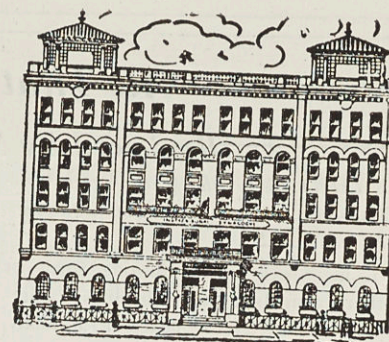


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Parents Association Conducting Bazaar

Yiddish Theatre Party Set For January 3

The Rummage Sale and Bazaar, conducted by the Parents Association of the Institutional Synagogue, is now being held at 62 Lenox Avenue, between 113th and 114th Streets.

Although much saleable material has been donated, much more is needed if the Rummage Sale is to be a success. If you have any such articles that you wish to donate, they may be delivered to the store at 62 Lenox Avenue; or, call UNiversity 4-6729 and a messenger will call.

On January 3, the Parents Association will conduct their Yiddish Theatre Party at the Second Avenue Theatre. This is one of their important social functions. Although the production that will be viewed on that evening has not as yet been announced, the management of the theatre has assured the Association that it will be of excellent entertainment value.

Tickets for the theatre party are now on sale at the office, or from any member of the Parents Association.

Brooklyn 'Y' Basketeers Defeat House Team

A spirited I. S. quintet lost a hard fought contest last Sunday night, when they were defeated by the Brooklyn "Y," in the first basketball game of the season.

The members of the I.S. squad who played were: B. Feinberg, H. Perman, A. Trow, J. Altman, S. Wolfgang and D. Olster.

Condolences

Our sincerest condolences are extended to Mr. Abe Tannenhaus, Scoutmaster of Troop 555, upon the untimely loss of his father.

I. S. GIRL SCOUTS TREK ON WINTER TRAILS

Outdoor cooking and tracking in the snow were the major activities of the girls of Scout Troop 116 when the Troop held an all-day hike on Sunday, November 26.

Under the leadership of Miss Florence Barbour, the girls hiked to Tibbett's Brook Park, and spent the day in the open.

Hazomir Choral Society To Offer Musical Chapters In Jewish History

Director B. A. Rabinowitz To Conduct Concert As Sixth Event Of Henning Series

The sixth event in a series of nine offerings comprising the Henning Program Series will be a concert by the Hazomir Choral Society of New York. This well-trained choral group will appear from the stage of the auditorium of the Institutional Synagogue on Saturday evening, December 3 at 8:30 p.m.

Concert Program

- I. Our Forefathers
"Zamd und Shtern" Frug-Bernstein
"Yakov's Cholem" Zavel Zilberts
- II. Slavery in Egypt
"Rachem" Mana Zucca
- III. Exodus
"B'tzeis Yisroel" Arr. B. A. Rabinowitz
- IV. "In Our Promised Land"
"March from Shulamis" Goldfaden
"Rozhinkes Mit Mandlen" Goldfaden
"Flaker Fayer" Goldfaden
- V. In a Strange Land
"By the Waters of the Babylon" Howells
- VI. Comfort by the Prophets
"Nacham" B. A. Rabinowitz
- VII. Return to the Promised Land
"Nature's Adoration" L. Von Beethoven
"Ma Tov" L. Lewandowsky
- VIII. Driven to Strange Lands
"Der Vanderer" Mark Silver
"I Lift Up Mine Eyes" Effros (B.A.R.)
- IX. Wanderer in Gawless
"Zmiros" Zavel Zilberts
"Havdolo" Zavel Zilberts
- X. The New Palestine
"In Eretz Yisroel" A. W. Binder
"Palestine Echoes" Arr. B. A. Rabinowitz
"Halleluyah" L. Lewandowsky

Gertrude Singer Wins Ping-Pong Tournament

Gertrude Singer took first place and Ida Finfang was runner-up in a keen competition for the girls' championship in the ping-pong tournament which ended last Monday. The winners emerged from a field of twenty entrants.

Mr. Morris M. Grumer, in charge of game room activities, has announced the first in a series of checker tournaments which is now in progress. Last year's champion was Abe Matza. With twenty-five entrants challenging his right to the title, Abe Matza will be hard pressed to maintain his honors.

