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Announcement Extraordinary!

The great 1918 Drive for Jewish War Relief will begin in this city on Sunday evening May 12th, at a dinner to be given under the auspices of the Committee of Relief for Jewish War Sufferers—comprising the American Jewish Relief Committee, the Central Relief Committee and the Peoples Relief; and also the Jewish Board for Welfare Work in the U. S. Army and Navy.

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REPORTS OF TURKISH ATROCITIES AGAINST JEWS DECLARED INCORRECT BY SECRETARY LANSING.

Washington—A letter from Secretary of State Lansing to Congressman Siegel, states that the reports in the press regarding the Turkish atrocities against the Jews, after the inaccurate. This news confirms all of the statements made by our correspondent a week ago. Alter Levine and Yigdales had been imprisoned, but were freed by court-martial. The U. S. Government is taking great interest in all matters concerning the Jews. A report has also been made regarding other Jews who were imprisoned in Turkey.

ANTI-SEMITIC GOVERNOR OF GEORGIA MAY BE SENATORIAL CANDIDATE.

Washington—It is believed in Washington, that Governor Hugh Dorsey of Georgia, may be the compromise candidate for Senator to succeed Senator Hardwick. Mr. Dorsey was the anti-semitic persecutor and prosecutor of Leo Frank. However, it is stated in Washington, that his record in connection with the Frank case, will not militate against him. Friends of the Jews are not at all pleased with the above report.

ZIONIST MOVEMENT SPREADING AMONG JEWISH WAR WORKERS AT WASHINGTON.

Washington—About two hundred or more of the Jewish War Workers at Washington, have been drawn into the Zionist movement within the past few weeks. All of these, are prominent persons who have gone to the Capitol to give emergent service to the Government. The special Zionist Bureau organized in Washington is daily enrolling comparatively large numbers of these workers.

Our correspondent was informed by Mr. Sandberg, the Director of the Bureau, that the officials of the various Governmental Departments, have shown him all possible courtesy and that he has been greatly encouraged in his endeavors. Zionistic leaders are daily becoming more interested in the work of this bureau. It is now felt that a strong Jewish National movement at Washington, is absolutely essential toward the achievement of the success of the Zionist movement in America.

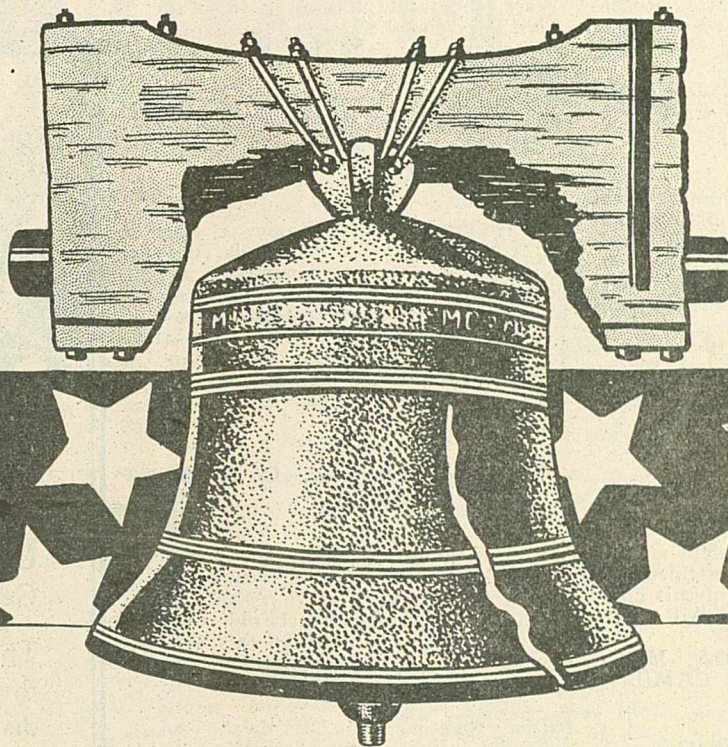
CAPTAIN JULIUS I. PEYSER GIVEN IMPORTANT POST.

Washington—Captain Julius I. Peyser, has practically been placed in charge of the work of housing all of the United States War Workers. At the present moment, this problem is of the greatest importance to this country, and Congress has appropriated sixty million dollars for the housing of these workers. Captain Peyser's work has been highly commented by the Congressional Committee.

In connection with this work, it is interesting to note that the entire movement was inaugurated about six months ago by another Jew Mr. Otto Eidlitz, who is of Russian birth. Mr. Eidlitz represented the Government at all of the Congressional hearings and is, at present, one of the great leaders in the prosecution of the actual War Work. Several newspapers in Washington have carried lengthy interviews with Mr. Eidlitz.

**MRS. JULIUS ROSENWALD
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of the speakers at the exclusive Liberty Loan Rally, which was recently held in the rooms of the Swedish Society of Washington. Mrs. Rosenwald is working in co-operation with the wives of the Cabinet Ministers.

GOVERNMENT CONSIDERING SPECIAL HOUSING PLANS FOR JEWISH WORKERS.

Washington—It is rumored in army circles, that the building plan of the Government, includes provision for special quarters for the Jewish workers, whose needs are matters of special concern. This plan is being given serious consideration

JEWISH COMMISSIONS IN JERUSALEM ATTRACTING INTEREST AT WASHINGTON.

Washington—Washington is evincing great interest in the offices of the Jewish Commissions, which have been established in Jerusalem and in el-Aviv. The State Department is following all information in this connection with the greatest zeal.

ZIONIST PROPAGANDA MAKING HEADWAY AT CAMP CUSTARD.

Washington—Boris Katzman, a chemist of Battle Creek, Michigan, in passing through Washington, reported great Zionistic activities at Camp Custard, which is near Battle Creek. He stated that he sold 150 shekilom at the camp and succeeded in interesting numerous others in Zionism. Many of the men also contributed to the Restoration Fund. Zionist leaders are elated by this report.

HARRY B. MYERS PROMOTED TO FIRST LIEUTENANCY.

Washington prides itself on the fact that, Harry B. Myers, a Jewish young man, was made first lieutenant. His father, Abram Myers, had served in the Civil War. Military circles in

Washington are discussing this Jewish father and his son who have participated in the last three American Wars, the father, taking part in the Civil War and the son in the Spanish-American War and in the present struggle.

JEWISH CONSCRIPT AT CAMP MEADE SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS' IMPRISONMENT.

Washington—Israel Lazin, a Jewish conscript at Camp Meade, near Washington, was court-martialed and sentenced to five years' imprisonment at hard labor. Sentence was imposed because of persistence in his refusal to undergo an operation for hernia. Lazin, had previously been warned of the consequences of such a refusal.

TWO MOTHERS CLAIM ONE CHILD.

Copenhagen—A remarkable decision was given by Rabbi Treistman, of Lodz. Two mothers quarreled regarding the child, each claiming the child as hers. The story in this connection runs as follows:

Two children, both boys, were in a child's hospital. While being bathed together, one of these was drowned. Each of the mothers insisted that the living child as hers, and as they could not come to an agreement, both of them went to Rabbi Treistman for a decision as to which mother was in the right.

Rabbi Treistman invited several medical specialists to investigate the possibility of establishing which woman was really the mother of the living child. The physicians stated that such a decision is at this time impossible, and, therefore, the Rabbi rendered decision that the child be placed in the care of a nurse, to be reared at the expense of both mothers. The child's appearance may later make it possible to come to a decision as to which woman is really its mother.



The German Army must never set foot in America

Plans for the invasion and subjugation of the United States are now on file in the office of the German General Staff.

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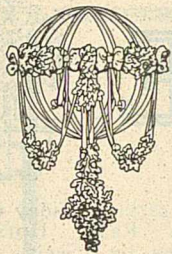
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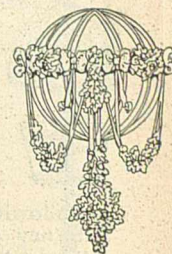
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"ZIONISM"

By Hon. David Lubin



Rome, March 20th, 1918
Justice Louis Brandeis,
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Dear Justice Brandeis:

I have your letter of February 7th, in which you ask me for my opinion in fact, for a "public declaration" on the question of Zionism. In response to your request let me say, first of all, that in 1884 I visited Palestine and became impressed with the idea of Zionism to the extent of subsequently writing an article on the subject, which was published either in the London "Jewish World," or in the "Jewish Chronicle," I do not now remember which.

In this article I favored starting the development of Palestine on industrial rather than on agricultural lines. I favored the opening of factories, to be operated by up-to-date machinery, for the manufacture of such staple goods as would find a market in the Mediterranean countries and in the interior of Asia and Africa. In fact, I was in favor of converting Palestine into a new New England, when commerce and industry on American lines would be sure to sweep the field.

This, however, was to be but the beginning. Successful commerce and industry were soon to open the way for safe financial ventures, when capital would come forward for the construction of aqueducts to afford an ample supply of water for irrigating and manufacturing purposes. The agricultural restoration of Palestine could then be taken systematically in hand; when reforestation could be undertaken, when the ancient vineyard terraces could again be supplied with earth; when hill and dale, when mountain-side and plain, could again be made to blossom as the rose; when a new Palestine would arise, perhaps surpassing in grandeur the Palestine of the days of old.

But presently I bethought me of the Turk, and I was driven to the conclusion that if the Turk excels in anything he excels in the art of converting something into nothing; that in matters of progress he is uniformly inert and reactionary. And my dream faded into dim nothingness.

Nevertheless, was the mass of the Jewish people to continue its existence in the humiliating congestion of the Pale? Was no home to be found for them in all this broad earth?

Then the thought occurred to me that Lower California could afford such a home. Right across from San Diego I could see in dim outline the boundary dividing the American from the Mexican side of California. On the American side worthless desert lands had been converted by irrigation into some of the highest-priced farming lands in the United States, and what had been done on our side of the boundary could be done on the other side.

And yet that body of land, Lower California, capable of supporting in comfort several times the number of the congested Jewish people of Eastern Europe, contained, at that time, but 33,000 inhabitants. Why could not some arrangement be made with the Mexican Government for the sale of Lower California, so as to form there an autonomous Jewish State under the joint protectorate of the United States and Mexico?

I presented this matter in a letter to Lord Rothschild, to which I never received a reply.

Every now and again the problem under consideration would recur to me. At times the more logical and eloquent arguments of the Zionists almost won me over, and the dream of autonomous rule in Palestine for Israel seemed to assume shape; when, alas, again the Turk came to my mind, and I again realized that reliance upon him would be as reliance on a rope of sand; and the dream vanished.

Then, unexpectedly, came the important announcement by the British Government, for the "establishment, in Palestine, of a national home for the Jewish people."

Here, then, there seemed to be no illusion, no rope of sand. This was the declaration of one of the chiefest among the nations of the earth, of a nation whose word is its bond. Thus, all of a sudden, as when the brilliant sun emerges from behind a thick bank of black clouds, there came Light; and at last there is held out for the Jewish people the glorious prospect of emancipation, of Freedom.

So then, it seems that the age-long dream is about to be realized; Palestine is again to become the Land of Israel. Nay, more than this; for the restoration promises to be pregnant with momentous possibilities. England may presently find that the restored Jewish Commonwealth could, in time, serve, a valuable purpose. It could serve her as an effective buffer State, safeguarding her possessions in North Africa and India. And, in that event, is it not likely that England would find it to her advantage to extend the boundaries of this proposed Commonwealth?

It might thus come to pass that such a Commonwealth would, at last, be bounded by Egypt and Arabia on the southwest, extending as far north as Antioch, thence eastward to the Tigris, and stretching downward, southeast, to the Persian Gulf.

But what service, as a buffer State, could the Jewish Commonwealth render England? Service of the highest importance; for the restoration of this people would place each of the units composing the Commonwealth under lasting and solemn obligations to England. It would then become incumbent on the Jewish Commonwealth to be the lynx-eyed watchman, guarding England's interests as if they were its own. And does not the history of Israel show that the Jewish people were faithful unto death to an ally who had befriended them? And their solemn duty to Jehovah rendered such fidelity inviolable.

And in this respect, what the Jew was in ancient times, that he is today for he is still a faithful servant to Jehovah; indeed, he has been rendered even more faithful through the trials of suffering, the trials of injustice heaped upon him; trials of humiliation, trials more grievous, more enduring, and harder to be borne than have been placed upon any other body of people in all the world. Therefore, will the Jewish people again prove themselves to be faithful unto death.

But it would not be just to attribute the generous offer of England to a mere selfish motive. It would undoubtedly be nearer the mark to attribute it to a gracious impulse, an impulse actuating this arch-pioneer

of Liberty to free an oppressed people, a people held in thralldom these 20 hundred years. And what more fitting means could be taken to signalize the epochal event of the great struggle for freedom now going on than such a liberation?

Nor is there lack of an efficient cause for such a generous impulse. England realizes that in her upbuilding she has been vitally influenced by the life and teaching of Israel. Nay, more than that; it is the influence of this life and teaching which has rendered her the dominating power that she is; that has rendered her a mighty apostle of Freedom for all the world.

Wyclif, in 1384, in his preface to the first English translation of the Bible, says: "This Bible is for the government of the people, by the people, and for the people."

President Taft, in his message to the great meeting at the Albert Hall, London, for the celebration of the tercentenary of the translation of the Bible into English, said:

"Our laws, our literature, and our social life owe whatever excellence they possess largely to the influence of this our chief classic (the Bible) acknowledged as such equally on both sides of the sea."

Presiding at this same meeting Lord Northampton said:

"The greatness, the prosperity, and the very character of the British race has been founded on the teachings read in the Word of God."

On which the London "Times" commented as follows:

"The fact that it (the Bible) came from the East and has been naturalized in the West, that the Englishman has fathered what the Jew so long ago begot, is a proof of its universal value."

What more fitting, then, what more gracious than for mighty England to extend the hand and lift up this enthralled Teacher, thus restoring Israel to his cherished avocation?

Observe; among the many great kings of antiquity there is but one honored in the Bible as "God's Anointed," and that one is Cyrus, the Liberator. "For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name."

"He shall build my city, and he shall let go my captives, not for price nor reward, saith the Lord of Hosts."

And this shall now be England's proud place in the modern uplifting of Israel.

"But," say some, "are there not insurmountable difficulties in the way of this restoration? Owing to their zealous talmudical studies are not many of the orthodox Jews chock-a-block full of antediluvian ideas, ideas on mode of government, on the union of Church and State, on land tenure, on interest upon money, on ritual, on what should be enforced and what should be prohibited? Would not the full sway of such orthodoxy prove intolerable to the Jew of more modern ideas? Would not such rule be likely to entrench upon political and religious liberty? And what would all this mean to their fellow-citizens of alien faith? What would their political, social, and economic status be under such conditions?"

And the answer is clear; adaptability is a well-known trait of the Jew; he soon learns to adapt himself to meet the needs of his new environment. As in the United States,

there could be representative government with complete separation of Church and State. Besides, England would, no doubt, approve the Constitution under which the government, the law-making and law-enforcing functions, would be carried on. This constitution would, no doubt, carry with it the proviso that all be done in conformity with the Common Law of England. All this would almost entirely remove the objections above alluded to.

A difficulty, however, presents itself. This difficulty may arise from the possession or usage of Mount Moriah, originally the site of the Temple, but now that of the Mosque of Omar. So attached are the orthodox Jews to this site that they now come, and have come for centuries, to pray at one of its outer walls as, the nearest approach to the former site of the Temple permitted them by the Turkish Government. The question is—would the same worshippers be satisfied, under autonomous rule, with the present limitation? Would they not be inclined to set it aside, thus giving offence to the Mohammedan?

And the answer is that it could not be set aside, for the declaration by the British Government covering this point, reads: "It being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine."

And rights here some enquirer may step in and ask: "How is it that the stand on Zionism which you take in this paper is so radically different from the stand you took several years ago; from the stand, for instance, which you took in the "American Israelite" in October, 1916?"

And my answer is that my former opposition was based on the then generally accepted belief that the realization of Zionism depended on the good will of the Turk and was to be under his guidance and direction. And this is quite a different matter from Zionism under the guidance of England.

