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THE COUNCIL

The first meeting of the Governing Board of the Council took place on Tuesday evening, November 16. The following persons were elected officers: Jules Cohen, president; Hank Epstein, vice-president; Bob Breitbart, treasurer; Estelle Jablow, corresponding secretary and Leona Kessler, recording secretary. The other members of the Council are: Sheldon Frankel, Gabe Goldstein, Grace Hoschander, Harold Levine, Sylvan Markowitz, Lawrence Mirken, Nat Ritter, Harold Udell and Ed Weinstein.

Three committees, House, Social and Entertainment, were appointed. They are entrusted with the task of making arrangements immediately for the effective functioning of the various groups.

Permission was granted to the Young Folks League to hold a novelty informal dance on the evening of December 11th. Permission was also given to the Young Folks League and the Senior Group to hold a social evening on Sunday, December 5th. The next meeting will be held next Tuesday at 8:15 P.M. Both young and old are invited to attend.

Because of its small treasury, the Council requests contributions of a number of articles. If the activities of the young people of this Synagogue are to thrive, aid must be forthcoming from the Synagogue's members and friends. At present, the primary need is for a radio and a phonograph with records of any description. Also needed are a ping-pong table, bridge tables and chairs and furniture suitable for a lounge. Persons desiring to contribute any of these items, may arrange for their delivery by telephoning directly to the Synagogue.

BAR MITZVAH

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Olive, of 565 West End Ave., will celebrate the Bar-Mitzvah of their son Herbert David in our Synagogue on Saturday, Nov. 27th, 1937. We extend our congratulations and good wishes.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Many questions and lively discussions added to the enjoyment of those attending this class on Monday evening. Every male adult is urged to attend every Monday evening.



Light Candles Friday Evening 4:17

Weekly portion: Vayesheb

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:	
Mornings	6:45, 7:30, 8:00
Afternoon	4:10
Between afternoon and evening services a class in Mishnayis is led by Rabbi Goldstein.	

OUR CONTEST

Above, we have Betty Ellen Sanders, daughter of our Second Vice-President and Director, Max E. Sanders and Mrs. Sanders, exemplifying the Spirit of the Sabbath. The contest is open to boys and girls of the West Side Institutional Synagogue. Use your ingenuity in posing. Send photograph and \$5 to cover cost of cut. At the end of a year, a committee of outsiders will select the one best indicating the Spirit of the Sabbath. Poses may be duplicated.

THEATRE PARTY

The committee in charge of the theatre party, consisting of Mr. Joseph Settel, chairman, Messrs. David H. Ullman and Moses Langer, are gratified at the hearty co-operation they are receiving from the membership. The play, "Barchester Towers", with Ina Claire as the leading lady, offers a very enjoyable evening. All who wish tickets are invited to communicate with the office.

OUR WOMEN

The Women's League held its first luncheon at the Essex House. The president, Mrs. David Ullman presented the chairman, Mrs. Jo Anderson who, in turn, presented Rabbi Goldstein. His address was inspiring.

A splendid job was done by the co-chairman, Mrs. Harry Millstein and her assistant, Mrs. Jack Levine, in arranging tables and the sale of tickets. Mrs. Anderson attributes the success of the affair to their efforts and to those of Mrs. A. H. Cohen, chairman of program.

Many beautiful gifts were donated—a suede bag, by Bonwit-Teller & Co.; a set of table linens by Mrs. David Ullman; a pair of hand crocheted gloves, by Mrs. Mayer Mirken; a silver coffee pot, by Mrs. Salit; also gifts from Schrafft's and The Malvina Shop through the courtesy of Mrs. Annie R. Morris, whose niece, Miss Morris presented a box of stockings as a door prize.

The attendance was 300. The affair was a success, socially and financially. The League thanks its many friends for their co-operation.

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At their meeting on Nov. 22nd., the League emphasized the importance of concentrating on the Bazaar (Dec. 14-22). Many ladies volunteered to call upon merchants to collect the promised contributions of goods of various kinds. All are urged to contribute.

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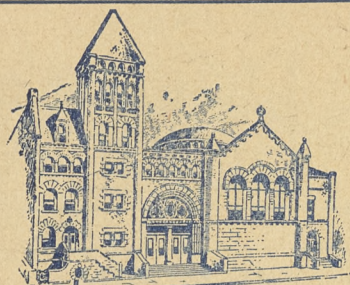
The Bible Class was well attended. The hostess at the social hour which followed was Mrs. Julius E. Rosansky.

