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PUBLIC NOTICE

BP Distinguished Public
510 Jewish Brethren:

New York
November 10, 1889

The poverty, misery and loneliness of our Russian-Polish brethren, who are concentrated in the downtown area, were recently described at a meeting of Jewish people living uptown. Residents of lower New York also attended. Our unfortunate co-religionists are now overwhelming benevolent institutions such as hospitals, Hebrew Associations, the Home for Aged and Infirm Hebrews - all of which are filled to capacity with Russian-Polish immigrants.

It was made objectively clear that these institutions are not indifferent to the plight of the unfortunate handicapped, impoverished and aged Jews of the Lower East Side, and that the burden of providing for their care has simply been overwhelming. There is a limit to the assistance the institutions can possibly offer. Let no one think that the tragic Jews of the downtown area have been abandoned, for a recommendation was made at the aforementioned meeting that a hospital for Russian Polish Jews be established on the Lower East Side.

The distinguished public is invited to express its views about this. All those interested in discussing such a project are requested to please send us their names and addresses, so that we can invite them to the next conveniently scheduled meeting, where fuller consideration will be given this recommendation.

1. Dr. Jacob Serling, 165 West 105 Street
2. Menachem Jacob Golembuk, 50 Ludlow Street
3. Abraham Dvir, 194 Madison Street

Pichus Levin, Secretary
113 Eldridge Street

(Translator's note: It is unclear why Pinchus Levin signed as Secretary. When the public meeting was called, Mr. Levin was not the Secretary of an established association. He may have inserted the above notice into the volume of minutes later, and added his title at that time.)

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509 A meeting was held at 165 East Broadway to organize an association for the establishment of an East Side Hospital. Dr. Jacob Serling who was elected Chairman, opened the meeting. Thirty (30) persons then enrolled as members of the Association and each agreed to contribute \$125 per annum.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried that the name of the organization shall be the Beth Israel Hospital Association.

It was unanimously agreed that Mr. Abraham Bernstein be Treasurer and Mr. Pinchus Levin, Recording Secretary.

Mr. Louis Laufer contributed the first dollar to the Association, and therefore, it was decided that this dollar be framed in perpetual commemoration.

The meeting was adjourned.

Secretary Pinchus Levin

The 2nd meeting of Beth Israel Hospital Association was opened by its distinguished Chairman, Dr. Jacob Serling, at 165 East Broadway at 8:00 P.M. The minutes of the 1st meeting were read and approved. Dr. Jacob Serling proposed the appointment of Dr. Zinzler as Honorary President for the first two months. The proposal was unanimously approved. All members present unanimously ratified the election of Dr. Jacob Serling as President, Mr. Jacob Golembuk and Mr. Samuel Lifter as Vice-Presidents. The following persons were unanimously appointed to the Board of Directors: Golembuk, Lifter, Wein, Bernstein, Katz, Dligitz, Ginsburt, Weiss, Eleman, Gazu, Zuckerman, Buzansky.

The following members were appointed to committees:

Revisions (Audit) Committee: Wolf, Kaminsky, Lessin, and Yaffe.

Floor Committee: Dligitz, Laufer

The above listed are to serve for a period of two months.

The following decisions were unanimously carried:

- All expenses for meetings shall be covered by special contributions and not from hospital funds.
- Members of the Association who enroll new members are not to accept any funds from them.

-- Secretary Pinchus Levin is to write a letter in Hebrew,
which is to be printed and mailed to local rabbis,
appealing for their assistance.

The meeting was adjourned.

Secretary Pinchus Levin

New York
December 15, 1889

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The 3rd meeting of Beth Israel Hospital Association was opened by its distinguished President, Dr. Serling, at 7:30 P.M., at 165 East Broadway. All officers were present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with one change -- namely, that the expenses of meetings are to be covered from hospital funds, in preference to burdening members with special contributions

It was unanimously decided to send a committee to meet with the Chief Rabbi as well as other rabbis, to enlist their assistance in furthering the sacred work of the Association. Members appointed to this committee were Jacob Golembuk, Abraham Katz, and President Serling.

It was unanimously decided that the temporary office of the Association shall be located at Abraham Bernstein's, 63-65 Garrick Street.

The Board of Directors reported that Abraham Katz was elected Chairman of the Board, and Jacob Golembuk, Secretary of the Executive Committee.

The meeting was adjourned.

Secretary Pinchus Levin

(Translator's note. It should be understood that presently, such titles as Board of Directors, President, Secretary, Executive Committee, etc. are all temporary and provisional designations. An officially elected Board and organization officers were subsequently duly elected, as shown in the succeeding minutes of meetings.)

The word 'President' is used in the Yiddish text to designate both the positions of President and Chairman. Inasmuch as Dr. Serling was already serving as President, Abraham Katz was probably designated as Chairman.)

The 4th meeting of Beth Israel Hospital Association was opened by its distinguished President, Dr. Serling, at 7:00 P.M., at 165 East Broadway. All officers were present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously approved.

A proposal was made and unanimously adopted to call a mass meeting on January 1, 1890. A committee was appointed and authorized to rent Pythagoras Hall. Members of the committee were Lifter, Lesser, and Louis Schmidt.

A decision was unanimously approved to invite women to the mass meeting and also to admit women to membership in the Association.

It was unanimously agreed to print circulars in English and Yiddish, for distribution in the tenements where Jews live. Members who volunteered to distribute the circulars were Pinchus Levin, Louis Schmidt, Heleman, Givatin, Barnet Weiss.

The meeting was adjourned.

Secretary Pinchus Levin

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507 The 5th meeting of Beth Israel Hospital Association was convened by its distinguished President, Dr. Jacob Serling, at 165 East Broadway, at 7:00 P.M. All Directors were present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Committee to rent Pythagoras Hall reported that they had engaged the Hall at a cost of \$10.00 for the mass meeting on January 1, 1890. Jacob Bloom volunteered to serve as Sergeant-at-Arms outside the Hall on that occasion in order to direct the public toward the entrance. It was moved and passed that he be commended.

The President appointed a Floor Patrol Committee for that evening: Goldberg, Elleman, Givatin and Sam Laufer.

Mr. Sol Dushkin was assigned to visit Coroner Dr. Levi, to remind him of his promise to be at the mass meeting. Dushkin and Zuckerman were appointed as a Reception Committee to welcome members to the meeting. They were also authorized to collect contributions at that time. A Circulating Committee was also appointed: Goldstein, Pinchus Levin, Weiner, Katz and Louis Schmidt.

The meeting was adjourned.

Income, Dec. 1 - Jan. 1

Member contributions	\$23.75
Voluntary gifts to cover expenses	2.15
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$25.90</u>
Expended during December	<u>\$22.73</u>
BALANCE (held by Treasurer)	<u>\$ 3.17</u>

New York
January 1, 1890

The first mass meeting of Beth Israel Hospital Association took place at Pythagoras Hall, 138 Canal Street. The President of the Association, Dr. Serling, opened the meeting. He introduced the community leader Coroner, Dr. Levi, as guest speaker of the evening, at 8:00 P.M. Dr. Levi delivered a beautiful speech lasting approximately one hour, during which he stressed the importance of our beneficent institution, which, he hoped, could be strengthened. Further, he suggested that a committee of ten people be named to discuss our entire project with the Director of Mount Sinai Hospital, and explore the possibility that Mt. Sinai Hospital offer us their guidance and practical assistance.

The next speaker was Reverend Brodsky. At 9:30 P.M., Chief Rabbi Jacob Joseph was introduced. He abjured the audience not to commit the sin of indifference. He promised that the Synagogues would cooperate in order to assure our efforts every success. Reverend Abraham Guronowsky spoke last, and was warmly applauded. With this, the meeting ended.

Secretary Pinchus Levin

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The 6th regular meeting of Beth Israel Hospital Association was convened by our distinguished President, Dr. Serling, in American Star Hall, 165 East Broadway, at 7:00 P.M. All Directors were present.

The President recognized Rev. Abraham Guronowsky, who spoke eloquently, depicting the aims of the Association in colorful terms. He was given a vote of gratitude. Next, the Recording and Financial Secretaries respectively reported about the last regular meeting as well as the mass meeting. These reports were officially accepted. It was resolved that:

- The purpose of this Association has not been adequately publicized, unfortunately leaving many people uninformed about joining the Association;
- The books of the Association should be kept in a more business-like fashion;
- The Association should have a charter, in order to be officially recognized;
- Regular meeting quarters should be found by the month of May, when elections should be held; the results should be reported to the membership by mail, the expense notwithstanding;
- A committee should address letters to the Rabbis and presidents of all congregations; to the Synagogues and other organizations; and to the Yiddish, German, and English newspapers, urgently appealing for their help for

so many suffering men, women, and children, in the name of Jewry, humanity, and justice. They should be told that they have our permission to raise funds on behalf of the unfortunate;

- We should urge them to help in the enrollment of new members; letters should also be printed and sent to prominent businessmen of New York City, whose names are to be listed in a special subscription category. Special appeals should also be sent to Chief Rabbi Jacob Joseph, Coroner Ferdinand Levi and Mr. Yarmolinsky, beseeching them to raise funds for our sacred cause; the following persons should be appointed to the Correspondence Committee:
Messrs. Katz, Dushkind and Zukerman;
- A Finance Committee should be appointed to maintain the financial records of the Association and to audit its funds, consisting of Messrs. Pearl, Dushkind and Zukerman;
- The Board of Directors should engage an attorney to draw up a Charter of Incorporation;
- A Location Committee should be appointed and empowered to rent facilities for the Association by the month of May; it should consist of Messrs. Pearl, Gotzin, and Lifter.
- The financial records of the Association should be maintained in the English language: the books of minutes, however, may be written both in Yiddish "Jargon" (*italics by the translator*) as well as English.

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505 A vote of thanks was given Mr. Pearl for his donation of a ledger book to the Association, valued at \$3.00. A vote of

thanks was also given to Mr. Jacob Bloom for his tireless efforts in enrolling 73 new members in the Association.

The meeting was adjourned by our distinguished President.

Receipts of this evening, including	
receipts of the mass meeting	\$28.78
Previous balance	<u>3.17</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$31.95</u>
Expenditures	<u>\$37.25</u>
Deficit in the Treasury;	
and owed to Mr. Bernstein	\$ 5.30

New York
January 12, 1890

The 7th meeting of Beth Israel Hospital Association was convened by our distinguished President, Dr. Serling, at Pacific Hall, 209 East Broadway, at 7:00 P.M. All Directors were present. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as presented, except that two financial secretaries should be voted into office to keep the books in both Yiddish and English.

A report was given by the Charter Committee. Its members visited several New York lawyers, inquiring if they would draft a charter depicting the lofty purposes of Beth Israel Hospital. They finally succeeded in this effort, when Judge Goldfogel agreed to prepare the Charter papers within 10 days, without compensation. It was resolved to thank this benevolent friend in the name of the Association.

Mr. Dushkind then read the names of contributors, the amounts of their contributions, the dates when made, and other statistical information. The Association now has 395 members whose contributions total \$1,450 annually. For the purpose of improving our publicity and increasing the size of the membership of the Association, it was resolved to hold a public installation on the 2nd of February, 1890.

Appointed and empowered to hire a large hall for the public installation were Messrs. Pearl, Golembuk and Dushkind.

It was decided that admission to the public installation be limited to ticket holders only, in order to minimize any disruptions by children. To avoid any possible annoyance to the membership, it was also decided that the cost of a ticket should be limited to ten cents. A voluntary contribution of five cents should cover the cost of checking hats. However, anyone desiring to hold his hat should not be charged for checking.

An Arrangements Committee was then appointed, consisting of Messrs. Pearl, William Zukerman, Dushkind, Morris Sidronsky, Sam Lipson, Max Landau, Abraham Katz, Dr. Burstein, Wein, Kamil, Joe Goldstein.

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A Reception Committee was appointed, made up of Messrs. Jacob Bloom, Gutman Bloom, Basel, Burstein, Morris Sidran, and Elleman.

Messrs. Dlugitz, Weiss, Givatin, Bennett Schmidt, Isaac Yohalem, Hyman Aaronowitz, Rosengarten, Isadore Fish and Max Schor were appointed to the Floor Committee.

It was resolved by the members and officers that elections take place on the 26th of this month for the appointment of Directors for a three-month period, from February 1 to May 1. Toward that end nominations were in order, and nominated were:

For President	Dr. Serling
For 1st Vice-President	Dr. Burstein
For 2nd Vice-President	Kamil
For 2nd Vice-President	Golembuk
For 2nd Vice-President	Landau
For 2nd Vice-President	Pearl
For 2nd Vice-President	Lifter
For Yiddish Recording Sec.	Pinchus Levin
For Yiddish Financial Sec.	Abraham Katz
For English Financial Sec.	Abraham Bernstein
For English Recording Sec.	William Zukerman
For Treasurer	Dushkind
For Treasurer	Abraham Bernstein
For Treasurer	Lipson
For Treasurer	Kamil
For Trustee	Barfeld
For Trustee	Kamil
For Trustee	Isaac Zukerman
For Trustee	Abraham Bernstein
For Trustee	Wein
For Trustee	Golembuk
For Trustee	Pearl
For Trustee	Lipson

Mr. Dushkind moved that the President and Secretary of the Board of Directors be elected by the membership at an (open) meeting; and that the Board itself should not vote their officers into office.

The motion was passed.

Nominations for Chairman of the Board of Directors;

Dr. Serling
Landau
Dr. Burstein
Bernstein
Katz
Isaac Zukerman
Pinchus Levin
pearl
Schmidt
Lipson

Nominations for Secretary:

William Zuckerman
pearl

Lifter
Golembuk
Rose
Morris Ravitch
Dushkind
Pinchus Levin
Israel Levin
Samuel Lipson

Dr. Burstein moved that it was time to define the purposes of the Association. The motion was carried. Thereupon the President appointed a Committee on Purposes: Dr. Burstein, Reverend Guronowsky, Mr. Yarmolinsky, David Block, Eisenstein. Coroner Dr. Levi, is to serve as Chairman of the committee.

Mr. Goldberg volunteered to print the tickets to the public installation without charge. Mr. Goldberg was promptly given a vote of thanks. With this action our distinguished President closed the meeting.

Receipts of this evening	\$8.50
Expenditures of this evening	<u>8.50</u>
BALANCE	- 0 -

Secretary Pinchus Levin

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503 The 8th regular meeting of Beth Israel Hospital Association was called to order by our distinguished President, Dr. Serling, at 8:00 P.M. in Pacific Hall, 209 East Broadway. All Directors were present. Mr. Charles Dushkind, Financial Secretary, announced that Beth Israel Hospital Association currently has 438 members, of whom 406 are men and 32 women, who contribute \$1,681.20 annually.

The minutes of the previous meeting were then read by Pinchus Levin, Recording Secretary. They were accepted as presented, with the change that Directors are to be elected for a 6 month period, instead of 3 months, namely, from February 1st to August 1st.

A discussion took place whether one Financial Secretary should keep our books in English only, or whether two Financial Secretaries should keep them in both Yiddish and English. It was resolved by those present that two Financial Secretaries be appointed, to maintain our records in both Yiddish and English.

Mr. William Zukerman reported that it was not possible to find a hall for the public installation on February 2nd, because all the larger halls in the downtown area are already engaged on that date. As a consequence, he had appealed to the President of the Firemen's Association, who promised to try to influence his Board of Directors to permit Beth Israel free use of Essex

Market Hall on that evening. Mr. Zukerman received a vote of thanks for his devoted service to the Association.

It was recommended to the Board of Directors that we try to popularize the name and objectives of the Association, and that we inform the public about the content of our meetings. In order to accomplish this it was deemed necessary to publish our own organizational newspaper. It was voted to consult further with the Board of Directors about a proposed publication.

A question was raised regarding our election rules of order. It was determined that our elections take place by secret ballot.

Second Nominations took place:

For President	Dr. Serling
For 1st Vice-President	Dr. Burstein
For 1st Vice-President	Mr. Golembuk
For 2nd Vice-President	Max Landau
For 2nd Vice-President	Dr. Spiro
For 2nd Vice-President	Kamil
For 2nd Vice-President	Golembuk
For 2nd Vice-President	Pearl
For 2nd Vice-President	Lifter
For Yiddish Recording Sec.	Pinchus Levin
For English Recording Sec.	William Zukerman
For Yiddish Financial Sec.	Abraham Katz
For English Financial Sec.	Charles Dushkind
For English Financial Sec.	Isadore Lentzner
For Treasurer	Abraham Bernstein
For Treasurer	Lipson
For Treasurer	Kamil
For 1st Trustee	Bernstein
For 1st Trustee	Wein
For 1st Trustee	Isaac Zukerman
For 1st Trustee	Isador Levin
For 1st Trustee	Adler
For 1st Trustee	Kamil
For 1st Trustee	Barfeld
For 1st Trustee	Golembuk

For 1st Trustee	Pearl
For 1st Trustee	Lipson
For 2nd Trustee	Abraham Katrozinsky
For 2nd Trustee	Sam Lipson
For 2nd Trustee	Adler
For 2nd Trustee	L. Dlugitz
For 2nd Trustee	Mike Stein
For 2nd Trustee	pearl
For 2nd Trustee	D. Goldberg
For 2nd Trustee	Isadore Levin
For 2nd Trustee	Isaac Zukerman
For 2nd Trustee	Bushitzky
For 3rd Trustee	Levin
For 3rd Trustee	Wein
For 3rd Trustee	Lifter
For 3rd Trustee	Kaplan
For 3rd Trustee	Kapilowitz
For 3rd Trustee	Adler
For 3rd Trustee	Weiss
For 3rd Trustee	Katz
For 3rd Trustee	Kars
For Chairman, Bd. of Directors	Dr. Serling
For Chairman, Bd. of Directors	Isaac Zukerman
For Chairman, Bd. of Directors	Landau
For Chairman, Bd. of Directors	Dr. Bernstein
For Chairman, Bd. of Directors	Abraham Bernstein
For Chairman, Bd. of Directors	Abraham Katz
For Chairman, Bd. of Directors	Pinchus Levin
For Chairman, Bd. of Directors	Pearl
For Chairman, Bd. of Directors	Schmidt
For Chairman, Bd. of Directors	Lipson
For Secretary, Bd. of Directors	Isadore Lenzner
For Secretary, Bd. of Directors	Dushkind
For Secretary, Bd. of Directors	Pearl
For Secretary, Bd. of Directors	Schliten
For Secretary, Bd. of Directors	William Zukerman
For Secretary, Bd. of Directors	Pinchus Levin
For Secretary, Bd. of Directors	Lifter
For Secretary, Bd. of Directors	Golembuk
For Secretary, Bd. of Directors	Rose
For Secretary, Bd. of Directors	Morris Ravitch
For Secretary, Bd. of Directors	Israel Levin
For Secretary, Bd. of Directors	Lipson

A bill for \$6.25 was received from Mr. Ginsberg for printing and postcards. Also received was a bill for \$2.70 from Mr. Pearl, for books. It was agreed to pay these bills.

Our distinguished President then closed the meeting.

Receipts at this meeting	\$8.65
Received on the 14th of this month at a meeting of the Board of Directors to defray expenses of the evening	<u>6.75</u>
TOTAL	\$15.40

Secretary Pinchus Levin

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502 The 9th regular meeting of Beth Israel Hospital Association was called to order by our distinguished President, Dr. Serling, in Pacific Hall, 209 East Broadway, at 7:00 P.M. All Directors were present.

Mr. Charles Dushkind, Financial Secretary, announced that Beth Israel Hospital Association now has 464 members, of whom 428 are men and 36, women. They contribute \$1,779.20 annually. The Association has grown by 26 members in the last 7 days, with additional contributions of \$98.00.

The minutes of the previous meeting, read by Mr. Pinchus Levin, Recording Secretary, were officially accepted.

At this point Reverend Guronowsky, the renowned and beloved orator, was presented. He gave a beautiful speech, in which he implored his audience to assure that the forthcoming election of Directors be carried out in a dignified and ethical manner; that anyone nominated for an office to which he felt himself unsuited, should decline to accept. His message was warmly applauded. A unanimous vote of thanks was promptly accorded Reverend Guronowsky in the name of the Association.

Our distinguished President then introduced Mr. Max Landau as the 2nd speaker, and he too, delivered an excellent talk, after which he promptly received a vote of thanks from those present.

Third and final nominations were next in order:

For President	Dr. Serling
For 1st Vice-President	Dr. Burstein
For 1st Vice-President	Jacob Golembuk
For 1st Vice-President	Samuel Kamil
For 2nd Vice-President	Max Landau
For 2nd Vice-President	Dr. Spiro
For 2nd Vice-President	Samuel Kamil
For 2nd Vice-President	Golembuk
For 2nd Vice-President	Pearl
For 2nd Vice-President	Lifter
For Yiddish Recording Sec.	Pinchus Levin
For English Recording Sec.	William Zukerman
For Yiddish Financial Sec.	Abraham Katz
For Yiddish Financial Sec.	Ginsberg
For English Financial Sec.	Charlie Dushkind
For English Financial Sec.	Lenzner
For Treasurer	Abraham Bernstein
For Treasurer	Samuel Lipson
For Treasurer	Samuel Kamil
For 1st Trustee	Bernstein
For 1st Trustee	Wein
For 1st Trustee	Zukerman
For 1st Trustee	Isador Levin
For 1st Trustee	Adler
For 1st Trustee	Kamil
For 1st Trustee	Barfeld
For 1st Trustee	Golembuk
For 1st Trustee	Pearl
For 1st Trustee	Lipson
For 2nd Trustee	Abraham Katrozinsky
For 2nd Trustee	Sam Lipson
For 2nd Trustee	Adler
For 2nd Trustee	Dlugitz
For 2nd Trustee	Mike Stein
For 2nd Trustee	Pearl
For 2nd Trustee	Goldberg
For 2nd Trustee	Isador Levin
For 2nd Trustee	Isaac Zukerman
For 2nd Trustee	Bushitsky
For 3rd Trustee	Isador Levin
For 3rd Trustee	Wein
For 3rd Trustee	Lifter
For 3rd Trustee	Kaplan
For 3rd Trustee	Kapilowitz
For 3rd Trustee	Adler
For 3rd Trustee	Weiss
For 3rd Trustee	Katz
For 3rd Trustee	Kars
For Chairman of Bd. of Dir.	Dr. Serling
For Chairman of Bd. of Dir.	Isaac Zukerman
For Chairman of Bd. of Dir.	Max Landau
For Chairman of Bd. of Dir.	Dr. Burstein
For Chairman of Bd. of Dir.	Abraham Bernstein
For Chairman of Bd. of Dir.	Katz

For Chairman of Bd. of Dir.	Israel Levin
For Chairman of Bd. of Dir.	Pinchus Levin
For Chairman of Bd. of Dir.	Lifter
For Chairman of Bd. of Dir.	Samuel Lipson
For Chairman of Bd. of Dir.	Golembuk
For Chairman of Bd. of Dir.	Rose
For Chairman of Bd. of Dir.	Morris Ravitch

So that the elections can be carried out in an orderly and dignified manner, our distinguished President appointed an Election Committee, consisting of Reverend Guronowsky, Max Landau and Dushkind.

