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TO OUR MERCHANTS

A Bazaar is an Idea
Which
Makes it possible for you
To do a lot of
Good and
At the same time avoid
Selling at sacrifice
Prices
A lot of merchandise to
Unappreciative People
Which merchandise if
Sent to us for
Sale to the same
People
Makes them happy to
Do a good
Deed with you in helping
The West Side
Institutional Synagogue
And
Above all
You do not have to
Give us the cash which
You can use to buy
Stocks which
You can sell later
On at less than
You paid for
Them so
Send in your
Goods like a good fellow
And join the roll
Of honor of those
Who have
Already contributed
And help Harry
Appel put it
Across.

Selah!

THE BAZAAR COLLECTOR

I'll be fetching shoes and sox,
Napkins, soap, cigars and clox,
Scissors, panties, pins,
Pajamas, shorts, step-ins,
Bedding, hats and jars of pickled lox.
I'll bring cookies, tennis nets,
Hats and bags and ping-pong sets,
Also ketchup, lamps, glassware,
And furs and rocking chair,
Canaries, pups and other pets.
So I'm gonna take my car
And drive it near and far
Collecting merchandise
Piled high up to the skies
To sell at our Bazaar.



Light Candles Friday Evening 4:15
Weekly portion : Mikez

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 CONTESTANT

Maxine Udell, daughter of our president, Lester Udell and Mrs. Udell, exemplifying the spirit of Chanukah.

FOREIGN NEWS

GENEVA (direct to W.S.I. Review)
—It is rumored that a plan is afoot to settle the Japanese-Chinese undeclared war by giving a choice piece of China to our Bazaar. Harry Appel, when interviewed over the trans-Atlantic telephone, is said to have stated that he would accept provided it was not made in Japan or Germany.

PARIS (by W.S.I.R. News Service)
—The exposition will close from Dec. 14th to the 22nd to permit the employees as well as the guests to attend our Bazaar.

MINSK (direct cable)—The Chamber of Communists voted to send a carload of caviar to our Bazaar in exchange for a truckload of valuta. The offer was declined with thanks, as being too Bizarre. If we had a truckload of valuta, we wouldn't need a Bazaar.

THE BAZAAR

The Chanukah season is at hand and its spirit pervades the atmosphere.

Why not include your Synagogue among those you want to bless with your gifts? The West Side Institutional Synagogue, under the leadership of Mr. Harry Appel and his hard-working committee, and with the help of Mrs. Annie R. Morris and her women's committee, is about to launch a drive for funds by means of a Bazaar, from December 14th. to December 22nd.

The following have helped us obtain merchandise:

Messrs. Harry Appel, Henry L. Kessler, David H. Ullman, Dr. A. M. Ditchik, Joseph Anderson, William Sukloff, Aaron Wartels, Mrs. Annie R. Morris, Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, Mrs. Annie Mirken, Mrs. Jack Levine, Mrs. Meyer L. Pargament, Miss B. Abrams, Mrs. Max Frank, Mrs. Morris Jablow, Mrs. Lester Udell, Mrs. Moses Langer, Mrs. Frieda Weinstein.

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"MAGNIFICENT SPORT"

The above expression immediately brings to mind some activity physically, emotionally or mentally exuberant, healthier and kindlier for its occurrence. Be it outdoor or indoor, indulged in alone or en masse, it takes an extraordinarily tired but happy feeling to dub an undertaking "magnificent sport."

That the expression has been used in association with cruelty, is unfortunately true. Many a mighty hunter has returned from an extensive kill, many a fisherman with fish left to decay, with tales of magnificent sport. Such performances, we have been de-luding ourselves, were a throwback to a savage age from which man, thankfully enough, has evolved.

Writers tell us that, in olden days, degenerate reigning princes and lords, amused themselves taking pot shots at the rabble and history records the sacrifice of human beings in combat with wild animals in the Roman arena. We read it all, shuddered and were thankful those days were past.

But, are they? Young Vittorio Mussolini, scion of the real reigning family of Italy, who recently honored us with a visit, has written a book,

BOOKS IN REVIEW

By JOSHUA LEVINE

I MET A MAN, by Michael Blankfort. 277 pp. Bobbs Merrill Co., \$2.

