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SOME JEWS I KNOW

THE LADY WHO DOES MY CLEANING

Being the Fourth in a Series of Pen Pictures. By E. C. EHRLICH



She knocks on my door around eight every Wednesday and begins to gather up her brooms and dust rags at the stroke of five. Mrs. Ainsley is a tiny, bird-like lady, whom it is hard to picture as ever having been young or without the *shaitel*, which has a habit of tipping over one eye as she works, giving a rakish look to her otherwise respectable, wrinkled face. Her street costume is somewhat bizarre, too. I must confess, consisting as it does of the odds and ends of the wardrobes of her patrons, ladies, it would seem, more charitable to their charwomen than conservative in their choice of color schemes. I might find it distracting to pound my machine with such a living rainbow sweeping the dust carefully under the corners of my rugs, did not Mrs. Ainsley change at once into a sorry-colored grub, with all her butterfly finery submerged beneath a dingy kitchen apron many sizes too large for her. Dressed for the day, she seizes a broom or scrubbing brush and works with a dull sort of persistence, making me think, somehow, of the old cab-horse which had to be kept trotting lest he discover how tired he was and drop exhausted. For Mrs. Ainsley goes about her tasks doggedly, never raising her eyes from her work unless I order her to sit down and talk to me for a while. It is then I am able to coax her gently into one of her monologues, always worth far more than the few coins I slip into her hand at parting. She has many stories of the lives of her kin and the "ladies by whom she works," but I like best the tale of how it all began for her across the sea.

the father bent over his books in the dim light, and the mother moved about the dirty floor, there was another little children clinging to her

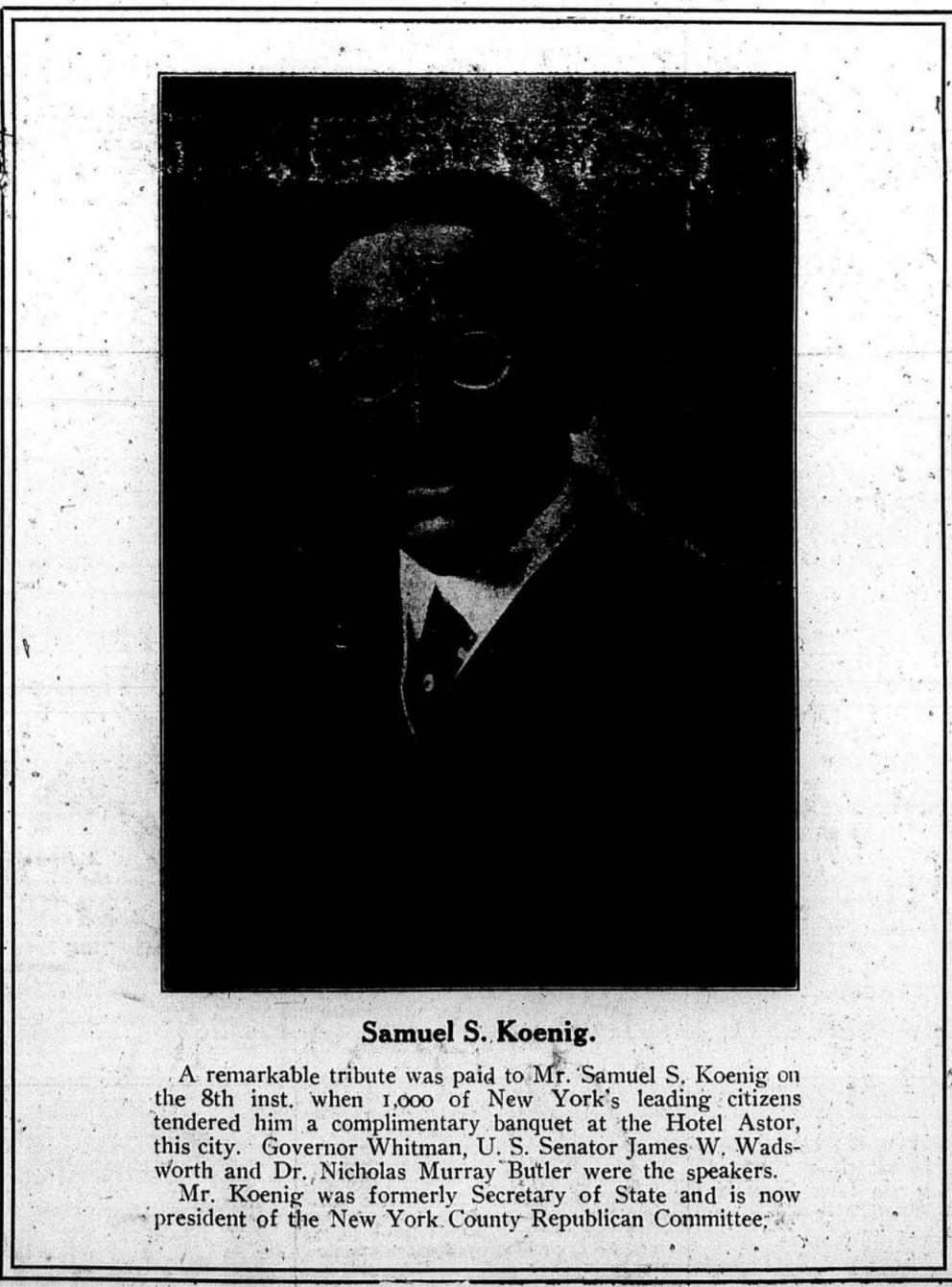
as soon as one baby could crawl about the dirty floor, there was another to take its place at the moth-

mies, as our prophets foretold, yet He still remembers His vow to make the sand which is upon the seashore.

His people to multiply and to be as to the Lord than to his own efforts to earn a supply of daily bread, might have given Mrs. Ainsley a more comfortable childhood. Yet she speaks of those days of black poverty with a shrug of resignation, a shrug which is as old and as futile as the age-long sorrows of her nation.

On the history of that nation, this Jewish woman knows little, nor does she really understand the prayers her mother taught her, while the younger children played about her feet. She does remember a few legends told in that far-off place where she was born, and only the other day related to me how the Jewish women killed that false Messiah (though, of course, she will not mention his name), by pelting him with cabbages. She has been taught, however, all the thousand and one things a pious Jewess must and must not do; and even after all the years in godless America, never neglects to separate a bit of the dough while baking (she thought me a prodigy of learning, when I explained the significance of the act, which she has been performing all these years without thinking of the meaning), and is as firm as her mother was in her belief that frightful penalties await the bride who does not cut her hair before passing under the wedding canopy.

A girl of sixteen, she, too, passed under the canopy, the bridegroom, a fifteen-year-old youth from another village, one whose face she had never seen before the *Shadchan* brought him to her father. Was her married life happy? She shrugs her characteristic answer that a Jewish maiden does not marry to be happy. She marries because it is the will of God and that she may have children. And the children came fast enough, six of them, she tells me, but four of them died while they were very little. She has told me their names and how the first had already started to *Cheder* and was a quarter through *Chumosh*. "A real wonder-child; he



Samuel S. Koenig.

A remarkable tribute was paid to Mr. Samuel S. Koenig on the 8th inst. when 1,000 of New York's leading citizens tendered him a complimentary banquet at the Hotel Astor, this city. Governor Whitman, U. S. Senator James W. Wadsworth and Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler were the speakers. Mr. Koenig was formerly Secretary of State and is now president of the New York County Republican Committee.

Some people might call her early life in Galicia picturesque. I, for one, would not be sorry if, through the cruel rents which this war of the nations has torn into the lives of our people, a little light should penetrate, the light of the truth that will make them free. She was one of a large family, half-starved and huddled in a miserable basement, where

skirts. There were always little children, Mrs. Ainsley remembers, for

er's breast. One promise, at least, the Guardian of Israel had not fit to break the swords of our ene-

A third as many brothers and sisters, and a father who trusted less broken. Although He has not seen

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would have been a rabbi had he lived," she says, and her eyes grow a little misty, as she thinks of the son dead these many years.

Her husband's brother sent for them to come to America. Here the young husband, failing to find work, discouraged and bewildered, deserted his family; and Mrs. Ainsley, who, in the days of their blackest poverty, had never tasted the bread of charity, was forced to appeal to the Aid Society for help.

"They could not find him to send him back," she says, "and I am glad, because I might have had to work for him, too, and it was hard enough for me to get work at first." So hard, in fact, that she was obliged to send the two children to a Jewish institution. "But they weren't brought up to be Jews. They didn't eat *kosher*—and I had always been so careful—and they didn't send my Jake to a *Cheder*; when he was big enough to work they got him a place, where he had to work on *Shabbos*." But though the boy had grown thoroughly de-Judaized in her eyes, still the home that she made for Jake and his sister, whom she took from the asylum, was a happy one. "I had to work hard, but I had my children, and Rifka got on fine in her school," she says, and her brown face glows with quiet joy as she thinks of it. Then: "He is not a bad son, my Jake," she adds, defensively. "He sends me money every month; he would have me visit him sometimes, but how can I shame him before his wife's people? He tells me she is a good girl, but I am afraid she does not keep *kosher*—and I would like to have grandchildren."

Of her Rifka she has only spoken once, and then, for the first time, I saw a look of keen agony wrinkle her brave, old face. "She is dead—no, she did not die like the others—but she married a *goy*. Maybe it was all her schooling that done it—maybe I did not have time to teach her to be a good Jewish daughter." She wiped her hands on her apron, and pushed her shiny black wig a little further over one eyebrow—her un-failing preparations for departure: "Do you know what I do every Friday? I put on my *Shabbos* clothes—I have a silk skirt at home and a good waist—and I take my basket of candles and go all over downtown. And I go to the houses of Jewish women that have just married—and think because they live in America they don't need to be good Jews. I tell them I don't need the money they give me for the candles—as God hears me, I give every penny I make that way to *schmorrers*—but I want them to buy my *Shabbos* candles; perhaps, if they get them of an old woman like me, who tells them about my daughter, they will light them. I beg them to be good Jewish mothers that their children will not put them to shame in their old age—like mine did. Only I cannot speak well—if he had lived he would have been a great *maggid*—but I can remind them that they are Jews; even if I cannot speak English good and am only an ignorant old woman."

"But how old are you, Mrs. Ainsley?" I asked.
 "Forty-three," she answered, as she gathered up her broom and her dust cloths and started for the door. I stared after her. Her life tragically struck me as never before. For she looked over sixty.

THEFT.

By REV. DR. JULIUS J. PRICE.
 The universal prohibition of theft seemed weighty enough to occupy the eighth place in the ten fundamental commandments of the Decalogue. Samuel said: It is not allowed to steal the good opinion of our fellow creatures, even if they be idolaters (i. e., to receive their gratitude for imaginary kindnesses). Samuel did not say so expressly, observed another authority, but from an act of his it is inferred that he held such a principle. He once crossed a river in a boat, and told his servant to pay the idolatrous ferryman. And when the servant did not do so he was displeased. It is forbidden to steal anything, even as a joke or with the intention of returning or paying for it; for by acting thus a person learns to steal in earnest.

Carelessness with regard to another's property tends to foster thieving. Mar Zutra, the holy, happened to be the guest at a house when a silver cup was taken. Noticing a man drying his hands, with his neighbor's cloak, he exclaimed, pointing to him: "Here is the thief! You see he is careless of other men's property?" The man was arrested, and he confessed the theft. Property should be guarded, and no temptation put in the way of the weak-minded, for "an open door invites a thief."

The receiver of stolen property is worse than the thief. As an illustration of the rabbinical adage, it is related in Midrash Vayikra Rabbah: "A certain ruler once enacted that a thief, when convicted, should be liable to a sevenfold restitution of the stolen property, but that a receiver of stolen goods shall be punished with death. The people murmured against the enactment. One day in harvest time the ruler called them together into a field which was infested with rats, and they noticed how the rats carried off the corn and hid it in the holes. The following day the ruler ordered the holes to be stopped up, and the rats, finding no access to the holes, left their plunder on the field and ran away. The people comprehended the matter at once, and signified their approval of the new law." If there would be none to buy there would be none to steal. By receiving a stolen article the thief is led to steal more, and in this way the receiver incurs the greater penalty.

If one sells a slave to his neighbor, and he is afterward discovered to be a thief or a *Kövyostos* (a kidnapper, says Rashi; but Tosephus decides that it must mean a dice player), the sale is valid. But if he is discovered to have been an armed robber or proscribed by the king, the buyer may say: Here is thy own (dead slave) back again.

If a man confesses an act of seduction, he pays on his own confession. Compensation for the shame and depreciation of character, but not the additional fine (for in this instance he is not "condemned by the judge."—Ex. xxii, 9). If he says: I have committed theft, he restores only the value of the stolen property, according to his own confession, but not double or four or five times its value. This is the rule: When charged on his own confession, he pays only for the damage he has caused. If one has purloined the property stolen by another, the first thief restores double, and the second its absolute value. If the first thief sold it before it was stolen by the second, the first restores four or five times its value (according as the stolen property is an ox or sheep), and the second its absolute value only, not double. If one steal from partners, he is liable to the prescribed restitution; but partner thieves are exempt (for each of them has only half committed the theft). If one has stolen eatables belonging to a priest, and has not eaten them, he repays double their value. If he has eaten them, he repays double and a fifth part of their value. If he has stolen the eatables belonging to the temple, he pays only its value and twofifths, and there is no double payment when holy things are stolen, inasmuch as it is said (Ex. xxii, 9): "He shall pay double unto his neighbor."

Certain thefts evoked divine as well as civil punishment. Even Rabbi Nechunya ben Hakanah admits that whosoever steals animal fat and eats it deliberately must pay for it, though he has also incurred the penalty of death by divine infliction, for the theft had been committed long before he could violate the sanctity of the Sabbath by carrying the stolen property to the public thoroughfare. Ravah said: If a man steals a kid on a weekday and kills it on the Sabbath, he must pay its value and the prescribed fine, though his life is also forfeited for the desecration of the Sabbath; for he was guilty of the theft long before he desecrated the Sabbath. But if he steals and kills it on the Sabbath, the payments are remitted; for then the thief vanishes in the presence of the capital crime. He that steals a purse on the Sabbath is bound to repay double the amount (Ex. xxii, 3, A. V. 4), in addition to the expiation enjoined for inadvertent (and in this case primarily unintended) desecration of the Sabbath; for the theft was committed before he could violate the sanctity of the Sabbath (by carrying the stolen property to the public thoroughfare; but if instead of raising the purse within the precincts of the house he has pulled it along and picked it up in the street, he is exempt from pecuniary fine, because in that case the theft and the desecration of the Sabbath happened simultaneously, and he is therefore only punished for the latter offense.

Thieving was also punished by slavery and death. A woman, however, was free from the former penalty, for "only a man and not a woman is sold into slavery for theft." If the value of the stolen property is a thousand dollars, and the thief is worth only five hundred dollars, he is

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sold into slavery a second time, but if vice versa he is not sold at all. If a man steals a cup from the sanctuary (in which case the legal "neighbor" is wanting, or if he curses God by the word *Cosem*, which in reality is not a legal term, and if he commits fornication with an Aramaic woman, man of zeal kill him. Kidnapping was invariably punished with death, and we read "If one kidnaps an Israelite, he is not guilty of death until he has brought him to his own premises." These measures, which often times seem strange, were necessary for the protection of men's interests.

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An Interesting Jewish Bread Controversy—Another Society Jewish Marriage—Board of Deputies Discusses Naturalization Laws—Relief of Ruined Jews in Russia—Important Public and Communal Appointments—A Proposed Jewish Flag Day Organized by Conversionists.

London, Jan. 26, 1917.

Bread in this country is sold by weight unless it is called "fancy" bread. If it is just "bread" it must be sold in loaves weighing two pounds or four pounds each. "Fancy" bread can be sold at any weight. The question whether bread sold by Jewish bakers as fancy bread was in such general use that it ought to be classed as ordinary bread, and so be sold by weight in accordance with the Bread Act of 1836, came before E. Brierley, the Stipendiary Magistrate, at the Manchester City Police Court on January 19.

G. B. Cole, chief inspector of weights and measures to the Manchester corporation, appeared in support of proceedings against three Jewish bakers for selling bread other than by weight. It was stated that there were three classes of bread sold to the Hebrew community in Manchester—black bread, white, and first and second quality white bread. It was the second quality white bread to which the proceedings had reference. This particular kind of bread, Mr. Cole contended, was so universally eaten by members of the Jewish community that it became the ordinary bread of commerce, and as such ought to be sold by weight.

After evidence had been given, Mr. Lustgarten, for the defendants, submitted that, as a matter of fact, the bread to which the proceedings related was fancy bread. Even assuming it to be more popular than other bread, and even assuming it to be universal used by the Jewish community, that would still not alter the fact that it was fancy bread. The deciding principle was not whether the bread was being largely used, but what it was understood to be by the purchaser, and it did not matter whether he used it for ordinary consumption or special consumption. French bread, for example, remained French bread, no matter how universal it was consumed. Bread was fancy bread so long as its use was confined to a particular section of the community and was not commonly used by all sections. This particular class of bread has been sold in Strangeways and Cheetham Hill as fancy bread under the laws for upward of thirty years within his own recollection, and had never been challenged. It had been challenged in another part of the country successfully, but that was not a decision binding upon the justices because it was a decision given in a court of first instance.

Mr. Brierley said the summonses must be dismissed, as the justices were of opinion that this particular bread was fancy bread. In reply to Mr. Cole, Mr. Brierley said he would state a case with a view to appeal.

A marriage has been arranged, and will shortly take place, between Derek FitzGerald, Irish Guards, only son of the Hon. Eustace and Mrs. FitzGerald, 2 Mansion place, Queen's gate, London, and Violet, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Sassoon, 6 Hamilton place, London.

The Board of Deputies has been talking over the question of the naturalization laws. At the last meeting of the board H. S. Q. Henriques made a statement with reference to the report of the Unionist Committee on plans for the reform of the present naturalization laws. He pointed out that there would be a considerable danger to Jews if these plans were adopted. It was in the interest of the Jewish community that naturalization should be made easy. But, according to the plans recommended by the Unionist Committee, not only would it be impossible for people who had settled in this country to acquire English citizenship, but even those who were born here would, like the Jews in Rumania, not be regarded as Englishmen if their parents were foreigners. It was necessary that the board should express an opinion on the subject without delay, because the question was likely to be raised at the coming Imperial Conference. He moved that the matter be referred to the Law and Parliamentary Committee for consideration and report.

Lucien Wolf pointed out that the question of nationality would become extremely difficult after the war. Too much, however, must not be made out of the Unionists' plan, because after all it was not official. B. S. Straus also thought that the importance of the scheme must not be exaggerated. S. Rowson, L. Frank and others, however, reminded the board that Sir Edward Carson had been the president of the Unionist Committee, and that that body was, therefore, very influential. Mr. Henriques's motion was agreed to.

It was reported that the Conjoint Flour Committee of the United Syna-

gogue had declined to deal with the question of the supply of sugar for Passover, as the matter did not come within the scope of its work.

Big attention is again being paid in this country to the relief of the ruined Jews of Russia. Already the Jews in this country and the British Empire generally have contributed over a million dollars toward the relief of this stricken people. Big as the sum was, however, it has been speedily used up, and the need for succor is colossal and unprecedented, especially now that the terrible Russian winter is in full swing. The Jewish papers here are printing big appeals showing that the need is urgent and pressing, and that contributions should be given and given at once.

Two Jewish government appointments have to be mentioned this week. Col. Sir Frederick L. Nathan, commandant of the Jewish Lads' Brigade, has been appointed one of the committee of three to inquire into the cause of the recent terrible explosion of the munitions factory and the consequent fires on the outskirts of London. To the fund that has been raised to help those who have suffered by this awful disaster, by the way, the firm of N. M. Rothschild has contributed the sum of \$525. Sir Frederick Nathan has also been acting as Director of Propellant Supplies, and he has been asked to act as chairman of an Advisory Committee set up by the Minister of Munitions for the purpose of dealing with the supplies of alcohol for war and important industrial purposes. He is of course brother to Sir Matthew Nathan, who is now acting as Director of Finance to the new Pensions Ministry.

Another interesting appointment is that of Isidore Salmon. Mr. Salmon is a well-known public and communal worker, being connected with the Board of Deputies and also chairman of the Building Committee of the United Synagogue. This latter is in succession to Richard Sonnenthal, who has resigned this chairmanship after fifteen years' earnest and assiduous work. Mr. Salmon is also a member of the London County Council. He has now been asked to further assist in the controlling of one of the branches of the Food Ministry.

Apart from these public appointments, I have to announce that the deputy chairmanship of the Visitation Committee of the United Synagogue, vacated by the regretted death of Felix A. Davis, is being filled by S. H. Emanuel, who also holds the post of Recorder of the city of Winchester, and has been for some time one of the most respected members of the Board of Deputies.

The West London Synagogue of British Jews is celebrating its seventy-fifth anniversary, but there will be no special functions owing to the war. The first Reform Synagogue was opened in Burton street, London, on January 27, 1842.

