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George Washington

Two centuries have passed since Washington first saw the light of day in the dominion of Virginia.

He can be truly characterized as a real man of the people. During the time that he lived, he was the greatest inspiration to every patriot. Since the date of his death, December the 14th, 1799, his whole career has been a constant inspiration to all Americans.

In Washington we see a great soldier, measured, of course, in accordance with the time in which he lived.

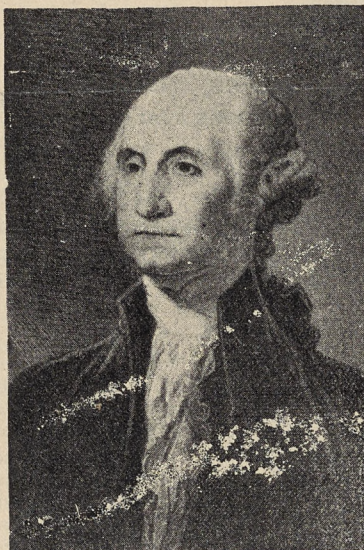
He led the Revolutionary War to a successful conclusion, and it is admitted by all who have made a study of the colonists and their general condition from 1775 to 1783, that without Washington's constant faith in its success, victory would never have been attained. His leadership was of the highest type.

With Hamilton, he stands out preeminently as one of the two great statesmen who did more to lay the foundations of an enduring republic than any of their compatriots.

He had a will of iron and hated sham, hypocrisy, corruption and bribery, from the depth of his heart.

He presented an extraordinary figure because he was six feet three inches tall. His physical appearance commanded love and respect.

He never deceived himself or any of his fellow-countrymen. He guided the Constitutional Convention from May the 25th, when a quorum was first obtained, to September the 17th, 1787, when the proposed Constitution was finally signed. The same day he said aye, at the very moment when he was affixing his signature to the Constitution:



"Should the states reject this excellent Constitution, the probability is that opportunity will never be offered to conceive another in peace, the next will be drawn in blood."

He was a man of great faith, because at one time he said:

"While just Government protects all in their religious rites, true religion affords Government its surest support."

His services to America, as its first President, have been based on the thought that as an independent power, it was required that the Government should always stand for a union of the states which could not be dissolved, for regard to public justice, for the maintenance of a properly organized peace establishment, for the creation of a true national Americanism which would make Americans forget local prejudices and policies, to have them make mutual concessions so that general prosperity might prevail, and whenever necessary, to be prepared, ready and willing to sacrifice individual advantages for the best interests of the community.

After he left the Presidency, and when war with France was threatened, he wrote to John Adams on July the 4th, 1798:

"In case of actual invasion by a formidable force, I certainly should not entrench myself under the cover of age or retrenchment, if my services should be required by country to assist in repelling it."

One must allude to the extraordinary spirit of humility which always was characteristic of Washington. Even when in March, 1778, it looked for a time as though he and Hamilton were to become enemies, he wrote to the latter professing his friendship which he felt for him and stating that

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FRIDAY EVENING LIGHT CANDLES: 5.19.

Sedrah for week: "Tzaveh."

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LETTER FROM WASHINGTON TO THE HEBREW CONGREGATIONS OF SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

Gentlemen:

I thank you with great sincerity for your congratulation on my appointment to the office which I have the honor to hold by the unanimous choice of my fellow-citizens, and especially the expressions you are pleased to use in testifying the confidence that is reposed in my by your congregations.

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I rejoice that a spirit of liberality and philanthropy is much more prevalent than it formerly was among the enlightened nations of the earth, and that your brethren will benefit thereby in proportion as it shall become still more extensive; happily the people of the United States have in many instances exhibited examples worthy of imitation, the salutary influence of which will

doubtless extend much further if gratefully enjoying those blessings of peace which (under the favor of heaven) have been attained by fortitude in war, they shall conduct themselves with reverence to the Deity and charity towards their fellow-creatures.

May the same wonder-working Deity, who long since delivered the Hebrews from their Egyptian oppressors, planted them in a promised land, whose providential agency has lately been conspicuous in establishing these United States as an independent nation, still continue to water them with the dews of heaven and make the inhabitants of every denomination participate in the temporal and spiritual blessings of that people whose God is Jehovah.

G. WASHINGTON.

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 knowing the rectitude of his own intentions and his sincere belief therein, the powers of thinking of another individual cannot always be molded to suit our own wishes.

It is only fitting and appropriate to close this article with the following tribute delivered by Lincoln in 1842:

"This is the one hundred and tenth anniversary of the birthday of Washington; we are met to celebrate this day. Washington is the mightiest name on earth—long since mightiest in the cause of civil liberty, still mightiest in moral reformation. On that name no eulogy is expected. It cannot be. To add brightness to the sun or glory to the name of Washington is alike impossible.

Let none attempt it. In solemn awe we pronounce the name, and in its naked deathless splendor leave it shining on."

—HON. ISAAC SIEGEL.

CORRECTION

In last week's Institutional it was announced that the Parents Association had donated thirty prayer books to the I. S. The Parents Association actually donated thirty six prayer books (twice "chai") in honor of Rabbi and Mrs. Goldstein.

THANK YOU

"Institutional" wishes to express thanks to the "American Hebrew" for the loan of the Washington photo in this issue.

