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Council's Union Thanksgiving Services

The consensus of those present at the Services on Thursday afternoon, November 24, is that they were most impressive and fully appreciated by the overflow attendance at the Unitarian Church. They were very well planned and directed by Rev. George N. Marshall. Rabbi Wise's sermon "Pilgrims--Yesterday and Today" was exceedingly well received by the visitors, quite a number of whom were from faraway.

Rabbi Wise's sermon, reported in the Boston and New Bedford newspapers, appealed to Americans of all faiths and national origins to treat the Pilgrims of 1949, the so-called D.P.'s (displaced persons) as well as did the Indians treat the first Pilgrims of 1620. Rabbi Wise emphasized the need of understanding the two-fold obligation involved in giving thanks: knowledge and realization that the good that comes to one could just as easily not have come to him--it is not his by right--and, secondly, that the benefits of G-d and the kindness of one's fellow-man should cause the beneficiary of such acts to be willing and happy to share such happiness with others.

Synagogue Executive Board To Meet

The next regular monthly meeting of the Synagogue Executive Board will take place on Thursday, December 8, 8:30 P.M., Community Hall.

Important matters, including special committee reports, will be handled at this meeting. All Board members--officers, committee chairmen, and past presidents--are urged to attend. Interested members are invited.

Friday, December 2nd

Light candles at 3:49 P.M.

Late Services at 8:15 P.M.

Sermon: "The Ladder of Life"

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Dretler to act as the hosts for refreshments in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Saturday, December 3rd

Services at 9 A.M.

The Ben Dretlers As Hosts

Many, many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Dretler for making the start in the Host-Hostess idea for Friday night services.

It is hoped that others will follow their example and make acting as Host-Hostess Friday nights part of their Anniversary celebration.

Friday, December 9th

Light candles at 3:48 P.M.

Late Services at 8:15 P.M.

Sermon: "You Against Yourself"

Saturday, December 10th

Services at 9 A.M.

Council of Churches Meeting

The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, December 6, 7:30 P.M., at the Salvation Army.

Mr. Richard Smiley will speak on "Plymouth's Youthful Drivers."

The Season's last Forum will be on Wednesday, December 7, at the Plymouth High. Prof. George S. Miller of Tufts College will talk on Democracy at the Crossroads.

Sisterhood Notes

Hello there, kiddies! (Doesn't that make you feel young?) That's the spirit we want for that big night coming up, Sunday, December 18. Yes, sir! That's the night of the Chanukah Cotillion at good old C.H. (Community Hall). Chairman Mildred Segal, who knows how to do things up right, has a full evening of fun and surprises planned. I can't spoil them by giving them away, but formality is out because we're going to have a real old-fashioned Barn Dance. There will be reels, cotillions, and a practised young group who follow the band, to show us how to dance them!

'Down on the farm' attire is suggested (not required), and the most authentic looking Hiram and Mandy will receive prizes. Admission is only \$1.50 per person, but bring a little extra for refreshments 'country style.' I heard tell someone's bringing a jug of corn likker to revive any drooping spirits. So everyone be on hand for the fun, at 8 P.M., on Sunday, December 18th.

Turning to the more serious side of our community affairs, have you all heard about the new idea of Host and Hostess for Friday night services? Anytime you wish to extend your personal celebrations such as birthdays, or anniversaries, and increase attendance at these services. You may be Host and Hostess by telling your friends to be present that Friday. Also, inform the Rabbi or Mrs. Hyman Sherman in advance which night you wish to be named official Host-Hostess. Elaborate refreshments are not wanted as simplicity will encourage more couples to take part.

It was voted at the last Board meeting to turn the Sisterhood's greeting card business over to private enterprise. We thank Mrs. R.M. Winokur for her long service and contributions through the cards.

There are still many members who could announce a private fundraising Bridge, who have not yet done so. Please get together and phone President, Mrs. Estelle Sherman.

The next Sisterhood meeting will be on Monday night, December 5th. A Silver Collection will be taken for a Chanukah gift for the Old Age Home. In honor of National Jewish Book Month, Rabbi Wise will review "To Dwell in Safety," a very timely book.

Muriel Swartz will also show us a trick or two. Now, isn't that a nice meeting. See you there! (H. G.)

Hadassah Notes

The regular meeting held November 15 in the Community Hall was one to be remembered. Due to the National Convention held in San Francisco during the week of our meeting we were unable to get an out-of-town speaker as planned. However, Youth Aliyah Chairman, Mrs. Louis Segal, took over and did a magnificent piece of work. She spoke on every phase of Youth Aliyah including the "New England Village." Her talk was not only inspiring but enlightening as well.