A special warning has been issued by the Jewish Chronicle about a so-called Jewish flag day which, it is understood is to be held in London some time in March next. Flag days are common in this country, although perhaps they do not come along in such a flood as was the case a year ago. At that time we might even get two or three flag days almost in succession, and the public began to revolt against the continual begging involved. With regard to this suggested Jewish flag day, it is said to be under the auspices of the Russian Flag Day Committee, but it is, according to the above mentioned journal, really instituted by the Edinburgh Fund, of which Missionary Leon Levison is the honorary secretary, the Rev. W. Affleck, an active missionary, is chairman, and the membership of which comprises a large number of those connected with the Edinburgh Medical Mission to Jews, a proselytizing institute. Levison, who is himself a baptized Jew, has acknowledged that the object of raising a fund for the relief of Jews in the war zone is because those doing so "feel that if we can disburse our money among them as from the Christian public of Great Britain it will soften their hearts and ultimately open their homes for the work at heart," that work being Jewish conversion.

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It is hoped that all Jews or non-Jews—and needless to say assistance from non-Jews is gladly, gratefully and thankfully welcomed—who desire to help the Jewish victims of war in the eastern war zone, without affording means for any such ulterior purpose as that described by Levison, will send their donations to the Jewish Relief Fund, of which Lord Swaythling is treasurer; Leopold de Rothschild, president, and Claude G. Montefiore is chairman.

District Grand Lodge No. 1, I. O. B. B., Convention.

The sixty-fifth annual convention of District Grand Lodge, No. 1, Independent Order B'nai B'rith, took place in the city of Buffalo under the auspices of Montefiore Lodge of that city. Many delegates were present from all parts of New York State and the New England States.

The activities began Friday evening by a special address on the work of the Independent Order B'nai B'rith by Dr. Rudolph I. Coffee, the director of the social service department of the order. Temple Beth-El was crowded to the doors on the occasion. The address of Dr. Coffee was an inspiring message.

Saturday evening an informal reception was given to the delegates and their families at Hotel Statler.

Sunday morning the convention was formally opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Bernard Cohen of Buffalo. Hon. L. P. Furhman welcomed the delegates to the city. The outgoing president, Hon. A. K. Cohen of Boston, then read his message dealing with a number of Jewish problems such as war relief, immigration, the education of the Jewish youth and practical philanthropy.

Among those who participated in the deliberations were: Col. Harry Cutler of Providence, Charles Hartman of New York, Joseph H. Ullman of New Haven, Archibald M. Hillman of Worcester, Hon. Henry Lasker of Springfield, Hon. Samuel Campner, the newly elected Mayor of New Haven; Samuel Fleischman of New York, Ben Stolz of Syracuse, Herman Asher of New York, Rabbi S. Levinson of Flatbush, Rabbi I. Ettelson of Hartford, Morris D. Saxe of New Britain, Hon. Charles M. Stern of Albany, A. Freiberg of Rochester, Rabbi Kopald of Buffalo, and the president-elect, Joseph Rosenzweig of New York.

The election of officers took place in the afternoon. The following were elected: Joseph Rosenzweig, president; Maurice F. Davidson, first vice-president; Charles H. Shapiro, second vice-president; Solomon Sulzberger, treasurer; Dr. Bernard M. Kaplan, secretary. Members of the General Committee: Henry Lasker, Rev. Dr. Joseph Silverman, Myer L. Victorius, William H. Silk, A. M. Hillman, Dr. Herbert S. Goldstein, Samuel Campner and Julius Ilch.

A resolution framed by Samuel Fleischman of New York, providing for lectures on Jewish ethics and Jewish history for the benefit of the Jewish youth, has been adopted, and money for the realization of the plan was appropriated. Money was also appropriated for charitable and educational institutions. The convention closed with prayer Monday afternoon by Rev. Dr. Ettelson of Hartford, Conn.

Massena Y. M. H. A. Dedicated.

Massena, N. Y., Feb. 1.—The Young Men's Hebrew Association dedicated their new rooms on Sunday, January 28, with an interesting program. Max Libin was chairman for the evening, and there were several guests from out of town, besides the local people. Mr. J. J. Kauffman delivered an address of welcome, and he was followed by Mayor Julius Frank of Ogdensburg, who delivered an address on the purposes and benefits of the Y. M. H. A. He said they should try to develop mentally, physically, economically and above all, morally, so they may bring to the service of their country the best that is in them. Remarks were also made by Walfred Cohen and a vocal solo by Joseph Galinsky followed.

Sir Matthew Nathan.

The appointment of Sir Matthew Nathan as director of finance at the Ministry of Pensions, says the London (Eng.) Jewish World, restores that distinguished administrator to a department of governmental work for which some may think him best adapted—witness his success at the Inland Revenue Office. Yet it is only fair to remember his splendid record as governor of several British colonies, and in this respect it is pleasant to see the tribute paid to him by Sir William Brandford Griffith in the African World. Referring to the "marvellous change," which has turned Ashanti, our bitter enemy of comparatively recent years, into a staunchly loyal colony, Sir William attributes the foundation of the improvement to Sir Matthew Nathan. The result of his generous and far-seeing policy, says Sir William, supplemented by able and sympathetic administration, is that "within half a generation there is no more loyal colony in the Empire than our late enemy." It is well that Sir Matthew's great services should be remembered, and as Jews we are glad to know that a corelligionist did so well in that branch of British life where the British genius has shone most—the branch of colonial administration.

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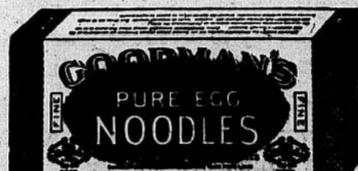
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5th, 1911.....	2,436	17%	29,322	16%
6th, 1912.....	2,414	40%	35,998	16%
7th, 1913.....	4,023	18%	40,869	20%
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ITEMS OF INTEREST IN THE JEWISH WORLD

A Young Men's Hebrew Social Club has been organized at Flint, Mich.

A branch of the Hadassah was formed at New Bedford, Mass., on January 30, with twenty-six members to begin with.

Religious schools were recently organized by Rabbi A. L. Weinstein, of Fort Wayne, Ind., at Marion and Huntington, Ind.

At the recent Boston (Mass.) Municipal Baby Show Jewish babies were winners of the first prizes. Over 300 babies competed.

The New Synagogue, of New York city, Rabbi Ephraim Frisch, has affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

During a recent absence of Mayor Keil, Mr. Louis P. Aloe, president of the Board of Aldermen, was acting Mayor of St. Louis, Mo.

Governor McCall has appointed Mr. Julius Berkowitz, of New Bedford, Mass., a trustee of the Taunton Insane Hospital. Mr. Berkowitz is an ardent Zionist and communal worker.

Mr. Herman Passermaneck, who for the past nine years has been active in Y. M. H. A. work in Louisville, Ky., has been appointed superintendent of the Kansas City (Mo.) Young Men's Hebrew Association.

Twenty-seven of the smaller Talmud Torahs in this city opposed to the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, have united and organized the United Talmud Torahs of Greater New York. Rabbi Mayer Berlin heads the movement.

It is reported that Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, for the last ten years minister of Temple B'nai Israel, of Portland, Ore., will be selected as successor to Rabbi Moses J. Gries, of the Cleveland (Ohio) Temple, when the latter retires this summer after the completion of twenty years of service.

Local Jews of Cincinnati, Ohio, are making plans for the entertainment of the delegates to the annual convention of District Grand Lodge No. 2, I. O. B. B., which will be held in Cincinnati next May. It is expected that about 125 delegates will be present from the seven States representing the district.

Work started last week at Centerville, Mass., on the new memorial home which A. C. Ratshesky, of Boston, is to build as a vacation home for working girls. The home, which will be built on a ten-acre plot, will accommodate forty girls, and will be a memorial to the late Miss Laura Shuman, sister of Mrs. Ratshesky.

Dr. Baer Epstein, the representative of the Jewish National Fund at The Hague, who has spent the past two years in this country, left for the Argentine last Tuesday by way of New Orleans. During his stay Dr. Epstein has toured the country from coast to coast making propaganda for the Jewish National Fund, and goes to the Argentine for a similar purpose.

In Omaha, Neb., Rabbi Frederick Cohn has been appointed a member of the Public-Welfare Committee of the Omaha Commercial Club.

The Women's Auxiliary of Congregation B'nai B'rith, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., has voted to join the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

The Temple Sisterhood of Joplin, Mo., has merged with the local ladies' aid society and has taken the name of the Temple Aid Society.

Owing to the small attendance the Friday evening services held in the sign language for the Jewish deaf of Brooklyn have been abandoned.

The Federation of Jewish Charities of Louisville, Ky., showed a deficit of \$2,805 last year. The federation expended \$10,000 for relief work during 1916, and spent in all the sum of \$42,402.

Chicago, Ill., has been selected as the place for holding the eighth triennial convention of the National Council of Jewish Women next November. The council was started in Chicago during the World's Fair.

The first honors among the sixty graduates of the Lewis and Clark High School, of Spokane, Wash., and also the awarding of the Whitworth Colledge scholarship as a result of establishing the highest scholastic record of any member of the graduating class went to Solis Zandmer.

Last week the West London Synagogue of British Jews completed seventy-five years of existence, the first Reform Synagogue, in Burton street, having been consecrated on January 27, 1842. In view of the war, there was no special celebration of the event.

Mr. Isidore Salmon, L. C. C., a member of the Board of Deputies, chairman of the Building Committee of the United Synagogue, and a director of Messrs. J. Lyons & Co., Ltd., the famous caterers, has been appointed to direct one of the branches of the British Ministry of Food.

Of the ninety-three young men who were found qualified to practice law by the Massachusetts Board of Bar Examiners twenty-three were Jews. One of them was Harry B. London, of Dorchester, who when he graduated last year from Boston University, was too young to be admitted to the bar although he received a *cum laude*.

In the Riga Obozreniye there appears an order which fixes the hours for the opening of stores. Article IV of the order reads: "Jewish stores must be open in accordance with the above instructions, with the exception of those which sell meat products and prayer books, which are permitted not to keep open on Saturdays."

Mr. George Ellman, superintendent of the Hebrew Relief Association, of Memphis, Tenn., has been re-elected superintendent and treasurer of the Memphis-Howard Association. The association assists prisoners when they are released from jail or when they are put on parole.

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In the Pine Bluff (Ark.) Democratic city primary Mayor Simon Bloom was nominated for a third term by a handsome majority.

The Kiev branch of the Tatiana Committee has resolved to appropriate a fund for the erection of a feeding station on the road of their return.

The well-known Zionist, Dr. Heinrich Lowe, librarian at the Royal University Library in Berlin, has been given the title of professor.

Articles incorporating the Helen S. Trounstein Foundation of Cincinnati, Ohio, have been filed with the Secretary of State in Columbus. The object of the foundation is the promotion of social research work.

Prince Shachovsky, Russian Minister of Commerce, has expressed his opposition to the attempt of the Cabinet to bar Jews, even in restricted numbers, from voicing their opinions on the management councils of large joint stock companies.

St. Athanasius' Episcopal Church, the first Episcopal Church to be erected in Los Angeles, Cal., has been acquired by the Congregation Talmud Torah, who will fit it out as an institutional synagogue, with gymnasium, etc., in the basement.

Contracts have been awarded for the erection of an annex to the Hebrew Home for the Aged, at Twenty-first and Howard streets, San Francisco, Cal. The home is now housing the largest number of inmates in its history.

The Congregation Mishkan Tefila, of Roxbury, Mass., have decided upon a new and larger synagogue in the Grove Hall, Franklin Park section, and a community house where the religious, educational and social needs of the district will be properly met. The shifting of population and the rapid growth of the Jewish community make this change imperative.

The higher military authorities have granted permission to 4,000 Jews expelled last year from Sniatin, Galicia, and transported to Charkov, to return to their native place. The Kiev Jewish Committee has received information that most of these refugees are old men, women and children and are in extreme need of underwear, clothing, fuel, etc.

The first farmers' savings and loan association made marked progress during the past year, granting eleven loans as compared with three in 1915. The total loans granted by the association is fourteen, amounting to \$32,800. The total capital of the association is a little over \$40,000. All the loans were granted on first mortgage, and hundreds of dollars were saved to farmers on bonuses and other expenses.

A plan is now under way to effect a "Federation of Federations," uniting the various federations, such as the Galician Jews, the Roumanian Jews, the Hungarian Jews, the Bessarabian Jews, etc. A provisional executive committee has been formed with Dr. P. A. Siegelstein, of the Roumanian Federation, as president and Dr. Solomon Neuman, of the Galician Federation, as vice-chairman.

The inspector of public schools in the administrative government of Volhynia made the discovery that in a number of "Chedorim" in his district Russian was included in the course of instruction. The teachers of all such institutions were thereupon ordered to sign a paper that this practice would be discontinued, and that under no circumstances would they indulge in spreading the Russian language among Jewish children.

The fourth annual meeting of the Co-operative Fire Insurance Company took place in Centerville Station, N. Y., last month. During the past year there were in all fourteen losses, of which seven were minor damages, amounting in all to \$9,061.25. The report showed that the farmers have saved in the forty-five months of the existence of the company \$85,350.63. The number of policyholders is 505, carrying about \$1,250,000 insurance.

Mr. Josef Pasternak, former conductor of the Metropolitan Opera House and later of the Century Opera Company, has been appointed head of the music department of the Victor Talking Machine Company. In his new position he will have full charge of all record making, orchestration, etc. He is eminently fitted for the work, as he is a thorough musician and has played every instrument in the orchestra with the possible exception of the harp.

Mr. Abel Davis has been elected president of the Chicago Legal Aid Society, a non-sectarian organization.

A new Hebrew free school, costing \$21,000, is to be erected in Dayton, Ohio. At a recent meeting \$2,300 was collected.

In accordance with their annual custom Messrs. de Rothschild Brothers, of Paris, have sent 100,000 francs to the Prefect of the Seine for distribution among the poor in the capital.

On motion of Director Henry Deutsch the Board of Education of Minneapolis, Minn., have passed a resolution eliminating Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice" from the school curriculum.

The campaign in progress to collect \$150,000 for the Denver (Colo.) Jewish Federation of Philanthropies will undoubtedly prove successful, as \$116,500 has already been secured.

The Women's Proclamation Committee, the national women's organization for Jewish war relief, 203 Broadway, of which Mrs. Samuel Elkeles is chairman, report receipt of recent contributions amounting to \$863.75.

A detailed account showing how Jews were affected by the war was given recently by Mr. Boris Goldberg, who, in the course of a lecture on Jews and the War, gave some interesting facts and figures at which he had arrived after careful investigation. Of the 13,000,000 Jews only 2,770,000 were living in neutral countries, while 10,648,000 were living in belligerent lands. The number of Jews belonging to the Allied States reach the total of 7,738,000, while under the Central Power: there are only 3,295,000 Jews.

Samson Levy, aged seventy-five, who died at his home in Newburyport, Mass., last week, was a big political factor in that city. He was postmaster during President Cleveland's term, and served the Newburyport district in the Massachusetts Legislature. He had represented the Third Ward in both branches of the City Council, served on the Democratic City Committee and the Central Committee. He was a member of the Board of Water Commissioners when the water-works were built.

The German-Polish administration at Warsaw has deposed Samuel Poznanski, for many years Chief Rabbi, and has appointed Rabbi Cohen in his place. The selection has met with general dissatisfaction, as Dr. Cohen is an assimilationist. Dr. Poznanski, on the other hand, is a great Hebrew scholar and Zionist, and has greatly endeared himself to his followers. He is a noted author, and at one time his name was prominently mentioned as successor to Professor Schechter as president of the Jewish Theological Seminary.

The Russian Senate has considered the appeal of a Jew who had been fined 300 roubles for not presenting his son to the recruiting commission. The missing recruit left his home many years ago and settled in America. The Jew argued that he could not be held responsible for the absence of his son, who left Russia without his knowledge, and was thus missing. The Senate, however, decided that even in such cases the relatives must be held to be responsible for the absence of the member of the family.

At a general meeting of the Organization to Spread and Further Industrial and Agricultural Activities of Jews in Russia, just held in Moscow, it appeared from the report that this organization had done a great deal to relieve the stress among Jewish refugees. Its main activities in this direction were carried out through its labor employment bureaus and mutual aid restaurants, which are a part of these bureaus, as well as a number of workshops, especially established for non-employed refugees. A number of courses for the instruction of youths were also very effective in aiding the solution of the many problems attending Jewish refugee communities.

During the last few months a number of co-operative undertakings have been formed among Jewish farmers. The Colchester Farm Produce Company, Colchester, Conn., has been reorganized. Its capital increased, and all its stock sold to the Jewish farmers residing around Colchester and Lebanon. It is doing excellent business in feed, lumber, etc., and also assists the farmers in the marketing of eggs. In Hurleyville, Sullivan County, N. Y., the farmers have organized a co-operative organization for the purpose of buying feed and other farm supplies, and steps are also being taken to organize similar organizations in Ellenville, Ulster County, N. Y., and another one in Perrineville, N. J.

In connection with the transfer of the Warsaw Veterinary Institute to Novocherkask, the question arose as to the right of the Jewish students to reside in that city. The question was considered by the Council of Ministers. Minister of Public Education Count Ignatiev remarked that there was no ground for prohibiting the Jewish students at the Warsaw Veterinary Institute to reside in Novocherkask. After the opinions of the three departments interested were heard, the Council of Ministers decided that Jewish students of the Warsaw Veterinary Institute who are at present attending the institute have the right to reside in Novocherkask as long as they are matriculated there. But in the future, as long as the institute will be in Novocherkask, the admission of Jewish students must be stopped temporarily.

A Year of Jewish Activity in Italy.

Rome.—The annual conference of the Italian Kehillahs just took place at Ferrara. Out of eleven members constituting the committee under whose auspices the conference is held only five were present. They were Comman Adv. Angelo Sereni, President Comm. Adv. Leone Ravenna and Cavaliere Prof. Anselmo Colombo, vice-presidents; Adv. Guiseppe Musatti, and Cav. Prof. Umberto Grego, members of the council.

Considering that three out of the five gentlemen present are officers of the committee, and that one of the other two committeemen is a Ferrara resident, it can be seen that the devotion of our Kehillah representatives is not very marked, and that in spite of the critical times more than half of the members of the committee chose to stay away rather than sever themselves from their daily occupations for a few days.

The annual report showed that whereas the Community of Rovigo joined the committee, the Community of Alessandria had withdrawn itself from the central body. Signor Guiseppe Malvana, president of the Torino Community, had been elected a member of the committee in place of Benedetto Foa, recently resigned.

The union of the two rabbinical seminaries which have been embodied in the institution at Florence are far from having reached a satisfactory stage. Their difficulties are mainly due to lack of means and accommodations. The institutions, as well as the Central Committee which controls them, recently issued appeals to the public calling for the sum of 5,000 lire, but the response on the part of the public, due to the manner in which the appeal was worded, proved very discouraging. The financial statement of the committee itself shows their income to have been much below their expenditure.

Great stress is laid on the work done for the Italian Jewish soldiers. Matzo was provided for them during the Passover holidays, while all of them were released from service during "Yomim Noroimim." Special permission has been obtained from the Police Department of Rome to provide proper food for Jewish prisoners during the forthcoming Passover holidays. The special efforts made by the committee to have the two days on which meat is sold changed from Friday and Saturday to Thursday and Friday have as yet not been crowned with success.

In a memorandum specially drawn up by Dr. Dante Lattes, the committee petitioned the Minister of the Interior not to treat Jewish citizens of Turkey in Italy as enemy subjects. This concession had already been previously granted to Christian Turkish subjects at present in the Italian dominions.

The committee found that the Ministry of Education will have nothing to do with the appointment of the dates on which examinations are to be held in elementary schools, this matter having been left entirely in the hands of the local authorities. To avoid these examinations conflicting with our holidays, local committees will have to make the necessary provision by arrangement with the local school authorities.

Deliberate neglect was shown in the scant attention paid by the committee to the Jews of Tripoli. The Jews of Tripoli constitute a very healthy but raw element, yet nothing more was done for them than that of the recommendation of a rabbi. The suggestion of Cav. Foligno that the committee should issue a periodical in behalf of the United Hebrew Committees of Italy was adopted. Each community, individually, will be asked to co-operate in this connection.

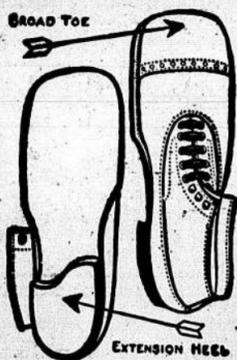
The committee also adopted a resolution deploring the evident decline of Jewish religious sentiment among Italian Jews and advising all communities to introduce religious instruction in all Jewish schools where such instruction is lacking.

