

## THE CHOSEN PEOPLE

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**Object**—To reach the entire field of world Jewry. Mission stations are being established in such important Jewish centers as may be in greatest need of a Gospel testimony, consistent with the Lord's will, as evidenced through His provision of workers and funds.

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"He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep."

Ps. 121:4.



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## INCIDENTS IN THE WORK

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62, and from that time on became literally a bond-servant to the Lord Jesus Christ; we shall miss him. The Lord takes away His workers, one by one, and we must find others to fill the gaps and to close the ranks. Mrs. Wago is now spending a few weeks in Denver with relatives, and we are asking prayer in her behalf that the Lord will give her speedy restoration of health and strength.

## A Word from Professor Birnbaum



REV. SOLOMON BIRNBAUM

*Dear Friends:*

I am glad for this opportunity to thank some of you for the kind words of welcome you have given me either in person or by letter since I arrived here in Brooklyn. It was a great wrench to pull out from my old place of service and associations in Chicago which were indeed very dear to me, and enter in upon this new field. But I am sure it was the will of the Lord. For a long time I had felt the tug to come back to my own brethren and personally preach the gospel to them. I had so long had a part in training others and sending out others into the firing line till at last I felt that I must go there myself.

One of the welcome letters which I received said among others the following: "I hope you will be happy in your new work—I more than hope, I pray." That is what I would like my Christian friends above all things to do for me—to pray. This is the sure way to have hopes and wishes in the Lord fulfilled according to His will. Prayer changes things. Prayer is a testimony that we believe in a God that lives, that loves, that does, the Almighty God.

The thing that impresses me most during the few weeks of my work here is the vastness of the opportunities. These opportunities call for larger effort and larger planning. With all our labors thus far, and they truly have been abundant, we realize that there are many more Canaans around us that should be entered in and possessed by the people of God. But for this we need trained leaders and soldiers—and this is just what we must with the help of God begin to do. Our Mission center is ideally located to serve as a training ground for workers among the Jewish people: Among our young Jewish believers who have grown up in our Mission, there is plenty of good material for future leadership. We have already begun working out courses of studies. Please pray that the Lord may supply the necessary wisdom and strength for that work. We shall let you know from time to time the progress we shall be making in this effort.

Thanking you again, believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

SOLOMON BIRNBAUM.

*"If the Jew is the center of the Divine purposes, then his evangelization ought to be the supreme object of Christian effort."*



### OUR FAR FLUNG BATTLE LINE (I Cor. 14:8)

Branch Stations in important Jewish Centers in the United States. Branches and Missionaries in Belgium, France, Austria, Palestine, etc. Gospel Meetings, Bible Classes, Industrial Classes for men, women and children. An extensive Ministry of Christ-love among the Jewish victims of Nazi persecutions, in Germany; also among the refugees in adjacent countries. Street Meetings, distribution of Bibles, New Testaments, Tracts, Visitation. Medical Relief and Assistance. Relief to Poor, gifts in cash, payment of rents, gifts of groceries, clothing and assistance in finding employment. Education of Jewish Christian Students. Itinerary Field Evangelism. **THE SHEPHERD OF ISRAEL**, Yiddish-English Gospel monthly reaching a world Jewry.

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## Salutation

"We go down to salute the children of the king"—II Kings 10:13

*Dearly beloved friends:—*

It is inventory time. Once a year we try to climb the mountain top to survey objectively the footsteps in all of the courses through which the Lord has led us the past twelvemonths. It is a sort of obedience to the words of the Gospel hymn we sing so often:—

"Count your blessings, name them one by one;  
Count your blessings, See what God hath done;  
Count your blessings, Name them one by one;  
Count your many blessings, See what God hath done."

In this way we are also able to give you in one cover a reasonably comprehensive report of the year's work, both in spiritual accomplishments as well as financial accountings; and so you have a clearer knowledge of what the Lord is allowing your Mission to accomplish as a result of your friendship and prayers and fellowship with us in the burden of the day.

The squirrel in his cage is so busy racing around and around that he seems never to have time to stop and take a good look at himself. And so we sometimes are so rushed and hurried in our earnest endeavor to respond promptly and properly to all the emergency demands made upon us, that we feel like that squirrel in his cage and we yearn to be able to step outside of ourselves and sort of become an onlooker to see ourselves in motion. With the world-wide rise of Jew hate, your Mission has found itself in the very frontier of defense and attack, and suddenly from all sides the burdens have been heaped upon us until sometimes our very souls have cried out, "How long, O Lord, how long." But always the compelling urge is there, if we fail our brethren in an hour like this then woe is unto us. And as if to answer and to encourage us in our ever multiplying labors, we find over and over again that the promise of God is made good to us, day by day, "My grace is sufficient for thee." 2nd Cor. 12:9.

And now we think over the verses of Psalm 8:3, 4:—

"When I behold Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers.  
The moon and the stars, which Thou hast established;  
What is mortal man that Thou art mindful of him.  
And the son of man, that Thou doest interest Thyself in him!"

The expression "son of man", is not the reference to man as God created him, but as man brought into existence by means of human instrumentality; that is, man born of woman. And of this frail, weak mortal being, God is mindful, and in him God takes an interest. The same God who created the heavens, the tracery of His fingers, and the moon, and the stars, stars wandering about in unlimited space, this God has taken an interest in us! For us He sent into the

world His only begotten Son, that He might give His life a ransom at Calvary; and then in us, frail beings, God has taken enough interest to call us out as laborers for Him in His vineyard in behalf of a people sorely pressed but always beloved of Him because of the sworn word He gave to His friend, Abraham. And not only did God call us out, but He has hedged us in and protected us on all sides from the fiercest onslaught of the enemy, and has caused us to grow and to send out our tendrils literally throughout all the earth. And so we do well for a few moments to take to ourselves this exercise that the Psalmist took when he said, "When I consider." For we too want to consider the miraculous dealings of God with us during the past year.