Silver Stars Cast For Chanukah Production

Plans for the publication of the Silver Stars' Club newspaper were discussed at a business meeting held at the I.S. on Sunday, November 27. At the same time casting was started for a play to be presented by the group in the annual Chanukah Festival of the dramatic societies of the Institutional Synagogue.

The twelve members of the Silver Stars, under the leadership of Mr. Bernard Schnitzer, are also holding regular basketball team practice on Sundays. William Cohn is president of the club, and M. Lieberman is the acting secretary.

Ticket Sales Swell For Council Dance

Function On December 17 At Pythian Temple

The members of the Leaders Council are awaiting the evening of December 17. On that Saturday night, they and their friends will gather in the spacious Roosevelt Room of the Pythian Temple for the Sixth Annual Council Dance.

The feature of the evening's entertainment will be the rhythmic tunes produced by Bobby Tremaine and his orchestra.

Large Crowd Expected

A large attendance is expected at this function. All the past dances conducted by the Council have been memorable successes along social lines. Knowing that a splendid evening of entertainment is in store for everybody who will attend, the members of the Council are exerting every effort in making sure that none of their friends miss the function.

The price of admission has been set at the very nominal sum of seventy-five cents. Tickets may be secured from any member of the Council, or at the office.

New House Council Maps Extensive Program

At a meeting last Sunday afternoon, the delegates representing the clubs and affiliated groups of the I.S. organized a House Council. It will be the purpose of this representative body to formulate the inter-group activities and projects.

The major portion of the meeting was spent in the planning of activities. Among these it is planned to conduct a basketball tourney, a handball tournament, and a swimming meet for those interested in athletics. For social recreation, inter-club socials, dances and similar activities will be held. It is also planned to conduct such cultural programs as a debating tournament, a journalism contest, and a dramatic competition.

STAMP - COLLECTING TALK FOR EAGLES

Nat Feldman and Johnny Haughton were elected as representatives of the Eagles to meet with the I.S. Council at the regular meeting by that club last week. Johnny Haughton was also elected sergeant-at-arms. The post of athletic manager was awarded to Abe Matza.

At their next meeting the Eagles will hear a talk on stamp-collecting which will be given by Nat Feldman.

All That Matters

Reviewed by Marc M. Siegel

ALL THAT MATTERS. By Peter Mendelssohn. Henry Holt and Company. 371 pages. \$2.50.

All men seek escape in one form or another from the agitated business of living. Some search for peace in a hobby, some seek it in a woman, some move from place to place looking for an external peace to quell the unrest within the soul.

Peter Mendelssohn has written a novel of a man who thought that he had found surcease from pain in a small hamlet on the Riviera.

Returning with his wife to his native land he encounters the full force of a Germany just coming under Hitler's domination. Two years of struggle, of domestic dissent, of exile, drive him to the conclusion that "It does not matter where a man lives. Only how he lives. Only that matters. Man has got to live decently, or else he must not live at all. He must live with dignity. That is all that matters. And we can everywhere fight and strive for dignity in this world."

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Conclusions of this sort derive their impulse from experience. The experiences of Mendelssohn (for the book is frankly autobiographical) are as frighteningly genuine as any news reports which have come out of Germany. They are set forth in the dramatic intensity of deft understatement. They are episodes so roundly constructed that the reader is left helplessly sympathetic long before the half-way mark of the novel has been reached.

"All That Matters" is a document of the life of a man as it is punctuated by external political events. Mendelssohn has taken several of the more significant events of the Hitler regime and used them as symbols of the background of his own personal crises. The Reichstag fire, for instance, is vividly pictured as of itself, but it takes place on the night

that the narrator's first child is being born. The stress and strain of the one experience is transmitted to the other with effective result.

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The story then, is of one man, and how he reacted, how he was affected by political happenings in his native country. In this sense, it is not a political book. But the implications of the effects on personal relationships of impersonal oppression are unforgettable. It is because the author takes no definite political stand that his book is doubly telling.

A stronger man would have become involved in political action against the fascist forces. Yet that struggle, as the author constantly indicates, requires the relinquishment of personal values, which party allegiance engenders. And, as he further points out, personal salvation with dignity is all that matters in life, for a certain type of person.

It is a weak philosophy of life, but an understandable one. It is one which applies to large numbers of people than the more idealistic and more unattainable vision of group action.

In the book, Hans Memling, the "great friend" of the central character, is used as prototype of the man who must rise or fall with his people. Memling prefers remaining in a concentration camp in his country to becoming a refugee in comparative liberty outside German borders.

