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JEWISH CALENDAR.

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Rosh Chodesh Tammuz, Tues., Jun. 27
Rosh Chodesh Ab, Wednesday, July 25
Feast of Ab, Thursday, Aug. 3
Rosh Chodesh Ellul, Friday, Aug. 25
New Year's Eve 5672, Friday, Sept. 22
The day begins at sunset of the day preceding the corresponding common date.

EDITORIAL

And still the voice is silent from among all those who might, by exercising it, proclaim the unification of charities and point the way for great work. We cannot believe that the interest of our people in charitable work is not as keen as in years gone by, as our history teaches us, but we stand with a mist before us. Will not, can not this city produce someone who will remove the veil of the past and show what can be accomplished with modern methods? Will someone not arise who is equal to the occasion and point the way to a systematized dispensation of charities? Can not the city produce someone big enough to overcome the obstacles and successfully launch a united charity? We do not believe the task is hopeless, but it requires work; it requires courage; we are still groping in the dark for the voice; we are still hopeful.

In discussing the city beautiful, we cannot but appreciate the fact that the city park gives more real pleasure to the thousands than any other spot in Houston. Crowded to capacity on nights when the open air concerts are given, and it is a pleasant sight indeed to see the thousands of men, women and children, revelling in the delights of the open air, the music and attractions offered.

But to reach the source of all such pleasure is a serious drawback to the pleasure offered. Dark and unpaved streets and streets with sidewalks which are a disgrace and without lights to show the way. There should immediately be constructed a paved driveway leading to the city park with proper lights stationed at intervals and not depend, as at present, upon front

window lights from nearby residences to point the way to a place of so many attractions and so beneficial to a community; a place which is the mecca for women and children, and who on each visit are confronted with dark streets and dangerous sidewalks and crossings in order to reach it.

One of the greatest mistakes committed by parents is to threaten their children with certain punishments if they refuse to do certain things and then to fail to carry into effect the punishment when the children persist in doing these things. It weakens the authority of the parents for all time to come. What is said here of the parent, holds equally good of the teacher. Our teachers, both in the public and the Sabbath schools, do too much threatening. They try to frighten children into doing or not doing certain things. The less threats that are made, the better, but if warnings must be given, the teacher should be as good as her word and do just exactly what she says. Children soon learn whether parents and teachers mean what they say, and if the children see that the teachers and parents are simply holding the stick over them without using it, they will take advantage of that fact and the next time pay no attention to their demands and commands. We should do as little threatening as possible, but when we give forth the threat we should execute it, and we should make the "punishment fit the crime."—Am. Israelite.

DR. GASTER DECLINES POST OF CHIEF RABBI.

The London correspondent of the Jewish Morgen Journal of this city cabled on Monday that he had interviewed Dr. Moses Gaster, Haham of the Spanish and Portuguese congregations of London, and inquired of him his views on the chief rabbinate with reference to his candidacy. Dr. Gaster replied that under no circumstances could he consider accepting the position should it be offered to him. He gave as one of his reasons the fact that he is not a well man, and that he could not undertake the physical labor attached to the office. Dr. Gaster suffers from defective eyesight, and feels that should he be named, the community would have to reopen the question which was uppermost in the last days of the late chief rabbi, whose physical infirmities made it imperative that an associate be considered for appointment.

Dr. Gaster believes that it would be a mistake on the part of the community to select a man who is not physically in condition to carry on the work.

ELECTION CHANGES TO AVOID YOM KIPPUR.

Hartford, Conn., July 31.—The Jewish community will ask the Connecticut legislature to change the usual date of election this year, because it falls on the same date as Yom Kippur. The legislature will be asked to transfer the fall elections from October 2nd, to a few days earlier or later.

JEWISH AVIATOR KILLED.

London, July 31.—The well known Jewish aviator, Mr. Benjamin Pascal Gamsa, lost his life on Tuesday in a bicycle accident in the North End road, Hendon. Mr. Gamsa was riding down the North End road, when he came into collision at the corner of Wellgarth road with a motor, which ran over his head and killed him instantly.

JUDAISM TO BE TAUGHT BY MAIL.

The Jewish religion taught by correspondence will be the chief branch in the curriculum of a school planned by Rabbi Henry Berkowitz of Philadelphia.

"At the request of the American Association of Rabbis I outlined the plan at the conference two weeks ago in St. Paul," said Rabbi Berkowitz in an interview. "The idea was indorsed by a unanimous vote and within a year the school will be in operation.

"We shall have a faculty composed of men skilled in the different subjects and each pupil will have individual instruction. The history of the Jewish race will be included in the course.

"The school will follow the methods of the technical correspondence schools, which have demonstrated that education can be delivered successfully through the mails. The public in general has little conception of the Jewish religion and there are many Jews, too, who need instruction regarding their racial history and religion. Gentiles will be enrolled if they care to take the course.

"We believe the subjects will be wonderfully interesting and the faculty will include the best teachers available. At present I am trying to select the members, and an announcement will be made shortly. The school will be in Philadelphia. A similar work is being carried on by clubs of women and our societies, but the 'group method' does not reach far enough."

The oldest Jewish congregation in the Western Hemisphere is in Kingston, Jamaica. The old synagogue was destroyed on January 14, 1907 by an earthquake.

TO CURTAIL JEWS' CREDIT.

London, July 28.—The Times correspondent at St. Petersburg says that Premier Stolypin has written to his colleagues proposing to compel banks to restrict credit to Jewish merchants.

The premier argues that the banks are mostly in Jewish hands, and favor Jews, who are thus able to monopolize trade and organize speculations disastrously affecting the country, notably in the grain trade.

M. Kokovtsoff, and even the Nationalist, Timasheff, are reported to have disagreed both with the premises and the conclusions of Premier Stolypin's letter.

The opposition organs describe M. Stolypin's move as a logical consequence of his Nationalist policy.

BERNSTEIN FIGHTS AGAIN.

Paris, July 26.—Henry Bernstein, the playwright, fought still another duel today as an outcome of the riots instituted by members of the Royalist organization known as the "Camelots du Roi" at the Theater Francais, which eventually forced Bernstein's play, "Apres Moi," off the stage.

Bernstein was to meet the Royalist, Lacour, who is now serving a three years' term of imprisonment for assaulting ex-Premier Briand, but the government refused to grant permission to Lacour to leave the jail, even temporarily, to carry out this engagement.

Maurice Pujo, another Royalist, and member of the "Camelots du Roi," of which organization Lacour is vice president, took the latter's place. The duel, which was with swords, was rapid and exciting. Bernstein scratched the forearm of his adversary twice, and was himself slightly wounded in the arm by Pujo. The seconds stopped the duel at the seventh bout.

M. Bernstein's other encounters were with Leon Daudet and M. Tery.

They are discussing the question whether it is wise for the Masons of the Jewish religion to band themselves together in so-called "Jewish" lodges in England at the present time. Here in New York the question is beyond the discussion stage, for "Jewish" lodges—the membership of which is almost exclusively composed of our co-religionists—have been in existence nearly three-quarters of a century. In Germany, and specifically in large cities such as Frankfurt-on-the-Main, similar lodges may be found. They are, of course, the result of that campaign of anti-Semitism which pervades every walk of Teutonic life and has even penetrated into the Masonic fraternity. While Freemasonry admittedly does not recognize this or that religious faith, its theology being universal in content, we are here confronted by a condition, not a theory. Such a situation is not helped at all by discussion; good can only come of silence.—Hebrew Standard.