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TO THE READERS.

With the publication of the "Zionist Bulletin", the Zion Literary Society is entering upon a new field of activity. Never before has it been attempted to publish a journal in the Zionist Institute. This fact, however, will be rather an incentive for us in the work than a discouragement.

Local Zionists have long felt the need of a form of propaganda that would attract the young Jewish element to whom Judaism and Zionism are practically unknown, and who are not attracted by the rather dry and serious Zionist magazines. The "Zionist Bulletin," will aim to adapt itself to these needs. Being thoroly imbued with the Zionist ideal, the "Zionist Bulletin" will propagate that ideal among the Pittsburgh Jewish youth. By means of articles, stories, and discussions, bearing a Jewish character, the "Zionist Bulletins" will bring its readers in close contact with Jewish questions and problems, and thus bring about the desired end of creating earnest thinking Jews and consequently Zionists.

We are starting on a small scale; with the humble means at our disposal, we did the best we could. However, as the Jewish sages said, "Look out for the children of the poor, for from them goeth forth wisdom. Very often an earnest effort is crowned with success.

WHO WILL BE THE MODERN JOSHUA?

Again the most popular of all the Jewish holidays, the Passover, is in our midst. Almost all of the Jewish people, whether religious or not, whether observing other holidays or not, celebrate with pride the anniversary of the emancipation of their ancestors from Egyptian bondage. The old story never grows old. Again, and again the tale is read--the old tale of persecution and suffering in the land of the Pharaohs, and finally the deliverance by Moses--and every time with more zeal and more enthusiasm.

In this story, Moses plays the chief part. It was Moses who assumed the leadership of a mob of slaves, and formed them into a people--the crude beginnings of a nation. It was not a rosy path that Moses chose to tread. He encountered stiff-necked opposition; the slave, hardened by the centuries of continuous labor, did not want any liberty. He preferred to end his day in his misery. Moses, however, pursued his course undismayed. He cast aside the golden opportunity, which chance threw in his way, of enjoying a princely life, away from sorrow and care, and went to the aid of his unfortunate brethren. Their miserable condition moved his heart, the cruel treatment that they were receiving, stirred his blood, and spurred him on to do what he did.

They followed a period of hardships and difficulties. To manage a horde of slaves was not an easy undertaking. Yet Moses bore the weight of this Herculean task with superhuman strength, and finally brought the slaves within reach of the desired goal--Palestine. But, according to the decree of God, Moses himself was not permitted to enter the land, to which he had brought others, and there, at the gates of Palestine, he died. The situation was sad, indeed; to lose a leader at the critical moment is the worst that could befall any people. Yet it was not hopeless. Immediately there loomed up another light in the person of Joshua. He was a pupil of the deceased leader and was in every way worthy of being his successor. With as firm a hand as his predecessor's, he led the people into the land, and successfully brought their wanderings to an end.

Years came and went; the people of Israel were driven out of their happy home and were again enslaved in Egypt--the Egypt of Rome, the Egypt of Spain. The Egypt of Russia. They again built pyramids--pyramids of knowledge, pyramids of industry. They became slaves of other nations. There arose another Moses in the person of Herzl.

Like his great prototype, Herzl lived in a foreign atmosphere and grew up a stranger to his people. But "one day he went out to his brethren," and the miserable scene that he beheld awakened within him a desire to liberate his suffering people and restore them to their former glory.

Opposition from within, and antagonism from without, were the obstacles thrown in his way. Still he overcame them all and he set out with the people on the march thru the desert. But ere they were yet within sight of their destiny, the unparalleled calamity occurred; death again robbed the people of their Moses—Herzl passed prematurely away. The people were left without a leader. Some continued the journey, some went back to Egypt. There was no Joshua to take Moses' place. Will there yet be a Joshua and who will he be?...

-----JULIUS G. LEVENSON.

THEODOR HERZL.

