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Jewish Information:

JEWISH LIBRARIES

Besides libraries consisting primarily of books of Jewish interest or content, such as are found in all major institutions of Jewish learning, there are two notable collections of Jewish books in the United States as part of general libraries.

The Semitic Division of the Library of Congress, which was established in 1913, consists of Hebraica, Yiddish, Judaica, Arabic, Aramaica, and cognate literatures. Hebraica, however, predominates. The greater part of the Hebrew material was collected by the late Ephraim Deinard, author and book collector. Two collections totalling about 15,000 volumes were presented to the library by the late Jacob H. Schiff in 1912 and 1914, and two additional collections of about 6,000 volumes were purchased by the library from the same collector in 1917 and 1921. There are

well over 40,000 Hebrew books in the Semitic Division. The Hebraica covers both ancient and modern Hebrew literature in all its branches, and the collection ranks favorably with that of any other in the great national libraries, both in quality and quantity. It includes a considerable number of incunabula, early prints, manuscripts and rarities. The Yiddish literature in the Semitic Division is also fully represented by works printed both in this country and the Old World.

The Jewish Division of the New York Public Library was established in 1897. Through the munificence of Jacob H. Schiff and others it brought together a collection of over 50,000 books and pamphlets dealing with all phases of Jewish life and literature. The aim of the Jewish Division is to cover as far as possible all branches of the encyclopedic knowledge of the Jews and Judaism. The books on its shelves, written in many languages, include a wide range of subjects, sacred and secular. The collection is rich in representative editions of the Bible, the Talmud, the Midrashic writings in whole or in parts, and many commentaries on their texts. Grammatical and lexicographical treatments of the languages spoken by Jews are well represented. Then there are editions of classical texts in Jewish philosophy, theology, ethics, and kabbalistic writings. Codes of Jewish law and edi-

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tions of the responsa of eminent rabbis comprise a characteristic portion of the collection, as do also the various liturgical works. Nor is there any lack in historical writings, drama, poetry, and fiction in general. The collection possesses a large assemblage of works in Yiddish and is rich in Jewish periodical publications. All fields of Jewish learning and thought, ancient and modern, religious and secular, are covered.

C A L E N D A R

Candle lighting time is given for preceding Friday nights.

Nov. 2-3, Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan	
Nov. 6, Noach	4:28
Nov. 13, Lech Lecho	4:21
Nov. 20, Vayero	4:15
Nov. 27, Chaye Soroh	4:11
Dec. 2-3, Rosh Chodesh *Kislev	
Dec. 4, Toldos	4:09
Dec. 11, Vayetze	4:09
Dec. 18, Vayishlach	4:11

YOUR PROGRAM:

The Voice of Israel.

YOUR SPEAKER:

Rabbi Arthur Oles.

STATION WISL

EVERY WEDNESDAY

7:15 P. M.

FROM YOUR RABBI

The coming of the State of Israel was greeted by all of us with a sigh of relief. Here we saw, and see, after so many years of waiting, at least the first important goal reached by the blood and the efforts of the Jewish people. It is the first of a series of goals, the initial success in a series of successes that must eventually lead to the peaceful and glorious and secure existence of that state.

Already the question has been asked and discussed as to the future role of the various Zionist bodies in the United States. Is their work done, and if not, what does it consist of now? A partial answer has been given insofar as education is concerned, for their educational work has by no means been completed. There is still much we have to learn about the job of being good friends to the Jewish State. As American citizens we are still foreigners to the State of Israel, welcome there, to be sure, but foreigners nevertheless as long as we continue to live here. And there has never been a suggestion nor a desire on the part of the Jewish masses in America to emigrate to Israel. But foreigners though we are, we are friends, and more than friends to the State of Israel. It is our duty, then, to know what that friendship involves for us, and to act according to that knowledge.

There are various European countries with sizable numbers of nationals or former nationals abroad who have almost made it a cult to perpetuate the spirit of "home" among them. Huge sums are spent every year for just that purpose, emissaries are sent out, schools are established, in order to strengthen the bonds between the "old country" and its children elsewhere. All this is done because people know that every emigrant is lost to his country unless he continues to carry within him its spirit and its culture. With the Jew the process was somewhat reversed. Jews have been living everywhere for two thousand years, everywhere except in their own country. It was not their country that tried to keep them, it was they who always tried to create their country. And as, in our generation, we moved closer to the realization of this ideal, we saw a gradual lessening of this intense spirit. Not sufficient, as yet, to seriously hamper our efforts, but serious nevertheless. Now, at last, we have come to the point where the Jewish country exists, and now, more than ever, we must be watchful lest we be lost to it. Israel today needs us more than ever, and we need Israel and want it to prosper. That is why today more than ever we must be

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good Jews, at heart AND in deed.

