

HADASSAH DONOR MARCH 16

Hadassah's most important social function, the Donor Dinner, will take place on Wednesday, March 16, at the James Madison Hotel in Shamokin at 6:30 p. m. We have been fortunate in securing as a speaker Mrs. Jean Silver of West Hartford, Connecticut, who has been an active member of Hadassah since 1923, is a member of the National Board and also a director of the Connecticut Region, of which she is a past president. She is interested in meeting with our board of directors in the afternoon of March 16. In addition to Mrs. Silver the ever popular Ruth Kytler will sing for us.

Simchah Fund

Have you or has anyone dear to you been blessed with a simchah? It has been a splendid custom to donate to our Hadassah Simchah Fund in joy and gratitude for whatever good fortune happened to those who are close to us. Contact Mrs. Louis Cohen, Marble Hall Hotel, when such an occasion arises. She will then send a lovely card, informing the person whom you designate of your thoughtful gift in her name.

It is our sincere wish that we may all be endowed with countless Simchahs throughout the coming months.

Jewish National Fund

Land in Israel redeemed by the J.N.F. is the common possession of the Jewish people; it is the root that binds the people of Israel to the land of Israel.

Mrs. Levinson and Mrs. Perli were kept very busy collecting the Blue Boxes, but the returns were wonderful! May next year be even more successful.

Mazel Tov to the B. Reiss' on the birth of their daughter—a prospective member of Hadassah, we hope.

Did You Know That . . . ?

Of the 40,000 Bulgarian Jews, practically all have already arrived in Israel with only a few hundred families still remaining there.

All our dues are paid.

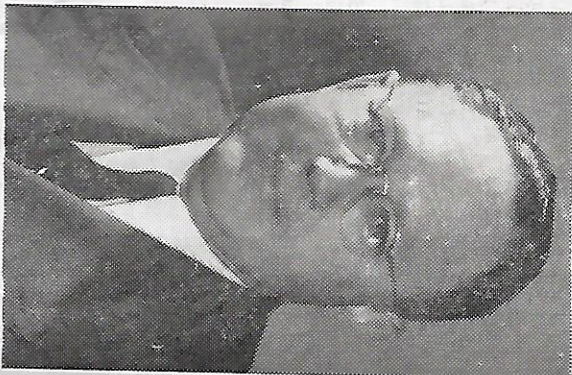
The first Jewish currency in centuries is now in circulation in Israel, solidly backed by foreign exchange and gold securities.

The 10th of Teves (Jan. 11) was declared a National Day of Mourning in Israel in memory of the six million dead of our people. Did you remember? It is not too late to HELP THE LIVING! We rescue children and youth.

YORZEITS

Henry J. Grossman	March 10
Hirsch Straus	March 25
Louis Grossman	March 26
Joseph T. Lischowitz	April 13

HERLANDS NEW HEAD OF ORTHODOX CONGREGATIONS



William B. Herlands, former New York City Commissioner of Investigation, has been elected President of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, succeeding Dr. Samuel Nirenstein. Under the leadership of Mr. Herlands, UOJCA, which now includes over 500 synagogues, will embark on a nationwide campaign to unite all orthodox congregations in a program to infuse all realms of American Jewish life with the Torah spirit. At 43, William B. Herlands is believed to be the youngest man to head a Jewish congregational body of national scope. Founded in 1898 by Dr. H. Pereira Mendes, UOJCA is now celebrating its Golden Jubilee.

CALENDAR

Candle lighting time is given for preceding Friday nights:

March 1-2, Rosh Chodesh Adar	
March 5, Terumah	5:32
March 12, Tetzaveh (Zochor)	5:40
March 14, Fast of Esther	
March 15, Purim	
March 19, Ki Siso (Poroh)	5:48
March 26, Vayakhel-Pekude	5:55
March 31, Rosh Chodesh Nisan	
April 2, Vayikro	6:03
April 9, Tzav	6:10

GOOD PURIM!

