

HIAS \$500,000 Fund

A successful conference was held Thursday evening, September 8th, at the Y. M. & W. H. A. with reference to the problem as to how the local Jewish community is to help the HIAS in their present efforts to raise the \$500,000 fund throughout the country to assist the thousands of immigrants who are wandering to South America and South African countries.

Mrs. Henry Finkelppearl presided as chairman of the conference and in her short, but pointed talk, she described the many activities of the HIAS and her plans to aid Jewish immigrants in the new immigration centers. A discussion took place in which Dr. Samuel H. Goldenson, Rabbi Wolf Leiter, Rabbi B. A. Lichter, Rabbi H. Halperin, Rabbi M. S. Sivitz, the presidents of several congregations and other prominent people of this city participated.

Mr. S. Leibovitz, special representative of the HIAS, pictured the miserable conditions of the thousands of wanderers for whom the doors are closed. These unfortunate wanderers must go somewhere. New centers have been opened in Uruguay, Paraguay, Peru and other countries where the Jewish immigrants are still welcome and are going there now. With the purpose of helping these thousands of Jewish immigrants the American HIAS, the Jewish Colonization Association of Paris "ICA," and the IMMIGDIRECT of Europe combined together and now known as the HIAS-ICA-IMMIGDIRECT are opening shelter houses, loan associations in those above mentioned immigrant countries where the new immigrants are getting assistance of all kinds.

The conference unanimously decided to ask the leaders of the congregations to make an appeal for the HIAS \$500,000 fund in their respective congregations during the sacred holidays. The following congregations have already consented to make appeals for this holy purpose:

Or Chodosh Anshe (Roumania), President L. Hendel, Rabbi W. Leiter; Agudath Achim, President Jacob Podolsky; Beth Jacob, President I. Parker; Tifereth Israel, President L. Lichtenstein; Kneseth Israel, President Max Rabinovitz; Keser Torah, President Louis Bluestein, Rabbi W. Leiter; Machsike Hadas, President S. Stopsy, Rabbi W. Leiter; Beth Shalom, President A. L. Avner, Rabbi G. A. Rose; B'nai Israel, President Saul Schein, Rabbi B. A. Lichter; Adath Yeshurum, President Max Edelberg, Rabbi Morris Levine; Aves Achim, President R. Shapiro; S. S. Talmud Torah, President I. Parker; First Tomashpolar Ind. Society, President Krimsky; Beth Israel, President Max A. Moses; Rabbi M. Ginsberg; Beth Tfillah, Mr. H. Weiss; Home of Aged, President Shapiro, Rabbi Saul Kronsak; Torah Chaim Anshe Sfard, Rabbi J. J. Horvitz; Sharai Zion, President M. Parker; Hebrew Institute, President Prof. I. Abrams; Tree of Life, President Jacob Frank, Rabbi H. Halperin; Beth Judah, President G. Mendelbaum; Chofetz Caini, President David Hirsh; Poalei Zedek, President Frank Brenwasser, Rabbi S. B. Freedman; Share Torah, Rabbi M. S. Sivitz, President Green; Oher Zedek, President Morris Rosenbloom, Rabbi B. Miller; Beth Hamedrash Hagodel, President M. Goldstein, Rabbi Kaplan; Share Zedek Anshe Poland, President H. Tuch; Share Tfilla, President L. Kofsky; Mogen David, President S. Malitowsky; Ansh Lubawich, President Verner.

The members of the local Jewish community are asked to remember that the eyes of thousands of helpless Jewish wanderers are directed this way. They are seeking homes and security in other countries since the doors of America are closed to them. Upon the success of this new venture depends the fate of thousands of Jewish wanderers.

The committee, consisting of Mr. S. Leibovitz and members of the community will call upon many individuals for their contributions and it is hoped that they will be favorably received.

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The Congregation Ahavath Achim, on Munson Avenue, held election of officers on September 11th. The following officers were elected: S. Glick, president; S. Levin, vice-president; E. Glick, treasurer; J. Burger, secretary; Mr. Aronson, trustee; H. Boksenbaum, trustee; L. Zions, trustee.

The synagogue has decided to join with the United Hebrew Synagogues of America. J. Slomberg and S. Ryave have been elected as delegates to report on this matter.

A committee consisting of J. Stein, J. Caplan and S. Levin has been appointed to secure a rabbi for the High Holidays.

Montefiore Aid Society

The opening meeting of the organization for the ensuing year was held Sunday afternoon, September 11th, at the Y. M. & W. H. A. Building, with Miss Ruth Perlman, chairman, presiding.

Miss Jo Olbum has been named chairman of the initial card party the organization will hold this season at Webster Hall, Thursday evening, October 27th. Miss Marion Davis, chairman of tickets (5531 Forbes Street, Hazel 3481), will distribute same among the members and will be pleased to make reservations for tables.

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