What is a good Jew? Is he one who faithfully attends meetings of, and pays dues to, Jewish organizations? Is he one who liberally contributes to the UJA? Is he one who keeps abreast of all important developments in regard to Israel? Is he one who is always bent on creating good-will? The answer is yes. He is all of that and more. He is all of that AND a good Jew. What makes him a Jew, and a good one, is that which underlies all the above specifications, that which makes them Jewish rather than merely good. It is his religion. Judaism is a religious culture, a religious way of life. It is a fiction without active, alive religiousness. It is a farce if it is relegated to the membership rolls of Jewish organizations. It is a force for progress and human dignity, to us and to the world, and particularly to the State of Israel, if it lives within us as active religious spirit. A good Jew is one to whom Judaism is practice as well as theory, spiritual elevation as well as material effort.

Let us remember: To be good friends of Israel, we must be good Jews.

Rabbi Arthur Oles.

THE REBBETZIN'S CORNER

This year I was again privileged to be the Mount Carmel delegate to the Annual Convention of Hadassah in Atlantic City, Nov. 5-9. It was a wonderful experience to get together with some of the finest Jewish women in America, whose life and work are dedicated to the betterment of our people and our land. It is this common purpose that brought some 5,000 women from all over the U. S. to Atlantic City to celebrate the accomplishments of the past and to think and plan for the future.

The theme that was emphasized again and again by those who led the discussions was that one of our first tasks is to strengthen Judaism here at home. Yes, our help will be needed for the budding young democracy in the Near East, and we have pledged ourselves to give financial and moral support to our brethren. Through direct contributions as well as the encouragement of investments in

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The Gift of Gab:

WHAT GIVES?

Whoever named this corner must have had hallucinations. Think of it—the Gift of Gab! Why, did you ever catch us giving away anything in this space? Oh no! We're discreet. What you read here is merely a refresher course in ancient history. If you don't believe it, just read this first item:

Extra, Extra! Esteemed local merchant moves to new address. Did you guess who? You're right. It's Hy Shapiro. It's been so long that he already forgot where he lived before Maple Street. If we remember correctly, we had a story on moving here some months ago. Well, it's a serial. The next installment is going to take place on the Avenue, and it concerns the man whose recent election to the presidency was not an upset. For further information turn to page one.

Latest gossip on Oak Street has it that Stern is stirrin' again. That is good news. The hordes of his visitors had already made application for a bus line to Danville, but he obliged them by quickly coming back to Mt. C. He's on North Oak now. At the next step, we hear, will be Oak. Keep it up, Abe!

Speaking of South Oak, did you know that Shul is just two minutes from there? How about dropping in some time?

Well, spring will be here again in a few months, and with it will come back the happy squeak of baby carriages. According to the news ticker the new line will extend from Kulpmont to Philadelphia, but we're not talking. And that reminds us that Philip Lippman is also in Philly right now. We hope he'll be back healthy and happy by the time you read this. And just to round up all the news, both Atlantic City and Centralia have some new inhabitants. We wish that both the Cantor and Weinreich families will be happy in their new locations.

That's all for now. Au revoir!
GAB.

LADIES' AID

PLANS SURPRISE

Prior to the opening of the October meeting of the Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society a very delicious supper was tendered to the membership by the present officers and trustees. Afterwards our president, S. D. Smigel conducted the meeting. Donations were very generous for the Symcha Fund. A Farewell Gift was then presented to Mrs. Ida Cantor who was

changing her residence to Atlantic City. The president, as well as the membership wish her well and sincerely hope that in the future she will come to visit us now and then.

A card party will be held November 16 and Mrs. Mary Marateck was appointed as chairlady. Admission will be fifty cents and all are urged to attend. Under the chairlady will be the following committee: Mrs. B. Riemer, Mrs. B. Reiss, Mrs. D. Spector, Mrs. R. Heller, Mrs. Bessie August, Mrs. A. Peril, and Mrs. J. Levenson.

On November 9 another meeting was held. The main topic of discussion was the coming card party. Again all were urged to attend and the committee assured us that a wonderful time will be had by the membership and their friends.

Hostesses for this meeting were Mrs. Bessie August, Mrs. Rebecca Grossman, Mrs. Louis Cohen, Mrs. Dave Cohen, and Mrs. Sam Douglas. Thank you for the delicious refreshments.

The next meeting of the Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society will be held December 14 and will be a Chanukah Party. This will be a joint meeting with the B'nai B'rith. Come see the surprise the Ladies are planning.