#### THE CENTRAL POWER HOUSE

1st. *Consider your Headquarters Building.* Here are not only the regular staff of missionaries for carrying on what is probably the largest Jewish Mission work in the world, but in addition to such a full-fledged Mission work, we have here the staff which carries the burden of all the far flung frontiers of the American Board of Missions to the Jews. Here is where the planning is done, here is where our Directors meet to pray and to discuss with the minutest and most conscientious devotion the problems that grow out of the thousand and one activities of such a world-wide undertaking. Here the correspondence is handled with the precious friends whom God has given to us, here our friends are remembered in faithful prayers, that God may meet them at their point of need, and grant to them the yearning desires of their hearts. Here "The Chosen People" together with the German edition so carefully edited by our Mr. Singer and Mr. Gruen, is painstakingly, prayerfully written, line by line, and then rewritten, and revised, and pressed down, and shaken together, until it comes out of the process with every unnecessary word eliminated; and our friends write us "The Chosen People is the one paper which I read through from cover to cover, the moment it arrives at my house. I lay down everything, even neglecting my duties, and do not stop until I have read the paper through, and then later on I read it again and then again!" Such are the testimonies which cheer us on the way, help also to keep us humble before the Lord, and then encourage us to continue in our labors for Him. Many friends have been good enough to tell us that if the Mission did nothing else but publish "The Chosen People", that alone would justify our existence, because of the illumination and blessing which the paper brings into the homes of the Lord's people. They tell us that they find in "The Chosen People" that which they do not have in any other paper. And for this we give thanks to God.

#### THE YIDDISH-ENGLISH PAPER

Also from this same headquarters building there goes forth that other little monthly paper "The Shepherd of Israel", published in Yiddish and English, with a French edition in Paris. We could write pages on how the Lord has blessed the testimony of this paper to the Jews all over the world. The demands for it pour in upon us from all over the globe, and ever the cry is for more and more. And then come the reports of how the Jews so eagerly receive the paper, treasure it, and then ask for more the next month. In Brussels last summer, as I was visiting in one of the mean little tenement rooms, together with Pastor Otto Samuel, where lived a desolate Jewish refugee family that had escaped over the frontiers from Germany, I found the father of the family desperately sick, tossing about in his bed, with an attack of pneumonia. The mother went into the next room and presently came back with a large Hebrew Bible. She opened it and took from it, to my amazement, a copy of "The Shepherd of Israel" which proved to be three years old. She told me that they had been given this paper in Germany, several years back, and it had brought such balm to their wounded hearts, that they had read it and reread it, and from it they had learned to trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. And now a wholly unexpected experience had come to her, that I, connected with the paper from which they both had received such spiritual enlightenment should suddenly appear in their home.

#### FROM OUR BOOK ROOM

##### TRACTS FOR JEWS

We have them. They are brief, to the point, and attractively titled. They are written in a background of over forty years of experience in reaching the Jew with the Gospel. The subjects grip the Jew with curiosity. For the most part they are written by Jews for Jews, and with a God-given native understanding of the Jewish mind. They treat with the difficulties the Jew finds by way of the stumblingblock mentioned in 1st Cor. 1:23, such as the Trinity, the Virgin birth, the Atonement. Here is the list:

By REV. LEOPOLD COHN, D. D.

To Both the Houses of Israel, Yiddish-English parallel .....	.05
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Dear Friends:

I enclose \$..... as my free will offering for the Lord's work among His scattered, yet beloved, people, Israel. I prefer that the gift be used especially for

Name.....

Address.....

If you can not personally use this Blank will you not ask the Lord to guide you in passing it on to some friend?



the Messiah of Israel and Saviour of the world.

The first meeting was the last week of November and our hearts were filled with thanksgiving to God for the fulfillment of our dreams and prayers. The 100th Psalm expressed our innermost emotions—"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him, and bless His Name."

The old members responded to our invitations and together with the new ones we have nineteen mothers and thirty-nine girls in regular attendance. Others are interested in coming and will soon be in the classes. Showers of blessing are being poured out upon us, but we know that where God works, Satan our adversary is sure to meddle. Pray with us that we may continue to be so dependent upon God and humble before Him that the evil one will have no opportunity to hurt the work that God has established.

And without making an appeal for money to anybody, but just drawing on a treasury which the Lord has so graciously kept well supplied for us through our beloved friends, we drew some \$6,500 cash and bought the building, and from that moment on it has been just blessing after blessing, and Miss Sussdorff and Miss Rose, whenever they speak of the Coney Island work, somehow have a smile from ear to ear, and an inner joy that seems to light from the eyes and say, "The Lord does answer prayer."

#### Oscar Wago Called Home

With profound emotion we report the sudden homegoing of our dearly beloved Brother Oscar Wago. He had reached Lakeland, Fla., together with his dear wife on New Year's Day, having been advised by the physicians that he must go south for the winter months. Beloved friends of his greeted him there, and found a place where they



OSCAR WAGO

could settle down in a comfortable apartment for a few weeks. Early next morning came the swift heart attack, and within a few hours he was gone. The funeral services were held in the Central Presbyterian Church in Columbus, Ohio, amidst most impressive surroundings. On such short notice there were fully 150 people gathered to do the last honors to one whom they loved almost as dearly as life itself. Participating in the services were Dr. Frank H. Throop, pastor of the Church, Rev. Robert H. Belton, pastor of the First United Presbyterian Church of Columbus; Dr. F. B. Hax, representing the Lutheran pastors; Prof. Gonrad B. Gohdes, of the Capitol Hill University. Of our own Mission staff, there were present Rev. Herman B. Centz of Philadelphia, Rev. A. B. Machlin of Buffalo, and your own General Secretary; each of us took also some little part in paying our tribute to the memory of one who had been such a beloved fellow worker with us.

