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## A BROKEN REED

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The bugles screamed their harsh message of terror to the slumbering camp. Thousands of weary, heartsick soldiers sprang up before the sound of the first notes had died away; military discipline is a stern master.

Daniel Margulies was on his feet while yet half asleep, jumping up sub-consciously, without knowing why or where. He was aroused from his lethargy by the raucous, grating voice of the captain, who spat out words with a savage satire.

"What's this? Does the Jew desire an attendant to help him rise from a night's good sleep? If you desire more rest, we have a stout whipping post that will support you well."

Daniel flushed angrily. The men had slept three hours in all, on sodden wet ground, in rain soaked uniforms. Words burned on his lips; but he knew better, and restrained himself. Captain Pokrakoff regarded him keenly; he saw that his shot had found its mark. Several soldiers standing nearby tittered audibly. The captain looked around, gratified.

"But after all," he soliloquized aloud, "even a cowardly, skulking Jew can be of use, if only as prey for the vulture. Michailoff," turning to his adjutant, "you will see that this man serves double sentry duty, with half rations, for a week."

Michailoff saluted. Daniel bit his lip hard, his arms dropped limply to his sides. Michailoff walked a step toward him. "You dog, you will salute your captain," he snarled, banging his great fist upward under Daniel's chin with a savage blow that jarred every tooth and muscle in the head. Daniel knew the iron law well enough to salute listlessly, without a word, while the augmented group of soldiers gathered close around him. Some stood stiff in silent condemnation, but the far greater number yelled their delight and approval.

For seven endless days Daniel starved, while serving sentry duty for eighteen hours out of the twenty-four. Shifts of other guards alternated in watching him lest he for one moment relax his vigilance. He was learning more of the army of Holy Russia.

Four soul-scaring months passed into history.

The battle had raged its blind, internecine fury for two days, never for an instant abating its ferocity. Try as he might, Daniel

to slay his own flesh and blood in freezing water in the trenches; stormed at by unceasing torrents of all that embodies death; deafened by the terrific, unending din;

tration by the loathsome stench arising from the putrid, decaying bodies lying in mangled heaps before his eyes; the mind reeling from the tragic immensity of animal combat; the whole soul rendered impassive, terrorized by the fearful, bloody feast of rulers.

The desperate charge had failed completely. The Russians were retiring midst a hail of shells and bullets. The retreat rapidly resolved itself into a mad dash for safety; all semblance of military order was discarded in the frantic race for the comparative shelter of the trenches. Men fell to earth like waves on a rocky shore; there was little chance of escaping the murderous torrent which belched forth as from volcanic eruption.

Daniel stumbled over a body. As he recovered his balance his eye caught the face of the fallen man. A paroxysm of grief ran through him, for it was Judah Feldman, his dearest friend and companion, whom he loved as a brother, who had gone to the same "cheder" with him. He grasped the lifeless body and carried it as best he could to the agony filled trenches. No sooner had he deposited the body than a great, confused shout arose. Nothing was distinctly audible, but Daniel, looking round questioningly, heard a sullen murmur from which he gathered that the colonel had fallen. Each soldier looked at the other, waiting for some one of them to make himself a hero, to earn the approbation and reward that would accrue from rescuing a high officer. But none who had been so fortunate as to come out alive from the ghastly retreat cared to risk his life again to save one whom none loved too well.

And then Daniel remembered. It must be Pokrakoff lying there, bleeding, helpless. During the last three months his former captain had been promoted step by step, for his iron discipline and unswerving loyalty were recognized by the supreme military powers. When the former colonel had died of his wounds Pokrakoff had succeeded him. True enough, perhaps he was only wounded; but each thought his own life worth more. Pokrakoff could stay there and rot.

Daniel grasped the situation at a glance. Instantly came the thought of rescue; it took him but a moment to consider. "He called me a skulking coward," he murmured



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could not grasp the philosophy that dictated the maiming and slaughtering of one's own brothers in humanity. The horror of it was made even more intense by the thought

tribute to the country of exile which sheltered him.

Daniel was in the very midst of war's inexorable bestiality. He stood for days waist-deep in the

blinded by the piercing flashes from cannon and rifle; struck dumb from the knowledge that nothing could be heard above the ear-splitting noise; nauseated to foul pros-

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dispassionately. Gritting his teeth he jumped from the trench and ran through fifty yards of blood and terror to the spot where he imagined the colonel had fallen. He stood dazed for several moments, bewildered by the holocaust of fire. Then waking to consciousness, he looked around him, and saw the body a few yards further off. He lunged forward, grasped Pokrakoff around the waist, slung him over his shoulder and raced back. When a few feet from the trench he felt a sharp, burning pang at the back of his knee. He gasped, staggered forward, stumbled two paces and fell with his burden headlong into the trench.

Pokrakoff's wound was slight. A splinter from a shell had cut into the foot; it healed in a few days. Daniel's was more serious, and needed immediate attention. He was laid aside from the rest of the wounded. A gruff, though kindly captain ordered that he be separated from the others. He was carried to the rear, the captain's adjutant accompanying him to see that he received more than usual care, in recognition of the rescue. A trooper rode up, breathless. "Order from Colonel Kurimsky," he blurted lachrymally. That was enough. The adjutant dashed away, leaving Daniel to his fate. Nobody else knew of his particular case, and so he was packed away with the rest of the herd of wounded cattle.

When at last the "first aid" men came to him, the wound was hastily bandaged to prevent further loss of blood. It was a perfunctory job, unprompted by any feelings of fellowship or commiseration; it was as if to satisfy an easily reconciled conscience. Infection set in, followed by a high fever. He lay for two days and nights, tossing restlessly on the few wisps of straw. His burning imagination took him back to his care-free boyhood days spent with Judah Feldman. He wondered in a dazed, semi-conscious way where Judah was now; he remembered nothing—not even the death of his bosom friend. He was mercifully ignorant of the fact that Judah was now lying with thousands of other mutilated bodies under ten feet of filthy, blood-drenched soil. Once more he saw his folks in their tumbledown little abode which was now to him a terrestrial Paradise. His delirium was

unceasing. He jabbered incoherently, stuttered his ravings wildly, until at last the surgeons came.

One of them walked up. "H'm," he mused, "this one doesn't seem—" He stopped short. "Brezinoff," he called out to another surgeon who was languidly, disinterestedly wending his way through the extemporized hospital. "Brezinoff, just a moment." He waited until the other was by his side. "What do you think of this one?"

The two examined the wounded leg. "No chance," said Brezinoff, with a brusque snap in his voice, "it'll have to come off."

And so, it was amputated above the knee. Daniel was sent home, as being of no further use to his imperial majesty, chosen of God, the Czar of all the Russians.

Daniel left the railway station, and after a painful few miles of struggle with the cruel crutches, hobbled into the dingy little village of Kaslova. He was a cripple, in mind and body, yet he was happy. He was coming home. It was the longed-for vision that had taunted him and mocked at him during those fearful days of combat, which were still raging in their mad Juggernaut career.

He crawled up the village lane with its musty-looking hovels—it could hardly be termed street. But to him it had lost its mean, sordid aspect: for it led to his home. As he toiled along, a few of the villagers noticed him. The sight of a wounded soldier caused a buzz of excitement among them. One of the women, a pale delicate creature, a red shawl wrapped tightly around her small, pretty head, walked to him.

"Are you coming from the war?" she asked gently.

He heard nothing. Another woman hustled over, a buxom housewife. "What does he say, Catherine," she asked.

"He doesn't speak." And then, as if from an afterthought, "wait, Olga, I'll ask him again." She moved close to Daniel. "Hear me, my friend," she said almost tenderly, "won't you tell me who you are, and where you're going to?" She waited, and then—"Are you—are you going home?"

The one word "home" aroused him. He turned his face to her, a look of wondering gratitude lighting up his pain-drawn features. Gentle words were as if they belonged to another world, after the vile curses and sacrilegious blasphemies of the battlefield.

"Home," he responded in a strained undertone. The word came mechanically, as if his brain could not conceive of the existence of any other word.

Meanwhile, others came crowding over, some regarding him with curiosity, some with a feeling akin to awe. A torrent of questions poured forth in such confusion that no single voice could make itself heard. They looked as if by common consent to her who had been called Catherine.

"Who are you?" she asked softly.

But he had sunk back into his living dreams. A minute of tense silence passed unbroken except for the crunch of footsteps.

Again—"Won't you say who you are?"

Still no answer. Catherine understood, and spoke reassuringly to the others; some of whom were puzzled, some angry. They regarded him more closely.

Catherine moved nearer to him, searching his countenance.

"Can it be?" she murmured. "Can it—" and halted. She looked in his face long and earnestly. Once more she was about to speak, but stopped herself and again

peered in his face so closely that her shawl rubbed against his grey cheeks. At last she found words. "It is Daniel, the son of Moshika the miller," she said in breathless amazement. "It is he," almost solemnly.

But there were those who thought different. "Why," said one, in high pitched treble tones which seemed to accentuate her lean, spare form. "Daniel was tall, strong like—" She could not think of a sufficiently convincing comparison.

"It was he," broke in another, "who, with the help of Ivan the blacksmith, pushed away the great rock which fell across the road after last winter's storm." She looked about her defiantly, as if inviting contradiction. "No, it isn't he." She thrust out her pugnacious chin, her black eyes flashing, as though eager for a dispute; that was her way.

"Of course it can't be Daniel," chimed in still another, a wizened old woman, whose face was corrugated with the wrinkles of years of kitchen drudgery. "Who can say that these withered limbs are—"

"Of what use is it to speak further?" interrupted Catherine wearily. "I see now that it is truly Daniel."

Entirely unaware of them, and of their talk, Daniel struggled on, staring straight ahead while the women walked beside him. Suddenly Catherine, who was evidently the brains of the party, stopped as if a stone wall had loomed up unexpectedly before her. A few others lagged behind to discover what it was that held her back.

"I just thought of something," whispered Catherine, and then paused for a few moments. "Don't you remember that his family was sent away?"

Each looked at the other in consternation. "Oh, yes," said Olga in dismay. "And what is worse, Alexis Ghortikoff lives there now. How can we tell him?" She looked pityingly at Daniel.

"I think it is better to tell him now," said Catherine helplessly, "rather than that he should meet with the shock entirely unprepared. What do you say?" She waited several moments, but none ventured a suggestion.

"So you're going home?" she asked Daniel again when she was once more by his side.

"Yes,—home," in a harassed whisper. "Home" seemed to be the one word that could wade through the quagmire of tangled abstraction that stifled his brain.

"Do you know whether your family is at home? Perhaps—" She broke off, undecided how to go on.

Daniel stumbled on his way; he heard nothing.

Catherine tried again. "Are you sure that she didn't go—that she isn't staying with friends, or—" Again she stopped. "I ask you that because I think that somebody remarked that she had gone away to another village." She bit her lip; it was hard to lie. "If you don't find them there, they may be—" What could she say now?

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"Perhaps they are with friends—or acquaintances," she concluded lamely.

Her words were as if unspoken. Daniel struggled along, unhearing. His head was in a confused whirl of jumbled thoughts which merged one into the other as water falls into a stream. He saw an enormous cannon which his little Samuel was lifting and tossing playfully in the air; then, through the dense smoke whizzed a huge shell which his worn-out old mother caught and dropped into the steaming saucepan. It was all so natural.

The women walked with him for another few hundred yards or so. Catherine, Olga and one or two others, realizing the hopelessness of the situation, jostled those who still impeded Daniel's laborious progress. They spoke a few words among themselves, and left him, with a few parting murmurs of encouragement and solace, which were to Daniel as if never uttered. Catherine was crying quietly, not only out of pity for Daniel, but she was thinking that perhaps her own husband would return in a like condition, if he came back at all. She was the last to leave him, and the last to turn homeward, for she lingered several minutes, gazing wistfully at the slowly retreating figure.

Entirely unconscious of any interruption, Daniel plodded along. He passed down the squalid little lane until he emerged at last into the vast expanse of bright, open fields. The familiar panorama cleared his brain as if a shaft of pure enlightenment had shot through his mind. Now it all came back to him, the vision would soon be a reality. He was on his way home. His heart leaped with a great joy, his mind thrilled with devout gratitude at the thought of holding his beloved family once more in his poor, weak arms.

He crawled another half-mile, or so, and reached at last his mean little home, but was it his? It was too wonderful to be true. He stood, it seemed for ages, looking around him for some positive corroboration. Yes, there was the old, stunted oak, near it was the great shapeless boulder of granite that no ten men could move, behind him was the fresh, clear bubbling brook. He felt like a ghost from the long-forgotten past, until he looked once more at the ramshackle hut and the tumbledown mill, and realized that he was in truth the happy mortal of the present.

He was about to walk in at the door when a bright thought struck him. He would make the surprise even greater, the greeting even more joyous by bringing his radiant young Hannah actually to the door, with his tiny Samuel and—his eyes watered—his sweet-faced old mother. He bent his head to smooth his hair, parted it as best he could, patted his coat flat on his chest, a beautiful smile of anticipation on his thin, worn face. He tapped at the door with one of his crutches.

The woman who answered was an undersized, ascetic looking creature. The small, thin, high-bridged nose, the pathetically querulous eyebrows, the dishevelled hair which, though loose, barely covered her head—all accentuated the painful meanness of her frame. Daniel was disappointed. He had hoped for and looked forward to receiving Hannah's loving, cheery embrace of welcome. But, of course, she was inside. He tried to conceal his disappointment by affecting strangeness.

"I beg your pardon," he said, "will you please call Hannah Margulies to the door? Tell her a friend wants to see her." Her surprise at seeing who the friend was

would atone, he thought, for her not having been the first to greet him.

"Who did you say? Hannah Mar—Marg—" She stumbled over the strange name. "No, she doesn't live here."

"What! Isn't she inside?"

"No," answered Vera Ghortikoff simply, in a way that showed the question did not surprise her.

"What do you mean?" Daniel's surprise was changing to alarm.

"She doesn't live here," came the stolid, unintelligent response.

"Then why do you—why are you—" He broke off tremblingly.

"This is my house," with the same ingenuous simplicity.

Daniel started. But it was momentary, he recovered himself. This must be a joke, he thought, surely his folks were inside. In the flash of a second he visualized them all; it seemed they were standing before him, he heard their sweet, familiar voices. He almost smiled as he said, "Well now, you've had your little joke; please don't keep me back from them."

"I am not joking, my friend. Nobody lives here but my family and I."

"But this house is mine. I was born here; my blessed father—may he rest in peace—was born here. How is it that you—"

"We bought the house and mill and everything from—"

"For the house I care nothing," interposed Daniel despairingly, "I only want to know where are my loved ones." His voice shook.

"Where are they?"

"I am sorry for you, but I know nothing about them. You see, all the Jews were sent away, and so, of course, this house and mill were left empty. We bought the place from the Natchalnik for a wagon-load of hay. Of course," she went on, humbly, apologetically, "when we came here all were gone."

Daniel collapsed in hopeless dismay and doubt. Where could they have gone to?—and why? A terrible fear dawned on him; it clung at his heart with cold, uncanny power; it smothered his brain.

He felt he must wait for his head to clear. He went out from the house, out into the crisp, early spring air. The sharp, cutting wind soon revived him, but it was several minutes before he was once more in control of himself. He gathered his fast-failing strength, and dragged himself back to the hut. Vera Ghortikoff was standing there, almost timidly, as if in readiness for further questioning; the had been waiting for his return as a matter of course.

"Forgive me," implored Daniel in a low, dread voice, when he was once more by her side; "but is there no way of finding out where they are? They lived here before I went to the war more than a year ago, and—" the tears were coming fast, "can't you help me find him?"

"How can I?" The words came with difficulty, for had she not been a partner, however unwitting, of the evil deeds of a vile government?

"Then they are—"

"Gone," she finished dully.

Daniel gulped, to keep back a moan. "Gone," he murmured bitterly, "gone," in a voiceless whisper. His head dropped to his breast in fathomless sorrow.

Thus he stood, while Vera, standing beside him, was weeping silently. She herself was a wife, and a mother.

At last—"Perhaps—perhaps the officials at Marienka can tell you where they are," she finished desperately.

Daniel's face brightened with a feeble, nerveless half smile of hope. "Thank you," he stammered faintly. "May God bless you for your kindness."

As he went on his way he tried to

reason with himself. But conjecture did not help. There must be a mistake, he thought, for surely this was not the way in which the government repaid faithful service.

When at last he came to the government bureau after four interminable miles of toil, nobody knew anything, or cared to find out. His heartbroken pleas, his piteous appeals were of no avail. They said they knew nothing.

