

lation, surds, and imaginaries or the binomial theorem?

Joseph—"You tell 'em, Euclid, you've got the right angle on it.

Father—Then how do you expect to understand the theory of relativity?

Joseph—I don't.

Union of Orthodox Congregations:—

The United Orthodox Congregations of Greater Pittsburgh was recently organized for the promotion of greater unity; elimination of duplication and competition in certain lines of endeavor; the institution of a program of community uplift, spiritual and material, and the re-establishment of Orthodoxy in this community on a sound basis. This plan, carefully directed and effectively accomplished, means a new Orthodoxy in Pittsburgh. It means the restoration of the traditional faith upon modern lines, all working in harmony and unison towards the one goal.

Perhaps its most important achievement will be the injection of progressiveness into Orthodoxy. Orthodoxy on the whole has suffered because of its lack of progress. Its young people have severed the ties between themselves and the synagogue. Lack of attraction. Dull, uninteresting, unintelligible forms of worship. Dark synagogues except for Saturday or the special Holidays. These have caused the young people to abandon the house of worship.

Slowly and surely the members of the older synagogues are passing away. The younger people never come except for Kaddish or forced by convention. How can one find cause for hope in such a situation?

And so the organization of the United Congregations is reason for hope. It promises greater activity on the part of the Orthodox congregations, which means all Orthodoxy. It elects to interest itself in community affairs, and take its place alongside of progressive organizations. It plans to bring its young people to the synagogue, the only hope of a future Orthodoxy. It wants unity and harmony. It desires action.

These have been the needs of the Orthodox synagogue for the past twenty years, and that they have finally come to pass is due to the wisdom and of present-day leaders.

There are many things the new organization can do. It can hold weekly or semi-monthly meetings with speakers of national reputation. It can condemn or endorse public projects, and perhaps exert a telling influence for or against. It can help a congregation in distress, and hold union services, with a view of attracting a younger element. It may be influential in the organization of a junior congregation, directed by young people. It can take part in all drives for worthy purposes by rallying to the cause the members of the congregations. It can awaken Orthodoxy to the fact that it is not living alone for itself, and that its duty is also to safeguard the rights and liberty and independence of all. It can serve as an Anti-Defamation committee. In open discussion it can perhaps find common

ground for the adoption of similar forms of worship, and similar prayer-books. And finally it will benefit the religion itself, the greatest accomplishment of all.

The United Orthodox Congregations has held its first formal meeting, and arrangements are being made for another meeting this month. Adolph Edlis is chairman of the committee, and M. L. Avner, Sol Rosenbloom, Myer Rosenthal and Frank A. Weinstein, members. Officers are Max Friedman, president; H. Kalson, vice president; I Raffel and D. I. Sobel, secretaries. The committee of which Mr. Edlis is chairman met with Rabbis A. M. Ashinsky, B. A. Lichter, A. H. Kahn, M. S. Sivitz, Kochian and S. B. Freeman, and a constitution adopted. Committees will be appointed at the next meeting of the general body.

Herman Norman Shoop.

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Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity Wins High Scholastic Honors at University of Pittsburgh:—According to a recent announcement by the Registrar of the University of Pittsburgh, out of a list of 13 nationally recognized fraternities on the Pitt campus, Psi Chapter of Sigma Alpha Mu ranks second, with a rating of .8 of a point lower than the fraternity in first place.

Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity is an organization composed of Jewish students, and graduates of 25 colleges and universities in the United States and Canada. There are close to 2,000 members. The fraternity has always encouraged the Jewish student to aspire to high scholastic achievement as well as campus activity. Today the organization is one of the largest and most flourishing of America's Jewish College fraternities.

The local chapter, in the Middle Atlantic Province, was founded in December, 1919. Despite its brief existence, it has firmly entrenched itself on the campus and is recognized as the leading Jewish fraternity at the University of Pittsburgh.

Local officers are Mr. John Stern, Mr. Philip Sigel, Mr. Lawrence Stern and Mr. I. Lasday. Faculty advisers are Alexander Lowry, Ph.D., Dr. Robert Zugsmith and Mr. Melvin De Groat. Regional adviser of the fraternity's Middle Atlantic Province is Ralph H. Lasday.

The fraternity has a very beautiful home at 341 Oakland Avenue.

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SETTLEMENT PRESENTS PLAY

"The House That Jack Built," an operetta, under the auspices of the Jewish Children's Aid Society, was presented at the Schenley High School by the children of the Irene Kaufmann Settlement, a large crowd being in attendance. The children, ranging in age from four to eighteen years, carried out their parts splendidly. Much credit is to be given to the staff and members of the Irene Kaufmann Settlement, who had full charge of the production. They are as follows: General Director, Julia Pines Teller; Dancing, Ella Wertheimer; Music, Anna Laufe; Costumes, Margaret Vero; Accompanist, Dora Ostrosky. The costumes were very unique, and were made at the Settlement by the children.