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DIRECTORS PLAN CITY-WIDE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

**Tentative Date Set for May 20th. Mr. David
Gluck Heads Drive Committee—General
Advisory Council is Selected**

The Board of Directors Committee on Membership Drive met last week and successfully outlined a plan for a city-wide membership drive to be held during the latter part of May. Those present at the meeting were Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, Mr. Lester Udell, Mr. A. M. Davis, Mr. David Gluck and Mr. Abraham Bernstein. Mr. David Gluck, one of our popular directors, who has proven his merit on other occasions, was selected as chairman of the drive committee.

The Committee formulated tentative plans for the conduct of the campaign. In order to facilitate the work of the drive, the Committee decided to become an advisory council with the addition of Mrs. Annie R. Morris, Pres. of Sisterhood; Mrs. I. Stein, Pres. of Parent's Assoc.; Miss Eva Stein, Pres. of Assoc. Jr. League; Miss Lena Morris, Pres. of I. S. Daughters; Mr. Harry Burak of the I. S. Brotherhood; Mr. S. B. Alexander, Director of the Social Educational Dept.; Mr. William Dreeben, Director of the Physical Educational Department; Mr. Joseph Datt, Principal of the Talmud Torah, and Miss Beatrice T. Martus of the Social and Educational Department.

Mr. Lester Udell will represent the Board of Directors, Mr. A. M. Davis was elected Treasurer, Mr. Morris Jablow was elected Secretary, Mr. Abraham Bernstein as Campaign Secretary, Mr. Alexander will be in charge of the Publicity.

Further announcements will be made in the next issue with complete details of the conduct of this Campaign. We have no doubt that the co-operation of all of our members will be forthcoming.

NEW COMMITTEE FORMED

Mr. Abraham Bernstein, our executive director, is forming a house committee composed of carpenters, painters, glaziers, locksmiths, electricians and plumbers. The committee will be called the "Bedeck Habais Committee" which is a familiar Hebrew expression. Mr. Bernstein will be glad to meet any members who are interested in helping the Institution.

THIS SATURDAY MORNING

Services Conducted by

BOYS OF THE I. S.

Louis Hellman, of Crescent Club, Will
Deliver a Sermon

Julian Norwich of Talmud Torah
will address Bar Mitzvah

Next Institutional Edited by Boys

LIGHT CANDLES AT 7:41 P. M.

**MRS. JOSEPH MAYOR ASHER TO
ADDRESS DAUGHTERS OF
THE I. S.**

On the evening of May 11 at 8:15 P. M., the Daughters of the I. S. will have the extreme pleasure and privilege of listening to an address by Mrs. Joseph Mayor Asher, wife of the late Prof. Asher.

Mrs. Asher is one of the honorary vice-presidents of the Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, a director of the council of Jewish Women and is well known in Jewish and philanthropic circles.

All young ladies who are interested will be welcome. A genuine treat is in store for those who attend. Refreshments will be served.

The Daughters of the I. S. were again privileged to co-operate with the Brotherhood at their last highly successful supper, at which Hon. Emory R. Buckner was the speaker.

The Daughters, in co-operation with the Brotherhood have planned a monster Vaudeville Show and Dance, to be held Sunday Evening, May 23. Tickets can be secured from Miss Esther Michaels, chairlady of the Entertainment Committee or from Miss Lena Morris, president.

FROM OUR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

To the Rabbi, President, Directors, Members, Auxiliaries and Departments of the I. S.:

Please accept my sincerest thanks for the whole-hearted reception you have given me on my assuming the office of executive director of this building. May I assure you the best of my ability, and I hope and trust that I will try to administer my duties so that I will continue to have your confidence and co-operation.

Very truly yours,
ABRAHAM BERNSTEIN,
Executive Director

DAUGHTERS—MAY 11th—MRS. ASHER WILL GREET YOU—COME!

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RALLY BRINGS POOR SUPPORT

Speakers Stress Intolerable Conditions Abroad —Plead for United Action in Relieving Distress

The Jews of Harlem responded with deplorable feebleness to the Jewish Campaign Rally held in our Auditorium last Sunday Evening. A Mass Meeting was the official "call to arms" of the United Jewish Campaign in this section of the City. Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein presided and with his usual fervor introduced the speakers.

