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THEATRE PARTY

The excellence of the play, "Barchester Towers", based upon the novel by Anthony Trollope, selected by the Theatre Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Joseph Settel, for our Theatre Party on Monday, December 20, 1937 at the Martin Beck Theatre, and the deserved renown of Ina Claire, the leading lady, augurs well for success. We hope our readers will act promptly, and obtain tickets for themselves and their friends.

We are sure you will be glad to have attended such an excellent performance, and that your friends, to whom you sell tickets, will be grateful to you.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

On Monday, November 8, 1937, the Women's League held its regular meeting at the synagogue building. The class began at 2:30 and, after the conclusion of the Bible study, a social hour was had under the auspices of Mrs. Max E. Sanders and Mrs. Moses Langer. A very pleasant afternoon was spent.

Attention is called to the luncheon to be held at the Essex House on Tuesday afternoon, November 16. Friends of members may obtain tickets at the subscription price of \$3.00 by writing or telephoning to Mrs. Joseph Anderson, 325 West 86th St., Schuyler 4-3984, or Mrs. Harry Millstein, 515 West End Ave., Endicott 2-1642.

Mrs. Albert H. Cohen, Program Chairman of the Luncheon, reported that Alan Corelli, Head of the Theatre Authority, Inc., will act as Master of Ceremonies at the entertainment.

JEWISH YOUTH LEAGUE

On Nov. 10th, the Jewish Youth League conducted a "scavenger hunt", which was followed by dancing. This group is composed of boys and girls between the approximate ages of fourteen to seventeen. The program consists of the business meeting, followed by an address from a member of the group on a Jewish or religious topic, and then dancing. The group is in preparation for their first dance of the season, to be given on Thanksgiving night, November 25th. Thus far the cultural talks have been delivered by Helene Cohen and Harold Levine and have dealt with the proposed "Partition of Palestine."



Light Candles Friday Evening 4:26
Weekly portion : Vayeze

Saturday Services 9:00 A.M.
Children's Service 10:00 A.M.
Rabbi Hurwitz's class in Talmud.....3:00 P.M.
Young People's Mincha Service.....4:10 P.M.

Daily Services:
Mornings6:45, 7:30, 8:00
Afternoon4:20
Between afternoon and evening services a class in Mishnayis is led by Rabbi Goldstein.

BAR MITZVAH

On Saturday, November 13, 1937, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Braverman of the Hotel Kimberly will celebrate the Bar-Mitzvah of their son, Irvin, at our Synagogue. We extend our congratulations, and hope that the young man will be a worthy addition to the Jewish Community.

CONTEST

The Editors plan to select, as a sort of "Sabbath Herald," a picture of a boy or girl in some pose, characteristic of the Sabbath. The photographs will be published, one a week, in the order in which they are received. At the end of a year, a committee of judges, not connected with the Synagogue, will be asked to select the picture most expressive of the spirit of the Sabbath, for permanent use. No compensation will be paid for said use.

All are invited to submit photos. Duplications of the same pose will be accepted. Use your ingenuity. There are only two conditions: The youngster must be a child, ward or grandchild of a member. \$5 must accompany each photo to defray the cost of making a cut, this paper having no budget for the purpose.

The picture appearing at the head of this column is that of a son of our Cantor, Rev. Zalman Yavneh. If looks alone counted, it would be a tough job to beat him. But the winner will not be judged that way.

MRS. HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN SIGNALLY HONORED

Last Thursday, Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, wife of our Rabbi, was chosen to head the Conference Committee of National Jewish Women's Organizations. This body represents an aggregate of several hundred thousand women and includes Hadassah, the National Council of Jewish Women, the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, the Women's League of the United Synagogue, the Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, the Mizarchi, Women's Organization of America, the Women's Division of the Jewish War Veterans, the Pioneer Women of America and the Women's Division of the Ort. Mrs. Goldstein is the first Orthodox Jewess ever chosen to head this group.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

The popularity of the Men's Bible Class, under the leadership of our Rabbi, is growing from week to week. It meets regularly every Monday evening at 8:15, and the attendance is gratifying indeed. While the study of the Bible is the main purpose, yet, frequently questions are asked which bring discussion down to the present day, and modern economics, science, and political theory are discussed. You are cordially invited to pay a visit to this class. We are sure that you will become a regular attendant.

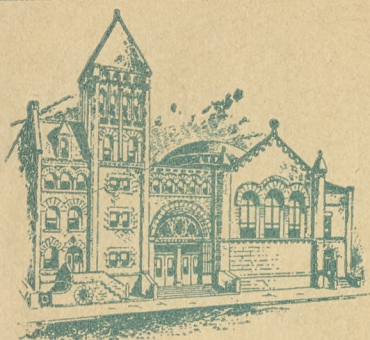
GIFTS

At the meeting of the Board of Directors on November 4th, three generous gifts from friends of this institution were announced.

