

# HAR HACARMEL

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## THE JEWISH COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The Jewish Community of Mount Carmel, which a month ago was still a project, has now become a reality. Thanks to the cooperation of the Tifereth Israel Congregation, the Jewish Fellowship Club, the B'nai B'rith and Hadassah, the Library has acquired sufficient funds to build up a basic stock of books during the first year. Of course, this is only a beginning though an auspicious one, and we hope to expand it, in the years to come, to be the pride of the Mount Carmel Jewish Community and an outstanding example of a progressive community spirit. Through the courtesy of the Jewish Publication Society of America and Mr. Maurice Jacobs, its Executive Vice-President, the Library was able to make a special arrangement for the purchase of books which will result in a saving of 25 percent to 40 percent on the price. The Library also holds a membership in the Jewish Book Guild and Jewish Pocket Books, both of which supply important and worthwhile books at great savings.

Here are some of the books that are on the shelf now:

**ZIONISM** by Richard J. H. Gottheil. This is a history of the Zionist movement from its inception through the first stormy years until 1912. It was written by a contemporary of Theodore Herzl and Max Nordau, and is of special interest and importance to Zionists and Hadassah members.

**THEODORE HERZL**, by Alex Bein. The best biography of the romantic, adventurous, self-sacrificing founder of the Zionist movement, masterfully translated by Maurice Samuel.

**LI ELINE TO A PROMISED LAND**, by Ira A. Hirschmann Mr. Hirschmann

went to the Balkans during the war as special representative of President Roosevelt, to arrange for the release of Hitler's victims, and presents here an account of his activities and adventures. The book was recently dramatized on the radio.

**JEWISH CONTRIBUTIONS TO CIVILIZATION**, by Joseph Jacobs. This is an appraisal of the role played by the Jews in the progress of mankind.

**CONFESSION**, By Nathan Birnbaum. Nathan Birnbaum was one of the most remarkable personalities of modern times. He was instrumental in the growth of modern Jewish movements, from Zionism to Agudath Israel, and traveled the long road from Agnosticism to strictest Orthodoxy. In this book he describes his gradual "conversion" to positive Judaism.

**THE KUZARI**, by Judah Halevi. The classic of Judaism.

On the lighter side there is **THE OLD COUNTRY**, by Sholom Aleichem, which contains some of his most beloved tales, and several other collections of Yiddish classics in English translation, such as I. L. Perez, Berditchevsky, Levin, and and other stories by H. N. Bialik, and an anthology of Jewish humor by S. F. Mendelsohn.

All books are available free for home reading, and can be obtained through Rabbi Oles or Mrs. Oles at the Club Rooms. Library rules are posted there, as well as a bulletin on new acquisitions.

Library hours are:

Monday through Thursday, 4:15—7:15 and 8:30—9:30.

Saturday, 9:00 — 10:30 p. m.

Sunday 10:00 — 12:00 and 8:30 — 9:30.

## FROM YOUR RABBI

One of the most popular holidays of the Jewish year is Chamisho Ossor Bishvat, the New Year of the trees. It is a peculiar holiday for it is hallowed by no special prayers, celebrated by no religious service, and yet it has for us the deepest religious significance. It is the day on which we celebrate the re-awakening of nature from its winter slumber, the day that proves again the never-failing workings of the Divine providence. Nature, under the wise guidance of the Almighty, comes to life again to give us of its bounty, and we mark the day of its rebirth by pronouncing the blessings over nature's fruits.

Our brethren in the Holy Land dedicate Chamisho Ossor Bishvat to the rebuilding of their own soil. On Chamisho Ossor trees are planted all over Palestine with ceremonies of joy and hope, joy over the achievements of the past, and hope for final redemption, through work and prayer in the future. Our thoughts and hopes are with them on this day, and we are ready, as always, to lend them a hand in the fulfillment of their aspirations. Yet, we may ask ourselves at this point whether we are really as helpful to the cause of the Jewish people as we should or could be. On the material side the answer is yes, but we must remember that this alone cannot keep the Jewish people alive.

"Not on bread alone does man live, but on all that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord does man live." These words from the parting address of our great leader and teacher Moses contain the secret of Israel's life. In order to insure our existence as G—d's people, in order to win the battle for justice for our people, we must do justice to our own purpose. And our purpose is, first and foremost, the service of G—d and the realization of His ideals. These ideals are contained in the word of G—d as it is heard in the synagogue, and as it is presented in the various Community projects.