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A class for adult women in beginners' Hebrew, under the leadership of Mrs. Frieda H. Weinstein, meets every Monday afternoon between 1:30 and 2:30. All are invited. No fee is charged.

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A course in public speaking for women will be given at the Synagogue building on Wednesday mornings, between 10:15 and 11:45, beginning Dec. 1st. These lectures will be under the auspices of the Women's Branch of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America. All members of affiliated groups, including our Women's League, will be admitted without charge.



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THANKSGIVING

The Jew gives thanks to his God, not only once a year, but almost every minute of his waking hours. With his morning prayers, blessings after meals, on through evening prayers and before retiring, he thanks his Creator. Down through the Ages, amid all the persecutions to which he has been subjected, he has never ceased to thank his God.

To-day, our Polish and German brethren still utter the time-hallowed prayers while they pray for deliverance.

The American Jew, in his preoccupation with the hustle and bustle of everyday affairs, is prone to forget that he is indeed fortunate to continue his activities without interference. Thanksgiving weekend should be a time for every American Jew to realize that his future is insecure in the face of the rising tide of fascism and anti-Semitism engulfing the world; and to resolve that he will at all times endeavor to reflect credit upon the name Jew in his entire course of dealing with his fellow man.

FREEDOM

By HARRY WEINBERGER

In the days of old, the Jews, in Egypt, chose liberty and sought the Promised Land through the Wilderness, rather than remain slaves of Egypt.

A people who are an-hungered cannot stay free. Unemployment and starvation for large portions of a nation will lead that nation inevitably to accept dictatorship, with or without civil war, whether that dictatorship is in the form of Fascism, Nazism or Communism. This is true of every nation in the world.

Will the blind Samson of hunger pull down the Temple of Civilization? Will trade barriers and the necessity of raw materials cause a world war, with its attendant regimentation of people and nations?

Life, even with all economic questions solved, if without liberty, would be like a rope of sand which perishes in the twisting. We must however solve the unemployment problem; solve the bread question, the cost of living question; the decent housing question, the free trade question, or people and nations in panic and desperation may continue to flock to dictators like frightened children, and war and preparation for war will continue in the world. Many of the youths of the United States stand helpless and hopeless asking for jobs and a large part of the adult population is in despair. In the most fertile land in the world, blessed with all the raw materials necessary and the finest engineering science, marvelous roads and railroads, with millions of acres of land unused, trade is hesitant, much machinery is stilled and millions are eating the bread of charity, who never ate it before.

The youth of America ask the eternal question why, with great progress, must there come great poverty.

There stands Progress, under our civilisation, like a glorified monument; but in its shadow stands slinking, treacherous Poverty, clawing at its foundation and threatening to overthrow it. It is the riddle which the Sphinx of Fate puts to our civilization.

In the meantime, almost without exception, cities, counties and states allow the unearned increment of land which is created by all the people to be taken by private individuals; it allows land to be held out of use, waiting for a speculative rise in price; it fails to take for community needs the full rental value of the bare land, without considering the improvements, which value was created by no man. If this unearned increment of land values were taken, it would force

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"AS
R'CHASH
SEES
IT"



By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

THE MINIMUM

Parents are most anxious to have their children receive the maximum preparation for life in one direction. They will stint themselves so as to give their children a college education. If it is at all possible, they will not send their growing boys to learn a trade, and thus begin their business careers early in life.

Parents will make every provision for their children to take music and dancing lessons. The child's week is thus crowded with secular activity. There is one place, some feel, where the child must not be taxed and that is in the religious school. For that reason there are more children sent to Sunday schools (which by the way, is of Christian origin) than to Talmud Torahs and Yeshivahs. We are satisfying ourselves with an irreducible minimum when it comes to the religious training of our children. "We have rebelled from Thy commandments because they are of little meaning to us," may well be said of parents who seek to give their children a minimum of religious training. Their children receive a morsel of spiritual food, and yet expect them to be sated for the rest of their lives. Parents are thus unfair to their children, because they are robbing them of their full heritage. "The Torah which Moses commanded us is the heritage of the congregation of Jacob."