Oscar Wago was seventy-one years of age, but was virile and robust to the end. People refused to believe that he was more than 50 or 55, so vigorous was he. He had found the Lord in our Pittsburgh Branch, at the age of

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#### GOSPEL TRACTS

And from this headquarters building there flow out like rivers of water, constant streams of blessing to all the world, in the form of Gospel tracts, totally apart from, and in addition to, the monthly mailing of "The Shepherd of Israel". It would take a full page of "The Chosen People" just to enumerate the different places from which have come the demands for these tracts. We just print and reprint, and then reprint again, just as rapidly as the needs appear, and then send the tracts out to every part of the world, and let God add His blessing. It happened, for instance, last Spring, that we received an SOS from Shanghai, China. Refugee Jews were pouring in from Germany. They knew only the German language, no English, no Yiddish, no Chinese. Could we supply immediately tracts in the German language for these Jews? We could not, but we did! We had not a single German tract in our possession, but within three days we had our Mr. Singer take two of our most effective English tracts for Jews, and translate them into the German language. Within another week these tracts were off the press, and on their way to Shanghai. So eagerly do we seek as your missionaries to respond to emergency calls. Such calls have come to us from far off Iceland, from Australia, from Africa, indeed from practically every civilized portion of the world. In America the calls have come from every important city, from coast to coast; and always you have enabled us by your generous support to respond quickly and generously. As we reported in a previous issue, even at the World's Fair in New York we had the privilege of supplying thousands of tracts for the Jews, especially in the English language, and we were further cheered by reports of Jewish conversions on the part of the faithful workers of the Gideon brethren through whom the literature was distributed.

#### THE LOCAL ACTIVITIES

So much for the world-wide influences that flow out from your headquarters building. It is indeed like a huge dynamo stationed in the power house, sending out its electric currents to every part of the world. But there is besides all this the regular work of the headquarters as a local Mission station. Here are gathered week after week the largest regular audiences of Jews and Jewish Christians to be found anywhere in the wide world. No sensations, nothing spasmodic, but regularly week after week these Gospel meetings are held, and visitors who come to attend these meetings go away praising God for what their eyes have beheld. Once a month our little Hebrew Christian Church meets on the Lord's Day morning, and here together we gather about His name, and in His name, and we remember His death till He come. Friends who have attended such a service have been so kind as to say that they have never attended a more dignified and more spiritually uplifting service. They go away filled with praise and thanksgiving to God for what their eyes have beheld and what their ears have heard. Here also is carried on our Medical Dispensary work day after day, where physicians are doing their utmost to bring relief and cures to the many who come to us; this dispensary has proven the gateway into the homes and the hearts of many of our Jewish people, who later on were led to the saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, and confessed Him here openly by baptism.

Here also is a most remarkable work among the Jewish mothers. Started by Miss Sussdorff some 30 years ago, it has grown to be one of the strongest departments of the work. Now Miss Sussdorff and Miss Rose together carry on this ministry. It is an inspiring sight on a Wednesday afternoon to see our hall filled with these mothers, many of whom we brought up from childhood days; now they come and bring their children. Here also is the flourishing work among the young people, whom we are seeking devotedly to encourage and to train for the Lord's work in the days to come. We have a sort of training school; for some of our young people whom we have brought up in the Lord, we have allowed to help us as part time workers while they take training courses in some of the various schools in New York. In this way they are combining their educational training with practical work day by day, and the Lord is blessing this method in no unmistakable way.

## REFUGEE WORK IN AMERICA

Our Mr. Singer has given himself in recent months to the task of building up a ministry among the Jewish refugees who have been coming to New York in larger numbers in these recent months. Not only have we carried on a wide ministry of relief and gospel preaching to the refugees across the water, of which we shall speak later, but we have come to grips with the problem of helping the refugees who have come now to our own shores. During Christmas week Mr. Singer held a gathering for some of these refugees; most of them were believing Jews, and it was a touching sight to see them; and it was heart-breaking to hear their testimonies and the accounts of how some of them suffered from the brutalities of the Nazi hatreds. Through it all, they felt the sustaining power of God's care, and their faith in Him remains unshaken. Among these refugees we are planning to continue Bible class work and evangelism throughout the year 1940. Those who have come to us have been of the choice classes of German Jews, cultured, refined, and evidently people who have been used in other days to affluence.

2nd. Consider the Branches in America. There is *Philadelphia*. Here Brother Harry J. Burgen has continued his ministry of personal work and tract distribution. Loved by Jew and Christian alike, Harry has been a faithful servant of the Lord Jesus Christ these many years, has been instant in season and out, seeking every opportunity to make the Lord Jesus Christ known. There is nothing spectacular about the work in Philadelphia, nothing sensational, no large claims, no imposing array of figures, but just a humble Jewish brother in the Lord, faithfully discharging his duties day by day in an earnest desire to honor and to serve His master. A gratifying token of God's mercies upon us is to be found in the fact that Harry is one of our own converts, so that out of our own fruitage God is giving us the laborers that we are thrusting out into the harvest field. This is true of others of our workers in the other branches of the Mission. Thus they go out from here having been steeped in our methods and traditions and God has seen fit to honor and bless their labors.

