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## WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Women's League of the West Side Institutional Synagogue began its work for the season by holding regular meetings on Monday afternoon of each week.

In addition to the Bible class conducted by our Rabbi at each meeting, a social hour is spent by the members under the auspices of different members who act as hostesses.

At the meeting held October 25th, 1937, Mrs. Annie R. Morris and Mrs. Jack Levine were the hostesses. The occasion was especially enjoyable because it marked the birthdays of these ardent and loyal workers of the West Side Institutional Synagogue. Congratulations and good wishes were extended to these ladies by their many friends.

On November 1st, 1937 the members were the guests of H. J. Heinz & Co. who provided a delicious luncheon at our building. After all present partook of the food, the Bible class held its session and a social hour was spent under the auspices of Mrs. Samuel Michael and Mrs. Benj. Spanbock.

The Women's League is at present busily engaged in making preparation for their "Give or Get Luncheon and Bridge" to be held Tuesday afternoon November 16th, 1937, at the Essex House. This promises to be a brilliant affair. Mrs. Jos. Anderson is the chairman, Mrs. Harry Millstein, treasurer. Subscription price is \$10.00 per ticket. Members may invite their friends at \$3.00 each. You may arrange about attending this Luncheon by writing or telephoning to either Mrs. Jos. Anderson, 325 West 86th St., Tel. SCHuyler 4-3984 or Mrs. Harry Millstein, 515 West End Ave., Tel. ENdicott 2-1642.

On November 8th, 1937, the League expects to have a regular Bible class and social hour, to which all ladies are invited.

## BOY SCOUTS

Under the capable leadership of Miss Yetta Margulies and Mr. Daniel Weiss respectively, a Girls' Scout and a Boys' Scout troop have been formed. Both of these leaders have had much previous experience and are at the present time heading other troops in different parts of the city.

## DEDICATION WEEK

Our members will have an opportunity to celebrate the purchase of our building by joining in the dedication exercises, scheduled to take place during the entire week from Nov. 28th to Dec. 5th.

The chairman of the committee in charge of the program is our indefatigable Vice-President, Max E. Sanders. A program is being planned by every division of our activities. Details will follow in future issues of this publication.

## OUR MEMBERSHIP

Our first meeting of Charter Members in the newly acquired building at 120-138 West 76th Street, was held on September 30th. One hundred and forty enthusiastic men and women paid for their memberships. With additions, since then, we now have well over two hundred.

Dues are \$10 per year. Our reason for this nominal amount is to make it possible for every man and woman to become a partner in this work of making our children better Jews and citizens.

That there is a very definite need for our INSTITUTION in this section of the City, is evidenced by the overwhelming response and profound interest manifested when one hundred and forty people can gather in one evening without personal solicitation and become members. However, we must have more people to help us carry on. Those approached since the first meeting have responded quickly and nobly, and we feel that every one of our readers who receives this Review will assist by obtaining at least one new member.

All members whose applications are received before the dedication of this building about six weeks hence, will be Charter Members whose names are signed in our Book of Life. This is a big job we have set out to do, and it is up to you to help us. Remember, it is not the work of a few, it is everybody's duty, so please get that one new member NOW. Visit us and you will need no further inducement.

## BAZAAR

Our organization was indeed fortunate in having Mr. Harry Appel join our ranks. He has shown marked enthusiasm in aiding us in our work.

At the meeting of the Board of Directors on Oct. 5th, 1937, he proposed that a bazaar be held in December. Appointed chairman of a Bazaar Committee, on Monday Oct. 11th, 1937 he attended the meeting of the Women's League and addressed them so eloquently and forcefully that the ladies promptly pledged their aid.

He emphasized that the most important element was obtaining merchandise, suggesting that each member get up a list of names of friends who can be approached for contributions of merchandise.

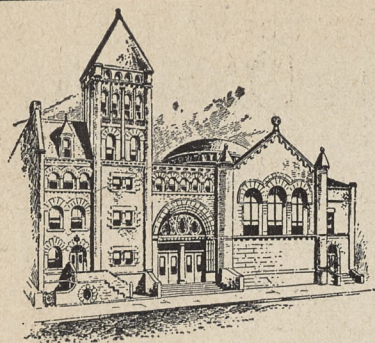
A great deal of enthusiasm has been aroused. Already merchandise is beginning to arrive, and the affair promises to be a financial success. An opportunity is afforded to all our members and friends to aid us by sending to us the names of merchants who will contribute goods of all kinds.