Many children are sent to Talmud Torah at ten, or even twelve years of age, and then we hope for the best. What would you think of the farmer who began to plant in August instead of May? In August weeds have grown all over the field and the ground has given its best to the weeds. Similarly it is with the child. At the age of six, the child's springtime, it is ready to receive and be impressed with, the word of God. At a much later age, many weeds have already grown in the child's mind and like the field in August it has given its best to these weeds. A child who receives a thorough religious education at its very beginning is respectful, ethical, and loyal. Such a child is prepared for life's changes, and will be a credit to its parents and to the community.

INTERESTING STAMPS

By JOS. E. DAVIDSON

IV. Thomas Jefferson Receives a Letter From John Adams

The Stamp: Scott's Catalogue, Confederate States A2



Thomas Jefferson Washington's kindly feelings towards the Jewish communities, as evinced by friendly expressions in his several letters of appreciation for their well-wishes on his election, were in a large measure shared by the two men who followed him in the presidency, his Vice-President, John Adams and his Secretary of State, Thomas Jefferson.

The aristocrat Adams and the unostentatious Jefferson, whose long and distinguished lives ran almost parallel, both ending on the same day (July 4th, 1826) also had none but the kindest feelings for their fellow citizens of the Jewish faith and, in addition thereto, had a most exalted opinion of Judaism as a religion and of its influence on civilization.

One has but to read the letter which Adams sent to Mr. Jefferson in February 1809 (see Works of John Adams, Vol. 9 pages 609-610 or Jewish Encyclopedia, Vol. I, Page 184) to appreciate the fact that his tribute to our race and religion is one of the fairest and, at the same time, most gracious ever penned by any friend of Israel. Following is an extract:

"... In spite of Bolingbroke and Voltaire I will insist that the Hebrews have done more to civilize men than any other nation. If I were an atheist, and believed in blind eternal fate, I should still believe that fate had ordained the Jews to be the most essential instrument for civilizing nations. If I were an atheist of the other sect, who believe or pretend to believe, that all is ordained by chance, I should believe that chance had ordered the Jews to preserve and propagate to all mankind the doctrine of a supreme, intelligent, wise, almighty Sovereign of the Universe, which I believe to be the great essential principle of all morality, and consequently of all civilization. I cannot say that I love the Jews very much, nor the French, nor the English, nor the Romans, nor the Greeks. We must love all nations as well as we can, but it is very hard to love most of them."

The next article by Mr. Davidson will be Madison, Monroe, Jackson and the Jews.

SAY IT TO THE EDITOR

The Younger Generation and Its Outlook on Religion

Dear Editor:

I have found that the younger generation is slowly but surely drifting towards religion.

There are many exceptions but they are being drawn closer by the numerous social functions that the synagogues throughout the city are giving. Of course there will always be some outcasts to every religion, some people who will always laugh at and refuse to ever hear the word religion, but this is quite natural and will always take place.

The information that the children of the many Talmud Torahs derive from their lessons also tend to lead them to the right road.

I am quite sure that if the work which has been done and is being done is kept up, we will once again unite and return as the favorite people of the Almighty G-d above.

Nanette Udell
(age 13)

SCOUTS TO RECEIVE CHARTER

On Tuesday evening, November 30th, at 8 P.M., the West Side Institutional Synagogue Scout Troop will be officially registered. The Troop will receive its charter from a representative of Manhattan Council and will be designated as Troop 530.

The charter officers are: Troop Committee — Max E. Sanders, Chairman; Joseph Anderson and Moses Langer; Scoutmaster, Daniel Weiss and Assistant Scoutmaster, Melvin H. Friedman. Fourteen boys will receive their Tenderfoot badges at the Investiture Ceremony.

An elaborate program has been prepared and the parents and friends of the Scouts, as well as the members of the Synagogue are cordially invited to attend.

A Cub Pack, for boys between the ages of 9 and 12, is being registered under the able leadership of Roy Gutterman who has had many years of experience in Cubbing and is a Deputy Commissioner of Cubbing in the Yorkville District. Scout and Cub meetings are held every Tuesday evening at 7:45. All boys between the ages of 9 and 15 are invited.

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OUR 2ND VICE-PRESIDENT



MAX E. SANDERS

Our 2nd V. P., (fair, fat and 48,) saw light of day in an East Side tenement, not a log cabin (improvements about the same). Product of De Witt Clinton, C.C.N.Y. and N.Y.U.—has practiced law since 1911.

