

PROFESSIONAL NEWS AND NOTES

The Jewish Hospital of Philadelphia, Pa., is bequeathed the bulk of a \$70,300 estate by the terms of the will of Hannah S. Berkowitz, who died September 5. The document makes bequests to four other Jewish charities and directs that the residuary estate shall be held in trust for twenty years, after which the principal and accrued interest is to be used for the construction of a new wing for the Jewish Hospital.

The enrollment of 1760 new pupils in the religious schools supported by the *Bureau of Jewish Education of Cleveland* was reported at the closing luncheon of the campaign organization.

Construction of the new \$150,000 addition to the Community Center building in Albany was begun. Milton S. Levison is chairman of the building committee. The building is expected to be finished by January 1.

The building will contain a gymnasium, swimming pool, bowling alleys, handball court, physical director's office, showers and locker rooms.

The eighteenth annual convention of the *Federation of Y. M. H. A.'s and Y. W. H. A.'s of Pennsylvania and Delaware* was held in September at the Blue Mountain Country Club, Stroudsburg, Pa. Several hundred delegates attended. Reports from the president, secretary-treasurer, Louis Herz, of Shenandoah, Pa., and Max J. Finkelstein, executive chairman, showed growth in the organization which now numbers 30,000 in Pennsylvania.

The largest bequest ever received by the *National Jewish Hospital* at Denver was made by Louis Heineman, of Jamestown, N. Y., who was a patient at the hospital twelve years ago. The gift in the sum of \$100,000 will be paid to the hospital in eighteen months.

Another \$100,000 was bequeathed to friends and relatives, and the remainder of the estate of \$300,000 will go to the local Jewish Hospital and the Hebrew Union College of Cincinnati.

Among the courses in Jewish education offered by the University College of the University of Chicago, with the co-operation of the College of Jewish Studies, is a new course in Contemporary Problems of Jewish Adjustment in America and Abroad. This course will be given under the direction of Dr. A. M. Dushkin, Executive Director of the Board of Jewish Education of Chicago, with the co-operation of a number of lecturers, among whom are Professor Shailer Mathews, Dean of the Divinity School of the University of Chicago; Professor Sapir of the Anthropology Department, and Dr. Louis I. Mann, of the Semitic Department.

The new building of the *Jewish People's Institute of Chicago* was opened to the public on September 5. The building is completely equipped as a community center with classrooms, science laboratories, club and game rooms, gymnasium and natatorium, a reference library containing 13,000 volumes of Judaica and social science, a restaurant, etc.

In accordance with the arrangement between the *Jewish Social Service Bureau of Cleveland* and the School of Applied Sciences of Western Reserve University, effected in 1925, eight new student-workers have commenced their courses at the school and at the same time are doing field work at the Bureau.

The new students are Margaret Berger, Esther Flock, Rita Klein, Maurice Klynn, Marcelle Korach, Gertrude G. Levine, Claudia Liebenthal and Gertrude Marks.

The Charity Chest of the Fur Industry of New York City has received an official ruling from the Treasury Department at Washington confirming its claim to exemption from making income tax returns, and affirming the right of individual donors to the Chest to deduct their donations from their income tax returns.

The Committee for Health Service Among Jews has merged its organization with that of the New York Tuberculosis and Health Association. The Committee has, since 1921,

been engaged in preventive health work among Jewish people in New York City. Its work has been closely related to that of the New York Tuberculosis and Health Association, and the merger was effected to combine resources and to eliminate duplicate endeavors in the same field.

Dr. Jacob A. Goldberg, who has been in charge of the Committee, will continue as its secretary. Sidney B. Erlanger is chairman of the Committee and Dudley D. Sicher is treasurer. The offices of the Committee will be maintained at the Association's headquarters, 244 Madison Avenue. The work will be conducted on a non-sectarian basis in accordance with the policy of the Association.

The Jewish Social Service Association of New York City purchased early in the summer a twenty-acre estate and cottage at Croton-on-Hudson for use as a camp for undernourished children. It has hitherto rented camp facilities.

Two thousand prominent Brooklyn Jews paid \$50 a plate at the third annual Charity Ball of the *Brooklyn Federation of Jewish Charities* at the Hotel Astor on Armistice eve, realizing \$100,000 for the support of the twenty-four societies affiliated with the Brooklyn Federation.

Federal Court Judge Grover M. Moscovitz, chairman, said the object of the Charity Ball was to weld the scattered communities of the Borough of Brooklyn into a cohesive unit and to help the federation attain its object. He viewed with alarm and dissatisfaction the state of the Jewish charity situation in Brooklyn, containing 750,000 Jews.

More than \$30,000 was expended by the *Oakland, Calif., Jewish Federation* during the past ten months, a report issued by Harry J. Sapper shows.

Of this, \$17,000 was spent for relief work in Oakland, \$7000 for recreation and culture, \$1000 to aid tubercular patients. The Free Loan Department made close to 100 loans during the year for a total of \$8000.

