

A SETTLEMENT DIARY

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The following is an account in the form of a diary of the activities at the Jewish Educational Alliance of Baltimore during the past month. The account for the first week, viz., Sunday, November 21st, to Sunday, November 28th, is given in as detailed a way as this method of description will allow. The schedule of Monday, November 22d, is typical of every week-day except for the rotation of clubs, classes, gymnasium sections and other groups that meet but once or twice during the week.

Obviously this form of statement has but little meaning except for one who is already acquainted in some measure with the activities of the institution described. Those interested in the work of such institutions as go by the name of alliance, settlement or social centre will find in a diary of this sort a suggestion of the variety and complexity of the activities that are conducted, as well as a sense of the magnitude and difficulty of the problems which the directors and administrators have to face. The events enumerated in this diary after Monday, November 22d, are just the regular affairs that fall outside the regular daily routine. It would be impossible, within the limits of space allowed, to give an account of what is done at each of the eight or so club meetings that are held nearly every evening. They prove attractive and interesting to those who attend them and sometimes interesting enough to warrant notice in the public press.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Gymnasium:

8 to 10 A. M.—Class of young men about 20 years of age.

10 A. M. to 2 P. M.—Signal practice by basket-ball teams, representing four boys' clubs, members ranging in age from 13 to 17 years.

2 to 6 P. M.—Exhibition games, before a large audience gathered in the gym gallery.

6 to 8 P. M.—Signal practice.

8 to 10 P. M.—Drills and games by Boy Scouts.

Hebrew School:

9 to 10 A. M.—Four classes in the auditorium, rehearsing hymns to be sung at next Saturday's children's service.

10 to 12 A. M.—Four separate classes, reading and translating Hebrew; Bible stories, etc.

Children's Chorus:

9 to 10 A. M.—Practice in community singing.

Clubs:

Morning—One boys' club, three girls' clubs.

Afternoon—six boys' clubs, three girls' clubs.

Evening—Three boys' clubs, one girls' club.

Senior Meetings and Classes:

Class in show-card writing; orchestra; Students' League; Poale Zion Society; Hachia Zion Society; Yiddish Literary and Dramatic Club; Criterion Dramatic Club (English); National Workers' Alliance; Meyerbeer Singing Society (men's chorus).

Special Meeting:

Junior Congress of Boys' Clubs.

Affairs:

3 P. M.—Guest meeting of the Women's Club Federation, called to federate the various Jewish women's clubs of Baltimore.

8 P. M.—Concert in the auditorium, before an audience of about 500.

Reading-Room:

Open all day.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Vocational Class in Dressmaking, their schedule is:

9 A. M. to 12 M.—Sewing.

12 M to 1 P. M.—Recess for lunch.

1 P. M. to 2 P. M.—Recreation in gymnasium.

2 P. M. to 4 P. M.—Sewing.

4 P. M. to 5 P. M.—English.

Kindergarten:

9 A. M. to 12 M.—Milk and crackers served at 11 A. M.

Day Nursery:

All day; some children attend the Alliance Kindergarten, while others go to public school; dinner, 12 M. to 1 P. M.; lunch at 3.30 P. M.

Tutoring Class for Immigrant Children:

3.30 to 5 P. M.

Games and Stories:

3.30 P. M. to 5 P. M.—For a large group, in the auditorium.

Sewing School:

3.30 P. M. to 5 P. M.—Five classes, conducted by volunteer teachers, supervised by a member of the staff.

Gymnasium:

4 P. M. to 6 P. M.—Schoolboys.

7 P. M. to 10 P. M.—High school and working boys.

Clubs:

8 P. M. to 10.30 P. M.—Various groups of boys and girls.

Boys' Game Room:

7 P. M. to 9 P. M.—For younger boys.

Social Room:

7.30 P. M. to 10 P. M.—Pool and billiards, for young men of 18 and over.

Reading Room:

Open all day.

