

Contributions to National Organizations

Editor of Jewish Charities.

Sir: At this time each year the El Paso Jewish Relief Society sends out its contributions to the National Jewish Charities, and in so doing we often feel that we have not given enough to one organization and probably a little too much to another. This is probably due to the fact that the work of all these organizations is not well known and that only those which have good publicity bureaus are the ones known to some of the people, while other charities, equally as worthy, are unknown. Now I would ask if it were not possible either to devote a number of JEWISH CHARITIES to "Jewish National Organizations," asking each such organization to set forth its claims for national support and having the organization at the same time give an accounting of its funds for the past year, or else have a committee of the National Jewish Conference, after a thorough examination of the records, publish a list of such institutions as they deem worthy of national support together with the order in which they are deserving (should they deem this best).

I am simply sending this to you as a suggestion, for there may be other organizations which would appreciate such a list.

MARTIN ZIELONKA.

El Paso, October 5, 1914.

EXCHANGE BUREAU

Wanted position, young Jewess, with twelve years' experience. Probation, parole, investigation or child placing. Address M. C.

New Members

Trenton City Lodge, No. 39, Independent Order B'rith Sholom. Peter Littman, secretary, 92 Lamberton Street.

Goff Street Temple, Wheeling, W. Va. Rev. Morris S. Lazron, treasurer.

A. B. Wolfe's "Social Problems," published by Oberlin University, is a syllabus including the subjects of immigration, marriage and divorce, the woman problem and the race problem.

Young Women's Hebrew Association

The dedication of the new building of the Young Women's Hebrew Association, 31 West 110th Street, New York, will be held on Sunday afternoon, November 22d. The building will be open for inspection throughout the afternoon and evening of that day.

Although all of the work upon the building is not completed, it was possible to open the auditorium for services on Friday evening, October 16th. Nearly 500 were present for the impressive Sabbath service that was conducted by Rabbi Nathan Blechman, who has just been re-elected rabbi of the Association. Mrs. Israel Unterberg, president of the Association, welcomed all to the new building.

The speaker at services on Friday evening, October 23d, was Dr. H. G. Enelow.

Many sustaining active members and their daughters have registered for the morning and afternoon classes in dress-making, millinery, embroidery, cooking and physical culture, that opened on Monday, October 26th. All day and evening classes opened on that date.

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MEMBERS of the National Conference of Jewish Charities and subscribers to JEWISH CHARITIES are requested to save the copies of JEWISH CHARITIES sent them monthly, as the proceedings of the meeting at Memphis will be published in JEWISH CHARITIES, and will not be issued separately in book-form. An index will be printed with each volume of JEWISH CHARITIES, and those who will bind their volumes of this magazine will have the proceedings and other interesting matter in permanent form. It will not be possible for the office to supply extra copies, except in a case here or there; and we therefore ask you to

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REPAIRING THE WAR DAMAGE

The cry reached America early that the people and institutions of Palestine are, on account of the war, on the verge of collapse, and a campaign for collection has already been started, with considerable promise of success. The American Jewish Committee, Mr. Nathan Straus and Mr. Jacob H. Schiff have given generous amounts toward tiding over the period of storm and stress, and the Zionists have formed a Provisional Committee, with Mr. Louis D. Brandeis as chairman, which has been touring the country and collecting funds in behalf of Zionist undertakings. Collections have also been made in synagogues and elsewhere to supply the Halukah, or outdoor relief, that the inhabitants of Palestine, mainly of Jerusalem, have been receiving, and in the aggregate quite a large sum has been raised.

But it is not Palestine alone that is suffering on account of the war. The eastern center of the war has been in the heart of the country occupied by Jews, and the devastation wrought there must be staggering. To a population that has been able to put aside something during long years of patient thrift under wise governmental guidance, as was the case in Belgium and parts of France, the war has been an utter destroyer. It is not difficult to imagine what is the state of the large Russian and Galician Jewish population that have lived from hand to mouth, and now find their belongings blown to nothing by the terrible fire of modern guns. And even where the war has not been fought right in among Jewish habitations, the harvest of widows and orphans is bound to be overwhelming.

The Jews of this country are therefore confronted with a problem that is vastly greater and more intricate than any they have as yet been called upon to face, and at the same time more serious, more important, more compelling. To some extent the future character of Jewish com-

munities in Europe will depend upon the action taken by the American Jews. If our resources and our willingness to help hold out, we may assist in repairing the damage, in restoring broken communities so that they can provide for themselves, in restraining the flow of immigration that will beat at our doors, and in other ways forestalling the assembling of all Jewish problems for solution in America. There are many that can be solved better on the other side, and will be so solved, if our help and encouragement can be counted upon.

It was a wise step that the American Jewish Committee took in calling together in New York, on October 25th, delegates from all national organizations, for the purpose of considering what should be done to put the Jews of this country in position to help promptly and liberally, as soon as our help can be effectively extended. The organization that will be effected will be truly national in scope, and will have behind it the organized momentum of the American Jews. It should be able to focus all our efforts upon, and direct them in behalf of, the proper measures to be taken.

At this conference, the National Conference of Jewish Charities will be represented by Professor Richard Gottheil, chairman of the Palestinian Committee of the National Conference; Mr. Cyrus L. Sulzberger and Judge Julian W. Mack. These men will bring to the gathering knowledge and experience, backed by the loyalty and confidence of members of the National Conference of Jewish Charities. The result of the meeting will be waited with interest; meanwhile every community should realize the present crisis in Jewish affairs, and the bounden duty of every son of Israel to do his share to bring the endangered bark safe through the present storm.