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THE JEWISH COMMUNITY LIBRARY

During the 10 months of its existence the Jewish Community Library has acquired a stock of books that enables it to be interesting and useful to everyone. The library consists at present of 73 volumes, with new ones being added constantly. It is located at the J. F. C. rooms and is open at the following hours:

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.

Here is a list of books available at the present time.

Anthologies

Candles in the Night, by Joseph Baron.

A Golden Treasury of Jewish Literature, by Leo Schwarz.

The Jewish Caravan, by Leo Schwarz.

The Legends of the Jews by Louis Ginzberg (4 vols.)

Stars and Sand, by Joseph L. Baron.

The Ten Commandments, by A. L. Robnson.

Bible and Related Subjects

A Guide to the Prophets, by Hoenig and Rosenberg.

In the Steps of Moses, by Lou's Golding.

The Legends of the Jews, by Louis Ginzberg (4 vols)

The Story of Bible Translations, by M. L. Margoli's.

Biography and Autobiography

Brandeis, A Free Man's Life by A. T. Mason.

Confession, by Nathan Birnbaum.

Dreamers of the Ghetto, by Israel Zangwill.

Father and the Angels, by William Manners.

Fighting Angel, by E'ma E. Levinger.

Jewish Pioneers and Patriots, by L. M. Friedman.

The Life of Judah Touro, by Leon Huhner.

The Life of Menasseh ben Israel, by Cecil Roth.

Maimonides, by Yellin and Abrahams.

Rashi, by Maurice L. ber.

Students, Scholars and Saints, by Louis Ginzberg.

Theodore Herzl, by Alexander Bein.

When I was a boy in Boston, by Charles Angoff.

Worlds that Passed, by A. S. Sachs.

Jewish History and Civilization

A History of the Jews, by S. Grayzel.

History of the Jews in Russia and Poland, by S. M. Dubnow (3 vols.)

Jewish Contributions to Civilization, by Joseph Jacobs.

Jewish Pioneers and Patriots, by L. M. Friedman.

Old European Jewries, by D. Philipson.

The Story of the Jewish Legion, by V. Jabotnsky.

Jews in America

Jewish Pioneers and Patriots, by L. M. Friedman.

Our Jewish Farmers, by Gabriel Davidson.

Judaism

Confession, by Nathan Birnbaum.

A guide to the Prophets, by Hoenig and Rosenberg.

Jewish Contributions to Civilization, by Joseph Jacobs.

The Jewish Library, by Leo Jung (3 vols.)

The Kuzari by Judah Halevi.

Purim, by N. S. Doniach.

Students, Scholars and Saints, by Louis Ginzberg.

Studies in Judaism, by S. Schechter (3 vols.)

Sabbath, the Day of Delight, by A. E. Millgram.

The Vocabulary of Jewish Life, by A. M. Heller.

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The following are the officers and trustees of the Tifereth Israel Congregation, elected at a meeting on Thursday, October 2, for the year 5708:

President Louis Cohen
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FROM YOUR RABBI

Recently I overheard the following statement: "If you consider everything, Judaism is really swell religion." Everyone of us, presumably, agrees with this statement. Everyone of us, presumably, is proud to adhere to this "swell religion" of ours. And everyone of us, presumably, does his or her best to carry out its precepts. It might be appropriate, therefore, to analyze, as much as it possible here, the meaning of religion in general, and the meaning of Judaism in particular so that, fortified by deeper knowledge and understanding, we may more easily and completely fulfill our task of being good Jews.

The word Religion is derived from the Latin verb ligare, which means to tie, and the prefix re, meaning repeated or mutual action. Religion, therefore, was understood by the coiners of the word to be a mutual tie between man and G—d. Judaism, then is the religion par excellence, for it relies on the mutuality of the tie as one of its basic concepts. "You have acknowledged the Lord today to be your G—d And the Lord has acknowledged you today to be His own treasure . . ." (Deut. 26, 17-18). Mutuality as life teaches us constantly, is a process of give-and-take that collapses when one of the partners neglects his obligations. Judaism, too, is a process of give-and-take where we give our effort and time to the realization of G—d's laws and demands, and where in return we receive that contentment and peace of the soul that only a full and willing observance of the Torah can bring. And Judaism, too, must collapse when we make demands upon it without the willingness on our part to do our share.