Classes:

Students' League (grammar and composition).

Dressmaking—Girls make their own clothes, under the guidance of a paid teacher.
Printing Class.

In the morning the head worker gathered a group of representative people from East Baltimore and appeared before the Board of Estimates to urge the appropriation of a sum of money for the purchase of a library site.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Much the same as Monday, except for the clubs and classes. Clubs meet but once a week, generally, so that the schedule provides for about eight club meetings every evening.

Classes:

8 P. M. to 10 P. M.—Students' League (reading and discussion of Hamlet).

8 P. M. to 10 P. M.—Stenography.

8 P. M. to 10 P. M.—Dressmaking.

8 P. M. to 10 P. M.—Printing.

Gymnasium:

4 P. M. to 6 P. M.—Two classes of girls.

7 P. M. to 10 P. M.—Boys and young men.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Usual schedule of daily activities.

Classes:

8 P. M. to 10 P. M.—Citizenship class, giving instruction to prospective citizens to help them pass the required examination in American Government and history.

Rehearsal:

By the Yiddish Literary and Dramatic Club, of a play to be presented at the Hanukkah Feast.

Gymnasium:

4 P. M. to 6 P. M.—Schoolboys.

7 P. M. to 8.30 P. M.—Young working girls.

8.30 P. M. to 10 P. M.—Ladies' class.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Usual daily schedule.

New club organized.

Students' League (literature and composition). Special meeting of Students' League to prepare for coming social gathering; assignment of poems, etc.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Usual daily schedule, omitting sewing-school and story-hour. Emphasis on office work, in the way of notifying pupils, or their parents, in case of absence from class; checking up dues; preparing expense account, bills, statement of expenses, according to departments, etc.

8 P. M. to 10 P. M.—Thanksgiving celebration in the auditorium, under the auspices of the East Baltimore Neighborhood Association. Addresses by State's Attorney Broening, Judge Levinson, Perez Tarshish, Philip Sykes, Simon Sobeloff, Isaac Aaronson, and H. L. Caplan, chairman.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Hebrew School:

Increased to six classes, meeting from 2 P. M. to 4 P. M. (This is what the schedule requires.) In point of fact, the children come early and stay late, the session lasting from about 1.30 to 4.30 P. M.

Children's Sabbath Afternoon Service:

From 3.45 P. M. to 4.30 P. M. in the auditorium.

Rehearsal of children's Hanukah play, in the auditorium, from 1.30 to 3 P. M.

Rehearsal of recitations in Yiddish, for the Hanukah Festival, in auditorium, 4.30 to 6 P. M.

Classes:

8 P. M. to 10 P. M.—Citizenship.
Stenography.
Printing.

Affair:

Guest meeting of the Board of Jewish Education.

A number of independent societies maintain headquarters in the Alliance.

The Hebrew Immigrant Aid and Protective Association—Occupies an office, where the agent is in attendance every week-day morning, 9 A. M. to 12 M., and on Wednesday evenings.

The Milk and Ice Fund—Has an office, and an officer is in attendance from 10.30 A. M. to 1 P. M. every week-day.

The Babies' Milk Fund—Maintains a milk station and holds a babies' clinic, under the direction of a physician and a nurse, every Wednesday afternoon and Saturday morning.

The Instructive Visiting Nurses' Association—Maintains an office, with nurse in attendance, every week-day and Saturday, from 1 P. M. to 2 P. M. The tuberculosis nurse of the Department of Health is in attendance every week-day, 1 P. M. to 2 P. M.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

New club organized: every room in the house used three or more times during the day. Sunday is the busiest day in the Alliance; about forty group meetings taking place between the hours of 8 A. M. and 11 P. M. Toward evening the overcrowding

is extreme, as in addition to the usual membership, there is a large attendance of visitors who come merely because the Sunday laws make it impossible for them to go anywhere else.