## TALMUD TORAH

Our Talmud Torah now has 7 teachers and 11 classes. The enrollment is 150. We started with a rally on September 19th and actual class work was commenced on September 22nd. Enrollment has grown steadily. Our teaching staff is composed of young, modern, English speaking men and women, thoroughly trained in modern pedagogical methods. The children attending our Talmud Torah are most enthusiastic.

Two of our present pupils, Ronald Kaufax and Martin Rich, have been awarded prizes by the Jewish Education Society at its Prize Winners' Festival, on Sunday November 1, 1937, at the Washington Irving High School.

All of our members and friends who have children of school age are invited to enroll them in our Talmud Torah for after-school Hebrew education.



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## DESCENDING DARKNESS

"A horror of great darkness fell upon Abram." True to-day more than ever. What with "ghetto-benches" in Polish universities, Horst Wessel songs and deeds, Nazi parades in New York, "Tom Sawyer" banished in Brazil as Marxist, orthodox Jews publicly flogged in an Italian colony for observing the Sabbath, apprehensively "we wait for light, but we walk in darkness."

Pope was prophetic in his "Dunciad". Well do his lines depict to-day's conditions:

"Religion blushing, veils her sacred fires,  
And unawares Morality expires.

Nor public flame nor private dares to show,

Nor human spark is left, nor glimpse divine!

Lo! thy dread empire Chaos is restor'd,  
Light dies before thy uncreating word;  
Thy hand, great Anarch, lets the curtain fall,

And universal darkness buries all."

The cause? Innumerable are the explanations. But, doesn't it simmer down to a simple formula, the sacrifice of the spiritual for the material? If nations, as well as individuals, singly

or in groups, were not so ignorant of basic principles of fair dealing and the rights of others, or indifferent to them, would the world be beset by so many evils? The theory of filling your own stomach by standing on the other fellow's, is based on sheer ignorance—ignorance of the "turning worm" theory. Shakespeare well said "Madman, thou errest: I say, there is no darkness but ignorance".

You can and should do a bit, in your humble way, to make this world a happier dwelling. Make your house of worship the centre of light, the base of operations. There you can give vent to most any activity towards good that appeals to you. Charity, leadership of youth, good citizenship—infinite are the possibilities for good deeds in addition to the primary object, religious guidance.

If you are a member of a house of worship, be an active one. If you have not as yet joined one, remember "but the fool walketh in darkness".

### Light Candles Friday Evening 4:33

#### Weekly portion : Toldos

Saturday Services ..... 9:00 A.M.

Children's Service ..... 10:00 A.M.

Rabbi Hurwitz's class in

Talmud ..... 3:15 P.M.

Young Peoples Mincha Service... 4:15 P.M.

Daily Services:

Mornings ..... 6:45, 7:30, 8:00

Afternoon ..... 4:30

Between afternoon and evening services a class in Mishnayes is led by Rabbi Goldstein

## MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

On Monday evenings at eight thirty the Men's Bible Class meets under the leadership of Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein. This year the class is studying the Book of Samuel. All men are cordially invited to attend and spend at least one hour a week studying the Bible.

## THE TALMUD CLASS

Every Saturday afternoon (one hour before Mincha) Rabbi Samuel Horowitz has his Talmud Class. Those who have failed to hear Rabbi Horowitz read, explain and elaborate upon the Talmud are missing an intellectual treat. Those who think that the Talmud is an ancient, dry, and forgotten subject are urged to convince themselves that the Talmud is real, modern, alive and interesting. Rabbi Horowitz has the art of bringing in references, anecdotes, proverbs, jokes and philosophical points of view, at the same time stressing the value and connection of his subject matter with present day life and its complex problems.

"AS  
R'CHASH  
SEES  
IT"



By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

Orthodox Judaism has no mentor in the Anglo-Jewish press. With the passing out of history of the Jewish Daily News, the Tageblatt's English Column and columnist, I know of no daily or weekly in this city, which dares to take up the cudgels for our faith in its pristine purity. It is with great trepidation and awe that I undertake this task. With the great and glorious Milton, I pray

"What in me is dark,  
Illumine. What is low, raise and support;

That to the height of this great argument

I may assert eternal Providence,  
And justify the ways of G-d to man."

