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## JERSEY CITY POST AND AUXILIARY INSTALLED

Officers of the recently reorganized Jersey City Post No. 10 Jewish War Veterans of the United States, and its Ladies' Auxiliary were installed at the Jewish Community Center.

Dr. Maurice O. Emhoff, Commander of the local post, and his staff of officers were installed by Judge Advocate General Jacob Rubinoff, New York, assisted by other national officers.

Mrs. Mollie Miller, President, and other officers of the post auxiliary were installed by Mrs. Fanny Davis, of Boston, national president of the auxiliary, and other national officers.

There were 500 present, including members of the local post and auxiliary, national officers, delegations from other posts and guests.

There was entertainment and dancing following the installation ceremonies. Refreshments were served. Dr. Emhoff and Mrs. Miller received several gifts.

Other post officers installed were:

Philip Birnbaum, Senior Vice-Commander; Benjamin Miller, Junior Vice-Commander; Julius Kronberg, Adjutant; J. George Fredman, Quartermaster; Charles Salzman, Officer of the Day; Max Rabinowitz, Patriotic Instructor.

Jacob J. Singer, Chaplain; Judge Morris E. Barison, Judge Advocate; Nathan Frank, Post Historian; Isidor

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## GOVERNMENT PUBLICATION EXPLAINS JUDAISM

Census Bureau Issues Bulletin on Jewish Congregations

Basic Religious and Ethical Teachings Outlined

A brief statement of the history of the Jewish community in the United States and its work, statistics of the Jewish congregations, and a short expose of the doctrines of Judaism are given in a bulletin issued recently by the United States Bureau of the Census.\* The bulletin was prepared by Dr. H. S. Linfield, Director of the Statistical Department of the American Jewish Committee, who acted as Special Agent of the Bureau of the Census. In speaking of the doctrines of Judaism, the Government bulletin states that the Jewish religion is a way of life and has no formulated creed, but on the other hand, it has certain teachings, sometimes called doctrines or dogmas, which are considered obligatory on the adherents of the Jewish religion, and these are grouped under four headings: (1) Unity of God, (2) The World and Man, (3) The Future of Mankind and Israel, and (4) The Law. Following is the essence of the bulletin statements on each of these cardinal points:

*The Unity of God.*—The fundamental doctrine of the Jewish religion is that God is One. At all

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The world is shocked to learn of the religious persecution that is being carried on in Soviet Russia, and protest from one end of the civilized world to the other is heard.

Will the Soviet Government pay heed to world-wide utterance which deplores and condemns the stifling of a human being's right to worship as he pleases? A right which has always been recognized as an elementary human right and the exercise of which has played so important a part in our own American history. That remains to be seen.

Does the past history of the Russian Orthodox Church justify the present Soviet Government in its relentless persecution of human beings because they have a religious belief? The answer must be no.

The Soviet Government should not, if it wishes to remain in the family of civilized nations, indulge in a practice which outrages all sense of human decency and justice.

New England's representatives in the Jewish War Veterans are making a splendid record of achievement and at the present writing are leading the way on to the next encampment in Providence.

First we had Boston, then Providence and later Newport. Now comes word of a post in Springfield with a promise of several more in New England in the near future.

Effective Ladies' Auxiliaries have been organized, and all of New England is full of activity that promises much for the National Organization.

We may well be proud of the youngest members of our organization which are displaying great vigor even to the point of outstripping many of our older posts.

All eyes are on Providence for the next Encampment which promises to be a momentous one.

With a live, energetic Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief such as Harold Seidenberg; a splendid President of the National Ladies' Auxiliary, Mrs. Fannie P. Davis, and an Encampment Chairman such as Major Charles Hoffman, New England is indeed making Jewish War Veteran History.

2215 Wyoming Ave.,  
Mar. 19, 1930.

Hon. Julius S. Berg,  
*Commander-in-Chief*,  
Jewish War Veterans,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge your kind telegram of sympathy and ask that you convey to the members of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States my sincere appreciation and gratitude for their expressions of condolence.

Very sincerely yours,

HELEN H. TAFT.

## GREAT ENCAMPMENT ACTIVITY IN PROVIDENCE

If every Comrade in every Post and Ladies' Auxiliary could but get an inkling of the great activity that is going on in Providence, R. I., preparatory to the 9th Annual Encampment on July 3, 4, 5, and 6, they would all make it their business to be present at what promises to be the greatest Encampment in the history of the Jewish War Veterans.

Major Charles M. Hoffman, General Chairman, Paul J. Robin, Publicity Chairman, and all the officers and members of the various committees are making great effort to bring about the most memorable Encampment.

