The new Mount Sinai Sanatorium, at Prefontaine, Quebec, in the Laurentian mountains, was opened recently, with a bed capacity of 100. The sanatorium is a constituent agency of the Montreal Federation of Jewish Philanthropies. Michael Hirsch, president of the federation, is honorary president of the sanatorium. L. Salomon is president and Joseph I. Fox is superintendent.

The new B'nai B'rith Home for Aged and Infirm at Yonkers, N. Y. was dedicated October 26 last. The institution, located on a hill overlooking the Hudson River, is maintained by District No. 1 of the B'nai B'rith. Lieutenant-Governor Herbert H. Lehman of New York was the principal speaker at the dedication exercises.

The Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Association of Baltimore has dedicated its recently completed \$700,000 building. Governor Ritchie of Maryland and Mayor Broening of Baltimore participated in the ceremonies. Aaron Straus was chairman of the building committee. Harry Greenstein is president of the association and Frank I. Rubsenstein is executive director.

The Detroit Tewish House of Shelter has moved into new quarters. The Jewish Social Service Bureau is to have supervisory control of the intake and release of transients; and the home for the first time in its history is now receiving an appropriation from the Jewish Welfare Federation.

Establishment of a committee on relations to facilitate co-operation between the Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish Agency for Palestine has been announced. The function of the committee will be to promote harmonious relations between the two organizations in their separate fund-raising activities. Members of the committee are, for the Joint Distribution Committee, Paul Baerwald, David M. Bressler and Alexander Kahn; for the American Palestine Campaign of the Jewish Agency, Judge William M. Lewis, Dr. Solomon Lowenstein and Morris Rothenberg.

The November Open House of the Training School for Jewish Social Work had for its guest Jacob Landau, editor of the Jewish Daily Bulletin and the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, who spoke on the position of the Jew in Central and Eastern Europe. The December Open House was devoted to a Chanukah celebration.

The Secretary of the Association of Schools of Professional Social Work recently reported on the registrations in the Schools of Social Work which are members of the Association. According to this report The Training School for Jewish Social Work is one of the four strictly graduate schools. Of these the Jewish School is the second largest, the Smith College School of Social Service being first. The Training School has the fourth largest number of graduate students among all the schools of social work in

The Jewish Home for the Aged, Pittsburgh, has purchased ground for a new building and a Building Committee has been named to formulate plans.

Council House, Norfolk, Va., was formally opened November 2 last, by the Norfolk Section of the National Council of Jewish Women. It is the first Jewish community center in the city. Miss Rebecca G. Affachiner is the

The Federation of Jewish Philanthropists of Montreal held its annual campaign for funds during the week of November 23 to 30. The objective was \$300,000 and \$303,000 was raised.

The Abraham Lincoln House, Milwaukee, is about to close its doors, the Jewish Center taking its place with a program of activities similar to that of most Jewish centers.

The Hebrew Home for the Aged in Washington, D.C., has amended its constitution so as to enable the home to take care of chronic invalids.

The United Jewish Aid Societies of Brooklyn, in co-operation with the Training School for Jewish Social Work, has established a training district for students of the schools and members of the organization staff. Miss Beatrice Z. Levey, a member of the school faculty, is director of the district in which there are eleven students. Miss Levey is a graduate of Indiana University and the Smith College School Social Work. She was formerly with the Jewish Social Service Bureau, and the United Charities, Chicago; and the Iewish Board of Guardians, New York.

The Educational Center, St. Paul, a \$100,000 structure, was dedicated last October. In addition to community center facilities, the building houses a Talmud Torah, including a High School department. Robert Markowitz is the executive director.

The Jewish Home for Aged and Orphans, Worcester, Mass., has completed a successful campaign for \$100,000. The home plans to build a small cottage for the temporary shelter of children, at one end of its eight-acre-plot; and at the other end, a new building for housing the aged. Jacob L. Goding is president of the Home and John Beller is executive director.

The Jewish Young Men's Association of Rochester, N. Y. has awarded contracts to start work on its new \$1,000,000 building. Simon Stein contributed more than \$300,000 toward the building fund. A. H. Neisner is chairman of the building committee and Tobias Roth is executive director.

The cornerstone of the new Pauline Sterne Wolff Memorial Home of Houston, Texas, was laid November 27 last. The home will serve dependent widows and children. Arthur B. Cohn is president and Aaron D. Faber is execu-

The tenth annual report of the Jewish Immigrant Aid Society of Canada shows that during the last ten years 41,873 Jewish immigrants arrived in Canada and received aid of one kind or another from the society.

Over \$5,000,000 was collected in the 1930 campaign of the Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies of New York City. The fund closed at \$5,098,000.

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HE Bureau of Jewish Social Research on October 6, 1930 addressed an inquiry to the Tewish Federations concerning the effect of the current economic depression upon Jewish social work as evident in the program of the local Federations.

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Among the questions bearing on the problem were the following:

- 1. If your Federation is affiliated with a Community Chest, what special action is the Chest taking to safeguard its financial status or to increase its income in proportion to the anticipated increase in demands. particularly for relief funds? Is the Jewish community being more strongly organized for the Chest appeal? Are big givers being urged to make up for the anticipated reduction in gifts from the smaller contributors? What special groups or interests are being approached? How?
- 2. If your Federation is independent of a Community Chest what are you doing or planning to do in the way of increasing your financial resources?
- 3. Are you curtailing appropriations to your local constituent agencies? If so, are you making such reductions on a percentage basis applying to all work or are you making budgetary adjustments in favor of one or another form of work? Are you doing anything in the direction of re-evaluating the work of your constituents, eliminating non-essentials, strengthening weak, but important undertakings?
- 4. Is your Federation reducing its appropriations for nonlocal work? If so, on what basis are these reductions

- being made and how are the non-local organizations affected, meeting the situation?
- 5. To what extent have the activities of your constituent functioning agencies been affected by the current depression? Has there been an upward trend in the case load or relief load of the family agencies? In population of institutions for the placement or care of children or aged persons? In the number of patients served on a free or part-pay basis in hospitals or clinics? Which agencies are incurring a deficit due to increased expenditures; which agencies are incurring a deficit due largely to reduced earnings or contributions from sources other than the Community Fund or Jewish Federation?
- 6. Has your Jewish family agency made any drastic modifications in its program or procedures in order to keep its work within its income? Has it attempted to limit or control intake and if so, in what directions? Have there been any reductions in staff, either actual or contemplated? Have staffs been increased because of the pressure of new work?
- Has your Federation participated in increased provision for relief from public sources? If such increased provision has not been made, is the need for public funds evident? Are you working with other local agencies in trying to make such funds available? Are you participating in, or, encouraging, the creation of special emergency provisions for unemployment, etc.?

Replies were received, indicating that there are fundamental problems to be considered, and that to cope with