

FREIHEIT REPORTS ON THE YOM KIPPUR BALL, 1896

Source: *Freiheit* (New York), September 12, 1896

For New York.

From 6pm on September 16 until 8pm on September 17, the revolutionary-minded “Jews” will “celebrate” the “long Day” in their own way, namely with music, singing, dance, speeches, declamations, drink and food (including pork). Speeches are given by Katz, Grats, Most and others. The “celebration” takes place in all the venues of Clarendon Hall. Everyone is invited. A fourth of the proceeds will benefit *Freiheit*.

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Vom 16. September, Abends 6 Uhr bis zum 17. September, Abends 8 Uhr. “feiern” die revolutionär gesinnten “Juden” den “langen Tag” in ihrer Art, nämlich bei Musik, Gesang, Tanz, Reden, Deklamationen, Trank und Speise (Schweinefleisch nicht ausgeschlossen). Ansprachen werden gehalten von Katz, Grats, Most und Anderen. Die “Feier” spielt sich in sämtlichen Lokalitäten von “Clarendon Hall” ab. Jedermann ist eingeladen. Der vierte Theil des Festertrages fließt in die “Freiheits”-Kasse.

Source: *Freiheit* (New York), September 26, 1896

The Anti-Yom Kippur Celebration in Clarendon Hall went very well, although the Orthodox tried to do everything possible to thwart it. The lectures by Most and comrades were not bad. Receipts were \$65.87. Expenses for the hall, handbills and bar: \$24.60, which left a net profit of \$41.27. Out of that, \$10 was paid to *Freiheit*, \$10 to *Di Fraye Gezelshaft* and \$5 to the *Arbeter Fraynd* (London). The rest of the proceeds is for renting a hall in which weekly agitation meeting will be held throughout the winter. Soon support will be extended to *Firebrand*. Finally, it should be noted that many English-language brochures were distributed in the course of the day.

Die Anti-Yom-Kippur-Feier in Clarendon Hall nahm einen sehr guten Verlauf, obgleich die Orthodoxen Alles aufzubieten suchten, die Sache zu hintertreiben. Die Vorträge von Most und Genossen schlugen nicht übel ein. Die Einnahmen betragen \$65.87. Ausgegeben wurden für Halle, Handbills und Bar -- \$24.60, ergo ergab sich ein Reingewinn von \$41.27. Davon wurden \$10.00 an die “Freiheit”, \$10.00 an die “Freie Gesellschaft” und \$5.00 an die “Arbeiterfreund” (London) abgeführt. Für das übrige Geld soll eine Halle gerentet werden, in der allwöchentlich Agitations-Versammlungen den Winter hindurch abgehalten werden. Demnächst soll auch dem “Firebrand” Unterstützung zu Theil werden. Schliesslich sei noch bemerkt, dass im Verlaufe des Festtages viele englische Broschüren zur Verbreitung gelangten.

REPORT OF THE 1892 JEWISH ANARCHIST CONVENTION

Source: *Freiheit* (New York), January 1, 1893.

The Annual Convention of the Jewish communist-anarchists of the United States took place on December 25 and 26. All the groups from New York, Newark, Philadelphia, New Haven, Brownsville, Baltimore, Elizabeth, Rahway, Chicago, Boston, and Brooklyn were represented. It was decided to re-publish the *Freie Arbeiterstimme* and create a fund of \$500 besides \$200 for the improvement of the existing printshop. The money is for the most part already available through the respective groups and should be delivered no later than February 1, 1893, after which the publication of the paper will start.

The existence of the newspaper is ensured through the weekly support of the support associations for written propaganda that already exist in various cities. One such organization founded in New York has already drawn a substantial weekly sum. It was decided to set the price for New York at 2 Cents, and the corresponding yearly subscription at \$1. For the other cities the old prices of 3 Cents and \$1.50 respectively remain. The paper will appear in large format with four pages. To that end, a committee was appointed until publication to receive funds and correspondence. Committee members include: Dr. Maryson, editor; Tannenbaum, assistant editor; the press committee; the manager and assistants. The manager Kopeloff and his assistant Maisel offer their labor free of charge. Moreover, every communist anarchist has free entry and a voice at the weekly board meetings.

After conclusion of the newspaper business several other matters were discussed, mainly the issue of our position toward the labor movement. Details will be explained in a pamphlet.

Never has one of our conventions been conducted with such profound seriousness and with such glowing enthusiasm. You could see it on the faces of the delegates who sat from morning to night for two days and discussed ways and means to enlighten our suffering brothers about outgrowing our infancy and that there are men to fight the great battle. Even though many of the most important questions were dealt with, not once was a vote taken; that's the extent of self-discipline and solidarity of those present. All were united by the common bond of eternal love for the cause of humanity, by the solidarity that embraces revolutionaries and freedom fighters of all countries and regions. With renewed vigor, with fresh courage, we step forth in unity to continue the struggle with the oppressors of humankind and to carry high and far the red banner, that symbol of the redemption of the needy.

I hereby call on the groups in the cities that were unable to send delegates as well as comrades scattered across the country, to band together, to found organizations, to cooperate, to help and to fight.

Close the ranks! Stick up to the gun!

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