child, are cared for at the same time. Is not this law a bright jewel in the diadem of Judaism? Does it not stand in advance of the modern system of penology? May it not serve as a model for imitation and an example that might be worthily followed by civilized governments of our times?

If Jewish law shines by its enactments for the reclamation of the derelict and submerged, of those who have gone astray or gone under, its provisions for the care of the deserving poor are also worthy of the highest admiration.

We are all children of God, equally the objects of His regard and affection. This is one of the lessons of institution from which the present Sabbath derives its name Shehalim. But equal as we are in the sight of God, we are not equal in the eyes of our fellow-creatures. We are not equal in physical strength, in mental vigor, in position or possession. Some are alert in seeing opportunities. Others are incapable of seizing the opportunity when it presents itself to them and turning it to profitable use. Some are handicapped by ill-health, misfortune, encumbrances. Some fall behind in the race, sink exhausted or are stricken down through no fault of their own.

As in a family, the strong, the hale and the hearty members of the community have to bear the burden of the weak and feeble and decrepit.

The Torah makes ample provision for the poor without inflicting upon them the humiliating stigma of pauperism.

At harvest time, the corners of the field had to be assigned to those without means of their own. There was no limit on the generosity of the owner. He might declare half of his field as פאה. But there was a prescribed minimum. At least one-sixtieth of the produce had to be included in the "Corner." The single sheaves of corn, the forgotten sheaves, the single clusters of grapes, the single olives and fruits were to be left to the poor. The growth of the fields in the Sabbatical year—God's harvest, had to be enjoyed in common with the poor. On the festivals, the poor were not to be forgotten. "Thou shalt rejoice on thy feast; thou, thy son, thy daughter, thy man-servant, thy maid-servant, and the Levite and the stranger, and the orphan and the widow who are within thy gates."

"Make rejoice," says the Talmud, "the hearts of the last four—the Levite, the stranger, the widow and the orphan who are in your charge. God will rejoice the hearts of the first four—your son and daughter, your man-servant and your maid-servant, and all the inmates of your home."

But there is a class that would feel itself degraded and humiliated by the offer of gifts in money or in kind. And yet the members of this group need assistance to prevent them going under. They require not alms but loans. Their necessities the Torah provides for, in those three noble sentences which conclude our Code of Jurisprudence: "If thou lend money to My people the poor that are with thee"—the poor are God's people—"thou shalt not be unto him as a usurer. Thou shalt not impose upon him usury. If thou takest the garment of thy neighbor in pledge, at the setting of the sun thou shalt return it to him. For it is his only garment, it is his raiment for his skin, wherein shalt he lie down? It shall be that when he crieth unto Me, I will hear his cry, for I am gracious."

What a touching and pathetic appeal. Our wise men say "The Torah is sparing in one passage and rich in another." The different passages of the Pentateuch supplement, illustrate and illuminate each other. We have a parallel to this passage at the close of the Book of Leviticus (25:35-36): "If thy brother has become poor and his strength is weakening thou shalt hold him up."

It is easier to keep a man from falling than to raise him when he is prostrate. "Whether a stranger and a resident shall live with thee" our help is not to be limited to those who are born Israelites. The proselyte who has embraced our religion fully, even the Gentile who resides in our proximity, and lives a moral life, keeps the Seven Noachide precepts, shall also live with us. We must not permit him to totter when a timely loan would steady him. "Thou shalt not give him thy money for usury, nor shalt thou give him thy food for increase. Thou shalt fear thy God," that is. You are responsible that he wants, and more than enough. Of the superfluity you are a steward. Discharge your trust faithfully. To return to the next in our Sedra. "Be not to him as a usurer." Do not dog your debtor's footsteps. Do not have him watched for fear that he may run away with the loan advanced to him. Do not shame him by frequently confronting him. Do not use your advantage as creditor to press upon him an additional loan on the security of his house. If he loses the new loan he will lose his home.

Do not charge interest. For interest נש" bites. It is a corrosive that eats into a man's independence. The capital may be repaid in installments and the loan will in time be liquidated. But interest may be paid for years and the loan will still stand at its original amount. The duty of helping with loans free of interest devolves upon the middle classes as well as upon the rich. The Hebrew word for money, as in French, means also silver, not gold. The phrase, "If thou lendst thy money," is not permissive, Rashi quoted from Mechilta. Here the word ע"מ does not mean "if" but "when." "When thou lendst money to my people thou shalt not be to him a usurer."

What does the next verse mean? "If thou takest thy neighbor's raiment on pledge, at the going down of the sun thou shalt return it to him." Does the Torah suggest that loans should not be advanced except on the security of personal property? No. Our wise men explain that the text refers to the judgment of a court of law permitting the creditor, whose loan has not been repaid in due time, to levy a distress on the debtor's goods. The utmost leniency is in that case to be shown to the debtor.

The creditor must not enter the debtor's house. He has not the right to seize what he pleases in satisfaction of his claim. He must not take utensils required for the preparation of food. "He shall not take the upper or nether mill stone, for he is taking in pledge a man's livelihood. He must not take the farmer's plough or oxen, nor the workman's tools. What is there left for him to take? A garment handed out to him by the debtor. If this garment is worn by day, it must be given back to the debtor every morning, so that he may be respectably clad. For clothes bring a man honor," said R. Jochanan.

If the garments are bed-clothing they must be returned at sun down. There is the moving appeal "Wherein shall he lie down" in the bitter cold winter night? Do not urge that the debtor is worthless. He is God's child. "If he cries to Me I will hear, for I am gracious"—gracious to the worthy, and to those you may deem worthless.

Were these laws of humanity observed human nature is the same in all ages. We are, many of us, naughty children who disregard the monitions and disobey the commandments of our Heavenly Father. Just as there are Jews at the present

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day who violate the sanctity of the Sabbath and disregard the Dietary laws, so in ancient times there were Israelites who were greedy, grasping and selfish, and who batten on the miseries of their fellows. These lent out money at usury, and on failure of repayment took the debtors into bondage and treated them rigorously and did not set them free at the appointed time. But the prophets denounce their heartlessness.

The passages in the Bible in which the robbery of the poor is held up to execration are too numerous to quote. Suffice it to mention a few. The Prince of Prophets in the 58th chapter of his book, which we read as the lesson from the prophets on the morning of the holiest day in the year says (58:5-7): Is this a fast that I should delight in, the day on which a man afflicts his soul? Is it to bend his head like a reed to put on sack cloth? Do you call this a fast and a day of favor to the Lord? Is not this the fast I would choose, "Loosen the bands of wickedness and oppression. Let the crushed go free. Remove every yoke."

And so Ezekial says in the Haftora, according to some usages, for the Sabbath of Repentance: "He gave money for usury and he took increase. Shall he live? He shall not live." The usurer while on earth does not really live, for the wicked, even during their life on earth, are morally dead. On the other hand, David, the sweet singer of Israel, in the Psalm in which he speaks of the good man who is worthy to sojourn in God's tent and dwell on His holy mount, who walks uprightly with God, deals justly with his neighbor and speaks the truth in his own heart concludes with the words, "His money he has not given out at usury and has not taken a bribe even with the intention to decide rightly—he who does these things shall not be moved forever." (Ps.: 15.)

The theme we have discussed this morning affords material for an entire course of sermons, and then the subject would not be exhausted. We have said sufficient to show that we have no cause to be ashamed of our jurisprudence, civil or criminal. An ethical spirit runs through it like a golden thread. In its combination of the practical and the ideal, in its union of justice and mercy, law and equity, in its care for those who are struggling with adversity, for those who have gone under in the battle of life, and for those who have gone astray, Judaism teaches the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of Man, the Unity of God, the Unity of His Children. These are some of the principles of the institution from which the present Sabbath receives its name—Sabbath Shekalim. These principles which permeate and penetrate the institutions of the Torah will in God's time undoubtedly make it the world religion to which all mankind will do homage. May that time soon come. Amen.

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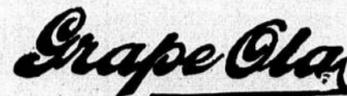
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In order to insure the insertion of communications in the current issue of THE HEBREW STANDARD they must be in this office not later than Wednesday 10 a. m. of the week in which they are to appear.

We note that some weeks ago an historical drama in the Hebrew language was presented on the stage of a Vienna theatre and that the net receipts from this performance flowed into the coffers of the Red Crescent war relief fund. Which reminds us, that some time since the question of the establishment of a Red Shield of David was agitated, but that practically nothing effective resulted therefrom. Why cannot a Hebrew dramatic presentation enure to the benefit of a Red Shield of David fund? Such would at least be as appropriate as the Red Cross or the Red Crescent.

The National Conference of Charities and Correction will hold its forty-second annual meeting at Baltimore in May. Owing to the widespread destitution and the demands for methods of relief and social amelioration which will be adequate for the existing unprecedented conditions, it is safe to assume that this meeting will be a notable demonstration on behalf of the cause of philanthropy in America. The Jewish community is well represented in the work of this national conference, and the social workers of the former have made themselves a force to be welcomed and reckoned with by the latter.

"There's life in the 'old boy' yet!" This "slang" expression must surely have recurred to the readers of Rabbi Emil G. Hirsch's "open" letter on his "impending" retirement (?) from the pulpit of Chicago Sinai Congregation, as printed in a recent issue of *The Reform Advocate*. Of a surety, his letter was "open," for it frankly, if not blatantly, announced that he still continued to be well satisfied with his "job" and expected to "hold it down" for the present. Thus does Rabbi Hirsch prove that he has zealously mastered the meaning contained in the German maxim, so beloved by him, "faithful unto death!"

Almost every writer on the subject has this year lamented the conditions under which so large a portion of the Jewish world will celebrate *Purim*. It is needless to say that the sorrow which engulfs the nations of Europe must fall with a double weight on those of the house of Israel residing in their midst. Yet it were false to the ideals of *Purim* to permit sorrow altogether to suffuse our joy. We may be optimistic. Just as Haman was finally brought to his deserved discomfiture and just punishment, so, in the end, out of the present stressful time, light may issue for the Jews of Europe, and Asia Minor. We wish to believe that *Purim* is the harbinger of gladness for them. We hope that, when this war has terminated, the position of our brethren abroad will improve. Let us then observe our festival this year in this spirit.

The twenty-third annual meeting of the American Jewish Historical Society, which took place in this city on last Sunday and Monday, and a report of which may be found in another column of this issue, was an interesting function. A large variety of instructive papers was presented, and the accounts of the Society's growth and material progress as rendered were gratifying in the extreme. A noteworthy feature of these meetings in the past few years is the large proportion of time devoted thereto to papers dealing with general Jewish history. Some years since the Society widened its scope; this action, in the light of the experience of the recent meeting, was fully justified. The Society is the only learned body among the Jews of this country, and it is pleasant to know that its capacity for good work has increased rather than diminished.

The Jewish Student Congregation of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor has issued a "Year Book," the initial number of what promises to be a most interesting series. This congregation was only organized a year ago—on February 26, 1914, to be exact—and has the advantage of the ministrations of Rev. Leo M. Franklin of Detroit as supervising rabbi. It aims to touch the religious life of the Jewish young men and women who are studying at Ann Arbor, and thus to preserve these trained minds for the faith of their ancestors. We cordially commend the plan and scope of this congregation, which approximates those of the similar bodies at Oxford and Cambridge in England. Being a creation of the West the congregation has hitched its wagon to the star of Reform Judaism, but even this is better than indifference or the lack of all religious influences. We hope confidently to see the example of the Michigan Jewish students imitated and improved upon at other centres of higher education in this country.

The National Education Association of the United States, which is the general pedagogical organization of this country, offers a prize of \$1,000 for the best essay on "The Essential Place of Religion in Education, with an Outline of a Plan for Introducing Religious Teaching into the Public Schools." We are advised that this essay should treat religion in such a manner as not to run counter to the creed of the Protestant, the Catholic or the Jew, and, among others, consider the admonition of Hillel and Jesus of Nazareth, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might, and thy neighbor as thyself!" While this statement is properly accredited to our great teacher, Hillel, we do not understand why Jesus of Nazareth is joined to him in respect of its authorship. Both lived in practically the same era, and the Jew first gave forth the thought in the words quoted. Hence why seek to dim his glory in their authorship?

