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"Es Gibt Nichts Neues Unter der Sonne"

RABBI SHLOMO KAHN



"Eyn kol chodosch tachas ha-Scho-mesch", so heisst es in Koheles (1:9), was gewesen ist, das wird sein, was geschehen ist, das wird geschehen und nichts Neues gibt es unter der Sonne."

Im 20. Jahrhundert klingt das veraltet und unmodern. Wir leben in einem Zeitalter des ununterbrochenen Fortschritts auf allen Gebieten des Lebens. Keiner widerspricht heutzutage selbst den kuehnsten Fantasie-Traeumen eines Erfinders oder Entdeckers, denn wir alle haben doch so viele Neuerungen mitangesehen, die erfolgreich durchgefuehrt wurden, die aber noch vor kurzer Zeit als unmoeglich bezeichnet wurden.

Koheles, jedoch, ist nie veraltet und ist immer modern. Wie beweist doch unsere juedische Literatur in solch ueberzeugter Weise die Wahrheit dieses Ausspruches von Koenig Salomon!

In der amerikanischen Presse wurde vor kurzem ein aeusserst seltener Fall behandelt. Es war die Geburt eines kleinen Kindes, das mit zwei Koepfen zur Welt kam. In der biologisch-medizinischen Welt verursachte dies eine Sensation und selbstver-

staendlich unter dem Publikum brachte diese Erscheinung Staunen und Verwunderung hervor. Wie viel groesser ist jedoch unser Staunen und unsere Verwunderung, wenn wir unsere talmudischen Werke aufschlagen und Abhandlungen von solchen, beinahe unglaublichen Faellen an mehreren Stellen finden!

Im Talmud (M'nochous 37a) wird die Frage aufgeworfen: "Ein maennliches Geschoeopf das zwei Koepfe besitzt, an welchem der Koepfe muessen die T'fillin gelegt werden?" Unglaublich, so vermutete damals der Gelehrte, an den die Frage gerichtet wurde. Da kam aber in jenem Moment ein Mann ins Lehrhaus und berichtete: "Soeben wurde von meiner Frau ein zweikoepfiges Kind geboren. Wieviel muss ich als Pidjan ha-Ben (Ausloesung des Erstgeborenen) dem Kohen geben, 5 Sch' kolim oder 10 (5 fuer jeden Kopf)?"

Aber geschichtlich noch weiter zurueck finden wir einen solchen Fall. Sieben Brue-der kamen einmal zu Koenig Salomon in einer Streitangelegenheit. Ihr Vater war gestorben und sie waren daran, die Erbschaft zu verteilen. Unter den sieben Brue-dern befand sich ein solcher zwei-koepfiger Mann. Dieser behauptete, ihm staenden zwei Teile der Erbschaft zu, denn er waere in Wirklichkeit zwei Geschoeöpfe. Die Brue-der aber stritten dies ab, er waere nur ein

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Familien-Nachrichten

Maseltov zu Mrs. Malchen Ehrlich anlaesslich ihres 75. Geburtstages (6 Febr.).

Maseltov anlaesslich der Verlobung von Miss Edith Kahn mit Mr. Sidney Eichenbaum.

Maseltov zu Mr. & Mrs. Erwin Cahn anlaesslich der Geburt einer Tochter.

Die Gemeinde betrauert, zusammen mit den Angehoerigen, den Heimgang von Aron Stern (18. Dez. - 12. Teves) und den Heimgang von Gustav Stern (25. Dez. - 19. Teves) und den Heimgang von Helene Wolffs (25. Feb. - 22 Adar I).

SICHROUNOM LIV'ROCHOH

Die Gemeinde berichtet . . .

. . . dass fuer Mr. und Mrs. Walter Katz und Mrs. Albert Moses am 6. Januar eine reception stattfand, wobei Mr. und Mrs. Katz einen von ihnen aufgenommenen Film ueber ihre Israel-Reise zeigten . . .

. . . dass unser Praesident, Mr. Julius Hamburger, von der Beth Jacob High School of Washington Heights, eine religioes-juedische Maedchen Schule, bei einer "M'lave d'Malko" als Guest of Honor geehrt wurde . . .