If the committee really succeeded in evolving a Jewish youth, near to and intimate with all that is Jewish, no doubt the first thing it would do would be to fight and offset the influence of these very representatives of our Kehillahs. None do more to drive our youth from within our own Jewish ranks than these leaders of our communities. Everything that has the least semblance to or tends toward anything that is truly nationalistic and genuinely Jewish is taboo with these men, who are today beginning to realize that the manner and extent to which we are losing our future generations is alarming.

This last annual conference of the United Kehillahs of Italy demonstrated once more that not to our present leaders can we look for the salvation of Italian Jewry.

Sabbath and Munitions Work.

The prosecution of a Jew at the Leeds munitions tribunal for having refused to work at the forge on Saturday opens up a new difficulty. The Jew in question is of military age, and was sent to the forge under the substitution scheme. For the prosecution it was pointed out that where men worked in gangs disorganization resulted if the Jewish members withheld their labor. On the other hand, the defendant urged that he had never in his life worked on Saturday, and the chairman agreed that no proceedings could be taken regarding any refusal to work on Sunday. In order to test the matter a nominal fine was inflicted, and the chairman expressed the view that there would be a ruling on the point shortly. Pending that decision we refrain from comment, though the question of what the chairman called "conscientious objection" in the munitions factory, where the work is voluntary, is obviously one of considerable interest.—*Jewish Chronicle*.



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ENGAGEMENTS.

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COHEN-ROSEN—Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Rosen, of 832 Irvine street, Bronx, announce the engagement of their daughter, Bertha, to Mr. Walter Cohen. Reception Sunday afternoon, February 18, 3 to 6, at the Ellsmere, 80 West 126th street.

FRIEDMAN-WEINBERG—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Weinberg, of 961 Tiffany street, Bronx, announce the engagement of their daughter, Ruth, to Mr. Joseph Friedman.

GLUCKSMAN-STETCHER—Mr. and Mrs. Louis Stetcher, of Brooklyn, N. Y., announce the engagement of their daughter, Anna, to Mr. David Glucksmann.

GOLDSMITH-LEVY—Mrs. David N. Levy (nee Rosie Kahn), of 304 East 81st street, announces the betrothal of her daughter, Emelie R. (Millie), to Mr. Emil Goldsmith.

GREENBERGER-HEILBRUNN—Mr. and Mrs. Clarence J. Isaacs, of 1061 St. Nicholas avenue, announce the engagement of their sister, Hortense Heilbrunn, to Maxwell Greenberger.

KAHN-JACOB—Mr. and Mrs. Moe Jacob announce the engagement of their daughter, Helen, to Mr. Gene Kahn.

KELLER-MUNDHEIM—Mr. and Mrs. R. Mundheim, of 1234 Pacific street, Brooklyn, announce the engagement of their daughter to Mr. Isadore M. Keller. Reception Sunday afternoon, February 25, Hotel Ansonia, 3 to 6 o'clock.

KOMINICK-FOX—Mrs. H. Fox, 1479 Madison avenue, announces the engagement of her daughter, Irene, to Mr. Frederick Kominick, of this city.

LAHM-POLLACK—Mr. and Mrs. Max Pollack, of 1000 Park avenue, announce the engagement of their daughter, Rene, to Mr. Mortimer Lahm. At home Tuesday evenings in February.

NOREK-SHAPIRO—Mr. and Mrs. David Shapiro, of No. 1205 Eastern parkway, Brooklyn, announce the engagement reception of their daughter, Lillian B., to Mr. Alfred W. Norek, at the Hotel Savoy, Fifth avenue and 59th street, Manhattan, on Sunday, March 4, from 3 to 6 p. m. No cards.

RAUSCHKOLB-LANDECKER—Mrs. N. Landecker announces the engagement of her daughter, Hattie, to Mr. Benjamin Rauschkolb.

RIFF-STONE—Mrs. Ida Stone, of 774 De Kalb avenue, Brooklyn, announces the engagement of her daughter, Pearl Muriel, to Mr. Joseph J. Riff, of New York and Georgetown, S. C. At home Thursday evening, February 22, 1917, after 8 o'clock.

ROSENBLUM-KIDANSKY—Mr. and Mrs. David Kidansky, of 51 East 96th street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sadie, to Mr. Julius Rosenblum, of Brooklyn.

ROTH-BACHARACH—Mr. and Mrs. Elias Bacharach, of 217 West 140th street, wish to announce the betrothal of their daughter, Helen, to Mr. Julius Roth.

SCHECHTER-LEVINE—Mrs. Rose Levine, of 70 Lenox avenue, announces the engagement of her daughter, Matilda, to Mr. Max Schechter.

SPEYER-BLOCH—Mr. and Mrs. Bernhard Bloch, of 352 West 118th street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Rita, to Mr. J. Jesse Speyer.

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announce the engagement of their daughter, Pearl, to Mr. David D. Sulzer.

WOLF-FINKELSTONE—Mr. and Mrs. Edward Finkelstone, of 1356 Madison avenue, announce the engagement of their daughter, Helen, to Mr. Phillip Wolf, of this city. At home Sunday, March 4, from 4 to 6.

MARRIAGES.

BOGIN-LIPPMAN—On Sunday, February 11, 1917, Miss Leah Lippman to Mr. Adolph Bogin. Rev. D. Seldman officiated.

DE YOUNG-SCHIFF—Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Loewus, of 106 Mount Hope place, Bronx, announce the marriage of their daughter, Florence L. Schiff, to Mr. Sol. De Young, on February 7, 1917.

FRIESNER-JEDEL—On Thursday, February 8, by Rev. Dr. Jacob Kohn, Fanny Jedel to A. Herman Friesner.

KAHN-KAISER—Mr. B. Kahn, 206 West 140th street, announces the marriage of his daughter, Hazel, to Mr. Henry Kaiser, on Sunday, February 11, 1917.

KLEPPER-WISANSKY—On Wednesday, February 7, 1917, Miss Estelle Wisansky to Mr. Harry S. Klepper. Rev. Dr. Adolph Spiegel officiated.

LEVINSON-BEROLD—On Sunday, February 11, 1917, by Rev. S. Seidman, Miss Sophia Berold to Mr. Jacob Levinson.

LEVY-JACOBS—On Sunday, February 11, Miss Celia Levy to Mr. Harold Jacobs. Rabbi Aaron Eiseman officiated.

POLAK-SHERMAN—On Sunday, February 11, 1917, Miss Ida E. Sherman to Mr. Henry B. Polak, by Rev. Dr. Adolph Spiegel.

PRAHNER-BOBROW—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bobrow, of 1827 Clinton avenue, Bronx, announce the marriage of their daughter Auguste to Morris M. Prasher, on February 11, at the Hotel Bon Ray. Rev. Dr. Elias L. Solomon officiated, assisted by Cantor M. Landau.

ROSENTHAL-SCHATZ—Mr. and Mrs. Isidor Schatz announce the marriage of their daughter Rachael to Mr. Nathan Rosenthal on Sunday, February 11, 1917. Rev. S. Seidman officiated.

SCHLESSEL-STOLLMACK—Mr. and Mrs. D. Stollmack, of 870 Riverside drive, announce the marriage of their daughter, Evelyn, to Mr. Harold R. Schlessel, of Brooklyn, by Rev. B. A. Tintner.

SIEGEL-BRODIE—Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Brodie, of Dorchester, Mass., formerly of New York, announce the marriage of their daughter, Helen, to Mr. William Siegel, of 31 West 95th street, New York, to take place February 22, 1917.

WEIGERT-PLATT—Mr. and Mrs. M. Platt, of 937 Hoe avenue, Bronx, announce the marriage of their daughter, Frances, to Irving M. Weigert, on Sunday, February 4, 1917.

BIRTHS.

DANHEISER—On Friday, February 9, 1917, at 56 West 117th street, to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Danheiser, a son.

KATZ—Mr. and Mrs. Murray Katz (nee Minnie Brooks), of 600 West 169th street, announce the birth of a son Tuesday, February 6, 1917.

BAR MITZVAH.

FEINBERG—Dr. and Mrs. I. L. Feinberg announce the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Maurice James, at the Hebrew Tabernacle, 218 West 130th street, on Saturday, February 17. Reception Sunday evening, February 18, after 7 o'clock, at 104 West 118th street.

GOLDSTEIN—Mr. and Mrs. George Goldstein, of 4 West 103d street, announce the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Howard, on Saturday, February 17, at 9 a. m., Hebrew Tabernacle, at 220 West 130th street.

ROSE—Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Rose announce the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Ralph L., on Saturday, February 17, at the Ohav Zedek Synagogue, 13 West One Hundred and Sixteenth street, at 1:30 a. m. At home Sunday, 3 to 6 p. m., at 545 West One Hundred and Eleventh street. No cards.

ROSENTHAL—Mr. and Mrs. Julius Rosenthal, of 409 West 129th street, announce the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Ira, Saturday, February 17, at Temple Israel, Lenox avenue and 120th street.

ROSLING—Mr. and Mrs. H. Rosling, of 102 West 119th street, announce the Bar Mitzvah of their son Nehemiah on Saturday, February 17, at Synagogue Nachlath Zvei, 65 East 109th street. Reception Sunday evening, 6 p. m., at Vienna Hall, 133 East Fifty-eighth street.

IN THE SYNAGOGUES.

ADATH ISRAEL (East 169th street).—Rabbi Mayer Kopfstein will preach this evening on "The Science of Religion."

AGUDATH JESHORIM (115 East Eighty-sixth street).—Rabbi G. Lipkind will preach this evening on "Diversity of Races," and on Sabbath morning on the portion of the week.

AHAWATH CHESED SHAAR HASHOMAYIM (Fifty-fifth street and Lexington avenue).—Rabbi Isaac S. Moses preaches Sabbath morning on "Count Shekels and Lives Before Going to War."

ANSHE EMETH (448 West 152d street).—Rabbi L. Zinsler will preach Sabbath morning on "Jewish Ideals About Charity."

BETH-EL (Seventy-sixth street and Fifth avenue).—Dr. Samuel Schulman will preach Sabbath morning. Sunday at 11, "The Problem of American Judaism."

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The Executive Council of the United Synagogue of America held its second meeting of the season at the Jewish Theological Seminary building, 531 West 123rd street, New York city, on Wednesday, January 31, 1917. There were present: Dr. Cyrus Adler, in the chair; Professors Alexander Marx and Louis Ginzberg; Rabbis Charles I. Hoffman, Herman H. Rubenovitz, Jacob Kohn, Max D. Klein, Elias L. Solomon, and Messrs. Meyer Goodfriend and Michael Salit.

The chair stated that he secured the following gentlemen to serve on the committee to consider the advisability of forming an authoritative council under the supervision of the United Synagogue for the interpretation of Jewish law; Professor Louis Ginzberg, chairman; Professor Alexander Marx, Dr. Abraham A. Neuman, Dr. Herman Abramowitz, Dr. Elias L. Solomon, Mr. Israel Unterberg and Mr. Michael Salit.

Rabbi Samuel M. Cohen, formerly of Kansas City, has undertaken to carry on the propaganda work of the United Synagogue for the next four months. For the month of February Rabbi Cohen is to devote himself to the district in Chicago. The other districts for propaganda were tentatively outlined, and it was decided that the committee on propaganda, together with the local district committees, be empowered to raise a fund to which annual subscriptions be made by contributors, the fund to be operated through the central bureau for propaganda purposes. The work of organization will be begun at once.

Rabbi Rubenovitz reported on the progress of propaganda work in the New England district, with Boston as the central point, and Rabbi Klein reported for Philadelphia. Communications concerning this work were received from Rabbi C. David Matt, of Minneapolis; Rabbi Alfred Kahn, of St. Paul; Rabbi Louis Epstein, of Toledo, and from Congregation B'nai Amoona, of St. Louis.

Memorial services on the anniversary of the death of Dr. Schechter, the founder of the United Synagogue, on December 6, were held in many of the synagogues throughout the country occupied by graduates of the seminary and rabbis affiliated with the United Synagogue. In the Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun of New York, of which Dr. Elias L. Solomon is rabbi, a tablet was unveiled in memory of Dr. Schechter on January 14.

Rabbi Eugene Kohn's "Manual for Teachers," first text book issued by the United Synagogue, will go to press shortly.

The following synagogues were newly admitted as members: Congregation Sons of Zion, of Holyoke, Mass., and Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, of Cleveland, Ohio.

A vote of sympathy was passed to Professor Mordecai M. Kaplan on the death of his father, and it was decided that a letter of condolence be sent to him.



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Convention of National Workmen's Committee on Jewish Rights.

On Sunday morning last a second convention of the National Workmen's Committee for Jewish Rights opened with more than 460 delegates from 33 different towns present. In addition to the delegation interested visitors crowded the balconies of the Forward Hall on East Broadway. Reports and discussions as to whether a definite attitude should be taken up in regard to the present crisis in which the country finds itself took up the entire first day of the convention. It was finally resolved to officially declare for peace under all conditions and Messrs. M. Winchefskey and Alexander Kahan were delegated to convey this resolution to the President. Reports of work done in the past eighteen months were delivered by Dr. Goldfarb on "Participation in American Jewish Congress," Olgin on "Russian Conditions," Zizyon (Dr. Hoffman) on "Relief and Budish on Immigration Problem."

by Dr. H. Moscovitz and Dr. Trotzky, a noted Russian revolutionary, who, in very fluent Russian, told the convention that the Jewish problem, like every other problem, could be solved only by social revolution. Dr. Goldfarb took up the congress question again in an attempt to impress delegates that they wanted nothing of the American Jewish Congress but a demonstration for demands of equal Jewish rights everywhere. At the suggestion of B. Vladek the convention cabled its greeting to Russian Socialists in the Duma.

When the question of congress was brought before the convention, the majority report insisting that the American Jewish Congress take up nothing but the question of Jewish rights, was adopted. The minority report desired to have congress give its attention also to immigration. After lengthy and heated debates the convention decided to have the National Workmen's Committee remain a permanent institution to deal with all general matters of concern to Jewish workmen. This decision caused what is recognized by some as a split in the committee, representatives of the New York "Geverkschaften" having withdrawn from the convention to ex-

press their protest. In the question of elections to the Jewish Congress the convention adopted the minority report which insisted that members of the congress shall be elected by organizations represented at this convention independently of all other organizations. The majority report taking into consideration that the basis of election will be proportional representation wanted to leave it to the discretion of the executive to combine with other organizations when possible in order to obtain a greater number of representatives in Congress in sympathy with their views.

The "Paoli Zion," which was an important factor at the first convention of this committee, failed in any way to participate in this convention.

Graduation Exercises at Down Town Talmud Torah.

Sunday afternoon, February 11, the Down Town Talmud Torah will hold the annual graduation exercises of its boys' department at the auditorium of the institution, 394 E. Houston street. An elaborate musical and literary program has been arranged and the principal speakers will be Mr. Bernard Semel and Dr. S. Benderly.

Free Loan Lends \$711,940 During Year.

The tremendous growth of the practice of free loans of money—loans without interest and without security, other than an indorser—was emphasized Sunday afternoon at the annual meeting of the Hebrew Free Loan Society, held in the institution's new building, 108 Second avenue. The annual report of Julius J. Dukas, president of the society, showed loans of nearly three-quarters of a million dollars had been made during the year.

The meeting was especially notable for the fact that it marked the twenty-fifth year of the society's activities. During the year the society opened two new branches, one at 1878 Pitkin avenue, in the Brownsville section of Brooklyn, and one at 1418 Boston road, the Bronx, to accommodate its rapidly growing business.

Not only this, but through the generosity of Jacob H. Schiff, it was announced at the meeting, the mortgage on the society's Second avenue building has been paid off and the building itself has been extensively remodeled through the generosity of Adolph Lewisohn.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Dr. L. Zinsler. President Dukas, in introducing Jacob H. Schiff, said: "The reason we have been so successful is because we have a guardian angel guarding over us—this guardian angel is Mr. Schiff."

In introducing Mr. Adolph Lewisohn, Mr. Dukas said: "The reason we have so much money on hand is that we can always go to Mr. Lewisohn and get what we need."

President Dukas, in the course of his report, made the announcement that the society has become a part of the Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies, and the announcement was received with great applause.

Commenting upon the extension to all parts of the United States of the free loan idea, which had its start in this country with the founding of the society, Mr. Dukas said:

"Since the Hebrew Free Loan Society was first formed the idea it embodies, loans without interest to deserving people, has spread to the farthest reaches of the nation. Our example has been emulated with success by others, and the work which we ourselves have done has thus been multiplied many times in other cities and in places remote from our direct influence.

"It cannot be but a source of genuine pride to the members and donors that the loan facilities which they have made possible are extended alike to Jews and non-Jews, in compliance with the Hebrew law that compels us to aid the needy, irrespective of religious belief. Many non-Jews have been assisted by the society.

"We have adhered strictly throughout our history to one principle—that the most efficacious measure of assistance is found in helping people to help themselves. This our system of free loans has accomplished. The respectable man or woman who needs funds is always welcomed at our offices, is made to feel at home and to understand that the making of a loan is purely a business transaction; that he is not under any obligation to us because we are extending financial accommodation to him; and that we are as happy to give him the help he seeks as he is to receive it.

"That our confidence is seldom misplaced has been shown by the fact that, although during the year we loaned a much larger sum than ever before, our losses caused by failure to repay loans was a less sum than the preceding year, amounting to only one-half of 1 per cent.

"From a humble beginning in 1892, when the society was organized and during which year there were 227 loans aggregating \$1,205, and including the first five years, when only 3,291 loans, amounting to \$27,792, were made, to this our twenty-fifth year, when 24,330 loans were made aggregating \$711,940—nearly three-quarters of a million dollars is a far stride. We cannot look back upon the past without every reason for the expectation that we will assist in the years to come many more thousands of persons and will loan an amount that, measured by that of the past year, will be vast in comparison."

Referring to the joining of the Federation of the Hebrew Free Loan Society, Mr. Dukas said:

"We entered the federation with 7,056 members, 1,136 of whom joined the society during the year. While we derive great benefits from our affiliation with the federation, we sacrifice none of our independence or right to autonomy of direction and management.

"The fact that Mr. Felix M. Warburg is at the head of the federation is a guarantee to all of the soundness of its management and that every organization joining it is assured its self-government will be continued. I earnestly hope that those who may not have already become members of the federation will do so in the very near future.

Rev. Dr. M. Hyamson, Fire Commissioner Robert Adamson, Judge Samuel D. Levy and Dr. L. Zinsler were other speakers.

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After the meeting tea will be served and among the hostesses will be Mrs. Henry Bodenheimer, Mrs. Charles J. Oppenheimer, Mrs. Henry Zuckerman and Mrs. Samuel Floersheimer.



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משפטים

Even *The Jewish World* is weary, at last, of the chauvinists among the British Jews! Witness its recent strictures anent Sir Philip Sassoon's identification of the Jewish race with the cause represented by George V.

The only communal organization in these parts that seems to know anything about the new year for the trees or to care about observing the occasion publicly is Young Judaea. But, then, the new year for the trees has reference to climatic conditions in Palestine, and Young Judaea, as a Zionist institution, is vitally interested in the Holy Land.

The best commentary on Israel Zangwill's recent criticism of Ex-Home Secretary Herbert Samuel for his effort to compel the Russian Jews in England to "do their bit" with one of the *entente* armies, is afforded by a late decision of the High Court of Justice in London. That tribunal, headed by Lord Chief Justice Reading, held that the British Government has no power to deport aliens to any definite place but only to require them to leave and remain outside of the country. Presumably the court's ruling is grounded upon precedent. Our American repatriation laws are equally liberal; under them deported aliens are returned only to their ports of embarkation. Thus does Anglo-Saxon jurisprudence prove its close kinship the world over!

Latterly the propaganda in favor of Russia which is said by some to possess every division of journalistic opinion in this country does not seem to be so active. At least, the bolts in support of Russia's worth as a customer of American merchants and financiers, of which we read much some months ago, have not been consistently and persistently followed up. We are not sorry that this agitation does not appear to possess the power to live; we have repeatedly expressed our views as to its ignoble character and indicated that it appeals to the distinctly sordid side of our national life. Who initiated the agitation need not concern us; the fact remains that it existed for a time and has, happily, vanished.

That New York is a great city with some very small ways and does not like to acknowledge that any other section of the country can do big things and do them well—may or may not be true. The assertion is posited by *The Jewish Exponent*, which adds cryptically: "It (New York) has received one good lesson lately and is in for more in the future." If by this our Philadelphia contemporary refers to the recent banquet by the Jewish Publication Society to the Bible editors, then we say the good lesson this community received on that occasion was comprised in the deliberate and characteristic affront to its press, and that, if it is in for more such in the future, the Jewish Publication Society has set an "excellent" example of doing a very small thing in the most petty and picayune way!