What is our share in Judaism? To begin with, it is a subordination to its traditional teachings and practices. Too often we hear today the argument that this or that in orthodox practice is outmoded and should be abolished or modernized. There is nothing outmoded in Shabbos; in fact actual experiments have shown conclusively that only complete relaxation, such as the Jewish Shabbos demands, can give our bodies and minds a chance to regenerate themselves without falling victim to the pace of modern life. There is nothing outmoded in the observance of Kashrus, for indiscriminate eating has been practiced longer than Kashrus and is therefore even more "old fashioned." Above all, there is nothing outmoded in the non-conformism Orthodoxy demands of us. The principles of American democracy, the laws of human decency, and the pride in our own convictions all give us the inalienable right to live a full Jewish life. People who have no respect

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for our practices are not fit to be our friends, and they certainly do not deserve to be made the models of our conduct.

There is more to be said in this connection. Lack of space, however, forces me to reserve it for following issues.

Rabbi Arthur Oles.

STUDY GROUP SERVES AS FORUM OF JUDAISM

Genuine interest in the Jewish tradition and the desire to increase their knowledge of Judaism has prompted a number of our young women to come together regularly to study and discuss our cultural and religious heritage. So far the discussions centered around the theoretical and practical aspects of one of the cornerstones of our religion, namely Kashrus.

Some of us felt that the primary purpose for which the laws of Kashrus were originally prescribed was to raise the physical standard of our people by emphasizing cleanliness and hygiene. Actually however, Jewish laws were not given primarily to preserve the physical health of our people. A cleaner and more hygienic mode of living was an incidental benefit which we derived from the strict observance of our laws. If we ponder for a moment on the question of Jewish survival we will arrive at the conclusion that we have survived the trials and tribulations that come our way not because we lived more hygienically than other people, not because there was less sickness among us than among others, but because we were ever since we received the Torah from G—d, on a much higher moral and spiritual level than our neighbors. How did we attain this level? The answer is that the Jewish laws, by helping us control our physical appetites and master them through religious discipline, have enabled us to reach this higher and more noble level of human existence and thus have greatly contributed to the survival of the Jewish people.

Eva S. Oles.

מוזל טוב

Best wishes to Mrs. Edith Spector and to Essie and Bob, and of course to Robie and Ruth on the occasion of their marriage. May you enjoy many years of health and happiness together.

SEEN AND HEARD

Has anyone noticed the way our young married set is increasing in numbers? We have now ten pairs of newly-weds (married within the last two years):

Bob and Essie.
Affa and Ethel.
Melvin and Dorothy.
Joe and Sylvia.
Lou and Gert.
Bernie and Evelyn.
Bill and Gert.
Marty and Ethel.
Sandy and Millie.
Robbie and Ruth (soon)

Bernie and Evelyn are busy B's painting and putting the finishing touches to their apartment. Just wondering how Bernie will find time to play Pinochle after they move into their new home.

Bill and Gert are planning a trek to the Marble Hall. Their suite is across from the Cohens.

Millie and Sandy have finally hit the Jackpot and found an apartment. Sandy, don't forget to surprise Millie with a Settlement Cook Book. If you really do need assistance just call 1426-J or 1348-J.

We hear that Ethel serves delicious pancakes California style with eggs. (Not on Thursdays—Ed.) Is that true, Affa?

Did anyone hear if Bob sold all the diced carrots?

Rumors have it that Essie Heller is planning a Get Acquainted party for her future sister-in-law.

Wondering which of the Thousand Islands Marty and Ethel are enjoying.

Sends your answers to all questions to the

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NOTICE

With this issue you receive an announcement and order blank of the Kosher Package Service Center. This Service is sponsored by Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations and approved by the Rabbinical Council of America. Orders should be addressed to the Kosher Package Service Center, 225 Lafayette street, New York, 12, N. Y.

B'NAI B'RITH

RESUMES QUILTING

The local B'nai B'rith Lodge is back again in its usual regular activities and the membership can look forward to some interesting events in the coming months. The last meeting was well attended and all reports show that the officers are on the job.

President Louis Cohen, Treasurer Abe Stern and Secretary Sam Douglas attended the Eastern Council Meeting, held Sunday October 19th. at Allentown and report that it was a meeting well crammed with business. It was a pleasure to hear that our lodge was one of the two who had met their quota for the Penn State Hillel Expansion Fund. Especially interesting were the reports by the leaders of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization as well as some of the talks by the youths themselves. The highlight of the session was a talk by Mr. Virgil Smernow, a representative of the Vocational Guidance Bureau of the B'nai B'rith in Washington, who gave interesting facts and figures on Jewish attendance in the colleges of this country as well as the discriminations on college applications in the professional schools. It was a most enlightening meeting and it is with regret that more of the members were not in attendance.

Our best wishes to Brother Pines on his recent operation: Brother Harold August for his continued recovery: Maze'tov to Brother Philip Lippman on the marriage of his daughter Ethel: Brother Bob Spector on his coming marriage: and we are most happy to report that Brother Joe Levinson has at last gotten his "potatoes."