. . . dass eine Gruppe Kinder unserer Hebrew School und Kinder der Gemeinde am 14. Februar eine Theater-Vorstellung besuchte im Jewish Theatre for Children, Joan of Arc Playhouse. Das Schauspiel "To Wake the King", aufgefuehrt unter der Leitung des Jewish Education Committee war ein kuenstlerischer Genuss sowohl fuer die Kinder als auch fuer die Erwachsenen, die die Kinder begleiteten . . .

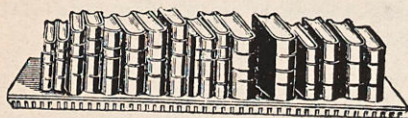
. . . dass bei dem erst vor wenigen Wochen eingerichteten Mischnajous-Schiur (Donnerstag Abend) schon die erste Masechto (Traktat - Megillo) ausgerufen wurde und am 18. Februar ein Sium bei Servierung von Erfrischungen stattfand . . .

. . . dass die ordentliche Generalversammlung der Gemeinde am 21. Februar stattgefunden hat, wobei der gewesene Vorstand mit nur geringen Aenderungen wiedergewaehlt wurde. Mr. Adolf Heimer erhielt den Posten von Sekretaer, Mr. Ludwig Greenbaum den von Assistant Treasurer, und Mr. Walter Katz den von Assistant Chairman, Board of Trustees. Als neu erwaelhte Trustees begruessen wir: Mr. Simon Ackermann, Mr. Alfred Gerstley, Mr. Walter Goldsmith, Mr. Julian Lewin und Mr. David Mayer . . .

Donation

Die Gemeinde drueckt ihren Dank und ihre Anerkennung an Mrs. Berta Goldschmidt aus, fuer die 20 Siddurim die von ihr zum Andenken an ihre verstorbenen Schwestern und Bruder gestiftet wurden.

LIBRARY PAGE



With great pride we announce today the establishment of our library for the youth of our congregation. Our readers will remember the various articles and notices that appeared in previous issues of HAKOHOL in connection with this project, which, with G-d's help, materialized in a surprisingly short time.

On page 4 of this issue we print a list of the more than 100 volumes that are already in our possession. Due to the generous cooperation of a number of individuals who donated liberal sums of money as well as books taken from their own personal home libraries, we were able to lay the foundation. The last remaining technicalities (printing and insertion of book and borrowers' cards and book pockets) have been completed, and the library is open for circulation. Members and friends will be notified of the modest dedication arrangements that are planned in honor of the official opening. At that time all donors will have the opportunity to select from the existing book-stock those volumes which are to be inscribed with their message of presentation.

Parents of the children of our congregation are urged to study carefully the list of books on page 4 and to help their children choose the right reading material. The books have been classified according to age-groups as indicated there. Already those children who have been made acquainted with our library have shown great enthusiasm for it and were eagerly looking forward to the opening date. We are convinced that with careful guidance in the choosing of the books through our librarian, together with the cooperation of the parents, our youth will benefit greatly from this newly established phase in the cultural life of our congregation.

NAMING CONTEST

Our library is as yet, although born and thriving, a baby without a name. We are

now searching for an appropriate name for it, either in English or in Hebrew. We therefore heartily invite our readers to take part in the naming contest. All entries, to be sent to Congregation Beth Israel of Washington Heights, Inc., 601 West 183rd Street, New York 33, N. Y. Att: "Library", are welcome and will be judged by the Library Committee. A handsome prize of a valuable book will be presented to the winner, whose entry will be selected for its originality and aptness. Decisions of the judges will be final. Contest closes March 31, 1954.

HAKOHOL FEATURES LIBRARY

Future issues of HAKOHOL will from now on devote a permanent section to Library News. This section will feature short book reviews, selecting books of special interest, thereby focusing our readers' attention to a few of the exciting and fascinating aspects of literary events and history.

Publication of additional book purchases and donations will serve as amended book lists and will keep the existing list on page 4 up-to-date.

Nichts Neues

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Geschoepf und haette nur Anspruch auf genau ein siebtel des Vermoegens.

Koenig Salomon uebergab die Frage dem Sanhedrin. Dieser oberste Gerichtshof, jedoch, kam zu keiner Entscheidung. Da uebernahm der Koenig den Rechtsspruch. Er liess kochend heisses Wasser bringen und schuettete davon etwas auf einen der zwei Koepfe dieses merkwuerdigen Mannes. Sofort schrien beide Koepfe: "Mein Koenig! Du toetest uns!"

