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Department



of State

James A. Rose, Secretary of State

To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come—Greeting:

WHEREAS, a Certificate, duly signed and acknowledged, having been filed in the office of the Secretary of State, on the 28th day of August A. D. 1911

for the organization of the

Furlander & Livander Aid Society

under and in accordance with the provisions of "AN ACT CONCERNING CORPORATIONS," approved April 18, 1872, and in force July 1, 1872, a copy of which Certificate is hereto attached.

Now, Therefore, I, JAMES A. ROSE, Secretary of State of the State of Illinois, by virtue of the powers and duties vested in me by law, do hereby certify that the said

Furlander & Livander Aid Society

is a legally organized Corporation, under the laws of this State.

In Testimony Whereof, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of State.

Done at the City of Springfield, this

day of

Independence of the United States the one hundred and

28th A. D. 1911, and of the

36th

James A. Rose
SECRETARY OF STATE.

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STATE OF ILLINOIS,

Clark County, } ss.

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To JAMES A. ROSE, Secretary of State:

We, the Undersigned, Ray M. Rosenberg, Joe Feldman
M. Springfield, S. Goldmann, M. Blumenthal
S. Straus and
Max N. Block.

citizens of the United States, propose to form a corporation under an Act of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, entitled, "An Act concerning Corporations," approved April 18, 1872, and all acts amendatory thereof; and for the purpose of such organization we hereby state as follows, to-wit:

1. The name of such corporation is Kurlander and
Lindlander Aid. Society.

2. The object for which it is formed is To render Moral
and Material Aid to those of its
Members who may be temporarily
in need or distress.
The funds for paying all benefits
to be raised by purely charitable
and voluntary contributions

3. The management of the aforesaid Society shall be vested in a board of
Eight Directors, who are to be elected Semi Annually.

4. The following persons are hereby selected as the Directors to control and manage said corporation for the first year of its corporate existence, viz:

Ray M. Rosenberg, Joe Feldman, V.P. M. Springfield, R.
S. Goldmann, S. M. Blumenthal, Pres.
S. Straus, M. Block, Directors.

5. The location is in the City of Chicago in the County of Clark
in the State of Illinois, and the postoffice address of its business office is at No. Palace Theatre
Bldg. cor. 17th and Blue Island Sts. of Chicago.

SIGNED.

Ray M. Rosenberg
Morris Springfield
Sam Goldmann
Sam Straus
Max N. Block

STATE OF ILLINOIS,
County Cook } ss.

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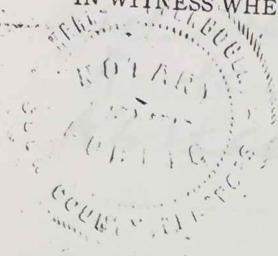
I, Herman Ellenbogen

a Notary Public in and for
the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that on this Twenty fourth day of
August A. D. 1911, personally appeared before me Roy Ahrensberg
M. Springfield Sgt. Goldman Marcus
Blumenthal, S. Straus, Max N. Block

to me personally known to be the same persons who executed the foregoing certificate and severally ac-
knowledgeed that they had executed the same for the purposes therein set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Herman Ellenbogen
Notary Public.



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<u>ALVIN C. RYAN</u>	
<u>JOHN W. RYAN</u>	
<u>ALVIN C. RYAN</u>	

CERTIFICATE.

Note—The Constitution provides that all
Fees shall "be paid in advance into the
State Treasury."
FEE \$10.00.
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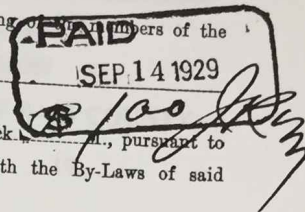
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STATE OF ILLINOIS,
County of Cook } ss.

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I hereby certify that at a well attended meeting of the members of the
Kurlander and Rivlander Aid Society
held on August 4th A. D. 1929, at 3 o'clock P.M., pursuant to
the rules of said corporation, the following resolution was adopted, in accordance with the By-Laws of said
corporation:



Be it resolved, that the name
of the society "Kurlander and Rivlander
Aid Society" be shortened thus omitting
"Rivlander" and hereafter called
Kurlander Aid Society

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Leo Satzman

SECRETARY.

