



**Yiddish Folk Songs.**

The Bloch Publishing Company of New York has justly earned the title of "The Jewish Book Concern" and, there should be a large demand for the first of its four new publications. It is exactly what lovers of Yiddish have been waiting for, and is a handsome volume of "Yiddish Folk Songs" by Sarah Pitkowsky Schack and Ethel Silberman Cohen. The first named was responsible for collecting the songs, whilst the latter for the pianoforte arrangement. Great pains must have been taken in the collecting of these different compositions and, for the sum of two dollars, about ten shillings in English money, one obtains one of the finest gifts.

The second is "Synagogue Songs" compiled and edited by James Waterman Wise but, personally, I think that they would be far better for a Reform Synagogue than for an orthodox one, even though there are many traditional hymns included. Then there is Elias Gewurz "Beautiful Thoughts of Ancient Hebrews". The author and compiler of this little volume, has specialised in a field little cultivated by the modern Jew. He is a master of

the Hebrew language and of the mystical literature which the Jew has produced during the centuries past.

For children there is "The Heaven on the Sea" by that well known writer, Sulamith Ish-Kishor. It consists of twenty stories and twenty poems, excellently suited for children and in addition is profusely illustrated.

**Some Farce.**

I have never been greatly impressed with our co-religionists in America who are so fond of fashionable religion. The Reform Congregations apparently will never see the error of their ways, they continue to adopt all manner of methods to endeavour to get people to come to shool and also to raise money. One of the great industries of our co-religionists in America is providing ragtime music for our Christian friends. The following is a parody on a well known song that was sung at an important communal gathering in America:

The Congregation sent us  
To Dallas for to see  
The way to run our Sabbath  
Schools  
The best way for to be.

**CHORUS**

Oh! It ain't gonna do no good, no good—  
It ain't gonna do no good;  
How in the world do the Rabbis know

That it ain't gonna do no good.  
Because the Chautauqua met here

Just three short years ago;  
They know how to do it,  
And I'll tell you how we know.

**CHORUS**

Oh! It ain't gonna do no good, etc.

They called us in the morning,  
They dined us noon and night,  
And when they called us here again,

We rushed with all our might.

**CHORUS**

Oh! It ain't gonna do no good, etc.

And now we're here because we're here.  
There's Lefkowitz right and left.  
Sure all the ladies help him  
And a kiss for this they get.

**CHORUS**

Oh! It ain't gonna do no good, etc.

Oh! the butterfly flits on wings of gold;  
The June bug wings of flame  
All Rabbis have no kisses to give  
But they get there just the same.

**CHORUS**

Oh! It ain't gonna do no good, etc.

Oh! They tell us the graveyard  
Is a doggone lonesome place;  
But Dallas is not a graveyard,  
We'll tell this to your face.

**CHORUS**

Oh! It ain't gonna do no good, etc.

Of course we like our Rabbis;  
We learn so much from them.  
But we found that teachers  
Can also turn the stem.

**CHORUS**

Oh! It ain't gonna do no good, etc.

Thank God for Jeanette darling;  
We're with her heart and soul—  
And we will pledge her our support,  
No matter what her goal.

**CHORUS**

Oh! It ain't gonna do no good, etc.

We need her in the morning;  
We need her in the night—  
The time we need her most of all,  
Is when things don't go right.

**CHORUS**

Oh! It ain't gonna do no good, etc.

We have a single Rabbi,  
Who really should be wed;  
His name is Dr. Wm. Stern,  
But to the altar he'll soon be led.

**CHORUS**

Oh! It ain't gonna do no good, etc.

So here's to dear old Dallas;  
We thank them one and all.  
We know we want to come again,  
So give us one more call.

**CHORUS**

Oh! It ain't gonna do no good, etc.

My only suggestion to these good people of Dallas is, that they ought to start a Jewish Salvation Army and thus perhaps be a little more fashionable for that is all their parodies are fit for.

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