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JEWISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

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Sabbath in Phila. begins at 8.15 P. M.
Saturday, August 2. HAZON. Ab 6.
Siddra. DEBARIM. Deuteronomy I, 1; III, 22.
Haphtarah. Isaiah I, 1-27.
Tuesday, August 5. PART OF AB.

THE MEMORY OF ZION

When the Ninth of Ab approaches, Zionism assumes for many Jews the world over a different aspect from that which it is accustomed to present during the rest of the year.

In all the lands of the dispersion the love of Zion persists amongst a great host of people, many of them identified ardently or perfunctorily with the Zionist movement, and many others who are not affiliated with it in any way.

Tisha b-Ab should furnish a modus vivendi whereby the two schools can be brought together to construct a rational, workable and hopeful plan.

The immigration of Jews en masse at the present time may look well on paper and sound plausible in oratory.

It is not at all likely that any such idea will prove acceptable to the political Zionists who control the great movement which has built its hopes on the speedy creation of an independent Jewish state in the Holy Land.

Whatever may betide in the near future, the Hope of Israel will continue as it has been expressed in the earnest prayers of millions of pious souls for many centuries.

structure in which the religion and culture of Israel will find its habitation. That can be accomplished without impairing any established rights, or creating strife and contention with those, who now have a stake—and a large one—in the land.

The Truth From Paris

ference in connection with the effort to protect the rights of the Jewish inhabitants of the newly created states in Eastern and Southern Europe. It is gratifying to know that in Dr. Adler's opinion the Polish treaty is adequate and satisfactory in the safeguards it provides, not only for the Jews in these lands, but for all other peoples who are in the minority, and therefore need the protection of the treaty provisions.

The Late Oscar B. Teller

A modest and unostentatious gentleman, he filled a highly useful place in the community. From early manhood, when he became a member of the board of directors of the Young Men's Hebrew Association, he took an active part in the religious and institutional life of Philadelphia Jewry.

Looking Ahead

The economic interpretation of history, of which Professor Seligman and other eminent economists have had a great deal to say in recent years, will certainly loom large in the future.

HERE AND THERE

We do not believe the report from Paris as to Henry Morgenthau's alleged statement concerning the Polish pogroms and the conduct of Polish Jews.

We shall be sorry to witness the departure of some of our worthy fellow-townsmen for Palestine. If Zion must receive an accession from Philadelphia Jewry they are of the type which can help build up the country.

Zangwill has written a novel which has just appeared under the title, "Jennie the Carrier." The critics speak well of the book, and a number of them welcome the author back to the old field in which he first achieved distinction.

Some day the people will decide to put their legal administration on the same twentieth century basis as distinguishes nearly all the rest of the business of the country.

It is probably none of the business of any of us on this side of the ocean, but it does seem that our English brethren manage to inject into their communal meetings, and their contributions to the Jewish press an unnecessary amount of acerbity and general all-round quarrelsomeness.

The fact that Mr. Leo Loeb celebrated his 75th birthday anniversary the other day naturally recalls the many years of useful service he gave to the Jewish Foster Home and Orphan Asylum, of which he was long the president.

In the tide of emigration from America the comparatively small number of Jews who are going back to their native lands continues to be noticeable.

English Jewish leaders do not appear to put much faith in the promises of Admiral Kolchak and his representatives to give Russia a government that will be democratic in substance as well as in form.

ABOUT MEN AND THINGS

The only person who is qualified to write Jewish stories is one who is really and truly in sympathy with Jewish beliefs and sentiments.

These sage reflections are the outcome of the perusal of "Under the Sabbath Lamp," by Dr. Abram S. Isaacs, which recently came from the press of the Jewish Publication Society of America.

tions that are illustrated in the lives of normal Jewish men, women and children. They could only have been written by one who was reared in a pious Jewish home, and who has retained throughout a long and busy life of service in the cause of education, the elementary love for the things that are Jewish.

Dr. Isaacs's book is to be welcomed for its own intrinsic merit, and also because it affords an example to those who think that Jewish life is only interesting to the reader of fiction when it deals with queer types of the exotic order.

"The Undying Fire"

H. G. Wells is one of the ablest of English novelists by almost general consent. Anything that he writes deserves and receives the serious attention of the knowing ones.

