

# HAR HACARMEL

הר הכרמל

TIFEREH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

NOVEMBER 1949

MOUNT CARMEL, PA.

KISLEV 5710

*JEWISH BOOK MONTH*  
*Nov. 11 - Dec. 11, 1949*

BOOKS shall be  
thy companions; book  
cases and shelves,  
thy pleasure-nooks  
and gardens.

שִׁמְרֵם סֵפֵרִים  
חֲבִירֵיךְ, וְחֲרָצֵיךְ  
נְחִיבֵיךְ פִּדְיוֹתֶיךָ  
וְנִזְנוֹתֶיךָ.

זֵאלֶךָ דִּינֵעַ  
סְפָרִים וְסֵפֵר  
דִּינֵעַ חֲבָרִים אֲוֹן  
דִּינֵעַ אֲלִיצֵעַ אֲוֹן  
בִּיכְעַד שְׂדָאָקוֹן  
דִּינֵעַ לֹסְטְוֹאַרְמֵעֵס  
יְיֵוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ

## JEWISH BOOK MONTH

"Books shall be thy companions; book cases and shelves thy pleasure nooks and gardens." These words of Judah ibn Tibbon are the motto of Jewish Book Month, a yearly observance that has become an institution in American Jewish life. It may, perhaps, be tragic that we, who many centuries ago were called the People of the Book, we who have throughout our history stressed study and scholarship as universal virtues, should have to be encouraged during one month of the year to think of books. It is, on the other hand, a sign of our continued intellectual health that such a month, dedicated to Jewish literature, has become an important factor in our lives and that it creates real enthusiasm everywhere.

Books are today a major business in America. Not only are there dozens of Book Clubs catering to every taste and every purse, not only are news stands, drug stores, and even food markets, filled with inexpensive editions of best sellers and other escape literature, but the same 25 or 35 cent editions contain some of the most serious, enlightening and important books of the day. More encouraging, from our own point of view, is the fact that scores of Jewish books are published and find a good readership, and that it is again becoming fashionable to be acquainted with the latest in Jewish publications, not only fiction by and about Jews, but serious books concerning Jewish religion and culture, and contemporary Jewish issues. The Jew in America is discovering once more his historic affinity for intellectual activity. He is finding again the old truth that true and sincere Judaism flourishes in a thoughtful and intelligent atmosphere, that the Jewish religion not only does not shy away from reason, but actively seeks the study, discussion, and rational acceptance of its historic precepts.

Jewish Book Month has created a renewed interest in our own Jewish Community Library. And indeed, small though it may be when compared with the more famous libraries in the cities, it has something to offer for every taste and every mood. It is up to everyone here to take advantage of it, to enrich his knowledge of Judaism and to spend his leisure hours with a Jewish book that will be both pleasant and valuable.

Rabbi Arthur Oles.

Published Monthly by the  
TIFERETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION

Mount Carmel, Pa.

Affiliated with the Union of Orthodox Jewish  
Congregations of America

DR. M. M. UFBERG ..... President  
M. ARTHUR OLES ..... Rabbi

### The Rebbetzin's Corner:

#### ABOUT THE JFC

There has been much talk in our town about the JFC and its financial difficulties. We've been hearing that the JFC isn't making out as well as it should and every affair which was held during the past year or so was specifically for the purpose of ameliorating the financial situation.

Now there is no doubt that without a sound financial basis the club cannot continue to operate and even less to concentrate on developing a social program. It is this latter aspect of the club, however, the JFC's function as the social force in our community, which should have been stressed much more in the past and which must be emphasized in the immediate future. If people WANT to go to the club to be together socially rather than to meet in their homes or at other gathering places, there will not be any financial difficulties.

Why is there no desire on the part of the community to make the club its meeting place? Some say it is because the young men are tied down more now with their families, others say it is because there is an indifference to Jewish life as a whole and this is just one aspect, and others say the club doesn't offer enough in the way of entertainment.

Now all these things may be true but I think, and I know others do too, that the essential thing is a state of mind, a wrong attitude with regard to the function of the JFC in our community. Besides being a business organization, let's not forget that the JFC is primarily our community center, that its most important function is to make life more pleasant for us by affording us an opportunity to get together. The club is there for US—let's make it the center of our social and community life, let's make it our true Community Center.