Born in Budapest May 2d, 1860, Studied Law in Vienna, but devoted himself to Journalism and literature, becoming literary editor of "Neue Freie Presse". Wrote the "Judenstaat" in 1896, Founded "Die Welt" and organized the first Zionist Congress in 1897. President of the Congress until his death. Attended the Hague Peace Conference, and in May, 1901, was openly received by the Sultan of Turkey. He was also received by the Emperor of Germany and by Von Plehve and De Witte. In 1902-1903 gave evidence before British Royal Commission on Alien Immigration. Met the Hon. Jos. Chamberlain and thru him negotiated with the Egyptian government for a charter for settlement of Jews in Al'aArish. In 1905 received offer from British Government of Uganda for a Jewish settlement. Weakened by many years of indefatigable labors for his people and having sacrificed his fortune for them, he died July 3, 1904.

He was undoubtedly the greatest Jew of the Diaspora.

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- EDITORIALS -

THE SEDER

Jewish holidays abound in ceremonies, many of which, having upon them the stamp of ages, appear to us foolish and useless. The Seder, however, in spite of its antiquity, still retains its old significance, and is the most popular of all ceremonies.

The reason that the Seder finds a place in all Jewish homes may perhaps be ascribed to the fact that it is primarily a ceremony for the children; it therefore cannot grow too old. "And thou shalt tell thy son" says the Bible. The childish mind cannot be convinced with dry words; it must have a vivid picture. The Seder serves that purpose. What could there be a more vivid picture than the old Seder--the graybearded father, attired in a milky white garment, seated at the head of the richly set table, gravely performing the assigned ceremonies, and the children sitting around the table, looking with joy and admiration, mingled with surprise and

amazement upon the strange actions of their father. In their little heads a question (besid8s the four questions they had previously learned), why all this? Why has not their little neighbor Jimmy a Seder also? Why are they different than he? The father explains to them that they are Jews, tells them the significance of the feast, and thereby plants in their little hearts seeds of patriotism and love for their nation.

Every nation has its traditions. Of the traditions of the Jewish nation, the Seder is the most glorious and most significant. It should be strictly observed in every Jewish home.

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THE NATIONAL FUND COMMISSION.

During his visit in Pittsburgh, Dr. B. Epstein of the National Fund Bureau, succeeded in infusing a little life in the work of local Zionists for the National Fund. He created a commission comprising representatives of all organizations desiring to do National Fund work.

The commission, full of zeal and enthusiasm, was ready to begin its work. But the usual petty strife which unfortunately occupies a prominent position in Zionist work, practically destroyed Dr. Epstein's good work. Profitless hair splitting as to whether or not in years to come the commission might become independent of the Council, and unreasonable demands on the part of the Council chased away the Poale Zion, who for once wanted to work, and reduced the commission to the few old workers.

National Fund work must be done, and Pittsburgh must do more than it has been doing. Let the commission again invite representatives from all organizations, especially from the Mizrachi, which has been doing the work separately, and invited, do the work systematically, as Dr. Epstein had intended.

SPARKS AND FLASHES #
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Dr. Emil G. Hirsch says in his article, "The Jewish Note in the Sermon", "The Christian and the Jew alike should, before making bold to discuss the teaching of the prophets, and the comment of the Pentateuch, have acquired a sufficiently copious vocabulary in Hebrew. "According to this rule Dr. Levy is indeed competent to deliver sermons on the above subjects. He can write Schumel Salant in Hebrew.

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In his "lecture" on the Holy Land Films, Dr. Levy surprised his audience by his realistic imitation of the barking of a dog. WE were not a bit surprised...

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Our Reform Rabbis are believers in spiritual Judaism and spiritual Zionism. Knowing how much they possess of the form, we can easily understand how much they have of the latter...

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Dr. Levy related that during his visit to Palestine, he discovered that Blindness was prevailing there. No wonder that he spoke with such blindness on the subject...

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As usual, "Zionist weather" prevailed on the evening of March 15th, it rained in torrents.

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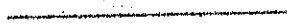
Sh... sh... The Pittsburgh General Relief Committee is sound asleep...

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The discussion regarding the advisability of collecting in Pittsburgh food supplies to be sent with the Vulcan to Palestine was so hot that the entire proposition was burned up...

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Pittsburgh Zionists have a big share in the success of the "Flag Day" they kept out of it...



