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THE BLIND PRODIGY

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In His inscrutable wisdom the Supreme Being had seen fit to strike David Friedlaender with total blindness. David had been employed as bookkeeper in a Fairfield store when the Jewish Agricultural and Industrial Aid Society established a much needed Raiffeisen bank at Fairfield, Connecticut.

The first thing David did when ill-luck hit him with a sandbag was to break his engagement with his sweetheart. Being sentimental to a high degree, that parting cost him storms of grief which finally brought on brain fever.

Then a curious thing happened. David's diseased brain had mysteriously developed a puzzling peculiarity of his subjective mind. What this peculiarity was I will presently explain; then it can be dwelt upon somewhat at length. Meanwhile it is sufficient to say that the blind man was selected by Divine Providence to act as life preserver to two drowning persons who were in danger of being engulfed in that vast and turbulent ocean called financial difficulty.

Pecuniary circumstances forced David to live with his married cousin Yetta, whose husband, Israel Dorfsky, was a farmer in the Keystone State. David's life under his cousin's rustic roof was a busy one. Despite his blindness there were many things David could and did do around the farm. The first year, among many other things, he harvested a two-acre plot of navy beans by patiently going through the rows and pulling up each bush by the roots. This was the task difficult, and the poor fellow's back ached frightfully before he finished. David not only shelled all this great quantity of beans unaided, but he also husked fully one-half of the total crop of one thousand bushels of field corn. I have now indicated enough to show that his labors more than paid for his modest living expenses.

But Israel Dorfsky, disliking the blind youth and not wanting him around, continually criticised him and frequently hinted that he was supporting an idle drone. The chief reason why Dorfsky resented David's presence was because Yetta, full of innocent sympathy for her cousin's affliction and shattered romance, tried to make him comfortable and also enjoyed David's companionship.

Before he came Yetta was doomed to spend many weary hours daily in the depressing solitude of a lonely situated farm house. For many

blind man in the house while her husband tilled his acres.

In her innocence and loyalty it took Yetta several months to dis-

would have dressed the farm pump in overalls Dorfsky would have become jealous of the pump.

Of course the result of Dorfsky's

sat at the kitchen table attacking a big platter of "gehackte" herring, steaming potatoes and delicious cornbread. As usual David and Yetta were cheerfully discussing the *Chumesh*, for David was an ardent Bible student. But the jealous husband sat in surly silence.

At the end of his modest meal Dorfsky, never noted for loquacity, glanced sourly across the table at Yetta and gruffly remarked, "I saw Murphy this morning. He says I've got to pay at least half of the money due next month or he'd foreclose; and he meant it."

Yetta turned pale, then with a passionate tremble in her voice she exclaimed: "The mean old creature! He's too mean to live and when he dies the devil himself will be reluctant to receive him."

"I'll have to hire out as a farm-hand, I suppose," her taciturn husband commented gravely. "He's a nasty old grafter," vehemently replied Yetta. "Just because he's road supervisor and has all of his five sons constantly working on the road and eating the taxpayers' money, he thinks he owns the township."

Dorfsky scowled at his empty plate and said nothing; he knew that Yetta's view of it was not at all business-like, but strictly feminine and hopelessly prejudiced. As for David he sat dumb and stupefied by this alarming news, for Yetta had never spoken to him about Dorfsky's money matters.

At last David interrupted the gloomy silence by remarking that Pennsylvania's farmers needed Raiffeisen banks. Yetta, whose face had turned troubled, looked up listlessly. "What kind are they?" she asked indifferently, prompted by politeness rather than by curiosity in framing her question.

Then David, having read a great deal on the problem of loaning money to farmers, before being overtaken by his blindness, explained how, throughout Europe, Raiffeisen banks have been a blessing to farmers in need of money. He told how the man who planted the seed of them had witnessed that seed's quick upgrowing and broadening until it sheltered and shadowed with wide safety the homes of millions of grateful farmers.

years she had prayed the prayer of Hannah and her longing woman's heart had not been comforted. Therefore in her childlessness Yetta was exceedingly glad to have the

cover that Dorfsky was jealous of poor and harmless David. When her astonished eyes were opened to the fact she discerned that Dorfsky's disposition was such that if someone

dark delusion was that Yetta resented his attitude and felt deeply insulted at her husband's lack of faith in her honesty. Thus stood men and matters one spring day as the three



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READING—NEW VICEROY OF INDIA.

A recent portrait of the Earl of Reading, former Lord Chief Justice of England and British Ambassador to Washington, who has been appointed Viceroy of India, according to reports from London. It is the greatest Imperial appointment ever conferred on a Jew since Disraeli. Lord Reading, who won fame at the bar as Rufus Daniels Isaacs, has accepted the post.

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show," replied David. "I don't quite understand it," Yetta sighed.

"Neither do several million dissatisfied farmers. But if you're both interested I'll make my words plain," continued David, turning his sightless eyes in the direction of Dorfsky, who still sat silent and preoccupied. "Go on," cried Yetta; "go on and tell us. I'm anxious to understand the matter."

"It's like this"—here the blind man unconsistently donned his manner of philosopher—"it's like this: From the farm loan of \$8,000,000,000 the money trust is collecting yearly the enormous sum of \$480,000,000, that being the interest at six per cent., which is about the average.

"It is a sum which would build two trunk lines of railroad each year from the Atlantic to the Pacific. That enormous sum falls as an unjust tax upon the consumer. The farmer is compelled to add that interest to the cost of producing bread and meat and the city man pays it at the market. The entire sum of \$480,000,000 annually which city men are now paying as unearned agricultural interest could be saved to the American people by the direct loan of gold Treasury notes to the farmers upon first mortgage."

"But are you sure that Uncle Sam could go into the rural credit business profitably by the simple process you've outlined?" questioned Yetta somewhat skeptically.

"Certainly!" returned David, who has just recently obtained his information from a popular lecturer on economics, a friend of his who sometimes came to take David for an auto ride. "It would only be necessary in case of direct loans to the farmers for the Government to maintain a gold reserve of 25 per cent. against the outstanding notes so loaned. Even if the Government borrowed this reserve in the world's money markets at six per cent., it would still make 100 per cent. profit, for it would have four times as much paper loaned at 3 per cent. as it would

have borrowed in gold at 6 per cent. In no event should the Treasury charge the farmer over 3 per cent."

At the magic words "three per cent.," Dorfsky began to look interested, otherwise his slow wits could not follow David's financial argument; this secretly enraged Dorfsky, who therefore felt himself to be David's mental inferior.

"The new law authorizes the farmers to organize," continued David warmly, "for the purpose of borrowing from Rockefeller and Morgan. Also the money trust is exempted from paying State or Federal taxes upon the farm mortgage. I am afraid that the farmers' taxes will be greatly increased in order to make up the deficit that will be created by the tax exemption awarded to the money trust."

"But all the newspapers have praised the 'amortization plan' as they call it, I believe," Yetta observed, having advantage of a pause.

"Yes, that's so," here David smiled disdainfully, "that's so. My friend from Wall Street told me that columns of canned and paid for editorials have been sent broadcast by the crafty agents of the money trust whose business it is to sing its praises while the farmer is being defrauded. The so-called rural credit law was intended by Congress to satisfy a popular demand without in fact interfering in the least with the pillage of the money maniacs. There, in word and phrase, reason and conclusion, you can perceive the noble and Christian spirit which prompted this piece of legislation." The speaker laughed bitterly over the adjective.

"You've painted a dark picture," Yetta remarked with brows of thought. She had not comprehended all that David had said, but she had confidence in his judgment. As for Dorfsky he made no retort, whether of comment, denial or agreement. Never in all the days since he stood with Yetta under the *chuppah* had he felt the pangs of jealousy so keenly. Here in his own home, and at his own table, another man monopolized the conversation. Also his rival possessed the great advantage of enjoying Yetta's companionship all day long. This last thought almost drove Dorfsky mad; for cent. instead of about thirty, I'm sure you could have met your payments promptly."

"Maybe!" snapped Dorfsky, "maybe! but with this lazy city cousin of yours sittin' around the house all day and me supporting him I've—" "Israel! Aren't you ashamed of yourself!" Yetta's voice quivered with emotion while her eyes watched her husband's angry face in apprehension, for she feared one of his insane fits of jealous rage. But to Yetta's intense relief, Dorfsky abruptly arose and went defiantly out to swear at his horse while continuing his plowing.

To this and previous similar insults David made no retort, for he constitutionally hated a row. Strife of any sort was distasteful to him, for it ruffled his placid mind and precluded that precious preoccupation in speculative thought that was his chief delight. "Poor fellow! he's so worried over that mortgage he hardly knows what he's saying. You don't mind his remarks, do you, David?" asked Yetta.

"Let it pass; it's no mighty consequence," David replied lightly enough, as he groped his way to his room; but his sensitive heart was heavy and sad, nevertheless.

"Those two men can't live under one roof much longer, that's plain," thought Yetta to herself as she washed the dinner dishes. Her handsome Jewish features struggled with a frown; the frown won and remained on her brow the rest of the day. That night Yetta slept very little and worried a great deal. Next morning she held a long and serious consultation with the blind man.

"I abhor the publicity of it, but I'll do it for your sake, Yetta!" David had finally concluded, after much pleading on his cousin's part. Then Yetta had written the letters which David dictated to her. After enclosing several long newspaper clippings, Yetta handed the letters to the rural mail carrier and impatiently awaited results.

A week later three men in an automobile stopped at Yetta's door. A theatrical manager, accompanied by a college professor and a reporter for the Associated Press, had called in response to the clippings and letters Yetta had mailed. Without wasting a minute, the manager proceeded to business. "If the young man can do the things the clippings and letter said he could, I'll sign a contract with him at once."

"The young man is willing that you put him to the test and convince your interest rate had been three per cent.," responded David. "Proceed!"

"Very well. Are you ready, gentlemen?"—this to the manager and reporter.

"All aboard!" replied the man of types and ink, pulling out a stop watch as he did so.

"What is the square root of 106,929?" Before the professor could write down the question his own lips had framed, the blind man replied, "327."

"Name the cube root of 268,336,125," please. "Six hundred forty-five," came David's answer with equal facility and promptness. The astonished trio gazed at him in wonder. Various other questions of a similar nature, respecting the roots and powers of very high numbers, were proposed by the astonished professor of infinitesimal calculus, to all of which David answered in a similar satisfactory manner. Then the blind prodigy undertook and completely succeeded in raising the number 8 progressively up to the sixteenth power. And in naming the last result, viz.: 281,474,976,710,656, he was right in every figure. He was then tried on numbers consisting of two figures, all of which he raised as high as the tenth power with such quickness that the men in taking down the results were obliged several times to enjoin him not to be so rapid.

"Wonderful! wonderful!" ejaculated the manager, beaming approval and mentally calculating the fat box-office receipts David would attract through his marvelous power. "Can you name the factors which produce the number 247,483?" David immediately responded, "941 and 263." After verifying the correctness of David's reply, the professor, turning to the other two, said, "These are indeed the only numbers that will produce it."

David was then asked to give the factors of 36,083; but he immediately replied it had none. This was correct. After the men had departed, Yetta's heart overflowed with gratitude as she sat gazing with moist eyes upon the six hundred dollar check which David insisted she must use to make the payment due on the mortgage. David had performed a miracle by compelling the reluctant manager to yield to his emphatic demand for a month's salary in advance. As that was the only way to obtain the blind prodigy's signature to the contract, the manager had

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complied and left the check after taking David's note for the amount.

"How can I ever thank you, David?" exclaimed Yetta, and her face showed the pride she felt in his ability. "How wonderful are God's ways!" she continued. "Your calamity has become your opportunity."

Problems Vital to Jewish Life in America to Be Taken Up at United Synagogue Convention.

The United Synagogue of America will hold its ninth annual convention from January 16 to 18, at the Jewish Theological Seminary, 531 West 123d Street, New York City. The Women's League of the United Synagogue will hold its fourth annual convention at the same time.

A symposium on the synagogue and its work will be one of the important features of the convention. Among those who will speak at this session, which will take place on Sunday afternoon, January 16, at 2:30 o'clock, will be the following: Professor Mordecai M. Kaplan, of New York; Mr. Simon Davis, of Pittsburgh; Mr. Meyer Goodfriend, of New York; Mr. Jacob Klein, of New York; Mr. Solomon Ulmer, of Cleveland; Rabbi Abraham M. Hershman, of Detroit; Mrs. Raphael H. Melamed, of Far Rockaway, N. Y.; Dr. Israel Herbert Levinthal, of Brooklyn; and Dr. Jacob Kohn, of New York.

At the special session of the Women's League on Monday afternoon, January 17, at 2:30 o'clock, the place of the women in Jewish life and her relation to the synagogue will be discussed. Miss Jessie Bogen, of the Joint Distribution Committee, will speak on the "Care of Jewish War Orphans." The symposium on the auxiliary will be led by Mrs. Morris Silverman, of New York, and Mrs. Max L. Margolis, of Philadelphia. Typical problems of the Jewish mother will also be presented.

A very interesting session of the convention will be the conference of young peoples' organizations which will be held on Sunday evening, January 16, at 8 o'clock at the Jewish center, 131 West 86th Street. Programs for the activities of young peoples' organizations affiliated with the synagogue will be presented to be based on plans based on the experience of existing Jewish youth organizations. Representatives of the League of Jewish Youth of America, Young Judaea, Young Israel, the Intercollegiate Menorah Association, the Intercollegiate Zionist Association, and the Friedlander Educational Conference will contribute their experience to the organization of the Jewish youth around the synagogue.

The convention will be opened on Sunday morning, January 16, with a prayer by Rabbi Herman M. Cohen, of Kansas City, Mo., and addresses by Dr. Elias L. Solomon, the president of the United Synagogue of America, and by Mrs. Charles I. Hoffman, president of the Women's League. A banquet at the Jewish Theological Seminary on Monday evening, January 7, at 7 o'clock, will close the sessions of the convention.

Temple Sisterhoods to Meet.

The importance and achievements of women's work in the field of religious activity will be discussed by hundreds of delegates at a meeting of Temple Sisterhoods and kindred organizations at Temple Beth-El, Fifth Avenue and Seventy-sixth Street, on Sunday evening, January 23, and Monday morning, January 24. The meeting is under the auspices of the Greater New York Committee on Propaganda of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, the women's division of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Delegates will be present from all reform Jewish congregations in New York, Brooklyn, New Jersey and Westchester county, and men and women of prominence will address the meeting.

Mrs. Caesar Misch, of Providence, R. I., a member of the "flying squadron" of prominent laymen which recently toured the country in the interests of the \$3,500,000 national extension campaign fund of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, will discuss the effects of women's work on the progress of the synagogue, and Dr. Samuel Schulman, of Temple Beth-El, will tell of the part women can play in the revival of the Jewish faith in this city. Other speakers will be Mrs. Sallie K. Glauber, chairman of the New York Propaganda Committee, Louis Marshall, Ludwig Vogelstein, Mrs. William Klingenstein, president of the Women's Guild of Temple Beth-El; Rabbi Jacob B. Pollak, Mrs. Jeanette Brill, Mrs. Maurice Thorne, Mrs. Adam Frank, Mrs. Abraham L. Bretzfelder and Mrs. Edward Wessel. The Monday morning conference which will begin at 10 a. m. will discuss various phases of religious activity in the synagogue and home.

The Course for Teachers in Religious Schools.

The next meeting of teachers in religious schools, held under the auspices of the Association of Reform Rabbis of New York and Vicinity, will be held at the West End Synagogue, 160 West 82d Street, on Monday evening, Jan. 17. Rabbi Enelow, Tintner and Landman will continue the instruction of their various groups, and Rabbi Reichler will continue his work in "How to Teach Hebrew."

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Professor Max Margolis, of Dropsie College, has now delivered two lectures in his course, which have evoked great interest and no little discussion, presenting as they do the contents of the Bible from the religious point of view. That those who have not had opportunity to attend the first two lectures may be able to attend the third (Feb. 7) with the least possible loss, syllabi of the earlier lectures are given here.

The annual "Teachers' Institute," led by professors from the Hebrew Union College, forming the Teachers' Institute of Cincinnati, will be given in both Brooklyn and Manhattan this year, so as to make it possible for teachers to attend with the least possible inconvenience. The centres are Temple Israel in Brooklyn and the West End Synagogue in Manhattan.

Professors Englander, Lauterbach and Morgenstern will offer the courses this year, covering the afternoons and evenings from Jan. 30 to Feb. 5.

A drive is now in progress in Yonkers, N. Y., for a fund of \$100,000 with which to erect a building to serve as a Jewish communal center. The Jewish Federation is in charge of the drive.

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Unemployment Menace in Britain—Effect on the Community—Anglo-Jewish Association Discusses Combatting Anti-Semitism, but Cannot Afford the Money—Chief Rabbi's Tour—Jews and Science.

Exclusive Correspondence of Hebrew Standard. London, Dec. 8, 1920.

The growing shadow of unemployment in Great Britain is already reflecting itself very adversely upon the Jewish community. Away back in the summer time employment on the whole was good here, although even then there was a residue of men who could not get work. These included over 100,000 ex-service men, which is all the more remarkable because it was upon their behalf always that special intensive efforts were made. Later came the great slump in business—the cessation of buying—a phenomenon, I believe, witnessed in all countries where modern manufacturing conditions prevail. Then the volume of unemployment began to swell. The first clue is always the registration at the so-called labor exchanges. These are really government maintained employment bureaus; and employers are supposed to there register vacancies and employees their needs, both, of course, getting together where possible. The number of these labor exchange registrations rose to over 400,000 at the end of last month, and they included 250,000 ex-service men, a big rise from the summer figure of 100,000.

Besides these registrations, however, there are a great number of other unemployed men and women in the country who for one reason or another do not register. These are, I think, fully equal to the number registered, so that a week before Christmas we have something like 800,000 men unemployed. It would not surprise many people to find the total increase to a million by the end of the year, a period of mid-winter which would make the trouble infinitely worse. Factories have been closing on all sides and in practically every class of industry, and even with those that keep going contracts ahead are practically missing. Many of the works still open operate only two or at the most three days per week.

The reflection of all this upon the Jewish community is obvious, although it must be said that the community workers have one thing in their favor, and that is that the clothing trade, having cut prices extensively, is able to keep going with a very fair amount of employment indeed. This has been done, however, at the expense, as I say, of price cutting and a reduction of 50 per cent. in the prices of practically all ordinary men's clothing. Still despite this the community's charities look like being called upon for extra heavy expenditure during the coming winter, and few of them, unfortunately, appear to be in any position to stand untoward drain. For the ordinary population, apart from the working classes, the menace of unemployment is found in the danger to law and order. Quite half the unemployed men will be men with army experience. They have been in the Great War. They are not disposed to accept unemployment and a winter's want in the old-fashioned unresisting way. Before the war big industrial slumps and widespread unemployment were looked upon as quite the regular thing and happened along every few years. Now the

men's temperament is different. They are demanding either work or maintenance. This means that they either want work from private employers or from the government or else they want allowances from the state of so much per week, the Labor Party figure, by the way, being \$10 for each unemployed man per week, with additional allowances for wife and children. Neither the government relief works nor the maintenance allowance has matured so far, and private charity has to step into the breach.

