



Test Your Memory — The IKS Staff in 1935

How many members of the 1935 Irene Kaufmann Settlement staff can you recognize? Seated (l to r) are: Rose W. Levine, music school faculty; Blanche Busch, accompanist; Neva C. Laughlin, sewing and handicraft supervisor; Ruth Grafman, girls' and women's club supervisor; Hazel Peck Speer, music school faculty; Bessie Levin, neighborhood visitor; Ella Wertheimer, dancing instructor; Della Herring and Theresa Pergament, music school faculty; Margaret L. Kirschner, housekeeper; Madeline Hirsch, neighborhood visitor; Belle B. Rubenstein, music school faculty, and Dorothy Shratler, bookkeeper.

In the center are: Helen Sollenberger and Marguerite Scott, student residents; Ethel T. Laufe and Freda Marcus, music school faculty; Yetta Oberfield, membership clerk; Frieda Fromm, student resident; Gladys P. Dove, music school faculty; Goldie W. Stein, membership clerk; Allegra Ponitz, student resident; Julia P.

Teller, director of activities; Anna T. Kirkel, music school faculty; Anna L. Perlow, director, music school; Anna B. Heldman, director, personal service department; Sarah Leibovitz, bookkeeper; Rose Pankevitz, telephone operator; Mildred Getzel, office secretary, and Sidney A. Teller, executive director.

In the last row are: Harry Ratner, director, men and boys' work; David Fisher, music school faculty; Kenneth Mulholland, auditorium supervisor; William Bales, dancing instructor; Floyd B. Aldrich, John N. Rathmell, Joseph Bernstein and Thomas Bramble, student residents; Charles Simon, music school faculty; George Golden, printing instructor; John Venables, building superintendent; Nathan Kaufman, swimming instructor; Joseph Ziggy Kahn, director of athletics; Julius Milmeister, basket room; Armando Del Cimmuto, art school supervisor; David D. Biatch, men's club supervisor, and R. Vaughn Rogers, handicraft instructor.

IKS Responds to Needs

TO KIDS GROWING UP on the congested Hill early in the century, the IKS—pronounced to rhyme with “likes”—was a place to go for athletics and clubs, for crafts and fun under attentive supervisors. To their immigrant parents it was a school of Americanization and citizenship, a place to meet and learn, a haven where understanding people tried to help you no matter what your troubles were.

Today it is as it was in the beginning—a place to go, a place to do things, a place where people care.

But the old IKS on Center Avenue is now the Anna B. Heldman Community Center, no longer operated by the Irene Kaufmann Settlement. A magnificent new building in Squirrel Hill, scheduled to open the first week of September, crowns the chain of Irene Kaufmann Centers created to “provide for the leisure time recreational, informal, educational and cultural needs.” It is dedicated to “sound adjustment for the Jewish person, positive Jewish survival,

strengthened Jewish family life, and growth of a healthy Jewish community.”

Organized in 1895 by the Council of Jewish Women of Pittsburgh, the Settlement took its present name in 1909 when Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kaufmann gave a new building and equipment and an endowment fund as a memorial to their daughter, Irene. In its more than 60 years of service, the Irene Kaufmann Settlement has been identified with many progressive movements and has led the way in many social, civic, health, recreational and educational devel-

opments—“free” baths, a public reading room, classes in English and citizenship, “personal service work” started in 1900; in 1902, the district nursing service, long considered among the best in the city; a free employment bureau, establishment of a playground, first Pittsburgh pre-natal and post-natal nursing service; outstanding schools in art, music and Little Theatre; slum clearance and low cost housing; the first “Milk Well” where milk was sold at cost to children, etc. The list seems endless, yet many important “firsts” have not even been mentioned.

At first this agency was supported by the Council of Jewish Women, then by subscriptions from individual members. Later its support came from the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, and now through them from the Community Fund of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County. There is also income from

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"A Tribute and a Prayer— From House to House"

By JACQUES BACK
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IN THE SWIFT COURSE of time, a quarter-century becomes part of history . . . a chapter only, as it were, with its highlights and shadows, its great joys and its burdens. And as we pause to contemplate the buried yesterdays . . . the tasks to which we brought heart and strength of will . . . we count them but prelude to nobler effort, to dedicated service.

