

Second Avenue and First Street, on Sunday afternoon. Grand Master Harburger delivered an address on the growing prosperity of the Order. Other addresses were made by G. L. Loewenthal, Isidor Schwarzkopf, Aaron Stern, William Rothschild, H. J. Goldsmith, and many members of the Intellectual Advancement Committee and of the lodge, after which a banquet was given in honor of the Grand Lodge officers.

Cong. Beth-El.

Special attention will be paid to the musical services during the holidays. Rev. Mr. Sternberger, who has been at his post during the entire summer, has the following efficient choir under his direction: Misses Simpson, Sternberger, Siegel, Einhorn, and Kirbal; Messrs. Riedel, Graff, Brand and Urks. Mr. Wolf is the organist.

It is not known whether Dr. Kohler who has returned, invigorated by his European vacation, will continue his Sunday morning lectures the coming winter.

Industrial Schools.

The up-town industrial school in connection with the United Hebrew Charities, but under the management of the Young Ladies' Charitable Union, has been discontinued, despite the efforts of Miss Richman and her Board. The E. B'way industrial school, in charge of the Ladies' Bikur Cholim Society, has proved successful, but the desirability of connecting it with the United Hebrew Charities is becoming more and more recognized. The Eighth St. Industrial School continues in its full tide of usefulness. It is the intention of the Charities to open a new school very shortly, and possibly on the west side. An artisan's school for boys is also under contemplation. Such schools, when well-managed and judiciously spread, are the best charities after all: their ripe fruit will be gathered in the next decade.

B'nai B'rith.

Quite a number of the officers and members of District No. 1, I. O. B. B., were present at the Home in Yonkers last Friday afternoon, to assist in the dedication of the synagogue connected with the institution. At two o'clock the ceremonies were commenced by a hymn chanted by Rev. E. Kartshmaroff and a choir composed of Miss Fanny Pollak, Miss Lena Luckstone, Mr. Joseph Hirschbach and Mr. Emil Singer. Rev. Dr. Kohler, Rev. H. S. Jacobs, and the governors of the Home, then entered the room bearing the scrolls of the law, which, after the usual circuits had been made, were deposited in the Ark. After chanting by the choir, a prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Jacobs, and the dedicatory sermon was preached by Dr. Kohler. Brief addresses were made by Messrs. Adolph L. Sanger and Henry S. Herrmann, after which the regular Sabbath evening service was commenced.

Free Synagogues.

As we anticipated, no steps were taken for the holidays to organize free services under fitting surroundings for the benefit of our poorer and working classes. As usual, private speculation has been rife, and temporary synagogues, for the benefit of a few interested parties rather than the diffusion of an earnest and intellectual Judaism, have been formed throughout the city. It is to be regretted that the larger congregations failed to take action in this matter, both for the comfort of their own members as well as the wants of the poor. It is true that some provide a limited number of free seats, but the overcrowding in consequence cannot be pleasurable. We have every confidence in our poor that they would themselves voluntarily contribute towards the support of a free synagogue, if its proper management could be assured from the start. In regard to young working people living down-town, there is urgent need of more interest being awakened in their religious condition. The consequences of long-continued neglect are startling. If it be impossible for several of our up-town congregations to unite in the movement, the opportunity is favorable for the 19th St. Synagogue to organize a branch down-town, and consecrate itself to a noble task, opening a free synagogue and school in the heart of the densely crowded district.

The Russian Refugees.

Religious services will be held regularly during the holidays at the refuge on Ward's Island, where the emigrants are now assembled under one roof.

Mr. S. H. Mildeberg, formerly of Brooklyn, has been appointed to act in the capacities of Secretary and Superintendent, in the place of Messrs. Levey and Heilprin resigned.

Letters were received this week from the Breslau, Vienna and Hamburg committees, in which mention was made of an approaching crisis in the work of repatriation. Want of space prevents us from publishing the letters this week.

A letter was received this week from Mr. Julius Schwarz of the **Cotopaxi**, Col., colony in which he gives an account of his recent visit to Denver, and his unsuccessful endeavors to awaken among the Israelites of that city an interest in the welfare of the emigrants. He speaks, however, in the most encouraging terms of the progress of the colony.

The Executive Committee has decided, if satisfactory arrangements with the owners of the property can be made, to vacate the houses in Greenpoint, and the basement at 15 State street, this city, as soon as possible. Relief will continue to be distributed, but not so freely as heretofore. Every case will be rigidly investigated, and only those found absolutely unable to provide for themselves, will receive assistance.

Local News.

IN TOWN

United Hebrew Charities.

The eighth annual report of the Board of Relief of the United Hebrew Charities was issued this week in neat pamphlet form.

The Yellow Fever Sufferers.

The collections begun by Messrs. Bloomberg & Raphael of 54 Worth St., in aid of the yellow fever sufferers in Brownsville, have reached a fair amount.

Cong. Shearith Israel.

Additional interest was attached to the Friday evening service owing to the formal reopening of the synagogue, after a thorough renovation and refurnishing. On the Sabbath, Rev. H. P. Mendes devoted his sermon to a brief review of the work of the Portuguese Congregation in the past and present, and claimed for it a worthy and brilliant record by reason of the charitable and public-spirited zeal of its leading members.

Cong. Emanu-El.

Dr. Gottheil arrived from Europe last Saturday on the steamer *Edam*. He has greatly benefited by his brief trip abroad.

The musical services at the temple, always of the highest order, will be excellent during the holidays. Prof. A. J. Davis will continue to preside at the organ, and the following ladies and gentlemen compose the well-trained choir: Mrs. Paulitsch, Mrs. A. B. Hill, Misses Hirsch, Uhlrichs, Frank, Jacobs, Schroeder, Messrs. Fritsch, Weinlich, Frost, Treumann, Bersin and Humphry.

Free Sons of Israel.

Grand Master Julius Harburger and the General Committee of the District Grand Lodge, No. 1, I. O. F. S. of L., visited officially Jacob Lodge No. 1 at their rooms, Florence Building, corner