On this day of Chamisho Ossor we must resolve that with the rebirth of nature there shall be a rebirth of our Jewish ideals, so that Israel can once more look forward to a bright future.

Rabbi Arthur Oles.

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### CHAMISHO OSSOR BISHVAT

The following poem won the honors in our Hebrew School's contest.

The New Year of the trees  
Has to me sarced meaning;  
For on this day each tree sees,  
A year ahead of graceful leaning,  
Over flowers and grasses and reeds,  
Of sheltring them with all his might,  
Of taking care of all their needs.  
I hope you see that I am right,  
About this holiday—Chamisho Ossor  
Bishvat  
May you always remember it,  
And never say—"Oh I forgot."

Marilyn Grossman.

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### CHAMISHO OSSOR CONTEST

The following unfinished poem was submitted by Judith Lippman, one of our Hebrew School students. You are invited to write a finishing line and to send it to the Mount Carmel Hebrew School, 112 So. Oak Street. The writer of the best line will have a tree planted in Palestine in his or her name by the Hebrew School students. Entries must be sent in not later than February 14.

#### THE TREES YOU BUY

On Chamisho Ossor Bishvat  
The trees we plant mean quite a lot.  
They tell of our freedom in Palestine,  
With this observance every time.  
The trees you buy will pave the way,  
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#### REMEMBER:

Your Bible Class on Monday Night.  
Your Friday Night Forum.  
Your Library.

## MY DAZE

The weather these past two weeks! How are all you poor unfortunates who couldn't go to Florida this year? Bearing up well under the heat wave, I hope. Did you know that Mr. Friedman and Melvin Ufberg are at the same hotel in Miami?

The David Spector Penthouse in the clouds overlooking Mt. Camel is charming. Going up to the door reminds one of going to the Shadow's Sanctuary, but the arrows on the wall will lead you there safely.

The Matlow-Wolfe wedding in Wilkes-Barre was THE matrimonial affair. The weatherman was obliging, the bride looked lovely, they tell me the pictures are wonderful, and the "k.shke" was excellent. For further information about the latter see Buddy August.

### Club News:

The club must be in the chips, and I don't mean in the poker room. Yes — they have a new House Man to make those world-famous sandwiches. They also got a new five cent seller—another machine. Imagine the surprise of the regulars in the card room when two aliens sneaked in last Saturday night. For pinochle players they tell me that Mr. Stern and Mr. Riemer did alright.

### Congratulations to:

Rabbi and Mrs. Oles—3rd anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. H. Wolf—8th anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. B. Cantor—18th anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Wolfe—2 weeks anniversary as this goes to press.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mr. Levine. We miss him at the club.

Eleanor.

## CALENDAR

Candle lighting time is given for preceding Friday nights.

Feb. 1, Beshalach, Shab. Shiroh. 5:01  
 Feb. 5, Chamisho Ossor Bishvat  
 Feb. 8, Yisro ..... 5:10  
 Feb. 15, Mishpotim (Shekolim) .. 5:19  
 Feb. 20 and 21, Rosh Chodesh Adar  
 Feb. 22, Terumoh ..... 5:27  
 Mar. 1 Tetzaveh (Zochor) ..... 5:35  
 Mar. 5 Fast of Esther  
 Mar. 6, Purim  
 Mar. 8, Ki Siso ..... 5:42

## B'NAI B'RITH REPORTS AND PREVIEWS

Thanks to the kindness of Mrs. Dan Smigel in allowing B'nai B'rith the use of her home, another successful "Quilting Party" can be chalked up in our memoirs (and our treasury). Hope everyone had fun!

Also, while we're handing out bouquets, a nice big one belongs to Henry Wolf for his good work on the Wider Scope Drive. Due to his efforts the quota had almost been filled. We are hoping that by the time the few remaining members are contacted we can leave out the "almost."

Did you know that Sam Douglas has taken over the job of secretary of the lodge? He is certainly putting his "all" into it and doing a grand job. We're all with you, Sam. Go to it!

My! With all this help, we wonder what's left for Pres. Abe Forman to do (Tsk, tsk.)

We hope everyone enjoyed our speaker David Zysman, on January 28. Certainly his interesting and novel report on life in Shanghai during the Japanese occupation was enlightening.

To take a peek at a preview of things to come:

—An "Americanism" program in Feb.  
 —Annual Basket-ball banquet in March.

—Election of officers in April.  
 —Installation of officers in May.

Golly! The year is almost over. What do you know?

