

# HAR HACARMEL

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## JEWISH INFORMATION

With this issue, Har Hacarmel inaugurates a regular department of Jewish information. Items contained in it will cover many different fields of Jewish interest, such as population statistics, historical and religious facts, important events, Jewish institutions, and others. We shall be very glad to receive suggestions as to particular information desired.

### JEWISH EDUCATION

Jewish education has made marked progress during the past year 5707, although it still has a long way to go to reach universal enrollment. Jewish Day Schools (Parochial Schools) on the elementary and secondary level now numbers 101 of which 58 are in New York City, and the remainder in 32 communities reaching as far West as Los Angeles and as far South as Miami. Besides New York there are 6 cities with more than one Day School: Baltimore and Chicago, 4 each; Boston and Philadelphia, 3 each; Newark and Detroit, 2 each. From 1944 to 1947 twenty-eight Day Schools were established outside of New York. The total enrollment of Jewish Day Schools in 1946-47 was 14,835.

Week-day schools, including Day Schools and Talmud Torahs had an estimated total enrollment of 116,541 in the country, Sunday schools had 117,817. In New York City about 5,000 children were enrolled for Released Time Instruction.

Hebrew is being taught in 21 junior and senior high schools in New York City. New York University offered during the past year a course on "Principles and Practices of Jewish Education," and N. Y. U. students can now major in Hebrew Culture and Education for

their Bachelor's, Master's or Doctor's degrees.

### RADIO PROGRAMS

A number of radio programs of Jewish content are being offered regularly or sporadically. The following regular programs are particularly recommended:

Message of Israel, Sundays at 10:00 a. m., WJZ.

The Eternal Light, Sundays at 12:30 p. m., WNBC.

The World Over Playhouse, Tuesdays at 6:30 p. m., WNBC.

Jewish News and Views, Thursdays, 11:45 a. m., WPPA.

### THE LECTURE SERIES

The third of the five lectures of this season, sponsored by the Tifereth Israel Congregation will be offered on Monday night, February 16, 1948, at the J. F. C. Rooms. The speaker will be Rev. Arthur Aey Rouner, pastor of the Cadman Memorial Church Brooklyn, and former chairman of the New Hampshire Christian Council for Palestine. Rev. Rouner's topic will be "A Christian looks at the Palestine Situation."

### CALENDAR

Candle lighting time is given for preceding Friday nights.

Jan. 3, Shemos .....	4:26
Jan. 10, Voero .....	4:32
Jan. 12, Rosh Chodesh Shevat	
Jan. 17, Bo .....	4:40
Jan. 24, Beshalach .....	4:48
Jan. 26, Chamisho Ossor Bishvat	
Jan. 31, Yisro .....	4:56
Feb 7, Mishpotim .....	5:05

## FROM YOUR RABBI

There are, according to the Talmud, four dates during the year that can be called Rosh Hashono, or New Year. In practice we observe only two of them today—Rosh Hashono, the day of judgment on the first of T'shri, and Chamisho O'ssor Bishvat, the New Year of the trees, which will occur this year on January 26. Modern times, however, have given us another New Years Day, celebrated intensively and in a manner different from the others mentioned, namely January 1, or rather the night before.

American tradition has made New Years a day of resolutions that are expected to be broken. In fact, hardly a New Years resolution is mentioned without the conviction that it cannot survive January. Whatever the reasons for such mortality of good intentions, something can be done about it: repeating them constantly can make them part of one's outlook and so bring them nearer realization.

At this moment we should like to add one resolution that deserves a better fate than the waste basket, and we should like to suggest that it be made on the first of every year, the first of every month, the first of every week, and finally every day. The resolution we propose is that every man and woman of our Jewish community make this year 5708 or 1948 or both the first of an uninterrupted succession of years of truly Jewish activity. The Tifereth Israel Congregation can now boast of 100 percent membership, and so can the other Jewish organizations in town. That is a fact of which we can be proud. We can be equally proud of the fact that never has there been made an appeal to the generosity of any individual, whether in regard to money or effort, without immediate response. We are proud of the spirit of unity and Jewish identification that reigns in Mount Carmel, and we take great pride in the fact that at least 25 percent of our male population can be counted upon to be present at Shul on Shabbos, evening or morning.

But the Shul has 50 members, and its doors are open to all of them. It has something to give each and every one—it is anxious to give. At the last meeting of the Congregation ten new members were inducted and to them in particular goes the call of the Shul. They have put their active interest in it on record. Why not show themselves and their fellow-members that their interest is an all-out

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Louis Cohen ..... President

M. Arthur Oles ..... Rabbi

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one, why not come to Shul and thereby make their membership a tangible reality? All the manifold aspects of Jewish living and identification are anchored in the Jewish religion. Without it they lack permanence and meaning. With it they form a harmonious whole that will serve to fulfill the destiny of the Jewish people.