The Anglo-Jewish press declares that we do it an injustice by allowing our readers to suppose that it traces the ills of the Russian Jews to German anti-Semitism. We would accord all our contemporaries everywhere nothing but sheer justice in these columns, and so we accept at their face-value the representations of our Jewish friends in London. German anti-Semitism, then, *per se* had and has nothing in common with the repression and oppression of the Jews in Russia now or at any time in the past. To what other cause then may this hatred and persecution of Russian Jewry by the Black Hundreds, the bureaucrats of the Czar and all the other diabolical agencies of mischief in his empire be traced? Our English contemporary would have us believe, to that indefinable, psychological atmosphere, first produced in the German Empire, and spreading its dire effects all over the East of Europe. While we gladly allow that anti-Semitic propaganda trench somewhat on the domain of psychology, we consider the foregoing statement of the leader of Anglo-Jewish public opinion to carry its own refutation with it. But this is not all: the heights of the ridiculously degrading are reached when our contemporary cries out that there are larger Jewish interests than even the material safety and well-being of Russo-Jewry now at stake on the success of the *entente*!

THE GREAT AND THE SMALL

ASSUREDLY it requires no argument to prove that the Jewish congress movement is the most important matter that has confronted Jewry in many a long year. With the American community, for reasons which are perfectly obvious, constrained to assume the hegemony of our people scattered all over the world, we consider the Jewish congress as holding out the means for rendering this hegemony facile and for producing the best results from the great war for all our brethren-in-faith everywhere.

We were surprised, then, to find in the full and succinct report of the recent congress executive meeting in this city, published in the *B'nai B'rith News* for January, a reference to Ex-Judge Mayer Sulzberger's suspension from the order of *B'nai B'rith* for the non-payment of his dues in 1891 and, similarly, to the circumstance that Cyrus L. Sulzberger of this city ceased to belong to the *B'nai B'rith* many years back when the lodge of which he was a member was suspended because it proved refractory to the supreme officers. We say we were surprised to find these insignificant details mentioned in what is after all Adolf Kraus' mouthpiece, for the official Journal of the order surely represents the supreme president. Such details seem to have found mention out of a spirit of carping criticism, for they do not affect the great congress movement one way or the other.

At the same time, as we have heretofore indicated, the attempt to diminish the usefulness of Mr. Kraus to the congress movement because, forsooth, he happens to be the head of what is called "a secret society" is equally unfair and petty. Whether the *B'nai B'rith* is a secret order or the reverse has nothing whatever to do with the congress. As a matter of fact, the reverse is the case. But Adolf Kraus is not active in the congress movement because he is a Ben Brith; he is there because his co-operation in the work is advantageous to all concerned, and his position of influence and consequence in the *B'nai B'rith* attests his worth, ability and standing as a Jew.

Of course, it was ungracious and ungenerous for both the Messrs. Sulzberger, in view of what the *B'nai B'rith News* reports concerning their exit from the order, to raise the issue of secrecy, quite apart from the falsity and inconsequentiality thereof. If they sincerely trusted this issue to injure the effectiveness of Adolf Kraus in the congress, it would have been wiser and more statesmanlike on their part to have entrusted its presentation to one of their own partisans, who had never had any connection with the order.

Edouard Drumont, the notorious French anti-Semite, had in reality outlived his usefulness. Hence his death quite recently occasioned only a slight comment on his historic agitation of many years ago. Drumont for a season made France a distinctly unpleasant place for Jews to live and work in, and while the fashion lasted was in the *flush* of a considerable, degrading prosperity. Fortunately, the French took Drumont's real measure with reasonable promptness and, after that, his efforts to revamp his disgraceful and mendacious attacks on a law-abiding and inoffensive people received the desert they merited. Of course, he must have been profoundly disappointed in his countrymen who thus differentiated the true from the meretricious. But for France and the world it was better that Drumont passed into oblivion long before he returned to his native dust.

The Emperor Charles, the new monarch of Austria-Hungary, appears to be following in the footsteps of Francis Joseph, his venerable predecessor, so far as friendliness toward his Jewish subjects is concerned. He indicated to Jewish deputations that waited on him for the purpose of congratulating him on his accession that the Jews of Austria-Hungary may be assured of his intelligent sympathy with their ideals as citizens of the state. This is in true accord with the Imperial tradition in Austria-Hungary, and a pleasant circumstance to contemplate in the terrible present plight of so many East European Jews. Perhaps it was fortunate for the Jews of the dual empire that Charles, and not Francis Ferdinand, came to the throne when the old ruler passed away. Francis Ferdinand, it will be recalled, the possessor of an outstanding personality, had not distinguished himself for philo-Semitism in some of his public utterances before the great tragedy of Serajevo.

Their recent editorial utterances on President Wilson's veto of the immigration bill, since become a law by the action of Congress notwithstanding, give proof that the conductors of *The American Jewish Chronicle* are recent accessions to the ranks of the inhabitants of this country. As a pious wish, doubtless, their view that the Senate and the House would have been extremely circumspect in overriding Mr. Wilson's opposition to the measure is interesting, but no more than that. American lawmakers do not hesitate, where they have the necessary majorities, to nullify the vetoes of the executive division of our government, and the Burnett bill was neither the first, nor will it be the last, occasion for a display of this practical activity. Our contemporary also was moved sapiently to remark: "Even Mr. Burnett knows that among the many foreign-born professors of American universities there are many who came over to this country as illiterates." What warrant in truth was there for this assertion, or did our contemporary intend it as a bit of a joke, however unconscious?

IS JUDAISM VENGEFUL?

עין תחת עין שן תחת שן

"Eye for eye, tooth for tooth."

(Ex., xxi, 24)

THERE is scarcely a Biblical law that has been so misunderstood, or that has been a source of so much hatred for the People of the Book, as this "Eye-for-eye" law, the so-called Law of Retaliation. It has been taken as a sign of Jewish vengefulness, which is always ready to exact its pound of flesh. It has given occasion for those malicious theological pedantries that insisted on contrasting Judaism with its Galilean offspring, on the ground that the former worships the God of Law while the latter adores the God of Love. It was Marcion, of the second century, known to scholars as "the greatest anti-Semite of antiquity," who first said: "How can the God who, in Exodus, demands eye for eye and tooth for tooth be he who, incarnate in the Galilean, bids us turn the other cheek to the smiter, love our enemies, and pray for them that persecute us?" He, therefore, decided that the God of the Hebrews, creator of the world and author of the Pentateuch, was an inferior denizen of the sky, some dread *demiurge* whose attribute is justice, while the good God who inspired the Man from Galilee has for his sole attributes love and mercy.

From Marcion down to our own times, we were accused of relentless cruelty because of this misunderstood "Eye-for-eye" law; yet the punishment meted out to us was not at all in agreement with the "turn-the-other-cheek" rule. How irksome this misunderstanding, how dire its consequences, witness the *Merchant of Venice*, which is naught else than a *perverted* representation of the Jewish Law of Retaliation. Our enemies went so far as to excuse the persecution of the Jews, even the Russian massacres, on the ground that we Jews deserve no better treatment, being ourselves authors and adherents of the vindictive retaliatory statute.

Tolstoy tells us in his confessions that he was reading the fifth chapter of Matthew with a Hebrew rabbi. At nearly every verse the rabbi said, "That is in the Bible," or "That is in the Talmud," and he showed Tolstoy in the Bible and in the Talmud sentences very like the declarations of the *Sermon on the Mount*. But when they reached the verse about *Non-resistance of Evil*, the rabbi did not say, "This also is in the Talmud," but he asked the Count: "Do the Christians obey this command? Do they turn the other cheek?" Tolstoy adds: "I had nothing to say in reply, especially as at that particular time Christians were not only not turning the other cheek, but were smiting the Jews on both cheeks."

Here, then, we have placed over against each other two points of view, the one being that evil should be punished and thereby banished, the other that evil should be ignored and passed over. Our choice lies between the Eye-for-eye law and the Non-resistance theory. The question is simply which is likely to benefit society? As to that, we have the practically unanimous opinion of all thinkers that the Non-resistance theory is not only visionary but, if adopted, subversive of the best interests of society. We are to remember that Judaism's chief ideal is the Ideal of Justice, which is the Social Ideal. Judaism does not neglect Love; nay, it finds place for it both in the divine and in the human scheme of things; but Judaism, above all, seeks to safeguard the good of mankind by justice, which means the perfect adjustment of human relations. In keeping with this ideal, we may say that the Law of Retaliation, even in its crudest application, was a distinctly social measure and flowed directly from the Jew's keen social consciousness. *Maimonides* puts this thought pointedly when he says, "Pity toward the criminal spells cruelty toward society." This statement crowds the whole Jewish view of Crime and Punishment into a terse epigram. The Law of Retaliation is not a sign of Jewish vindictiveness, but a necessary instrument of that Justice which Judaism conceives to be the very foundation of the moral order as expressed through the progressive perfection of human relations. But non-resistance cannot bring about the perfection of human relations. It tends to encourage, rather than banish, crime. Society dare not be tolerant of evil; it must be intolerant of evil. Moral Indignation is the finest social asset. But Moral Indignation must be balanced, restrained, must partake of the majesty of law and the sacredness of justice. The Law of Retaliation is the fruit of this well-balanced Moral Indignation.

How the workings, the practical applications, of this Law were balanced and restrained, every student of Bible and Talmud knows full well. While in earliest times the law was carried out literally, little by little it was interpreted to mean that adequate money-payment should be made for the injured member. The whole point in this Law was *Adequacy*: the punishment must fit the crime—a principle which is even today the basis of all penal codes. This principle of Adequacy went through, as is but natural, a long course of development. At first it meant that the punishment should exactly reproduce the crime; in a word, the "Eye-for-eye" law in that period meant "Like-for-like." Little by little it came to mean not so much "Like-for-like" as "Measure-for-measure," that is say, the punishment must not exceed the crime. If at first the chief concern seemed to have been the quality of the punishment, later on the chief concern was the quantity of punishment.

In the well-known Talmudic story, *Beruriah* admonishes *Rabbi Meir* not to pray for the death of the sinners, but for the cessation of sins, for "when sins cease, sinners will be no more." Throughout the development of the Law of Retaliation we may observe a growing concern for the cessation of evil and not for vengeance on the evildoer. Judaism teaches that Society's great task is not to persecute criminals, but to prosecute crime; for when crime ceases, criminals will be no more.

JOEL BLAU.

WHAT IS YOUR OPINION?

A few months ago a new department was introduced in the HEBREW STANDARD. We began to print the biographies of successful and distinguished Jews of America.

As was explained when this feature first appeared, there is a book to be published shortly containing life histories of reputable Jews in this country, an encyclopaedia, so to speak, of Jewish personalities. We have made arrangements with the publishers whereby we get permission to print these stories in advance so that the people who may not have the opportunity to buy the book may nevertheless become acquainted with the interesting careers of thousands of Jews in America.

The editor of the HEBREW STANDARD believes that this is a very interesting and instructive feature, in spite of the many mistakes which to a certain extent have heretofore been made by the publishers of "Distinguished Jews of America." It is natural and human that with every new enterprise mistakes should be made, and we have printed the biographies as they were given to us.

But the publishers are gradually improving upon their enterprise, and we are convinced that for many reasons the feature is an important one. In the first place it gives the young an opportunity to get acquainted with the methods through which the first Jewish generation attained its suc-

cess; it also gives them an opportunity to get advice from those who have met with all kinds of experiences in life, and furthermore, it opens the possibility for Jews all over the country to know the Jews who have, in many cases, from poverty shaped for themselves careers in the professions, sciences, politics and in commerce; the men who materially helped to build the institutions, congregations, hospitals and schools for the Jews of their respective communities.

In order to make this department as interesting and instructive as possible, in future it will be edited by Mr. William H. Breuer. Mr. Breuer, who has been especially engaged for this purpose, received his academic training at the College of the City of New York and continued his studies at Columbia and New York Universities. For many years Mr. Breuer was instructor of English and English literature in New York City schools. He is a student of literature and art, and delivered lectures on the "Development of Painting" to the teachers of his school district for some time. From his past experience Mr. Breuer is well qualified for this work, and he will direct every effort toward making this new feature of the STANDARD an attractive and important one. To accomplish this it is essential that we know what the reader's opinion on this matter is, and we hereby invite criticism and suggestion.

We want to know what you, Mr.

Reader, think about this new department. Do you or do you not like it? If you have something to say or something to suggest, we shall be glad to hear it. We assure our readers that every letter, whether it be one of approval or one of criticism, will receive careful attention and appreciation of the editor.

The foreign-born editors of some of our contemporaries are screaming their patriotism from the housetops, some of them even embracing citizenship at this late hour. Our patriotism has never been of the brand that requires a brass band to proclaim it, or an advance copy of our thoughts on the subject sent to the New York Times to verify it. We may be modest, but we are now, as we have always been, firm believers in "America First" and we feel that our readers, too, are pretty well aligned under that doctrine.

Dr. Schmarya Levin Heads Hebrew Committee—Much Enthusiasm at Hebrew Convention.

Over 100 delegates, including more than 30 from out of town, among them eight ladies, were in session last Sunday and Monday at the first convention of Hebraists in this country called together by the Histadruth Haibrith. No doubt its deliberations will have far reaching effects and do very much for the furtherance of the study of Hebrew in this country.

Among the more important questions which took up a great deal of the convention's time and attention were the advisability of introducing Hebrew into public schools, high schools and colleges, the spread of Hebrew literature in this country and the creation of a fund of \$100,000 for the issuing of literary works in Hebrew. Among those who actively participated in the convention were Dr. Schmarya Levin, who spoke in the name of the Zionist movement and also conveyed to the convention the special greetings from the Hon. Justice Louis D. Brandeis, Rabbi Meyer Berlin, who spoke in the name of "Misrachi" and Dr. M. Sheinkin, who voiced greetings in the name of Palestine and Palestinians. Reubin Brainin, first chairman of the convention, delivered an eloquent address on the Hebrew movement and Hebrew literature. A committee was elected with Dr. Schmarya Levin as president; A. Lubarsky, treasurer, and K. Whitman, secretary. The convention finished up with a very enthusiastic mass meeting at Webster Hall, where all the above-mentioned addressed a well attended gathering.

Congress Committee to Meet.

The Administrative Committee of the Executive Committee for an American Jewish congress will meet again in this city on Sunday, February 25. This meeting will consider a new plan of elections to the congress which has now been formulated by the Committee on Methods of Election, of which Professor Isaac A. Hourwich is chairman. After holding a number of meetings and after giving a hearing to members who had various recommendations to make, this sub-committee has finally completed its labors and its report to be submitted to the members of the Administrative Committee in a few days. The meeting of the Administrative Committee, to be held on the 25th, will besides the methods of election, also consider a number of important plans pertaining to the convening of the congress.

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Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Lebanon Hospital Association will be held at the hospital, Cauldwell and Westchester avenues, Borough of the Bronx, City of New York, on Sunday, February 25, 1917, at 10.30 a. m., to elect officers and directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.
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It is the good fortune of many to inherit wealth and high position in life, but not all are endowed with the faculty of preserving the high trust left to them. Mr. Lee Kohns, of the firm of L. Straus & Sons, 46 Warren street, and part owner of the firm of Abraham & Straus, of Brooklyn, is among those who, in addition to many enterprises, has maintained the traditions and high ideals of his family. In this, however, he has been greatly guided by the high moral principles that have been set down by his father, the late Lazarus Kohns, who died in this city in 1910. During his long life Lazarus Kohns was known for his unassuming manner and his retiring disposition, and, in fact, it was only after his death that the scope of his private charity was discovered. In his home life, in his public life, and in his business associations, he was known for his kindness, courtesy, charity and consideration of the feelings of others. No more eloquent tribute could be given to any man than the following, which was rendered on the occasion of his seventy-fifth birthday by the employees of L. Straus & Sons: "By your straightforwardness, your unceasing activity, and conscientious execution of self-imposed duties, you set a brilliant and admirable example to each and every one of us, and by your kindheartedness and unaltered modesty you won our sincere love." To the memory of his illustrious father, Mr. Lee Kohns has done justice, for he has won the hearts of his friends and associates with his modesty, his loveliness and his manly character, for truly he, too, has led the life of a gentleman.



Mr. Lee Kohns was born in Columbus, September 1, 1864. He attended Donai Institute and received his B. A. in the College of the City of New York in 1884. Immediately after graduation he was employed by the firm with which he is now connected. However, he started from the bottom, and gradually, after a long period of apprenticeship, worked his way to the membership of the firm. He spent about a year and a half in the show-rooms and packing departments, handling the goods and getting acquainted with every phase of the business. He was later sent to Europe, where he bought merchandise and became familiar with the European ways of trade. For eight years he continued holding various positions, until his admission to partnership in 1892. Today the firm of L. Straus & Sons is known the world over as leaders in the importing china and glass trade.

Mr. Lee Kohns is greatly interested in the work of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, and he feels that the work of the Federation is a large problem that requires infinite tact. But he also feels that with the high type of men connected with the administration of this undertaking, it will work out to the salvation and advantage of Jewish charity. He is also a firm believer in the work which the Educational Alliance has been doing, and he thinks that the good work of this institution ought to be spread throughout the country, particularly in cities where the foreign element is large, for he feels that only through such institutions will the foreigner be assimilated and made to become a respected and worthy American citizen.

In 1898 Mr. Lee Kohns married Miss Clare E. Elfelt, and they are the parents of Robert Lee, Paul L. and Irene Dorothy.

Mr. Lee Kohns has been prominently connected with many charitable and communal institutions, and even though his name has not come before the public eye he has, in his quiet way, done very much for the public welfare. He is vice-president of the Educational Alliance, trustee of the City College, trustee of the Hospital Saturday and Sunday Association, director of the Irving National Bank, president of the Fourteenth Street Realty Company, ex-president of the Crocker Board of Trade, member of the Phi Beta Kappa Fraternity and contributor to almost every charitable institution in the city.

When asked for advice to the young, Mr. Kohns felt that the answer could not easily be given, since there are so many considerations that enter into the making of success, but he feels that if every young man would stick to the old-fashioned basic honesty, and would fit himself by a thorough mastery of detail of whatever position he holds, before he aspires to another, and would concentrate upon what he is doing, and not expect to jump from the bottom to the top, from errand boy to partner by the shortest and easiest road, he would do much to win his spurs and make his mark.

Manhattan has many wealthy Jews, charity is organized, and all communal work is done on a large scale. In Brooklyn the burden of this responsibility has fallen on a few prominent men, who are quietly doing their work, although the needs of the community have greatly increased with the growth of the Jewish population in Brooklyn. Among these men is ex-Secretary of State Edward Lazansky, who is now president of the Brooklyn Federation of Jewish Charities. During the last ten or fifteen years, Mr. Lazansky has devoted much of his time and energy to communal and relief work in Brooklyn. Mr. Lazansky deplors the fact that under present conditions, with the tremendous increase in the Jewish population, Brooklyn will never be able to do the excellent work that is being done by the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies in Manhattan.

Mr. Lazansky is not entering a plea for help, yet he feels that the excellent work being done in Manhattan ought to be extended to Brooklyn. During the first two years, New York distributed \$2,000,000, while Brooklyn, with a population almost as large, during the last six years distributed only \$150,000 among its many charity institutions. Mr. Lazansky thinks that this condition cannot continue much longer and he hopes that what has been done in Manhattan will eventually be done in Brooklyn. Mr. Lazansky has the work greatly at heart, for he was born and bred in the Borough of Brooklyn.

Mr. Lazansky was born on December 9, 1872. He was educated in the public schools and the Brooklyn High School. After leaving the Brooklyn Latin School he attended Columbia College, graduating in 1895. He then took a law course at Columbia Law School and received his degree with the class of 1897. That year he was admitted to practice law in the courts of this State. In 1906 he was appointed Assistant Corporation Counsel for the City of New York in the Brooklyn office. In 1910 he was elected Secretary of State, and at the expiration of his term resumed his law practice.

Mr. Lazansky has taken part in the political, educational and social activities in Brooklyn, in addition to communal work, with which he is connected. In 1908 Mr. Lazansky was appointed a member of the Board of Education, and trustee of the College of the City of New York. He is a director of the Unity Club of Brooklyn, of which he was at one time president; Brooklyn Lodge of Elks, No. 22; Euclid Lodge, No. 656, F. & A. M.; Brooklyn League, and Brooklyn Club. He is also a member of the Columbia College Alumni Association and the Alumni Association of the Law School of Columbia University.

Mr. Lazansky has been connected with Jewish charity work in Brooklyn for many years, as president of the Brooklyn Federation of Jewish Charities, director of the Jewish Hospital of Brooklyn, and director of the Training School for Nurses of the Jewish Hospital.

That the Y. M. H. A. movement is a potent factor today in the development of foreign boys and girls, Mr. Lazansky believes firmly, and he is particularly pleased with the work being done at the Ninety-second Street branch. Mr. Lazansky deplors the fact that there is no similar institution in Brooklyn and he hopes that the movement will soon be extended all over the city.

When asked for advice to the young, Mr. Lazansky answered that hard work, thrift and hopefulness do much to bring about success. An honest, unselfish Americanism he felt carries a boy a long way.