German Zionists look with disdain upon the English desire and hope to establish an independent Judæan state in Palestine and Syria, with Jerusalem as its capital, after the close of the present war. Such would have an existence in the nature of a "buffer" between Turkey and Egypt. The German Zionists, however, think that any Jewish state worthy the name must be created and maintained by the Jews themselves. Thus do they confound present German political considerations with the Zionistic theoretic ideal! We care not how this state or kingdom of the future be established, as long as it ultimately be definitely and durably set up. Of course, it must exist for the benefit of our people, and especially for such of them as may migrate thither from lands of persecution. The entrance of Turkey on the war has given shape to this aspiration, and the next few years may behold its realization in fact. Then, let the Zionists (if not all Jews) be faithful to their ideals: a real Jewish state or centre in the Holy Land is what all of them so much desire!

The *Jewish Spectator*, of Memphis Tenn., is up to the minute and publishes some excellent recipes for the women folk. Last week they were told how to make apple pork pie, and this week's culinary delight is baked sliced ham.

JEWISH MANHOOD

איש יהודי היה בשושן חבירה ושמך מרדכי: ומרדכי לא יכרע ולא ישתחוה:

"There was a Jewish Man in Shushan the palace, and his name was Mordecai."
"And Mordecai did not bend nor did he reverence."
(Esther 11, 5; 111, 2.)

THAT mystic quality—Manhood—won the day in Shushan and brought light and joy and honor to our people. And it was Jewish Manhood. Manhood inspired by and intent upon the Jewish cause. Mordecai's greatest title, greater than any he may have received at the hand of Ahasuerus, was that of *Ish-Yehudi*—Jewish-Man. He was a Man proud of his Jewishness, a Jew proud of his Manhood, a Jew *par excellence*, who would barter away neither his Jewishness nor his Manhood for wealth, honor, nay, life itself.

Think of it! But for this unbending, unyielding quality of Manhood, the story of Esther, which is really the story of Mordecai, would not have been written at all. Fancy, if some of our present-day leaders, of the softly-treading, tenderfoot, prudential variety, would have stood at the helm in Shushan, what would have happened then? We can almost hear their counsel: "Why, His Excellency Haman may not be human, but he is not so bad after all; and, say what you will, he is the Prime-Minister, the favorite of the King; and, therefore, it is our patriotic duty to recognize him as the head of the State and acclaim him together with our fellow-citizens of Persia and Media. Anyway, what is all this fuss about? His Excellency desires to confer a signal honor upon everybody by giving him an opportunity to bend and bow before him; what of it? We must do as others do. We must not make ourselves conspicuous. We must not create prejudice. All we are asked is to bend the knee a little—just a little—just a few inches. Why not do so and avoid trouble?"

Admirable counsel—is it not? I suppose that there are many among us who think that, after all, Mordecai was wrong. The very fact that the Rabbis are hard put to in trying to explain why Mordecai refused to scrape and bow before the unscrupulous Haman, shows that the prudential view has a great many advocates among us. This view, of course, lies on the surface and offers that refuge of small souls—the least line of resistance. Now, let us grant that there is something to be said for this view. Haman would not have been inflamed with anger against Mordecai and through him, against the Jews. He would not have counselled the King to get rid of the Jews by the convenient and diverting method of a Pogrom; he would have even tolerated a few Jews in the minor governmental offices—a distinction which your prudential Jew has always craved and gloated in from Shushan down to Berlin and London. Granted all this—what then? The story of Purim would not have been written. All the heroism that made that story possible would have been lost. Esther and Mordecai would not have been inwritten in the golden annals of Jewish History. Would it have paid to eliminate a few months of anxiety, of mortal suspense, to buy peace and rest and contentment, but to lose such an example of heroic manhood as that of Mordecai? Ease bought at such a cost, would it not be bought too dearly? Is not trouble—trouble which ripens men and brings them to their full stature—better than a calm which creates only cowards and brings about stagnation?

Danger is the great crucible in which great natures are tested. Mordecai stood the test and therefore we see in him a man full-grown. But as a matter of fact prosperity, in its way, is no less a test of a man's manhood than adversity. It is usual to find in the lives of great men that they are first tested by suffering and then, when their probationary period is over and men pay them homage, by success. I think—though I doubt whether this has ever been pointed out—that the lasting merit of Mordecai's Manhood is that it has been tested first by success and then by suffering. Take a familiar example—that of Joseph. Joseph was brought to the royal court a slave, became a prisoner and a condemned man, but in the end he became a dignitary, wearer of the purple. Joseph was tested by calamity first and thus prepared for his subsequent career. Mordecai's history was the reverse: he lived in the royal court a dignitary, an officer of the king's—the rabbis say, he was a judge—and became afterwards a condemned man whose life was forfeit to any hooligan; Mordecai was tested by prosperity first. He might have ensconced himself in his office and enjoyed safety, but his manhood was too precious to him, and he preferred mortal danger.

It is somewhat difficult to decide which is the greater test of manhood—suffering or success. The human soul needs the impact of all the forces of the universe against it in order to develop its full strength. The man that cannot stand up against buffetings and beatings is no man. But on the other hand the man that does not allow himself to become becalmed because the sea is level and the sky serene, has sustained no mean a test of his inner worth. A real man will be ready to undergo both tests. Come storm come shine, he will be himself, true to the best in him. Such a one was Mordecai.

In Mordecai we Jews possess a distinguished example of Jewish Manhood. The claim that there is a specific type of Jewish Manhood is not exaggerated. For if History, as intimated, with its events both toward and untoward, is the crucible in which manhood is purified and strengthened then a History which is so unique as Jewish History should produce a unique type of manhood. That manhood has for its high aim not to bend and bow to considerations of worldly interest, but to promote at any price the cause of God and preserve unstained the name of Israel. This aim Mordecai pursued most loyally and therefore together with Scripture we pay him our tribute of veneration as one who was "seeking the wellbeing of his people and speaking peace to all his seed." JOEL BLAU,

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In *Jewish Charities* for January, the question is asked, Why have we Jewish charities? The answer to it is obvious: we have Jewish problems to solve, problems that peculiarly affect us as a religious community. Hence there is a distinct need for the charitable organization which is controlled by Jews, administers relief to Jews and, in short, is part and parcel of the Jewish community. If there were no Jewish charity abroad in the land then the olden virtue of *zedokoh* would have disappeared from among us. This is a sentiment and an ideal which informs the lives of all Jews in the Diaspora, without which their existence in many instances were as a tinkling brass or a sounding cymbal. In the midst of persons who confess a dominant, alien faith it is well to remember that Jews practiced charity and lived justly long before the advent of the man whose words we have in part quoted in this paragraph. To keep us mindful of our heritage as Jews and to preserve our great traditions as such unsullied is the special mission of Jewish charity to-day.

A writer in *The Sun* is telling in plain words the full story of the tragedy of Israel's miserable existence in Poland. The Jews in that corner of the world are being literally ground to death between the upper and the nether millstones of the German and Russian soldiery. But it is only fair to lay the blame for this cruel repression where it properly belongs—to

the non-Jewish population of Poland, the Poles themselves. These people are so savage and rapacious in their attitude toward the Jews that the latter may regard them as their bitterest enemies, from whom one may expect no mercy of any kind. Presumably this hatred of the Jews on the part of the Poles flows directly from economic considerations, for the Poles hate the prosperous and superior Jews with all the terror and the zeal of incompetent adversaries. In this war they have made use of all the diabolical machinery at hand for the purpose of wreaking their bestial vengeance on the Jews. The consequences are that expulsion, loss of property, injury to life and limb, and murder and rapine have been the portion of the Jewish population in Poland. We have here the earmarks of a problem by the side of which the Russo-Jewish question may well pale into insignificance. For the past few years Jewry's leaders all over the world have had reason to fear the terrible deeds which Poland's non-Jews might perform on their devoted objects, the Jews of that country, once the opportunity offered itself. The occasion has now come, sooner, indeed, than was anticipated. We can but hope that energetic measures will be taken in the case of these despicable and half-savage wretches, the non-Jews of Poland, miscreants in human form. The continuation of the war is no excuse for the perpetuation of such misdeeds, and the rulers of Poland should see to it that their repetition is rendered impossible. Well does the writer in *The Sun* say that the position of the Jews in Poland is worse than the fate of the war sufferers in Belgium.

Over in England our co-religionists have been waging a campaign around one of the organizations whose task it supposedly is to represent the interests of the community in the forum of the British nation. The Jewish Board of Deputies and the Anglo-Jewish Association have had, for many years now, a conjoint foreign committee which has subserved a function similar to that performed in other lands by other Jewish bodies. The citadel of the older generation of wealthy, conservative, ultra-English, British Jews is now being stormed by their younger associates, and the attack has concentrated itself on this conjoint committee. The claim is advanced that the committee is not fully representative of all the elements of the community, in other words, that it is not a sufficiently democratic, working organization, and does not for this reason competently deal with the great problems with which it of right should concern itself. These contentions need scarcely be novel to American Jewry, for they are but a repetition of conditions and statements domiciled on this side of the Atlantic. The time has passed when Jewry's spokesmen are to be those who arrogate to themselves the title of leaders of the community. If such there be and their claim to lead is not made good in fact, every interested Jew may lay claim to be regarded as a spokesman of his people. Democratization and full representation of all interested elements in a more or less voluntary electorate are, therefore, the order of the day in communal affairs. We deem it but right to add that Anglo-Jewish organizations are potentially much more democratic than those of any other community.

Hence the conjoint foreign committee should not find it difficult to reform itself in such manner as to quickly and satisfactorily respond to the demands made upon it and to solve the many momentous problems as well which now confront it.

Charles E. George, of New Orleans, has published a volume consisting of two arguments by distinguished jurists on the trial of Jesus. Associate Justice John E. Richards, of the First District Court of Appeals, of California, takes the position that Jesus was illegally tried, and attempts to show that he was wantonly condemned to death by a tribunal that was swayed by the passions and prejudices of the ruling class in the community of that time. While he does not claim in so many words that the Jews sent Jesus to his doom, he wishes it understood that the priestly caste prevailed upon Pontius Pilate, the procurator of Judaea, to utter the fateful words. The other part of the volume is devoted to an exposition of the legality of the trial of Jesus, by an East Indian jurist, Mr. S. Srinivasa Aiyar of Mylapore, Hindustan. He argues his case in a masterly fashion and with consummate force and shows that Jesus was crucified according to the Roman code and that Pilate acted in his case in the same way as he would have acted in the case of any other person accused of a violation of Roman criminal law. To those who are interested in the judicial aspects of the matter, staged in Palestine nineteen centuries ago and freighted with such dire consequences for the world, we commend this volume. We may add that the literature on the subject of the trial of Jesus is growing prodigiously and mainly by reason of the activity of Christian writers; it is opportune certainly that the Jewish view of this *cause celebre* be fully and competently presented.

Moving pictures of Jewish themes are coming in for some deserved criticism on the part of our English co-religionists. Naturally it is ridiculous, to say nothing else, for a *Talmud Chocham* to pore over his *Shass* on a *Shabbos* the while he puffs at his fragrant pipe, as the "movie" artist would have us understand. Or, to find a *chazan* at an orthodox *chassene* minus his hat! We think we can explain these lapses on the part of "movie" producers. These inhabit the Western part of our own country and the only Judaism they see before them is that known as "American" Judaism! Enough said!

Jewelry Robberies

There have been quite a number of attempts to rob jewelry stores of late by breaking the show-windows in which a large display of diamonds are shown, with more or less success.

It is questionable whether the jewelry dealers, who fill their windows with jewels and who display them with marked figures of \$100,000 and up to \$500,000, do not in a measure contribute to the temptation.

There are a number of these establishments which make an inordinate display of these wares, and, it might be said, probably without trenching upon the truth, that the values placed on these stones can be taken *cum grano salis*, but the thieves don't mind this.

Altogether this method of robbery, and the frequent robbery of the cigar stores, has become too common, and drastic steps to prevent them are due. The Criminal Code, covering punishment in this direction, ought to be

revised and extremely long sentences meted out at a deterrent.

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Then, again, some of the prisoners in Sing Sing have been writing friends here that, under the present administration, the prison is a paradise and they are having a bully time. So evidently their pals here don't mind taking a chance at highway and other robbery and, if caught, get a good time while doing time.

