

## *Fiftieth Anniversary Celebrated by Jericho Lodge*

Local B'Nai B'Rith Organization  
Holds Notable Event on Com-  
pletion of Half-Century  
of Work.—Interesting  
Addresses Made at  
Banquet.

The fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of Jericho Lodge No. 44, Independent Order B'Nai B'Rith, was fittingly observed on Tuesday evening of this week, when members of the lodge and many friends assembled at the German Club, Craft avenue, to participate in the anniversary banquet which had been arranged for the occasion. It was indeed an inspiring moment in the history of the organization, and the men and women who were present Tuesday evening and who listened to the various addresses delivered seemed fully to realize that they were participants in an event that will make its influence for good felt in the life of the local Jewish community.

A. L. Solomon, a Past President of District Grand Lodge No. 3, and Chairman of the Fiftieth Anniversary Committee of Jericho Lodge acted as Toastmaster during the banquet. Early in the evening, Mr. Solomon announced to the assemblage that Hon. Josiah Cohen, one of the few living charter members of Jericho Lodge, was unable to attend the affair because of illness. Judge Cohen was to have been one of the speakers of the evening, and the announcement of his enforced absence was received with much regret upon the part of those who attended the banquet.

For fifty years the Judge has been closely associated with the work and progress of Jericho Lodge and no man is more thoroughly conversant with its history than is he. His address, which was to have been on the subject of "Fifty Years," must certainly have proven very interesting and entertaining, and it was with keen disappointment indeed that the members of the lodge and their friends realized what they were compelled to forego because of Judge Cohen's illness. No member of the B'Nai B'Rith is more popular with Pittsburgh brethren than is Judge Cohen; no local member has rendered more distinguished service to the Order than has he; and when it is considered that he is a charter member of Jericho Lodge, the significance of his absence on Tuesday evening may be fully appreciated.

### *Victor Abraham's Address.*

The first speaker of the evening was Victor Abraham, Esq., of Cincinnati, Ohio, President of the Court of Appeals of the Order, who came here as the official representative of the Constitution Grand Lodge. Mr. Abraham delivered a very eloquent address on the history and achievements of the Order, his subject being "The Order of B'Nai B'Rith." The speaker referred to the causes and conditions which made the Order a necessity some sixty years ago, and traced the efforts of the organization in its attempt to alleviate these very conditions.

It was a strong and striking history

and panorama of accomplishments that Mr. Abraham presented to his auditors as the portion which the B'Nai B'Rith has contributed to the cause of things Jewish and to the progress of the Jews throughout the world. "But," said the speaker, "the B'Nai B'Rith cannot rest on its past achievements, noble as they have been. New conditions of vital import to the Jewish people are arising every day and must be met by the united body of the people of Israel. And no organization can be of greater help in the solution of these problems and conditions than can the B'Nai B'Rith, reaching as it does throughout the world." Mr. Abraham closed his address by a beautiful tribute to the work of the Order in its inculcation of patriotism and love of country.

This was the first opportunity Pittsburgh members of the Order have had to hear Mr. Abraham, and the impression which his address of Tuesday evening left upon the men and women who attended the anniversary banquet was very favorable indeed. Unfortunately, Mr. Abraham was not feeling well and was compelled to leave the city for home on an early train, so that local brethren were deprived of the opportunity of meeting him personally.

Moses Oppenheimer, of this city, a charter member of Jericho Lodge, was the next speaker, his subject being "Fifty Years Ago." Mr. Oppenheimer spoke in a reminiscent vein of the local conditions which gave rise to the founding of Jericho Lodge and of the character of its early meetings and endeavors. He was the only charter member of the Lodge present at Tuesday evening's celebration, and his presence was a source of much satisfaction to those who now constitute the membership of this organization.