He was stunned, his brain reeled, the room swam before him, all his bright dreams were swept away on a flood of disillusionment. The harrowing fear which lined his every feature spoke pathetic entreaty as words could never speak. He wept like a child, begging that they at least hear his story of suffering; perhaps their sympathies might be aroused. But all was useless. It was like battering a mountain with a pillow.

He looked around him, like a timid, cornered lamb seeking harbor. At the far end of the office rail was a huge, black desk, behind which sat Dubrovitch, the head official. Daniel's heart sank.

He saw a tall man, with a head so small in proportion to his huge body as to appear almost ludicrous; the forehead was low, as if the weight of the massive body pulled it down; the somewhat too ample beard showed scrupulous care; the face were a grim, sullen sneer which had grown to be a physical feature of the countenance; the heavy eyebrows and deep sunken eyes were the final touches to a terrifying figure.

Daniel summoned his courage and crawled up to that part of the rail nearest Dubrovitch. He spoke in a weak, quavering voice. "Nobly born one, I beseech—"

The chief silenced him immediately. He did not want to hear the story of a low-down Jew. Daniel winced, overwhelmed by the possibility that he was foredoomed. Yet, after the first shock had worn away he was undaunted. He came the next day. Meanwhile, of food he had none,—it interested him but little, he did not feel the need of any; as to sleep, his bed was on the rain drenched ground in the chill shadow of the great barn.

And now he had come once again. Once more he was sent away. As he hobbled into the street and tramped his weary, hopeless way to the barn that was now his home, he recalled to mind many instances of the treatment meted out to the Czar's "beloved Jews." His hopes, as the hopes of all Israel, were no more than reliance on a broken reed.

He could barely summon sufficient strength to drag himself along the road. Each little mound, each tiny depression in his path seemed to him a mountain or valley of almost insurmountable size. His grief-racked mind magnified every physical obstacle. His heart burned with the ever-present yearning now intensified to an almost insane craving. Was he to live on under the same gnawing suspense?

In his despair he saw that the crucial moment had arrived. He would win or lose all. Either way would be better than the aching uncertainty. He went back.

As he entered the office, Dubrovitch glanced up from his magazine, saw who it was, and resumed his reading. Daniel dragged along the rail and stood meekly. For full five minutes he kept his humble position, periodically shifting his weight from one crutch to the other. Suddenly Dubrovitch burst into a tremendous guffaw. A joke had singled itself out from the rest of the reading matter, and he was evidently enjoying it at its full value. The faces of the office staff brightened; he would be in a good humor now for the

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## ITEMS OF INTEREST IN THE JEWISH WORLD

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It is reported that 6 per cent. of the members of the "Battalion of Death" were Jewish girls.

The Italian ex-Minister, Deputy Barzilai, has been elected grand master of Freemasons in Italy.

The English Zionist Federation reports the formation of new societies in Brixton and Richmond.

The Jewish Seaside Home at Ventnor, near Atlantic City, N. J., has been offered as a hospital for convalescent troops.

The Rev. Leon J. Riskoff has accepted the invitation of Congregation B'nai Jacob, Marcy and Park avenues, Brooklyn, to become its rabbi.

Rabbi J. Idelson, formerly of Denver, Colo., has accepted a call to the Agudath Sholem Congregation, Jersey City, N. J., to succeed the late Rabbi Jacob Epstein.

Two former members of the once-upon-a-time organ of the Black Hundreds, Zemschna, have been arrested. They have been accused of an attempt to foster a counter-revolution.

It is reported in the Russian press that militiamen in Petrograd have been known in some instances to wear in close proximity to their badges a device with the inscription, "Not a Jew."

Enoch Raugh, who has been a member of the Pittsburgh City Council for many years, is a candidate for re-election this fall, and his friends predict a larger majority for him than heretofore.

Jacob H. Schiff, of New York, has notified the Jewish Welfare Board for Soldiers and Sailors that he will give the organization \$25,000; provided it obtained \$100,000 additional by December 31.

The Hebrew teachers of Russia held a conference in Odessa on August 24 and discussed ways and means of furthering Hebrew education in the country and fighting the dangerous Yiddishist propaganda.

Energetic efforts are being made by influential Jews through the medium of the Danish Government to arrange, if possible, for the return of a large number of the civilian exiles in Russia to Austria via Sweden.

The Kehelth Israel Synagogue, of Shenandoah, Pa., which was remodeled at a cost of \$10,000, making it one of the handsomest edifices in this section, was rededicated last Sunday evening with impressive ceremonies.

A cablegram received on the 21st inst. from Petrograd says that 300 Jewish military students had been made lieutenants in the Russian army and that the government has suppressed a counter-revolutionary newspaper.

The trustees of a fund in Syracuse, N. Y., known as the Syracuse War Chest have, among other appropriations, allotted \$15 a month for July, August and September for the Jewish Welfare Board of the Army and Navy.

Lavroff, formerly connected with the Czar's secret police and one of the accomplices in the murder of Professor Hertvenstein, of the first Duma in 1906, has been killed in the streets of Petrograd by an unidentified workingman.

A memorandum of the Jewish Socialist Labor Union of Sweden has been delivered to the Dutch-Scandinavian committee. It claims perfect civil equality for Jews in every country and liberty for Jews to emigrate and settle in any country.

Rabbi Frederick Braun, for the last four years minister of the People's Temple, at Bensonhurst, and prior to that time at Grand Rapids, Mich., has accepted a call from the Temple of the Covenant, on West 181st street, and will enter upon his duties September 1.

The Russian Central Committee of the Council of Workmen and Soldiers, on receiving grave reports of the revival of anti-Semitic activity, mainly in the Northwestern and Southwestern provinces, despatched fifteen delegates to the affected districts to counteract the agitation.

As a result of the outcry of the Austrian Jews against the severe treatment of the Jewish war refugees in the concentration camps (in which freedom was denied to them by anti-Semitic officials, and where a great scarcity of food prevailed), the Austrian Government has resolved to abolish the camps.

The London (Eng.) *Jewish World* of August 14 publishes photographs of two groups of five Jewish brothers now serving with the colors—the brothers Foreman and Abrahams.

The widow of the late Rabbi S. Margolies, of Cleveland, Ohio, has filed an application for letters of administration to settle the estate of her husband. She states that her husband owned no real estate and his personal property is less than \$500. Rabbi Margolies died from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Miss Mabel Best, of Homeport, Ohio, who has been working for the Christian and Missionary Alliance, arrived last week at an American port after a journey of ninety days. Miss Best said the Turks were against the Zionist movement because they did not want any more Jews in Palestine.

Arrangements are in progress for the holding of a Jewish Congress in Holland. The preliminary arrangements are in the hands of a Conjoint Committee, comprising representatives of the Netherlands branch of the Alliance Israelite Universelle, the Netherlands Zionist Federation and the Netherlands Ito Federation. The program of the Congress has not yet been defined.

Among the members of the executive committee who planned the reception of the Belgian War Commission on its arrival in New York on August 21 were Edgar O. Blum, Samuel Gompers, Daniel and S. R. Guggenheim, Otto H. Kahn, Louis Levy, Adolph Lewisohn, Marcus M. Marks, Mortimer L. Schiff, Charles Steckler, Samuel S. Koenig and Oscar S. Straus.

Cornell Schreiber is a candidate for the nomination as Mayor of Toledo, Ohio. Seven thousand signatures were affixed to his nominating petition in one day. Mr. Schreiber, who is a member of the B'nai B'rith, served one year as a member of the State Legislature, resigning that office to become City Solicitor of Toledo, and for four years he remained as the head of Toledo's legal department.

A company of an Asiatic regiment which had refused to obey the order to proceed to the trenches utilized the fire that broke out in the townlet near the station of Kosovo as a result of the German bombardment to pillage the Jewish shops. These are now in ruins. At night the mutineers were surrounded by loyal Russian cavalry and disarmed. The leaders of the anti-Jewish riot were also arrested.

The Polish students of the University of Warsaw have decided to bar the duly elected delegates of the Jewish students from the Students' Council. It had been understood by the students that the council was to be composed of representatives of the various religious and political faiths. After the Jewish representatives had been chosen the Polish students declared that the council could be composed of Poles only.

In the impressive hall at Kiev which bears the name of the Jewish financier and philanthropist, Polakov, a conference of the orthodox Zionist party, Mizrachis, was held. The principal speaker at this conference was the eminent leader of the Mizrachists, Rabbi A. B. Reiness. Rabbi Reiness outlined the important task which the Mizrachists must assume at this critical and historical moment in the life of the Jewish people.

The Young Men's Hebrew Association of New England will hold its seventh annual convention in Boston August 31 to September 3. About 5,000 persons are expected to attend this convention, which is to be held jointly with the Young Women's Hebrew Association. Delegates from forty-six Young Men's Hebrew Associations in New England and from thirty-five Young Women's Hebrew Associations will be present.

The Rev. David Hirsch has been appointed additional chaplain to the British forces in France. Mr. Hirsch is a son of Dr. S. A. Hirsch, emeritus professor of Jews' College, and was educated there and at University College. He has been an active social worker in East London for the past twelve years, and since 1913 has been visiting minister for East London. Mr. Hirsch is captain in the First London Cadet Battalion Jewish Lads' Brigade.

By the decision of the Warsaw rabbinates, three days of "prayer and charity" have been observed in that city. The sufferings of the Polish Jews under the German yoke and from the Polish anti-Semites reached very serious dimensions. The anti-Semites are openly agitating for a boycott of the Jews and for the closing of all businesses on Sundays. They even attack priests who venture to trade with Jews. The rabbis, as a result of the great misery experienced by the Jews, proclaimed the three days' fast above referred to. Only the weak state of health of the people, they explained, prevented them from proclaiming a general fast.

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The Jewish Ministers' Association of America has decided to assist in raising a fund for the welfare of Jewish soldiers fighting for the freedom of nations. They shall particularly care for religious articles which the Jewish soldiers may desire while they are away from home. The Sabbath preceding the New Year has been agreed upon as the Jewish Soldier Day, when sermons on this topic will be delivered from many pulpits in Greater New York.

For several weeks past a well-confirmed rumor has been current that a remarkable discovery has been recently made at the Jules E. Mastbaum Research Laboratory of the Jewish Hospital of Philadelphia, Pa. This discovery, said to have been made by Dr. Myer Solis Cohen and Dr. G. D. Heist, is no less than the securing of the malignant infantile paralysis germ. The correctness of the discovery, has, it is said, been confirmed by the staff of the Rockefeller Institute.

The Food Commission of the Petrograd City Administration agreed that the Jewish community shall receive 16,000,000 pounds of kosher meat every week. Due to the scarcity of meat, the entire output was regulated by a special committee appointed by the city. Heretofore that committee made no effort to supply the orthodox community with kosher meat. After a series of negotiations, however, the representatives of the orthodox community succeeded in obtaining a proper supply of that commodity.

A new Jewish organization, known as the Union of the Jewish People in Russia, has been formed for the purpose of preparing the Jews of Russia for participation in the elections in which those who are to organize the national government will be chosen, as well as the representatives for the provincial and municipal governing bodies. In order to assure democratic representation for the Jews of Russia, it was decided to reorganize the Kehilloth and to participate in the All-Russian Jewish Congress now being arranged.

The problem of the increasing number of applicants to the Denver Sanatorium has become so pressing of late that the Board of Trustees of the Jewish Consumptives' Relief Society finds itself forced to increase the capacity of the sanatorium, in spite of the seemingly inopportune time for building and expansion. The trustees are ready to proceed with the building of a pavilion for sixty-four beds, at a cost not exceeding \$540,000. The New York committee feels that New York, which furnishes over 60 per cent. of the patients, should supply \$25,000.

The Austrian Jewish prisoners of war in the distant provinces of Russia have petitioned the government to accord to them the same privileges that are allowed to all Poles and Austrian Slavs who are prisoners of war; namely, the right to move from one town to another and to trade and work. The same privileges are also claimed by the Jewish Committee in aid of the sufferers of war on behalf of the Galician civilian Jewish exiles (numbering about ten thousand), who were transported to Russia by the late government, mostly from districts now occupied by the enemy.

Mayor Armstrong, of Pittsburgh, Pa., has appointed Morris Sherr, social engineer of the correctional prison work for the local Council of Jewish Women, as public police court defender of Jewish prisoners. Each of the magistrates is asked by the Mayor to co-operate with Mr. Sherr. He was appointed by the Mayor at the suggestion of Mrs. Enoch Rauh, president of the Council of Jewish Women; Joseph Englesberg and other well-known Jewish leaders. Mr. Sherr's duties as court defender will be to follow up Jewish cases after the men are released by the magistrate in an effort to have them mend their ways.

Official statistics concerning Russian political prisoners from 1901 to 1911 have been published by the Provisional Government. These statistics show the very important part which Jewish women played in the Russian revolutionary movements. The Jewish woman constitutes 5 1/5 per cent. of the political prisoners from the year 1901 until 1903; from 1906 until 1911 Jewish women yielded 12 1/5 per cent. of the political prisoners. Divided into denominations, statistics show that of all of the political prisoners between 1901 and 1903, 12 1/3 per cent. were Jewish women. In 1905 the number of Jewish women who were convicted for political activities was twice as great as that of the non-Jewish women.

## NEWS FROM ENGLAND

(Exclusive Correspondence to the HEBREW STANDARD)

**Arrest of Anti-Enlistment Agitators Handed by Bezalel—Large quantities of Documents Seized in Connection with the Movement, but Matter May Entirely Fizzle Out or Provide a Very Big Scandal No Official Information as Yet—Wonderful Military Record of Small Welsh-Jewish Community—Mr. Montagu Returned Unopposed to House of Commons—Mr. Samuel's New Appointment—War Office Forms Jewish Regiment—Universal Jewish Protest Against Use of Shield of David as Regimental Badge—Chief Rabbi of Leeds—The Graetz Centenary**

London, Aug. 3, 1917.

My remarks last week with regard to agitators who have been so busily at work in the East End of London and in other Jewish quarters lately delivering speeches of a kind that seem distinctly anti-patriotic and anyhow anti-Ally, have since been borne out by the arrest of some of these gentlemen by the British police under the operations of that very wide measure, the Defense of the Realm Act.

Amongst those arrested is Bezalel, who is in chief control of the so-called Foreign Jews Protection Committee. It does not follow that Bezalel is the most guilty party in connection with this "anti-enlistment or deportation" agitation. The real wire pullers are probably still at large and pursuing their work of poisoning the minds of young Russian Jews, here against either enlisting in the British Army or going back to Russia. These young men just now are not very well or properly informed about the rights and wrongs of this matter.

Regrets have been expressed that a man like the late Lord Swaythling is not alive at the moment. He would very soon have been able to approach these young fellows and some of the older ones as well and explain and convince. It is rather a pity that men like Herbert Samuel or Edwin S. Montagu cannot find time to lend a hand in this matter to explain to these young Russian Jews and counteract the effects of an anti-patriotic agitation. I believe that Montagu speaks Yiddish and, with his well-known forceful activity and clear-headedness, would be a factor of great importance at the present moment and one that would save, I think, a great deal of trouble for the authorities here in the future.

In connection with the above-mentioned arrests a large quantity of papers, documents, etc., have been seized. Those are now being gone through in case they contain anything incriminatory. For all I know they may be entirely innocent, no news having been allowed to leak out as yet.

On the other hand, they may provide information that will explain a great deal of this recent and current agitation amongst the Russian Jews of England.

There is one thing about all this talk of enlistment, and that is that no one can deny the wonderful effort made by British-born Jews in connection with joining the colors. The remarkable case of the Jewish population of Llanelly has been quoted. This is an important tinplate and general manufacturing center in South Wales. There are only seventy Jews there—men, women and children. Of this little community twenty lads, not waiting for conscription, entered the army and went to the front. In two cases three went from the same household. Three of them have distinguished themselves in action and been mentioned in dispatches and one has been awarded the Military Cross. Facts of this kind can be gathered from many other British communities, but the case of Llanelly is mentioned in particular because of its outstanding smallness of community size.

Edwin S. Montagu, by the way, the new Secretary for State for India, had to submit himself, in accordance with English law, to his constituents for a fresh election. He was, however, returned unopposed, and of the seven papers nominating him one was entirely signed by his former political opponents, including Douglas Newton, who was the candidate opposing Mr. Montagu at the election of 1910.

Herbert Samuel, one of the most prominent Jewish members of the House of Commons, has been appointed chairman of the House of Commons Committee, which has now commenced to review national expenditures and report on causes of any waste. This does not put Mr. Samuel into the government, but, from the way things are going, I should imagine he would before long find himself there. His committee has arranged itself into eight sub-committees to deal with the following departments and subjects: War, Admiralty (including shipping control), Munitions (including the Air Board), Ministry of Food, with all its

departments; office of Works, Treasury, Form of Public Accounts and Procedure. It is clear, therefore, that Mr. Samuel is going into this matter of public expenditures control in the widest and deepest possible manner. Perhaps he may have something to say about the growth of the Ministry. Already he suggested that we might have a map of London, with a black dot to mark each of the hundreds of government offices, temporary wooden structures and commandeered hotels that have arisen since the war began. The number of dots in this respect would simply blacken the central parts of London and astonish the uninitiated.