Member of John Purroy Mitchell Post of American Legion, Fresh Meadow Country Club, Grand St. Boys' Ass'n., Diadem Lodge F. & A. M., Grand Adirondack Lodge Knights of Pythias, National Republican Club ("Phooey", says the editor who's a Democrat), City, County Lawyers and Federal Bar Associations (that's better), Board of Governors of Federation (still better) and Board of Directors of West Side Institutional Synagogue (perfect).

He and wife Hannah, a sister of Assemblyman Holly (Ha! a Democrat) are good poker players—always hold three queens, Muriel, Barbara and Betty Ellen.

Ambition to write a book "The People I Have Met" (re-publish the telephone book—same number of persons). Great admirer of Rabbi Goldstein. Admiration mutual.

His specialty—re-organizing disorganized organizations via 77B.

GETTING PERSONAL

Here's one where the old adage, "Speech is Silver, but Silence is Golden," is knocked for a loop. Our quiet Mr. Silver has, in the last two months, doubled our membership . . . Our Rabbi made a flying trip to Bridgeport, Conn., where he and Dr. Bernard Revel, President of the Yeshiva College, inducted one of the Yeshiva graduates, as Rabbi in that community . . . David H. Ullman has not let the new arrival interfere with the souvenir journal, of which he is chairman. We're looking for a fat journal in the spring. Give him a hand boys . . . Despite the weatherman's little tricks, we've had good attendances during the past two weeks . . . Among those not deterred by the rain last Saturday morning, were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sedwitz . . . "An apple a day, keeps the Dr. away", but our good friend Harry Appel says, "A few packages a day (for our Bazaar) will keep the blues away . . . We wish a speedy and complete recovery to Mesdames, Rothblatt and Diamond . . . Last Saturday afternoon at the Young People Mincha Service, Buddy Friedman spoke, Benjamin Neuhaus read the service, and Harold Levine read the Torah . . . Apologies to Joan Reich, who was elected Corresponding Secretary of the Young Folks League, but inadvertently omitted from last week's report of the meeting . . . Don't forget the Dance sponsored by the Young Folks League Dec. 11th . . . So long. . . H. E.

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all land into its fullest economic use, release industry and buildings from taxes, create more jobs than men, raise wages, reduce the cost of living, lower rents, and abolish all relief rolls except for the old and feeble or incapacitated.

On a national scale there practically can be no overproduction, there is only underconsumption caused by inability to purchase, and sometimes bad distribution. With more jobs than men wages will be high and there will be, in the masses, ability to purchase all commodities produced and all food grown.

Economic liberty, proper distribution of wealth and the proper forms of taxation, have nothing to do with the question of liberty. They are only concerned with economics. But only a free people with liberty of speech and press, under a democratic form of government, can change economic conditions by ballots instead of bullets, in order to bring about the happiness of the people, one of the purposes of government as stated in the Declaration of Independence.

Some men, in a hurry to save the world before nightfall, would dispense with all liberty. We should stand against regimentation of the people under any guise or pretext. Voluntary cooperation is not despotism; compulsory cooperation carried too far may be the road to tyranny—and tyranny is tyranny. We should not fear economic change—we should fear the growth of monopolies and loss of liberty. We should stand against the despotism of government or men. All changes of government or society should be fully discussed. We should not be afraid of paper bullets containing ideas; we should not be afraid of verbal shot containing controversial ammunition. It is so easy to sell one's heritage of freedom for a mess of pottage; the necessities, the exigencies seem so great, the sale seems so temporary—the struggle to hold it at times seems so hopeless, so useless.

You are familiar with the Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam and know how he describes the sellers of wine and asks:

"Well, I wonder often what the vintners buy

One half so precious as they stuff they sell."

To paraphrase Omar Khayyam, I say to those in panic, who are advocating that we sell liberty for a regimented status:

"Well, I wonder often what the people buy

One half so precious as the liberty they sell."

It is no disgrace or dishonor to fail in the conflict for justice and liberty. It is only disgrace and dishonor not to enter the arena and give battle. Democratic and parliamentary government, with all its faults, is the sole hope of a world seeking a possibly peaceful solution of economic problems. If despotism conquers, it will mould the world in unchangeable form; it will build on the masses for the benefit of the few.

The great heritage of the Jewish race is love of liberty and the ideal of no poverty and, as expressed in the Old Testament, for an agricultural age, to dwell safely, every man under his vine

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