

# HAR HACARMEL

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## MT. CARMEL FORMS

### Z. O. A. DISTRICT

The active organization of the Mt. Carmel Zionist District will become a reality on Thursday, March 18th, 8:30 P. M. in our Synagogue. Through the efforts of Mr. M. Hanin of Pottsville an event of unparalleled importance in Zionism will take place and a program of equal proportions will be presented.

The main speaker for the event will be Mr. Jos. Goldberg, membership chairman of the ZOA in this country and also a renowned speaker. Mr. Goldberg is also a director of the ZOA Emergency Council and has only recently returned from a trip to Palestine.

It is the hope of those in charge that our community will turn out 100 per cent to honor this event and invite all your fellow Jews from any of the surrounding towns.

### L. S. M. F. T.

#### Ladies Society Makes Theatrical

##### Purim Play Promises

The LAP (Ladies Aid Players) have been rehearsing for weeks, their version of "Purim Comes To Andy Hardy." You lucky people are in for a treat at the next monthly meeting of the Ladies Aid. Yours truly never knew that we had such excellent talent in Mount Carmel, until I eavesdropped in at one of the rehearsals the other night. The baby sitters must have had a good night, because everyone was there except Yahudi, who promises to be there on show night and take care of the popcorn concession. The cast of Characters includes:

WILLIAM (We can't sell it for less than \$1 a pound) LIPPMAN as King Achoshverus. Speaking of Kings: Did you ever see Billy's expression when he's sitting with three Queens?

MELVIN (I can get you the best hotel accommodations) WOLFE as the King's Jester, who remarked, "A wedding is a funeral, where you smell your own flowers."

BOB (We finally sold the diced carrots) HELLER as Haman. A while back someone wanted to give Bob some Red Cross Seals, but he didn't want them. He said that he didn't even know how to feed them.

CHARLES (I can get it for you wholesale) SALUDA as Mordechai. Charlie was once a great athlete. He was on the tug-of-war team—the third jerk from the right.

DOROTHY (You must give me the recipe) WOLFE as Queen Esther. Dorothy once remarked, "Mohammedan women never see their husbands before they marry them. American women never see their husbands after they marry them."

LENA (I bid 8 spades) WOLFE as Scroll Reader, who said that it's so dry in Florida that the trees are going to the dogs.

JOSEPH (Make it 80) ROBERTS and ROBBY (Pass the ketchup) SPECTOR as the two plotters. When Joe was in the Army he went to a cooking school at the Army Air Base and graduated with flying crullers. Robby is a Joiner; when anyone buys a drink, he joins him.

Lack of space prevents me from going into detail about everyone in the show, but you can expect some very fine singing from our glee club, who can sing Faust anyway you want it, Faust or slow. Mrs. Oles ably supplies the musical accompaniment. Dorothy Handshu, who is in charge of this production, is going all out to make it the best entertainment you've ever witnessed. Be on hand and see our Beauty Contest with Rosie, Mollie, Manny, Moe and Jack. Root for your favorite contestant, but don't stand too near the footlights—they're hot and your corns might pop.

## C A L E N D A R

Candle lighting time is given for preceding Friday nights.

March 6, Vayakhel (Shekolim) 5:37

Mar. 11-12, Rosh Chodesh Adar

Sheni

Mar. 13, Pekude .....5:45

Mar. 20, Vayikro (Zochor) .....5:53

Mar. 24, Easter of Esther

Mar. 25, Purim

Mar. 27, Tzav .....6:00

April 3, Shemini .....6:07

April 10, Tazria—Rosh Chodesh

Nisan .....6:15

April 24—May 1, Pesach.

## FROM YOUR RABBI

Purim is traditionally a time of Jewish rejoicing. The cause for it is clearly stated in the Megillah, the Book of Esther, that is read at the Synagogue services: "For the Jews there was light and joy and gladness and honor."

What they will be like this year, when the Yishuv is engaged in its grim fight for survival, cannot be foretold here. But whatever it will be, Purim, to the Jews of Palestine as well as to Jews everywhere, is a symbol of an ancient victory and of everlasting hope.

In this regard Purim is typical of all Jewish holidays, of all Jewish religious practices. They have their roots in the past, sometimes happy and sometimes sad, and they guide the way to a hopeful future that will make the difficult present worthwhile. Judaism is positive in its outlook and it asks for positive adherence. Jewish observances, at home or at the Synagogue, are valid today, not because they are old, but because they are as meaningful today as they ever were. Their value can be appreciated, not by a mind conditioned by our Christian environment, but by a heart that carries in it Jewish experience of thousands of years.