The people named below stood for election:

Dr. Serling was unanimously elected President for the next six months.

Dr. Burstein, Jacob Golembuk and Kamil ran for 1st Vice President. Kamil was absent, leaving Dr. Burstein and Golembuk in the running. Dr. Burstein received 53 votes, and Golembuk 56. Jacob Golembuk was declared elected for the next 6 months.

Max Landau, Dr. Spiro, Kamil, Golembuk, Pearl, and Lifter were in the running for 2nd Vice President. Max Landau and Golembuk withdrew, and Dr. Spiro and Kamil were absent, leaving only Pearl and Lifter. Lifter received 12 votes and Pearl, 25. Mr. Pearl was declared 2nd Vice President for the next 6 months.

Pinchus Levin was elected unanimously as Yiddish Recording Secretary for the next 6 months.

William Zukerman was unanimously elected as English Recording Secretary for the next 6 months.

In the race for Yiddish Financial Secretary: Abraham Katz and Ginsberg. The latter received 17 votes to Katz's 78. Therefore, Abraham Katz was declared elected as Yiddish Financial Secretary for the next 6 months.

Charles Dushkind and Isador Lentzner ran for English Financial Secretary. In view of Lentzner's absence, Mr. Charles Dushkind was declared elected as English Financial Secretary for the next 6 months.

Abraham Bernstein, Lipson and Kamil were up for Treasurer. Lipson withdrew and Kamil was absent, leaving Mr. Abraham Bernstein alone for the position of Treasurer for the next 6 months.

Bernstein, Wein, Isaac Zukerman, Isador Levin, Adler, Kamil, Barfeld, Golembuk, Pearl, Lipson were nominated for 1st

Trustee. Bernstein, Wein, Zukerman, Golembuk, and Pearl declined; and Adler, Kamil, and Barfeld were absent. This left only Isador Levin and Samuel Lipson in the running. Levin received 31 votes and Lipson 42, making Mr. Samuel Lipson 1st Trustee for the next 6 months.

Running for 2nd Trustee were Katrozinsky, Lipson, Adler, Dlugitz, Pearl, Goldberg, Levin, Zukerman, Bushitsky. However, the following withdrew: Lipson, Adler, Dlugitz, Pearl, Goldberg, Levin, and Zukerman, thus leaving Katrozinsky, Mike Stein, and Bushitsky. Stein received 12 votes, Katrozinsky, 17, Bushitsky, 50. The latter was consequently declared elected as 2nd Trustee for the next 6 months.

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The following stood for election as 3rd Trustee: Isador Levin, Barnet Wein, Lifter, Kaplan, Kapilowitz, Adler, Weiss, Katz, Kars. The following withdrew: Levin, Lifter, Kaplan, Kars, Weiss, Adler, Kapilowitz, Katz. This left Barnet Wein, who was unanimously elected 3rd Trustee for the next 6 months.

Dr. Serling, Isaac Zukerman, Dr. Burstein, Bernstein, Katz, Pinchus Levin, Max Landau, Pearl, Schmidt, and Lipson were in nomination for Chairman of the Board of Directors. However, the following candidates withdrew: Dr. Serling, Zukerman, Dr. Burstein, Bernstein, Katz, Levin, Pearl, Schmidt, Lipson. Thus, Max Landau was declared elected unanimously to the position of Chairman of the Board of Directors for the next 6 months.

The slot for Secretary of the Board of Directors included:
 Lenzner, Dushkind, Pearl, Schlesin, Zukerman, Pinchus Levin,
 Lifter, Golembuk, Rose, Ravitch, Israel Levin, Lipson.
 Lentzner and Levin were absent, while the following withdrew:
 Pearl, Zukerman, Pinchus Levin, Lifter, Rose, Golembuk,
 Ravitch, Israel Levin, and Lipson. Thus, Charles Dushkind ran
 alone as Secretary of the Board of Directors and was elected
 for the next 6 months.

With this, our distinguished President declared the meeting
 adjourned.

Receipts this evening	\$14.70
Spent this evening	<u>7.95</u>
BALANCE	\$ 6.75
Held by Treasurer	<u>1.15</u>
BALANCE	\$ 7.90

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The 10th regular meeting of Beth Israel Hospital Association was convened by our distinguished President, Dr. Serling, at Pacific Hall, 209 East Broadway, at 7:30 P.M. All the Directors were present.

Our distinguished President delivered a brief, moving statement, thanking the Association for the honor they had bestowed upon him by electing him President for a second term. He pledged to continue to strive unsparingly for the welfare of the Association.

Pinchus Levin, Recording Secretary, read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were officially accepted.

The Financial Secretary, Charles Dushkind, reported that the Association now had 619 members, 555 of whom were men and 64 women, and their contributions totalled \$2,488.20. He said that in the last 8 days the Association had increased by 155 members, with new contributios of \$709.

At this point a written protest came up for consideration, which claimed that the election for the 1st Vice President was improperly conducted. It was demanded that a new election be held for that position. This was in the form of a petition which was signed by William Zukerman, Charles Dushkind and Pearl. After much controversy about this matter, and following the

testimony and reassurances given by Pinchus Levin, Recording Secretary, that all had been in order, it was resolved to sustain all the procedures followed at the recent elections, and that no countermeasures were deemed necessary. In view of this decision, William Zukerman withdrew (in protest), tendering his resignation as English Recording Secretary. Consideration was now again given to the question whether Beth Israel Hospital Association should publish an organizational newspaper. A motion in favor was seconded and passed.

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The publication should consist of:

1. General comments about the Association;
2. Financial reports, detailing the contributions of each member;
3. Publicity about the goals of this benevolent Association;
4. Finally, the paper should contain other miscellaneous material.

It was moved and passed that the Association establish a dispensary as soon as practicable, in which our poor brothers should be able to get medical help whenever necessary; and where they can obtain medicines prescribed by the doctor for as little as ten cents.

The distinguished President recommended that, for the progress of the institution, a women's organization should be founded as an adjunct of Beth Israel Hospital Association. This was adopted.

The procedure of calling a meeting (installation?) through the mailing of postcards was also approved. Publicity about that meeting is to be placed in the newspapers. It is scheduled to take place in Pacific Hall, 209 East Broadway, on Tuesday, March 11th, 1890.

Someone reported that a Mr. Davis Block was interested in donating a residence for welfare purposes. In order to investigate this matter fully, our distinguished President appointed Messrs. Isaac Zukerman, Samuel Lipson, and Dr. Burstein as a committee to visit Mr. Block and to explore the proposition that he donate his building for a dispensary (rather than for welfare purposes).

The English Recording Secretary, William Zukerman, reported that he had received written assurance from the President of the Firemen's Association that Essex Market Hall will be made available for our public installation on the 16th.

(Translator's Note: It appears that Mr. Zukerman withdrew his resignation mentioned earlier in the meeting.)

The President appointed a Press Committee in this connection: Golembuk, Dushkind, Zukerman.

It was passed that appointments to the Board of Directors may only be made subject to the expressed authority of the President. It was also resolved that the Board of Directors

will choose from within their own ranks those to serve on the Executive Committee.

Mr. William Zukerman moved that no one should be permitted the liberty of speaking beyond a certain time set, to be limited by the Association. This was tabled for consideration at the next meeting.

The brothers Jacob and Gutman Bloom have done well by the Association, having enrolled approximately 400 members. It was resolved to publicize the achievement of these brothers in the press, and to recognize them at the public installation with a vote of gratitude.

With this, the meeting was closed by our distinguished President.

Income this evening	\$3.00
Expended this evening	<u>1.55</u>
TOTAL	\$1.45
(Translator Note: No explanation for this item)	<u>7.35</u>
	<u>8.80</u>
In possession of the Treasurer	<u>.55</u>
	\$9.35

Secretary Pinchus Levin

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498 The 11th regular meeting of Beth Israel Hospital Association was called to order by our distinguished President, Dr. Serling, in Pacific Hall, 209 East Broadway, at 8:00 P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as read by the Recording Secretary.

The Financial Secretary reported that the Association, as of this date, numbers 854 members, of whom 766 are men, and 88, women, whose contributions total \$3,008.20. The Association has grown in the last 8 days by 235 members, with contributions of \$620.00.

Our distinguished President gave a talk in which he announced to those assembled that he had met with Mr. Janos Weil. This good-hearted person will give \$1,000 for our worthy cause, with the proviso that the funds be used in cooperation with BETH HAMEDRASH HAGADOL. This announcement called forth much debate, pro and con, and the discussion only stopped when Mr. Janos Weil himself was introduced at the meeting. Mr. Weil was greeted with great respect, all the Directors standing in honor of the distinguished philanthropist, who then underscored the importance of unified efforts. His remarks were enthusiastically applauded. It was moved and passed that Mr. Weil be declared an Honorary Member of the Association, but Mr. Weil declined to accept the honor, saying that he could not

consider himself an Honorary Member, but only as a regular co-worker seeking to assist the Association with advice and deed. A motion was made and passed expressing appreciation to Mr. Weil.

Our distinguished President spoke again. In the best interests of the Association, he thought it would be advisable for the ladies to establish their own separate organization. They would then be recognized as Branch Number 1 of Beth Israel Hospital Association. At this 11th meeting of the Association this motion was seconded and adopted.

A message was received about the death of Samuel Behr Miskowsky, one of our members. Our distinguished President requested that those present show their respects by standing in honor of the memory of the deceased.

Next to be recognized by our distinguished President was Mr. Schor, who spoke eloquently, stressing that only through accord and unity can we possibly accomplish our dream of building a hospital on the East Side. He felt that we must, in the course of things, protect the integrity of our Association and not permit the loss of its voice or name. His declaration was warmly received, and a vote of thanks was given to him in the name of the Association.

At this point Mr. Weil rose to speak again. He remarked that many wealthy people recognized the importance of the

Association and its work, but the "copper coin" of the more modestly endowed is just as important as the gold piece of the wealthy. He then recommended that we appoint a liaison committee, just as BETH HAMEDRASH HAGADOL had already done, so that both committees could meet together and consider whatever and how things should be done. This recommendation was seconded and adopted.

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497 The Arrangements Committee next reported that their committee is too small to carry out all the arrangements for the public installation. Our distinguished President appointed the following additional gentlemen to augment the Arrangements Committee: Dringer, Lentzner, Adler, Harris Becker, Abraham Ginsberg, Kaplan, Pinchus Levin, Louis Levin, Ritlin, Harris Stein, Brody, Jacob Tzelimer. Mike Goldberg was added to the Reception Committee, and Isaac Ginsberg to the Floor Committee.

The members of the Board of Directors were appointed by the President by handing a sealed envelope to the Recording Secretary. Their names follow:

(Translator's Note: The minutes do not make clear what the Recording Secretary did with the names. However, it may be assumed that the envelope was promptly opened by Mr. Levin when he received it from the President.)

Board of Directors

Rev. Abraham Guranowsky
Abraham Bernstein
Dr. Burstein
Isaac Zukerman
Isador Levin
Dr. Spiro
Abraham Katz
Pinchus Levin
Samuel Lipson

Jacob Golembuk
Isaac Ginsberg
Samuel Lifter
William Zukerman
Wein
Weiss
Dringer
Bauman
Dr. Serling
Albert London
Jacob Bloom
Pearl
Bromberg
Dlugitz
Eisenstein
Janos Weil

The meeting was adjourned by our distinguished President.

Receipts	\$11.05
Previous Balance	<u>9.35</u>
TOTAL	\$20.40
Expenses	<u>12.50</u>
BALANCE	\$ 7.90

Secretary Pinchus Levin

BP
497 The 12th regular meeting of Beth Israel Hospital Association was brought to order by our distinguished President, Dr. Serling, in Pacific Hall, 209 East Broadway, at 8:00 P.M. All Directors were present. P. Levin, Recording Secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting, and these were accepted.

The Financial Secretary reported that the Association now numbers 1,202 members, of whom 1,078 are men and 124, women, with annual contributions of \$4,412.70. In the last 14 days the Association has grown by 348 additional members, whose contributions total \$1,404.50.

Mrs. Linefsky, Secretary of the Women's Auxiliary of the First Branch of the Beth Israel Hospital Association, was requested to give a progress report on her group's accomplishments during the week. She answered that they had actually not accomplished anything as yet, because meeting rooms cannot be found for Saturday nights. It was suggested that a Committee be appointed to help them with this problem. Miss Lena Shapiro said she will try to get the Hebrew Free School to allow them to meet there free-of-charge. It was agreed not to rent any facilities (for the women) for the time being, and to await further developments in the next several days.

A message was received from Mr. Janos Weil expressing regret that he could not attend our public installation. To his great

disappointment, he found it absolutely impossible to come.

Dr. Burstein spoke next, expressing the opinion that we must merge (unite) with the "Council of Congregations" (Agudath Hakehiloth). This would require our current Board of Directors to resign in favor of Beth Hamedrash Hagadol, who would then assume our duties as trustees. William Zukerman declared that he was usually in accord with Dr. Burstein. He thought that the Board of Directors should not wait to resign, but that the President should discharge them, that is, to suspend them now.

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Mr. Lipson pointed out that we must associate ourselves with BETH HAMEDRASH HAGADOL, and every hindrance in the path of a merger with them must be eliminated.

The next to speak was Mr. Pinchus Levin. In his opinion there was general approval of the idea of merging with BETH HAMEDRASH HAGADOL and with other organizations, but in the process each party ought to retain its own name and identity.

He thought the Board of Directors would find it possible to resign, if they had a sense of assurance that ethical, talented people were ready to step into their shoes. However, he thought it would be ill advised to deprive our own people of the opportunity to continue the good work they have been performing so responsibly.

The President spoke clearly and briefly, suggesting that

nothing be done in this regard until such time as our own Committee has discussed matters with their counterparts at BETH HAMEDRASH HAGADOL, to ascertain what their expectations are, and how their wishes will affect us. Our Committee should then report back.

A motion was next presented by Mr. Zukerman that we call a mass meeting within a month. For this purpose we should request Dr. Maglin's permission to use Cooper Union Hall free-of-charge. The motion was passed. The President then appointed a Committee to follow up on this matter, to include Messrs. William Zukerman, Abraham Bernstein and Samuel Lipson. The President then adjourned the meeting.

Receipts from members at public installation	\$28.20
Receipts at this meeting	3.35
Balance	<u>7.90</u>
Total in possession of Treasurer	\$39.45
Expenses	<u>16.69</u>
BALANCE	\$22.76

Secretary Pinchus Levin

BP
496 The 13th regular meeting of Beth Israel Hospital Association was convened by our distinguished President, Dr. Jacob Serling, in Pacific Hall, 209 East Broadway, at 8:00 P.M. All Directors were present, except the English Financial Secretary, Charles Dushkind.

Pinchus Levin, Recording Secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting, which were officially adopted.

Mr. Schor had received a \$5.00 gift, which originally was sent to the Editor of the Jewish Herald by Mr. B. Glazer, of 242 East 83rd Street, requesting that his contribution be transmitted to Beth Israel Hospital Association. It was agreed to place a news item in the newspapers, expressing our appreciation.

Mr. Schor recommended that the Editor of the Jewish Herald be asked to publish that his paper accepts both subscriptions and contributions for the establishment of a hospital on the East Side; he should also be requested to mention that such contributions will be kept in an escrow bank account until our project actually gets under way or until we have at least bought a plot of land for this purpose. The motion was adopted.

As a consequence of the name of Beth Israel Hospital appearing in print, it should become easier to approach other newspaper

editors for cooperation.

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495 Numerous complaints have been brought against Charles Dushkind, the English Financial Secretary, and his father, that they are slandering and besmirching the reputaton of our Association and its officers in the Jewish press. Mr. William Zukerman moved that he (Dushkind) be asked to resign his office. The Reverend Guranowsky made an ammendment to the motion, that he first be asked in writing to retract the statements printed in the newspapers, and to confess their falsehood. The motion was adopted as amended. The President then instructed the English Recording Secretary, Mr. William Zukerman, to communicate our position in this regard to Mr. Dushkind.

The President next instructed the Yiddish Recording Secretary to compose and print ten thousand letters for distribution by our members in clubs, lodges and organizations each Sunday.

Reverend Guranowsky and Dr. Serling agreed to represent Beth Israel Hospital Association as delegates at the DINALURGER Association on the 22nd of this month.

The following were appointed by the President to attend a meeting as a Committee at BETH HAMEDRASH HAGADOL, on the 9th of this month: Samuel Lipson, Dr. Burstein, Dr. Spiro and William Zukerman.

Mr. William Zukerman, Secretary of the Arrangements Committee

for the Public Installation, reported that as of today, income from the (sale of) tickets alone is \$192.50, and expenses are \$1323.30, leaving a pure profit of \$60.20, exclusive of the \$19.00 still to be collected. The President requested that these figures be given him in written form.

With this, the meeting was declared adjourned until 8 days hence.

Income	\$ 5.00
Expenditures	16.00

Secretary Pinchus Levin

The 14th regular meeting of Beth Israel Hospital Association was opened by the President in Pacific Hall, 209 East Broadway, at 8:00 P.M. All the Directors were present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and officially adopted, with a clarification from Mr. William Zukerman, that his motion was not directed against our English Financial Secretary but against Dushkind, because of slanderous attacks in the press against our Association.

Mr. Abraham Zvi Katz reported that our Association now has a membership of 1237, of whom 1,113 are men and 124, women. Their total annual contribution is \$4,538.70. In the last 14 days, our organization was increased by 35 members with contributions of \$126.00.

Mr. Charles Dushkind submitted a written resignation indicating that he is no longer able to meet his responsibilities here. It was moved and passed to accept his resignation with an expression of thanks for his past service.

Reverend Guranowsky gave a beautiful talk, reminding those present that each of us must do his best for the Association, with greater dedication and zeal, as though he were working in his personal interest. This impassioned message was enthusiastically received, and heartfelt expressions of thanks were given Reverend Guranowsky.

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494 The President appointed Messrs. Dushkind, Lipson, Pearl,
Dlugitz and the Vice President, Mr. Jacob Golembuk, to the
Finance Committee. They are to inspect our financial books and
records, and also the financial statement of the public
installation.

Mr. Burstein moved that the Association arrange a concert for
the purpose of publicizing our sacred work. This motion was
not accepted. It was preferred that mass meetings be
organized, instead.

Thereupon, the President closed the meeting.

Receipts this evening	\$ 2.25
Expenditures	14.70
Due the Treasurer	.69

Secretary Pinchus Levin

(Translator's Note: Apparently there were two different people
on the Board of Directors bearing the name of Dushkind. The
one who was accused of slander, and who submitted his
resignation under pressure, was Mr. Charles Dushkind. The
other Mr. Dushkind appears to have continued as a Director.)

The 15th regular meeting of Beth Israel Hospital Association was convened at 8:00 P.M. by our distinguished President, Dr. Serling, at Pacific Hall, 209 East Broadway. All Directors were present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Financial Secretary, Mr. Katz, reported that the organization has 1249 members to date, with contributions totaling \$4,586.70. Within the last 8 days, the Association added 12 new members, with contributions of \$40.00.

The Finance Committee stated that it was not instructed when and where to inspect the books or finances of the public installation. It was told to meet at the home of Mr. Zvi Katz on Tuesday, the 18th of this month.

The President of the Women's Division, Dr. Burstein, reported that at the first meeting of this Division of the Beth Israel Hospital Association, it was decided to arrange a benefit concert, at which the purposes of the Association are to be promoted. Support for this decision was requested from the organization. Dr. Serling promised to visit and discuss this project with the THALIA and FEILING Theaters, and Mr. Dushkind promised to speak to the managements of the Yiddish theaters.

The Board of Directors considered the motion that a Collector be

engaged to raise funds from the membership, and recruit new members for the Association; that he be paid \$4.00 weekly as his regular wage, plus 10% of his collections. The motion was adopted with the following amendments: that the collector deposit \$200.00 (with us) as security, and that he be elected by secret ballot. Nominated for that position were Messrs. Katz, Levin, and Lifter. The Reverend Guronowsky, Grodetzky and Dlugitz were appointed Election Supervisors. The election hasving been carried out, the results were:

Abraham Zvi Katz	23 votes
Levin	12 votes
Lifter	4 votes

Accordingly, Abraham Zvi Katz was declared elected for an indefinite period to the position of Collector for Beth Israel Hospital.

It was deemed advisable to publicize these results in the Yiddish press, in order to apprise the community of the identity of the Collector of Beth Israel Hospital Association.

Another report was rendered moving the establishment of an organizational publication. In conformity with the motion offered last January 19th, in the minutes of Record No. 8, paragraph 4, it was agreed that the Association publish a monthly bulletin, in part to contain miscellaneous reading matter, containing progress reports about the work of the Association, plus a detailed monthly accounting of membership contributions. On the Publications Committee will be: Doctors Serling and Burstein, as well as Mr. Schor. It was decided

that 2,000 copies should be printed, which are to be put on sale at 3 cents per copy.

At the specific request of the Women's Division, it was decided that Collector Katz be prohibited from raising money from the ladies. Dr. Burstein observed that the letters which were prepared for distribution to local businessmen are not good, and should be rewritten.

The President adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be held in eight days.

Income
Expenses

(no entry)
(no entry)

Secretary Pinchus Levin

New York
March 23, 1890

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493 The 16th meeting of Beth Israel Hospital Association was convened at 8:00 P.M. by Dr. Serling, President, at Pacific Hall, 209 East Broadway. All members were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Sec. Pinchus Levin and accepted, with the following corrections: that the Election Supervisors included Rev. Brodsky, Isadore Levin and Dlugitz; and that the Financial Secretary, and absolutely no one else, is authorized to serve as Collector.

The President reported to the Board of Directors that it was decided on Thursday, the 20th of this month, that Beth Israel Hospital is to be opened officially on June 1st of this year; and until we have the means to own a building, that the Hospital be housed in rented quarters. It was further decided that each member be called upon to pay his pledge by the 3rd Quarter of the year. The report was enthusiastically adopted.

(Translator's Note: It is not clear who decided to open the hospital on June 1st. If it was not decided by the Board, it may have been so decided by the Executive Committee.)

Mr. Silverstein then delivered a moving speech, stating that we actually were glorifying the name of the Jewish People.

"Heaven forbid the shame that would result from the failure of our undertaking." His statement was given an ovation. It was resolved that Mr. Silverstein be thanked in the name of the Association.

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Dr. Burstein, President of the Women's Auxiliary, First Branch of Beth Israel Hospital, reported that this division had resolved to arrange a concert for the benefit of the Association. At the request of the Auxiliary President, an Arrangements Committee was appointed for the purpose of assisting in the project, to be made up of Doctors Burstein and Serling, and the lawyer, Abraham Scharzohn. It was resolved that the Women's Division be requested to report at least once monthly to keep us informed at all times about the number of enrolled members and their financial contributions.