This Column is to be devoted to Editorial Comments. It will represent the writer's own personal views of the news, and problems as they affect Jews and Judasim. They will be intended to mirror thoughts and suggestions which it is hoped will guide and lead to concerted action. The writer takes it for granted that he will not always find his readers in accord with him, but he seeks the privilege of expressing himself freely and frankly so as to bestir, cajole, inspire, perturb, satisfy and agitate.

Of course the West Side Institutional Synagogue will not be held responsible for the partisan or independent statements to be made in this column. Letters will always be welcomed, indicating approval or disapproval of what will have been printed herein. This will be a measuring scale by which success or failure may be gauged.

Every Friday as you will receive "The West Side Institutional Review", I will have in mind the Talmud in Berochos. "Rabbi Nechunya ben Hakanah used to offer a short prayer when he entered and when he left the House of Study. The Rabbis said to him 'What is the nature of this prayer?' He replied, 'when I enter I pray that no offense shall happen through me, and when I come forth I give thanks for my lot.'"

## STAMPS BELIE THE NAZIS

BY  
JOSEPH  
ELIAS  
DAVIDSON

When one looks at the pre-Nazi postage stamps of 1925 and sees depicted on them the images of Goethe, Kant, Leibnitz, Lessing and Dürer, Hitler and his luminaries do not even flicker.

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GOETHE

Kant, the good sport, who after being beaten for the first prize in phil-

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KANT

osophy by the non-Aryan Moses Mendelssohn, in a contest at the Berlin Academy of Philosophy in June 1763, wrote him congratulating him on the publication of his "Jerusalem", saying among other nice things, the following: "I am moved to express the wish yet unfulfilled that the lesson of your 'Jerusalem' might be taken to heart by the religious of all the world."

Leibnitz, who met the non-Aryan Spinoza during the last years of the

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LEIBNITZ

latter's life, and was so impressed by him that he often admitted that Spinoza had greatly influenced his own thinking. It is claimed by other great thinkers that Spinoza gave the determining influence to Leibnitz's views which were destined to dominate the whole of eighteenth century philosophy.

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LESSING

Lessing, whose "Die Juden" written in 1749, and "Nathan der Weise" written many years later, showed the author to be the greatest philo-Semite of those benighted times.

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DÜRER

And last, but not least, the great Albrecht Dürer, who knew enough Hebrew to put some of it on his engraving of Pirckheimer's Book Mark. It may surprise the Nazi Angriff to learn that there is still extant a copy of Erasmus' Bible with the Pirckheimer Book Mark with the legend INICIUM SAPIETIAE TIMOR DOMINI preceded by the Greek translation, which in turn is preceded by the original Hebrew, Rayshis Chochmo Yiros Hashem (The fear of G-d is the beginning of wisdom), which showed clearly that the old Germans did not consider Latin, French and German as the requisites for the trilingues erudito, but rather Hebrew, Greek and Latin.

I can only end with the hope that that great people which has produced Goethe, Kant, Lessing, Leibnitz and Dürer will in a short time have the cancer of Hitlerism removed from the body politic of Germany.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINCHA SERVICES

Every Saturday afternoon, the Young People of the Synagogue conduct the Mincha Services. It is really a pleasure to see and hear our boys and young men perform equally as well as their elders in speaking, reading the service, and reading the Torah. On October 23, Charles Schlang read the service, Harold B. Perlman read the Torah, and Simeon H. F. Goldstein spoke on "Partitioning Palestine".

## THE JUNIOR COUNCIL

The Junior Council under the leadership of Joshua M. Levine has shown itself to be one of the most active and powerful organizations in the Council. At a recent meeting at which there were sixty young people present, the following officers were elected. Nat Ritter, President; Louise Singer, Secretary; and Sheldon Frank, Treasurer. On October 30th, they sponsored a free dance which was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed.

## THE CHILDREN'S SERVICE

Every Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, the children of the Synagogue have their own service which is conducted entirely by them under the leadership of Joshua Levine. Parents are urged to send their children and avail themselves of this valuable opportunity to allow their children to participate in and conduct their own services.

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Lester Udell

Age 43. Looks like 34. Pious as 43 plus 34. Side line, clothing manufacturer. Main occupation: Sept. to June—President of West Side Institutional Synagogue. July and August—President of Congregation Ohav Zedek of Rockaway Park.

