

IT'S ON THE LADIES

Hadassah's most important social function of the season, the Donor Dinner, will take place on Wednesday, March 16, 7:30 P. M. at the James Madison Hotel in Manhattan. This affair, although always successful, is now the recipient of extra special attention from Hadassah's members because it will be the first husband-and-wife dinner that we've had in many a moon. Hadassah husbands, here's your chance to hear the wonderful speakers you've heard us rave about.

Good food, wonderful entertainment, a night out with your wife—and it won't cost you a cent! It's on the ladies!

Attention members!

Annual Telephone Card Party to be held Monday, February 7. Open your homes and make this affair the success it always is. Thank you.

Next meeting will be held Thursday, February 17. We offer for your entertainment a program by the B'nai B'rith Girls. Be sure to keep this date in mind. Circle it in red ink on your calendar! It's an event you certainly don't want to miss.

The new "Halkvah"—let's learn it. A change has been made in the last two lines now that Israel is a state. We have realized our dream of a homeland after 2,000 years, so it was necessary to change the words to read thus:

Od lo av-dah tik-va-le-nu,
Tik-vat sh'not al-pay-yim,
Li-yot an chaf-sh'ee bar-tse-nu
Ber-etz tsi-yon v'ru-sha-la-yim.

The Gift of Gab:

SHALOM, COMO ESTA V.?

The State of Israel has shown itself capable of influencing the whole world. Not only has the British government decided to send its citizens there legitimately now instead of dropping them from spot-down planes, but the Hebrew language is spreading tremendously. In Mount Carmel, for instance, it has become almost impossible to hear an old-fashioned Hello. Now it's Shalom, Mah Shelomeh, and how do you say that to a man?

The baby season is in full swing again, and so is the season of birthdays and anniversaries. It is hard nowadays to go anywhere without having to say Mazelov for one reason or another. The Wolfe's just completed the first successful two years, and celebrated by trying out their new Dodge. The Douglas's wore up to eight, with no report on their celebration available at the moment. At the Oles' it was five, and for their anniversary they had a Pidyon Haben (Stanford's and Millie's). As for assorted others, they should have let us know about it.

Mount Carmel is well on the way to becoming the inter-American capital. We can now boast of a real live Peruvian. El Senor Rosenzweig is on exhibition nightly at the JFC. He is really much fun to talk if you know English. (We hope nobody has tried out his high school Spanish on Alfredo). Bien puede V. quedarse aun un momento.

After this tremendous effort in Spanish this department will take its well earned rest until next month. So long,
Gab.

THE YOUNGER SET

Dear Folks,

I have so much to tell you since our last report. We youths were really on a strenuous schedule!

To begin with I'd like to thank all of you for cooperation with us on our BBG Chanukah project. We enjoyed doing it so much! We'd also like to thank all of you for your wonderful contributions for our kits to Israel soldiers. Some soldier is going to be mighty lucky!

For Chanukah the Hebrew School had a little quiz and talent show. Prizes were given to Melvin Ufberg, Franklin Wolf and Norma Smigel. And then, of course, there was the Hebrew School Chanukah broadcast which was really marvelous.

BBG hopes all of you enjoyed our radio program given on the 19th. It was loads of fun to do it for your listening pleasure (??). Those who participated were Frances Smigel, Judy Lippman, Marilyn Grossman, Cleo Moskowitz, Gladys Bronstein, Adele Smigel, Barbara Peril, Leslie Bloom, Hanna Yashan and Adelaide Whinnick. Mrs. Oles played the musical accompaniment. Rabbi Oles introduced the program and Mrs. Max Handshu made the concluding remarks.
Your
Super Scooper.

YORZEITS

Shimon Sovelove	Feb. 5
Jennie Coplan	Feb. 17
Jacob Wolf	Feb. 24
R. M. Pepl	Mar. 8
Honny J. Grossman	Mar. 10
Hersch Strauss	Mar. 25
Louis Grossman	Mar. 26

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Our best wishes to Sanford and Millie Marateck on the birth of their first son.

May you have much Nachas from him throughout the years!

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TORAH TOUR TO REACH MT. CARMEL FEB. 3

A delegation of three Rabbis from the Rabbinical Council of America will visit Mount Carmel, Pa., on Thursday, February 3rd, to present a panel discussion on Orthodox Judaism as it is observed in American Jewish communities today. They are Rabbi Theodore L. Adams, the spiritual leader of Congregation Mt. Sinai, Jersey City, New Jersey, since 1938, a member of the Executive Committee of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America and Financial Secretary of the Rabbinical Council of America; Rabbi Aaron Greenbaum, the spiritual leader of Congregation Sons of Israel, Yonkers, N. Y., and former Rabbi of Williamsport, Pa., and Instructor at the Teacher's Institute of Yeshiva University; and Rabbi Herschel Schacter, the spiritual leader of the Mosholu Jewish Center, Bronx, New York, a former Chaplain in the United States Army for three and one-half years, in combat service in the European Theater of war, the first Jewish Chaplain to enter the notorious Buchenwald Concentration Camp, and who upon his return to the United States made a national tour in behalf of the United Jewish Appeal.