One of the great problems of a cosmopolitan city is the Americanization and assimilation of its adult immigrants. The League of Foreign-Born Citizens, of which Mr. Nathaniel Phillips, lawyer, 261 Broadway, is the organizer and president, has done a great deal toward solving this big problem.

NATHANIEL PHILLIPS The work of this institution has been so remarkably successful that it is getting national recognition, and Mr. Phillips receives letters of inquiry as to the methods of his "Melting-pot Club" from cities all over the country. The league is a non-racial, non-sectarian organization, founded October, 1913, and, according to Mr. Phillips, the purpose of the organization is "To foster loyalty to our city, State and nation; to aid, encourage and instruct people of foreign birth to become citizens of the United States, and to spread the message—America, the land of opportunity and of reciprocal obligation." The membership now exceeds 2,500, including from twenty to thirty nationalities. Good moral character is the only requirement for membership. Although there are smaller trade clubs, singing clubs, chess clubs, etc., into which the larger organization is divided, race groups are not allowed and only English must be spoken. The benefits the league afford are manifold. Mr. Phillips has arranged to have various city officials talk on the workings of their respective departments, and many judges have come to address the members on civic pride and citizenship. Mayor Mitchel and Mrs. Astor, who contributed \$1,500 to the league, have, at various times, visited the clubhouse, which is now located at 138 Second avenue, and have often congratulated Mr. Phillips on the splendid work that he and his associates are accomplishing.

Although Mr. Phillips has lately come before the public eye through his connection with the League of Foreign-Born Citizens, he has long been a prominent and beloved figure on the East Side, for Mr. Phillips has been associated with the public day and evening schools of that section for more than ten years. In the evening Mr. Phillips taught English to foreigners of all nationalities in various schools. There were Greeks, Italians, Russians, Turks,



Jews, Germans, Hungarians, Bulgarians and Poles. It was during his association with these pupils that he learned of their hardships and difficulties in procuring their naturalization papers. Among other considerations, there was the difficulty of the language, and great loss of time and pay before they obtained their naturalization papers. It was the frequent requests for advice of these foreigners that suggested to Mr. Phillips' mind the need of an institution like the one he eventually formed.

Mr. Phillips is himself foreign born, having come to this country before he was one year old. He was born at Kalverie, Russian Poland, December 25, 1883. He attended Public School No. 75 and was valedictorian of his class. He received his academic training at C. C. N. Y., from which institution he graduated in 1903. He studied law at New York University, and from this institution he received his LL. B. in 1907 and his LL. M. in 1908. From 1903 to 1904 Mr. Phillips was employed in the Civil Service, and from 1904 to 1910 he taught school. His old pupils and associates at school still remember him for his sincerity, kindness and cheerful disposition. It is, undoubtedly, these very qualities that have won for him the high regard in which he is now held in his profession. His high moral character, his reliability, his straightforwardness and directness make him an example that others in his profession may well follow.

Mr. Phillips has taken great interest in the civic, political and communal activities of this city. He is chairman of appeals of I. O. B. A. and a member of the Kehillah. He was a member of the Mayor's Fourth of July Committee in 1914, 1915 and 1916; a member of the Committee for National Defense, member of the Mayor's Committee on Food Supply, member of the Mayor's committee at the opening of the Catskill Aqueduct, member of the Committee of One Hundred appointed by United States Commissioner of Education Claxton, and also a member of the committee appointed by Commissioner Howe to welcome new citizens. He is the organizer of the Home Defense League, member of the Judaicans, New York County Lawyers' Association, Hebrew Sheltering Guardian Society, Downtown Men's Association for Women's Suffrage, member of the East Side Committee appointed by Borough President Marks to act as adviser on borough methods.

Mr. Phillips feels that every young man who gives his fellow-man a square deal will come out right in the long run. But he also thinks that honesty, concentration and thrift play a great part in a man's success.

During the last two years, five Jews were appointed to professorships or high positions in American universities; one to the University of Michigan, one to the University of Iowa, one to the University of Oklahoma, one to the University of Pennsylvania and one to Bellevue College, of the New York University. These five Jews are immigrants, and all of them are former pupils of the Eron Preparatory School on East Broadway. This fact suggests to a great degree what we intend to outline in this sketch.

In the last few decades, millions of Jews immigrated to America, and each one, naturally, directed his attentions to the kind of work most suitable to his inclination or capacity. Joseph Eli Eron is also an immigrant, having come to America like millions of others, who swarmed here with the great tide of immigration in 1883. Joseph Eron had no trade and no inclination to learn any, so he bartered the one merchandise that he had brought with him; a commodity that he had procured by delving into the archives of all countries and of all times, namely, culture and education. He has proven that this, too, can be sold, with profit to both the buyer and the seller.

When Mr. Eron came to America he was not only a scholar of Hebrew and Talmud, but a student of languages as well. He knew the twenty-four Books of the Bible by heart. For a livelihood during his first years in America he taught night school and was instructor of the English classes in the Educational Alliance at night while he continued with his studies in Columbia University during the day.

After completing his studies, Mr. Eron started a new field of activity. He began systematizing Jewish education in New York. His plan was to give the Hebrew teachers, or Melamdim, instruction in English, and Mr. Eron founded the first school where the pupils were fathers and grandfathers. For the first reader of this class, the Book of Genesis was used; for the second, "Hamlet," and for the third, Spencer's "First Principles." For eight years Mr. Eron continued this class where instruction was given to the many Melamdim in New York. Almost every Jewish scholar that has played any role in America during the last two decades was a pupil of that class at some time or other. This class later developed into a class of "Maskilim," to which almost every brainy and intelligent Russian Jew belonged. It was a modern "Beth Hamedrash," a school which prepared for America a number of great scholars. It was this, which, in Mr. Eron's mind, originated the idea of a preparatory school, a business of which he was the pioneer.

Mr. Eron observed the great Jewish immigration of that time, and he saw the thousands of Russian young men thirsting for education, and ambitious to make their careers who, in spite of the fact that they had brilliant minds, nevertheless, found the doors of colleges and universities closed to them because they could not use the English language. Mr. Eron opened the school to these young men and prepared them for college and university. Thousands were trained in his school, and many of them have since become doctors, lawyers, professors, men of education and letters.

The great success of Mr. Eron's Preparatory School later led to the establishment of many other such preparatory schools, but, as is usually the case, the pioneer is still the most successful, and Mr. Eron has an attendance of over 1,500 pupils, who are prepared for

college or given a general cultural education. No wonder that Mr. Eron is so optimistic about the future of Jews in America! He believes that Jews will occupy a great position in American education and science, and this, to his judgment, is the best guarantee for the future welfare of the nation.

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday of each week Mr. Eron delivers free lectures on "Shakespeare," "History of Literature" and "History of Great Ideas." He also gives free lectures to various societies, and is glad to give advice concerning education to the Jewish young men of the community. His personal influence is a very great one; wherever Mr. Eron appears he is usually surrounded by men who listen and learn.

Mr. Joseph Eli Eron was born in Kalverie, Province of Suwalk, in the year 1871. His great-grandfather was the "Zadik of Lazadic," and a pupil of the great Wilna Gaon. In the year 1903 Mr. Eron married and has two daughters. Mrs. Eron is a very intellectual woman and shares her husband's work in directing his school.

Mr. Eron is an outspoken Socialist, who sees injustice in present conditions of life, and who feels strongly the necessity of a change in the distribution of wealth.

In years to come, when the history of the American Jews will have been recorded, the trials and tribulations of Benjamin Levy will afford an inspiring example to the younger generation. Unfortunately it is outside the scope of this work to give all the details of his interesting life. Only the main events can be noted here.

BENJAMIN LEVY

Benjamin Levy was born on the second day of Rosh Hashanah fifty-two years ago, at Kurdinoff, Russia. At the age of nine he was a student at the Yeshivoh and read four "Shirim" of Gemorah a week. At this time, however, the pecuniary conditions of the family were at a low ebb and the duty of bread winner devolved upon young Benjamin's shoulders. Added to his responsibilities at home, he was made monitor of the Yeshivoh. Not only was he obliged to instruct delinquent students, some of whom were twice his age, but was held accountable by the supervisor of the Yeshivoh in event any one of them failed in their lessons. On one occasion the supervisor slapped young Benjamin because of the delinquency of a student. This incident proved the turning point in the lad's career. The same day he left the Yeshivoh never to return.

So in his tenth year we find him serving an apprenticeship in a dressmaking establishment. He was quick to learn this trade. At eleven he was a master of it and all the women of the nobility of the surrounding country ordered their costumes and gowns of the youthful dressmaker. His earnings, however, at times considerable, were barely enough to support his parents and his thirteen other brothers and sisters. Every cent he earned was swallowed by the household, leaving him penniless.

One day, quite suddenly, Benjamin decided to try his fortune in America, the land where so many of his co-religionists had been flocking to. He set out with fifty-nine rubels (about \$29.50). When he reached Hamburg he had not enough money to buy a passage across the Atlantic. To meet the deficiency he pawned his overcoat and a few other things of his almost indispensable belongings.

The steamer which he boarded took him to Philadelphia, thence by rail to New York. He reached the metropolis on a wintry day, the thermometer registering below zero. With his hands tucked into his coat sleeves, hungry, cold and tired, the young immigrant of fifteen wended his weary way through the streets, asking each passer-by to direct him to a *landsmans*' house on Division street whose address had been given him. He found his landsman. He was fed and clad and a new era began for him.

He started to work as a tailor at fancy wraps in the shop of his friend who had housed him. His first week's earnings amounted to \$4. With the third week the slack season came and young Levy was without means of support. His trade of dressmaking, however, helped him out at this time. He began to make dresses for the women on Division street, and his compensation ranged from 25 to 50 cents per dress. "To be sure, it was trivial," commented Mr. Levy, "but it was enough to hold body and soul together."

With the commencement of the busy season young Levy found employment as an operator on ladies' wear at a wage of \$14 a week. Thirty-five years ago this was a decent wage. But he was unable to save a cent, for he sent every available penny to his folks at home. Frequently he sent more than he could afford, actually depriving himself of the necessities of life.

In 1898 Mr. Levy married Augusta Warshawsky. His employer gave him a wedding gift of twelve machines. Immediately thereafter he started out as a contractor of cloaks. He soon installed sixty additional machines and turned out as many as 4,000 cloaks a week, netting him a weekly profit of between \$800 and \$1,000.

In 1902 Mr. Levy ventured in business with a partner. The venture proved unsuccessful. His partner took advantage of him and before long pushed him out. His second attempt, however, proved more successful. At present Mr. Levy is the owner of a thriving business, located at 22 West Thirty-second street.

The Levys have three children. Adolph, the oldest has received a high school education and is married to a daughter of the late B. D. Kaplan. Jack, the youngest, is at present attending high school, and Bertha, their only daughter, also a high school graduate, is married.

To enumerate all the institutions of which Mr. Levy is a member would take up a full column. It may be more aptly put by saying that there are few, very few, charitable institutions toward which he is not a liberal donor.

"Know one thing and know it well. That is how to succeed," said Mr. Levy. "Put your mind and your efforts to one thing, concentrate on one idea, and success is bound to come." Here, again, we have the same philosophy expressed by others. Mastery, concentration, efficiency are keystones of success.

Mr. Levy is an observer of Judaism in all its particulars. "The great problem of Judaism," remarked Mr. Levy, "is how to make the old and young generations meet on common ground. We must not let the young drift away. We must not be too severe with them. We must go into their psychology, understand them. Once the young and old come to an understanding the problem is solved.

Joint Distribution Committee Empties Its Treasury for War Sufferers.

The sending of every dollar left of the money collected in the United States for the relief of Jewish war sufferers—a million dollars in all—was authorized at a meeting of the Joint Distribution Committee on Friday, leaving its treasury penniless. This action, as a matter of fact, leaves a deficit, which will have to be made up at once by contributions to the funds of the three constituent committees—the American Jewish Relief Committee, the Central Committee for the Relief of Jews Suffering Through the War, and the People's Relief Committee—in order to effect all the remittances authorized.

The money now sent is distributed as follows: \$225,000 to Austria-Hungary and Galicia; \$75,000 for Turkey and Syria; \$70,000 for Palestine, including the Dreyfus and Nathan Straus soup kitchens and the Jewish Health Bureau at Jerusalem; \$5,000 for Bulgaria, \$5,000 for Serbia and Greece, \$6,000 for refugees from Palestine in Alexandria, \$25,000 for the occupied parts of Roumania, and \$100,000 for Russia.

The sum of \$450,000 was authorized to be sent to Germany for the relief of the Jews in Poland and Lithuania, and this money will be sent as soon as the approval of the State Department has been obtained.

The committee authorized the following statement as to the assurances that relief work is to be continued for the Jews in the territories occupied by the Central Empire, irrespective of whether or not the United States becomes involved in war with Germany.

"This work is going to continue. We have no doubt of this fact. The Jewish population of Poland, Lithuania, Galicia and other territories in military control of Germany and her allies look to America.

"America is the only hope of the populations of these countries, and the committee is assured that the United States Government, irrespective of whether or not it enters into war, will interpret the matter of relief in a very liberal spirit.

"Now that our treasury is divested of all the funds on hand, it becomes imperative that we raise \$1,000,000 at once in order to extend relief in Poland, Lithuania and Galicia when the opportunity to forward the money presents itself. There is no alternative to America continuing to supply money with which to feed the starving Jews in these countries other than that they die."

There were present at Friday's meeting, which was presided over by Dr. Judah L. Magnes, Jacob H. Schiff, Felix M. Warburg, Jacob Wertheim, Judge Leon Sanders, Herbert H. Lehman, E. W. Lewin-Epstein, Dr. Cyrus Adler, Louis Lipky, Alexander Kahn, Morris Rothenberg, Isidore Hershey, Peter Wiernik, Morris Engelman, Rabbi Berlin, Albert Lucas, Rabbi Aaron Teitelbaum, Miss Harriet B. Lowenstein, Scholem Asch, Stanley Bero and Boris Fingerhood.

The committee is now left without a cent. In order to continue its labors in those countries, the relations with which are occupied by the Central Empire, money will have to be received at once. The monthly allowance for specific acts of succor to the different countries, such as the support of soup kitchens, etc., will be suspended when the present remittances are exhausted by the act of the committee in stripping itself of all its resources.

The committee has been in close touch and co-operation with the State Department, at Washington, which has expressed every sympathy with the work and every desire to aid it. It is the intention of the committee to do nothing without the approval of the State Department, and the remittances sent abroad will go through it.

A nation-wide appeal for the replenishment of the funds accompanies the announcement of the step taken by the Joint Distribution Committee, which will now redouble its efforts to secure the full amount of the \$10,000,000 which was fixed as the goal for 1917. Jews in every part of the United States are asked to at once send in their contributions and pledges. Local committees having funds in their possession are asked to forward them, in order that there may be funds on hand to meet the needs of the present and any future emergency.

Activities of Sinai of the Bronx.

On Wednesday afternoon Rabbi Max Reichler installed the following officers of the Henrietta Sisterhood in the vestry rooms of the Temple (163d street and Stebbins avenue): Mesdames J. Kovacks, president; M. Mayer, vice-president; W. Daub, treasurer; M. H. Sacks, secretary, and trustees, Mmes. Fleischel, Baer and Mayer.

Sinai Boy Scouts took a hike on February 12.

Sinai Literary Society elected the following officers: Mr. M. Rosenthal, president; Miss Sadie Gordon, vice-president; Mr. J. Mayer, financial secretary; Miss Marion Kraut, recording secretary.

Grace George in "Major Barbara" is the attraction which will draw all friends of Sinai to its theatre party on the evening of March 12. The Theatre Committee, whose indefatigable efforts are sure to meet with success, is composed of the following: Messrs. Harris, Miller, Voss, Bloomfield, Furst, Lippman, Alexander, Finklestone, Chaikofsky and Mmes. Karasch and Heiderman.

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GOLDEN WEDDING.

After fifty years of wedded bliss Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Stern, residing at 600 West 150th street, this city, will be wed at the Hotel Astor on Sunday evening, February 18.



Mrs. Stern is loved and well known for her great humanitarian work. For eighteen years she has been the executive head of one of the charitable organizations in the city, as well as being actively engaged in other benevolent societies. With her parents she came to this country at the age of three from Baden, Germany. At the time of her marriage, as Mary Mayer, she was noted as a beauty and is even now a fine type of womanhood. One needs only to meet her to fall in love with her extraordinary personality and her present activity is to be marveled at.

For Mr. Stern four jubilees will be celebrated. His wedding day having occurred on his birthday, he enters his three score and twelfth year of life. His citizenship was granted in 1867, just fifty years ago, during which time he has witnessed fourteen Presidential elections. He also celebrates his fiftieth year as a member of the I. O. B. E., during which time he has held nearly every important office and is still an active officer. He has also been active in Masonic and other fraternal orders. In 1860, when he traveled to the United States from Havre on a sailing vessel, his ship took forty-two days to cross the Atlantic ocean.

Four sons and four daughters and four grandchildren still live to enjoy with this happy couple the advent of half a century of wedlock.

Reception of friends will take place after 8 o'clock on Sunday evening at Hotel Astor.

University Zionist Society.

Dr. Shmarya Levin, member of the International Actions Comite for the Zionist Movement, and formerly a member of the Russian Duma, will address the University Zionist Society on Tuesday evening, February 20, at 8.30 o'clock. Mr. Jacob de Haas, secretary of the Provisional Committee, will also address the society at this meeting. Those interested are invited to attend.

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Mr. Emil Friedman, of the firm of Friedman Bros., dealers and exporters of leather remnants, deserves his place in "Distinguished Jews of America," not only because he has made his success in the business world, and not only because he is doing his share in the community, but because he is of a finer type. The interviewer found him very modest, a man who dislikes the glare of the limelight. He could himself see no reason for being interviewed, and it was necessary to inquire of his intimate friends for more detailed information. These have only words of praise for him, and after having made Mr. Friedman's acquaintance, the writer shares their opinions.

Mr. Emil Friedman was born April, 1866, in Giralt, Hungary, and is descended from a very prominent family. He came to this country in 1884, and became an operator on shoe uppers at \$1 per week. After he had been here about a year, he went into business with his brother Adolph, and together they developed the business which they now conduct at 330 Pearl street.

Mr. Friedman contributes to almost every Jewish charitable institution. He is a trustee of the Congregation Ohev Zedek, and director of the Talmud Torah of said congregation. He is a modern Orthodox, and to the opinion of all that know him he is a gentleman of the highest order.

In February, 1893, Mr. Friedman married Miss Giselle Handelsman, and they are the parents of two sons and two daughters. His second daughter, Helena, will, on the twenty-second of this month, be married to Mr. Jack Davidowitz, son of the well-known owner of the Diamond Shoe Company.

A man possessing remarkably keen powers of observation is Mr. Morris Epstein, of the Knickerbocker Leather and Novelty Company, of 79 Fifth avenue, a firm which stands to the fore in its line, employing over 300 hands. Mr. Epstein is a remarkable

MORRIS EPSTEIN business man, as will be noticed after a perusal of his career, and not only is a member of the above-mentioned firm, but he controls the B. E. Manufacturing Company, makers of auto accessories, and the Serber-Stouder Co., subway construction.

Born on December 15, 1871, in Moscow, he came here as a youth of twenty, with barely enough in his pockets to pay for a telegram apprising his relatives of his arrival. Eighteen months after landing he started manufacturing leather advertising novelties, and gradually increased his business until today his position is pre-eminent in his line. He has always believed in taking a chance with honest men and has proved the success of his theory.

Mr. Epstein is a man of rare intellectual talents. When he came over here he attended evening high school, perfecting himself in the vernacular, and his leisure time is devoted to literature.

On April 2, 1895, Mr. Epstein married Miss Sophie Abramson, and they have been blessed with four daughters. Elizabeth, the oldest, possesses remarkable intelligence, having won a State scholarship, and is at present attending Barnard University. She is also an excellent musician.

Brownsville is an important accomplishment of the Jews of New York. On the site where Brownsville is now built there was, a few years ago, nothing but wilderness, and the Jews have turned it into a lively and thrifty community. The historian of New York, and particularly the historian of Jewish activity in New

JACOB GOEL York, will have to take note of Mr. Jacob Goel, the real creator of modern Brownsville.

Mr. Goel was born July 15, 1871, in Poswel, in the Province of Kovna, and comes of a prominent family. His uncle was Reb Nute Charif, Schochet in Kupishik, Province of Kovna, and his grandfather was Reb Simcha Linkiver, who, as an intimate friend of Reb of Linkiva, taught mathematics to the rabbi's son, who later became Hirshel Rabinowitz, famous Maskel and editor.

Mr. Goel, who in early youth was brought up at Dineburg, at present Dwinsk, came to America December, 1890. At first he worked as a carpenter at \$5 per week. Later he became a building contractor, and in 1901 came to Brownsville, where he started his real estate activities. Even though his friends predicted failure, he dared to undertake the enterprise of building modern apartment houses in that section of the city. He had a keener insight into conditions than his friends thought, and before many months had passed his success was assured, for other builders followed his example. Brownsville developed and Mr. Goel grew with it, until today he owns over fifty houses in that part of the city. Mr. Goel himself lives with his family in a beautiful home at 1540 Union street.