The Providence-Biltmore Hotel, the most beautiful hotel in Providence, R. I., will be the scene of the Encampment, and the best of accommodations have been procured at most reasonable rates. According to the latest word, the expenses of the visiting Comrades will be held down to a minimum because Providence Post has made certain of that. An attempt is being made to secure half rates for railroad and steamship lines.

A number of Posts have already started Encampment Committees for the purpose of organizing large delegations. In Brooklyn Post, Editor-in-Chief Margulies has assumed the chairmanship of that particular Committee and it appears that Brooklyn Post and Ladies' Auxiliary will have the largest delegation in Encampment history. Past Commander-in-Chief Morris J. Mendelsohn can scarcely wait until Encampment Day rolls around.

Reservations should be made immediately in order that the Providence Committee may be aided in allotting quarters, so get on the job, organize your delegations and be sure to enjoy some of the greatest days in your life.

## WELCOME, SPRINGFIELD POST

National Headquarters is in receipt of a letter from Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief Harold Seidenberg under date of March 21, 1930, advising of the formation of a Jewish War Veteran Post in Springfield, Mass.

An application for charter is enclosed and the following veterans are the charter members: Louis C. Henin, Dr. Samuel Segal, Jr., Samuel G. Simons, Walter D. Benig, Joseph Ginsberg, Abe Leo Cohen, George Glassen, Dr. Alfred Glickman, Sol. W. Weltman and Jack Lerner.

Senior Vice - Commander - in - Chief Seidenberg and Captain William Beriman, Assistant Adjutant General, who are working together on new posts also report that a post may be organized shortly in Fitchburg to be followed by other posts in the State of Massachusetts.

Good work, Comrades. They can't come too soon.

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## MOZEL TOV

Sunday, March 23rd, was the day selected by Past Commander Morris Greenberg and President Rose Heckelman of Cutler and Brooklyn Post and Auxiliary to tie the eternal knot.

This was a second selection, and their many friends are still wondering what happened. Anyhow, they are married, and happy, and. . . . Our heartiest congratulations and best wishes go out to this splendid couple.

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Invite your friends also, for the more, the merrier. ON TO PROVIDENCE!

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times the religion of the Jew vigorously protested against any infringement of this dogma of pure monotheism, whether by the dualism of the East or by the Trinitarianism of the West. . . . 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is One' is the declaration of faith. . . . 'Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God and there is none else' (Isaiah, xlv, 22). He is the God of righteousness, mercy, love and Holiness; the ideal of moral perfection. God is 'our Father, our Redeemer for everlasting' (Isaiah lxiii, 16). . . .

*The World and Man.*—The world is a cosmic unit and it is good. . . . There is no inherent impurity in the flesh or in matter. . . . There is no original sin; sin is the erring from the right path. The crown and the acme of God's creation is man. He is capable of perfection without the aid of an extraneous being. . . . From one man did all the races of the earth descend, and thus they constitute one family . . . and the One God is in direct relation with man, all men, there being no mediator between God and man.

*The Future of Mankind and Israel.*—The perfection of humanity through the unfolding of the divine powers in man is the aim of history . . . Daily the Jew concludes his prayers by declaring his hope to behold speedily the time when God, . . . will be manifested, and the abominations will be removed from the earth . . . and all flesh will call upon His name . . . Jewish religion teaches the coming on this earth of a social order of human perfection and bliss, of peace without end, when none shall hurt or destroy, and when the earth shall be full of

the knowledge of the Lord (Isaiah chapters ix, xi); this is the Messianic era.

### For What Was Israel Chosen?

Israel is the One God's 'own treasure from among all peoples,' a unique people that shall never cease from being a nation before the Lord for ever (Jer. xxxi, 36) . . . It is not claimed that this people is better than others or that it possesses a special share of the divine love; but it is affirmed. . . . that God has chosen Israel from all peoples and tongues and brought them near to His great name, to give thanks unto Him, and to proclaim His unity.

As His chosen people, Israel has been judged more severely by God: 'You only have I known of all the families of the earth, therefore I will visit upon you all your iniquities' (Amos iii, 2); and Israel has been dispersed and has suffered, but in the end will be restored. . . . (Deut. xxx, 1-4). The restoration will be not merely to compensate the people for all its suffering, but to enable Israel, unhampered by unfriendly environment, to carry on His work as an exemplary nation, 'high above all nations, that He hath made, in praise, and in name, and in glory; and that thou (Israel) mayest be a holy people unto the Lord' (Deut., xxvi, 19). . . . The choice of Israel, its imperishability and restoration, and the blessed future that awaits mankind, . . . are doctrines of the Jewish religion.

