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ORPHANAGE ANNEX IS DEDICATED

Fannie H. Hamburger Dormitory Formally Opened Last Sunday Afternoon—Interesting Dedication Exercises

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If "to live in hearts we leave behind is not to die," then Fannie H. Hamburger will be a living force in this community so long as there are men and women here who wish to answer the appeal of the parentless child, and so long, too, as there are little children who have need for the beneficence of those who will help to fill the void wrought by the Stern Summoner. Great sorrows bring great needs—and few sorrows are greater than that which comes into the life of the child whose parents have "crept silently to rest" on

life prompted a kind husband to a noble benefaction. Abraham Lippman is such a name—it suggests a devotion such as is seldom equalled in the relations between child and man. Fannie H. Hamburger must also be such a name—for the influence of her good deeds has inspired the dedication to her memory of another medium for the shelter and the care of the orphan. The "J. M. Gusky Hebrew Orphanage and Home," the "Bertha Rauh Cohen Annex," the "Abraham Lippman Pavilion," and the Fannie H. Hamburger Dormitory are edifices that will bear tribute to those names so long as gratitude can find a place in the hearts of the boys and girls and men and women.

Dedication Exercises.

This latest addition to the group of buildings at the Orphanage, the "Fannie H. Hamburger Dormitory," was formally dedicated on Sunday afternoon last, when several hundred members of the local community assembled with the children of the Home to manifest their appreciation of the kindness of the donor, Mr. Phillip Hamburger, and to offer an evidence of respect to the memory of his wife. The day chosen for these exercises was the eleventh anniversary of the death of Mrs. Hamburger. The dedication ceremonies were held in the chapel of the Bertha Rauh Cohen Annex. Child and adult, little folks and grown-ups felt the inspiration of the moment, and none were there but realized how beautiful a thing it is "to live in hearts we leave behind."

A sweet token of love was offered in the opening of the exercises, when the little girls who make the Orphanage their home passed before the altar of the chapel and placed flowers in a receptacle there as evidence that they would ever "keep green in their hearts the memory of Mrs. Hamburger." After the singing of "Oh, Lord God" by the choir of the Rodeph Shalom Temple, of which Mr. W. K. Steiner is the director, Mr. A. L. Solomon, President of the Orphanage and presiding officer of the occasion, delivered the opening remarks.

"Since the incentive given by the founding of the institution by Mrs. J. M. Gusky," said Mr. Solomon, "we have increased our ca-

capacity through the generous act of our co-worker, Mr. Aaron Cohen, and now comes another addition through the kindness of our good friend, Mr. Phillip Hamburger. Let me say this in brief as to our ideals. We seek to make our home a haven, and as a haven it should be broad and roomy enough to take in all who require our sustenance and shelter. And we aim to have the sustenance and the shelter modest in quality and measured in quantity to be sufficient and no more. This, my friends, in my humble judgment, carries with it a loftier purpose than does the effort to endow a few victims of misfortune with every comfort and luxury. May our ideals be verified by our deeds, that the orphan shall echo and re-echo again the time honored prayer of our people, 'Blessed be the name of the