Mr. Jacob Cohen recommended that the Association appoint certain members to approach their neighbors about membership. However, they should not collect money. The recommendation was accepted. Accordingly, Messrs. Louis Katz the Aaron Goldberg volunteered to launch such a recruitment effort; also Jacob Cohen and another volunteer promised to do the same.

Mr. Abraham Pearl proposed that a mass meeting be arranged during Passover week. The motion was adopted. The President appointed the following persons to carry out the resolution:

A. Pearl
P. Levin
Louie Katz
Golembuk
A. Bernstein
V. Zukerman
Jacob Blum
Dr. Burstein
Scharzohn
Weiss

The President adjourned the meeting

Income	(no figures)
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Expenses	(no figures)
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Secretary Pinchus Levin

The 17th regular meeting of Beth Israel Hospital Association was opened by Dr. Serling at Pacific Hall, 209 East Broadway, at 8:30 P.M. All members were present, except for the Vice President and Second Trustee. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Several complaints were voiced against the Board about the election that took place on the 27th of March, at the meeting of the Board of Directors. This matter was tabled until the next meeting.

Dr. Serling, Attorney Scharzohn and Mr. Zukerman undertook to engage appropriate speakers to address the mass meeting scheduled for April 8th, at 16 Broome Street.

Messrs. Louis Schmidt, Morris Gottdanken, Joe Cohen, Lipson, Isadore Luntz, Jake Behr, Arnold Malkin, Israel Zalmansohn, Solomon, and Ginsberg, were appointed to the mass meeting Arrangements Committee.

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491 Mr. Weiss proposed that, as of today, and for one month hence, no funds should be solicited. The proposal was adopted.

The Financial Secretary reported that the Association now has 1,270 enrolled members, with a total annual contribution of \$4,635.70. During the last 8 days, 21 new members were added,

and \$49 in contributions were received. The meeting was adjourned by our distinguished President.

Income	\$2.25
Expenses	(no entry)

Secretary Pinchus Levin

(Translator's Note: The next entry in the Book of Minutes is dated June 22, 1890, almost 3 months after Mr. Pinchus Levin's last signature. During this interim, a new Recording Secretary appears to have taken over, Mr. F. Frankfurt. The records of the 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st meetings of the Association are missing from the Book of Minutes, as are the pages with printed numbers 490, 489, 487. 486)

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485 The 22nd regular meeting of Beth Israel Hospital Association was opened today by Dr. Serling, President, at the Dispensary, 97 Henry Street.

Our Financial Secretary, Abraham Katz, reported that a man had appeared at the office (of the Dispensary) by the name of Mr. Finkelstein, who had been sent as an emissary to us from Cleveland, Ohio. He requested that our Association write to their President, (word is blotted out) Freimansohn, detailing precisely what are the purposes of our Association. They are responsible there for the care of lying-in patients, and wish to emulate our Association. It was moved and passed that the requested communication be sent.

Dr. Serling reported that several complaints have been made against the doctors of the Dispensary, allegedly because they refuse to treat patients they judge capable of paying a doctor's fee. It was moved and passed that all people be accorded equal treatment here -- poor and rich alike -- and that this policy be conveyed to the Medical Board.

Dr. Serling discussed several points contained in the policy statement submitted for approval by the Medical Board. In the event a pharmacy is opened at the Dispensary, the doctors wish to have the authority to engage the pharmacist. It was moved and passed that the power to hire the pharmacist should be in

the hands of the staff Medical Committee. The staff doctors should be told that their Committee should have no more than 12 physicians, the majority of whom should remain volunteers, as heretofore. Dr. Serling appointed a committee to work matters out with the staff, consisting of Messrs. London, Lipson, Golembuk, and Mr. Chalemahr.

It was moved and accepted that the meetings on nominations should take place on the 13th and 20th of July and the vote should take place on the 3rd of August. During those three meetings other business may be conducted.

It was determined that no medical examinations be conducted, except by a doctor.

It was moved and passed that the recommendations about recruiting additional talent should be postponed until the next meeting.

It was voted that Mr. Beckerman, Chairman of the Arrangements Committee of the Public Installation, be requested to render a precise written report about the results and financial outcome of the installation; also that Rev. Guranowsky be sent our expressions of gratitude.

Secretary L. Frankfurt

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484 An Executive Committee meeting took place in the Dispensary at 97 Henry Street.

The agenda dealt with the request of the Medical Board to get approval of its submitted policy statement. It was agreed that this matter be expedited by the 5th of July.

It was agreed to organize a pharmacy within the Dispensary; and a Committee was appointed to carry out the project, consisting of Messrs. Giessen, Golembuk, Gernstein, Triebeck, Dr. Isaacs, and Dr. Burstein.

Dr. Serling hoped that ways and means could be found whereby a building could be purchased for the hospital as soon as possible. After much discussion it was decided to address a communication to all Synagogues, Clubs, landsmanschaften and societies, appealing for their aid toward that goal. It was also decided that two recruiters be sent out with a membership enrollment book in hand, for the recruitment of new members.

It was voted that the appointment of the official Board of Directors be postponed until after the elections.

A letter was sent to the President of the Community in Cleveland, Ohio, and a letter of appreciation was also sent to Rev. Guranowsky.

Secretary L. Frankfurt

New York
June 29, 1890

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A regular meeting took place under the Chairmanship of the President, Dr. Serling. All directors were present. All the minutes of previous meetings were approved.

Mr. Katz, Financial Secretary, reported that the Association now has 2,100 members, with contributions totaling \$7,000 annually.

Consideration was given the question if the Association should dispense free medicines. Following prolonged discussion, it was voted that medicines costing less than ten cents may be dispensed free of charge, but medicines costing more are not to be free.

It was voted to summon an Executive Committee meeting next Saturday (evening) by means of postcards.

Secretary L. Frankfurt

Building Committee

(The following is translated from German entry in Book of Minutes.)

New York
January 19, 1891

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A special meeting of the Building Committee of Beth Israel Hospital Association took place in the Dispensary building at 97 Henry Street, at 8:00 P.M. Mr. Lazarus Levy, of 30 East Broadway, served as presiding officer, and Dr. Serling served as Committee Secretary.

Present were:

(1) L. Levy	(4) I. Minsky	(7) G. Lipson
(2) J. Serling	(5) J. Golembuk	(8) S.H. Stein
(3) Mr. Alexander	(6) Kuschewsky	(9) B. Schumkowsky

Chairman L. Levy explained the purpose of the meeting. It had been brought to his attention, as Chairman of the Building Committee, that this very building at 97 Henry Street, and now housing the Dispensary, has been offered for sale for possible use as a hospital. Because he thought well of this idea, he was also eager to get the opinion of his Committee. Since no precise details or conditions about the aforementioned house are known, Mr. B. Schumkowsky moved that a committee be named to discuss this property with the owner, and then to render a report.

Messrs. B. Schumkowsky and Kuschewsky were assigned to such a Committee. After a brief conference they reported the following:

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The house at 97 Henry Street is situated on a lot 25 X 100

feet, and covers 45 square feet.

(Translator's Note: The translator took the liberty of placing the above line in this sequence, because it follows logically after the minutes of the Building Committee. Actually, in the Book of Minutes the said line is written on page 482, preceding the meeting of the Building Committee; there seems to be no logic to such a sequence. There was no further report given on January 19, 1891.)

(Translator's Note: A change has taken place again in the person of the Recording Secretary. The entries that follow were signed by Mr. Morris Baden.)

Record No. 28

New York
August 17, 1890

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A regular meeting of Beth Israel Hospital Association took place in the Dispensary Building, 97 Henry Street; it was convened by Dr. Serling, President, at 8:20 P.M. The President announced that it was not possible for the organization to function without a Recording Secretary.

It was the consensus of all present that the assignment be entrusted to Mr. Morris Baden, who was willing to fill the position. He promised to attend responsibly to all his duties; to write the minutes; to place the advertisements in the press; to attend the meetings of committees, and generally to discharge all the required responsibilities that come within his jurisdiction. The aforementioned Secretary is to receive \$5.00 monthly for the performance of these duties.

It was then voted to advertise in the newspapers during the week, inviting the Women's Auxiliary to attend a mass meeting on Sunday, August 24th. It was also moved to audit the tickets for medical prescriptions, and this was passed unanimously by those in attendance. The audit took place this same evening, and was carried out by Messrs. Pearl, Israel Levin, and Samuel Lifter in a precise and responsible manner. In all, \$81.05 were collected. The prescription tickets were then returned to the Treasurer.

Our distinguished President closed the meeting.

Secretary Morris Baden

New York
August 24, 1890

A regular meeting of Beth Israel Hospital Association was opened on Sunday by the President, in the Dispensary building at 97 Henry Street, at 8:00 P.M.

Morris Baden, Recording Secretary, read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were officially accepted.

As of now, it was reported by Mr. Katz, Financial Secretary, the organization has 2389 enrolled members, with contributions of \$8,300.

The President then spoke about the alternatives of either purchasing a hospital building or constructing one. The Building Committee has found two possible locations, namely, at 206 East Broadway, and the other at Rutgers Street, corner Water Street. It is urgent that we consider how to raise money for a deposit. Unless deposit money is available, it is impossible to accomplish anything.

At this point Harry Freiman made a motion that a committee be formed of 20 to 30 well-to-do men and women members who should try to raise the necessary deposit money.

President Serling agreed with the practicality of this proposal. He thought that the group should bear the name of

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"The Fund Raising Committee," and have a separate chairman.

Mr. Lipson moved that the Board of Trustees seek a 14-day period of grace from Judge Isaacs. The motion was adopted. Dr. Zinsler moved that a mass rally be called for next Sunday, but it was determined that more time was needed before calling such a rally.

(Translator's Note: It is made clear subsequently that Judge Isaacs was the owner of two buildings that attracted the Trustees, at 206 East Broadway, and 195 Division Street.)

At this point the President adjourned the meeting.

According to the report of the Financial Secretary, income from the pharmacy from July 28 to August 23 stood at: \$105.50

Expenditures: 326.07

Operating deficit of the pharmacy: \$220.57

A regular meeting of Beth Israel Hospital Association took place in the Dispensary building, 97 Henry Street, at 8:00 P.M. The minutes were read by Mr. Morris Baden, Secretary, and were accepted.

The President then read a communication from the medical staff. This body includes physicians who serve in the Dispensary without charge. They now want two of their doctors to receive \$40.00 as monthly remuneration, thus enabling them to attend to their duties properly. The President remarked that it was appropriate that such a request be approved. Mr. Pearl was opposed to this, suggesting that the matter be tabled for several meetings hence, due to financial considerations, and because the High Holy Days were almost upon us. However, the President persisted that we not only be concerned about finances, but the operation of the organization should be assured. The Secretary of the medical staff was recognized, who urged that a decision to approve or reject the request be reached this very evening. He also thought that the two doctors in question could set aside two hours every Sunday for the treatment of (paying) patients, thus assuring more income. (Translator's Note: It appears that the additional two hours on Sunday would offer an opportunity to serve patients in the Dispensary who were capable of paying medical fees.)

This recommendation was moved and adopted.

Under this (Sunday) plan, the Secretary of the medical staff

thought that the two doctors ought to receive \$10.00 additional compensation or a total of \$50.00 monthly. This recommendation was also seconded and adopted, with the understanding that payment is to start on October 1st. The Medical Board was asked to define their Sunday and Tuesday morning schedules. It was decided to hold religious services during the approaching High Holy Days. Mr. Golembuk volunteered to lead the services for the general good of the organization.

It was voted to sponsor a ball on the 1st of December; also to hold a public installation, and on that occasion to celebrate the annual Founders' Day of the Association. A Committee of Implementation was appointed, consisting of Dr. Serling, Mr. Levin, and Mr. Morris Goldenkorn, to see this project through to fruition.

It was agreed that Sunday next, 100 postcards are to be mailed to the membership of the Women's Auxiliary and to 50 other prominent, capable members.

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Mr. Lipman averred that we should not preoccupy ourselves with any questionable property, such as that located at Rutgers near Water Street. He proposed that consideration instead be given to a vacant lot, 30 X 80 feet, at 13th Street and Avenue A, which can be purchased for \$23,000. In Mr. Lipman's estimation, it is not possible to purchase anything better or cheaper for a hospital.

Our distinguished President then adjourned the meeting.

In the last three months the number of patients served in our Dispensary is reported as follows:

	<u>Total Patients</u>	<u>Children</u>
June	665	202
July	1080	408
August	<u>1342</u>	<u>363</u>
TOTAL	3087	973

(Translator's Note: It is unclear if the total number of patients included the children.)

In addition to the above, 137 patients have been served in the pharmacy in the last three months, and 86 prescriptions were filled for non-paying poor people. This week the pharmacy took in \$32.50.

Recording Secretary Morris Baden

The regular meeting of Beth Israel Hospital Association took place in the Dispensary building, at 97 Henry Street. The meeting was opened by the President at 8:00 P.M. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Mr. Morris Baden, Secretary, and were officially accepted.

Our President, Dr. Serling, informed us that a magnificent facility, consisting of two beautiful buildings at 206 East Broadway and 195 Division Street, has to all intents and purposes, already been purchased for the hospital. The Hebrew Free School is presently located there, and the only thing we are still expecting is the deed from Judge Isaacs, which must be signed by the Board of Trustees. However, we must determine how the required down payment can be raised by November 1st.

It was decided to call a mass rally of the honorable members of the Association on Wednesday, October 1st, in a rented hall. A specially appointed arrangements committee included: Mr. Scheiman Wiessag, and the Recording Secretary, Mr. Morris Baden. This very evening these two people discharged their responsibility by renting the ballroom of Pythagoras Hall, at 134-136 Canal Street. It was decided that our collectors send 3,000 letters to all members of the Association, stating that the mass rally will be dedicated to: (1) raising a building fund; (2) the election of officers; (3) the election of a Board of Directors, and the designation of an Executive Committee.

The president closed the meeting on this note.

Recording Secretary Morris Baden

(Translator's Note: It seems that the Trustees suddenly began to see themselves serving provisionally. Otherwise, why would they now talk of electing another Board, officers, and Executive Committee?)

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A special meeting of Beth Israel Hospital Association was held in the Dispensary building, at 97 Henry Street, at 8:00 P.M. In the absence of Dr. Serling, distinguished President of the Association, Mr. Johann Stone, Chairman of the Building Committee, presided, and called the meeting to order. Mr. Pearl was called upon to explain the purpose of the gathering.

The assemblage voted to create an Arrangements Committee that will be responsible for the smooth conduct of the mass rally that will take place on Wednesday, October 1st, in Pythagoras Hall, 134-136 Canal Street. Appointed were: Mr. Pearl, of 31 Allen Street, as Committee Chairman; Reverend Doctor Guronowsky, of 240 West 33rd Street; Bernard Scheschitzky, of 314 Henry Street; Nathan Lipshitz, of 239 Henry Street; B. Weil, of 85 Elizabeth Street; Israel Levin, of 78 Eldridge Street; Louis Katz, of 34 Jefferson Street; H. Bromson of 14 Suffolk Street; B. Klein, of 131 Madison Street; Albert London, of 169 Division Street, to serve as Treasurer of the Committee; Mr. Lipson, of 61 Canal Street; Mr. Golembuk, of 322 Henry Street; Mr. Katz, Financial Secretary; Mr. Morris Baden, Recording Secretary. Absent from this meeting were the following appointees: Messrs. Klein, Bromson and Albert London. They will be informed of their appointments by postcard.

Rev. Dr. Guranowsky moved that notice of the meeting should

also be sent to those who are contributors, and this was adopted.

The following are to speak at the mass rally: Coroner Levi; Rev. Dr. Guranowsky; and Rev. Dr. Zinsler. Coroner Levi will be invited by Messrs. Pearl and Golembuk.

It was agreed that postcards will be sent to the Arrangements Committee on Tuesday, September 30th, calling a meeting of that body to consider the ways and means of conducting the mass rally in a proper manner.

It was then also agreed to order 3,000 circulars announcing the opening of the Dispensary. One thousand of these are to be given to Rev. Dr. Guranowsky, and the remaining 2,000 will be distributed among the audience at the mass rally.

At this point, the worthy Chairman of the Building Committee brought the meeting to a close.

Recording Secretary Morris Baden.

This special meeting of the Arrangements Committee of Beth Israel Hospital Association was called to assure decorum and the effective conduct of the mass rally in Pythagoras Hall, 134-136 Canal Street, on October 1, 1890. The Committee Chairman, Mr. Pearl, opened this meeting in the Dispensary building, 97 Henry Street, at 8:00 P.M.

The following decisions were arrived at: to be seated at a table (at the entrance) will be Mr. Katz, Financial Secretary, Morris Baden, Recording Secretary, Albert London, Treasurer of the Building Committee, Nathan Lipshitz and Scheschitzky. They will be responsible for collecting subscriptions and cash; Mr. Louis Katz will be in charge of order and decorum in the hall; responsible for the security of funds from subscriptions will be B. Wein, and Isadore Levin; members of the Building Committee will be seated at a table on the platform; Mr. London must bring \$5,000 as security (against damage to the Hall); the Financial Secretary, Mr. Katz, together with Mr. Louis Katz were appointed to invite Dr. Zinsler; order in the hall will be assured by seating men and women separately.

The meeting was then closed by the Chairman.

Recording Secretary Morris Baden

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A mass rally of Beth Israel Hospital Association took place in Pythagoras Hall, 134-136 Canal Street, at 8:00 P.M.

The meeting was opened by the President, Dr. Serling, with a speech, wherein he discussed the present condition of the Association. He revealed that the Association had succeeded in purchasing for \$50,000 a most impressive building at 206 East Broadway, with a passageway leading to 195 Division Street, for the purpose of establishing a Jewish hospital. The funds required (as downpayment) for this purchase must be raised by the 15th of October, and each one of us must do his part to reach our sacred goal.

He then introduced the Building Committee, and especially its distinguished Chairman, Mr. Johann Stone, who then was appointed as the presiding officer of the mass meeting. The latter spoke most eloquently in an English address, stressing the great importance of our humanitarian institution; he said it deserved the moral and tangible assistance of everyone in furthering its sacred task.

The Rev. Dr. Guronowsky was then introduced by Mr. Stone as the principal speaker. His significant message was met with rapt attention and finally an ovation.

Messrs. Nilitz, Morris Alexander, Dr. Gordon, Bramson,

Schmertzianasky and Pearl also spoke beautifully and made a strong impression on the audience, moving many to make personal contributions and even to volunteer as fund raisers. In reacting to this, Mr. Stone said that only the Board of Directors can officially commission those authorized to raise money. He thereupon appointed a Committee of Fund-Raising Overseers: Messrs. Lipman, Getzelsohn, and Mr. Lipson; Messrs. V. Yansky, Bregener and M. Friedman; Mr. B. Stember, Mr. Silbersohn and Mr. Linkowsky.

The following was made a member of the Building Committee: Mr. Simon Cohen, of 283 Tenth Avenue.

Chairman Stone declared the meeting adjourned.

Receipts from donations \$155.25

Recording Secretary Morris Baden

An extra special meeting of Beth Israel Hospital Association was convened by the President in the Dispensary building, 97 Henry Street, at 8:00 P.M.

Messrs. Bushitzky and Radkowitz suddenly stood up and requested the \$100 security which they had posted with Mr. Katz, the Financial Secretary. It was decided that the protesters be repaid with \$200 worth of bonds, and this was carried out tonight.

The procedures to govern the forthcoming mass meeting on October 11th were next discussed. It was agreed that tables be placed on the stage as well as outside, where contributions, membership dues, and new enrollees will be received. This committee was designated: Messrs. Lipshitz, Scheshitzky, Pearl, Golembuk, Wein, Katz, Serling, Bromson, Kleitz, Stoe, S. Cohen, Robinson, Giesses, B. Weiss, Gedanken, Lipson, Smith, and Isador Levin. Letters are to be sent (about their appointment to the Committee) to Israel Lipshitz, of 10 Louis Street, A.T. Heningsohn, of 127 Stanton Street, Abraham Trilling, of 263 Broome Street, Mr. Silverman, of 6 Willet Street, Abraham Kriegener, of 24 Orchard Street. Messrs. Robinson and Lipshitz were appointed co-Chairmen of the Arrangements Committee. Volunteering to look after the matter of contributions were Messrs. Lipshitz and Scheshitzky. In addition, it was decided to print 10,000 copies of a circular.

The meeting was closed by our distinguished President.

Recording Secretary Morris Baden

New York
October 11, 1890

A mass meeting was held at synagogue TIFERETH ISRAEL, 126-128 Allen Street, by Beth Israel Hospital Association. Dr. Serling, President of the Association, opened the meeting at 8:00 P.M., and promptly designated Mr. Klein as the Chairman. Mr. Klein spoke, referring to recent developments in the Association. He stressed the important help each person is expected to give to so precious an undertaking as a Jewish hospital in the downtown area. His comments strongly impressed the audience. He then introduced Rev. Silberman as the featured speaker, who spoke eloquently, and was applauded appreciatively. The next speaker was Mr. Bromson, who spoke very well. He was followed by Dr. Gordon and several others. Despite the small number of people in attendance, numerous donations were made, several people signed pledges, and a number enrolled as members.

Receipts from donations \$35.75

Recording Secretary Morris Baden

A special meeting was held in the Dispensary building, 97 Henry Street, by Beth Israel Hospital Association. Dr. Serling, the distinguished President of the Association, designated Mr. Kleitz presiding officer of the evening. The latter opened the meeting at 8:00 P.M. and requested the Recording Secretary to read off the names of the Directors, in order to learn who was present or absent. This was done. The discussion then considered how the initial sum of \$3,000 can be raised by (the deadline) October 15th, the amount required as down payment on the building which had been purchased for a hospital, at 206 E. Broadway and 195 Division Street. It was moved that the Board of Trustees request Judge Isaacs for a period of grace of from 30 to 60 days so that the aforementioned sum of money may be raised. This was voted during the evening. Mr. Stone, who was present, was appointed agent of the building. In the course of the evening Mr. Stone offered the Association a gift of \$100.

Finally, it was voted to appoint two volunteers for each street (in the area) for the purpose of soliciting donations, memberships, etc.. This matter having been satisfactorily resolved, the following people were assigned to perform the aforementioned duties:

- Shamponsky, of 42 E. Broadway, and Lipson of 61 Canal Street, assigned to East Broadway;
- Kleitz of 131 Madison Street, and Lipshitz, of 322 Henry Street, assigned to Canal Street;

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- B. Solomon and B. Wein, assigned to Mott and Boyard Street;
- Max Lewis, of 24 Orchard Street, and Segalowitz, of 233 Division Street, assigned to Orchard Street;
- Mr. Siegel, of 29 Chrystie Street, and M. Padin, of 141 East Broadway, assigned to Chrystie and Hester Streets.

The project to sponsor a Founders' Day Ball on December 1st, which had been approved last August 31st, was subsequently rejected.