The Council of Jewish Women has affiliated itself with the *United Jewish Social Agencies of Cincinnati* by becoming a coordinating member. The Jewish Shelter

Home, a strictly orthodox institution, has entered the Federation as a constituent organization.

The Y. M. H. A. of New York City has inaugurated a monthly community forum. The opening address was given by Dr. Will Durant on "Is Progress Real?" He was followed by Bertrand Russell, who spoke on "Education and World Peace," on December 11th. Aaron Sapir will speak on "Co-operation," on January 8th.

Under the direction of Rabbi Joseph Sarachek, Director of Jewish Activities of the *92nd Street Y. M. H. A.*, of New York City, an institution of Jewish studies has been organized. Classes in Bible, Jewish history and literature, Hebrew, and Jewish current events, are included in the courses given. Certificates will be awarded for the successful completion of the courses in the school.

The Ex-Patients' Tubercular Home of Denver held its sixteenth annual convention on August 14th, 15th, 16th, 1927, at the Albany Hotel in that city. Delegates representing five hundred national directors of the supporting organizations, and 50,000 paying memberships, were present from all parts of the United States. A unanimous resolution was passed by the convention for a national campaign for \$250,000, and plans were discussed for the construction of additional and necessary buildings.

Improvements and additions made during the past year at the E. P. T. H. include a new administration building and the introduction of complete facilities for the hospitalization of patients. Wide attention has been focussed upon the rehabilitation work of the E. P. T. H., which has now been successfully established and which at present consists of four divisions: work in artistic leather goods; poultry raising; patient employees at the home, and educational help. The patient works or studies upon a carefully graduated scale arranged for him by the medical superintendent.

The bulk of his \$4,000,000 estate was left by Frederick L. Lavanburg to the foundation he established for bettering housing conditions among the poor of New York, according to his will, filed for probate. Mr.

Lavanburg died November 5th. Always active in charitable work, his benefactions during the last six months are said to have totaled \$1,600,000, and in years previous to have been more than \$1,000,000.

The Hannah Lavanburg Home for Immigrant Girls, at Stuyvesant Park, which he founded fifteen years ago in memory of his mother, receives \$500,000.

Beginning with the year 1923, the Cleveland Community Fund includes for the first time all of the important Jewish philanthropic institutions of the city. The Jewish community is enabled thereby to administer all of its welfare activities through the *Jewish Welfare Federation*.

The *New Orleans Community Chest* of 78 agencies, including Protestant, Catholic, Jewish and non-sectarian organizations, has approved the *Jewish Federated Agencies* budget of \$121,000. The total budget of the Chest is \$962,000. It was estimated that the Jews of the community last year contributed \$200,000 to the Chest.

Mt. Sinai Hospital, New York City, in its first year of existence treated 216 patients at a total cost of \$9000. In 1926, its seventieth year, it treated 207,372 at a cost of \$1,536,565.

Appropriations of \$470,000 were made to more than 1000 social agencies by the *Charity Chest of the Fur Industry* of New York City in the past year. This figure is an increase of \$100,000 over the appropriations of 1926. Numbered among the gifts was a special contribution of \$10,000 to the American Red Cross for the relief of the Mississippi flood sufferers. Alexander A. Bernstein is chairman of the distribution committee.

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Jacob Billikopf addressed the twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Federated Jewish Charities of Milwaukee on November 27th, 1927. Nat Stone was re-elected president of the Federation. He is now serving his eleventh term.

William R. Blumenthal has resigned as director of the Cleveland Jewish Center to accept the regional directorship of the Unit-

ed Palestine Appeal for Michigan and Indiana.

Dr. I. D. Bronfn, medical director of the National Jewish Hospital at Denver, was appointed assistant professor in the School of Medicine of the University of Colorado.

Fred Butzel was elected president of the Michigan State Conference of Social Work at the November Conference held at Battle Creek, Michigan.

Mamie Cohen, case reader of the Minneapolis Family Welfare Association, contributed an article entitled "The Report of an Employment Agent" in *The Family* for November, 1927.

Charles Friend was re-elected president of the Jewish Social Service Association of Milwaukee for the twentieth successive term at the annual meeting held on November 13th, 1927.

Samuel Gerson, superintendent of the Jewish Welfare Federation of Omaha, was appointed a member of the executive committee of Nebraska State Conference for Social Work for a term of three years.

Benjamin Glassberg was elected secretary of the Wisconsin Conference of Social Work at the annual meeting held at Eau Claire in September.

Samuel A. Goldsmith opened the discussion of a paper on "Trends in Loads and Cost in Child Welfare in New York State," presented by Ralph G. Hurlin at the New York State Conference on Social Work, at Troy, November 15th, 1927.

Jacob Kepecs acted as chairman of the committee on children at the Illinois Conference on Public Welfare, October 19th, 1927.

Dr. S. C. Kohs, director Eureka Benevolent Society of San Francisco, read a paper on "Safeguarding the Child's Mental Health" at the Washington State Conference on Social Work, held at Tacoma on August 15th, 1927.

Herman Mayerson, supervisor boys' department, and Mrs. Rose Mayerson, supervisor girls' department of the Jewish Foster Home, Philadelphia, have resigned.