The modern Job, whose trials and tribulations are rehearsed in this book, is the head of a famous school for whom the modern revolutionaries of secondary education in the land which, as its author has so often insisted, is sadly in need of such a revolution.

Praying for Rain

During the recent protracted spell of rainy weather a community in another section of the State was asked to unite in prayer for the cessation of the downpour.

This veracious tale is not related to throw any light on the dispute as to the efficacy of prayers, but merely to show that history has a peculiar and obstinate habit of repeating itself in this good old world of ours.

WOMAN Edited By E. M.

ALL WORK AND NO PLAY

ISS HELEN WINKLE, chairman of the Department of Immigrant Aid of the Council of Jewish Women, has as follows stated to our readers:

There are many ways of taking a vacation. You might go canoeing through the Adirondacks lakes, or motor across the continent, or spend your time at the seashore, in the various delights that that holds.

But do you know how the east side of New York City takes its vacation? Don't be alarmed; this is not a plea for money to enable the perspiring and half-starved to gulp down the beautiful in a two weeks' outing.

In spite of the fact that New York City, especially the East Side, seen at no time any less densely inhabited than at any other time, it is true that many hundreds of people from the city go for their vacations—to the Catskill Mountains, more particularly Ulster and Sullivan counties.

If you were a Jewish whingam, or let us suppose you are the wife of such a workman, with but little knowledge of America beyond your immediate surroundings and you feel that you had scraped up enough money and spent enough strength during the year to afford a vacation, you might take it in one of two ways:

Either you would "go boarding," at about \$2.00 per week, with something under the "for each child, or you would "go roofing"—in the Catskills. If you went to a boarding house you would enjoy the delight of a respite from the dust, cooking and cleaning, and worry about cooking and cleaning which haunts you all year round; but you could not afford to go for more than a few weeks.

Perhaps you think that the latter is like renting a bungalow for the summer and doing your own housekeeping. It is not. The rooming house (a management consisting of as many families as there are let-able rooms. It is somewhat communistic.

The kitchen and bath room (if the house boasts of one) many of the rooming and even boarding houses have only outdoor privies (insufficient and insanitary) are in common by all the families; you bring along all your furnishings; on the bedstead and one or two of the necessary articles of furniture, such as a chair or dresser, are provided. You come out with your four or five children; during the week-ends your husband or sisters or brothers or cousins come out for a longer or shorter time. All of you occupy the same room, for the sake of economy and because there is one room is your whole home for the season. As you are supposed to be of doors practically all day the overcrowding at night doesn't matter, presumably. Of course there are a few days and "off days" and there is a room in the house for entertainment in such emergencies. But to accommodate yourself to these conditions makes mountain vacation possible.

We won't talk about the insanitary aspects of this way of living; the position among the people that it purifies everything, and that dirt and flies, although more plentiful here because of greater slackness in garbage disposal, etc., than in the city, are less virulent than in the city because of the healthful air.

The moral of the tale is twofold: that the improper and insanitary standards lead to disease, and also, that immigrants seeking a vacation are not getting a vacation from any point of view. At this point comes the Council of Jewish Women with a will and plan to effect a change, and here is where you come in, too.

With the exception of the large boarding house (which, incidentally, crowds no less than four people, strong or otherwise, into one room), there is little or no opportunity for recreation. Take for example, the village of Woodridge (formerly Centreville S.A.) New York, in and around which there are many rooming and boarding houses, ill kept and overcrowded and lacking adequate sanitary equipment. For the native population, also almost entirely.

YOUNG Edited By CEC

WAYS TO HELP

Dear Boys and Girls: Today is August 1st. That means that we have but four more weeks in which to get our \$2000.

We can hope to receive over \$1000 from now until the end of August. Tell all your friends and family about our Fresh Air Fund and see how high our column of figures will go. Don't need to say much this week about the heat and the need we have for the contributions to send the poor children away from the hot and stuffy rooms where, huddled sometimes five and six together, sleep and comfort are seldom known.

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In another section of this department you will see mention made of a very generous contribution which was sent to the Fresh Air Fund and which is to be invested so that every year the interest