Income from donations \$21.00

Recording Secretary Morris Baden

A special meeting of the Association was held in the Dispensary building, at 97 Henry Street, where our distinguished President, Dr. Serling, called the gathering to order at 8:00 P.M. He designated Mr. L. Lipson, 1st Trustee, to serve as presiding officer of the evening. Mr. Lipson started the meeting by explaining its purpose. He indicated that Judge Isaacs has written to us, expecting us to have \$1,000 available this week as down payment on the building, so we can go to contract. It is urgent that we decide how to raise these funds.

It was voted to request a 14 day period of grace from Judge Isaacs, or else to ask his permission to pay only \$500 (as down payment) at this time. A committee was charged to visit Judge Isaacs, consisting of Doctors Serling and Isaacs. The list of people designated last week to collect funds, block by block, was augmented to include:

- Morris Vetter, of 69 Suffolk Street, and Louis Katz, of 34 Jefferson Street, assigned to Broadway;
- H. Bromson, of 14 Suffolk Street and Y. Golembuk of 329 Henry Street, assigned to Suffolk Street;
- Ch. Cohen of 90 Rivington Street, and D. Abramson, of 193 Henry Street, assigned to Division Street;
- Y. Shulman, of 339 East 80th Street, and Y. Krenen, of 438 East 81st Street.

A complaint was made against Financial Secretary Katz by Dr.

Isaacs, Chairman of the Medical Board, and by its Secretary, Dr. Gordon. It was alleged that he had referred all "outside" calls to one (Dispensary) doctor, and none to the second. In their opinion, Mr. Katz was unethical. They preferred that the responsibility for referral of all "outside" (Sunday) calls be entrusted to the pharmacist. Mr. Katz countered that he had always handled such affairs fairly. It was resolved to leave this responsibility in Mr. Katz's hands; however, henceforth, no Sunday calls are to be accepted (from the "outside"). At the conclusion of this action, Mr. Lipson declared the meeting adjourned.

Receipts from donations	\$ 7.00
Previous balance (in hands of Treasurer)	212.00

Mr. Katz reported that he and Mr. Lipshitz had raised \$101.50, of which \$88.50 is cash.

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A regular meeting of Beth Israel Hospital Association took place in the Dispensary building, at 97 Henry Street. The meeting was brought to order by Dr. Serling, President, at 8:00 P.M. Mr. Kleitz was designated presiding officer for the evening.

Secretary Morris Baden read the minutes of the previous meeting, and they were officially accepted.

Mr. Kleitz reported about an important person named J. Berman of 42 East 69th Street, who according to our Mr. Lazarus Levy, is in a position to do a great deal of good within his own organization for the benefit of our Association. It was moved that a Committee be appointed to visit Mr. Berman. The motion was seconded and approved.

Numerous other committees were appointed in the course of the evening:

- (1) The committee to visit Mr. J. Berman will consist of: Dr. Serling, Levi, and Pearl.
- (2) A committee to be responsible for printing circulars in English and German, for distribution among lodges, societies, etc.: Dr. Isaacs, Sarason, Saxson.
- (3) A Constitution Committee, to draw one up for the Association: Dr. Serling, Dr. Isaacs, and Dr. Guronowsky.
- (4) A Press Committee, to publicize the activities of the

Association in English newspapers: Dr. Krakera,
(Chairman), Dr. Gordon and Dr. Freeman.

(5) It was moved, seconded and passed that the election of officers take place on the 9th of November, and in order to save expenses, it should be held in a Synagogue.

Toward that end, Mr. Kleitz will arrange for the use of the Chrystie Street Synagogue. A Nominations Committee was appointed to prepare a slate prior to the elections; this Committee is to be summoned by postcards or letters to meet on Sunday evening, and is to include the following people: Stone, Dr. Guronowsky, Dr. Krakera, Dr. Serling, Dr. Freeman, Kleitz, London, Morris Alexander, Meyer Freeman, Lichtenberg, Pearl, Sarason, Cohen, Dr. Isaacs, and Mr. Glass. By order of the President, the following were also added to the Committee: Dr. Zinsler, Golembuk, Kromson, Schischitzky, Lipshitz, Lipson, Wein, and Robinson.

Mr. Kleitz thereupon adjourned the meeting.

Receipts of this evening: \$27.95

Recording Secretary Morris Baden

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Our distinguished President, Dr. Serling, convened a regular meeting of Beth Israel Hospital Association in the Dispensary building at 8:00 P.M. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary, and accepted.

The Secretary also read a letter received from Mr. Glatzer, who had enclosed a \$10.00 contribution. The writer expressed his thanks to, and admiration for, the Directors and the other workers of the Association, for their energetic service to this sacred cause. He thought they had brought credit to Jewry everywhere. This communication was acknowledged with gratitude to Mr. Glatzer.

Committee reports were rendered. Mr. Max Lewis complained that Segalowitz, his partner in the Fund Raising Committee, was not fulfilling his duty; a similar complaint was heard from Louis Katz. Therefore, Max Lewis was assigned another partner, Mr. Radin, of 99 Forsythe Street; and Mr. Katz's new partner will be Mr. Elman, of 29 Ludlow Street. The Fund Raising Committees also gained the following additional appointees: Harris Barsky, of 185 Henry Street; Mr. Levin, of Eldridge Street; Mr. Cohen, of 76 Ludlow Street; Mr. Weiss, of 45 Hester Street; Mr. Dlugitz, of 79 Suffolk Street; Mr. Lunewsky, Mr. Sifter, and Mr. Aranowitz, of 237 Broome Street; L. Lewis, of 896 Eighth Avenue.

The list of nominations for officerships, developed on November 1, 1890, was moved by Dr. Isaacs, and approved as follows:

President	Dr. Serling
1st Vice-President	B. Kleitz
2nd Vice-President	L. Lipson
	Y. Golembuk
3rd Vice-President	Lazarus Levy
	Dr. Zinsler
	Dr. Guranowsky
Treasurer	Morris Alexander

Nominations for Board of Directors

Meyer London, 12 Boayard St.
H. Philips, 21 Division St.
Louis Minsky, 59 Canal St.
B. Glatzer, 130 Wooster St.
H. Robinson, 192 Madison St.
Kushewsky, 239 East Broadway
Israel Lipshitz, 10 Lewis St.
S. Lipson, 61 Canal St.
H. Krumson, 14 Suffolk St.
Nathan Lipshitz, 239 Henry St.
Bernard Scheschitzky, 314 Henry St.
B. Shamponsky, 42 East Broadway
Louis Isaacs, 142 East Broadway
M. London, 169 Division St.
Ike Cohen, 96 Canal St.
Dr. Zinsler, 89 Henry St.
Meyer Freiman, 32 Ludlow St.
Morris Siegal, 29 Chrystie St.
A. Goldstein, 493 Broadway
Lazarus Levy, 30 East Broadway
B. Wein, 85 Elizabeth St.
A. Kaplan, 233 Division St.
N. Gieses, 22 Allen St.
Max Lewis, 24 Orchard St.
B. Silberman, 25 Chrystie St.
Israel Block, 32 Ludlow St.
Harris Elias, 65 E. Broadway
A. Block, 103 Hester St.
Samuel Freude, 80 Division St.
B. Solomon, 58 Mott St.
A. Bernstein, 63 Garrick St.
Y. Golembuk, 322 Henry St.
A. Y. Pearl, 31 Allen St.
N. Penrock, 332 Grand St.
Segalowitz, 223 Division St.
Jacob Applebaum, 2-4 Spring St.
Jacob Cohen, 76 Ludlow St.
Morris Vetter, 69 Suffolk St.
S. Wohnsmann, 74 Baxter St.

Isador Levin, 78 Eldrige St.
S. Lichtenberg, 148 E. 62nd St.
Greenblatt, 8th Avenue
Y. Stone, 33rd St., corner 8th Ave.
Simon Cohen, 26th St., corner 10th Ave.
Y.H. Glass, 2086 Third Ave.
Dr. Guranowsky, 240 West 33rd St.
Leopold Lewis, 896 8th Ave.
B. Weiss, 45 Hester St.
Y. Ginsberg, 163 Broome St.
M. Bigel, River Head, L.I.

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It was decided to send letters to the aforementioned nominees, and to expect a written reply from each by Tuesday, December 4, 1890, signifying acceptance of the nomination.

Dr. Isaacs next presented an English draft of a proposed set of Bylaws of the Association, that Dr. Serling, President, explained in Yiddish. After extensive discussion, revision of numerous paragraphs, and clarifications, it was finally resolved by those present that the statement be adopted.

Consideration was next given to a postcard communication from the Lebanon Hospital Association, inviting our President and Trustees to one of their meetings for the purpose of merging with them. This precipitated a great deal of discussion, which culminated in the decision to appoint a special committee of 10 people, who are to monitor any further communications from Lebanon Hospital, and seek clarification of their expectations. The Committee will then be expected to report back at an open meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by the President.

Receipt of this evening \$37.00

Recording Secretary Morris Baden

A regular meeting of Beth Israel Hospital Association took place at 206 East Broadway, which attended to the business of electing the officers of the Association. All Directors were present. Dr. Serling opened the meeting at 8:00 P.M.

(Translator's Note: It appears that the Recording Secretaries of the Association used the term, "beamte", loosely, at one time using it to refer to the Officers and at another time referring to the Directors. The translator has tried his best to clarify the references intended by the Secretary.)

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Recording Secretary and officially accepted.

The President took particular note of the excellent progress made by the Association in the eleven months of its existence, and expressed his commendation of these results. He attributed this progress to the diligence with which everyone has shouldered the difficult work to be done.

He then referred to our financial experience from December 1, 1889, when the Association was founded, to the 1st of November, 1890. Income for that period came to \$2,518.86 and expenses totalled \$2,478.28, leaving a balance of \$40.58 as of November 1.

The election of Officers was the next order of business.

Dr. Serling and B. Kleitz were unanimously elected as

President, and 1st Vice-President, respectively, for the ensuing year; S. Lipson and Y. Golembuk were candidates for 2nd Vice-President. Lipson received 35 votes to Golembuk's 61. Hence, Jacob Golembuk was declared elected to the position of 2nd Vice-President for the ensuing year; Mr. Morris Alexander was unanimously elected and declared Treasurer for the ensuing year. Declared as Honorary Directors of the Association were Coroner Ferdinand Levy and Judge Goldfogel.

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The following candidates were elected unanimously to the Board of Directors:

Meyer London, Louis Minsky, B. Glatzer, H. Robinson, Kushevsky, Israel Lipshitz, S. Lipson, H. Kramson, Nathan Lipshitz, Bernard Scheschevsky, Shamponsky, Louis Isaacs, A. London, Ike Cohen, Dr. Zinsler, M. Siegal, A. Goldstein, B. Wein, A. Kaplan, N. Gieses, Max Lewis, B. Silberman, B. Solomon, A. Y. Pearl, Segalowitz, Jacob Cohen, Morris Vetter, Isador Levin, Y. Stone, Simon Cohen, I. H. Glass, Dr. Guranowsky, Leopold Lewis, B. Weiss, I. Ginsberg, and M. Bigel.

The popular speaker, Rev. Dr. Zinsler, was introduced next. He spoke eloquently, his presentation was enthusiastically applauded, and he was given a vote of thanks.

It was voted that a public installation be held on the 27th of this month, at 206 East Broadway.

The President thereupon closed the meeting.

Receipts of this evening	\$26.00
Receipts from Mr. Kleitz	<u>44.00</u>
TOTAL	\$70.05

Recording Secretary Morris Baden

The first meeting of the Board of Directors was held in the Dispensary building, at 97 Henry Street.

The President, Dr. Serling, opened the meeting. Absent were: H. Bramson, A. Goldstein, Segalowitz, Leopold Lewis, Morris Alexander, Treasurer, H. Robinson, Kushevsky, M. Bigel, Nathan Lipshitz and B. Weiss.

Morris Alexander, H. Robinson, Kushevsky and Bigel had written letters, however, asking to be excused; and the following were reported sick: Nathan Lipshitz, and Weiss.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Items of correspondence were then read from:

Coroner Dr. Levy
Abraham Katz, Financial Secretary
Morris Baden, Recording Secretary
Pinchus Levin

Messrs. Katz and Baden requested permission to retain their positions. Levin also expressed a desire to be considered for the position of Recording Secretary in place of Baden.

(Translator's Note: Levin had been Recording Secretary the early part of the year.)

It was moved and agreed that the Bylaws must be consulted, before any assignment changes can be considered.

(Translator's Note: The Board may have been reluctant to reassign the position of Recording Secretary to Pinchus Levin; accordingly, perhaps they sought a diplomatic way of finding a

legal pretext to avoid offending him. Could Levin have been reattracted to the position because of the prospect of receiving a weekly salary?)

The following persons were appointed to constitute the Executive Committee for a full year: B. Kleitz, Lazarus Levy, Shamponsky, Meyer London, Stone, Israel Lipshitz, Minsky, Dr. Zinsler, and Dr. Guranowsky.

To serve on the Finance Committee for a full year: Albert London, Lipson, Pearl, Jacob Cohen, Golembuk, Ike Cohen, Nathan Lipshitz, and B. Scheschitzky.

We considered whom to appoint as Financial Secretary, at a salary of \$10.00 per week.

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It was subsequently moved and voted that Mr. Abraham Katz be appointed Financial Secretary, at a salary of \$10.00 per week, for the term starting November 9, 1890, and ending November 9, 1891.

With regard to the position of Recording Secretary, it was established that the Constitution (or Bylaws) provides for only one secretary. However, it was thought advisable that this position be coupled with an Assistant Recording Secretary. Dr. Serling and Lazarus Levy assumed the responsibility of assuring that the business of appointing an Assistant Recording Secretary would be followed up at the next meeting.

A spectacular speech was next delivered by the popular and

renowned speaker, Dr. Zinsler. His excellent speech drew everyone's rapt attention, and at the end he was deservedly applauded enthusiastically. He was given a vote of thanks.

(Translator's Note: That speech may very well have been an emotional appeal for funds, based on the developments that followed.)

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Lazarus Levy, those in attendance were urged to make personal donations. He, personally, was the first to offer \$100 in addition to his previous gift of \$25. Many of those present, (following his example), added contributions to those they had previously made. A total of \$488 was thus raised.

Those contributing are recapitulated as follows:

Mr. Lazarus Levy	\$125
Rev. Dr. Zinsler	15
B. Solomon	25
B. Kleitz	100
Ike Cohen	25
Louis Minsky	55
I. Stone	10
Dr. Serling	10
I. S. Glass	10
S. Lipson	5
Jacob Cohen	10
Morris Siegal	15
Rev. Dr. Guranowsky	10
N. Gieses	12
I. Lipshitz	3
Meyer London	25
H. Shamponsky	20
Morris Vetter	5
Jacob Golembuk	<u>8</u>
TOTAL	\$488

Our distinguished President adjourned the meeting.

(Misc.) Receipts of the evening \$10.00

Recording Secretary Morris Baden

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A special meeting of the Finance Committee of Beth Israel Hospital Association was held in the Dispensary building, 97 Henry Street.

Mr. Pearl presided as Chairman, and opened the meeting at 8:00 P.M. All members of the Finance Committee were present, except for Isaac Cohen.

The following decisions were duly arrived at:

1. All Directors should assume the duty of attending (their respective) Synagogues on the Sabbath, and their lodges on Sunday, to appeal for contributions; this matter will be discussed with our Directors at the next regular meeting of the Board;
2. Letters of appeal are to be printed and sent to the presidents of these Synagoges and lodges;
3. Notices are to be printed and circulated to the entire membership through the medium of our Collectors, requesting that all outstanding dues be paid by the end of the year;
4. Our funds should be removed from the bank for transmittal to the Treasurer; a check book is to be obtained, and each check issued should bear the signature of the President, Secretary, and the recipient;

(Translator's Note: It may be assumed that the reference to the signature of the recipient notes the practice of his being required to endorse a check when cashing it.)

5. All payments are to be made bi-weekly. No funds are to be paid out by anyone except the Treasurer, and in the manner described above.

With the Committee's adoption of the above mentioned decisions, the Chairman, Mr. Pearl, closed the meeting.

Recording Secretary Morris Baden

6. To be added to these minutes is the decision that a Membership Book is to be issued every three years;
7. Also, that shares are to be issued at \$3.00 each, or in higher denominations, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

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The 2nd meeting of the Board of Directors of the Beth Israel Hospital Association was held in the Dispensary building, at 97 Henry Street.

Dr. Serling, the distinguished President of the organization, opened the meeting at 8:00 P.M.

All were present, except for the following: Mr. B. Glatzer, H. Robinson, Israel Lipshitz, H. Bromson, B. Shamponsky, A. London, Louis Isaacs, A. Goldstein, N. Gieses, Morris Vetter, S. Cohen, Leopold Lewis, B. Weiss, M. Bigel, and Meyer Freiman.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary, and officially adopted.

A letter was read from Judge Goldfogel, expressing his readiness to accept appointment as an Honorary Director of the Board of Directors. This was voted with much gratification. Letters were also read from Messrs. Karp, Lifter, and Gedanken, but no action was taken.

Much discussion then ensued as to how to raise the necessary money for a down payment on the building, before the November 21st deadline.

Our agent, Mr. Stone, moved that he be authorized to ask Judge

Isaacs to postpone the deadline for the down payment of \$3,000 until January 1st. This motion was seconded and approved.

It was duly moved, seconded and approved that five or six people be appointed and empowered by the Board to receive (and hold) contributions, and accordingly a committee was appointed (for this purpose), consisting of Messrs. Morris Alexander (Chairman), Dr. Isaacs (Secretary), Dr. Serling, Rev. Dr. Guranowsky, Rev. Dr. Zinsler, Johann Stone, and Kushevsky.

In addition, Solicitation Committees were appointed, to which were named Messrs. Lipson, and Kushevsky, replacing Shamponsky; Meyer London and A. Kaplan; M. Siegal and L. Minsky.

(Translator's Note: It appears that "the five or six people" were expected to act as trustees for the holding of the chairitable funds, while, by contrast, the Solicitation Committees of paired Directors were to serve as active fund raisers making face-to-face contacts. Presumably, the latter were obliged to transmit their collections to the "Committee of 5 or 6 Trustees: for safe-keeping.)

It was voted to issues shares, and the way this should be done will be worked out by Dr. Serling.

The distinguished President then adjourned the meeting.

Receipts of this evening	\$125.75
Delivered to Treasurer M. Alexander	136.00
Previous balance in hands of A. London	<u>151.25</u>
TOTAL	\$287.25
Secretary A.D. Katz	
Recording Secretary Morris Baden	

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467 A special meeting, plus a public installation of officers of Beth Israel Hospital Association, took place at 206 East Broadway.

Dr. Serling, President of the Association, opened the meeting at 8:00 P.M., with a statement about the progress of the organization since it had come into being, in the short span of one year.

The Secretary was asked to read the roll of the Directors. All were present except for the following absentees:

Morris Alexander, Treasurer
Meyer London
Dr. Zinsler
Ike Cohen
A. Goldstein
B. Silberman
Pearl
Dr. Guranowsky
M. Bigel
Meyer Freiman

The installation of Dr. Serling as President was conducted by Mr. Kleitz, Vice-President. The President, in turn, installed the Vice-Presidents, Messrs. Kleitz, Golembuk and Lazarus Levy. The Directors were then installed by Mr. Stone. Mr. Kleitz received a vote of appreciation for his induction of the President, and Mr. Stone was also thanked for his induction of the Directors.

Dr. Serling made another brief but moving statement, thanking

the organization for the honor it had bestowed upon him by electing him for another term as President. He pledged himself to continue to strive vigorously and tirelessly for the good and welfare of the Association.

In accordance with the expressed wishes of the audience, the Secretary read the minutes of the last two meetings of the Board of Directors. The minutes were adopted as presented.

It was moved by Mr. Lipson that a fair be held within two months, considering the major benefits this could bring to the Association.

After prolonged discussion, the motion was tabled until the next meeting of the Board of Directors, when the matter will be given fuller consideration.

It was then moved, seconded and voted that loans be made (by each Director) in the range of \$2.00 to \$50.00 each, which the Association will guarantee to repay against signed notes, within a circumscribed period of time.

Following this, the distinguished President adjourned the meeting.

He then cordially invited the ladies who were present to come to a meeting next Sunday, in the Dispensary building, at 97 Henry Street.

From the 8th of May, 1890, through Nov. 27th, the following categories of patients have been treated in our Dispensary:

3,957	Adults
1,835	Children
<u>349</u>	Outsiders
6,141	TOTAL

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(No explanation accompanied this figure in the minutes.)

(Translator's Note: No definition was offered in the record as to the parameters of such terms as 'adults', 'children' or 'outsiders'. On the basis of a previous reference to 'outsiders', it may be assumed that this term referred to atypical patients who wished to be treated by doctors of the Dispensary, but outside of its confines. Presumably such treatments took place at the doctor's office or at the home of the patients, and the doctors received private compensation for such 'outside' treatments. Nevertheless, the Dispensary was given credit for this 'outside' service when rendering statistics.)

(Translator's additional Note: Book Page 467 also has a set of monetary figures which had been crossed out. For the sake of providing a complete record, the crossed-out portion is also translated herewith:)

Receipts of this evening	\$ 285.75
Receipts of the entire period	3,110.96
Expenditures	<u>2,764.95</u>
Balance on hand	<u>346.01</u>
Pledges	1,331.58
Paid (pledges)	<u>756.58</u>
Outstanding balance to collected	\$ 575.00

(END OF PORTION THAT HAD BEEN CROSSED OUT)

Receipts from December 1, 1889 to November 27, 1890	\$3,110.96
Receipts of the evening	<u>285.75</u>
TOTAL	\$3,396.71
Expenditures	<u>\$2,764.95</u>
BALANCE ON HAND	\$ 631.76

Signed pledges	\$1,331.58
Paid (pledges)	<u>756.58</u>
Outstanding balance to be collected	575.00

Secretary A.B. Katz

The following funds have been received from the Fund Raising Committees:

Committee # 1, Kushevsky and Lipson	\$ 80.00
Committee # 2, Kleitz and Lipshitz	195.00
Committee # 3, Wein and Solomon	20.75
Committee # 4, Max Lewis and Segalowitz	4.00
Committee # 5, Siegal and Baden	33.00
Committee # 6, Katz and Ellman	3.50
(The record made no reference to Committee # 7)	-
Committee # 8, Cohen and Abramson	18.00
Committee # 9, Shulman	8.00
Committee #10, Stone and Dr. Guranowsky	100.00
(The record made no reference to Committee #11)	-
Committee #12, Harris Barsky	<u>6.00</u>
	\$468.25

New York
December 3, 1890

BP

465 The 3rd Board of Directors meeting of Beth Israel Hospital Association took place in the Dispensary building, at 97 Henry Street.

The President, Dr. Serling, designated Mr. Lazarus Levy, Vice-President, as presiding officer of the evening, and the latter called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M.

The minutes of the public installation, and of the last meeting of the Board of Directors, were read by the Recording Secretary, and were formally accepted.

Next, the role call of the Board was read. All were present, except for these absentees: Jacob Golembuk, H. Bromson, Dr. Zinsler, Isaac Cohen, M. Siegal, A. Kaplan, N. Gieses, Max Lewis, B. Silberman, A. I. Pearl, Segalowitz, I. Stone, Simon Cohen, H. Glass, Dr. Guranowsky, Leopold Lewis, I. Ginsberg, M. Bigel, and Meyer Freiman.

