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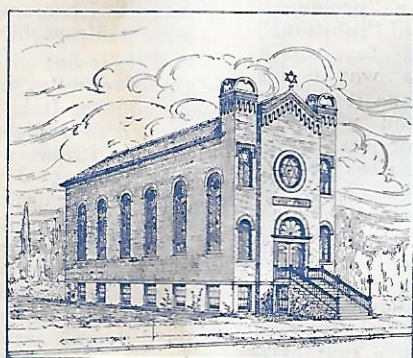
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FROM YOUR RABBI

One of the current best-sellers, Gentlemen's Agreement, has of late been advertised as "the hottest book of the year." It remains to be seen whether this "heat" will be sustained or whether it will prove merely the immediate result of the high pressure of publicity. However that may be the problem it discusses is a real one and deserves consideration in this space.

Antisemitism is as old as the Jewish people. There has never been a period in which Jews were not disliked by one group or another. Our sages very ably expressed this fact when they pointed to the close similarity between the Hebrew word S'n'oh, meaning hatred, and the name of Sinai. Mount Sinai was the birthplace of Judaism, and at the same time of the animosity toward the Jews. Yet never, until recent times, has antisemitism been considered a "problem," nor were there any practical "solutions" offered. The reason for this fact was a simple one: When the Jew was in his own environment in Palestine it did not bother him overly much, and when he was living among a more or less hostile majority he realized that no real escape was possible. Antisemitism as we know and deplore it is a product of Jewish emancipation. We apparently put too much trust in the promise of the world that henceforth we were to be free and equal citizens of our respective countries; we apparently were too eager to be free and equal, to realize that official pronouncements frequently are strongly tinged with wishful thinking.

Everyone of us, at one time or another, feels that all isn't as it should be. However, most of the time we stoically accept those little digs as the necessary hazards of Jewish existence. What gets us really excited is the fact that our cousin's cousin was refused admission into a coveted College fraternity that a certain fancy resort advertises "select clientele," or that summer cottages in some spots are significantly located "near Christian churches."

In analyzing these "real" complaints we reach a remarkable conclusion. Whoever wants to be, and is, a good Jew, conscious of his religious and cultural heritage, will never have occasion to mourn the loss of these "splendid" opportunities. He can find an abundance of social and cultural satisfactions in

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Louis Cohen President

M. Arthur Oles Rabbi

Hillel centers on almost every campus, he can enjoy food that is both good and kosher and congenial company in hundreds of Jewish hotels, and he can take his summer residence on Long Island instead of Cape Cod, if he stops admiring the phony aristocracy that inhabits "restricted" places. Life can be beautiful and satisfying in Jewish company, if we just want to make it so.

As for educational restrictions such as they exist, efforts in the right direction can take care of those; witness the growing Yeshiva University in New York or the newly established non-sectarian but Jewish-sponsored Brandeis University in Massachusetts.

This is not a ghetto philosophy, as some assimilationists would try to make us believe. It is rather a realistic approach to a question that has no other answer. It does not mean that we have to take it lying down, but it means an honest appraisal of the situation. We must continue defense work, but, at the same time, we must stop deceiving ourselves. No writer and no organization can solve the problem but we can eliminate its repeated emergence by intelligent Jewish action.

Rabbi Arthur Oles.

מוזל טוב

Our heartiest congratulations to Bill and Gertie Lippman, and to Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Lippman on the occasion of their marriage.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ben Riemer on the occasion of their daughter's marriage.

To Dr. and Mrs. I. E. Smigelsky and Dick on his receiving his M. D.

To Mr. and Mrs. David Cohen and Paul on his graduation from Mount Carmel High School.

To Mrs. Sarah August on the birth of her grandchild.

**Jake the Ribber:
DON'T DROP IN,
WALK IN**

As I am now in the midst of a four-week course in journalism—by correspondence—I feel much more qualified to report on the happenings of the community than I did a month ago. Now it is much easier to understand that immortal phrase: "Weren't you surprised when I sat down to the piano?"

In the locale, the majority of the women still continue to ignore the men (I should say their husbands) in their social whirl . . . Bill Lippman is bidding goodbye to his independence and is joining the ranks of the newlyweds. . . . Bob Heller is finding it much healthier to walk into Jay's instead of "sky-lighting" . . . Ponzi Coplan has turned to house-cleaning (a sure sign that 1947 is half over.) . . . Abe Stern is sporting a new set of "uppers" . . . Dan Smigel has turned to gardening (he should never have deserted pinochle.) . . . Lou Cohen is missing from his usual haunts—wonder why? . . . Hal Grossman is now shooting regularly under "100" . . . Fashion of the month is Hy Shapiro—two new suits . . . The most pleasing sight is to see Lou Forman back to normal, but something must have stepped on Abe's toes . . . Henry Wolf actually walking up Oak Street—what, no gas? . . . Joe Levinson slowing down to only four cups of coffee a day—must be daylight saving . . . And Doc Ufberg entering the restaurant business—he's handing out one "plate" after another.

Before saying "so long" for the summer I wish to say "Orchids" to the young married ladies who refuse to desert their husbands in their social functions. You are doing a swell job—keep it up.

Be seeing you in September.

Jake.

YORZEITS

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| Freda Rae Brest | June | 7 |
| Joe Coplan | July | 5 |
| S London | July | 5 |
| Abraham Unterbach | July | 6 |
| Fannie Wolf | July | 25 |
| Max Miller | August | 7 |
| Louis August | August | 10 |
| Solomon Wolf | August | 23 |
| Simon Sa'uda | August | 31 |

The observance begins the preceding evening.