### *Qualities Rather than Personages.*

Mrs. Enoch Rauh, who was to have addressed the banquet on "Woman's Evolution," was prevented by illness from attending the affair. In her behalf, Mr. Enoch Rauh read to the assembled gathering a letter from Mrs. Rauh in which she praised the B'Nai B'Rith in high terms and spoke of the Order as "an organization that brings together qualities rather than personages,—that has broken down the caste spirit and has levelled the walls of prejudice,—that has made fellowships and formed friendships,—that has taught the philosophy of wealth,—wealth of ideas, wealth of knowledge, wealth of sympathy, wealth of service,—that has indeed sounded the new note of the century for Jewish men and women in liberty, in breadth and in unity."

Louis Sulzbacher, of Braddock, Secretary of District Grand Lodge No. 3, spoke on "District No. 3." Mr. Sulzbacher told of the efforts being made to increase the membership and to found new lodges in this District. "I consider this an excellent time,"

said the speaker, "to announce a new slogan which I think should be the motto of District No. 3 during the present administration. That slogan is 'Five Thousand Members by 1914.' A District comprising the four states which make up District No. 3 should have no difficulty in reaching a membership of this size and I earnestly hope that before the officials now in office reach the end of their term the District will have achieved a membership of at least five thousand brethren." Mr. Sulzbacher extended the congratulations of the District Grand Lodge to Jericho Lodge and thanked the local organization for the continued and consistent help it has given the District throughout the years of its history.

Hon. Isador Sobel, of Erie, Pa., who was to have been present and to have delivered an address on "The B'Nai B'Rith Orphanage and Home for Friendless Children of District No. 3," of which Mr. Sobel is the President, was unable to be on hand, much to the regret of his Pittsburgh brethren. The institution of which Mr. Sobel is the active administrator has many warm supporters in Pittsburgh and those of them who attended Tuesday's banquet had looked forward with much anticipation to the President's address on the work and present condition of affairs at the orphanage and home which has recently been established at Erie by District No. 3.

### *Judaize the American.*

An able and interesting address was delivered by Rabbi Rudolph I. Coffee, of this city, whose subject was "Jericho's Golden Opportunity." Dr. Coffee referred to the jubilee years of ancient Israel, when all wealth again became the property of the Jewish theocracy, when all men were made free again, and when every debtor was relieved from the obligation of his legitimate debts. The speaker compared this ancient jubilee idea to conditions now prevailing in America, where wealth is concentrated in the hands of the few and where nine-tenths of the population must labor unceasingly for the mere necessities of life. "In the early years of its history," said Dr. Coffee, "The B'Nai B'Rith undertook to Americanize the great mass of Jews that flowed into this country from foreign lands. Today, it is Jericho's golden opportunity to Judaize the American, rather than to Americanize the Jew; to spread the ideal of the Jewish jubilee among the people of this land,—to equalize the opportunities of men, to help to make men free."

Dr. Coffee spoke on economic and social conditions in general in America and pointed out the sharp contest between these and the ideas and ideals of the ancient Jewish state. He paid high compliment to the work of such American Jews as Julius Rosenwald, of Chicago, in the effort to better the conditions of the working classes and to make honest living a possibility. The rabbi's remarks were enthusiastically received and made a deep impression on those who heard them.

Louis Caplan, a Trustee of Jericho Lodge, spoke on "The Next Fifty Years." He referred to the B'Nai B'Rith as a fraternal organization, as a philanthropic organization, and as an educational body. "But, far and

above all this," said the speaker, "the B'Nai B'Rith is a Jewish organization; and our great work of the next fifty years must be that of cultivating and intensifying our Jewishness." He deplored the fact that the B'Nai B'Rith of to-day is not properly reaching the young man in Israel and suggested that if the work of the Order for the next fifty years is to succeed the young man must be reached and brought into the organization.

