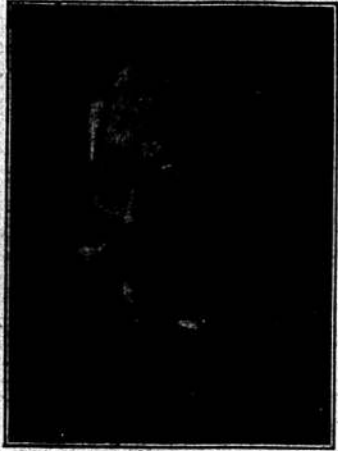


KAUFMAN MANDELL AN OCTOGENARIAN.

The many friends of Major Kaufman Mandell will rejoice to know that on Wednesday, September 29, he celebrated his eightieth birthday.

Kaufman Mandell came to America in 1854 with his pockets literally turned inside out. His first job was with a pork packing house on Worth street at a wage of \$4 a week. He remained at this four years. Having saved a few dollars in the interim, he organized a combination, seventeen in number, for selling goods. In 1858 he started out with the company he had organized for Africa and landed at Morocco. There he chartered a trading schooner, loaded it with merchandise and sailed down the west coast to a point within 300 miles of the Cape. In 1861, when the War of the Rebellion broke out, he returned to America and enlisted as a private in Captain S. Tyler Reed's Rifle Rangers of the Union army. Apart from the numerous skirmishes he went through, he fought at the battle of New Orleans and participated in the capture of Fort Hudson. Singularly enough, he came out unscathed through all. During his active services he was promoted, first to sergeant, then to captain and finally to major.



In 1865, after the surrender of Lee at Appomattox, Major Mandell was mustered out of service and he went to New Orleans. There he met Caroline Schwartz, a native of Woodville, Miss., whom he married in the latter part of 1865. With his wife he returned to her native town in 1866 and started out in the dry goods business. His career in Woodville might have furnished Aaron Hoffman with the plot of "Welcome Stranger," which is having such a success on the local stage, for Mr. Mandell went through the same experiences as does the 1920 hero.

Naturally, the inhabitants of Woodville had little admiration for a Yankee, a sobriquet applied to a Federal soldier, and Mr. Mandell's first years there were rather stormy. Moreover, the fact that he was a Jew made matters slightly worse. The Jewish population of the town, numbering about thirteen families, were not held in high esteem by their Christian neighbors. There was the impression abroad that the Jews could be easily imposed upon; that they were no fighters; without backbone. Mr. Mandell's attitude, however, quickly changed the impression. After a few altercations his antagonists realized that he was a Jew not to be trifled with. On one occasion he was challenged to a duel by an influential citizen. Major Mandell readily accepted the challenge, chose his seconds and made all preparations for the encounter. When he was asked what weapons he would prefer he answered, "Anything from a revolver to a twelve-pounder." A number of prominent citizens, however, soon interfered and tried to call the duel off. Mr. Mandell was at first obdurate. He had been insulted and he wanted to have it out. Finally, after a good deal of pressure brought to bear upon him by numerous emissaries of his opponent, and a promise that a public apology would be made by the challenger, Mr. Mandell reluctantly yielded to their request. Before long Major Mandell commanded the respect of every member of the community, and the very men who had tried to make trouble for him have remained his lifelong friends. He was honored with the nomination for the State Legislature and when he left Woodville, six years later, the town was practically in mourning for him.

In 1872 he came to New York as a resident buyer for forty-seven Southern business houses. He has since remained in business here.

Before he reached his seventieth birthday Mr. Mandell took an active interest in Jewish communal work and was at various times a director of the Montefiore Home, Beth Israel Hospital, Hebrew Immigration Society and the Y. M. H. A.

Bolsheviki Kill Jews in Odessa.
Odessa (By I. J. P. E.).—The situation of the Jews in Odessa is going from bad to worse. It is particularly the intellectual classes who suffer most. In addition to privations and sufferings, there is grave insecurity of life and one may find himself arrested and tried on the gravest charges under the flimsiest sort of pretext. Recently three Jewish lawyers were executed on charges of "criminal conspiracy." Their names follow: Garfinkel, Magidovich and Elisberg.

Congregation Orosh Chaim Notes—Dr. Hyamson Returns.

