

## DANVILLE, VA.

## A Synagogue Dedicated.

A House of Worship was appropriately dedicated to the service of God on Friday evening December 8th. The following programme of services was well rendered: Prayer, Mr. A. Isaacs; organ solo, Mr. T. C. Rice; dedicatory, Mr. I. Rosenstock; presentation of Torah by Randolph lodge through Mr. D. S. Lisberger to congregation, and its reception by the president, Mr. I. Rosenstock; Sabbath evening service, Mr. H. Hirsh; Exhortation, Mr. Julius Kaufman; Benediction, Mr. H. Hirsh. The dedicatory oration by the president Mr. I. Rosenstock was well conceived, and finely delivered, thoroughly suitable to the occasion, replete with noble sentiments, and kindly advice. The presentation of the Torah, by Mr. D. S. Lisberger, was done in his inimitable style, his remarks being both wise and eloquent, though he had made no preparation for this pleasant task. In fact the entire services were fittingly rendered, and gave great pleasure to all. The name of our Congregation is Beth Sholem (House of Peace). The Synagogue is situated in the central part of our lovely city, and although not extravagantly fitted up, it is well arranged for the comfort of its members. Seating capacity about 150.

On Sunday last a Sunday school was organized, with 31 pupils. Mr. Julius Kaufman being superintendent. He will be assisted by 4 teachers. I learn that the committee on worship are also organizing a choir, which will add greatly to the beauty and solemnity of the services. We extend a cordial invitation to any of our coreligionists who may visit our city, to attend our services.

Mr. H. Hirsh left last evening on a business trip. It is whispered, that one of our young men, will soon take unto himself a partner for life.

## RALEIGH, N. C.

Mr. Isaac Weil returned last Friday after spending a week in Baltimore.

Mr. S. S. Spier of Goldsboro, N. C., was in our city last Tuesday and Wednesday.

Messrs Harry and Albert Wasserman of Philadelphia, were here last Saturday.

Mr. Sig. C. Mayer, of Tellerville Pa., favored us with his presence last week.

Mr. Leo Froman, formerly of Wilmington, N. C., now of Philadelphia, spent last Sunday in Raleigh.

Mr. G. Rosenthal went to Swepsonville, N. C. last Thursday on business.

Monday night, December 11th, at the hospitable residence of Mr. David Rosenthal, Mr. Herbert Rosenthal celebrated his fourteenth birthday. It was indeed an elegant affair, and the young host entertained his many guests royally. The evening was spent in various ways, such as dancing, singing, and recitations. After several hours of such amusement, an elegant repast was spread. Master Herbert was kindly remembered by his many friends with some pretty gifts. The address made by the young host was well worded and nicely expressed. And in response thereto his little brother, Master Jerome Rosenthal, replied in a

manner well worthy of mention. The chaperons were Mrs. D. Rosenthal and Mrs. Isaac Weil. \*

## Petersburg.

The Channukah festival of the Sunday school was a great success, thanks to the efforts of the teachers, Misses Marie Rosenstock and Helen Eigenbrun, who so ably assisted the superintendent, Rev Mr. Horwitz.

The following programme was nicely rendered:

Prayer, Miss Florence Eigenbrun; hymn by the school; recitation—"Not so easy," Maurice Schwartz; reading—"Uncle Daniel's apparition in prayer," Senora Emmerich; recitation—"Money Musk, recollections of a husking bee," Hannah Saal; recitation—"Home attractions," Rae Cohen; recitation—"Half-way doin's," Esther Miller; recitation—"The kiss in school," Ruth Harris; dialogue—"Song of degrees," at the ages of ten, twenty, and thirty years, Ruthella Eichberg, Clifford Schwartz, Rae Eigenbrun, Isadore Neuman, Florence Reinach, and Benjamin Rosenstock; xylophone solo, Mr. Nathan Reiss; recitation, "Vas Bender Henshpeked?" Irving Saal; recitation—"Dorkin's night," Fannie Reinach; recitation—"Self-sacrifice of Elijah," Isadore Neuman; reading—"Apples," Florence Reinach; recitation—"Foreign views on the statue," Hannah Saal; lighting of the lamps by Ruby Rosenthal, Maurice Schwartz, Otie Eichberg, Harry Rosenthal, Ella Cohea, Wallace Peyser, Ruthella Eichberg, and Clifford Schwartz; hymn by the school; prayer, Sidney Rosenstock.