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In order to stimulate interest in Jewish music, an important religious and cultural factor in Jewish life, the yearly Jewish Music Festival is declared by the National Jewish Musical Council under the sponsorship of the Jewish Welfare Board.

The symposium on Orthodox Judaism presented here a few weeks ago as part of the National Torah Tour of the Rabbinical Council has evoked a lot of enthusiastic comment. This is not the place to pat ourselves on the back for having given the visiting Rabbis such a fine reception, nor to praise them again for their wonderful presentations. We all know that the symposium was highly inspiring and successful.

The comment most frequently made was "We should have had that long ago" or "Why can't we get that more often?" Both these variations are on the same theme: Judaism should be brought to us. While no one can deny the necessity and usefulness of having Judaism "glamorized" by the local or visiting Rabbis, the basic premise needs correction. Judaism must not be brought to anyone's door, but everyone should actively seek it. When Mrs. Goldberg needs a new vacuum cleaner or Mr. Weil needs a new suit, they do not wait until a salesman rings their bell. They go out and buy it. Similarly when they are in need of relaxation they do not sit back until an agent of the local movie house or of some book club calls on them. They go out and buy their books or see their movie.

Judaism is certainly a necessity, and it can be a pleasure as well. Moreover, it is an inexpensive one, since we are all members of the Synagogue and of every conceivable Jewish organization anyway. Yet contrary to our habit in other matters we want it handed to us on a platter. We hesitate to go to the place where it is offered, we are reluctant to consult the man ready and qualified to offer it. Instead we wait for the great occasion to make us realize what we have missed. This unfortunate state of affairs is far from irremediable; in fact it can be improved very easily. There are services held at an hour convenient to everyone. There is a Siddur class every Monday evening, an instructive broadcast every Wednesday evening. And as interest grows more and more will be offered. Judaism is offered to everyone; the only condition is: Come and get it.

Our sages tell us: "If someone says I have not sought and found, do not believe him. If he says I have sought and found, believe him." Let us, then, resolve from now on to be among those happy ones who seek and who find.

Rabbi Arthur Oles

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THE REBBETZIN'S CORNER

Purim is approaching and our thoughts turn once again to the story of Mordecai and Esther and the miraculous salvation of the Jewish people. Purim has been a symbol to us throughout the ages of hope and joy, of the certainty that, no matter what calamities befall us, G-d will come to our rescue. The hero of the story Mordecai, is an example to all of faith and courage and strength. He was not afraid to refuse bowing down before Haman even though he knew it would mean certain death. His love of the Jewish heritage and his faith in his G-d gave him the strength to resist the wrong and fight for the right. It was his firm belief that G-d would avenge his people and bring justice to them, that gave Esther the courage to carry out her plan to rescue her people. The message of Purim for us, then, is that only by a strong faith in G-d and adherence to the Torah and the Jewish tradition, can we survive the trials and hardships of this world, and can we continue to live as a strong and unified people.

Did you know that Shabbos morning services begin now at 9:00 a. m.? They are all the women an opportunity to come. There is no reason why those not bound to a definite time schedule on Saturday should not come to the Synagogue. The Sabbath will take on an entirely different meaning if you will spend a part of the day in Shul.

Now to our Hebrew. You probably don't realize it, but we have quite a nice vocabulary already. Here it is: Zeh Zeh—What is this? Zeh Seter—this is a book. Zeh Seter tov—the book is good. Zeh Seter tov—this is a good book. Shalom, mah shloimech—hello, how are you!

Yeh, Yeh—fine, thanks. Yeh, Yeh—Oh doing very fine so far. Let's keep it up. Yeh, Yeh—I want to wish you all a very happy Purim. Your Rebbetzin.

The Gift of Gab: IS THAT ALL?