A communication from Judge Isaacs was next read. He wishes to receive the downpayment by the 31st of December. Another piece of correspondence was read from Louis Robinson, janitor, who wishes to get a salary increase. This matter was left unresolved.

The minutes of the Finance Committee were then read by the

Committee Secretary. Due to time limitations, consideration of this report was also left unresolved.

Mr. Kleitz protested (the anomaly) that the Dispensary is being kept open on the Sabbath, but is closed on Sunday. Much discussion followed. It was finally moved, seconded and passed that the Dispensary is to be kept open daily, without exception. To assure that this policy is carried out, the matter was entrusted to the hands of a committee which will confer with the doctors as to how to treat the special circumstance of Sundays. The Committee is made up of the following men: Mr. Kleitz, Dr. Serling, Meyer London, and Morris Vetter.

Dr. Serling suggested that the project of a fair required the special participation of women and young ladies. This proposal was duly accepted.

Next to be considered was the manner in which shares or notes are to be issued. Dr. Serling held up a sample of one done by a lithographer, whose charge for producing 6,000 shares is \$75.00. The printing costs come to \$50.00 more.

Mr. Lipson thought that a simple promisory note would be adequate, and this would not cost much at all. At this, Mr. Kushevsky moved that \$5 to \$10 be appropriated, and that a committee be put in charge of producing the notes.

(Translator's Note: Apparently, Mr. Kushevsky's motion was adopted although this is not mentioned specifically in the record. Adoption is implied by the appointment of the Committee, which followed.)

Those named to serve on the Committee were Mr. Lazarus Levy and Dr. Serling.

A report was requested from the Chairman of the Donations Committee, Mr. Morris Alexander, regarding our circulars. This report was given by him and by the Committee Secretary, Dr. Isaacs. They both claim to have spoken to Mr. Lichtenberg, who promised to give his attention to the matter (of the circulars). The gratitude of the meeting was expressed to them for their devotion.

Dr. Isaacs proposed that the medical instruments needed in the Dispensary be purchased for approximately \$20.00. The proposal was seconded and passed.

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Mr. Shamponsky suggested that the sections of the Bylaws (Constitution) be read that describe the duties of the various committees, and this was done by Dr. Issacs.

The Executive Committee decided that funds may be paid out in the following way:

The Secretary is to obtain a check book. The President must examine and sign all bills before they are sent to Mr. London for his authorization to make payment. Only then, may the Secretary

personally pay money out.

The distinguished presiding officer adjourned the meeting at this point.

Secretary A. B. Katz

New York
December 11, 1890

Prior to the meeting of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee met in the Dispensary building, at 97 Henry Street.

Dr. Zinsler was appointed Committee Chairman, and he opened this meeting at 7:00 P.M.

The President, Dr. Serling, proposed that a Visiting Committee be appointed for the vital purpose of overseeing the sanitary conditions of the Dispensary. The proposal was seconded and adopted. The Visiting Committee was then constituted, as follows: Messrs. Shamponsky, to visit Saturdays; Levi to visit on Sunday; Kleitz - Monday; L. Minsky - Tuesday; I. Stone and Dr. Guranowsky - Wednesday; M. London - Thursday; Israel Lipshitz - Friday. Dr. Zinsler was appointed Committee Chairman.

A notebook will be purchased, and an entry is to be made therein by each inspecting visitor, reporting on the sanitary conditions and orderliness of the Dispensary.

Mr. Shamponsky moved that all the partitions in the Dispensary be painted by next week. The motion was seconded and carried.

The distinguished Chairman asked Dr. Serling to assure that all this be done, and thereupon he closed the meeting of the Executive Committee.

No. 2

(Translator's Note: The figure No. 2 presumably refers to the Board meeting that took place following the session of the Executive Committee that same day. It was the second meeting on the 11th of December.)

New York
December 11, 1890

BP
463

The 4th meeting of the Board of Directors of Beth Israel Hospital Association took place in the Dispensary building, at 97 Henry Street.

The meeting was opened by Dr. Serling, President, at 8:00 P.M. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary, and duly adopted.

It was reported by Dr. Serling and Mr. Levy that the small appropriation voted at the last meeting for the printing of notes proved inadequate for producing them attractively and legally. The matter was reconsidered and it was reaffirmed that the shares or notes be printed.

(Translator's Note: This time no appropriation was made for production purposes. The cost factor was not even mentioned; it was probably left open-ended, because of the importance attached to getting the notes printed expeditiously and in accordance with legal requirements.)

It was also proposed, seconded and carried that the Executive Committee make sure that the medical staff be aware of the regulations affecting them, and that they were conforming with the medical statutes.

Reports were given by various committees concerning possible locations for holding the fair. It was resolved to seek a hall where the fair could be held free of charge.

Dr. Serling, President, called for a report about the letters of appeal for payment of unpaid pledges. Dr. Isaacs read a draft thereof, and it was agreed to have them printed as presented. Upon motion made, seconded and passed, a committee was formed to go after unpaid pledges totaling approximately \$550.00. In order to try to collect, the following men accepted assignments:

To collect \$25.00 from Meyer Freiman and also from Dr. Freiman - Morris Alexander;

To collect \$5.00 from Morris Goldstein - Dr. Zinsler and Mr. Kleitz;

To collect \$25.00 from Ike Cohen - Messrs. Kleitz and Minsky.

It was decided to assign a collector to go after the smaller unpaid gifts; he is to be compensated at 3% of his total collections.

It was moved, seconded and voted that Mr. Raphael Horowitz, who was present, be appointed a Director of Beth Israel Hospital Association.

A question was next raised about the payment of bills. After lengthy discussion, it was moved and voted that \$159.00 be

drawn from Mr. London, and that all outstanding bills be paid.

It was also resolved that the Doctors' Committee be called to a meeting next Sunday evening in order to arrive at an agreement about our Sunday policies.

Mr. Morris Alexander then proposed that the ladies be urged at one of their meetings to accept the booklets (raffles?) he had already described. With these, they should be able to raise large sums of money. It was thereupon resolved to send committees to the gentle ladies.

The distinguished President then declared the meeting ajourned.

(Translator's Note: The following figures were crossed out at the very bottom of book pg. 463:)

Receipts up to Dec. 1	\$614.75
Receipts from Dec. 1 - 11th	<u>100.95</u>
TOTAL	\$775.70

(Translator's note: The figures that were crossed out at the bottom of page 463 of the record reappear on the top of page 462, as follows:)

Receipts up to December 1st	\$614.75
Receipts from Dec. 1 to 11th	<u>160.00</u>
TOTAL	\$775.70
Expenditures	128.59
In possession of Mr. M. Alexander, Treasurer	\$467.75
In possession of Mr. London	151.25
In possession of Secretary Katz	<u>28.11</u>
TOTAL	\$647.11

New York
December 14, 1890

The meeting with the Doctor's Committee, accompanied by the Chairman of the Medical Board, Dr. Isaacs, and the Secretary, Dr. Gordon, took place in the Dispensary building, at 97 Henry Street, at 8:00 P.M. The meeting was called to determine if the Dispensary should be kept open Sundays for two hours, and if \$3.00 be paid each of the two doctors on duty. It was finally decided to pay each covering doctor the sum of \$2.00; and the fact that the Dispensary is open on Sundays should be publicized in the newspapers.

With this, the discussion with the Doctor's Committee was ended.

(Translator's Note: The caption Number 3 in the record that follows may refer to the 3rd meeting of the Executive Committee.)

No. 3

New York
December 18, 1890

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461 A meeting of the Executive Committee of Beth Israel Hospital Association was held in the Dispensary Building, 97 Henry Street, at 7:00 P.M.

The Chairman of the evening was Mr. Kleitz, who had been thus appointed by those present.

A discussion took place as to whether the Medical Board should have the right to assign any doctors to Sunday duty. It was finally decided to inform the Chairman of the Medical Board that that body has permission to appoint doctors for Sunday duty, but that such authority is granted for the current month only.

A communication was next read from Pharmacist Ginsberg, plus a supporting statement from the Medical Board, attached thereto, requesting the Executive Committee to grant him a \$2.00 salary increase in view of his Sunday work schedule. This request was approved in recognition " of his being obliged to work on the 7th day."

(Translator's Note: In the Jewish tradition, the Seventh Day is the Jewish Sabbath, while Sunday is called "The First Day of the Week." Reference to the "Seventh Day" in the record may be construed as recognition of Sunday as a day of rest in

America, almost invoking an American interpretation of the quotation from Scripture, "And He rested on the Seventh Day.")

A recommendation was made by the President, Dr. Serling, that collection boxes be fabricated and placed in numerous business locations, as a means of realizing significant income for the Association this year. It was decided to table this proposal until the next meeting.

The matter of the fair was discussed at length, and Dr. Serling was finally instructed to hire a hall for such a purpose, and to report the results at the next meeting.

It was then resolved to send letters to the (fund raising) Committees, urging them to raise the required funds promptly, because the need for cash was urgent.

Collector Rappaport was accused of negligence for failing to attend to his responsibilities; he seemed preoccupied with other business pursuits. It was resolved to replace him with someone else. Mr. Baden indicated that he would be interested in taking on the assignment as a collector, and if this were approved, he would be willing to help the Association by working for a monthly salary of \$5.00, instead of his current compensation of \$2.00 weekly.

Disposition of this offer was referred to President Serling, who promptly announced the appointment of Mr. Baden as Collector in replacement of Mr. Rappaport.

With this, the distinguished President closed the meeting.

New York
December 21, 1890

BP
460

A mass meeting was held by Beth Israel Hospital Association at 206 East Broadway.

The distinguished President of the Association opened the meeting at 8:00 P.M., and appointed Vice-President Kleitz as Chairman of the evening.

Mr. Kleitz spoke briefly but effectively, making the goals of the meeting clear to the audience. He concluded by introducing Judge Goldfogel. The latter made an excellent speech in English, and was warmly applauded. The Chairman next introduced Mr. Morris Alexander, whose fine talk was appreciatively received. The final speaker was the popular and beloved orator, Dr. Guranowsky, whose wonderful speech was given an ovation.

The discussion that followed focused on the question as to how the required funds can be raised. Mrs. Alexander declared that the necessary sums of money can be realized, if the enunciated advice of Mr. Morris Alexander is followed; i.e., that small booklets be printed (raffles?), by which means significant sums of money can be raised for the Association by committees of women.

Mrs. Alexander's proposal was approved. It will be elucidated next Sunday, December 28th, at a meeting of the ladies.

The meeting was then adjourned by the distinguished Chairman.

Receipts of the evening \$21.25

New York
December 25, 1890

BP
459

The 5th meeting of the Board of Directors of Beth Israel Hospital Association took place in the Dispensary building, at 97 Henry Street. The distinguished President of the organization, Dr. Serling, opened the meeting at 8:00 P.M.

The minutes of recent meetings, including those of the Executive Committee and Medical Committee were read by the Secretary, and approved.

In accordance with the suggestion of Dr. Serling, it was agreed to send a letter of thanks to Mrs. Alexander in appreciation for her excellent recommendation at the Mass Meeting on December 21, 1890, concerning the (raffle) booklets.

Dr. Kleitz proposed that committees be named to try to raise money by means of promissory notes.

Dr. Zinsler reported that he had spoken to a certain Zurovier Lodge of the Independent Order of Brith Abraham, who pledged a grant of \$25.00 to the Association. The Secretary was, therefore, instructed to write an acknowledgment to this Lodge.

The lengthy discussion that followed dealt with ways and means for raising the necessary sums of money. Numerous suggestions

were offered in this regard. It was finally decided that three loans be floated of \$400.00 each. The said loans were requested at the meeting and endorsed. Mr. Levy personally guaranteed to underwrite these loans, if the interest on them would be borne by the Association.

The aforementioned guarantee notwithstanding, the following men agreed to lend money to the organization against receipts, in the following sums:

B. Solomon, with the co-endorsement of Mr. Wein	\$100
B. Glatzer for a period of six months	50
Jacob Cohen for a period of three months	25
L. Lewis for a period of six months	50

Mr. Gieses suggested that only volunteers be used to solicit loans against promissory notes. He personally volunteered to do just that together with Jacob Morgen, throughout the day on Friday.

The next issue on the agenda concerned janitor Louis. In his capacity as Chairman of the Executive Committee, Dr. Zinsler resented the dismissal of the janitor, and felt that this matter belongs within the jurisdiction of his committee. According to the Constitution, if the Executive Committee finds that an individual is not performing his duties properly, then the Chairman may fire him. Subsequently, it was decided to retain the janitor, on condition that he maintain the Dispensary in the best possible conditions of cleanliness and orderliness.

Then, the distinguished President adjourned the meeting.

Remaining balance as of Dec. 12th	\$647.11
Income from Dec. 12th to the 25th	<u>235.75</u>
TOTAL	\$882.86
Expenditures from 12th to the 25th	<u>215.75</u>
REMAINING	\$667.11
In possession of Treasurer	648.58
In possession of Secretary	<u>18.53</u>
RECONCILIATION TOTAL	\$667.11

New York
January 1, 1891

BP

458 The mass meeting that had been called for today was very poorly attended, because of bad weather.

The 6th meeting of the Board of Directors was also scheduled for this evening, and it took place at 95 East Broadway. The distinguished President of the Association, Dr. Serling, called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary and adopted, save for a point requiring clarification. At that meeting, it was decided that three loans be floated of \$400.00 each against promissory notes that the Association would issue. It was noted that the Association had originated the idea of the notes, and these were subsequently executed and signed.

The President mentioned that the Finance Committee had met, and had studied both our income and expenditures, but had not yet had an opportunity to audit the figures, due to limitations of time. The said Committee has taken the position that all payments may only be made by check, must be signed by the President, and can only be paid by the Treasurer.

Mr. Katz, Secretary, reported that a significant amount of

money was now in the coffers of the Association. According to the President's estimate, this sum totals \$2,794.

Mr. Morris Alexander thought, inasmuch as we are scheduled to take title to the buildings at 206 East Broadway and 195 Division Street in the presence of Judge Isaacs tomorrow, Friday, January 2nd, at 1:00 P.M., that we should be alert and cautious, and that we take title to the properties without delay. But in his judgment, the price of the aforementioned buildings was inflated.

His assertion precipitated prolonged discussion. It finally ended with a decision to name a committee to meet with Judge Isaacs, to inform him that there is a public outcry about the inflated price of the properties in question, in the hope that Judge Isaacs would reduce the price. The following gentlemen were named to this Committee: Lazarus Levy, Johann Stone, Kleitz, Dr. Serling, and Louis Minsky. A report about the response of Judge Isaacs will be expected at the next meeting.

(Translator's Note: The mood of the cautionary comments of Morris Alexander is perhaps best conveyed by the words which the Secretary had written and then crossed out in the record on page 458, "that we be alert and cautious, to avoid being swindled." The underlined words were crossed out.)

A certain Mr. Neiman was next on the agenda. He reported that Mr. Janus Weil had appealed to the President of Congregation Orach Chayim, Mr. Donenberg, of 404 East 50th Street, to speak to Dr. Newmark, the Rabbi of that Synagogue, about delivering a sermon in support of Lebanon Hospital. Dr. Newmark told his

President that Beth Israel Hospital Association was already in existence, with a dispensary currently in operation, and a proven record. He thought it would be advisable for the Synagogue neither to support Beth Israel nor Lebanon Hospital. The Secretary of our Association was instructed promptly to communicate with the above named Mr. Donenberg, and to enclose a circular therewith.

BP

457 Charges were brought against the staff doctors, and Dr. Serling, President, declared that certain physicians, (Doctors Isaacs, Gordon, Robinson and Bluestone excepted), were not attending to their responsibilities at the Dispensary. They have not been arriving at their appointed hours, causing patients to grow disaffected and bored while waiting for any doctor to finally appear. Dr. Serling went on to say that he had personally noted that certain physicians, like eye doctors, and dentists, were listed on the medical roster, but whom he had never seen at the Dispensary. Dr. Gordon testified to the contrary, as follows: in order for the doctors to be more punctual in their attendance at the Dispensary, the roster will, indeed, require revision. As far as the eye doctors are concerned, a dark room will have to be installed for eye examination purposes, and until that is done there is no further point in having an eye doctor present in the Dispensary. A dentist requires a special dental chair for tooth extractions; up until now this facility has not been provided, and a dentist has, therefore, been unable to do his job in the Dispensary. At the present time, however, a certain

Mr. Grabow has pledged to present a dental chair as a gift to the Dispensary, thus facilitating treatment by dentists. In addition, after he joins the Association as a member, he will be making annual contributions of \$20.00, earmarked for the Beth Israel Hospital Association. It should be added that he has personally also enrolled many members.

Mr. Lipson suggested that favorable consideration be given the offer of a certain Mr. Stone, now residing with Mr. Shamponsky, to give the Association \$1,000.00 worth of booklets (raffles?), which can be profitably be sold at fifty cents each. In accordance with the expressed wishes of those present, Mr. Stone was invited to come to the meeting, where he explained more fully what he thought could be done with the booklets.* It was then resolved to accept this gift.

New York
January 4, 1891

BP
456

A special meeting of the Board of Directors was held in the Dispensary building, at 97 Henry Street.

Dr. Serling, the distinguished President of the Association, convened the meeting at 8:00 P.M. The Special Committee reported about their Friday visit with Judge Isaacs, when they discussed his buildings at 206 East Broadway and 195 Division Street. Judge Isaacs refused to reduce the price of \$50,000, insisting that it could not be changed. He was prepared to return the \$500 deposit immediately, but at the request of the Committee he agreed to hold it until a meeting will be held to finally resolve the matter.

The problem was then fully discussed. It was finally resolved to request the return of the \$500.00 deposit from Judge Isaacs. A committee was appointed to search further for buildings that may be better suited for a hospital, and available for prompt purchase. The Search Committee, which is expected to report at the next meeting, consists of the following: S. H. Stone, M. Alexander, L. Levy, L. Minsky, M. London, B. Kleitz, Dr. Isaacs, Dr. Gordon, S. Lipzen, B. Scheschitzsky, and Golembuk.

It was the expressed view of Doctors Isaacs and Gordon that the

aforementioned buildings were really not suited for a hospital. They recommended that we completely cancel further interest in those structures, and investigate other facilities that could accommodate a hospital more successfully.

It was moved, seconded and passed that Messrs. Groboff, Stone, and Deibusch be accepted as Directors of Beth Israel Hospital Association. Mr. Deibusch, who was absent, will be informed by letter about the action just taken.

Our distinguished President then closed the meeting.

(No signature)

New York
January 8, 1891

BP
455

The 7th regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Beth Israel Hospital Association took place in the Dispensary building, at 97 Henry Street.

Dr. Serling, our distinguished President, appointed Vice-President Lazarus Levy as the Chairman of the evening, who, in turn, opened the meeting at 8:00 P.M. The minutes of the last special meeting were read by the Secretary and were duly adopted.

Mr. Raphael Horowitz wrote a letter offering to resign, claiming that his lack of time made it impossible for him to fulfill his duties as a Director. It was resolved to accept the resignation in deference to his expressed wishes, but Mr. Nathan Lipshitz objected to accepting the resignation of an incumbent Board member who causes no harm to the organization. At the request of Mr. Shamponsky, it was deemed best to table this matter until the time of our next elections.

Reports were next presented about numerous buildings and lots. In order to purchase a building or a piece of property expeditiously, it was moved, seconded and passed that a Special Building Committee be appointed, consisting of ten or more people, who are empowered to make a purchase, but who, before

going to contract, are required to obtain ratification of their action at a special meeting. The Committee was made up of the following:

Dr. Serling	B. Solomon
Lazarus Levy	Graboff
Morris Alexander	Stone
Kushevsky	Nathan Lipshitz
Shamponsky	Dr. Isaacs
Minsky	Dr. Gordon
Deibush	

Upon motion made by Mr. Stone, which was duly seconded and passed, a committee of three was appointed to confer and advise with the Directors of Mount Sinai Hospital, and to report back at our next meeting. Named to this Committee were: Mr. L. Levy, Stone, Morris Alexander and Dr. Serling.

(Translator's Note: It may be assumed that the suggested conference with Mount Sinai Hospital was expected to deal with such current problems as:

- (a) advisability of purchasing a building or an open lot for construction purposes;
- (b) capital funding;
- (c) avoiding duplication of uptown services by choosing a suitable geographic location;
- (d) administrative advice based on longer experience of Mount Sinai;
- (e) exploring avenues of institutional cooperation, etc.)

Mr. Morris Alexander suggested that a written invitation be extended to Messrs. Lichtenberg and Kort to attend one of our meetings. Dr. Isaacs commented that these two gentlemen had promised a long time ago to contribute \$20.00 for the purchase of instruments.

(Translator's Note: It seems no gift materialized.)

In order to provide Dr. Isaacs with the instruments he needs, he was told to give the Board a list of such requirements, and

the necessary purchase will be made.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the operational budget of the Dispensary be kept in a separate account, so that these funds are not disturbed. An independent treasurer is to be designated to be overseer of these monies.

It was agreed that Mr. A. London, who had already served as Treasurer, should be appointed the Treasurer of the Dispensary.

Mr. Nathan Lipshitz reported, as a member of the Finance Committee, that (the Finance Committee) had already audited income and expenses, and had found the records in order through the month of November. In the last several months, however, (the Committee) noted that operational expenses were excessive, and it was, therefore, recommended to consider ways of cutting expenses. It was also determined to pay the accumulated bills that amount to \$157.00.

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At this point, the distinguished Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Receipts from January 1-8, 1891

Membership dues	\$44.65
Donations	3.50
Pharmacy	33.05
Notes	<u>17.00</u>
TOTAL	\$98.20

On hand, January 1st	<u>932.93</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,031.13
Expenditures from Jan.1-8	<u>3.55</u>
BALANCE AS OF JAN. 9, 1891	\$1,027.58

Secretary A. Katz

New York
January 11, 1891

BP

453 In the absence of the Chairman, Dr. Zinsler, the meeting of the Executive Committee of Beth Israel Hospital Association was opened by Dr. Serling, our distinguished President, at 8:00 P.M., in the Dispensary building, at 97 Henry Street. The following men were absent: Morris Alexander, Louis Minsky, Lazarus Levy, Johann Stone and Davis.

The Finance Committee reported in the name of its members, Messrs. Jacob Cohen, Jacob Golembuk, and Scheschitzky, that expenses of the Dispensary have recently considerably exceeded income to the degree that the Association was compelled to cover the deficit from the Foundation Fund. In the opinion of the Committee, it would be altogether proper to expect that expenses be reduced.