"Der Schmerz ist fuehlbar von beiden Koepfen, von einem Teil des Koerpers zum anderen — est ist EIN Geschoepf!" entschied Salomon.

Fuehrwar ,Kohesle verewigte es bis in alle Zeiten: "Eyn kol chodosch tachas ha-Schomesch."

Books Available in Our Library

- A—Books for children of the ages 5 - 8
 B—Books for children of the ages 9 - 10
 C—Books for children of the ages 11 - 12
 D—Books for children of the ages 13 - 14
 E—Books for children of age 15 and over

BIBLE AND BIBLE STORIES

- Cohen—Pathways through the Bible—DE
 Cohen—Bible Tales for Very Young Children, Vol 1 and 2—AB
 Freehof—Stories of King David—ABC
 Aronoff—ABC-Bible and Holiday Stories A
 Gaines—Picture Stories from the Bible AB
 Entwistle—Baby Moses—A
 Entwistle—Isaac of the Tents—A
 Entwistle—Samuel the Temple Boy—A
 Goldin—Three Kings—B
 Goldin—Illustrated Bible Stories—AB
 Rothberg—Abraham Who Sought G-d—A
 Werner—Golden Bible—AB
 Levinger—The Beautiful Garden—AB

SHABBOS AND HOLIDAYS

- Klapperman—Adam and the First Sabbath A
 Weilerstein—Molly and the Sabbath Queen—A
 Edidin—Jewish Holidays and Festivals C
 Golub—Down Holiday Lane—AB
 Weilerstein—The Adventures of K'tonton—AB
 Weilerstein—What Danny Did—AB
 Epstein—My Holiday Story Book—A
 Silverman—Habibi and Yow—AB
 Ross—The Happy Matzo Family—A
 Weilerstein—What the Moon Brought AB
 Freehof—Star Light Stories—AB
 Zeligs—Story of Jewish Holidays—AB

JEWISH CUSTOMS & CEREMONIES

- Edidin—Jewish Customs and Ceremonies CD
 Ganzfried—Code of Jewish Law—E
 Levinger—With the Jewish Child in Home and Synagogue—C

- Hertz—A book of Jewish Thoughts—DE
 Daiken—Gan-Gani—A

LEGENDS

- Ish-Kishor—Friday Night Stories—AB
 Aunt Naomi—Jewish Fairy Tales and Legends—ABC
 Isaacs—Stories from the Rabbis—BCD
 Ausubel—A Treasury of Jewish Folklore—CDE
 Pessin—The Aleph-Bet Story Book—AB
 Ish-Kishor—The Stranger Within Thy Gates—BC
 Peretz—The Three Canopies—AB
 Solis-Cohen—David, the Giant Killer BC
 Glatzer—Hammer on the Rock—E

HISTORY

- Fast—The Picture Book History of the Jews—A
 Lears—Israel: A History of the Jewish People—DE
 Grayzel—A History of the Jews—E
 Ausubel—Pictorial History of the Jewish People—DE
 Zeligs—A Child's History of the Hebrew People—BC

BIOGRAPHY

- Kalisher—Watchmen of the Night—B
 Levinger—Great Jewish Women—C
 Levinger—Great Jews Since Bible Times BC
 Burstein—Judah Halevi in Granada—D
 Luchs—Torchbearers of the Middle Ages CD
 Halperin-Kreinik—Mickey Marcus—A
 Baker—Chaim Weizmann—DE

AMERICA

- Levinger—Albert Einstein—CDE
 Leonard—Americans All—BCD
 Ribalow—The Jew in American Sports BCD
 Spitz—What the Liberty Bell Proclaimed—BCD

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CHILDRENS' PAGE

"To Wake The King"

On Sunday, February 14th, a group of children of our Hebrew School and of our Congregation had a rare treat. They went to see a theatre-play entitled "To Wake the King", enacted by the Jewish Theatre for Children, Joan of Arc Playhouse.



Those of you who were there, and saw the fine acting, had a most wonderful time. You will remember the afternoon spent there and will surely look forward to the coming season's play which, please G-d, we shall attend next year.

