

# HAR HACARMEL

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## IMPRESSIONS FROM THE HADASSAH CONVENTION

It was a beautiful and inspiring convention. The determination and the enthusiasm of the women who led the discussions and contributed their ideas to the issues that were touched upon, kindled a new flame in the hearts of all those who were present. This flame of admiration for the great work Hadassah is doing will grow into a fire that will enable this noble organization to reach even greater heights of achievement during the coming year.

It will be a crucial year, because it is a year of decision and change. The stalemate which, at present, has been reached in Palestine must be broken one way or another. The Jews of Palestine, if they are prevented from constructive activity by British restrictions, will inevitably divert their energies into destructive channels. In order to prevent an open fight between us and the British, a fight which would have tragic consequences both physically and politically, we must find a peaceful means of solving the problem. Since we are a minority in Palestine, being outnumbered by the Arabs almost two to one and faced with the British refusal to let us increase our numbers there we cannot possibly ask for something that appears unreasonable in the light of these facts. Our historic and humanitarian claims on Palestine as a Jewish homeland are justified, but they carry no weight with the British or the Arabs, who are interested only in the cold facts of the present. The only reasonable way, therefore, would seem to be the immediate establishment of a viable Jewish state in an adequate area of Palestine, in which we

are a majority. This plan, as proposed by the Jewish Agency in Paris, has met with American approval and represents the only practical solution under present circumstances. At the coming World Zionist Congress it will be a primary issue, and the problem will have to be solved in the best possible way.

Hadassah's stand is that of leaving its delegates to the Congress complete freedom to decide to the best of their ability which course of action to follow. Hadassah Convention delegates were fortunate in having different viewpoints brilliantly presented to them by Nahum Goldman, Emanuel Neumann, and many other prominent leaders, both Jewish and non-Jewish. They are returning to their respective communities with new ideas on this and other important issues; and they will be able to arouse renewed interest in the problems which so vitally affect the future of our people.

Thus the convention will have fulfilled its purpose: to rouse American Jewry from its slumber and to imbue it with a revitalized spirit of activity for the welfare of the Jewish people.

Eva S. Oles.

## MAZEL TOV

A hearty welcome to Andrea Sue and best wishes to Abe and Lorraine Forman, and to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Forman, the proud grandparents. May she be a pride and a blessing to you!

## FROM YOUR RABBI

This is the month of Chanukah, the one Jewish holiday that commemorates the triumph of Jewish arms. On Chanukah, the feast of lights, we celebrate the victory of our physical strength. But that is not all. The Chanukah lights are symbolic of the purification and rededication of our spiritual center, and of the miracle that accompanied it.

It is interesting to note that, of all Jewish holidays, Chanukah is accorded the smallest space in the Talmud, and of the little that is said, the physical feast of the Jewish army under Judah Maccabee receive hardly any mention at all. This is significant of our outlook and particularly important in relation to our present struggle in Palestine. Historically the Jewish people never took great pride in its armed strength. The Jew was always ready to fight where it was necessary, but his aim was primarily a constructive one, and war, which is essentially destructive, was resorted to only as a necessary evil, and was never glorified. We do not boast of military heroes, nor do we take pride in physical might. Our defeats are recorded more meticulously in the Bible than our victories.

This constructive spirit of ours is evident in the present-day happenings in Palestine. There exists, among the Yishuv, a small group of so-called terrorists. Numerically it is insignificant, and it is effective only because the power of dynamite is greater than that of its numbers. The overwhelming majority of Palestinian Jews take an active interest in the Haganah which, while it is also "underground," concerns itself mainly with constructive tasks, primarily that of making possible the entry of European Jews into Palestine in spite of Britain's arbitrary refusal to "legalize" their immigration. The workers of the Haganah, more than anyone else, are our modern Maccabees, who are not afraid to take up arms, but are infinitely more interested in the rededication of our sanctuary, Palestine.

Rabbi Arthur Oles.

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Louis Cohen ..... President

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### THE BANNER OF THE JEW

Wake, Israel, wake! Recall today  
The glorious Maccabean rage,  
The sire heroic, hoary-gray,  
His five-fold line-lineage;  
The Wise, the Elect, the Help-of-God,  
The Burst-of-Spring, the Avenging Rod.