"But," continues the enquirer, "does this answer not seem to beg the question? In that paper you spoke of a spiritual mission, of the Mission of Israel, and you seemed to say that this mission could be carried on better by the Jewish people as they are, dispersed among the nations, than it could be under an autonomous government in Palestine as proposed by Zionists."

Yes, that is so. Subsequent thought and some personal experiences have, however, modified my opinion on this point. I now see that Israel under dispersion may be compared to a force reduced to a number of heterogeneous points moving in heterogeneous places, and such heterogeneity is unsuited as a means for the end in view. I now see that the promulgation of the Mission of Israel demands a world-centre, a world-authority whence the forces actuating it could radiate in every direction.

Such a world-centre for Israel does not now exist, nor could it exist in Palestine under Turkish rule. It could, however, exist in "a national home for the Jewish people" as proposed by the British Government.

Given such a national home, and the Jewish people would awaken from the comatose inactivity into which it has been forced by twenty centuries

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NEWS FROM FRANCE



The following letter was written by Attorney Armin H. Friedman, now Acting Sergeant-Major, "Somewhere in France." Attorney Friedman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Friedman, of 2002 Jenny Lind Street, McKeesport, Pa.

"Somewhere in France."
March 30th, 1918.

Dear Everybody:

When our ship left "Somewhere in America" for "Somewhere in France" two colored soldiers were transferred from the vessel at the last moment. One was named "Hope" Lewis; the other John "Charity." And so leaving "hope" and "charity" behind, we left our friends, the comforts of home, everything with the exception of "faith," which traveled as a fellow passenger across the Atlantic and witnessed our safe arrival on French shores.

Yesterday was a memorable day in my life and it was so made because of my religious "faith." In the midst of this gigantic conflict, the Jewish soldier paused for a short time from his military duties to commemorate his Passover. In the midst of this world-wide struggle, our country was so interested in my "faith" and the "faith" of all Jews that although we are far distant from our homes and hearths, a "matzos" ration was issued to every Jew, even on the Western Front and during the passover, each Jew in the service will receive his unleavened bread with every meal.

An hour was given to the worship of the Heavenly Ruler on that memorable day. The services were held in the Y. M. C. A. hut which had been dedicated only the night before. How fitting was it that with the first sunshine on the following morning should come the words, "Hear! O Israel, the Lord our God. The Lord is One," from the lips of two hundred Jewish soldiers who had gathered in service and praise of the Almighty. How memorable is it that these services should be followed by the notable Easter services of our Christian brethren.

If this war does nothing else, it will have achieved a great end with regard to religious toleration. There is no longer a cleavage of faiths. We are all men no matter what Bible we believe in or what particular creed we desire to follow. The Y. M. C. A. has done much in bringing about this condition for their huts are not sectarian buildings which cater to the Christian soldier alone. The "red triangle" stands for freedom of religious worship and its doors have a magic "Open Sesame" to everyone. It bids all to enter. God speed the good work the Y. M. C. A. and its workers are doing.

But let us return to my Passover. The services were conducted by a first lieutenant, who, leaving his home and his family and a large congregation in St. Louis enlisted last May as a private in a Medical Corps attached to the British Army. Leaving everything behind for the sake of his convictions, against the advice of friends and relatives, this spiritual leader crossed the Atlantic as an enlisted man, sleeping with his comrades in the "hole" and doing his bit when he was called upon. The example of this chaplain, E. C. Voorsanger, the first Jewish rabbi to be rewarded with a commission, should be taken to heart and prove an inspiration to every member of our faith.

The service book, which was used in this "never-to-be-forgotten" service was the Jewish Soldiers and Sailors Prayer Book. There was a real "Yuntiv" feeling in the air. No one cared

whether his fellow soldier had been formerly attached to the reform or orthodox branch of the faith. What mattered—we were all Jews; we were all united by religious ties and a proud heritage.

Rabbi Voorsanger in his sermon said in part:

"The Passover has always been a notable festival among our people. This day has always been an important event among all Jews. But this year "Pesach" assumes a particular significance and particularly to you, who have left firesides and dear ones to cross the Atlantic in order to do your share in preserving freedom for all humanity. The centuries of time are unrolled and witnesses the coming of the American army to liberate the world from the modern Pharaoh; a maddened king, whose insanity has cursed the world. Like Moses of old, we come not to seek war, but to preserve peace. We come not with the lust of conquest but only in aid of our allies to assist them as much as we may be able in the final overthrow of the Hohenzollerns.

"We Jews, who have fought for centuries for freedom, whose history is filled with countless sacrifices for democracy, have on this occasion the right to be proud of our double heritage. We love the traditions of our Americanism, which baptized in a struggle against tyranny, has always maintained the ideals of a free government by the people and for the people. We love the traditions of our faith, which has always been on the side of democracy as against autocracy. Be proud of your double heritage, my Jewish comrades, but let your pride be a pride of humbleness; for the Jewish soldier is but a part of our great army and the American army is but part of the vast forces opposed to the maddened princess of Germany. All must do their share. Everyone must do his required duties to insure victory and so we must not be too proud of our inheritance.

"This is the first official service held "Over Here" by a Jewish chaplain connected with the American forces. The wires brought five different requests for services on this day and in two places the Y. M. C. A. offered to pay all expenses. This service is but the beginning. Within a short time there will be catalogued the name of every member of the faith. My aim will be to establish a system of personal workers; men to whom you can open your heart as brother to brother; men to whom you will come to seek advice and counsel. My aim will be to establish a happy Jewish family among the American soldiers in France and to that end I shall strive from day to day.

"God speed you in your efforts. May every shot from your muskets be a shot sounded for freedom and liberty. May every effort be dedicated to a speedy and victorious conclusion of this battle for democracy. May the Divine Ruler bring you out of this seething conflagration safe to return to your dear ones, a better Jew and a better American by reason of your loyal and unselfish devotion to your country and the principles for which it stands."

A moment later the familiar concluding words of the benediction, "May God turn his countenance towards you and give you peace," had been uttered and one Jew was grasping the hand of his fellow Jew with the familiar "Gut Yuntiv" on every comrade's lips. Yes it was a memorable Pesach. Hats off to Chaplain Voorsanger, Jew and American, the rabbi was not "too proud to fight" for democracy.

With Yuntiv greetings to you and all my friends, I am, With love,
Army.

CAMP LEE, VA.

Keymen Meeting.

The first meeting of the keymen was held in Y. 56, Tuesday the 16th of April at 8 P. M. Fifty men representing as many distinct units were present to discuss plans for the future with Doc and Berry. The entire program for work was outlined by the Rabbi. The first task of the Keymen will be to register all the men in Camp. This is the most essential feature at the present organization state for otherwise there could be no concentrated effort along the proper channels. Regular registration cards have been printed and are in the hands of the keymen. It is the duty of each keyman to register every Brother in his unit, but it is urged that everybody co-operate and lend their aid to these willing workers so that much time and worry may be saved.

Plans for the proposed building were also discussed. The enthusiasm of the men in anticipation of their new home, is at a high pitch. It is expected that work on the building will commence very shortly, by the Harrison Construction Co.

It may be of special interest to the men to know that there are a number of books in English, Hebrew and Yiddish at the Library, awaiting their men. If you desire a book please come to the Rabbi and ask him about it. If you have any suggestions about new books, make a list of same and hand it to the Doc and he will get them for you.

Service for Mourners.

There is a service for mourners every afternoon and evening at Y. 56, the office and headquarters of the Jewish Welfare Board. All those who say "Kadish" should avail themselves of this opportunity in respect and reverence for the memory of their dear departed. If you have Yahrzeit, please confer with the Doc so that he might make a record of some for your own good.

Friday evening services are held regularly every Friday evening in Y. 56, at 7:30 P. M. Various speakers have been invited to come to camp and address the men. Rabbi M. Meyerowitz who was to have been here Friday the 20th was called to Cincinnati at the last moment and therefore could not come. He has however promised to come at a later date.

There is a supply of stationary, khaki colored prayer books and bibles for distribution among the men. All you have to do is to ask for one and you will get it.

Classes in English (advanced classes for foreigners) French, and literary groups for the discussion of current Jewish problems are being formed by the Rabbi. If you are interested in any of these classes hand your name to Berry or to the Doc and you'll be taken care of.

The Rabbi would like to have the names of all those men who are trained along special lines e.g: Violin, piano, recitations, singing and the like.

It is with much regret that we learn that Maurice Spear departed for New York. It is hoped that Spear will return to Camp Lee where he has made a host of friends and admirers, because of his hustling ways. So long Spear and good luck. Let us hear from you every once in a while.

At the regular service Friday evening, April 20th. Rabbi Hotzberg spoke to the men on "Seeing God through experience." He urged all the men to consider well and analyze carefully every event in their lives and then ask the question "What events were necessary so that each particular dead, no matter how insignificant may take place?" He said that absolutely. The only road to God is through the heart as it is governed and controlled by the experienced through which we pass. Then like Jacob in his wonderful dream will the reborn men exclaim "Yes there is a God in the world, but I knew it not. This is a wonderful place and this (meaning the heart) is nothing else but the gate to heaven."

Seventy-five men were present at the services, which were inspiring and uplifting. After the sermon, the Rabbi asked for a discussion of the Subject "Is there a God in this world, and what are his powers." The men responded with a feeling of faith and loyalty in the God idea as a guide for their life work and mission.

It is hoped that more men will avail themselves of this opportunity of discussing the true values in life and their import in our life, by attending services, every Friday evening.

FROM JEWISH WELFARE BOARD—U. S. ARMY AND NAVY.

A special overseas commission representing the Jewish Welfare Board—U. S. Army and Navy, is about to leave New York to hurry on the work of the Board in France. There will be two commissioners who will be accompanied by several welfare workers. One commissioner will return to this country after he has made an investigation of the situation and compiled facts about conditions which will be brought before the officers of the Board here. The other commissioner is to remain in France to direct the activities of the workers who accompany him. Several men are being considered for this overseas mission and the names of those selected will be made public upon their appointment.

Colonel Harry Cutler, chairman of the Jewish Welfare Board, said that the commissioners would act on recommendations made by Chaplain Elkan C. Voorsanger, an American who is working among the Allied soldiers of Jewish faith abroad, and who advocates that the Jewish Welfare Board envoys who go abroad specialize in personal work. The delegates will keep in touch with the men on the firing line, visit the wounded and add a personal note of information or sympathy to the official communications sent to relatives of soldiers who die while serving under the Allied colors.

It is probable that the delegates will take with them a light automobile or motor cycles for use on the battlefields.

The Jewish Welfare Board today sent to Chief Rabbi Hartz, who is working among the soldiers of Jewish faith in England, an order for 10,000 psalm books, which will be forwarded to Chief Rabbi Levi in Paris and to Chaplain Voorsanger who is "somewhere in France," for distribution among soldiers.

Acknowledgment was made today by the Jewish Welfare Board of a gift made by Mrs. Miriam Blaustein who presented to the organization the library belonging to her husband, the late David Blaustein, educator and

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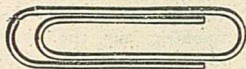
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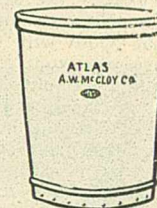
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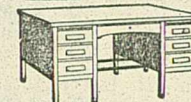
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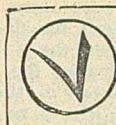
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communal worker. Mrs. Blaustein, in making her presentation says, that the Board can do as it wishes with the library, providing that it is kept intact and that after the war the officers of the Board can present it to any institution they desire. All of the books deal with subjects of interest to the Jewish people. Mrs. Blaustein is going to add to the collection the latest books as they are published on these subjects.

Announcement also was made by Colonel Cutler that in addition to supplying recruits to the Jewish Battalion, the military organization comprised of Jews who are to serve with the British in Palestine, with Bibles

and prayer books, the Jewish Welfare Board has made an appropriation of \$1,750 to entertain the recruits, prior to their departure.

Frederic W. Wile, formerly Berlin correspondent for London and Chicago daily newspapers, has been appointed Minister of Wireless Telegraphy for the British Empire on the recommendation of Lord Northcliffe, according to a telegram received at the Insurance Post. Mr. Wile was in Berlin at the outbreak of the war and was very harshly treated by the German authorities. He was several times arrested charged with being a spy and it was only through the strenuous in-

terference on his behalf by Ambassador Gerard that Wile was released and was able to leave Germany in safety on the same special train with the Ambassador and the members of the official family and such Americans as had not been able to escape from Germany previously.

The fourteenth annual convention of the Jewish Consumptives' Relief Society of Denver, Colo., will be held Saturday, May 25 and Sunday, May 26, at the Sherman Hotel, Chicago. The Executive Committee extends an invitation to national directors, members, donors, friends and all who are interested in the question of tuberculosis

to be present and participate in the de-liberations. All contributing organizations are cordially invited to elect two delegates to the convention.

Mrs. I. L. Rypins, of St. Paul, has been appointed by Governor Burnquist, as a delegate from Minnesota to the National Convention of Charities and Corrections, which will take place at Kansas City, Mo., on May 5.

Rabbi Eli Mayer, of Philadelphia, has received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Pennsylvania. His thesis was on "The War and Religion."



The Curse of Selfishness

By Dr. Leon Harrison, of St. Louis, Mo.



"And Jacob made a vow saying, If the Lord will be with me and will keep me in the way that I shall go, and will give me bread to eat and raiment to wear, so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then shall the Lord be my God; and of all that thou shalt give me, I will give the tenth part to thee." (Gen. 28:20-22.)

This vow of Jacob was thoroughly selfish; it was a bargain with God. Jacob said, if God will feed me, and keep me, and fulfill my heart's desires, then I will worship Him. My attitude to Him shall reflect His to me. And the implication is that if He does not favor me, I will disavow Him as my God.

This is sheer selfishness. It seems to us no less blasphemous than ludicrous. What a debased and commercial idea of religion this is!

But is yours any higher, even if you are not clearly conscious of it, even if you don't state it in so many words? Isn't the actual religious attitude of many exactly the same as Jacob's? If you are religious, you take it for granted that God will be with you, and will preserve your health and the lives of your dear ones. But if He does not thus safeguard you, if you are stricken with sickness or misfortune, then perhaps your belief in God totters because He is not giving you what you want, and what you insist on having, if you are to acknowledge and worship Him as your God.

This is a fair-weather religion; this is a strange kind of mercantile religion demanding profit but no loss. You want all the satisfactions of life but none of its sorrows. You are quite as selfish as Jacob, but not as truthful and frank.

This selfish attitude is often as unconscious as it is common. It is a great power among men. Many think that it is the chief force that drives them, that it is the mainspring of human nature.

At any rate, it is certainly a taproot of human nature,—this impulse of self-preservation, of self-interest. It may express itself in the love of money,—a passion that drives men, and makes them forget health and rest and every higher care if they can but heap up mountainous wealth. The things they chiefly desire for themselves are what money can buy,—ease, luxury, pleasure, self-indulgence. And to obtain this common denominator of values they will control their tempers, they will smile at surly customers, they will shut out all other interests, and concentrate every faculty on making and saving money. No law of the land could compel a man to work so hard and sacrifice so much for the money that will buy him the selfish satisfactions of life.

And similarly men will go far and renounce much for ambition, to achieve success, to be in the foreground, to be recognized as leaders and masters. Ambition is a master passion,—the quest of glory.

And what will a man not give up, for the sake of his health,—to lengthen his life or to save it? Self-preservation is the first law of the animal world and of humanity.

These are tremendous elemental passions,—the primitive instincts that move men to get money that means a livelihood and more; to get the power that money is just one means of furnishing; to lengthen and preserve life; and thus in all these ways to minister to self, to make your life easier and more pleasurable, to give it importance and influence. These are the dominant forces

in the self-centered life. Can you imagine any power greater than the power of selfishness?

Yes, the power of unselfishness. I realize how strong are the self-centered instincts. They are primitive and commanding,—the drive of greed and ambition, the love of ease and pleasure. Yet amazing as it may seem, there are instincts still stronger. Unselfishness is stronger.

