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Roosevelt, in chapter 2 of his Autobiography, says:

"There are two kinds of success, or rather two kinds of ability displayed in the achievement of success. There is first the success either in big things or small things which comes to the man who has in him the natural power to do what no one else can do and what no amount of training or persistence or will power will enable any ordinary man to do. This success, of course, like every other kind of success, may be on a very big scale or on a very small scale. The quality which the man possesses may be that which enables him to run a hundred yards in nine and three-fifths seconds, or to play ten separate games of chess at the same time blindfolded, or to add five columns of figures at once without effort, or to write the 'Ode to a Grecian Urn' or to deliver the Gettysburg Speech, or to show the ability of Frederick at Deuthen or Nelson at Trafalgar. No amount of training of body or mind would enable any ordinary man to perform any one of these feats. . . .

"But much the commoner type of success . . . is that which comes to the man who differs from his fellows not by the kind of quality which he possesses but by the degree of development which he has given to that quality. This kind of success is open to a large number of persons if only they seriously determine to achieve it. . . . It is the only kind of success that is open to most of us. . . . To the average man it is probably more useful to study this second type of success than to study the first. . . . I need scarcely say that all the successes I have ever won have been of the second type. I never won anything without hard labor and the exercise of my best judgment and careful planning and working long in advance. Having been a *rather sickly and awkward boy* (underlineations in italics are his own) I was as a young man at first both nervous and distrustful of my powers. I had to train myself painfully and laboriously, not merely as regards my body, but as regards my soul and spirit."

THIS SATURDAY MORNING RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

will preach

Topic: LOVE

SIGN UP FOR A COURSE

The following courses are now open for registration: Kindly place a check in the box in front of the course or courses you desire to study. For fees consult the Social and Educational Department Registrar:

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- ☐ Saturday Afternoon—Ein Yakob in Yiddish Mr. Bleecker
- ☐ Saturday Afternoon—Books of Samuel Mr. Sol Lamport
- ☐ Saturday Afternoon—Classes in Codes Mr. Abr. Goodman

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- ☐ Orchestra
- ☐ Choral Society
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- ☐ Adult Classical Dancing Class
- ☐ Adult Ballroom Dancing
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- ☐ Psychology Lecture Group
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DAN CUPID SCORES AGAIN

Lillian R. Wald Announces Engagement

Dan Cupid seems to be doing a very brisk business these days in this immediate vicinity. This time he has chosen for his victim, one of the most popular and active workers of the Synagogue—Lillian R. Wald, Associate Director of Social and Educational Work. The lucky "groom-to-be", although not active as a worker, is a very good friend of ours, nevertheless—Mr. Raphael Klein, son of Rabbi Klein of the Ohav Zedek.

Miss Wald has been actively associated with the building in various capacities for the past three years. Lately she has taken over the supervision of Educational Work in the Arts Classes and the direction of the activities of the Senior Council. She has been in direct charge of all girls' activities in the building, including the Big Sister work. In spite of her many activities and repeated requests for her time, she has, nevertheless, been an active Club Leader as director of the popular Argyle Sorority.

Mr. Klein, with an exceedingly popular personality and a good college training, together with a diploma from the State Agriculture School, is at present engaged in a successful farming enterprise. He is the proprietor of the Koton Fruit Farms.

The wedding ceremony will probably be performed this coming Spring. Our good wishes and sincere appreciations to both!

AROUND AND ABOUT

Our "Around and About" column became so popular last week that the printer decided to chase our material "Around and About" with the result that the copy went astray and what with the Jewish Holidays, we were unable to publish last week's.

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We noticed quite a commotion in the building just before Succoth one evening and it looked like things were starting to hum. A little bit of investigation brought forth the fact that the cause of all the commotion was the busy preparations of our popular President of The Sisterhood, Mrs. Morris, preparing for the Succoth festivities.

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Amongst the busy, industrious, but quiet workers in the background who faithfully helped to make our Succa the beautiful, symbolic structure that it was, were Mrs. Stavish, Mrs. Messing, Mrs. Silver and several members of the Parents' Association and the Social League. The many people who contributed to make things pleasant certainly deserve our sincere appreciation. When the members of our congregation witnessed the spectacle of the Succa the first night of Succoth, they were entirely sincere and in accord in their praise. This is one of our annual outstanding triumphs.

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No sooner do the Holidays roll around, than our "Feminine Elite" gladden our eyes with the sight of their new spiffy-looking clothes. We certainly are open in our admiration to the Misses Garfinkle, Starkman, Horowitz and the host of others who were present at services during the Holidays.

