

# NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES

**Braddock, Pa.**—The Ladies' Auxiliary, I. O. B. B., will hold its next meeting on Wednesday evening, January 6th, at 7:30, at the home of Mrs. M. Bolner, 450 Second Street. Cards and music will be diversions of the evening. Prizes will be awarded at cards and refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Brownsville, Pa.**—The Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society will hold a benefit card party on Tuesday evening, January 12th, in the auditorium of the Temple. Mrs. H. Kramer, the general chairman, will be assisted by the following committees: tickets, Mrs. A. Harris; prizes, Mrs. Abe Miller; cards and tallies, Mrs. M. Klein; refreshments, Mrs. I. Frankel, Mrs. J. Trumper and Mrs. D. Frank; reservations, Mrs. Simon Brown.

**Charleroi, Pa.**—Sunday, December 20th, marked the laying of the cornerstone of Rodef Shalom Synagogue, which, when completed, will be one of the most beautiful Jewish religious structures in the Monongahela Valley. The synagogue is to be located in Washington Avenue, near Fifth Street.

A very impressive program was carried out as follows: The members of the congregation and friends from Donora and Monessen met at the Majestic Theater and marched in a body to the building site. The procession was led by Masters Norman and Teddy Wayne, carrying the United States and Zionist flags, accompanied by Master Milton Porter, who carried the holy scrolls; Rabbi Harry J. Stern, of Uniontown, and Rabbi Elephant, of Donora, followed by the school children, visitors and members of the congregation. Arriving at the building site the ceremony was presided over by Nathan Greenberg, chairman of the Building Committee. After a few words of welcome, America was sung by the entire assemblage. A prayer by Rabbi Elephant and remarks by Michael Rosenbloom followed.

The cornerstone was laid by L. Collins, assisted by Jack Teitelbaum, Philip Wayne, Michael Rosenbloom, and Harry Porter. The records of the congregation and its members, together with a Bible and American and Zionist flags were placed in a copper box by Mrs. L. Collins, Samuel Krasik, Mrs. Joseph Yorkin, Mrs. Max Goldsmith, and Mrs. Harry Porter and placed in the receptacle of the stone.

Rabbi Stern made an address appropriate to the occasion. Singing and the benediction concluded the ceremony.

It is hoped that the structure will be completed in time for dedication to take place some time during the spring holidays.

**Greensburg, Pa.**—The C. J. W. will hold their regular monthly meeting next Monday evening, January 4th, at 8 o'clock, at the Unity Club. At this meeting final arrangements will be made for the Mid-Winter Ball of the Section. The Dance Committee have completed arrangements with the Penn Albert Hotel for the evening of January 12th, for the use of the ball room and adjoining parlors and efforts are being concentrated with a view to making this the greatest dance in the history of the Greensburg Section. The well-known Clark's Pennsylvanians will furnish the music.

**Homestead, Pa.**—The Quorum Society is one of the newest organizations in this city, having been formed for the purpose of doing welfare work—to give aid where it is needed and to establish closer and more harmonious relationships among the entire local Jewry. As a means of carrying out their purpose, and also as a

means of entertainment, the club has decided to hold movies on Sunday nights as regularly as possible. All grown-ups and children are invited and urged to attend.

**McKeesport, Pa.**—All arrangements have been completed for the dance to be given by Success Temple No. 14, Pythian Sisters, on Wednesday evening, January 27th, at the Masonic Temple. Music will be furnished by the Blue and Gold Orchestra and cards will also be a feature of the evening.

The committees in charge of the dance are as follows: Tickets—Mrs. Gussie Snyder, Miss Lillian Weiss and Miss Pauline Mercur; Program—Mrs. Lena Schwartz, Mrs. Fannie Mahler, Mrs. Anna Gorman, Mrs. Pauline Brown, Mrs. Lena Spiegel, Mrs. Sadie Bondy, Mrs. Belle Harris, Mrs. Pearl Feldman and Miss Helen Itskowitz; Music—Miss Lucille Mermelstein and Miss Pauline Mercur; Door—Mrs. Nellie Neiberg, Mrs. Anna Sims, Mrs. Ida Samuels and Miss Leah Harris; Floor—Mrs. Minnie Kaminsky, Mrs. Leona Greenfield, Miss Pauline Mercur and Miss Lucille Mermelstein, Mrs. Minnie Greenfield and Mrs. Bertha Farkas; Card Tables—Mrs. Pearl Feldman, Mrs. Becky Darling, Mrs. Pearl Lebowitz and Mrs. Rae Schwartz; Check Room—Mrs. Pearl Reinstein and Mrs. Sara Klein.