The Executive Committee endorsed that view, and the following resolutions were adopted:

- 1) Doctors who are paid \$20 monthly for the treatment of patients on the East Side, should also be expected to be on duty on Sunday without extra compensation;
- 2) The pharmacist should receive a weekly salary of only \$10.00, as previously agreed; he should also be expected to work Sundays, the same as the Doctors, without extra compensation;
- 3) We should make do with a single collector for raising funds; he should receive 10% of the total receipts

reaching the office of the Dispensary; the said Collector should continue to be Mr. Friedman;

- 4) The President should appoint a Supply Committee to monitor the cost of printing and of all supplies;
- 5) All members of the Board of Directors must also be members of Beth Israel Hospital Association; lacking this, no person can hold any official status as a Director;
- 6) All those Directors affected by the new rules of membership adopted at this meeting, are hereby given one week's notice; by the next meeting, they must give some indication if they have accepted these requirements, and are living up to them.

With this, the worthy President adjourned the meeting until next Thursday, the 15th of this month.

Secretary A. Katz

New York
January 15, 1891

BP
452

The 9th regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Beth Israel Hospital Association was declared in session at 8:30 P.M. by Dr. Serling, President, in the Dispensary, 97 Henry Street. All Directors were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Board, as well as those of the Executive Committee, were read and officially adopted.

The report of the Building Committee was presented concerning several buildings that are for sale. Actually, the Committee members have not as yet decided which of these structures is preferable. They were requested to gather more facts and details for presentation.

Messrs. B. Solomon, Davis and Groboff, although members of the Building Committee, were absent. It was determined to dismiss them, and to replace them with the following men: A. London, Kleitz, and Lipson.

The Committee that was charged with the job of conferring with Mt. Sinai Hospital reported that they had visited Mr. Neuman Kahn, who also happens to be a Director of the FREE LIBRARY. Mt. Sinai Hospital is in sympathy with our Association and promises to help us with advice and tangible assistance. Messrs. Neuman Kahn and Jacob Korn actually permitted us to

enroll them as members of our Association. In addition, they made donations:

Mr. Kahn	\$250
Mr. Korn	150
Mr. Jacob Bookman	200

As far as the building is concerned that houses the Free Library, at 206 East Broadway, they were indifferent whether we buy it or not.

Mr. Stone proposed that we seriously reconsider the bulding at 206 East Broadway, bur Mr. Morris Alexander and Dr. Zinsler were opposed, commenting that we would have to make the down payment for it immediately, and furthermore, we would have no access to the building until a year hence. Mr. Kleitz thought that we should reconsider it nevertheless. Following further discussion of the matter a vote was taken, 11 for further consideration of 206 East Broadway, and 6 opposed.

It was Albert London's recommendation that the price of any building under consideration for purchase not exceed \$30,000. This recommendation was seconded and duly adopted.

A communication was received from Mr. Ginsberg, the Pharmacist of the Dispensary. He wrote that he cannot make ends meet if he is expected to give up \$2.00 pay in lieu of his day of rest. He felt he needs \$12.00 weekly to get by, the salary he had originally received. It was voted that he be paid \$12.00 weekly by the Association, in accordance with his wishes.

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The question of how to compensate Collector Friedman was next considered. Should he be paid 10% of the funds he actually collects; or is that percentage also to include funds brought in voluntarily by members? It was decided that the Collector is to receive 10% of membership dues paid to the Association, but excluding the first payments of members.

The resignation of Mr. Horowitz, referred to in the minutes of the 7th Board Meeting, dated the 8th of this month, was accepted.

It was recommended that the Building Committee elect its own officers. Should any member of said Committee learn of the availability of a suitable building, he is promptly to notify the Committee Chairman, so that more prompt attention can be given the matter. The following were nominated to the Chairmanship: Messrs. Lazarus Levy, Minsky, Morris Alexander and Dr. Serling. All declined except Mr. Lazarus Levy; hence he was declared unanimously elected to the position of Chairman of the Building Committee.

Before adjourning the meeting, the President announced that the Board will not be meeting until the Building Committee has some important news to report.

Secretary A.D. Katz

New York
January 22, 1891

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451 The regular meeting of the Executive Committee of Beth Israel Hospital Association was called to order by its distinguished Chairman, Dr. Zinsler, in the Dispensary building of the Association, 97 Henry Street, at 8:00 P.M.

A formal complaint was made by Dr. Serling against the staff doctors and pharmacist, because they are not performing their duties properly and they lack discipline. It was decided to ask the Executive Committee to investigate these charges at a meeting next Sunday, 8:00 P.M., to which both the pharmacist and the doctors are to be summoned.

It was reported that Judge Isaacs wishes to present an electrical machine to the Dispensary as a gift, and it was voted to accept this with an expression of gratitude.

A communication was next read from Mr. Lichtenberg, wherein he accepted membership on the Board of Directors; he promised to do his best for the welfare of the organization. He also wanted to have us write him as to the amount he is to contribute. Mr. Morris Alexander expects that we should receive a check from him. Mr. Alexander was asked how much we should ask him to contribute. He said he preferred to meet with the gentleman first, before replying. The Secretary was instructed to write Mr. Lichtenberg with our expression of thanks.

450 A letter was received from the janitor, Louis Robinson, complaining that he cannot live on \$5.00 a week. He detailed how much work he does in the Dispensary, which, he thought, was worth an additional dollar per day. It was decided to grant him a raise of \$1.00 weekly, starting the 25th of this month, or \$6.00 weekly.

A letter was read from Mr. Baden, asking the Association for a salary of \$7.10. He said he had voluntarily lowered his salary to \$5.00 monthly in order to become a collector, but the collections only lasted three weeks. Now he wants to receive \$2.00 weekly, as heretofore. It was resolved to pay him \$5.00 monthly plus \$1.10 for taking care of collections, or a total of \$6.10.

A bill had been received from the printer Auerbach, totaling \$35.50. This bill was deemed unacceptable, because his work was unsatisfactory. Auerbach offered to lower the price by \$3.00, to reprint the job, and to correct his mistakes. The matter should be reconsidered, but the balance due him should be paid in due course.

It was observed that the doctors had dispensed the greatest amount of free medicine in the last several days. It was determined to take this matter up at the meeting scheduled with the doctors next Sunday evening.

The Finance Committee reported that expenditures had increased

markedly over income in the last month, and recommended that the Executive Committee find ways to control this.

Mr. Levinstein recommended that the building located at 240 East Broadway be bought. Mr. Minsky preferred that 175 Eldridge Street be purchased, a building he had thoroughly inspected, and which he thought best suited the needs of the Association. The matter was referred to those members of the Building Committee who were actually present at the meeting, namely, Mr. Lazarus Levy, Morris Alexander and Dr. Serling.

The meeting was adjourned.

Secretary A. Katz

New York
January 25, 1891

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449 The 5th regular meeting of the Executive Committee of Beth Israel Hospital Association was called to order by our distinguished President, Dr. Serling, in the Dispensary building, at 97 Henry Street, at 8:30 P.M. The minutes of the last meeting were read, and officially adopted.

Dr. Serling mentioned that the pharmacy of the Dispensary has not been showing a profit as formerly, and he asked the pharmacist for the reason. He also inquired how we can economize. Complaints were voiced by others about the lateness of the doctors and pharmacist. It was even mentioned that the doctors failed to appear altogether on a certain Sunday. Dr. Thaler remarked that he perceived these complaints as directed at him personally. He agreed that such things have occurred, but infrequently. A doctor cannot always be punctual. For example, when he treats a sick person in his office, he cannot leave him in the midst of the treatment. He agreed that he had been absent one Sunday, when the weather was bad and he felt unwell.

All the other doctors and the pharmacist testified that they had attended to their duties, and had been punctual.

Dr. Isaacs then made a short statement, declaring that the doctors discharge their responsibilities as acts of charity, and if anyone of them is late on occasion, it is inappropriate

to complain about him at an open meeting, before numerous people.

It was recommended by Mr. Stone, that all the previous negative comments be stricken from the record, and that further discussion of the complaints cease. This was duly seconded and adopted.

Dr. Isaacs, Chairman of the Medical Board, made a motion that the Dispensary be kept closed on Sunday. Due to the inconsequential number of patients who have been seeking help on that day, it is an unnecessary expense to stay open. The motion was adopted, subject to ratification by the Board of Directors.

Dr. Isaacs further moved that dispensing free medicine should be done only subject to the signed authorization of our doctors, and by no one else. This motion was also adopted, again subject to Board ratification.

The meeting was thereupon adjourned.

Secretary A. Katz

New York
January 29, 1891

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The 10th meeting of the Board of Directors of the Beth Israel Hospital Association was called to order by the distinguished Chairman, Mr. Lazarus Levy, in the Dispensary building, at 97 Henry Street, at 9:00 P.M. All Directors were present. The minutes of the last meeting of the Board, and minutes of the last two meetings of the Executive Committee, were read and officially adopted.

A communication was read from Collector Friedman, complaining that he cannot earn a living based on his current collections, and he asked to be paid 15%. Consideration of this matter was postponed for the time being.

The Executive Committee next raised the question regarding the appropriate authority for dispensing free medicine to the poor. Should this be the province of the Financial Secretary or the doctors?

It was Dr. Zinsler's thought that free medicine should not be dispensed. Nevertheless, there are exceptional cases who even lack ten cents to pay for medicine. He suggested that such expenses should be met by means of collection boxes to be distributed to the various business houses. His recommendation was not fully adopted, but it was agreed that free medicines should not be dispensed, except in very special cases.

A bill for \$24.00 has been received from the doctors, covering 6 Sundays. This bill was protested by Dr. Serling, because it has been our policy that they should work on Sunday without extra compensation. Considering the fact thtat the doctors have never objected to this policy, it has remained in effect. Dr. Gordon spoke to the contrary, declaring that he had, indeed, once protested against that policy, but that the President had then postponed consideration of the matter. Dr. Gordon now insisted on being paid. Our worthy Chairman declined to promise any prompt resolution of the problem; it remains to be resolved at the next meeting.

The next question to be considered concerned keeping the Dispensary closed on Sunday, as proposed by the Executive Committee. There was a great deal of discussion about this, but it was determined that the Dispensary should remain open every day of the week.

This meeting was thereupon adjourned.

Secretary A. Katz

New York
February 5, 1891

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The 11th regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Beth Israel Hospital Association was called to order by its distinguished Chairman, Mr. Lazarus Levy, in the Dispensary building, at 97 Henry Street, at 9:00 P.M. All Directors were present. The minutes of the previous meeting were presented and officially adopted.

A letter was received from Abraham Pollak, of 5 Chrystie Street, complaining about (Miss) Doctor Igelsky, who had been summoned to visit and examine his wife. He claimed that she only visited his home once without charge, (Translator's Note: Presumably, this examination took place at the home of the patient, at 5 Chrystie Street.) but thereafter, she expected one dollar per visit. For the foreseeable future, the same Mr. Pollack requests our help in making the doctor and medicine available without charge. Mr. Katz was instructed to dispatch a doctor to that home, to personally acquaint himself with the circumstances of the complaint, and to resolve it. In order to obviate the possibility of such complaints arising in the future, a committee was appointed to investigate and to recommend a solution. Kleitz, Dr. Serling, Shamponsky, Minsky, and Lazarus Levy were named to the Committee.

A report was rendered by the Building Committee about several buildings that are for sale. Only two of these were given any preference: one at 97 Henry Street, where the Dispensary is now located, and the other at 164 Henry Street. The report was

referred back to the Building Committee for more detailed investigation of the facts, and to report again at our scheduled meeting next Saturday night.

The meeting was thereupon declared adjourned until Saturday evening, the 7th of this month.

Secretary A. Katz

New York
February 19, 1891

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The 12th regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Beth Israel Hospital Association was called to order by our distinguished President, Dr. Serling, in the Dispensary building, 97 Henry Street, at 8:00 P.M. All Directors were present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and officially adopted.

A letter was read from Reverend Dr. Zinsler, in which he wishes to resign as Chairman of the Executive Committee, and also as a member of the Board of Directors. The matter was tabled for further consideration.

A letter was read bearing the signatures of Dr. Isaacs, as President of the Medical Board, and Dr. Gordon, as Secretary, tendering the resignation of the entire membership of that body. The matter was tabled for later consideration.

Mr. Kleitz, as a member of the Building Committee, had been charged with the responsibility of visiting the landlords of 97 Henry Street and 164 Henry Street, in order to obtain more precise details about those places, and then to report at a meeting of the Board of Directors. He now reported that the building at 97 Henry Street cannot be purchased for financial reasons; and 164 Henry Street is also not purchasable, because of two important considerations: firstly, because someone else already holds an option on that building for the next two years, and secondly, because that building lacks its own

retaining walls.

At that point, the President made a stirring statement, noting the pronounced retrogressive trend of the Association in the last two months, particularly since the decision to cancel the purchase of the two buildings at 206 East Broadway and 195 Division Street. How much better it would be, he went on, for the Association to return (change its decision) and buy these two properties. His statement called forth heated discussion. Finally, it was Mr. Lazarus Levy who moved that 206 East Broadway and 195 Division Street be purchased by the Association, for the hospital to be established therein. The motion was seconded by Mr. Minsky, and duly passed with the amendment by Mr. Kleitz, that we deposit no more than \$1500 when we go to contract. Messrs. Levy, Minsky, Kleitz and Dr. Serling were appointed to a special committee with full power to sign a contract. Dr. Serling promised to visit Judge Isaacs the following day, Friday, February 20, 1891, to convey to the Judge the decision that had been arrived at, and at the same time, Dr. Serling will request an appointment for our Committee to discuss the entire matter with him again.

The question was now posed whether the Association should accept the resignation of the doctors. It was moved, seconded and passed that we accept their resignation. Doctors Bluestone, Robinson and Iglesias declared that they do not care to know what action was taken by the Medical Board. As far as they were concerned, they wish to continue to treat patients in

the Dispensary, as heretofore. Mr. Kleitz was instructed to talk to Dr. Isaacs and to ask him, also, to remain associated with the Dispensary. Mr. Kleitz was also instructed to discuss ways of constituting a new Medical Board with other doctors.

The aforementioned resignation of Dr. Zinsler was not accepted.

With this action, our distinguished President closed the meeting.

Secretary A. Katz

New York
February 23, 1891

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A special joint meeting of the Board of Directors and the Building Committee of Beth Israel Hospital Association was called to order by our President, Dr. Serling, in the Dispensary Building of the Association, at 97 Henry Street, at 8:00 P.M.

The following people were present: Mr. Kleitz, Mr. Morris Alexander, Louis Minsky, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Davis, Jacob Golembuk.

(Translator's Note: The two women mentioned by name were not members of the Building Committee, and it appears that they were special invitees.)

It was moved, seconded and passed that we drop further interest in the purchase of 206 East Broadway, and that preference be given, instead, to the purchase of 97 Henry Street. There are numerous ongoing problems related to the former property. The Henry Street building has been rented to us (leased?) for 5 years at \$2,000 per annum, and the Association will have the option to buy that property at \$24,000 during the first two years. At the expiration of that period, the Association will still be given preference over any other buyer.

The meeting was thereupon adjourned.

Secretary A. Katz

New York
February 26, 1891

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The 13th regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Beth Israel Hospital Association was called to order by our distinguished President, Dr. Serling, in the Dispensary of the Association, at 9:00 P.M. The minutes of the last meeting were read and offically adopted, with the correction that the reports concerning the different buildings were not given by Mr. Kleitz, but by someone else. The minutes of the last special meeting of the Building Committee were also read, but were rejected, because they were deemed inaccurate. Secretary Levin defended himself in that regard, stating that he had personally been absent from the special meeting, but that he had written the minutes based upon the details reported to him by the Financial Secretary.

A communication was read from Dr. Zvi Sohn, expressing his interest in serving in the Dispensary. Consideration of this was tabled for a later meeting.

Discussion was given the question of keeping the Dispensary open or closed during renovations. It was decided to keep it open.

The president next called upon Mr. Louis Minsky to read the list (of particulars) about 97 Henry Street.

(Translator's Note: The content of "the list" is not elaborated in the record. It may be assumed that the list either concerned details of the necessary renovations, or else

it contained facts favoring purchase of that property.)
The reading of this was received with satisfaction by those
present.

For the good of the Association, Mr. Kleitz proposed that a
Construction Committee be constituted of 5 craftsmen who should
determine whatever work was necessary there, and who should
also estimate the costs involved. This proposal was seconded
and adopted. To this Committee were appointed Messrs. L. Levy,
M. Alexander, L. Minsky, Dr. Serling, Mr. Kleitz.

It was agreed to write to the landlord requesting him to turn
over the keys of the building to the Association by this
Monday, the 2nd of March.

It was also agreed to submit application forms for our
participation in the Purim Ball. Our worthy President
undertook to do this.

It was voted that those doctors who treat "outside" patients at
the Dispensary should not receive a monthly salary, but may
receive a fee of twenty-five cents from each of those patients.

With this, the meeting was adjourned.

(No signature)

New York
March 5, 1891

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443 The 14th regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Beth Israel Hospital Association was called to order in the Dispensary of the Association, at 97 Henry Street, at 8:00 P.M., by our distinguished Vice-President, Mr. Lazarus Levy. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and officially adopted.

It was proposed by Mr. Morris Alexander, and seconded by Mr. Kleitz, that the Construction Committee be asked to spend about an hour on Sunday afternoon March 8, 1891, from 2:00 to 3:00 P.M., on an inspection of all the rooms, in order to assess all that must be done and how to schedule the work. This proposal was adopted.

It was suggested to write to Mr. Silberman about the chandeliers which Levy had taken down. These chandeliers belong to our building.

Dr. Isaacs reported that all was now in order as far as the doctors were concerned, and as of tomorrow, the 6th, they will return to their duties at the Dispensary.

The Financial Committee gave a report that our income to date is \$2,577.20. Expenditures stood at \$1,221.38. The balance in the treasury is, therefore, \$1,355.82.

It was decided to pay the doctors for four Sundays, at \$8.00 each. Dr. Isaacs will return his \$8.00 to the Association as a donation.

It was moved by Mr. Minsky that the Association take back its \$500 from Judge Isaacs. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. B. Solomon, a Director, volunteered to donate Kosher meat to the Hospital during its first month of operations. Should there be few patients during the first month, he also will contribute meat in the second month.

It was reported that 2,968 people were treated at the Dispensary in the last three months. In addition, 401 were treated at home by our doctors and given medicine, bringing the grand total to 3,369.

Dr. Serling and Mr. B. Kleitz were appointed as a Donations Committee, to be in the Dispensary each Sunday evening for the receipt of contributions.

At this, the meeting was adjourned.

(No Signature)

New York
March 12, 1891

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The 15th regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Beth Israel Hospital was opened by our distinguished President, Dr. Serling, in the Dispensary of the Hospital, at 97 Henry Street, at 8:30 P.M. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and officially adopted.

A letter was read from CHEVRA AHAVATH TORAH # 91, of the Order of Brith Abraham, offering to pay a fee of 75 cents per member, per quarter, to Beth Israel Hospital, for the privilege of getting free medical treatment for their members whenever necessary. This offer was rejected, with the comment that Beth Israel Hospital was not founded for business purposes, but solely for the purpose of doing good.

A letter was also received from a man named Morris Bahr, seeking to obtain a job at the Hospital. This request was rejected since the Hospital has as yet no need for a staff.

(Translator's Note: It is interesting to note that these minutes of March 12, 1891, for the first time refer to the organization as BETH ISRAEL HOSPITAL, instead of the usual BETH ISRAEL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION.)

Mr. Lazarus Levy recommended, and he was supported by Mr. B. Kleitz, that the Association should appoint a few distinguished men, possessing a good understanding of the language of the land as well as some knowledge of German, to canvass for members in the Association. In the event such respectable people fail to volunteer, then the Association should

hire the services of a qualified canvasser, at the rate of whatever the market will bear. After much discussion, it was determined that it would not be worth while for the Association to pay for such a canvasser.

Dr. Zinsler made a recommendation for the good and welfare of the organization, that several pairs of Directors of the Board be designated to solicit among their business friends and associates. They should be equipped with small receipt books, bearing each solicitor's name and the official organizational seal. Let each contributor give as much as he wishes. This recommendation was adopted, and the following pairs were then appointed:

Dr. Zinsler and Mr. Siegel
Mr. Giesses and Mr. Lipson
Mr. L. Levy and Mr. B. Kleitz
Mr. Grobof and Dr. Gordon
Mr. Minsky and Mr. Kushefsky
Mr. B. Solomon and Mr. B. Wein

Mr. Minsky recommended that other Directors be elected to replace those members of the Board who have been absent for a prolonged period of time. The proposal was seconded by Mr. Wein, who promptly nominated Mr. Siegel as a Director. The nomination was received favorably, and Mr. Siegel was elected as a Director. The latter promised to do his utmost for the good of the Association.

It was decided to invite Messrs. Abraham Lewis, of 56 East Broadway, and Klinger, of 132 Henry Street, to the forthcoming meeting of the Board of Directors.

Dr. Zinsler proposed that the chronically ill - incurable cases - not be admitted to the Hospital. The proposal was duly seconded and adopted.

Mr. Lipson asked if the Treasurer had issued bonds in accordance with the instructions of the Board. In the event he has not yet done so, he moved that the President request the Treasurer to issue the said bonds in \$5,000.00 denominations. This was seconded and officially adopted.

Dr. Gordon informed the Association that he had been obliged to resign at the same time that the Medical Board had done so. Now that the doctors have returned to their work at the Association, he also wished to be reinstated. It was decided that Dr. Gordon submit this request in writing. This was subsequently done and he was readmitted to his post.

Mr. Lazarus Levy proposed that Mr. Katz, Financial Secretary, follow-up daily on the punctuality of the arrival and departure of the doctors. In the event anyone is late, he should report this at a meeting of the Board of Directors. Should any doctor be absent three times, he should no longer be retained in the employ of the hospital. The proposal was seconded and duly adopted.

Dr. Zinsler further moved that a sign-in book be ordered, which each doctor is to sign, indicating the exact time of his arrival and departure. The motion was seconded and duly adopted.

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Thereupon, the distinguished President declared the meeting adjourned.

(No Signature)

New York
March 19, 1891

The 6th regular meeting of the Executive Committee of Beth Israel Hospital was called to order by our worthy Vice-President, Mr. B. Kleitz, in the absence of Dr. Zinsler, Chairman of the (Executive) Committee, in the Dispensary of the Hospital, at 97 Henry Street, at 9:00 P.M.

The following Directors were present: Mr. Kleitz, Dr. Serling, Mr. L. Levy, Mr. Kushefsky, Mr. Minsky, Mr. Siegel, Mr. Golembuk, and Mr. Peretz.

It was proposed that several Directors be added to the Executive Committee, in view of the fact that it has too few members, and of these, several are absent at meetings. The proposal was seconded and adopted. Messrs. Kushefsky and Siegel were thereupon voted to membership on the Executive Committee.

A clipping from an English language newspaper was read, in which someone inaccurately described Beth Israel Hospital, even mentioning names of officers of the Hospital who are utterly unknown. Mr. Minsky undertook to send corrections about the Hospital and its officers to that newspaper.

Mr. Kushefsky transmitted \$2,000.00 worth of bonds to Dr. Serling, President, from Mr. Alexander, Treasurer of Beth Israel Hospital. This was noted publicly and accepted.