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The Zion Literary Society has lately shown a marked activity. It has taken an active part in the recent National Fund box collection, and is now devoting itself to propaganda work. A number of pamphlets on Zionism and Palestine have been secured from the Federation and will shortly be distributed. The "Zionist Bulletin" will also aid in the propaganda work and will also render a good service to all the Zionist organization.

The feature of the work of the educational committee was the history classes conducted Friday nights. Between 500 to 600 children attended those classes regularly and listened to the programs rendered by the Juvenile Clubs. Thanks to Miss Bessie Treelisky, the programs were always interesting and attractive. Thru the efforts of Mr. M. Neeman, a number of illustrated lectures were given for the children on Sunday nights.

The Nordan Literary Society, a product of the Herzl Literary, was organized a few weeks ago. The organization is composed of young men, most of whom are high school students. Its aim is to study Jewish literature and culture, to foster the Zionist spirit among the Jewish youth and to do practical Zionist work. During its short existence, the society has held a few very successful meetings. At present it is conducting a membership campaign, and any Jewish young man of the age of sixteen or above is welcome to join the society.

The total income of the National Fund in the United States for the month of January 1, 1914 to February 2, 1915, amounted to \$27,049.25

Successful in all respects was the Gymnasium season that is now being closed. The Coffey Club was a big factor in the success. The Basket ball games that it played every Tuesday attracted large crowds, and consequently the financial gain for the Council was fair. Aside from the financial consideration, it is worth noticing that the gym activities added considerable vitality to the Council.

The work of the ladies' gym classes is also praiseworthy. Thru the untiring efforts of Mr. M. H. Neaman, president of the Council, the classes turned out a championship basket ball team, which brought as much glory to the Zionist Council in athletic circles as the men's team did.

The Kadimah Society is conducting a very lively membership campaign. The results are encouraging. We wish to call attention to the fact that the Kadimah Society has a larger membership than any other society.

The Jewish National Fund Committee of Pittsburgh, which has been organized last December by Dr. B. Epstein of Germany, has already done good work. The box collection, which was recently concluded, brought in about \$60.00, which were remitted to the N. F. Bureau in New York. A few weeks ago the Committee received 200 new boxes and 50 of them have already been distributed.

The Carnegie ZION LITERARY SOCIETY, organized by the Zion Literary Society of Pittsburgh, is doing splendid work. It has a membership of 35 young men and women. A campaign for funds netted them \$50.00. Their entertainment of March 7th was well attended. Rabbi A. M. Ashinsky and Mr. S. Caplan were the speakers of the evening.

Marour---Something that we have all year round.

"The wise son -- what does he say?" He doesn't say anything; he keeps quiet.

TYPES AROUND THE BUILDING.

The Foot-Voice Master.

He's partly "bear" and partly "man"
This type with which I start;
Yet place him not in either class...,
He plays a different part.

He is the one that makes us laugh,
We hail him with delight;
We laugh--shall I say 'with'
No, 'at' will be just right....

His power in his footwork lies,
On which depends his voice;
His song with foot accompanied
Is music of the choice.

The "oi-ei-oi," "with stamp of foot
No one can do as well,
It sounds just like the clank of steel
Upon a wooden bell.

We like him just as he is,--
His foot, his voice, and all;
Long may he bring us mirth and funn
To us in Zion Hall.

-----A. Witt.

The Jew at the Seder will be in the
position of King Albert of Belgium-a king
without a kingdom.

Want Ads.

- WANTED--Some work to do. Apply to
Mr. Morris Newman.
- WANTED--Ladies to be taken home. \$1.10
a coupon. See Morris Newman.
- WANTED--Several hundred pounds of sil-
wrapping paper to be sold for
the National Fund, See Joe.
- Wanted--High-classed society for Miss
Averback.
- WANTED--Male help: Kadimah Society
wants 150 men to become mem-
bers. Only single need apply.
- WANTED--A dancing expert to teach Dr.
Snitzer the latest.
- WANTED--Several hundred buttonless
coats. Miss Averback will sew
on buttons at 10¢ each. Pro-
ceeds for the National Fund.

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