

Program of Celebrations During Lincoln Week



One whose meek flock the people joyed to be,
Not lured by any cheat of birth,
But by his clear-grained human worth,
And brave old wisdom of sincerity!

at the

Chicago Hebrew Institute

485 West Taylor Street

February 10-11-12-13, 1909.

FOURSCORE and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate—we cannot consecrate—we cannot hallow—this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.—*Dedication of the National Cemetery at Gettysburg, Pa., November 19, 1863.*

Wednesday, February 10th

8 P. M.

**Celebration arranged for Yiddish
speaking people, especially for
newly arrived Jewish
immigrants**

DR. DAVID BLAUSTEIN, Presiding.

Program

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| "Flag of the Free"..... |Chicago Hebrew Institute Glee Club |
| Introductory Remarks..... |Chairman |
| Vocal Solo..... |Mr. Frank Sherman |
| Selections from Lincoln's Addresses..... |Miss Rose Rosenberg |
| "Illinois"..... |Chicago Hebrew Institute Glee Club |
| Address, "Leaders of Men"..... |Mr. Leon Zolotkoff |
| "Life of Lincoln" with Stereopticon Views..... |Mr. Harry A. Lipsky |
| "America" |Audience |

"We have among us men who have come from Europe and settled here, finding themselves our equal in all things. If they look back through this history to trace their connection with those days by blood, they find they have none: they cannot carry themselves back into that glorious epoch and make themselves feel that they are part of us: but when they look through that old Declaration of Independence, they find that those old men say that "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal," and then they feel that that moral sentiment taught in that day evidences their relation to those men, that is the father of all moral principle in them, and that they have a right to claim it as though they were blood of the blood, flesh of the flesh, of the men who wrote that Declaration, and so they are. That is the electric cord in that Declaration that links the hearts of patriotic and liberty-loving men together, that will link those patriotic hearts as long as the love of freedom exists in the minds of men throughout the world."

Thursday, February 11th

8 P. M.

Public Celebration under the joint
auspices of the Jewish
Organizations of
Chicago

MR. JULIUS ROSENWALD, Presiding.

Program

- March Boys' Lyric Band
Direction of Mr. D. P. Pollock.
- "Illinois" Chicago Hebrew Institute Glee Club
- Introductory Remarks Chairman
- Violin Solo, "Sicard-Russian Dances"
- Mme. Stone-Zukowsky
- Address, "Lincoln and the Jewish Spirit"
- Dr. E. A. Fischkin
- Vocal Solo Mrs. Maurice M. Strauss
- Address Dr. Emil G. Hirsch
- "America"
- Boys' Lyric Band and Audience

"Our government rests in public opinion. Whoever can change public opinion can change the government practically just so much. Public opinion, on any subject, always has a "central idea," from which all its minor thoughts radiate. That "central idea" in our political opinion at the beginning was, and until recently has continued to be, "the equality of men." And although it has always submitted patiently to whatever of inequality there seemed to be as matter of actual necessity, its constant working has been a steady progress toward the practical equality of all men."

Friday, February 12th

3:30 P. M.

Celebration for Young People

MISS JULIA I. FELSENTHAL, Presiding.

Program

Chorus.....Chicago Hebrew Institute Glee Club

Introductory Remarks.....Chairman

Vocal Solo.....Miss Julia Weinschenker

“The Nightingale”—Arthur A. Tenn.

“I Know Not Why”—Words by Morris Rosenfeld.

Music by Helen Bingham.

Mr. Schaub at the piano.

Address.....Miss Jane Addams

“Captain, My Captain”.....Miss Louise Loeb

Chorus.....Chicago Hebrew Institute Glee Club

Address, “Some Lessons from the Life of Lincoln”

Mr. Israel Cowen, President,

Jewish Chautauqua Society

“America”Audience

“The way for a young man to rise is to improve himself every way he can, never suspecting that anybody wishes to hinder him. Allow me to assure you that suspicion and jealousy never did help any man in any situation. There may sometimes be ungenerous attempts to keep a young man down: and they will succeed, too, if he allows his mind to be diverted from its true channel to brood over the attempted injury. Cast about, and see if this feeling has not injured every person you have ever known to fall into it. You cannot fail in any laudable object, unless you allow your mind to be improperly directed.”