Indeed, at the turning hour, we prize our blessings—humbly proud that, in this time and place, we contributed, e'en though only in modest measure, to the majestic purpose that thrills to the pulse-beat of a living, moving generation.

In its particular sphere, *The American Jewish Outlook* looms eminent among the forces that touch this hurrying race along the years. It is a real newspaper. A seasoned journalist's mind clothes with emphasis all that is newsworthy. Week after week it presents an intelligently-planned "coverage"—informative, educational, inspiring. Dignity marks its editorial commentaries.

On this Silver Anniversary, it is not a mere lettering of words when *The Observer* says: "Well done . . . and Godspeed" to Albert W. Golomb, the *Outlook's* distinguished publisher, and Ethel—his charming helpmate. Cherished friends—they hold a niche firm-bedded in our hearts. So, our prayer: that the future may hold many rich and enduring satisfactions . . . that *The American Jewish Outlook*—going onward and forward—may grow to even loftier stature.

IKS Responds

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endowment funds, gifts and fees from participating members.

The program that developed within the Agency was built around the need of the Jewish immigrants living on the Hill to know English, get citizenship papers, earn a living, develop a sound family life, and live under healthy

ally prompted the decision to erect the handsome building now under construction which will be able to serve a membership of 4,500.

Pressure from the East End Jewish community that an IKC be established in that part of the city was answered with a demonstration project in 1948. Two years later, the IKC had gained full Community Chest support and is now functioning in a large remodeled house on N. Negley Avenue. More than 1,000 members are participating in programs in the East End.

Works in South Hills

The newest extension program is with Temple Emanuel of South Hills in which the two organizations jointly sponsor a summer day camp and other activities.

The programs conducted in Squirrel Hill, East End and South Hills are designed primarily for boys and girls from five to 18 years of age, and for their parents. In addition, the East End Center conducts a special program for those over 55 years of age. Activities include the recreational, educational and group activities of any community center.

In its more than 60 years of operation, the Irene Kaufmann Settlement has grown from a one room agency to a city-wide service agency, using its own buildings as well as rented and public school facilities to serve Squirrel Hill, East End and South Hills. It has grown from an agency whose functions and policies rested entirely on the shoulders of a single board to a city-wide agency with a central board plus neighborhood agency boards and committees. The future of Irene Kaufmann Settlement and its Centers indicates that it will continue to grow and offer service on the basis of need to more people as the years go on.

Educational Mission

By PAUL R. ANDERSON,
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CONGRATULATIONS on a quarter of a century devoted to representing informed opinion and to lifting the sights of our citizenry. Yours is an important educational mission. May the next 25 years be even more successful.

conditions.

As time went on the neighborhood which had first been Jewish, then Jewish, Syrian and Italian, had become 70% Negro by 1942.

After intensive self-study, the IKS made two basic policy changes:

1. It formulated a plan for an inter-racial policy at the Hill District IKS.

2. It undertook to meet the requests of former members who had moved by setting up extension programs in Squirrel Hill and East End.

By 1952, the goal of finding the best methods of meeting the needs of the people in the Hill District reached its climax with the organization of a separate program Board for the Center Avenue Settlement, made up of a cross-section of persons whose homes, businesses or major interests were related to the people and problems of the Third and Fifth Wards. By December, 1956 this new board, with the blessing of the Irene Kaufmann Settlement Board of Trustees, incorporated as the new independent Anna B. Heldman Community Center Board, with permission to operate its program in the Center Avenue IKS physical plant on a five-year lease at \$1.00 per year. The lease became effective January 1, 1957, and the new Anna B. Heldman Center came into being.

In September 1943, the Settlement Board undertook its first extension project, the Irene Kaufmann Center of Squirrel Hill. Through a succession of inadequate quarters with insufficient facilities, the Squirrel Hill Center continued to attract increasing membership, whose needs eventu-

Congratulations to the American Jewish Outlook on its Silver Anniversary. You have made great strides in the past and have served our community well. I sincerely hope that you will continue to do so in the future even on a broader scale.

Samuel Horelick

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