When Dr. Zinsler arrived, Mr. B. Kleitz requested him to take the chair, whereupon Dr. Zinsler assumed Chairmanship of the meeting.

Dr. Serling announced that Judge Isaacs had returned the \$500 which he was holding as our deposit on 206 East Broadway. It was ordered that these funds be transmitted to the Treasurer.

On the 20th of this month, it was announced, an inspector from the Building Department will investigate if our building is sufficiently sound to house the hospital of the Association. Mr. Katz was instructed to summon Mr. Alexander of L. Levy or Minsky when the inspector arrives, so that they can explain things, and show him anything he wishes to see.

Dr. Serling wished to revise the present method of issuing tickets for the dispensing of medicines. The existing method does not assure control over income. A Revision (Audit) Committee was set up to deal with this problem, consisting of Dr. Serling, Mr. Levy, and Dr. Zinsler.

A suggestion was made that we publicize our need for many more members. When the Hospital is opened, we will find current membership dues inadequate to cover expenses. After some discussion, it was decided to defer further consideration of that matter until the Hospital is actually in operation.

The meeting was then adjourned.

(No Signature)

New York
April 9, 1891

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The 16th regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Beth Israel Hospital was declared in session by our distinguished President, Dr. Serling, in the Dispensary of the Association, 97 Henry Street, at 9:00 P.M. All Directors were present. The minutes of the previous meeting, and also the minutes of the last meeting of the Executive Committee were read, and these were officially adopted.

1. Dr. Zinsler recommended, and he was supported by Mr. Kleitz, that the records of the Executive Committee be kept in a separate book and that they not be entered together with the records of the Board of Directors. The recommendation was accepted.
2. For the good and welfare of the Association it was Dr. Serling's suggestion that a committee of prominent men be designated to meet with the Superintendent of the Building Department for a congenial discussion, hoping that he will not cause us undue difficulties. His suggestion was adopted, and Messrs. Levy, Alexander, and Dr. Serling were assigned to said committee.
3. A letter was read from Mr. Katz, Financial Secretary of the Association, presenting charges against Mr. Morris Alexander, Treasurer. He accused Mr. Alexander of invading the Dispensary on the 7th, and in the presence of many patients he behaved scandalously. He allegedly tried to

beat Mr. Katz to death with a chair. Thanks to Mr. Katz's jumping aside, a thrown chair hit a desk instead, shattering everything on top of it. Allegedly, Mr. Alexander then exclaimed that he really wanted to beat Mr. Katz to death, and he surely would have done so had he not been restrained by the patients. And to the patients he is said to have shouted, "Why are you hanging around this pig-sty of a Dispensary?" According to Mr. Katz, all these events were witnessed by Mr. Levin.

4. Dr. Serling informed the meeting that the recent volume of requests for doctor's attention outside the Dispensary has grown very considerably. He said that it was impossible for the Association to deal with so many outside requests, and for that reason Dr. Serling, President, B. Kleitz, Vice-President, and Dr. Zinsler, Chairman of the Executive Committee, ordered that anyone asking for the home visit of a doctor must pay a fee of twenty-five cents. If any patient is unable to pay this fee, the Secretary is to refer him to a Board member residing in that neighborhood, for further assistance. With the signature of our member verifying this patient's inability to pay, he may have a doctor visit him privately, and at no cost. A question was asked if this is to be our policy in the future. Mr. Lipson moved that the present practice should guide our future policy. This was seconded by Mr. Lewis, and the motion was adopted.

5. In the light of the present great demand for doctors, which no single physician is able to satisfy, Dr. Zinsler proposed that two doctors be employed, and that each one be assigned individually by the Secretary. This proposal was adopted. Dr. Isaacs recommended Dr. Hyman as the second doctor to serve the "outside". The recommendation was adopted.

6. The Secretary informed the meeting about the visit of a committee from the HACHNASAT ORCHIM (THE FREE LODGING SOCIETY), requesting free medicine from Beth Israel Hospital for the immigrants housed there. It was resolved to reply that Beth Israel Hospital was founded to help the poor, and that its assistance is readily extended to any indigent person, be he immigrant or non-immigrant. It was with this that the meeting was adjourned.

With further reference to the 3rd paragraph above, Mr. Katz said he did not wish to obligate Mr. Levin to serve as a witness. He simply wanted to establish that Mr. Alexander had left home with the intention of attacking him.

Dr. Serling ruled that all employees on the weekly payroll should henceforth be paid twice monthly, namely on the 15th and the 1st. Dr. Zinsler observed, however, that each employee should nevertheless be paid on the basis of the money he would have earned weekly; a calculation should be made every three months, to assure that everyone will receive his pay as

originally calculated on a weekly basis. If a difference occurs between the weekly and monthly methods, this difference should be met. This matter was held over until the next meeting.

New York
April 14, 1891

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435 A special meeting of the Board of Directors of Beth Israel Hospital was called to order by our worthy Chairman, Mr. L. Levy in the Dispensary. The following gentlemen were present: Levy, Dr. Serling, Lipson, Wein, Israel Livin, Sheshitsky, Golembuk, M. Siegel, M. Alexander, Kushefsky, Weiss.

Dr. Serling explained the reason for calling this special meeting. He had learned on good authority that the Building Department will not permit a hospital to be opened in this building until certain fire prevention improvements have been made; these should cost approximately \$6,000.00. The Association must now consider what should be done in the matter.

Mr. L. Levy referred to a letter from an architect, stating that he had submitted a new proposal to the Superintendent of the Building Department, which the latter agreed to forward to the Board of Examiners. Mr. Levy thinks that they will surely permit the new plan to be carried out, at a cost of approximately \$1,200 to \$1,500 more than was originally estimated to us.

Dr. Serling suggested that the Association not plan any physical changes (in the building) at this time. The Hospital should be opened in this building just as it is, except for cleaning and painting.

Mr. Morris Alexander said that we should do nothing for the time being, because he believed that he can accomplish something special at the Building Department for the good of the Hospital. His suggestion was accepted.

The meeting was adjourned until the following Sunday, April 19th.

(No Signature)

New York
April 19, 1891

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of Beth Israel Hospital was called to order by our distinguished Vice-President, Mr. B. Kleitz, in the Dispensary, at 97 Henry Street, at 8:00 P.M. It was Dr. Serling who had called the special meeting, in the light of Mr. Alexander's promise to try to use his good offices at the Building Department on behalf of the Hospital. This meeting is to afford us an opportunity to learn about any possible new developments.

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434 Mr. L. Levy recommended that the Association take possession of the building at 196 East Broadway from Dr. Aaronson, who has a lease on it for 5 years. It is already equipped with all that a hospital requires: beds, blankets, etc.. Our worthy Vice-President ruled, in his capacity as Chairman, that it was preferable first to hear if Mr. Alexander had any news from the Building Department. Mr. Alexander reported that he is currently not in a position to have any influence there, because the Department has learned that we wish to alter the building to make it suitable for a hospital. He said that in due course he hoped that he could obtain permission to remove the interior walls.

Mr. Lewis made a motion that the Chairman appoint a committee to investigate the building at 196 East Broadway, and to report back the next day. The motion was duly voted, and the following were named to this Committee Messrs. Levy, Dr.

Serling, Minsky, Dr. Zinsler, Lewis and Siegel.

The meeting was then adjourned.

(No Signature)

New York
April 20, 1891

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of Beth Israel Hospital was called to order by our distinguished President, Dr. Serling, in the Dispensary of the Hospital, at 97 Henry Street, at 8:00 P.M. The president explained that the purpose of this special meeting was to receive the report of the committee appointed to investigate the building at 196 East Broadway.

The committee gave a positive report, indicating that the building is in excellent condition, and is suitable for a hospital.

The question was posed whether that building should be rented from Dr. Aaronson. Mr. Siegel made a motion, seconded by Dr. Zinsler, that a committee be appointed with full authority to reach an agreement with Dr. Aaronson. This committee will include Mr. Lazarus Levy, B. Kleitz, Dr. Zinsler, Joseph Siegel and Morris Siegel.

The meeting was thereupon adjourned.

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New York
April 25, 1891

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A special meeting of the Board of Directors of Beth Israel Hospital was called to order by Mr. B. Kleitz, Vice-President, in the Dispensary of the Hospital, at 97 Henry Street, at 8:00 P.M. Our distinguished Chairman explained that the special meeting was called in order to report that the building at 196 East Broadway, together with all its furnishings has already been taken possession of from Dr. Aaronson. He also detailed how the building had been obtained.

The Committee reported that Dr. Aaronson let us rent the building for 5 years, from May 1, 1891 until May 1, 1896 for \$1,700 per annum; and all its furnishings; beds, mattresses, blankets, carpet, oil cloth, etc. were bought for \$1,200. The news was received with gratification by the Board of Directors, and the report was adopted with a vote of gratitude to the distinguished Committee.

A motion was made by Dr. Serling and seconded by Mr. Lipshitz, that with Dr. Aaronson we draw up an inventory. The motion was unanimously adopted. The Aaronson Negotiating Committee is responsible for making up the inventory.

A question was asked about the status of the Dispensary, because 196 East Broadway is not large enough to house both the Hospital and Dispensary. It was resolved to rent a full floor or basement for the Dispensary in the neighborhood of the

Hospital. Responsibility for this was given to the aforementioned Committee, with full power to act; its members are L. Levy, B. Kleitz, Dr. Zinsler, Joseph Siegel, and Morris Siegel.

Applications have been received for the position of house doctor. In addition, an application has been received from a nurse. Consideration of these applications was postponed for one month.

Mr. Weiss was appointed a committee of one as overseer of the move from the present building.

Dr. Serling recommended, and this was supported by Dr. Isaacs, to suspend the constitution for a period of two weeks, because the work is too great and the time is short for each medical examination to be carried out in accordance with that constitution. The recommendation was seconded and passed.

A question was asked about (in-service) training, when it should be started, how long it should last, and what preparations should be made for the training program to get under way. This matter was tabled for consideration at the subsequent meeting.

Mr. Zinsler made a motion to appropriate \$100.00 to cover the expenses of the training program. An amendment was offered by Mr. Lewis, that the appropriation be administered by the

Executive Committee, who should have full authority to spend as much as necessary for the stated purpose. The amended motion was seconded and adopted.

It was proposed that the rabbinate be invited to participate in the training program. This suggestion was referred to the Arrangements Committee.

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Dr. Serling ordered that regulations be formulated governing the doctors of the Hospital. Dr. Zinsler proposed that a Committee of three directors should consult with the doctors about this next Monday, the 27th. Dr. Serling proposed an amendment. In the event the medical staff seeks to have a doctor dismissed, it behooves the Board to support the latter and not permit this. The Committee to confer with the doctors will include: Dr. Serling, Mr. L. Levy, and Mr. Lewis.

Dr. Serling suggested that the executives who receive their salaries on a weekly basis should now be paid monthly. This question was fully discussed, but it was resolved to dispose of the matter by keeping things as they are.

The meeting was then adjourned.

(No Signature)

New York
April 30, 1891

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of Beth Israel Hospital was called to order by distinguished Dr. Serling, President, in the Dispensary of the Hospital, at 97 Henry Street, at 9:00 P.M.

The minutes of the last special meeting were read and were officially adopted, with the incorporation of the comment that we should not sign a lease with Dr. Aaronson; instead the lease on the building at 196 East Broadway should simply be transferred to us, and all the furnishings and installations contained therein should be bought in the same state as he had originally purchased them.

The Finance Committee reported about its meeting early this evening.

Following were the points they decided to recommend to the Board of Directors:

1. In order for the inaugural ceremony of the Hospital to be attended by a large number of people, envelopes should be printed bearing the official name of BETH ISRAEL HOSPITAL, and printed invitations in Yiddish and English should be inserted therein; 15,000 copies of each should also be sent to the Jewish business people who are listed in the Business Directory. This proposal was adopted, with the suggestion that a separate letter should accompany the invitation.

2. A person should be employed to develop a special list of 100 Jewish (business) names, which he can cull from the Directory, and this job must be completed by a specified date. This proposal was also adopted.
3. One thousand letters should be printed for still another purpose - to be dispatched to sundry institutions, lodges, associations, congregations, etc. This proposal was adopted.
4. Messrs. Lipshitz, Katz, Levin will be charged with the responsibility of preparing the letters; the Printing Committee will include: Pearl, Lipshitz, Dr. Zinsler, and Dr. Isaacs.

The Board of Directors voted to accept all those recommendations.

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431 It was voted that the training sessions should start on the 10th of May and last until May 25th.

The report of the Executive Committee mentioned:

1. The nurse who had submitted her applicaton on the 25th of this month was hired at a salary of \$23.00 (per month?) beginning May 15th.
2. The janitor and his wife, who currently live at 196 East Broadway, and who originally requested a salary of \$35.00 monthly, should be told to vacate, before their reapplication can come before our distinguished Board.
3. During the inaugural ceremonies, two prominent men should

constantly be present at the Hospital, in order to receive visitors, and to give them orientations. Dr. Zinsler volunteered to serve in this capacity without remuneration, for a period of eight days; Mr. B. Kleitz was commissioned to be present throughout the training period, for which he is to be paid \$30.00.

4. Invitations should go to the Hebrew Association, (The Young Men's Hebrew Association?), lodges, to the Board of Directors of Mt. Sinai Hospital, the Hebrew Home, the Montefiore Home, and similar organizations.
5. To advertise the position of Superintendent.

The above were seconded and ratified.

It was decided to produce a donation book, and this was adopted.

The question was raised as to how the executives are to be paid their salaries. It was moved, seconded and agreed to pay them on a monthly basis.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the Dispensary be closed, until another location can be found for it in the neighborhood of the Hospital.

The meeting was then adjourned.

(No Signature)

New York
May 3, 1891

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The 17th regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Beth Israel Hospital was opened by Dr. Serling, our distinguished President, at the Hospital, 196 East Broadway, at 8:00 P.M. All Directors were present.

The President held a speech, and thanked the distinguished Board members most sincerely for their devotion to the Association, for they have never spared time nor effort to realize our objective.

He next called on Mr. Minsky to serve as Chairman for the evening. Mr. Minsky took the chair and made a brief statement, thanking the President and the Board for the honor they had bestowed upon him in making him chairman of the very first meeting to take place at the new Hospital. He pledged to do his utmost for the Association. He next ordered the Recording Secretary to read the minutes of those previous meetings which had never been presented. After the reading, the minutes were officially adopted.

It was moved by Dr. Isaacs, and seconded by Mr. Shamponsky, that paragraph # 3 in the minutes of the 16th regular meeting, as well as the accusations contained in the minutes dated April 9, 1891, should be stricken from the record. After a great deal of discussion of the matter, the motion was passed.

The gift of a ledger was made to the Hospital by Mr. L. Levy for recording all donations. The ledger was accepted with an expression of thanks. It was resolved that the name of the contributor and the value of his gift be recorded in this ledger.

The attorney, Mr. Scharsohn, was appointed a member of the committee responsible for drafting the invitations and letters associated with the inauguration ceremony of the Hospital, and he readily accepted.

A written application was received from a janitor who asked to be paid \$35.00 monthly. The application was rejected. Dr. Serling was charged with the responsibility to get the present incumbent to move from the premises of the Hospital.

Another written application was received for the position of Superintendent, which will await subsequent action. It was resolved to advertise our need for a Superintendent in the press.

Mr. Lewis was asked to make sure that the Hospital and all its property are insured, and he accepted this assignment.

Dr. Serling, President, Messrs. B. Kleitz and L. Levy, Vice-President, advised the meeting that they had arrived at a settlement with the owners of the building at 97 Henry Street. The Association must still meet the final \$125.00 payment.

This news was accepted with expressions of thanks to the Committee.

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A proposal was offered by Dr. Serling to review the physical condition of the Hospital building, for example, the need to paint the gate, to fix the yard, steps, etc.. The proposal was adopted, and referred to the Building Committee.

It was resolved to write to Dr. Aaronson, requesting him to transmit all the property of the hospital. A committee was appointed to take possession of the property: Messrs. Minsky and Pearl.

Mr. Lewis suggested that the beds of the Hospital ought to be endowed; for example, anyone contributing a sum to be specified by the Board of Directors should be able to dedicate a bed and afix a plaque on it. Mr. Lewis' suggestion was adopted.

Mr. Alexander, Treasurer of Beth Israel Hospital, has refused to transmit the funds requested in a written communication from the President. It was resolved to write another letter to Mr. Alexander prior to the next meeting, requesting an explanation for his refusal.

A letter was received from Mr. Glatzer, demanding return of the \$50 he had lent to the institution. This request was denied, because these funds are not due to be returned until the month of July.

The next question to be considered dealt with the Dispensary, the point being that the Hospital building is too small to house the Dispensary and the Hospital together.

It was resolved to rent a separate building for the Dispensary. Dr. Serling and Mr. Morris Siegel were appointed as a Committee to deal with this matter, with full power to act.

Dr. Serling, and Messrs. Pearl, Levy, and Minsky were appointed to attend the next meeting of the ladies, scheduled to take place on Wednesday, the 6th of the month.

The meeting was then adjourned.

(No Signature)

New York
May 7, 1891

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The 18th regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Beth Israel Hospital was called to order by our distinguished President, Dr. Serling, at the Hospital, 196 East Broadway, at 8:00 P.M. All Directors were present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and officially adopted.

The Dispensary Search Committee reported that a store was rented in a building at 226 East Broadway for the installation of the Dispensary, at a rent of \$45.00 monthly. At the same time, the Committee also ordered renovations that are required for the proper installation of the Dispensary. The report was accepted.

Several letters have been received from persons applying for the position of Superintendent. These applications are to be processed in due course.

It was decided to invite several rabbis to the opening ceremonies of the Hospital. Dr. Serling and Mr. Levy were appointed to look into this matter.

Dr. Serling suggested that the entrance of the Hospital should be suitably decorated for the occasion of the dedication; also, that a buffet be prepared with the assistance of several of the ladies. Miss Weingrofsky and Miss Lipson were assigned to that job.

Mr. Levi, Mr. Kleitz, Dr. Zinsler and Mr. Siegel were appointed as a Committee to invite Mr. Newman Cohen, Judge Goldfogel and Coroner Levi. The latter is also to be asked to accompany the Committee for the purpose of inviting the Mayor of the City to the opening.

It was resolved to call a joint meeting of the Board of Directors and the Ladies' Association on Saturday night, the 9th, for the purpose of making final arrangement for the dedication ceremonies.

Responsibility for ordering badges for the officers of the Association was given to Mr. Weiss.

It was agreed to install attractive illumination in the vestibule.

A committee of doctors informed us that they have been engaged in organizing a Medical Board, to which they have already attracted some of the most qualified practitioners, as well as Professor Jacoba. They asked the Board of the Association to signify approval of their constitution by signing it. The document was read, and then referred to a committee for revision of certain paragraphs. Messrs. London, Minsky, Kushefsky, Pearl, and Lipson were appointed to the Committee so charged.

With this, the meeting was adjourned.

(No Signature)

New York
May 9, 1891

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A special joint meeting of the Board of Directors and of the Ladies' Auxiliary of Beth Israel Hospital was called to order by our distinguished President, Dr. Serling, in the Hospital building, at 196 East Broadway, at 9:00 P.M. The President explained that the purpose of the special meeting was to make preparations and arrangement for the dedication ceremonies of the Hospital.

Mr. Lipson suggested that a Reception Committee be appointed, and this was approved. The following were named to this committee:

Mr. Minsky, to be on duty from 8:00 P.M. to 12:00

Mr. Lewis, to be on duty from 2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Mr. Pearl, to be on duty all day

The following ladies volunteered: Mrs. Lipson and her daughter; Miss Weingrofsky, Mrs. Samuelson, to be on duty beginning at 3:00 P.M.; Mrs. Doctor Meyer, to be on duty from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M.; Mr. Siegel will be on duty from 1:00 to 5:00 P.M.

The dedication ceremonies are to be conducted in the following manner: the distinguished President will greet the assemblage, and then introduce the Chairman of the Building Committee, who, in turn, is to transmit the keys of the Hospital to Mr. Haller. He has been designated to open the Hospital together

with Coroner Levi; next, Dr. Zinsler is to give an inspirational speech in honor of the dedication. Plaques are to be affixed for the occasion.

Dr. Zinsler recommended that the refreshments should be served in the basement, and left to the ingenuity of the ladies.

The meeting was then adjourned.

(No Signature)

(Translator's Note: The printed number on the preceding page in the Yiddish book of minutes is 427. Pages 426 and 425 were found missing by the Translator.)

New York
May 14, 1891

The 19th regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Beth Israel Hospital was called to order by our distinguished President, Dr. Serling, at the Hospital, 196 East Broadway, at 9:00 P.M. The minutes of the last meeting were read and officially adopted.

The Constitution of the Medical Board was read a second time, and the following paragraphs thereof were judged in need of revision:

First, regarding the paragraph that names the physicians of the medical staff, it was resolved that all doctors who have ever served in the Dispensary should also be entitled to join the medical staff of the Hospital.

Secondly, the paragraph stating that the aforementioned physicians have the power to appoint members of the medical staff, implies that they are the sole arbiters of medical complaints and problems. This was deemed unacceptable. Paragraph number 8 of the Constitution was found more acceptable, which mentions an Advisory Committee consisting of 3 physicians and 3 Directors for final action.

Thirdly, the names of doctors listed in the body of the

Constitution do not belong there, but at the very end of the document.

A recommendation from the Executive Committee was submitted, that the salary of the Superintendent be \$60.00 monthly. This matter was fully discussed, and it was decided that a Superintendent and his wife be engaged for \$800.00 per annum, plus board, and be paid monthly. Applications of candidates for the position were read, when it was discovered that one was submitted by Mr. Barnett Kleitz. It was moved by Mr. Alexander that the same Mr. Kleitz be employed as Superintendent. This motion precipitated heated discussion, culminating in the decision to refer all the applications to a Search Committee, who will single out those best qualified for the position. Messrs. M. London, Davis, Dr. Zinsler, Glatser, Kushevsky and Lipshitz were appointed to this Committee.

It was moved, seconded and passed to locate the office of the Secretary at the Dispensary instead of the Hospital.

The meeting was then adjourned.

(No Signature)

New York
May 21, 1891

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The 20th regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Beth Israel Hospital was called to order by our distinguished President, Dr. Serling, at the Hospital, 196 East Broadway, at 8:00 P.M. The minutes of the last meeting were read and officially adopted, with the clarification that the Superintendent is to receive \$800 per annum, plus meals for himself and his wife.

The Search Committee gave a report concerning the candidates deemed qualified for the position of Superintendent. The following were found suitable: Reverend Gabriel, Shapsky, and Barnett Kleitz.

It was agreed that the person chosen to fill the position must post \$3,000 as security when an agreement with him is signed. He must also serve provisionally from month to month for the first three months. At the conclusion of the 3 month probationary period, if he has performed successfully, an agreement is to be signed with him, for a period to be specified by the Board of Directors.