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SCIENTIFIC NOTES

B. H.

The Harvard faculty of medicine has announced that the Cutter series of lectures on preventive medicine will be delivered by Surgeon Joseph Goldberg, United States Public Health Service.

Dr. Abraham Jacobi recently delivered an address before the People's Institute and the American League to Limit Armaments. He was of the opinion that it would be well for this country to have a secretary of peace instead of a Secretary of War.

The death has occurred of Prof. Karl Liebermann, professor of organic chemistry at the University of Berlin. Together with Graebe, Liebermann was the first to produce alizarin artificially, and the enormous German manufacture of dyes was thus inaugurated.

At the outbreak of the war Dr. G. Jochmann was put in charge of the contagious disease ward of the Virchow Hospital at Berlin, which, in addition, carried with it the general supervision of the conditions in regard to hygiene and prophylaxis of epidemics in the camps of prisoners in the vicinity of Berlin. One of the camp physicians, Dr. Hirschfeld, acquired fatal exanthematous typhus from the prisoners, and Jochmann contracted the disease in tending him. It proved fatal in two weeks.

Prof. T. Rosenthal, formerly director of the physiologic institute at Erlanger, died on January 2 at the age of seventy-eight. He was a pupil of Du Bois-Reymond, and became his assistant immediately after taking the State examination. In this position he joined the faculty in 1862, was made professor extraordinary in 1867, and in 1872 received a call as professor to Erlanger, where he spent the rest of his life. His work lay chiefly in the field in which his teacher was a pioneer. He published a general physiology of the muscles and nerves, and, together with Professor Bernhardt, a treatise on medical electricity for physicians. Other works treat of the respiratory movements and their relation to the vagus nerve, heat regulation in warm-blooded animals, public and private hygiene, etc.

The Freiburg dermatologist, Professor Jakobi, died in the field as a result of disease. This scientist, who had reached the age of nearly fifty-three, was an assistant of Neisser and joined the faculty of Breslau, in the department of skin diseases, in 1890, and in 1895 was appointed professor extraordinary. In addition to numerous single treatises, he published an atlas of skin and venereal diseases, and in connection with Neisser was the editor and publisher of *Iconographia dermatologica*.

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Dr. Edward T. Abrams, a member of the Michigan State Board of Health, recently advocated that the public be asked to attend the meeting of the County Medical Society, at which three papers were to be read on smallpox and vaccination. This, he felt, would be a good means of giving the public a better understanding of the importance and value of vaccination in the prevention of threatened epidemic smallpox in Northern Michigan.

At the annual meeting of the Beth Israel Hospital Association, February 11, it was announced that a new hospital building is planned to be erected on Livingston Place. It will be twelve to fifteen stories in height and will accommodate five hundred patients. A special feature of the hospital will be the accommodations for persons of moderate means, who do not wish to be charity patients and yet are unable to pay high charges for service and attendance.

The bacteriologist of the Berlin Hospital Moabit, Prof. U. Friedmann, has been temporarily intrusted with the management of the department for infectious diseases in the Rudolph Virchow Hospital in Berlin, which was left vacant by the death of Professor Jochmann.

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American Jewish Historical Society.

The twenty-third annual meeting of the American Jewish Historical Society was held at Hotel McAlpin on Sunday and Monday, February 21 and 22, 1915. It began on the morning of the 21st, continued on the afternoon and evening of that day, and was concluded on the morning of the 22d. At these four sessions the president, Dr. Cyrus Adler, was in the chair, and the corresponding secretary, Mr. Albert Friedenberg, acted as secretary.

In opening the first session Dr. Adler made a short address of welcome. Then Mr. Friedenberg presented his two papers, "Two Early Letters" and "A Selection from the Inedited Correspondence of Aaron Lopez," which dealt with the business dealings of Aaron Lopez, a resident of Newport, R. I., in the eighteenth century. Lopez was one of the most important merchants of Newport, and his business enterprises extended to the four corners of the then known world. He owned many ships, some of which bore Biblical names, and had agents and supercargoes in all parts of the American continent, in Europe and elsewhere. The paper of Rabbi Isaac E. Marcuson, of Charleston, read by Prof. Richard Gottheil, one of the vice-presidents, described "Two Unknown Historic Candelabra from K. K. Beth Elohim of Charleston." These were the gifts of the Ricardo family in 1762 and of Mr. de Lieben in 1802. The paper was discussed by Dr. Adler and the Rev. Barnett A. Elzas. Mr. Joshua Bloch next presented his paper on "The History of the Hebrew Periodical Press in America," and it was discussed by Professor Gottheil. Mr. Friedenberg then read the two papers offered by Mr. Samuel Oppenheim, "Two Letters of Solomon Bush, a Revolutionary Soldier," and "A Letter of David Nassy, of Surinam."

The first comprised two interesting notes written by Bush, a well-known figure of Revolutionary Philadelphia, while the second was a letter which Nassy, the leader of the Jews of Surinam, had sent to the American Philological Society at Philadelphia. In the last decade of the eighteenth century Nassy resided for a time in Philadelphia and there practiced his profession of medicine. The last paper of this session was that by Mr. William Vincent Byars, of St. Louis, which dealt at length with the Gratz papers, it being presented by Dr. Adler. Mr. Byars furnished a general statement concerning the early American pioneers, and then dwelt upon the connection of the early Jews of this country with them. He discussed the Jews of this country between 1750 and 1775, and especially considered the activities of the two Gratz brothers, Barnard and Michael, who did so much for the development and eventual settlement of the Middle West. The interesting paper was discussed by Mr. Leon Hühner.

At the second session, which was held on Sunday afternoon, Dr. Cyrus Adler, of Philadelphia, presented his paper, "References to Jews in the Papers of John Jordan Crittenden." Crittenden was an American statesman of the mid-nineteenth century, and his correspondents included Commodore Uriah P. Levy, Abraham Jonas, of Illinois; Hyman M. Salomon and others. Mr. Leon Hühner then read his essay on "Daniel Gomez, a Pioneer Merchant in Early New York." This Gomez, born in 1695, was a Spanish Jew, and was, with his father and brothers, engaged in the West Indian trade extensively. Subsequently he extended his enterprises to other American colonies and to Europe as well, and his business included transactions with the leading families of New York and the leading figures in Colonial history, such as Clinton, Franklin, Livingston and others. Gomez was an active dealer in real estate in New York, Ulster and Orange counties between 1717 and 1772. He also was a prominent trader with the Indians and active in the civic and commercial life of New York. In the local Portuguese congregation he was very active, and for many years he was president or trustee. During the Revolution he was a patriot and removed to Philadelphia, where he died in 1780. Two papers of Dr. Joseph Jacobs were then read by title, "The Radanite Routes: A Description of Jewish Commerce in the Ninth Century" and "The Mediaeval Status of the Jew." Next came Prof. Max L. Margolis, of Philadelphia, with his paper, "Hyphenated Jews in a Greek Papyrus." This papyrus hailed from Rome from the year 59 of the present era, and consisted of a promissory note made by an Egyptian Jew. The author discussed the theories as to the meaning of the word "Jew" before and after the year 70, and found it really had an ethnic connotation. He then showed that this papyrus related to a Greek-Syrian Jew, and thus proved there were hyphenated Jews in ancient times. Prof. Alexander Marx, in his paper, "Elielzer Eilenburg, a German Jewish Wanderer of the Sixteenth Century," gave some notes of the life and literary activity of this man, who was expelled from Brunswick in 1547 and traveled through Poland, Silesia, Moravia and Italy, suffering a good deal in the first two countries at the hands of his coreligionists. His books turned out to be mostly plagiarisms, but the numerous personal notes and references to his contemporaries, inserted therein, are most interesting. Eilenburg's son was one of the helpers of Buxtorf in his famous edition of the Rabbinical Bible produced

at Basle in 1619. The paper was discussed by Dr. Abraham A. Neuman, of Philadelphia. Dr. Julius J. Price, of Toronto, Ontario, then read four papers—"Unpublished References in the Canadian State Papers to Benjamin and Samuel B. Hart," "Samuel Jacobs, an Early Canadian Jewish Merchant," "The First Jewish Settler of Ottawa, Canada," and "The Proceedings of Expulsion of Ezekiel Hart from the House of Assembly of Lower Canada." The last was of much interest, since it was another case where a Jew was unseated as a legislator because he refused to take the required oath of allegiance on the New Testament. Dr. Price exhibited the book of the household expenses of Samuel Jacobs. The paper was discussed by Dr. Jacobs, Judge Julian W. Mack, of Chicago; Dr. H. Pereira Mendes, Dr. D. de Sola Pool, Dr. Adler and Mr. Hühner. Mr. Albert N. Friedenberg next submitted the report of the Foreign Archives Committee. This dealt with the English, German and Italian state papers, and especially described the English port books and the Bavarian and Hessian records. The Bavarian papers are of importance for ascertaining the details of Jewish immigration to this country, while the Hessian documents describe Jewish sutlers and commissaries to the German mercenaries during the Revolution. The report was discussed by Professor Gottheil, who suggested that the committee devote some attention to Jewish archives contained in synagogues abroad; by Dr. Adler, Professor Marx and Dr. Price. Dr. Adler then presented two papers by Dr. David Phillips, of Cincinnati, "Simon M. Levy, Member of the First Class to Graduate at the United States Military Academy in 1802," and "Midshipman Joseph Israel." He also read the paper by the Hon. David E. Heineman, of Detroit, entitled "Starting Experience of a Jewish Trader During Pontiac's Siege of Detroit in 1763."

The Sunday evening session was opened by Mr. Lee M. Friedman, of Boston, who read his paper on "The Phylacteries Found at Pittsfield, Mass." These are now in possession of the American Antiquarian Society at Worcester. Then Dr. Harold Kohn read a paper, "References of Jewish Interest in the Newspapers of the American Revolution (1761-1789): New York and Massachusetts." He was followed by Dr. Abraham A. Neuman, of Philadelphia, whose "The Economic Conditions of the Jews of Spain" gave a picture of Spanish Jewish affairs in the tenth, eleventh and twelfth centuries. A Jewish tenant seldom or never lived in the house of a Gentile landlord, yet the Jews were found to have owned land beyond the walls of the ghetto and figured in transactions connected therewith. The author continued to show what interesting results may be achieved by studying the rabbinic responsa and applying them to this theme. The majority of the Jews of Spain were found to have been town dwellers. Mr. Friedenberg presented the paper by Dr. Julius F. Sachse, of Philadelphia, "Moses M. Hays and the Introduction of 'Sublime Masonry' in the United Colonies." This was an account of the life of Hays and of his work as master of King David's Lodge in New York and Newport, as well as of his efforts to establish the Scottish Rite through the degrees of the Lodge of Perfection in this country, which were crowned with success. Hays was also the only Jew who has ever been Masonic Grand Master of Massachusetts. The paper was discussed by Dr. Adler and Mr. Friedenberg from the point of view of the two addresses presented to George Washington at Newport by Moses Seixas. The final session on Monday morning was opened by the reading of the necrologies of A. Bloch and Samuel Morals Hyneman, the latter written by Dr. A. S. W. Rosenbach, of Philadelphia, by Mr. Friedenberg. Both of the deceased gentle-

men were members of the society. Dr. Adler read the paper by Benjamin H. Hartogensis, of Baltimore, "The Sephardic Congregation of Baltimore," a history of this congregation in the monument city. Mr. Friedenberg presented by title the paper of Dr. Henri M. Leon, of Nottingham, England, "Some Eminent Jewish Philologists of Past Ages," and read an "Historical Sketch of the Dalmbert Brothers," by Mr. J. Bunford Samuel, of Philadelphia. He also read by title the paper by Mr. Alvin T. Sapinsky on "The History of American Jewish College Fraternities." Dr. Adler then read the valuable paper of Rabbi Martin Zielonka, of El Paso, on "An American Spanish Jewish Periodical." The author told the story of this magazine published in Mexico, and gave some account of its interesting contents, particularly the Inquisition records it published. The paper was discussed by Dr. Solomon Schechter.