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We notice that Abe Wiener seems to be quite busy these days—probably getting ready for a bang-up busy season for the Social League. We wonder what that wise smile of his means, anyhow. Bet the Social League has something up their sleeve?

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One thing that strikes our fancy is the regularity of attendance of the enterprising Young Folks' League at our services. We suggest that some of the members of the other Senior Clubs follow their example.

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The Zenithian Club evidently seems anxious to announce their affinity to the Topaz Club. Not to be outdone by such evidences of affection the Madison Club puts up their hand to announce that they are cheering hard for the Eldorado.

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Before somebody gets the impression that we are organizing a series of co-ed enterprises we guess we had better close for the present.

SIGN UP FOR GYM AND POOL

GYMNASIUM AND SWIMMING POOL CONSTRUCTION PROGRESSING RAPIDLY

This note is written for the benefit of our members, who we feel deserve an explanation of the seeming delay in opening the Gymnasium and Swimming Pool.

It is only natural that in undertaking any sort of work, especially in the building line, every contractor finds sooner or later that certain unforeseeable items enter into his time estimated for construction. This was especially true in the case of the construction of the Gymnasium and Swimming Pool and it is made obvious in the following way:

(1) Our contract does not permit the builders to work on Saturday or on Jewish holidays. The immediate result of this is, that in looking back over the past month we find that practically every week the builder has only been allowed to work for two and at the most three days a week. This in itself is obviously a good cause for retarding in a measure the progress of construction work.

(2) The demand for Gymnasium and Swimming Pool has been steadily increasing with the result that from time to time various changes had to be made in the plans so that we could comfortably accommodate our members. To show our sincerity in this matter we have at all times invited and allowed members and visitors to go down to the Gymnasium and Swimming Pool to watch the progress of the work for themselves.

(3) It was decided to give each of the members an individual locker for their gymnasium clothes. For that reason, added space had to be built in to accommodate the additional lockers. The actual work of excavating because of the nearness to the city sewerage and water supply system is a very tedious process requiring skill and caution.

The chief idea that we possibly can advance is the fact that we know that to our members a matter of two or three weeks for the purpose of getting things done well will be graciously allowed on their part in the spirit of co-operation. We are sure that they feel that as long as the Gymnasium and Swimming Pool are going to be permanent, we might as well have everything correct at the beginning. Of course it is understood that although the fees for Gymnasium and Swimming Pool are now being paid for the purpose of registering, the fees will not apply until the day when the Gymnasium is actually opened for use.

Most of our members have been very patient and are willing to wait the two or three additional weeks which our chairman of the building committee informed us will be necessary yet. To the others we feel that the above has been a fair and sufficient explanation of this unavoidable delay.

May we call attention to the fact that there is a SPECIAL RATE now in force for members of clubs who wish to use the Gymnasium and Swimming Pool during Club Period and together with their club members. These rates and the schedule of Gymnasium and Swimming Pool periods are now on file at the information desk.

Come in and register at once!

CLUB LEADERS HOLD INITIAL CONFERENCE

The leaders of the various clubs and instructors of several classes held two conferences recently in the Social and Educational Department office for the purpose of discussing plans for the coming season.

Mr. A. M. Davis, Chairman of the Committee on Social and Educational Activities for the Board of Directors, greeted the leaders and thanked them for their past efforts. He also urged upon them the importance of their work and pledged the sincere and whole-hearted co-operation of the Board of Directors in the work that they were undertaking.

Mr. Theodore J. Prober pledged his support.

Mr. Alexander then outlined the plans for the coming season and opened the meeting for general discussion. The leaders decided to adopt the following methods of carrying out the work for the year:

(1) There will be a permanent organization known as the Leaders League. This League, composed of the leaders and teachers of the various classes, will meet at stated periods for the purpose of discussing the various phases of Social and Educational work. They will also, on alternate periods, have social gatherings of their own.

(2) After a great deal of discussion the leaders decided of their own accord that they did not wish to be compensated for their work and asked that they still be classified as voluntary workers.

(3) Several committees were appointed for the purpose of enacting plans and collecting data for the Club Leaders' Guide.

The leaders who attended the meeting were the Misses Abby Goodstein, Margerie Horowitz, Gertrude Jacoby, Bertha Liebowitz, Beatrice Martus, Gertrude Oshren, Shirley Rochmes, Esther Taub, Lillian R. Wald and Sadie Woronoff, and Messrs. Kalman Eisler, Sol Furman, Saul Lazarus, Saul Levy and Samuel Luloff.

The leaders promised an interesting program and a good time to all their charges. Members of the building who are interested in becoming club leaders are invited to inquire.

