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THE BAZAAR GOES SOCIABLE

The Bazaar has been not only the financial success hoped for, but also a grand social event. We have reached the stage where it has become tout à fait ordinary for persons who have a nodding acquaintance to address each other by their first names. Crowds, good humor, gaiety, Harry Appel with his infectious smile and red hair, Joe Settel, busy as . . . (Can't say it in this issue—Read the Rabbi's article) and everywhere, a general country fair atmosphere. A swell time is being had by all.

The climax was reached Thursday night when the sales force, patrons and general hangers-on, threw a sailing party for Harry Appel and family who were leaving the next day. And what a party! Our own Max Sanders, with his fluent vocabulary, appealing gestures and charming embonpoint, presided. Our beloved President, Lester Udell, was so . . . (again we run short of words because of the Rabbi's article) modest, he would not even allow anyone to applaud him, saying it was Harry's night. What esprit de bazaar! Our editor, who is never modest, insisted on singing a song toasting Harry, although he cannot sing and no one wanted to hear him. And then came the pièce de resistance, when the Rabbi, in a touching address, presented Harry with a traveling bag whose color almost matched Harry's hair.

Saturday night, Max Sanders, being still jealous of the editor's singing, did a Spring dance, or was it a cake walk, with the editor's topper and cane and then collected coins in the topper which will never be the same any more. Neither will Max. And so on all week. If you haven't participated in the gaiety, do not miss it. The Bazaar has a week to go, if our workers can last that long.

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Young People's Mincha Service..... 4:10 P.M.
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THE SHOW

Well, the show came and went. What a host of pleasant memories are contained in those few words, memories of a most pleasant evening, of the inimitable Ina Claire and her fine cast, of the very good time had by our friends, of the excellent results for the West Side Institutional Synagogue, enabling it to further its good work and, above all, very pleasant memories of the fine job done by the Theatre Committee, headed by that stalwart of our Institution, Mr. Joseph Settel, and his hard-working associates, Messrs. David H. Ullman and Moses Langer.

And, as a grand finale of the Theatre Party, we have the memory of the after theatre snack at our Bazaar Lunch Emporium (we hope your memory of the hot-dogs you ate is pleasant than the editor's).

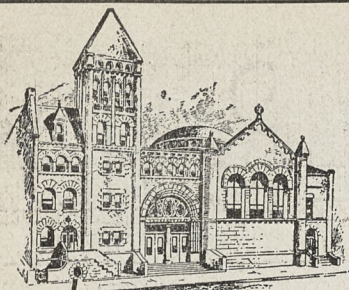
TALMUD TORAH ACTIVITIES

Despite the excitement incident to the many activities in which our institution is now engaged, the Talmud Torah has been pursuing its even course. Many interesting assemblies are being held frequently.

Under the honor card system, teachers give praise cards to outstanding pupils each week. Good attendance, conduct and effort entitle the boys and girls to honor cards. At the end of a given period, prizes are awarded to those children holding most honor cards. During the Chanukah celebration, three prizes were awarded.

Extra curricular activities are beginning to play a larger role in connection with our Talmud Torah. Games are arranged for specially deserving pupils. Ambitious plans are now in the making for the issuance of a school paper. There is keen competition between various groups concerning the plan and scope of the proposed paper and great interest is manifested by the pupils in its formation.

Monday, December 27th, a group of 30 pupils will be taken by bus from our building to the Hydrox Ice Cream Plant located in Long Island City.



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CHRISTMAS EVE

During recent years, we have been happy to note the growing tendency of the principal religious groups in America to unite in a movement towards inter-religious harmony and co-operation. It is a noble idea and quite worthy of encouragement.

On this momentous eve of our Christian brethren, we extend to them all, our best wishes for a happy holiday season.

Yet, our feelings must be tinged with considerable sadness at what is going on in this vale of tears. Poland, with her ghetto-benches in universities; Germany, with her unspeakable persecutions; yesterday, Mexico, with her expulsions; to-day, Roumania, with fresh outbursts—and so on, even in our own civilized U. S. A.

Would not the world be a happier place to live in, if all Christians followed the Christian precept which, particularly at this time of the year, is on every Christian tongue—"Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men"?

The Influence of Religious Training on Children's Behavior

By MORRIS JABLOW

The greatest concern of parents is the bringing up of children.

All of us have the future of our children in mind. We are constantly thinking how to equip them for a fuller and more contented life.

These thoughts and problems of parents are independent of economic considerations. The financial status is of importance, but is not controlling.

