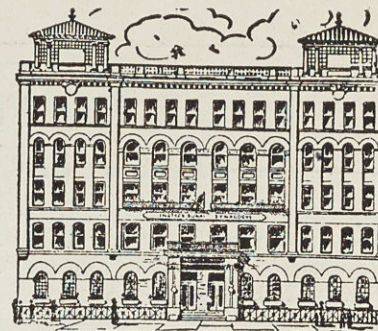


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## TREMAINE ORCHESTRA TO PLAY FOR DANCE

### Function On December 17 At Pythian Temple

With December 17 looming on the horizon, the members of the Leaders Council are brushing up on their knowledge of the terpsichorean art in preparation for the Sixth Annual Council Dance.

This year, the dance will be held at the Roosevelt Room of the Pythian Temple. The spotlight of the evening's interest will be focused on the rhythmic antics of Bobby Tremaine and his orchestra as they produce those lilting melodies of sophisticated swing for which they are famous.

The congenial atmosphere, the luxurious surroundings, and the excellent music—all indicate that the evening of December 17 will be a highlight in the social calendar of the Leaders Council members.

Knowing that a splendid evening of entertainment is in store for everybody attending, the members of the Council are exerting every effort in making sure that none of their friends miss the function. The Council has set the price of subscriptions at the very nominal sum of seventy-five cents. Tickets may be secured from any member of the Council.

### Ping Pong Tourney

The first game room tournament for Juniors and Talmud Torah students was completed last week. After several weeks of contests, marked by keen interest and exciting play by the boys, Max Fried was adjudged the winner, with Abe Matza and Louis Beraha close behind him.

The girls' tournament is now in progress with Stella Matza, Selma Schleinstein, Gertrude Fried, Rika Podvoll, Gertrude Singer, Selma Klein, Helen Grobstein, Ida Finfang, Libbie Begun and Phyllis Begun as the participants.

### Condolences

The Board of Directors of the Institutional Synagogue extends its sincerest condolences to the family of the late Mr. Abraham Goldstein. Mr. Goldstein passed away last Sunday morning after a brief illness. Although he was a man of years, he was active in the work of the synagogue until one month before his death. He had been associated with the Institutional Synagogue since its founding.

We offer to his wife, Rebecca, his son, Alex, and his grandson, Arthur D., our most genuine sympathy.

## C.J.I. Light Opera Dramatic Troupe To Present "A Jewish Wedding"

### Successful Operetta Has Been Performed Before Under The Direction Of Leah Jaffa

"A Jewish Wedding," the fourth event of the Second Series of the Henning Programs, will be presented tomorrow evening, November 19, at 8:30 p.m.

This production is an offering of the Light Opera Dramatic Troupe of the Central Jewish Institute. A cast of thirty-five young men and women will aid in the presentation of this musical interpretation of the events that occur at a "Jewish Wedding."

When this operetta was first presented at the Central Jewish Institute and the Cejwin Camps, only praise for the excellent performances of the actors was heard.

"A Jewish Wedding" is but the fourth of nine events scheduled as the second series of the Henning Programs. These programs, offered to the public at a nominal cost of admission, are made possible by the endowment of funds from the estate of the late Fanny Henning.

The first three programs consisted of a variety entertainment by the Medoff Family, a recital by Harvey Efimov, and a showing of the Yiddish talking film, "Green Fields."

The remainder of the series offers six evenings of cultural treats for young and

old. An evening of characterizations, impersonations, and fun for youngsters from six to sixty will be provided by the amusing antics of Ben Yano, "The One Man Theatre," on the last Saturday night in November.

On the evening of December 3rd the Hazomir Choral Society of the Bronx Y.M.H.A., under the direction of B. A. Rabinowitz, will take its audience along the by-ways of Jewish history, with songs by Zilberts, Zucca, Goldfaden, Rabinowitz and Binder.

**A Notable Revival**  
A revival of "The Jazz Singer" will be presented on December 10th by the Yonkers Jewish Community Center Little Theatre Group.

December 17th will see the Pearl Winters' Troupe in a three act Jewish comedy, "Ali-Ali." The series will be brought to a close on the evening of December 24th with the Chanukah Festival of the Dramatic Societies of the Institutional Synagogue. Tickets are priced at one dollar for all events.

The fee for admission to individual performances has been set at the low figure of fifteen cents.

## German Crisis Impels Institutional To Reprint Martin Madren's "Prayer Of Thanksgiving"

A prayer of thanksgiving, citing the reasons the writer is grateful he lives in the United States, written by 15 year old Martin Madren, a refugee from Germany, has so impressed Dr. Campbell, Superintendent of Schools, that he sent copies of it to both President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Hull.