Let me be more specific. When we persist in saying our public and private prayers in Hebrew, we do so in recognition of the fact that Hebrew is the tongue in which the historic development of Judaism found its expression. We do so because the Hebrew prayer alone establishes the bond between the scattered parts of the Jewish people. As for those of us who are not fortunate enough to understand fully the meaning of the Hebrew text, let them rest assured that the value of their prayers remains undiminished.

Judaism has always held that the individual can come much closer to the fulfillment of his spiritual needs through the community of prayer. Hence we have the Minyan, the quorum of ten required for a service. Hence we have the fact that it is the common and like prayer that counts more than the understanding of every word. And hence we have, once more, the reason for prayers in Hebrew.

To come back to Purim, merriment on that day is a religious duty, whether it be in the Syna-

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gogue or wherever Jews gather. We have learned how to make merry on New Years Eve. Let us apply the lesson to Purim and try to make it a real communal holiday. It is fun to be in Shul and to klopp Haman, and it is inspiring at the same time. And the inspiration of Purim may grow into a fuller, more satisfying Jewish life.

Rabbi Arthur Oles.

## THE REBBETZIN'S CORNER

The Jewish community of Mount Carmel will soon have an additional organization: a full-fledged Zionist District. Some of our people may say that we are over-organized, that with five organizations already in existence there is no room for another one. However, considering the fine work our members have been doing in the various groups and taking note of Mt. Carmel Jewry's wonderful record in fulfilling all its commitments, I feel that the new Zionist District will be able to make a worthwhile contribution to Jewish life here. First of all the local group will be able to bring Zionist speakers into our community with the result of increasing our store of information and widening our Jewish horizon. Also, the existence of the new district will create a spirit of competition with the Hadassah which has thus far been the only Zionist body in our town. When speaking of competition, I mean in the field of Jewish knowledge, the history of our people, its civilization, its accomplishments in Palestine and the Diaspora. We are fortunate here in having a rich Jewish library containing books on all aspects of Judaism and it is hoped that the members will avail themselves of this opportunity.

I am confident that the two Zionist organizations will work together toward the end of making Mt. Carmel Jewry even more a well-informed and proud community.

YOUR REBBETZIN.

## The Gift of Gab . . .

### SOMETHING NEW

#### WILL BE ADDED

Well, the keepers of the gate finally got around to opening the season. They had a special key made for the occasion, inscribed with those names dear to all socialites, Ella, Gert and Bessie, and believe me, it opened wide the doors of Marble Hall. Those present opened their mouths with admiration and didn't close them till after the repast. Nice work, EG&B.

Also being stung by the social bug are Gert (the other one) and Dorothy (H); they are now considering ways and means of increasing their allowances by beating their husbands—at Pinochle.

Note to Dr. Ufberg: Please don't pull that sweet tooth. It's essential for the prosperity of Perfec-shun Products (that's a plug, Affa).

The Club will have another surprise party on March 21. Won't you be surprised if you win! The last one netted \$29.50 for the Club and various amounts for assorted proteges of Lady Luck. All she has to do is smile at you and Bingo — there you are. Try it next time.

Travel Dept.: Wonder when Essie is going to make that trip to the third floor of the Geisinger? If things keep going this way, as we hope, they'll have to build a Mt. Carmel annex.

Congratulations Dept.: Congratulations to Philip Lippman on the way he's recovering. Keep it up! Same to Mrs. Sovelove.

Housing Dept: Sanford and Millie gave a proud display of the splendor of their new castle. Everybody admired it and forgot their diets. And the Arthur Grossmans were heard to remark that their new address was 129 South Oak. Welcome!

So long now, GAB.

#### DO YOU KNOW?

What happened April 6th, one hundred and seventy-five years ago? You'll probably say that someone or other was born or died, which is correct. But don't forget Tuesday, April 6th, 1948. The Ladies Aid So-

ciety Card Party of the Year. Ladies and Gentlemen are invited to partake in an evening of bridge, pinochle, gin, cribbage, hearts, hassenpheffer, old maids, bunco or your own special favorite game. Beautiful prizes will be awarded to each table. Delicious refreshments, (a la Tante Celie), will be served. The proceeds to be used in the purchase of steel folding chairs for the JFC. Come to the card party, April 6th, so you will be sure that you will have a seat when you come to the club. Chair-lady Evelyn Reiss guarantees beautiful prizes, wonderful food plus a wonderful time. Bring a friend with you. They'll be glad that you did bring them.