Oh for Jerusalem's trumpet now,  
To blow a blast of shattering power,  
To wake the sleepers high and low,  
And rouse them to the urgent hour;  
No hand for vengeance, but to save,  
A million naked swords should wave.

Oh, deem not dead that martial fire,  
Say not the mystic flame is spent!  
With Moses' law and David's lyre  
Your ancient strength remains unbent.  
Let but an Ezra rise anew,  
To lift the Banner of the Jew!

Emma Lazarus.

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### IN THE COMMUNITY

Our series of Friday Night Forums, conducted by Rabbi Oles, began on November 1, with the topic "Is Judaism a Man's Religion?" Hostesses of the evening were Mrs. Phillip Lippman and Mrs. David Cohen. On November 15 Rabbi Oles discussed "Science and the Bible" with Mrs. Edith Spector and Mrs. Dan Smigel acting as hostess.

Please note that the Study Group, conducted by Mrs. Oles, now meets every other Wednesday evening at the J. F. C. rooms.

The weekly Bible Class meets at the J. F. C. rooms every Monday evening at 8:15, with Maariv immediately following.

## MY DAZE

The J. F. C. started off the season with a very successful dance from all reports. We had people here from Harrisburg, Philadelphia and all the nearby towns. You should have seen Lil Ufberg jitterbugging with Harry Marcus. She wasn't bad. Speaking of dancing, have you heard of the group now forming to take Rumba and Samba lessons from Ralph Edwards? If interested, contact Mrs. Henlee's.

Before I forget, I have a word of serious advice for everybody. Be very careful about attending professional football games in Phila. on Sundays. You never can tell what will happen. Ask Abe Forman what I mean.

Some new additions to the community:

1 new store—lots of luck, Joe and Sylvia Roberts.

1 new baby—Mazel Tov, Mr. and Mrs. Forman.

1 new car—who do you know, Affa?

1 new full-fledged lawyer—best of luck to you, Sanford.

1 new Persian lamb coat—wear it in the best of health, Sedell.

If you have either Eva Wishkin or Ann Douglas as guests at any time you will find they aren't particular about what they eat. Even artificial apples will do—in fact, they prefer them.

Story Dept: Once upon a time there were three bears who were sitting on a cake of ice (don't ask me why.) The first one said: "I'll tell you a story." The second one said: "No I will." The third and smallest one said: "My tale is told." And so is this one.

See you next month.

Eleanor.

Dear Eleanor:

The herring looked sad as so lonely it lay

For nothing went with it, alas.

You see:

"No bread with the herring," said stern B. A.

"No herring with kichel," said Stern Abee.

Love,

Harry.

## YORZEITS

Samuel Spector ..... Dec. 5

Mrs. Fannie Friedman ..... Jan. 1

Abba Smigel ..... Jan. 5

The observance begins the preceding evening.

## JEWISH FELLOWSHIP CLUB

We have now started on our contribution toward the Community Center building fund. Each month the building fund receives whatever profit is made at the Jewish Fellowship Club.

The plan is to have the various organizations in the community plan and sponsor different money-raising affairs for the primary interest of our future Community Center. Card parties, package parties, bingo games, dances, raffles, are only a few of the many ways in which money can be raised.

We, in the Club, shall make every effort to do what we can. The Jewish groceries idea instituted by Mr. Philip Lippman will be carried on. We hope to buy (wholesale, if possible) an electric refrigerator in which we can store our perishable foods and carry a greater and more diversified stock of such foods. A stove, too, is on our list. With that we can more easily prepare those delicious sandwiches, perhaps soups and platters too.

All we ask is whole-hearted cooperation by all—not only good wishes but active participation. Remember, there is no individual realizing any profits in our Club; it is a community affair, and only a stop-gap until we have our own Community Center.

## MEETINGS

Tues., Dec. 2, ..... Fellowship Club  
Wed., Dec. 4 .. Hadassah Study Group  
Fri., Dec. 6, ..... Forum  
Tues., Dec. 10, ..... Ladies' Aid  
Thurs., Dec. 12 ..... Hadassah Board  
Wed., Dec. 18 .. Hadassah Study Group  
Thurs., Dec. 19, .. Hadassah Membership  
Sun., Dec. 22, ..... Chanukah Party  
Tues., Dec. 24. .... B'nai Brith  
Thurs., Dec. 26, ..... Tifereth Israel  
Fri., Dec. 27 ..... Forum

## CALENDAR

Candle lighting time is given for preceding Friday N ghts.