**STUDY GROUP
REPORTS SUCCESS**

The local Hadassah chapter has instituted a new activity during the past year. Beginning in September, regular study groups were held under the guidance of Mrs. Oles on various Jewish topics, ranging from those of a purely religious nature to topics of a more general character. The first meeting was devoted to a discussion of the Yom Kippur prayerbook, its general arrangement and some of the outstanding prayers recited on that day. The subsequent series of study groups were designed to give those interested an acquaintance with the Jewish prayer book, its history and content. Last March the members of the group decided to take up Bein's Biography of Theodore Herzl and the bi-weekly sessions since then were devoted to that book. Increased audience participation has transformed the study groups into discussion groups, Herzl's life and experiences serving as the basis for the analysis of antisemitism and other Jewish problems.

These get-togethers have one main purpose: they serve as an opportunity for all members to voice their opinions on different Jewish topics, to exchange viewpoints with other members of the group and thus to clarify their thinking on issues that vitally affect every living Jew today. Philanthropy and social service are important phases of Hadassah work but these activities have no meaning unless they are carried on by well-informed and alert women who know what Judaism is all about and who can formulate intelligent opinions. This knowledge can be gained only by devoting some time every day to reading and reflection and then to discuss with others the ideas which are the result of these reflections. Hadassah women must realize that education is an important part of Hadassah work and that it should assume a prominent position among all the other activities in which they are engaged. The study group affords an excellent opportunity in that respect. Our real strength lies not in our physical or financial resources but in our ability to rise above the material aspects of life and to interest ourselves in the moral and spiritual phases of our existence.

HADASSAH RUNS SUCCESSFUL AFFAIRS

The Donor Dinner, held April 30, and the Linen Shower, May 14, marked the closing of Hadassah's 1946-47 term. The new officers for the coming year were duly installed as follows:

President — Mrs. Goldie Smigelsky.
Vice-President — Mrs. Lena Wolf.
Recording Secretary — Mrs. Mildred Marateck.
Corresponding Secretary — Mrs. Leona Grossman.

Treasurer — Mrs. Dorothy Wolfe.
The Linen Shower, held by Mrs. Lena Cohen and Mrs. Pearl Smigel, was a huge success, socially and financially. The packages were opened the following night, at which time we had as our guest speaker Mrs. Wilensky of Scranton, who delivered a splendid talk on the work of Hadassah. A program was presented by the B'nai B'rith Girls under the direction of Mrs. Oles, with Judy Lippman as M. C., Marilyn Grossman, speaker, and Velma Cantor and Connie Grossman as the other participants.

Sometime during the month of June our new president, Mrs. Smigelsky will appoint her Board and outline to the members her plans for the coming term.

SOCIAL NEWS

The social season ended with a "bang." A luncheon was held at Leisl's by Mrs. Eva Gellert and Mrs. Rebecca Grossman.

Seems there weren't enough days during the past few months to entertain everybody. After partaking of so much food now is the time to begin that long-promised dieting. Go to it, girls.

Mazel Tov to —

Mrs. Goldie Smigelsky who is now the proud mother of a doctor — — —

Mrs. Mary Lippman who is the proud mother of her first daughter-in-law.

Summer bouquets to the following on their birthdays:

July 7—Miss Esther Grossman.

Aug. 1—Mrs. Mary Lippman.

Aug. 7—Mrs. Dorothy Handshu.

Sep. 2—Mrs. Mary Marateck.

Sep. 21—Mrs. Eva Oles.

Sep. 23—Mrs. Dorothy Wolfe.

Sep. 26—Mrs. Eva Wishkin.

A happy vacation to all Hadassah members from your publicity reporter.

Reba.

MOUNT CARMEL LODGE MOURNS HENRY MONSKY

On Tuesday, May 27, the Mount Carmel B'nai B'rith formally installed its newly elected officers for the coming year. To Brother Louis Cohen goes the job of president and the responsibility of carrying out the work of the order.

The installing officer was Brother Ufberg, who gave a very fine address and pointed out a few of the many important works of B'nai B'rith.

The meeting was opened with a dedicatory service in the memory of Henry Monsky, late president of the Grand Lodge of B'nai B'rith. Brother Monsky died very suddenly a few weeks ago. A brilliant talk was delivered by Rabbi Oles on the life and some of the achievements of Henry Monsky.

An Orchid to Brother Sam Douglas, who at the last District Council meeting was elected to the Board of Trustees.

Congratulations to Brother Baumel, who has decided to transfer his membership to our lodge. I'm sure you are most welcome.

The B'nai B'rith has closed down activity for the summer months, so until September, happy vacation days!

J. F. C. LOOKS AHEAD

June marks the change in officers at the Jewish Fellowship Club. The new officers are to be elected at the regular monthly meeting and will immediately assume their respective positions.

The club has made continued progress and unquestionably will continue to progress as long as it exists. Financially we are in good standing. All the profits shown at the end of each month are being put aside for the time when we can build our own Community Center. The time is not too far off—all that is needed is more co-operation, more activity, and more support by more people.

The outgoing officers leave with one request: Support the Club—it's yours.

CALENDAR

June 18-19, Rosh Chodesh Tammuz

July 6, Fast, 17th of Tammuz

July 18, Rosh Chodesh Av

July 27, Tisho B'Av

Aug. 16-17, Rosh Chodesh Elul

Sept. 15-16, Rosh Hashono