

with them gives them frequent opportunity to question me concerning religious matters, and gives me frequent chance to speak to them about their duties. I have tried to let no occasion go by without my presence. This means more than many can appreciate. It means sacrifice on my part, but rewards me by creating a bond of confidence between this young folk and myself which induces them often to submit even personal questions to my judgment, and allows me to be their guide in most matters. Such personal contact between us rebounds only to the good of all parties concerned.

And lastly, my work in the community at large has been blessed with success. That I represent our beloved congregation worthily has never been denied. There is a better spirit of the Oneness of Israel in Houston than has been before my coming here. The various congregations agree better with each other, and respect each other much more than was formerly the case. We are no longer passed as the insignificant part of the Jewish population, and the orthodox element of our Jewry is looked up to now as an element worthy of a place in all civil councils.

Of course, mistakes have been made, and there is no man who has not his shortcomings. But on the whole I can look back upon my activity here with you as good work conscientiously done, and I am sure you also regard it as such.

For the future, my recommendation is, at present, merely to continue in the same lines, and our beloved congregation will in a very short while be indeed a model for other orthodox congregations to follow, being a peaceful, modern, up-to-date synagogue, continuing in the same ways our fathers trode.

I cannot conclude this report without thanking your Board of Officers and Trustees for the unvarying kindness, indulgence and courtesy toward me. They have tried in all things to uphold my hands and labored well with me.

And so, invoking God's blessing on Congregation Adath Yeshurun, its members and their families, and its work, and praying for its continuous success, this report is respectfully submitted to you.

W. WILLNER,  
Rabbi.

Buy your ticket early, before the supply runs out. Bnai Brith charity ball at Turner hall December 29, admission 50 cents.

#### CHANUKAH CHARITY BALL.

Excellent progress is being made in arranging the third annual Chanukah charity ball, which will be given by I. O. B. B. Herzl lodge, No. 608, at Turner hall, December 29. The different committees which will be in immediate charge have been appointed and their work assigned. Tickets are being distributed among the members and friends of the lodge and much added interest in selling the tickets will ensue by the awarding of two handsome prizes. The first will go to the lady selling the greatest and the second to the lady selling the next greatest number of tickets.

Herzl lodge has been very successful in raising large sums of money by its two preceding charity balls, which went for the benefit of the Widows' and Orphans' Home in New Orleans. Every effort will be made to make the forthcoming affair outstrip those given in the past.

The following compose the committees:

Arrangement—Isidor Tiras, chairman; E. Goldberg, secretary; J. L. Mendlovitz, treasurer; U. S. Frosch, and J. L. Aronson.

Reception—U. S. Frosch, chairman; Rabbi W. Willner, Rabbi Hy. Barnstein, H. Grossman, S. J. Westheimer, Hy. Dannenbaum, Joseph Tiras, Jules Hirsch, D. Frosch, D. Buck, Ph. Blumenthal, Jake Sam and A. Karp.

Entertainment—J. L. Aronson, chairman; J. K. Levine, Morris Gordan, I. Kapner, L. Goldman, P. S. Nussbaum, Joe Sam, Jake Kapner, M. L. Scher, M. Stark, Sr., B. H. Greenberg, L. Seline, and B. Litwisch.

Supper—Mrs. Joseph Tiras, chairman; Mesdames M. L. Scher, S. I. Schlom, L. Seline, M. J. Schlom, U. S. Frosch, H. Cohen, W. Willner, Jake Sam, L. E. Levinson, Chas. Mendelsohn, M. Stark, M. Messenger I. Kapner, E. Goldberg, Karl Tiras, Aaron Levy, J. Weidinger, M. Lewis, P. Battlestein, J. Blumenthal, Ph. Blumenthal, B. H. Greenberg, and M. D. Cohen.

Bazaar—Miss Bettie Mendelsohn, chairman; Misses Gertrude Levy, Rosa Block, Elsie Tiras, Dora Stark, and Fannie Karkowski.

Floor—Max T. Karowski, chairman; Henry Greenfield, Jake Zuber, Ben Hurwitz, Mose Stark, Jr., Otto Airas, Julius Philipowski, Philip Pesus, Sam Rosenberg, Jake Karkower, Abe Nussbaum, Harry Greenberg and Saul Sumner Gordan.