Then there is *Pittsburgh*, with Mr. and Mrs. John Solomon as missionaries so much loved by the friends who have rallied round them and who co-labor with them in a faithful Gospel testimony to the Jews of the Smoky City. And to this Pittsburgh Mission God has given tokens of blessing because from here have gone out a number of converts whose records will grace and honor the pages of Christian history for ages to come.

*Buffalo* is one of our newer stations and still is in the experimental stage. The many field calls to which Mr. Machlin has had to respond, has made it practically impossible to carry on a sustained program of activities, a situation which has made it difficult to achieve such constructive results as we have felt we ought to have. We are looking and praying earnestly for the Lord to supply us with new laborers who will take up the work here, and release Mr. Machlin for a wider ministry. We ask our friends to join us in this prayer because the field there is a needy one and the surrounding territory has in it many Jews, so that a properly equipped missionary would find abundant opportunities for reaching the Jews.

*Columbus*, Ohio brings to us a heartache; for on January 2nd of this year, 1940, our dearly beloved brother and co-worker, Oscar Wago, was called home to be with the Lord. On another page an account is given of this sad event; and while we are reporting to you for the year 1939, and Mr. Wago's homegoing was just two days after the close of the year, the fact is that this report is being written late in January, and we therefore feel that we must include Mr. Wago's homegoing as a part of the report. Throughout the year 1939, both he and his good wife were instant in season and out of season, in a faithful and intensive testimony to both Jew and Gentile alike. We have rarely known a brother who has so closely bound to himself the warm affection of so many of the Lord's people, as Mr. Wago had done in Columbus. At the funeral service strong men wept like children, and the very atmosphere breathed such grief and such a

## INCIDENTS IN THE WORK

## We Buy in Coney Island



OUR CONEY ISLAND BRANCH

Your Mission is ever on the march. Some two years ago one of our Jewish Christian mothers moved to Coney Island. It was a long trip to come to Brooklyn to the Mothers' meeting, and so she said to Miss Sussdorff and to Miss Rose, "Why don't you come out to Coney Island and start a Mothers' meeting there? I will invite some mothers into my home and you can make a start." And sure enough, our workers went out, and so greatly did God bless the work that in a few months the little home was crowded beyond all capacity, for there also came meetings for the children, and the girls' sewing classes literally overflowed the little house.

Then suddenly the little house was sold by the owners and our Jewish mother had to vacate. And then came weeks and the months of eager search on the part of our workers to find a new location. But here we will let Miss Dorothy Rose tell the story:—

Up one street and down another. Expectantly and persistently we searched. "For Rent" and "For

Sale" signs held a certain fascination for Miss Sussdorff and me as we looked for a suitable house to use as a mission station in Coney Island, but it seemed of no avail. One after another, each place was eliminated with such notations as, —next door to a synagogue; too far away from our former location; rooms not suitable for our purpose; in bad condition.

Finally the summer vacation came and still we did not have anything in view. Could we possibly be wrong? Did not God want us to continue the work that had been started. Away with such a thought! I was sure God had led us out there. Had He not said, "They shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee," saith the Lord, "to deliver thee."

September came and as we went through the streets the children and mothers eagerly questioned, "When will classes begin?" "Where will we meet this year?" It was then that we heard of a house for sale by the Home Owners Loan Corporation. When we saw it, newly decorated and modernized, our hearts leaped with joy. It was ideal. God had planned it just for us. It was in a choice location, half way between two public schools, near a public playground, and right in the midst of the neighborhood where the families lived that we already knew. But obstacles innumerable seemed to pop up from everywhere. The price needed adjusting, others were interested in the place, red tape with government and real estate agents consumed so much time; but finally the day came when the American Board of Missions took title to the house of our prayers—the Coney Island Branch.

What joy we had as we ordered chairs and picked out rugs and curtains! Each thing we bought made the rooms look more homelike and inviting. Yes, this house was to be different. It was God's house, a place where Jewish mothers and girls, and in the future, men and boys, could come to learn about the Lord Jesus Christ,



three and four times a day, faithfully day after day and year after year. What a precious fellowship has been ours as we have unitedly labored together for Him! No wonder God has watched over us! To these friends the Lord has given a powerful and abiding conviction that here is a work to which they have been called as co-laborers, and which gives them the means, as nothing else does, to carry on a ministry of Gospel witness and love to an Israel facing the desolations of such a world hate as they have never known since the days of Titus. And to that task our beloved friends have dedicated themselves, together with us, to labor, to spend and to be spent until that blessed day shall come when we shall hear His approving sentence passed upon us, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

#### DIVIDENDS WORTH WHILE

Beloved friends, this is your report of God's dealings with us as your workers for the year 1939. Will you consider it also as dividends on your faithful investment of money, and prayers and genuine heart sympathy? And shall we not dedicate ourselves anew for the months ahead, determined that nothing shall move us from the path along which the Lord has brought us hitherto? There may not be many more months left, in which we can labor for Him. But let us labor while it is yet day, for the night surely cometh when no man can work. The dark clouds of storm and stress are gathering quickly and with ominous threatenings, over our heads; sooner than we think the fierce storm of God's judgments will break upon a war-crazed world, a world which has blasphemed God's name and rejected His only begotten Son. When that storm breaks we who are His will find ourselves safe on the other shore, with Him forevermore. And that is why we are busy today, "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil." Eph. 5:16. The meaning is, literally, "buying up the opportunity." And your Mission is doing exactly that in your behalf. We are seeking in every direction to buy opportunities for service for Israel, and no corner of the earth is too remote or too obscure for our outreach. Thus, during 1940, or as much of 1940 as the Lord will vouchsafe to us, we shall be buying the opportunities, as we have done in 1939, in all parts of America, across the waters, in the desolate areas of Israel's ghettos of Central Europe, in Palestine, even in far off Australia; and this buying will be limited only by the material resources that you will place in our hands month after month, as the Lord will lay it upon your hearts to do. We pour out these funds only as you enable us to do so; we never go into debt, we never spend more than we have, but we consider that as the Lord sends the money in, we shall take it and send it out again to be the means whereby His name shall be honored and the work of redeeming Jewish souls shall be carried on.

