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New Year's Eve..Wednesday, Sept. 15  
Yom Kippur .....Saturday, Sept. 25  
First Day of Succoth.....  
.....Thursday, Sept. 30  
Shemini Atzereth....Thursday, Oct. 7  
Simchath Torah.....Friday, Oct. 8  
Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan.....  
.....Saturday, Oct. 16  
Rosh Chodesh Kislev..Sunday, Nov. 14  
First Day of Hanukah.....  
.....Wednesday, Dec. 8  
Rosh Chodesh Tebet..Monday, Dec. 13

The price of "society" is something not to be estimated. Some folks are born into it, some acquire it, and some desire it and never succeed in its acquisition. To those in society only is its folly apparent, still those in its pursuit pay high in cash or in virtue and probably both, and then what have they? What is society? A dream; a life of emptiness—nothing more.

For all ailments there is a cause, hence for society the cause must be a desire for enjoyment or happiness. Like in sickness no remedy is applicable to all cases of a similar nature. But instead of frequenting resorts of popular gossip, join the Ladies' Aid instead of killing your time designing decollette apparel get acquainted with the charities,—aid in making the lives of parents easier and pleasanter; aid some less prosperous neighbor. In this busy, bustling world there is too much of usefulness to apply ourselves to while our time away with the emptiness of society.

The Jewish community of Houston is one of a very few in the country of its kind. Most everywhere is a strong line drawn between Reform and Orthodox Judaism which is not in vogue here. While we have two congregations the distinction is not known outside the synagogues. Our rabbis are friends, and the members of both congregations are friendly and we certainly have cause to congratulate ourselves over conditions as they exist here.

During the first month of the coming new year, we desire to accumulate \$1,000. If each of our subscribers forwards \$1.50 for a year's subscription in advance the desire will be an accomplished fact. This can be used very conveniently in improving the size of the paper and the matter that goes in the paper. Will you do your share toward making the Herald bigger and a better paper than Houston and Texas has ever had before?

It is now time to urge upon the non-members the joy to be acquired by belonging to the Literary Society, the B'nai Brith, or other useful organization and being a worker—a man among men.

A committee should be appointed by the Jewish Literary Society to canvass the business men of the city for membership. Other societies with a less just claim do it successfully.

We are now nearly a year old—much to the surprise of many. From present prospects we will be a fixture—even with the dislike of a few. While some cordially dislike The Herald, many admire it and all read it.

Those desiring New Year cards should put in their order now to insure prompt attention. Orders taken over the phone. Preston 5333.

## NEW DIFFICULTIES IN RUSSIA.

The correspondent of the "Retch," gives the following description of the "terrible days," which our co-religionists have recently experienced in the holy city:

"Early in the morning," he writes,

"I witnessed such pitiful and humiliating sights in the streets of Kieff, as could only fill the hearts of merciless anti-Semites with joy. Large numbers of Jews and Jewesses, surrounded by strong detachments of mounted gendarmes and police, were led triumphantly through the city. On many of the faces of the victims you could read the fact that they had only visited the town in order to seek medical advice. Yet none of them were spared."

The local authorities have received a deputation of the Jews and, in the course of conversation, they explained that they acted under orders from St. Petersburg. Nevertheless, they promised not to organize and further fight searches for Jews, and to endeavor to obtain permission for Jewish merchants to remain in Kieff for the period of one fortnight.

## CUT THE STIPEND.

It is announced that the United Hebrew Charities has been compelled, owing to a shortage of funds, to curtail its aid to the poor. Hereafter those of the needy who are on the lists of the society and have been receiving regular monthly stipends will receive 10 per cent. less than heretofore. This reduction will be a hard blow to many widows and orphans and other persons in distress, says a New York City exchange.

Manager M. D. Waldman explains that the demands upon the Charities have been so heavy since the recent business depression that for the six months from Oct. 1 to April 1 the society had to distribute \$150,000. As against this only \$94,000 was required for the six months from October to April in 1907.

In order to meet the increased demands of the past winter, an additional \$100,000 was needed, and of this only about \$67,000 has been obtained. The shortage, which ensued put a great strain upon the directors of charities. After making every effort to meet the needs of the time they were forced to reduce for the present the stipends allowed the distressed.