For those of you who for some reason or another were not with us, we give here a short review of what went on on the stage of the large, completely sold-out playhouse.

The play "To Wake the King" is based on a Jewish legend about our great King David who lived 3,000 years ago, who made our Land of Israel and our Jewish people a world power in his days and who wrote the T'hilim, the beautiful songs of praise to G-d. According to this old legend, David, King of Israel, never died. He just fell asleep when he became old, a deep, long sleep, somewhere in a cave in the hills of Judah, and if anyone will wake him from his sleep, then he will again rule over us and bring peace and happiness to the Jewish people and to the whole world.

This story was enacted on the stage. We saw there two boys who were wandering through a dark forest, looking for the cave of the sleeping king. One boy finally lost courage and decided to turn back, but the other, Uri, refused to give up. Although all alone now, he took strength and faith from the Psalms of David which he read from a Book of T'hilim that he always carried with him. While he was sleeping under a giant oak-tree, his mother appeared to him and she too gave him strength and

courage. Also, a group of colorfully dressed wood-sprites (elfs) showed up and delighted the audience with their dancing and singing.

Uri was awakened by the appearance of a girl, Oholivah, who was really a princess, a descendant of King David but who was held captive by a cruel and wicked witch. This witch had control over the whole forest and when she came and saw Oholivah talking to Uri, she trapped them both in a magic circle so that they could not continue in their search for King David. But Uri, with the help of the T'hilim, broke the evil magic of the witch.

As the curtain rose on the second scene, we saw a group of funny little dwarfs, busily digging for treasure in front of a mountain. Having had no luck, they were about to dig on the mountain itself, but suddenly, with a crash and a roar, the witch appeared. The poor, trembling dwarfs were thoroughly frightened (and perhaps some of the children in the audience too, because the witch was very realistic). "Don't come near the mountain!" shrieked the witch.

That night the wicked witch called on the help of Ashmodai, the king of the Demons, to guard the mountain and the cave in it for in that cave there slept King David. Ashmodai appearing in fire, smoke and thunder, piled huge rocks over the entrance of the cave. Then Uri and Oholivah appeared and with the help of the dwarfs, while reading the holy Psalms of David, broke the magic spell and removed the obstacles in front of the cave. Finally the entrance was cleared and Uri knocked three times on the door. With a blast of thunder the door sprang open and there sat the sleeping King David on his throne, waiting to be awakened, in his sleep lifting his hands so that someone could pour water from the pitcher over them, to purify

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Reserve Sunday, March 28th, for our Purim Party

List of Books

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ISRAEL

- Silverman—Habibi's Adventures in the Land of Israel—AB
 Levin—Miriam Comes Home—DE
 Sol—Rocket Trip to Israel—A
 Braverman—Children of the Emek—BC
 Zeligs—The Story of Modern Israel—DE
 Braverman—Children of Freedom—AB
 Greenberg—The Little Tractor Who Traveled to Israel—A

FICTION

- Belth—The World Over—BCD
 Ball—Ten Days Till Harvest—BCD
 Alofsin—The Nightingale's Song—E
 Sholem Aleichem—Adventures of Mottel DE
 Blandford—Off the Capes of Delaware DE
 Taylor—All-of-a-Kind Family—BC
 Pessin—Michael Turns the Globe—AB
 Campbell—A Tippy Canoe and Canada Too—BC
 Campbell—On Wings of Cheer—BC
 Haig-Brown—Saltwater Summer—CD
 Swift—Gulliver's Travels—BC
 Sewell—Black Beauty—BCD
 Webster—Daddy Long-Legs—BCD
 Strang—The Oxford Annual for Boys Vol 26 & 27—CDE

POETRY

- Aronin—Jolly Jingles for the Jewish Child—A
 Ben-Ami—The Jingle Book for Jewish Children—A
 Hahn—In G-d's Way—A
 Levy—Mother Goose Rhymes for Jewish Children—A

HUMOR

- Simon—The Wise Men of Helm—CDE
 Steiner—Israel Laughs—E

MAGAZINES

- Jewish Life—Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America,
 25 issues of the years 1948 - 1954
 —ABCDE

Childrens' Page (Cont.)