All our workers salute you. The Lord has given us the finest family of Jewish Mission workers in all the wide world. We thank God for them. They bear with us in our faults, our weaknesses, and oft for one another there flows the sympathizing tear.

Ever gratefully your servant in Israel's behalf,

JOSEPH HOFFMAN COHN.

sense of loss as I have seldom witnessed. Of the recent converts in the Columbus field there is a family of husband, wife, and two children. With the exception of the youngest, a baby of 2½, the whole family has confessed the Lord Jesus Christ publicly in baptism, and the father has felt with a powerful conviction the call of God that he shall labor in the Lord's vineyard. We hope our friends will remember this brother in earnest prayer, that the way shall be opened for him to undertake special training, and that later on he will prove to be a mighty instrument in God's hands for preaching the Gospel to His own brethren.

#### THE CENTRAL WEST

We now take a long jump to *Des Moines, Iowa*. You remember that early in October of 1938 our dear brother Juroe was suddenly taken to be with the Lord. It was a problem to know what steps to take so as to continue the work in the Middle West. We asked our friends to make this a matter of prayer, and we are happy to say that your prayers were answered, as we believe, in such a way as to place the work on a sounder basis than ever before. The widow, Mrs. Juroe, who had had a good deal of experience in Jewish work in New York some years ago, has remained in Des Moines, and from her little home she goes out and carries on a faithful house-to-house visitation in the Jewish residences, and has been used wonderfully of God in breaking down prejudice and in opening Jewish hearts to receive the Gospel message. In the home itself she maintains a weekly Bible Class for Jewish women. To replace Mr. Juroe whose work had been largely out on the field, Rev. and Mrs. Emil Gruen, after much prayer and after a special visit to Des Moines, felt definitely that it was in God's will for them to go out to the Iowa field and settle in Des Moines as a central point from which to carry on the work of itinerating evangelism. In that territory, which includes Iowa and the adjoining boundary cities such as Kansas City, Missouri, etc., there are about 75,000 Jews; they are scattered in the smaller cities and villages in these rural communities, and in many cases they have no communal Jewish life, no rabbi, no synagogue. To these cities the Gruens go; make their visitation in these scattered Jewish homes and stores, then try to connect them with some local church which has an understanding of the Jewish problems and a love for the Jews; in this way the ice is being broken slowly but surely, and the Jew is beginning to feel that there is a place for him in the Church of Christ after all. Mr. Gruen seeks openings in one of the churches, and then the Jews are invited to his services. In this way a contact is established and when the Gruens leave the town, the Pastor and people of the church are left to follow up the work that has been begun. We are happy to report that both Mr. and Mrs. Gruen are overjoyed with their work, and see daily evidences of God's dealings with them. They too will need your prayers for God's continued watchcare and blessings upon their testimonies.

*Los Angeles* looms next on our missionary horizon. Here again is a unique work, we know nothing like it anywhere in all the world. Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman have consecrated their every muscle and fiber to what they call "our boys." It is a work which lays stress on salvaging Jewish young men, boys who have come from fine families, many of them with college degrees, but who somehow have fallen by the wayside and have found themselves in the Los Angeles corner of the United States, helpless and penniless, with stomachs empty, and clothing tattered. Night after night the hall is filled with these young men and their lusty voices make the walls resound with their songs of praise to the Lord Jesus Christ. They are given something to stay the pangs of hunger, so that they know we have a heart for their physical needs as well as for their spiritual condition. Night after night Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman give them tickets for lodgings. And to each young man there is a loyal and faithful witnessing concerning the saving power of the Lord Jesus Christ, so that God has honored such witnessing, and there have been many remarkable conversions; a large proportion have been baptized in local churches in Los Angeles: A helper has been given to Mr. Zimmerman this last year, Mr. Neale, who has

been devoting his time to the children, and his reports have been most encouraging. As was reported some time ago in "The Chosen People", the Brethren Churches, led by such men as Dr. Louis S. Bauman of Long Beach, Rev. R. Paul Miller of Indiana, were so impressed with this unique piece of work being done in Los Angeles without blare of trumpets, without bombastic claims, that they asked us to assign that work to them for full support. And so for the year 1940 the Brethren Churches have undertaken to provide the budget for the Los Angeles work, without disturbing the organic relation between ourselves as directors, and Mr. Zimmerman as our missionary.

Since our last annual report the Lord has opened a new door for us, new land to possess. This is the work in *Seattle, Washington*. And so we go directly North from Los Angeles for some 2,000 miles, to find ourselves in Seattle. For the months of July and August, Mr. Zimmerman went up to Seattle and gave at least a starting boost to the undertaking. In September we transferred Mr. Amster from Washington, D. C. to Seattle, Washington. There, together with the assistance of Miss Anne Catherine White, and with the cooperation of a group of devoted friends, ministers and laymen alike, who have formed an Advisory Council, Mr. Amster is striving to lay the foundation of a constructive Gospel witnessing program; and we are hoping through the Seattle headquarters to reach the Jewry of the entire Northwest, Oregon and Washington. This is pioneer work for us, we are breaking into virgin soil; the work is hard, the problems are many and perplexing; and so our Brother Amster needs our patient and prayerful interest, and we need to remember especially to ask God that He will give Brother Amster favor and grace in the sight of Jew and Christian alike, as he copes with new and difficult problems.