The Anglo-Jewish Association has been discussing the combatting of anti-Semitism. The Deputies of British Jews is endeavoring to unite this association with the League of British Jews and other bodies to form a joint committee for this purpose. According to Claude G. Montefiore, there is quite sufficient anti-Semitism in this country now to justify such a course. An interesting debate ensued.

It was pointed out that in Germany, where a similar society had been formed and which had spent very large sums, anti-Semitism was as strong as ever. Furthermore, it was urged that the Anglo-Jewish Association, being already \$18,000 in debt, could not afford to incur any further expenses even in connection with a propaganda like this. Therefore the following resolution was carried:

"That the council of the Anglo-Jewish Association, while agreeing with the desirability of the proposed joint committee, much regrets that, in view of the financial position and the heavy liabilities, a definite decision cannot be taken until the result of the appeal is known."

Cabled advices state that the tour of the Chief Rabbi and Mr. Wolf is proceeding with the greatest possible satisfactoriness. The party is traveling South Africa and after visiting Johannesburg, Bulawayo, Salisbury, Mafeking, Pietermaritzburg, will end up at Durban, Natal. In the agenda that is being worked through, besides the ordinary run of addresses and public welcomes, demonstrations, etc., there figures at a place called Oudtshoorn a cave party.

One of the brightest stars in the Jewish scientific firmament is Dr. Selig Brodsky of Leeds University. He has been giving a series of lectures in London on Jews in science. His subject being so extensive, he had to confine it to scientists in the rigid interpretation of the word. There was, he said, a good deal of scientific knowledge in the Talmud, and the rabbis were well acquainted with the science of their period. At the great schools of Arabic learning, such as Bagdad and Cordova, Jews lectured in Hebrew side by side with their Mohammedan colleagues. It was the Jews and Arabs who not only kept alive the scientific ideas and knowledge of the Greeks, but added to it, while Christian Europe actually retrogressed, especially in astronomy. It is well to remember that the Alphonsine tables, on which Columbus had worked out the possibility of a new world across the Atlantic, owed much to Jewish astronomers, who were thus primarily responsible for the discovery of America.

Of modern names he would mention Herschel, as an astronomer who was second to none and who had been the very

first to discover a new planet, Uranus. For all the other great planets—Neptune, Mercury, Saturn, Venus, Mars—had been known from the earliest beginnings of history. To go to the other extreme of the century, another great Jewish astronomer, who died but recently, was Schwarzschild, who was employed by the German Government to regulate by his observations the Zeppelin raids in the Great War. In wireless telegraphy, while Marconi was responsible for its practical utility, it owed its origin to the "waves" of Heinrich Herz. The important subject of the velocity of light had been investigated to its present great extent owing to the inventions and work of Professor Abraham Michaelson of Chicago, who had an amazing genius for constructing the most delicate instruments for precise and delicate measurements.

The great figure in science today was, of course, Einstein. It must be remembered that "relativity" was no new term, but Einstein had by his experiments shown that there was no fundamental difference between time and space. Einstein had been described by the president of the Royal Society as one of the greatest geniuses of the human race. He had, of course, not overthrown gravitation, as was so foolishly asserted, but his theory had explained certain variations of the law of gravitation which had not been before understood, and his predictions of what would be seen of the position of stars at the solar eclipse had been confirmed. The three names he had given—Herschel, Michaelson, Einstein—were, he thought, some proof of what the Jewish genius could do in science, if it set its mind to it.

After the lecture Professor Rosenhain declared that the name of Lillenthal, who has been called the father of aviation and who was a Jew, should be added to the roll.

Lord Reading as Viceroy of India. London (Jewish News Service).—Although Lord Reading has accepted the Viceroyalty of India, official announcement of the fact is still withheld. In a leading article the "Daily Chronicle" praises Reading as possessing courage, wisdom, fairness and liberality, and administrative abilities which were shown at their best during his stay in the United States as special ambassador. The "Morning Post" in a leading article congratulates the High Court of Justice upon its losing Lord Reading. It repeats the affair of the Marconi wireless contracts with the British government and raises the point that three Jews, namely, Reading, Montague and Meyer, are now ruling India. Meyer is now High Commissioner for India in London. The article attacks the "Times" for praising Reading. The newspaper is sure that Indians will object to the appointment. The "Morning Post" also opened a column of anti-Semitic letters from its readers against Reading. The newspaper's former Palestine correspondent contributes a statement showing that Moslems of India must hate Jews on account of Palestine.

Mond in Palestine as Zionist. London (Special Cable to Jewish News Service).—In an interview with Sir Alfred Mond published in the "Weekly Dispatch" the Jewish Minister for Public Work is said to declare that he is going to Palestine, not as a member of the British Cabinet, but as a Zionist. Sir Alfred Mond is going to Palestine upon the invitation of Sir Herbert Samuel, and as a member of the Zionist Economic Council, eager to acquaint himself with the business possibilities of Palestine. "Palestine," declares Sir Alfred Mond, "needs highways, railroads, harbors, electricity and irrigation. It needs men, money and materials. If the means are created, 4,000,000 men can easily find life and employment in Palestine. Commenting on Sir Alfred's proposed journey, the "Morning Post" demands an explanation why the latter is allowed to go. "Will Mond represent England or the Jewish States?" asks the newspaper.

Hungarian Deputy Endorses Zionism. Budapest (Jewish News Service).—The local Zionist newspaper, "Zhido Zhemle," has sent an inquiry to several Gentile politicians concerning Zionism. As a first answer the newspaper is now printing a statement by Deputy Ruppert.

Deputy Ruppert is one of the few Hungarian statesmen still friendly to Jews. He is a staunch fighter against pogromist bands which threaten the Jewish population of Hungary. It was due to Deputy Ruppert that we learned about the gruesome fate of the wine merchant Landau, previously reported here.

Deputy Ruppert sees in Zionism a protest against persecution of Jews in many countries. Its origin is due to anti-Semitism. Ruppert uses strong terms of condemnation against all Jew-baiters and believes that since Zionism is an accomplished fact, both Jews and Gentiles should support it.

Bolsheviks Close Hebrew Schools. Berlin (Jewish News Service).—"Tarbus," a Moscow society, organized Hebrew schools in Soviet Russia, which have been officially recognized by the government. Jewish Bolsheviks have begun a campaign against the schools and forced them to close their doors. Adherents of Hebrew have turned to the Commissariate of Education for aid against violence on the part of the Bolsheviks who are opponents of Hebrew instruction. The Commissariate replied by stating that the fight was an internal one among the Jews and invited both factions to a session to regulate the school question. Jewish Bolsheviks have raised a strenuous objection and de-

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nounced adherents of Hebrew as counter-revolutionists and clericals. Nevertheless, the Commissariate decided not to confiscate the schools, and left to the school councilors the decision of the future language of instruction.

Better Outlook for Lithuanian Jewry. Berlin.—The Minister of Finance of Lithuania, Rachmilewicz, who is here on a financial mission declared in an interview today with the correspondent of the Jewish News Service that the Jewish situation in Lithuania is very gratifying so far. The Jewish communities are enjoying a great measure of autonomy. The representative Jewish organization which the government recognizes in all Jewish affairs is the Jewish National Council. The council is at present busily engaged in providing employment and occupations for the refu-

gees that are now being repatriated from Soviet Russia. Many of them have been turned into pursuits of agriculture and manual workers and co-operative organizations for that purpose are meeting with success. The council will have a permanent commission in Berlin whose duties will be to purchase raw materials and tools for these returning refugees.

Jews Mourn Death of Polish Priest. Warsaw (Jewish News Service).—From the little town of Sver, near Sosnowitz, the story is told that the local Kehilla of that town mourns the death of an old Polish priest.

The deceased was a strong friend of the Jews, who often made speeches against pogroms and anti-Semitism, and his speeches were of great help, bringing about friendly relations between Jews and Poles of that town.



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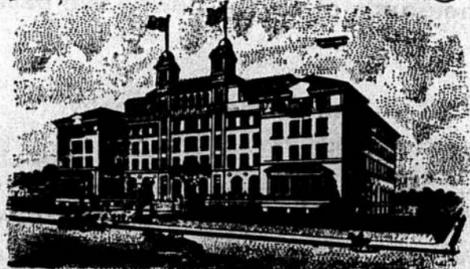
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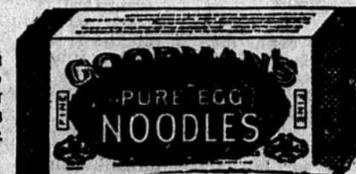
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ITEMS OF INTEREST IN THE JEWISH WORLD

A Sisterhood has been organized among the Jewish women of Quincy, Fla.

The new Polish budget contains an item for a special Jewish secretariat as part of the Ministry of the Interior.

Jerusalem reports show that 11,843 children are attending the Zionist schools in Palestine, which employ 602 teachers.

Under the terms of the will of the late Karl Strauss of Philadelphia, Pa., the Jewish Hospital of that city will receive \$3,000.

Philip Goldberg has been elected secretary of the United Synagogues of Great Britain to succeed the late Philip Ornstein.

Simon L. Adler of Rochester has been re-elected as floor leader by the Republican members of the New York State Assembly.

Dr. Max Nordau, who has been seriously ill at his quarters in Paris, is recovering.

Mendel Beilis, the hero of the celebrated ritual murder trial in Kiev, Russia, a few years ago, has sailed from Palestine for America.

The new Congregation Emanuel, recently formed at Lawrence, Mass., has opened a religious school. A feature is a kindergarten class.

Dr. M. Gaster, the Haman of the Spanish and Portuguese Jews of England, has been elected a vice-president of the Royal Asiatic Society.

Malden, Mass., has joined with a number of other cities in excluding Henry Ford's "Dearborn Independent" from the files of the public library.

The Jewish Exploration Society of Palestine has been granted a concession to excavate the tomb of Absalom and the monument of Zacharias.

A report from Moscow states that one of the largest theatres in that city has been renovated and designed especially for a home for Jewish plays.

Mr. Ben Tannenholz of Detroit, Mich., has contributed \$1,000 to the Jewish Chautauqua Society in appreciation of the great work the society is doing.

The directors of the Illinois Woman's Legislative Congress includes Mmes. L. H. Frensdorf, Lambert Wile, Ignace Reis, Moses Purvin and Max Loeb.

Rabbi Joseph Jasin will soon make an extended tour of the Pacific Coast, acting as field secretary of the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society.

While appearing in Philadelphia, Pa., last week, Al Jolson, the comedian, paid a visit to the Hebrew Orphan Asylum and presented the home with a player-piano.

Following his annual custom, James L. Flood of San Francisco has donated \$1,000 each to twelve San Francisco charities, including the Hebrew Orphan Asylum.

Marix Loevensohn, noted Belgian 'cellist of the Concertgebouw Orchestra in Amsterdam, has recently been appointed professor of 'cello at the Royal Conservatory, Brussels.

Governor Cox of Massachusetts has appointed Charles M. Stiller of Roxbury to be his confidential secretary. Stiller, who is 26 years of age, is a veteran of the world war.

Toledo, Akron, Dayton, Youngstown, Columbus and Cincinnati, O., have each pledged \$2,000 annually towards the support of the Jewish Infants' Home of Ohio, located at Columbus.

Among recent refugees to arrive in this country from Russian Poland is G. Hersh Burshstein, who is now visiting his daughter, Mme. Rosa Raisa, the opera singer, at Chicago, Ill.

Official denial of the report that the commission representing the League of Nations in Vilna has appropriated a million marks for Jewish relief in that city has been published in Warsaw.

Captain Israel Fredman has been returned at a by-election to the Hampstead Borough Council. He polled twice as many votes as were recorded for the two other candidates combined.

Under the auspices of the department of schools and extension of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the first organized religious school in Elberton, Ga., has been established.

Mme. Henri Deutsch de la Meurthe of Paris has, in memory of her husband, presented a cup with a prize of the value of 200,000 francs to the Aero Club of France, of which he was president.

Mortimer Seligman of New York city was the winner of the 158-pound amateur State champion boxing contest held at Madison Square Garden last Wednesday night.

A United Hebrew Relief Society, composed of the Yonkers Hebrew Women's Charity Association, the Hebrew Ladies' Society and the Immanuel Sisterhood, is in process of formation at Yonkers, N. Y.

Former Assistant District Attorney Isidor J. Kresel of New York city has been appointed to assist the Federal Government in the investigation of the housing situation and the alleged "building trust."

The seventy Jewish teachers in the Vienna religious institutions struck last week. They are now receiving what is equal to \$4 monthly and they demand double that sum in order to eke out a scanty living.

Details of a pogrom recently perpetrated in Bratzlav, Podolia, have been received at London by the Federation of Ukrainian Jews. There were 222 casualties, 100 women were made widows and 600 children orphans.

Rabbi N. Fineberg has been elected as rabbi for three years by Congregation Shomray Hadath, Chicago, Ill. Rabbi Fineberg was graduated from the famous Wilna Yeshibah and later from Duquesne University, Pa.

Michael Roderick has been appointed to succeed his brother, Sol P. Roderick, as attorney for the Chicago (Ill.) Board of West Park Commissioners. Sol P. Roderick resigned on account of his election a State representative.

Reports from Kalish announce that ex-soldiers of Balachovitch's army have come to that city bringing enormous quantities of stolen goods which they are trying to sell. The Rabbi of Kalish appealed to the population not to buy these goods.

A meeting was recently held in Jerusalem for the purpose of forming an international association of physicians. About forty physicians of various races and creeds attended. The proceedings were conducted in English, Hebrew and French.

In the Polytechnic Institute of Kovno, on January 9 the Lithuanian government opened for the first time Yiddish parallel classes. Yiddish is thus officially recognized for the use of technical subjects as a language of instruction.

Amos Lodge, I. O. B. B., of Boston, Mass., gave on "over the top" dinner last week to celebrate the completion of the drive for 1,000 members during the past year, in which a total of over 1,300 was reached. The membership one year ago was 216.

The city of Lyons has honored the memory of Grand Rabbin Armand-Bloch, the first chaplain of the French army to fall in the war in heroic circumstances by naming a street after him. This is the first instance of the kind in France.

Rodeph Sholem Congregation, Pittsburgh, Pa., has established a perpetual scholarship at the Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, O., in the name of Judge Josiah Cohen, the president of the congregation, who celebrated his eightieth birthday last month.

Leon C. Weinstock of New York city has been chosen as vice-president of the State Prison Commission. Henry Solomon, formerly president of the commission, has been designated as the commission's representative on the State Probation Commission.

During the last three months thirty-four Germans in Berlin have adopted the Jewish faith, thirty being women and four men. In every case the converts have embraced the faith of their marital partners, so that their conversion was due to love.

Through the efforts of the San Francisco auxiliary, a modern cottage, equipped to accommodate twelve patients, has been erected on the grounds of the Jewish Consumptive Relief Sanatorium of California at Duarte. The approximate cost was \$12,000.

The membership of the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society of America now numbers over 110,000, and a campaign is on to bring it up to the 200,000 mark. Julius Rosenwald of Chicago has just donated \$2,500 to the building fund of the society.

A commission appointed by Sir Herbert Samuel to organize administration in Palestine recommends the abolition of the post of Chief Rabbi of Jerusalem and substitution in its place of a Supreme Religious Council under two presidents, one to represent the Sephardic and the other the Ashkenazic element.

The Young Men's Hebrew Association of St. John, N. B., has just raised a sufficient sum to pay off the indebtedness on its building. The association was organized only one year ago and already owns a fine building and grounds and has a membership of over 250.

In spite of the assurance of the Mayor of Vienna, Noumann, that he will stay the expulsion of the Jewish refugees from Galicia, the newspapers print long lists of Jews that have already been forcibly expelled. As a result, great excitement prevails in Jewish circles.

The certificate of incorporation of the Jewish Federation of Yonkers, Inc., has been filed in the County Clerk's office. It is for the purpose of effecting the systematic co-operation of the entire community in all the philanthropic and cultural work of the community.

The Beth Hamedrosh Hagadol Synagogue, Washington place, known as the "Mother of Pittsburgh's Synagogues," will celebrate a silver jubilee and at the same time will be formally freed from debt on Sunday night, January 23, when a mortgage for \$45,000 will be burned.

An anti-Semitic play entitled "Polish Bethlehem," by Lucian Rydel, was forbidden by the Wilna censorship owing to its anti-Semitic character. The censor recommended elimination of the parts ridiculing the Jews, threatening that he would not permit its presentation otherwise.

General Gouraud is reported to have made a statement in the French Parliament as to the position in the Near East and to have said that Jewish immigration into Palestine should be encouraged, in order to protect Palestine and Syria from the pan-Islamic-Bolshevik danger.

Reports that Sir Herbert Samuel had sent out an invitation to 1,000 Jewish immigrants to come to Palestine are denied by official government circles. Private advices show that Samuel had informed Zionist leaders that there can be found work in Palestine for some 8,000 new immigrants.

In honor of the martyrs shot in Pinsk in April, 1919, near relatives of the victims intend to go to Palestine to establish a separate colony in their honor. Lipa Silverman, the father of two sons shot in the pogroms, is going to London to ask the Zionists of England to aid in the undertaking.

Major James de Rothschild, son of the eminent philanthropist, Baron Edmond de Rothschild, will arrive in the United States within a week or two, and will remain over the month of January and the early part of February. He is coming here on matters relating entirely to the development of Palestine.

To celebrate the marriage of his daughter, Miss Clara Polsky, to Mr. Abraham Rosenblatt, Mr. Morris Polsky has contributed \$5,000 to the Bronx Hospital, 169th street and Fulton avenue, this city, and endowed a bed in the name of the young couple. Mr. Polsky is one of the directors of the hospital.

In a letter to Vinaver, Dimitri Mereshkovski, the famous Russian writer, denies the statement attributed to him in the Polish newspaper "Kurjer Warszawski" that Jews were responsible for the spread of Bolshevism. Mereshkovski declares that he has no intention of becoming an anti-Semite.

The official opening of the new Jewish Home for the Aged at 1162 St. Paul street, Rochester, N. Y., will take place Sunday afternoon and evening, January 23. The building, formerly a two-story frame residence, has been remodeled and enlarged to conveniently accommodate the aged people whom it will house.

Conditions in front of the building occupied by the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society in Warsaw are rapidly becoming scandalous. "Haint" claims that it takes emigrants eight days before they can reach the door. Jacob Massel, the local representative, promises relief, but as matters stand congestion keeps on increasing.