Mr. Goel is an intelligent man of high moral character, and is held in high esteem in the community. He believes in helping others and practices this belief. He participates in every good enterprise, and contributes to all Jewish charitable institutions in Brooklyn and to some in New York. He is president of Adas Israel of Brownsville and was vice-president of the Stone Avenue Talmud Torah, to which institution next to his business and family he devotes much of his time.

He was the first to propose the erection of the new Talmud Torah on Stone avenue, which he built. He is a modern orthodox, main-

taining a strictly Jewish home. He believes that the Jews ought to appreciate the liberty and opportunity that this country affords, but yet he also feels that every Jew ought strictly to adhere to traditional Judaism.

Mr. Goel has a younger brother, Charles, who was a Yeshiva Bocher in Europe, but who, together with their mother, Hinda, was sent for by Mr. Goel. Charles is now prominent in the building trade and Jewish charity in the Flatbush section of Brooklyn.

On March 2, 1899, Mr. Goel married Miss Sarah Samowitz and they have five accomplished children.

Twenty years ago, at a time when the Jewish immigrants hardly knew anything about American methods of advertising, the Yiddish newspapers printed big advertisements of K. Ress, the well-known tea and coffee dealer. Mr. Ress was among the first in this business to give premiums with the sales of tea and coffee. Many followed his footsteps, and with this scheme developed large business enterprises, of which up to the present day Mr. Ress remains one of the leaders, having his wholesale place at 77 Gerry street, Brooklyn, and his retail place at his old headquarters at 121 Essex street, New York.

Mr. Kalman Ress was born August 15, 1869, in Kazalass, Province of Kovna, near Savaler Uiest. His father, Reb Jacob Ress, who was once here on a visit, was a famous Lamdam and died in Jerusalem, and his mother, Rachael Charnie, was a very pious woman. His brothers, Samuel and Isaac, both of whom are dead, were famous Talmudical scholars.

Mr. Ress came to this country in 1887, and after working for others a short time he opened a little grocery store on the East Side, and this later developed into the tea and coffee stores with premiums. Mr. Ress at one time had fifteen branch stores in New York, Brooklyn, Newark, Philadelphia and Providence.

Mr. Ress is a contributor to almost all Jewish charitable institutions. He is a strict orthodox and Sabbath observer. He was one of the organizers and is ex-president of the congregation Glory of Israel in Brooklyn, and was president of the Brooklyn "Malbish Arumim."

In 1890 Mr. Ress married Miss Sarah Levine and they are the parents of three sons and four daughters.

Ordinarily it is the salesman who branches out for himself and makes a successful business career; it is very seldom that a man at the desk succeeds in building up a business of his own. Yet this is

SOL COHEN what Mr. Sol Cohen, cloak and suit manufacturer of 40 West Twenty-fifth street, has accomplished. After leaving school he was employed as office boy at \$3 per week, and later

as bookkeeper and shipping clerk. He worked at all hours of the day, but put himself into his work and mastered every detail of the business. At the age of twenty-three, after having been connected with the firm of Lefcourt & Co. for seven or eight years, he started a business of his own at 46 West Twenty-fifth street. Today Mr. Cohen is recognized as one of the leaders in his line in the city.

Mr. Sol Cohen was born in London, October 25, 1878. His father, Morris Cohen, who was a well-known scholar and Talmudist in Kunin, Russian Poland, immigrated to America in 1880, when Sol Cohen was only two years old. Mr. Cohen attended Public School 75, on Norfolk street, and after graduation went to work. Mr. Cohen is orthodox and believes that every Jewish boy ought to be given a religious training, and thus keep alive the traditions of Judaism.

Mr. Cohen married Miss Sara Krakower, March 3, 1903, and they are the parents of Paul H, 13; Fannie, 9, and Baby Robert.

The soundest advice that Mr. Cohen could give to the young was: "Work hard and conscientiously, and do not look at the clock." Mr. Cohen also believes that every youth should learn to economize and save his first dollar, for once a youth gets a start the rest is easy.

Rosenblatt Brothers, manufacturers of wire frames and ladies' hats at No. 65 Suffolk street, is a firm whose business exceeds half a million dollars per annum. The writer interviewed Mr. Louis Rosenblatt, of the

LOUIS ROSENBLATT firm, who is described by his friends as "a good boy," meaning a man with a large heart and always ready to do a favor for a friend, and this he really is.

Mr. Louis Rosenblatt was born in Barlot, Roumania, on January 31, 1886. He is named after his father, who died at the age of thirty-six, a few months prior to the birth of Louis. His death was the result of heart trouble, brought on by financial reverses, and the widow was left with six children. She never married again, devoting her life to rearing her children. Now she is happy in her old age, and her children contribute liberally to her support, vieing with each other to gratify her every wish.

Louis Rosenblatt came to America in 1892 with a capital of 95 cents. Being very energetic, he refused to accept aid from his brothers, and started out to work the day after he landed. One year later, with a capital of \$100, he started manufacturing wire frames, and eventually developed the present firm, which now occupies five floors of space. January 6, 1906, Mr. Rosenblatt married Miss Anna Gruber, and they have five daughters.

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Editor HEBREW STANDARD:

Several of the newspapers have so misconstrued and misstated statements made at the conference of the movement in behalf of a new orthodox Jewish Federation, held at Regina Mansion, February 6, 1917, that I feel that in justice to myself, as chairman of the conference, and more so in justice to the Brooklyn Federation of Jewish Charities, I shall ask you to be good enough to print in full my address as it was delivered as follows:

"We have reached a point in our field of charitable endeavor in this community that calls for some united action.

"The problem of charity in this community is a very large one, and calls upon our best minds for solution, which I shall try to analyze for you here.

"Twenty-five years ago we had two kinds of Jews—the German Jew, who did all the charity, and the Russian, Galician or Hungarian Jew, who was the recipient of all the charity.

"Times have changed; the Russian Jew has come into his own; he is no longer content with standing at the door and waiting for a crumb, but he today gives freely and wants his place at the counsel table.

"The German Jew cannot realize that he has to make room for the new Jew, who not only has money, brains and energy, but who, in the struggle for the dollar, has kept with him his Jewish heart and has not forsaken his Jewish ideals.

"I would be doing the German Jews an injustice if I were to allow you to interpret the term 'German Jews' literally. By the German Jew I mean that Jew whom we no longer call a Jew; who is called a Jew only by his neighbor, with whom he seeks to assimilate. It is to these that we must today read the new Declaration of Independence.

"We want to credit the German Jews with one thing—they have system, but system without charity; we have charity without system.

"I am not going to spread the screen before you and describe to you how the poor, the orphan, the widow, the sick and the homeless are neglected, or how our Talmud Torahs are struggling from day to day to keep the sheriff away from the door. The object of this conference is more to correct the method of our giving of charity.

"Dozens of little societies are duplicating themselves all over the city. More than half the money we give is spent in getting it. All over the city people are collecting money for charity. To whom are these moneys accountable? I do not mean to reflect on any one, but we who give these moneys have a right to know where these moneys go to.

"New institutions are being made for us to support. Since we are expected to support them, we should have something to say as to whether we want them or not. Four to five hospitals are now being planned for us. Do we need them all?

"It is an open secret that hundreds of men and women in this community are so imbued with charity that they find it even more profitable than work. It is about time that we put an end to this method of charity; it is about time that we put our house in order.

"What we need and must have is a charity clearing house; one agency where all the moneys intended for charity will be received and distributed, not by any charity trust, but by the very men who give the charity; the hand and heart that gives shall also direct where the money is to go.

"We do not want to scramble all societies together; let every society remain and maintain its autonomy.

"We do, however, want that all societies shall be subject to public supervision, so that we may support those that are deserving, and also suppress those that have no right to exist.

"Furthermore, we are all living in a fool's paradise. Every one thinks the other man charitable. Our present system gives us the opportunity; let us turn on the lights and know what every one is doing. We will not only find out how little we are doing, but I am sure I do not exaggerate when I say that we will discover 10,000 men of means in Brooklyn who do not give a penny to any charity.

"We want to organize the givers of charity, so that they give wisely, and what they give shall reach those for whom it is intended. An attempt of this kind was made about eight years ago, but it has remained an attempt; since it has left out 80 per cent. of the Jewish community, taking in only few institutions, which forms the present Brooklyn Federation of Charities.

"Our position in reference to the Brooklyn Federation of Charities I can best express by a letter of resignation that I have handed in as a director of that institution, which letter is now in possession of the president of the Brooklyn Federation of Charities, and which I shall read to you.

"February 4, 1917.
"Mr. Edward Lazansky, President Brooklyn Federation of Jewish Charities, New York City.

"Dear Sir.—I herewith tender my resignation as a director of Brooklyn Federation of Jewish Charities, to take effect immediately. I regret exceedingly that I am obliged to take this step.

"I am a firm believer in the principles and ideals of Federation, but do not believe Federation can be successful with 80 per cent. of the community left out. No real attempt has ever been made to federate all the philanthropic institutions in

Brooklyn, nor will any attempt meet with success as long as the underlying causes that divide Brooklyn Jews into two camps are not removed.

"Jews in Brooklyn refuse to support an orphan asylum, having in charge Jewish children, most of whom come from orthodox Jewish homes. These children are deprived of proper religious training, and are made to eat food that they have been taught not to eat.

"Jews of Brooklyn will not support a hospital that calls itself Jewish and tells the poor, unfortunate Jew who applies for admission, 'If you want to be admitted here you must cease to be a Jew.'

"This is not Jewish, charitable or human.

"Both of these institutions are supported mainly by the city, and should be conducted, not according to the individual ideas or ideals of any individual, but according to the wishes of the majority of the Jewish community.

"Your answer to this has always been that you cannot afford to give the sick and the orphan kosher food. These two institutions have a capital of over \$1,000,000, and still are too poor to give their inmates kosher food.

"Jews of Brooklyn want the administration in Federation to be democratic. They do not want their powers usurped by any committee or board. These methods have resulted in the extinction of all the organizations that it took years to build up, and left nothing but boards of directors elected by themselves.

"And, finally, the leaders in Federation are not showing the true example of sacrifice in giving to charity. If those that have millions give only a few thousands, what can we expect of the man of moderate means? Federation today is serving as a cloak to shield some people from giving charity. Such leadership cannot create any following.

"Having been unable to realize the true ideals of charity in Federation, I want to assist in organizing all the forces outside of Federation, and bring about a real alliance of all Brooklyn philanthropic societies that Federation has neglected to do.

"Respectfully yours,

"I have tried to outline the problem to you. Although the problem is big, it is not hard to master. You gentlemen who are here tonight can solve it if you will apply yourselves with the same energy with which you apply yourselves to your business.

"This is your opportunity. Those who are here tonight will be as proud of tonight's work as we are of those who signed the American Declaration of Independence. But you must be ready to say as they said, 'To this cause we are ready to dedicate our money, our lives and our honor.'

No assertions of any kind were made or intended against any one connected with the Federation, or against Federation as a body, or against their methods of receiving or distributing money. They have done creditable work in this community and need no defense.

All criticism along these lines was against the prevailing method of charity among all the unorganized institutions.

The new movement is not antagonistic to the idea of Federation, but is intended to organize all the other forces in the community that are not reached by Federation, for reasons stated in my letter of resignation contained in my address. Yours very truly,
S. ROTTENBERG.

A Scheme to Promote Marriages.

Editor HEBREW STANDARD:

The life of the average working man or woman of mature age is generally a monotonous grind, especially that of the latter sex, usually working hard all day, then if lucky to the movies and then to bed. Many girls in order to break up their drab existence indulge in what may at first be an innocent flirtation with harmful results. This problem has been discussed time and time again, but no adequate solution has ever been presented. While this subject is not necessarily confined to Jews and Jewesses at the same time it is of interest to them because these conditions affect them perhaps in a greater ratio than others.

I would suggest the institution of a club, eligibility for membership to the confined to those who are of good character (which may be determined after investigation) who must earn a minimum wage (this not to apply to the female members) and eugenics to be insisted upon.

I would further suggest a minimum age, confining this club to those who have arrived at 'years of discretion' and learned somewhat of the lessons of the world. A club could be established in a selected locality, and this could be followed by the institution of similar club houses all over the city. When a man wishes to meet one of the opposite sex he could go to the manager of the club house in his district, and after investigation would have the manager bring about a formal introduction.

Undoubtedly my scheme may be a bit visionary, but at the same time I believe it has possibilities. I am a working girl and know what we have to contend with, and I would be glad to have your readers give suggestions through these columns. Very truly yours,
"LONELY."

Year Books for 5677 Wanted.

Editor HEBREW STANDARD.

The Jewish Publication Society of America is in need of a quantity of the American Jewish Year Book for 5677, that is, the last issue. Members who will return their copies to the society may receive some other publications for them. Very truly yours,
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SOCIAL NOTES.

On Thursday evening, March 1, Congregation Mt. Zion will have a theatre party at the Alhambra Theatre, 126th street and Seventh avenue.

Mr. Eugene F. Moses, son of Dr. I. S. Moses, has returned to the city after a trip to the South and Middle West in the interest of Schroon Lake Camp for Boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Hyman of No. 408 West 115th street will be at home to their friends on Tuesday evening, February 20, after 8 p. m., in celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage.

Invitations have been issued for the marriage of Miss Rose Tecotsky to Mr. H. Teller. The ceremony will be performed at Lexington Hall on Sunday, February 18.

The Ohad Zedek League will hold a meeting on Wednesday evening, February 21, at 8 p. m., in the vestry room of the Ohad Zedek Synagogue, 18 West 116th street.

The Co-Workers' League of the Central Jewish Institute will give a Japanese tea and dance on Saturday, February 24, at 8.30 p. m., at the institute, 125 East Eighty-fifth street.

The following ladies are working hard to make the affair a social and financial success: Mrs. Edward Paymer, Mrs. Samuel Berger, Mrs. David M. Brown, Mrs. Herbert Goldstein, Mrs. Essberg, Mrs. Henry Malkan, Mrs. Marblestone, Mrs. Lessler, Mrs. Iberwager, Miss Ida Paymer, Miss Belle Selig, Miss Dora Selig, Miss Richie Freund, Miss Price.

One of the most novel dances of the season was that given by Mrs. Harry Fischel for her daughter, Miss Bertha Marion Fischel, on the eve of Lincoln's Birthday. The music for the most part consisted of patriotic airs and Southern melodies and the novelty dances represented incidents in Lincoln's life and the Civil War. Some of these dances were "The Cotton Pickers," "Lincoln's Log Cabin," "The Secession of the Southern States," "Declaration of War" and "Under the Stars and Stripes." At 1 o'clock supper was served. Here, again, the spirit of the day prevailed. The table decorations consisted of an immense American flag, made of red, white and blue flowers. The ices were in the form of busts of Lincoln on pedestals. Each young lady received a miniature reproduction of the well-known statue, "Lincoln's Emancipation of the Negro."

Trained Jewish Farmers.

The sixteenth annual graduation exercises of the National Farm School will take place at the school, at Farm School, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, on Thursday, February 22, 1917. Seventeen students will receive diplomas. One young man will receive a post-graduate certificate for one additional year in farm management.

The exercises will be presided over by Dr. Joseph Krauskopf, the president and founder of the school. Addresses will be delivered by Senator Clarence J. Buckman, of Langhorne, Pa.; Judge Henry N. Wessels, of the Common Pleas Court of Philadelphia; and Jerome J. Rothschild, Esq., of Philadelphia.

The graduation exercises, which were formerly held in June, have, within recent years, taken place; at the end of February, since the farmer's year begins with the spring season and the demand for graduates of the school is, therefore, greater at this time of the year. It is announced by the director of the school, Prof. Bernhard Ostrolenk, that everyone of the seventeen young men to be graduated has already secured a position upon which he will enter immediately after graduation. The fact that these young men have secured their positions so far in advance of their graduation, is especially significant, and shows how great is the demand for trained agriculturists of the type educated at the National Farm School.

An award of a scholarship to the Pennsylvania State Agricultural College, secured for the National Farm School, through the kindness and interest of Prof. Edwin E. Sparks, president of State College, will be made at these exercises.

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leges throughout the country might well follow the precedent which has been established by the Pennsylvania State College, in offering this scholarship to the National Farm School—an institution which stands out as unique among agricultural schools throughout the country, since its students are gleaned mostly from the cities, while the majority of students of other agricultural schools and colleges are young men who have been brought up on the farm.

Jewish Concert at the Y. M. H. A.

On Sunday evening, February 18, a concert of Jewish music will be held in the auditorium of the Young Men's Hebrew Association, Ninety-second street and Lexington avenue. The entire program has been arranged by Prof. Leon M. Kramer, music director of the association. The Y. M. H. A. Choral Union and the Haley Singing Society will participate and will be assisted by Mrs. D. Rosemond, alto; Mr. Rudolph Kramer, violin; Mr. Simon Lobman, bass; Mr. Harold Kramer, cello; Mr. M. Zwick, bass, and Mr. Abraham Drucker, piano. A very interesting program will be offered and a large audience is expected. This concert of Jewish music will be free to the members of the association and to the general public.

At the Forum meeting last Sunday afternoon Mr. Morris Weil spoke on "Insurance" and this Sunday afternoon Congressman F. La Guardia will address the Forum on "Immigration."

The Emanu-El Brotherhood.

The general organization has already undertaken the proposition of raising funds with which to supply worthy families with Matzoth during the coming Passover holidays. Last year upwards of \$200 was realized through the efforts of various clubs and it is hoped a like sum, if not a larger one, will be ob-

tained this year. The general organization has also under contemplation the holding of a luncheon and dance for all intermediate and senior members of the Social House, believing thereby to create a stronger friendship among the various members of the institution.

On Monday evening, February 19, the Rev. Dr. Benjamin A. Tintner, of Mt. Zion Temple, of Harlem, will deliver a lecture before the members and friends of the Senior Auxiliary, at the Social House, 309-311 East Sixth street. It will start at 8.15 o'clock sharp. All interested are invited to attend.

Equitable Life's Good Year.

The annual statement of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States gives evidence of the company's continued progress.

Increases are shown in new insurance, outstanding insurance, assets and surplus. The interest rate for the year increased and the mortality rate and expense rate decreased. The payments to policyholders in 1916 aggregated \$58,915,422, making a total since organization of \$1,100,057,839. The insurance on the company's books now amounts to \$1,607,089,581, an increase for the year of \$77,203,000. The new insurance paid for totaled \$209,706,988, covering 130,000 lives. Of 6,241 domestic death claims paid during the year over 98 per cent. were settled within one day after receipt of the proofs of death.

The happiest play in all New York is "Captain Kidd, Jr.," at the Coban & Harris Theatre. For fourteen weeks now this delightful romance of buried treasure, with its accompanying love story, has charmed theatregoers who find continual delight in watching the revelation of its unusual plot at the hands of the quaint characters who people Mrs. Rida Johnson Young's most exquisite comedy.

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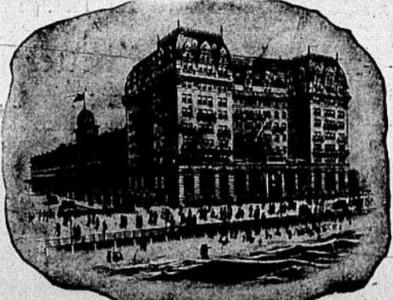
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BROOKLYN NOTES.

Young Men's Hebrew Association.
On Sunday evening, February 18, at 8.15, the debating team of the Y. M. H. A. of Brooklyn, 345 Ninth street, will meet the team of the Educational Society of Brooklyn. The debate will take place at the new auditorium of the latter institution. The subject of the debate is: "Resolved, That the Constitution of the United States Be Amended to Provide for the Prohibition of the Sale, Importation and Manufacture of Intoxicating Liquors." The team representing the Y. M. H. A. of Brooklyn consists of the following: Robert Marks, Herbert Kehler and Norman Salit. The Y. M. H. A. will defend the negative of the question.
The following will be the staff of judges: Chairman, Hon. Edward E. Richards, Municipal Court judge; Harry J. Rosenson, former president of the Williamsburgh Y. M. H. A., and Leo H. Klugherz, acting president of the Bath Beach Y. M. H. A.
On February 22 a team consisting of Mortimer Fox, Harry Sealove and Herbert Kohler will compete for honors in the checker tournament, in which ten associations are entered. The tournament will take place at the Y. M. H. A. of New York, Ninety-second street and Lexington avenue.