The officers presented their reports. Mr. Friedenberg, as corresponding secretary, stated that the society had a total membership of 375, a larger number than ever had been reached theretofore, and gave a list of historical functions at which the society had been officially represented. Hon. N. Taylor Phillips, the treasurer, reported the assets of the society as follows: In the general fund, \$3,252.89; in the publication fund, \$4,494.41. His report was referred to Messrs. L. Napoleon Levy and Lee Kohns, appointed as auditors by the president. Mr. Hühner reported, as curator, that the society's collections now embrace 1,742 volumes and 1,000 pamphlets, besides manuscripts and other valuable pieces. Mr. Max J. Köhler mentioned that the recent publication of a valuable Jewish bibliography, prepared by Mr. A. S. Freidus, by the New York Public Library deserved to be noted by the society. The president thereupon appointed Messrs. Hühner and Freidus a committee to nominate the officers of the society for the ensuing year. They reported the following names, and this ticket was unanimously elected as follows:

President, Dr. Cyrus Adler, Philadelphia, Pa.; vice-presidents, Hon. Simon W. Rosendale, Albany, N. Y.; Prof. Richard J. H. Gottheil, New York City; Rev. Dr. David Phillips, Cincinnati, O.; Hon. Julian W. Mack, Chicago, Ill.; corresponding secretary, Albert M. Friedenberg, New York City; recording secretary, Samuel Oppenheim, New York City; treasurer, Hon. N. Taylor Phillips, New York City; curator, Leon Hühner, New York City. Additional members of the executive council: Hon. Mayer Sulzberger, Philadelphia, Pa.; Prof. J. H. Hollander, Baltimore, Md.; Hon. Simon Wolf, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Herbert Friedenwald, New York City; Max J. Köhler, New York City; Rabbi Henry Cohen, Galveston, Texas; Lee M. Friedman, Boston, Mass.; Dr. Joseph Jacobs, New York City; L. Napoleon Levy, New York City; Prof. Alexander Marx, New York City; Prof. Max L. Margolis, Philadelphia, Pa.; Dr. A. S. W. Rosenbach, Philadelphia, Pa.

On motion, duly seconded and unanimously carried the president was empowered to appoint a committee of three to draft by-laws for the society, the same to be submitted for adoption at the next annual meeting. The proceedings then terminated.

I. O. B. B. Items.

Mr. Joseph Levenson, chairman of the Special B'nai B'rith Relief Committee, called a meeting last Tuesday evening of some of the leading men in the order to devise ways and means of helping a number of distressed worthy families on the East Side that are too proud to apply to the charities.

Washington Lodge celebrated this week its sixty-first anniversary. Grand President Herman Asher delivered an interesting address on the occasion.

Zion Lodge anticipated the Purim festival by a very interesting entertainment on Thursday night. Rev. Dr. Richard Stern delivered an address followed by musical selections.

Rev. Dr. B. M. Kaplan, the new secretary of the district, addressed last

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Sunday a large gathering of young men at New Haven, Conn., under the auspices of the local B'nai B'rith lodge.

Several of the officers and members of the General Committee, headed by President Asher, attended the memorial services of the late Julius Harburger, held at Temple Rodeph Sholem last Monday evening.

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SOCIAL NOTES.

Mrs. Paul Hirschbaum has as her guest Mrs. Walter Uri, of Louisville, Ky.

Mr. Harry E. Shill leaves for London and Paris on March 6. He will return in about two months.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rothschild, who were recently married, have taken up their residence at No. 535 West 162d street.

Rev. and Mrs. S. Jacobson, of Lakewood, N. J., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Rose Jacobson, to Hector Polk, of Brooklyn.

A Purim play will be given by the children of the Sabbath School of Congregation Peni El on Sunday evening at eight o'clock in the vestry of the Temple.

The Oriental Progressive Society, affiliated with the Federation of Oriental Jews, held their annual dance last Saturday at Lexington Hall, No. 109 East 116th street.

A testimonial banquet will be tendered Grand Chancellor William Grossman by local Knights of Pythias at the Fifth Avenue Restaurant on Saturday night, March 20.

Mr. and Mrs. David Dinkelspiel, of No. 251 West Eighty-ninth street, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Ruth Dinkelspiel, to Mr. William L. Buchler.

Mr. Harry Sanger has returned to the city after spending several days in Washington, D. C., with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raphael Sanger, who celebrated their golden wedding.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Grace Schaffer, daughter of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. S. Schaffer, of Baltimore, Md., to Rabbi Max Drob, of Buffalo, N. Y.

The wedding of Miss Adele Hamerslough, daughter of Mrs. R. Hamerslough, of No. 547 Riverside Drive, to Mr. Isaac Stern will take place at Sherry's on Wednesday, March 10.

The wedding of Miss Hannah Folk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Folk, of No. 304 West Ninety-ninth street, to Mr. Henry Hofheimer, will take place at the St. Regis on Wednesday, March 3.

A musicale was held at Delmonico's yesterday (Thursday) for the benefit of Temple Israel Sisterhood. Bernard Granville and La Belle Blanche were among the entertainers.

Mr. and Mrs. Abraham S. Silverman will have been married twenty-five years on Sunday, March 7, and will be at home to their friends after 8 o'clock on that day at their residence, No. 158 West 118th street.

The Sisterhood of the West End Synagogue will give an entertainment and ball at Delmonico's on Sunday evening, February 28. The proceeds will be devoted to the Jewish poor of the West Side.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Lehman will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Sunday afternoon, February 28, at their residence, No. 122 West 115th street. They will be at home from 3 to 6 p. m.

The Young Folks' League of Isaiah Temple will hold an informal affair in the assembly hall of the Temple, West End avenue, between 106th and 107th streets, on Saturday evening, February 27, at 8 p. m.

In honor of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Marks will give a reception at the Savigny, No. 229 Lenox avenue, on Tuesday, March 2, after 8 p. m. Mrs. Marks prior to her marriage was Miss Sophia Canter.

Under the auspices of the Hospital Aid Alliance an entertainment and ball will be given in aid of the Bronx Maternity Hospital at the Hotel Astor, Forty-fourth street and Broadway, on Saturday, March 13, at 8 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Schlessinger, of No. 310 West Ninety-ninth street, have announced the engagement of their daughter Adele E. to Mr. Harvey Newton Kuttner. They will be at home on Sunday afternoon, February 28, from 4 to 7.

In the presence of relatives and friends the Bar Mitzvah of David, son of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph T. Slonimsky, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham L. Kass, took place on Saturday, February 20, at Congregation Beth Shalom, South Fifth street, Brooklyn.

Miss Edith Kate Plonsky, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ezekiel Plonsky, was married to Lawrence Jerome Posner at the home of her parents, 50 West Eighty-eighth street, last Thursday afternoon. Rev. Dr. G. Lipkind performed the ceremony, which was followed by a reception.

The Purim entertainment and dance of Kehillath Israel will be held this Sunday, February 28, at 2.30 p. m., at McKinley Square Casino, 169th street and Boston road. Among other interesting features there will also be singing, stereopticon views and tableaux staged by an expert.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Askin, of Rochester, N. Y., have issued invitations for

the marriage of their daughter Gertrude to Mr. Herman I. Zagor, of New York city. The ceremony will be performed at the Powers Hotel, Rochester, on Tuesday, March 2, 1915.

A Purim entertainment and dance will be given by the children of the Ohav Zedek Talmud Torah at the Lenox Casino, West 116th street and Lenox avenue, on Monday evening, March 1, at 8.15. "David the Shepherd," a Biblical play in six acts, will be presented by the children, after which dancing will follow.

The New York Auxiliary of the Jewish Consumptives Relief Society of Denver, Col., will hold their annual theatre party on April 15 at the Alhambra Theatre, 126th street and Seventh avenue. Those who will have the affair in charge are Mrs. A. J. Davidson, chairman; Mrs. C. Fields, treasurer, and Mrs. D. Davidson, Mrs. J. Stoll and Mrs. J. Gordon, committee.

The Sisterhood Kehillath Jeshurun will entertain its members and friends at the Hotel Majestic on Tuesday afternoon, March 9, at 3 o'clock. Mrs. Judd will recite the "Story of Joseph." Mrs. Judd has been before the public for many years, and her rare talent has left an unforgettable impression upon her hearers. An hour of real enjoyment is assured her audience.

A grand Purim operetta by one hundred children, with other vaudeville features, followed by a dance, will be given on Tuesday evening, March 9, at the Central Opera House, Sixty-seventh street and Third avenue. The proceeds will be devoted to the work of the Free Hebrew and Religious School of Temple Beth Israel, Seventy-second street and Lexington avenue, where four hundred children are trained.

The Social Welfare Circle of Congregation Kehillath Jeshurun held a dance at Delmonico's on Sunday evening, February 21, 1915, which was largely attended. A handsome souvenir journal was issued. Miss Betty Fischel was chairman of the Entertainment Committee, Miss Irene H. Kassel chairman of the Journal Committee, and Mr. George Hyman chairman of the Reception Committee. Prizes were awarded to the best dancers. The officers are: Emanuel Kaplan, president; Joseph L. Schwartz, vice-president; Betty Fischel, vice-president; Esther Lamport, treasurer; Hannah Scheineman, recording secretary; Cella Levy, corresponding secretary; Ralph H. Korn, editor.

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The Central Committee's Merchandise Stamp.

Editor HEBREW STANDARD: This committee is under great obligations to the Jewish press for its generous publication of our reports, appeals and list of donations. We appreciate that at this time of the year further demands upon their space can only be made when the need for it is very, very urgent. We therefore ask the public to have patience and the lists of donations coming in now will be published as soon as possible, that is to say, as soon as space permits. In the meantime we have asked the press to give the widest publicity to this appeal at this time, because it is now or never.

Our one cent self-taxation stamps are being distributed among the matzoh bakers. Surely no Jewish family will object to tax itself 20 or 30 cents when it buys its supply of matzohs, this is what it will amount to if they allow their matzoh dealer to put a one cent self-taxation stamp on each pound of matzohs. Besides the use of these stamps on matzohs they should be used on every purchase. This will be a genuine giving of moaz chutim.

As an example of how willing the people are to help to swell the fund, we have issued a stamp for 4c, and Mr. Max Spiegel, of 54 Lispenard street, a manufacturer of cigarettes, was the first one to send the first check for 50,000 of these stamps. Merchants of all kinds are invited to follow this example before the ensuing holidays. Stamps of all denominations can be obtained from the office of the Central Committee, 1028 World Building, and for the accommodation of those who do not wish to call at the office or send their check, the public is advised that a large number of young men and women are distributing the stamps, both in New York and throughout the country.

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David Sapirstein, Genius.

Editor HEBREW STANDARD: At the age of 25, David Sapirstein is a poet of the keyboard, with a technical equipment so resourceful that he has compelled the attention even of conservative critics. There is no doubt that mastery of technique is half the battle won; but it is the writer's predilection that true music begins where technique ends and that it is the spiritual atmosphere in which the pianist envelops the music that constitutes interpretation. Does the music as played evoke images in the mind of the listener? seems a sound criterion for criticism.

Sapirstein has vision and personality. He can compress a hundred moods in one recital, from a caressing pianissimo to an orchestral forte. His playing of Chopin, although delicate, has a restrained power; and if Chopin was a frail vessel, soul-tormented and nerve-racked, Sapirstein makes us think of him as the still small voice in which infinity broods.

Sapirstein descends from a line of singers, players, cantors. Born in Pitts-

burgh, he gave a piano recital at the age of 10. The wise ones wagged their heads and predicted he would go the way of all musical prodigies. This time they guessed wrong. His progress was steady and he gave himself to his work with a unity of purpose. Of course, he studied in Europe, and, of course, he conquered the old world before the new would take him seriously.

In 1914 he gave four recitals at the Princess Theatre in New York. The critics praised him, but with great reserve. They have been fooled so often that even when they are genuinely pleased they are afraid to say so.

In the latter part of January, 1915, he undertook, at Aeolian Hall, a series of six piano recitals, one each day in the space of a week—a feat not attempted since the great Rubinstein gave his eleven recitals forty-one years ago in Steinway Hall. It was natural that Mr. Sapirstein's venture should meet with ribaldry. The critics came the first evening, went home early, and wrote a short paragraph, chiding him for attempting so futile a task.