Your Rebbetzin.

The Gift of Gab:

WHERE'S THAT BOTTLE?

This department wants to state at the outset that it is full of sympathy for Mt. Carmel for having spent a whole summer without Gab. It further resolves and promises to do its best to make up for said deficiency. So here goes.

The stork seems to have made Mt Carmel and environs his favorite spot. To the best of our knowledge and belief three (3) special deliveries are expected hereabouts. This certified figure however, only represents an irreducible minimum and may be revised upwards at any moment (we hope). At any rate, preferably a high one, Mt. C. is in the forefront of the fight for Jewish survival.

In view of the foregoing, is it a surprise that several of our citizens want to be away from the increasing commotion? The Louis Cohens, for example, have removed to peaceful Chestnut street. The Wishkins ditto on Market. Lee Schwartz (not for long any more) is moving to the suburb of Shamokin. Gertie L., on the other hand with rare foresight, has long ago sought lebensraum w-a-y out on 3rd for her expanding empire.

But if a cat has nine lives, Mt. Carmel also has several ways of growing. To mention just another one, everyone and his brother-in-law is moving to town, everybody in this case being Sidney Silverstein and family, and his brother-in-law, Dr. Samuel Eisen, i.e. Dr. and Mrs., from Philadelphia. Welcome!

As for our intelligentsia Penn State will find itself enriched by the presence of Marilyn Grossman and Judy Lippman, and Gladys Bronstein of Ashland will enter Brandeis University at Waltham, Mass. We hope you will advance by degrees.

I'll have more stale news for you in December.

Gab.

מזל טוב

Our best wishes go to: Lee Schwartz Fishman and groom on their recent marriage; Anita and Harold Fogel and families on the birth of their first boy; May many years of happiness be yours!

MOUNT CARMEL TO PARTICIPATE IN REGIONAL PAGEANT

Under the sponsorship of the National Jewish Welfare Board a number of representatives from all communities of the Anthracite region met in Pottsville recently to form a regional council for the purpose of initiating inter-community activities. The first project sponsored by the newly formed council is to be a regional Chanukah pageant, for the primary benefit of children and teen-agers. Mrs. Arthur Oles was elected chairman of this project.

As a result of a meeting called by Mrs. Oles at her home, a definite program has been set, with parts assigned to each community. The enthusiastic response of the community leaders of all participating towns is full assurance of the success of the project.

The pageant will be presented on Sunday, December 18, at the Elks in Mahanoy City. Those participating are Frackville, Mahanoy City, Mount Carmel, Pottsville, Shamokin, Shenandoah, and Tamaqua.

Mount Carmel's part in the pageant will consist of a miniature operetta specially written for the purpose by Dr. Samuel Eisen.

CALENDAR

Candle lighting time is given for preceding Friday nights.

Table with 2 columns: Date and Time. Rows include Nov. 12, 19, 22, 26, Dec. 3, 10, 16-23, 17, 21, 24 with corresponding candle lighting times.

YORZEITS

Table with 2 columns: Name and Date. Rows include Max Grossman (Nov. 25), Simon Karens (Nov. 27), Samuel S. Spector (Dec. 3), Fannie Friedman (Dec. 29), Israel Jacob Smigel (Jan. 10).

The observance begins the preceding evening.

# HAR HACARMEL

הר הצרמל

TIFERETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

NOVEMBER 1949

MOUNT CARMEL, PA.

KISLEV 5710

## JEWISH BOOK MONTH Nov. 11 - Dec. 11, 1949



**Books** shall be thy companions; book cases and shelves, thy pleasure-nooks and gardens.

© 1949 by JUDAH LION TIBBON

**שׂוֹפְרֵי**  
הַבִּירֵי, וְאֲרֻגֵי  
נְחֹמְתֵי פְרֻדִּים  
וְנֻזְתֵי, פְּשֻׁטֵי וְכִסֵּי

**זֵאֵלֵךְ**  
סְפָרִים וְסֵפֶר  
דִּינֵי חֲבָרִים אֲוֹן  
דִּיפְאַלִּיעֵם אֲוֹן  
בִּיכְעָד שְׂדָחְקֹן  
דִּינֵי לֹסְטְוָרְפֵעֵם  
© 1949 by JUDAH LION TIBBON