Jonah J. Goldstein, Esq., one of the best liked Jews in New York, and a very prominent member of the New York Criminal Bar, won the audience over with his forcefulness and sincerity. Mr. Goldstein asked every Jew to pledge at least one dollar a week for a period of 3 years for their brethren across the ocean.

Rabbi Oliansky, of the Talmud Institute, anticipated the needs of our cousins across the sea and asked all to give and give until it hurts.

Our own President, Hon. Isaac Siegel, pleaded for the support of the Jews in this community for this worthy cause. He pictured intolerable conditions as they exist today abroad. Cong. Siegel called to our attention the fact that 40,000 children are in want of the necessities of life, 40% of the Jews are unemployed and are unable to secure any

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CULLED FROM THE EDITOR'S PEN

MOTHER—HER DAY

Mother's Day has been the subject of National importance since a Congressional resolution in 1914. It occurs annually on the second Sunday in May. It is founded on the genuine sentiments of appreciation for Mother, and the celebration therefore has a universal appeal.

It is wonderful being a Mother; other folks can love you, but only your mother understands. There is in all this cold and hollow world no fount of deep strength and deathless love save that within a mother's heart. Mother love shrinks not where man cowers, and grows stronger where man faints, and over the wastes of wordly fortune sends a richness of quenchless fidelity like a star in Heaven.

The Jewish mother embodies everything that is best in Motherhood. She is the nucleus by which has grown a splendid tradition that the family ties of the Jew are holiest. Those of us who would seek romance, poetry, heroism, in their fullest significance can find them by studying the lives of the Jewish women of the Bible. There you will find Sarah, who having no children of her own, mothered the flock of the new faith until the coming of Isaac, and across the years to Rebecca, Rachael, and on to the biblical tale of Miriam,—Deborah, with the faith that delivered a nation, then Ruth and Naomi, with those stirring words, "Entreat me not to leave thee, for whither thou goest, I will go, thy people shall be my people, thy God, my God"—Hannah and her seven sons, the beloved Queen Esther, and so on through the ages.

There is no more fitting way that we can urge you to observe Mother's Day, than in the following sentimental words of George B. Griffith:—

Before It Is Too Late

If you have a gray-haired mother
In the old home far away,
Sit you down and write the letter
You put off from day to day.
Don't wait until her weary steps
Reach Heaven's pearly gate,
But show her that you think of her,
Before it is too late.

If you have a tender message,
Or a loving word to say,
Don't wait till you forget it,
But whisper it today.
Who knows what bitter memories
May haunt you if you wait?
So make your loved one happy
Before it is too late.

The tender word unspoken,
The letters never sent,
The long forgotten messages,
The wealth of love unspent;
For these some hearts are breaking,
For these some loved ones wait;
Show them that you care for them
Before it is too late.

WATCH FOR IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP DRIVE ANNOUNCEMENT!

The Week Around the Building

REMEMBER FIELD DAY—MAY 23rd

THE CRY OF HUNGRY CHILDREN

From the letter of a Jewish mother in Poland

"We hunger, but you can not understand such hunger as ours. It is the hunger without hope. Yesterday my Mischele asked me, 'Will there ever be enough to eat again in the world?'"

"He thinks the whole world hungers as we do, but I do not tell him that there are many in the world who do not hunger, lest he ask me, 'Why does God afflict us more than He afflicts other people?' I would not know what to answer him.

"I say to him, 'In God's good time there will be much food for every one. God is good. In a little while He will give us much food.'

"But in my heart I say, 'When, oh when, O Lord? Why are we afflicted? What have we done to merit such suffering?'"

"The other week the wife of Hirschel, the shoemaker, died. She was still a young woman, but there were some of us who said, 'Perhaps it is better that she died. For what would she have continued to live? For this misery? For this hunger?'"

"Do you see? It has come to pass that many of us envy the dead from whom all pain has passed.

"My little Sarah has become sick in the lungs, and all night she coughs. There is no strength in her since there is so little food, and each day she grows weaker from her coughing.

"As I speak to Mischele, so my husband speaks to me.

"He says to me, 'We must not forget the goodness of God. In the darkest hours He has always saved us.'

"But in his face I see his hopelessness and his grief, especially in the night when Sarah coughs."

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employment whatsoever, and the future economic condition of the Jew does not look bright unless we help and do so immediately. The appeal was noteworthy both for its spirit of enthusiasm and its deep sense of sincerity. We trust that those who attended will convey the messages of the evening to their friends and respond in good true Jewish fashion.

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