An institute for the study of Judaism in Poland has been set up, at the initiative of a well-known anti-Semitic leader, for the collection of information and the publication of books and pamphlets relating to Jews and Judaism. The idea seems to have emanated from Polish military circles and is likely to be repeated in Hungary.

The Polish Director of Commerce, M. Voitalski, declares that he is decidedly against the proposal to nationalize Polish commerce so as to exclude Jews. He pointed out that only twenty per cent. Poles are now represented in the commerce of the country and that the contemplated step would deal a serious blow to Polish business.

One million marks was raised at a meeting held among the Warsaw Jews last week for the relief of the Ukrainian Jewish sufferers. Among the contributors were many folks who are themselves being supported by the various American relief organizations. Speakers said that the situation of the Ukrainian Jewish sufferers staggers all imagination. They are scattered in Bessarabia, Poland and Roumania without food or shelter.

The French Academy of Sciences has awarded a prize of 5,000 francs to Mr. Charles Nordmann, the eminent astronomer of the Paris Observatory, for his stellar photographic studies. The same academy has awarded the Estrade-Delcros prize of 8,000 francs to Mr. Xavier Leon, director of the Revue de Metaphysique et de Morale.

Much comment has been caused here by the unexpected announcement of the resignation of the president of the Jewish community of Warsaw, M. Rundstein. It is said that Rundstein disagreed with the policies of the trustees regarding the course to be followed in the new orientation of the Polish Jews due to the harmonizing of Polish-Jewish affairs.

King Constantine of Greece, while passing Zurich on his way back to Athens, received a representative of the Jewish press, to whom he declared his profound friendship for the Jewish people and his great interest in the rebuilding of the Jewish homeland in Palestine. The King was especially solicitous about the Jews of Saloniki and said that the former Chief Rabbi of Saloniki, Jacob Meir, was a personal friend of his.

Aftab Khan, who is a member of the Indian Council, sent a protest to the "Morning Post" against the assumption of that newspaper that Reading's religion was offensive to the Indians. "Such a statement," he declares, "is an insult to the Indian race, because Indians never cared for the religion of their rulers, but judge them only by their acts. The 'Morning Post' replied by stating that it was aware that it was not the enlightened Hindus but the Indian masses that cared for religion."

The General Communal Assembly met at Salonika last month to select a candidate for the post of Chief Rabbi. The two candidates were Rabbi Ben Zion Uziel of Jaffa and Dr. Toaf of Leghorn. After a long discussion, it was decided to invite Rabbi Uziel to accept the office on probation for a period of three months. If at the end of that time he should be found to possess the qualities requisite for the important position of Chief Rabbi of this great community, the election would be confirmed. Rabbi Uziel has accepted the invitation.

Rev. Charles F. Aked, for many years in charge of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church here (generally known as John D. Rockefeller's church), is now pastor of the First Congregational Church, Kansas City, Mo. In January, Dr. Aked, who was a member of Henry Ford's party on the "Peace Ship," delivered a scathing denunciation of Ford for his anti-Jewish utterances.

The Jewish Sisterhood and Day Nursery, whose home is at Seventeenth avenue, corner of Livingston street, Newark, N. J., has just purchased the adjoining three-story building at 25 to 31 Seventeenth avenue. The latest acquisition has a frontage of 100 feet on each thoroughfare and now gives the nursery control of a 200-foot frontage on Seventeenth avenue.

A special cable from Riga is to the effect that at a recent session of the conference which is engaged in drafting the permanent peace treaty between Poland and the Soviets one of the representatives of the Soviet delegation presented a written request to Chairman Adolph Joffe of the delegation, demanding that the Russian plenipotentiaries insist on a mention and guarantee of Jewish rights in the forthcoming permanent peace treaty.

Dr. Adolph Lorenz of Vienna, who several years ago gained fame in this country for his operations on children suffering from hip diseases, has just written a letter to the Bridgeport (Conn.) section, Council of Jewish Women, thanking it for its work on behalf of the starving children of Vienna. The letter is quite lengthy and outlines the need of American assistance. Prof. Lorenz signs himself "Professor of the University of Vienna and Honorary Citizen of New York City."

According to press reports, Oscar S. Straus called on Senator Harding at Marion, O., recently and expressed the hope that a Jew would be appointed as ambassador to Germany when diplomatic relations are resumed. Mr. Straus told Senator Harding that it was the opinion of many prominent Jews, backed by word from Germany, that the wave of anti-Semitism that has swept Germany since the revolution there might be overcome if the United States would send a Jew to Berlin.



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MILNER—BLUMENAU.—Mr. and Mrs. Max Blumenau, 317 Ocean parkway, Brooklyn, announce the engagement of their daughter Sadie to Mr. Adolph Milner of Brooklyn.

DAVIS—GOLDBERG.—Mr. and Mrs. A. Goldberg of 230 West 105th street announce the engagement of their daughter Myrtle to Mr. Joseph Henry Davis.

LEON—BORCHARDT.—Mr. and Mrs. L. Borchardt announce the engagement of their daughter Fanny to Frank L. Leon.

PITOFKY—WEINSTEIN.—Mr. and Mrs. Julius Weinstein of No. 1801 Seventh avenue announce the engagement of their daughter Helen to Mr. Louis Pitofsky, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Pitofsky.

PROWLER—GREENBERG.—Mrs. Milly Greenberg announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Rose Greenberg, to Mr. Bertram Prowler.

ROSENBAUM—SHAPIRO.—Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Shapiro of Lakewood, N. J., announce the betrothal of their daughter, Ethel B., to Dave R. Rosenbaum of Brooklyn, N. Y. York (Pa.) papers please copy.

SAFIAN—STEINHACKER.—Mr. and Mrs. William Steinhacker of 1527 Fifty-fourth street, Borough Park, announce the engagement of their daughter Martha to Dr. Joseph Safian, 574 West End avenue, New York.

TREAGER—COON.—Mr. and Mrs. Abe Coon of 123 West 112th street announce the engagement of their daughter Blanche to Mr. Irving Treager. Reception at Hotel Bibo, 1295 Madison avenue, Sunday, January 30, after 8 p.m.

MARRIAGES.

BRANDE—KADIN.—On December 31, at the home of the officiating minister, Rabbi Joel Blau, Henry N. Brande to Rose E. Kadin.

BROWN—MATTHEWS.—Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Matthews of 790 Riverside Drive announce the marriage of their daughter, Rosalie Dorothy, to Jerome Hofmayer Brown of Albany, Ga., on Thursday, January 6, 1920, at the Hotel Vanderbilt. Rabbi Aaron Eiseman performed the ceremony.

DAVIDSON—ENGELSON.—On Sunday, January 9, Miss Eva Engelson to Mr. Isaac Davidson by Rev. Dr. Adolph Spiegel at his residence.

GERSTEN—BLUMSTEIN.—Mr. and Mrs. William Blumstein of 430 West 116th street announce the marriage of their daughter Esther Hilda to Mortimer Alfred Gersten, on Saturday, January 1, 1921. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. L. M. Blumstein, 453 West 141st street, only the immediate family being present. Dr. Maurice H. Harris officiated.

KORNBLUTH—STALOWITZ.—On January 1, 1921, at Temple Peni-El, Jacob David Stalowitz of Brooklyn to Florence Kornbluth of New York, by Rabbi Joel Blau, assisted by Cantor H. Kleinert.

LEVY—GROSS.—Mr. and Mrs. Julius Gross of 600 West 169th street announce the marriage of their daughter, Adele Frank, to Joseph Sperling Levy on Monday, January 10, 1921, at their home. Rabbi Aaron Eiseman performed the ceremony.

ORNSTEIN—RANDAL.—Ray Randal to Louis Ornstein on January 2 at the residence of the bride, Rev. Dr. Adolph Spiegel officiating.

ROTHSCHILD—COHN.—On Sunday, January 9, 1921, Florence B. Cohn of 1090 St. Nicholas avenue to Alexander W. Rothschild of Baltimore, Md., at the home of the officiating minister, Rabbi Aaron Eiseman.

SCHWARTZ—LEVINE.—At the synagogue of the Hebrew Convalescent Home, 235 West 120th street, Miss Celia D. Levine to Mr. Howard Schwartz, on January 9, 1921. Rev. Dr. Adolph Spiegel officiating.

BIRTHS.

COHEN.—Dr. and Mrs. Walter Cohen (nee Jeanette Grossman) announce the birth of a daughter January 6, 1921.

GOTTLIEB.—Mr. and Mrs. Herbert H. Gottlieb (nee Julia Rothschild), 252 West Eighty-fifth street, announce the arrival of a son January 6, 1921, at the Women's Hospital.

BAR MITZVAH.

AVEDON.—Mr. and Mrs. William Avedon of 838 Riverside Drive announce the Bar Mitzvah of their son Harvey on Saturday, January 15, 1921, at Mt. Nebo Temple, 150th street and Broadway, at 10 o'clock.

IN THE SYNAGOGUES.

ADATH ISRAEL (551 E. 169th St.).—This evening Rabbi Norman Salt will preach upon "Mankind's First Democracy."

AGUDATH JESHORIM (113 E. 86th St.).—Rabbi G. Schulman lectures this evening and on Sabbath morning.

AHAVATH ISRAEL (502 West 157th St.).—Rev. Dr. Gustav N. Hausmann preaches Sabbath morning.

ATERETH ISRAEL (323 E. 82d St.).—Rev. Dr. David Davidson preaches Sabbath morning on "The Permanent Cure for Moral Blindness."

BETH-EL (5th Ave. and 76th St.).—Dr. Samuel Schulman preaches Sabbath morning. Dr. Schulman will lecture at 11 a. m. Sunday on "The Worst Enemy of the Jew."

B'NAI JESHURUN (257 W. 88th St.). This evening Rabbi Israel Goldstein preaches on "Are You a Potterite? Sabbath morning on the portion of the week."

BRONX FREE SYNAGOGUE (163d St. and Southern Boulevard).—Rabbi Louis I. Newman, speaks this evening on "Graft."

BROOKLYN JEWISH CENTER (Eastern Parkway and Brooklyn Ave.).—Rabbi Israel H. Levinthal preaches Sabbath morning.

CENTRAL SYNAGOGUE (Lexington Ave. and 55th St.).—Dr. I. S. Moses preaches Sabbath morning. Sunday, at 11 a. m., Mr. Louis K. Anspacher, the well-known dramatist, speaks on "Democracy and Irresponsibility."

CONCOURSE CENTER OF ISRAEL (2323 Grand Concourse).—This evening Mr. Solomon Grayzel will speak on "Undesirable Immigrants."

FREE SYNAGOGUE (Carnegie Hall).—Sunday morning at 10.45 Dr. Stephen S. Wise lectures on "Don't Be Impatient," the second in the series "By-words That Are Lie-words."

GATES OF PRAYER (Sumner Ave. and Van Buren Sts., Brooklyn).—Rabbi Jacob A. Dolgans lectures Sabbath afternoon at 3.30 on the portion of the week. Sunday morning before the Forum on "The Problem of the Home."

HEBREW TABERNACLE (Broadway and 158th St.).—Rabbi I. Mortimer Bloom lectures this evening on "Is the Genius of Modern Judaism Alien to the American Spirit?" Sabbath morning on the weekly portion.

INSTITUTIONAL SYNAGOGUE 112 W. 116th St.).—The Friday Evening Circle will be addressed this evening by Samuel Hofstadter on the subject of "Miracles."

KEHILATH JESHURUN (211 E. 85th St.).—Dr. Elias L. Solomon preaches Sabbath morning on "Hardening of the Heart."

MONTEFIORE CONGREGATION (Hewitt and Macy Pl., Bronx).—Sabbath morning Rabbi Jacob Katz will preach on the Sedrah.

MT. NEBOH TEMPLE (Broadway and 150th St.).—Rabbi Alexander Lyons of Brooklyn will lecture this evening on "A Welcome Message From 'Welcome Stranger.'" Sabbath morning on the portion of the law.

MT. ZION (37 W. 119th St.).—Rabbi B. A. Tintner lectures this evening on "Minorities." Sabbath morning on "Plagues."

ORACH CHAIM (Lexington Ave. and 95th St.).—Rev. Dr. Moses Hyamson preaches Sabbath morning.

PENI-EL (Broadway and 147th St.).—Rabbi Phil Langh of Chicago, Western representative of the United Synagogue, will lecture this evening. Sabbath morning Rabbi Joel Blau on "A Child's Question."

RODEPH SHOLEM (Lexington Ave. and 63d St.).—Rev. Dr. Rudolph Grossman preaches Sabbath morning.

SINAI (Stebbins Ave. and E. 163d St.).—This evening Rabbi Marius Ranson will occupy the pulpit. Sabbath morning Rabbi B. A. Elzas will speak in the absence of Rabbi Max Reichler.

TEMPLE ISRAEL OF HARLEM (S. W. Co. 96th St. and Central Park W.). Dr. M. H. Harris lectures tonight on "Story of the Year 1920." Sabbath morning, sermon by Rabbi L. I. Newman.

TEMPLE ISRAEL OF WASHINGTON HEIGHTS (181st St. and St. Nicholas Ave.).—Rabbi Morris Silverman preaches this evening and on Sabbath morning.

TEMPLE SINAI OF BROOKLYN (Arlington Ave. and Bradford St.).—Rabbi Maxwell L. Sacks lectures this evening and on Sabbath morning.

WASHINGTON HEIGHTS CONGREGATION (508 W. 161st St.).—Rabbi Max Drob preaches Sabbath morning on the portion of the week.

YOUNG MEN'S HEBREW ASSOCIATION (Ninth St., Brooklyn).—Dr. Barnett A. Elzas will lecture this evening.

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SOCIAL NOTES.

Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Pearlstein and daughter, of No. 43 West 110th street, have arrived in Palm Beach, Fla., where they will remain for the rest of the winter.

The second annual dinner of the affiliated societies of the Central Synagogue will be held at the Hotel Astor on Saturday night, February 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Moritz Sturtz celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last Sunday evening with a dinner. A ceremony was performed by Rabbi Aaron Eiseman. Drs. Ladin, Fineberg and Glauber were among those present.

A very successful box social was held at Temple Israel, 181st street and St. Nicholas avenue, Sunday evening, January 2, under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Temple. The sum realized will be turned over to the building fund of the Temple.

Julius Kahn, Congressman from California, visited New York last Sunday as guest of honor of the Lambs' Club. While in New York Mr. Kahn commented on "The Pride of Polomar," Peter B. Kyne's new novel of the Japanese problem in California, and through these views received much attention in the New York press.

The senior council of Mizrahi Hatzofir of Greater New York has appointed a committee consisting of Mr. E. Greenberg, Mr. E. Matzkowsky and Miss Fuchs to make arrangements for a get-together and dance for the members of the clubs represented in the senior council for Greater New York. A fine program, consisting of musical and vocal talent, is being arranged by the committee. The affair will take place at the Central Jewish Institute, 125 East Eighty-fifth street, on Saturday evening, January 29.

Twelve Talmud Torahs to Unite in Graduation Exercises.

On Sunday, January 23, twelve of the largest Talmud Torahs and Hebrew schools of Manhattan and Brooklyn will hold joint graduation exercises at the Stuyvesant High School, 15th street, near First avenue. Some three hundred children will receive their diplomas, which indicates that the child has received a grounding in the Hebrew language, prayers, Bible and Jewish history, and is now prepared to undertake advanced studies.

In honor of this event, the Board of Jewish School Aid, of which Mr. Israel Unterberg is chairman, has appointed a committee to arrange an informal Chamisho Osor B'Shvat dinner at the Jewish Center. This will serve as a fitting occasion for a discussion of the problem of Jewish education. The Dinner Committee consists of Samuel C. Lampert, Joseph Levy and Harry H. Liebowitz.

The participating schools and their presidents are: Bureau of Jewish Education, Dr. J. L. Magnes; Central Jewish Institute, Jacob H. Rubin; Down Town Talmud Torah, Mr. William Fischman; Machzike Talmud Torah, Mr. M. H. Phillips; Salanter Talmud Torah, Mr. Joseph Smolensky; National Hebrew School, Mr. Joseph Eron; Hebrew School of Williamsburg, Mr. Leo Gross; Hebrew Free School of Brownsville, Mr. Abraham Kaplan; Machzike Talmud Torah of Borough Park, Mr. I. L. Marrow; Tiphereth Israel Talmud Torah, Mr. Harry Goodoff; New Lots Talmud Torah, Mr. Ralph Ginsburg; Anshe Zitomir Talmud Torah, Mr. Max Meyerson.

Rodeph Sholom Junior League.

The Junior League of the Congregation Rodeph Sholom held its annual meeting at the Temple, Sixty-third street and Lexington avenue, on Sunday evening, the 9th inst. Former Deputy Attorney General Maurice B. Blumenthal delivered a lecture on the "Awakening of Judaism" in which he called attention to the persecution and oppression to which our co-religionists are and always have been subjected, pointing out that harmony, perseverance and the maintenance of the true Jewish spirit in our own ranks, will prove the best answer to our enemies and a safe course for the perpetuation and ever-increasing greatness and usefulness of our faith.

Rev. Rudolph Grossman delivered an address in which he outlines the league's activities for the coming year.

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JEWS PROMISED GOVERNMENTAL PROTECTION BY PADEREWSKI.

Polish Delegates to Recent Meeting of League of Nations Assembly States Minority Rights Are Now in Force—Government Will Prosecute Transgressors.

(By Jewish News Service.)

London.—The full texts of the letters exchanged between Lucien Wolf, on behalf of the Anglo-Jewish Committee and the British Board of Deputies and Ignace J. Paderewski and Prof. Ashkenazy, representing the Polish delegation at the recent meeting of the League of Nations Assembly, are now available.

The Jewish News Service, Inc., has already given abstracts of the correspondence, but they are of such prime importance that we reproduce them in full: Letter From Joint Committee to Polish Delegation.

Joint Foreign Committee of the Jewish Board of Deputies and the Anglo-Jewish Association.

To Their Excellencies, the Polish Delegates to the Council of the League of Nations.

In confirmation of the verbal communications I have had the honor of making to your Excellencies, I beg to state that for some months past my committee has been in receipt of letters and reports that friends in Poland, from which it would appear that the Jews of that country are still the victims of a serious persecution.