The Secretary of State for War on July 28 made the following announcement:

"Arrangements are now nearing completion for the formation of a Jewish regiment of infantry. Experienced British officers are being selected to fill the higher appointments in the unit, and instructions have already been issued with a view to the transfer to this unit of Jewish soldiers with a knowledge of the Yiddish or Russian languages who are now serving in British regiments. It is proposed that the badge of the regiment shall consist of a representation of King David's shield. Further information as to the conditions of enlistment and service will be issued shortly as soon as the necessary legal powers have been obtained."

To many people these facts are very welcome, but immediately a great objection was lodged against the use of the Shield of David as a regimental badge. The view is expressed widely and practically without any differences of opinion that the employment of the device as a badge of a section of non-Jewish army carrying out military operations in obedience to British and not Jewish policy, adopted by a non-Jewish government, is nothing short of prostitution. At the same time it is recognized as pretty clear that the War Office has erred in ignorance. Apart from this, a great deal of interest is expressed in connection with the formation of the Jewish regiment. Probably the reference to a knowledge of Yiddish is to make it easier for the conscription of eligible Russian Jews, who linger here after the legal dates have passed and still have not joined the army. Several statements have appeared in the press that this regiment will be employed largely in Palestine; but there is no official sanction for this view as yet. It would be good policy, however.

The Chief Rabbi, continuing his pastoral tours, has been visiting Leeds, a city in which there is a very large number of Jews. By his special wish no public or social functions were arranged during his stay, which coincided with the "nine days." Crowded congregations assembled to hear him preach at the Central Synagogue and the Beth Hamedrash Hagadol. He also examined the Hebrew classes, distributed prizes and addressed the children, listening also to their fine rendering of some of the ancient and traditional hymns.

Sir Lionel Abrahams has been unanimously elected president for the coming year of the Jewish Historical Society. In returning thanks for the honor he mentioned that that event was a special occasion had they lived in normal times. It was exactly a hundred years since Graetz, the great Jewish historian, was born, and the society would have celebrated the occasion by asking one of its scholars to give an appreciation of that great man. Graetz being born in Germany, however, they thought it undesirable at present to celebrate the event. Dr. Israel Abrahams at the same meeting said that Dr. Graetz's centenary was an event for international Jewry, and as his birth took place on October 31 there was still time for peace. If this happy time should come the whole of Jewry would unite in the celebration. Elkan N. Adler dealt at some length with the life of the historian. It appears that Graetz visited England and contributed to the *Jewish Chronicle* and the *Jewish Quarterly Review*.

**Jewish Chaplains in British Army to Assist Jewish Board for Welfare Work in France.**

The office of the Jewish Board for Welfare Work in the United States Army and Navy is in receipt of this letter from Dr. Michael Adler, Chief Chaplain with the British expeditionary forces:

Rev. Michael Adler, Senior Jewish Chaplain, E. E. F.

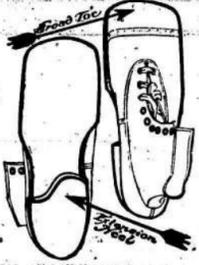
49 C. C. S., France, July 18, 1917. Dear Dr. Adler.—I am in receipt of your letter of the 25th of June, as well as one from Dr. Silverman, with many thanks. I have already put my chaplains in touch with all American Jews in the medical units now in France, including Dr. Voorzanger, and they are invited to our services and treated like all other Jewish soldiers.

I have also applied to your headquarters here for further details, and I shall do all I possibly can until the arrival of the chaplains sent out by your army authorities.

I shall be very pleased to receive a copy or two of your prayer book when ready. Let me know when your chaplains are coming, and tell them to get into touch with me, please.

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**FRANKLIN-MARX.**—Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Marx, of 68 Lenox avenue, announce the engagement of their daughter Jessie to Mr. Jonas Franklin.

**HAYMAN-SPEESMAN.**—Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Speesman announce the engagement of their daughter Gertrude to Harry Hayman.

### MARRIAGES.

**GOTTLIEB-OPPENHEIM.**—Mr. Daniel Gottlieb to Miss Rose Oppenheim on Sunday, August 19, 1917, by the Rev. Dr. M. Krauskopf.

**KORN-LUSTBADER.**—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lustbader, of 106 East Sixty-sixth street, announce the marriage of their daughter Bertha to Louis Korn on Sunday, August 26, 1917, at the home of the officiating minister, Rabbi Aaron Eisenman, 611 West 156th street.

### BAR MITZVAH.

**GOLDFISH.**—Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Goldfish announce the Bar Mitzvah of their son Lewis on Saturday, September 1, at Sinai Temple, 951 Stebbins avenue, Bronx. Reception at home, 846 Kelly street, same day, after 8 p. m.

**HAUSMAN.**—Mr. and Mrs. Harris Hausman, of 1126 East Twenty-second street, Brooklyn, N. Y., announce the Bar Mitzvah of their son Jacob J., at the Jewish Communal Center, 1343 Coney Island avenue, Brooklyn, on Saturday, September 1, 1917, at 9:30 a. m.

**SOBEL.**—Mr. and Mrs. Maurice (Moish) Sobel, of 450 East 139th street, announce the Bar Mitzvah of their son Samuel, Saturday, September 1, 1917, at the synagogue, 463 East 145th street, Bronx, at half-past nine a. m. Reception Sunday, September 2, 1917, at the Juliette, 103 West 117th street, after eight o'clock p. m. No cards.

### BIRTHS.

**FINKELSTEIN.**—Mr. and Mrs. Nathan R. Finkelstein (nee Grace Abrahams), of 122 East Seventy-sixth street, announce the birth of a son on Thursday, August 23, 1917, at Far Rockaway, L. I.

**GUMBLE.**—Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gumble (nee Florence Simmons), of 884 Riverside Drive, announce the birth of a son.

**MILLHAUSER.**—Mr. and Mrs. Bertram Millhauser, of 530 St. Nicholas avenue, announce the birth of a daughter on August 24.

**SPERO.**—To Mr. and Mrs. Al Spero (nee Carrie Heilbrun), a daughter, on August 23.

**TAUB.**—Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Taub (nee Freda Jackson) announce the birth of a son on Tuesday, August 21.

**TRAVIS.**—Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Travis announce the birth of a son on Saturday, August 25, 1917, at West End, N. J.

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### IN MEMORIAM.

**GARFUNKEL.**—The unveiling of the monument dedicated to the sacred memory of our beloved mother, Marsha Hennie Garfunkel, will take place in Union Field Cemetery (Beth Hamedresh Hagodal), Sunday, September 9, at 3 p. m. Relatives and friends are invited.

### SOCIAL NOTES.

Mrs. A. Berrent and daughters, Rose and Violet Berrent, have returned to their home, 665 West 160th street, after spending some time at Forest Park Hotel, Forest Park, Pa.

Rabbi and Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein have returned from their summer's vacation at Hunter, N. Y., to their new home at 1893 Seventh avenue, New York city.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Van Nierop and daughter, of 50 West 129th street, are summering at Lake George, and expect to return to the city about the middle of next month.

Mr. and Mrs. David Lippman, of 500 Central Park West, accompanied by Mrs. Lippman's mother, Mrs. Henry Korn, are motoring to Harrison, Me., to visit their son, Robert K. Lippman. The trip will take ten days.

### IN THE SYNAGOGUES.

**DERECH EMUNOH** (Arverne, L. I.)—Rev. I. A. Hodad will speak Sabbath morning on "The Diamond Tree of Supreme Happiness to Man and to Woman."

**PENI EL** (147th street and Broadway)—Rabbi Aaron Eisenman will preach Sabbath morning on "Our New Strength." Beginning next Friday evening, September 7, services will be held at 8 o'clock.

### ON THE JERSEY SHORE.

Professor Solomon T. H. Hurwitz, of the Jewish Rabbinical College of America, is at Belmar, N. J., where he will remain for several weeks.

Rabbi M. Hermes is now at Belmar, N. J.

Miss Ruth Aronson, of Tiffany street, New York city, is spending the remainder of the summer at Bradley Beach, N. J.

Mr. Abraham Marks, of Newark, N. J., is now at Bradley Beach, where he will spend the remainder of August and early September.

Mr. Isaac Horowitz and Misses Dolly and Hattie Horowitz are spending the summer at their cottage at 403 Evergreen avenue, Bradley Beach.

Mr. Elmer Kohn, of Newark, N. J., spent the week-end with his parents at their cottage on Seventh avenue, Asbury Park, N. J.

Mr. Leroy Fisch is spending the summer at his cottage on Third avenue, Asbury Park.

Mr. Jerome Samuels is spending August and September with his parents at their summer home on Grand avenue, Asbury Park, N. J.

Mrs. Hyman Rubin, of 437 East Eighty-sixth street, New York city, is now at Asbury Park.

Mr. Isaac Klinghoffer is spending the remainder of the summer at Asbury Park, N. J.

Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, of the Institutional Synagogue, will be the principal speaker at a mass meeting arranged by the Central Relief Committee for Jewish War Sufferers at the Savoy Theatre, Asbury Park, Sunday, September 2.

Mr. Adolph Hubbard, of the Provisional Executive Committee for the Zionist Organizations, is planning a mass meeting in Asbury Park during September.

Miss Rae Kleinberg, of Newark, N. J., who has been spending the summer at McCabe avenue, Bradley Beach, has returned to her city home.

Mr. Samuel E. Lesser, who has been spending the summer at the Curlew Hotel, Allenhurst, will spend the month of September at 513 Newark avenue, Bradley Beach.

Mrs. A. Ehrlich is now at Bradley Beach, where she will remain during September.

Mr. David Belasco is now at the New Monterey Hotel, Asbury Park, where he is directing his new play, "Folly with a Past," being presented at the Savoy Theatre.

Mr. Morris May, of Asbury Park, and Mrs. S. Goldstein have been elected to the Executive Committee of the Jersey Shore Relief Committee for Jewish War Sufferers.

Mr. Louis Lesser, counsel for the Commission Government Committee of Newark, is at Bradley Beach.

Mr. Nathan Brodsky, son of Rabbi Brodsky, of New York, spent the week-end at Bradley Beach.

Mr. Abraham M. Fabian, a recent graduate of New York University, who is engaged in business with his father, Jacob Fabian, at Paterson, N. J., spent the week at the New Hollywood Hotel, Long Branch.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Browder, of Jersey City, accompanied by their family, are at the Hotel Frederic, Asbury Park, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Leibowitz are at the Hotel Monterey, Asbury Park, N. J., where they have been spending July and August.

The Asbury Park Synagogue has undergone renovations in preparation for the great number of summer colonists who are expected to stay over at the shore for the High Holidays.

Mr. Eugene Bernstein, pianist, who recently returned from a concert tour in the Western and Northwestern States, was the soloist at a charity concert at Belmar last week.

Mr. Harry Jagel, of Newark, has returned to the city after spending July and August at Asbury Park.

Mr. Henry Keiser and family are at Bradley Beach.

Miss Elsie Lowenstein, daughter of Dr. Max Lowenstein, of Madison avenue, New York city, has returned to her city home after spending July and August at the shore.

Mr. Karl Bacharach is at the Takana-see Hotel, Long Branch.

Miss Elsie Fischgrutt and Miss Miriam Jorsch, who are summering at Bradley Beach, spent the week at Atlantic City.

Mr. Jacob Hauptman will spend September with his parents at their summer home on La Reine avenue, Bradley Beach.

The Asbury Park Y. M. H. A. will shortly resume its activities for the fall and winter season.

Mr. George Samuels is at Wanamassa, where he is spending the summer.

The pulpit of the Long Branch (orthodox) synagogue was occupied last Sabbath by Rev. Henry S. Morals, who addressed a large congregation. The services were read by Rev. Friedberg. Next Sabbath Rev. S. Elias L. Solomon will preach there.

**Young Women's Hebrew Association.** Starting from the Y. W. H. A. building at 7 a. m., Sunday, in three sight-seeing autos, the residents of the house left for Oakland Beach, where they were to spend the day as guests of Mrs. Bernard Pollak. After a bracing ride through the country in the morning air, the girls reached the beach and were met by Mrs. Pollak, who had arranged for bathing for all. A delicious lunch was served and then the girls adjourned to Mrs. Pollak's beautiful estate where the girls played tennis and croquet and romped, and rowed. Mrs. Ray H. Schwartz, superintendent, and Mrs. Hene, the dormitory secretary, chaperoned the party. Miss Naomi Kaplan, daughter of the Rev. Dr. Bernard Kaplan, danced out on the lawn with the sound and the rocky shore as a background. With great reluctance the party started home at five. It was indeed a perfect day, thanks to a splendid hostess.

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rest of the afternoon. Gradually regaining his composure, he turned his eyes languidly toward Daniel.

"You here again?" He puffed vigorously at his huge black cigar. "I sent you away only a few minutes ago, didn't I?"

"Yes, excellency, but—" "And didn't I tell you that I was too busy?" Dubrovitch was reigning anger. A muffled chuckle of amusement went around the room at the thought of Dubrovitch ever having anything to do in the way of work.

"Are you still busy?" came the innocent rejoinder.

The question was so obviously human that the head official, in his high spirits, seriously debated hearing Daniel. He thought for a few moments. Yes, he would give him a chance to talk; it might afford some amusement, which would be a welcome relief to the monotony.

He stroked his beard contemplatively. "I've a short time now." He paused impressively. "I'll hear you, but you must be brief. You may speak."

Daniel hesitated. The willingness to listen was expressed so suddenly, he was undetermined where to be perfect with ominous impatience. "I'll give you five minutes." He waited. "Well?"

"What's the matter?" growled the gin.

Daniel began, brokenly. "I lived in the village of—"

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The thought strengthened Daniel. He spoke.

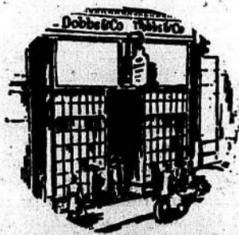
"I can't remember it all; it seems so long ago, but I recollect—"

"I don't want to listen to the rigmarole of an infant's fairy tale. Cut it short. Tell me what you want, and be quick about it."

"I've been at the front, serving the Czar—"

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wounded, but that matters not. I came home—"

"And found someone else there?" As he spoke a sinister leer overspread his cruel face.

Daniel was about to speak again, but—he did not know why—he involuntarily checked himself. He wondered who it was that was telling his story, that knew it so completely. He heard a strange, distant, painfully weak voice that seemed as if borne to him on the trembling wings of imagination. He forced his unwilling voice to utter words.

"Yes, my family was gone." He shivered.

"Of course they were gone," agreed Dubrovitch with a triumphant smirk, "all the Jews have been

driven out. Serves them right, they're always causing trouble?"

"But,—but why were they sent away?" Daniel faltered inarticulately.

"What!" thundered the official. "You dare to question an edict of our imperial father, the Czar? Be careful of what you say, or—" with a meaningful gesture, "Siberia."

Daniel stood rigid with fear, ir-resolute, silent. He caught himself as he was about to burst forth in passionate denunciation. His quick intuition warned him of impending danger; he must be careful. Once more he paused.

"All right," bellowed the chief vindictively; "you've got your answer. Get out."

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**Preserved Peaches.**

Peel the fruit and throw into cold water to preserve the color. Cook the peellings with water to cover for ten minutes, then strain and measure the liquid. Allow three pounds of sugar to a generous quart of the peach liquid, and after it begins to boil cook for five minutes longer. Now add the halved peaches, with some of the peach kernels, and cook until tender but not soft. Skim out the fruit carefully, arrange in sterilized, heated jars and fill to overflowing with the boiling syrup. Seal air-tight.

Prepare very stale bread as follows: Break into a bowl and pour on enough boiling water to soften. Cover and let stand several hours. Add salt and pepper, sage if liked, and an egg or two. Do not have it too wet. Drop by spoonfuls in hot fat and saute till nicely browned. Serve with syrup, sugar, jelly or catsup.

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**Huckleberry Pudding.**

Cream a scant half cup of butter and beat into it gradually one cup of sugar. Then beat in three eggs, singly, until the mixture is light and smooth. Add alternately one-half cup of milk and about two cups of flour sifted with two teaspoons of baking powder and a little salt; then add one cup of floured blueberries. Bake in moderate oven and serve with a hard sauce.