Candy was distributed to the pupils of the school after the exercises were over.

At the conclusion of the entertainment Mr. A. Rosenstock made an earnest and forceful appeal in behalf of the charities of the city, and succeeded in getting together quite a sum, which will be paid monthly until April for the relief of the general poor of the city.

## Staunton.

Mrs. Joseph Barth is still detained at home by sickness, but it is hoped she will soon be able to be about again.

Mr. Albert Schultz, master of the Masonic lodge of this city, who went as representative to the Grand Lodge of Virginia in Richmond last week, has returned home.

The children of the Sabbath school spent last Sunday evening playing puytshika (an old Channukah game) at the home of Mrs. Alexander Hart. The candies, which were from a Richmond friend, were greatly enjoyed. Before leaving each child was presented with prettily decorated colored candle as a souvenir.

## NORFOLK, VA.

Mr. Edward Levy, of New York, was in the city this week.

Mr. J. J. Levy, of New York, who is on his holiday trip, was in our city on Monday.

Rev. Dr. Ebersson of the Ohel Sholom Temple, has returned from his trip to St. Louis, where he has been visiting his son. We are glad to see him looking so well.

Mr. Nathan Marcus of New York, visited this city this week. His numerous friends were, as usual, pleased to see him. Mr. Mar-

cus is always very cordially received in Norfolk.

The Montefiore L. and S. Association held its regular monthly hop on Wednesday, December 13th, and was very largely attended.

At a recent meeting of the Ladies Hebrew Benevolent Society the following officers were installed: Mrs. D. Levy, president; Mrs. I. Moretz, vice-president; Mrs. A. Arnheim, treasurer; Mrs. J. Hecht, secretary. This society is a very old organization and has done a great deal of charity to the Jewish poor in the city.

## APPROPRIATE PSALMS.

## The Jews of Paris and the Russians.

"When in Rome, do as the Romans do," seems to the casual observer to be the adage adopted by the Jews of Paris, and carried out by their joining in the senseless and humiliating homage to the visiting Russians. Following the example set in churches, special prayers were included in the service of the Paris synagogue to celebrate the presence of the Russian squadron in France consisted of the chanting of Psalm xxi. and lxxxvi., and the singing of a Hallelujah.

This is apparently carrying patriotism just one step too far; loyalty to country should not be at the expense of honor. To forgive an enemy is noble, to praise his virtues, divine; but, inservile submission to etiquette to fawn and cringe before a cruel and relentless enemy, and to chant the praises of those who know neither mercy, justice or pity, would be rank hypocrisy.

There appears, however, to be little cause to call in question the sound common sense or religious fervor and sympathies of our French co-religionists, although they did hold special services to commemorate the advent of the Russian visitors. The Psalms chosen were worthy the occasion and far from being songs of gladness, were prayers for help and guidance. In such observance the entire religious world could join and sing.

In the day of my trouble I will call upon Thee: for thou wilt answer me.

"O God, the proud are risen against me, and the assemblies of the violent men have sought after my soul; and have not set Thee before them.

"Shew me a token for good; that they which hate me may see it, and be ashamed: because Thou, Lord, has helped me, and comforted me."

The French Jews are undoubtedly endowed with the French wit, and know how to chide an enemy while praising him,—*Hebrew Observer*.

## NEW YORK.

Rev. Dr. Gottheil, at the wish of the committee and the desire of the family, participated in the memorial service, held in the Church of the strangers, Thursday evening, December 14th, as the representative of the Jews of New York.]

The *Ladies' Home Journal* will soon have a partrait and sketch of Mrs. Gottheil in its series of clergymen's wives.

Death gives us sleep, eternal youth and immortality,—*Bickler*.