STATE OF ILLINOIS,
County of _____ } ss.

I, _____, being duly sworn, declare on oath that I am
President of the corporation mentioned in the foregoing certificate, and that the statements therein are true in
substance and in fact.

In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of
said Corporation to be affixed, this 13th

day of August A. D. 1929

(Corporate Seal Here)

H. J. Frischke
PRESIDENT.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of September
A. D. 1929

Emme Jannenga
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY-DIVORCE DIVISION

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF
ILLINOIS ON THE RELATION OF
WILLIAM G. CLARK,
ATTORNEY GENERAL,

V.

KURLANDER AID SOCIETY

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SAID COUNTY.

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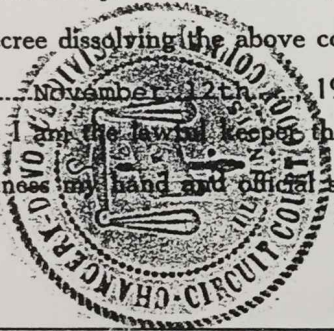
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TO THE HONORABLE PAUL POWELL, SECRETARY OF STATE,
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS.

I, JOSEPH J. McDONOUGH, Clerk of the Circuit Court, aforesaid, do hereby certify that
a decree dissolving the above corporation was entered by the said Circuit Court on.....

..... November 12th, 19..... 65 and that the original decree is on file in my office, and
that I am the lawful keeper thereof.

Witness my hand and official seal, November 15, 19 65



Joseph J. McDonough
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

JOSEPH J. McDONOUGH, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY
THEODORE A. SWINARSKI, ASSOCIATE CLERK
CHANCERY-DIVORCE DIVISION

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Name KURLANDER AID SOCIETY

Reg. Agt. Sam W. Levy

Reg. Off. 7612 Essex Ave., Chicago 49

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CERTIFICATE

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The _____

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William J. Stratton
SEC'Y. OF STATE.

KURLANDER AID
SOCIETY

Silver Anniversary

1911 — 1936



COVENANT CLUB

NOVEMBER 29th, 1936

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

.... PROGRAM

Invocation—Our Chaplain.....Mr. David Jacobson
Toastmaster.....Mr. Sam W. Levy
Welcome—Our President.....Mr. Max Goldman
Felicitations.....Mr. Louis Ittin
Chairman of Silver Anniversary
Greetings.....Mr. Sam Strauss
Founder of Society and Honorary President

DINNER

Distribution of Tokens—Cigars—Cigarettes—Candy
Address.....Mr. David Jacobson
Address.....Mr. Irving Ruthenberg

ENTERTAINMENT

Refreshments

Drinks

Dancing

BY IRVING M. RUTHENBERG



Greetings to the Officers and members of the Kurlander Aid Society.

On this our Silver Anniversary it is fitting to call the attention of our organization to the plight of our people in Eastern Europe. The conditions under which our Sisters and Brothers live is no secret to us, their more fortunate brothers in America. Happy it is that our tradition teaches us the meaning of charity. We can not and will not leave our suffering brethren to doom and destruction.

Ever uppermost in our hearts and minds is a solution for and assistance to those Jews who are being persecuted in other lands. There are many and their need is great. For many years Palestine has offered much of the needed relief. But we realize today that Palestine is not enough. Fortunately, there has come a light shining toward us from the Far East—The Autonomous Jewish Territory known as Biro-Bidjan.

Here is the answer for countless thousands of Eastern European Jews, who had almost given up hope for being rescued from their desperate plight. Now a chance for a new life has come to them.

In Biro-Bidjan they can look forward to freedom of spirit comfort, and the opportunity to work, whether it be in the field or factory, or on the Cultural front. A Jew may hold up his head. He is a man amongst men. At last his children are not shunned or humiliated for being Jewish. No longer is a finger pointed to him in scorn.