This visit is part of a National Torah-Tour sponsored jointly by Yeshiva University of New York, The Hebrew Theological College of Chicago, the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregation of America and the Rabbinical Council of America.

Rabbi Israel Tabak, President of the Rabbinical Council of America, a national organization of 400 Orthodox Rabbis, said in announcing this Torah-Tour: "The purpose of this tour is to put Orthodoxy on the march, so that Jewish communities throughout the land may learn that the full colorful Jewish life offered by Orthodox Judaism, when properly understood, can thrive in every Jewish community in the United States".

The meeting will be held at the Jewish Fellowship Club rooms and will begin at 8:30 p. m.

I. A. JOINS NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

On December 14 the Ladies Aid were hostesses to the B'nai B'rith at a joint meeting. The Ladies surprised the men with a Chanukah play entitled "The Mysterious Latke". The cast was as follows: Mrs. Leona Grossman, Mrs. Eshyl Spector, Mr. N. Baunel, Mrs. Fannie Baunel, Mr. Bob Heller, Mr. Robby Spector, Mr. Bernie Reiss, Mr. Joseph Roberts, Mrs. Bessie August, Mrs. Ella Levinson, Miss Lee Schwartz. The play was a social success as it was really funny. The hostesses for this grand evening were Mrs. L. Forman, Mrs. A. Grossman, Mrs. H. Grossman, Mrs. S. Grossman, Mrs. J. Levinson. Thanks are tendered to everyone who participated in making the entire evening a grand success and a fine time for all.

On January 13, the Hebrew Ladies Aid Society met at the JFC rooms with the president, Mrs. D. Smigel presiding. Hostesses were Mrs. W. Lippman, Mrs. Mary Marateck, Mrs. A. Oles, Mrs. A. Peril and

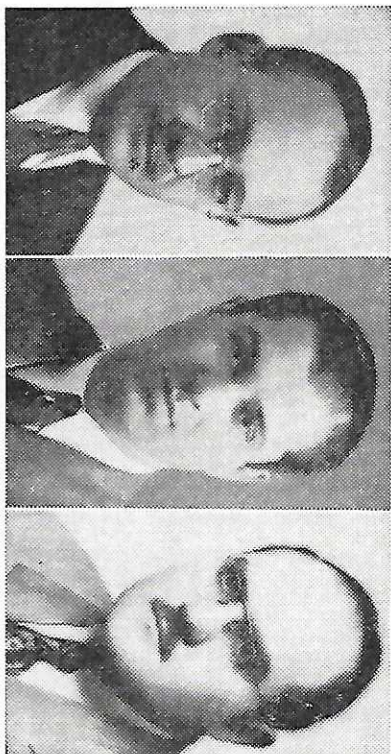
Mrs. L. Peril. After the business session the program chairman, Mrs. Oles, presented a quiz program composed of questions concerning Jewish history and Jewish customs and ceremonies. At the suggestion of Mrs. Oles, the society then decided to join the Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America which has as its purpose to unite all Orthodox sisterhoods and provide them with interesting as well as educational material for their meetings. Besides sending out two monthly publications, the women's branch, with headquarters in New York, provides excellent speakers and arranges regional as well as national meetings at which representatives from Orthodox sisterhoods all over the country come together to discuss their past activities and plan for the future. It is expected that our local Ladies' Aid Society will derive much benefit from its association with the Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America.

THE REBBETZIN'S CORNER

On January 21, the young folks of our community gathered in our home for the first Friday night get-together this season. After joining in the customary Zmiros (Sabbath songs), our conversations touched on various topics of Jewish as well as general interest. Alfred Rosenzweig, the Penylvian who has temporarily joined our community, added significantly to the interest of the evening when he told us of his exploits in the Amazon region. There, besides important geologic findings, he discovered Jews who live among the natives and yet are faithful to the religion of their ancestors. These Jews came from Morocco and settled in the Amazon region some fifty years ago. Since the commercial opportunities did not turn out quite as favorable as originally expected, many of these Jews went back to Morocco. Mr. Rosenzweig found 24 Jews living there at the present time. Besides observing the Jewish customs and ceremonies, these people are very well versed in the Bible and the Prophets and possess an excellent general Jewish background.