To meet that problem most parents provide for the secular education of the children believing that secular education is sufficient.

Education in the broad sense is of course a necessity. All children under our system are obliged to receive an elementary education. Many receive a higher or even a college education. However, it is my contention that general education, no matter how thorough, does not complete the requirement of the child.

The training of children is not complete without implanting within them *moral principles*.

General education develops and trains the mind. Religious education develops and trains character. It provides restraint. It provides a stabilizing influence.

You will find that children who have been provided with religious training are more amenable to authority, are more obedient and are less disturbed by untoward happenings. They seem to grasp the fact that a divine authority regulates and ordains certain events. They are more easily reconciled.

Particularly do we need Religious education at the present time. Today we live in a restless age. There is general dissatisfaction and discontentment. Many of us are finding fault. We are all very critical of conditions. Many of us have remedies. We have many isms and cure-alls.

Not only are individuals dissatisfied and discontented. Nations are behaving in the same way. Nations all over the world are entertaining and urging divergent views. War clouds are threatening because of the different views held.

Our children who read and observe, and are sensitive to impressions are confused. They know not the road to follow.

The remedy for all this confusion is within our grasp if only we would take advantage of it.

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"AS
R'CHASH
SEES
IT"



By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

"STOP THAT SWEARING"

"What the — are you doing!" is the expression I just heard on the part of a boy about eight years old. Where did this child hear this vile language? He heard it fall unwittingly from his father or his mother's lips.

Recently an appeal was sent out by an official of the Boys' Club Federation of America, asking golfers not to swear before their caddies. Vash Young, in his admirable book, "A Fortune to Share," says, "I am in agreement with that appeal. Caddies are young boys in the hero-worshipping age. To them you are a man of affairs. They are easily influenced by your views and by your conversation. Will you not, therefore, make as big an ass of yourself as is possible in front of these boys? Swear, tell smutty stories, and drink?" The palpable absurdity and immorality of that plea might have made the point more effectively than a straightway appeal.

Parents talk, curse and swear in front of their children. I hear the echo of it when their children talk to each other, and get excited. Let us take the children out of the cesspool and filthy gutters of thought, by giving our own minds a thorough cleaning, and save our children for ourselves, for purity of thought and action.

Language is an index of a person's mind. The language we hear all about us is an evidence of loose thinking, impure imagination and sordid action. The Talmud points out that the Bible attempts to avoid impure words. In the Book of Genesis, instead of declaring something as unclean, it will say "not clean," so as to avoid the use of the word "unclean." As a matter of fact, the Hebrew language is called "Lashon Ha-Kodesh," "the holy language," because no unholy words are in its vocabulary.

There's a child who bases his faith on me.
There's a dog who thinks I'm God.

Lord, keep me worthy. Lord keep me clean.
Lest I lose caste in the sight of a dog, and
the wide dear eyes of a child.

INTERESTING STAMPS

By JOSEPH E. DAVIDSON

VIII. John III and the Jews Under Portuguese Inquisition

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King John III of Portugal

In the many instances where apostates, in addition to their desertion from the ranks of Israel, cast their poisonous darts into the backs of their fellow-Jews, not one caused the havoc which was occasioned by the rishus of the "Meshumad", Henrique Nunes, who brought about the introduction of the dreaded Inquisition into Portugal on December 17, 1531.

This he accomplished by representing to the King, John III, "that the greater part of the Neo-Christians were still Jews at heart."

King John, who was married to Catherine, the grand-daughter of Ferdinand and Isabella, not only bitterly hated the Neo-Christians but meant to emulate the example of his wife's grandparents, by using their nefarious methods in asquaring the worldly possessions of his intended victims via the Inquisition Route.

He accordingly instructed his Ambassador to the Pope, one Bras Neto, to apply to Pope Clement VII and to obtain from him a Bull permitting the opening of a Holy Office in Portugal.

The Pope, in December, 1531, issued the Bull entitled "CUM AD NIHIL MAGIS" and John had his confessor, the Franciscan Monk, Diogo da Silva, appointed Grand Inquisitor. Be it said to the everlasting credit of this good follower of St. Francis of Assisi that he heartily detested the Inquisition and refused to accept the position.

The Neo-Christians determined to emigrate en-masse but John on June 14, 1532, promulgated a law making it impossible for anyone of them to leave the country, one of the provisions being that any owner of a vessel, or any captain who should transport them was to be sentenced to death!

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sincerest sympathies to our member, Harry Ripin, upon the loss of his beloved wife, Evelyn Ripin.