After a three months' trip to Europe, during which time he visited Galicia, Poland and Lithuania, Rev. Dr. Moses Hyamson, accompanied by Mrs. Hyamson, returned home last Sunday on the steamer Imperator. Dr. Hyamson was a member of a committee appointed by the Joint Distribution Committee which visited the aforementioned countries to study conditions of religion, emigration, etc., and he will tell his experiences in a series of discourses beginning tomorrow (Sabbath) morning, when he will speak on "What I Saw in East Europe." There will be several other addresses on the same subject delivered on successive Sabbaths, to which the public is invited.

Dr. Hyamson delivered a brief address to his congregation on Shemini Atzereth morning, during the course of which he referred to the late Jacob H. Schiff. Dr. Hyamson said in part:

"My happy return voyage was overcast with a dark shadow when the wireless cable brought the sad tidings of the passing away of the great man and prince in Israel, whose name is a household word as a friend to Jewry and indeed to all mankind. Others have acknowledged his eminent genius as a constructive financier in improving the railroad transportation of this country and in bridging the gulf between Japan and the United States. I would rather dwell upon the services he rendered throughout his life to Jewry and Judaism.

"There was no good cause in our community that did not receive his generous support. His administration of the Montefiore Home was witness of his tender sympathy with suffering. The Hebrew department in the Forty-second street Public Library is a perennial monument to his profound interest in Jewish scholarship.

"Many years before I came to America I had occasion to know him. Rabbi Isaac Jacob Reines, founder and head of the Liba Yeshiba, came to London some fifteen years ago at a time of financial crisis in Russia to solicit aid for his institution. I obtained some aid for him from my friends. But a cable to Jacob H. Schiff elicited an immediate and generous response.

"The Talmud Torahs in New York had a warm friend in him. He lent them large sums on the security of their buildings, charging, however, no interest; and at the end of a term of years it was his practice to cancel the mortgages. Such was the experience of the Machazika Talmud Torah downtown and the Uptown Talmud Torah in Harlem. He gave not only of his means, but also of his time and of his physical strength and of his wisdom and experience.

"Now, after a full and useful life, God has taken him to Himself. Thus He giveth His beloved sleep. Our heart goes out in deep sympathy to his consort, who stood by his side and held up his hands in his good work during the many years of their happy married life. Our heart also goes out in sympathy to the children of that union, and indeed to the entire community. On this day, when we recall the memory of our beloved kinsfolk who have gone to their rest, it is our sad duty and privilege to pay a merited tribute of homage to the life and work of this prince and great man in Israel whose soul is now bound up in the bond of life with our Heavenly Father and whose memory will be enshrined in our hearts as an inspiration forever."

The annual meeting and election of officers took place on Thursday, September 30, and showed the congregation to be in a flourishing state both numerically and financially. Mr. Jacob Lunitz was re-elected president and Messrs. Louis Guttman and Isadore Hyman, respectively, treasurer and secretary. Mr. Max Turkeitaub declined re-election as vice-president and Mr. J. Levine was elected to succeed him.

A young folks' league is being formed in the congregation, and, from advance reports, everything augurs well for its ultimate success. The organization meeting will be held on Sunday evening, October 10, at the Central Jewish Institute, No. 125 East Eighty-fifth street, at 8 p. m. sharp, and all who are interested are invited to attend. A dance will follow. The moving spirits in the organization are Messrs. Joseph Andrews, Louis L. Berman, Merwin F. Levine and Francis J. Berman.

Second Season of Hotel Monmouth.

The Hotel Monmouth at Lakewood, N. J., is now open, and doubtless its second season will eclipse the very successful initial year. This hotel, which was opened to the public for the first time about a year ago, is located in the quiet and exclusive section of Monmouth avenue and Seventh street, and is a tribute to the genius of its proprietor, Mr. I. Newman, who until he built this hotel conducted a very modest boarding house known as the Newman Villa.

In building the Monmouth, Mr. Newman's orders to his architect were to spare no expense in order that the guest might have a maximum of comfort and convenience and as a result we find large, spacious, well ventilated rooms, comfortably heated in the cold season. Every room has hot and cold running water and many have bath attached. The modern dining room, the cosy sun parlor, the large parlors and the gentlemen's smoking room, are tastily furnished and inviting, and the cuisine, which conforms to the strictest requirements of the Jewish dietary laws, is of the finest.

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