Of organized acts of violence on a large scale—the so-called "pogroms"—no complaint is made, and my committee is happy to conclude that, owing to the vigilance of the Polish government, a great improvement has been achieved in this respect. But the general insecurity of the Jewish population seems to be beyond doubt. A bitter anti-Semitic agitation still troubles the social peace of the Republic and leads to numerous crimes against the Jews, which, in the majority of cases, unhappily, go unpunished. They are still also the victims of a widely organized boycott. Finally, their political and civil rights, as guaranteed to them by the constitution and by international treaty, are frequently ignored by the authorities, and no redress has been obtainable from the government. My committee has not yet fully investigated these charges, but their substantial truth appears to be established by two outstanding facts of indubitable authenticity. The first is the bitterness and magnitude of the anti-Semitic agitation attested by the incendiary placards which from time to time have been posted up in great cities like Warsaw and Posen, and by the inflammatory denunciations of the Jews which appear daily in large sections of the Polish press. The second is the great emigration of Jewish refugees, who have to be relieved from the extremely slender resources of the German Jewish committee, who number already 75,000 souls.

My committee has been urged from more than one quarter to bring this deplorable state of things to the knowledge of the Assembly of the League of Nations, now sitting in this city. It has resisted these appeals because it recognizes the great difficulties with which the Polish Republic has to grapple at this moment, and it does not desire to add to those difficulties. Moreover, it sincerely desires the prosperity and happiness of Poland and the social peace of the republic; and it is convinced that this can best be achieved by strengthening and not discrediting the government, and by the cultivation of a spirit of patience and mutual toleration and confidence by the Jewish and Christian nationals of the new Poland. They feel,

however, that it is time that a serious effort were made by the Polish government to deal drastically with this question, and it will be much relieved if it can receive from your Excellencies an assurance that definite steps will be taken in the near future to promote a better feeling between all classes of the population and more particularly between the Jews and their non-Jewish fellow citizens. At the same time it will be necessary to secure to the Jews the fullest respect of their constitutional rights and the same protection for their lives and property as is extended to every section of the Polish nation.

Meanwhile, my committee will be very glad to communicate to your Excellencies the reports which have reached it, so that the government of the republic may cause investigation to be made into the charges contained in them and grant redress where redress may prove necessary. In taking this course, instead of acting on its treaty right to appeal to the League of Nations, my committee believes that it is offering to Poland the means by which the establishment of social peace throughout the republic will present no insuperable difficulties.

I have the honor to be of your Excellencies the most obedient, humble servant,
LUCIEN WOLF,
Secretary and Special Delegate of the Joint Foreign Committee.

Hotel d'Angleterre, Geneva, November 29, 1920.
Polish Delegation Reply.
Delegation Polonaise aupres de la Societe des Nations.
Geneva, Dec. 5, 1920.

Mr. Lucien Wolf, Etc., Etc.
Dear Sir—We have received your very kind letter stating that the committee which you are representing has been urged from more than one quarter to bring certain Jewish complaints to the knowledge of the Assembly of the League of Nations, now sitting in this city, but that "it has resisted these appeals because it recognizes the great difficulties with which the Polish government has to grapple at this moment, and it does not desire to add to those difficulties."

We beg to assure you that we most highly appreciate the noble motives which lead your committee in resisting the demands for a drastic but sterile action, and that we are glad to know that this distinguished body "sincerely desires the prosperity and happiness of Poland and the social peace of the republic, and it is convinced that this can best be achieved by strengthening and not discrediting the government, and by the cultivation of a spirit of patience and mutual toleration and confidence by the Jewish and Christian nationals of the new Poland."

The government of Poland will learn with gratification that at last "or organized acts of violence—the so-called 'pogroms'—no complaint is made."

As to the charges which have been brought to your attention and seem to give you so much concern, we beg to reply:

The insecurity is not felt by the Jewish population only. Owing to the state of war and to the continuous invasions, insecurity affects to a high degree the whole of the community, and there have been many Christians who have suffered by it, who have lost their properties and lives.

The minority rights guaranteed by the Treaty of Versailles, accepted by the government and ratified by the Diet of Poland, though not yet proclaimed by the constitution, which is still being elaborated, have become law in the country. No discrimination is officially made in regard of race or religion of the citizens, all of them enjoying the same political and civil rights. Any transgression of this principle, if brought to the knowledge of the government, will not remain unpunished.

According to your letter, the committee "has not yet fully investigated these charges," but you quote as positive proofs "two outstanding facts of indubitable authenticity:

(1) "The bitterness and magnitude of the anti-Semitic agitation attested by the incendiary placards which from time to time have been posted up in great cities like Warsaw and Posen," etc.

One must remember that the country is at war, that the masses of people are greatly excited and that the part played by certain notorious persons in the leadership of Russian affairs might to an extent explain this deplorable excitement. We deeply regret the facts quoted, but we sincerely trust that they are of purely ephemeral character.

(2) "The great emigration of Jewish refugees to Upper Silesia and Eastern Germany which these harassing conditions have occasioned."

This emigration cannot be regarded as the consequence of harassing or of any form of persecution. It is simply due to a cause for which neither the government nor the people of Poland could be held responsible. The economic conditions in Poland are distressing. Forty per cent. of this year's crops have been destroyed or taken away by the invader. Food is scarce. Famine is menacing our cities and towns. In spite of it, thousands of Jews are daily fleeing from Russia, where the conditions are still worse, and they are seeking refuge in Poland. Those who have some money remain in the country, while the destitute ones migrate farther west in the hope of finding some better conditions.

The Polish government realizes the seriousness of the situation and it is doing all in its power to improve it. It is going to protest against the action of a certain government which has decided to expel a great number of Jews, natives of Galicia, without granting them the right of option as guaranteed by the peace treaty.

ports which have reached your committee. We shall immediately communicate them to the Polish government, and you may be certain that they will be investigated with the utmost impartiality and justice.

The Polish government will spare no effort and no sacrifice in order to establish throughout the republic that social peace for which all good men are so earnestly striving and which is so indispensable for the welfare of mankind. It realizes that the relations between the Jewish and Christian nationals of Poland, though considerably improved, are not yet what they should be. It also realizes that a complete solution of this important problem will require some time and patience. But knowing, as we do, the principles and intentions of our government, we can assure you that it will most loyally and indefatigably endeavor that the problem be solved in conformity with Poland's glorious traditions of the past, in the spirit of toleration and mutual respect and in a way satisfactory to the entire civilized world.

Thanking you again for your kind and thoughtful letter, we have the honor to remain your obedient servants,
J. J. PADEREWSKI,
S. ASHKENAZY.

Lithuanian Jews Branded as Traitors to Poland.

Warsaw (Special Cable to Jewish News Service).—Because the Jewish Community of Vilna has decided to withhold Jewish participation in the elections to the Polish Diet, newspapers in this city are full of invectives and severe criticism of the action taken, and call Lithuanian Jews traitors to Poland.

A communique issued by the Vilna Kehilla and signed by representatives of all Jewish parties urges Jews to stay away from the polls and not lend their aid to elections for the Polish Diet, so that the Poles could not claim Jewish support in their scheme to reannex the district of Vilna to Poland.

Similar resolutions were passed by representatives of Lithuanians and White Russians of the district of Vilna.

Poles Become Jews to Obtain Divorces.

Warsaw (Special Cable to Jewish News Service).—Investigation of many cases of Polish Gentiles who embraced Judaism recently discloses the fact that most of the recent converts were ex-Jews who had originally adopted the Catholic religion, but who have resumed Judaism for the single purpose of obtaining divorces from their wives. The Catholic Church does not grant any divorces.

Most of the new Jewish proselytes return to Christianity once they have obtained their divorce. The rabbis of Warsaw have decided to adopt severe measures to stop such practices.

Impudence of a German Anti-Semite.

Koenigsberg (Jewish News Service).—At a meeting arranged by the Jewish Central Association against anti-Semitism, an anti-Semite who attended demanded the floor and in an address insulted the Jewish Red Cross nurses of the last war.

The assembled crowd would not listen to the insulting remarks and the police were called to interfere and prevent the speaker from continuing his vile address.

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LETTER FROM VIENNA.

Terse Reply to Austrian University Professors—Desperate Conditions in Austria—Growth of Zionism in Bulgaria—First Hebrew Elementary School Established in Czecho-Slovakia.

By **LEON SCHALIT**
(Our Special Correspondent.)

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Robert Stricker, the well-known leader of the Austrian Zionists, has addressed a remarkable letter to the rectors and professors of the Austrian higher schools, most of whom are open anti-Semites. For explanation I must say that the members of the famous Oxford University had sent a very reconciliatory and friendly letter to their Austrian (and German) colleagues, asking the humanitarian co-operation of all scientists in order to heal the wounds of the war. In their reply to Oxford the rectors and professors of the Austrian higher schools assured their British colleagues that always, even during the war, they had felt convinced that "science knows of no difference of nations and all new knowledge belongs to the whole of mankind."

Stricker's reply is so much to the point that I must cite certain passages word by word. "Your words, gentlemen," he declares after the opening, "are in the crassest contrast to the conditions prevailing in the Austrian higher schools." And then he continues to enumerate a number of facts, most unpleasant to the rectors and professors, but of historic value. "In the Austrian higher schools," he says, "Jewish men and women students are treated with the profoundest disrespect and things have reached such a point that on an academic ground Jewish girl students were bodily ill treated, the Jews have been shut out from the enjoyment of general benevolent institutions and Jewish aid institutions were demolished. The students had repeatedly carried resolutions to exclude Jews by force or to limit their number by introducing a per cent. norm, like the notorious Hungarian 'numerus clausus.' It must be accentuated specially in this connection that those were not the actions of misled youth that proceeded against their professors' decided will. No, the shameful resolutions intended to exclude Eastern Jews and Slavs and restrict Austrian Jews were carried in official meetings in the presence and under the honorary presidency of the rectors. Not one academic teacher lifted his voice in protest. On the contrary! The resolutions were carried into effect by the academic authorities and on the flimsiest pretexts Jews were refused admission. In such circumstance to utter the fine dictum of science which knows of no differences between the nations means to abuse it in the vilest manner. Or do you think, gentlemen, that you have a right to except the Jews, that because they are weak and persecuted you may exclude them from the union of peoples, from mankind? I ask of you, gentlemen, to state in your reply if you are willing to fight that Jew-baiting on Vienna's academic ground. Because only then you would have a right to accept the noble offer of the Oxford professors and to seize the hand of friendship."

But in spite of all anti-Semitic incitements it is only fair to this country and its population to mention the final paragraph of Stricker's letter, in which he says: "I cannot conclude without pointing out in honor of the hardly tried Austrian population that during the war, in spite of most intense incitement and in peace, notwithstanding most terrible want, the people have practiced most far-reaching hospitality. Nowhere were the subjects of hostile states treated with such humanity as in this very Austria. In its attitude to strangers the Austrian nation shows a culture of heart which has to be valued all the higher considering that in the homes of science Jews and aliens are systematically persecuted."

Indeed things here in general are becoming desperate. The Agrarians have compelled Austria to open a second chamber, the Bundesrat (Federated Council), in which the interests of the provinces are to be represented. As if this unfortunate republic were not entirely in the hands of the blood-sucking peasants! The lame "Senate," in which, of course, the Christian Socialists predominate, had to appoint a president who is considered Austria's political head. But the three leading parties—the Christian Socialists, Social Democrats and German Nationalists—could not come to an agreement; each of them wanted to appoint a partisan of its own. Unheard of intrigues and machinations went on almost interminably. The anti-Semites wished to appoint a figurehead, a puppet that would have danced to the tunes of their music. But the Social Democrats raised such passionate opposition that finally a non-party man, Dr. Michael Hainisch, as already cabled to you, had to be fetched from without.

It is alleged that he is beyond all party strife. The German Nationalists objected to Hainisch strongly on the ground that his wife is said to be of Jewish descent. He comes from a good bourgeois family, is a well educated man who has published several writings on social economy; also he is a practical agriculturist on his own estate. But he is sixty-two years of age, and the question arises if he really has sufficient strength and influence to do something against the unspeakable corruption in this part of the world. I wonder if even a great and born statesman could do much in this calamity, which grows worse day after day. What could he do against the permanent strikes to which the people are

driven by force of circumstances, as they have to fight a daily fight against the most terrible pauperization and starvation, against traffickers and profiteers in the towns and in the country? This week is characterized by strikes either already broken out or impending of mechanics, metal workers, musicians, employees of bookshops, composers, tailors, shoemakers, furriers and, worst of all, by the strike of 25,000 government employees, whom, it is feared, another 30,000 will soon join. They cripple the service of public offices; it is impossible to obtain a passport or to pay taxes, etc. Nobody can say what will happen if America and the Allied Powers will not grant the expected loans to Austria. There are incessant rumors of a general strike, including even the police and gendarmerie. A dissolution of everything is feared. Since the Christian Socialists' regime prices have risen immensely, but the government declares that it cannot give way to its employees' new demands, as Austria's budget shows the tremendous deficit of 25,000,000,000 kronen (nominally 5,000,000 kronen) and the Austro-Hungarian Bank issues monthly a new flood of notes amounting to 2,000,000,000 kronen. The inflation of the kronen is so overwhelming that it is worth less than its hundredth part, in many cases only the two-hundredth. The danger of Bolshevism in this country has revived, and if those who made the fatal peace of St. Germain are not quick in lending radical assistance, Austria is bound to become a terrible danger center in Europe. I need not repeat that in the case of upheavals the Jews will be the first to suffer.

It is rare that one hears from our Bulgarian brethren. I have just received valuable information concerning them. Even among the well-to-do Jews who work much in commercial life the desire for emigration to Palestine is very powerful. However, the Central Zionist Committee cannot help them. Economically the Jews' position in Bulgaria is not favorable. Most of them live in the capital, Sofia. The Jews in Bulgaria number 50,000. Politically the Zionists form the strongest party; there is also a group of Jewish Social Democrats. During the recent elections in the Jewish community a purely Zionist leading council consisting of eleven members was returned. The communities keep two Jewish schools, the committee of which consists of five Zionists. A Zionist press organ, "Haschofar," is published in Sephardic and Bulgarian, and the periodical for the youth, "Hawri Hazair," in Hebrew and Bulgarian, and a Bulgarian monthly, "Makkabi," appears at Ruzschuk as the organ of the Jewish gymnasts. At Sofia the Palestine Emigration Society has been founded, as well as the Bulgarian Palestine Bank, which has a capital of 20,000,000 lew. The bank is to do commerce between Bulgaria and Palestine and to buy land in Eretz Israel for its 250 shareholders. A number of members of the Palestine Emigration Society on a proletarian basis are opposed to the capitalistic bank. Especially at the provincial town of Hakowo the Zionist movement is very strong, and all young people there speak Hebrew.

The first Hebrew elementary school in Czecho-Slovakia was opened by the

Zionists of Munkacz, which town was formerly situated in Northern Hungary. All subjects of instruction are taught in Hebrew and Hebrew itself is taught after the Berlitz method Iwrit is Iwrit. Otherwise the news from Slovakia is hardly of an encouraging nature. The Prague daily "Triune" reports that the police captain of Sillein, in Northern Slovakia, at the end of September received an official order that all Jewish fugitives who had settled there should be expelled and their dwelling places seized and given to the Czech officials, which order was duly carried out. "Prager Tageblatt" publishes the sad news that the authorities in Slovakia have started an action to withdraw the licenses from proprietors of restaurants and tobacconists and to grant them to invalids of the war, but, strange to say, this action is limited only to Jews.

On the other hand, President Masaryk at Prague received the president of the Jewish National Council in audience—Dr. Ludwig Singer, Marcus Ungar and Arthur Kanders—and they spoke about their good impression of the union of Jews in "Carpatho-Russia," the districts in the Carpathian mountains formerly Hungarian and now belonging to the Czechs. President Masaryk, who showed great interest, promised to assist and comply with all their wishes, giving another proof of his excellent attitude towards the Jews and Zionists.

Typhus Ravaging Jews of Eastern Europe.

How helpless the people of Eastern Europe are before the onslaughts of typhus and other epidemic diseases and how the Jews suffer from these plagues far out of proportion to their numbers is told in a vividly tragic report from Dr. Syrkin Bienschein, placed in charge of J. D. C. medical work in Cracow. He organized a sanitary section in Cracow, in April, 1920, and, with limited personnel, equipment and funds, has been waging a heroic fight against typhus and other epidemic diseases.

That Jews are racially predisposed to typhus is confirmed by figures. For instance, during the epidemic in Lodz in 1916, out of 3,224 cases, 2,601, or 80 per cent., were Jewish. In Warsaw, of 2,656 cases, 2,144 were Jewish. In Cracow, where the Jews form 17 per cent. of the population, the percentage of Jewish cases was 30. The physical exhaustion and the heavy spiritual shocks which the poor people experience also make them more predisposed to catch the disease.

How pitifully inadequate is the equipment for fighting the disease is pointed out by the doctor, who states that only 578 beds are available for epidemic diseases in all Western Galicia, and that only 15 epidemic physicians, 14 medical assistants and 44 nurses are working. In addition, there are no free public baths in Galicia, those established in Cracow in tents being forced to close because of the cold.

From April through September Dr. Bienschein received 1,200,000 marks from the J. D. C. for medical work. He estimates his needs now at 13,500,000 marks, including 1,000,000 marks for medicines and physicians, 3,500,000 marks for baths, laundries and ambulances, 3,000,000 marks for linens, 1,000,000 marks for soap, 2,000,000 marks for

renovating barracks and 3,000,000 marks for the provinces.

Farm School to Register New Class.

The National Farm School, located near Philadelphia, in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, is now receiving applications for admission to its new freshman class, which is to be admitted to the school in March, in order to begin its studies with the opening of the farming season, in the spring of the year.

The National Farm School offers a wonderful opportunity to worthy, energetic young men, irrespective of creed, giving them a three years' training in practical and scientific agriculture, free of all charge to them, for tuition, board, lodging, laundry and other necessities.

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The course is open to boys between the age of 16 and 21 years, who have completed a grammar school education, or who have an education equivalent thereto, who are morally, mentally and physically fit, and who have a desire to follow agriculture as their life's work.

Any young man, having the above qualifications, who desires to register for the new class, may obtain registration blanks by addressing Mr. Morris I. Kaufmann, chairman of the Committee on Admissions, either in person or by mail, at the office of the school, 407 Victory Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

Seven-Year-Old Child Makes Ocean Trip Alone.

A little seven-year-old boy has just reached the shores of America under circumstances that are very dramatic. Just as his mother, brothers and sisters were stepping aboard a steamer to join the father and husband in America, the child was stricken with diphtheria and taken back to a hospital in Antwerp, to follow his mother as soon as he recovered. When the mother reached her final destination in Vermont she came to the local section of the Council of Jewish Women and told her pathetic story. It took but a few days for the Council's Department of Immigrant Aid to set its nationally organized machinery in motion. The local committee on immigrant aid in Vermont communicated with the national department of immigrant aid; the national department communicated with its representative in Antwerp, and within a very short time a cable from Antwerp announced the recovery of the child and the name of the steamer on which he was sailing. The Council's port representative at Ellis Island, supplied with the necessary documents and traveling money, which the rejoicing parents had sent, met the little traveler and saw him safely on to his destination, where a very happy family was gathered to welcome him.