Activities for the coming weeks will include one of our usual "QUILTING PARTIES" and all the boys are urged to bring their needles and thread... the thimbles will be on hand and all will take place at Brother Henry Wolf's house.

CALENDAR

Candle lighting time is given for preceding Friday nights.

Nov. 1, Vayero	4:42
Nov. 8, Chaye Soroh	4:34
Nov. 13-14, Rosh Chodesh Kislev	
Nov. 15, Toldos	4:27
Nov. 22, Vayetze	4:21
Nov. 29, Vayishlach	4:18
Dec. 6, Vayeshhev	4:16
Dec. 8-15, Chanukah	

Novels

Gentlemen's Agreement, by Laura Z. Hobson.
The Lionhearted, by Ch. Reznikoff.
My Father's House, by Meyer Levin.
The Nightingale's Song, by Dorothy Alfossin.

Rabbi and Priest, by Milton Goldsmith.

Seneca U. S. A., by John Roeburt.

The Son of the Lost Son, by S. Morgenstern.

Thieves in the Night, by Arthur Koestler.

Palestine

Behind the Silken Curtain, by Bartley C. Crum.

The Forgotten Ally, by Pierre van Paassent.

Harvest in the Desert, by Maurice Samuel.

Jews in Palestine, by A. Revusky.

Life Line to a Promised Land, by Ira A. Hirschman.

Palestine Mission, by Richard Crossman.

The Story of the Jewish Legion, by V. Jabotinsky.

Underground to Palestine, by I. F. Stone.

Short Stories

Aftergrowth, by H. N. B'alik.

Candles in the Night, by L. Baron.

Dreamers of the Ghetto, by Israel Zangwill.

Let Laughter Ring, by S. F. Mendelsohn.

The Old Country, by Sholom Aleichem.

Pilgrims to Palestine, by Elma E. Levinger.

The Renegade, by Martha Wolfenstein.

Stories and Pictures, by L. Perez.

Wonder Tales of Bible Days, by E. E. Levinger.

Worlds that Passed, by A. S. Sachs.

Yiddish Tales, by Helena Frank.

The War

The Black Book.

The Forgotten Ally, by Pierre van Paassent.

Life Line to a Promised Land, by Ira A. Hirschman.

Memoirs of Dr. Felix Kersten.

With an H on my Dog Tag, by M. N. Kertzer.

Zionism

Fighting Angel, by Elma E. Levinger.

Jews in Palestine, by A. Revusky.

Theodore Herzl, by Alex Bein.

The Zionist Movement, by Israel Cohen.

Zionism, by R. Gottheil.

THE LECTURE SERIES

The first of the series of five lectures, sponsored by the Tifereth Israel Congregation, will be held on Sunday evening, November 16, at the J. F. C. Rooms, at 8 o'clock. The Speaker will be Mr. David Horowitz, president of the United Israel World Union. Mr. Horowitz will give an informative talk on the activities of this organization, which has as its purpose the carrying on of missionary work for Judaism among non-Jews.

HADASSAH BEGINS

BUSY SEASON

Mrs. (E.) Smigelsky has assumed her role as president of the Mount Carmel Chapter of Hadassah. Other officers are:

- Vice-president—Mrs. H. Wolf
- Corresp. Sec'y—Mrs. S. Marateck
- Recording Sec'y—Mrs. S. Grossman
- Treasurer—Mrs. M. Wolfe

At a board meeting held at Mrs. Smigelsky's home plans were suggested for the coming year. At the first regular meeting those plans were discussed and voted upon by the members.

The first plan for raising money is the Merchandise Club, in charge of Mrs. Morris M'le, assisted by Mrs. A. Peril. Each and every member is asked to cooperate in this and all other potential plans. A successful Rummage Sale was held during the week of October 13.

Hadassah welcomed the following new members:

- Mrs. Bernard Reiss
- Mrs. William Lippman
- Mrs. Nate Baumel
- Mrs. Harry Zabitz
- Mrs. Rae Weisbond

Telephone and congratulate the following members on their past and future birthdays:

- Oct. 4—Mrs Lou's Forman.
- Oct. 5—Mrs. Belle Strauss.
- Oct. 13—Mrs. Louis Matlow.
- Oct. 14—Mrs. Max Silverman.
- Oct. 15—Mrs. Harry L. Rosenzweig.
- Oct. 27—Mrs. I. E. Smigelsky.
- Nov. 1—Mrs. Norman Hecht.
- Nov. 4—Mrs. Max Ufberg.
- Nov. 26—Mrs. Abe Weinkle.

Want to see your name in print? Send your news to your Hadassah Reporter.

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