#### TWELVE GET HUSBANDS.

A round dozen engagements were announced as the grist of ten days of the "County Fair," which has just closed at Emanuel Temple, Chicago. The record was made through the aid of a model flat where a number of girls cooked dainty dishes that captured bachelor members of the congregation. The flat has been in operation since November 14, the idea being conceived by the rabbi, Felix A. Levy, who was getting discouraged by the few marriages.

The first couple that announced their engagement will receive a number of pieces of furniture with which to start housekeeping. This couple is Rose Suekoff and Julius Wilzinski. Apple pie won the man's heart and he does not deny it.

The other engagements and the dishes that won the husbands follow: Luella Smith to Bert Lychenstein, goulash; Tillie Smith to Ernest Espen, chocolate cake; Pearl Green to Sidney Meyers, angel food; Dorothy Oppenheim to Ben Cohen, planked white fish; Harriet Schwartz to Louis Steiner, roast beef; Bernice Katz to Robert Bersdorf, banana layer cake; Lillian Roe to Edwin R. Treusch, chicken soup; Blanche Schoenlank to Edwin Switzer, noodle soup; Elsa Cohen to William Steiner, beef stew; Bertha Schwartz to L. M. Mintz, rice pudding, and Pearl Newberger to Carl Abrahamson, hamburger steak. The fair finished with a ball led by Rabbi Levy.—American Israelite.

#### AUSTIN NEWS.

Dr. B. Grad and family are pleasantly located at the parsonage. Dr. Grad comes from New York State and he will preside over the spiritual welfare of the members of the Congregation Beth Israel.

The ladies of the Ladies' Aid Society, through their untiring efforts, realized a large sum of money from their dinner and bazaar given on the 1st of December. The money so obtained will be used in decreasing the mortgage on the Temple and paying off the new organ. The following ladies served on the various committees: Lunch, Mrs. M. Schlochaer, Mrs. S. Berman, Mrs. A. I. Haber and Mrs. E. Krone; cigars, Mrs. E. Teelig and Mrs. H. Hellman; candy, Miss Cecile Moses, Jeannette Krane, and Miss H. Levinson; fancywork, Misses Laura Hirschfeld, Ricka Zanders,

Nellie Haber; dolls, Mrs. Carl Belisch, Mrs. Birdie Michelson and Miss Queenie Littman; chocolate, Mrs. Dora Schwab, Miss Hattie Stern and Birdie Davis.

Miss Selia Alexander and Mr. Louis Finer surprised their many friends by calling on Dr. Grad a few days ago with a marriage license. Their many friends wish them a happy journey through life.

At the last meeting of the Workers of Zion the following were elected officers for the ensuing year: Mr. S. Silverman, president; Mr. Dave Nunez, vice president; Miss Lydia Littman, secretary and treasurer, and Miss Cecile Nunez, chairman of the program committee. Mr. S. Greenberg and Miss Lydia Littman were elected delegates to attend the state convention at Waco.

LYDIA LITTMAN.

Dec. 2, 1908.

Rabbi Abraham D. Price of Baltimore, Md., addressed the members of the Pike St. Synagogue of New York City last Tuesday evening on the subject of "The Messianic Hope."

#### THE JEW BEHIND THE PLOW.

A Jewish farmer is an anomaly. He is regarded in the same humorous incredulity as a cocoanut growing in Kansas. Of all the motley class of foreigners who engage in agricultural pursuits in the West the Jewish race has perhaps the least reputation. To the ordinary farmer the word Jew suggests "business," and they expect to see him mowing alfalfa about the time a railroad is built to the North pole.

To teach the Hebrew people in the congested centers of population in the United States to turn to agriculture is the purpose of the National Farm school, a Jewish institution in Bucks county, Penn., of which Rabbi Joseph Krauskopf, now in this city, is president. Rabbi Krauskopf desires to point the way for the children of Israel into the promised land—the land of corn and pumpkins, wheat and alfalfa. He wants them to quit hawking carrots and cabbage in the street, and go to raising them on the farm.

"For over a thousand years," Rabbi Krauskopf says, "the Jews have been barred from ownership of land. Why was it? Because the Jew by his thrift and perseverance put oth-