Samuel A. Goldsmith to Head Bureau of Jewish Social Research.

Samuel A. Goldsmith, general secretary of the National Council of Young Men's Hebrew Associations and kindred organizations, has been elected to succeed Dr. Ludwig B. Bernstein, new head

of the Pittsburgh (Pa.) Jewish Charities as the head of the Bureau of Jewish Social Research.

For more than six years Mr. Goldsmith has served the National Y. M. H. A. work. During this time the number of affiliated institutions has increased from 175 to 352; the dues paying membership, from 35,000 to 100,000; State and Inter-State Federations of Young Men's Hebrew Associations have been formed; methods for raising building funds, conducting membership propaganda, and conducting the intra-mural activities of the associations have been developed and standardized; many co-operations with other national and governmental agencies carried out; and the organization of general secretaries of Young Men's Hebrew Associations, now numbering 67, and of which Mr. Goldsmith is president, has been gradually perfected.

Electric Railways for Palestine.

The Palestine railways of the near future will be run by electricity if the agitation for this innovation, just begun by the British Palestine Committee, succeeds. In the latest number of "Palestine," the organ of the committee, it is pointed out editorially that there is universal agreement that the future in railways is with electrification. "In Palestine the argument against coal is all the stronger because coal has to be imported at great expense," the editorial continues, "so that if electricity could be produced at a reasonable price coal would not resist competition. The country, too, is so small that a centralized generating station could operate economically and efficiently. There is the further consideration that if the railways were electrified they would, by providing one large scale consumer, facilitate a large electrification scheme which would provide light, heat and power for the country. At present the existing consumption is necessarily small, although it is bound to grow as the provision of electricity stimulates industry and renders accessible the amenities of civilization in greater measure. There is good reason to believe that electricity can be produced in Palestine from water cheaply and in large volume, but if capital is to be put into such an enterprise it will ask for encouragement. The reform of the railways ought, therefore, to be considered in close contact with the question of electric power. The two are inseparable."

Heights Dentist a Benedict.

The numerous friends of Dr. M. Elowitz, the popular dentist of No. 581 West 161st street, corner of Broadway, were surprised to learn that he has gone housekeeping. On Sunday, Dec. 26, 1920, he was married to Miss Hannah Moore, of No. 29 East 124th st, an estimable young lady, who has had the doctor's individual attention for some time, without the whole world's knowing about it. The young couple returned from a honeymoon trip to Atlantic City and the secret leaked out, a happy sequel to their reticence, and now everything seems as it should. They will reside at No. 559 West 188th street, and will be at home to their friends Jan. 30.

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Gilbert K. Chesterton is here and Jewry still lives!

Does Philadelphia deserve its reputation for being slow? Here's the Jewish Exponent of that city announcing in its last issue "Prof. Michelson Wins Nobel Prize." Well, we only published the news in 1907.

The thought of General Coleman du Pont, chairman of the board of the Inter-racial Council, to the effect that what we need in immigration matters is a due enforcement of the existing law instead of the setting up of new statutory bars seems to us both sane and logical. Why should it be necessary to add new laws against the alien to the statute book when the existing provisions are ample for American requirements?

Chief Rabbi H. P. Chajes, of Vienna, who is on a visit to these shores, is very welcome both for himself as one of the leading Jewish scholars of the world and for the stricken community he so worthily represents. Presumably he journeys hither on behalf of the people whose religious requirements he supervises. Vienna Jewry, perhaps more than any other European community, is in dire needs of our aid and sympathy.

The statement prepared by the American Committee on the Rights of Religious Minorities, on the General Committee of which we find from this community Abram I. Elkus, Louis Marshall, Henry Morgenthau, Oscar S. Straus and Dr. Stephen S. Wise, and which deals with the pernicious attacks directed against the Jewish citizens of this country by the creatures in the pay of Henry Ford, has received wide circulation. It is a document vibrating with the fire of righteous indignation over the outrageous campaign of hatred and abuse hurled against a peaceable and law-abiding community of the Detroit "flivver" sage, and should do much in unrelated quarters to counteract this mischievous propaganda. The names appended to the paper are those of men of the highest station and widest influence in American life.

We are glad *The Times-Herald* of Newport News, Va., has ascertained from an examination of the charitable statistics of the city of Baltimore that the Jews of the latter locality, constituting as they do but a fraction of the total population, contribute more for charitable endeavor and purposes than all the non-Jews of the place, the preponderating majority of the inhabitants. We are glad because this fact, so well known and understood among Jews, has not sufficiently penetrated into the consciousness of Christians, and oftentimes the latter express vague surprise at learning to how great an extent our people take care of their own poor and unfortunate ones without aid from outside, non-Jewish sources. In charity our community is indeed second to none.

Dr. Redcliffe N. Salaman, the new president of the Jewish Historical Society of England, solemnly assured those who heard his recent inaugural lecture in London that "the Jew since the time of Ezra has been a white man, and the dark Jews in various parts of the world are dark because they have absorbed black blood since the expulsion." This represents the considered and expert view of an anthropologist and is worthy of the deliberate attention of those interested in the racial purity of the Jews. Be it added, we have here marked support for that view, and those who speak of the Jewish race now have Dr. Salaman's authority to confirm them in their opinion. Of necessity the anti-Semites will seek to make the most of Dr. Salaman's thought; on reflection, however, it must be apparent that they will derive little or no comfort therefrom for their mischievous notions.

Correspondents and subscribers are notified that matter intended for the current issue of the HEBREW STANDARD must reach our office not later than Tuesday, 10 A. M. This rule will be strictly adhered to.

THE IMMIGRANT "FLOOD."

WE do not know if the remarks made by the representatives of our Jewry at the hearing last week before the Senate Committee on Immigration, which is dealing with the pending bill absolutely to restrict all alien immigration to these shores for a definite period, will have any effect. That will altogether depend on the outcome of the committee's work on the measure and, in a lesser degree perhaps, on the fate of the bill in the Senate. But we do know that the arguments advanced and the representations made by our representatives on the occasion in question were of a uniformly high order of merit and that their words threw the white light of sane and logical thought on this most vexatious question.

Messrs Bernstein, for the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society; Marshall, of the American Jewish Committee, and Rothenberg, of the Provisional Committee for an American Jewish Congress, showed clearly that there is not a horde of Jews (to employ the language of the advocates of absolute restriction) awaiting passage to this country. The facts are that existing economic conditions and the internal situation in Poland refute such a claim. There can be no movement of peoples when the well-being of those who wander is even more seriously threatened in the land which is their objective than in that which they wish to quit. On the subject of Jewish conditions in Poland the remarks of Louis Marshall were particularly of value. He spoke from personal knowledge of the work negotiated in Paris, and was able to assure our national legislators that Poland was now accepting its obligations and responsibilities toward minority races without demur.

It is thus a pleasure to testify that Jewry once more broke a lance in the Capitol at Washington in aid of the great and hallowed American tradition of affording asylum toward the weak, oppressed and unfortunate, and those who earnestly seek the opportunities which this country holds out to all who are sincere, peaceful and law abiding. We trust the Senate committee and the Senate itself will not fail us in support of our contention that America still remains true to this, its chosen ideal.

The Wilson Administration had Dr. Stephen S. Wise behind the scenes and Henry Morgenthau, Abram I. Elkus and Bernard M. Baruch in the public gaze as its advisers on Jewish affairs. Rumor has it that Albert D. Lasker of Chicago will occupy a similar relation to President-elect Harding after he will have entered on the performance of his duty. To think that in America of the twentieth century we should be duplicating the condition prevailing in the case of the Hapsburgs of the late seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries! Well, the new *shtadlan* has our best wishes for success.

And now comes the Rev. Wilbur F. Crafts of Washington, the notorious agitator for a "blue" Sunday, and makes announcement that the Reform Bureau, of which he is the head, is not anti-Jewish in sentiment or intention. This may well be the case. And the proof that Mr. Crafts is a philo-Semite consists of the "facts" that a neighboring rabbi in Brooklyn, when he had charge of a church in that borough, was "one of his best friends" and that our local contemporary was sent to him "free for years" because he stood (and inferentially stands) squarely against race prejudice. *Lehavdil!*

The city of Lyons, France, has named a street in honor of the late Grand Rabbi Armand Bloch, the first French chaplain to fall in the war. It will be remembered that Rabbi Bloch died while holding a cross before and administering the last rites to a dying Catholic soldier. The *Jewish Chronicle* of London states that this is probably the first time anywhere that a street has been named in honor of a rabbi. Some years ago Wintner street, in the Williamsburgh section of Brooklyn, was named in honor of Rabbi Leopold Wintner, then in charge of Temple Beth Elohim. Rabbi Wintner is still in our midst and enjoying good health at the ripe old age of eighty-four.

The *Centrum*, the Roman Catholic party of German political life, which of course is opposed to Freemasonry, has become so inoculated with the virus of German anti-Semitism that it now seeks to "kill two birds with one stone." Not content with continuing its opposition to the Masons, its spokesmen now identify the Jews with this fraternity, to the exclusion of those of other faiths. In Germany of all countries, where Freemasonry exists upon the so-called Christian basis and where in innumerable Masonic lodges no Jew can possibly gain admittance, even as a Masonic visitor! In this instance, it should be noted, the anti-Semites have strained at a gnat and swallowed a camel.

We do not know if it be true that every Reform movement in history has been inspired from a Hebraic source. The prophets of Israel were contenders for a pure, righteous and ethical living and thinking, in contradistinction to the base views and habits which controlled the people of surrounding lands in the times in which they lived. If, then, those who seek to improve the world draw their inspiration from the words of the great Hebrew prophets, these leaders of thought may be in a sense the inspiration for such hopes and ideals. But, as is apparent, this is different from saying that every movement, especially such a one as receives the condemnation of those who wish to stand as *laudatores temporis acti*, is of a Jewish origin.

A NEW BEATTITUDE.

"Before them there were no such locusts as they, neither after them shall be such." (Ex. x, 14).

IT is no breach of reverence to say that the statement of the text is an obvious exaggeration. It is a hyperbole. As a literary device this form of statement is too well known to need dwelling upon. Its effect is that of a verbal thunder-clap, an exclamation mark forcibly ejaculated. Its purpose is emphasis. It is no denial of truth—unless truth is pedantically conceived to move within the narrow limits of literalness—it is its tremendous confirmation. Behind it there is usually some hidden meaning, some profound moral earnestness, or some tender vision of the world. The Bible, both in its poetic and narrative portions, is full of hyperbole, of emphasis gained by overstatement; but so are all the creative works of the human race, particularly the thousand-lived, myriad-minded, ubiquitous folk-tales that have travelled adown the invisible tracks of the ages and found listening ears by every hearthside and around every campfire. It is wonderful to observe what indestructible life these legends and traditions possess, how they turn up in various guises in the remotest corners of the earth: ever the same for all their iridescence, and instinct with the eternal spirit of man, which crowds into these stories profounder wisdom than is contained in the precise pages of the learned.

They say that the oriental mind is particularly prone to exaggeration. If so, it is because the Eye of the East still looks out upon the world with fresh poetic vision. All simple minds are endowed with this gift of exaggeration. You need but listen to the talk of children if you would be convinced that poetry is not yet dead; that reality has not yet become frozen and hardened into a strict scientific formula. Every cradle holds a prophet and poet, a seer of rainbow fancies. What every cradle holds almost every school destroys, and the poetry that actually gets written comes from men who somehow have escaped the wholesome influence of teachers and textbooks. Poets are men who have never grown up. They are children, with a child's dew-fresh mind and a child's tender heart, and, above all, with a child's mythmaking faculty. And just as there are individuals who refuse to grow up and play the dreary game of grown-ups, so there are races, like the Irish, the Jewish, and others, that have never lost the early simplicity and spontaneous creativeness of childhood: and it is these races that are mankind's seeing eye-pupil and beating love-pulse.

Hyperbole, then, is not merely a literary device, it is a human characteristic, it is the attribute of the creative soul of man. As a human trait, it has behind it the instinctive refusal of the acceptance of the hard and fast dust-reality of the world, and the passionate desire to re-create the world in the mold of the mind. The world is but raw material for the visioning mind, to be shaped and colored, to be rendered meaningful—say, to be *immensified*—in accordance with the vast sweep of the beholder's eye. The world is as we are determined to see it. Small within the compass of small minds, the world grows to infinite proportion in the mind of the great. Hard and unyielding to those who cannot penetrate the crust of externality, it becomes plastic and malleable beneath the strokes of the keen intellects. But it is within the unspoiled vision of the truly great—the saint, the seer, the child—that the world assumes infinite beauty and unfolds possibility ever new. To these the world is re-born every moment, and Life itself has every moment its resurrection.

Spoken hyperboles are but symbols of the vaster thing: for hyperboles can be acted, can be lived. What is, for instance, an act of heroism, or of magnanimity, but a hyperbole of action? Going far beyond the demands of mere respectability, not seeking the cowardly protection of the canons of moral mediocrity, passing beyond the law from a supreme scorn for minimum requirements, what else is such a shining deed than an overstatement of the higher and highest laws of the soul? And when such extraordinary deeds pile up in any one life, what other character does the whole life assume than that of a tremendous living emphasis upon great ideals? As there is a hyperbole of speech, so there is a hyperbole of action, and so there is also a hyperbole of living. The life of some men, and of some races, is a gigantic hyperbole, an overstatement of the claims of idealism. What is the Jew but a human hyperbole?

Men and races that are so exaggerated out of the common features of mankind that they appear as caricatures have always been the butt of the practical man's vulgar jests. An odd character, for instance, that of a hermit, a recluse, a dreamer, or any kind of a utopian, may however be a human hyperbole of and therefore a divine emphasis upon some great redeeming idea. What is Utopia itself but a hyperbole of righteousness? Providence sends utopians with their pet utopias to the world, in order through them to emphasize, to overstate, to exaggerate, an ideal of which mankind is in need, and which if it cannot realize it must seek to approximate. It is easy to say that the idealism of idealists is impossible; but it is the impossible idealisms that promote the possible ones. Hyperbole means shooting beyond the mark, but shooting beyond the mark is obviously better, at any rate in morals, than falling short of the aim. An overstatement, at any rate for the ultimate recognition of vital truths, is clearly to be preferred to an understatement. There are lives that are poorly phrased, weakly worded, ineffectually expressed, drably and dully composed: these are understatements of what men should be; and then there are lives so brilliantly and colorfully composed as to serve the cause of Mankind, by the sheer daring beauty of their exaggerations, if not as examples at least as illustrations.

Therefore, let me indite this New Beatitude: "Blessed are they who exaggerate, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven!"
JOEL BLAU.

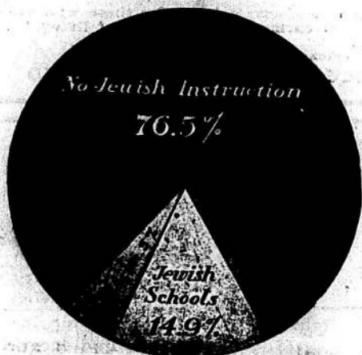
THE RECONSTRUCTION OF JEWISH LIFE.

By I. B. BERKSON, Ph. D.
The world is trying to cheat itself into the belief that the fabric of civilization is not seriously destroyed. It points to the marvellous recuperative power of nations and looks forward to a return to normal conditions of business and of social life within a few months, or at most within a year or two.

In this optimism, which one can but hope is not falsely founded, the nations of the old world look to America to take the lead in reconstruction. They know that the resources of America are scarcely touched and that the depression that has seized upon commerce is a consequence of the jam in the gears in Japan, China, Russia and Germany, rather than in any defect inherent in the American section of international commercial machinery. Consequently, they expect America to show the first signs of strong recuperation, and to remain ahead of the rest of the world for the coming decade, and perhaps for an indefinite period in the future.

The reconstruction of Jewish life bears close relation to the general rehabilitation of world civilization. The great masses of the Jews are located either in Russia and Poland, and other Eastern European countries, where the collapse of civilization has reached an acute stage, or else in America, where prosperity and liberty have scarcely been impaired. The Jews in Eastern Europe were the first to suffer, their sufferings were the most acute, and they will be the last to recuperate—if indeed one dare hope for recuperation. The Jews in America were the last to feel the effects of the war, their troubles were of the lightest, and they will be the first to resume conditions of normal prosperity and happiness—and of this rapid recuperation they can be confident.

PROPORTION OF CHILDREN RECEIVING JEWISH INSTRUCTION



Unfortunately the Jewry that has been well-nigh wiped out in Eastern Europe was the reservoir of Judaism; whereas the Jewry of America, upon which the future of the Jewish people depends, was a mere ferment of new settlements in strange conditions and in all the turmoil of readjustment, confusion and wastage. The Yeshivas of Russia and Poland are in ruins, never to be revived. The Jews are fleeing pell mell from scenes of horror. The communities are scattered beyond the Pale, never, never to return. America, on the other hand, cannot boast of anything more than material prosperity. It never

had any Yeshivas; it never had anything more than vast agglomerations of Jews, shapeless masses of huge extent, entirely lacking in the organic unity of the community. Yet it is this America which is to take the place, in the future, of Russia and Poland, and take the lead in the reconstruction of Jewish life.

American Jewry may be in a position to undertake the physical rehabilitation of Jewish life all over the world. But it is certainly in no condition at present to take the lead in Jewish education and in the perpetuation and development of Judaism. This fact constitutes a crisis in Jewish life. The Jews being scattered all over the world can survive and develop only by virtue of Judaism, the invisible tie that unites them and protects them in the direst extremity. But Judaism is always in danger from the encroachments of the majority among whom the Jews live, and it cannot hope to withstand these hopeless odds unless reinforced with a deep knowledge of the fundamentals of the Jewish faith.

It is surely time, therefore, for American Jewry to take stock of its present educational facilities, and see whether there is any possibility of their coping with their present task, and of absorbing the enormous extra strain that is about to be put upon them.

The facts are nothing less than startling. There are three hundred thousand Jewish children of school age in New York. Of these, two hundred and thirty thousand, or 76 per cent., are receiving no Jewish instruction whatsoever; that is to say, they do not attend a Hebrew school; they do not attend a cheder, or a "Sunday school"; they do not take private lessons from a visiting melamed; they probably do not know that the Bible is written in Hebrew at all, or that the Jews have a history; and the sidur is as mysterious an unintelligibility to them as a rosary. They know that they are called Jews, and that in some quarters that is considered quite a shameful thing; and they feel a little ashamed of it themselves, in many cases, or at least prefer not to have it mentioned in their presence. If they go to synagogue, they feel strangely out of place, and they emerge into the open air with a sense of relief and a determination not to repeat so embarrassing an experience. Perhaps the only vestige of Judaism left in them is a respect for their grandfather as the embodiment of piety and deep learning. It is especially the deep learning that they yearn for, as for some remote and mysterious eldorado of unimaginable treasure.