It is a matter of common experience to recognize that however passionate is the love of money, the love of higher and finer things than money is still more passionate. Do we eagerly crave ease and comfort? Yet behold men anxious to renounce self-indulgence, and courting hardship and privation. We think no instinct as strong as the instinct of self-preservation; that the love of life is elemental; yet on every hand we see men gladly offering up their lives in a cause that they value much more than the poor breath of existence.

These are facts that come like a breath of fresh air into the mephitic atmosphere of materialism and greed. Bravery is as real as brutality; sacrifice as real as selfishness; heroism and chivalry still animate and glorify humanity.

And all this saves one from being a cynic and a pessimist. We need no disillusioning; for the ideal qualities of men are no illusion; they are solid, they are real. The divinity attributes in men that redeem them, that appeal to our innermost, that thrill us through and through, they are the most durable of all; they, equally with the brutal and selfish instincts are part of the foundations of human nature; they survive because they are superior elements and must be, will be, supreme.

We see the heroism and self-forgetfulness of the common man, toiling unweariedly not because greed drives him, but love,—the love of aged parents or of wife and little ones. For them he endures discomforts and hardships, he overcomes weariness of body and mind, he controls a quick temper and speaks with civility and gentleness to those who treat him brusquely. He leads a hard life to feed those dependent upon him, to provide for their necessities, and secure them against privation and want.

And so the mother goes down to the gates of death to give life to her little ones, and then spends herself for them, sacrificing for them her own ease and leisure, her health and strength. The woman is the willing burden-bearer of the house; the mother is a shining example of unselfishness.

Whoever sacrifices for a cause or for his comrades, the poor laborer who strikes to protect the rights of other men who also labor, giving up his scanty livelihood for principle's sake, giving up all he has in the world; he, too, is a hero in the battlefield where not life itself is a risk but the livelihood that is its equivalent.

These two elements are always at war in us; and we must measure true spiritual progress by the supremacy of the higher element.

We are today in a world-storm that tears off all masks and disguises and reveals the reality in men,—their true nature. And what does it reveal? Only man's brutality and cruelty, only the blood-lust and ferocious passions of mankind? Is that all that is revealed by the frightful stress and tragedy of our times?

It is something to be able to say that the lower self in men and nations plays but one part in this awful struggle. There is another part that is being

played,—a nobler and greater part,—just as conspicuously, just as universally.

And this higher part is being played, so far as we in America are concerned, by the strongest and bravest men in our country. The leading spirits of the nation, the born masters of great enterprises, are serving our country gratuitously in its hour of need; they are laying their great talents and their disciplined faculties as a free-will offering on the altar of our country. There is something stirring within them, a high, fine instinct, that doesn't count the cost, that doesn't care about the risk, that only thinks what service can be rendered by them,—the same splendid impulse that moved thousands of American physicians and nurses to cross the ocean to care for the stricken and wounded. It was the glorious spirit that sent multitudes of our young men into the ranks, into the fiery furnace of actual war, to give the last heroic proof to their country of their patriotic devotion and love.

This is one inspiring development of the war; this is the sublime human element in it,—the great light that shines behind its darkest clouds and breaks through them, giving light to us and cheer. One tremendous and magnificent thing about this great war is its liberation of human nature from the dreary bonds of convention and custom; is the opportunity it has given to millions of men to let the soul within them speak and act,—to express the chivalrous devotion that otherwise would have been forever hidden and unknown. There is evidently something starved in men, something big and inarticulate, something deeper than aught else in their nature, whose utterance will make their whole life worth living. There are multitudes of men rejoicing in this great opportunity, to whom the chance of laying down their lives for their native land comes as a privilege and a joy.

It is marvelous how war that degrades men also develops them. It opens the floodgates of personality and gives the soul a chance to speak; it releases the heroism and great-heartedness in them. It is a new attitude of life, a new and passionate devotion to the common welfare that inspires and transfigures men, and makes them walk upon high unusual levels.

Such heroism and renunciation are awakened in great souls in these terrible times. But then there are other natures. There are miserable men whose only idea of a national crisis is to make money out of it; to monopolize the necessities of life, to force prices up, to grind the faces of the poor, to coin the blood of the people into money. What punishment is adequate for profiteering in time of war, for squeezing exorbitant charges out of meager purses, while we are sending our flesh and blood over the ocean perhaps to lay down their lives for us. Every man loathes and despises these profiteers. They are traitors to their country. In them we see the sinister illustration of unscrupulous, unpatriotic, inhuman selfishness.

It is pitiful that we should have such vermin among this generous liberty-loving people in this day of great inspirations when every man is moved to live greatly, when his whole life should be pitched high, in this day when a spirit is kindled within us that despises ease or comfort, money or life, compared with the great and precious things that make all purely individual considerations unseparably pitiful and mean.

Is selfishness a power? Does it master and drive men? What then shall

we say of unselfishness; of this mighty impulse of the soul that overcomes and overrides all that is personal and pretty, and consecrates the totality of a man to ideals and ends unspeakably greater than himself?

But in the Providence of God even those who will their lives to be selfish cannot wholly contain them in selfish channels. Their energies overflow even though unconsciously into fields of social helpfulness and service.

Are you in business for money, for yourself? Yet whether you know it or not, you are thus serving the nation by distributing commodities to your fellow men; you are promoting its unity; you are helping to knit all lands into closer fellowship by the interrelationships of trade.

Are you a railroad builder, playing for a stake of millions? Yet you are opening up the wilderness, tunneling mountains and bridging rivers, as you link Sandy Hook to the Golden Gate. The railroad joins the farmer and the manufacturer, destroys provincialism, and contracts a continent into a neighborhood.

Men strung out the telegraphic nerves of our civilization, not because they were philanthropists but because they saw a personal advantage there. Yet by this electric postman they helped us to annihilate time and space, and made it possible for this great people if needs be to act like one man with a single spirit and purpose.

It seems that I cannot help myself without helping others; I cannot trade without promoting the commercial welfare of others. I cannot practice medicine or law or any profession from whatever motive without involuntarily serving my fellowmen. And so with the arts and the sciences. This is God's way with men; this is one high achievement of His Providence.

Well then if our fellows are in any event to have this physical benefit, why should not ours be the spiritual benefit? Why not aim at the ends with intention and purpose that we must serve despite ourselves; whether in ignorance or with knowledge? Why be a brute mechanism when you can be a free and self-directing mind? Why let your soul crawl in the ways of selfishness when it might fly high on the wings of sacrifice, and thus realize itself and obey the divine urge within?

These are great and terrible times. Ours shall be no selfish Jacob's prayer. The fateful stormwind that is sweeping through the world is filling our nostrils with a new breath. The life of humanity cannot be on this vast heroic scale, and ours remain petty and mean. We can no longer think and live in terms of self; but in terms of the nation, in terms of humanity.

In every hospital, in every place where men and women are laboring for the common good, each one may say like Jacob, "God was in this place and I knew it not." God is where the soul shines forth triumphant over self. God is where the servants of mankind are ministering to stricken and broken men. God is where the spirit of patriotism opens the purse-strings, strengthens the fighting arm, and fills the heart with sympathy and loving kindness.

In the place where these divine elements triumph and lift us like the ascending angels to the heights, we may truly say with the Patriarch, "This is none other than the House of God, and this is the Gate of Heaven."

Nathan L. Ottinger was nominated for the Supreme Court Bench by Governor Whitman this week.

ZION RESTORATION CONVENTION IN PITTSBURGH.

The next convention of the Zionist Organization of America will be held in Pittsburgh beginning Sunday, June 23, and ending on the evening of Thursday, June 27. A committee of Pittsburgh Zionists is already busy with preliminary arrangements, and is organizing strong committees to handle all of the elaborate details that will be necessary for the successful details that will be necessary for the successful conduct of the most important convention ever held in the history of the Zionist movement.

Since last June, when the Zionists convened in Baltimore, practically every Allied country in Europe, led by Great Britain and most of the allied countries, have declared themselves in favor of the establishment of a Jewish national homeland in Palestine, and have given or have pledged themselves to give to the aims and purposes of the Zionist movement that public recognition and legal assurance which is the basic principle of the Basle program. British arms have successfully cleared the way for the actual work of restoration. The Jewish Administrative Commission, the first Jewish governmental body in Palestine in 2,000 years, is already quartered in Tel Aviv, the beautiful suburb of Jaffa. A definite program has been worked out by this commission which is charged with the duty of laying the foundation for rehabilitated Palestine, for a Jewish state which shall be an adequate answer to the ideals of government and social justice that the Jews have carried in their souls during the centuries of oppression. A Jewish regiment, organized in London, is already in Palestine, and on its way to the battle front. Over a thousand young men have joined the Jewish legion that is going to Palestine from America. Throughout the world a vast sum of money has been raised for the purpose of the Jewish Administrative Commission. American Jewry has thus far contributed over \$1,000,000 toward this fund.

All of this will be embodied in the reports that will be made at the Pittsburgh Convention, at which there will be delegates from 500 societies. The Convention will concern itself with concrete Palestinian problems, and its work, roughly divided, will fall into two categories: (a) political (b) economic. The discussions at this convention will deal with the Jewish State as a reality and with practical work in Palestine. Ways and means will be devised for carrying forward what has been so auspiciously begun, and to make certain of its permanent character.

The new situation with regard to Palestine, a situation for which the Zionists have hoped and worked these past twenty years, makes a re-organization of the American branch movement a matter for immediate consideration. The Executive Committee of the Federation of American Zionists has evolved a new plan of organization which will substitute districts for the present "society" plan without destroying the identity of such societies which have some particular purpose to serve other than mere adherence to the movement as a whole. Thus Hadassah, the camps of the Order Bnai Zion, the collegiate branches and other organizations with a specific purpose will continue to function, but the plan is that even these organizations will be grouped within the district jurisdiction.

This plan will facilitate the further development of territorial organizations and State groups, along the lines of the Zionist Federation of the Middle West, the Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Texas State organizations. It will also bring into closer co-operation all the Zionists living within a certain city quarter mak-

ing intensive work, house-to-house canvass and registry and neighborhood propaganda simpler by mobilizing the active Zionists in the section where they reside. The aim of this plan is to bring into the organization the hundreds of thousands who sympathize with the movement, but who have not been reached by the "society" which is organized on a basis of congeniality. The district plan following, the line of organization adopted by the Republican and Democratic parties, will reach out for every Jew in a given section. Each district, resembling roughly the assembly district, will be officered by residents of the locality, and the active Zionists will be made responsible for wards and blocks. The "assembly" districts will be under the jurisdiction of the city committee, which will be responsible to the State organization. The latter will come into direct contact with the national committee, the Federation Executive, which is responsible to the International Actions Committee.

The Pittsburgh committee is planning to make the convention headquarters at the Soldiers Memorial Hall and to utilize the many public buildings in the neighborhood for convention sessions, mass meetings, and social functions. The executives have every reason to believe that the Pittsburgh convention will surpass all preceding conventions in the way of attendance, enthusiasm and interest.

NEW KENSINGTON, PA., NEWS.

A tea for the benefit of the Palestine War Sufferers was given by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Beth Jacob Congregation Sunday night. The earlier part of the evening was devoted to speaking. Mrs. S. Weinberg, after a few pleasing remarks, introduced the guest of the evening, Mrs. M. J. Josephson, of Pittsburgh, who was the first to initiate the movement of procuring garments, linens, etc., for the War Sufferers at a tea given at her home. She responded, explaining the manner in which she came to originate the idea which is terminating in such splendid benefit for the destitute people of Palestine.

Rev. H. Levendorf delivered a very interesting address touching upon the wonderful inspiration furnished by Mrs. Josephson. He was followed by Dr. A. Levendorf, superintendent of the Sunday School, who spoke of the work being done in the school. Refreshments were then served with the following ladies in charge: Mrs. J. Margolis, Mrs. Claster, Mrs. Cohen and Mrs. Bennett.

Two boxes of candy donated by Mrs. Adelman and Mrs. H. Harris and auctioned off by Mr. H. J. Crown, netted \$47.00.

A list of those buying are: J. J. Steiner, \$5; Mr. Kabin, \$4; H. J. Crown, \$3; J. Claster, \$3; J. Margolis, \$3; I. Fisher, \$3; M. Hart, \$2.50; Mr. Krause, \$2; Mrs. Weinberg, \$2; Mrs. Blitzstein, \$1; Mrs. Serbin, \$1.

A box of candy was given to the party having the highest number of votes. There were seven contestants and Miss Esther Levendorf was the successful one.

Following the luncheon a vocal solo in Jewish was rendered by Miss Levendorf, followed by several selections by Rabbi Levendorf.

Thanks to the generous response of all present, the affair proved a success. Clothing, shoes, linens, amounting in all to \$300.00, and \$47.00 in money was donated.

The Sunday School children deserve much credit for the manner in which they responded to Mrs. Weinberg's plea. The affair is due largely to Mrs. H. J. Crown, who was present at Mrs. Josephson's tea. She urged her New Kensington friends to follow the same example and as a result this affair was planned and held with such great returns as the result.

GERMAN ANTI-ZIONISTIC PROPAGANDA IN RUSSIA REPORTED.

Washington—Our correspondent has learned from absolutely authoritative sources, that a new German Propaganda against Zionism has been started in the German-occupied territories in Russia, and especially in Poland. This propaganda is being spread among the Jews to counteract the Zionistic influence.

The Germans are spreading rumors among the Jews, to the effect that England aims to keep Palestine and with this end in view, is using the Jewish people simply as tools. The Germans are attempting to prove that, should Great Britain succeed in securing Palestine, she will keep it as one of her possessions instead of giving it to the Jews. The promise to restore Palestine to the Jews, is spoken of as one of the imperialistic tricks of Great Britain. It is stated that German Propaganda is spreading rapidly and is very injurious to the Zionistic cause.

The Jewish correspondent regards the news of this propaganda as evidence that Germany is certain that she is unable to secure Palestine by force. She, therefore, finds it necessary to have recourse to strategy and to try to undermine the Zionist movement by spreading these rumors.

ESPIONAGE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST RUSSIAN JEWS IN SWITZERLAND.

Zurich.—Proceedings were held in Geneva against two Russian Jews, the brothers Raphael and Abraham Reingold and the actress Theresa Grigoriev. They were accused of having sent out forbidden reports to a Foreign Government. At the proceedings, it was found that Abraham Reingold and Theresa Grigoriev were not guilty and they were thereupon released. Decision was postponed in the case of Raphael Reingold.

BERNARD I. SCHLESINGER OF WASHINGTON RECEIVES COMMISSION.

Washington.—The War Department announces that it has commissioned Bernard I. Schlesinger of 351 "I" St. S.W., Washington, as second Lieutenant of Field Artillery. Adjutant-General McGain commissioned Mr. Schlesinger to the third series of the officers' training camp. This is an honor which is now greatly coveted.

JORDAN ZIONIST SOCIETY.

Last Monday evening, April 29th, a farewell reception and dance was tendered Mr. S. S. Kerner, president of the Jordan Zionist Society, at the Zionist Institute, upon his leave for camp. Mr. Isidore Swiss presided. A wrist watch was presented to Mr. Kerner as a token of the Society's appreciation of his services to the Organization.

Miss Annie M. Garfinkel, supervisor of the Young Judaea Clubs of the South, addressed the gathering and urged the young men and women to join in the Young Judaea work in their endeavors to prepare the future army of Israel.

Many volunteers have already been listed to sell flowers on Flower Day. Thirty new members have already been proposed since the opening of the membership campaign.

The next meeting of the Jordan Zionist Society will be held Monday evening, May 6th. A discussion on Political and Practical Zionism will be led by Mr. M. L. Avner.

JOSEPHINE CLUB.

The Josephine Club, National League of Women Workers, will hold their second annual musical review and dance at Moose Temple, Thursday evening, May 9th. The Club is composed of about 30 girls, all of whom are taking part in the review. The closing feature of the performance will be the assembling of girls representing our Allies, in costumes, Columbia with our soldiers and sailors and the spirit of 1776 boys, making a glorious finale. The proceeds of the affair will be given to the Medical Unit of Palestine. Mrs. Joseph Choyinski is directing the performance and Mrs. Ray Van Baalen is assisting in the arrangements.