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**A BROKEN REED.**

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"But, your highness, I have not been told yet where are my—I want to know where—"

"You insolent hound, you question me—ME?" His brazen screams called forth harsh, grating echoes. "Do you think that I keep a directory of you damned Jews? Ask somebody in your village."

Daniel was terrorized by the possibility of a further outburst, but he felt now that he could defy the wrath of a Herod, for he could not be doomed to a worse fate than life without his loved ones; the most inhuman tortures of Siberia could not give greater agony. He spoke again in fear-fraught whispers. "I asked the woman who lives in my house—"

"Your house?" raged the prefect. "Your pardon, excellency, I meant—I meant—" He collapsed; he could not think how to explain.

"You don't know what you mean, because you're lying."

"No, high-born one, I speak God's truth. The woman that I spoke to did not know of their whereabouts. She said that I could find out at this office." Then, as if to justify himself, "I served the Czar faithfully, I was wounded for one of his officers—"

"That's your duty. Of what other use are you cursed Jews?" He went on musingly, "So you lost a leg?"

"Yes, your highness, but for that I care nothing. It is not—"

"Why didn't you leave your head there instead of only a leg?" Again the howls of malignant laughter from the others. Such boisterous, derisive hilarity, so blatant and mocking, Daniel had never before heard. "Get out before you're thrown to the devil where you belong. If you stay here—"

"But the five minutes—"  
"You worm-eaten dog," roared the tyrant, "you dare to interrupt me? My hands are clean, I will not pollute them; otherwise would I twist that dirty head of yours to the floor. Now," pointing to the door, "get out!"

Daniel crouched instinctively, as if to shield himself from the ruffian's blast; he was completely cowed. The terrific strain had sapped what little strength he had; he could argue no more. A mad thought pounded in his head. He would beg for mercy.

"Perhaps you are a son—a husband—a father," he quavered, the words interspersed with stifling sobs, the tears streaming down his wan, white face, "if you would only—"

The hoarse, un pitying laughter broke out anew. All was in vain. No human appeal could soften the brass heart of such an incarnate hound of hell as was the soulless despot who towered above him. Daniel huddled his trembling body together while the room resounded with the coarse merriment.

Thus he stood until the stupor left him. He awoke from the trance, revived, seemingly endowed by divine dispensation with his old strength. He stood upright from his bent posture, his veins stood out in thick cords, his watering eyes blazed fire, his whole form gathered itself in tense, rigid preparedness. He forgot that he was a cripple, that he dared not move an inch without support. Now he lived for but one thing; he would rush at the brute beast, clutch at his vile throat, strangle him into submission. He straightened himself on the crutches resting under his armpits, stretched out his hands, fingers clutching and unclutching convulsively as if anticipating the sweet joy of choking the life from the consummate fiend.

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It is not what a man might or could have given to charity that counts. It is what he actually gives!

We hope that the suggestion looking to the establishment of a War Memorial Museum for the Jewish community in Great Britain will not only be realized so far as Anglo-Jewry is concerned, but that it will be duplicated by a similar institution for this country.

For the first time a professing Jew, Minister of Justice Baczsony, occupies a seat at the Hungarian cabinet table. Hungary, as compared with another country in middle Europe, has always been quite liberal in her attitude toward her Jewish subjects, but this is the first instance where she has raised one of them to so high a position in the service of the state.

A timely word of warning may be addressed to the many Jewesses working for the Red Cross and thinking that, because of this, their humanitarian service, they are at liberty to desecrate the Sabbath. The Sabbath is not to be transgressed for such or any ordinary mundane reason; six days in the week are given us to accomplish all our worldly work. The Sabbath is dedicated to the service of the Holy One, blessed be He, and Red Cross work for the soldiers, no matter how noble, does not fall within this category.

C. W. Taintor, of Boston, is one of those frequent and persistent letter writers who fasten upon public men as the legitimate butt for their communications. Recently, his effusions contained references to the Jews' love of money, so-called, and to the mooted question of Paul M. Warburg having been decorated by the Imperial German government. A reader of this journal writes to us expressing his concern over these unfounded and irresponsible charges and asks us to refute them. We do not think this necessary. C. W. Taintor's fulminations are taken seriously only by one person—their author!

We feel sure that the physical examinations now taking place under the selective draft law will not develop the fact that Jews as a race are imperfectly matured. The Russian ghettos may in the past have produced more than their fair share of consumptives among our people, not to speak of the unsanitary sweat shops existing in our large cities before the drastic and humanitarian factory laws came into operation. Jews may not have as many starred athletes as other races which come to mind, but, when all is said and done, we think it will be found that the Jewish youth of military age are just as well fitted physically on the average as any other section of the population of this country. We speak thus, remembering that the assertion is frequently made that the Jew develops his mind at the expense of his body.

We are not surprised to find our interesting contemporary, *The Modern View*, declaring editorially that, "One might as well admit frankly that the Sabbath is a dying institution in this country." Our contemporary represents St. Louis Jewry in part, and the quality of that Jewry is demonstrable from some of its sorry exhibitions of *chillul ha-Shem* to which we have, from time to time, directed the attention of our readers. On the other hand, *The Modern View* is not fulfilling its true function as a Jewish journal when it makes such a statement. Granted that St. Louis Jewry as represented by our contemporary is as black as we have heretofore on occasion had to paint it, *The Modern View* should in season and out of season seek to draw St. Louis Jews from the error of their ways. By confessing that it cannot look upon the holy Sabbath as other than a "dying institution," *The Modern View* puts inevitably a premium on Friday evening fairs and Saturday afternoon whists, and all the other abominations which have made St. Louis Jewry a by-word among right-thinking Jews.

REFORM JUDAISM AND ZIONISM

IN these fallow days of the dying Jewish year we may once more consider whether Reform Judaism and Zionism are compatible, seeing that the subject is again receiving attention in diverse quarters.

If we ask preliminary to our main inquiry what is Reform Judaism, we must strictly limit this aspect of Judaism to what it exhibits in this country, since here Reform Judaism has assumed certain marked and definable characteristics which are neither truly Jewish nor in the truly reforming spirit. And so we must ascertain if American Reform Judaism, as we know it, and Zionism are compatible, if each of these may harmonize with the other.

As a matter of fact, in the preceding paragraph we have really set forth the answer to our self-imposed query, for, seeing that Reform Judaism as we know it here is not a matter of religiosity, and seeing that Zionism of the typical American brand is also not a matter of religiosity, it follows that Zionism as preached and practiced in America by those who proclaim themselves its leaders is compatible with any aspiration that has no care for the things men usually call religious in their nature. In other words, granted that a follower of atheism or of the Society for Ethical Culture is able and willing to subscribe to the Basle platform as interpreted by the Federation of American Zionists and the Provisional Executive Committee for General Zionist Affairs, with their host of subsidiary organizations, he could and would be just as good and vociferous a Zionist as are some of the good Reform Jews, or good rationalistic Jews, or good politico-nationalistic Jews, of whom the Zionist leaders are prating so loudly at the present time.

So far as we see it, then, there is no incompatibility whatever between Reform Judaism and Zionism, save as some of the professional upholders of the former cult, as represented by the "annual picnic" or the other dear creations of the late Isaac Mayer Wise, find it necessary in the interests of their own communal ascendancy to set up or to preserve such a barrier. In the present situation in this country of Zionism, really that ideal of orthodox Judaism, anyone but a true, orthodox Jew will find a welcome place within the Zionist organization, and is able to work out his own salvation politically therein. So, why question at all theoretically if Reform Judaism, "American" Judaism, is compatible with anything with which it wills to be?

The question of having Jewish chaplains during the war should not be obfuscated through any cavilling about the personalities of those who may be called upon to fill such positions. It is not fair or right for any sections of the community to declare that this or that rabbi, or even the average rabbi graduated from a well-known Jewish theological academy, will be an "outrageous" chaplain. Whatever this may mean, it will suffice to make the average non-Jewish legislator or person in authority pause and ask himself, What useful purpose is served by appointing any Jewish chaplains when the community from which they are to be drawn quarrels as to their personal fitness? The theological situation is quite negligible, since the Jewish chaplains, if they are to come, will only administer the most elementary truths of Judaism to those in their charge.

Every now and then, as these comments bear witness, the Rev. Christian F. Reisner, of the Grace Methodist Church in West 104th street, breaks out with an assertion against the Jews which is both impossible for him to prove and deeply injurious for his objects of attack. When his attention is called to the lapse, he is most contrite, especially when he remembers that occasionally Jews like Jacob H. Schiff have dignified by their presence the Sunday evening forum of his church. So, we call Mr. Reisner's attention to the fact that his recent utterance at Kansas City to the effect that nowadays only a follower of Jesus is a veritable patriot with real red blood in his veins, is a deliberate, mendacious perversion of the truth. He gratuitously and unjustifiably slanders thus all the Jews in this country, all of whom are just as patriotic as he is. Perhaps, if we got down to brass tacks, we might find some of them even better patriots than Mr. Reisner, for they act while he—only talks!

The venerable Abraham Slimmer died on August 15 at his home in Dubuque, Iowa. This item of news will undoubtedly cause a pang of regret in the hearts of many of our readers, if not in those of most of the Jews in this country. For Abraham Slimmer was one of those rare, selfless individuals who utilized the abundant means which he had been, by Providential grace, permitted to acquire, for the uplift and succor of others, and loved to behold his fellowmen regardless of creed rendered happier and better for the bounty he was able to bestow upon them. Abraham Slimmer lived to be 82 years old; a ripe age, filled with noble deeds of loving kindness. He was a Jew of the Jews, and many a struggling Jewish institution, particularly such as was maintained in scrupulous regard for the traditions of the fathers, owed its continuous prosperity and power for doing good to his unostentatious benefactions. These columns have in the past few years contained numerous references to the Iowa Jewish philanthropist, and always in praise of his high ideals of orthodox Jewish alms giving. Now that he is gone from among us, his charities (for he left no direct descendants) rise up and call him blessed!

MORAL ECHOES

לא יקרא עליך אל ד' והיה כך חטא

"At his day thou shalt give him his hire lest he cry against thee unto the Lord, and it be sin unto thee." (Deut. xxiv, 15.)

THE greatest sin is to wring a cry of pain from a brother's breast. Such seems to be the meaning of our text. Children amuse themselves by watching for the echo of their voices. There is something uncanny to the child-soul about the repetition of words by ghostly lips; but also something laughable in the resulting humorous distortions. But our lives—each day and each deed thereof—have their echoes too, somewhere, somehow. What if we grown up folks would be watching for these echoes? Should we have any reason to laugh and be pleased? Would these echoes not be so uncanny as to fill our hearts with a sense of the awfulness of this universe whose foundation-law is inexorable morality? Would the distorted tendering of our voices, pounding against us on the return voyage, appear to contain any of the humorous elements of the cartoon? It is one of these moral echoes that our text alludes to: an act of oppression returns to the oppressor as a cry of pain wantonly wrung from the breast of a poor brother.

And that cry itself is sent back by God to its first source in the form of guilt. It becomes a powerful accuser of the guilty. The Jewish view, as reflected in this text, regards the world as absolutely moral. Space is not so empty as to absorb the cry of the oppressed. Send your words against the jagged cliffs and broken vocal snatches will come back to you. Send your song against the mountains and their sides will respond to you with torn shreds of your own melody. But send your wrongdoings against God, and you need not imagine that they will fail to wake the infinite silences. The law of the physical echo is that it is produced by some opposing surface. The law of the moral echo is exactly the same, only the opposing surface must be sought in the fourth dimension of the spirit. God is the opposing force against which our wrongdoings strike, and by God are moral echoes produced.

But there is an important respect in which moral echoes differ from physical ones. In the distortions already referred to, of our voice it is difficult to recognize the original utterance. Of moral echoes the contrary holds true. I believe that the true nature of our deeds is much more clearly observed in their returning echoes than in themselves. This perhaps is the higher meaning of our text. Withholding a poor man's wages for a day is a deed of oppression, and, as such, in itself wrong. Yet the Bible does not call attention so much to the inherent wrong of this act, to the perversion of the moral law involved therein, as to the cry of pain such a procedure might wring from the oppressed bosom: "lest he cry against thee unto the Lord, and it be sin unto thee." Say the Rabbis: "Is it to be supposed that if he cry not against thee, thou will have no sin? At all events, thine is the guilt! But if he do cry against thee, the divine retribution will attain thee more speedily." If these divine retributions are placed where they rightly belong—in the guilty heart itself—then in the rabbinic comment too we may read the thought that the unethical character of a deed is more readily perceived in the echo than in the deed itself. Postponing the payment of the wages of the poor may in the doing appear but as a case of heedlessness, or expediency, or business-policy; not anything that the very stars, looking down upon the worker as he wends his way home empty-handed, protest against; but when this same heedless act creates an echo of misery and despair, then who will remain so self-complacent as not to realize that the foundations of the universe have been recklessly violated? Though there may be fiendish natures who laugh at the discomfiture of others, will the normal man be pleased with this returning moral echo, distorted by human anguish?

We are told by moralists that our moral nature ought to be sharpened into such a keen edge that it should cut its way to the black heart of sin regardless of circumstances and consequences. Wrong is wrong irrespective of effects. Not the thought of evil results, for ourselves and others, should deter us from evil deeds, but the fear of violating the sanctities of conscience. Yet not all sin is at its source so sinister as to stand out clearly defined; much ignorance, much thoughtlessness, also the petty cautions and prudences of our daily lives, enter into our commissions and omissions. Therefore it is necessary to tell men and women to watch for their moral echoes. Heedlessness may be distorted into suffering. Petty self-interest, which a shallow conventional morality may nonchalantly justify, may be distorted into gross injustice. Ambition, shrewd speculation, "strokes-of-business," may be distorted into shrieks of suffering, into the cry of widows and orphans. A long list might be drawn up of deeds which at their source bear an innocent enough look, but which produce terrible echoes afterward. Men and women might be turned from their heedless way if they could but hear their moral echoes beforehand.

But we live in the midst of the noises made by ourselves and, therefore, our hearing is blunted. If we could but get out of them, and bear them as they are! If we could but get up high enough to some vantage-point and hear the terrible music of human life! If we could sit at the right hand of the good God and listen to all the voices swept up to His heights from this mortal valley; from East and West, from South and North, from the busy thoroughfares, from the bloody battle-fields! What a cruel medley should we hear! O the infinite patience of our God, O the unfathomable mystery of the Everlasting Mercy that hovers above all this discord! And if we should be lifted above it all, could we pick out of that insane pot-pourri our own Moral Echoes? JOEL BLAU.



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### ISIDORE BLAUNER

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Though living in humble surroundings in the great East Side of New York, he early took advantage of the opportunities offered by the business and technical schools of the district. With a natural talent for business, the young man worked early and late, determined to master all of the details appertaining to the buying and selling of the cloak and suit business. In 1897, Julius and Isidore Blauner originated the firm of Blauner Bros., which was then located in a small building at 21 Broome street. The house of Blauner Bros. is at present located at Thirty-seventh street and Broadway, is recognized as one of the leading suit and coat houses of the country, their selling organization extending from Maine to California, with resident agents in many of the larger cities.

Mr. Isidore Blauner is a natural organizer, making every employe a cog in the great wheel of system which he has installed; his intuition has led him to avoid many of the business cares with which other concerns are hampered, securing the maximum of efficiency with the minimum of effort.

Mr. Blauner says that it is not only honesty and integrity of purpose which characterize the methods of serving, but the same high standard is maintained in buying and selling of merchandise. Mr. Blauner is unpretentious and unassuming, but yet one requires but a few moments of personal intercourse with him to appreciate the many finer qualities that have secured for him both the eminent position that he now holds in the business world and the love that is shown him by the Jewish population at large. The interviewer was impressed by his unusual intelligence, his remarkable business acumen, his open-hearted, frank, sympathetic nature, and above all his sincerity. One instinctively feels that Mr. Isidore Blauner means what he says, and never says anything that he does not mean.

This story would be incomplete if we omitted to mention the beautiful deeds of charity which Mr. Blauner is constantly performing. While his name can be found on nearly all of the reports of standard institutions, this phase of his benevolence is but a mite compared with his individual personal service which extend not only to his native Galician home, to his persecuted co-religionists in Europe, but to the relief funds of all the belligerents.

Mr. Isidore Blauner retains directorships in the Har-Moriah Hospital, Downtown Talmud Torah, and is actively engaged in the work of the Galician societies and New York Federation of Charities.

In 1903, Mr. Blauner married Martha Jacobs of New York. They have six children, two daughters and four sons.

Aaron Bers is one of nature's gentlemen. Brilliant and of a lovable disposition, he is engaging in his demeanor, of a dignified bearing, respecting education and learning and taking delight in his fellow-man.