Mr. Isaac Settel, our treasurer, announced that the Settel family, in memory of their parents, would donate a beautiful Ark for the main Synagogue.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Anderson made a donation of \$1,000 to be used for the erection of a complete Bima, as a memorial to their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Sigfried Bendheim made a donation of a new Chupa, in honor of the coming wedding of their daughter.



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ON GIVING

When Justice Holmes of the Supreme Court died, the publication of his will, bequeathing a substantial fortune to the United States, electrified the world. This noble character sought to show gratitude to his country for its freedom and opportunities, and to impress others with similar feelings.

Recently, we came across a book published in 1911, "Ancient, Curious and Famous Wills," by Virgil M. Harris, which one can read with profit. Here is contained a copy of the will of one "Pinedo, the Portugese Jew," which certainly was a fore-runner of Justice Holmes' will. Harris says "This remarkable Israelite, well known in Amsterdam for his enormous wealth and liberal donations, died about the middle of the eighteenth century." Harris indicates the will can be found in "Schutt's Memorabilia Judaica," lib. iv. cap. 18. We quote it in full.

"I bequeath to the City of Amsterdam, the sum of five 'tons' of gold.

I lend to the said City for ten years, and without interest, the sum of a million and a half florins.

I give to every Christian Church at Amsterdam and at The Hague, the sum of 10,000 florins each, and to the Church in the southern quarter of Amsterdam, 20,000 florins.

I give to each Christian orphanage in the two towns, the sum of 10,000 crowns.

I give to the poor of Amsterdam, forty shiploads of peat.

I give the orphan who shall first quit the orphanage, 1000 florins, and to the one who shall succeed him 600 florins.

I give to the Synagogue at Amsterdam two and a half 'tons' of gold.

I give to the Portugese orphanage 30,000 crowns.

I lend to the government at three per cent interest ten 'tons' of gold on condition that the interest shall be paid to the Jews domiciled at Jerusalem; the capital to belong to the government in perpetuity.

I give to the German synagogue 5,000 florins.

I give to my nephew Ovis thirty-one 'tons' of gold, with all my houses and appurtenances.

I give to my widow ten 'tons' of gold.

I give to my other relatives in equal portions 10,000 crowns.

I give to each of my neighbours who shall assist at my funeral 100 ducats.

I give to every unmarried person of either sex who shall be present at my burial 100 florins, and to every Christian priest in Amsterdam and at The Hague 100 crowns and to every sacristan 50 crowns."

The foregoing is a refreshing bit of antiquity which has been emulated, on a lesser scale, time and again. What a giver was the late Felix Warburg who followed so nobly in the footsteps of his great father-in-law, Jacob Schiff!

But the point is, what sort of giver are you in these days when religious, charitable and educational institutions are desperately struggling to survive? True, you cannot give "tons" of gold, nor any gold. Yet you can give, and should give to your utmost, not only of your means but also of yourself, your time, your co-operation, your guidance — "For the gift without the giver is bare."

THE SCULPTOR

The sculptor's task is to model his masterpieces from ordinary clay.

Women have a similar task in shaping the character of a child. When born, it is receptive to good and bad impressions. It must be moulded into an intelligent, moral human being. Much depends on the mother.

In olden times—and even to-day in many parts of the world—the task of the mother in rearing children was hard. She had to supply, often to create, food, clothing and shelter and such spiritual guidance as the child received, was mainly at her hands.

To-day, in our community, the task is much simpler. Food and clothing can be procured without physical exertion. Education has become the task of society. The mother needs only to make a wise choice.

The finishing touch, however, is left for her. In that, however, she is greatly aided—in fact she may not dispense with such aid—by the Talmud Torah. That institution should be encouraged and patronized.

Send your children to the Talmud Torah.

"AS
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IT"



By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

THE TWO MILLION

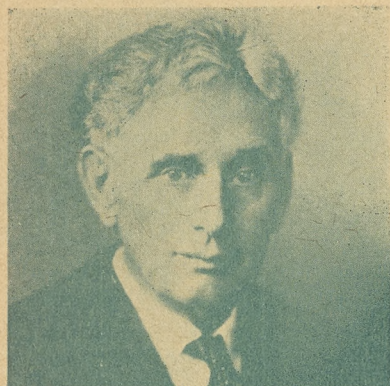
Two million unmarried young men and women want to get married but cannot afford it. This makes for a decadent civilization, loose morals, and compromise. It places a tremendous hardship upon the youth of our day, one to which their parents and grandparents were not subjected.

