

HAR HACARMEL

— Tifereth Israel Synagogue —

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BUILDING FUND

The campaign for a Building Fund for the erection of our Community Center has begun with a magnanimous gesture by the Jewish Fellowship Club. The Club decided at its last meeting to give the profits of every month toward the Building Fund, and thus the fund is off to a good start. Several individual contributions have also been made already and everyone is urged to think of the Building Fund whenever an occasion for giving arises. We will publish the names of contributors in this space in future issues.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

I am deeply appreciative of the honor and confidence shown me by the membership of the Tifereth Israel Congregation in electing me President for the coming year. I am also aware of the responsibilities this puts on my shoulders. Life ever renews itself and is never at a standstill, and a community full of life, as we can proudly call our own Mount Carmel community, presents new problems as soon as the old ones are solved, new goals even before the old ones are reached. This is as it should be, and I pledge to the Jewish community of Mount Carmel to conduct the affairs of our Congregation to the best of my ability as they should be conducted. To this end the whole-hearted cooperation of every member is indispensable. And cooperation means not only the paying of dues. True, they are the bricks of which our edifice is built, but the mortar that binds them together is the moral support which must come from everyone.

We are fortunate indeed to own a Synagogue that ranks with the most beautiful in the state. We are fortunate, too, to have a group of members that will see to it that the voice of prayer can always be heard in our Shul. But we cannot be satisfied with a group. Our synagogue is ready to receive all of us

The following are the officers and trustees of our Congregation for the year 5707:

President Louis Cohen
Vice-President . Dr. M. M. Ufberg
Treasurer Philip Lippman
Secretary Max Coplan
Trustee Joseph Levine
Trustee Dan Smigel
Trustee Israel Saluda

within its portals, and to give each one the inspiration or solace he is looking for. It is waiting for you, men and women, to come in and join in prayer and devotion, in times of joy as well as in times of grief. It is the one meeting place that we can truly call our own, where none can sneeringly ask us what we are doing, where none can call us a g. d. Jew.

Let us all chip in to make this year a successful one by remembering not only that we have a beautiful Shul, but also why we have it.

—Louis Cohen.

FROM YOUR RABBI

With the end of our Holidays we are once more settling down to the monotony of fall and winter life. The inspiration, the soul-lifting experience of the Holy Days, the spiritual warmth of the Sukkoh and the rejoicing of Simchas Torah are slowly wearing off and in their stead our minds are filled with the relentless and almost uninterrupted hum of the material side of life. The fight for physical well-being takes up most of our time, and the vicissitudes of business and profession are keeping us busy.

This is the time when it behooves us to think about the values that Judaism has to offer us. This is the time when we must give a thought to those aspects of life that are above the material, to that which gives meaning and permanence to all our efforts. This is the time, also, when we must provide the proper safeguards against the all-engulfing materialism that is apt to take hold of us as we are absorbed in the fight for existence. In short it is our duty now to give ourselves and our families a spiritual uplift, to break the monotony of material pursuits by uniting ourselves with the eternal, to take full advantage of all that true Jewish living can give us.

There is no better place to do this than the Synagogue. Our own beautiful House of Worship stands ready for all of us. It stands ready to inspire us with the holiness of our Sabbath, buried all too often beneath economic pressures, with the spirituality of the word of G—d, hidden in our daily lives under a cloak of soulless secularity. Our Hebrew prayers remind us that there are values beyond this earthly life, values which lend meaning to our Jewishness and make the material struggles of everyday existence easier. They strengthen the ties that bind our Jewish community together. They make us realize that before G—d we are all Jews, members of the people to whom He first revealed His will, not competitors for trade or recognition. Before the Lord we begin to feel that, just as we say our prayers in unison, so we live lives that are basically similar and that become truly human and purposeful only if they are dedicated to the service of G—d and His ideals.

This is what a distinguished Gentile scholar, R. Travers Herford, has to say: "In all their long history, the Jewish

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Louis Cohen President

M. Arthur Oles Rabbi

people have done scarcely anything more wonderful than to create the Synagogue. No human institution has a longer continuous history, and none has done more for the uplifting of the human race." The Synagogue is our own. Let us take advantage of this invaluable possession that affords us the opportunity of both improving our lives and contributing to the welfare of the Jewish people.