Lieut. Cohen, a physician formerly practicing at 811 Wylie avenue, enlisted several weeks ago in the Medical Officers' Reserve Corps. Lieut. Cohen left Monday evening of this



Lieutenant Maurice A. Cohen

week for Camp Greenleaf, Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., where he will enter the Orthopedic Division. He is the son of Mrs. Charles Cohen, of 5460 Stanton avenue, formerly of Baywood street.

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THE GREAT WAR RELIEF DRIVE.

It is no longer necessary to elaborate on the subject of the need for war relief; that phase of the situation is far behind us. Every month, every day, every hour finds the necessities of the occasion more and more acute; men and women who were in affluent circumstances a few months, or a few weeks ago, and were in a position to help their stricken brethren, are themselves now standing in the bread lines holding out their hands in piteous supplication for something to eat. So it requires, as we stated, no special emphasis to bring home to the mind and heart of every person reading this editorial the overwhelming need for immediate assistance and of the largest possible measure. With these facts before them, with an intimate knowledge of existing conditions as brought almost daily to their attention by those on the ground in the warring countries of Europe, our co-religionists are again beginning the greatest of all drives to total millions of dollars to help the suffering Jews of Europe and the far East. In Pittsburgh, the Committee of Relief for Jewish War Sufferers, as it is officially known, have already laid their plans for a far-reaching systematic campaign in keeping with the imperative requirements of the situation. Under the co-operation of the American Jewish Relief Committee; the Central Relief Committee, the Peoples' Relief Committee, and the Jewish Board for Welfare Work for the U. S. Army and Navy, a dinner will be held at the Concordia Club, on Sunday evening, May 12th, at which time men of national and international reputation will be present to make an appeal to the community of Pittsburgh to do its duty as it has always done. It will be gratifying to all who are interested in this work to note that all the committees will devote their united efforts to collecting funds: before three committees worked separately and much useless effort was expended, and some of the efficiency that comes with a central organization was lost. But now the American, the Peoples and the Central Committees are working together for the common cause of suffering humanity. This augurs well for the results that must be achieved. It will be noted that a new name appears on the list of the societies interested in this collection, namely, the Jewish Board for Welfare Work for the United States Army and Navy. The purpose of this is to do away with another collection, but to give a certain percentage of the total amount collected, to meet the needs of the Jewish boys in the various cantonments in this country, as well as to follow the work over seas, where our boys require even more consideration and attention.

It is unnecessary to expatiate at length on the need for funds to carry on the Welfare work; the war has been brought so directly home to so many of us that every one realizes now that money must be supplied to maintain those valuable agencies that minister to the spiritual and other wants to Jewish boys in the army and navy service.

Never were our people asked to give liberally of their means to two worthier causes. It is the period of sacrifice and self-denial; after all we have the blessed privilege and opportunity of pursuing our work in peace and security; there may be some economic handicaps that may reduce our ability to produce the maximum income to which we may feel ourselves entitled as a result of our labors, but for those who feel that way we recommend the reading of "Under Fire," written by Henri Barbusse. After a careful reading of that book we feel quite sure that earning a few dollars less will sink into utter significance in your mind, compared to the thought of doing

the FIGHTING for your country. So all of us should feel so grateful that we are permitted to continue to enjoy of the blessings of opportunity to work, to earn and to save that those who are the real victims of the war should be generously helped by us. So while there are some human beings in this town who wouldn't give a cent to help keep the body and soul of a starving child together, and while there are some rich who are so contemptible that they give in the most niggardly fashion (one would think that they would be ashamed to look at themselves in a mirror), yet thank God, that most of the people have hearts, and imaginations and sympathies that evoke a ready and generous response to the appeal of sufferings. Those we expect to see at this dinner, which will be paid for by a small group of men so that no expense will be attached to any one who attends, and the fund will not be taxed. It will be a complimentary dinner in every sense of the word. Most of those who have shown their willingness to take a part in all worthy movements in this community will be invited to attend this dinner. It is hoped that no one who receives an invitation will have to be coaxed, or pleaded with, or wheedled or begged into coming; there is a stronger appeal; the appeal of suffering humanity, an appeal that no one can close his ear to in times like these and be considered worthy of the respect of his fellow men. There are some who show themselves in the white light of conspicuity when it doesn't cost them very much to exhibit themselves, but on occasions such as these where it means a sacrifice in a worthy cause, they are only too often conspicuous by their absence. We think that enough has been said on this subject; that the committee having this undertaking in charge should be encouraged by every person in this community is understood; that those for whom this money is being raised are making no undue demand upon us should also be understood by all those who are not hopelessly selfish.

LET NO ONE SHIRK THIS INVITATION—YOU OWE IT TO YOURSELF TO COME—YOU OWE IT TO YOUR COUNTRY TO COME—YOU OWE IT TO HUMANITY TO COME—YOU OWE IT TO YOUR GOD TO COME. THE DATE IS SUNDAY, MAY 12—THE TIME, 6:30—THE PLACE, THE CONCORDIA CLUB.

A SPLENDID DEMONSTATION.

Four hundred fifty were present at the annual meeting of Congregation Rodef Shalom held last Sunday evening. The idea of holding a dinner prior to the meeting apparently met with the approval of the members. Of course, the presence of the newly elected rabbi, Dr. Goldenson, was responsible in a large degree for the unusual interest displayed in the event. The outstanding features of the meeting were the annual report of the president, Hon. Josiah Cohen, and the brief address delivered by the Rabbi. We will discuss the latter first. Dr. Goldenson outlined the meaning of a congregation, the purpose of a congregation, the duties of a congregation. But the most striking thought he left with us was the suggestion that the Temple must be democratized in relation to pew ownership; in a word that we should adopt a free seating plan; first come, first served; members to contribute to support the house of God because it is the right thing to do, and not because they will secure a vested property right in this or that pew; the man gives most because he can afford to give most and not because he will get the first or second or third pew. The principle is right. It may require certain modifications in order to enable it to be worked successfully along practical lines; but that should be an easy matter with the business brains so many members possess. The suggestion was met in a surprisingly responsive manner by the majority of members, and we feel sure that in the comparatively near future the idea of a free seating plan will be adopted. Judge Cohen's report was unquestionably the ablest document of its kind that has been presented in many years at any gathering in our community. He reviewed the activities of the congregation in a manner that led to the closest interest on the part of his hearers; but his observations of those events with which the interests of the congregation and the members are inseparably bound up and his comments thereon were a welcome change from the unusual monotony that so generally characterize such reports.

The very large meeting was in effect a pledge of loyalty to the new Rabbi, who surely must have been heartened by the renewed evidences of a desire to work in earnest co-operation with him in the difficult and exacting duties which confront him in his new field of endeavor. To come to a community that is so generous and genuine in its welcome must in a measure compensate Dr. Goldenson for the breaking of the ties which have bound him so closely to his former charge.

CHARLES H. JOSEPH.

RODEF SHALOM CONFIRMATION CLASS, 1918.

Aaron, Fannie H.	402 Winebiddle Ave.
Adolph, Laura S.	1540 Beechwood Blvd.
Arnfeld, Marian	415 Winebiddle Ave.
Aronson, Sidney	5611 Rural Ave.
Berkman, Milton B.	4747 Baum Blvd.
Bernstein, Hyman G.	5738 Howe St.
Bickart, Sara	5433 Jackson St.
Block, Harold B.	309 S. Atlantic St.
Braun, Helen A. M.	206 Stratford Ave.
Brooks, Helen M.	5716 Howe St.
Cohen, Anna S.	13 Argentine Place
Cukerbaum, Esther	Belvedere Apts., Ellsworth and Graham
Davis, Isabelle	5627 Jackson St.
Diamond, Helen M.	207 S. Pacific Ave.
Diamondstone, Rachel	219 S. Rebecca St.
Einwohner, Rae A.	1211 N. Euclid Ave.
Eisendrath, Maurice N.	5625 Hays St.
Feigenbaum, Albert	916 Locust St.
Fischer, Sydney J.	5503 Hays St.
Floersheim, Hortense H.	2057 Murray Ave.
Gallinger, Ruth O.	5715 Northumberland Ave.
Ginsburg, Samuel A.	5709 Wellesley Ave.
Goff, Albert W.	6517 Aylesboro Ave.
Goorin, Theodore J.	1156 Portland St.
Grinberg, Pauline M.	5427 Kentucky Ave.
Half, Selma	211 S. Pacific Ave.
Hartz, Esther	2106 Sidney St.
Hepner, Maurice	450 Morgan St.
Hertz, Helen A.	333 Evaline St.
Joseph, Ivan N.	215 Brownsville Road
Kamin, Saul I.	2619 Tilbury St.
Kann, Bertha	5478 Black St.
Kaufman, Adelaide R.	5860 Darlington Road
Klein, Allan S.	2041 Murray Ave.
Krieger, Dorothy	6819 Thomas Blvd.
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Levine, Sara	211 S. Evaline St.
Levy, Ruth L.	6417 Bartlett St.
Lewin, Pauline J.	345 S. Atlantic Ave.
Lukas, Edwin	306 Craft Ave.
Pearlman, Sadie M.	1128 Mellon St.
Price, Sylvia B.	348 Oakland Ave.
Raphael, Irma G.	322 Melwood Ave.
Rosenbloom, Allen M.	6404 Forbes St.
Rosenblum, Anna R.	225 Lehigh Ave.
Sampson, Meyron	5802 Hobart St.
Samuel, Helen G.	7946 Tioga St.
Schlanger, Ruth	5171 Butler St.
Solomon, Adelaide	1910 Termon Ave., N. S.
Stein, Minnie	429 E. Ohio St., N. S.
Tuteur, Carrol J.	114 Moultrie St.
Vatz, Leah	7614 Bennett St.
Weberman, Francis W.	502 S. Linden Ave.
Weill, Helen J.	6540 Darlington Road
Welcher, Minnie L.	929 Mellon St.
Wertheimer, Frank L.	6340 Darlington Road
Wohlgemuth, Julia	5405 Black St.
Wolf, Bertha	1330 Federal St., N. S.

RODEF SHALOM.

On Sabbath morning Rabbi Meyerovitz will speak on the Portion of the week.

This year the Annual Meeting of the "Sisterhood" of Temple Rodef Shalom will be held in the Assembly Room of the Temple, Friday, May 10, 1918.

The following participated in the Children's Service: Elizabeth Spear, Maurice Arnfeld, Violet Averbach, Miss Estelle Marks and Miss Kline-man.

The Class average for week of April 20-21.

Primary department—Miss Kornhaus er, 1.99; Miss Vogel, 1-A, 99.5; Miss Perley, 1-B, 99.4.

Junior department—Miss Pauline Marks, 8-A, 99.3; Miss Kineman, 8-B, 99.4; Mr. Levy, 9-A, 97.5; Miss E. Marks, 9-B, 100; Miss Levy, 10-A, 100; Miss Stein, 10-B, 100; Mrs. Steinberg, 11-A, 99.8; Miss Katten, 11-B, 99.5.

Senior department—Miss Levy, 12-A, 100; Miss E. Marks, 12-B, 100; Miss Barach, 13-A, 95.5; Miss Lewis, 13-B, 100; Mr. Glick, 14, 100; Rabbi Meyerovitz, Confirmation, 95.5.

The following names were by an oversight omitted from the Honor Roll of Miss Kline-man's Class last week.

Florence Pearlman, Evelyn Solomon, Allan Weil, Claire Lesser and Florence Reichart.

The following have been the honor pupils in Miss Stein's Class for the past three months:

Samuel Lowenstein, Eli Reish, Jos. Neuman, Alvin Shenkan, Herman Silverberg, Stanton Frank, Ruth Waxman, Cornelia Streng, Clarissa Ziff, Selma Biederman, Sylvia Sissenwain, Sarah Rosenbloom, Berde Shenkan and Adeline Vatz.

The Sabbath School collection last week amounted to \$24.02.

The donations were: Sylvia Abrams, Norman DeRoy, Gertrude Davis, Bennett Davis, Bernice Harris, Townsend Friedman, Henrietta Rosenfield, Naomi Wolk, Naomi Manheim, Saul Rosen, Miriam Wertheimer, Edith Langer, Freda Mendel, Emily Schiller, Yolande Reifer, Rosalie Aronson, Charlotte Reizenstein, Elizabeth Rosen, Cecile Bramer, Bertram Adler, Edgar Kaufman, Geraldine Klein, Elsie Guggenheim, Helen Cuff, Alfred Averbach, Milton Horowitz, Madeline Adler, Bernard Kant, Frieda Guggenheim, Elizabeth Jackson, Henry Jackson, Flora Koch, Beatrice Lewis, Marion Edelberg, Florence Luman, David Silverberg, Louise Mundheim, Stuart Gelb, Betty Swartz, Julius Weill, Rosalind Levy, Louis Marks, Cecil Zeugschmidt, Aubrey Wolk, Helen Wolk, Miriam Levy, Richard Morganstern, Rena Sachs, Her-

man Silverberg, Cora Straus, Marion Goldstein, Maurice Arnfeld, Alexander Jackson, Walter Adler, Dorothy Friedlaender, Donald Hirsch, Howard Baer, Sidney Heymann, Evelyn Steuer and Elizabeth Spear in memory of Dr. J. Leonard Levy; Beatrice in memory of her aunt Mrs. A. Mervis; Geraldine Klein for her sister's birthday; Betty Swartz in memory of Lawrence Frank; Clifford Leshner for his mother's recovery.

Please note the following change in the schedule of the Falk Memorial Swimming Classes:

Girls afternoon classes will meet at 4:15 instead of 4 o'clock. This change will remain in effect until the summer swimming schedules are sent out on July 1st.

Notice.

A valuable muff has been found in the Temple and is held for identification by the owner.

J. LEONARD LEVY MEMORIAL SERVICE AT RODEF SHALOM

Truly a congregation and a service worthy of the man whose memory they sought to honor and revere. Standing in that pulpit which he had endeared to all of us, and from which he had fearlessly championed the cause of his people and his faith, his successor paid tribute to the memory of him who was called master among the teachers in modern Israel, and the equally rare gift of appreciation of the true values, and the equally rare faculty of apt phrasing Dr. Goldenson, in his memorial sermon, dignified and heightened the solemnity of an occasion which is very close to the hearts of all of us. And Mrs. Joel Spear, with a voice of unusual beauty, power and expression, enriched, and deepened the impressiveness of the musical service. The community was again brought into close communion with the spirit of one who was their guide and leader; and whose influence has left such a definite impression upon their lives. Yes, we have gathered on the anniversary of his passing to record how deeply we feel his loss, but let us so order our lives that we shall be loyal at all times the memory of J. Leonard Levy, who gave his life that we should be better Jews.

WORKMEN'S CIRCLE CONVENTION OPENS SUNDAY, MAY 5.

Delegates from all over the country are arriving daily in Pittsburgh to attend the 18th annual convention of the Workmen's Circle, better known as the "Arbeiter Ring," one of the largest Jewish orders in the country. The convention will begin Sunday, May 5th, at the Lyceum Theater, at 2:00 o'clock p. m.

J. Weinberg, ex-National President of the Workmen's Circle, is coming as a delegate to this convention. Mr. Weinberg, who has been the head of this organization for many years, has been loved and known to all the 65,000 members throughout the country. At each convention which he attends he is always elected as temporary Chairman. Other speakers at the opening will be: Abe Cahan, editor of the Jewish daily "Forward;" Congressman Meyer London, Alderman B. Vladeck, Dr. B. Hoffman, Abe Epstein, National President of the Workmen's Circle, and J. Baskin, National Secretary. Most of the delegates will arrive Sunday morning, the day of the opening, and will stop at the William Penn Hotel. While the other sessions, except the opening will be held at the Labor Lyceum, Miller street. Arrangements have been made by the Local Committee to entertain the

delegates each evening while the convention will last. On May 6th they will be entertained in one of the local theaters. On May 7th a banquet will be given in their honor. On May 8th they will visit in a body the Heinz Plant on the North Side, while in the evening a ball will be given in their honor.