### *"Convert the Jew to Judaism."*

A masterful address was delivered by Rabbi J. Leonard Levy, the last speaker on the evening's program, whose subject was "A Rabbi's View of the B'Nai B'Rith." "The B'Nai B'Rith," said Dr. Levy, "was founded for purposes of self-protection and self-advancement, and it is a sad commentary on our times that it should still be necessary for the Jews to unite among themselves for self-protection and self-advancement." The speaker referred to the great good that has been done by the Order throughout its history and complimented the organization on the splendid manner in which it has assisted in the promotion of Jewish progress.

"I look upon the B'Nai B'Rith," said Dr. Levy, "as an organization that can be of great service to the cause of Judaism. I view it as a body that may be of much help to the temple and the synagogue in the propagation of Jewish ideals and Jewish teachings. The great task that confronts the Jew in America to-day is that of bringing Judaism home to the Jew,—we must convert the American Jew to Judaism before we attempt to convert the American to Jewish teachings and ideals." The speaker then demonstrated that as the B'Nai B'Rith is essentially a Jewish organization, it can serve a great part in this conversion of the Jew to Judaism.

Dr. Levy spoke on the blessedness of struggle and necessity, of the Divine inspiration of toil, and of the good that comes from man's combat with tribulation. It was indeed a powerful appeal that came from the rabbi's lips,—an appeal to the Jew to live his life in the truly Jewish way, an appeal to the members of the B'Nai B'Rith to assist in the great cause of Jewish teaching and Jewish living. His address was a magnificent contribution to the occasion program and came as a splendid climax to an evening of inspiring thought.

Messages of congratulations and good wishes to Jericho Lodge were received during the evening from Adolf Kraus, of Chicago, President of the Constitution Grand Lodge of the Order; Rev. Dr. Wm. Armhold, of Philadelphia, a charter member and the first President of Jericho Lodge; Dr. B. S. Pollak, of Jersey City, N. J., President of District Grand Lodge No. 3; M. S. Meyerhoff, of Philadelphia, Treasurer of District Grand Lodge No. 3; Isador Sobel, of Erie, President of the B'Nai B'Rith Orphanage and Home for Friendless Children of District No. 3; Julius Adler and E. M. Greenwald, of New York, charter members of Jericho Lodge; Saar Sholem Lodge No. 154, of this city; the Ladies Auxiliary Society of Abraham Lippman Lodge, of Pittsburgh; and from Isaac Arnold and A. M. Bibro, members of Jericho

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Lodge, who were unable to attend the banquet because of absence from the city. Following the banquet, the guests repaired to the ball-room of the German Club, where members and ladies participated in dancing until midnight.

Jericho Lodge was founded in December, 1862, its charter members numbering twenty-one. Of these charter members, the following six are living to-day:—Julius Adler, Rev. Wm. Armhold, I. Coblenz, Hon. Josiah Cohen; E. Greenwald and Moses Oppenheimer. In the fifty years that have passed since 1862, the membership has increased to several hundred, Jericho being to-day the second largest lodge in District No. 3. During the last fifty years, Jericho Lodge has been one of the most active and efficient branches of the B'Nai B'Rith in this country, and has contributed materially to the causes for which the Order stands. The Lodge has given three Presidents to District Grand Lodge No. 3, Judge Cohen, Oscar H. Rosenbaum and A. L. Solomon.

Tuesday's affair was conducted by the Fiftieth Anniversary Committee of Jericho Lodge, consisting of A. L. Solomon, Chairman; Louis Caplan, Secretary; David H. Goldman, Treasurer; Oscar H. Rosenbaum, Isidore Reizenstein, Isidor W. Jacobs, David Katzenberg and S. B. Lieberman.

#### The Board of Editors of the Department Synagogue and School Extension.

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of organization called forth the splendid societies for communal uplift, whose great personal influence whipped into line the recalcitrant forces of Jewry.

So it has ever been. The first victories in every religious upheaval are won by men of eloquence and magnificent appeal. The speeches of Moses, the incomparable appeal of the Babylonian Isaiah, the compelling utterances of Mohammed, the kindling eloquence of Luther, testify to the truth of this contention. But when the flame of enthusiasm has once been kindled, knowledge is the fuel that must keep it burning.

