

## BLUE BOXES YIELD

### GENEROUS AMOUNTS

A regular monthly meeting of Hadassah was held on February 20, with the president, Mrs. Rebecca Grossman, presiding.

Mrs. Ella Levinson and Mrs. Anna Peril did a splendid job of collecting and counting the money from the Blue Boxes. Thanks, members, for your contributions which amounted to \$485.07. Start filling the boxes for next year's collection.

Mrs. Grossman discussed the plans for a musicale to be held on February 27, the annual Telephone Card Party in March, the Linen Shower and the Donors Dinner in May.

Mrs. Oles gave an interesting report on the conference held in Atlantic City.

Mrs. Weinkle, a newcomer to Mount Carmel, was admitted as a new member by Mrs. Bessie August membership chairlady.

After the meeting, delicious refreshments were served by the following hostesses: Mrs. Sylvia Roberts, Mrs. Lorraine Forman, Mrs. Milla Marateck, and Miss Anita Marateck.

Mrs. Mary Marateck entertained her friends at a dinner in Shamokin.

### SOCIAL WHIRL AMONG

#### THE HADASSAH-ITES

Mrs. Anna Peril tendered a Turkey dinner to her Bridge and Gin Runmy pals... Well, at last the "second crowd" was entertained at a Chili con Carne dinner at the "Manse," located at 200 So. Hickory Street. "Third crowd" coming up.....

Dorothy and Leona looking fit as a fiddle after the Florida sunshine and juices.....

Mrs. Celia Spector, assisted by the "girl with the smile," gave a beautiful party at her new home. What a meal!

### SNAPSHOTS

Catching the "smug" expression on Ella Levinson's face. Ella is now in the grandmother category and feeling very proud.

Daily promenaders — Sylvia, Lorraine, Dorothy H., Ethyl, and Dorothy W.

Gardenias to the following on their birthdays:

Mrs. Abe Forman... March 11.

Mrs. Harold Grossman... March 14.

That's all for now. Be seeing you.

Reba.

After a lapse of several weeks the Hadassah Study Group will resume its sessions. Alexander Behn's biography of Theodore Herzl will be discussed by the members of the group on Thursday evening, March 6.

### B'NAI BRITH TO BE

#### HOSTS AT BANQUET

To our Brother Louis Cohen the B'nai Brith extends heartiest congratulations for a long and happy married life.

Thanks very much to those who gave so generously to the Wider Scope drive. It is practically at the top now—except for a few stragglers. (Will those under this category please see Henry Wolf.)

Our annual basketball banquet will be held March 20th. Mark that date!!! (You B'nai Brith wives can have a night free of cooking.)

We were very sorry to hear of the accident of Brother Louis Forman. Best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery.

B'nai Brith was proud of its future members (B'YO) at their recent installation. Nice work! This group will stage a debate at the B'nai Brith March meeting.

Don't forget the banquet!!

### PURIM SERVICES

Will be held at the Synagogue on Wednesday night at 7:30 and Thursday morning at 7:30.

After the evening service the whole community is invited to the J.F.C. rooms for a showing of two Palestinian movies.

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### A REPORT ON

#### THE LIBRARY

After one month of operation the Jewish Community Library has already established itself as a very popular institution. The Library now possesses 29 volumes, with more coming in soon. The funds come from contributions voted by the Tifereth Israel Congregation, the Jewish Fellowship Club, B'nai Brith, Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society, and Hadassah.

During its first month the Library was used by 20 borrowers who read 15 different books for a total of 126 days. This is a very hopeful beginning and augurs well for the future.

The following is a partial list of books that were added recently:

**THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT**, by Abraham Cohen; an authoritative and exhaustive history of Zionism.

**HARVEST IN THE DESERT**, by Maurice Samuel, and **JEW'S OF PALESTINE**, by A. Revusky; two books dealing with life in the Holy Land, its development and its present state.

**FIGHTING ANGEL**, by Elma Ehrlich Levinger. This is a biography of Henrietta Szold, the founder of Hadassah.

**JEWISH PIONEERS AND PATRIOTS**, by Lee M. Friedman; picturesque chapters of three centuries of the Jew in America.

**THE JEWISH CARAVAN**, edited by Leo W. Schwarz. More than a hundred selections from Jewish literature, ranging from the Bible and Agada to the most modern writers.

**A GUIDE TO THE PROPHETS**, by S. Hoenig and S. Rosenberg; an introduction to the Prophets, giving contents, historical background and other pertinent material.

**THE JEWISH LIBRARY**, edited by Rabbi Leo Jung, a collection of essays in three volumes, by eminent authorities, discussing different aspects and problems of Judaism in modern America.

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To Mr. and Mrs. Louis Cohen on the occasion of their recent marriage.

To Bill Lippman on the occasion of his engagement. May your lives be filled with joy and happiness!

**THEEVES IN THE NIGHT**, by Arthur Koestler; a novel of modern Palestine.

**THE STORY OF BIBLE TRANSLATIONS**, by Max L. Margolis; how the Bible became the best-seller of all times.

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.

This is the month of perhaps the most joyous festival in the Jewish year, Purim. It is the month of which our Rabbis said: "With the coming of Adar we increase festivities." Yet we might ask, especially today, why the holiday of Purim should be so outstanding among all our feasts, why, in the face of the disaster that has come over our people in recent years, we should rejoice so much over something that happened so long ago.

The answer is not a simple one. True if we were to celebrate the date of every occasion when a large body of Jews was saved from destruction, every day of the year would be a Purim, and if we examine Jewish history we probably find more instances of destruction than of rescue. In the words of the eminent Jewish historian, Heinrich Graetz: "Combine all the woes that temporal and ecclesiastical tyrannies have ever inflicted on men or nations, and you will not have reached the full measure of suffering which this martyr people was called upon to endure century upon century. It was as if all the powers of earth had conspired—and they did so conspire—to exterminate the Jewish people."