DEPARTMENTAL STAFF INCREASED Two Directors Are Added

The Social and Educational Department announces two additions to the staff for the coming season.

Miss Beatrice T. Martus, who has been a volunteer worker for the past three years, has been permanently added to the department staff as Associate Director in charge of Women's and Girl's Activities.

Mr. Martin Weisberger of the Young Folks' League will assume the Directorship of Religious Activities in the Clubs. Mr. Weisberger has a set schedule planned for this season and promises an interesting curricula of Religious Activities.

Miss Martus will, in addition to the other routine work, assume the Directorship of the activities formerly under the supervision of Miss Wald as a volunteer worker and which will be left vacant when Miss Wald leaves us in the Spring.

We wish both of the new workers continued success.

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COLLECTED PENS**

(Editor's Note:

The INSTITUTIONAL has invited men and women interested in specified lines of endeavor, in professions and writers to contribute articles, the nature of which would be of interest to our readers. Each week we hope to publish an article by another individual and topics will cover a wide range. Your ideas of the subjects touched upon will gladly be published in our weekly, irrespective of the views which you take.)

ASSIMILATING THE JEW IN AMERICA

By Issaac Rosengarten
Editor, The Jewish Forum

Were the Jew to become a Christian, his great-grandchildren would still bear the stigma of having some drops of Jewish blood in their veins. Thorough assimilation is therefore impossible in a physical sense.

It is the concern of the Jew in America, however, to become assimilated to the ideals of his native or adopted fatherland. It helps considerably if he employs the same kind of mechanism in this process as his neighbors; the same language, the same kind of dress, the same kind of customs and celebration; e.g., patriotic exercises on the Fourth of July. It is essential that he grasp the significance of these ideals through a thorough study of American history and institutions, so that his civic consciousness be fully developed.

But it is folly for the Jew to seek through assimilation with what is largely pagan. To seek power for power's sake, to seek pleasure for pleasure's sake, to make material success the one great goal in life as is the case with so many of his neighbors, is by far not the part of the Jew. His it is to benefit America by living the Jewish life, setting the superior example of spiritual loftiness—the greatest contribution one can make to his country and to civilization. His it is "to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God." Such spirit of humility is the greatest contribution the Jew can make to America, where so many consider themselves secure, and have an attitude of superiority towards their fellow-men of other nationalities.

The Jew in America must not seek assimilation with the member of the hooded order, or with other so-called "100% Americans." Small, indeed, must be the conception of Americanism on the part of those who think

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**ACTIVE SEASON STARTS AS CLUBS
RE-REGISTER**

The building has again taken on its former busy atmosphere with the re-organizing of the clubs and classes.

Many of the clubs who have already started their regular meetings and signified their intention of becoming gymnasium and swimming pool members in addition to taking part in the various other activities are:

The Sisterhood, Parents' Association, Junior League, Young Folks' League, Social League, Ahmy Club, Argyle Sorority, Arista, Eldorado, Happy Hearts, Madison, Topaz, Zenithians, and the High School Club of the Union.

Many others have also applied and their applications will probably be accepted during the course of the coming week and rooms will be assigned to them.

The Social Rooms will soon be in shape and activities will be started in earnest with the grand opening of the Gymnasium and Swimming Pool.

they qualify as perfect Americans because they happened to be born to a certain creed, or to "blue-blooded" stock. Narrow must be their view of 100% Americanism if they think that shouting "Hurrah for the Red, White and Blue" constitutes perfection. The Jew must rather seek to assimilate the noble sentiments that spell true Americanism—sentiments that have become an integral part of the nest in American literature—sentiments expressed by men like Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, Longfellow, Emerson, Webster, and above all, those sentiments that have given, and will ever give tone and quality to American idealism. I refer to the inspiration of the Jewish Classics—the Bible, without which the Jew cannot become a real American, and the teachings of our great Rabbis, the leaven in the civilization of tomorrow.

Let the Jew not lose his sense of pride in his great Jewish heritage urged on by the cries of assimilation and "Americanization." So long as he will strive to live a model life as a Jew, seeking the welfare of his fellow-beings, so long as he will have spirituality the peculiar contribution of the Jew to civilization—to give to the America to be, so long will he be the true American, free in his outlook on life, free from the worry of assimilation with some one not of his own kind.

The healthy body assimilates healthy food. The test is quality. Let the Jew contribute quality to America if he would have his country sound.

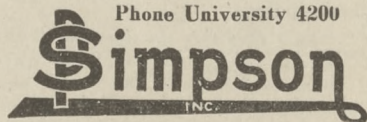
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