Solomon Lowenstein was chairman of the committee on children of the New York State Conference on Social Work held at Troy, New York, November 15th-17th, 1927.

Mrs. Alice L. Seligsberg, *Mrs. Sidney C. Borg* and *Jacob S. Hollander*, superintendent Jewish Children's Home, Rochester, New York, were members of the committee.

Dr. Louis A. Lurie, of the Psychopathic Institute, Cincinnati, addressed the American Public Health Association at its annual meeting on October 17th, 1927, at Cincinnati on "What Mental Hygiene Has to Offer the Home and the School."

Morris D. Waldman, who was sent to Poland as the personal representative of David A. Brown, national chairman of the United Jewish Campaign, delivered a report of his findings to the Constructive Relief Conference of the United Jewish Campaign and the Joint Distribution Committee at Chicago, October 23rd, 1927.

Miss Cecil B. Wiener, general manager of the Federation of Jewish Charities of Buffalo, was elected second vice-president of the New York State Conference of Social Work.

Miss Wiener has also been reappointed to the Erie County Board of Child Welfare by County Judge Rowe, on which she has served for eleven years.

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APPOINTMENTS

Mrs. Stella Loeb Bloch as acting Superintendent, Abraham Lincoln House, a constituent of the Federation of Jewish Charities of Milwaukee, succeeding Benedict Gorowitz, resigned.

Benjamin Bonaparte, former boys' worker at the Cleveland Jewish Orphan Home, as supervisor of the boys' department of the Jewish Foster Home, Philadelphia.

Alta E. Brumberg, formerly girls' worker at the Jewish Orphan Home, Cleveland, as girls' supervisor with the Hebrew Benevolent and Orphan Asylum Society, Newark, N. J.

Emil Frankel, as Director of Research, New Jersey Department of Institutions and Agencies; formerly Director of Research, Pennsylvania Department of Welfare.

Pearl Gordon, as girls' worker with the United Jewish Social Agencies of Cincinnati. She comes to Cincinnati from the Hebrew Benevolent Society of Baltimore.

Mrs. B. B. Isaacs as case worker with the United Jewish Social Agencies, Cincinnati,

in place of Hannah Morganstern, resigned. *Jeanette Jacobs* and *Mollie Cohen* have been added to the case working staff.

Edith Katz, as staff member of the New York League for the Hard of Hearing. She has resigned from the Queens Family Welfare Society.

Harold H. Levin, as Assistant Executive Director of the Y. M. H. A. of New York City. Mr. Levin has been serving as Social and Educational Director. He joined the staff in 1921.

Dr. Max Levin, of Johns Hopkins Hospital, as psychiatrist at the Community Health Center, Philadelphia.

Estelle Leibow, as secretary of the Social and Education Department of the Bronx Y. M. H. A.

Jacob Mirvis, graduate of the Training School for Jewish Social Work, as Educational Director of the Jewish Community Center, Omaha.

Sarah L. Oram, formerly case worker with the Jewish Welfare Society, Philadelphia, as Senior Worker, Social Welfare League, Reading, Pa.

Minerva Satinsky, formerly with the Jewish Welfare Society, to the staff of the Juvenile Aid Society, Philadelphia.

Pearl Seigel, as case worker with the Jewish Federation for Social Service, Buffalo, New York. Miss Seigel graduated from the University of Buffalo in 1926. Prior to her present appointment she was with the Erie County Board of Child Welfare.

Dr. S. K. Siebler, as Medical Director of the Wilhelm and Gette Bickman Dispensary, Cincinnati, succeeding Dr. H. B. Weiss, resigned.

Rose Sorokin, a member of the recently graduated class of the Training School for Jewish Social Work, has returned to the staff of the Jewish Welfare Society of Philadelphia.

Rebecca Spear, a graduate of Temple University, and *Fannie Weinzier*, a graduate of New York University, as case workers with the Jewish Welfare Society of Philadelphia.

Joseph A. Woolf, as Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Toledo, Ohio, succeeding Maurice J. Sievers. Mr. Woolf

was formerly Director of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of Toronto.

Dr. Louis Wender, as Medical Director of the new Hillside Hospital recently opened at Hastings, New York, by the Jewish Mental Health Society, formerly with Mental Hygiene Department of the Jewish Social Service Association of New York City.

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The following have been elected junior members of the American Association of Social Workers: *Beryl Schafer*, Harper

Hospital, Detroit; *Evelyn E. Winestine*, Jewish Educational Alliance, Baltimore.

The following have been elected to membership: *Bertha Corman*, Jewish Home Finding Society, Chicago; *Ethel R. Feineman*, Emanu El Sisterhood, San Francisco; *Cora M. Frank*, Social Service Federation, Toledo; *Abraham Goldfield*, Fred L. Lavanburg Foundation, New York; *Mrs. M. Hildred Hoodin*, United Jewish Social Agencies, Cincinnati; *Yente Lowenstein*, Jewish Home Finding Society, Chicago; *Rose D. Rubinson*, Attendance and Labor Department, Des Moines.

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