It must not be thought, on the other hand, that the remaining 24 per cent. or seventy thousand of the Jewish children in New York who are receiving some Jewish instruction, are all deriving benefit from their studies. Of these thousands are being instructed at the hands of the visiting melamed, and thousands more get their training at some decrepit little cheder, types of instruction that cannot but be repulsive to the child, accustomed to the American public school. It needs but a superficial observation to determine that the effect upon these children is in many cases just the opposite of what is intended by their well-meaning parents; the child, far from being led into the Jewish fold, is alienated from it forever. Or else these children, finding in later life the need for some strong faith upon which to lean in time of trouble, drift into strange cults and there seek the consolation that they might have found in the bosom of Judaism.

Only a very small number attend properly equipped Hebrew schools where the instruction is adequate and the

methods are modern, and of these very few indeed may be expected to complete their course and emerge as Jewish men and women with the necessary educational foundation for a substantial place in the community.

It becomes obvious at once that not only is America unprepared for the gigantic task of taking the lead in the reconstruction of Jewish spiritual life, but that it is falling hopelessly behind in caring for its own problem. There will have to be a tremendous effort made to keep the educational facilities up to the growing requirements of American Jewry, much less to hope for some really constructive leadership in the regeneration of the Jews of the less fortunate parts of the world. This is a matter which will not wait, and there will be two days of work for every day that is lost. The task is big enough to appeal to the best minds in American Jewry, and since its consequences go deep into the heart of Jewish life, and will have a decisive effect upon the Jewish future, it should not be an impossible task to arouse the masses of the people to the needs of real work and sacrifice on behalf of Jewish education in America.

A start has, of course, been made. The forthcoming Joint Graduation Exercises to be held on January 23, at the Stuyvesant High School, are an indication, for instance, of some of the really constructive work that has been accomplished in Jewish education in America. Twelve of the largest Talmud Torahs and Hebrew schools will take part in these exercises, and some three hundred children will graduate. These schools are giving a regular course of systematic instruction to nearly ten thousand children.

But, compared with the vast majority who go untaught, these children are but a handful. The work of these twelve schools must be duplicated and reduplicated until every child has at least the opportunity to get a thorough and intensive Jewish education. Then America may take her place in the lead in the task of Jewish world reconstruction.

CORRESPONDENCE.

"Nothing New Under the Sun."

Editor Hebrew Standard:—
I have read with pleasure the illuminating, erudite and withal kindly comments of Rabbi Nachman Heller on my sermon entitled "The Conquest of God," in which he refers to a passage in the Talmud where God is made to say that His children have conquered Him.

For the comfort of my esteemed colleague I should like to say that it was this very passage I had at the back of my mind when writing the aforesaid article. Compare further a Hebrew article of mine in a recent number of the "Hatoren," under the heading "Mori Ha-Aravi," where the idea is more fully exploited. Note particularly my statement, "Ha-Elohim mithavveh le-hinnatzeach al-yeday banaw." JOEL BLAU.
New York, January 6, 1921.

A Cancer May Be Removed.

Editor Hebrew Standard.
In your issue of December 31 E. P. Alldredge, Department of Survey, Statistics and Information, Baptist Sunday School Board, says: "Sorry you feel so violently bitter against Henry Ford, etc. No matter what some cranks may say, etc." Allow me to say to Brother Alldredge that these cranks are the cancerous growths of the human race, and must be removed before they infect our beloved country. You can't cure a cancer by applying cold water! A man that will publish forged documents to sow the seed of hatred among our people is a traitor to our country. It behooves good Christians to insist upon Henry Ford and his like to withdraw his libel upon millions of our citizens. I agree with Brother Alldredge when he says, "The cause is too great for us to act under anger or excitement," but, O Lord, till when?

DR. L. W. ZWISOHN.

A Novel Way of Celebrating a Rabbi's Anniversary.

The following letter written in connection with the celebration of Rabbi Hyman M. Lasker's 25th anniversary with the River and Division street Congregations of Troy, N. Y., explains itself.

The occasion is especially noteworthy in as much as all the officers and a majority of the members of Troy Nest are non-Jews.

Mr. Wm. J. Cunningham, Treasurer, Troy Nest No. 1745 Order of Owls, 317 River Street, Troy, N. Y.
Dear Mr. Cunningham:

Your letter of the 31st ulto., enclosing check for \$10.00, contributed by the Troy Nest No. 1746 Order of Owls, in honor of Rabbi Lasker upon his completion of twenty-five years of eminent service in connection with the congregation in your city, is indeed very much appreciated by us.

It manifests a spirit of neighborliness that is indicative of the application of the brotherhood of men and the common recognition of the Almighty God. The fact that Rabbi Lasker has served so long and faithfully in one place and has earned for himself the respect of every element in your community could not have been proven in a more laudable way than the manner you saw fit to show it.

STANLEY BERO,
General Manager Central Relief Committee, January 5, 1921.

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"Haint," published in Warsaw, protests against the sudden cessation of cultural relief work by the Joint Distribution Committee, stating that it will break many institutions and throw into the streets tens of thousands of children. An appeal is made to postpone it for at least several months, in order to

give organizations notice of the coming change and a possibility to adapt themselves to the new conditions.

Dr. Rosenblatt, a deputy to the Polish Diet from Lodz, has applied to the Voyeroda (Governor) of Lodz and the local military commander General Olshesky to protect Jewish passengers on the railroad stations and local railroads in the city. In recent times attacks against Jews on local railroads have increased to a large extent. Jewish passengers are beaten, their beards pulled, and even Jewish women and children are not safe.

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Pi Tau Pi Fraternity.

At its annual conclave, held in Cincinnati, December 27 to 30, 1920, the Pi Tau Pi Fraternity, which has chapters all over the United States, chose for its president for the coming year Alvin Austin Silberman of New York city.

The other national officers are: Vice-president, Julien S. Cahen, Birmingham, Ala.; secretary, Louis Wellhouse, Atlanta, Ga.; treasurer, Philip Goldsmith, Cincinnati, O.; national editor of the Pitaupian, the fraternity magazine, David Brill, Chicago, Ill.; national chaplain, Benjamin Frankel, Peoria, Ill.; national junior counselor, Maurice H. Kafka, Washington, D. C.

A fund of \$2,500 was left in the city of Cincinnati for local charity. Some of the nationally important activities to which the individual members of the fraternity address themselves are such tasks as Big Brother work, Anti-Defamation, co-operation in local civic, patriotic and charitable campaigns. St. Louis was selected for the next convention city.

Conditions of Jews interned in concentration camps around Cracow defy all description. Most of the accused have been gathered pending trial by a court-martial on charges of alleged sympathy with the Bolsheviks during their recent invasion of the country. All prisoners deny their guilt. It is said that the water used in the camp is polluted, causing diseases and many deaths.

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Prayer, Rev. Dr. Nathan Stern.

Shaaray Tefila Sisterhood, President Mrs. Max L. Levenson, chairman Joint Memorial Committee.

Federation of Jewish Philanthropic Societies, Mrs. Isaac Kuble.

Solo, "O Rest in the Lord," Miss Elizabeth Wood.

Ladies' Auxiliary Society of Montefiore Home, Mrs. Sidney C. Borg.

Ladies' Benevolent Society of Shaaray Tefila, President Mrs. William C. Popper.

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Solo, "The Lord Is My Shepherd," Miss Wood.

New York Section, Council Jewish Women, President Mrs. William D. Sporborg.

West End Synagogue, Rev. Dr. Nathan Stern.

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Bronx Hospital.

The annual meeting of the Bronx Hospital will be held on January 23 at Temple Adath Israel, 169th street, between Fulton and Third avenues. Prominent speakers and members of the directorate of the institution will tell what the hospital has accomplished during its first year in its present quarters, and in the previous years when it rendered free dispensary service throughout the Bronx.

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The annual meeting of the Board of Directors will take place on Sunday evening, January 23. Judge Irving Lehman will render his annual report and a number of prominent speakers are expected. Members of the association are cordially invited to attend the meeting.

Milton Weiss, a member of the Ninety-second street Y. M. H. A., won the State amateur boxing championship in the 145-pound class, against Harry Coll of the Kenne Boys' Club. William Sluger of the 115-pound class won several bouts but was defeated in the finals.

The Harmony Five basketball team will play on Sunday evening, January 16, in the gymnasium, against the Brooklyn Champs. Admission is 35 cents—dancing will follow the game.

The first of the series of seven talks on health topics was held on Sunday afternoon at 4.30 in the library of the Y. M. H. A. Dr. William Bierman spoke on "The Young Man's Problem." On January 16, at 4.30 p. m., Dr. David Beck, adjunct of the Mt. Sinai Hospital, will talk on "The Danger Signs of Disease." These talks are open to the public, free of charge.

Judge Wasservogel to Joint the B'nai B'rith.

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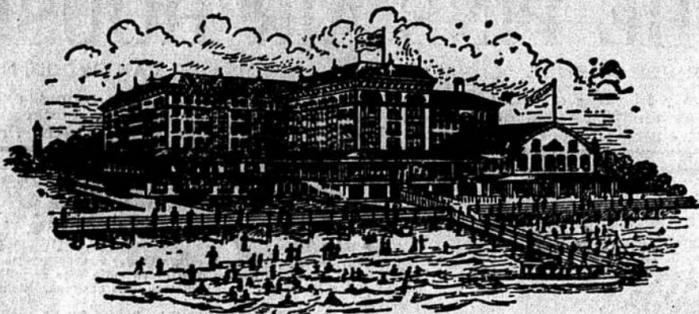
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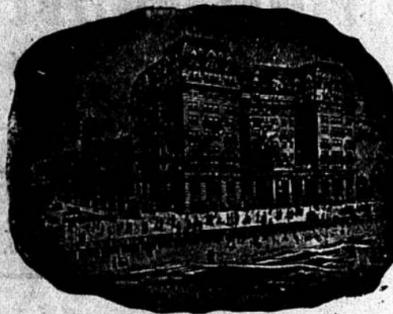
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A commercial secondary school was organized by the Jewish Merchants' Association in Jerusalem, and Hebrew, Arabic, English, French, economics, commercial law, bookkeeping, office management and mathematics will be among the subjects taught.

Seven hundred Palestinian refugees, who were expelled during the war by the Turks because they were French citizens, have recently returned to Palestine from Corsica, where they had been staying. The French Government conveyed all of them at its expense to Beirut, from where the Zionist Commission and the Jerusalem branch of the Joint Distribution Committee are helping them reach their destination. Four hundred and eighty have already reached Tiberias and Safed.

The export from Palestine of wheat, barley and durra has been prohibited until after the Winter, all the crops being necessary for home consumption.

An examination in spoken Hebrew for government officials will be held in April or May, 1921, in Jerusalem. It will consist of the translation of words and sentences from English to Hebrew, and from Hebrew to English, and of a Hebrew conversation with one of the examiners. Simple grammatical questions will be asked and each candidate is supposed to be able to answer questions on his particular branch of the service. The "Sephardi" pronunciation is declared official.

One hundred and twenty Chaluzim (Pioneers) arrived in Jaffa on September 21. The colony of Ekron decided to receive 30 Pioneers for the Winter.

The construction of the Haifa-Jeida Road is in the hands of "Poel Hazair," which is using 220 men, mostly Chaluzim (Pioneers), for the work. They live in tents supplied by the Zionist Commission.

The distinction of being the first electrically lit town in Palestine has fallen to Tel Aviv, the Garden City of Palestine, the streets of which were lit by electric light on the night of October 21.

The municipality of Jerusalem has decided to float a loan of £30,000 to provide the city with an adequate electric lighting system.

Shops, stores and offices are being planned for the neighborhood of the proposed harbor which is to be erected in Jaffa, it was learned recently. A company was formed with the endorsement of Sir Herbert Samuel, which will use 200,000 square meters for building purposes, after the water-logged area near the harbor will have been drained.

Palestinian parents have been invited by the Education Department of the Zionist Commission to share in the supervision of schools. A supervising committee of five, two of whom represent the parents, one the school committee, one the kindergarten and one to be the

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director of the school, will take part in the financial budget, estimate and collect tuition fees, guard and increase school property, suggest improvements, and strengthen the relations between the school and the parents.

Telephones have been installed in most of the business houses and public institutions in Haifa, and installations are being made in a number of places in Jaffa.

Olives have been so plentiful this year, according to an estimate of the crops and fruits of Palestine made by the government, that a fall in the price of both olives and olive oil is expected shortly.

At a session of the Warsaw City Council, the anti-Semitic member Lipatzevitch again attacked the Jews in connection with a debate on the existing food shortage in Poland. He stated that responsibility for it attaches to American Jews, because they are making it

impossible for the country to obtain a loan. He further demanded that Polish Jews influence the Americans to stop anti-Polish agitation and also send enough provisions to Poland to feed the Jews.

Lithuania's Jewish Minister, Rachmilovitch, is at present negotiating with Berlin financiers for a loan for the Jewish National Council of that country. The task of the National Council since the occupation of Vilna by the forces of General Zeelgouski, the insurgent Polish leader, have been greatly extended, and large sums of money are needed to enable to go on with its work.

Elections in Jewish communities throughout Poland have been officially ordered. In connection with section 93 of the law relating to racial and religious minorities, elections this year are of particular importance because Jewish communities will have complete charge of all Jewish schools. Reforms of taxation for Jewish communal purposes are also expected.

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PRESENT DAY POLAND.

A Secret Plague—Paper, Nothing but Paper—Scarcity, H. C. L. and Cold—Concerning Coal, Railroads and Other Good Things—"Bolshevism" Without Teeth—Life From Hand to Mouth—A Contrast.

By A. SELZER
(Our Special Correspondent.)

We are headed downward, bound for the abyss of perdition—such is the prevailing mood of our population in all its phases. Not only a mood or superficial impression—such is the honest truth. We can see plainly that if it keeps on going as it does it must result in a catastrophic breakdown—yet nobody can see how it can go otherwise. It would almost seem at times that the rotten and poisonous wound had eaten its way into the organism too strongly to be able to effect a remedy.

Yes, into the social organism of resurrected Poland there entered an illness which no physician could heal. It would appear that Poland was a victorious country, for has she not ended so beautifully her recent war against the blood-dripping and starved Russian bear? Nevertheless, this victorious country is going down and down every day. You, citizens of the free America, have probably a financially scientific point of view hearing the fact that the Polish exchange is dropping in value. But for us it means uncertainty and chaos, instability and impossibility to foretell what tomorrow would bring us.

Although Poland has maintained an independent national existence for barely two years, she has already learned the art of printing paper for 350 billion marks. Whenever the finance minister comes before the Diet asking for permission to print new paper currency, the deputies make sharp addresses and say that the Diet grants permission to do so for the last time. But the "last time" never comes. What can one do? The treasury of the state is empty, yet it is necessary to move the machinery of government—and it is moved by means of paper money, which is printed day and night, in all kinds and all colors. It even went so far that when the city of Warsaw sought to order the printing of some municipal bonds in one of the printeries of Warsaw the government in-

terposed an objection on the ground that all printing establishments in the country have been requisitioned to print government notes.

The result of such profligate printing is obvious. Scarcity and high prices grow immensely. Today it costs 50 marks to buy a pound of meat, tomorrow 70. For a pair of ordinary shoes one has to pay now 5,000 marks, and a suit of clothes cannot be had for less than 20,000 marks. I can see your eagerness to compute it in dollars. But if you imagine that because at the present rate of exchange 20,000 marks is only between \$35 and \$40, it will do you no good. Your average workman still earns his \$40 to \$50 per week, while here he can get only 3,000 marks, and 4,000 is a rare thing. And it is not so easy to obtain a raise of one's wages. There are days when all trades go on strike. Workers keep on striking and employers arranging lockouts. Life becomes harder with every day, particularly in the large cities. In Warsaw, for instance, it became a "custom" to shut down the gas plants every now and then for lack of coal. The circumstances that in streets not lighted by electricity on such occasions prevails a darkness of Egypt and it is dangerous to pass through them is insignificant. Homes on such occasions are lighted by candles or kerosene, even though this is very expensive. But the greatest difficulty is experienced in the want of cooking facilities on such occasions. Coal sells at 150 marks per pud and is then hard to find. Wood may be had at 70 to 80 marks per pud. Under such circumstances for a poor man to eat cooked meals is a real luxury. And then the cold in the room! How can one work when his hands and feet are lumps of ice?

Coal? Until the recent war Poland used to supply with its own coal in the district of Dombrowa both the country itself and half of Russia. Not so today. It now looks as though Poland's black diamonds would soon become as scarce as diamonds. Such a situation applies not only to coal. Galicia boasts of very rich oil fields and salt mines, and yet both products are now hard to find. The products are distributed on cards and by rationing out the supplies.

Whose fault is all that? Who can tell? Producers claim that it is the fault of the bad railroad communications; the railroad administration claims that workers do not produce enough—but in truth it seems that both parties are equally at fault. It is a fact that the productivity of the Polish worker, as well as that of the worker of every country engaged in the present war, with its barbarities, has suffered considerably. In all fields work lags. But as far as railroad communication goes, it is undoubtedly a fault of the administration.

This is one of the classic instances of Polish mismanagement. Poland has obtained from Germany a network of railroads which could be envied by long-established governments. She received a large number of cars and locomotives in the best of condition, a splendid organization—and within two years she blundered so terribly that there really can be no excuse. The cars are now dirty and broken, with window panes missing; locomotives have acquired the habit of coming to a stop in the middle of the road, and we are beginning to yearn after the old-fashioned Russian railroads. It seems clear, therefore that under such circumstances it is not the lack of cars and locomotives that causes the trouble, but because the cars and rolling stock rot away somewhere, where nobody knows, and they cannot, of course, furnish and supply the cities of Poland with their wants. The Warsaw gas administration has been begging for weeks for cars to get the necessary coal, but it could not obtain any, and its coal supply has come to an end, with the result that no gas was to be had in the city.

To undertake a journey by railroad in Poland is tantamount to risking one's life. In the purchase of tickets and the securing of seats in cars there are battles which result in the majority of would-be passengers remaining outside. The cars themselves are filled to the brim. But even if you do secure a seat in a first or second class coach, you will encounter in a moment an officer who will ask you to vacate it. Of course, the officer has a prior claim. But, notwithstanding all its congestion and an impossible saving in operating expenses, the Polish railroads have finished the year with a deficit of nearly 8,000,000 marks. Is that not an example of hopeless inefficiency in government management?