Officers of the Local Committee are: L. Arkin, Chairman; J. Weisberg, Secretary; N. Malyn, Financial Secretary, and J. Twig, Treasurer.

THE JEWISH QUESTION IN RUMANIA.

The Jewish Press bureau in Stockholm communicates:

The fact that the Preliminary Peace Treaty concluded between the Quadruple Alliance and Rumania contains no stipulation concerning the granting of equal civil and political rights to the Rumanian Jews causes much anxiety among the Jews of all countries.

It seems to show that the Central Powers intend to consider the Jewish Question in Rumania as a question of Rumanian Home policy. This seems to be the more strange that Germany, Austria-Hungary and Turkey belong to the signatory Powers to the Treaty of Berlin which secured, according to its article 44 full equality of rights for the Jews in Rumania.

The hope however ought not to be abandoned that the Jews in the countries of the Central Powers will succeed with the assistance of the respective democratic Parties in inducing their Governments to raise the Jewish Question during the discussion of the details of the Peace agreement. We hope that guarantees will be obtained. These guarantees are:

1. Collective Naturalization of all the Rumanian Jews.
2. Insertion in the Rumanian Constitution of a paragraph which unequivocally grants equal rights to the Jews.
3. The carrying out of all the stipulations in question must be fulfilled within a short time term of a few months.

A JEWISH CONGRESS IN GALICIA.

The Jewish Press bureau in Stockholm communicates:

Not long ago a Conference of Zionists took place in Krakou at which the chief issue under discussion was the necessity of convoking a general Galician-Bukovinian Congress which could decide upon a united and concerted Jewish policy in these countries. After a detailed discussion a resolution was carried according to which the Zionist will enter an agreement with all other national-Jewish parties for the purpose of convoking as soon as possible a Jewish Congress of Galicia and Bukovina.

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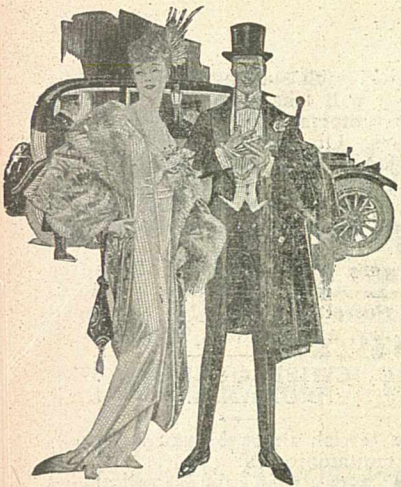
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Mr. and Mrs. A. Horovitz, formerly of Millvale avenue, are now residing at 5865 Douglass avenue.

Mrs. H. Simon and daughter, Miss Harriet, formerly of Vickroy street, are now residing at 06 N. Negley avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Kingsbacher, formerly of Clyde street, are now residing at 5715 Forbes street.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiesenthal and family, formerly of Juliet street, Oakland, are now residing at 514 Ivy street.

Mrs. Charles Cohen and son, Mr. Peter Cohen, formerly of Baywood street, are now residing at 5460 Stanton avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Weill and family, formerly of N. St. Clair street, are now residing at 6540 Darlington road.

Mr. Gustave Stein left Sunday evening for an extended trip through Ohio and West Virginia.

Twenty-three young men were present at a prettily appointed banquet held last Saturday evening at the Fort Pitt Hotel. The fair was given by the boys of the S. Rosenbaum Company in honor of Mr. James Rapport, one of their co-workers who will leave shortly for Camp Lee. Mr. J. Saul was toastmaster of the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Goldbloom and son, formerly of Chislett street are now residing at 5846 Darlington road.

Leonard J. Simon, of Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga., is visiting his mother, Mrs. H. Simon, N. Negley avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Caplan, of Lytle avenue, entertained on Monday, April 20th in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Jacob Morris, and also their son, Sergeant Harry Caplan (Ordnance Dept., Washington, D. C.) who was home on a furlough.

Sergeant A. L. Loevner, of Camp Lee, Va., spent the past week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Loevner, of Dalzell place. Mrs. J. H. Marks, of Forbes street, is spending several weeks at French Licks Springs, Ind.

Miss Sarah Braunschweiger, Oil City, Pa., and niece, Miss Helene Braunschweiger, of Newark, N. J., motored to this city and spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Weill, of Darlington road.

Mrs. J. Spandau, of Atlantic City, N. J., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Spandau, of Millvale avenue.

Mrs. S. Krell and Mrs. N. Seltzer entertained at a linen shower at the Fort Pitt Hotel on Tuesday, April 30th in honor of their sister, Minnie, whose engagement to Mr. I. Protetsch was recently announced. Covers were laid for thirty and games and dancing were the diversions of the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Weinhaus, of the Hotel Schenley, left this week for a visit to French Lick Springs, Ind.

Mr. R. Levenson has returned home from a trip to New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon F. Loeb and family, formerly of Kentucky avenue, are now residing at 1702 Wightman street.

Mr. J. F. Neuman left last week for an Eastern trip.

Mrs. Jonas Rice, of Philadelphia, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Caroline Brilles, of Beacon street.

Miss M. Simon is a visitor in New York City this week.

Mr. Philip Hirsch, who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Hirsch, of Chateau street, has returned to Camp Hancock.

Miss S. Markowitz, has returned home from a trip to New York City.

Mr. Saul J. Goldberg, son of Mrs. Ruth Goldberg of Elmer street, left this week for Camp Greene, Charlotte, N. C., to enlist in the Medical Supply Depot, Base Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer B. Leshner and family, formerly of Shadyside Apartments, are now residing at 2126 Murray avenue.

Mr. G. Arnold was a visitor in New York City last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Newman, of Woodmont street, have returned home from a trip to New York and Atlantic City.

Mr. M. Esman was a visitor in New York City last week.

Dr. and Mrs. S. Firestone and family, formerly of Beechwood boulevard, are now residing at 2123 Murray avenue.

Mr. J. H. Newman was a visitor in New York City this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Gallinger and family, formerly of Denniston avenue, are now residing at 5715 Northumberland avenue.

Mrs. Sol Rosenbloom of Beechwood boulevard, has returned from a visit to New York City.

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Mrs. M. Rosenbaum, of the Hotel Schenley, left this week for a visit to Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. I. K. Hirsch, of Cumberland, Md., who has been visiting her sister, the Misses Abrams of S. Friendship avenue, has returned home, accompanied by Miss Flora Abrams.

Mrs. Maybaum and daughter, Miss Hattie, of Philadelphia, are visiting Mrs. Johanna Bickart of Baum boulevard.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Gallinger, Jr. of S. Atlantic avenue, will leave the end of this week for a visit to French Lick Springs, Ind.

The Board of the Sisterhood of Rodef Shalom Temple, tendered a luncheon to Rabbi and Mrs. Samuel H. Goldenson on Monday of this week at the Concordia Club.

Miss Harriet Abrahms, of New York City is the house guest of Miss Dena Mendel, of Wilkins avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter May, of Solway street, will leave the end of this week for a visit to French Lick Springs, Ind.

Dr. I. L. Ohlman, formerly of Denniston avenue, is now residing at 5915 Northumberland avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Ollendorf, of New York, who were in the city last week to attend the Bickart-Steinman wedding, have returned home.

Mr. Edward Wormser, of Chicago, Ill., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Jacobs, of Melwood street. Mr. J. F. Reizenstein left this week for an Eastern trip.

Miss Mary Gould, of Alder street, left this week for a visit to New York City.

Miss Rena Garner, of Newport News, who has been visiting Miss Sadie Shapiro, of N. Negley avenue, has returned home.

Mr. I. R. Kornblum, of Neville street, was a visitor in New York City this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Blum, of Graham street, left this week for a visit to French Lick Springs, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Meyer are visitors in New York City this week.

Mrs. H. Weichselbaum and daughter, Blanche, of Philadelphia, Pa., are visiting Mrs. Johanna Bickart, of Baum boulevard.

Mr. B. Isenberg was a visitor in New York City this week.

Mrs. Arthur Beildeck and son, of Philadelphia, are visiting Mrs. Della Kant, of Elmer street.

Mr. E. Levenson of Black street, is visiting in Buffington, Ind.

Mrs. Ruth Goldberg entertained with a dinner followed by an informal farewell gathering at her home in Elmer street, on Tuesday evening of this week in honor of her son, Saul J. Goldberg, prior to his departure for Camp Green, Charlotte, N. C.

Mr. Philip Hamburger and his daughter, Miss Hattie, of S. Rebecca street, left this week for a visit to New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerson Streng formerly of Mellon street, are now residing at 5672 Melvin street.

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Mr. J. S. Bickart, of Jackson street, has returned home from a trip to New York City.

Mr. Nathan Hazen, who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hazen, of Howe street, returned this week to Camp Meade, Md.

Mrs. Max Zeisler, of Fifth avenue Extension, is visiting in Atlantic City.

Mr. J. R. Levy has returned home from an Eastern trip.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Lowenthal and family, formerly of Butler Pa, are now residing at 1124 Mellon street.

Mr. L. J. Affelder, of Barlett street, has returned home from an Eastern trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Goldman and family, formerly of N. Euclid avenue, are now residing at 2300 Sherbrook street.

Mr. B. Pearlman has returned home from a trip to New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Steinman, of Detroit, Mich., who were in the city last week to attend the Bickart-Steinman wedding, and were the

house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Bickart, of Sherbrook street, have returned home.

Mr. A. Ladinsky has returned home from a trip to New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Oppenheimer, of Denniston avenue, are spending some time at French Lick Springs, Ind.

Mr. Ralph Lewando, of Alder street, has returned home from a trip to New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Williams formerly of Dearborn street, are now residing at 324 Mathilda street

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ENGAGEMENT

Pilvinsky—Markowitz.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Pilvinsky, of 114 South Main street, Shenandoah, Pa., announce the engagement of their daughter, Sadye, to Mr. Harry Markowitz, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Markowitz, of 1017 Talbot avenue, Braddock, Pa.

WEDDINGS.

Strauss—Galvin.

On Saturday evening, April 20th, Miss Florence F. Strauss, of New York, and Lieut. Sidney F. Galvin, of Baltimore, were united in marriage, the Rev. Dr. Meyerovitz, of Rodef Shalom Temple, performing the ceremony.

Lieut. Galvin has rejoined his regiment in Augusta, Ga., awaiting the call to France, while Mrs. Galvin has resumed her study of Physical Education at the University of Pittsburgh.

Bickart—Steinman.

The marriage of Miss Lillie Bickart, daughter of Mrs. Johannah Bickart, 4735 Baum boulevard, to Mr. Harry N. Steinman took place in the Blue Room of the William Penn Hotel on Saturday evening, April 27th, Rabbi Jacob I. Meyerovitz officiating.

Amongst the out of town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Steinman, of Detroit, Mich., parents of the groom; Mrs. Lina and Miss Hettie Maybaum, and Mrs. Lena and Miss Blanche Weichselbaum of Philadelphia, Mr. and Mrs. I. Ollendorff of New York, Lieutenant Clarence B. Callomon of Long Island, N. Y., and Assistant Surgeon, Lieutenant Verner B. Callomon of Great Lakes Naval Station, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Steinman will be at Home to their friends, after July 1st at 412 Fifth Ave. Extension.

BORN.

To Mr. and Mrs. David O'Mansky (nee Celia Miller, of Pittsburgh) of Glassport, Pa., formerly of Emporia, Va., on April 12th—a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. M. Friedman (nee Tema Schutzman) of Bryn Mawr road on Thursday, April 25th, at Passavant Hospital—a son.

To Dr. and Mrs. S. I. Meyers, of 343 McKee Place, on Tuesday, April 23rd, at the West Penn Hospital—a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Philip Ginsburg (nee Ida Rapport) of 2900 Wylie avenue, on April 6th—a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gatz, of Portland street, on Tuesday, April 30th—a son.

AT HOME.

Miss Bertha Feingold, of North Euclid avenue, will be at home Sunday afternoon and evening, May 5th, to bid her friends good-bye prior to her departure for New York, where she will accompany the Hadassah Medical Unit to Palestine.

MONTEFIORE AID SOCIETY.

Announcement has just been made that the next monthly meeting of the Montefiore Aid Society, which will be



held on Sunday afternoon, May 12th, in the William Penn Hotel. will be turned into an entertainment. A very splendid program has been arranged for, which will include an address by Mr. H. A. McConnaughey, the well-known Y. M. C. A. worker, who has just returned from the German prison camps in Russia. Mr. McConnaughey will bring a direct message from the men who are interned, giving us an accurate idea of existing conditions as well as a glimpse of the morale of these prisoners at this time.

Through the courtesy of Miss Lillian A. Wood, the guests of the Montefiore Aid Society will take "A Musical Trip Around the World" which promises to be a very instructive as well as a highly entertaining number. Another interesting feature of the program will be Mrs. Mabel Steinecker, the well-known soloist, who will render several selections.

The entertainment will start promptly at 3:00 p. m., and those desiring tickets can secure them from any member of the organization, or by application to Miss Celia Schnitzer, 5902 Nicholson street.

YOUNG LADIES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

The Young Ladies Benevolent Society will hold its Tiel Annual May Dance on Wednesday evening, May 15, 1918, at the Y. M. H. A. Auditorium, Fifth avenue and Jumonville street.

UNITED HEBREW RELIEF ASSOCIATION.

The Board of Directors of the United Hebrew Relief Association will hold the May meeting on the first Sunday of the month instead of the second, owing to the scheduled meetings of the National Conference of Jewish Charities, at Kansas City. All members of the Board are requested to note the date Sunday, May 5, at 10:30 a. m., at the Rodef Shalom library.

HEBREW LADIES' HOSPITAL AID SOCIETY.

The regular monthly meeting of the Hebrew Ladies' Hospital Aid Society will be held Sunday afternoon, May 5th, at 2:00 o'clock, in the Nurses' Home of the Montefiore Hospital. The speaker of the day will be the noted lecturer, Mrs. J. S. Mott, who will speak on "War Conditions."

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Card party by Mr. E. Newman	50.00
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Collection (Keneseth Israel) for Pesach....	12.50
Max Schloss, Belle Vernon	5.00
Monthly collection	15.50
Total	95.08
Total	\$1,436.13

YOUNG PEOPLES' ZIONIST LEAGUE.

On Sunday evening, April 28th, the Young Peoples' Zionist League had

a very interesting meeting. More than 130 members and friends were present.

GIRLS' HOME ASSOCIATION.

The Girls' Home Association will hold their second annual dance Thursday evening, May 16th, at the Hotel Chatham. Tickets can be secured by calling Grant 878-J.

COLLEGIATE ZIONIST SOCIETY

A regular meeting of the Collegiate Zionist Society will be held Sunday afternoon, May 5th, at the Tree of Life Synagogue. Important matters concerning the Zionist Convention and affiliation with the Federation will be discussed.

The Zionist discussion will be begun at this meeting by the Secretary, Mrs. A. A. Amdursky.

PITTSBURGH ARTIST HONORED BY MADAME SCHUMANN-HEINK.

It will no doubt be of great interest to the local Jewish community to learn that Frances Gould Lewando sang this week, by appointment, for Madame Schumann-Heink at Chambersburg, Pa. After enthusiastically complimenting Mrs. Lewando and pronouncing her voice one of the greatest contralto voices it had ever been her pleasure to hear, Madame Schumann-Heink offered to coach Mrs. Lewando next season for Grand Opera and predicted for her a brilliant future.

SISTERHOOD OF RODEF SHALOM NOTES.

The Sisterhood board gave a luncheon to Rabbi and Mrs. S. H. Golden-son on Tuesday April 30. Twenty-seven ladies attended and enjoyed an intellectual feast while Rabbi Golden-son explained the possibilities that lie in store for a Temple Sisterhood.

The Sisterhood will distribute bibles to members of the confirmation class on Saturday May 11th. These bibles are given instead of an open meeting for April.

The annual meeting of the Sisterhood will be held Friday May 10th at 2:30. The reports of the various committees will be read and the annual election of officers will take place. It is hoped that every member of the Sisterhood will show her interest by attending the meeting. Mrs. Joel Spear, will sing and Mrs. Josiah Cohen will render piano selections.