Saturday, February 13th

3 P. M.

Celebration for Children. In connection with the regular Sabbath Afternoon Services for Children

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| Regular Mincha Service..... | |
| Mr. A. I. Agranat, Cantor. | |
| Mr. D. P. Pollock, in Charge of Choir. | |
| “The Banner of Freedom”..... | School |
| Address..... | Rabbi Joseph Stolz |
| Anthem, “Adon Olam”..... | School |
| Reading of Prayer, written especially for the occasion | |
| “America” | Audience |

BENEDICTION.

“Away back in my childhood, the earliest days of my being able to read, I got hold of a small book, Weems’ “Life of Washington.” I remember all the accounts there given of the battle-fields and struggles (of our forefathers) for the liberties of the country. I recollect thinking then, boy even though I was, that there must have been something more than common that these men struggled for. I am exceedingly anxious that that thing—that something even more than national independence: that something that held out a great promise to all the people of the world to all time to come—I am exceedingly anxious that this Union, the Constitution, and the liberties of the people shall be perpetuated in accordance with the original idea for which that struggle was made, and I shall be most happy indeed if I shall be a humble instrument in the hands of the Almighty, and of this, His almost chosen people, for perpetuating the object of that great struggle.”

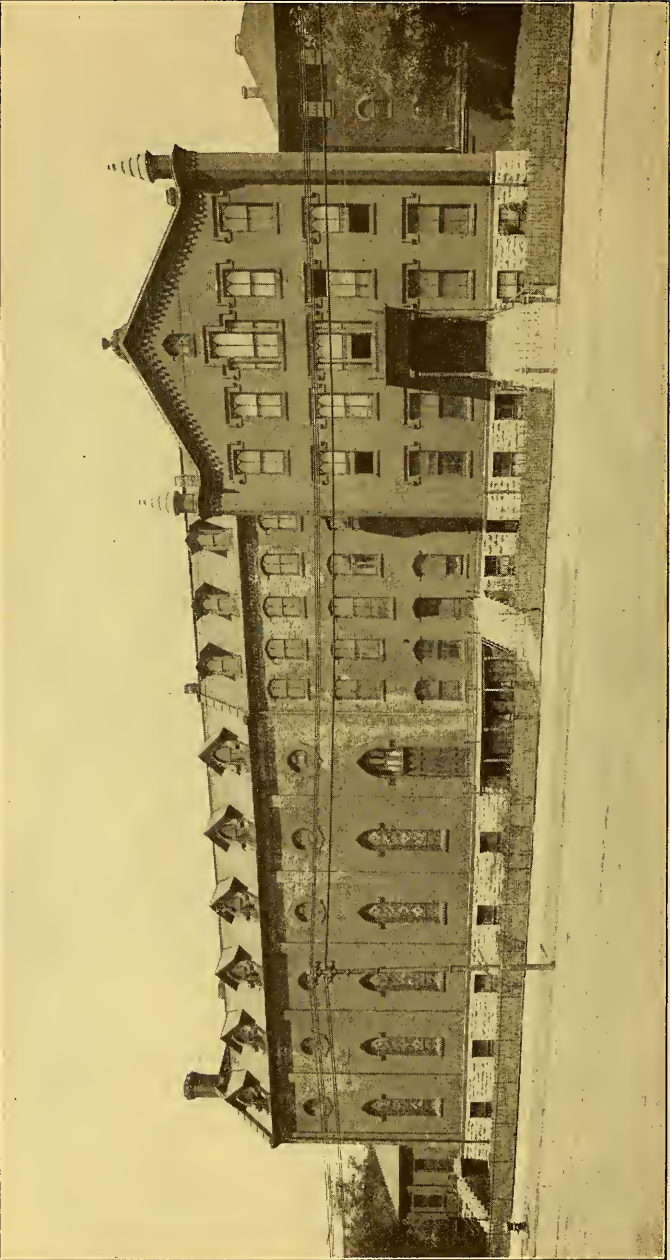
America

My country! 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
 Of thee I sing.
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrim's pride;
From ev'ry mountain side
 Let freedom ring.

My native country, thee,
Land of the noble free,
 Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templ'd hills;
My heart with rapture thrills
 Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze,
And ring from all the trees,
 Sweet freedom's song;
Let mortal tongues awake,
Let all that breathe partake,
Let rocks their silence break,
 The sound prolong.

Our fathers' God, to Thee,
Author of liberty,
 To Thee we sing.
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light,
Protect us by Thy might,
 Great God, our king.



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