There are additional ways in which we can reaffirm our Jewishness, making ourselves once more beneficiaries of our Jewish past and guarantors of the Jewish future. Our community offers to everyone opportunities to enlarge his knowledge and understanding of things Jewish. The Hadassah Study Group will give the Jewish woman a better insight into the meaning of Judaism in its various aspects. The weekly Bible Class will help to familiarize every Jew with the greatness and the ethical content of our own literature. The Friday Night Forum will serve as a platform for the exposition and discussion of the history and significance of our Jewish institutions, practices, and customs. And last but not least, the pages of HAR HARCARMEL will always be open to inquiries, comments, and discussions of Jewish life and Jewish events.

We are all well provided with the tools. It is up to everyone of us to participate in using them for shaping our Jewish present and building our Jewish future.

Rabbi Arthur Oles.

B'NAI BRITH

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Lippman spent the past weekend in Atlantic City, N. J., where Mr. Lippman attended the Convention of the Z. O. A. as delegate of the Mount Carmel District. Dr. M. M. Uffberg was alternate.

MY DAZE

There have been thousands of requests for this column—and all of them from the Rabbi and his wife. So settle yourself down with some herring and kichel (yes, I'm a Litvak, Mr. Stern) for a few minutes of boredom.

This is supposed to be a gossip column, so I could tell you who is infanticipating, but I promised Lorraine I wouldn't. There are also a few birth-days I could mention, but I'm afraid the glamour pusses of our community would object to having their actual ages revealed; but fourteen and fifteen aren't really so old, Frances Rae and Judy. Best wishes from us to you.

Did you notice the mob at the Stork Club (Jewish Fellowship to you) the Saturday night that Hamburgers were served at inflation prices during the meat shortage? It was worth the money just to see Billy tearing out his hair because he didn't buy enough rolls to take care of the crowd.

By the way, if anyone is interested in learning how to "Win at Gin," and I do mean win, just call at the second floor front apartment in the Marble Hall. I'm only kidding, Bessie.

If you've read down this far, I'm more surprised than you are. It's a mess, ain't it?

If you have any news flashes you'd like to have published, just give them to my girl Friday (Mrs. Oles.)

Love

Eleanor.

Dear Eleanor:

Have you ever seen our young set (Abbie, Adele, Bobby and Franklin) trying to sing Shema Yisroel in unision at their Junior Cheder Sunday morning? Or Franklin trying to beat Adele at Ping Pong and insisting he wants to play with two balls?

Love

Harry.

APOLOGY

On the page of New Year greetings in our Rosh Hashono issue several names were erroneously left out. We ask all those whose names failed to appear through no fault of theirs, to forgive us for this error.

THE JEWISH WOMEN

In the days of horror of the late Roman Empire, throughout the time of the migration of nations, it was not war alone that destroyed and annihilated all those peoples of which despite their former world-dominating greatness nothing remains but their name. It was trying to sing Shema Yisroel in unison home life. This is proved—it cannot be repeated too often—by the Jews; for they suffered more severely and more cruelly by wars than any other nation; but among them, the inmost living germ of morality—strict discipline and family devotion—was at all times preserved. This wonderful and mysterious preservation of the Jewish people is due to the Jewish woman. This is her glory, not alone in the history of her own people, but in the history of the world.

Moritz Lazarus.

MEETINGS

Tues., Nov. 5, Fellowship Club
Tues., Nov. 5, Ladies' Aid
Wed. Nov. 6, Hadassah Study Group
Thur., Nov. 14, Hadassah Board
Thur., Nov. 21, Hadassah Membership
Tues. Nov. 26 B'nai Brith

YORZEITS

Abraham H. Marateck Nov. 3
Mrs. Adele Smigel Nov. 16
Mrs. R. Smigelsky Nov. 16
Mrs. Sophie Cahn Nov. 20
Max Grossman Nov. 27
Samuel Spector Dec. 5

The observance begins the preceding evening.