An example will illustrate this truth. We have many reasons for thinking that the movement which began in Palestine as a reform, and reached Rome as Christianity, created in its day a profound religious upheaval. But despite its enthusiastic orators, the progress of this bizarre movement was permanently stopped in Jewish circles—not by counter oratory, not by denunciation—but by the quiet agency of the schools. The vast literary activities of the day are evidenced by the literary fragments that have survived.

The same principle is being worked out in America. The remarkable struggle for survival of Jews and Judaism in America is being crowned with success. However, there are many steps in the progress of this movement. The first step was taken under the eloquent

leadership of our fathers and crystallized into palpable form the ideals of our faith. In a day of waning theologic enthusiasm and dying imagination, they erected synagogues, hospitals, orphanages, in the sincere effort to prove that their religion was vital.

The present generation must take the next step in this progress. Ours will be the task of fostering great educational movements. In this day of universal education and undertaking means, bringing a knowledge of Judaism to every Jewish boy and girl and man and woman.

This will be the great task of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, for the next generation. The Union will supplement the work already done in inspiring Jews to organize for the pursuit of education by fulfilling its new task of creating a body of literature upon which this enthusiasm may feed. The literature that our fathers bequeathed to us is still the inspiring heritage to which we turn. But, mutatis mutandis, with changed times, changed country, changed language, must come new interpretations, new methods, new emphasis. This is the task of the Board of Editors of the Department of Synagogue and School Extension.

The Board of Editors represents the co-operation of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and the Jewish Chautauqua Society with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. It is constituted as follows:

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#### Irene Kaufmann Settlement Victory

The basket ball teams of the Irene Kaufmann Settlement added two more games to their season's victories last Friday evening. The I. K. S. Juniors, in the preliminary game, defeated the Newsboy's Home team by the score of 40 to 8 in a game that sparkled with fine team work on the part of the winners.

The main event of the evening was the game between the I. K. S. House team and the Progress Five, made up of the stellar material from the Hill Top. Both halves were hard fought and the snappy playing by both sides brought applause from the large crowd that attended. The first half ended with the score 15 to 2 in favor of the Settlement who retained the lead to the finish the final score being 27 to 9, favor of the I. K. S. Brenan was the star of the game, playing up to his usual high standard.

The line up:

- I. K. S., 27, Progress Five 9.
- Markowitz, Price, Forward; Rosenshine, Forward; Goldman, Cen-

ter; Breman, Guard; Kramer, Greenwald, Guard.

Progressive Five—Levy, Hicht, Forward; Ouslander, Forward; Abrams, Bloom, Center; B. Hantman, Guard; M. Hantman, Guard.

Field Goals—Markowitz, 3; Rosenshine, 2; Goldman, 1; Breman, 3; Kramer, 2; Price, 1; Auslander, 1; Abrams, 2; M. Hantman, 1.

Foul Goals: Breman, 2; Rosenshine, 1; Levy, 1.

On Friday afternoon, December 13th, the I. K. S. will meet the Central High School team on the latter's court. A keen, exciting game is looked forward to. In the evening the House team of the Settlement will have the Carnegie Technical Institute (Ex plebe) five for their opponents at the Settlement gymnasium. A large crowd is expected at each game.

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#### Y. M. H. A. of Pittsburgh.

Coming events on Y. M. H. A. Calendar for week beginning Sunday, December 15th:

Sunday, December 15th, Rabbi A. M. Ashinsky, speaker of the evening. Also special musical entertainment under personal direction of Mr. Louis Melnik, of the Y. M. H. A. Entertainment Committee, musical numbers by the following:

- Piano Solo—Mr. Specter.
- Vocal Solo—Miss Grossman.
- Violin Solo—Master Davis Rubino.
- Mandolin, Guitar, Ballalaika—Caruso Trio.