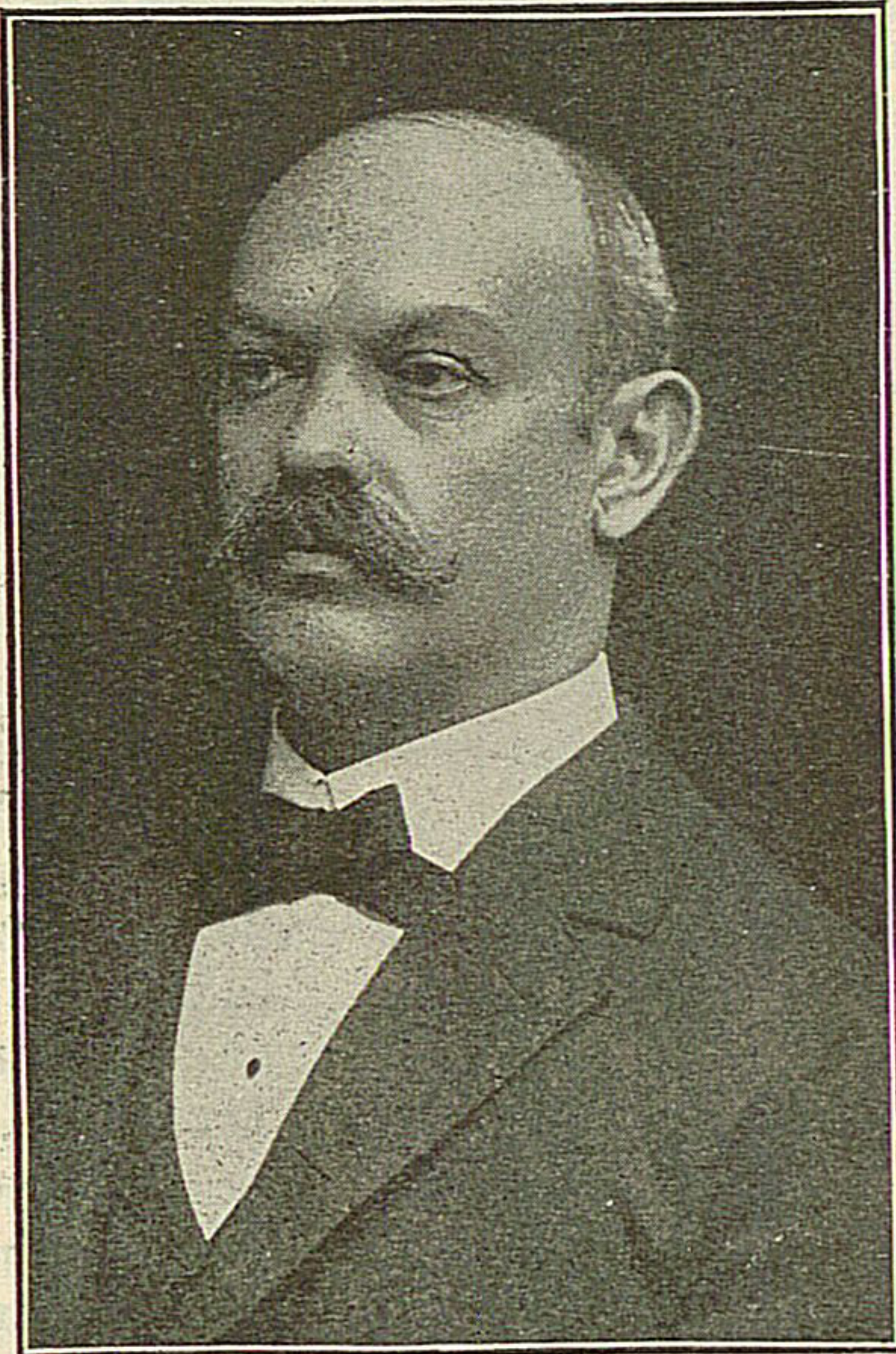
munity. The speaker also extended the thanks of the committee to all who assisted them during the period of construction.

Judge Josiah Cohen, Honorary President of the Home, made the presentation address in behalf of Mr. Hamburger. "Inspired by an undying devotion and an endless fidelity," said Judge Cohen, "the donor of this practical building, so essential to the needs of our Home, asks that I present it in his name—in the name of Phillip Hamburger. This memorial is a fitting tribute to a pure and faithful wife, daughter, sister and mother, who eleven years ago passed into the realms of the Great Unknown, but the recollection of whose virtues and pious example will ever remain with us as a perpetual guide. To me the spiritual aspect of this dedication appeals more strongly than the material. The memorial awakens memories more precious than the building itself. That of which this structure is the exponent commands my admiration more than the beauty of its design. Sanctified by the motive that inspired the gift, hallowed by the recollections associated with the life of her in whose honor this building is erected, we pray to-day like her of old, though our lips move not, for the repose of the sainted departed.

"As one time teacher," continued the Judge, "I sincerely participate in the sad joy that to-day thrills the heart of a husband who so devotedly memorializes the angel of his hearthstone and his faithful companion for many years. May the memory of the deceased ever be venerated by the inculcation into the lives of our wards of those noble attributes which characterized the life of the departed, in whose precious memory a devoted husband gives to you and your successors this splendid reminder of a splendid and modest daughter in Israel."

Miss Ida Schwartz, one of the little girls at the Home, accepted the key of the building from Judge Cohen and, in turn, presented it to Mr. Solomon, "Dear Judge Cohen and Mr. Hamburger," said the young lady, "in behalf of the children of the Gusky Home I accept the key to the Fannie H. Hamburger Dormitory. I assure you that we shall always look up to Mr. Hamburger's beloved wife as our model. Mr. Hamburger, may your life be prolonged, and may her memory be blessed. And now I turn the key over to you, Mr. Solomon, that you may take it to guide and protect us."

In accepting the dormitory and key, as President of the Orphanage, Mr. Solomon said, "Mr. Hamburger, we extend to you our sincere thanks



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other shores—and great as is the need, so great is its alleviation when extended. Nor does the child soon forget its benefactor and its friend; neither does it early abandon the love it bears for the one in whose memory the benefaction has been offered.

There are names that are sacred and holy to the little folks at the Gusky Orphanage and to those young men and young women who have been under its protecting guardianship in the days that are gone by. Jacob M. Gusky is such a name—his memorial endures far beyond the grave, for it lives in the lives of those whose early years were made bright and pleasant through the honor of his memory. Bertha Rauh Cohen is such a name—time but adds to the love which several hundred wards of the Orphanage feel for her whose gentle



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Lord, for His Mercy endureth forever."