His is an admirable ideal. It is one we should subscribe to. But it is one attainable only by certain people driven by sincerity and highness of purpose to personal sacrifice. The rest of us will have to sympathize with Mendelssohn and be happy that, at last, someone has had the courage to say that a man, in group cooperation, must try to change the world according to the ability and the talent which he, individually, possesses.

JEWISH ODDITIES

The present unfortunate position of the Jewish people in both the German and Austrian states makes an investigation of the former role of the Jews in those nations particularly timely.

In the courts of the German and Austrian princes during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries the Hof-Jude, or Court Jew, played a significant political and financial role. Usually he was a wealthy business man who was the favorite of a king, prince, or other ruling nobleman. The Hof-Jude acted as the agent of his ruler and patron in all business matters. He often also served as the official secretary of the treasury of the state.

The Hof-Jude enjoyed certain special privileges as a reward for the services which he rendered. He was exempt from the special taxes which were levied on the Jews. He was not restricted in his residence to the usual ghetto of that per-



Albert Wasserman

iod, but was allowed to live wherever he wished. He was also allowed to buy and sell freely.

Many Hof-Juden gained a great deal of power and were consequently instrumental in helping their fellow Jews by pleading for them in times of persecution and trouble, and by working to gain extensions of civil rights in times of tranquillity.

Centers To Commemorate Maccabean Struggle

Commemorating the successful struggle of the ancient Israelites 2100 years ago for religious and cultural freedom, Hanukkah, the Festival of Dedication, will be widely observed by over three hundred YMHAs, YWHAs and Jewish Community Centers from Saturday evening, December 17 to Sunday, December 25.

The National Jewish Welfare Board, parent organization for Jewish Centers, has made available to its constituent societies a publication containing numerous suggestions and program material in prose and verse suitable for Hanukkah celebrations, to be arranged at the meetings of the thousands of clubs and special activity groups, as well as at mass gatherings.

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Eye Witness Report From Polish-German Border

Released by J.D.C.

The instantaneous and life-giving assistance rendered by the Joint Distribution Committee to 15,000 Polish Jews who were expelled from Germany over the German-Polish border three weeks ago is described in an eye-witness report just received by the J.D.C. office in New York. Additional funds are needed at once, the J.D.C. has been advised by cable from its European director.

The eye-witness report, dated November 10, describes a visit to one border town, Zbaszyn, which harbors from 6,000 to 7,000 of the deportees. It reads in part:

"Zbaszyn is a village of 5,000 people of which there are seven Jewish families. When the director of the Warsaw office of the Joint Distribution Committee came to Zbaszyn he saw thousands of the deportees lying on the streets. The first problem was what should be done with these people. The Polish Government put at their disposal a stable formerly used by the Polish army. After the stable had

been lined with straw, it was able to harbor from 1,500 to 2,000 people. Another 2,000 to 2,500 refugees were cared for in private homes. Small barracks formerly used for prisoners were made available, each housing from 15 to 20 people. A clubhouse belonging to the Rifle Corps, and a building which had housed a Jewish mill, were also occupied by refugees. In this manner some form of shelter was provided for these luckless people who were out on the street in a torrential autumn rain.

"The Joint Distribution Committee instantly opened an office where every one of the refugees was required to register. The office contains a bureau for the distribution of clothes and another where food is parcelled out. A hospital was established where 100 sick people are being cared for. Among them are from 25 to 30 critically ill persons, some of them with serious heart conditions and other major diseases. It is heart-rending

to see these sick people lying there. Naturally, there is an acute shortage of equipment, pillows and bed-linens. Doctors were called and nurses were found. Despite the fact that these sick people find themselves in most primitive conditions, they nevertheless regard their present state as a paradise compared to what they had lived through. There are several old men over 80 years of age and a separate division for women.

"The Polish-Jewish community cooperated splendidly. As soon as they heard of the tragedy they sent trucks from Posen and from other cities, such as Lodz, Krakow, etc., bearing food and warm clothing. However, there is a serious lack of money. Polish Jews furnished from 25,000 to 30,000 zlotys but this represents only one-third of the total funds expended. The balance was supplied by the J.D.C. The J.D.C. also organized a corps of 300 young people from the refugees themselves who are assisting in the work of caring for their fellow-sufferers."