

# Local News

## ORTHODOX JEWS TO CONDUCT A BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION HERE.

### Building Is Now Occupied by the Curtis Home for Girls.

Through the efforts of Rev. A. M. Ashinsky, pastor of the Beth Hamedresh Hagodail congregation in Washington street, and the Beth Jacob congregation in Franklin street, the Orthodox Hebrews of Pittsburg and Western Pennsylvania will soon be enabled to establish a home for the destitute men and women of that denomination. The Jones property in Breckenridge avenue, known as the Jones "Castle," and now occupied by the Curtis Home for Girls, has been purchased and will be taken over by the Hebrews about March 1.

The purchase price is said to have been \$25,000, and of this sum \$4,000 has already been pledged. Between now and March 1 Mr. Ashinsky will visit all the towns and cities in the western section of the State and endeavor to raise the balance of the money required.

### Building Meets Requirements.

The newly acquired property has a frontage of about 60 feet in Breckenridge avenue, is a three-story brick building, with cupola, of modern architecture, and contains 20 rooms. Altogether the building is well adapted for the purposes of a home, being surrounded by about five acres of ground. That the need for such an institution is a great one is evidenced by the fact that already there are about 20 applicants for admission to it.

The new home will be called Beth Moshab Zkainim, and an association under the same name, which is working in conjunction with Mr. Ashinsky for the raising of funds, will act as a governing body. Already a State charter has been applied for and may be granted at any time. The temporary chairman of the association is L. I. Sablodowsky. E. L. Miller, of 814 Wylie avenue, is secretary, while S. J. Rosenfeld and J. M. Friedman are receiving contributions to defray the expenses of paying for and furnishing the home.

### Chapel on Main Floor.

Present plans provide that the home shall have a chapel on the main floor. This will be on the right of the building and will take up the space now occupied by a parlor and small adjoining room. Aside from the converting of these rooms into a chapel and the painting and refurnishing of the building no alterations are contemplated at the present time. The dining room and kitchen will be on the first floor of the building, opposite the chapel, and the upper rooms will be used as bedrooms.

Public-spirited Hebrews have already agreed to furnish the chapel, and promises to supply the furniture for the rooms have been made by

others. Simon D. Rosenfeld has agreed to furnish the chapel with furniture and books, and Jacob Shapiro has agreed to care for the furnishing of the kitchen and dining room. Mr. and Mrs. Neiman Leibe have promised a scroll for use in the chapel.

### DR. BLAUSTEIN'S LECTURE.

Dr. David Blaustein, Superintendent of the Educational Alliance, in New York, will lecture next Sunday evening, December 24, at the Columbian Council School. All are invited to attend.

### CARD OF THANKS.

The undersigned begs to express for his daughter, Miss Nettie Armhold, and himself, their heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to their numerous friends in Pittsburgh and Allegheny for the many courtesies and expressions of sympathy extended to them in their recent bereavement.

These expressions of sympathy on the part of old and loyal friends have brought us great comfort and have helped us to bear the burden of our affliction with humble resignation.

REV. WILLIAM ARMHOLD.

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### WEDDINGS.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Schamberg, of 1208 Sheffield street, Allegheny, announce the marriage of their daughter, Helen, to Howard D. Baird, December 20. Mr. and Mrs. Baird will return from their wedding trip and be at home to their many friends after January 15, 1906, at 1113 Pennsylvania avenue, Allegheny.

The wedding of Miss Celia Schoenfeld, of Johnstown, Pa., with Mr. Bertram Leopold, of Altoona, Pa., will take place next Wednesday, December 27, at the home of the bride's parents.

The wedding of Miss Nellie Silverstein, of Black street, East End, with Mr. Jack Hays Bissinger will take place at the Vulcan Club next Tuesday evening.

The wedding of Miss Yetta Baumgarten, of this city, with Mr. Sol. Schoenfeld, of Altoona, will take place on New Year's Day.

The wedding of Miss Minnie Sampter, of Scranton, Pa., with Mr. A. J. Levy, of Paterson, N. J., will take place on Tuesday, January 2.

### Engagement.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Reich, of 3423 Terrace street, Oakland, announce the engagement of their daughter Anna to Mr. Arthur C. Schweig, of New York. At home Sunday evening, December 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Isidore Rothstein have taken up their residence at the Hotel Lamont, where they will be pleased to receive their friends.

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