But that week will remain in the memory of music lovers who heard him as golden hours in their lives, in which they took a pilgrimage to the shrines of piano literature. It was a veritable temple of sound in which young Sapirstein wrought massive arches, shadowed vaults, subdued aisles and jeweled windows. That he selected the best in piano music attests his sincerity of purpose—out of seventy selections there was but one "show piece." Of Chopin he played twelve etudes, of Beethoven the Hammerklavier Sonata, of Brahms' thirty-two variations on Paganini themes, rhapsodies; of Liszt grande etudes; of Schumann symphonic etudes and variations. In this task, which would have taxed the master of all pianists (Josef Hoffman), Sapirstein played with virility, tempered by thought, and passion blended with reverence. Each etude a cameo, each rhythm defined, each theme lucid to its depth. The Liszt etudes rolled majestically, the Brahms studies were meditative; Beethoven brooded over a chaos out of which a world of beauty was built.

This appreciation is written by a music lover in order to do homage to a pianist of first rank.

Some day Sapirstein will play at Carnegie Hall to crowded houses. ABRAHAM SOLOMON.

A Call for Unity

Editor HEBREW STANDARD: This is the greatest crisis that has overtaken the Jews in centuries. In this crisis the leadership of the Jewish people depends upon the Jews of America. We number three million in this country. We are in a free, neutral land, and our Jewish conscience should be awake to its duties.

Are the American Jews fulfilling their obligations as leaders in the present crisis? Judging from the small amounts of money which the various relief funds have thus far been able to raise, it would seem that something is wrong with us: Either the calamity is so great that the Jews of this country cannot picture it to themselves, or the Jews of this country are so engrossed in their daily affairs that they have no time or energy for leadership.

But it is not of relief that we speak now. We do not live by bread alone. Even the starving and the wounded and the maimed need moral and political leadership. Are the American Jews alive to the new meaning of the Jewish problem? Are they trying to help solve the Jewish question, now that all the world is being changed through war? Have the Jews of this country worked out any program in case action on behalf of the Jewish people is necessary now or tomorrow or at a peace conference or at any other time? Are the American Jews endeavoring to unite their forces in order that a united Jewish front may be presented when needed?

Every thoughtful Jew must have given time and attention to the great Jewish problem now confronting us. But it is too much to expect that the average Jew should deal with these problems authoritatively and energetically.

As far as we are able to determine, but little unity of purpose or of action has as yet been made manifest. The various organizations seem to be going their own way, each one of them with its own plans, each one looking at these problems from the narrow point of view of its own membership. We believe that the time has come when the Jews of the country demand authoritative leadership, a leadership that will, by reason of the tolerance it shows, of the information that it has, and of its representative character, exercise a decisive influence upon the Jews of the country in meeting the Jewish problem.

The American Jewish Committee, which was organized after the Kishineff massacres "to afford relief from calamities affecting Jews, wherever they may occur," should now give evidence of its leadership. We call upon the American Jewish Committee to invite (to a conference) the representatives of all the Jewish national organizations of the country for the purpose of considering the necessity of forming a united committee that shall represent a united American Jewry, and that shall endeavor to give answers to the questions now confronting the Jewish people.

We wish to be of help to the American Jewish Committee in this crisis. We recognize its yeoman's service in matters affecting Jewish immigration. It acted as leader in the Russian passport question. It is the trustee of the Pogrom fund. It called together the organizations making up the American Jewish Relief Committee. Its activity has been comprehensive and effective. It is composed of many of the best men of the

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We are aware that the problems of the present crisis cannot be solved in mass meetings, and require deep and serious consideration. And we have no doubt that the leaders of the American Jewish Committee have given these problems deep and serious consideration. But the crisis is so grave, the problem so complicated, the dangers so fearful, the possibilities so inspiring, that no group of men, however authoritative their information or however powerful their position, should undertake to meet these questions without having behind them the voice of the people. It is necessary for a united committee to be called into being in order to secure unity of action and purpose among the leaders of the large organizations, and in order to secure a united American Israel behind such plans and activities that may, after united counsel, be worked out.

In New York City, in Philadelphia, in Denver, in Minneapolis, in Rochester and in other places where there are Kehillahs as constituents of the American Jewish Committee we feel it the duty of the various Jewish organizations to make their voices heard. The Kehillah of New York sends twenty-five members to the American Jewish Committee out of a total American Jewish Committee membership of eighty-eight. We feel that we express the sentiments of the organization of the Kehillah and of other Jewish organizations in advocating the formation of a united committee to lead the Jews in the present crisis. It will not do for individuals, however wise or energetic they may be, to stand up and propose the formation of new national organizations. We need now, if possible, to act through a union of our constituted organizations, thereby saving our energies and avoiding friction.

We call for unity. We call for constructive statesmanship. We call for the putting aside of local ambition. We call for an expression of the will of the people in orderly, authoritative ways. It will be a sin against our history if we cannot act united as Jews. The moment is heavy with possibilities. May this generation of American Jews prove equal to the task.

(Signed) ALICE D. MENKEN, DR. S. NEUMANN, JOSHUA SPRAYREGEN, Committee.

Jewish Institute.

"Purim; Yesterday and To-day," will be the subject of the lecture which will be delivered before the Jewish Institute next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at the Kessler Theatre meeting room, Second street near Second avenue. The speaker will be Rabbi Elias Margolis. The Social Circle of the Jewish Institute will hold its annual Purim celebration and ball on Saturday evening, February 27, at the Leslie Rooms, 260 West Eighty-third street. An interesting literary programme will be presented, and the feature of this programme will be the production of a play by the Christy Street Recreation Rooms Settlement players.

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OBITUARY.

GOODMAN.—Elias Goodman, acting mayor of this city for a short time in 1907, died Monday morning at his home, No. 201 West 120th street, in his sixty-eighth year. He was a native of Gratz, Germany, and came to this country with his parents when a year old. After living for a short time in New Hampshire his parents removed to Harlem, where he grew up and became prominent in the building up of that section of the city. Mr. Goodman early identified himself with the Republican party, and in 1895 was elected a member of the Board of Aldermen and served continuously until the end of 1907. At one time he was Republican leader of the board, and during 1906-07 was its vice-chairman. Mr. Goodman, while alderman, was instrumental in the erection of the recreation piers, in reforming the primary election law and in obtaining rapid transit. Mr. Goodman was active in fraternities and many years ago published a fraternal publication. He was Past Grand Patriarch of the Odd Fellows of the State of New York.

IN MEMORIAM.

DUSCHNES.—The dedication of the monument erected to the memory of Philip Duschnes and Rosa Duschnes will take place on Sunday, February 28, at 2:30 p. m., at Linden Hill Cemetery. In case of rain postponed to following Sunday. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

Sinai Temple Notes.

An elaborate Purim entertainment will be given by the pupils and alumni of Sinai School on Sunday evening, February 28, at the Sinai Temple rooms, 816 Union avenue. The entertainment has been arranged by Misses R. Gilbert, F. Markel and I. Oppenheim, and will consist of tableaux, allegorical sketches and a special musical programme.

The members of the Sinai Boy Scouts have organized themselves into a "home visiting squad," for the purpose of calling upon the pupils of Sinai School who have absented themselves on account of illness or some other cause. Sidney Rafelson, the scribe of the patrol, is in charge of this new activity.

Mr. Robert H. Dressner, teacher in Public School No. 36, has been appointed principal of Sinai School No. 1, which meets at 816 Union avenue. Mr. Dressner succeeds Mr. Louis Buchner, who was the head of the school until compelled to resign on account of other duties.

The Emanu-El Brotherhood.

With an enrollment of 400 boys and girls in the Hebrew school of the Brotherhood, the attendance last week was 368, or 92 per cent. of the register present. This is the best record attained in this department since the work was first undertaken. Eighty new pupils were admitted last week, and there is still a waiting list of fully 150 boys and girls who wish to join the school.

On Saturday evening, February 27, "The Girls of the E. E. B.," a young ladies' club of the Brotherhood, will entertain their friends with a reception and dance to be held in the Social House. The children of the Sunday school will hold their Purim Entertainment on Sunday morning, February 28.

Y. M. H. and Kindred Associations to Celebrate Purim.

The festival of Purim will be celebrated by the Y. M. H. and kindred associations by special exercises to be held at Temple Beth-El, Seventy-sixth street and Fifth avenue, on Sunday morning, February 28, at 11 o'clock. A lecture will be delivered by Rev. Dr. Samuel Schulman, entitled "Man and Jew." A brief address concerning the growth of the national association movement will be delivered by Mr. Felix M. Warburg, president of the Y. M. H. A. of Manhattan. A special musical programme will be rendered. Invitations have been sent to all the local associations and a large attendance is expected. The general public is cordially invited to attend.

Young Judaea Leaders Confer.

Young Judaea leaders held their annual conference on Sunday and Monday, February 21 and 22, at the Young Men's Hebrew Association, Ninety-second street and Lexington avenue. Seventy-five leaders of the various circles in New York city were in attendance, representing the local groups in the Bronx, Harlem, Lower Manhattan, Williamsburg, South Brooklyn and Brownsville. Other leaders were in attendance from the local organizations in other cities from Philadelphia, Newark, Baltimore, Boston and various cities of Connecticut, beside a delegate from Johnstown, Pa.

Builders of Israel.

The Builders of Israel have arranged two Purim entertainments for Sunday, February 28, at 9 a. m., one at No. 114 Cannon street, by courtesy of the proprietor, Mr. Klein, where an illustrated lecture will be given by Mr. Hyman Solomon, and the other at the Orpheum, No. 126 Second avenue, where Mr. Philip Kleinman will give an illustrated lecture.

Tickets for these entertainments are distributed mainly among children attending mission houses, and the society hopes to bring them into clubs under Jewish leadership.

Hadassah's Annual Meeting.

The third annual meeting of Hadassah, New York Chapter, will be held in the vestry rooms of Temple Emanu-El, Fifth avenue and Forty-third street, on Saturday, February 27, at 8.15. There will be an election of officers and direc-

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Dated, New York, the 15th day of February, 1915.

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tors for the ensuing year. During the evening Mr. Henry Hurwitz will speak on "Nationalism and Philanthropy" and Miss Elinor Sachs on "Nationalism and Religion."

Another Synagogue for the Bronx. The Congregation Judah Halevi will, immediately after the Passover holidays, rebuild a two-story synagogue and Hebrew school on its site, corner of 166th street and Morris avenue.

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Young Israel. On Friday evening, February 26, at 8.30, Rev. Dr. Israel Lebendiger will lecture under the auspices of Young Israel at the Norfolk Street Synagogue, near Grand street, on "The Jewish Conception of Liberty." Young people are cordially invited. Discussion will follow.

Annual Meeting of Uptown Talmud Torah Association. The annual meeting of the Uptown Talmud Torah Association will be held on Sunday, February 27, at 2.30 p. m., at No. 132 East 111th street. The meeting will be addressed by prominent speakers.

Beth Israel Sisterhood. The Sisterhood will hold a regular bi-monthly meeting on Monday afternoon, March 1, 1915, in the vestry room of the Seventy-second Street Synagogue at 2.30 o'clock.

Pincus Elijah Talmud Torah. The Pincus Elijah Talmud Torah will have a Purim celebration at the Synagogue, No. 118 West Ninety-fifth street, on Sunday next at 3 p. m.