### AARON BERS

He was born in Courland, Russia, in 1875, as the son of Joshua and Tamar Bers. His father was a well known Hebraist in his day a great philanthropist and a prominent merchant in town. Mr. Bers arrived in this country in 1891, joining his older brothers who preceded him, Edward and Abraham, who were in the scrap rubber business at DuBois, Pennsylvania. They had been in the business for a number of years when Aaron became a member of the firm, and in 1896 the two brothers went to Philadelphia, where they are still located, at No. 303 South Delaware Avenue, while Aaron remained in Du Bois.

While engaged in his business, Aaron attended business-college afternoons and evenings. He was well-grounded in Hebrew, as the son of a prominent scholar, and he was one of the best pupils in the college, graduating in record time and with the highest honors. In 1900 he came to New York where the brothers established their present concern under the firm of E. Bers & Co., 10 Desbrosses street.

Mr. Bers is a member of the United Hebrew Charities, the Hebrew Orphan Asylum, the Montefiore Home, the Young Men's Hebrew Association, the Federation of Charities and the Mount Sinai Hospital. He is the president and treasurer of the Rubber and Metal Supply Company, of 157 South street, New York, and enjoys a wonderful reputation in business circles on account of his unflinching integrity and fairness.

The Bers brothers are pioneers in the scrap rubber line and do an international business.

Mr. Aaron Bers was married in October, 1910, to Theresa Blumenthal, who is of a very respectable New York family, the daughter of Mark and Clara Blumenthal. They have two young sons, Julian Emanuel and Harold Theodore. Mrs. Bers is a sweet, charming and intelligent woman and the couple is ideally happy.

In religion, Mr. Bers is conservative in tendency; having received, as has been stated, a thorough Hebrew training it is his greatest delight to quote a text from the Bible or Talmud. He will bring up his children in a modern Jewish-American spirit.

Asked what he considered made for success in life, Mr. Bers declared to the writer of these lines, that honesty, energy, perseverance, good judgment, and familiarity with one's own business are the sure road to any man's success in his chosen line of work.

In his interesting career as an attorney and legal adviser to a great motion pictures corporation, Mr. Arthur S. Friend was conscientious throughout of his immense responsibility and the great possibilities for an able man. "Do every little thing so well that the little things will not interfere with thinking out and doing the higher things," was and has remained his guiding principle in life.

### ARTHUR S. FRIEND

Mr. Friend was born May 23, 1879, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where his father was a well-known clothier. His mother is still living and very active in social and charitable affairs. At the age of thirteen, he graduated from elementary school, took a high school course and then became a student in Harvard College at the age of sixteen. In 1900 he obtained his bachelor's degree and entered the Harvard Law School, graduating with honors in 1902. He opened a law office in Milwaukee, where he stayed until 1909, later coming to New York where he was admitted to practice in 1910.

While in college, Mr. Friend was spending his vacations in Milwaukee, doing newspaper work, and after his graduation from the Harvard Law School, he became a dramatic critic for the Milwaukee Free Press. In 1906 he organized the English Stock Company and opened at the Pabst Theatre in Milwaukee, playing during the seasons of 1906 and 1907. Under the name of the Friend Players, this organization continued its productions at the Shubert Theatre until the season of 1909.

Mr. Friend established his New York office at No. 32 Nassau street, and after remaining at this address for one year, he became associated with the law firm of Wise & Lichtenstein, becoming a member of this firm in 1912. In December, 1914, together with Jesse L. Lasky and Cecil B. De Mille, he became actively interested in the organization of the Jesse L. Lasky Feature Play Company. As the duties of this new corporation required all of Mr. Friend's time, he was compelled to resign from the firm of Wise & Lichtenstein, and he moved his office to the theatrical section so as to be closer to the company. He found quarters at No. 51 East 42nd street, and became the secretary and general counsel for the Jesse L. Lasky Feature Play Company. Shortly afterwards, he effected an amalgamation of the Jesse L. Lasky and the Famous Players Film Company, and the organization became The Famous Players Lasky Corporation. In July, 1916, Mr. Friend gave up his private practice and became treasurer of this new corporation.

Mr. Friend is a member of the New York Federation of Jewish Charities and of the Red Cross. He belongs to the City Club, the Quaker Ridge Golf Club and the Friars. He was recently appointed a member of Mr. Hoover's Food Administration Board, and he is actively connected with a good many charitable and social organizations.

He was married in Cleveland, Ohio, April 7, 1910, to Miss Fannie Hart, the daughter of a well-known Cleveland theatrical proprietor, and they have one daughter, Constance Eleanor.

Mr. Jacob Warschaw came to America at the age of thirty-nine, without a cent in his pockets. To-day he is one of the most successful dealers in painters' supplies and wall-paper and his credit-rating is of the highest and almost unlimited, due to the honesty and absolute integrity with which his business is conducted. He is a very religious man and all of his children have been brought up in the precepts of the faith and strict Orthodoxy.

Born in Kieff, Russia in 1863, he is the son of the late Moses Warschaw, who was prominent in his native town as a contractor. As has been remarked, he arrived in this country at the age of thirty-nine, a mature age for a man with a family to start a new life again. He had been married in his native city, in 1869, to Frieda Atkin, and was the father of three children. Mr. Warschaw secured a job with a painter for \$1.00 per day, working eleven hours. But he soon found employment at another place for \$9 per week. He then obtained a position as plasterer for the Interborough Rapid Transit, working in the construction of the New York Subway. Here he was paid a fair salary and it looked like an oasis after roaming about the world, but the Jewish Holidays came, Mr. Warschaw stayed out of his job and he was discharged.

At that time he already possessed a capital of \$25, and he rented a cellar where he went into business for himself as a boss painter. He worked very hard, but success was in his toil and he was able to send a weekly allowance to his wife and children in Russia, and later taking them over to America. His business increased gradually until he opened a store at 255 West 144th Street, selling painters' supplies and from there he "worked up" until he was in a position to buy property at No. 496 East 166th Street, The Bronx, where he is one of the most successful dealers in painters' supplies and wall-paper and also conducts his business as a boss painter.

Mr. Warschaw is a member of the Montefiore Home, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, the Talmud Torah of Harlem, the Bronx Talmud Torah of Israel, the Bronx Maternity Hospital, the Bronx Day Nursery and other charitable organizations. He is a member of Branch No. 521, Y. O. B. A., the Louis Fleischman Benevolent Society and a good many others.

Of Mr. Warschaw's family, his oldest daughter Marie, is a book-keeper and graduate of the Eastman Gaines' Business College; his son, Louis, is a clerk in a large silk house; Ray is a typist; Samuel is in his last term of elementary school and little Morris has just entered school.

Mr. Warschaw is known throughout the Bronx for his generosity in helping those in need, and he is also a contributor to every Jewish cause in the borough.



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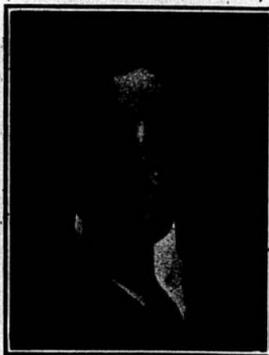
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**ABRAHAM SLIMMER, NOTED PHILANTHROPIST, DEAD.**

On Wednesday, August 15, the Jews lost one of their greatest philanthropists when death claimed Abraham Slimmer, of Dubuque, Iowa. Mr. Slimmer was known in practically every State of the Union for his munificence to small, struggling institutions and for the many havens for the aged, the orphaned, the sick and infirm he has helped and founded. Self-forgotten, Mr. Slimmer, during the glorious span of eighty-two years, had never forgotten his brethren, and his heart-beat in a kindly fellowship with those less fortunate. He has been the grand almoner of half the Jewish charities in Chicago, and his benevolence and great heartedness have softened and lightened the sorrows, the burdens, the griefs and storms of human experience.

philanthropic institutions, mainly those intended for the care of the sick and the old. He went to Dubuque, Iowa, to live, but before leaving Waverly, his old home, he gave his \$50,000 home there to the Sisters of Mercy. In order to enable them to take immediate possession he lived for a time in a remodeled wood shed. Chicago's institutions have in particular benefited by Mr. Slimmer's philanthropies. He gave \$50,000 to the Home for Aged Jews at the time it was founded as a nucleus for the building fund. This institution today, with its wonderful record for taking care of hundreds of men and women who have reached the far milestone in life's journey, is a monument to Mr. Slimmer. As a mark of esteem the home dedicated a room, called the Slimmer room, which was ever ready for his occupancy when visiting Chicago. He gave \$20,000 to the Orthodox Jewish Home for the Aged at a time when money was badly needed, and he gave many

**The National Farm School.** Activities at the National Farm School have been influenced by the stress that is being laid on increasing the food supply of the nation, and the student body has been doing its bit in a most profitable way. In the early spring, the Student Senate outlined a so-called war program, in which each student pledged himself to aid in the increasing of the food supply, both by personal sacrifice, which includes the rising in the morning an hour earlier than the regular school schedule, that is, at 4:30 instead of 5:30, and working until after sundown in the evening, as well as adding to the nation's storehouse by the actual raising of products, and conserving, to the fullest extent of his power, the products that have been raised. The resolution has taken on an even greater significance by reason of the fact that the president and founder of the National Farm School, the Rev. Dr. Jos. Krauskopf, because of his connection with the school, was called to Washington early in July by the Food Administrator, Mr. Herbert Hoover, to act as one of Mr. Hoover's associates in the great and urgent patriotic work of food conservation, and has been at his post of duty in Washington ever since, devoting his entire vacation to the work.

In carrying out their purpose, the students have taken hold of every available piece of ground thus far uncultivated, and have formed project gardens, which cover a space of some five acres. The food thus raised by the students on their own spare time is turned over to the Students' Selling Syndicate, which is under the management of one of the students, and is shipped by him directly to the market. This phase of the work, in addition, is of special educational value to the students, since all students having such project lands are required to record the time spent on their lands and the money expended for supplies and marketing.

The regular work in the various departments of the school is followed with unusual vigor by the students, and in consequence of the efforts put forth most satisfactory results are being attained. The cultivation of 140 acres of corn has been virtually completed, and an unusually good crop is promised. Over 200 tons of hay and some 40 acres of rye have been harvested and stored in the barns. The yield of the dairy herd is larger than ever before, and a splendid crop of rich quality peaches is now being gathered in.

The school is, indeed, doing its part in the great and serious task before the nation, by training young men in the art of causing one-time barren wastes to produce rich fruits, and thus helping to supply the starving with bread. Had it but larger means at its command to care for and educate several hundreds more of the eager lads who daily apply to it for admission, its work would reach and be felt throughout the country to an even greater extent than it is at present.

**Mass Meeting for Jewish War Sufferers to Be Held at Asbury Park.** Breaking into the summer vacation, Jacob H. Schiff is to preside at a mass meeting for the benefit of Jewish War Sufferers, held under the auspices of the Asbury Park Jewish Relief Committee for Sufferers from the War, acting in conjunction with the Central Relief Committee, of 51 Chambers street, on next Sunday, at the Savoy Theatre.

The meeting is to be the climax of efforts to increase the \$10,000,000 Jewish War Relief Fund by the contributions of vacationists, and is to be the largest of all the many meetings which have been held at various summer resorts during the summer. Mr. Schiff's appearance upon the platform will, it is regarded as certain, result in a tremendous outpouring of the Jews summering at Asbury Park, Long Branch, Atlantic City, and other resorts on the New Jersey coast. That there will be a very large addition to the \$10,000,000 fund as a result of the appeals to be made is also regarded as assured.

In addition to Mr. Schiff, there are to be other noted speakers, among them Professor J. Hurwitz, of Harvard University; Congressman Isaac Siegel, the Rev. Dr. Nathan Krass, the Rev. Herbert S. Goldstein, Charles A. Wimpheimer, and many others. This is the first time in several years that any large public appeal has been made at any of the New Jersey coast resorts, where large numbers of Jews spend their vacations.

Upon the committee, of which many are prominent New Yorkers, are Julius J. Dukas, president of the Hebrew Free Loan Society; Felix Fuld, of Newark; Samuel Travis, Jacob Wimpheimer, Leopold Plant, Raymond Eisner, Walter Rosenberg, Morris May, Abraham Markus, Charles A. Wimpheimer, Clarence C. Steiner, Sigmund Eisner, of Red Bank, and Arthur C. Steinbach.

August 13 marked the forty-sixth birthday of Dr. Karl Liebknecht, the Socialist member of the Reichstag, whose unswerving loyalty to his principles is responsible for his present imprisonment in Germany, an experience which is not new to him. The first important occasion on which he went to jail was when he published his book, "Militarism," which the German Government suppressed. An authorized translation of that work is announced for early publication by B. W. Huebsch. Nothing reveals so clearly and distinctly the implications of military rule and a large standing army as this volume, one of the greatest pleas for democracy that has come out of Germany.

thousands of dollars to the Marks Nathan Jewish Orphan Home and the Chicago Home for Jewish Orphans. Only a short time ago he gave a thousand dollars to the Marks Nathan Jewish Orphan Home for a playground. Within the last few years the Maimonides Kosher Hospital had been uppermost in Mr. Slimmer's mind, and he gave a small fortune to enable it to be built, and in the attempts made recently to reopen the institution Mr. Slimmer was active in co-operating, both financially and morally. The Chicago Lying-in Hospital, to which he has been a friend for over fifteen years, was also one of Mr. Slimmer's beneficiaries, and instances can be multiplied where Chicago institutions and individuals have been benefited by the generosity of this grand old man.

A bachelor, Mr. Slimmer leaves no direct descendants, but the memory of his manifold benefactions will endure; for "to live in the hearts of others is not to die." Mr. Slimmer is survived by a number of nephews.

Mr. Slimmer came to America from Posen, at the age of seventeen, a penniless, friendless boy. He went West and engaged in the cattle business, and soon accumulated a considerable fortune, finally embarking in the banking business, in which he was engaged for several years, having the respect of all the communities in which he did business. After establishing the Slimmer & Thomas Banking Company at South St. Paul, Minn., Mr. Slimmer retired from active business and devoted himself and his fortune to the upbuilding of charitable and

**I. O. B. B. Organizes American Soldiers and Sailors Welfare League.**

In accordance with the resolution of the Executive Committee of the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith the Committee of Fifteen met and organized the American Soldiers and Sailors Welfare League.

The league has already organized a branch at Des Moines, Iowa. A recreation center for the Jewish soldiers is now being established, and it is expected that by September 1 a social worker will be in the field and the Jewish soldiers of Camp Dodge will be properly looked after. The Jewish people of Des Moines have entered upon this work with a great enthusiasm and have pledged a large amount toward the work of the league.

At Washington, D. C., this organization, under the leadership of the B'nai B'rith Lodge, has also organized a branch and the work has already begun. Downtown clubrooms have already been established, and the local committee is working with great efficiency. Mr. Julius I. Peyser and Judge Milton Strasburger have been appointed national representatives of the league at Washington.

The situation in Rockford, Ill., is being carefully considered, and it is expected that within a short time a recreational center for the soldiers will be established there.

The lodges in various other cities have taken up the work, and committees to form branches of the American Soldiers and Sailors Welfare League are being organized. The cantonments at Little Rock, Ark.; Houston, Waco and Fort Smith, Tex.; Battle Creek, Mich.; San Francisco, Cal.; Hattiesburg, Miss., and Louisville, Ky., are now under consideration, and it is expected to have workers there in the near future.

The order has issued an appeal for \$1,000,000 with which to carry on this work. This amount is conservative, in view of the fact that the Y. M. C. A. has millions of dollars for this purpose and

the Knights of Columbus are gathering together a fund of some \$4,000,000. The Managing Board of the American Soldiers and Sailors Welfare League feels that the Jews of this country who are not actually at the front have a patriotic as well as religious duty to perform.

It is hoped that every Jew and every Jewess, whether or not they have a dear one in the army, will respond liberally to the call. Here is the chance for every one to do his bit for his country.

All funds are to be sent to Mr. M. E. Greenebaum, Greenebaum Sons Bank and Trust Company, 9 South La Salle street, Chicago, Ill. All contributions will be acknowledged in the B'nai B'rith News.

**Benefits for Hebrew National Orphan House.**

At two concerts given recently at the Fairmont Hotel, Tannersville, N. Y., and at the summer home of the Hebrew National Orphan House of New York, at 101 Meredith avenue, Ayrverne, L. I., more than \$2,000 was contributed by the guests. The money is to be used to defray the expense of caring for the wards of the Orphan House, which has its New York home at 52 St. Marks place.