A feature of the dance will be the drawing for a hand-embroidered bridge set, the proceeds of which will be given to the Pythian Sisters Widows and Orphans' Home Fund. Mrs. Anna Kraus is in charge of the drawing.

Refreshments will be served by the following committee: Mrs. Ethel Jacobs, Mrs. Dinah Wingert, Mrs. Sara Moskowitz, Mrs. Jane Arnowitz, Mrs. Ruth Benowitz, Mrs. Tillie Perelstein, Mrs. Margaret Saunders, Mrs. Anna Mermelstein and Miss Sophie Harris.

**Midland, Pa.**—The Hebrew Religious School presented a very fine Hanukkah program at the Liberty Theater, Sunday afternoon, December 20th, under the direction of Mr. F. M. Reiter, superintendent, assisted by a capable staff of teachers.

The work of the children is to be commended most highly. After the entertainment a gift was presented

by Beatrice Hepps of the Senior Class, to Mrs. F. M. Reiter, in appreciation of his efforts in behalf of the school. Boxes of candy were presented the teachers and children by the Ladies' Aid Society.

A large number of local and out-of-town people enjoyed the following program:

1. Opening Prayer—Beatrice Hepps
2. Fortress Rock—Sung by entire school
3. Superintendent's Address—Mr. F. M. Reiter
4. Quaint Version of Mother Goose Rhymes—Kindergarten Class; directed by Miss Dorothy Silverberg
5. Dialogue on History of Hanukkah—Intermediate Class; directed by Miss Beatrice Arkans
6. Piano Solo—Miss Dorothy Silverberg
7. Violin Solo—Milton Bonn, accompanied by Jeannette Bonn
8. "By the Light of Chanukah"—Play in three acts: Senior Class; directed by Mr. Reiter and Miss Mary Gottlieb
9. Piano Solo—Jeannette Bonn
10. Address—Mrs. Sydney Kaufman
11. Closing Prayer—Milton Bonn
12. En Kaholenu—School.

**New Castle, Pa.**—The Hadassah Chapter celebrated Hadassah Sabbath Sunday evening, December 20th, at the Tiphereth Israel Synagogue. Features of the evening included the following: Songs and address on "Hadassah Sabbath," by Rabbi M. Newmark of the Synagogue, talk on the significance of "Chanukah" by Rabbi Benj. Axelman; Chanukah sketches by the children; a talk on "Hadassah and Palestine," by Mrs. A. H. Vixman, honorary president of the Pittsburgh Chapter. In her fascinating and forceful way, Mrs. Vixman inspired the audience by outlining the work of Hadassah in Palestine. She compared the work of Hadassah to the beautiful work of the Red Cross all over the world, insofar as it lends assistance to all who need it, whether Jews, Christians or Moslems. In this way Hadassah not only heals the sufferings of individuals, but also the breach between the peoples.

**Rankin, Pa.**—On Sunday, December 13th, a beautifully appointed surprise party was tendered Mrs. A. Steinitz, of Braddock, by the Daughters of Israel of Rankin, in honor of her birthday. Cards were the diversions of the evening, prizes being awarded Mrs. D. Shussett, Mrs. Stein-

utz, Mrs. J. Hochauer and Mrs. M. Herskovitz. Luncheon was served at a late hour.

**Weirton, W. Va.**—A well-planned and interesting entertainment was presented by the Beth Israel Congregation on Sunday evening, December 20th, at the Congregation Hall on County Road. The program was in charge of Mr. Chas. Sacks, chairman of the entertainment committee. A very large attendance was in evidence, a number of people being present from Steubenville.