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It is yellow with age, though it crackles importantly. Two faded blue ribbons, tied in a neat little bow, encircle this tiny Purim scroll, and as it is revealed to the light of another Purim eye, the memories come full flood upon me. It has lived through merry days, has this quaint, old Megilla, days the like of which can never return. I untie with something akin to reverence the venerable scroll, redolent of citron and smelling of association with tomes no less aged. It was one of the treasures of poor Uncle Ben, and was old when he first possessed it. Old when it came into the hands of his father before him. In this musty length of parchment there lie the elements of romance. To me it represents in epitome something of the joyousness, the detachment from things mundane, that has gone from us for all time. It conjures up the Purim spiel, as played in the nearby Dutch Tenter Ground, when the Ghetto was not of the lusty growth of to-day. It brings to the mind the merry doings in the synagogue itself, a congregation bent upon extracting the last ounce of enjoyment from the merriest celebration in the calendar. Past and Present! How lifeless does the Present seem in comparison, in its haste for wealth, its disregard for the things that matter. To-night is indeed replete with contrasts. Sparse is the congregation and plainly uninterested. Here would romance insinuate itself into their lives, such romance as seldom comes to sweeten these matter-of-fact days. And yet— Here we listen to the monotonous drone of a tired and tiring reader, anxious, it would seem, to be done and home. Even the crackle of the parchment is an interlude most welcome. On, still on, with the story of Esther and the peril of her people, the sword of tragedy suspended above their lives. Now to the indictment of the Amalekite himself, when, lo and behold! the whirr of rattles, the stamping of

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feet, a welcome intannabulation. The reader looks up with an aspect of mild surprise, some of the elders are actually giggling, but others burst forth with the sibilant ssh-h-h! How the boys love the name of their nation's arch-enemy. How rapturously do they herald the recital of the names of his unfortunate sons! Happy youth, untroubled by the conflict being waged across the channel, steeped in the riotous joy of a tragedy that turned to happiness in the days when Ahasuerus ruled. My old Megilla is almost shaking with glee. "Something like the old days," it seems to say as it crackles more persistently than ever. * * *

If that Megilla had the gift of expression, of what doings might it not tell us! No spiel, no Purim masquerade, no outward signs of Purim other than a few iced cakes in the Ghetto confectioner's. Stay! Here is a solitary peddler with trays of "Haman" toffee, gloriously sticky and covered with seeds. And here, unless my eyes play me false, is the first of the procession of Purim donkeys. Here he comes, gaily caparisoned, ambling slowly along the cobblestoned roadway, waiting for the patrons of the Purim ride. From one end of the street to the other, a fine long ride, and all for the nimble ha'penny. Observe the glee on the little ones' faces as they mount this most gentle and patient of steeds. "Quiet?" repeats the proprietor to an apprehensive mother. "Quiet as a baby that's fast asleep." So little Aby embarks without a qualm upon his halfpennyworth of ride. But the donkey belies its master's testimonial, for it speeds like the wind along the Ghetto roadway, mother following frantically at the animal's rear. The little boy is hanging on for dear life itself; the lookers-on have a hearty laugh at the doughty rider's expense. Shrieks of the joyous, shrieks of the timid, they echo through the Ghetto streets for many an hour, until the donkey is tired and its master quite satisfied with the material results of its exertions.

Later on there comes yet further evidence that this is Purim morning. Comes along a great miller's cart, filled to the last square inch with a noisy bevy of boys and girls, singing merrily at the top of their voices and scattering upon passers-by generous supplies of second-rate flour. The boys have their faces bedaubed with this commodity; the girls, too. So that the apparently anaemic appearance of this merry freight must not be taken too seriously. Some there are who carry Purim flags, paper creations in pink and white and green, whereon is depicted the wily Amalekite and his ten sons hanging from the gallows they had built for others. It is a pity to sound a discordant note on this, of all days. But perhaps the producer of the flags aforementioned might steer clear of the anachronistic on another occasion and array these Persians of long ago in garments other than those of the twentieth century.

Perhaps to-day the boisterous note is somewhat lacking, the merriment a trifle forced; for, after all, we are living in stirring times, when the destinies of nations are in the melting-pot, when the foul work of the Hamans of the chancelleries of Europe is making its fruits painfully manifest. "Sh'leach Monuth" to-day is forthcoming in less generous volume, and, if we mistake not, there is less of the flour wherewith to powder the streets. For this is one of the most

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I am rolling up my old Megilla. Methinks it has never seemed so old as it does to-day. The faded blue ribbons are verily in shreds, the parchment is cracking in a score of places, the handles last loosening. Perhaps last evening I had regarded it through the rose-colored glasses of romance, glossed over the defects of sheer old age. It comes upon me now with startling clearness, * * *
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Elisabeth Van Endert will be the soloist at the concert of the Philharmonic Society, Josef Stransky, conductor, in Carnegie Hall on Sunday afternoon, February 28.

The Symphony Society of New York, Walter Damrosch, conductor, will present Ferruccio Busoni, the pianist, as soloist for the pair of concerts at Aeolian Hall, Friday and Sunday afternoons, February 26 and 28.

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BROOKLYN NOTES.

Hebrew Educational Institute. There will be a Purim dance for the senior clubs of the Hebrew Educational Society on Saturday evening, February 27.

The Sabbath School will give a Purim play entitled, "Casting Lots," on Sunday afternoon and evening, February 28, one for the pupils of the Sabbath and Hebrew classes and the other for adults. There will be an exhibition of the Domestic Art and Manual Training classes on Sunday afternoon, February 28.

The Auxiliary of the Federation of Jewish Charities will have a meeting in the auditorium of the Hebrew Educational Society on Sunday afternoon, February 28, at 3 o'clock. Addresses will be made by Judge Alexander H. Geismar, president of the Auxiliary; Mr. Adolph Feldblum, president of the Hebrew Educational Society, and Dr. Charles S. Bernheimer, the superintendent. Mr. Walter M. Rothschild will preside.

Congregation B'nai Israel Anshel Emes.

On Sunday evening, February 21, the congregation held a reception and dance in the assembly hall of the Sunday school building in honor of the ball committee, as an appreciation of the good work performed by them in making the last ball a most pronounced success. Prizes were awarded to those who excelled themselves in the sale of tickets. The first prize was given to Mrs. S. Autor, the second to Mrs. P. Weinberg and the third to Mr. H. M. Copland. Prizes were also awarded to the following: A. Dango, I. A. Goldberg, Mrs. H. Alexander, Mr. I. Itzkowitz, Mrs. L. Summer, Mrs. M. Salt, Mrs. S. Ginsberg, J. Friedman, I. Applebaum and J. Smulow. On the same occasion the Sisterhood presented their retiring president, Mrs. P. Weinberg, with a beautiful token of appreciation for her splendid services as president of that association. Rabbi Israel Goldfarb made the presentation speech.

The children of the Sunday school will hold a Purim entertainment in the Sunday school building on Sunday evening, March 7.

Congregation B'nai Sholaum.

The members of the Congregation B'nai Sholaum are making elaborate preparations for their annual Purim masquerade ball and reception, which will take place on Wednesday, March 10, at Prospect Hall. Over two thousand tickets have already been distributed, and present indications show that this year's affair will be the banner one in the history of the Temple. The proceeds will be devoted to the building fund of the new Temple. The president, Louis Lehman, and Vice-President Lazarus Rosenberg have secured leading theatrical stars, who will entertain the audience with an exhibition of the latest society dances. The officers of the ball committee are: Henry Sessler, chairman; J. Roth, vice-chairman; P. Goldberg, treasurer; Dr. H. Milintzky and Rabbi Levinthal, secretaries.

Ladies' Auxiliary, Hebrew Educational Alliance.

At the annual election held by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Hebrew Educational Alliance of Ridgewood the following officers were elected: Mrs. Leon Luft, president (elected for the third time); Mrs. Wm. Weinberger, vice-president; Mrs. Chas. Wittner, secretary, and Mrs. L. Bloch, treasurer.

This society has decided to take up charity work to relieve the sick and distressed in the Ridgewood section. Worthy cases may be reported to Mrs. Leon Luft, 171 St. Nicholas avenue, tel. Bushwick 3745; Mrs. Chas. Wittner, 195 St. Nicholas avenue, or Mrs. Wm. Weinberger, 1381 Putnam avenue.

Young Men's Hebrew Association.

The fourth of the series of lectures on "Sex-Hygiene" will be given to the members of the Young Men's Hebrew Association of Brooklyn, 345 Ninth street, on Sunday afternoon, February 28, at 3.30 p. m. The various phases of this important subject are being treated by various well-known physicians and sociologists and this lecture will treat the physiological side of the question, and will be given by Dr. E. H. Marsh, of this section of Brooklyn.

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LITERARY.

THE STANDARD PRAYER BOOK, with English Translation by Rev. S. Singer. Bloch Publishing Company, New York, 1915.

The publication, at a nominal price, of the "Singer Prayer Book," in English, made possible through the generosity of the late Mrs. Nathaniel Montefiore, created a tremendous popularity for this work. And no wonder. The translation was at once recognized as a classic. Nowhere can the beauties of the old Tefillah be seen and appreciated as here. The English edition, however, left much to be desired in the matter of typography and arrangement.

With rare enterprise the Bloch Publishing Company, of New York, has re-issued the work in an enlarged form and at a price that brings it within the reach of everybody. In this edition the constant necessity of turning back and forth of the pages during the service, which seriously impairs the English edition, is avoided. To accomplish this it was necessary to add some three hundred pages. Typographically the book is large and clear and was specially imported for this work. The English type, too, is altogether admirable. Printed on Bible paper, the book, while containing 940 pages, is of handy size and form. It is undoubtedly the handsomest Jewish Prayer Book ever published, and in this country will doubtless rival the English edition in popularity.

THE JEWISH TEACHER, Series II, Early Kings and Prophets, by Eugene Lehman, M. A. Bloch Publishing Company, New York, 1915.

The recent awakening in the matter of the needs of our Sunday schools has given a decided impetus to text-book writing. Not every author can make a good book—a book that will stand the test of use. Books are written one year, only to be discarded the next. The most pressing of all our needs have been guides for teachers, with suggestive outlines. An attempt to supply this need has been made by the Jewish Sabbath School Union, which has published a number of useful leaflets, covering the Bible, in a series of graded lessons. Two recent books by Eugene Lehman, whose pedagogical studies have been generally recognized, call for special note. "The Jewish Teacher," of which the second series of lessons has just been published, is a valuable book for all our Sunday school teachers. Any teacher who takes his work seriously will find it a most

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A LIST OF CONVERTS TO JUDAISM IN THE CITY OF LONDON, 1809-1816. From a Hebrew Manuscript in the Library of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. With Four Photographs. Edited by Barnett A. Elzas, M. D., LL. D., New York, 1914.

Dr. Elzas, whose contributions to American Jewish history have received the widest recognition in this country, has just added another to his long list of publications. It is entitled "A List of Converts to Judaism in the City of London, 1809-1816." The original forms part of a little manuscript volume in the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, and which, after much search, Dr. Elzas discovered to be a private memorandum book of Elimaleh Mudahi, one reich of everybody. In this edition the Portuguese Synagogue of London, presided over by Haham Meldola. It is a list of sixty proselytes—thirty-nine women and twenty-one children—during the years 1809-1816. The script of the manuscript is Sephardic and is only to be deciphered after careful study. This the editor has successfully accomplished. The document is of considerable interest to English Jews, the names of several well-known English Jewish families being mentioned therein. Owing to the expense of the photographs the edition is limited to ten copies.

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Two striking examples of leadership does this Mishna of the Ethics of the Fathers present to us. Moses, the greatest and best leader in the world's history, whose single purpose in all that he did and taught was that Israel should become evermore meritorious of the Divine favor; a leader whose only ambition it was that Israel should ever be the chosen people of the Holy One, blessed be He. And when there came a time that the anger of the Lord was leveled against the people to exterminate them because they had worshiped the golden calf, and He said to Moses, "And now let me alone, and my wrath shall wax hot against them, and I will make an end of them; and I will make of thee a great nation," Moses, far from taking advantage of this opportunity to glorify himself and his descendants at the expense of his people, pleaded passionately for forgiveness, and vehemently declared, "Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin; but if not, blot me out, I pray thee, from the book which thou hast written," signifying by these words that were the Lord to reject Israel life would be unbearable to him.

Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, was also a leader of Israel. He was the man of destiny to whom the leadership of ten tribes was given because of the sins of the descendants of David. "And it shall be," said the Lord to Jeroboam, through His prophet, Achiyah the Shilomite, "if thou wilt hearken unto all that I shall command thee, and wilt walk in my ways, and do what is right in my eyes, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did; that I will be with thee and build thee a permanent house, as I have built for David, and I will give Israel unto thee. But Jeroboam did not trust the Lord, but said in his heart, "Now may the kingdom return to the house of David." "If

this people go up to prepare sacrifices in the house of the Lord at Jerusalem, then may the heart of this people turn again unto their lord, even unto Rehoboam the King of Judah, and they might kill me and return to Rehoboam the King of Judah."

Whereupon the king took counsel, and he made two calves of gold and said unto the people: "You have been long enough going up to Jerusalem; behold, here are thy gods, O Israel! which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt." And he placed the one in Beth-el and the other put he in Dan. And this thing became a sin; and the people went before the one as far as Dan. The same prophet, Achiyah the Shilomite, thereupon announced the Divine decree of extermination against the house of Jeroboam—"because of the sins of Jeroboam which he had sinned, and through which he had induced Israel to sin."