The Sisterhood is continuing its custom of sending flowers to its sick members.

Mrs. James Braun is very much satisfied with the hearty response to her appeal for jams and jellies for the canteen committee. If any member of the Sisterhood has jam to give please send it to the temple.

The following ladies attended the sewing:

Miss Lowenthal, Mrs. Leinen, Mrs. M. Rauh, Mrs. M. Oppenheimer, Mrs. Meyers, Mrs. A. C. Sunstein, Mrs. E. Silverman, Mrs. M. Arnold, Mrs. M. S. Wertheimer, Mrs. J.

Bibro, Mrs. Reuben, Mrs. L. Kingsbaker, Mrs. M. Straus, Mrs. M. M. Kaine, Miss L. Kornbloom, Mrs. R. Lewin, Mrs. M. Wolf, Mrs. H. Sidenberg, Mrs. B. Landau, Mrs. Fanny Rosenbloom, Mrs. D. S. Levy, Mrs. H. S. Wertheimer, Mrs. Siesel, Mrs. F. Lobeman, Mrs. Leo Katz, Mrs. L. Hoehstetter, Mrs. M. Forst, Mrs. R. Schweizer, Mrs. H. Strassburger, Mrs. J. M. Friedman, Mrs. M. Einstein, Mrs. J. H. Stein, Mrs. H. Vogel, Mrs. S. Strassburger, Mrs. A. C. Lehman, Mrs. Chas. Ruben, Mrs. E. Fishel, Mrs. Clara Katzenstein, Mrs. Ed. Joseph, Mrs. Sol Bachman, Mrs. R. Danziger, Mrs. J. Cohen, Mrs. J. A. Williams, Mrs. E. Herzog, Mrs. E. Wertheimer, Mrs. J. Affelder, Mrs. Wm. Lasday, Mrs. J. Eisenman, Mrs. Philip Averbach.

YOUNG WOMEN'S HEBREW ASSOCIATION OF PITTSBURGH.

A very interesting address was delivered at the Y. W. H. A. last Sunday afternoon at the regular monthly meeting, by Miss Myra Johns, the subject of which was "Woman and War."

An announcement was made at the meeting that \$11,350 worth of Liberty Bonds is the total average so far by the Association.

Y. W. H. A. Workers on the Y. M. H. A. Membership Campaign Take Notice.

So many applications for Y. M. H. A. members have been secured by the Y. W. H. A. team in this membership drive that this organization stands quite close to winning one of the cups. Send all applications for new members to the president of the Y. W. H. A., Miss Sallie Mazer, 132 Erin street, who is captain of the Y. W. H. A.

Y. W. H. A. Liberty Dance.

Arrangements are now in progress for a Liberty Dance to be held by the Y. W. H. A. in the auditorium of the Y. M. H. A., Monday May 27th, the money to be used for the yarn fund, for the purpose of supplying Jewish boys who are in the service of our country with sweaters and other articles of comfort.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Koshland, formerly of S. Evaline street, are now residing at the Morewood Apartments, Center and Morewood avenues.

The Misses Eva Alpern, Bertha Feingold and Clara Millman, the three Pittsburgh nurses who are leaving with the Hadassah Medical Unit for Palestine, will leave this coming Sunday for New York and take this means of bidding their friends good-bye.

Mr. Louis Feigenbaum, of Headquarters Co., Pennsylvania Field Artillery Band, stationed at Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Feigenbaum, of Locust street.

Mr. Benjamin Lubic, who enlisted in the Naval Reserves, stationed at Wissahickon, Cape May, N. J., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lubic, of Braddock, Pa.

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Mr. Harry J. Miller, of S. Rebecca street, has enlisted in the Medical Supply Department, and left this week for Camp Dodge, Des Moines, Iowa.

LOUIS D. BRANDEIS CAMP.

A concert at which prominent talent will entertain will be held by the Louis D. Brandeis Camp No. 93, O. S. Z. Sunday evening at the Zion Council, 1851 Center avenue, to celebrate the formal opening of a membership campaign for 500 members in two weeks by this organization. Since April 25th when plans for this campaign were first made, the news that the charter was to be opened to new applicants spread with surprising rapidity with the result that 180 new members were accepted before the normal announcement was made, of these forty will receive their initia-



Miss Belle Nieman

tion at the Concert May 5th. The well known Zionist Rabbi Lebendiger of Youngstown will make the principal address. Miss Belle Nieman will render selections on the violin. Miss Sara Gordon will sing accompanied by Miss Shamberg. Miss Rose Neiman will also render a piano selection.

Thursday April 25th, the Louis D. Brandeis Camp No. 93 O. S. Z. had a very impressive initiation at which it admitted twenty-four new members. Professor Allan Davis delivered an address. A gift to each of the boys leaving was given by the Camp and Mr. I. J. Williams made the presentations. Professor Nachum Slouschz delivered a very instructive lecture in the course of which he relates his travelling experiences in the Holy Land in a very interesting manner.

Y. M. H. A. BUSINESS MEETING TO CLOSE MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN.

Last Wednesday night, while the strains of syncopated music and the din of merry dancers sounded from the adjoining auditorium, four men sat in the office of the Young Men's Hebrew Association working over piles of papers and checks and money, hardy looking up from their tasks except when some young man would enter to lay before them more papers and checks and money.

It was the closing night of the Y. M. H. A. war-time membership campaign, and the men so busily engaged were no other than Hyman Rogal, director of the campaign; J. Lewis Palley, president of the association; Attorney Isadore A. Bernstein, vice president, and Aaron Olbum. Their task was to receive the final reports from the various work-

ers and then arrange them in the order of their success.

The results of their labor that night will be announced at a big business meeting this Sunday night. The grand feature of this affair, at which all members are urged to be present, will be the awarding of prizes to the teams and individual workers who scored the greatest success in the drive. These prizes, donated by friends of the institution, follow:

1. Loving Cup Y. M. H. A.
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12. Pair of Shoes H. Lieberman
13. Cigarette Case S. Gallinger
14. Toilet Set Wm. Goldenberg
15. Table Lamp Louis Lichtenstein
16. Smoking Stand A. Olbum
17. Toilet Set Sam Levenson
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19. Toilet Set Gruber & Unger
20. Smoking Set S. Davis & Co.
21. Dozen pairs of socks Gordon Lasday Co.
22. Gold Knife and Chain Shook & Kaufmann
23. Fountain Pen D. P. James
24. Gold Cuff Links Wm. Frank
25. Order for Silk Shirt Isadore Miller
26. Electric Iron Raphael Elec. Co.
27. Pen Knife I. A. Bernstein
28. Gold Pin Oscar Levy
29. Cigarette Case Louis Bernstein
30. Silver Set Chas. Feinberg
31. Gold Knife and Chain Miss Rose Breman
32. Flash Light Anglo-American Light Co.
33. Box of Cigars Sam Richman
34. Dozen pairs of Socks S. Osgood
35. Drinking Cup S. Maltinsky

Dr. J. Leonard Levy Memorial Services.

Never in the history of the Young Men's Hebrew Association did its members know a more impressive and inspiring occasion than took place last Sunday night, when a portrait of the revered Dr. J. Leonard Levy was unveiled and dedicated, before a large and solemn audience. The ceremonies were not elaborate, but their simplicity seemed to enhance the sacredness of the event.

In words of touching eloquence, the Rev. Dr. S. H. Goldenson, present Rabbi of the Rodef Shalom Temple, paid tribute to his noted predecessor. The prayer of Rabbi I. E. Philo, of Youngstown, O., also went to the hearts of the assemblage, as did the benediction of Rabbi Jacob I. Meyerovitz.

The audience was deeply moved as Rev. J. Bloom chanted the doleful melody of "El Moleh Rachim," and also showed its appreciation of the singing by Mrs. Joel Spear and Miss Madeline Kahn.

The portrait was unveiled with appropriate words by A. Goldbloom, chairman of the memorial fund committee. The history of the memorial fund was told in a brief address by Attorney Isadore A. Bernstein. E. Meyer Silberberg, the artist whose painting of Dr. Levy elicited admiration and praise on all sides, made a few well chosen remarks, returning to the association the \$1,000 which he received for his splendid work.

An address on the third Liberty Loan was delivered by Attorney Joseph C. Bily.

J. Lewis Palley, president of the association, read the following resolutions, adopted by the Y. M. H. A. at the time of Dr. Levy's death:

Whereas it has pleased the Divine Power to remove from our midst our beloved Rabbi,

DR. J. LEONARD LEVY, our faithful guide, our patient teacher, our courageous leader, and our noble friend; and

Whereas, this sudden act of Providence has caused an irreparable loss not only to Judaism and America, but to all the world; Be it therefore

Resolved, that, we, the members of the Young Men's Hebrew Association of Pittsburgh, take this means of publicly expressing our poignant grief and profound sorrow at the sudden loss of one who gave his life so devotedly to the service of his fellow-men. Though "the Lord hath given, and the Lord hath taken away, our burdened hearts are lightened by the knowledge that his name and influence will live on to inspire us to lead lives made rich with all the spiritual gifts he brought to us. And, be it further

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be entered upon the records of this Association and that a copy thereof be published in whatever mediums will bring the message of his life to the greatest number, and a copy thereof be sent to his beloved widow and children as a token of our gratitude to him and of our heart-felt sympathy with them, in this our common loss.

Young Men's Hebrew Association of Pittsburgh.

CENTER AVENUE BOARD OF TRADE.

The Center Avenue Board of Trade is carrying on a strong campaign in the Hill district for the sale of Liberty Bonds, standing committee of which S. M. Lewinter, Esq., is chairman have been appointed to conduct the work.

A Liberty Loan Mass Meeting was held Sunday. The meeting was proceeded by a large parade in which all

the professional and business men of the district took part.

Stirring addresses were delivered by M. C. Turpin, Councilman W. Y. English, Lieut. M. A. Blumer, and Morris Neiman. Lieut. Blumer made a very dramatic appeal which aroused great enthusiasm at the meeting and increased the sale of Liberty Bonds.

At the meeting Liberty Bonds in the sum of ten thousand dollars were sold by the Committee of the Center Avenue Board of Trade, and an equal sum of Liberty Bonds were sold by solicitors representing other organizations.

Lieut. Blumer has come home from Washington, D. C. to aid in the sale of bonds.

THE VOLKSPARTY AND THE BREST LITOWSK NEGOTIATIONS.

The Jewish Press bureau in Stockholm communicates:

At a sitting of the Central Council of the Volksparty the following resolutions was carried and communicated to the respective authorities. The Council of the Volksparty considering the situations as shaped by the Brest-Litowsk negotiations proclaims as follows once more that

1. The Jews in Poland, Lithuania and Curland must be considered and reckoned with as a national minority.

2. That they demand accordingly national rights which are to be guaranteed by the constitutions of the respective countries.

3. That at the Conferences which will negotiate about the future administration of the countries in question Jewish representatives should be present.

Leon Semenov, Joseph Smith and Solomon S. Bromson of Providence have been appointed by the Governor of Rhode Island as members of the Lawyers' Committee of One Hundred to give free legal assistance to the relatives and dependents of soldiers and sailors in the United States service.

DIED.

Herman Moses.

Herman Moses, husband of Hilda Moses, died Thursday in his home, 2512 Breckenridge avenue. Besides his widow, one daughter, Mrs. Ben Miller, of Scottdale, Pa., and three sons, Benjamin L and Leo A. Moses, both of Pittsburgh, and Paul S. Moses One Hundred and Seventh Machine Gun Battery, Company B, Camp Upton, N. Y., survive. Funeral services will be held at his late residence on Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

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MIZRACHI CONVENTION.
 Three hundred delegates and as many visitors from all parts of the country will attend the fifth annual convention of the Mizrahi Zionist Organization of America on May 3rd to the 7th in Philadelphia.
 A message from Supreme Court Justice, Louis D. Brandeis, will be read. Professor Felix M. Frankfurter of Harvard University and prominent member of the Provisional Zionist Committee, will present an important report regarding the work of the Committee with special regard to the situation in Palestine.
 The delegates are the representatives of Orthodox Jewry in America. Their espousal of the Zionist cause is a convincing answer to those who assert that the Jewish National movement is not in harmony with the Jewish religion. Rabbi Dr. B. Drachman, president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of the U. S. and Canada, is a delegate.
 The convention will take measures to carry on an extensive and intensive campaign among Orthodox Jewish Congregations. Many congregations are already affiliated with the Mizrahi, and it is the desire of the leaders of the organizations to bring all such congregations into line. Rabbi Berlin, the president of the Mizrahi, who is also vice president of the Provisional Zionist Committee, in a statement, said:
 "The Mizrahi makes its appeal to all Orthodox Jews to align themselves with the forces laboring for the realization of the prayers of the Jewish people. These prayers breathe the hope of the restoration of the Jewish people in its ancient homeland, Palestine. No Jew, believing in the principles of Orthodox Judaism, can be true to these principles and remain outside of the Zionist movement."
 The opening session will take place Friday morning, May 3rd, at the Hebrew Literature Society, 310 Catherine street, Philadelphia.


DIED.
Simon J. Marks.
 Simon J. Marks, son of the late Jacob and Caroline Marks, died on Sunday evening, April 28th, 1918. Funeral services were held at his late residence, 1007 Middle street, North Side, on Wednesday morning.
Max Zeidman.
 Max Zeidman, aged 68, died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. D. Chersky, 280 Vick street, last Saturday morning. Funeral services were held from his daughter's home Sunday afternoon, April 28th, at 2:00 o'clock. Mr. Zeidman was born in Warsaw, Poland, and came to Pittsburgh 35 years ago where he resided until his death. He was a member of the Washington Street Synagogue. He is survived by his widow, Ella, and the following children: Mrs. D. Chersky, Mrs. I. Levine, Simon and Jacob Zeidman and seven grandchildren, all of this city.
David Mintz.
 David Mintz, aged 63, formerly a merchant of Marienville, Forest County, for 35 years, died in his home 612 North Euclid avenue, Sunday evening, April 28th. He was born in Poland, and came to this country in his early youth. Mr. Mintz came to this city five years ago. He was a member of the B'nai Israel congregation. He leaves four sons, Harry Mintz, of Cleveland; Ellis Mintz, member of Headquarters Company, One Hundred and Seventh Field Artillery, Camp Hancock, Ga.; Chauncey and Leo Mintz, both of Pittsburgh; five daughters, Mrs. Queenie Esther Levey, of Pittsburgh; Mrs. Zelda Glass, of McKeesport; Misses Jenny, Annie and June Mintz, all of Pittsburgh; one brother, J. M. Mintz, of Oil City, and one sister, Mrs. Eva Rosen, of New York.

Mrs. Mendell Margolis.
 Mrs. Rachael Margolis, aged 55, beloved wife of Mendell Margolis, of Eighth avenue, Homestead, died on Sunday, April 21st, at the Montefiore Hospital, following a short illness. She was a member of the Homestead Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society. Besides her husband, Mrs. Margolis is survived by two sons, Lewis and Sergt. Harry D. Margolis; three daughters, Mrs. Anna Malvan and Miss Minnie Margolis, at home, and Mrs. Jennie Lubitz, of Pittsburgh, and three grandchildren. Sergt. Margolis, who was granted a furlough to attend the funeral, has returned to Camp Lee. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon, April 22nd, at 2:00 o'clock. Interment at Rodef Shalom cemetery in Mifflin township.

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HOMESTEAD RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS.
 The boys of classes seven and eight have formed into a troop of the Boy Scouts under the leadership of Mr. Edward Haupt. Miss Friedlander has chosen the following pupils to take part in the dedication of the service flag, which is to be held May 12th: Hyman Magram, Lillian Fogel, Alex Rosenthal, Harold Schwartz, Lillian Adelsburg, Marion Moss and Esther Swartz.
 The donations were: Ralph Grinberg in honor of his birthday; Sidney Feldman for his birthday; Leonard Grinberg in memory of his mother's dear friend, Mrs. H. Silverburg.
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TREE OF LIFE NEWS.

The regular Sabbath services will be held Saturday morning at 9:00 o'clock.