#### ON THE OTHER SIDE

Very few ships are crossing the Atlantic these war days, and these ships sail only at their own risk, for the seas are infested with mines and U-boats and torpedoes, and the terror by night, and the arrow that flieth by day. And so we shall take our readers across the Atlantic not by a real live steamboat pulsating with power; but just as you sit in your chair reading these words we shall take you in spirit by one swift leap and land you in the middle of the most desolate heartaches in all the world. How wonderfully the Lord has led us through the years, so that now in the hour of Israel's great crisis your Mission is actually across the water, with your own missionaries, and directly at grips with the problems of bringing relief into the hearts and the homes of the unhappy victims of brutality and savagery. In wonderful measure, Isa. 61:1 which the Lord Jesus Christ read in the synagogue when He made His first public appearance, somehow finds its application to us also in this hour of distress and agony of Jewish soul. "The Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives." How many broken hearts there are to be bound in that inferno called Nazi-land! And what a wonderful thing it is that we have been called to the Kingdom for such a time as this! Space does not allow a full picture of what the Lord is allowing us to do across the water. But the financial report on pages 10 and 11 will give you a general idea of what funds we have been able to pour out because of your loving response to the great needs. And it may be said in passing that every dollar of relief money has been spent by us with 100% efficiency. There has been no overhead; every dollar has gone right into our own missionaries' hands, in Brussels, in Paris, in Vienna, and spent for immediate Gospel ministry and material relief. From our General Fund has come the money for carrying on the administrative part of the Mission work, for many of our dearest friends feel led to send their gifts just for the General Fund and they understand that from that comes the costs of bookkeeping, correspondence, etc. Even these costs are kept down to such a minimum that our accountants are invariably surprised and impressed with the small overhead.

back over the 45 years of the life of this work, and realize what anguish and grief and breaking of heart my father had to go through, and also those beloved friends who have been associated with us through the years, I marvel at the miracle of God's delivering grace. In these later years of course we have taken some rather bold stands in our earnest desire to defend innocent Jews from Nazi attacks and from Satanic propaganda in our own country. For this we have been made to suffer what has seemed many times more than our share. All sorts of falsehoods have been, and even now are continuing to be, circulated behind our backs; this whispering campaign has even leaped across the ocean. And yet in the face of all that, as our president, Mr. Linton, once remarked, "This Mission thrives on persecution." God has used the very wrath of our enemies to praise Him, and year by year He has enlarged the scope of the Mission, and has given us ever wider and wider horizons, so that literally our lines have gone out through all the earth. We suppose that the persecutions are allowed to come to us by God for our humbling and to keep us always looking to Him. The Holy Spirit reminds us in Heb. 12:11, "No chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby." If it be true as we believe it to be, that we are in the last hectic days of the world's cataclysm then it is also true that the Evil One is more busy, indeed frantically so, to stir up evil and hate in the world; for he knows, better than all of us, that his time is short, and what he does he must do quickly. And naturally, the vortex of Satanic hate must find its seething point in and on the Jewish people. And when we come to the Jewish people, then we must realize that the most important thing in all of God's earth today with regard to the Jews is that the Gospel shall be given to them in the fullest plenitude of testimony and service. We believe we have a right to expect as the last evidences of His nearness, a spectacular fulfillment of the second chapter of Joel, a sort of final shower, like unto the first shower of Pentecost, so now a final shower of the last outgatherings of the remnant from among Israel that is to complete the church. It is like the building of the ark in the days of Noah; when all had entered the ark, finally Noah, and his family went in and then the record says, "The Lord shut him in." And so may it be now that when the last straying sheep of the house of Israel shall have been gathered into the ark of the Grace of God, the Lord will shut him in, and the ark as the Church of God, will be full and complete, and then will come the summons from on high. And so, in view of these basic premises we must expect persecutions, and bitter enemies; and the larger the work grows, and the more effective it becomes in reaching Jewish souls for the Lord, the fiercer will be Satan's onslaught. Years ago, in the beginning days of our labors, the Lord gave us a protecting verse that has stayed with us through the years and has been our lean-to through days of storm and stress. Always we have found ourselves driven back to the one foundation, "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn." Isa. 54:17.

5. *And now consider our friends.* What would ever have become of such a Mission as this if the Lord had not given it such loyal and devoted friends as it has been our privilege to have through the years. How we have thanked God for them over and over again! They have rejoiced with us in the days of our victories, wept with us in the days of our trials, prayed for us, many of them



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pound. In the midst of a seething furnace of Arab and Jew hatreds, Mr. Boothby's work does not make for glamorous statistics, but he is doing his work faithfully day by day, and Jews come to see him in the little Mission room, and receive from him New Testaments daily. And so the seed is being sown which some day, when the Great Tribulation comes, may give forth an abundance of fruit.

We have no other missionaries of our own in Palestine, but we have been fellowshipping with established Missions there, and accredited workers, for the purpose of giving relief monies to some among the thousands of the desperately driven Jews that have smuggled their way into Palestine out of Germany and other European countries.