Biro-Bidjan truly offers a new life. Shutting out forever the miseries and atrocities befitting the dark ages, with which so many Jews are confronted today in Eastern Europe. It is our duty as American Jews to do anything in our power to aid as many of these suffering Jews as we can to find relief in this haven of refuge called Biro-Bidjan.

Irving M. Ruthenberg

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES OF THE KURLANDER AID SOCIETY

OFFICERS 1936

Irving M. Nekritz	Ex-President
Max Goldman	President
Sam W. Levy	Vice-President
Hirsch H. Resnick	Recording Secretary
Ethel Fritzthal	Financial Secretary
Julius Ruthenberg	Treasurer
Simon Lipman	Trustee
Minnie Holtzman	Trustee
Bessie Levy	Trustee
Joseph H. Seidel	Inner Guard
David Jacobson	Chaplain
Minnie Goldman	Conductor
Dave Berg	Conductor

RELIEF AND LOAN COMMITTEE

S. SchulmanChairman

Harris A. Levy	Anna Goldman
Irving M. Nekritz	Max Goldman
Ethel Fritzthal	Hirsch H. Resnick
Julius Ruthenberg	Sam W. Levy

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sam W. LevyChairman

A. Goodman	Mildred Nekritz
D. Jacobson	Joe Lapin

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Sam W. Levy	Irving Ruthenberg
Max Goldman	Simon Shanker
David Berman	Mary Weiss
Louis Ittin	

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Sam W. LevyChairman

Mildred Nekritz	Emily Klaff
Lillian Sezon	Rose Lutvak
Bessie Levy	Anna Shulman
Jennie Saltzman	Jennie Ruthenberg
Irving Ruthenberg	Louis Ittin
Simon Libman	Sam Shulman

PAST PRESIDENTS AND YEAR OF TERM

Sam StraussHonorary President

1911—Roy Ahrensberg Rev. J. Taub*	1924—L. Perlman*
1912—Max Goldman	1925—D. Berman
1913—J. Schneider H. Kveitzman	1926—H. Levy Anna Boldman
1914—H. B. Kulp* M. W. Klaff*	1927—L. Ittin A. Goodman
1915—H. B. Kulp* M. W. Klaff*	1928—I. Ruthenberg L. Ittin
1916—Charles Dressler	1929—L. Ittin H. J. Fritzthal
1917—Harry Lipschultz Harry Whippman	1930—I. Ruthenberg L. Perlman*
1918—H. Magidsohn* L. Perlman*	1931—H. Lipschultz H. Resnick
1919—S. E. Newberger	1932—H. Resnick H. J. Fritzthal
1920—M. W. Klaff*	1933—H. J. Fritzthal L. Ittin
1921—S. Strauss	1934—Max Goldman
1922—Max Goldman S. Shulman	1935—I. Nekritz
1923—Abe Sherman J. Feldman*	

* Deceased

"WE" GREW UP TOGETHER

Twenty-five years ago, seated upon a trunk, I viewed my first meeting of the Kurlander Aid Society. The organization was then in its infancy but then so was I; the birth of the society preceeding my entrance into the world by only a few months. Thus, so to speak we started out together.

Mother and Dad were deeply interested in the Kurlanders and made it a point to attend every meeting. Still a bit too young to stay home alone, my attendance at the meetings in the old Lawndale Hall was as regular as any of the handful of members. Each gathering would find me perched on the same trunk, which served quite handily as a cradle, taking in everything that was going on. They tell me that I always seemed interested, judging by the goo-goos and ga-ga's that I would utter. However, I was always willing to ignore any meeting for the slight consideration of a bottle of my favorite milk or for a nice noisy rattle.

Membership began to increase; larger quarters in which to hold meetings were taken; the organization was growing. I too was growing; adding several inches to my height and several more years to my age. "We" were growing up together. With each meeting I attended, my interest mounted and my ambition to become a member of the Kurlanders became stronger. Though not a member I enjoyed participating in many of the Societies activities. Dances and picnics were always times of great fun. Of most interest to me, however, was the annual election of officers. At that time, I considered the elections the high spot of the Kurlanders activities.