Special Meetings:

8 P. M.—Hatechia Zion Society memorial meeting in honor of Professor Schechter. Hagula Zion Society. Lecture.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Head worker at meeting of Plan and Scope Committee of Big Brother Association, held at Jewish Welfare Building.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Head worker at meeting of Children's Bureau. Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, held at the home of one of the members.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

Kindergarten Workers' Association met to decorate the auditorium for the children's Hanukah party to take place the following day.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

Special Meeting:

Organization meeting of the Junior Congress of Girls' Clubs.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

Opening of series of lectures on Zionism, delivered under the auspices of the Hatechia Zionist Society. Lecturer, Mr. Isaac Aaronson, on "Zionism and Americanism."

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

New club organized.

Affair:

Hanukah Festival, for the benefit of war sufferers, held in the auditorium, under the auspices of the Meyerbeer Singing Society, the Yiddish Literary and Dramatic Club and the Poale Zion Society.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

Jewish Big Brother Association, conference.

Affairs:

3.30 P. M.—Hanukah Party, for 650 children, in the auditorium. The program included two plays entitled "The Maccabean Cure" and "The Broomstick Brigade." A bag of candy and crispets was given to each child.

8 P. M.—Public concert in the auditorium.

7.30 P. M.—Moving-picture exhibition in the gymnasium.

This Sunday saw more than twenty-five hundred people in attendance. Concert, 500; moving pictures, 600; Hanukah party, 650; basket-ball game spectators, 300; Hebrew School, 178, and parties, clubs, classes, etc., 524.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

8 P. M.—Lecture at meeting of Bonita Club, by Miss Lawrence, a public school nurse.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

8 P. M.—Senior Girls' Congress Dance in the auditorium. Japanese decorations; novelty favors distributed.

Head worker at United States District Court in the morning, to arrange for lists of those who have filed declarations of intentions to become citizens but have failed to complete their naturalization. They will be urged by mail and by personal visits to take the necessary steps to get their citizenship papers.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

8 P. M.—Hanukah play, repeated by the Rose of Zion Club for their parents and friends.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

8 P. M.—Lecture by Mr. Perez Tarshish on Hanukah.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

8 P. M.—Social gathering of the Students' League, musical and literary program, refreshments, games, etc.

Meeting of Intermediate Congress of Boys' Clubs. Radiopticon exhibition for Spartan Club in the auditorium.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

New club organized.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

Meeting of the Board of Directors. Lecture by Dr. Caroline Towles on sex hy-

giene, under the auspices of the Puritan Club.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

Moving-picture show for Kindergarten Mothers' Association and members of Immigrant Girls' Club.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

8 P. M.—Lecture by Dr. Herman Seidel, on the "Past and Present of Zionism."

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

Meeting of the Intermediate Congress of Clubs.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

8 P. M.—Public concert in the auditorium.

Study Hall for Nurses

The Jewish Hospital of Cincinnati, Ohio, is to have an additional building through the generosity of the five Straus brothers, Samuel, Henry, Robert, Charles and Isa, as a fitting tribute to their venerable mother, Mrs. Fanny Straus. It will be a study hall for the use of the Jewish Hospital School for Nurses and in addition to classrooms will contain an auditorium seating 250. The plans for the building have been prepared by S. S. Godley, architect, and work has been commenced.

The Study Hall will be conveniently located on the grounds of the Hospital. The classrooms will be properly equipped for demonstrations and technical instruction. The lecture hall, or auditorium, will be provided with stereopticon room for the use of slides in giving lectures.

The Study Hall will be of great value to the Hospital, as the rooms in the Nurses' Hall heretofore used for that purpose have become inadequate.

The building will be of colonial style, of concrete and brick construction and supplied with all modern conveniences.

Hebrew Educational Society

Copies of Y. M. H. A. publications will be sent to social workers and others interested on application to Mr. I. Edwin Goldwasser, chief, Board of Experts, Council of Young Men's Hebrew and Kindred Associations, 356 Second Avenue, New York city.