Let parents and young people face this problem squarely. A wealthy father once said to me, "I want my daughter to marry a man who is making a very comfortable living." Thereupon I replied: "A man in your position should not make that a sine qua non. There are few few young men in the early or middle twenties who, by virtue of their own prowess or merit, are wealthy. Why do you not look for religion, character ability and promise and then, by virtue of your position, make it possible for your daughter to marry into purity, faith and youthful love relationship." "It's all right for a rabbi to speak that way, but not for a practical man," said he. Thereupon, I declared,—"I know girls who married into wealth, and compromised with character, religion, morals and age compatability. The depression came, their husbands lost all their money, and they are miserable because they realize how improperly mated they were and are."

The girl who will not marry until her husband is able to provide the comfort and luxuries which she enjoys at home and who starts the scale of her demands on the level of parental luxury, may rob herself of some of the strongest character-building experiences of life, the thrill of acquisition, accomplishment, struggle and progress in her husband's career. The young husband and wife who practice forbearance and fortitude, who are ready to eat simple and inexpensive food, to live together in modest quarters, to stay at home often and build their home slowly by mutual devotion and self-denial, will find happiness in solving their financial problems and joy in economizing, thus saving and succeeding. That is what our parents did. Why cannot we or our children do likewise?

INTERESTING STAMPS

BY JOSEPH E. DAVIDSON



THE STAMP, See Scott's Catalogue U. S. No. 623 depicting Woodrow Wilson, 28th President of U. S.

II. President Wilson and Louis Brandeis

To-night, November 12th, is the eve of the 81st birthday of American Jewry's foremost son, Louis D. Brandeis, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, who was appointed to that position by President Wilson on January 28, 1916.

Lack of space prevents the writer from even cursorily sketching either Brandeis' work as lawyer and judge or his activities in behalf of his own race. A bare outline of a few of his activities which, in the opinion of the writer, will give the reader a glimpse of the greatness and the goodness of the man will have to suffice.

To my mind his outstanding service as a lawyer was his work (1907-14) as counsel for the People in proceedings which involved the constitutionality of the 10 hour law passed by the States of Oregon and Illinois, the 9 hour law by Ohio and finally the 8 hour law by California.

After his elevation to the Supreme Court, Judge Brandeis managed to find time to interest himself in activities affecting Zionist affairs, and also wrote on Zionism and other problems affecting our people.

There is nothing that the writer can say that can possibly equal the masterly tribute paid to Brandeis by President Wilson at the time he made the appointment, and the President's own words shall be my concluding remarks. They are:

"I cannot speak too highly of his (Brandeis') impartial, impersonal, orderly and constructive mind, his rare analytical powers, his deep human sympathy, his profound acquaintance with the historical roots of our institutions, and insight into their spirit, or of the many instances he has given of being imbued to the very heart with our American ideals of justice and equality of opportunity."

YOUNG ISRAEL'S KASHRUTH LABORATORY

By DR. FREDERICK KRASSNER,

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Young Israel has recently established a Kashruth Laboratory, at the Mesifita Building, 400 Stone Avenue, Brooklyn, with the assistance of the Mesifita Chaim Berlin. The laboratory is being conducted on a strictly non-commercial basis, its purpose being to provide information as to the composition of food products from the standpoint of Jewish dietary laws and, wherever possible, by analysis, to determine whether an article or product is Kosher or Trefa. No hechasherim or commercial approvals are issued, nor does the laboratory attempt to pass judgment on questions of Jewish Law that may be involved. Its sole function is to serve as a technical Bureau of Standards under the supervision of Young Israel, so that unbiased information as to accurate chemical analyses of foods, for Kashruth purposes, may be available.

In carrying out the foregoing, the Young Israel Kashruth Laboratory is filling a long felt need, the dissemination of impartial information on Kosher foods, from a scientific viewpoint. As yet, the laboratory is in its preliminary stage of development, but great potentialities in this field of work are anticipated.

The technical aspect of this project is under the supervision of the writer who, being somewhat conversant with the ramifications of modern food production, and as a Young Israelite realizing the need for guidance on the part of the observant Jew in his efforts to adhere to the traditional aspects of the dietary, has consented to assist in this worthy work, by directly supervising the analytical work of the laboratory.

All questions of Jewish Law in connection with the work of the laboratory are decided by Rabbi Israel Hutner, who is recognized as one of the outstanding Jewish scholars of our time.

No charge is made for the work of the laboratory. It earns no money directly or indirectly. Both Rabbi Hutner and the writer contribute their services without compensation. The laboratory is intended for the purpose of collaborating with and supplementing the work of existing agencies, in the hope, that by so doing, the enforcement of certain regulatory standards pertaining to Kashruth may be achieved.

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OUR TREASURER



ISAAC SETTEL

In our efforts to write up our treasurer, we encountered great difficulty. He simply refused to co-operate. But we were not discouraged. We searched the archives and, sure enough, found a complete description of the man, a perfect fit, in the last place you'd think of looking—THE DICTIONARY.

