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## JEWISH CALENDAR 5672.

### 1911.

\*New Moon Kislev, Wednesday, Nov. 22  
 Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 30  
 Hanukah.....Saturday, Dec. 16  
 \*New Moon Tebeth.....Friday, Dec. 22  
 Fast of Tebeth.....Sunday, Dec. 31

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New Moon Shebat.....Saturday, Jan. 20  
 \*New Moon Adar.....Monday, Feb. 19  
 Fast of Esther.....Thursday, Feb. 29  
 Purim.....Sunday, March 3  
 New Moon Nissan.....Tuesday, March 19  
 First Day Pessach.....Tuesday, April 2  
 Seventh Day Pessach.....Mon., April 8  
 \*New Moon Iyar.....Thursday, April 18  
 Lag Omer.....Sunday, May 5  
 New Moon Sivan.....Friday, May 17  
 Shabuoth.....Wednesday, May 22  
 \*New Moon Tammuz.....Sunday, June 16  
 Fast of Tammuz.....Tuesday, July 2  
 New Moon Ab.....Monday, July 15  
 Fast of Ab.....Tuesday, July 23  
 \*New Moon Ellul, Wednesday, Aug. 14  
 Rosh Hashone.....Thursday, Sept. 12  
 \*The previous day is also observed.

## EDITORIAL

There is often found among our people those, who while surrounded by those of other faiths deliberately jest at their people and believe themselves above the mark for which their jest is intended. We witness men of our faith and usually more often those whose profession and standing should gain and demand respect, usually the center of a throng whose dart is aimed at the Jew and reviled by way of a joke, which is not alone an open insult to our people, but a far greater affront to those of our people who do not sufficiently respect themselves to take offense, and yet out of absolute fear that the other bearers might believe that the joke strikes home, the representative of our race, if so he might be termed, but with apologies, joins in the laughter and thereby not only reflects upon his own people, but upon himself.

We must first respect our people, and if this is properly done, there would be fewer instances of an attempt by way of jokes to insult our people, and create a little more respect from those who feel called upon to use the Jew as the butt of their ridicule for the delight of an element which still exists and which gloats over the opportunity to give vent to his real feelings and his lack of respect. Let us

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end it altogether; and when the story teller begins to use your people as the butt of his remarks, give vent to your opinion and show that what he says of your people, he hurls at you, and in the course of time there will be little cause from embarrassment in certain quarters.

The united efforts of a body of men and women is bound to bring results. We recall how in many quarters the efforts to frown at the movement for elimination of the caricature of the Jew upon the American stage, and notwithstanding some of the faith took no part, yet the efforts of the great majority received its reward, and it is rare indeed when we are now forced to blush while attending performances, and especially those at the vaudeville theatres, where most often we were confronted with this character.

So in many things, organization is a necessity and each individual should realize that to overcome obstacles and in preparation for emergencies, it is a splendid rule to precede it by an organization ready to meet and fight for truth, right and honesty and in the name of an organization present a defense which must receive and demand respect.

Again, individual efforts seldom secure relief, and in many instances the individual will have reasons to justify his failure to lend his efforts at the trying period when most needed, and all the more reason for the organization which is made up of the individuals and representative thereof. If you are not a member of some good organization which embodies these features, you are delinquent in your duty to yourself and to your fellow man.

The Zionists of Texas will begin gathering this week at Austin, Texas, where the annual convention will be held commencing January 1st.

These people are engaged in a serious undertaking requiring the joining of the radical with the conservative whereby the benefits of each might enter and increase the usefulness of the organization and carry forward the object of the movement on which the organization is founded.

The people of Austin will properly welcome the convention and by holding the meeting in the capitol city, they will increase its opportunity of acquiring additional material and increase the activity of its labors. The Houston convention found the organization well established and at Austin many questions discussed and encouraged will again receive a hearing, and some that are best for the organization will be adopted.

Propaganda work will receive a great deal of attention and rightly so, be-

cause it is, after all, one of the main requirements in order to further the aims of the organization and reach the high point for which they strive.