Dec. 4, Begin to say Tal Umotor.

Dec. 7, Vay'shlach ..... 4:19

Dec. 14, Vayeshev ..... 4:19

Dec. 17, Chanukah Eve, 1st light

Dec. 18-25, Chanukah

Dec. 21, Miketz ..... 4:21

Dec. 23-24 Rosh Chodesh Teves

Dec. 28, Vayigash ..... 4:25

Jan. 2, Fast, 10th of Teves

Jan. 4, Vayechee ..... 4:30

## HADASSAH

At the regular monthly meeting of Hadassah, on Thursday, November 21, a splendid and glowing account of the Annual Convention was given by Mrs. Eva Oles. Mrs. Oles was our delegate to the Convention, held in Boston, Mass., from November 10 to November 14.

Hadassah has mapped out a new plan whose purpose is the preservation of standards of child care, school hygiene, school lunches, nutrition, recreation and vocational education work in the Holy Land. For this work Hadassah will need \$450,000 as a national goal. Each chapter in the United States will pledge its share of this goal. Hadassah's program also includes the support and administration of a number of child welfare stations, playgrounds, the daily feeding through a school lunch project of 30,000 children, and the supervision of health of nearly 100,000 children in the schools.

A book review will be held at the J. F. C. rooms on Tuesday, November 26, at eight o'clock. The book "State of the Union" will be discussed by Miss Brown of Hazelton.

Orchids to the Following Members:  
Birthdays: Mrs. Mildred Marateck  
..... Dec. 11  
Mrs. Eva Cantor .... Dec. 15  
Mrs. Ida Cantor .... Dec. 20  
Mrs. Rose Stern .... Jan. 9  
Mrs. Bessie August .. Jan. 10  
Mrs. Anna Peril .... Jan. 25  
Mrs. Celia Spector .. Jan. 25  
Mrs. Sarah August .. Jan. 25  
Mrs. Reba Miller ... Jan. 29

## SOCIAL WHIRL AMONG THE "HADASSAH-ites"

Ella and Bessie entertained at a dinner for their friends in the Marble Hall. The ladies seemed vie with one another in pulchritude and attire.—

Reba Miller entertained the young brides and the prospective brides at her home. Hubba, hubba, isn't love grand among the young. —

Goldie was pleasantly surprised with a birthday party at her home. —

The gayest and most surprising party of all was Lorraine's unexpected one at

the Warne Hospital, Pottsville. Incidentally, Hadassah's best wishes to you, to Daddy, and to Miss Debutante of 1963

## CHATTER IN MT. CARMEL

A little bluebird revealed to "Yours truly, Reba" that there is a wonderful winter ahead, socially, for young and old alike. So wait and see.

## B'NAI BRITH

On Sunday, November 24, the B'nai Brith sponsored a "Hillel Night." The guest speaker for the evening was the well-known Rabbi Benjamin Kahn, Hillel Director on the Penn State College campus, who gave a most interesting and enlightening talk on the subject. Rabbi Kahn was ably assisted by Stanley Seigel and Elsie Harwitz, president and treasurer respectively of the Hillel foundation at Penn State.

Here are some vital facts about Hillel. Do you know: . . . That Hillel is now in its 23rd year and is the recognized Jewish agency on the American Campus today, and that almost every University with a substantial enrollment is clamoring for the Hillel program?

. . . That Hillel is the meeting place for all Jewish students regardless of their denominations and that religious, cultural and social programs are held at the Foundations and Counselorships through which Jewish students are given a proper appreciation of their traditional past, an understanding of their contribution to civilization throughout the ages, a knowledge of their religion, a self-respect which invariably gains for them the respect of their fellow students of other faiths?

. . . That there are now over 140 Hillel Units, with three in Canada and one in Cuba and that over 50,000 Jewish students can avail themselves of Hillel facilities?

. . . That Jewish leaders of all groups have acclaimed the Hillel Foundation Movement to be the most constructive piece of student work ever undertaken by any organization in this country in the cause of Judaism?