But one fact, one hopeful fact remains: "Not one man alone has risen up against us; but in every generation have they risen up to destroy us, but the Holy One, blessed be He, delivers us from their hands." Through the ages Jews have been decimated by attacks of their enemies and the hazards of flight from them, yet the Jewish people as a unit has survived. Individuals and groups, often in great numbers perished, but for every center destroyed there arose another one in another country or on a new continent. In this way the Jewish people has traveled from its original home in Palestine to Europe and from Europe to America, where its center of gravity is situated today. But already there are strong indications that the center of Judaism is returning to its old home in the Holy Land, and perhaps this means that the Jewish people is coming into its own once more that with the closing of this circle of Jewish history our unhappy fate may at last become a thing of the past.

And here is where the answer to our question may lie. Purim, to us, is an outstanding example of how history shows a purpose, how the guiding hand of the Creator shows 'tsel' time and again. Purim is proof that whatever happens may become a source of hope, and it must inspire us today when we

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noun for the millions of our slain brethren Purim is the symbol of the Divine Providence that never relaxes its watch over Israel until G—d's Law, G—d's land, and G—d's people are once more united.

Rabbi Arthur Oles.

ON THE THRESHOLD OF THE PROMISED LAND

"Moses Dies and Joshua Leads"

Up, wanderers in the wild, and come away!  
Long is the journey yet and long the fray,  
Enough of roving now in desert places—  
There lies a great, wide road before  
But forty years o' wandering have sped,  
And yet we leave six hundred thousand dead.

Dishonored let them lie, across the park  
They bore from out of Egypt on their back.  
Sweet be their dreams of garlic and of leek,  
Of fish-pots wide, of fatty steam and reek.  
Around the last dead slave, maybe to-night,  
The desert wind with desert beasts shall fight,  
And joyously to-morrow's dawning shine  
Upon the firstlings of a mighty line,  
And lest the sands with all their sleepers start,  
Let each man's footfall sound but in his heart.  
Let each man in his heart hear G—d's voice say:  
"A new land's border shalt thou cross to-day!  
"No more the quails from heaven  
no more light bread—  
The bread o' toil, fruit of hard instead,  
"No more wild tents pitched under heaven's dome—  
Another kind shall ye set up for home,  
"Beneath His sky, the wilderness outside,  
"Beyond the howling desert with its sand,  
There waits beneath His stars the Promised Land."  
Hayim Nahman Bialik

NO DAZE

Dear faithful reader, we regret that there's no column here now. The reason lies with Eleanor. Her daze, it seems, is clear now. So you just patiently await The time when she'll return to This space. Then you will have once more Her Daze you like to turn to.

Love Harry.

HADASSAH REGION ATLANIC CITY CONVENES IN

On February 1—4 the Regional Conference of Hadassah was held in Atlantic City. The conference is an annual event which brings together Hadassah leaders from the states of Delaware, Southern New Jersey, and Eastern Pennsylvania for the purpose of discussing important phases of Hadassah Work.

This year's conference was concerned mainly with the grave political situation with which we are faced at the present moment. Mrs. Lewis Sereta and Mrs. Benjamin Gottesman, the former the regional president and the latter national vice-president, were among the 28 Hadassah delegates to the World Zionist Congress in Basle and gave detailed accounts of the issues which confronted the Congress. They stressed the evergrowing political role that Hadassah is playing in the Zionist movement and which is evidenced by the election of Hadassah learners to leading positions within newly elected executive bodies. Mrs. Moses P. Epstein, national president also addressed the conference and told of the love and admiration which the Palestinian delegates at the Congress showed for the women of Hadassah. This love on the part of the Palestinians is the result of the fact that Hadassah has its roots deep in the land and life of Palestine and that it has contributed so greatly to the existence of a strong and healthy Yishuv.

Mrs. Arthur Oles, who was a delegate, spoke to the Mount Carmel chapter on the conference on February 20, and to the Shamokin chapter on February 25.

CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Max Coplan and Simon Smigelsky on the passing of their mother and sister.

May the Lord comfort you together with the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

MUSICAL GREAT SUCCESS

The piano and song recital by Ruth Kyler and Mrs. Eva Oles, held on February 27 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. Lippman, was a great success. The audience of about 80 women greatly appreciated the musical performances, as well as the hospitality of the Lippmans. The proceeds of the evening were dedicated to Hadassah.

CALENDAR

Candle lighting time is given for preceding Friday nights.

- Mar. 1, Tetaveh (Zochor) .... 5:35
- Mar. 5, Fast of Esther.
- Mar. 6, Purim
- Mar. 8, Ki S so ..... 5:42
- Mar. 15, Vayakhel-Pekudey (Poroh) .....
- Mar. 22, Rosh Chodesh Nisan
- Mar. 22 Vaykro (P. Hachodesh). 5:57
- Mar. 29, Tzav (Shab. Hogodol) .. 6:04
- Apr. 5, 1st day of Passover .... 6:12

MEETINGS

- Tues., March 4 ..... Fellowship Club
- Wed., March 5 ..... Hadassah Moves
- Thurs., March 6 ..... Study Group
- Sun., March 9 ..... Purim Party
- Tues., March 11 ..... Ladies' Aid
- Thur., March 13 ..... Hadassah Board
- Thurs., March 20 ..... Hadassah
- Tues., March 25 ..... B'nai B'rith
- Thurs., March 20 ..... B. B. Basketball Banquet
- Thurs., March 27 ..... Tifereth Israel