There, his characteristics were found.

To SETTLE: to make firm, steady, stable; to establish or fix: to render quiet; to calm, to free from uncertainty, to make sure, to adjust, to liquidate, to balance, to pay; to put in order, to arrange."

What a description of our 63-year-old financial Colossus!

We were, however, a bit puzzled at the last definition—"to depress." That got us for a while. Then we recalled. When he relentlessly gets after delinquent directors, they are indeed depressed.

Mr. Settel is proud of his son and his two grand-sons. So are we all. May he long prosper in his real estate business and long may he be treasurer. He is active in many institutions, a liberal contributor and a director of Beth Israel Hospital and Daughters of Israel.

GETTING PERSONAL

If you don't see our President, Lester Udell, in Shul this Saturday, it's not that he's playing hookey, it's that he hied off to Chicago for the week-end . . . Arthur Goldstein, former President, of the former Young People's Conference, delivered a talk last Saturday afternoon, on Jewish Youth and Anti-Semitism . . . After seeing our new building, David H. Gluck, said, "I'm sorry I signed a lease in the country. I'll be back with you next year" . . . It's a boy at the Sam A. Silk's home. Congrats to them, and the grandparents, Silk and Margolin . . . Warning to Moses Langer, the supply of "Schnaps" is running very low . . . We wish David Stebbins a speedy recovery . . . Congrats to Michael Blankfort, son of Director Henry Blankfort, upon the appearance of his new novel, "I Met A Man" - may it go over big . . . Our Vice-President, Max E. Sanders, flew in from Chicago last Monday afternoon to attend a membership meeting. . . . Glad to hear that Harry Appel is up on his feet again, and back on the job. We all welcome our "Bazaar" chairman. . . . We hear that Joseph Settel is doing a very fine job as chairman of the "Theatre Party". . . . The name of the very young lady who has been keeping Mrs. Ullman from presiding at Women's League meetings, is Lois Jane. . . . Dr. Rafsky, our Rabbi's brother-in-law, dropped in at the Synagogue last Saturday morning. . . . We understand that Joseph Anderson is planning a trip to Brazil after the first of the year. . . . Best of luck to the delegates, elected to the governing board by the Senior group, last Sunday evening, and to those who will be elected at the Young Folks League this Sunday. Not to forget the Junior Council, and the Jewish Youth League representatives. . . . During the most recent Wall Street tumble, Max Moscowitz said he wasn't worried, because he didn't sell Stocks, he sells STOCKings. . . . The hit song of the week, "Adon Olum."

Congratulations are due to Mr. Maurice Greenstein, one of our directors, upon the appointment of his son, Dr. Jesse Leonard Greenstein, as Director of the Yerkes Observatory at Williamsbay, Wisconsin. This appointment is a high tribute from the scientific world, and Papa should be proud (and isn't he).

Our Young Folks are going to a dance card party and midnight supper this Saturday night, sponsored by the Junior League of the Yeshivah College and to be held at the Jewish Center. We expect the same cooperation at our social functions.

. . . And so again until next week, So long. . . .

BAZAAR

The committee, under the able chairmanship of Mr. Harry Appel, is planning a strenuous campaign. Mrs. Annie R. Morris has been appointed in charge of the Women's Division, and the office is now equipped to follow up any lead furnished for the obtaining of merchandise. "Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today" is excellent advice to follow with respect to obtaining merchandise for our bazaar. We all want to make it a success, and the only way it can be done is by getting down to work right now.

SENIOR GROUP

The group of ladies and gentlemen from nineteen to twenty-one, had one of their largest meetings on Sunday Evening, November 7th, and chose the following officers: Sam Greenfield, Pres., Joan Horowitz, Vice-Pres., Leona Kessler, Corresponding Secretary, Elaine Goldberg, Recording Secretary, and Ira Bernstein, Treasurer. The delegates to the Governing Board are: Robert S. Breitbart, Jules Cohen, Grace Hoschander, and Laurence Mirken.

TALMUD TORAH

The children of our Talmud Torah had a rally and celebration on Sunday, October 31, in honor of the 20th Anniversary of the Balfour Declaration. All the children were gathered in the assembly room, and patriotic songs were sung. Our Rabbi delivered an address and so did Mr. Isaac Settel, our treasurer. Mr. Feier, in charge of the program, deserves many thanks for his good work.

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SABBATH AFTERNOON SERVICES

Although there are already quite a number of participants in the Young People's Mincha services on Saturday afternoon, new volunteers are urged to communicate with the committee if they desire to speak, read the Torah or conduct the Services. On October 30th and November 6th the speakers were Bernard Levmore and Arthur Goldstein, and the others taking part were Selig Katz, Sidney Silberman and Laurence Perlman.

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