Monday and Thursday evenings, gymnasium classes under Prof. Rosser.

Wednesday evening, Y. M. H. A. weekly dance at Y. M. H. A. Auditorium, Fifth avenue

Friday evening, Friday Evening Exercises in Auditorium of Irene Kaufmann Settlement, Center avenue at 8:30 o'clock.

Friday evening exercises.

Last Friday evening, December 6th, the second of the Friday evening exercises in charge of the Young Men's Hebrew Association held at the Irene Kaufmann Settlement, drew another large and representative assembly. Not only the younger generation from 18 and up attend these meetings, but their fathers and mothers as well. The services are conducted entirely in English, which does not, however, detract from their beauty and impressiveness, and perhaps tends towards making the meetings more interesting and of deeper significance.

President J. N. Palley, of the Y. M. H. A., again presided. Dr. I. Rudolph Coffee made the opening prayer, and furnished the weekly bible reading.

Rev. J. Bloom's singing in Hebrew was a particularly noteworthy feature in the evening's program. Those who had never heard the well known cantor sing before were amazed.

Mr. Klein, accompanied on the piano by Mr. Getz, played several much appreciated selections.

Mr. S. J. Horovitz, vice-president of the Y. M. H. A., spoke on the "Maccabaens." Mr. Horovitz referred to the stand of the Maccabaens as a "fight for principle," stat-

ing that an entire upheaval of family life, moral standards, and religious beliefs threatened the Jews, and had not the struggle of the Maccabaens been rewarded with success, present day religions—among them Christianity—might never have evolved. Mr. Horovitz pointed to the Maccabaens as a font from which all Jews should draw inspiration and purpose.

#### Business Meeting Last Sunday.

The annual election of officers of the Y. M. H. A. took place last Sunday evening, December 8th. The incoming officers have had the confidence of the Y. M. H. A. members for some time, and have all held offices in the organization before.

Mr. Harry Ratner, formerly Vice-President of the Association, was elected President, and Mr. Charles Spitz, until lately a member of the Board of Directors, was elected Vice-President, both without opposition. Their selection argues well for the continued success of the administration of Y. M. H. A. affairs.

Other new officers are as follows: Recording Secretary—Harry Haas. Financial Secretary—Morris Levine (the present incumbent). Treasurer—Millard Fisher.

J. N. Palley, for two years president of the Y. M. H. A., was not permitted to retire from active participation in Y. M. H. A. affairs, being elected a member of the Board and receiving a ballot from every member casting a ballot. With Mr. Palley, Messrs. S. J. Horovitz and Moe Harris were elected on the Board from a selection of nine candidates. The Board of Directors for 1913 is constituted as follows: H. J. Applestein, chairman, Gus Sachs, secretary, and Messrs. Lindenberg, Resnick, Israel, Seligsohn, Palley, Horovitz, and Harris.

Among other business transacted, provisions were made for a dance to be held in the Association Quarters for the benefit of Jewish sufferers in the Balkans. The entire proceeds of this affair will be devoted to the cause. The date is Wednesday evening, December 18th. A large attendance is anticipated, as the cause is so worthy. There will also be a dance in the big enjoyable way on New Year's Eve., December 31st, at McDougal's Auditorium, Penn and Shady avenues.

#### Friday Evening Services.

The Young Men's Hebrew Association of Pittsburgh wishes to announce the fourth of their Friday evening exercises to be held at the Irene Kaufmann Settlement, Center avenue, on Friday evening, Dec. 20th. These meetings on Friday evenings consist of a sermon, musical numbers, etc., and consume about one hour. They are well worth attending. The public is most cordially invited. Every Friday evening at 8:30 o'clock.

#### Esther Society.

The Esther Society U. D. I. announce that election of officers and a quarterly meeting will be held on Dec. 15th, 1912. A dance will be held on Jan. 7th, 1913, Montefiore Hall, under the auspices of a most able entertainment committee.