*The Law.*—The belief in the unity of God, in the future hope of the world, and in the other doctrines is of no value unless one lives in accordance with the requirements of the beliefs. The emphasis is not on *belief*, but on *righteous conduct*. What is required is service of the

Lord, a just system of human conduct in accordance with statutes and ordinances, 'which if a man do, he shall live by them' . . . the law of Moses, the Law, the Torah, the Written Law—and it must be understood in the light of Jewish tradition, the Oral Law. This Torah of divine origin, which will not be changed, is the foundation of the Jewish faith. . . .

### Teachings of the Torah

The Torah, written and oral, pre-eminently emphasizes the principle of justice; other principles stressed are purity and truth, optimism and hope, joy and thanksgiving, holiness and the love of God. . . . It implies the purest motives for action, specifically serving the Lord, not from fear but rather out of love and for the sake of God and the glorification of His name; the doing of good, not in view of any reward, but for its own sake; and the love of man and the most unselfish devotion and the willing surrender of one's life itself whenever the cause of God demands. . . .

The Torah emphasizes the need of study and education . . . The Law sanctifies labor and makes the teaching of a trade whereby one may earn his living a duty upon the father and upon the communal authorities. Each man is enjoined to build a home and to contribute to the welfare of human society; celibacy, except under rare circumstances, is unlawful. Systematic care of the poor is a duty of a community. Love of one's country and loyalty to his government is enjoined upon every Jew, and he is solemnly adjured to seek the peace of his country and to pray for the welfare of its government.

Side by side with these universal

principles of conduct the Torah surrounds the Jewish people with numerous laws and rites. . . . These particularistic religious obligations of the Torah, written and oral, enabled the small Jewish people to resist the distintegrating forces of the idolatry and error which surrounded them, and encouraged the Jews to live by the principle, ascribed by the early rabbis to Abraham, 'let all the world stand on one side, I side with God and shall win in the end.' . . . the whole life of the Jew, even his commonest acts, are invested with religious obligations and meanings, and they are regarded as a sign of merit. . . . A pious man is 'eager in the pursuit of religious obligations' and they fill the life of the Jew with a higher joy.

### Gentiles and Proselytes

*The Jewish religion and the Gentile world.* — Although the Jewish faith brooks no compromise with other faiths, the Jewish religion, unlike other creeds, does not consign an unbeliever to eternal doom; for a man is not judged by creed but by deeds. . . . The Jewish religion enjoins upon its adherents the application of one law for Jew and non-Jew, home-born and stranger; 'Ye shall have one manner of law, as well for the stranger as for the home-born' (Numbers xxiv, 22). . . . 'the righteous of all nations have a share in the world to come.' The Jewish religion recognizes two classes of proselytes—'a proselyte of the gate' is one who abandons idolatry and accepts instead the seven Noachian laws of humanity, and 'a proselyte of righteousness' is one who submits to the Abrahamitic rite and becomes a full member of the House of Israel. No distinction

whatever is drawn between a born Jew and a proselyte of righteousness. . . . In the fullness of time, however, all nations will flow to the mountain of the God of Jacob to learn His ways, and as the Jew expresses it in his prayers on New Year's Day, 'God will reign in His glory over the whole universe and all the living shall say, the Lord, the God of Israel, is King, and His kingdom ruleth over all'."

*\*(Jewish Congregations, Statistics, History, Doctrine and Organization.)*

## JERSEY CITY INSTALLATION

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Gilman, Sergeant Major; Dave Granoff, Quartermaster Sergeant; Max Rubin, Trustee.

Herman Feintuch, Officer of the Guard; Joseph Schustrin, Sentinel; Harry Weissburger and Jerome Obendorf, Color Bearers; Gustave Gerson and Jack Greenberg, Color Guards; Samuel Guskind, Bugler.

Auxiliary officers installed were:

Mrs. Mollie Miller, President; Mrs. Tillie Gerson, Senior Vice-President; Mrs. Sara Sorin, Junior Vice-President; Mrs. Anne Saltzman, Treasurer; Mrs. Philip Birnbaum, Adjutant; Mrs. Hyman Smith, Chaplain; and Mrs. Bessie Kronberg, Conductress.

The Entertainment Committee was composed of the following: J. George Fredman, Chairman; Max Rubin, Julius Kronberg, Judge Morris E. Barison and Benjamin Miller.