Yet, as has been said, the presses of the country keep turning out banknotes so that the government may have its operating expenses. And, on the other hand, the population is assessed with heavy taxes. I don't desire to enumerate in this article all the taxes that a Polish citizen is compelled to pay. It would seem that taxes are endless. One is compelled to stand in line in front of the cashiers' offices where the various taxes are payable. And if one fails to reach the cashier's window by a given day, he has to pay fines. And yet all the taxes are just a drop in the bottomless sea. No wonder. The little nation which until two years ago was under the tutelage of others has now decided to play the part of a world power. There is a starving army of ten years' service, and, even now that war is over, recruiting stations are accepting volunteers up to 35 years of age. The army consumes some 80 per cent. of the entire budget of the state. And how long can that last? The "restoration loan" in the country has ended ignominiously and so has the campaign for loans from the Poles in America. Instead of \$250,000,000 which the government expected to get from

them, only \$17,000,000 was subscribed for. Former Minister Granski appealed for aid in vain to the governments of France and England. Besides, there is no great desire in the country to obtain loans from foreign capitalists, because in such case the independence of the country would become a fiction, as the government would be compelled to mortgage its railroads, postal revenues, coal mines, etc.

People who have just returned from Russia tell me that Poland is actually "Bolshevik." Judging from the existing mixup of conditions, the only difference between Poland and Russia is that Poland has a Diet, while Russia has none, and there is the semblance of free-trade in the country. The characteristic feature of Russian Bolshevism is that money loses its value every day—and that is exactly what happens in Poland. As a result, gradually, to be sure, trade will disappear from Poland entirely, since merchants will not want to give up their wares in exchange for paper which has no value. Commerce will end in that way even without any Bolshevik decrees. Rumors are already current that tradesmen are laying aside their stocks in trade in places where they cannot be found, so as not to lose it when the Polish mark will become an empty symbol.

So you will see that conditions are not cheerful and what the future may yet bring is veiled in deep mystery. And yet, look how life now runs in Warsaw! Such luxury has not before been seen. Ladies are dressed "to kill" and all classes of the population indulge in easy life. Pastry shops are full of people, theatres are full and tickets are selling weeks in advance. While in the Jewish quarter hunger is the order of things, the center of the city is full of people who are bent on full and complete enjoyment of life.

Is not such a contrast in itself an indication of the uncertainty of the future?

Shaarey Tephilah Congregation to Celebrate Anniversary.

The Congregation Shaarey Tephilah will celebrate its anniversary of the founding of the congregation by giving a banquet on Saturday night, February 12.

The congregation was established in 1853 and for many years was located in West Forty-fourth street, and moved to its present location at No. 156 West Eighty-second street about twenty years ago. Rev. S. M. Isaacs was rabbi for many years and was succeeded later by Rev. Dr. F. de Sola Mendes, who after serving for forty-seven years was retired as Rabbi Emeritus a few months ago. Rev. Dr. Nathan Stern is the present incumbent of the pulpit.

Under the presidency of Mr. Morris A. Magner, who has held that office since 1910, the congregation has made marked gains. Mr. Magner is at present conducting a campaign to raise funds to pay off the remaining indebtedness of the congregation, and hopes to succeed shortly.

Mt. Neboh Temple Notes.

The annual domestic science day of the Mt. Neboh Sisterhood will take place on Tuesday, January 18, 1921, afternoon and evening. The proceeds will be applied to the bread and milk fund, which supplies these things to destitute families every day in the year.

The Junior League will hold a regular meeting on Sunday afternoon at 2.30 in the temple.

The regular monthly dance of the Young Folks' League will be held on Thursday evening, January 20, in the vestry room of the temple. These dances are attended by 400 young men and women and are the means of bringing the young folks together under favorable and wholesome surroundings.

A series of congregational sociables is being arranged to bring the families of the congregation together socially. The first will be held on Saturday evening, January 15 in the Temple. Mr. Max Strauss is chairman of the committee.

Sunday Afternoon Lectures On Palestinian Conditions.

The intercollegiate Zionist Association, in co-operation with Zionist District Number Seven, has started a course on the Economic Organization of Palestine, at 132 West 72d street, on Sundays at four o'clock.

About fifteen lectures will be given on co-operation, engineering problems, agrarian development, key industries, development of resources in Palestine, housing, etc., by experts in the field.

The Co-operative League of America will give five lectures. Students, graduates and others interested may enroll for the course. On Sunday, January 9, Mr. Alexander Zelenko, formerly head of the Russian Co-operative Society, will speak on the "Co-operative Movement in Russia."

Bronx Free Synagogue.

On Tuesday evening Rabbi Newman conducts a seminar on the subject "The Jewish Religion: Its History, Principles and Practices." The textbook used is Morris Joseph's "Judaism as Creed and Life."

On Saturday evening, February 5, the Bronx Free Synagogue League will hold its second annual reception and dance at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, Thirty-fourth street and Fifth avenue. Leading members of the arrangement committee are Miss Rose Graf, Mr. Ira Frank and Mr. Emanuel Halpern.

The newly formed Association of Jewish Youth will hold its next meeting on Sunday afternoon, January 16, at the Synagogue Auditorium, 163d street and Southern Boulevard.

MUSIC AND DRAMA.

Another noted Russian violinist will make his American debut at Carnegie Hall next Monday evening in the person of Mitnitzky, a noted pupil of Barmas of the famed Schwarwenka Conservatory of Berlin, although the artist is himself a native of Kiev and enjoyed his first opportunities in that Russian city and Vienna. He is a noted prize winner, having secured coveted trophies in Russia, Austria, Sweden and Germany, in the latter being awarded by a committee consisting of Kreisler, Humperdinck and Schwarwenka; the conservatory annual prize in competition.

Mitnitzky has been especially distinguished as an interpreter of the violin music of Paganini, indeed, some of his most enthusiastic continental critics have bestowed upon him the title of "Paganini incarnate." In his American program he will include one composition from this master, as well as an example of his own works.

"The Man Who Came Back," William A. Brady's big success, which comes to the Bronx Opera House for the week beginning January 17 with the usual matinees on Wednesday and Saturday, broke all records for contemporary theatrical runs while in New York. Beginning September 2, 1916, this powerful play by Jules Eckert Goodman ran fifty-seven weeks, most of the time under the necessity of playing extra matinees on Thursdays, until, at the end of its run, October 6, 1917, it had given 483 performances. Then it played eight months in Boston.

Fiske O'Hara in "Springtime in Mayo" will be the attraction at the Bronx Opera House, week January 24.

Mr. Frederick Stock, conductor of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, came to America in 1895 to become a member of the orchestra, and in 1899 was elevated to the post of assistant conductor under Theodore Thomas. Upon the death of Mr. Thomas in 1905, Mr. Stock succeeded him as director, a post he has held since then. He was graduated from the Cologne University as a violinist, later studying composition with Humperdinck, Zoellner, Jensen and Woellner.

Several of the folk songs on Mme. Yvonne de Treville's program for this evening are new to America. The Belgian soprano recently returned from a six months' visit to Europe, where she gathered numerous program novelties.

Knight MacGregor, a new basso, will make his debut in a recital at Aeolian Hall on January 24.

Efrem Zimbalist, at present on tour in the South, gives his second violin recital at Carnegie Hall, Saturday, January 22.

Rudolph Polk, an American violinist who has appeared successfully in recital in New York before, will play at Aeolian Hall on Monday evening, January 24. In this city Mr. Polk studied with Paster-nack and Lichtenberg, in Berlin six years with Marteau at the Royal Academy. A feature of his program will be Nardini's Concerto in E minor and Bruch's Scotch Fantasie.

Grace Kerns, one of the best known of the younger American sopranos before the public today, appears at Aeolian Hall Thursday evening, January 27. Her program includes many numbers of unusual interest. Richard Hageman will be at the piano.

The slump in the theatregoing which is reputed to come directly after the holiday season is not discernible at the Co-han & Harris Theatre, where Aaron Hoffman's comedy, "Welcome Stranger," with George Sidney in the leading role, is turning away many playgoers at every performance. This Sam H. Harris production is now entering its eighteenth week, and it is firmly established as one of the genuinely solid hits of the year. The interpreting company embraces Edmond Breese, Margaret Mower, Mary Brandon, David Higgins, Ben Johnson, Frank Herbert and many well-known favorites. Matinees are given on Wednesday and Saturday.

"Spanish Love" passes its 175th performance at Maxine Elliott's Theatre this week. It is one of the real big hits of the season and has more than justified the confidence of the Messrs. Wagenhals & Kemper, who purchased the American rights to the play when they saw it in Paris last year. "Spanish Love" is one of the few great continental successes that have repeated their triumphs when brought to this country. Unquestionably one of the rarest novelties ever seen on Broadway, "Spanish Love" is, with all its colorfulness and picturesqueness, a drama of compelling interest. It is a charming love tale in which the interest is never allowed to flag, and the climax is declared by critics to be one of the most unusual ever staged.

"The Bat," by Mary Roberts Rinehart and Avery Hopwood, which has been playing for six months at the Morosco Theatre, New York, to unprecedented business, promises to break all existing records in this country for a theatrical success. The Messrs. Wagenhals & Kemper, producers of the play, have just returned to New York from Chicago, where they successfully launched a second company of "The Bat." On its first

week at the Princess Theatre, Chicago, that company broke the record of that house by the astounding sum of \$7,001. "The Bat" promises to be a leading attraction in both cities for years.

Albert Coates, who recently directed the first performance in New York of Vaughan Williams' "London Symphony" as the guest conductor of the New York Symphony Orchestra, before returning to London presented to Walter Damrosch the score and parts of the new work, with the personal dedication of the composer, and, by way of a further testimonial of esteem, Mr. Coates dedicated to Mr. Damrosch his own arrangement of the Purcell Suite for Strings.

Josef Schwarz's Debut.

Although one interesting musical event crowds upon another, there still remain audiences ready to hear artists who have attained to the high peaks of achievement. In this category belongs the baritone described as a Russian, who, however, is a Deutsch-Russe and whose career was made entirely in Vienna and Berlin. Mr. Schwarz was in splendid voice, better indeed than when I heard him in Munich a year or so ago. Superb in his interpretation of arias from "Masked Ball," "Traviata" and "Roi de Lahore," his lieder singing was likewise marked by deep feeling, admirable diction and quite unusual linguistic ability. His pronunciation of English, for example, a language with which he was quite unfamiliar until very recently, was notably clear and understandable.

As Mr. Schwarz's greatest successes have been won as an operatic artist, it is to be hoped that Signor Gatti will give our public an opportunity to hear him at the Metropolitan. J. M.

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While the history of civilization teaches us that all nations have emerged from a savage state and have gradually developed, step by step, into civilized beings, and that this process of evolution was based on the well-known principle which is called "live and learn," the history of the Jews teaches us that they, as the chosen standard bearers of the Almighty—those to demonstrate that man, the noblest work of the Eternal, was not originally created a savage, but that he was endowed with all the finest qualities and having the choice between good and evil, by choosing the good became even greater than the angels, and that the standard they were chosen to hold aloft is the Torah, which they must learn and live, according to the contract that the Almighty made with them, as set forth in these words: "If in my statutes ye walk and if my commandments ye keep and do them, then will I give you rains in their due season, and the earth shall yield her products and the trees of the fields shall yield their fruit."

"If in my statutes ye walk," says Rashi, "lest we think that this refers to the fulfillment of the commandments, this is expressed by the phrase 'and if my commandments ye keep,' then what do I establish by the phrase 'If in my statutes ye walk?'—that ye shall diligently study the Torah. 'And if my commandments ye keep' all your efforts in the study of the Torah shall be made for the purpose of observing and fulfilling its commandments, as it is said (Deuteronomy), 'that ye may learn them and that ye may observe to do them,' then will I give you rains in their due season—at the time when people do not usually go out, as, for instance, on the eves of the Sabbaths.

"And the trees of the field (even the barren trees) shall yield its fruit." And the threshing shall reach with you unto the vintage and the vintage shall reach unto sowing time." Ye shall have so much threshing to do that it will keep you busy until the vintage, and your vintage will occupy you until sowing time. "And ye shall eat your bread to the full." One will eat but little, and it will be a blessing in his bowels. "And I will give peace in the land." Perhaps you will say "there is enough to eat and enough to drink, but if there is no peace there is nothing," therefore the Torah promises you after

all that: "And I will give peace in the land."

Hence we learn that peace outweighs all else in its importance. And thus is it said in Isaiah (chapter 45), "making peace and creating everything." "And the sword shall not pass through your land." It is not necessary for the Torah to state that they will not have to go to war, as no warring nation will even pass through your land on their way to war with another country. "And ye shall choose your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword." They shall fall each by the sword of his companion. "And five of you shall chase a hundred." Of the weakest among you, and not of your mighty men, five shall chase a hundred and a hundred of you shall chase ten thousand."

"Is this in proportion?" queries Rashi. "It should be said, 'and a hundred of you shall chase two thousand.'" But the merit of a few that keep the commandments of the Torah cannot be compared to the merit of many that fulfill its commandments. "And your enemies shall fall before you by the sword." They shall fall before you in an unusual manner. "And I will turn myself unto you." I will turn from all my occupations to pay your reward. To what may this be compared, to a king who hired many laborers, and there was one laborer there who worked for him for many days. The laborers went in to obtain their pay, and that laborer went in with them. The king said to that laborer: "My son, wait until I get through with them. These laborers did but little work for me and I give them but small pay, but as for thee I have a long reckoning to make with thee." Thus it is with Israel in this world: they want their reward from the Omnipresent, and the nations of the world want their reward from the Omnipresent, and the Omnipresent says to Israel: "My children, wait till I get through with them. These nations of the world did but little work for me and I have but little reward to give them, but as for you I have a long reckoning to make with you." Therefore it is said, "And I will turn myself unto you (Torah Cohanian) and make you fruitful." Ye will increase and multiply—*vehirbith ethchen*. "I will make you strong and stalwart and I will establish my covenant with you." A new covenant, not like the first covenant, which ye have broken, but a new covenant, which will not be broken, as it is said: "I will make with them the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah, a new covenant." Not like the covenant that I made, etc. (Jeremiah 31). "And ye shall eat my old store." The fruit will be well preserved and mellowed by age, so that the very old fruit of three years will be better to eat than those of the year before.

"And the old shall ye remove away because of the new." Your threshing floors shall be full of new product and the storehouses full of old, and ye will be compelled to remove the products in the storehouses to a different place in order to make room for the new products. "And I will set my dwelling among you." That is, the Holy Temple. "And I will walk among you." I will walk among you in Paradise as one of you, and ye shall not be terrified at my presence, lest ye think ye will not fear me." Therefore does it say: "And I will be to you your Eternal. I am the Lord, your Eternal. I am worthy of your belief in Me, that I am able to do all this, for I have brought you

forth out of the land of Egypt and performed great miracles for you. "And I have broken the bands of your yoke and caused you to walk upright."

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"Masonry and Judaism."

Rev. Dr. Elias Margolis, grand chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Masons, New York State, will deliver a lecture on "Masonry and Judaism" before the members of Civic Lodge No. 853 on Saturday evening, January 15, in the Grand Lodge Room, Masonic Hall, West Twenty-third street. The lecture will be in the nature of a reply to the recent attacks upon Masonry and Judaism in the "Protocols," etc. A reception and dance will follow the lecture.

Ladies' Auxiliary Society I. O. B. B. Home for Aged and Infirm.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary Society of the Home for Aged and Infirm of District Grand Lodge No. 1, I. O. B. B., will be held on Sunday, January 23, 1921, at 10.30 a. m. at the B'nai B'rith rooms, 2307 Broadway. The various annual reports will be presented and officers for the ensuing year will be elected.

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The Home for Aged and Infirm.

The annual meeting of the donors, associate donors, patrons, members and subscribers of the Home for Aged and Infirm Hebrews will be held at the home building on Sunday, January 16, at 11 o'clock, a. m., for the purpose of receiving the report of the Board of Trustees, and for the election of ten trustees for the term of three years, in place of: Mrs. Lionel Sutro, Mrs. William Strauss, Mrs. J. E. Hyams, Mrs. L. A. Samstag, Mr. A. Holzman, Mr. Sol. Plaut, Mr. Sol. Friedman, Mr. Carl M. Loeb, and Mr. Lionel F. Straus.

WERNER, ADOLPH. — The People of the State of New York, by the Grace of God, free and independent, to Sophia Hoerber, Ida Werner, Eugenie H. Hoerber, Florence Werner, Emma Werner, Moritz Gaertner, Galle Fribourg, Caroline H. Kitchel, Louise M. A. Sauer, Dr. Solomon S. Barnett, Henry Hofheimer, Jr., Ludwig Gaertner, Victor Gaertner, Emma Gaertner, Emil Gaertner, Emily Sichel, Bertha Solomon, Gertrude H. Pedersen, Imogen Bryant, Jennie Bernhardt, Alice Donley, Lola Dorego, Alexander D. Savage, Henry G. Kost, Henry E. Bliss, Charlotte Crawford, The German Society of the City of New York, The Educational Alliance of the City of New York, Dr. S. E. Mezes and Dr. C. L. Brownson, Wally Gaertner, Belle Gaertner, Robert Gaertner, Florence H. Gaertner, Clara Gaertner, Helen Ruth Gaertner, Helen A. Kaye, Sadie Kost, Ellen de Koster Bliss, Margaret Gilbert Bliss, John Hale Bliss, and Conrad de Koster Bliss, and to all persons interested as creditors, legatees, next of kin or otherwise, in the estate of Adolph Werner, deceased who at the time of his death was a resident of the County of New York, Send Greeting:

Upon the petition of Eugenie H. Hoerber, residing at No. 41 West End Avenue, and of Frederick Strauss, residing at No. 2 East 55th Street, both in the City of New York, Borough of Manhattan, you and each of you are hereby cited to show cause before the Surrogates' Court of New York County, held at the Hall of Records, in the County of New York, on the 25th day of February, 1921, at half-past ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why the account of proceedings of said Eugenie H. Hoerber and Frederick Strauss, as Executors of, and Trustees under, the last Will and Testament of said deceased, should not be judicially settled.

In Testimony Whereof, we have caused the seal of the Surrogates' Court of the said County of New York to be hereunto affixed. Witness, Honorable John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of our said County, at the [L. S.] County of New York, the sixth day of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, nine hundred and twenty-one. DANIEL J. DOWDNEY, Clerk of the Surrogates' Court.

GULDMAN, RUDOLPH. — The People of the State of New York, by the grace of God, free and independent, to Max Guldman, Heinrich Guldman, Joseph Guldman, Emma Koch, and Hedwig Hubert; heirs and next of kin of Rudolph Guldman, deceased, Send Greeting:

Whereas, Elsie Guldman, who resides at No. 303 West 122d street, Borough of Manhattan, the City of New York, has lately applied to the Surrogates' Court of our County of New York, to have a certain instrument in writing, relating to both personal property, duly proved as the last will and testament of Rudolph Guldman, who was at the time of his death a resident of the County of New York, deceased;

Therefore, you and each of you are cited to show cause before the Surrogates' Court of our County of New York, at the Hall of Records, in the County of New York, on the 17th day of February, one thousand, nine hundred and twenty-one, at half-past ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why the said will and testament should not be admitted to probate as a will of real and personal property. In Testimony Whereof, we have caused the seal of the Surrogates' Court of the said County of New York to be hereunto affixed. Witness, Honorable John P. Cohalan, a Surrogate of our said County of New York, at said County, the sixth day of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one. DANIEL J. DOWDNEY, Clerk of the Surrogates' Court.