As chairman of the Building Committee, Mr. Louis I. Aaron offered the report of that body. Mr. Aaron told of the need that had been felt by the directors of the Home some months ago for greater accommodations at the Orphanage; how he had mentioned this fact to Mr. Hamburger in a casual way and how Mr. Hamburger had almost at once volunteered to supply the extra room by the erection of the dormitory in memory of his wife. Mr. Aaron commented in high terms on the ready generosity of the donor and the splendid co-operation he had given the Institution in providing the added facilities which will enable the Orphanage to meet the present and future demands upon it by the com-

for your generous gift. We shall strive to inculcate into the minds of the children that being a Jew is a privilege and that it involves great duties and obligations. We shall so aim to rear them that they may fulfill these obligations and that they may go out into the world and there be a credit not only to themselves but also to the institution." Following Mr. Solomon's remarks, the children sang the hymn, "Lift up your Hearts." They were accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Josiah Cohen, President of the Ladies Auxiliary Society of the Orphanage. The President then read a telegram from Mrs. J. M. Gusky, founder of the Institution, who is now living in Cincinnati, stating her regret at not being able to be present for the occasion. Mrs. Gusky also expressed her appreciation to Mr. Hamburger for his generous addition to the Orphanage.

The Dedication Address.

The dedication address was delivered by Rev. Dr. J. Leonard Levy. The speaker reminded those present that Death is still the "Unconquered Conquerer" and that while we cannot prevent His conquests yet we may so live that the grave will not be the end of our lives. "Wealth is not an essential of immortality," said Dr. Levy. "The essentials are a consideration for the needs of others, kindness to our fellow-men, love for our neighbor, free giving and unselfish service. I lay the emphasis on 'unselfish', for it is this quality that is most to be desired. To have millions and to retain them for one's own use is to be unworthy of being blessed with such wealth. To have wealth of any character and to keep it for one's own family and for one's own personal needs, without due regard to the needs of the great society that enabled the obtaining of that wealth, is to be unworthy of the stewardship of such good fortune."

Dr. Levy then emphasized the immortality which the good deeds of Mrs. Hamburger had established for her in this community. The gentleness of her life and the patient effort with which she sought to relieve the wants of the unfortunate and the needy would rear for her a memorial that would last forever. The speaker also referred to the sweetness of the domestic life of Mrs. Hamburger and of the devotion she had enjoyed from her family. "I am not passing beyond the bounds of modest praise," said Dr. Levy, "when I say that Mrs. Hamburger possessed all those good qualities which are found in her aged mother, Mrs. Hanauer. She was indeed her mother's daughter."

Commenting on the fact that the dedication exercises were being held in the chapel of the Bertha Rauh Cohen Annex, the speaker said, "It seems to me altogether fitting that we should be assembled here this afternoon in the Bertha Rauh Cohen Memorial Annex to dedicate the Fannie H. Hamburger Dormitory,

as these two good women were together in life and worked side by side in their noble work. They represented the beginning of a large number of good movements that are now meeting with great success in this community. They were co-workers in life, and they are not separated in death."

In conclusion, Dr. Levy said, "I dedicate to the services of our fellow-men and to the special needs of these dear orphans the dormitory that has been given to us, that we shall keep alive the influence of a good mother of Israel, and we shall say of her that 'although she is dead she yet speaks.'"

Following the dedication address, and the singing of "Oh, Memory" by the choir, the "Ma'ariv" or Evening Service was conducted by Dr. Levy in memory of Mrs. Hamburger. The little folks of the Home and the assembled friends participated in the service and joined in the Kaddish prayer.

On the same afternoon, the residence erected on the grounds of the Orphanage for the Superintendent and his family was dedicated. Dr. Levy said that the presentation of the residence to Mr. Goldsmith and his family was a fitting recognition of the commendable services rendered to the Institution by the active heads of the Home. He expressed the hope that they may long occupy it to continue the splendid work that has been accomplished at the Orphanage under their direction.

The Fannie H. Hamburger Dormitory is a two-story brick structure of imposing design. It extends along the Riverview Avenue frontage of the Orphanage grounds. It is approximately fifty feet wide. The first floor contains a large dormitory, a reception room, and lavatories. The second floor is similarly arranged. Each dormitory contains sixteen beds, so that the capacity of the Orphanage is increased by thirty-two, almost fifty per cent. of the former accommodations.

The dormitories have been beautifully furnished with the necessary beds, complete outfits of linens and a steel locker for each child by Master Lester and Miss Fannie Aaron, children of Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Aaron and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Hamburger. The reception room has been handsomely equipped by a member of Mr. Hamburger's family. In this room hang portraits of the donor and his wife; above the latter is the inscription, "To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die." The entire interior of the building presents a very home-like and comfortable appearance. The furnishings are neat and modest and called forth much approval from the many visitors who inspected the annex and its equipment Sunday afternoon.

The Superintendent's residence is constructed on the bungalow type. It occupies the extreme end of the Orphanage grounds, facing on Riverview Avenue. While not entirely ready for occupancy last Sunday, it will be so in the near future.