And now as we gaze over the quick summary of what the Lord has been doing for your Mission these past 12 months, we think of the words of Psalm 90:19, "And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish thou the work of our hands, yea, the work of our hands establish thou it."

3. *Consider our finances.* Study carefully the money accounts on pages 10 and 11. These will give you a vivid picture of what your money has done this past year in all parts of the world. With hearts overflowing in gratitude to our Heavenly Father, we record the largest year financially of our history. The miracle of all this lies in the fact that this Mission does not send out letters begging for money. No frantic appeals are hurried out in the mails saying that we must have so much or else we will go bankrupt. No urging is indulged in to coax people to give for this Mission. No men are sent out over the country to ring bells or knock on doors to ask money for this Mission. Every dollar must, and does, come, because the individual child of God of his own free will has felt the conviction given him or her by the Holy Spirit, to come to our help. And obeying that conviction, that friend sends the gift to help to carry on the work. As showing in what wonderful ways God does make provision, one morning on top of the day's mail there had been laid a cablegram. It was from our Paris Branch urgently pleading that we cable \$500 to take care of a Jewish Christian family whose visa to America would expire within the week, and who therefore had to sail immediately. We set aside the cablegram to give consideration a little later on, just as to how this \$500 would be provided. We opened the next letter, and there dropped out a check for \$500 from a friend on the Pacific Coast! And the friend wrote something like this, "I felt impelled this morning to send you \$100 for your work. But something seemed to whisper to me, 'What will \$100 do in the face of so great needs as they have? Make it \$500.' And so here is \$500, and I want it used for some Jewish Christian refugee family." Thus, before our missionaries in Paris had dispatched their cablegram to us, God had talked to one of His children in America, and that child, at least three days before the cablegram started from Paris, had started her check to New York; and cablegram and check met together! Is not this a wonderful example of the Lord's promise, "Before they call, I will answer?"

#### THE FIERY FURNACE

4. *And then consider our enemies.* The heart-cheering financial report is all the more astounding when it is realized that your Mission has been made the target of the fiercest persecution and most bitter denunciations, malignings and vituperations that I suppose any Christian work has ever undergone. From the very founding of this Mission by my sainted father, Dr. Leopold Cohn, the record of the Mission has been just persecution after persecution. As I look

FROM GERMANY TO BELGIUM

In *Brussels*, our worker is Rev. Otto Samuel, who, you remember, used to be our traveling relief agent and missionary in Germany before the Nazi outrages of November 1938. Then it was that he managed to escape after his release from a concentration camp, and we were finally able to settle him in Brussels, Belgium. There he is under the protecting auspices of the Belgian Gospel Mission, and these dear brethren have extended to us every accommodation and courtesy, for which we wish now to record our gratitude. In Brussels there are some 40,000 refugee Jews, and a similar number in Antwerp, some 25 miles away. Between these two cities Pastor Samuel devotes his time, and a faithful ministry is being carried on by himself and his good wife, which includes visiting in the miserable homes of the destitute refugees, giving of relief funds to them, the holding of Gospel services in one of the halls of the Belgian Gospel Mission, the carrying on of meetings for the children, and then most recently quite a large knitting class has been formed for the Jewish mothers.

We now take a look at *Paris*. This was the city where we first launched our work some years back, and year by year the work has become more deeply rooted and more widely extensive until today it is easily one of the leading examples of Gospel preaching and material relief work combined, in Europe. We have given in our columns much detailed reports of the work there, and so we will not go farther in the review of the work now, excepting to say that the war has caused important changes, but the work goes on just the same. Pastor Vincent, our honorary director, was drafted and is somewhere at the front, but a new director has been carrying on as his substitute. All the others of our workers have had to find places of residence outside of Paris; they live some 20 miles from Paris, and come in daily.

The stories of distress, of the breaking up of homes, of the agonies of hearts, and then of how our workers have been able to bring into such situation peace and joy, could fill pages. But space is limited, and we must stop somewhere. We should mention however the home for children at Nurieux. Here for an expense not exceeding \$100. a month, our workers are able to maintain a dozen children of the Jewish Christian refugees, who otherwise would be left to unknown fate. Here they are being brought up in the fear of God and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, at an age so young that what they are now taught will stay with them all their lives.

We hurry on to *Vienna*. Here, in spite of Nazi persecution and hate, our worker is still allowed to carry on. It is a miracle of God's grace, and we take it only as being from day to day. A new edict was recently promulgated in Austria, that by March 1st every Jew must be out of Vienna. So it is with fear and trembling that we speak to you about the Jewish situation in that city. Literally we know not what a day may bring forth. The Mission hall in Vienna is crowded to the doors with Jews night after night, hearts are hungry, and the Gospel is finding a more ready and a more willing ear than ever before in the experience of the missionaries in Vienna. We are in cooperation with the Swedish Mission Society, which operates out of Stockholm; and our own missionary is Mr. Emmanuel Lichtenstein, the grandson of that great Rabbi Lichtenstein of Budapest, who some 60 years ago lived such a remarkable life in Christ among the Jews in Budapest. Strange it is, and marvelous to realize, that God has given us such consecrated and capable and devoted workers in every one of our Mission fields.

A new undertaking in all of these fields of Europe has been the establishing of Soup Kitchens, for this winter season. Reports to date, because of delayed transatlantic mails, are rather meager as to the experiences of these various centers with the Soup Kitchen work, and so we will not give any full accounts at this time, but will defer to a later issue.

In *Jerusalem* we still have our faithful and aged brother, Mr. Frank Boothby, who conducts the Gospel Gate Room, in one of the pillars of the Russian Com-

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# FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

## AMERICAN BOARD OF MISSIONS TO THE JEWS, Inc.

(Receipts that have been acknowledged from month to month, and disbursements, for the twelve months beginning January 1st, 1939, and ending December 31st, 1939.)