Krumbeln—Milberg

At the Knapp Mansion, Bedford avenue, Brooklyn, on Sunday, February 11th, the marriage of Miss Sarah Milberg, of Brooklyn, and Mr. Abraham Krumbeln, of New York, was solemnized. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Elias L. Solomon and Rev. I. Landau in the most impressive manner.
Rabbi Solomon in addressing the bridal pair dwelt upon their staunch loyalty to the institutions affiliated with Orthodox Judaism in this city and prayed that their new home would be consecrated to a continuation of their deeds of charity and love for their people and their faith.
The Executive Committee of the Union of Orthodox Congregations of America, the Downtown Talmud Torah, and other organizations with which both Mr. Krumbeln and his bride have been associated, sent letters and telegrams of congratulations and were present in large numbers. There were at least 500 guests, among them being many prominent leaders of the Jewish community and the near and distant relatives of both bride and groom, who started their new life with the sincerest congratulations and good wishes of a most distinguished and large number of friends and well wishers.

Temple Petach Tikvah.

Tuesday afternoon, February 20, at 3 o'clock, the Sisterhood of Temple Petach Tikvah will hold a very interesting meeting. Mrs. Samuel Elkeles, president of the Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, will address the members on the subject, "The Jewish Woman and the Synagogue." A fine musical program has been arranged.

More than one thousand worshippers attended the services in Petach Tikvah last Saturday evening to witness the children of the Hebrew School conducting the services. The entire service, including the chanting of the prayers, the reading of the whole Sidrah of the Torah, the preaching of the sermon in Hebrew, was all performed by the pupils. At the conclusion of the services, Mr. M. Koppelman, the chairman of the Hebrew School Committee, expressed the thanks of the congregation to Dr. Levinthal and the teachers, Messrs. Persky and Hassan and Miss S. Cohen for their work in behalf of the school.

Death of Rev. Marcus Rosenstein.

The Rev. Marcus Rosenstein, principal of the Hebrew Educational Alliance for the past four months, died suddenly from pneumonia last Wednesday, after an illness of less than twenty-four hours, at his residence, 75 Van Alst avenue, Long Island City, where he had lived only about a week. He formerly lived in Manhattan, at 357 West 115th street. Mr. Rosenstein was born in Lodz, Russian Poland, and was educated in that city, and for a number of years officiated at the St. John's Woods Synagogue. He came to America twenty-four years ago and subsequently held positions in Montreal, Manhattan, Poughkeepsie, Greenport and Willimantic, Conn. Mr. Rosenstein is survived by his wife, Rose; three sons, Arthur, Joseph and Samuel, and six daughters, Hattie, Laura, Zelma, Madeline, Naomi and Josephine.

Tulcin—Frank.

The marriage of Miss Minnie Frank to Mr. Henry P. Tulcin was solemnized on Lincoln's Birthday, at the Bedford Mansion, Brooklyn, Rev. Joel Blau, of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Frank, of 1434 Fifty-seventh street, Brooklyn. Mr. Frank is president of Temple Emanuel, of Borough Park, which post he has occupied for the past ten years. Mr. Tulcin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Tulcin, of 1628 Fifty-ninth street.

The bride's only attendant was her sister, Miss Florence Frank, who acted as maid of honor. Her gown was of silver and corn and she carried a sheaf bouquet of sunburst roses.
Mr. and Mrs. Tulcin have left for an extended honeymoon trip and upon their return will reside at 1461 Forty-sixth street, Borough Park.

JEWISH CALENDAR.
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- *Rosh Chodesh Adar.....Friday, Feb. 23
- Purim.....Thursday, March 8
- Rosh Chodesh Nissan.....Saturday, March 24
- First day Pessach.....Saturday, April 7
- Seventh day Pessach.....Friday, April 13
- *Rosh Chodesh Iyar.....Monday, April 23
- Lag b'Omer.....Thursday, May 10.
- Rosh Chodesh Sivan.....Tuesday, May 22
- First day Shabuoth.....Sunday, May 27
- *Rosh Chodesh Tammuz.....Thursday, June 21
- Fast of Tammuz.....Friday, July 6
- Rosh Chodesh Ab.....Friday, July 20
- Fast of Ab.....Saturday, July 28
- *Rosh Chodesh Ellul.....Sunday, Aug. 19.
- Rosh Hashanah.....Monday, Sept. 17
- Yom Kippur.....Wednesday, Sept. 26
- First day Succoth.....Monday, Oct. 1
- Second day Succoth.....Tuesday, Oct. 8
- Simchath Torah.....Tuesday, Oct. 9
- *Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan.....Wednesday, Oct. 17
- *Rosh Chodesh Kislev.....Friday, Nov. 16
- First day Chanukah.....Monday, Dec. 10
- *Rosh Chodesh Tebeth.....Sunday, Dec. 16
- Fast day Tebeth.....Tuesday, Dec. 25

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On Monday evening, February 19th, at 8:15 o'clock, a lecture will be given under the auspices of the School for Jewish Communal Work on "How the Jews Care for Their Poor," by Morris Waldman, executive director of the United Hebrew Charities of New York City.

The second of a series of three lectures on the Development of Woman, as shown in English fiction, will be given on Wednesday evening, February 21st, by William Bradley Otis, Ph. D., of the College of the City of New York. His subject will be "Charlotte Bronte—Emotional Power and Revolt," with illustrated readings from "Jane Eyre."

On Sunday evening, February 18th, Dr. Max Radin will lecture under the auspices of the Hadassah, on "Palestine, Past and Present."

A large audience attended last Sunday morning at 11 and enjoyed the lecture on "Isaiah," delivered by Dr. Moses Hyamson, who handled his subject splendidly, much to the edification of his hearers. These lectures will be continued, the next in series to be delivered on Sunday, February 25, at 11 a. m., when Rabbi B. A. Tintner speaks on "Ezekiel."

Young Women's Hebrew Association.
 The Jewish history and Bible study, in charge of Miss Hadassah Levine, are in progress and those interested are invited to join.

A very impressive ceremony of the League of the Jewish Youth of America was held in the auditorium Sunday. Four hundred boys and girls of Harlem were initiated as members.

An open meeting was held last Tuesday by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Hebrew Sheltering Guardian Society. An interesting talk was given by Mrs. Fire, president of the Society for Mental Defectives. Discussion helped to make the afternoon very pleasant. Music and refreshments culminated an enjoyable afternoon.

The new term for the following classes begins February 15: Bookkeeping; Typewriting and Stenography; Speed; English for Foreigners; English Literature; Hebrew, Bible Study; Dressmaking; Millinery; Embroidery; First Aid to the Injured; Gymnasium; Swimming Pool; Jewish History.

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Temple Pen-El. Rabbi Aaron Eiseman will be installed as the spiritual leader of Temple Pen-El, 525-527 West 147th street, on Friday evening. Professor Cyrus Adler, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, will deliver the installation address. Professor Richard Gottheil, of Columbia University, Mrs. Samuel Elkeles, president of the Federation of Sisterhoods, and Rabbis Tintner and Anspacher will also participate. Mr. Emanuel Friedman, president of the congregation, will preside. There will be special music. Rabbi Aaron Eiseman will preach the installation sermon.

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Abraham Lodge's Golden Jubilee. Bridgeport, Conn.—The golden anniversary of Abraham Lodge, No. 89, I. O. B. B., was duly celebrated on Lincoln's Birthday, February 12, 1917, by an elaborate banquet and special service at the local temple, participated in by all the members of the lodge and many distinguished guests from State, the Mayor of the city, the Attorney-General of the State of Connecticut, different parts of the country.

In addition to the Governor of the Judges of the Supreme Court of the State, and other distinguished guests, the following out-of-town guests were present: Hon. Simon Wolf, of Washington, D. C.; Dr. Edward N. Calisch, of Richmond, Va.; Joseph Rosenzweig, of New York, president of District Grand Lodge No. 1; Maurice P. Davidson, of New York, first vice-president of the district; Solomon Sulzberger, treasurer of the district; Dr. Bernard M. Kaplan, grand secretary of the district; Charles Hartman, member of the Executive Committee of the Order, and many others well known for their B. B. activities. The festivities and the services were presided over by Mr. Jacob B. Klein, a prominent attorney of Connecticut, the president of the lodge, whose father, Bernhard Klein, and whose uncle, Moses Klein, were among the founders of the lodge. The history of Abraham Lodge, as prepared by Rabbi David Levy, of Bridgeport, showed Abraham Lodge to have rendered distinguished services not only to the district, but to the entire community of Bridgeport, having been the means of founding various charitable organizations in the State of Connecticut.

Activities of Washington Heights Congregation. All the organizations of the congregation are working zealously for the theatre party which is to be given at the Shubert Theatre Tuesday, March 13. The chairman of the committee is Jacob Klein, of 346 Broadway.

In addition, the members of the Sisterhood are hard at work on the bridge party which is to be given for the Talmud Torah on Tuesday evening, February 27, at Floral Gardens. The committee in charge of the affair are Mrs. Alex. Cohen, Mrs. I. Cashman, Mrs. Solomon, Mrs. Spicandler, Mrs. A. Bernstein, Mrs. Ph. Siegel, Mrs. S. Gutman and Mrs. S. R. Schultz.

The children of the Talmud Torah celebrated Lincoln's Birthday Monday morning. Addresses were made by Rabbi Rosenthal, Mr. Ely Rosenberg and Mr. Emanuel Hertz.

During the Week of Mercy the children of the school contributed the sum of \$10.95 to the War Sufferers' Relief Fund.

Preparations are being made for a big Purim celebration.

Miss Turkel's Betrothal Party. The betrothal of Miss Clara Turkel and Michael N. Goldberg was fittingly celebrated on Monday evening, February 12 at the Vienna, 133 East 58th street. More than 300 guests assembled for the party held in honor of the event, which consisted of a number of dances and a sumptuous dinner prepared by the mother of the celebrant, Mrs. B. Turkel.

This dinner was in the usual style of the Vienna, the home of strictly Kosher catering. Mr. Turkel and his family, accustomed as they are to directing affairs for others, were obliged on this occasion to be hosts and hostesses to their own acquaintances, and it is quite natural that they acquitted themselves admirably.

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JACOBSEN, ERNEST OTTO.—The People of the State of New York, by the grace of God free and independent, to Florence, Sophia Jacobson, Gertrude Ethel Jacobson, Margaret Alice Jacobson, Charlotte Anne Jacobson, Elizabeth Mary Jacobson, Wilhelmina Margaret Owen Christy, Rudolph Charles Jacobson, William Henry Jacobson, T. Owen Jacobson, the heirs and next of kin of Ernest Otto Jacobson, deceased, send Greeting: Whereas, Benno Elkan, who resides at 210 Riverside Drive, Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, and the Bankers Trust Company, No. 16 Wall street, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, have lately applied to the Surrogate's Court of our County of New York to have a certain instrument in writing, dated January 10, 1917, relating to both real and personal property, duly proved as the last will and testament of Ernest Otto Jacobson, who was at the time of his death a resident of the Borough of Manhattan, in the City and County of New York, deceased.

Therefore, you and each of you are cited to show cause before the Surrogate's Court of our County of New York, at the Hall of Records, in the County of New York, on the 12th day of March, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, at half-past ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why the said will and testament should not be admitted to probate as a will of real and personal property. In Testimony Whereof, We have caused the seal of the Surrogate's Court of the County of New York to be hereunto affixed. Witness, Honorable Robert Ludlow Fowler, a Surrogate of our said County of New York, at said county, the 6th day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen. DANIEL J. DOWDNEY, Clerk of the Surrogate's Court.

WURMSER, ZIPORA.—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 Zipora Wurmsers, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscribers, at the office of their attorney, their place of transacting business, No. 261 Broadway, in the City of New York, on or before the 28th day of April next. Dated New York, the 20th day of October, 1916. MAX JACOBY, MAX STRAUSS, Executors. ABRAHAM BECK, Attorney for Executors, 261 Broadway, New York City.

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The activities scheduled for the coming week are as follows:
Monday, Feb. 19, 9 P. M.—Class in Jewish history. Wednesday, Feb. 21, 8:30 P. M.—Class in Jewish history. Sunday, Feb. 25, 3:30 P. M.—Class in music; piano class; class in vocal diction and piano repertoire. In the near future the class in music will be extended to art, illustrated talks on painting, sculpture and architecture. Sunday, Feb. 18, 8:15 P. M.—Forum meeting; subject, "Intensive Health District Work," by Dr. S. Tannenbaum.

Montefiore Sisterhood.
The installation of officers of the Montefiore Sisterhood took place in the vestry rooms of the temple on Wednesday evening, February 7, at 8:30 o'clock. The rabbi of the congregation, Vice-President Abraham Epstein and the trustees were present at the installation ceremonies. Mrs. James Lissner, the president of the Sisterhood, was initiated into office, and a glowing tribute was paid to her for the work she has done, and the hope was expressed that she will rise to the opportunity to make the Sisterhood an important factor in the affairs of the Jewish community of the Borough of the Bronx. Mrs. Henry Stern and Mrs. Epstein, vice-president and treasurer, respectively, of the society, received due praise for their arduous work which they have performed for the Sisterhood.

The Harlem Forum.
The next meeting of the Harlem Forum will be held in the auditorium of the Wadleigh High School, 115th street near Seventh avenue, on Sunday morning, February 18, at 10:30 a. m., when Dr. Ludwig B. Bernstein will speak on "Jewish Ideals in Work with Orphan and Dependent Children." On the musical program will appear: Mrs. Regina Hirschthal, soprano; Miss Lillian Barshod, at the piano; Mr. Morris Kopatz, violinist, and Miss Millie Edelstein, at the piano. The public is invited. Admission is free.

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Young Men's Hebrew Orthodox League.
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The Symphony Society of New York had announced the performance of Max Regis' "Variations on a Theme by Hiller" for its concerts of February 16 and 18. The management on learning that this work would be given by the Boston Symphony Orchestra last night, and in deference to the visiting orchestra, feels that the performances by the Symphony Society should be postponed. Consequently the program for the concerts of February 16 and 18 will be as follows:
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Louis Marshall on Zionists and Zionism.

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At the recent twenty-fifth conference of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations Dr. Kaufmann Kohler and Dr. David Philipson, two of the foremost representatives of reformed Judaism, made what practically amounted to an open declaration of war against Zionism.

The first question of our representative was, "What do you think of the declaration of war against Zionism issued by Drs. Kohler and Philipson?" Mr. Marshall replied: "I know of no such declaration of war and believe that this is a mere figure of speech. Doctors Kohler and Philipson are men whom I honor and respect and who are entirely responsible for their own views, to which they are entitled in common with all other citizens.

"May we know your personal views on Zionism?" was the next question.

"Why not?" he replied. "My views on that subject have never been a secret. Though certain Zionists regard me as the symbol of assimilation and consider no punishment as too severe for me, I can say that I never have been and am not now an anti-Zionist. I have never expressed myself adversely to the movement. On the contrary, I have from time to time spoken in its defense. Some eight or nine years ago I wrote an article in the American Israelite in which I took issue with Mr. Schiff, whom I hold in the greatest reverence, in respect to views which he then expressed on the subject. There are so many shades and brands of Zionism that it is evident that Zionists do not agree among themselves. In common with the late Dr. Schechter I have had the greatest sympathy with the cultural Zionism of Achad Ha'am and Dubnow, and have been interested in the establishment of a Jewish spiritual center in Palestine. My attitude toward Zionism has been expressed not only in words, but in deeds as well. I was one of the organizers of the Jewish Agricultural Experiment Station, founded by Mr. Aaron Aaronsohn for the purpose of developing the agricultural resources of Palestine. Many of the supporters of that undertaking desired to establish the station in California where physical conditions were almost the same as those which prevailed in Palestine, yet because of sentiment and my hope that Palestine would not only be noted for having given to the world the Bible but also a new source of sustenance, I favored the location of its activities in Palestine. I was also one of the trustees of the Polytechnic which was established at Haifa through the munificence of Mr. Schiff. At the time when what has been termed the language controversy arose in respect to that institution, when the German directors sought to eliminate Hebrew as the language of instruction, I took a decided stand in favor of the maintenance of Hebrew, and subsequently, when steps were taken to dispose of the property of the Polytechnic and to acquire it on behalf of the "Hilfsverein," I was unsparing in my criticism of those who were responsible for that action.

"It is true that I have never joined any Zionist organization. To me Judaism as a religion is the highest interest. The fact that our people gave to the world the Bible and the concept of Monotheism is their great merit and has placed the world under eternal obligation to them. The cultivation of that spiritual gift, the preservation of Jewish ideals, has been and should continue to be our mission. When I am therefore charged with being an assimilationist, I am at a loss to know what is meant. Is one who has always lived with and among his people, and to the full extent of his power has never wavered in maintaining the cause of Judaism so to be regarded? Is one who has maintained loyalty to his religion, to the traditions of his faith, to the history of his people, to be comprehended within that term? I have consistently opposed intermarriage, though there are many Zionists who have yielded to its seductions. I have unintermittingly fought the conversionists, both in and out of our ranks, and yet I know of many Zionists who are either atheists or agnostics and who have no interest in that which has made of Judaism a world force. The other day, at the conference held at the Hotel Savoy, a distinguished Zionist expressed to me the opinion that his only interest in Judaism was in the Jewish people. He regarded them as the instrument and Judaism as the music. My reply was that, though the instrument

was important, the music constituted its life and soul, and but for it the instrument would be of little value.

"I can say for the members of the American Jewish Committee who have been charged with being assimilationists, that they are men of every shade of thought. They include Jews from every land. There are among them orthodox, reform and radical Jews, Zionists and non-Zionists. They include such men as Mr. Schiff, Judge Sulzberger, Dr. Adler, Dr. Magnes, Judge Mack, Prof. Hollander, Col. Cutler, Mr. Rosenwald, to name but a few, men whose names are the synonym of all that stands for Jewish loyalty and solidarity, men who have remained steadfast under all conditions and who have never wavered in their love and devotion to Judaism and to the Jews."

Mr. Marshall was then asked: "If we were able to obtain Palestine for our people would you stand ready to aid them?" He replied: "That is scarcely a proper question. At the meeting of the conference of Jewish national organizations I urged the inclusion in our formula of the phrase 'the securing and protecting of Jewish rights in Palestine.' In the negotiations which led to the organization of the Executive Committee to call a Jewish Congress, I favored the provision on this subject which was adopted and which is now being acted upon. I stated to Mr. Bardoness and others while we were engaged in attempting to work out a peace compact, that I would be undeserving of the name Jew if I did not strive with every fibre of my being for the attainment of this object. When I gave my support to the Congress program as set forth in the call, I had no mental reservations. The very fact that such a question is now asked is painful to me, and I resent all the attacks which have been made on me and others by some of the Zionist leaders, as unworthy of their cause and as injurious to that unity of thought and action which should now prevail among all Jews. I am quite aware that some of the Zionist leaders have in the past differed with me personally and that some of them, in spite of the importance of maintaining peace among ourselves at a time when all the rest of the world is at war, have not hesitated to go so far as to indulge in petty persecution of me and my associates, but as I said at the Hotel Savoy conference, nothing that anybody can do or say will alienate me from the cause that I have always had at heart; and speaking for the American Jewish Committee I can say the same of it. Amid all of the tumult which has raged during the past year, we have indulged in no vituperation, we have harbored no animosities, and have pursued the even tenor of our way."

Our representative then referred to the Immigration Bill which has just been passed by Congress and vetoed by President Wilson. Mr. Marshall stated that, although it was anticipated that Congress might pass the bill over the Presidential veto, he was happy to say that the bill as passed, although containing the objectionable literacy test, is so far as the Jews are concerned, more favorable than any of the bills which have heretofore been passed and vetoed. The exemption clauses are of such a nature as to maintain the open door for those who came to this country to escape religious persecution, whether it was practiced by overtact or by means of discriminatory laws and government regulations.

"I am not at all pessimistic with regard to American Judaism," he continued. "On the contrary, I am satisfied that American Jewry is becoming more Jewish with every year. America is becoming the great Jewish center. We have here Jewish libraries, seminaries, yeshiboth, and a literature of our own. We have created the Jewish Encyclopedia and have translated the Bible into English. We are about to translate the Jewish classics, and have a Jewish Historical Society, a publication society and other kindred institutions. Jewish life is being cultivated, in every corner of the land Jewish consciousness is becoming more marked. The Zionists have, in common with others, undoubtedly contributed to this rejuvenation."

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THE FIRST IMMIGRANT.
Dear Children:

The first one to flee from religious persecution was our Father Abraham. "Lech lecha," the Lord said to him. "Get thee out." "Lecha," says Rashi, means "for thy own benefit, thy own good"; "get the out of thy country, and out of thy birthplace, and from thy father's house, unto the land that I will show thee, and there I will make of thee a great nation"; here you are not destined to have children—besides, I will make thy nature known to the world—and I will make of thee a great nation" because traveling has three bad effects: It breaks up family life, decreases one's wealth, and lessens one's renown; therefore, the Lord fortified Abraham with these three blessings—he assured him that he would have children, wealth and renown—and I will bless thee with wealth and thou shalt be a blessing." Henceforth I give you the power to bestow the blessings—till now I disposed of them myself. I blessed Adam and Noah; from now you may bless whom you please. "Get thee out of thy country." Did not Abraham already go out of it with his father when they went to Charan? But thus did the Lord tell him: "Get away still further from there, and go out of thy father's house—unto the land that I will show thee." The Lord did not immediately reveal to Abraham what land it was in order to increase his fondness for it, also to reward him for every word that he spoke to him—"and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." When a father will bless his own he will say, "Mayest thou be like Abraham."