The regular Religious School assembly will be held Sunday morning at 10:00 o'clock. Program by class three. Mr. A. Pinto Joseph will address the children.

Rabbi Mazure left last Monday evening for Camp Lee, where he will conduct services Friday evening and Saturday morning. On the following Saturday the subject of his sermon here will be "A Message From Camp Lee."

The honor pupils of the Religious School for the month of April are as follows:

Honor Roll.

Class 1—Edith Harris, Harry Tuch, Leona Lande, Isadore Harris, Arthur Goldberg.

Class 2—Ruth Bramson, Roselyn Goldberg, Ralph Rosenbloom, Leon Sperling, Harold Rosenblatt, Morton Ives.

Class 3—Jack Sperling, Julia Bramson, Maurice Marcus, Harold Seder, Pauline Elinoff.

Class 4—Jerome Rosenbloom, Simon Zuckerman, Charles Chaitkin, Theresa Saul, Henrietta Lande.

Class 5—Edith Kendall, Hyman Nebron.

Class 6—Minor Silverberg, David Escovitz, Pauline Marcus, Katherine Israel.

Class 7—Racille Srolovitz, Herman Kramer, Ida Saul.

Class 8—Sylvia Perovsky, Edith Amdursky.

Class 9—David Olbum, Ruth Kramer.

DANCING CLASSES PRESENT SPLENDID EXHIBITION.

Opening with a patriotic ensemble entitled, "Preparedness," in which beautiful tri-colored costumes of stars and stripes enhanced the striking splendor of the military figures executed to the stirring melody of a battle march, the third annual exhibition of the children of the Tree of Life dancing classes, held last Saturday evening in the Schenley Theater proved one of the finest juvenile productions ever seen in the city.



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The proceeds were given to the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Red Cross.

The exhibition, which is an annual feature of the Dancing School, was held under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary Society of the Congregation, supervised by Prof. Chas. F. Koch, instructor of the classes. The festival marks the closing of the school season.

SERVICE FLAG DEDICATION IMPRESSIVE.

In the presence of a large audience that filled every seat of the auditorium of the Synagogue, Rabbi Maurice M. Mazure of the Tree of Life Congregation last Sunday evening dedicated a service flag containing fifty stars in honor of the sons of the members now in the service of the country. The ceremony was impressive, the Congregation rising in token of respect when the names of the brave lads were read to the public.

The exercises opened with the singing of the Star Spangled Banner, after which a violin solo was rendered in a splendid manner by Miss Lillian Krieger. Rabbi Maurice M. Mazure then delivered the dedicatory address, during which the service flag was unfurled. The speakers of the evening were Col. J. C. W. Brooks, Mayor E. V. Babcock and Judge Jas. R. MacFarlane, all of whom emphasized the importance of supporting the government during the war, and of being prepared for further sacrifices. Sergt. Abe Loevner, who was home on a furlough, also delivered a short talk. The exercises closed with a benediction by the Rabbi.

TEMPLE B'NAI ISRAEL OF McKEESPORT.

Prof. Nachum Slouschz, noted scholar and Zionist, addressed a large congregation Friday evening on "The Allies, Palestine and the Cause of the Jew."

On the same evening the temple troop participated in the scout rally at the Junior High School where emblems were awarded to four scouts of the troop for their excellent record in the Second Liberty Loan. They are: Morley Friedman, Milton Firestone, Sam Weissberg and Rudolph Hirshberg. Assistant Scoutmaster, Bernard Friedman, is leading the troop in the scout drive of the Third Loan this week.

Harry Levy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Levy, member of the class of 1918, W. and J., represented the college at an intercollegiate oratorical contest at Hamilton, N. Y.

On Wednesday evening Rabbi Aistet addressed the draftees at their initiation into membership of the I. O. B. B. prior to their leaving for the camp. At a farewell dinner given to these boys by Success Lodge, K. of P., the Rabbi delivered the opening and the closing prayers.

Library gifts this week were received from Florence Reiter and Edgar Abel.

There was a record attendance at the Sunday School last Sunday following the announcement of observing the 28th as no late nor absent Sunday in the school. Miss Klein's class was in charge of the program at the assembly. Mr. Frank R. S. Kaplan, president of the congregation, appealed to the children for 100 per cent results in the work of the school. Members of the classes of Miss Moritz and Miss Miller will participate in next Sunday's program. The speaker for the morning will be Abe M. Simon, Esq.

The Rabbi accepted the invitation of the B. B. Lodge of New Castle to deliver an address next Sunday evening at a service flag dedication.

"J. Leonard Levy—A Modern Prophet in Israel," forms the subject of a memorial address to be delivered at the Friday evening services by Chas. H. Joseph, editor of the Criterion.



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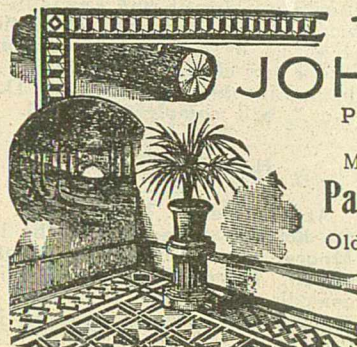
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PLAYS AND PHOTO PLAYS

REGENT THEATER.

The attraction at the Regent Theater today is the great Artcraft super-dramatic feature, "The Whispering Chorus," with an all-star cast.

The picturesque blue grass regions of the Kentucky mountains is the locale of the latest Metro feature starring the popular Viola Dana, "Riders of the Night," which will be seen at the Regent, the Rowland and Clark theater at Penn and Highland avenues, East End, Monday and Tuesday. What is popularly known as the "heart interest," runs riot throughout its length, and it is a pretty blending of tears and smiles. "Riders of the Night" will be shown but two days, Monday and Tuesday.

On Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the Regent will present the charming Billie Burke in the greatest success of her screen career. This newest Paramount picture is "Let's Get a Divorce," and is a film version of Victorienne Sardou's famous book, "The Divorcons," which enjoyed a long run under that name on Broadway. John Emerson and Anita Loos, whose work with Fairbanks is well known, prepared a scenario from the Sardou play. As an added feature, the Burton Holmes Travel pictures will be offered Wednesday and Thursday, as well as a spirited one-reel comedy. On Friday and Saturday, in addition to the Burke starring vehicle, the Paramount-Bray pictograph will be added.

LIBERTY THEATER.

The attraction at the Liberty Theater today is Douglas Fairbanks in "Mr. Fix-It."

One of the most attractive programs ever arranged for the Liberty, the Rowland and Clark Theater, Penn and Shady avenues, Eastend, is announced for next week. In reality a double program is offered. "The Million Dollar Dollies," the gorgeous Metro super-production, presenting the most famous twin sisters on the American stage, Roszika and Yancsi Dolly, in the leading roles, will be seen for the first time in Pittsburgh. This in itself is an unexcelled attraction. In addition, Liberty Theater patrons will see the first of the super-pictures starring the king of all screen entertainers, Charlie Chaplin, in "A Dog's Life." "The Million Dollar Dollies" is a play written especially to suit the celebrated beauty and the infectious personalities of the Dolly sisters.

"A Dog's Life" has been accepted by all critics as Charlie Chaplin's funniest of all starring vehicles.

GRAND THEATER.

In the opinion of Manager Harry Davis of the New Grand, the message of the motion picture today, and it will be the message of the future as well, is indubitably to entertain and edify, instruct, uplift and amuse. Pure tragedy, as such, really can never become a screen function. The world is sick of it, and not even art can justify its presentation to any great extent by a medium which reaches so great and so mixed an audience as that of motion pictures.

The bill at the Grand for the week starting Monday, May 6th, is a particularly brilliant one, including Billie Burke in the Artcraft's latest production, "Let's Get a Divorce;" Burton Holmes Travelogue, "Our Filipino Fighting Force;" the new comedy, "What's the Matter With Father;" the Grand's News Weekly of interesting international news topics and the Superb Symphony Orchestra and organ which in addition to playing an all-day concert pro-

gram, gives also the incidental cue music to the picture.

"Let's Get a Divorce" is based upon "Divorcons," the play by Victorien Sardou produced here a short time ago with Grace George in the principal role. The screen adaptation was made by John Emerson and Anita Loos, who have collaborated on many successful cinema stories. Miss Burke is seen to much better advantage in this feature than in her last Paramount release, principally because she has a more suitable vehicle. The production has been skillfully handled by Director Charles Giblyn.

SHERIDAN SQUARE THEATER.

At the Sheridan Square Theater next week for the first three days the attraction will be "The Count and the Maid." This offering is described as a miniature musical comedy with a company of ten, including Harry Moore, George Karren and Hal Carey, a trio of comedians that can be depended upon to furnish laughs fast and furious. Other bookings include

the celebrated piano virtuoso. Adele Mason and company will present a new sketch, "The Wrong Turn." Harry Maxfield promises several new song stories. Sharp and Gibson are funmakers who use blackface as a means to their ends. Mlle. Panla is an aerial performer. Kamplain and Belle have an unusual singing specialty. Hartley and Morris are comedy acrobats. A new film comedy from the studio of a leading producing firm will be the screen feature.

PITT THEATER

The Washington Square Players of New York, under whose direction Mary Shaw, one of the foremost actresses of the American stage, is appearing at the Pitt Theater this week in George Bernard Shaw's great comedy-drama dealing with a great social subject, occupy the place in America that Gordon-Craig and Reinhardt occupy in Europe so far as the new movement in the theater is concerned.



VIOLA DANA

who will be seen in "Riders of the Night," at the Regent Theatre, Mon. and Tues. of Next Week.

Ward and Raymond in a comedy skit. Naiona in Hawaiian songs and dances will make an initial bow here. The young folks will enjoy Curtis' Comedy Canines. The Eddie Duo on the slack wire intersperse comedy with a sensationalism. A new film comedy will be the screen feature.

For the last half of the week a military drama with the title "Children of France" will top the bill. Billy Beard is known as "The Party from the South." Other acts include the Kelliors in "The Free Attraction," Goldsmith and Lewis in "This and That." Berk and Broderick in a series of original dance numbers and a new chapter in the life of Abraham Lincoln, "The Son of Democracy," will complete the bill.

HARRIS THEATER.

At the Harris Theater next week the headline attraction will be Harry Moore, the chief funmaker of the circuit. Mary Hallen the sprightly comedienne of musical comedy fame and a bevy of show girls. Other bookings include Don Alphonso Zelaya,

the war has stirred us as has no other document. The film shows even more vividly and conclusively America's duty to help rid the earth of its greatest scourge. And aside from this lesson in German diplomacy, and the righteous indignation excited, the film is one of the most thrilling that has been presented to the public. There are actual battle scenes, scenes of German internment camps and the effort to bottle up the British fleet, which was frustrated through information furnished Mr. Gerard; the brutality of the Germans toward the women and children of Belgium and northern France and the attitude of the German people toward their government.

A special musical score has been written for the photoplay and is rendered by an augmented orchestra. Seats are now on sale for all performances.

DAVIS THEATER.

At the Davis Theater next week the headline feature will be "Submarine F-7," a one-act maritime drama in which a representation, correct in every detail, will be given of a real sub-sea fighter in action. The play is an adaptation by James MacQueen from the French of "L'Hirondelle," by A. Moreux and J. Perard, and has been localized to America. The story concerns the cruise of an American submarine, its attack of an enemy ship and shows the heroism of the crew under the circumstances calculated to try the hearts of the stoutest men.

Among the other noteworthy attractions in the bill for the forthcoming week are Nonette, the singing violinist, and Robert Matthews and Company in "The Rounder of Old Broadway."

The various other acts in the bill will coincide with the excellent standard maintained at the Davis.

PITTSBURGH MALE CHORUS.

Something quite out of the ordinary will be the benefit performance for the East Liberty Auxiliary of the Red Cross, which will take place at Carnegie Music Hall on Tuesday evening, May 14th, for on this occasion the Pittsburgh Male Chorus will put dignity aside and give Pittsburghers a regular old fashioned minstrel show, with all the trimmings, even the afterpiece beloved of theatre goers.

OLYMPIC THEATER.

A screen journey with Theda Bara to the mystic atmosphere of Buddha's temples in far away Java, where mystery and religious fervor dwell, where beauty and love and burning hate thrive in the shadow of the awesome Hindoo image; then on to the gay life of Paris, with its Latin Quarter and Apache dens, its intrigues and tragedies and clandestine affairs of the heart—

Such is the enthralling route travelled by this siren of the films in her latest wonder drama—, "The Soul of Buddha."

Bava (Theda Bara), an East Indian girl, is a natural dancer and as such her fame had spread among the people. Her widowed mother, a devout worshipper of Buddha, fearful of her daughter's morals, decides to give Bava to the Temple as a sacred dancer. She turns her over to Ysora, the High Priest.

Attracted by the handsome priest, Bava willingly consecrates herself as a religious dancer.

During a religious festival dance Sir John Dare, a Major in the English army, is attracted by the beauty of Bava. While dancing Bava falls

NIXON THEATER.

Arrangements have just been completed whereby the Nixon Theater is able to retain for the coming week the most important and interesting production ever produced in motion pictures, Ambassador James W. Gerard's, "My Four Years in Germany." Beginning with a matinee on Monday and continuing twice daily, the film will be shown.

The text of Mr. Gerard's book has been read by practically every American and its expose of the brutality, stupidity and deceit that originated

in front of him and he catches her. The priests, headed by Ysora, rush towards the Englishman and are about to kill him when Bava inter-feres. Ysora commands Bava to pray before Buddha the entire night for punishment. She leaves the temple at midnight and meets Sir John.

Ysora sees Bava's elopement and follows the couple to the barracks. Sir John calls in the army chaplain who makes them man and wife. Ysora vows vengeance.

Sir John is cashiered from the army for his escapade. A year later a child is born. Ysora, waiting his opportunity, kills the baby, leaving the Buddhist death sign on its forehead. Heartbroken, Bava leaves with her husband for Paris.

Her life hardened by the death of the child, Bava determines to dance on the stage. She has told her husband she no longer loves him.

When she makes her premier appearance on the stage, Ysora dis-guised as a Buddha, comes to life and kills her in front of the audience, carrying out his oath of vengeance. "The Soul of Buddha" will be shown at the Olympic Theater all next week.

ALVIN THEATER.

On Monday May 6th a most prom-ising event is scheduled at the Alvin Theater when the Norworth "Odds and Ends of 1917," a musical revue, will be presented. The piece will re-main at that theater for the entire week with the customary matinees and it is safe to predict that the Al-vin will do capacity business, for al-ready the advance reservations of seats shows that Pittsburgh people are greatly interested in the coming of a real revue at last.

"Odds and Ends of 1917" is re-ferred to as a "chummy" musical re-vue. The chief funmaker is Harry Watson, Jr. Then there is the cap-tivating Harriet Lorraine and her wonderful gowns.

The book and lyrics are by Bide Dudley, music by James A. Byrnes and the staging has been under the direction of Julian Alfred.

The appointment of Bernard M. Bar-uch, a "one-dollar-a-year" man, as Chairman of the War Industries Board, probably the most important war civil appointment, naturally bring Mr. Bar-uch very much into the public eye. Mr. Baruch is the son of Dr. Simon Baruch, the eminent physician of New York City, and is descended in direct line from Polish ancestry. He has not a drop of Teuton blood in him; hence his love of liberty. Both his paternal and material ancestors were born in

Russian-Poland under the reign of Stanislaus Paniatowski. His grand-father and namesake was an intimate of the great Dr. Joel of Posen. His maternal grandmother was a Marquez whose father was driven by the in-quisition from Portugal to Holland and thence emigrated to America, giving ships to the Continental Congress. Mr. Baruch first saw the light in Camden, S. C., where his father was "raised" and studied medicine. Mr. Baruch is possessor of a large fortune acquired by his own efforts and is probably the very best man that was available for the position.

A delegation of rabbis and other representatives petitioned Leon Trotzky to provide for the Jewish community some facilities to obtain matzoth for the coming Passover, but he refused them, saying: "I am neither a Chris-tian nor a Jew; I am an Internationalist. I refuse to help you because no religion is to enjoy special privileges."