Mrs. Bernard Kusmin was very charming as the nurse in "Experiment in Transformation." A very interesting skit "Mazzel" was given by Mrs. Nathan Kramer and Miss Sally Arons. The talented young Sally Arons also presented a poem written by a 14-year old Youth Aliyah girl. Many thanks to all those who participated and did so well. Mrs. Segal also wishes to thank two new Minyan members for joining up: Mrs. Joseph Bolotin and Mrs. Murray Bloom.

We are looking forward to Tuesday, December 13, the night of our ^{"Paid-up"} Membership Tea, when Mrs. T.V. Corsini of Quincy will show movies of foreign countries and display dolls of foreign countries, in Vestry.

Board Meeting tonight (Thursday, December 1st) at Rose Cohen's. Work with Hadassah. Make it mean health to all who come to Israel to live, to build, to redeem land and a people. (B. S.)

Speedy recovery to Mr. Charles Dretler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Dretler, and Mr. Harris B. Cohen, who have both been quite ill.

WINNER OF THE TURKEY RAFFLE -- #119
Stephen Cohen -- 58 Bellvista Road -- Brighton, Mass.

We are indeed grateful to the people in the Community, who cooperated so willingly on the Hadassah Fund-Raising held in the Community Hall on November 20, making it such a tremendous social and financial success. It is true the Committee put in great deal of time and work into this function, but without your contributions, cooperation, and presence at the affair, our work would have been in vain. We have never seen such an array of delicious and delectable pastries, again we must say 'thank you' and 'G-d bless you.'

Sincerest thanks to Ann and Mitchell Toabe for bringing their company to the party. Thanks also, to Ann's brother-in-law, Mike, who did an excellent job as auctioneer, to help swell our proceeds. Many, many thanks to the following committee members, who knocked themselves out Sunday night selling and serving: The Mrs. Lou Coffman, Joseph Carlin, Harris Cohen, Bernard Kusmin, Murray Stern, and I.H. Waterman. What an ambitious and industrious group of women G-d bless them! Thanks also, to the husband of each committee member, who spent a very busy Sunday collecting the food, and setting up the tables in the Vestry. The Chairmen, with light and happy hearts, turned over a goodly sum to the treasurer, this money going to such worthy projects as Hadassah Medical Organization and Youth Aliyah; Mrs. Victor Shiff and Mrs. Louis Segal, the respective chairman.

A letter to the Sherman family -- Dear Friends: Though knowing she was ailing some time, we were very sorry that the Lord had removed your mother to her eternal abode.

When we saw her last, this past summer, she exhibited the same radiant spirit of hospitality and kindness to us as she did many years ago when we first came to Plymouth.

Your Mother was one of the few of the vanishing generation known for its piety and virtue. A friend to all people and to all good causes, her heart and hand were always open to those who crossed her threshold - or those who needed her from afar.

The Plymouth Community and all those who knew her are indeed sad at her leaving us. She cannot be replaced, for her example, her principles and ideals are hard to emulate. But her spirit remains as an inspiration, and incentive to pursue her qualities to those she leaves behind....

To you, to your whole family, to the Plymouth Community, we extend our deepest sympathy. "Hamokom yenachem eschem b'soch shear availai Tziyon Veerusholoyim."

Sincerely yours, Rabbi and Mrs. Samuel A. Friedman

Child Welfare

Mrs. Moulton Ross, Chairman

Book of Life

Sheryl Resnick, on birthday --
September 5th,

by Mr. and Mrs. Alton Resnick
Irene Binder of Miami,
on birthday -- December 3rd,
by Mrs. Hattie Waterman
Rose and Harry Cohen, on occasion
of 15th Wedding Anniversary
on December 2nd,
by Benjamin and Deborah Cohen

Mazel Tov and Best Wishes

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Resnick (nee
Ruth Wolff), recently married.

Jewish National Fund

Mrs. Louis Sherman, Chairman

Trees Planted in Memory of

Nathan B. Shane by Hadassah

Nathan B. Shane

by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Arons
Nathan B. Shane

by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Arons
Nathan B. Shane

by Mr. and Mrs. Sumner Shane

Congratulations and Good Luck

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Skulsky and
children in new home at South
and Mayflower Streets...Mr. and
Mrs. Maurice Resnick in their
new home on Grant Street.