The affair at Tannersville, at which Judge Aaron J. Levy delivered the principal address, was arranged by Samuel and Emanuel Bakal, father and son, both prominent in Jewish philanthropic undertakings. Among the donors were Mrs. Rabinowitz, \$200; Mr. B. Rabinowitz, \$200; Judge Levy, Israel Rokeach and Samuel Bakal, each of whom gave \$100.

At the special concert given in Ayrverne, "Yosel" Rosenblatt, the most famous living cantor, was the feature. The choir of the Orphan House assisted him. There were also violin and piano numbers in the varied musical program. Joseph Zubow, who officiated, donated \$100, and Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Rubin gave \$400. The remainder of the donations were smaller sums ranging from \$30 to \$1.

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

## Hebrew Education.

Editor Hebrew Standard:

In your issue of August 17 there was published a letter by Abraham Kaplan on "Hebrew Education." The letter is a very long one, and quite of interest and worth; full of fine suggestions and high ideas, comprising almost all of the suggestions, advice and plans proposed for the same purpose by all those who are interested in the Hebrew educational problem of this country and who have the power or opportunity to raise their voice in its behalf.

Mr. Kaplan's letter is almost a collection of all remedial agencies proposed to heal and quicken the life of our Hebrew education, that is lying on its sick or deathbed with little life in it. But, while the letter contains most of the stuff said or written about the subject at hand, the praise of it brings along its demerits.

The letter did not reveal any new idea. It is merely a reiteration or re-echoing of what has been said time and again, and it failed to do any good. The sick is still sick.

Since the question of Hebrew education in this country was raised, time and again, the following suggestions were offered: (1) Teachers who possess diplomas both of secular and Hebrew colleges; (2) Modern buildings for schools; (3) Teachers devoted and consecrated to their calling; (4) Adequate salaries; (5) Competent heads to direct the schools, etc. All such ideas are fine, high minded, beneficial, useful and necessary.

But there is one thing more important than those mentioned. All the advisers forgot that to graduate teachers, to equip them with all modern diplomas, is one thing, and to get for them a nation that feels the need of such education and requires such teachers is quite another problem!

Our American Jews not only are indifferent to a thorough, sound, Hebrew education, but, to speak the truth, the average are opposing it and are averse to it.

With the exception of a small number of Talmud Torahs in large cities, that do require competent teachers, most country Hebrew schools don't want a good Hebrew education and shamelessly flatly refuse it.

The standard requirements for a Hebrew teacher in the average number of Hebrew schools are the following subjects: The pupils should read quickly the daily prayer book; never mind the meaning nor the grammar; the second important subject is the boy's becoming Bar Mitzvah, he should sing that particular Haphtorah and, in addition to this, he should deliver an address in honor of that memorable day.

The writer of this letter is not talking theory, but giving the result of many years of experience and bitter disappointments.

Let us now consider the position of a teacher who is in possession of diplomas, as I said, both secular and Jewish. This highly inspired and highly educated person accepts an offer as teacher or principal in some town.

The teacher, being of good courage and faithful to his sacred call, gives out his program and starts to work to impart his great knowledge to his pupils; everything is fine; it looks as if Hebrew education is gaining ground on American soil. And the Jews' borromer Americans need not be considered ignorant of Hebrew education.

But, instead of gratitude and satisfaction, the teacher is formally notified in the following terms: "Your English we don't need (that's the translation of Hebrew into English); Hebrew language the pupils don't need; they will not use it; the Bible is useless to them; they are not going to be rabbis; the only things we need are reading, Haphtorah and a little Yiddish."

And, if the teacher insists on having his own way in teaching he gets discharged, and his place is given to an ignorant man who is willing to teach Davenen and singing the Haphtorah, because that's all he knows and is able to do.

I positively agree with Mr. Kaplan that we need such teachers as he pictures, but the lack of congregations demanding such teachers is greater than the lack of teachers.

We need a nation to feel the need of a Hebrew education; a nation that appreciates, respect and is proud of its lore.

Our national feelings are dormant; we are indifferent to our national treasures. There ought to be a general awakening of our nation, of our religion, of our education, and then, only then, will be a demand for good teachers.

And when the people will demand the education of the teacher, then will they also increase his salary.

People who write theory demand teachers. People of experience demand a nation for the teachers.

DR. MORRIS BOROS.  
Washington, Pa.

## A Message from the Dead.

Editor Hebrew Standard:

My intimacy with the late Samuel I. Hyman for the last two years places me in a position to speak for him, and I know that his love for the Jewish people was exemplified in the way he actively engaged himself to better the conditions of the Jews in America.

God in His infinite wisdom saw fit to relieve him of his activities and take him

to Himself, thereby putting the burden of his unfinished work upon the shoulders of the friends of Samuel I. Hyman. This unfinished work is the Central Jewish Institute. It was the one great wish of Samuel I. Hyman before his untimely death to earn a large sum of money and appropriate it to payment of the entire debt of the Central Jewish Institute, namely, \$100,000.

The unselfishness of Samuel I. Hyman in the cause of our people should be an incentive for 100 men to raise this amount, each giving \$1,000.

Samuel I. Hyman strove all his life with the one thought: "For the Jewish people to live and prosper, you must teach the children the knowledge of our holy Torah, given us on Mount Sinai."

Personally, my views harmonized with his, and so my connection with the Central Jewish Institute was brought about. I loved him and respected him, for I saw in him honesty, loyalty and unselfishness.

We are now engaged in a war for democracy as expressed by the worthy President of the United States. I further claim this war is a holy war. God is putting us through a fire to purify our souls. The Jewish people all over the world are suffering much. Why? It seems to me we are all much concerned over the effect and not the cause. We all are anxious to help alleviate the sufferings and starvation of our brethren, but did we ever stop to think how little we help to stop the cause? There is a saying that if you do not contribute to Jacob you must give to Esau. Just ponder over this, my worthy co-religionists. The holy Torah was offered to many peoples, but all refused to accept it, and when offered to our people the Almighty exacted a guarantee. Many were offered and none suffered until we gave our children as guarantors. The time has come that our children no longer are the guarantors, because we, the elders, have lost sight of the necessity to teach the young. The Talmud Torahs are not overcrowded and not overburdened with our children; many are without Jewish education, especially in our own city. Our people have money for everything and every kind of pleasure, but when you ask them for money for Jewish education, they tell you charity begins at home. Oh! how many times is this thought used as a cloak so as not to give.

In my experience among our brethren I have found in most cases that the critic or faultfinder is the one who gives the least, or nothing. Remember, "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver." We are now undergoing the sad trial of seeing our beloved children being called to the front, many a heart is breaking, but loyalty to our country knows only one thing, our children are ready.

Have you ever stopped to think of the cause and not the effect? The High Holy days are coming; we can pray and be penitent all right, and hope this war will soon be over, but don't forget you must also give charity, not only in the sense of relieving the hunger of the stomach, but the hunger of the soul.

Let us begin right now. Samuel I. Hyman's soul cannot rest in peace until the debt of \$100,000 is paid on the Central Jewish Institute. A noble work can be done in our institute if we are relieved of financial worries. The directors will do their duty to the public and their dead leader if only the public will help. The children of the Central Jewish Institute are also crying for bread like the children across the sea. Our beloved president is no longer with us. Will you stop where he left off, or finish the work?

Remember the slogan, 100 men each \$1,000 for the Central Jewish Institute.  
Respectfully yours,  
EDWIN KAUFMAN.

## Assist Your Local Charities.

Editor Hebrew Standard

No finer or more satisfactory evidence of the generosity of the American people could be demanded than has been shown in the recent outpouring of gifts to the Red Cross and the great number of war relief funds now appealing for assistance. In this, as in all other tests of the American spirit, the State of New York has shown itself to be peerless. In view of conditions which have come to its attention, the State Board of Charities, however, feels compelled to remind the people of our State of the needs of their own dependents. There are, for example, in the children's institutions of this State 36,000 future citizens of our Commonwealth and Nation. The charitable institutions of the State are required to maintain a higher standard of efficiency than ever before. Our people are extremely sensitive, and properly so, regarding the care and attention given institution inmates, whether they be children, the sick or the aged. Because of this demand, it may reasonably be claimed that our charitable institutions are superior to those of any other State.

From a careful survey of the situation, we find that the increased cost of supplies, including food, clothing and general household articles, has made it impossible for these institutions to maintain their wards properly on the present income. This condition has been aggravated by the divergence of large gifts to other objects and consequent decrease in the donations to local charities. With a greatly increased cost of maintenance, a persistent demand that a high standard of care be maintained, and a decrease in gifts, many of our charitable institutions are facing a serious crisis in their affairs.

They are the creation of generous citizens, their maintenance has been made possible by the continuous flow of charity from their friends and supporters, and in this time of crisis they must appeal to these friends for support. Are they to be disappointed and be compelled to retrench the great work of caring for the community's wards?

The State Board of Charities, therefore, desires to call to the attention of your citizens the need of not only continued but an increased assistance to your local charities. While we cannot be indifferent to the need of the children of the wounded and bereaved of other countries, let us not be heedless to the appeals of the noble men and women who are caring for our own children, our own sick, or our own aged.

Thanking you for your assistance, I am

Respectfully yours,

C. H. JOHNSON,

Secretary, State Board of Charities.  
Albany, N. Y., August 15, 1917.

Editor The Hebrew Standard:

Dear Sir:—There comes a time in the career of every great man when he stands on the brink either of disaster or of success. He journeys along a road at the end of which are cross-roads. One road leads to calamity and the other to great fortune and fame. It all depends on the choice. Not infrequently the wrong road is taken, not because there are lacking danger signals but because it is fondly thought that there is a chance of the dangers being circumvented and the pitfalls avoided.

Messrs. Alexander and Montefiore, representing the Conjoint Committee of the Board of Deputies of British Jews and the Anglo-Jewish Association, had certainly committed an act of treason to the Jewish people by issuing an anti-Zionist manifesto and publishing it in the London Times, with a view to crushing the Zionist movement at the eleventh hour. The signatories to the manifesto once stood high in the estimation of world-wide Jewry, but, alas! how are the mighty fallen! These men had journeyed along a road at the end of which were cross-roads, one leading to disaster and the other to great fame and fortune. Due to their innate hatred of Jewish nationalism, they had chosen the former route, the road leading to Israel's destruction and obliteration. The old Talmudic precept, "There is a time when one needs to bow his head even before a fox," happily does not apply in this case, for Zionism is large enough and strong enough to survive her foes and overcome the baneful influence of all her enemies.

On the 10th of June, 1917—the day set aside in America for the election of delegates to the Jewish Congress—the General Chang Hsun of Israel has been utterly crushed and dethroned once and for all, and in his place the world has witnessed the re-birth of Israel's freedom, the "government of the people, for the people and by the people." To my mind, the 10th of June, 1917, will forever remain a red-letter day in the annals of Jewish history. On that day the autocratic regime had been abolished and a new era for the redemption and the regeneration of Jewry throughout the world had been opened and begun. No more shall Israel be ruled by a handful of self-elected autocrats, but by the "government of the people, for the people and by the people."

A veritable triumph for the democracy of Israel!  
Long may it live!  
Long life to it!

Yours faithfully,

N. E. B. EZRA.

Shanghai, July 27, 1917.

The Columbia University Press will shortly issue the Yemenite Manuscript of Pesahim, critically examined and edited by Rabbi Price, of Toronto, Canada. This is the second of the five Yemenite Manuscripts that Dr. Price has edited within the past two years.

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## BROOKLYN NOTES.

Sisterhood Beth Sholem People's Temple.

The first meeting of the new Sisterhood Beth Sholem People's Temple was held in the vestry rooms of the temple, Benson avenue and Bay Twenty-fourth street, on Tuesday afternoon, August 21. After the opening prayer the newly appointed president, Mrs. Arthur Stern, made an address of welcome to the ladies. The meeting was largely attended by a large assembly of the reformed element of this locality. The following ladies have been appointed to serve as officers and trustees for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Arthur J. Stern; vice-president, Mrs. B. F. Cohen; treasurer, Mrs. Dave Levy; financial secretary, Mrs. David Garfinkle; recording secretary, Mrs. J. Schattman; corresponding secretary, Mrs. F. Zemanisky; trustees, Mesdames Gilbert Steiner, J. Aaron, M. S. Keller, L. Propp, Nathan Planter and L. Loveman.

New Jewish Refugees Suffering Terrible Hardships.

The frightful havoc wrought by the Germans in the recent advance of their armies into Russia, with the consequent suffering and death among the non-combatant population, is told in recent cables received during the past week by the Central Committee for the Relief of Jews Suffering Through the War. These cables, received through the Department of State, indicate that the Jews in the territory newly occupied by the German armies, due to the Russian retreat, have suffered the most severely, and that there are hundreds of thousands of new Jewish refugees as a consequence. These refugees the cables, which are from Herman Bernstein, a director of the Central Committee, now in Russia, and prominent Jews in Russia, set forth are shelterless, almost raimentless, without food, and, in many cases, ill from deprivation and want.

As a result of the cables the Central Committee has addressed a nation-wide appeal to its constituents throughout the United States to immediately send contributions, especially for the Jews of Char'kov, Poltava, and other cities immediately beyond the reach of the invading forces and which, through the collapse of the Russian offensive in Galicia, are more particularly affected.

"New wave of Jewish refugees, breadless and shelterless—need of relief most urgent" is the way one cable from Mr. Bernstein, who is now in Petrograd, reads. "Refugees are coming in large numbers from Bessarabia and Podolien, driven by German advances," is the way another cable reads.

Six million dollars, it is said, is absolutely needed to keep the body and soul together of the new refugees affected by this last German onslaught, and with which sum there are to be maintained old men, women and children, widows and orphans and wounded Jewish soldiers. It is only to American Jewry that stricken Russia can look, as nowhere else is it possible to obtain adequate funds to meet the tremendous need.

Contributions to the Central Committee should be addressed to Harry Fischel, treasurer, 51 Chambers street, and will be placed to the credit of the \$10,000,000 fund which the Jews of America are now raising, and which is being disbursed through the Joint Distribution Committee, of which Felix M. Warburg is the chairman.

## The Jewish National Fund.

Contributions to the Jewish National Fund in the month of June, 1917, amounted to francs, 299,284; receipts for the first half of 1917 amounted to francs 769,817 (as compared with francs 348,537 in the first half of 1916); in addition a sum of francs 8,723 has been received for the Pioneer Contribution (of the Co-operative Fund). The following countries have contributed towards this result: North America, francs 206,268; Austria, francs 193,495 (including francs 28,633 from the occupied territories); Russia, francs 173,742; Germany, francs 113,039 (including francs 30,615 from the occupied territories); Holland, francs 16,167; England, francs 12,131; Hungary francs 10,672; Argentina, francs 7,039; Switzerland, francs 5,894; Bulgaria, francs 5,770; South Slav Lands, francs 4,854; South Africa, francs 3,554; Greece; francs 3,471; Egypt, francs 2,051; Den-

mark, francs 1,842; Canada francs 1,754; Sweden, francs 1,675; France and Tunis, francs 1,5418; Belgium, francs 1,411; Australia, francs 793; Italy, francs 688; New Zealand, francs 580; other countries, francs 460. The receipts of more than a quarter of a million during the month of June make a record but the proceeds of the flower day in the United States of North America and of a large collection in Russia are included therein. Receipts for the Pioneer Contribution originate in the main from the flower adys of the Dutch and Belgian Zionist Federation. The total receipts for the half year are more than double those for the first half of 1916. With a view to the emergency work on the estates of the JNF, which has been begun to help the evacuated in Palestine, and the need of the JNF after the war, it is to be hoped that the donors and collectors will redouble their efforts in the near future.

## Institutional Synagogue Notes.

The Board of Directors held a meeting last Monday evening, with Congressman Siegel presiding. Various matters pertaining to the High Holy Day services were discussed. The committee in charge of these services reported progress.

A large number of magazines were sent to the American forces now stationed somewhere in Europe. The committee in charge urges every one to contribute their magazines which they have read and have no further use of. These may be sent to the Y. M. H. A. on 100th street, where they are accumulated and then sent to Europe.

On August 19 the members held an outing to Bear Mountain. Various games took place under the auspices of the outing committee. About 350 attended.

It is expected that by the middle of September the synagogue will be in its permanent home, 112 West 116th street, where numerous activities will be held. The building will be entirely renovated and painted. It will have a gym, library, meeting and classrooms, and will be modern in every manner.

## Tannersville Synagogue Unite.

Last Saturday Rev. Joseph Rosenblatt, cantor of the Congregation Ohab Zedek, of New York city, officiated at the morning service, the attendance being unusually large. In the evening a sacred concert was held. Rev. Dr. Moses Hyamson spoke of the necessity of having one united synagogue and a Talmud Torah for the native children as well as for the summer visitors. After making an eloquent appeal \$1,000 was collected. Mrs. Samuel Goldberg, wife of the president of the new synagogue, had previously entertained the ladies at a lawn fete at which arrangements for the concert had been made. The Misses Mary Richman, Pearl Golding and Hannah Cohen helped to make the affair a social as well as a financial success.