Some twenty-odd years had passed, since the time when I witnessed my first meeting, and now my fondest ambition was to be realized; I was to become an actual member of the Kurlander Aid Society. Climaxing my initiation into the organization I was elated to find myself appointed Chaplain. A year later I was privileged to run for the vice-presidency, and I considered myself fortunate indeed to become the vice-president of the Kurlanders in its twenty-fifth birthday year.

I am proud to say that I have grown up with this organization; to have taken part in its accomplishments; to have seen it develop from a handful of members in Lawndale Hall twenty-five years ago until the present with its membership of many hundreds. I truly feel privileged to be able to participate in the 25th anniversary of the Kurlanders Aid Society.

Sam W. Levy

ADDRESS BY MR. DAVID JACOBSON

Mr. Chairman, Honored Guests, Fellow Kurlander, Ladies and Gentlemen:



On this joyous occasion, the celebration of the 25th, or Silver Anniversary, of our wonderful union of families, the Kurlander Aid Society, it gives me indescribable pleasure to be with you and address you briefly.

Surveying this festive gathering and looking into the kind and friendly faces of my sisters and brothers of my Society, I recognize many whom I have met, while a very young boy in my early teens, as they gathered on many occasions in the home of my dear Parents, some twenty-six years ago, conducting their little meetings and making preliminary arrangements for the founding of an institution which was destined to become the Beacon light, the helping hand and haven of each and every Kurlander then in Chicago and the thousands who came here since

In my opinion, there were very few of our people who made the journey to this Country for pleasure purposes or as wealthy tourists. The contrary being true, we emigrated to America by the sting of necessity, escaping from pogroms, inequities, indignations and unbearable tortures heaped upon us in our native Kurland and elsewhere in Europe, in those dark, dreary years about the beginning of this century.

Arriving here, in a strange land, with its strange customs and people, unable to speak or understand their strange language, bewildered and awed by the mighty cavalcade of the industrious, rushing, creative, melting pot called America. Most of us were alone, without friends or relatives, and soon became absorbed in the rushing turmoil of a great City and preoccupied with the mighty struggle for existence.

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How refreshingly warm, friendly and welcome was the handshake and greeting of a chance meeting with an occasional Countryman who preceded us here and whom we contacted in our wandering. And from these chance meetings, the Kurlander Society came into being. Thereafter, the lot of the Kurlander emigrant was a lot brighter, for whenever and wherever an arrival came to our attention, we sought him out and extended a friendly hand with a hearty "Sholem Aleichem."

As the Society took on shape and form and became a recognized chartered organization, dedicated to friendly and helpful usefulness, the field of our work and activities was widened and enlarged to being of service and help to other Jewish charitable organizations, making regular donations and periodical contributions to scores of worthwhile Jewish welfare institutions and their diverse undertakings.

Within the Society, the welfare work was continuous, a good deed here, a few tons of coal there, a basket of groceries to another, a "Gemiles Chesed" to a destitute brother or sister, a job or a home for a lonely individual, the homesteading of entire families in proper quarters, and giving many a new start in life. Also, the attending of a wedding, a "briss" or a "Pidyon Haben" in the joyous homes, as well as visiting the sick and burying the dead of our unfortunate and bereaved ones.

And so, my friends, throughout these many years our Society went along its path of good deeds. In due time it grew in strength, importance and prestige to surpass even the fondest dreams and expectations of its founders. The social events of our Society, the Grand Ball in the Winter and our picnic in the Summer became the social gathering places of Chicago's Jewish people, and were attended by many thousands.

Through the twenty-five years of the Society's existence, we lived through many periods of prosperity and adversity. The graphic lines on our membership chart soared to great heights and also declined, and we aim and hope to build it up again to great heights. The Generation of Kurlander, headed by our own dear Parents and older Sisters and Brothers, who have guided the affairs of our Society for twenty-five years, have earned our undying gratitude for their noble and unstinting efforts in the Society's behalf. It is to their credit that we are fortunate enough to gather here tonight on this glorious occasion, for which we younger Kurlander Sons and Daughters so gladly and wholeheartedly helped to arrange.

And while speaking of arrangements, I cannot fail to express my thanks to the Officers of the Society, the various Chairmen, Co-chairmen and all workers of the several Committees with whom it was my pleasure to work, in our efforts to make this affair the brilliant success it is.