An election was next held for the appointment of a Superintendent. The President called upon Messrs. Meyer London, Stone, Dr. Guranofsky and Mr. Minsky to serve as an Election Committee. After a brief pause of several minutes, which the President spent in consultation, the voting started.

Of the 31 votes cast, Mr. Kleitz was given 20, Shapsky 9; and Reverend Gabriel 2. Mr. Kleitz was, therefore, appointed as Superintendent, subject to those conditions already enumerated above. It was added that the job is to start on June 1st of this year.

Nominations were in order for the position of Admitting Physician, and those nominated were: Mrs. Doctor Robinson, Dr. Isaacs, Dr. Bluestone and Dr. Dimowitz. Nominated as Directors were Messrs. Elias Berg, Brooks, Retsky, and Silansky.

Mr. Kleitz submitted his resignation as Vice-President and as a Director of the Hospital, which was accepted.

Our worthy Board of Directors decided to hold a banquet at their own expense, on Monday, the 25th of this month, in honor of Beth Israel Hospital.

The Constitution of the Medical Board was read for the 3rd time, but it was referred to the Executive Committee for further study.

The meeting was then adjourned.

(No Signature)

New York
May 28, 1891

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The 21st regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Beth Israel Hospital was opened by our distinguished President, Dr. Serling, in the Hospital at 9:00 P.M. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and officially adopted.

Written communicatios were received from the janitor, Louie Robinson, and from the Pharmacists A. Ginsberg and Mr. Goldstein. These matters were tabled for consideration at another meeting.

The minutes of the Executive Committee were read, in which the following points were recommended:

1. That the Superintendent give \$3,000 security before he assumes his position. This matter was fully discussed. It was resolved that the \$3,000 be paid by the Superintendent following three months (of satisfactory performance); at that time the Hospital should give him a contract, signifying the end of his probation.
2. The Financial Secretary should receive a salary of \$42.00 monthly, which should be paid in weekly installments of \$10.00. If any additional days are worked, these should be paid on a pro rata basis.
3. The janitor should receive \$15.00 monthly. Following the re-reading of his letter, in which he complained of his inability to make ends meet on such a salary, it was resolved to increase his pay to \$20.00 monthly, plus free

board.

4. It was resolved to pay the pharmacists \$48.00 per month. One of them protested that limitations of time do not allow him to go home for dinner; hence it was agreed to permit him to have dinner at the Hospital.
5. The House Doctor should be paid \$250.00 per annum, plus free board.

It was decided to try to arrive at cheaper pay arrangements. This matter was referred to a Negotiating Committee, which has full power to reach a one year agreement with the House Doctor.

The nominations at the last meeting for Admitting Physician were unacceptable, because the nominees were absent. New nominations were in order for Admitting Physician. Dr. Isaacs was nominated, and unanimously appointed to this position.

A recommendation was made to appoint an Investigating Committee, that should go into the application of anyone seeking admission to the hospital, in order to establish if he is poor and in need of help from the hospital. It was resolved that, following the examination of a patient by the Admitting Physician the secretary should send a letter to a Director residing in the patient's neighborhood, inquiring into the circumstances of the applicant. Any emergency cases, where the doctor prescribes immediate hospitalization, etc., should be accepted.

421 It was decided to write letters appealing for financial help from lodges, societies, and from "Sunday and Saturday."

The following pairs of Directors volunteered to recruit members and obtain contributions: Messrs. Minsky and Kushevsky; Dr. Zinsler and Lazarus Levy; Messrs. Lipshitz and Lipson; L. Lewis and Groboff; Joseph Siegel and Lewis; Wein and B. Solomon; Messrs. Alexander and A. London; A. Kaplan and Robinson; Messrs. Eliasberg and Silansky; Shamponsky and Morris Vetter.

Dr. Zinsler suggested that a Supply Committee be appointed, to which the following men were assigned: A. London, Kushevsky, and Minsky.

Dr. Isaacs hoped that the Board of Directors would be able to appropriate a given sum of money for surgical instruments. This matter was referred to the Executive Committee, which is empowered to act.

It was recommended that general funds should be transferred to the Treasury. This recommendation was tabled until the next meeting.

A question was raised as to why medicine is still being sent to Mr. Bushitzky, and also, why such prescriptions are not being filled in the pharmacy of our Dispensary. This question was referred to the Investigating Committee, consisting of Messrs. Siegel, Lipshitz, Kushevsky, Davis and Pearl.

It was agreed to give the Superintendent an advance of \$25.00 for petty expenses. He will be requested to render a monthly report on the expenditures.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Secretary P. Levin

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420 The 22nd regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Beth Israel Hospital was called to order by our distinguished President, Dr. Serling, at the Hospital, at 9:00 P.M. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and officially adopted.

Mr. Lipshitz, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported that expenditures are far in excess of receipts, and that it is vital to call for a cut in expenses. Mr. Minsky moved that the Dispensary be closed, because it has recently not been self supporting and has had very heavy expenses. Mr. Lipshitz amended this, to the effect that a special meeting be called to consider this problem on the 22nd of next month. The amended motion was seconded and carried.

Mr. Lipshitz moved that no expenditures be made in the building for the next three months, except for those required for the good of the patients. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Lipshitz moved that several people be employed to go about canvassing for membership for the Hospital; that letters be sent to the presidents of synagogues, lodges, societies, etc.; also, to the Board of Excises, appealing for support. The motion was seconded and duly adopted.

A question was asked as to who may open mail which arrives at

Beth Israel Hospital. It was resolved that this was the personal responsibility of the President.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Income this evening was a \$5.00 donation from Abraham Epstein, of 63 Canal Street.

Secretary P. Levin

New York
June 22, 1891

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of Beth Israel Hospital was called to order by our distinguished Vice-President, L. Levy, in the Hospital, at 196 East Broadway, at 9:00 P.M. In the absence of the President, Mr. Levy explained that the purpose of the special meeting was to consider whether the Dispensary should be kept open or closed. Following prolonged discussion, it was decided that this matter be decided by secret ballot. Of the eleven votes cast in this connection, 6 favored closing, with 5 opposed. Therefore, the Chairman declared that the Dispensary will be closed effective the following day, June 23rd. Messrs. Siegel and Minsky were designated as a Committee to carry this out.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Secretary P. Levin

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The 23rd regular meeting of Beth Israel Hospital was called to order by our distinguished Chairman, Mr. Stone, in the Dispensary of the Hospital at 208 East Broadway, at 9:00 P.M.

(Translator's Note: The Dispensary still appears to be open, a fact that can be explained, perhaps, by the inconclusive vote that took place at the previous meeting, 6 for, and 5 against closing. Also, that meeting seemed to have been poorly attended, posing the question as to whether a quorum was present. The absence of President Serling from such a crucial meeting may also have disturbed members of the Association. Dr. Serling may have had second thoughts about the vote, and could have postponed implementation of the closing, favoring a more temperate, less hasty consideration of the matter. The comments of Dr. Zinsler later in the record of this meeting (July 9, 1891) suggest that he had the prestige to halt implementation of the 6-5 vote, and to speak in favor of an alternate course of action regarding the Dispensary. It is also possible that medical treatments there had been halted in accordance with the Board's wishes, although the building remained open.)

The minutes of the last meeting as well as the special meeting (of June 22nd) were read and officially adopted.

As Chairman of the Executive Committee, Dr. Zinsler requested a detailed report about the recent decisions of that body. The minutes of the Executive Committee were then read and duly ratified.

Communications were received from Messrs. Schein and Robinson charging the Head Nurse with inappropriate professional behavior. This matter was temporarily tabled.

A letter was read from a pharmacist asking to be appointed as dispensary pharmacist. The letter was referred to the

Dispensary Committee.

Letters have arrived from several carpenters, bidding for the construction work projected in the laundry, and offering price quotations.

Mr. Stone, acting in his capacity as Chairman of the meeting, asked the Board if a laundry should indeed be built. It was moved, seconded and approved that a laundry be constructed, implementation of which was given to the Building Committee.

The next question to be considered was whether the insurance premiums are to continue to be paid in accordance with arrangements made by Mr. Lewis. A brief discussion of the matter took place; it was decided to wait until the following day to enable Mr. Levi to determine if he can obtain insurance coverage at a more reasonable rate. Failing this within the prescribed time limit, the present insurance company is to be paid in accordance with Mr. Lewis' arrangements.

Dr. Zinsler, acting as Chairman of the Executive Committee, moved that the operation of the Dispensary should be entrusted to the following Committee of three, namely, Messrs. Lipshitz, Golembuk and Lipson, who are willing to take it over; that the Hospital contribute \$40.00 monthly for whatever medical demands it will make upon the Dispensary; that the Dispensary, in turn, satisfy these demands. The motion was seconded and adopted.

A motion was made, seconded and approved that the Committee of Hospital Overseers, recently appointed, namely, Dr. Zinsler, Dr. Guranofsky and Mr. Siegel, should keep their assignment with full power to act, until the 1st of August. The same Committee was asked to investigate the charges of Messrs. Schein and Robinson against the Head Nurse, in the course of which they are to advise with Messrs. Albert London and Lipson.

The question was asked what to do about Mr. Alexander, who refuses to pay out the necessary funds. Speaking on behalf of Mr. Alexander, Mr. Kushevsky said that it has been 4 months since he has received any money. Whatever funds are available are only being paid to others. For these reasons Mr. Alexander
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418 wishes to be rid of the whole business, and wants his bonds to be redeemed and his money returned in a single transaction. This request was approved.

It was moved, seconded and passed to authorize creation of a separate fund for surgical instruments, to be held by the Treasurer of the Hospital. The doctors may have exclusive authority to request issuance of these funds, without seeking anyone's prior permission.

The meeting was then declared closed.

Secretary P. Levin

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418 The 24th regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Beth Israel Hospital was called into session by our worthy President, Dr. Serling, in the Dispensary of the Hospital, at 208 East Broadway, at 9:00 P.M. All Directors were present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and officially approved.

A written report was read from Superintendent Kleitz, citing the following statistics about the patients:

38 sick patients were admitted from June 1st until today. Of these, 24 were discharged as fully recovered, 3 died, and 11 are still in hospital.

The Superintendent asked for guidance as to what disposition should be made of the belongings of the deceased. It was proposed that inquiries be made of Mt. Sinai Hospital regarding their practice in such circumstances.

An application has been received for the position of Head Nurse. Upon motion made, seconded and passed it was agreed that any head nurse hired should be professionally qualified. The application was referred to a committee charged with such responsibility, consisting of Dr. Zisler, and Albert London

A bill was received for rubber goods, bearing the signature of one of the doctors of the Hospital staff. It was passed that

the bill be paid.

The Dispensary Committee rendered its report, to the effect that the Dispensary is functioning very efficiently. The report was adopted with expressions of thanks to the Committee.

The Hospital Committee reported that the Hospital was also operating smoothly. The report was adopted with expressios of thanks.

The Finance Committee reported about our financial situation. As of July 1st, we have been approximately \$300 in the red. However, Mr. Nathan Lipshitz, Chairman of the Finance Committee, said that there is really nothing to fear; that the Hospital can now count on close to \$6,000 in annual income from members in good standing. He concluded, if the Hospital would only limit itself to accepting 10 patients for the foreseeable future, these to be serviced by 2 nurses only, one doctor, one cook, and if the Hospital would also reduce other expenditures, he felt assured that the institution would survive. The report was adopted. The Hospital Committee was asked to detail how expenses can possibly be lowered. After much discussion, and following the rejection of numerous recommendations, a resolution was adopted, as follows:

WHEREAS, THE HOSPITAL IS NOT SUFFICIENTLY ESTABLISHED TO JUSTIFY AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$800.00 FOR A SUPERINTENDENT;
AND

WHEREAS, THERE ARE CURRENTLY INSUFFICIENT NUMBERS OF

PATIENTS WITHIN THE HOSPITAL; THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THERE IS NO NEED NOW FOR A FULL-TIME
SUPERINTENDENT AT THE HOSPITAL.

Dr. Serling suggested that the salary of a Superintendent be limited to \$300 per annum; that the Superintendent also be required to seek members and donations on behalf of the Hospital; he should receive a percentage of the income to be designated by the Board of Directors. The recommendation was seconded and passed with 9 in favor and 4 opposed. (There were further economies proposed.)

It was moved, seconded and adopted to terminate the Head Nurse as of the 1st of August, this year; the assistant cook should be expected to launder small loads of hospital wash; and only a single janitor should be retained.

It was also moved that only one Secretary should be retained, who should also be responsible for keeping the financial records and for writing of the minutes. Mr. Katz is to continue, and will handle such duties.

At the order of the President, no meetings should be scheduled outside of the Hospital or Dispensary buildings.

It was resolved that the Hospital should be closed at 8:00 P.M.

Also, it was moved, seconded, and passed that no patient may be

admitted to the Hospital unless he is able to present a letter
(endorsing him) from a congregation, lodge, or association.

The meeting was adjourned.

(No Signature)

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416 A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors.

This 25th meeting was called to order with the following Directors present: Mr. L. Levi, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Shamponsky, Y. Golumbuk, Rev. Y. Siegel, R. Kushevsky, M. Siegel, R. Kushevsky, M. Siegel, A. Lewis, I. Pearl, Dr. Guranofsky, A. London, I. Stone, M. Vetter, Sheshitsky, Wein, Ginsberg, Bromson, Eliasberg, I. Lipshitz, N. Lipshitz, Robinson, Dr. Isaacs, Dr. Himowitz and Dr. Bluestone.

1. The President, Dr. Serling, opened the meeting and explained to the Board that it had been called especially at the instructions of the Executive Committee on the 27th of this month, in order to resolve the problem of Superintendent Kleitz, who protested the July 20th decision of the Board. According to the minutes of the previous meeting, No. 24, the Superintendent may receive only \$25 monthly as of August 1st; but this is contrary to the basis on which he was hired; that is, starting June 1st his salary is to be \$800 per annum for one year, including board for himself and his wife.
2. Following a careful examination of the minutes of the 20th regular meeting, held the 21st of May, it was indeed confirmed that Superintendent Kleitz had been engaged as of June 1, 1891 at an annual salary of \$800, including board

for himself and his wife; it was clear that during the first 3 months he was to work month-to-month on a probationary basis. Mr. L. Levy, Mr. Alexander, and Dr. Guranofsky were designated as a Committee to deal with Mr. Kleitz as far as his future employment was concerned.

This aforementioned Committee subsequently reported that Mr. Kleitz requested that he be retained in his present position on the basis of the original conditions of employment. He has given assurances that he is eager to work ever more diligently for his wages, and will endeavor to enlarge the number of members and contributions, thus bringing increased benefits to the institution.

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415 Their report was received favorably by the Board of Directors, and Mr. Kleitz's employment was confirmed for the next ten months, starting August 1st, based upon the conditions of pay and board as originally defined.

A written communication was received from Doctors Isaacs and Himowitz, taking exception to the Officers and Committees of the Board, such as the Finance Committee, the Dispensary Committee, the President and Financial Secretary, and other affiliates, who do no good for the Association. They thought that the aforementioned Officers and Committees should resign to leave room for others, thus making a reorganization possible.

(Translator's Note: Adjacent to the paragraph immediately above, the following marginal inscription is found: "This communication was not a personal statement of Doctors Isaacs

and Himowitz, but one forwarded in the name of the entire Medical Board.")

It was resolved to investigate and to ascertain if the views expressed are valid. The problem was assigned to a committee of 6 Directors, who were duly appointed: Mr. Stone, Mr. Minsky, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Bramson, Mr. Pearl, Mr. Gieses. This action was seconded and adopted.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Secretary A. Katz

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414 A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors.

The 26th meeting was called to order. Present were the following Directors: Mr. L. Levi, Mr. Alexander, M. Shamponsky, Mr. Golembuk, Mr. I. Siegel, Mr. M. Siegel, Mr. A. Lewis, Mr. I. Pearl, Dr. Guranofsky, Mr. A. London, Mr. I. Stone, Mr. M. Vetter, Mr. B. Wein, Mr. Bromson, Mr. Eliasberg, Mr. N. Lipshitz, Mr. H. Robinson, Dr. Zinsler, Mr. Minsky, Mr. B. Solomon, Mr. B. Kaplan.

The President, Dr. Serling, opened the meeting by telling the Board that this special gathering was called in view of the serious financial situation of the Treasury, where a deficit exists. We now lack the funds immediately required to pay our creditors, of whom the synagogues are exceptions; they can be patient, and repayment to them can be held up for a short while. Due to these serious circumstances, the President has called upon the Board for help.

Mr. Lazarus Levi proposed that those Directors who are capable of offering their financial support to the Hospital in these critical circumstances should promptly do so with both their counsel and their means. He thereupon personally offered to be the first to pledge a loan of \$50.00; Mr. Lewis pledged a loan of \$25.00; Mr. Solomon, of \$100.00; Mr. L. Minsky, \$25.00; A. London, \$25.00. Mr. I. Pearl donated \$5.00; Dr. Zinsler,

\$5.00; M. Siegel, \$5.00. Thus, a total of \$240.00 was pledged or paid at this meeting.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Secretary A. Katz

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413 The 27th regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order.

The following Directors were present: Messrs. L. Levi, A. London, M. Siegel, Dr. Guranofsky, I. Siegel, Gieses, B. Solomon, B. Wein, N. Lipshitz, and I Ginsberg.

The minutes of the previous two meetings, numbers 25 and 26, were read and officially adopted, except for the corrections made by Dr. Isaacs, who referred to minutes No. 25, that the doctors had not sent their communication as a protest, but as a discreet recommendation for future reorganization. Secondly, that the document had been forwarded not only in the name of Doctors Isaacs and Himowitz, but on behalf of the entire Medical Board.

(Translator's Note: One is led to wonder again, if references to the Medical Board in the Yiddish record are not references to the entire Medical Staff.)

A communication was read from a Mr. Isaac Wohlbinsky, of 30 Ludlow Street, appealing for the Hospital's admission of his daughter. It was resolved to refer this case to the doctors; if their examination proves to favor the patient, she should be admitted.

(Translator's Note: Is she to be admitted even without a letter of endorsement from a synagogue, lodge or society?) Yakubovitch, who is presently an incurable patient in the

Hospital, should be given until the 5th of the month to show

improvement. Failing this, he should be transferred to Bellevue Hospital.

Consideration was given to the present critical financial condition of the Hospital. It was decided that a committee be designated to appeal to Mt. Sinai Hospital, to the Board of Excise, and to "Sunday and Saturday". Messrs. L. Levi, I. Siegel, and Dr. Serling were appointed to serve on said Committee.

A resolution was proposed by the Committee Investigating the Communication of the Medical Board, (Staff?) (referred to in minutes number 25):

1. That the books of the Association be audited, such as those of Finance and of all others connected with the Association; and
2. That the books of the Dispensary Committee, as well as all their financial statements be investigated by a committee of 5 people.

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412 It was resolved that the Finance books should be audited by an expert to be appointed by Messrs. Gieses, Siegel, B. Stone, (the Committee responsible for this area). The second part of the aforementioned resolution, i.e., to investigate the financial record of the Dispensary Committee, was not adopted.

A communication was received from the Dispensary Committee, announcing their resignation, and requesting that they be relieved of responsibility for the Dispensary. Their

resignation was not accepted.

The meeting was then adjourned.

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411 A special meeting of the Board of Directors.

The 28th meeting was called to order. Directors present: Messrs. L. Levy, M. Alexander, I. Stone, D. Kaplan, R. Kushevsky, I. Ginsberg, Eliasberg, N. Lipshitz, B. Weiss, Roginson and Bromson.

The last minutes, # 27, dated September 3rd, were read and adopted, with a correction made by Dr. Isaacs. The assignment of the Investigation Committee, mentioned in the 2nd paragraph of the resolution, had indeed been approved.

The President, Dr. Serling, opened the meeting with the remark that the crucial financial predicament of the Association made it mandatory that the Board of Directors consider ways of ameliorating the situation. He was personally of the opinion that the appointment of new officers and directors would be helpful under the circumstances.

The Board agreed to try such a radical approach. A motion was thereupon made by Dr. Isaacs that a Nominations Committee be appointed, to which he proposed naming Messrs. Alexander, Stone, L. Levy, Kushevsky, and D. Kaplan.

As a consequence of the debates that followed, a resolution was adopted by the Board of Directors, that the President resign

his position forthwith, which he promptly submitted. Mr. Alexander was proposed as Chairman Pro Tempore, but he declined to accept. Mr. Stone was then appointed for a period of two weeks as Temporary Chairman of Beth Israel Hospital Association.

(Translator's Note: They reverted to the use of the name Beth Israel Hospital Association as a consequence of the deepening crisis).

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It was moved, seconded and carried by the above mentioned Directors, that the leadership of the Hospital be entrusted henceforth into the hands of 5 people, who will be empowered to reorganize everything in accordance with their reasoned judgement, and in the best interest of the Association. After that, the following Directors were appointed to the said Committee: L. Levi, M. Alexander, D. Kaplan, Stone and Dr. Serling. Dr. Isaacs was designated Secretary of the Committee.

The meeting was then closed.

Secretary A. Katz

New York
September 10, 1891

No (Translator's Note: The record that follows appears to be a
Book further attempt at setting down in summary form the corrections
Page made by Dr. Isaacs to the minutes of Special Meetings 25 & 26.
Number Is this an addendum to the minutes of the 28th meeting of the
in Book Board of Directors, this date? The addendum was a
recapitulation recorded by Mr. John Stone, whose signature was
affixed at the end of the statement; perhaps he was asked to
write the corrections, because of his clear recollection of
what took place.)

Dr. Isaacs moved the correction of the minutes of the special
meeting, dated September 10, 1891 as follows:

1. With reference to the Investigation Committee mentioned in
Paragraph 2, that part of the resolution was adopted.
2. It had been moved that the President should resign, and
that he be replaced by someone else. That motion was
seconded and carried.
3. Mr. M. Alexander was nominated as Chairman Pro Tempore, but
he declined. Mr. Stone was nominated, instead, for a
period of two weeks, and this was duly voted.
4. M. Alexander, Stone, Kaplan, Serling and Levy were
appointed as a Committee (for reorganization purposes).

(Translator's Note: Mr. Kushevsky's name was crossed out from
this enumeration of Committee members.)

5. Dr. Isaacs was appointed Secretary of the Committee.

(Translator's Note: Because of the historic changes that were
noted at this meeting, this addendum lists once again the names
of those Directors who were present and acted): Levi (1),
"Alex" (2), Stone (3), Kaplan (4), Kushevsky (5), Guranofsky
(6), Ginsberg (7). Although Ginsberg's name was scratched out,
the number above it was permitted to remain. Eliasberg (8),
Lipshitz (9). Although Lipshitz's name was also scratched out,
number 9 beside it was permitted to remain. Wein (10),
Robinson (11), and Bromson (12).

(Signed) John Stone

(Translator's Note: There is no explanation in the record as to why the names of Ginsberg and Lipshitz were scratched from the recapitulation. It can be conjectured that these two people left the meeting too early to vote; or else they could possibly have abstained from voting.)

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