The programme in part follows:

1. Piano Solo.....Miss Esther Levin
2. Ballet Dance.....Miss Sarah Nach Mrs. De Boliac, Pianist
3. "A Bed-Time Story".....Miss Geraldine Sacks Mrs. De Boliac at the Piano
4. Violin Solo.....Dr. Sacks
5. Recitation.....Betty Lee Katz
6. Violin Duet.....Dr. S. and M. K. Sacks
7. Selection.....Miss Atteley Weinberg
8. Saxophone Solo.....Mr. Chas. Sacks Mrs. De Boliac at the Piano
9. Recitation—Selection.....Miss Edith Levy
10. Solo Toe Dance.....Lillian Markle Mrs. De Boliac at the Piano
11. Address.....Rev. Stitchekin, of Steubenville

At the end of the program, refreshments were served and candy was given to all the children present, by the Ladies' Auxiliary which is affiliated with the congregation.

## SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

Due to the Chautauqua convention, which started its session on last Sunday morning, a few of the Religious Schools were closed that day, so that the superintendents and teachers could be present.

The regular monthly meeting of the Tri-County Institute will be held in Johnstown on January 24th. Rabbi Shulman, of Johnstown, will open the course of lectures with a discussion of the subject, "Jewish Ceremonials and Customs". Mr. E. L. Abrams, Chairman of this Institute, is working hard to make this Institute successful. He has the co-operation of the Mothers' Clubs and Council of Jewish Women.

Miss Miriam Schonfield has been called by Masontown to organize a Religious School in that city.

An excellent report has been received from the Midland Religious School, which is under the supervision of Mr. Fred Reiter.

Beth-El Congregation, of Indianapolis, the largest Orthodox Congregation in the State of Indiana, dedicated its \$200,000 Synagogue, Sunday, December 13th. The principal speakers were the Honorable Edward Jackson, Governor of the State of Indiana; Samuel Lewis Shank, Mayor of the City of Indianapolis; Dr. Herbert S. Goldstein, President of the Union of Orthodox Congregations, and Rabbis M. M. Feuerlicht and S. A. Katz, of Indianapolis. Mr. Jack A. Goodman, of Indianapolis, is President of the Congregation. Dr. Isadore Goodman is its Spiritual Leader.

Harry Smitz, of Chicago, was appointed master in Chancery of the Superior Court of Cook County, Ill. His appointment was made on the recommendation of Judge Harry B. Miller. Mr. Smitz was born in St. Louis, Mo., April 17th, 1892, and has lived in Chicago all his life, studied law at Loyola University and graduated in 1913 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He was admitted to the Chicago Bar in July of the same year and has since specialized in Chancery matters in the State and Federal Courts of the country. He has been associated with his uncle, Senator Adolph Marks, for the past twenty years and upon his admission to the bar became his partner in the practice of law.

## DAMASCUS JEWISH RESIDENTS ASK FRENCH FOR PROTECTION

### Population Leaving City in Panic

Jerusalem, December 17 (J. T. A.)—The civil population of Damascus is leaving the city in panic, according to reports received here today from Damascus. The railway station is crowded with refugees awaiting their trains. The departure of the trains, however, is uncertain.

Although the French garrison consists of 3,000, the Jewish quarter, the report states, is practically unguarded and is often visited by rebels and bandits. A petition submitted by the Jewish population to the French authorities, demanded that the force be increased.

## GROVER M. MOSCOWITZ APPOINTED FEDERAL JUDGE IN BROOKLYN

Washington, December 17 (J. T. A.)—Grover M. Moscowitz, of Brooklyn, was appointed Federal District Judge of the Eastern New York District. He succeeds Judge E. L. Garvin, who resigned two months ago. The successful candidate was chosen from about eighteen aspirants. He was endorsed by many.

Judge Moscowitz, who for many years served as Special Deputy State Attorney General in the investigation of election frauds in Brooklyn, was born in Hot Springs, Ark. He came East twenty-two years ago, was graduated from the New York University law