## Shenandoah, Pa.

After many extensive alterations the synagogue of the Congregation Kehilath Israel was rededicated with special ceremonies on Monday evening, August 19, 1917. The participants included Rev. N. G. Blatt, the minister; Mr. Morris Oppenheimer, president; Rev. J. Savitsky, who spoke in Yiddish, and Rev. Henry S. Morain, who had been specially invited, and spoke in English. There were other interesting exercises.

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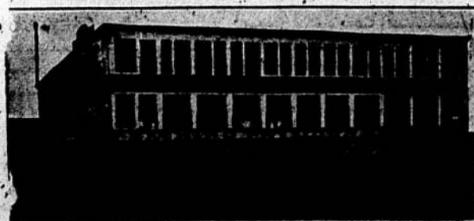
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 The papers have been busy these last few days with the origin of the Italian Foreign Minister, all of them being anxious to assign to him English parentage and obviously, very much less desirous of calling to mind his Jewish descent. Mr. Lloyd George, in his speech on Saturday at the Queen's Hall, claimed the Baron's mother as a Welsh woman, and, with the Premier's usual modesty and reserve, attributed to the Baron on that account all the virtues he possesses; while we observe that the London correspondent of the Manchester Guardian says he "owes his Christian name and tongue (sic) to his English mother." Apart from all this being singularly unfair to Baron Sonnino's father and the long line of Jewish descent of which he has the advantage, we question whether in fact it is true. The Baron's father was twice married, first to a Jewess and afterwards to a Christian who had been governess in his household. He had families by both ladies, and we understand that the Baron was the youngest child of the first wife, who died when he was an infant, he being brought up and educated by the second wife, who quite probably, as the Manchester Guardian suggests, endowed him with the name of Sidney and taught him English. In any case no man obtains his capacities or his powers from an accidental ancestor, but from the main stream of his descent, so that we Jews are fully justified in claiming credit for the distinguished statesman, who, bears in so striking a manner the facial lineaments as well as the personal characteristics of the race.—London Jewish World.

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of Lieutenant Carl Kattinger, and while the men were hanging the wagon was guarded by sentries so that the local population should not see what was going on.

"In the evening, when Josef Tabak, a member of the sanitary corps was a few minutes late in arriving for supper, Captain Groiss cried, 'You swine of a Jew, why are you late?'"

"The next moment Captain Groiss snatching a rifle from the hands of a sentry, felled Tabak to the ground with a blow from the butt end of the weapon. Tabak cried out, 'One would think we were in Siberia, and not in the Austrian army.' He tried to stagger to his feet, but collapsed unconscious.

Thereupon Lieutenant von Czyschinski, shouting to his men 'We will show you how we treat a dirty swine of a Jew in this company,' called three soldiers who carried Tabak away and flung him into a cesspool, where his fellow-soldiers were ordered, under the threat of a whipping to prevent him from emerging until the following morning.

"The next day Tabak was dragged out of the cesspool in a state of unconsciousness and nearly dead. Tabak later became insane, died raving mad!"

The Rabbi With the Big Stick.

The Odessa correspondent of the Times the other day published some interesting details as to our people under the new regime in South Russia:

"The Jews, who at first were considerably alarmed, have now taken heart, but are quiet and wisely abstaining from serious provocation. One day, indeed, a Jew, seated in a tramcar, blew smoke in the face of his neighbor, a Russian colonel, with the result that his own face was slapped by a soldier who sat opposite; but the exceptional incident had no consequences.

At Elizabethgrad, an influential rabbi appeared before his congregation with a stout stick in his hand and threatened with condign punishment anyone who should be guilty of provocative conduct by demanding extortionate prices. As in 1905, the Jews are, no doubt, armed, but under the old regime the possession of arms was forbidden; now it is allowed to all. The Jewish problem lends a special interest to the situation at Odessa. For the moment, the Jews await from the revolution the attainment of complete political equality, and this will inevitably entail the emancipation of their race in neighboring Roumania also. Latterly they have received an earnest of the satisfaction of one of their claims from M. Kerensky, who, during his visit here, declared that Free Russia knew no distinction of races and nominated the first Jewish lieutenant in the Russian army. No protest has followed on the part of the troops, who, it is said, had vowed that they would never submit to the orders of a Hebrew officer.

"All this appears to be satisfactory, including the well-deserved punishment of the Jew who blew smoke into a fellow traveler's face. But what attracts us most is the picture of the influential rabbi appearing before his congregation with a stout stick threatening profiteers with a taste of the weapon with which he had provided himself. We rather think that rabbi's counterpart might be useful nearer home."

London (Eng.) Jewish World.

Salonica Ravaged by Fire.

The following cablegram has been received by the American Jewish Congress Committee: Jewish Congress Committee, 1 Madison Avenue, New York City. We regret to inform you that a terrible fire has ravaged and laid waste almost the whole of Salonica. Population homeless. Hundreds of thousands of people in sad plight, of which three-fourths are Jews. All our communal institutions, schools, synagogues are destroyed. We urgently implore help, also food, bedding, clothing, building material. Immediate help is imperative. Situation very grave. JACOB CAZES, President Jewish Congress. Salonica, Aug. 26, 1917.

Tragic Death of Palestinian Hero.

Copenhagen.—News of the tragic death of one of the oldest Jewish guards (Shmirim) reached here from Jerusalem. The man, Eleazer Finkelstein, was shot down by an Arabian bullet while in pursuit of his duty as guardian over Jewish property on the farms of Ben Shemen. He died several days later at the Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem. This hero, who paid with his life for the Jewish future in Palestine, came to the Holy Land ten years ago. He was among the first members of the Hashomer, the organization of fearless young men who are constantly risking their lives to protect the Jewish interests. Finkelstein came to Ben Shemen for a few days to take the place of another guard who was temporarily off duty. The fatal shot was fired by an Arab who insisted on driving his herds on Jewish pasture land in the dark of the night. The wound, which might not have been fatal had the hero been immediately treated by a physician, developed into blood poison, which robbed Palestinian Jewry of one of its valiant sons.

Federation of Polish Jews in Kiev.

Kiev.—The Polish Jews of Kiev, who constitute an important part of the Jewish population of this city, have organized themselves into a Polish Jewish Federation which will have a democratic national character. A meeting was held in the auditorium of the University of the Holy Vladimir, over which Glinkovstein presided. J. M. Shulman, the president, read a paper in which he showed that the scope of activities of the Polish Jewish Federation should be as follows: The union of all three parts of Poland under one politically independent kingdom. To institute a democratic government in Poland. To work for the full civil rights of Polish Jewry. To defend the national rights of Polish Jews on the basis of the principle that every nation has a right to its own self-determination.

Desperate Condition of Roumanian Jews.

Petrograd.—The following telegram has been received by Russian newspapers from Jasse, Roumania: "The Roumanian Jews are still being deprived of their rights. The scarcity in food which prevails in Roumania renders the Jewish population absolutely helpless. Whole families have been known to die from starvation. Their suffering is much more acute than that of the rest of the population. Immediate help is necessary. Food and medical supplies should be sent for the Roumanian Jews at once. Help can come only from Russia, because there is no possibility of the Roumanian Government coming to the aid of the Jewish population. The entire Jewish population, without exception, is suspected by the Roumanian authorities of being pro-German. Many Jews are frequently tried on charges that have absolutely no foundation.

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Russian Jewish Soldiers Want Palestine as Jewish Home Land.

Petrograd.—At the conference of the Workmen's and Soldiers' Council which was held here, a statement was made by a Jewish soldier who was sent directly from the front to participate at this conference—that the Jewish soldiers are prepared to sacrifice their lives for Russia's freedom and for the liberation of the smaller nationalities, but that the Jewish soldiers are united for the demand to create a Jewish Homeland in Palestine. He appealed to the conference that the Council should help in the attainment of this demand. At this conference were present representatives from all parts of Russia. A curious fact came to light at this conference when "Dr. Goldfarb," who was introduced by his real name, which is Lipetz, minus the title, modestly declared that he represents only the Russian Socialists in America and not the American Socialists, as he was accustomed to proclaim loudly while in America. It goes without saying that the enthusiastic address of the Russian Jewish soldier, while greeted with universal applause by the entire assembly, was all but ignored by "Dr. Goldfarb" and his colleagues of the Bund.

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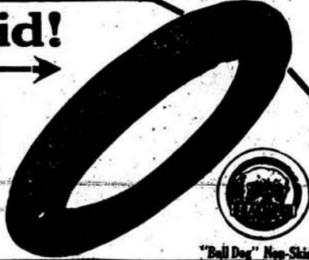
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The Postponement Was Wise.  
Postponement of the Jewish Congress until November may merely be an Irish way of announcing that the project has quietly flickered out. Refusal to participate by a number of important organizations, by some at least of the Zionist societies, and a number of the labor unions, has robbed the gathering, to a great extent, of its representative character. Moreover it is quite possible that a free-for-all and perhaps acrimonious discussion of Jewish questions at the present time might injure Jewish interests and embarrass the Washington administration in its efforts to secure adhesion by all the allies to measures on behalf of Jewish liberty throughout the world, and more particularly in Palestine. From this angle the postponement of the congress may be said to shed a distinct ray of hope on the question of a proximate peace. A Jewish Congress, sitting contemporaneously with a peace conference, would be in a position to make its desires effectively known during the course of the negotiations. A proposition for such a gathering is not dissimilar to that already made for a great labor congress to be held at the same time. There is a feeling abroad, in fact, that all classes concerned should have delegates at hand ready to advise and prompt the peace conferees when they meet and prevent all danger of an undemocratic and unjust peace.—New York Evening Post.

A serious crisis has arisen in the Berlin Jewish community, which resulted in the resignation from the council of the five orthodox representatives—the banker Loewenberg, Dr. Wechselsmann, and Messrs. G. Simon, A. Lewinski and A. Hirsch. The immediate cause of their resignation was the action of the sixteen Liberal representatives in appointing an ultra-radical reformer, Dr. Benzion Kellerman, to the post of rabbi of the South-eastern District Synagogue of Berlin. The new rabbi has openly ridiculed the Abrahamic Covenant, Shechita, and the Tephillin as obsolete religious laws. The synagogue of which he has taken charge was originally designated to be an orthodox place of worship, as in the vicinity of it there already exists a reform synagogue, which is always nearly empty at the services. Owing, however, to the pressure of the reform Jews the local orthodox element agreed to some modifications in the prayers, but the latest decision to place at its head a rabbi whom the orthodox Jews had opposed even as a teacher of religion in government schools, led to the withdrawal of the orthodox members of the council. The crisis was rendered more acute by the inopportune declaration in the press by a member of the council, Dr. Breslauer, against the teaching of Hebrew and giving religious instruction in the schools, as well as against the provision of kosher food in the Jewish Hospital and the Home for Aged Jews, on the ground that the majority of the Berlin community did not eat kosher food. The orthodox representatives on the board decline to withdraw their resignations without guarantees against future acts which are contrary to the fundamental principles of the Jewish creed. Negotiations on the matter are in progress.

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Report on Trip of Dr. Kahn to Warsaw in December, 1916.

I spent four weeks in the occupied territory during the month of December. I had the active and sustained backing of the Chief of Civil Administration, Excellenz von Kries, which assured my success in dealing with the various officials. I visited the city of Warsaw, the province of War, the districts of Lukow and Siedlec, the district of Grojec, the Etappengebiet of the Bugarmee and, among other places, Meseritsch, Biala, Radzyn and vicinity.

**CONDITIONS IN GENERAL.**  
Distress has increased rapidly during the winter. Unfortunately, the means were lacking to provide shoes and clothing, fuel, lighting and provisions in advance of the winter's needs. In the meantime, the cost of everything needed has become higher than ever, and certain things are either very difficult to obtain or cannot be had at all. The lack of shoes and clothing has had very sad consequences. The adults are often prevented, in Warsaw as well as in the rural districts, from going out to the kitchens to get warm soup for themselves, and the children cannot go to school. The schools, particularly in the country districts, are half empty. This does not mean only that the children are deprived of educational opportunities, but also that they have nothing to eat, since food is provided at the schools.

The amount needed to provide shoes and clothing for the needy in the twenty-nine districts of general government Warschau is at least 1,000,000 marks. These funds are unfortunately lacking. An equally large sum is needed for Lithuania and the Etappengebiet. The Hilfsverein and other societies have been quite successful in assembling and forwarding old clothing to the occupied territories. Several hundred thousand hundredweight have been brought in by the Hilfsverein and the B'nai B'rith. More of such shipments from Germany are barely possible. We are trying now to secure clothing from the neutral countries. But this is a small fraction of all that is needed. The needs are ever on the increase, and the continuance of the war leaves us more and more helpless to cope with them.

The impoverishment of the Jewish population goes on at a terrifying pace. A substantial increase of the relief appropriations is imperative, as well as the establishment of more kitchens, tea rooms, warm shelters and free food stations. Small loan funds ought to be established in order to save those who have something left from sinking to the lowest depths of poverty. But there are no funds for any of these things.

We must therefore confine ourselves to distributing the funds at our disposal as efficiently as possible, and to relieving the most crying needs.

The fact that the available funds cannot be stretched to cover the needs of the situation naturally prevents an all round good organization from adequately fulfilling its functions. Even the best of organizations cannot cope with the circumstances empty handed.

That furnishes the inner motive for the attack upon every organization. To this should be added the objective reasons, the splitting up of the Jews into parties and factions, which quarrel among themselves with the most intense bitterness.

These objective reasons will, we hope, soon be nullified. By means of the new Jewish communal organization, the Kingdom of Poland will maintain a strict discipline in the conduct of Jewish affairs. This organization, with a supreme council at its head, district representation and elected community representatives, will take charge, under the law, of all charitable work. No second organization by its side would be tolerated. The centralization of the entire relief work in Poland, as the Americans desired it, will thus be achieved on a legal basis.

As the new Jewish community elections are soon to take place, it is superfluous to establish a new provisional organization for the brief intervening period.

Nevertheless, I have made some attempts to create such a provisional organization in view of Dr. Magnes' conferences in Warsaw, but have been quite unsuccessful. All the parties are firmly united in agreeing to await the result of the approaching communal elections.

**WARSAW.**

In Warsaw I made critical tests of the inner technical arrangements of the entire relief organization from the point of view of efficiency. For, upon this depends, in no small measure, a just and impartial distribution of the relief funds. It must be granted that the methods, both of the main office of the Relief Commission and of its various branches, are correct and adequate. The bookkeeping, the handling of correspondence, etc., are done in a very business-like way. A very large card index, with verified data, gives reliable information about each recipient of relief. The branch bureaus work smoothly in their relations to the main office and to each other. All the complaints against the relief organization finally come back to the inadequacy of the funds. Those who do not receive help naturally shout about injustice, disorder and partiality.

The distribution of the 200,000 marks which go to Warsaw every month is made as follows: (In the figures given below the 200,000 marks are reckoned as equivalent to rubels—100,000. Recently, however, the 200,000 marks have brought much less in exchange.)

**Branch Offices.**  
The bulk of the relief work is carried out by the branch offices. There are eight branch offices, supervised from

the headquarters. The applicants of the respective districts come to these branch offices, and receive, according to their needs, money, tickets for the kitchens, milk (occasionally), soap, bath tickets. They also receive advice, or are referred for relief to the municipal institutions.

The eight branch offices have, all told, about 23,000 families (over 140,000 persons) classified in a well arranged card index. These eight branch offices receive, with their 140,000 needy, of the monthly quota of 200,000 marks (rubels 100,000) R 20,000  
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For the trades people ..... 7,500  
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Free distribution of bread, through Priewes ..... 750  
For students' kitchens ..... 850  
For home for beggar children ..... 500  
For Melamidim Society ..... 400  
For about twenty miscellaneous small institutions, sums varying from 30 to 250 rubels, total ..... 2,640  
For the poor of eleven suburbs, about 10,000 needy are registered 6,000

Total ..... R. 74,840  
In addition, about R. 20,000 monthly are appropriated from the American funds for the soup kitchens in general. The municipality contributes R. 50,000 to the kitchens.

The balance of R. 4,000 to 5,000 must suffice for the great mass of the poor who cannot bring themselves to apply openly at the branch offices for charity. Small loans—maximum R. 40—are granted them.