The complete prayer follows:  
"One day in the year should be reserved for prayers of thanksgiving in which we give thanks for something that has been granted us; for having been saved from some great destruction caused by nature or by man.

I am thankful that I have been given an opportunity to be educated in the United States of America.

"I am thankful that I live in a land where a person may sing the national anthem without having some one tell him that he may not because of his race.

"I am thankful that I live in a country governed by democracy rather than by

force.  
"I am thankful that I live in a land where one is not persecuted.

"I am thankful that I live in a land where there are people who have real sympathy for refugees from European countries who have gone through horrible experiences.

"I am thankful that I have been given the opportunity to enjoy the many privileges that are unheard of in European countries.

"I am thankful that I shall be able to realize my ambitions, which would have been impossible had I remained in my native land.

"I am thankful that I live in a land where the future seems bright and hopeful, rather than dark and hopeless.

"I am thankful that I am permitted to tell you of the troubles in European lands in order that you may develop a real sympathy for the oppressed of the earth.

## DONATIONS DESIRED FOR RUMMAGE SALE

### Jewish Theatre Party Tickets Available

The annual Rummage Sale and Bazaar of the Institutional Synagogue is to be conducted by the Parents Association within the next two weeks, it has been announced by Mrs. P. Vogel, President of the Association. Announcement of the specific date on which this annual activity is to be inaugurated will be made very shortly.

At the same time Mrs. Vogel has indicated that the Association's theatre party will be held on the evening of January third at the Second Avenue Theatre. The theatre party is only one of the fund-raising devices of this active group of I.S. women. The attraction to be featured has not, as yet, been named, but the Second Avenue Theatre is noted for the high standard of its performances and the discriminating quality of its audiences.

### Rummage Sale Notes

A store for the Rummage Sale and Bazaar is to be obtained in the immediate vicinity of the Institutional Synagogue and articles will be offered to the buying public.

Although much saleable material has already been donated much more is needed if the bazaar is to be a success.

Persons having such articles available are asked to communicate with the office of the I.S. and a messenger will call.

### Tickets on Sale Now

The tickets for the theatre party are now on sale at the office of the Synagogue. Reservations may be made in person, or by telephoning UNiversity 4-6729. Choice locations are now available but the supply of these particularly desirable seats is limited. Those who plan to attend are urged to secure their reservations immediately.

## Mid-Manhattan Mizrachi Organization Formed

A mid-Manhattan branch of the Mizrachi Organization of America was founded on October 26 when an organization meeting was held at the home of Mr. H. Manischewitz. This branch is to cooperate in both the East Side and West Side districts of midtown.

The Institutional Synagogue, through a committee, is cooperating in this new effort. The next meeting of the mid-Manhattan group is to be held on Tuesday, November 22, 8 p.m. at the home of Dr. Samuel Friedman, 7 East 89 Street.



## The Fishmans

Reviewed by Marc M. Siegel

THE FISHMANS. By H. W. Katz. Translated from the German by Maurice Samuel. New York. The Viking Press. \$2.50.

He wrote it in a cellar and he didn't have enough to eat. And from the dark unheated confines of his self-imposed prison a work of simple beauty sprang to life. H. W. Katz may well be proud of his first novel.

"The Fishmans" does not seem to be a first novel. It exhibits a maturity which stems from first-hand experience. The Fishmans are refugees and Katz is a refugee. Katz fled from a Germany which today is exhibiting the depths to which human bestiality and sadism can reach. The Fishmans fled, as a symbol, from persecution everywhere. Katz, thus far has been luckier than the characters he created. In his own candid words, "It's the same filth everywhere, dear reader."

For this is a novel which pulls no punch. In literature, as in most of life there are two kinds of truth. One is truth which is true to life, and the other is truth which is true to truth. Being true to life means a realistic representation of the world in terms of things. Being true to truth means a realistic representation of the relation between things. Few books reach a form which is a perfection of both realisms. "The Fishmans" comes close to it.

East Galicia before the World War was not a place of excessive tolerance for the Jewish inhabitants of that district. A grudging toleration was granted to the minority group by the peasants but no Jew, least of all the Fishmans, ever forgot that the frustrations of their neighbors might at any time take the form of a bloody pogrom. Didn't Yossel Fishman, the son of old Leib, the innkeeper, have his eyesight permanently impaired when Yanek, the gamekeeper, beat him to insensibility? Didn't Yossel's

wife, Leah, lose her mother and father and her two brothers when the Easter pogrom overwhelmed the ghetto in Kishinev?