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Contrary to popular belief on the part of some people, who believe that worth-while achievements can be successfully attained by a wave of the wand, or that success grows on trees, I can inform you from personal experience that such beliefs are mistaken and the reverse or opposite is true.

Each step, each act, and each effort was confronted by seemingly insurmountable obstacles, but our gallant workers refused to recognize impediments and successfully prosecuted the job assigned them until their goal was reached. This is indicative of the fine leadership of our worthy officers and their ability to inspire such loyalty in your Committees. These results which are evidenced here tonight, were also achieved largely because we were all conscious of the fact that we were working for an ideal, hence our eagerness to do the right thing by our Society, to whom we all owe a debt of gratitude.

This beautiful souvenir book in itself, which we will cherish and keep forever in our homes, represents a tremendous effort and a job well done. For these things and the infinite number of self-sacrificing details, we all owe a vote of thanks to all those who worked to gather ads and materials for the book. We are also deeply indebted and thankful to the multitude of firms, companies, groups, and individuals whose generous contributions in the form of display ads, anonymous ads, goodfellow inscriptions, as well as the many silent donors whose friendly co-operation and generous contribution made this book possible for us to enjoy, and through its contents live this wonderful night over and over again during the many years to come. These friends of our Society and public-spirited benefactors we can best repay with our good will and patronage.

Twenty-Five years is a long period of time to review in the short space of my speaking time tonight, but I wish to portray vividly a few of the things we have lived through, are living through, and probably will live through in our own lives and in the life of our Society, and in my own humble way I am endeavoring to review our life together.

Twenty-Five times we have gathered in our Synagogues and Temples of worship on our High Holidays, and in reverent devotion and silent prayers we held communion with our Creator baring our hearts and our souls before him on the "Yom Hadin" Twenty-Five times we have recited before the open Ark of the Torah the fearful "Unesone Teukel", followed by the heart-rendering passage that follows "Bei Rosh Hashono Yicoseivun Uveyom Zom Kipur Yechoseimun—Kaamo yaavrun—vechaamo yiboreiun—Mee yichye Umee Yomus—Mee Bekitzo—Umee Lo-Bekitzo—Mee Boeish—Umee ba maayim," and so on through the whole list of judgments.

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All these quaint and traditional prayers of our people, the same prayers recited by our forefathers for thousands of years from time immemorial, serve us the good purpose of teaching us many fundamental truths. Once a year, we take inventory of our journey through life, make a clean breast of our failings and shortcomings, and in so doing we endeavor to learn the things that will enrich our lives and our mentalities, and make us better men and better women, better husbands and better wives, better Fathers and better Mothers.

During the past twenty-five years of our Society's activities, the thousands of our Kurlander Jewish families in Chicago, at one time or another, were identified in our ranks. We arrived at a better understanding of our common problems and needs and transformed us all as Sisters and Brothers, and as Fathers and Mothers, in one big and mighty family.

And, therefore, my friend's, when the judgment of the Divine Creator, in His divine wisdom saw fit to take any one from among our dear ones, the wound and sorrow was commonly felt and shared by each and everyone.

And so, my friends, we arrive at the last group to whom we shall reverently pay our humble tribute on this eventful occasion in the affairs of the Kurlander Aid Society.

I refer, of course, to those creative founders, the multitude of Fathers, Mothers, Sisters, Brothers, relatives and friends, Past officers and members of the Kurlander Aid Society, many of whom have devoted their entire lives to the affairs of the Society, all of those who were so dearly beloved in our own families and in the ranks of the Society and whom we so sadly miss here tonight, all those who carried on for us during our first quarter-century of existence, and during that time recited their last prayer.

And to those dear ones, we have lost, and whose memories we shall forever honor and cherish, we can most effectively pay our tribute and, in a measure, repay our obligations, by redoubling our efforts in behalf of our splendid organization, in order that we may all carry on and perpetuate it for posterity.