The Harlem Forum.

The third lecture on "Immigration" arranged by the Harlem Forum will be delivered by Marcus Neustadter, M. D., Ph. D., on Sunday, January 16, at 8.30 p. m., in the auditorium of the Wadleigh High School, 115th street, west of Seventh avenue, Manhattan. The subject will be "Immigration From a Medical Point of View." Dr. L. W. Zwishon will open the discussion.

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The Anti-Jewish Riots in Prague.
 Details of the anti-Jewish riots in Prague, Bohemia, have come to hand in the November 20 issue of the Jewish weekly "Selbswehr" (Self-Defence). The periodical writes: "The Middle Ages have been resurrected with all their somber colors. Storming against the Jewish Town Hall in the street without light, climbing into the first story, hurling important documents out of the windows, devastation of the Jewish archive, the synagogue entered by force, the Thora Rolls dishonored. This is the circle of dismal events which was not without anxious moments and which sheds a searching light on the well-known picture of our position.

In the Prague Jewish Archive the significance of which for the history of the Bohemian Jews and for Bohemia in general cannot be realized, there lies an immense heap of debris and shreds of paper. Whoever has looked for a moment at this scene of ruin will never forget it. One is dumb at the thought of the amount of senselessness and rage which the anti-Semitic propaganda of the Czech nationalistic press has been able to create and stir up in the people. We urgently invite the editors of the "Venkov" and "Nar Listy" to pay a visit to the Jewish archive. Perhaps the sight of this heap of documents torn up and done to shreds and tatters, with fragments of smashed window panes and broken pieces of wood from demolished shelves and cases, may produce some slight sense of horror when they behold these fruits of their activity. Now there are lying in the archive room itself only such documents as fell from the hands of those who threw the papers out of the windows. What was able to be gathered up from the streets is piled up in another room. It will take years of work to go through this mass of material and to find out what has been absolutely lost.

Unfortunately, it is already known that the most precious documents are not to be found. The clerk of the archives had the most important papers in his desk—unfortunately for these, they were the first objects of plunder for the insane rage of the mob; the bureau was forced open and its invaluable contents were scattered to the four winds. Amongst them were a large number of Privilege dating from Ferdinand I; further documents concerning the history of the Frankists of the utmost worth and totally irreparable; calendars reaching back to the fifteenth century; genealogical documents of immense importance for the Jews of Prague; also records and documents of the domiciliary history (das Theilhauswesen) of Prague, which forms an interesting chapter in the economic history of Prague. There were orders and regulations of the governors and decrees of the magistrates, especially from the eighteenth century, all carefully arranged, now completely ruined. The catalogizing work has been destroyed, the labor of long years is lost. The catalog slip pigeonholes, with about 12,000 slips, have been destroyed.

The Jewish archive possesses, as Dr. T. von Adler reports, 80,000 original deeds and documents and 900 well bound inventories dating from 1527 to 1840.

After the storming of the Jewish Town Hall (Rathaus), as the "Selbstwehr" writes, followed the usual insulting of Jews on the streets and in their houses. There is not a single Jewish clubhouse (Vereinslokal) which was not visited by Legionaries or by the crowd for the purpose of "clearing out" or "purging." A number of Jews were insulted on the streets.

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Leopold Landau, the well-known professor at the University of Berlin, is dead in Berlin at the age of seventy-three. Professor Landau was a noted gynecologist. Born in Warsaw in 1848, he held the chair of gynecology at the University of Berlin since 1876. He was a Hebrew scholar, a member of the Zionist Executive Committee of Jerusalem University and of the "Alliance Israelite Universelle." He was Orthodox and a strict Sabbath observer.

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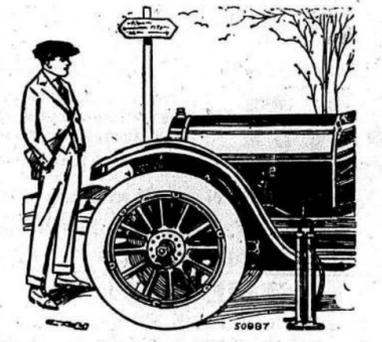
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Among these problems that of the refugees is ever looming larger. Much has been written about it of late, and the word refugees is often used in connection with the Jewish wanderers who, torn away from their homes, are wandering all over Europe.

The city of Vienna alone contains now about 70,000 Jewish refugees who left their homes about four or five years ago, who have since become acclimated and think little of returning to their old homes.

The same is true of the seventy thousand Jewish refugees now in Hungary. They came there mostly during the first years of the war, and but for the persecutions now started against them they would not possibly think of returning.

Quite different is the case of the refugees in Rumania, Turkey and in many of the port cities in Southern Europe. These are real refugees.

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Another urgent relief problem is that of the Jewish war orphans.

It is impossible to give exact figures as to the number of children orphaned by the war and the pogroms.

These orphans are the wards of our people and must be cared for by us. A plan for aiding them, chiefly by means of physical and financial adoptions, has been worked out, and preparations to carry it out are already on the way.

The plan is quite elaborate. First of all, a census will be taken of all the war orphans, and data obtained as to their parentage, physical condition, age, etc.

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From this it may be seen that the work of reconstruction has brought about an economic and social revival in Rumania.

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So much has been said by medical authorities about the epidemics, unsanitary conditions, lack of medical aid and the consequent loss of life among the Jews of Eastern Europe, that it is unnecessary to add anything more here.

The task confronting the medical unit is enormous, for it must not only bring medical aid, but also create special organizations in the war countries to change thoroughly the sanitary conditions under which the Jewish masses live, and, moreover, endeavor to change the attitude of the latter toward bodily well-being.

The work which is of the greatest significance for the war countries, considering the future, is that of economic reconstruction.

As a matter of fact, a beginning in this direction has been made in all the countries where relief work is carried on, but not everywhere has it been possible to go beyond that.

Before the war there were 37 Jewish co-operatives in Bessarabia, and they were very active. Deprived of their resources by the war, they applied to the Joint Distribution Committee for aid.

In Old Rumania the co-operative movement hardly existed among the Jews; accordingly, the Joint Distribution Committee organized credit co-operatives in Bucharest and Jassy.

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The following officers and directors have been nominated for 1921: Officers—President, Alexander H. Geismar; first vice-president, Samuel Rottenberg; second vice-president, Simon F. Rothschild; third vice-president, Abraham Jalkoff; treasurer, Elias Reiss; honorary secretary, Walter N. Rothschild; associate honorary secretary, Phillip H. Liefert; executive director, Max Abelman.

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Societies Conclude Active Year. The annual report of the United Jewish Aid Societies, through the president, Rudolph Seldner, has just been issued. The treasurer's report shows receipts for the year just closed of \$132,455.08 inclusive of a balance of \$3,578.02 on hand Dec. 1, 1919. Of these moneys, \$122,920.63 were received from the Brooklyn Federation, and \$3,654.19 from donations and contributions, the balance being represented by cash on hand, Dec. 1, 1919, and various reimbursements of expenditures made during the year. The total expenditures were \$124,958.43, of which \$98,156.56 was spent directly on applicants for rent, monetary relief, rehabilitation, milk, coal, medical aid and supplies, nursing, etc. In the previous year the total receipts were \$107,335.11, showing thus a gratifying increase for this year and enabling the federation to do more effective and satisfactory work. The major cause of distress is illness, tuberculosis being the most prevalent of all the maladies that require the extension of relief to families. Widowhood is also a major factor, and desertion cases are still numerous. Unemployment and insufficient earnings constitute but a relatively small proportion of the causes of distress, and even in these cases, the cause is largely physical debility of some kind, although not actual disease.

Congregation Gates of Prayer. Rabbi Jacob A. Dolgenas has organized a Sunday School for boys and girls between the ages of six and sixteen, which meets every Sunday afternoon at the synagogue, Sumner Avenue and Van Buren Street, Brooklyn. He also conducts a Hebrew class for adults every Tuesday evening. Next Sunday morning Rabbi Dolgenas lectures before the Forum on "The Problem of the Home." Discussion follows the lecture.

Take Jonescu, a member of the new Roumanian Cabinet, in a speech in Parliament declared that he is glad to see Professor Jorge, who has written much about the Jews, give up his anti-Semitism. In the same speech Mr. Jonescu condemned also the anti-Semitism of another Roumanian scholar, Professor Kuza, declaring that the latter's anti-Semitism was dangerous for the best interests of Roumania.

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HIRSCH, PEARL T.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Pearl T. Hirsch, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at his place of transacting business, at the office of Louis Werner, his attorney, at No. 37 Liberty Street, in the Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, State of New York, on or before the 1st day of February, 1921, next.

KAHN, HENRIETTA.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Henrietta Kahn, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at his place of transacting business, at the office of his attorneys, Seligsberg, Lewis & Strouse, No. 43 Cedar Street, in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, on or before the 1st day of February, next.

ULMAN, JULIEN STEVENS.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Julien Stevens Ulman, 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 attorneys, Wolf & Kohn, No. 27 Cedar Street, in the City of New York, on or before the 1st day of February, next.

COHEN, JOSEPH MEYER.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Joseph Meyer Cohen, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at her place of transacting business, at the office of her attorney, Saul J. Dickheiser, Esq., No. 271 Broadway, in the City of New York, State of New York, on or before the 7th day of March, next.

YOUNKER, HERMAN.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. James A. Foley, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Herman Younker, 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 Wise & Ottenberg, No. 206 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, on or before the 27th day of April, 1921, next.

BACHARACH, AARON.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. James A. Foley, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Aaron Bacharach, 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 Jeffrey T. Lewin, her attorney, at No. 41 Warren Street, New York City, State of New York, on or before the 10th day of May, 1921, next.

KAPLAN, ALBERT A.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. James A. Foley, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Albert A. Kaplan, 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 No. 7 Vestry Street, in the Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, State of New York, on or before the 15th day of April, 1921, next.

KLEIN, WILLIAM.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against William Klein, 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 Rogers & Rogers, their attorneys, at No. 66 Broadway, in the Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, State of New York, on or before the 13th day of June, 1921, next.

HENRY, WILLIAM.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. James A. Foley, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against William Henry, 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 Sporborg & Connolly, their attorneys, at No. 347 Madison Avenue, in the Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, State of New York, on or before the 25th day of June, 1921, next.

MEDELSON, ISAAC.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Isaac Mendelson, 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 House, Grossman & Vorhaus, her attorneys, at No. 115 Broadway, in the Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, State of New York, on or before the 15th day of July, 1921, next.

MOLENDO, HERRMAN.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. James A. Foley, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Herrman Molendo, 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 Greenthal & Greenthal, their attorneys, at No. 277 Broadway, in the Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, State of New York, on or before the 17th day of March, 1921, next.

MANN, JOSEPH H.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Joseph H. Mann, 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 Arnstman & Levy, her attorney, at No. 128 Broadway, Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the 31st day of January, next.

KOLISCH, IDA.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. James A. Foley, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Ida Kolisch, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at his place of transacting business, at the office of his attorney, Saul J. Dickheiser, Esq., No. 271 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, on or before the 15th day of March, 1921.

DOCTER, ROSA.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. James A. Foley, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Rosa Docter, 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, Wolf & Kohn, No. 277 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the 6th day of April, next.

KAUFMAN, ISIDOR.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. James A. Foley, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Isidor Kaufman, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at her place of transacting business, at the office of her attorney, Samuel N. Freedman, No. 135 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the 15th day of August, 1920.

LEFKOWITZ, GUSSIE.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Gussie Lefkowitz, also known as "Gussie Herbst" and "Gussie Lindner," 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 Nathan D. Stern, his attorney, No. 115 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the 22nd day of May, next.

KLEIN, SAMUEL.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Samuel Klein, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, at their place of transacting business, at the office of Samuel Sturtz, their attorney, at No. 198 Broadway, in the Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, State of New York, on or before the 1st day of June, next.

HERZOG, CELIA.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Celia Herzog, 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 Chas. D. Herzig, attorney for the Administrator, No. 874 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the 23rd day of May, next.

STERN, SOPHIE.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Sophie Stern, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, at their place of transacting business, at the office of Goldsmith, Cohen, Cole & Weiss, their attorneys, at No. 61 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, State of New York, on or before the 21st day of May, 1921, next.

STEINER, HENRY.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Henry Steiner, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at his place of transacting business, at the office of his attorneys, Guggenheimer, Untermyer & Marshall, No. 120 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, on or before the 21st day of May, next.

WERTHEIM, JACOB.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. James A. Foley, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Jacob Wertheim, 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 Jacob I. Berman, one of the Executors, No. 346 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, on or before the 1st day of July, 1921, next.

BLUMENTHAL, BABBETTE.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Babbette Blumenthal, 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, Wolf & Kohn, No. 277 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the 1st day of March, next.

GOLDENTHAL, CAROL.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Carol Goldenthal, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscriber, at her place of transacting business, in care of Wm. Klein, her attorney, No. 120 Broadway, in the City of New York, on or before the 7th day of February, next.

NASANOWITZ, MARCUS.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Marcus Nasanowitz, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscriber, at his place of transacting business, at the office of his attorneys, Rogers & Rogers, Esqs., No. 66 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the 11th day of February, 1921.

PFEFERBLUM, ABRAHAM.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. James A. Foley, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Abraham Pfeferblum (also known as Abraham S. Pfeferblum), 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 Modler & Herzig, her attorneys, No. 20 Broad Street, Borough of Manhattan, on or before the 25th day of March, next.

SCHALL, IKE.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Ike Schall, also known as Isaac Schall, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscriber, at the office of Rudolph Stand, her attorney, No. 160 Broadway, in the City of New York, on or before the 15th day of February, next.

SULZBACHER, JETTE.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. James A. Foley, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Jette Sulzbacher, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscriber, at his place of transacting business, at the office of his attorney, Saul J. Dickheiser, Esq., No. 271 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the 15th day of March, 1921.

HELLER, KATIE.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Katie Heller, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscriber, at his place of transacting business, at the office of Emanuel Van Dernoof, his attorney, at No. 150 Chambers Street, in the Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, State of New York, on or before the 24th day of January, 1921, next.

DUBROWITZ, ABRAHAM.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. James A. Foley, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Abraham Dubrowitz, 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 Kornbluth & Pollack, their attorneys, at No. 27 East 22d Street, in the Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, State of New York, on or before the 25th day of March, 1921, next.

STEINAU, ISAAC.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. James A. Foley, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Isaac Steinau, 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 Stein & Salant, their attorneys, at No. 1328 Broadway, in the Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, State of New York, on or before the 6th day of April, 1921, next.

BAMBERGER, HERMAN.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Herman Bamberger, 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 Rose & Paskus, his attorneys, at the office of Rose & Paskus, her attorneys, at No. 215 Montague Street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, in the City of New York, State of New York, on or before the 1st day of July, 1921, next.

NEW, ABRAHAM.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. James A. Foley, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Abraham New, 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 Stein & Salant, their attorneys, at No. 1328 Broadway, in the Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, State of New York, on or before the 1st day of July, 1921, next.

COHEN, JACOB.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Jacob Cohen, 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 Morris and Samuel Meyers, her attorneys, at No. 1 Madison Avenue, in the Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, State of New York, on or before the 11th day of February, 1921, next.

GERSON, ROBERT.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. James A. Foley, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Robert Gerson, 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 Mervyn Wolff, their attorney, at No. 277 Broadway, in the Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, State of New York, on or before the 8th day of April, 1921, next.

LESMA, EIK.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Eik Lesma, 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 Solomon Ginsberg, her attorney, at No. 52 Broadway, in the Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, State of New York, on or before the 29th day of May, 1921, next.

COHEN, MICHAEL.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. James A. Foley, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Michael 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, at the office of their attorneys, L. B. Ripin, J. B. Ripin, Attorney for Executors, 256 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

UNGER, ADOLF L.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. James A. Foley, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Adolf L. Unger, also known as Adolph L. Unger, 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 Frank F. Bergenfeld, her attorney, at No. 299 Broadway, in the Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, State of New York, on or before the 15th day of April, 1921, next.

SIDENBERG, CHARLES.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. James A. Foley, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Charles Sidenberg, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscribers, at their place of transacting business, at the office of their attorneys, Messrs. M. S. & I. S. Isaacs, No. 52 William Street, Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the 15th day of April, 1921, next.

BENDEHM, BERTHOLD.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. James A. Foley, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Berthold Bendehm, 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, Goldsmith, Cohen, Cole & Weiss, No. 61 Broadway, in the City of New York, on or before the 30th day of April, next.

BREITENBACH, MAX J.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. James A. Foley, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Max J. Breitenbach, 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, Goldsmith, Cohen, Cole & Weiss, No. 61 Broadway, in the City of New York, on or before the 14th day of May, next.

BIRNBAUM, BERNHARD.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Bernhard Birnbaum, 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 H. S. & C. G. Bachrach, his attorneys, at No. 215 Montague Street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, in the City of New York, State of New York, on or before the 1st day of July, 1921, next.

WOOLF, ALFRED E.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Alfred E. Woolf, 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 Rose & Paskus, her attorneys, at No. 128 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the 27th day of May, next.

ROSENTHAL, IGNATIUS LOUIS.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. James A. Foley, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Ignatius Louis Rosenthal, 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 Whitman, Ottinger & Ransom, No. 120 Broadway, in the City of New York, on or before the 13th day of July, next.

GERSTLE, SOPHIE JACOBS.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Sophie Jacobs Gerstle, 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. 111 Broadway, in the City of New York, on or before the 1st day of October, next.

LEVI LOUIS.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. James A. Foley, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Louis Levi, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof, at their place of transacting business, at the office of Lachman & Goldsmith, their attorneys, at No. 35 Nassau Street, in the Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, State of New York, on or before the 2d day of May, 1921, next.

FRANKENTHAL, CARRIE.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. James A. Foley, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Carrie Frankenthal, 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 Wolf & Kohn, his attorneys, No. 277 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the 10th day of May, next.

WEISS, SAMUEL.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Samuel Weiss, 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, Guggenheimer, Untermyer & Marshall, No. 120 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, New York City.

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RHEINBERG, MAX S.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John P. Cohan, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Max S. Rheinberg, 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 Herman B. Goodstein, her attorney, at No. 1457 Broadway, in the Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, State of New York, on or before the 28th day of May, 1921, next.

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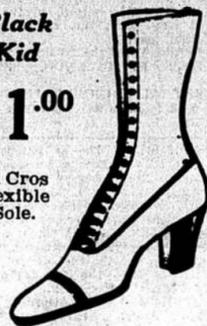


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