There is a rare quality of intensity in Michael Blankfort's writing; an intensity which has its source less in the situation conjured up than in the emotional concentration of the characters involved in it. The story is of a young American, Frederick Curtis, who, during the World War, joins the ranks of the British Intelligence Service with the anticipation that his various experiences would serve as a means of finding himself. Disguised as a private in the ranks of the Imperial German Army, he meets Lieutenant Franz von Lehring to whom anything military is an anathema; his presence in the army being the result of severe parental pressure. Von Lehring is more interested in Shakespeare than he is in the manual of military tactics and naturally seeks the friendship of some understanding soul. A bond of comradeship is slowly welded between the two and it is a simple matter for Curtis (whose German alias is Hans Holbach) to obtain the information for which he was sent. As is to be expected, a very sharp conflict arises within Curtis as to his obligations of friendship and his antithetical responsibility to England. A no less acrimonious struggle takes place in Von Lehring when he learns that Curtis is a spy.

Although the author, who has been active as a playwright, seems to have had some difficulty in making a departure from the use of dramatic forms in that the story has the tendency to divide into acts and scenes, the work is a most completely written and valuable one. It is valuable as a powerful anti-war novel. It is an indictment of war from the point of view of its effect on the noblest attributes of the human being. Mr. Blankfort reveals war as the prostitution of the worthiest qualities in man to the most craven and cruel pursuits possible within the limits of our human nature.

"Flying Over Ethiopian Mountain Ranges." He calls bombing the Ethiopian women and children, "exceptionally good fun." To him war is "the quintessence of beauty."

Which proves what? That dictatorships of any hue, is savage, and in spite of the hypocritical and lying promises they extend to the suffering, seek only to crush them so that they, the masters, can hope to rise to enjoy the "magnificent sport" of the bull ring, ancient or modern.

"AS
R'CHASH
SEES
IT"



By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

THE FIVE DAY WORK WEEK

The City Council, the State Legislature and The Houses of Congress could aid the cause of religion and health immeasurably were they to enact a Five Day work week for City, State, and Federal employees. This would give millions of men and women an opportunity to observe their Sabbath properly. The Christian could attend Church on Sunday and utilize Saturday as a day for secular amusements, and the Jew could attend Synagogue on Saturday and spend Sunday at his golf course. Physicians say that a rest period of two days every week-end is worth more for the health of the average modern man than protracted vacations.

The Five Day work week generally adopted would elevate the standard of our citizenship for it would appreciably increase attendance at Church and Synagogue.

The Christian who has only his Sunday free, allows himself the opportunity to sleep late, and thus absent himself from the House of God. The Jew, who has only Sunday as his day of rest, cannot, no matter how well intentioned he may be, absorb the sanctifying and elevating spirit of "Shabus" on Sunday.

The writer would like to make a suggestion to one of the unorganized professions of our community—namely, the law profession. It would be a fine move, on the part of some of the leading members of the Bar, Christian and Jewish, to circulate a letter among the members of their profession calling for a Five Day work week in their own profession. Next to preaching, one of the noblest professions is that of the law, and yet we find it behind the march of time, as far as the Five Day work week is concerned. Great movements have been started by a few zealous men who have advanced and adhered to an idea.

Let us all promote, and bring about through the establishment of the Five Day work week, the re-creation of body and soul, the modern elixir of life.

INTERESTING STAMPS

By JOSEPH E. DAVIDSON
V. Madison, Monroe, Jackson and
Mordechai Manuel Noah of
New York City

The Stamps, see Scott's Cat. U.S.A.—72 No. 262 depicting James Madison, the 4th Pres. of the U. S. and U.S.A.—79 No. 325 depicting James Monroe, the 5th President of the U. S.

Scott's Conf. States
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Andrew Jackson

During the difficult period of the War of 1812, President James Madison appointed Mordechai M. Noah as Consul to the Barbary State, which were then mainly engaged in the vile business of piracy and of selling as slaves the persons captured by the pirates. Noah's main work was to ransom American slaves. This was to be done in a very tactful way so as to make it appear that the money paid by Noah had been furnished by friends and relatives of the captured Americans and not by the Government of the U. S.