Rabbi Arthur Oles.

### THE REBBETZIN'S CORNER

Not a very nice word Wife. Rebbetzin but there is no English equivalent except Rabbi's Wife. However Rabbi's Wife's Corner would sound even worse so we'll have to be satisfied with (the) Rebbetzin (?).

Our many attractive young wives are not only very efficient home-makers and excellent cooks but they are very studious as well. Come to 138 South Oak Monday between 9 and 11 p. m. (night out for their husbands too—at the Rabbi's Bible class) and you'll see them eagerly absorbing Jewish knowledge, discussing Jewish topics running the gamut all the way from kosher pots to the problems of anti-semitism. To make things clearer, we have outlines that also serve for future reference. So far we covered the topics of Kashrus, Shabbos, Mikveh, various trends in Judaism, Jewish law (the distinction between oral law and written law, the Mishnah, Gemorah etc.) and important Jewish concepts such as belief in one G—d, the coming of the Messiah etc. From this long list you can see that I was right when I said that our young women are really studious. After the study session there is usually a soda-klatz (no coffee, sorry), and sometimes—a peep at Miriam. At present we're on vacation but we'll meet again at the end of January.

Wow! 3000 years of Jewish history in five minutes—what a record! Those of you who were at the last Hadassah meeting heard a resume of Jewish history from Adam and Eve right down to the building of the second temple by Ezra and Nechemia. If we keep that up, wonder where we're going to land by the time June rolls around. Better brush up on your Jewish history, you men!

Your Rebbetzin.

The Gift of Gab:

### WHO'S THERE?

When you go to visit someone these days you never know where you may end up, if you're persistent enough. Some of our tinerants change addresses without changing habitat, others become statistics for the ICC. Their common trait is that they are never where you look for them. Let us cite an example or two to support our thesis: We're supposed to report here that Pearl Smigel (and daughter) are building castles on a Florida beach. Yet both of them will probably read about that r ght here in Mount Carmel. Another party, which shall forever remain anonymous is presumably settled by now at 419 West 3rd Street. Try to call them there! Or try to catch them asleep early in the morning.

It's really too confusing. Here the Maratecks have finally found a home—are they there to enjoy it? HE yes, THEY no. And the Reiss's (how's the spelling?) seem still to be looking for the stairs to their new apartment; in the meant me they've settled in the store. Only the Dave Cohens decided to move and stay put. And, of course, B. A. When he goes to M ami Beach they can count on him there.

And while we are talking about that family, Joe Levinson walked away with the jackpot the other night. He must have broken the bank, because we hear that the Club 'sn't handing out any more. Another kind of jackpot is in the offing for Affa. He is now with Perfection Products (David S. Spector, Inc.). Let's hope he scores a perfect hit.

The New Year was whistled in with a bang in Mt. C. At the Club it was Spaghetti and Meat Balls, at the Wishkins Turkey and Potato Salad, and both places were exceedingly grateful to Ponzi. He does sell powerful potions.

Note to the Lippmans and Doc Ufberg: You don't have to worry, Florida's getting ready for you (and vice versa).

Our list of eligibles is going to get a Spring cleaning. Nancy and Don will carry out their Thanksgiving promise. They are good Scouts and will know how to tie a knot. Among those who look back to their own scouting days this month are the Philip Lippmans (35 years), the Melvin Wolfes (365 days) and the Oles's (4 years). If there are others, they should have made some fuss about it.

So losg now, friends 't was lots of fun To meet you here. Keep tab Of all that's going on in town And send it in to.

Gab.

### B. B. JOINS IN GEISINGER FUND

The regular monthly meeting of the local B'nai B'rith Lodge was held on Tuesday, December 30th., and it is assured that the local membership is in for a few months of activity. President Louis Cohen appointed Brothers Henry Wolf and Sam Douglas, a committee of two to handle the Eastern Pennsylvania Council Meeting scheduled for March 7, and the annual Basketball Banquet, tentatively set for March 17.

It is hoped that the featured speaker for the annual Basketball Banquet will be our own Ben Brith, Judge Samuel Weiss of P'ttsburgh, a nationally known athletic figure. Incidentally Judge Weiss is the author of the book "Sammy Blows His Whistle" which we have already ordered for our library and for later distribution to the high schools of this area.

It is pleasant to announce that our annual drive for Wider Scope has gone "over the top" and our quotas for Hillel, Vocational Guidance and Anti-Defamation are already assured. Chairman Henry Wolf reports that the membership participated 100 percent and that is the usual spirit.

Our next meeting has been advanced to Wednesday, January 7, and the speaker will be the Hon. Morris Sass of the Anti-Defamation League. It should prove most interesting and we are looking forward to a good turnout.