Among the guests present were Past Commander-in-Chief Morris J. Mendelsohn, Quartermaster General Abraham Kraditor, Adjutant General Edward Rodin, who acted as master of ceremonies; Finance Officer Leon

Greenbaum, and Hyman Margulies, Editor-in-Chief of the Jewish Veteran; all national officers; Commander Irving Alkow, of Brooklyn Post; Commander Harry Raymond, of Manhattan Post; Dr. Irving Herman, of Bayonne Post, and Nat L. Waldman, Chairman of the Flying Hospital Squadron.

Mrs. Fannie Davis, President of the National Women's Auxiliary; Miss Essie Davis, National Senior Vice-President; Mrs. Henrietta Kraditor, National Junior Vice-President; Mrs. Rose Berg, National Treasurer; Miss Erna Trier, National Secretary; Mrs. Helen Raymond, President of Manhattan Auxiliary; Miss Rose Heckelman, President of Brooklyn Auxiliary; Mrs. Paul Robin, President of Providence Auxiliary; Mrs. Harriet Schulman, President of Boston Auxiliary, and Mrs. Winifred Toussaint, State President of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Large delegations were present from Manhattan, Brooklyn, Cutler and Bayonne Posts and Auxiliaries.

Following the installation of officers, music was provided for dancing and refreshments were served.

## ANNUAL BALL OF JERSEY CITY POST No. 10

Comrade Max Rubin, of Jersey City Post, is Chairman of the Ball Committee for the First Annual Ball on May 29th, at the Jewish Community Center.

Ben Miller has already sold 50 tickets and obtained over \$400 in ads for the Journal.

These comrades, with the officers and members of the Post and Auxiliary are doing fine work to put this affair across.

Over 100 members are expected before July 4.

### BOSTON POST AND AUXILIARY VISIT HOSPITAL

On Sunday, March 16th, 1930, Boston Post and the Ladies' Auxiliary jointly conducted an entertainment at the Veterans Hospital at Rutland. There were about twenty entertainers accompanied by a large delegation of fair ladies.

Mrs. Knott, Chief of the Red Cross, congratulated the Post and Auxiliary for putting across so splendid an entertainment and thanked them for bringing so much joy and cheer to the inmates of the Hospital.

This entertainment was accomplished at little cost.

This successful and splendid visit should be an incentive for all Posts to do likewise. By putting across this entertainment, Boston Post and Auxiliary joins the company of other Posts and Auxiliaries who have done splendid hospital work, namely, Philadelphia, Brooklyn, Buffalo and Cutler.

A large bus transported the 10-piece jazz orchestra with the entertainers, among whom were little Miss Chapman, the famous child entertainer, who impersonated Sophie Tucker and others. Billy Mack, novelty entertainer with funny stories and comic songs was the hit of the show. Pitter and Patter, well-known radio crooners excelled. Miss Weinberg impersonated Fanny Brice with great success. Nick Harmon led his orchestra with plenty of pep and vim.

The show was so good that when chow time came the veterans refused to hear the chow bell. That must have been some show. Over 200 veterans of the 500 T. B. cases were present. The Hospital Committee under the leadership of Dr. Shulman and Mrs. Coleman, made the arrangements. While the show was on, the Ladies' Auxiliary, among whom were

Mrs. Eva Cohen, Mrs. Shulman, Mrs. Dressler, Mrs. Grossman, Mrs. Haffer and others, visited the wards and distributed chocolates to those who could not leave their beds, but who heard the show by means of a microphone, which sent the show throughout the hospital.

Abraham Simons, Senior Vice Commander, was chiefly responsible for securing the talent, and with Past Commander Maxwell Cohen, who acted as Master of Ceremonies, was given a hearty vote of thanks for their good work.

### BOSTON NOTES

Comrade Julius Candler proudly announces the arrival of a boy. All are invited to the "Bris."

A Convention Club, under the leadership of Maxwell Cohen, has been formed. It takes the form of a weekly savings club. 100% is expected at the coming encampment.

It is with deep regret and sorrow that we announce the death of Mrs. Fannie Holmes, mother of Barnard Holmes. A resolution of condolence has been forwarded to the bereaved ones.

### CAPTAIN TONY SIMINOFF

Captain Tony Siminoff, of Los Angeles, a member of The Jewish War Veterans, has recently formed and has become first president of the G.O. 40 Association, Veterans Spanish-American War. The Association is in healthy condition and maintains headquarters in the Douglas Building in Los Angeles.

### MOZEL TOV

Commander Morris Baumfeld of the Cutler Post announces the arrival of a baby boy, William, on March 9, 1930.

Best wishes to Morris and his wife, Rose.