From this accounting it is obvious enough that relief work based on a monthly allotment of M. 200,000 cannot be made either sufficiently intensive or extensive. All the disbursements, that is, those of the branch offices, the budget for the poor of the suburbs and the budget for the petty loans must be tripled and quadrupled. The workingmen's kitchens require—rather, they demand strenuously—an increase from R. 10,000 to R. 15,000 a month, in addition to having their deficit of R. 10,000 covered.

There are no funds at all to provide for the clothing and shoes so badly needed by so large a proportion of the population.

**RURAL DISTRICTS.**

Even greater than the distress in Warsaw is the distress in the rural districts—at least in many parts. The direst need exists among those who had to be brought out of the battle zone, and are now scattered in the various districts as refugees or "evacuated" (those who were compelled to leave towns evacuated by the military).

Some of them are concentrated in large camps, and others live by themselves. Those who live apart support themselves either out of their own means or from funds furnished by us. The refugees concentrated in the camps have the same freedom of movement as all the other inhabitants. They may come and go as they choose. They have common sleeping quarters in the camps and obtain their meals at the kitchens connected with the camps.

The "evacuated" are allowed a certain minimum for maintenance by the authorities. Many of them are quartered in the villages with the peasants, who are obligated to provide them with the standing ration allotted to each person.

In spite of the benevolent intentions of the authorities, who naturally cannot station a gendarme behind each peasant, the requirements as to rations are often not complied with. The lot of the refugees in the villages is therefore particularly hard.

Even when the refugees receive the minimum allowance for maintenance, they are in great need, because, very often, the minimum is not sufficient for children, the sick and the feeble. The increasing scarcity of provisions often makes purchase difficult even when there is money and official pressure is exerted to bring food upon the market. My trip was undertaken primarily on behalf of the refugees. Unfortunately, the American funds were not available just then, and I was not able to organize the work as I should have wished. A second trip, in which Dr. Paul Nathan is to join, will be undertaken about the middle of January, in order to complete the work, perforce left undone the first time. A survey of the refugees in the various districts is given in the following table:

(The table will be printed in the April "Bulletin.")  
The total number of refugees sheltered in General Government Warschau is therefore 31,000.

From these 31,000 should be subtracted those who voluntarily left ruined localities (about 11,000) and took refuge in other cities, and who are being cared for, in common with other war sufferers in those cities by the local relief organizations. I would cite as an instance the 6,000 refugees in Warsaw who fled from Kalisch, from Praschnitz, etc. There remain 20,000 who are forced to stay in the refugees' camps and shelters, and the authorities therefore allow a certain minimum for their maintenance (as indicated above).

Despite this Governmental aid, their lot is pitiful, and it is our duty, as long as the war lasts, to find more adequate means of caring for them.

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It is therefore proposed to employ special workers to look after the refugees. Three such workers are needed. One ought to have his headquarters in Warsaw for the District of Warsaw, the Districts of Grojec, Garwolin, Nowo-Minsk and several other adjacent districts. These workers would always be in close contact with the refugees. It would be their duty to distribute the relief funds and to call the attention of the authorities to the details.

The second worker ought to have his headquarters in Lukow for the Districts of Lukow and Siedlec.

The third would be at Lomza to cover the northern districts of General Government Warschau.

The authorities would offer no objection to this plan. I have already discussed it with them. Neither would there be any hesitancy about their being Polish Jews. Suitable workers are available. It is only a question as to whether the funds for this relief measure can be secured. A minimum of 25 pf. per capita is needed per day, which, for the 20,000 refugees in General Government Warschau, means M. 25,000 or M. 150,000 a month.

A similar sum is needed for the "evacuated" in the Etappengebiet and in Lithuania. I intend to take up the organization of this work during the second trip which I shall make shortly.

Systematic provision for the refugees can only be made on condition that over and above the M. 1,000,000 a month that is now available, an additional standing appropriation of M. 300,000 a month be placed at our disposal.

I visited the refugees in Lukow and vicinity, in Siedlec and vicinity, in the District of Grojec; and then, traveling beyond General Government Warschau, visited the refugees in the Etappengebiet up to Brest Litowsk, and also those in Biala and vicinity, and in Meseritsch and vicinity.

In view of the duration of the war, it is impossible longer to confine the relief work for the refugees to provisional measures. Schools must be established for the children, the sheltering houses must be made weatherproof and more substantially built, the methods of the kitchens must be improved. As the refugees must stay for a prolonged period, sanitary arrangements must be provided on a large scale, and ways and means of employing the people must be devised in order to obviate the demoralizing effects of idleness. Unfortunately, with the exception of a group among the Brest Litowsk refugees, there are no elements among them capable of organizing among themselves to establish committees for the improvement of their situation. This makes the appointment of special workers for the refugees altogether imperative.

**WOMEN WHOSE HUSBANDS ARE IN AMERICA.**

I desire to point out particularly that among the refugees there are from 1,500 to 2,000—perhaps even more—women with children, whose husbands are in America, some of them for years. I have urged the authorities to have a list of these women and children prepared. The American Government must be induced to permit these women and children to land (just as was done with the pogrom children) when they come in as "assisted" aliens. Our American friends must be asked to provide for their transportation, perhaps making some arrangement with the husbands whereby repayment would be made in small instalments. The lot of the "left behind" or forsaken families is the sadder since they have no prospect of returning to their home towns, because their men are on the other side of the ocean. This transfer is also necessary to avoid demoralization. To be sure, this relief measure would require large sums, as the cost of the trip from the occupied territory to New York, including incidental expenses, comes to about M. 500 for an adult.

I might add that I visited, first of all, the town of Otwock, in the district of Warsaw, where about 200 refugees from Pinsk are sheltered.

I was accompanied by Herr Oberregierungsrat Schauberg, Herr Landrat Dilthey and Dr. Haas, of the Zivilverwaltung, and by Herr Botschaftsrat von Mutius, of the government. We inspected all of the accommodations for the refugees and also the relief work for the poor of the city itself. A public kitchen had been opened the day before. The refugees at Otwock were to be transferred to Wolomin, where better accommodations were to be had. A certain number of the refugees at Radzymin, where the accommodations were not very

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good, were also to be removed to Wolomin.

It should be mentioned here that the above-mentioned gentlemen accompanied me on a visit to the Gerer Rebbe of Gork-Kalvaria, who was then staying in Otwock. We paid him a long visit, and this made an excellent impression on the local Jewish population.

Since the sanitary conditions among the refugees in the district of Warsaw are not good and there is frequent sickness, it is proposed to establish a small hospital for contagious diseases in Otwock for the use of the whole district of Warsaw.

We went on to Siedlec and spent two days there. After much negotiating with the authorities all the relief measures for the local poor, as well as for the refugees (whom I visited all over the district) were inspected, and substantial improvements have been instituted with the cooperation of the local population of Siedlec. The same thing happened in Lukow, our next stopping place, where we gave special attention to the refugees who are scattered about in the villages near Lukow.

Then I left General Government Warschau and traveled over the Etappengebiet and through Radzin, Meseritsch, Biala and vicinity. The authorities here were particularly helpful, and put vehicles and various other things at my disposal. Without this aid traveling there would have been impossible. In Meseritsch the refugees' children's home was to be enlarged; the quality of the refugees' care for the sick and the weak among the refugees will be provided.

The foundation for better provision for the refugees has been laid, but it can only be built up if larger funds are provided by America.

After my return to Warsaw I took the opportunity of discussing the relief work for the refugees in detail with the authorities, with the Relief Commission, and also with the committee of the refugees of Brest Litowsk. It is to be hoped that the result of these discussions (always on condition that further means are provided) will be to alleviate the lot of the refugees.

From Warsaw I went to the district of Grojec, to the city of Grojec, then to the nearby towns, and gave attention particularly to the Ica farm at Czestoniew, where a large number of refugees from Pinsk are sheltered. These refugees, being under the care of the director of the Ica, are naturally better looked after than in other places.

The second trip, which will begin on January 15, will be made for the purpose of organizing the relief work for the refugees in places not visited during the first trip in Ober-Ost, both under civil and military administration.

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CHILDREN'S PAGE

YEA, HE SHALL ALSO RE-MAIN BLESSED.

Dear Children:—

Jacob went to receive the blessings in order to obey his mother. Rashi here explains how careful Jacob was not to tell a lie, so when he came to his father he said, "Anochi."

tells us that he saw the Gehnom (the valley of groaning) open up under Esau. Where is he that had hunted venison, and I ate of all before thou camest (I ate of all—whatever delicious viand I wished to taste I found therein) and blessed him, yea, he shall also remain blessed.

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"Buying Liberty Bonds?"
"Yep; still paying alimony."

"What time did my wife say she would be here?"
"An hour ago, sir."
"Dear me! I'm early!"—Life.

"Why don't you get an alienist to examine your son?"
"No, sir! An American doctor is good enough for me."—Baltimore American.

"Why couldn't Eve 'ave the measles, old Boundah?"
"Cawn't say that I know. Why?"
"Because she 'ad 'Adam, old fellow."

CONUNDRUMS.

What is that word of five letters of which when you take away two only one remains? Stone.

How many sticks go to the building of a crow's nest? None; they are all carried.

Why does opening a letter resemble a strange way of entering a room? Because it is breaking through the sealing.

Why is the letter S like a furnace in a battery? Because it makes hot shot.

What is that which is often brought to table, cut, but never eaten? A pack of cards.

Why is a cat on her hind legs like a waterfall? She is a cat-erect (cataract).

What sort of a day would be good for running for a cup? A muggy day.

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COHN, MAX D.—In pursuance of an order of Honorable John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Max D. Cohn, late of the County of Hampden, State of Massachusetts, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber at his place of transacting business, at the office of James Garfield Moses, his attorney, No. 52 William Street, in the City of New York, on or before the 15th day of January next.

BERLINER, SOLOMON.—In pursuance of an order of Honorable John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Solomon Berliner, 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, San & Eisner, No. 149 Broadway, in the City of New York, on or before the 18th day of January next.

DALSIMER, ZETTIE.—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 Zettie Dalsimer, 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 the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, No. 140 Broadway, in the City of New York, on or before the 28th day of September next.

SCHLESINGER, FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE.—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 Florence Nightingale Schlesinger, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber at his place of transacting business, to wit, at the office of Liebmann & Tanzer, his attorneys, No. 233 Broadway, in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, on or before the 28th day of December next.

MARROW, MORITZ.—In pursuance of an order of Honorable John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Moritz Marrow, 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, Nicholas Aleinikoff, No. 93 Nassau Street, Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the 10th day of January next.

SIMONS, JOHN E.—In pursuance of an order of Honorable Robert Ludlow Fowler, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given, according to law, to all persons having claims against John E. Simons, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof, to the subscribers at their place of transacting business, the office of Ely Kaufmann, No. 45 Broadway, in the City of New York, on or before the 15th day of October next.

ARNHEIM, FANNIE.—In pursuance of an order of Honorable John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Fannie Arnheim, 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, Hays, Kaufmann & Lindheim, No. 60 Wall Street, in the City of New York, on or before the 30th day of January next.

ECKSTEIN, GUSTAVE.—In pursuance of an order of Honorable John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Gustave Eckstein, 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, Kaufmann & Lindheim, No. 60 Wall Street, in the City of New York, on or before the 30th day of November next.

GUNTZBURGER, ISIDOR.—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 Isidor Guntzburger, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscribers at their place of transacting business, No. 9 John Street, Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the 21st day of January, 1918.

FRIEDMAN, BERNARD.—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 Bernard Friedman, 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 her attorney, Samuel L. Chesh, No. 38 Park Row, Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the 14th day of January next.

LEVISON, ISAAC.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Isaac Levison, late of the County of New York, to present the same with vouchers thereof, to the subscribers at their place of transacting business, at the office of Barnett & Jablow, attorneys for one of the subscribers, at 149 Broadway, in the Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the 10th day of September next.

SINMANN, HANNAH.—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 Hannah Sinmann, also known as "Hanna Sinmann," 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 Julius J. Michael, Esq., attorney, No. 111 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the 17th day of December next.

SOLOMON, MAX.—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 Max Solomon, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, at their place of transacting business, at the office of Henry L. Franklin, Attorney, No. 220 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the 24th day of December next.

SOLOMON, RACHEL.—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 Rachel Solomon, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, at their place of transacting business, at the office of his attorneys, Siegel, Corn & Siegel, No. 395 Broadway, in the Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the 4th day of November next.

ROSENTHAL, JULIUS.—In pursuance of an order of Honorable John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Julius Rosenthal, 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, Siegel, Corn & Siegel, No. 395 Broadway, in the City of New York, on or before the 10th day of October next.

BAUMANN, LOTTIE.—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 Lottie Baumann, also known as Lottl Baumann, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, at their place of transacting business, No. 15 William Street, Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the 12th day of November next.

POLLACK, SAMUEL.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Samuel Pollack, 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 Harvey J. Cohen, 51 Chambers Street, in the City of New York, on or before the 1st day of October next.

WEIL, JONAS.—In pursuance of an order of Honorable John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Jonas Weil, 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 Weil & Mayer, No. 5 Beekman Street, in the City of New York, on or before the first day of December next.

LEHMAN, JOSEPH.—In pursuance of an order of Honorable John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Joseph Lehman, 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, Hyams & Hyams, No. 32 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the 30th day of November next.

GOODKIND, ROSA.—In pursuance of an order of Honorable John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Rosa Goodkind, 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, Kaufmann, Frankheimer & Gutmann, No. 27 Broad Street, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, on or before the 17th day of January, 1917.

HESSLEIN, ROSALIE.—In pursuance of an order of Honorable John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Rosalie Hesslein, 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 Kurzman, Frankheimer & Gutman, No. 25 Broad Street, in the City of New York, on or before the 1st day of March next.

ASHER, SALWEN.—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 Salwen Asher, 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, Isaac Cohen, 141 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the 8th day of October next.

ADLER, JOHN.—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 Adler, 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, Lewis S. Marx, No. 128 Broadway, in the City of New York, on or before the 7th day of September next.

JACOBSEN, ERNEST OTTO.—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 Ernest Otto Jacobsen, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at the office of its attorneys, Sullivan & Cromwell, at their place of transacting business, at the office of New York, on or before the 10th day of September next.

COHN, JULIUS M.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Julius M. Cohn, 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 Stroock & Stroock, No. 30 Broad Street, in the City of New York, on or before the 15th day of October, 1917, next.

WOLF, SOLOMON E.—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 Solomon E. Wolf, 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 her attorney, William Klingenstein, No. 309 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the 2d day of November next.

EICHLES, MAX.—In pursuance of an order of Honorable John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Max Eichles, 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 Benjamin Swartz, executor's attorney, No. 192 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the 21st day of November next.

COHEN, HEYMAN.—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 Heyman Cohen, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, at their place of transacting business, No. 320 Broadway, in the City of New York, on or before the 27th day of September next.

SELIGMAN, JAMES.—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 James Seligman, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, at their place of transacting business, No. 3 South William Street, in the City of New York, on or before the 24th day of September next.

GOTTLIEB, EDWARD O.—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 Edward O. Gottlieb, 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, Kaufmann, Frankheimer & Gutmann, No. 27 Broad Street, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, on or before the first day of December next.

GOODMAN, LEOPOLD.—In pursuance of an order of Honorable John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Leopold Goodman, 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 The Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, No. 22 William Street, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, on or before the 31st day of December next.

SILVERMAN, LOUIS.—In pursuance of an order of Honorable John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Louis Silverman, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, at their place of transacting business, No. 719 East Ninth Street, in the City of New York, on or before the 17th day of December, next.

TAUSSIG, ISAAC W.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Isaac W. Taussig, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, at their place of transacting business, the office of Leo Levy, their attorney, No. 90 Wall Street, Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the 20th day of September next.

DAVIS, JULIUS.—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 Julius Davis, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at their place of transacting business, at the office of their attorneys, Cohn & Sondheim, No. 51 Chambers Street, in the City of New York, on or before the 14th day of November, next.

ROSENBERGER, LEOPOLD.—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 Leopold Rosenberger, 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 M. S. & I. S. Isaacs, No. 52 William Street, in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, on or before the 15th day of October next.

MINTZER, MARCUS M.—In pursuance of an order of Honorable John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Marcus M. Mintzer, 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, House, Grossman & Vorhaus, No. 115 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the 10th day of January next.

FINKELSTONE, JACOB.—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 Finkelstone, 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 M. S. & I. S. Isaacs, No. 52 William Street, in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, on or before the 1st day of January next.

HEINE, BETTIE.—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 Bettie Heine, also known as Betty Heine, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber at his place of transacting business, at the office of Samuel Fruchtandler, No. 99 Nassau Street, in the City of New York, on or before the 2d day of October next.

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ELETZ, SAMUEL.—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 Eletz, 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 her attorney, Abraham H. Sarason, No. 369 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the sixth day of March next.

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