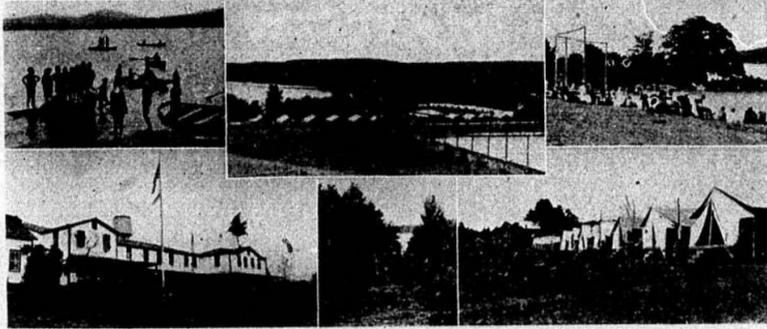
The merit of Moses is everlasting. All the good that is done in the world may be attributed to him who has given the Holy Torah of the Lord to Israel. While the sin of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, like a canker worm preyed upon the heart of Israel and all the misfortunes that has come upon them from the time that his baneful influence was felt by the people to turn them away from the Holy One, blessed be He, can be attributed to this arch conspirator, who has sacrificed an entire nation by leading them astray from the worship of the Creator to the worship of idols for the sake of gratifying his wretched ambition.

"'Tis just," says the Rabbins, "that he who has caused the multitude to sin shall not have an opportunity to repent in order that he may not be in Paradise whilst his deluded followers are in Sheol; and that he who caused the multitude to be meritorious shall be saved from sin in order that he shall not be in Sheol whilst those whom he had guided in the path of virtue are in Paradise."

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 Dated New York, the 8th day of September, 1914.
BENNO LEWINSON, WILLIAM HENRY, RICHARD KUNO, Executors

MANDELBAUM, LUITPOLD.—In pursuance of an order of Honorable Robert Ludlow Fowler, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Luitpold Mandelbaum, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscribers, at their place of transacting business, at the office of their attorneys, Cohen & Cohen, No. 74 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the 10th day of May next.
 Dated, New York, the 29th day of October, 1914.
CELIA MANDELBAUM, BEATRICE STERN, LEASER RUBIN, Executors.
COHEN & COHEN, Attorneys for Executors, 74 Broadway, New York City.

KAUFMANN, JOSEPH.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Joseph Kaufmann, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscriber, at his place of transacting business, at the office of Larry C. Adams, No. 220 Broadway, in the Borough of Manhattan, the City of New York, on or before the third day of April next.
 Dated New York, the 15th day of September, 1914.
OTTO KAUFMANN, Administrator.
HARRY C. ADAMS, Attorney for Administrator, 220 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, New York, N. Y.

LOWENFELD, PINCUS.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. Robert Ludlow Fowler, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Pincus Lowenfeld, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same, with the vouchers thereof to the subscribers, at their place of transacting business, Room 401, No. 46 Cedar street, in the Borough of Manhattan, New York City, on or before May 1st, 1915.
 Dated New York, October 20th, 1914.
ISAAC LOWENFELD, ALEXANDER PFEIFFER, WILLIAM FRAGER, Executors.
ALFRED D. LIND, Attorney for Executors, 46 Cedar Street, New York City.

WOLLSTEIN, LOUIS.—In pursuance of an order of Honorable Robert Ludlow Fowler, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Louis Wollstein, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscribers, at their place of transacting business, at the office of Fleishman & Fox, No. 32 Liberty Street, in the City of New York, on or before the 25th day of June next.
 Dated New York, the 12th day of December, 1914.
MARTHA WOLLSTEIN, SAMUEL FLEISCHMAN, Executors.
FLEISCHMAN & FOX, Attorneys for Executors, 32 Liberty Street, Borough of Manhattan, New York City.

KATZ, SIGMUND.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Sigmund Katz, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof to the subscriber, at her place of transacting business, at the office of Arnstein & Levy, No. 128 Broadway, in the City of New York, on or before the 31st day of May next.
 Dated New York, the 23d day of November 1914.
ELIZABETH KATZ, Executrix.
ARNSTEIN & LEVY, Attorneys for Executrix, 128 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, New York City.

STRASBURGER, ALVIN LOUIS.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Alvin Louis Strasburger, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, at their place of transacting business, the office of Ditteneofer, Gerber & James, No. 96 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, New York City, on or before the first day of August next.
 Dated New York city January 16, 1915.
LENORE STRASBURGER, Executrix; LEROY A. STRASBURGER, BYRON L. STRASBURGER, Executors.
DITTENEOFFER, GERBER & JAMES, Attorneys for Executors, 96 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, New York City, N. Y.

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 Dated, New York, the 16th day of December, 1914.
RACHEL WERTHEIMER, Executrix.
BOUDIN & LIEBMAN, Attorneys for Executrix, 302 Broadway, Manhattan Borough, New York City.

WALDMAN, ABE, also known as Abraham Waldman. In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against ABE WALDMAN, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscriber, at her place of transacting business, at the office of Selig J. Isaacson, No. 489 Fifth Avenue, in the City of New York, on or before the 30th day of April next.
 Dated, New York, the 23d day of October, 1914.
CELIA WALDMAN, Administratrix.
SELIG J. ISAACSON, Attorney for Administratrix, 489 Fifth Avenue, Manhattan, N. Y.

FRISCH, WILLIAM.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. Robert Ludlow Fowler, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against WILLIAM FRISCH, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscribers at their place of transacting business, at the office of EPH. A. KARELSEN, No. 87 Nassau Street, in the City of New York, on or before the 26th day of April, 1915.
 Dated New York, October 13, 1914.
REBECCA ARNOLD and HERMAN B. GOODSTEIN, Administrators.
EPH. A. KARELSEN, Attorney for Administrators, 87 Nassau Street, Manhattan, New York City.

MOSKOWITZ, MAX.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against MAX MOSKOWITZ, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at her place of transacting business, at the office of Daniel Drangle, No. 90 Rivington Street, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, on or before the 15th day of March next.
 Dated New York, September 8th, 1914.
REBECCA MOSKOWITZ, Administratrix.
DANIEL DRANGLE, Attorney for Administratrix, 90 Rivington Street, Borough of Manhattan, New York, N. Y.

ORBACH, MAX.—In pursuance of an order of Honorable John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against MAX ORBACH, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscribers, at their place of transacting business, No. 74 Broadway, in the City of New York, on or before the first day of June next.
 Dated New York, the 12th day of November, 1914.
MAX L. SCHALLEK and MAMIE ORBACH, Executors.
SAMUEL STRASBURGER, Attorney for Executors, 74 Broadway, New York City.

RUBENS, SIMON.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. Robert Ludlow Fowler, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Simon Rubens, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at his place of transacting business, at the office of Louis W. Osterweis, No. 209 Fifth Avenue, Borough of Manhattan, New York City, on or before the 10th day of May, 1915.
 Dated New York, the 2d day of November, 1914.
ISAAC STARK, Executor.
LOUIS W. OSTERWEIS, Attorney for Executor, 209 Fifth Avenue, Borough of Manhattan, New York City.

BERNSTEIN, ABRAHAM.—In pursuance of an order of Honorable John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Abraham Bernstein, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscriber, at her place of transacting business, No. 149 Broadway, in the City of New York, on or before the first day of August next.
 Dated, New York, the 26th day of January, 1915.
RACHEL BERNSTEIN, Administratrix.
PHILIP BAUM, Attorney for Administratrix, 149 Broadway, New York City.

FRINGANT, MAX.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Max Fringant, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscriber, at his place of transacting business, at the office of his attorney, Leo Oppenheimer, No. 66 Wall Street, in the City of New York, on or before the 1st day of March next.
 Dated New York, the 21st day of August 1914.
MORTON ARENDT, Surviving Executor.
LEO OPPENHEIMER, Attorney for Executor, 66 Wall Street, New York City, N. Y.

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Dated New York the 14th day of December, 1914.
HENRY L. PRAGER, ETHEL R. PRAGER, Administrators.
FEINER & MAASS, Attorneys for Administrators, 100 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan City of New York.

WEISS, SALOME.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. Robert Ludlow Fowler, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Salome Weiss, also known as Selma Weiss, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscriber, at place of transacting business, at the office of Henry B. von Pein, No. 35 Nassau street, in the City of New York, on or before the 15th day of December, 1914.

Dated New York, the 15th day of December, 1914.
FREDERICK WEISS, Executor.
HENRY E. VON PEIN, Attorney for Executor, 35 Nassau Street, Borough of Manhattan New York City.

MAYER, JOSEPH.—In pursuance of an order of Honorable Robert Ludlow Fowler, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Joseph Mayer, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscribers, at their place of transacting business, at the office of their attorneys, Sigmond Wechsler, No. 233 Broadway, in the City of New York, on or before the 2d day of July next.

Dated, New York, the 8th day of December, 1914.
DAVID MAYER, SARAH MAYER, Executors
SIGMOND WECHSLER, Attorney for Executors, 233 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, N. Y.

BITTKER, ISAAC.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Isaac Bittker, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscriber, at their place of transacting business, at the office of their attorneys, Messrs. Lind & Pfeiffer, No. 46 Cedar street, in the City of New York, on or before the 31st day of May, next.

Dated, New York, the 20th day of November, 1914.
EVA BITTKER, Executrix.
MOSES H. ROTHSTEIN, Attorney for Executrix, 132 Nassau street, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York.

GUTERMAN, JACOB.—In pursuance of an order of Honorable John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Jacob Guterman, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscribers, at their place of transacting business, at the office of their attorneys, Messrs. Ryttenberg, No. 135 Broadway, in the City of New York, on or before the 22d day of July next.

Dated, New York, the 11th day of January, 1915.
THEODORE GUTERMAN, DORA GUTERMAN, HARRY GUTERMAN, Executors
MOSES R. RYTTEBERG, Attorney for Executors, 135 Broadway, Manhattan, New York City.

STEININGER, SIMON E.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Simon E. Steinger, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscribers, at their place of transacting business, at the office of Maurice B. and Dan' W. Blumenthal, No. 35 Nassau street, in the City of New York, on or before the 29th day of May next.

Dated New York, the 16th day of November, 1914.
CARRIE STEININGER, ISRAEL DE KEYSER, Executors named in will.
MAURICE B. & DAN' W. BLUMENTHAL, Attorneys, etc., 35 Nassau Street, Borough of Manhattan, New York City.

KAHN, BERTHA.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Bertha Kahn, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscriber, at his place of transacting business, at the office of Emanuel Jacobus, No. 74 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the 28th day of March next.

Dated New York, the 11th day of December, 1914.
SOLOMON JACOBUS, Administrator.
EMANUEL JACOBUS, Attorney for Administrator, 74 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York.

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Dated, New York, the 28th day of December, 1914.
HUGO JOSEPHY, WILLIAM HENRY, CHARLES A. BRODEK, MYER HECHT, Executors.
CHARLES A. BRODEK, Attorney for Executors, 44 Cedar street, Borough of Manhattan.

MYERS, EMILY H.—In pursuance of an order of Honorable John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Emily H. Myers, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscribers at their place of transacting business, at the office of Engelhard & Pollak, No. 111 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the 8th day of June next.

Dated New York, the 24th day of November, 1914.
EDWARD H. MYERS, LAWRENCE MYERS, Executors.
ENGELHARD & POLLAK, Attorneys for Executors, 111 Broadway, Manhattan, New York City.

MILLER, JULIUS G.—In pursuance of an order of the Hon. John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Julius G. Miller, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscribers, at their place of transacting business, at the office of Goldsmith, Cohen, Cole & Weiss, No. 61 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York on or before the 23d day of July, 1915.

Dated New York January 9, 1915.
ARTHUR G. MILLER, SEIGMAN PERG, LEONARD L. STEIN, Executors.
GOLDSMITH, COHEN, COLE & WEISS, Attorneys for Executors, 61 Broadway, New York City.

STRAUS, MAX H.—In pursuance of an order of Honorable John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Max H. Straus, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscribers, at their place of transacting business, at the office of Leventritt, Cook & Nathan, their attorneys, No. 111 Broadway (Manhattan), in the City of New York, on or before the 21st day of June next.