BBG'S ARE BUSY BEES

BBG is certainly busy! Have you heard about our latest plans? If you haven't, keep on reading, and—well—if you have, still keep on reading.

We are working on a project proposed by the Rabbi. It is a history of the political, social and economic life in Israel since the Balfour Declaration in 1917. We have set the deadline for this very interesting and educational project for June.

Some time in January we will put on a program about BBG over Station WISL. I'm sure you'll all enjoy it, so remember to tune in on us.

And last, but certainly not least, we have decided to form a Junior BBG. That is, we shall take in new members from the ages of 11 to 13 in all our surrounding communities for the purpose of teaching the girls how to do the best for BBG and their communities. Our new members are: Adeline Winnick, Leslie Bloom, Hannah Yashan, Barbara Peril, and Adele Smigel.

That's all for now, folks, from your
Super Scooper.

P. S.: Don't forget about our annual Chanukah project!

HADASSAH GOES POETIC

Welcome, new members: Mrs. Bodner, Mrs. Weinreich, Lee Schwartz.

It is our responsibility to help swell the ranks of Hadassah. We have done a wonderful job in growing from 12 women to 250,000 in 36 years, but we cannot be content to sit back. Our membership chairman, Mrs. Bessie August, is working valiantly; please help her continue in her good work.

Fund Raising

The Rummage Sale was very successful. Thanks to all our good workers for their help:

Mrs. Max Ufberg, chairman
Mrs. Rebecca Grossman, co-chairman
Mrs. Max Handshu
Mrs. Norman Hecht
Mrs. Melvin Wolfe
Mrs. Abe Weinkle
Mrs. Joseph Levinson
Mrs. Henry Wolf
Mrs. Sanford Marateck
Mrs. Robert Spector
Mrs. Arthur Oles
Mrs. Nathan Baumel
Mrs. J. Weisbond

Ode to a Rummage Sale

Hadassah Friends, we're here to say
Your local chapter will find some way
To raise the quota set for us
If possible, without much fuss.
By hook or crook—we aim to please
Making money's our disease
We can sell most anything
Hadassah profits, so bring, bring, bring.
Donor will be held before long. Any-
one wishing to join a donor club or make
payment toward donor call Mrs. Rebecca
Grossman. She will arrange to collect
your donor weekly or monthly.

J. N. F.

Don't forget your Blue Boxes. Place them where they can be easily reached and you will be justifiably proud when Mrs. Levinson and her committee come around to collect.

Don't forget the Chanukah party next month. Everybody will get a present.

B. B. ACTIVITIES GROW

Members who were in attendance for the meeting of October 28th, were pleasantly rewarded with a most interesting address given by Secretary Ted Cook of District Three of the Grand Lodge. Brother Ted, known to many of us for many years was really 'on the ball' and gave a very interesting talk on his travels to Palestine of which he has already made five trips.

President Sam Douglas wishes to point out to the entire membership that No-

vember is set aside for our Annual Wider Scope Campaign and he asks that EVERY MEMBER do his utmost to give as much as last year or more. All our activities for the year are dependent upon the success of this campaign and that is the reason for your active support.

Many of our Ben Briths were in evidence at the Brandonville affair of October 31st, sponsored by the B'nai B'rith of Shenandoah, and many more are expected to attend the Inter-City meeting to be held at the Community Center, November 18th in Shenandoah. This meeting is being held for the sole purpose of creating better feeling among the lodges of this area. There will be plenty of good entertainment and we urge your attendance.

All members are asked to note that due to the Thanksgiving holiday, our regular meeting of November will be advanced to Tuesday, November 23rd. An out-of-town speaker will be on hand and free refreshments will be served.

Editor's Note: We are advised at the last moment that the local meeting has been postponed to November 30, and the Shenandoah meeting to December 7.

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Israel we can lend financial aid to a new Jewish state. By arousing American public opinion in favor of our cause we will render a great service to our people. Politically we will not interfere either with internal politics or foreign policy of the State of Israel. They will shape their own destiny. It is up to us, however, to influence our government, and through it the U. S. delegation in Paris, to deal fairly with Israel.

These activities on our part are most important for the prosperous growth of the Jewish state. However, our greatest efforts must be concentrated here in America to see that American Jewry will be more conscious of its heritage and more positive in its attitude toward Jewishness. Education, for adults and especially for youth, is among our most vital tasks for the future.

Before closing I want to congratulate the BBG's on their fine work. It is amazing what a small group of active girls can accomplish. You will read about their activities on another page of this bulletin. Especially noteworthy is their foresight in forming a junior group which, under the able guidance of the senior BBG's, we know will do as well as their older sisters. More power to you, girls!

Until next month,

Your Rebbetzin.