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them from his long, long sleep. But Uri and Oholivah and the dwarfs were so stunned by the brilliancy and beauty of King David's throne that for a moment they just stood there, gazing. And then it was too late. Accompanied by furious claps of thunder, Ashmodai and his demons rushed up from the underworld and closed the cave, piling again the boulders high over the entrance.

Uri and Oholivah, however, made up their minds to try again, in the near future, to WAKE THE KING.

QUIZ

Well, for last newspaper's quiz we were really flooded with answers, 19 children solved the 10 questions and spelled out the name of our Congregation, BETH ISRAEL, and all 19 were correct! That's wonderful work, congratulations! Here are the names of the 19 contestants in the order in which the answers arrived: Marion Strauss, Melvin Fuld, Reba Katz, Jackie Bauer, Leslie and Bertram Friedeman, Ronald Greilsamer, Philippe Vogelsang, Susan Abramson, Sue Ellen Siedner, Steven Mayer, Susan Greenbaum, Frank Wilson, Barbara Strauss, Steve Queller, David Lewin, Sonya Strauss, David Wilzig, Ronald Kaiser.

All of them deserve a prize but there is, of course, only one grand prize and that goes to Steven Mayer, whose entry was chosen for his concise, neat work. While Steven received a copy of the "Bible Comics" (which all of you can now borrow from our library), the others received each a small consolation prize.

Today's quiz is a little harder than the last one. Let's see who is smart enough for this one! Since we shall soon celebrate Purim, we ask you to describe in not less than one sentence but not more than three sentences the *five main characters* of the Purim story. Be careful to choose only these five most important people and write your answer in simple, correct language. The best work will receive the grand prize.

Treasurer's Corner

Kassenstunden fuer Beitrags- und andere Zahlungen wie bisher, Sonntag vormittag 10 - 12 Uhr, ausserdem auch Dienstag und Donnerstag abend von 8:15 bis 9 P.M.

Bei Ueberweisungen durch die Post wollen Sie bitte frdl. darauf achten, jeweils den Absender und den Zweck der Zahlungen unbedingt mit anzugeben.

Aus Gruenden der Ersparnis muessen wir davon absehen, monatliche Zahlungsaufforderungen auszuschicken. Auf ausdruecklichen Wunsch hin, jedoch, werden bei jaehrlichen und halbjaehrlichen Beitragsleistungen zur Erleichterung, den Mitgliedern regemaessig solche "bills" zugesandt und fuer Postueberweisungen adressierte Briefumschlaege beigefuegt.

Damit wir in der Lage sind, unsere Zuwendungen an die verschiedenen Organisationen weiter zu leiten, bitten wir, noch ausstehende Betraege an Yom Kippur "Pledges" und "Contributions" sobald wie irgend moeglich uns zukommen zu lassen.

Helfen Sie uns auch noch unsere Arbeit erleichtern, indem Sie uns rechtzeitig von etwaigen Wohnungswechsel in Kenntnis setzen, damit wir alle Korrespondenz an die richtige Adresse leiten.

Gabriel S. Harwitt



GEMEINDE-FEIER

PURIM DINNER
MARCH 21, 1954

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GEBETSZEITEN

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Schabbos Pekudei, March 6.....	5:35	8:30	5:30	6:30
Schabbos Wayikro (Sochor) March 13.....	5:45	8:30 Sermon	5:45	6:35
Schabbos Zav, March 20.....	5:50	8:30	5:45	6:40
Schabbos Sch'mini, March 27.....	6:00	8:30	6:00	6:50
Schabbos Tasria, April 3.....	6:05	8:30 Predigt	6:15	7:00
Schabbos M'zoro, April 10.....	6:10	8:30 Predigt	6:15	7:08

Taanis Esther, Donnerstag, 18. Maerz 6:00 A.M., Mincho 6:00 P.M.

Purim: Freitag, 19. Maerz Lesen der Megilloh: Donnerstag abend 6:40 P.M.

Freitag frueh 6:00 A.M.

Rosch Chodesch Nissan, Sonntag, 4. April 7:30 A.M.

Sonntag 7:45 A.M., Montags u. Donnerstags 6:10 A.M., taeglich 8:00 P.M.

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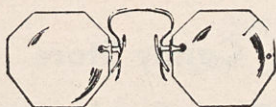
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