The lodge has gone on record to authorize the expenditure of \$750.00 in the next five years toward the endowing of a room in the current Geisinger Memorial Drive. The sum of \$250.00 will be underwritten by another Jewish Organization of the city.

From current reports we hear that some of our Ben Briths will be Florida Bound and we hope that all of them have a swell time. Brother Friedman is already there and from the usual sources, Brothers P. Lippman and Ufberg are about to leave. We wish all of them a swell vacation loaded with best wishes for their good health. To those of us, who must remain home in the North—have a good time too!

### YORZEITS

Simon Sovelove .....	Jan. 17
Jennie Coplan .....	Jan. 30
Jacob Wolf .....	Feb. 5

The observance begins the preceding evening.

## TREES, CARNATIONS AND VIOLETS

A regular meeting of Hadassah was held December 11 1947. This meeting was dedicated to the memory of Henrietta Szold.

Members taking part in a playlet depicting the work of a Hadassah nurse in Palestine were Mrs. Ella Levinson, Mrs. Edith Hecht, and Mrs. Lena Wolf.

Hadassah needs the work of all members now more than ever, since the United Nations Assembly gave Palestine to the Jews. We are urged to give of our physical and financial resources — and give, and give.

Ladies, keep filling the Blue Boxes to the top and over as the money will be used to purchase more land in Palestine. The collectors, Mrs. Levinson and Mrs. Peril, will call on you in the near future.

Dont' forget: Instead of monetary or material gifts to friends on their birthdays or anniversaries present them with a Tree Certificate. The purchase of a tree in Palestine costs only \$1.50 and helps greatly in the planting of a new forest.

The January meeting will celebrate the birthday of the Mount Carmel chapter of Hadassah. The hostesses at this meeting will be Mrs. Mary Marateck, Mrs. Millie Marateck and Mrs. L. Forman.

Send Carnations to the January birthday-ers and Violets to the February birthday-ers:

- January 9—Mrs. A. Stern.
  - January 10—Mrs. B. August.
  - January 25—Mrs. A. Peril.
  - January 25—Mrs. C. Spector.
  - January 25—Mrs. S. August.
  - January 29—Mrs. A. Miller.
  - January 29—Mrs. L. Pearl.
  - February 1—Mrs. R. Heller.
  - February 7—Mrs. S. Grossman.
  - February 8—Mrs. D. Smigel.
- R. M. S. M.

## INSTITUTE IS HELD IN BLOOMSBURG

As part of the educational program of Hadassah Institutes are held periodically in order to acquaint Hadassah members with Zionist facts and ideas and thereby to create an informed and intelligent membership.

The Columbia Chapter of Hadassah comprising Danville, Bloomsburg and Berwick, held a very interesting and informative Educational Institute in the Jewish Community Center, Bloomsburg on December 10, 1947.

The morning session scheduled for 10 a. m. began after a short delay due to a broadcast during which time Mr. Aaron Weiss was interviewed by the local radio station. Mrs. Sternlieb presided and introduced the four speakers of the morning. Mrs. Wilensky, Scranton, Mrs. Hyman, Pittston, Mrs. Smigelsky, Mount Carmel and Mrs. Hertz, Danville presented the full history of Zionism tracing it from its inception and early leaders to present day partition.

Mrs. Levan, regional president of Hadassah, was introduced and in her remarks stressed the wonderful work done by what she termed our "secret service" which greatly aided in the favorable decision of the U. N.

The afternoon session of the Institute was held in a private dining room of the Char-Mond Tea Room. After a luncheon was served, Mrs. Aaron Weiss with whom most of us are familiar, gave an interesting talk on Zionism and position of Jewry in the world today.

## HAGANAH OFFICER GIVES REPORT

Members of the B'nai B'rith as well as others in the Jewish Fellowship Club were treated to an unusual event, when Captain Bardo of the Haganah Defense Army of Palestine was introduced at the conclusion of the B'nai B'rith meeting of December 30.

His first hand description of present day Palestine problems, the make-up of the Haganah Army and its organization were most vividly presented by the speaker. His eagerness to answer all questions showed us the forward strides that have already been achieved and we were astounded at the information imparted to all of us. His plea for financial assist to buy equipment for the Haganah Army was readily received by the twenty odd people in attendance and in a very short time the sum of \$800.00 was pledged. The fact that ONLY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE was needed proves that the people of Palestine have been most alert to its needs and are ever mindful of its present day problems.

We have promised to go through with this aid and in a very short time all will be contacted. WE ASK THAT YOU GIVE WHEN YOU ARE APPROACHED AND THAT YOU GIVE LIBERALLY. The Jewish people of Palestine are giving their lives and all we are being asked to give is the financial assistance—could they ask for less?