Leah's children, Jacob and Hirsch, were never told about this, of course. But when Jacob was five years old he kissed his father goodbye, and Yossel, with a trembling in his heart, left Strody in East Galicia, not to stop traveling until he reached a much larger town thousands of miles away. The noise in that larger town was enough to deafen one. One worked there as a cutter in a clothing factory and the name of the place was New York.

Yossel worked for two years and the pile of bills in the cardboard box grew larger and larger until one day there were enough for him to buy steamer passage for his beloved family to come to him. He sent the tickets and waited. Leah and the children were to leave in August.

They did not.

The year was 1914.

Yossel read the headlines, hesitated not one minute, arrived in Europe, was arrested as a suspected spy, was released, then conscripted. His family, in the path of the advancing Russian army, was packed on a train and shunted from Austrian city to Austrian city. His elderly parents died. His children lost the tradition of their race. His wife undermined her health striving, heroically to hold her family together.

It took two years before Yossel and Leah were reunited. Yossel was on a ten day furlough from the Austrian army.

He was granted a three-day extension when his wife died.

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That is the story of the Fishmans, a tale told more than twice, a fairytale without a happy ending—a story of a family reduced to moral penury in the organized stupidity of war and intolerance.

## Anti-Semitism in the U. S.?

by Russell W. Davenport

Running down the entire gamut of American industry and government, Fortune disposed of the myth that the Jews run America; though it found that they dominate the amusement industries; and it found also that the Jews contribute their full share of the talent and ability of the country. But the point I wish to make is that, confronted with an emotional pressure-group, indisputable facts like these are of no avail. The counter-pressure-group which cites them — equally emotionally perhaps—can only stir up animosity and give direction to the unreasoning fear upon which anti-Semitism is always founded.

What, then, is the Jew to do? The answer, it seems to me, is perfectly clear. Since the democratic political economy has received him more open-mindedly, and has offered him more opportunity than any other; and since this form of political economy contains within itself, when it is functioning well, the only

known safeguard against the rise of tyrannous pressure-groups; since these things are so it would seem to me that the Jew should concern himself always and every day with the defense, the preservation, and the further development of that political economic system. The Jews' answer to potential anti-Semitism is good citizenship. He should make of himself an exponent, not primarily of his group, not primarily of any other group, but of those ideals already mentioned. He should make himself an exponent of those ideals and he should make himself a student of ways and means for enacting them. We have in the city of New York, as I need scarcely tell you, several political leaders who are Jews, but whose conduct, as measured by democratic standards, has made me, who am not a Jew, proud to be an American. That is the type of life—not necessarily public, not necessarily famed—which I urge the Jews of America to adopt.

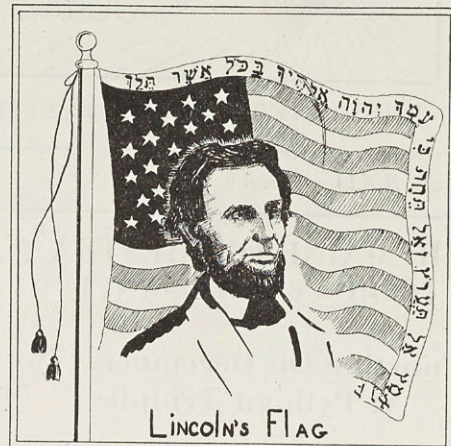
## Gettysburg Address

by Abraham Lincoln

Editor's Note: The Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address will be celebrated November 19. In view of this fact we are here reprinting the world-renowned speech.

"Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war testing whether that nation so conceived and so dedicated can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

"But in a larger sense we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here have consecrated it far above our power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here; but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us—the living—rather, to be dedi-



Albert Wasserman

cated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us, that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

## HISTORY CONTEST

COMPLETION OF BABYLONIAN TALMUD 550 C. E. TO DEATH OF MAIMONIDES 1204 C. E.

61. Who was Chasdai ibn Shaprut?
62. What were the accomplishments of Sadiah the Gaon?
63. Who was Solomon ibn Gabirol?
64. Who wrote the "Kuzari"?
65. Describe the Kingdom of the Kuzaris.
66. What sage interdicted polygamy?
67. Name the most important works of Maimonides.
68. What is the main contribution of Rashi to Jewish learning?
69. What effect did the Crusades have upon the Jews?
70. What does 'ritual murder accusation' mean?

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