Respectfully submitted, PAUL H. GRAEF, *Treasurer*.

### RECEIPTS

Balances Forward January 1, 1939:		
General Fund .....	\$9,894.43	
Poor Fund .....	449.15	
Resettlement Fund .....	3,259.01	
	<u>\$13,602.59</u>	
Revolving Fund (Debit Balance) .....	835.00	\$12,767.59
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Receipts During 1939:		
General Fund .....	\$119,288.39	
Poor Fund .....	3,043.22	
Education Fund .....	322.00	
Literature Fund .....	1,435.64	
The Chosen People .....	5,464.81	
The Shepherd of Israel .....	1,311.06	
Philadelphia Branch .....	2,066.21	
Pittsburgh Branch .....	2,593.87	
Columbus Branch .....	2,546.06	
Buffalo Branch .....	1,342.56	
Los Angeles Branch .....	1,849.80	
Dispensary Fund .....	647.46	
Children's Fund .....	252.33	
Overseas Fund .....	25,734.31	
Resettlement Fund .....	1,634.09	
Hewes Street Account .....	672.00	
Revolving Fund .....	350.00	
Transmission Fund .....	71.15	
Receipts for 1939 .....	170,634.96	
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Total .....		\$183,402.55

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We have examined the books, records and accounts of the American Board of Missions to the Jews, Inc., as to Cash receipts and disbursements for the twelve months ended December 31, 1939.

We have examined Securities, Cash on Hand and Cash in Banks with Bank statements, the totals of which agree with amounts shown in the various funds.

The vouchers for disbursements have been audited by us and it was noted that all were properly authorized and found correct.

In our opinion, based upon our audit, the accompanying statement of receipts and disbursements fairly present, in accordance with accepted principles of accounting consistently maintained by the American Board of Missions to the Jews, Inc., the results of its receipts and disbursements for the period under review.

Respectfully submitted,

The Merchants Audit & Accounting Company,  
Jas. O. Mottershead.

### DISBURSEMENTS

General Fund:	
Salaries of Mission Staff:	
Part time and full time workers .....	\$16,605.07
Extension Department and Field Evangelism:	
Field Bible Conferences, Salaries of General Secretary and Field Assistants, Traveling Expenses, Conference publicity, etc. ....	20,663.62
Reserves:	
Special Appropriation—Emergency Reserve .....	10,000.00
Office Administration:	
Salaries of Office Secretary, Stenographers, Bookkeepers, Editorial workers, including clerical help on "The Chosen People" and on "The Shepherd of Israel" .....	10,473.82
Transportation .....	2,550.00
Seattle Branch:	
Rent of 5105 Arcade Bldg., salary, equipment .....	1,586.96
Maintenance of Headquarters Buildings:	
Alterations, repairs, decorations, etc. ....	1,484.15
Office Supplies:	
New furniture and equipment .....	1,381.02
Printing, postage, stationery .....	8,742.36
Miscellaneous items .....	11,463.87
By Purchase of Building for New Branch in Coney Island, 3116 Neptune Avenue .....	6,592.00
	<u>\$91,542.87</u>
Relief to the Poor:	
Cash help to needy cases .....	2,469.69
Literature Fund:	
Printing and distribution of tracts, purchase of Bibles and New Testaments, Yiddish Hymn Books .....	932.04
Work Among the Children:	
Sewing and work-room supplies, Socials, Outings, Daily Vacation Bible School .....	1,773.83
Dispensary:	
Physicians, Medical Supplies .....	1,048.33
Hewes Street Account:	
Maintenance and Improvements .....	733.40
Education Fund:	
Jewish Students supported in part or in full, at Bible Training Schools .....	1,485.50
Philadelphia Branch:	
Salaries, rent of 717 Walnut Street, Cost of New Furniture, and all other expenses .....	4,018.23
Pittsburgh Branch:	
Salaries, rent of 1603 Centre Avenue and all other expenses .....	4,000.12
Columbus Branch:	
Salaries, rent of 712 South Hague Avenue and all other expenses .....	3,619.86
Los Angeles Branch:	
Salaries, rent of 2005 Brooklyn Avenue and all other expenses .....	3,806.45
Buffalo Branch:	
Salaries, interest and reductions on Mortgage on 206 North Park Avenue and all other expenses .....	4,765.46
Overseas Work:	
Jerusalem, Soviet Russia, Belgium, Poland, Germany, France, other European Fields, Special Relief Funds, including appropriation for 1940 distributions .....	34,784.43
Resettlement Fund:	
Expenses in resettling German Jewish refugees .....	5,990.60
Revolving Fund:	
Advances to Missionary workers .....	385.00
"The Chosen People":	
Printing and mailing, including German edition .....	5,526.18
"The Shepherd of Israel":	
Printing and mailing .....	3,169.81
Transmission Fund .....	61.15
Total Disbursements .....	<u>\$170,112.95</u>

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### Adjusted Balances, January 1st, 1940:

*General Fund .....	\$12,623.32	
Poor Fund .....	1,022.68	
Literature Fund .....	503.60	
Transmission Fund .....	10.00	
	<u>\$14,159.60</u>	
Revolving Fund (Debit Balance) .....	870.00	13,289.60
GRAND TOTAL .....		<u>\$183,402.55</u>

\*General Fund Cash—\$12,623.32: Of this amount contingent liabilities incurred in December to be paid in January 1940 amount to approximately \$8,700.00