And Abraham journeyed farther, wife, and Lot, his brother's son, and all their substance that they had acquired and the persons that they obtained in Charan—the Hebrew words here are "ve es hanefash asher assu becharan," the souls they had made in Charan. They brought them under the wings of the "Schechina," under the protection of the Divine Presence. Abraham converted the men to the belief in One Supreme Being, the Creator of the world, and Sarah converted the women to that belief; therefore, the Holy Torah accounts it to them as if they had created them—and Abraham passed through the land unto the place of Schechina to pray for the sons of Jacob when they would fight against Schechina "unto the plain of Moreh." Why does the Torah say unto the place of Schechina unto Elon Moreh (the plain of Moreh) when, in fact, the plain of Moreh is Schechina? But it signifies that the Lord showed Abraham Mount Gerizim and Mount Ebal where Israel took the oath to be true to the Torah, as "Elon" indicates "Ala" an oath and "Moreh" indicates "a teacher, or the Torah," and the Canaanite was then in the land." He was making a conquest of the Land of Israel, which belonged to Shem, for when Noah divided the earth amongst his children the Land of Israel fell to the lot of Shem; therefore, the Lord said to Abraham: "Unto thy seed will I give this land—this land I will return to thy children because they are of the seed of Shem."

And Abraham built there an altar unto the Lord, thus expressing his gratitude for the promise of children and the promise of the Land of Israel, and he removed from there unto the mountain on the east of Beth-El and pitched his tent." The Torah spells

the Hebrew word "Ahala," which means "her tent," signifying that Abraham first pitched his wife's tent, then his own, and when he came to Ai he built there an altar unto the Lord. His prophetic spirit told him that his children would stumble there in consequence of the sin of Achau, and he prayed for them.

And Abraham journeyed farther, still going on toward the south. He remained about a month or more in one place and then traveled to another place and pitched his tent there, and all his journeys were toward the south, wending his way toward the Land of Israel, which is the side wherein is situated the holy city of Jerusalem.

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"We had a fire at our house last night."

"The deuce you say!"
"Yes; I managed to get the furnace going at last."

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What is the characteristic of a watch? Modesty; as it keeps its hands before its face and runs down its own works.

Why is a miner like a boatman? Because he handles the ore (oar).

Why is a man who runs in debt like a clock? He goes on tick.

Why is a slanderer like a bug? He is a back-biter.

LAUCHHEIMER, KAROLINE—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 Karoline Lauchheimer, 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 Menken Brothers, No. 87 Nassau Street, in the City of New York, on or before the 25th day of March, next.
Dated, New York, the 5th day of September, 1918.
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Dated, New York, the 24th day of January, 1917.
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Dated, New York, the 30th day of January, 1917.
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Dated, New York, the 6th day of December, 1916.
HELEN ISKOWITZ, Administratrix.
ALEXANDER KARLIN, Attorney for Administratrix, 220 Broadway, New York City.
MAYER, MONTIE J.—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 Montie J. Mayer, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscriber at the office of his attorneys, his place of transacting business, to wit: No. 100 Broadway, in the Borough of Manhattan, city of New York, on or before the 15th day of May, 1917, next.
Dated New York November 2, 1916.
JULIAN T. MAYER, Administrator.

MAYER, MAX J.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Max J. Mayer, 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 U. J. office of her attorney, Edward A. Alexander, No. 165 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the 29th day of May, 1917.

FLORENCE J. MAYER, Executrix. EDWARD A. ALEXANDER, Attorney for Executrix, No. 165 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, New York City.

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Dated New York, November 17, 1916. THEODOR LADENBURGER, Administrator. HAYS, KAUFMANN & LINDHEIM, Attorneys for Administrator, 60 Wall Street, City of New York.

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Dated New York, the sixth day of September, 1916. BERNARD FRANK, SIMON N. MIDDLE, Executors. ARTHUR G. FRANK, Attorney for Executors, No. 309 Broadway, New York City.

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Dated, New York, the 25th day of October, 1916. LOUIS J. VORHAUS, SOLIS COHEN, Executors. WILLIAM GROSSMAN, Attorney for Executors, 115 Broadway, New York City.

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Dated, New York, the 1st day of November, 1916. FREDERICK WACHTEL, JOSEPH KAUFMANN, Executors. EDWARD KAUFMANN, Attorney for Executors, 115 Broadway, N. Y. City.

SCHUCHMAN, JOHN PETER.—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 John Peter Schuchman, 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 attorney, Edward Kaufmann, Room 901, No. 115 Broadway, in the City of New York, on or before the 19th day of May next.

Dated, New York, the 2d day of November, 1916. MARIE C. HEINE, HARRY H. HOLBERT and LAWRENCE B. COHEN, Administrators. SAMUEL C. COHEN, Attorney for Administrators, c. t. a., 64 Wall Street, New York City.

LOWENTHAL, JACOB.—In pursuance of an order of Honorable John P. Cohan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Jacob Lowenthal, 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 attorney, Max Schlemmer, No. 149 Nassau Street, in the City of New York, on or before the 1st day of August, next.

Dated, New York, the 10th day of January, 1917. RACHEL LOEWENTHAL, ADOLPH WALT, Executors. MAX SCHLEMMER, Attorneys for Executors, 119 Nassau Street, New York City.

STERNAU, SIGMUND.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Sigmund Sternau, 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, Meighan & Neary, Room 120, Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the 30th day of July next.

Dated, New York, the 18th day of January, 1917. LILLIE E. STERNAU, Executrix. MEIGHAN & NEARY, Attorneys for Executrix, 120 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, New York City.

SOLINGER, LEOPOLD.—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 Leopold Solinger, 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 Messrs. Solinger & Solinger, No. 179 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the 25th day of May, 1917, next.

Dated New York the 8th day of November, 1916. BIRDIE SOLINGER, Executrix; WALTER B. SOLINGER, Executor. JULIUS J. FRANK, 15 William Street. SOLINGER & SOLINGER, 179 Broadway, Attorneys for Executors.

FALKENAU, MORITZ.—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 Moritz Falkenau, 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 Elkus, Gleason & Proskauer, No. 111 Broadway, in the City of New York, on or before the 21st day of May next.

Dated New York the 10th day of November, 1916. SIEGFRIED SCHIMMEL, CHARLES S. LYONS, Executors. ELKUS, GLEASON & PROSKAUER, Attorneys for Executors, 111 Broadway, New York City.

AUERBACH, LOUIS.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Louis Auerbach, 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 Hays, Hershfield & Wolf, No. 115 Broadway, in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, on or before the 15th day of March next.

Dated, New York, the 25th day of August, 1916. PAULINE AUERBACH, IRVIN H. AUERBACH, HARRY HEILBRUN, Executors. HAYS, HERSHFELD & WOLF, Attorneys for Executors, No. 115 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, New York City.

GOODKIND, HENRY.—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 Henry Goodkind, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscribers, at the office of Messrs. Kurzman, Frankenhaimer & Gutman, their attorneys, at their place of transacting business, No. 25 Broad Street, in the City of New York, on or before the 10th day of May next.

Dated New York, the 27th day of October, 1916. ROSA GOODKIND, MARTIN H. GOODKIND, Executors. KURZMAN, FRANKENHEIMER & GUTMAN, Attorneys for Executors, 25 Broad Street, New York City.

ROTHSCHILD, REGINA.—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 Regina Rothschild, 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 Messrs. Rose & Paskus, No. 128 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the 20th day of April next.

Dated, New York, the 5th day of October, 1916. WILLIAM R. ROSE, ABRAHAM ROTH-SCHILD, Executors. ROSE & PASKUS, Attorneys for Executors, 128 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, New York City.

OETTINGER, SAMUEL 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 Samuel Joseph Oettinger, 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 attorney, Morris Blau, 154 Nassau Street, Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the 1st day of June next.

Dated, New York, the 10th day of November, 1916. BERNARD J. OETTINGER, MARY SPRINGER, PHILIP JOSEPH OETTINGER, Executors. MORRIS BLAU, Attorney for Executors, 154 Nassau Street, Manhattan, New York City.

SPIEGELBERG, JEROME S.—In pursuance of an order of Honorable John P. Cohan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Jerome S. Spiegelberg, 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, Wise & Seligsberg, No. 15 William Street, Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the twenty-first day of July, next.

Dated, New York, the 4th day of January, 1917. CHARLES E. SPIEGELBERG, Executor. WISE & SELIGSBURG, Attorneys for Executor, No. 15 William Street, Borough of Manhattan, New York City.

HOCHSCHILD, TILLIE.—In pursuance of an order of Honorable John P. Cohan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Tillie Hochschild, 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 his attorneys, Blumenthal & Levy, No. 233 Broadway, in the City of New York, on or before the 21st day of March next.

Dated, New York, the 7th day of September, 1916. BERTHOLD HOCHSCHILD, Administrator. BLUMENTHAL & LEVY, Attorneys for Administrator, No. 233 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, New York City.

KATZ, LAVINIA.—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 Lavinia Katz, 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 Charles Ginsburg, No. 74 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the 23rd day of April next.

Dated, New York, the 16th day of October, 1916. ALMA NEWBURGER, IRENE STRAUSS, Executrices.

GOLDSMITH, WALTER D.—In pursuance of an order of Honorable John P. Cohan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Walter D. Goldsmith, 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 Jacob Maran, her attorney, No. 132 Nassau Street, in the City of New York, on or before the 11th day of June, next.

Dated, New York, the 6th day of December, 1916. ROSIE GOLDSMITH, Administratrix. JACOB MARAN, Attorney for Administratrix, 132 Nassau Street, New York City.

WEINER, JACOB K.—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 Jacob K. Weiner, 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, Arnold Lichtig, No. 141 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the 18th day of June next.

Dated New York, the 7th day of December, 1916. REBECCA WEINER, Administratrix. ARNOLD LICHTIG, Attorney for Administratrix, 141 Broadway, New York City.

SAMSTAG, YETTA.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Yetta Samstag, 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 Elisman, Levy, 230 Broadway, No. 121 Broadway, in the City of New York, on or before the 1st day of June next.

Dated New York the 8th day of November, 1916. HENRY H. KAUFMAN, ALBERT M. HERSCH, Executors. EISMAN, LEVY, CORN & LEWINE, Attorneys for Executors, 121 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York.

GOLDMANN, PHILIPP.—In pursuance of an order of Honorable John P. Cohan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Philipp Goldmann, 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 Charles Putzel, their attorney, No. 233 Broadway, in the City of New York, on or before the 1st day of June next.

Dated, New York, the 24th day of November, 1916. LUDWIG H. ABRAHAM, CHARLES SIDENBERG, Executors. CHARLES PUTZEL, Attorney for Executors, 233 Broadway, New York City.

MARRUS, MOSES L.—In pursuance of an order of Honorable John P. Cohan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, dated January 6, 1917, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Moses L. Marrus, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscriber, at the office of their attorney, Herman S. Fried, No. 299 Broadway, in the City of New York, on or before the 1st day of August, next.

Dated, New York, the 10th day of January, 1917. JACOB RICHMAN, ANNIE MARRUS, Executors. HERMAN S. FRIED, Attorney for Executors, 299 Broadway, New York City.

LAUTERBACH, FRANCES ROTHSCHILD.—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 Frances Rothschild Lauterbach, 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, Clifford Seasongood, No. 32 Nassau Street, Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the seventeenth day of August, next.

Dated New York, the 6th day of February, 1917. AARON LAUTERBACH, Administrator. CLIFFORD SEASONGOOD, Attorney for Administrator, No. 32 Nassau Street, Manhattan, New York City.

LEWISOHN, EMMA M.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Emma M. LewisoHN, 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 Simpson, Thacher & Bartlett, 62 Cedar Street, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, on or before the 1st day of July, 1917.

Dated New York, the 10th day of January, 1917. ADOLPH LEWISOHN, SAM A. LEWISOHN, Executors. SIMPSON, THACHER & BARTLETT, Attorneys for the Executors, 62 Cedar Street, Borough of Manhattan, New York, N. Y.

MOSSLER, ISADOR L.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Isador L. Mossler, 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 Victor Deutsch, No. 63 Park Row, in the City of New York, on or before the 30th day of November, 1917.

Dated New York, the 21st day of September, 1916. JESSE J. MOSSLER, Executor. VICTOR DEUTSCH, Attorney for Executor, 63 Park Row, New York City.

COLEMAN, 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 Coleman, 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 Messrs. Meyer & Sherman, No. 299 Broadway, in the City of New York, on or before the 18th day of June next.

Dated, New York, the 8th day of December, 1916. AARON COLEMAN, JACOB COLEMAN, NATHAN COLEMAN, Executors. MEYER & SHERWIN, Attorneys for Executors, 299 Broadway, Manhattan, New York City.

NAFTAL, MORITZ.—In pursuance of an order of Honorable John P. Cohan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Moritz Naftal, 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 William C. Rittenberg, No. 233 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the 15th day of June next.

Dated, New York, the 2d day of December, 1916. HENRY NAFTAL, MICHAEL NAFTAL, Executors. WILLIAM C. RITTENBERG, Attorney for Executors, 233 Broadway, New York City.

WEGLEIN, DAVID C.—In pursuance of an order of Honorable John P. Cohan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against David C. Weglein, 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 Thomas & Friedman, his attorneys, No. 2 Rector Street, Borough of Manhattan, New York City, on or before the 15th day of June next.

Dated, New York, November 27, 1916. EDWARD FROWENFELD, Executor. THOMAS & FRIEDMAN, Attorneys for Executor, 2 Rector Street, New York City.

DATESGOLD, ARON.—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 Aron Datesgold, 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, Fluegelman & Trosk, No. 299 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the 6th day of July next.

Dated New York, the 23d day of December, 1916. REBECCA DATESGOLD, Administratrix. FLUEGELMAN & TROSK, Attorneys for Administratrix, 299 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, New York City.

STRAUSS, HENRY.—In pursuance of an order of Honorable John P. Cohan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Henry Strauss, 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, Wise & Seligsberg, No. 15 William Street, Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the thirty-first day of March next.

Dated New York the 26th day of September, 1916. BERTHOLD LEVI, Executor. WISE & SELIGSBURG, Attorneys for Executor, 15 William Street, Manhattan, New York City.

STEINHARDT, JACOB.—In pursuance of an order of Honorable John P. Cohan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Jacob Steinhardt, 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 Steinhardt & Goldman, their attorneys, No. 111 Broadway, New York City, on or before the 1st day of July next.

Dated, New York, December 6, 1916. CARRIE STEINHARDT, EUGENE S. BENJAMIN, JULIUS GOLDMAN, Executors. STEINHARDT & GOLDMAN, Attorneys for Executors, 111 Broadway, New York City.

EHRENREICH, MOSES.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Moses Ehrenreich, 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 attorney, No. 51 Chambers Street, Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the 5th day of June, 1917.

Dated, New York, the 21st day of November, 1916. HANNAH EHRENREICH, JACOB LEWENGOOD, ARTHUR HAAS, EDWIN M. EHRENREICH, Executors. ADAM WIENER, Attorney for Executors, 51 Chambers Street, Borough of Manhattan, New York City.

TYNBERG, MORRIS A.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, dated January 26, 1917, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Morris A. Tynberg, 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 Arthur B. Spingarn, No. 55 Liberty Street, in the City of New York, on or before the 15th day of August next.

Dated New York, the 2d day of February, 1917. SIEG. TYNBERG, JR., MARTHA ANNIE KOHN and ARTHUR B. SPINGARN, Executors. ARTHUR B. SPINGARN, Attorney for Executors, 55 Liberty Street, New York City.

FALK, MILTON J.—In pursuance of an order of Honorable John P. Cohan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Milton J. Falk, 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, Wise & Seligsberg, No. 15 William Street, in the City of New York, on or before the 19th day of July, next.

Dated, New York, the 6th day of January, 1917. EDMOND E. WISE, EDWARD PLAUT, Executors. WISE & SELIGSBURG, Attorneys for Executors, 15 William Street, New York City.

MARKS, HARRY A.—In pursuance of an order of Honorable John P. Cohan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Harry A. Marks, 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, Cohen Brothers, No. 64 Wall Street, in the City of New York, on or before the 15th day of June next.

Dated, New York, the 27th day of November, 1916. SELMA FROEHLICH MARKS, Executrix. COHEN BROTHERS, Attorneys for Executrix, No. 64 Wall Street, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, N. Y.

FIEUX, ADEHEMAR.—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 Adehemar Fieux, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscribers, at his place of transacting business, at the office of Charles O. Maas, No. 87 Nassau Street, in the City of New York, on or before the 30th day of June, next.

Dated, New York, the 23d day of December, 1916. MAURICE FIEUX, Administrator. CHARLES O. MAAS, Attorney for Administrator, 87 Nassau Street, New York City.

BOROSCHKE, WOLF.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Wolf Boroschke, 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 Kantrowitz & Esberg, No. 320 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the 1st day of April next.

Dated, New York, the 15th day of September, 1916. HENRY BOROSCHKE, HENRIETTA BOROSCHKE and LEOPOLD BOROSCHKE, Executors. KANTROWITZ & ESBERG, Attorneys for Executors, No. 320 Broadway, New York City.

KERN, ADOLPH.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Adolph Kern, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscribers, at the offices of Fleischman & Fox, being their place of transacting business, No. 32 Liberty Street, in the City of New York, on or before the 28th day of March next.

Dated, New York, the 15th day of September, 1916. CLARA KERN, HENRY KERN, Executors. FLEISCHMAN & FOX, Attorneys for Executors, 32 Liberty Street, City of New York, Borough of Manhattan.

WALTER, HERMAN N.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Herman N. Walter, 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 Walter, No. 100 Broadway, Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before April 14th, 1917.

Dated, New York, the 19th day of September, 1916. CLARENCE R. WALTER, MORITZ WALTER, ISAAC N. WALTER, MOSES HELLER, Executors. HENRY WALTER, Attorney for Executors, 100 Broadway, New York City.

GOLDMAN, ALBERT.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Albert 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 Hays, Hershfield & Wolf, their attorneys, No. 115 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the first day of August, next.

Dated, New York, the 23d day of January, 1917. BENJAMIN GOLDMAN, WILLIAM GOLDMAN, Executors. HAYS, HERSHFELD & WOLF, Attorneys for Executors, No. 115 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, New York City.

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Dated the 24th day of January, 1917. MEYER C. JACOBS and JOEL JACOBS, Executors. KANTROWITZ & ESBERG, Attorneys for Executors, No. 320 Broadway, New York City.

ABRAHAMS, MORRIS.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Morris Abrahams, 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 Lind & Pfeiffer, No. 46 Cedar Street, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, on or before the 15th day of August, 1917.

Dated New York, January 27, 1917. MARK L. ABRAHAMS, SOL H. ABRAHAMS and GOLDIE SCHLANG, Executors. LIND & PFEIFFER, Attorneys for Executors, 46 Cedar Street, Borough of Manhattan, New York City.

BACH, ALICE HENDRICKS.—In pursuance of an order of Honorable Robert Ludlow Fowler, one of the Surrogates of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Alice Hendricks Bach, 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 attorney, Albert L. Cohn, No. 7 Pine Street, Manhattan Borough, City of New York, on or before the fifteenth day of August, next.

Dated New York, the 30th day of January, 1917. ALBERT BACH and HENRY M. BACH, Executors. ALBERT L. COHN, Attorney for Executors, No. 7 Pine Street, Manhattan Borough, New York City.

PERBONER, JACOB.—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 Jacob Perboner, 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, Emanuel Jacobus, No. 74 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before May 20, 1917.

Dated, New York, the 8th day of November, 1916. SARAH PURSCH, Administratrix, c. t. a. EMANUEL JACOBUS, Attorney for Administratrix, c. t. a., 74 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, New York City.

HOFFMAN, EMILIE.—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 Emilie Hoffman, 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, Stern, Barr & Tyler, No. 290 Broadway, in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, on or before the 1st day of August, next.

Dated, New York, the 8th day of January, 1917. ALONZO L. TUSKA, SAMUEL E. A. STERN, HERBERT G. EINSTEIN, Executors. STERN, BARR & TYLER, Attorneys for Executors, 290 Broadway, Manhattan, New York City.

BLUMENTHAL, ROSA.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Rosa Blumenthal, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, at the office of F. H. Switzer, their attorney, at their place of transacting business, Nos. 62-63 Park Row, in the City of New York, on or before the 1st day of June, next.

Dated, New York, the 24th day of November, 1916. DANIEL ROSENTHAL, ELLI BLUMENTHAL, Executors. F. H. SWITZER, Attorney for Executors, Nos. 63 Park Row, New York City.

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