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All practical men know and have a motto, but ask them what has become of their motto. What becomes of your plan when the world rubs up against it? The Jewish Literary Society has a motto and will have a motto until it has captured every Jewish stronghold to right living and right thinking. Here in the South, with a climate almost identical to that of Palestine, the sacred fire shall be lighted and become a beacon all over the United States. The sacred fire kindled in this broad Southland shall start into an all conquering state-wide conflagration, setting aglow every Jewish heart with the vision that Moses saw in the burning bush, and make that vision a live issue in our daily lives.

The Jewish Literary Society may be presumptuous, but those who are near and dear to it are no braggars. There is something in their blood that tells a stranger this is a conquering host. Now hands off! Beware! This is Israel's host that are marching with fire and brimstone, its pillar of fire by night and dark cloud by day.

It is true we are like the tailor and the architect in carrying out our motto, we give away to one thing and add another, but like the tailor and the architect, the main feature of our plan, of our motto, is there and who will daresay we have not lived up to our motto.

Those that have lived in Houston, before the Jewish Literary Society was founded and are still residing here and are acquainted with the status of the Jewish young men, before and now, need no great demonstration that this society has a motto, and that it has had one ever since it has been founded now going on its fourth year. The instance of our last mock trial is in itself a world of testimony to that effect.

It is true we can do and we shall do more. God give us strength! The impractical person, the man of words does not know that we have to buck up against life, each a different identity in himself, pulling in thousand different directions, and the task of the practical man is to harmonize all this

divergence and dole out the same time a prevention of the motto. Herbert Spencer has taught us the doctrine of evolution instead of "Revolution." We cannot stuff down into the throats of our young men and women at one time whole solid tracts of Jewish learning. It must be done gradually and by degrees. They have not been accustomed to it. We have to Fletcherize with them as it is now the fashion, so that they can digest at all.

Gradually a literary taste will be developed, a passionate love for things Jewish, and a strong Jewish propriety and that through our motto, "Conduct, Culture and Judaism."

We have a motto and we shall ever have one, and those who have seen the Society grow from its infancy, know the man behind the child. The Jewish Literary Society has been called Little Johnny Literary, we shall now call it Judas Maccabeus.

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TEXAS NEWS

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

The sad tidings of the death of Mr. Gerson B. Frank of this city reached here the other day. Mr. Frank died very suddenly in Atlantic City, N. J. His remains were brought here and were interred in the Jewish cemetery. Mr. Frank was a prominent man, both in the business and the social life in this city. He was a member of the firm of Frank Brothers. Mr. Frank leaves three brothers and one sister, all residents of this city, Messrs. Sol Frank, Aaron Frank, Emil Frank and Mrs. Sam C. Harris.

Rabbi Grad of Austin was called to this city to officiate at the funeral of Mr. Frank as Rabbi Marks was in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Meyer of Round Rock and Mr. Abe Frank of Austin were in this city to attend the funeral of Mr. Frank.

Mrs. Eli Hertzberg and Mr. Harry Hertzberg left during the week for a two months trip to the Pacific Coast and the Yellowstone Park. They will visit the exposition in Seattle before returning home.

From letters received from San Antonians visiting in Los Angeles, Cal., we learn of our old friend Grandpa Veith. They write that he is looking exceedingly well and is in the best of health.

Mrs. Isidore Strauss, Miss Minnie and Mr. Calma Strauss are having quite an enjoyable visit in Mobile, Alabama. They will not return before October.

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Cohen left recently for a visit in the East and especially in New York city.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Goldsmith and family are now enjoying the pleasures of camp life. They are at their summer camp near the town of Waring, Texas.

Mr. Sidney Wels, manager of the Grand Opera House, has just returned from the East, where he made arrangements for the finest shows in the country to be seen in San Antonio this winter.

The San Antonio Section of the Council of Jewish Women has just issued their new year book. The council meets once a month, and for each occasion a splendid program has been prepared which includes music and an address of some well known person upon some live topic. The Study circle which is part of the council, meets twice a month and excellent programs have been prepared for these occasions. The Music Circle has also arranged programs for their monthly meetings.

The officers of the council are as follows: President, Mrs. Eli Hertzberg; vice president, Mrs. Louis Goodman; second vice president, Mrs. Sol Raiff; recording secretary, Mrs. J. J. Stearne; corresponding secretary, Miss Rachael Baer; treasurer, Mrs. A. A. Wolff; auditor, Mrs. L. P. Peck; historian, Miss Essie Longini; delegate to the city federation, Mrs. L. A. Freed; alternate, Mrs. J. Simon; delegate to the Free Kindergarten association, Mrs. A. A. Brown; alternate, Miss Nita Wolff.

Miss Tillie Vogel will leave Tuesday and will sail Wednesday from Galveston for New York, where she will spend several months.