#### Talk of the Cheder:

#### CARNIVAL IN SHUSHAN

Attention please! The BBG girls are delighted to announce the opening of the CARNIVAL IN SHUSHAN on Wednesday evening, March 24. Does that date sound familiar? Well, it should, because we are celebrating the victory of Queen Esther in Shushan. There will be games and prizes galore at the Carnival, and as an added attraction, THE GREAT MADAME will be there in person to tell your fortune. There will be frolic and fun for everyone, so COME, COME, COME.

The Mount Carmel BBG girls are certainly getting famous. A big story appeared in the MENORAH and the NATIONAL JEWISH POST praising the girls for the excellent work their chapter has been doing by visiting Jewish homes on Chanukah. We sincerely hope you enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed doing it for you.

And then there was the Seminar last Friday night on the topic of Shabbos. If the girls don't know all about it after that, somebody will eat his hat. And while we are on the subject of eating, have you heard of the Brocho Club? If not, just offer one of us a bite and see what happens.

That's all for now from your,

SUPER SCOOPER.

P.S.: Remember March 24.

## MINUS FIVE

### PLUS TWENTY-FIVE

Dear Sadie:

I might as well write you about the doings of Hadassah in Mount Carmel. So much of great importance has occurred that I would deem it unfair of me not to advertise it. So here goes:

First of all, I am so happy to write you that we have increased our quotas by fifty percent and a check for all quotas has been mailed to National office in New York. We are very proud of our president, Mrs. I. E. Smigelsky, who has had the cooperation of all members. Her first year as president has been a very successful one. Sadie,—sh—sh—perhaps we can get her to take another term.

Our Telephone Card Party netted us \$204.90. Mrs. Max Ufberg was chairlady of the project.

Want to hear more news, Sadie? Well, we raised \$600 in Mt. Carmel for the new Medical School in Palestine. Sadie, you should visit us sometimes and see how busy we can become in an emergency.

It would be worth your while, being a secretary, to attend a meeting of Hadassah and listen to the minutes by Mrs. Sanford Marateck. She is one in a million.

Sadie, do you want to attend our Donor Luncheon on Wednesday, March 10, at the Fellowship Club Rooms? It will be kosher and delicious as it will be catered by our famous chefs, Mr. and Mrs. Boris Wishkin.

You know what else, Sadie? All members have mailed cards of protest to our Secretary of State and to President Truman in Washington concerning Palestine partition.

Before I forget I must write that the social whirl has begun. "What profiteth a woman if she loseth five pounds by dieting but gaineth twenty-five pounds at those parties?" Especially when Anna passes around no less than seven boxes of delicious chocolates. My, my!

Well, Sadie, that's all now. Will write you again when I have more news.

As ever,

Your Hadassah Reporter.

## THE LECTURE SERIES

The third of the five lectures of this season will be offered on Sunday evening, March 14. Speaker will be Mrs. Bernard Shair of Scranton, Pa., who will review the book "The World of Sholom Aleichem" by Maurice Samuel.

The fourth lecture will be held on Sunday evening, April 4. Dr. Herbert H. Herskovitz of Reading will be the speaker. His topic will be "A Definition of Psychiatry."

Both lectures will begin at 8:00 p. m. at the Jewish Fellowship Club Rooms.

## B. B. BANQUET

### COMING SOON

On Sunday, March 14th, Mr. Frank Goldman, National President of the B'nai B'rith will be in Wilkes-Barre and all those who will attend the Council Meeting on that date will have the pleasure of hearing him in person. To those wishing to attend the dinner in his honor, a dinner will be served at 5:00 P. M. and reservations can be made through your secretary.

Plans are being made for the Annual Basketball Banquet sometime early in April and "feelers" are out now to a famous athletic figure to be the main speaker. As soon as definite word is received from him, final plans will be made and announced.

Due to a misunderstanding, the meeting planned for February had to be postponed and the usual meeting will take place in March. Nominations for the new officers will be in order and plans made for the coming year.

## THE BROCHO CLUB

The students of Mount Carmel Hebrew School recently formed a Brocho Club. Every member of that Club has pledged not to eat or drink anything without first reciting the proper Brocho. The following are charter members, listed in the order of their classes:

Joseph Grossman, Norma Smigel, Myna Ufberg, Connie Grossman, Adele Smigel, Melvin Ufberg, Judith Lippman, Marilyn Grossman, and Frances Rae Smigel.