Noah not only spent the niggardly sum allowed him but advanced money of his own and this, coming to the knowledge of certain bigots, who could not reconcile themselves to the idea of a Jew having full control of ransoming Christians, began a campaign of back-biting which resulted in his recall as Consul by James Monroe, the then Secretary of State.

Monroe's reason for the recall as given to Noah, to my mind, is the lamest, rawest that could possibly have been given, and should have been most humiliating to Mr. Monroe had he possessed the fine sensibilities of a Washington or a Jefferson. Monroe wrote to Noah that "It was not known at the time of his appointment that his religion would be an obstacle to the exercise of his Consular functions, but that recent information on which entire reliance could be placed proved that it would have a very unfavorable effect" . . . etc.

The above quoted little gem, mind you, came from the same pen that afterwards promulgated our famous Monroe Doctrine!

Poor Noah was again the victim of racial discrimination almost 20 years later when President Jackson submitted his name for confirmation by the Senate as Surveyor of Customs of the Port of New York. A number of Senators thought it was a huge joke and managed to get enough votes to reject. The reason was obvious, but they tried a little camouflage which did not fool "Old Hickory". He sent Noah's name back with a memo criticizing the Senate's reason for not confirming, whereupon the Senate voted against confirming the nomination.

GLYCERINE AND KASHRUTH

By DR. FREDERICK KRASSNER

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The application of glycerine in many branches of pharmaceutical usage is a matter of common knowledge. This article is not concerned with that aspect. Commercially, however, glycerine has a definite place in food products on the market, including, among others, the following: wines, beer, biscuits, chocolates, confectionery, essences, cordials, soft drinks, chewing gum, bread, flavoring extracts, shredded cocoanut, certified food colors in paste form, cellophane wrappers, jellies, mustard, vinegar, parchment papers, casings, etc. The extensive use of glycerine is due to the smooth property it imparts and also the moist coating it gives certain products. It is also used especially for its solvent and hygroscopic properties.

From the Kashruth viewpoint, we are therefore naturally interested in the kinds of food into which glycerine enters. A resumé of the sources, commercial usage, together with some general facts pertaining to it, will be set forth.

What is the nature of this compound called glycerine or glycerol? In its pure form, it is a clear, colorless, syrupy, almost odorless, liquid having a sweet taste. Chemically it is known as tri-hydric alcohol. It was first prepared in 1779, by mixing olive oil with litharge and heating the mixture.

Glycerol of itself is not trefa, any more than gelatine would be, if derived from a Kosher source. Glycerol does not occur in fats; but is mostly a by-product. It is formed by saponification, which is a chemical reaction, resulting from the addition of caustic soda, to fats or oils. The foregoing is known as the soap process, in which glycerol is the by-product. The use of tallow fat in the manufacture of soaps, and the resulting glycerol therefrom, must necessarily lead us to regard such glycerine derived from this source as trefa. On the other hand, such glycerol as would be derived from vegetable oils would be Kosher. Tallow being extensively used in the manufacture of soap, and hence of glycerol leaves a doubt as to the Kashruth of the bulk of such glycerol used commercially.

Recently, the writer had occasion to observe, at first hand, the actual process of obtaining glycerol. The fats used are usually procured from the large meat packers. The process of soap boiling is carried out in large steel tanks called soap pans or soap kettles. The soap pan is charged with the oil or fat and open steam is turned on. As soon as the fats have melted, a quantity of weak lye

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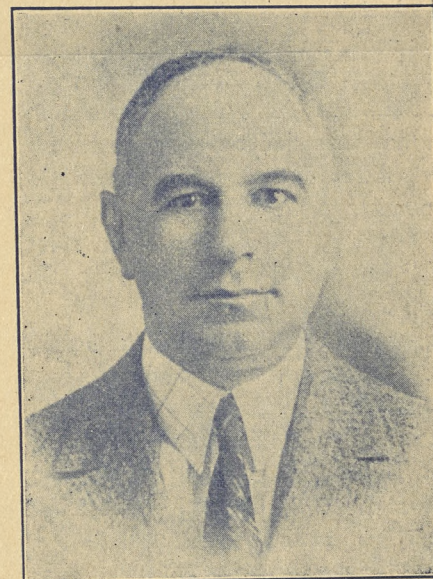
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OUR SECRETARY



MORRIS JABLOW

1881 was a momentous year. The freedom of the press was established in France, President Garfield was shot and Morris Jablow was born in Russia. Arriving here in 1893, he plunged into education and, by 1906, had been graduated from N. Y. U. and admitted to the Bar.