May the gathering draw together men and women serious and honest in this belief, and thereby give to the organization that which is best and needed in the perpetuation of the ideals of Zionism and the successful culmination of years of labor.

May their work find new material who will enlist and become active, and that the deliberations and meetings be held on a plane which will call for commendation and bring praise to the men and women who believe in Zionism, its purpose and its future.

### THE COUNTRY RABBI'S COLUMN.

Were Santa Claus a Jewish myth and the Christmas tree a Jewish custom, the "Vacuum Cleaners" of Judaism would have long ago ridden the Jewish homes of the last speck of these musty tom-fooleries. But because the Christmas tree, Christmas stocking and Christmas gift are non-Jewish customs, they must be introduced in all the clever, rational and up-to-date Jewish homes. It is only the cross and crucifix which are tabooed from our homes; other Christmas symbols and ceremonies are welcome guests. We can poison the minds and imbue the hearts of our children with the spirit of Christianity in a way which appeals to them most and yet without apparently doing any violence to our Jewish conscience. But do you know why? Because the Jewish conscience is dead. She expired not on the rack of martyrdom, nor on the battle field of pogroms, but in the tender arms of Brother Prosperity.

The Christian Churches of America will undergo a great test next Sunday. The introduction of the New Year in this country has become an occasion for revelry and ribaldry, especially in the large cities in which the streets and restaurants are besieged by a boisterous and licentious mob whose conduct falls nothing short of the grossest form of vulgarity. Inasmuch as this year New Year is ushered in on the eve of the Christian Sabbath, it is to be seen how far the moral strength of the churches will be able to check the scandalous conditions which have heretofore prevailed. Our Gentile brethren could learn a great deal from the solemnity with which the Jewish New Year is observed and the preachers of the Gospel could advantageously point to the Jews as models in this respect. But when the Jew is mentioned in the church, the Christian ministers with a mighty few exceptions assume towards him the attitude so admirably expressed by

the English bard, "Men's evil manners live in brass; their virtues we write in water." By the way, we know of a "Society for the Sane Observance of Christmas," that is headed by an American rabbi and we wonder that no "Society for the Sane Observance of New Year" has as yet been formed. Is there, perhaps, no rabbi who would accept the presidency?

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We would like to hear from an authority on the propriety of the advertising matter which a Jewish paper may publish. When the exchanges of an Australian contemporary reach us we always think that a whiskey manufacturer sent us a pamphlet, as the advertisement of a liquor concern on the outside of the front cover almost hides the very title of the paper. Furthermore, we would like to know how far the crusade of an indigenous contemporary against Christians and Christmas myths is compatible with the reproduction of a giant Santa Claus among its advertising matter.

### FOREIGN NEWS.

#### Canada.

During the year just closed the Baron De Hirsch Institute of Montreal, Quebec, expended \$10,000 in tuberculosis work and \$30,000 in immigration work. There are now 988 contributors to the institute.

#### England.

The Hebrew Philanthropic Society, the oldest Jewish charity in Liverpool, England, celebrated its one hundredth anniversary last Sunday.

Mr. Frank I. Cohen has again been chosen by the electors of the Springburn Ward, Glasgow, Scotland, to represent their interests on the Town Council by a majority over his opponent of 1,647.

Mr. Sol Levy has been elected to a seat on the South Shields (England) Town Council. He is the first Jewish Councillor in South Shields.

#### Germany.

By the death of Herr Julius Oesterreicher, the Jewish community of Breslau has received a legacy of one and a quarter million marks (£62,500) for the establishment of an orphan asylum.

At a meeting of the German branch of the Alliance Israelite, held in Berlin on the 6th inst., a strong protest was made against the attempt of the leaders of the Alliance in Paris to abolish general suffrage and replace it by co-operation. A warning was uttered against the procedure in Paris, which signifies a destruction of the idea of the Alliance Israelite Universelle and may involve a dissolution of the Alliance in Germany.

#### Sweden.

The Novoe Vremya is responsible for a report from Stockholm announcing a petition of the local merchants in favor of the expulsion of three thousand Russo-Jewish traders who settled there during the revolutionary period.