And, in conclusion, my friends, let us dwell briefly on the brighter side of life once again. It is evident that our Heavenly Father also, in His divine wisdom, sends us several compensating joys and pleasures for each loss or sorrow. And during these twenty-five years we also had our share of his blessings and good fortune. It seems evident that He balances our affairs in life pretty well.

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The ones who were little children entrusted to the tender loving care of Dear Mothers and Fathers, grew during these many years to full maturity and in turn also enjoyed divine blessings and prosperity. Many of these were also married happily and had their blessed events. I am proud and overjoyed to see the liberal sprinkling of the younger generation of Kurlander "Landsleit", who are courageously and proudly carrying on in their parents' path.

And to us of the younger generation falls the priceless heritage to perpetuate and keep fertile the soil of the garden our fathers planted. "Honor your Father and your Mother, that your days may be long on this earth." We can honor them best by assisting our older sisters and brothers and dear parents in their continued efforts in our behalf in the Kurlander Aid Society, so that we may all keep marching forward together to our next goal—our Fiftieth, our Golden Anniversary, twenty-five years later, and there, in turn, entrust our affairs, our charter, our colors and standards, into the able hands and loving hearts of our Sons and Daughters.

David Jacobson

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David Jacobson



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1911 — 1936

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS ACTIVITIES OF THE KURLANDER AID SOCIETY.

By M. Indritz

It is with joy and pride the Kurlander Aid Society now celebrates its twenty-fifth anniversary — closing the chapter of the first 25 years activities in Chicago.

Twenty-five years have now passed since the first group of Kurlander-Jewish immigrants settled in Chicago became organized, jointly to work for a common cause—to render aid and comfort to Jewish problems generally and to meet the needs of the Kurlander landsman in particular. In this the Kurlander have excelled all expectations.

The Kurlander have for generations lived and prospered at the tranquil shores of the Baltic Sea. There they have attained a high level as a cultural and ethical group. But, because of the reactionary measures the Russian monarchy exercised at all times and which became most severe and unbearable in the year 1905, the Baltic Jews were compelled to wander about, seeking new havens. Some of whom have gone to Africa and others to the shores of the United States of America.

Chicago, in this case, was not slighted, on the contrary, it became enriched by a fair number of recruits—immigrants from the Baltic states. These newcomers were reared and educated on a fairly high plane of culture and ethics which made it the more difficult for them to become acclimated here. Hence, the more in need of a helping hand. The forerunners of the army of Kurlander immigrants supplied generously and willingly such need.

In the month of August of 1911, there gathered together several Kurlander landslite in the home of a landsman who lived on 14th Street and there laid the corner-stone of the organization now known as the Kurlander Aid Society. Only one month elapsed and a charter was obtained.

It was only natural for the Kurlander Aid Society to have been limited in its activities and aid, but it soon began to function beyond its own membership. It also included in its program the Livlander as well. The present name, Kurlander Aid Society,

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was adopted later. It was originally called Kurlander-Livlander Aid Society, which held its meeting in a hall on Blue Island Avenue, which at that time was the center of the Jewish community of our fair city.

Shortly after its inception, the Kurlander Society was fortunate in enrolling amongst its membership one who managed to become most outstanding, Leo Saltzman. He soon became secretary of the society, and held the office with skill and devotion for about 25 years. He devoted most of his time and energy to build the society.

With every meeting the Kurlander Aid Society has been growing by leaps and bounds, counting now a few hundred members. As it grew in size so it also grew in its scope of activities. At the outbreak of the World War, it became necessary to render aid to suffering landslites and others, which the Kurlander have so valiantly and generously done.

Volumes may be written of the activities of the Kurlander Aid Society. But this neither the time nor the space permits. Such a book, if written, would constitute a golden chapter in the history of Jewish life in our fair city.

The Kurlander Aid Society participates in all phases of Jewish activities. It aids the work of Zionists in building a homeland for our people in Palestine. It participates in the Jewish Congress organization. Biro-Bidjan, Hias, and many other deserving activities. It has and is rendering aid to noble institutions, such as Jewish Scientific Institute of Vilno, Federated Charities, Day and Night Nurseries, Consumptive Aid Societies, Hull House and many others.