Speaking of Jews in far-away places, the current issue of Commentaries in America, the best Jewish periodicals in America, contains an article called "Secret Jews of Persia". The author, W. Fischel, tells us of the existence of a group of Persian marabouts, Jews who had been forcibly converted to Mohammedanism but who remained, in devout ways, faithful to the religion of their birth. From time to time became the state religion in Persia until 1839, the conditions of the Jews there were tolerable. In that year, as a consequence of a fantastic tale made up by some fanatic Mohammedans, the Jewish community was completely destroyed and ceased to exist. There was nothing left for the Jews to do but to die or to accept Mohammedanism. A number of them chose the latter course but only outwardly. Secretly they remained true to the Jewish religion. These Yedidim, as they are called, met periodically to pray and study Torah and to teach their children. Nothing was known about them until recently Kichob (marriage contracts) and other documents were found revealing the existence of a community of about

Rabbi Arthur Oles.



Rabbi

Aaron Greenbaum

Rabbi

Theodore I. Adams

Rabbi

Herschel Schacter

Under the auspices of the Rabbinical Council of America the above Rabbinic leaders will visit Wilkes-Barre, Scranton, Williamsport, Shamokin and Mount Carmel from January 30th to February 3rd, to address the Jewish communities on the principles of Torah-True Judaism. This will mark the beginning of the National Torah-Tour that will take delegations of Rabbis throughout the United States.

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3000 Yedidim in present-day Persia. Within the last few decades a number of Yedidim families went to Eretz Israel where they have established their own community in Jerusalem and are now able to throw off the mask of their secret life. These facts are indeed interesting and they certainly give us a deeper insight into the history and the character of the Jewish people.

Well it seems our first Hadassah Hebrew lesson was a success, from all indications. All you hear these days in SHALOM, MAH SHLOMEICH? TOV, TODAH. In closing I want to add just one more word to our list.
Lehitraot—so long.
Your Rebbetzin.

CALENDAR

Candle lighting time is given for preceding Friday nights:

- Jan. 31, Rosh Chodesh Shevat 4:59
- Feb. 5, Bo 5:07
- Feb. 12, Beshalach 5:16
- Feb. 14, Chanusho Ossor Bishvat 5:24
- Feb. 19, Yisro 5:32
- Feb. 26, Mispotim 5:32
- March 1-2, Rosh Chodesh Adar 5:32
- March 5, Terumah 5:32

P. P. NITTE AT B. B.

On Thursday, January 27th, "PAST PRESIDENT'S NIGHT" will be observed at the regular monthly meeting of the local B'nai B'rith Lodge to be held at the Jewish Fellowship Club at 9:00 P. M. and the banner crowd of the year is expected to be on hand. Past Presidents to be honored are Harold Grossman, Dr. Max Ufberg, Sydney Grossman, Henry Wolf, Abe Foreman and Louis Cohen. To top it all off refreshments will be served.

President Sam Douglas and Secretary Robert Spector were present at the Hilliel Counselorship meeting at Bucknell University on Sunday, January 16th. Both were very much impressed with the activities of the chapter which now numbers one hundred five members. Other lodges represented were Sunbury, Williamsport, Shamokin and Bloomsburg.

We are happy to report that since the last meeting much progress has been made in the attitude of many members of the lodge and better attendance figures will be the result. Your B'nai B'rith lodge is your INSURANCE POLICY in your immediate area and it is YOUR JOB to keep it active in this community.

Dues for the 1949 season are now in order and we ask your cooperation so that we clean up this account for the year in fine shape. Bring them along to the next meeting or send them to your secretary, Robert Spector at 134 South Oak Street. We'll be seeing you on the 27th!

It has often been said, paraphrasing a famous quotation, that everybody complains about the state of Judaism in this country but nobody really does anything about it. That, of course, is a cliché that highly exaggerates but nevertheless contains more than a grain of truth. Or, perhaps, I should rather say contained. The fact is that in his own way and within the limits of his area every Rabbi and a large number of laymen have been seeking ways and means to strengthen the hold of Jewish tradition and observance on American Jewry. Their achievements have been remarkable in view of the small opportunity for a really concerted effort.

This month marks the beginning of a new phase in the fight for the survival of truly Jewish values in America. For the first time in the history of American Jews a nation-wide project has been undertaken by the leading Orthodox organizations and institutions in the country. The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America and the Rabbinical Council of America, together with Yeshiva University of New York and the Hebrew Theological College of Chicago are launching a Torah-Tour on a national scale. In the course of it teams of three Rabbis each will visit Jewish Communities throughout the country to explain to them the meaning and the value of orthodox Judaism in modern America. The Tour will start with Pennsylvania in the East and California in the West, and this arrangement puts Mount Carmel in the fortunate position of being among the first communities to be visited.

Although the Torah-Tour will be officially started in Philadelphia on January 26, its advance notices have found an enthusiastic reception everywhere. Large and small communities alike are eagerly looking forward to their own dates and to judge from the caliber of the men who participate they will yet be pleasantly surprised.

Rabbi Arthur Oles.

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