HAPPY IS THE MAN THAT FINDETH WISDOM

CABARET NITE PLANS UNDER WAY—S. R. O. SIGN ANTICIPATED

Scheduled for Saturday Nite, February 27th

In a colorful and glamorous setting suggesting the interior of a Cabaret, a unique Harlem Cabaret Night and Floor Show will be sponsored by the Club Division of the Center Department Saturday night, February 27, in the Gym of the Main Building.

One of the distinct features of the evening will be a unique floor show rehearsed for the occasion by the indefatigable Director of the Club Division, Mr. I. Bookbinder.

Amongst the features of the floor show announced by Mr. Bookbinder will be the Precision Dancers, who featured in our recent and successful revue. They are coached by Miss Mollie Stoller.

Joe Abrams, our dynamic and likeable worker, and Congressman La Guardia's favorite associate, will again feature in our next enterprise. Joe has won several loving cups in the summer resorts in Social Directors' contests, and those critics who have seen him work vote him a veritable find.

In addition, Solly Alper and his Personality Boys will furnish the music. Leah Cohen, that "Bundle of Sunshine" who panicked our audience, will perform, as will Lou Sugarman and Max Rich, whose good name is associated with some of Tin Pan Alley's hummed, whistled and applauded numbers. Sylvia Rosenberg, whose painstaking efforts in the past in securing some leading lights, has again offered her valuable services.



MR. JOE ABRAMS

Many Notables Will Be Present

Invitations have been extended to members of the Board of Directors and many other notable personalities who will be present.

The decorative scheme will be in the form of a cabaret. There will be tables so arranged as to give all a most comfortable and unobstructed view of the Floor Show. There will be dancing before and following the floor show.

A huge attendance is anticipated. It is, therefore, suggested that tickets be purchased now. Admission and Couvert Charge will be Fifty Cents.

ANNUAL DINNER OF INSTITUTIONAL SYNAGOGUE TO BE SEASON'S HIGHLIGHT

Fifteenth Annual Event to Be Held Sunday
Evening, April 10th, at W. S. Branch

With the slogan, "The Fifteenth Anniversary Dinner Must Be A Success," the Dinner Committee has set the ball rolling for what will undoubtedly be the most outstanding function in celebration of the Fifteenth Anniversary of the founding of the Institution.

It is expected that the attendance this year will surpass that of previous years. Prominent speakers and personages of note will grace the occasion. The I. S. Annual Dinner always excites an interest such as no other event does during the year.

Send in for Table Reservations Now!

Mr. Isaac Settel is Chairman of the Committee in charge of the dinner arrangements; the Associate Co-Chairmen are Mr. Lester Udell and Mr. Aaron Wartels; Mr. Max E. Sanders is Treasurer, and Mr. David H. Gluck is Secretary.

HON. ISAAC SIEGEL TO DISCUSS "WASHINGTON" ON I. S. RADIO PROGRAM

The Hon. Isaac Siegel will discuss "George Washington" this Sunday afternoon as guest speaker of the Institutional Synagogue radio broadcast. The Congressman's address will be broadcast through Station WPCH at 5 o'clock promptly.

Last week Mr. Emanuel Hertz, noted author and scholar and collector of Lincoln memorabilia, spoke on "Lincoln and the Jews." Mr. Julius Cohen read a poem dedicated to Lincoln.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR PLEDGE?

To Members and Seat Holders:

You were good enough to pledge your support for the emergencies in which we find ourselves at the present time. We, therefore, ask you to be sincere enough to cooperate with us and send in your contributions as pledged with your yearly membership dues. In that way we may be able to pay our staff.

Thanking you for your cooperation, which I know I can expect from you, I am

Sincerely yours,
ABRAHAM BERNSTEIN,
Executive Secretary.

HONOUR THY FATHER AND MOTHER

CURRENT EVENTS IN THE JEWISH WORLD

A sum of 750,000 roubles for the development of Jewish artisans cooperatives in the Jewish regions of the Ukraine was contributed, on February 6th, jointly by the Ort and the Ukrainian Credit Union.

Twenty new Jewish cooperatives are to be organized immediately, it was decided. Locally produced raw materials will be used and it is expected they will serve as an additional source of income to the Jewish colonists during the winter months.

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The first issue of a pro-Palestine paper, called the "Pro-Palestine Herald," published by a non-Jewish organization, appeared in Chicago on February 3rd.

The paper states that it is "The voice of Christian America in Behalf of the Jewish National Home," and is the organ of the Chicago Pro-Palestine Federation of America.

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The Catholic Bishops of Austria recently sent an appeal to the Vatican asking it to register its opposition to the proposed student law, which would grant special privileges to Aryan students.

The appeal of the Bishops declares that the projected law is incompatible with Catholic principles.

The Jewish population of Harbin, largest Jewish center in the Far East, is living under difficult conditions, as the war area of the Sino-Japanese conflict has encompassed this region.

For days since the Japanese occupation and the beginning of the fighting, the Jews have been unable even to bury their dead in the Jewish cemetery which is situated outside of the town. They are forced to wait for temporary lulls in the warfare before the accumulated Jewish corpses can be taken quietly at night to the cemetery for burial.

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The Sinai Peninsula, where Moses received the Ten Commandments, may become the seat of a solar observatory to be established by the Smithsonian Institute. Alfred F. Moore, astronomer of the Institution staff, is already enroute to Mount St. Catherine, just 12 miles from Mount Sinai to investigate the possibilities. The Institution is seeking the highest and driest accessible spot in the Eastern hemisphere.

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The Jewish population in South Africa numbers 80,000 states a recent report from Capetown. The Jewish population constitutes 4.3% of the entire population.

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