And now, at the closing of its first 25 years of activities, the Kurlander Aid Society emerges proudly to survey its record, confident that it will now become re-enforced and rejuvenated to do more and most the noble work.

At this, its most joyous moment, the Kurlander Aid Society expresses its most solemn wish that the heavy clouds hanging over the world and most heavy over the heads of our people shall vanish, once again shall the sun shine over humanity and that culture and civilization shall prevail on the face of the earth.

Thus, the Kurlander Aid Society expresses its gratitude to all who aided her in her growth and activities, and hopes to meet you all again at its Golden Jubilee.

RELIGION—A PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE

By Oscar H. Green, Ph. B., J. D.

Wherever, in the history of man, community life has characterized his existence, it has been his way to organize—to seek others with whom he has something in common, in order that both or all can lend to the common purpose their combined strength for this attainment of their ideal. That is what this organization has done and the writer wishes to take this opportunity to express his thanks for the privilege of offering the fullest extent of co-operation possible for him in the work chosen by this group. This work is charitable in nature, and Charity is one of the most, if not the most, essential element in Religion. It, in one word, offers the distinction between RELIGION and SUPERSTITION, to the further analysis of which this article is devoted.

The problem of religion and superstition is not particularly a Jewish problem, although it affects us all alike as members of a single faith. It faces all persons who at any time in their lives are confronted with the apparent necessity of behavior which may be ethically questionable, and I know of no person who has never found himself in this predicament. This subject might well seem to have been properly entitled RELIGION VERSUS SUPERSTITION, except that it is not exactly what the writer has in mind. He would rather call it RELIGION AND BROTHERHOOD, and if the reason will appear from what follows, the purpose of the paper will have been accomplished.

To sound off the theme, I wish to tell you a little story. A close friend of mine took the opportunity of the Labor Day vacation to drive to a small town in Illinois, large enough to support one Jewish community. He was invited to dinner during his stay there, and was seated next to the Rabbi of the town congregation. He took notice that the Rabbi did not hesitate to butter his bread and to relish the chicken served during the same meal. Upon his return, he related the incident to a small group of persons, and the reactions were worth observing. Consternation rather than surprise characterized the feelings of some, while other listeners saw nothing unusual in the tale. Now, it is not my intention to comment favorably or otherwise on this Rabbi's behavior, at least on this occasion, but rather to elaborate upon the relationship between this incident and the basic thought that I have in mind.

"Superstition" is really a poor word. Strictly speaking, superstition is the emphasis on the form rather than on the content of certain behavior, on the act rather than on the reason for it. I make no case here for or against the person whose inclinations lead him to avoid mixing his foods, but I feel no limit of contempt for the person whose face blanches at the

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Greetings to the Officers and members of the Kurlander Aid Society.

On this our Silver Anniversary it is fitting to call the attention of our organization to the plight of our people in Eastern Europe. The conditions under which our Sisters and Brothers live is no secret to us, their more fortunate brothers in America. Happy it is that our tradition teaches us the meaning of charity. We cannot and will not leave our suffering brethren to doom and destruction.

Ever uppermost in our hearts and minds is a solution for and assistance to those Jews who are being persecuted in other lands. There are many and their need is great. For many years Palestine has offered much of the needed relief. But we realize today that Palestine is not enough. Fortunately, there has come a light shining toward us from the Far East—The Autonomous Jewish Territory known as Biro-Bidjan.

Here is the answer for countless thousands of Eastern European Jews, who had almost given up hope for being rescued from their desperate plight. Now a chance for a new life has come to them.

In Biro-Bidjan they can look forward to freedom of spirit comfort, and the opportunity to work, whether it be in the field or factory, or on the Cultural front. A Jew may hold up his head. He is a man amongst men. At last his children are not shunned or humiliated for being Jewish. No longer is a finger pointed to him in scorn.

Biro-Bidjan truly offers a new life. Shutting out forever the miseries and atrocities befitting the dark ages, with which so many Jews are confronted today in Eastern Europe. It is our duty as American Jews to do anything in our power to aid as many of these suffering Jews as we can to find relief in this haven of refuge called Biro-Bidjan.

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