A successful and prominent attorney, he has devoted the major part of his life to helping others and fighting the battles of the underdog. It was he who liberalized the Immigration Laws after a bitter fight to the U. S. Supreme Court which he won; it was he who served so many years as Honorary Secretary of HIAS and I. S.

Yes, it is still the same Morris Jablow who has thrown himself so wholeheartedly into the work of our institution that the Golf Widows' Assn. of America has invited his wife to join as a Shule Widow.

Like Nathan Hale, he says: "I regret I have but one life, one wife and one daughter to give to the W. S. I. S." But unlike Nathan Hale, we extol him without hanging him.



GETTING PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Anderson are on a combination second honeymoon and business trip to the West . . . Come to think of it, we like Harry Appel's red cheeks . . . William Bassar says, "I haven't forgotten about the raffle. It is just postponed until early spring." . . . Sam K. Beier, quiet and unassuming, has attended all services at the new building . . . Henry Blankfort, the economist, says: "The recession will not last long." . . . We hope Dave Gluck has entirely recovered from his cold . . . We noticed that Moses Langer wasn't in Shul last Saturday. However, we found out that he attended a Bar-Mitzva . . . When you run into Joe Settel these days, the only thing you can get out of him is, "How many tickets do you want?" . . . Rain or shine, Mrs. Annie R. Morris, still plugs away at the bazaar. More power to her . . . Mr. Joshua Manischewitz is to be in charge of the food booth at our coming bazaar. We expect this booth to go over with a bang . . . Congratulations to Mr. Gustave Roth on his 76th birthday . . . Harold Kaplan and Pop Wartels sure do plenty of scheming about the handling out of honors every Saturday. However, their conclusions seem to satisfy everybody . . . Whenever Abraham Davis is in town on Monday nights, his first stop is at the West Side Institutional Synagogue, to attend the Bible class. The attraction is overwhelming.

H. E.

BAR MITZVAH

Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Dvorkin of 46 West 83rd St., will celebrate the Bar Mitzvah of their son Spencer, in our Synagogue on Saturday, December 4th, 1937. The best wishes and congratulations of the congregation are tendered to them upon this happy event.

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is added and reaction takes place producing an emulsion. As the reaction continues, more lye is added, until all of the fats are hydrolyzed, which is the process of splitting up with the sodium salt of fatty acids and glycerol. The mixture is boiled for a short period and is ready for "graining". Usually, crystal common salt is added and the soap, being insoluble in a salt solution, separates and floats to the surface in an open granular condition while the spent lye, containing the glycerol, goes to the bottom of the pan. The recovery of the glycerol from the soap lye, as the foregoing is called, then consists in clarification and removal of impurities by various treatments, too involved for discussion here. The purity of the final glycerol obtained depends on the process used and the purpose for which intended. The highest degree of purity is possible depending in the process of clarification.

The presence of glycerol in labelled products is usually declared on the label as required by law. If one is familiar with the characteristics of glycerol, usually the feel of a food product might serve as an indication of its presence. The facts presented herein are of interest to us, from the dietary standpoint only, as pointed out previously, insofar as the basic fats used are of animal or vegetable origin. It should be pointed out, also, that there are being used and developed from time to time, other methods for the production of glycerol. Notable among these is the fermentation of molasses, which yields a product that is Kosher. The soap process, however is the predominant one at the present time and the use of tallow fat in soap making is quite extensive, so that the bulk of glycerol, with the exceptions noted, is questionable for those who adhere to the precepts of the Jewish dietary regulations.

CONDOLENCE

We extend our sincerest sympathies to our friend, Mr. David L. Messing, upon the loss of his beloved mother.

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