Dated New York, the 11th day of December, 1914.
NATHANIEL COHEN, Executor.
ABRAHAM COHEN, Attorney for Executor, 111 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, New York City.

NUSSBAUM, BERNHARDT.—In pursuance of an order of Honorable John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Bernhard Nussbaum, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscriber, at place of transacting business, No. 111 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the 9th day of August next.

Dated, New York, the 27th day of January, 1915.
NATHANIEL COHEN, Executor.
ABRAHAM COHEN, Attorney for Executor, 111 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, New York City.

MICHELMAN, PHILIP I.—In pursuance of an order of Honorable John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Philip I. Michelman, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscriber, at his place of transacting business, at the office of Prince & Nathan, No. 19 Cedar street, in the City of New York, on or before the 5th day of August next.

Dated New York, the 29th day of January, 1915.
PHILIP I. MICHELMAN, Executor.
PRINCE & NATHAN, Attorneys for Executor, 19 Cedar Street, New York City.

HARRIS, FANNIE.—In pursuance of an order of Honorable John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Fannie Harris, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscribers at their place of transacting business, at the office of Henry Meyer, their attorney, No. 302 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the 14th day of August next.

Dated, New York, the 1st day of February, 1915.
JOSEPH M. HARRIS, MARTHA HOFFMANN, EMMA SAMPSON, MORTIMER I. HARRIS, Executors.
HENRY MEYER, Attorney for Executors, 302 Broadway, Manhattan, New York City.

FRANKENSTEIN, ALEXANDER.—In pursuance of an order of Honorable John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Alexander Frankenstein, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscriber, at her place of transacting business, at the office of her attorney, Samuel Sturtz, No. 138 Broadway, in the City of New York, on or before the 1st day of June next.

HAEBER, ANNIE C.—In pursuance of an order of Honorable Robert Ludlow Fowler, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Annie C. Haeger, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscriber, at his place of transacting business at the office of Mayer C. Goldman, No. 6 Beekman street, in the City of New York, on or before the 8th day of May next.

Dated New York, the 24th day of October, 1914.
BENJAMIN O. DAVIS, Administrator.
MAYER C. GOLDMAN, Attorney for Administrator, 6 Beekman Street, New York City.

LOUCHHEIM, SOPHIA.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Sophia Louchheim, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscriber, at his place of transacting business, at the office of Maurice S. Cohen, his attorney, No. 64 Wall street, Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the 5th day of April next.

Dated New York, the 17th day of September, 1914.
AARON B. SELDNER, Executor.
MAURICE S. COHEN, Attorney for Executor, 64 Wall Street, Borough of Manhattan, New York City.

KALMANOWITZ, MEYER.—In pursuance of an order of Honorable Robert Ludlow Fowler, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Meyer Kalmanowitz, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at her place of transacting business, at the office of Harry A. Gordon, No. 620 Broadway, in the Borough of Manhattan, the City of New York, on or before the 1st day of May next.

Dated New York, the 27th day of October, 1914.
IDA KALMANOWITZ, Administratrix.
HARRY A. GORDON, Attorney for Administratrix, 320 Broadway, New York City.

ADLER, LOUIS.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Louis Adler, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscriber at her place of transacting business at the office of her attorneys, 35 Nassau street, Borough of Manhattan, New York City, on or before the 15th day of April next.

Dated New York, the 30th day of September, 1914.
JENNIE ADLER, Executrix.
BERNHAIM & LOEWENTHAL, Attorneys or Executrix, 35 Nassau street, Borough of Manhattan, New York City.

GOLDMAN, MATTHEW.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Matthew Goldman, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscribers at their place of transacting business, at the office of Samuel Greenberg, their attorney, No. 910 Brook avenue, in the City of New York, on or before the 31st day of May, 1915.

Dated New York, the 16th day of November, 1914.
ROSIE GOLDMAN, RAE GOLDMAN, Executrices.
SAMUEL GREENBERG, Attorney for Executrices, 910 Brook Avenue, Borough of the Bronx, City of New York.

CARO, LILLIAN.—In pursuance of an order of Honorable John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Lillian Caro, also known as Lena Caro, formerly known as Lena Heim, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscribers, at their place of transacting business, at the office of their attorneys, Messrs. Lind & Pfeiffer, No. 46 Cedar street, in the City of New York, on or before the 15th day of July next.

Dated New York, the 8th day of January, 1915.
JOSEPHINE ZEMAN, EDITH JAYNE, Executrices.
LIND & PFEIFFER, Attorneys for Executrices, 46 Cedar Street, New York City.

MEIER, EMMA.—In pursuance of an order of the Honorable John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Emma Meier, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscriber, at his place of transacting business, at the office of Samuel B. Hamburger, his attorney, No. 2 Rector street, in the Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the 20th day of July next.

Dated New York, January 8, 1915.
DAVID MEIER, Executor.
SAMUEL B. HAMBURGER, Attorney for Executor, 2 Rector Street, New York City.

ETTINGER, JENNIE.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Jennie Ettinger, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscribers, at their place of transacting business, at the office of their attorneys, Messrs. Feiner & Maass, 100 Broadway, in the Borough of Manhattan, City, County and State of New York, on or before the 20th day of August next.

Dated, New York, February 13, 1915.
LEONIDAS ETTINGER, SIDNEY P. ETTINGER, LEWIS JACOBS, Executors.
FEINER & MAASS, Attorneys for Executors, 100 Broadway, New York City.

SIDENBERG, GUSTAVUS.—In pursuance of an order of Honorable Robert Ludlow Fowler, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Gustavus Sidenberg, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscribers at their place of transacting business, at the office of Samson Lachman, No. 35 Nassau Street, in the City of New York, on or before the 31st day of August next.

Dated, New York, the 9th day of February, 1915.
HENRY SIDENBERG, RICHARD SIDENBERG, THERESA SIDENBERG, ABRAHAM GOLDSMITH, Executors.
SAMSON LACHMAN, Attorney for Executors, 35 Nassau Street, New York City.

HAMMERSTEIN, WILLIAM.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against William Hammerstein, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at her place of transacting business, at the office of Blumenstiel & Blumenstiel, No. 27 Cedar Street, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, on or before the 20th day of April, 1915.

Dated, New York, October 9, 1914.
ANNA EMMERTSTEIN, Executrix.
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Dated New York, the 15th day of January, 1915.
KATIE NEWMAN, Administratrix.

FISHER, BELLA.—In pursuance of an order of Honorable John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Bella Fisher, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof, to the subscribers at their place of transacting business, No. 35 Nassau street, in the City of New York, on or before the 17th day of May, 1915, next.

Dated, New York, the 11th day of November, 1914.
ERNA FISHER, HILDA B. STRAUS, EDWARD P. FISHER, Executors.
MAURICE B. AND DAN' L. W. BLUMENTHAL, Attorneys for Executors, 35 Nassau Street, Borough of Manhattan, New York City.

WEIL, JACOB.—In pursuance of an order of the Honorable John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Jacob Weil, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscriber, at her place of transacting business, at the office of her attorney, Samuel Newmark, No. 261 Broadway, in the City of New York, on or before the 7th day of August next.

Dated, New York, the 30th day of January, 1915.
Rose Weil, Administratrix.
SAMUEL NEWMARK, Attorney for Administratrix, 261 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, New York City.

WEINGART, SAMUEL.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Samuel Weingart, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscribers, at their place of transacting business, No. 48 Edgecombe avenue, in the City of New York, on or before the 1st day of June next.

Dated New York, the 17th day of November, 1914.
LENA B. WEINGART, HENRY SCHOTTENFELS, ROBERT SCHWARZ, Executors.

GOLDBERG, JOSEPH.—In pursuance of an order of Honorable John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Joseph Goldberg, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscriber at his place of transacting business, No. 74 Broadway, in the City of New York, on or before the 10th day of August next.

Dated, New York, the 27th day of January, 1915.
JULIUS BONNER, Executor.
EUGENE COHN, Attorney for Executor, Office and P. O. Address, 74 Broadway, New York.

WEINSTEIN, SIMON.—In pursuance of an order of Honorable John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Simon Weinstein, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscribers, at their place of transacting business, at the office of their attorneys, Hillquit & Levene, 30 Church Street, in the City of New York, on or before the 25th day of August next.

Dated, New York, the 15th day of February, 1915.
HARRIS H. URIS, ADOLPH HIRSHFELD, EMANUEL M. KRULEWITZ, Executors.
HILLQUIT & LEVENE, Attorneys for Executors, 30 Church Street, Borough of Manhattan, New York City.

SCHLESINGER, ISAAC.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Isaac Schlesinger, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscribers, at their place of transacting business, at the office of Riegelman & Bach, No. 44 Cedar street, in the City of New York, on or before the 30th day of March next.

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Dated New York the 24th day of September, 1914.
WILLIAM GOLDSTONE and CHARLES MAYER, Executors.
KANTROWITZ & ESBERG, Attorneys for Executors, No. 335 Broadway, New York City.

SIEGEL, FREDERICK A.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Frederick A. Siegel, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscriber, at her place of transacting business, at the office of I. Gainsburg, No. 271 Broadway, Manhattan Borough, in the City of New York, on or before the 1st day of March, next.

Dated, New York, the 21st day of August, 1914.
CLARA LOUISE SIEGEL, Administratrix.
I. GAINSBURG, Attorney for Administratrix, 271 Broadway, Manhattan Borough, New York City.

HORNTHAL, LEWIS M.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against LEWIS M. HORNTHAL, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, at their place of transacting business, at the office of Sidney Rosman, No. 149 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, on or before the 20th day of April, 1915.

Dated New York, 8th day of October, 1914. (Sgd.) MILTON J. HORNTHAL, JULIUS M. LOWENSTEIN, Executors.
SIDNEY ROSSMAN, Attorney for Executors, No. 149 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York.

ROSENTHAL, HERMAN.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Herman Rosenthal, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscribers, at their place of transacting business, at the office of their attorneys, Bandler & Haas, No. 42 Broadway, in the City of New York, on or before the 10th day of March next.

Dated New York the 4th day of September, 1914.
BENNY ROSENTHAL, SIDNEY H. ROSENTHAL, Executors.
BANDLER & HAAS, Attorneys for Executors, 42 Broadway, New York City.

LOWENBEIN, DAVID.—In pursuance of an order of Honorable Robert Ludlow Fowler, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against David Lowenbein, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscribers, at their place of transacting business, at the office of Rose & Paskus, No. 128 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the 10th day of May next.

Dated, New York, the 30th day of October, 1914.
RALPH LOWENBEIN, EDNA NORDLINGER, Executors.
ROSE & PASKUS, Attorneys for Executors, 128 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, New York City.

COTTEK, MARY.—In pursuance of an order of Honorable Robert Ludlow Fowler, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Mary Cottok, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscriber, at his place of transacting business, at the office of his attorneys, Feiner & Maass, No. 100 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the 25th day of June next.

Dated New York the 14th day of December, 1914.
LEE MERGENTIME, Executor.
FEINER & MAASS, Attorneys for Executor, 100 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York.

NEUBERGER, BENNO.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against BENNO NEUBERGER, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at their place of transacting business at the office of Leventritt, Cook & Nathan, No. 111 Broadway, in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, on or before the 2nd day of April next.

Dated New York, the 5th day of October, 1914.
STELLA M. NEUBERGER, Executrix; EDWIN MAYER and THEODORE WERNER, Executors.
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NATHANIEL COHEN, Executor
ABRAHAM COHEN, Attorney for Executor, 111 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, New York City.

ROBERTSON, JULIUS.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. Robert Ludlow Fowler, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Julius Robertson, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscribers at their place of transacting business, No. 64 Wall Street, in the City of New York, on or before the 23d day of August next. Dated, New York, the 11th day of February, 1915.

LOUIS J. ROBERTSON, EDWARD F. ROBERTSON and ALBERT ROBERTSON, Executors.
LAWRENCE B. COHEN, Attorney for Executors, 64 Wall Street, New York City.

SOLOMON, MEYER.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. Robert Ludlow Fowler, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Meyer Solomon, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscribers at their place of transacting business at the office of Isidore Hershfield, No. 99 Nassau Street, in the City of New York, on or before the 20th day of August next. Dated, New York, February 5th, 1915.

ROSE SOLOMON, Executrix, MAX W. SOLOMON, Executor
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