Of late articles of an anti-Semitic nature have begun to appear in the Argentine press. The widely cir-culated paper, Action, has lately printed an article entitled, "The Jewish Race,"

in which the paper lodges with the Jews various serious charges. The Jew-ish social workers of Buenos Aires have decided to carry on an organized struggle against this anti-Semitic storm.

A strong protest signed by all of the leading rabbis of Baltimore and also by prominent Jewish women was read in the Senate at Annapolis, Md., last week, against the Bible reading bill passed by the House. The Senate Committee on Judicial Proceedings, which will consider the measure, has been asked for a hearing at which the protestants may appear and give rea-sons for their objections.

M. Mosessohn, of Portland, Ore., has been elected to the executive direc-torship of the United Waist League of America, with headquarters at the Ho-tel McAlpin, this city.

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"ZIONISM" BY HON. DAVID LUBIN.

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of continuous persecution. It could then begin the labors of its appointed task.

And what is that task? It is indicated in the following words of Scripture:

"All the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him." "Therefore will I make thee the light of the nations, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth." "And thou shalt be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of paths to dwell in."

Part of this task has already been accomplished. It is now some two thousand years since the ethics of Israel were promulgated to the Gentiles, and the world was Christianized. But the nations, in their assumption of the right of absolute sovereignty rule, are still under the sway of paganism. Such an assumption of absolute sovereignty is pagan. It is protested against by the Jewish people. In the Jewish prayer-book we read "Our Father and our King we have no Sovereign but Thee." Protest against absolute sovereignty has been made by the Jewish people from time immemorial to the present day. Such sovereignty is protested against from cover to cover of the Old Testament.

"But," asks the enquirer, "is not Christianity also opposed to such absolute sovereignty rule? Does not the New Testament protest against it as emphatically as the Old?"

I do not think so. As I stated in a recent article "on the one hand the realization of national and international justice and equity is the goal to which the Old Testament points; this is the principle which it persistently teaches and promulgates; indeed the

task of promulgating this principle is assigned by the Prophets as the Mission of Israel.

"On the other hand, the New Testament limits its political postulates to the interference to be derived from the illustration of the penny: "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's," to which Paul adds his commentary of obedience to the rulers, to "the powers that be." for, says he, "they are ordained of God." (Rom. xii i. 1).

Speaking on this head Roman says. "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's. Assuredly such a doctrine had its dangers. To establish (this) as a principle . . . was to destroy republicanism in the ancient form and to favor all tyranny. Christianity, in this sense, has contributed much to weaken the sense of duty of the citizen and to deliver the world into the absolute power of existing circumstances."

"This teaching, as we see, leaves the door open for the upbuilding of unconditioned sovereignty rule, for autocracy, for just such rule as was almost universal down to the days of the French Revolution; a rule which is still with us, still powerful enough to challenge a world of opposers; a rule which elects to set aside justice and equity whenever it may suit its purpose so to do; a rule which, even in our day, elects for its convenience to treat a contract between nations, a solemn treaty, as a "scrap of paper;" a rule against which the nations of the world are now up in arms in a life and death struggle.

We cherish as our most exalted hope the belief that the day will come when Israel will be called upon to take up his mission for the abolition of such absolute sovereignty rule upon earth; to ensure the acceptance of the ethics taught by the Prophets; to bring the nations, col-

lectively as well as individually, under the yoke of law, the law of justice, of equity, of righteousness. And this rule of law, of the law of righteousness, must in the end culminate in the democratization of the nations and in the formation of a Confederation of these Democracies under a Constitution.

Has it not been this idea, this ideal that, has, through the centuries, given Israel almost superhuman strength, strength to withstand the terrors to which, as bearer of this message, he was subjected? Is not the ideal of this high service consciously or potentially in the mind and soul of the Jew today? Has it not come down to him through some forty centuries of transmitted heredity? Has it not thus become a rooted psychic force in Israel? It has indeed; a force which no power in the world can now eradicate.

And is there not room for this force as a necessary supplement to Christianity? As is well known Christianity deals, in the main, with certain matters of the soul and its translation to heaven, whereas Judaism in the main, concerns itself with matters of righteousness upon earth. Judaism is concerned with the question of righteousness of the nations singly and with righteousness of the nations collectively. It is concerned with political righteousness, with social righteousness, with righteousness in exchange, with economic righteousness. There is thus room in the world, side by side, for a dynamic and militant Christianity on the one hand, and for a dynamic and militant Judaism on the other.

Therefore, the announcement by the British Government for the "establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people" is welcomed as an earnest that Israel will soon be in a position to take up this mission. And for this reason Jews

everywhere, and at all times, must ever be grateful, must ever be under obligations to England for the noble initiative she has taken, furthering the labors of the Zionists the world over in this matter which so deeply concerns Israel and his Mission.

Our earnest prayers go up to the Almighty for the success of General Allenby and of the British and Allied arms in Palestine, and the world over, now battling, in this great struggle of Democracy against Autocracy, for Jehovah, the Power of Righteousness, against Odin, the power of brute force.

David Lubin,

Delegate of the United States,
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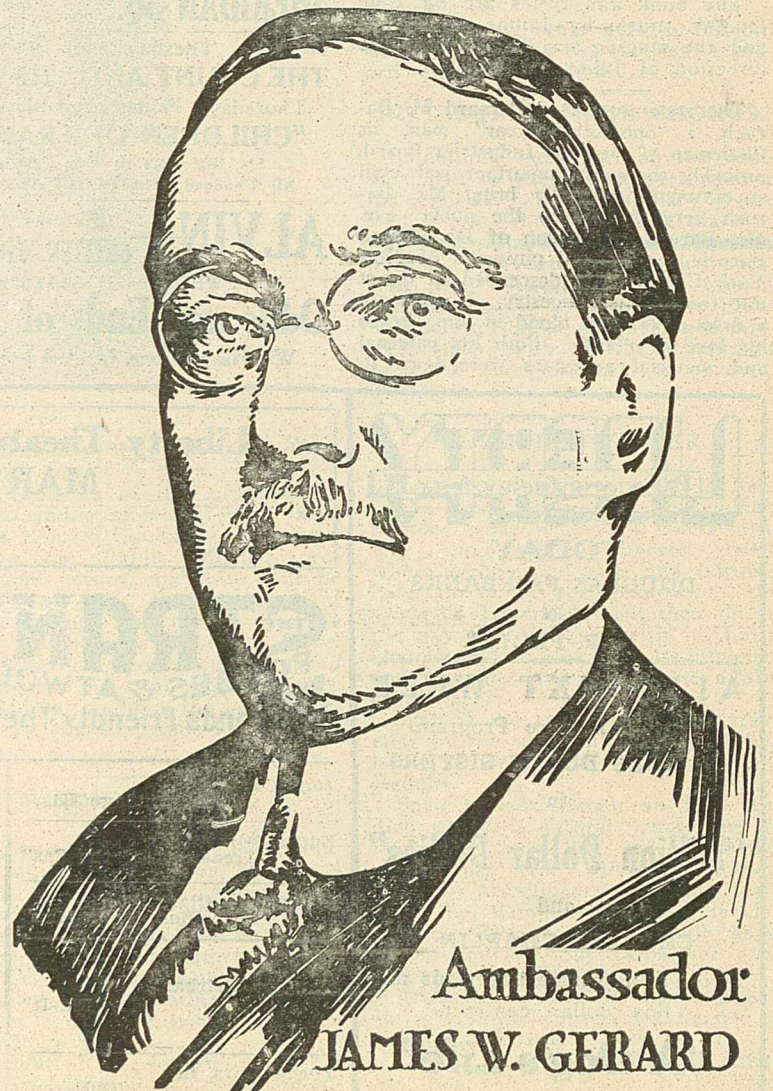
The regular meeting of the Menorah Society of Pittsburgh was held at the Rodef Shalom Temple, Sunday afternoon, April 28. Dr. J. A. Mecklin, of the University of Pittsburgh, delivered an address on "Spinoza," before a large and interested gathering. Miss Estelle Miller, of the Pennsylvania College for Women, rendered a selection on the piano. After the completion of the program, the members and their friends went to the Temple parlors, where refreshments were served and an enjoyable social hour spent.

At the next meeting of the society, to be held at the Temple Sunday afternoon, May 12th, at 3:00 o'clock, Dr. Reider, of Dropsie College, Philadelphia, will deliver a lecture on "The Renaissance in Jewish Music," and will illustrate on the piano. This talk by an authority on the subject, is sure to be of greatest interest and instruction. The public is cordially invited to attend.



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BROMSON.**

Petrograd.—As previously reported the well known Jewish community worker and statesman, Counselor Bromson had been arrested by the Bolsheviki and proceedings were finally brought against him. These proceedings were so interesting and so characteristically so to make them well worth repeating.

The trial was held before the so called "Volks' Tribunal," the new court established by the Bolsheviki. This body has dispensed with the services of official prosecutors and learned attorneys. The rank and file of the people appear as defendants and plaintiffs before the Tribunal and everybody has the right to speak for or against a defendant. Those assembled in the court room must maintain silence during the proceedings but they are permitted to make a silent demonstration for or against a speaker. That is, they signify their approval of a speaker by rising from their seats and their disapproval by remaining seated.

When Bromson appeared in the court room the whole assemblage rose. Charges were made against him and the following scene was enacted: A newspaper which mentioned Bromson as a prominent co-worker had calumniated the Bolsheviki, stating that the latter had betrayed Russia into the hands of Germany; they had also made other criticisms regarding the Bolsheviki politics. A second charge was to the effect that Bromson continued to refer to himself as a member of the Parliamentary Commission which had been established during the Kerensky regime after the Bolsheviki had ordered that this Commission cease to function. The third charge was, that he had failed to turn over the new Bolsheviki Government moneys which belonged to the Commission and which he was said to have in his possession.

The presiding officer of the Tribunal, asked Bromson whether he desired to plead guilty to the charge preferred against him. Bromson responded that he recognized neither the power nor the right of the Bolsheviki and their courts, but as many community workers were among those present, he desired to make a statement regarding the charges brought against him. Bromson then stated that he and other members of the Committee established to defend the National Assembly, had been arrested without being told of what they had been accused. Later, charges were preferred against him, and it was clear that he was first arrested and then steps were taken to find accusations with which to charge him.

Bromson made a very pointed address against the Bolsheviki and was several times interrupted by the presiding officer. The latter then appealed to the assemblage for witnesses in these proceedings. Many responded, the first one to step forward being the learned and well-known statesman Peshechonev. He stated that it was unjust to accuse Bromson of the newspaper article as Bromson is not a writer and he gave his name to the newspaper only because he was in sympathy with their policies. Peshechonev pointed out that even during the reign of the brutal Czar, the officials would not have dared to bring such an accusation against Bromson. At this point, he was interrupted by the presiding officer who remarked that Peshechonev was expected to relate facts and not to voice his opinions. Peshechonev responded that he had announced himself to the presiding officer as an expert not as a witness. The presiding officers' answer that experts were not permitted in the Tribunal, brought for a remark from Peshechonev to the effect that no one known what is or is not per-

mitted and he was, thereupon, angrily ordered to maintain silence. A member of the Committee then stepped forward to defend the National Assembly, stating that: Bromson had not written one word of the newspaper articles, secondly Bromson had previously resigned from the office of cashier to the committee and not having received any funds, he could not possibly return the moneys referred to in the charges. This witness further declared that Bromson is a revolutionary worker of many years standing and was a revolutionist when the members of the Tribunal were still seeking favor with the autocratic government.

The workman Bolotin then stepped forward and made scathing remarks about the Bolsheviki. He was ordered to leave the court room but responded that he refused to obey the commands of the Bolsheviki. The assembly protested against the presiding officer for not permitting anyone free speech and an uproar ensued. The presiding officer ordered the soldiers to clear the court room. During this procedure, he reminded himself of the fact that he is now a member of a Democratic Government, and, therefore, apologized to the assembly, stating, that all, excepting Bolotin could remain in the court room. Bolotin rose and stated that he despised the Bolsheviki and the Tribunal but, not wishing to interrupt the discussion, he would leave the court room.

Several speakers, among them workers and soldiers, came forward to defend Bromson. The presiding officer then inquired whether any one present desired to bring accusation against Bromson. At first, there was no response but finally the Internationalist Krumoroff responded. He made a masterly address which, while apparently an accusation was really a criticism of the methods of the Bolsheviki. When it occurred to the presiding officer that this was no accusation, he refused to permit Krumoroff to continue. Then Bromson, himself, delivered a long address, stating that the Bolsheviki had deceived the people, and by their methods they were leading Russia to the brink of an abyss. His address made a strong impression and although applause was not permitted in the Tribunal, he was vehemently applauded by the assemblage. The Tribunal then pronounced sentence and Bromson was declared guilty in the matter of the newspaper even when he knew the statements, against the Bolsheviki, had been made. The Tribunal, therefore, decided that Bromson merits the "Social Contempt and Reproach of the People." Bromson was fully cleared of all other accusations. The assemblage gave him a hearty ovation which was continued when he appeared on the streets.

WASHINGTON MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION ELECTS TWELVE JEWISH OFFICERS.

Washington.—At the last election of the Washington Merchants' Association, an organization whose membership comprises every business man in Washington; twelve Jewish officers were elected. The total Jewish membership in the organization is about thirty-four or thirty-five per cent.

FOREIGN JEWISH TRADES-PEOPLE IN SWITZERLAND PROSECUTED.

Zurich.—There are now in Switzerland many foreign Jews, most of them Galicians, who are engaged as small shop keepers and tradesmen. Most of these people have been residents of the country for many years prior to the outbreak of the war. It is natural, that they should use their family ties in other countries for the purpose of trading in such merchandise and products as it is profitable to export or import. They

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have imported various mechanical articles and have sent out food stuffs such as cheese, etc. of which there is an over abundance in Switzerland. The Swiss press, has now begun an active agitation against these merchants. They have been assisted by the police who arrest these Jewish merchants on the slightest pretext. The latter are given most severe punishments which completely ruin them. A couple from Bazil, named Blum-Klein, are the last sacrifices claimed by this agitation. They were arrested on a slight pretext, were sentenced to three months imprisonment and were ordered to pay a fine of four thousand five hundred francs.

SUSMAN HELLER, JEWISH WASHINGTON MERCHANT, DECEASED.

Washington—Susman Heller, leading Jewish Washington Merchant, died recently. Mr. Heller, who was 90 years of age, was born in Germany and came to this country when fifteen years old.

BORIS GINSBURG, RUSSIAN JEWISH INVENTOR, DEAD.

Petrograd.—Boris Ginsberg, the famous inventor of sleeping cars, died in Petrograd.

A REVISION OF THE MYASAYEDEV PROCEEDINGS TO BE MADE.

Petrograd.—The Bolsheviki Government, has decided to make a revision of the proceedings against Col. Myasayev, who, as is well known, was accused of being a spy in the employ of Germany and was sentenced to death. Two prominent Jews, the Freedberg Bros. of Brisk, who were also sentenced at the same time, were hanged.

The Bolsheviki Government now has sufficient evidence that false testimony was given at these proceedings by Nicholai Nicholaiowitz, former Minister Shegelowitov and others. That considerable false testimony was given at the trial and that the proceedings were most unjust, has long since been well known. Mr. M. F. Seidman, former war correspondent for New York newspapers, had written numerous articles regarding this matter in the New York Press. He was at that time unable to divulge the source of his information. He can now state that the said information was given him by the well known lawyer and Zionist, Simon Rosenbaum, who was greatly interested in these proceedings and had prepared

himself to carry on, at the cessation of the war, an international agitation for a revision of these criminal proceedings at which several Jews were ruined.

PROMINENT JEWS TO ADDRESS CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN PHILADELPHIA.

Washington.—It is announced in Washington, that the "Win the War" Convention, under the auspices of the League to Enforce Peace, is to be held at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel in Philadelphia, from May 16th to the 18th and that the following prominent Jews are expected to deliver addresses: Lord Reading, who is to speak for Great Britain, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, who will talk on "Battling for a New World," and the Hon. Oscar S. Straus, whose topic is "A War Basis for Business and Labor." Ex-President Taft will preside and many of the most prominent Americans are expected to participate.

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