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## GETTING PERSONAL

We wish to thank Mrs. Michaelis, and her daughter Geraldine, for addressing and writing out 150 post cards for the "Junior League" . . . Gabe Goldstein has consented to be the leader of the Jewish Youth League group under the Council . . . which reminds us, 30 days hath September, April, June, and Jules Cohen for passing a red light . . . Mrs. Ullman, President of our Women's League, was visited by Sir Stork Saturday, October 23rd. (Incidentally, the stork waited until after the Sabbath.) . . . Buddy Friedman is very religious, and we admire him for it. But we think he went too far when he wouldn't go dancing, because the orchestra was directed by "Goy" Lombardo . . . Congrats to Miss Gertrude Bendheim and William B. Herlands on their engagement, which was the first one in the New West Side Institutional Synagogue . . . Congrats to Miss Jeanne Jacobs and Mr. Arthur Polacek, who were the first to march down the aisle in our new building, Sunday October 24th . . . Howard Horwitz, another son of the parents of our first barmitzva, is out on the Coast working for M.G.M. Lots of luck, Howie . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Gustavus Roth celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary . . . We wish a speedy and complete recovery to Mrs. Isidor Lauer, and to Mrs. Jacob Stone . . . It's a girl at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Liebowitz. (Mr. Liebowitz is the head of the science department at Straubenmuller Textile High School) . . . Miss Hazel Kenzler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kalman Kenzler, friends of the Synagogue, last week said the famous "I Do" . . . We are happy to welcome Mr. and Mrs. David L. Messing and daughter Gladys back to the United States . . . Sylvan Markowitz gave a short talk on photography, at the last meeting of the "Young Folks League."

If you have any social news that you feel belongs in this column, don't be bashful, send it in c/o Getting Personal, Institutional Synagogue, with your name. We will withhold all names upon publication . . . We might add, before closing, that the Junior Council had a dance last Saturday night, and everyone had a grand time . . . So, until next week, so long.

ARRANGE YOUR WEDDINGS,  
ENGAGEMENTS AND BARMITZVAHS  
AT THE  
WEST SIDE INSTITUTIONAL SYNAGOGUE

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING

A joint membership and Women's League meeting was held on Monday evening, Nov. 1st. It was well attended and enthusiastic.

Mr. Lester Udell, our president, welcomed those present. He stated that the purpose of the meeting was to report on what had been done since the last meeting and to obtain approval of future projects.

Mr. Harry Appel, chairman of the bazaar committee, showed how to make this bazaar a success. His remarks were amusing and interesting. Many promptly promised to send merchandise within a few days and to get their friends to do likewise.

Mr. Max E. Sanders reported on the plans of the Dedication Committee. He held the audience spellbound with his eloquence on the program for Dedication week, from Nov. 28th to Dec. 5th. It certainly is an ambitious undertaking and will be set forth in full in a later issue.

Mr. Joseph Settel, chairman of the Theatre Committee, reported that the Martin Beck Theatre had been engaged for Dec. 20th, 1937, where Ina Claire, the famous actress with a splendid supporting cast would present "Barchester Towers." He asked the members to co-operate by disposing of as many tickets as possible.

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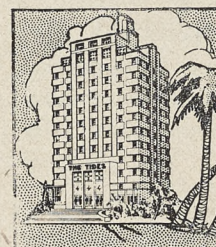
## YOUNG 'UNS FROM ? TO 21

Young Folk's activity in the W.S.I.S. has reached the stage of accomplishment. Under the guidance of a steering committee during the summer and later, a temporary governing board, the organization of various age groups into constituent leagues has been accomplished, and many activities have gotten under way. All the young people of the synagogue have been divided into particular groups based primarily on age, so that all are accommodated. These groups as a whole are known as the Council.

Each unit elects a designated number of representatives to a body known as the Governing Board of the Council of the W.S.I.S. which has complete power over all young peoples' activities taking place within the walls of the West Side Institutional Synagogue. Besides these age groupings, there are other types of Clubs known as "hobby clubs" such as a stamp club, a camera club, and others.

Most of the groups mentioned have already chosen either temporary or permanent officers, and Governing Board representatives. On Sunday evening, Nov. 7th, the Senior group will designate permanent officers and governing board representatives. On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 14th, the Young Folk's League will do likewise.

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