## MEETINGS

Tues., Feb. 4 ..... Fellowship Club  
 Tues., Feb. 11, ..... Ladies' Aid  
 Thur., Feb. 13, ..... Hadassah Board  
 Fri., Feb. 14 ..... Forum  
 Thur., Feb. 20, ..... Musicale  
 Tues., Feb. 25, ..... B'nai Brith  
 Thur., Feb. 27, ..... Tifereth Israel  
 Fri., Feb. 28, ..... Forum

## YORZEITS

Jacob Wolf ..... Feb. 15  
 R. M. Peril ..... Feb. 27  
 H. G. Grossman ..... March 1  
 The observance begins the preceding evening.

## HADASSAH CELEBRATES FOURTH BIRTHDAY

A very interesting meeting was held Thursday, January 16, with the president, Mrs. Rebecca Grossman presiding. This meeting marked the fourth anniversary of the Mount Carmel Chapter of Hadassah. Mrs. Grossman outlined the monthly programs for the remainder of the season. She urged each and every member to work hard and earnestly, as there is quite a large sum of the budget to be met before the term ends in May.

Ladies, keep on filling your Blue Boxes, as they will soon be collected by Mrs. Levinson and Mrs. Anna Peril.

The hostesses who helped celebrate the fourth anniversary of the Mount Carmel Chapter were Mrs. Goldie Smigelsky, Mrs. Belle Strauss, Mrs. Nellie Roberts, and Mrs. Ella Silverman. Delicious refreshments were served after the meeting.

### SOCIAL WHIRL AMONG THE HADASSAH-ITES

Mrs. Edith Hecht entertained the Gin Rummy Players at her home. Mrs. Ella Levinson, ditto. Good luck to Mrs. Celia Spector and Mrs. Ethyl Spector in their new apartments. May they enjoy many years of happiness in their homes.

A speedy and complete recovery to Mrs. Lena Wolf.

### SNAPSHOTS OF

#### HADASSAH MEMBERS

Ella, Bessie, and Yours Truly hurry, ing to keep a Gin Rummy engagement at Eva Wishkin's home. Incidentally, Eva takes the prize for delicious cheese and raisin "bulkas."

Ella trying to get home during a rain storm with borrowed boots, five sizes too large. Yours Truly had to help her home

Goldie, loaded with her famous cakes, rushing to the Birthday meeting. Pearl leaving the store on Wednesday morning to look over some spode chinaware and candy dishes.

Orchids to the following members on their birthdays:

Mrs. Esther Heller—Feb. 1.

Mrs. Leona Grossman—Feb. 7.

Mrs. Pearl Smigel—Feb. 8.

That's all, ladies. Get in touch with me if you want any news reported. Be seeing you.

Reba.

## MRS. EVA S. OLES AND RUTH KYLER IN JOINT RECITAL

On February 20, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Lippman, Ruth Kyler and Mrs. Eva S. Oles will give a piano and song recital for all music lovers of the community. Admission will be 50¢ per person, and the proceeds will go to Hadassah.

Ruth Kyler's program will consist of the following:

- 1.—Aria, Una folce poco fa from the Barber of Seville by Rossini,
- 2.—Pastorelle delle alpi, by Rossini,
- 3.—After a dream, by Faure,
- 4.—Little China Figure, by Leoni
- 5.—Eli, Eli.

Mrs. Oles will play the following pieces:

- 1.—Romance, by Sibelius,
- 2.—Nocturne in F minor, by Chopin,
- 3.—Liebestraum, by Liszt,
- 4.—Nocturne in G minor, by Chopin,
- 5.—Etude in E major, by Chopin,
- 6.—Rhapsody in G minor by Brahms.

### NEWS OF THE CLUB

At the end of another month we can again report progress. A new machine has been purchased, a \$1,000 Institutional Bond has been purchased and a steward has been hired. The library is ready to be used. Our Rabbi has willingly assumed the necessary responsibility of taking full care of this project. Use it, make the Club your headquarters for social and mental relaxation.

Our newly-weds Melvin and Dorothy Wolfe, are back in town after a marvelous honeymoon—it is said they're getting an apartment soon. One of our very active "old-timers" has not been with us this past month—Mr. Joseph Levine. He has been missed by all, and it will be a pleasure to have him with us again after his return from New York.

We are going to try to make our April Fool's Day Dance an annual affair. Last Year's dance at the Club Rooms was the talk of the region for months. Let's make this one even better.