Latest rumor in town is that henceforth, quiting parties are going to be held nightly at the Club. That is, patron will be asked to bring their own quilts to keep warm. It has even been proposed to bring Mr. Liphenthal from Oak Ridge to Mount Carmel to start a chain reaction here, namely, go after Bob to go after the landlord to go after the janitor to go after the furnace. After all, spirit isn't far off and it is liable to get cold when the winter is over.

Bob Dept.: If you think Oak Street is a very now, just wait a little while longer. If it isn't one E, it's another. Edith Dept.: Everyone is anxious to see when Abe Stern's return to his own state. How about it, Abe? Edith Dept.: Is it true, Boris, that Mark Stacey is going to get Jewish in his own skin again? And is it true also that the Marble Hall may soon lose one of its guests?

Arthur Dept.: Better brush up on your card throwing and related skills. The Brnai Brith Girls will challenge you at their Carnival on the 20th. By the way, don't fail to tell your wife what color hair dye to buy so the BBG fortune teller won't make too many mistakes. Motion-to-adjourn Dept.: The ayes have it. So ordered. Next session in April. Gab.

I. A. TO FEATURE SPEAKER

The Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society held its 100th monthly meeting on February 8. It was decidedly among other things to hold the annual election of officers in spirit. At the end of in the fall as has been the custom in the past. A nomination committee was therefore appointed by Mrs. Smigel consisting of Sylvia Robert, Celia Spator, and Lena Wolfe, which is to present a slate of officers at the April meeting. Installation of the new officers will take place in May. It was also decided to invite the Ladies' Aid of Shamokin to be our guests at the March meeting. Licenses for the February meeting were given to Mrs. Robert, Nellie Roberts, Ella Silverman, Gouda Smigel, and Celia Spator. On March 8, Mrs. Isidore Freedman, honorary president of the Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America of which our Ladies' Aid is a member, will be the guest speaker. Mrs. Freedman has been one of the leaders of the Women's Branch for many years and has been very active in strengthening orthodox sisterhoods in different parts of the country. She is a very capable speaker and we are indeed fortunate to have the opportunity to hear her and make her acquaintance. In addition to the speaker, a Purim program will be presented which has been sent to us by the Women's Branch and which promises to be interesting as well as entertaining. The addresses for this meeting, at which the Shamokin Ladies' Aid will be our guests, are: Mrs. Lippman, Mrs. Riemer, Mrs. Smigel, Mrs. Uiberg, Mrs. Wisniski, Mrs. Dorothy Wolfe and Mrs. Lena Wolfe.

B. B. BANQUET MARCH 10th

The annual Basketball Banquet to which members of the Mount Carmel High School Squads will take place Thursday, March 10th, 6:30 P. M. in the Jewish Fellowship Club Rooms. A well known speaker as well as a good toastmaster will be on hand to entertain the members and their guests and the meal will be prepared by our usual caterer, brother Boris Wisniskin. A good program will be prepared and it is hoped that the members will turn out in large numbers.

The "QUILTING PARTY" held at Brother Henry Wolf's house was the usual success and the officers are indebted to the brother for the fine proceeds. All members of the lodge are invited to attend the next meeting of the Eastern Branch Council to be held Sunday, March 27th at Scranton. An interesting program is being arranged.

Activities at the Hillel Chapter of Buckle University are on the enthusiastic side due to the financial aid forwarded by most of the lodges in this area and we are most happy to have played a prominent part in making their Jewish program possible.

At the next meeting all members of the lodge are asked to be present as the members at the last meeting went on record to enroll in the Red Cross Blood Bank project. Please be on hand for our next meeting of March 24th. to have your blood typed.

Reports from our sick brother Stern show that there is some improvement and we are sincerely hopeful that he will continue to get well. To those of you who have not as yet forwarded cards—please do so to the Memorial Hospital, 444 E. 60th St. New York, N. Y.—a cheerful note does any harm.

A hearty welcome to Deborah and best wishes to Evelyn and Bernie Reiss and the proud grandparents. May all of you joyfully celebrate this event for many, many years!