CALENDAR

Candle lighting time is given for preceding Friday nights.

Nov. 2, Lech Lecho 4:46
Nov. 9, Vayero 4:35
Nov. 16, Chaye Soroh 4:28
Nov. 23, Toldos 4:24
Nov. 24, Rosh Chodesh Kislev
Nov. 30, Vayetze 4:20
Dec. 7, Vayishlach 4:19

B'NAI BRITH

The Fall season of the Mount Carmel B'nai Brith opened with a fully attended meeting at the Jewish Fellowship Club September 24. The meeting was devoted to the subject of Palestine, feature speaker of the evening being Rev. Marlin Kerstetter of the Episcopal Church in Gordon. Rev. Kerstetter, who spent some time in the Holy Land, enlivened his talk with informative film slides.

For the October meeting B'nai Brith presented a film, sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League, called "Linked In Freedom's Cause." The film depicted the rise of Anti-Semitism in the U. S. today.

Sunday, November 13, the meeting of the Eastern Council of B'nai Brith is to be held in Bethlehem, Pa. We urge as many delegates as possible to attend. Those interested, please contact Abe Forman to secure reservations. (Admission to the banquet is \$2.50.)

For future activity, the B'nai Brith is contemplating bringing in a Broadway show "This Too Shall Pass."

We all realize that a chapter is only as good as its many members. Please make a real attempt to attend all meetings.

I AM A JEW

(The following is the winning essay in this month's Hebrew School contest.)

I did not come to be one by choice, but even so the fact that I am a Jew means a great deal to me. It means more than merely being a member of a Synagogue or going to Hebrew School. It means being part of a people who, long ago, were chosen by God as His people. It means belonging to a faith in which I strongly believe. It means, too, that I must obey Jewish laws and commandments to the fullest extent, that I must observe Holidays and keep the Sabbath.

I will remember, too, that although I am proud to be a Jew, I must try to be worthy of this honor and to serve my religion to the best of my ability by not adhering to any simplifications or reforms. In this way I will not only be able to say, "I am a Jew," but I can claim that I am a good Jew.

Marilyn Grossman.

HADASSAH

The 32nd Annual Convention of Hadassah will be held in Boston, Mass., on November 10 and will close on November 14. A vigorous stand on the Palestine question will be taken at this convention. Mt. Carmel Chapter will be represented by Mrs. Eva S. Oles.

Hadassah is now the largest Zionist organization in the country, and the 200,000 American women are united in their determination to bring the true facts before the American public during this convention. Action will be taken to increase Hadassah's medical program and to map out expansion in other fields.

Hadassah held its first meeting of the fall season on Thursday, September 19 under the chairmanship of Mrs. Rebecca Grossman, president. The meeting was preceded by a supper prepared by the Board members. On the program was an address by Mrs. Eva Oles, and the singing of Jewish and Palestine songs. The meeting was well attended and very successful.

A rummage sale will be held in Mount Carmel in the near future. Ladies, save all the articles you don't need, and they will be sold at the rummage sale.

Orchids to the following members:

Birthdays: Mrs. Louis Forman—Oct. 4.
Mrs. Belle Strauss—Oct. 5.
Mrs. Louis Matlow—Oct. 13.
Mrs. M. Silverman—Oct. 14.
Mrs. H. L. Rosenzweig —
Oct. 15.
Mrs. I. E. Smigelsky —
Oct. 27
Mrs. Norman Hecht—Nov. 1
Mrs. M. M. Ufberg—Nov. 4.

Can you imagine—

Mrs. Forman sitting in the Jewish Fellowship Club Rooms with nothing to do—

Ella, Bessie and Yours Truly, Reba, without a Gin Rummy game—

Ethyl Spector without her customary smile and charm—

Rebecca Grossman not in the midst of planning something for Hadassah's benefit—

Mrs. Eva Oles will hold her monthly Study Group on Wednesday night, two weeks after Hadassah's meeting. Mrs. Oles requests all to attend.