THE IMPORTANCE OF SINGING IN PRAYER



By CANTOR ZALMON YAVNEH

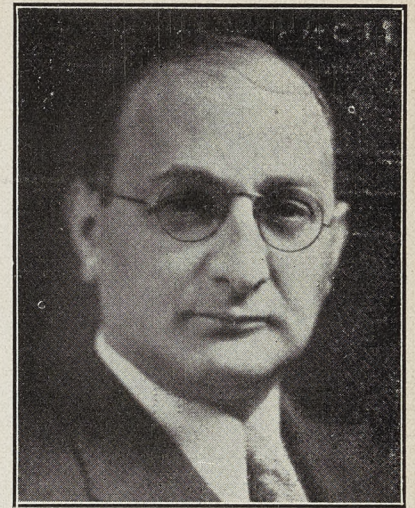
When the Jews, under the great leader, Moses, were freed from bondage in Egypt and, with their own eyes, saw that great wonder occur, Moses and the Isrealites sang "AWZ YAW-SHEER"; and Miriam, together with the other women folks, also sang and played.

That marks the beginning of the first service to G-d in song. Later on, at the time of the Holy Temple, when the Levites conducted the services, they served G-d with song and music. They had a song for each day of the week, HASHIR SHEHALVIIM. There can be no doubt of the lyrical character of the Psalms. King David set his own words to music, then came Solomon and the period of the greatest glory in Jewish music of biblical times.

Singing and prayer cannot be separated. After the destruction of the Temple, the Anshe Kneses Hagdolaw originated the Nusach and arranged it in text and harmony. At all times, we find that the Jew expressed his love for G-d and his prayers in song. Our prayer books consist mainly of singing, and it is an important factor in our lives.

When the Jew comes to the Synagogue to pray, he must not only read the prayers, but should take part in the singing as well. Jewish Traditional Music, with strict observance of Nusach of the prayers, makes our services more beautiful and brings one closer to G-d.

(Editorial Note: Cantor Zalmon Yavneh, born 34 years ago in a small town in Russia, was the son of very strict orthodox Jews. He came to America in 1922 and has been Cantor of the Institutional Synagogue since 1926. He married a beautiful Palestinian girl and has three lovely sons. Every Monday evening he conducts a class in Congregational Singing, open to all.)



Radio Station W.S.I.S. presents the able, modest, and brilliant editor of our Review—GEORGE L. LIVINGSTON.

Few of us know that he is a Great grandchild of the Wilna Gaon, which explains his unusual mental capacity.

The great blizzard blew in our George in the Spring of 1888. Upon graduation from College and Law School, he taught in public school and was principal of the Uptown Branch of the Eron School and Professor of Law.

His wife Regina was his pupil, and when he gave up teaching, he decided to marry her and continue as her private tutor.

His daughter, Sylvia, is a graduate of Cornell University and Columbia Law School. She was on the staff of the Columbia Law Review and is now associated with Professor Powell of the American Law Institute.

His daughter, Harriet, is one of the outstanding students of our Talmud Torah, and his son, Marvin, is a Junior at Columbia University and is also a graduate of our Talmud Torah. (Some smart family—that's the way we train them at the W. S. I. S.)

George is a practicing attorney, and his brothers, State Senator Jacob Livingston, and Ira Livingston, are his associates.

His favorite sports—

Fishing (Usually buys them at Fulton Fish Market).

Golf (Does quite well over 100) See Max Sanders.

Turning back the pages of history, we find that George Washington was first in the hearts of his countrymen, and opening the pages of present day history, we find our George is first in the hearts of the W. S. I. S.

NOTE: Dear George:

We wish you could have written this column. Please excuse us for not doing justice to you as we are only amateurs.

(Signed) Editorial Board.

GETTING PERSONAL

HANK EPSTEIN



With the Bazaar well under way, and our Chairman, Harry Appel, taking a well deserved vacation, I feel that I might devote this column to all the hard and steady workers... Behind the lunch counter which is open at all times, you will always find, Mrs. Pargament, Mrs. Frank, Mrs. Levine, and Mrs. Jablow. ... Dave Ullman and Louis Markowitz did a fine job with the keg of beer, the night of the farewell party... Mrs. Langer has to wait for her husband for supper most every night, because Moses always manages to bring a package to the Bazaar first... Mrs. Sam Kommel, behind the grocery counter, has enlisted her husband's services... Mrs. Tilem is also active at that counter... Mrs. Louis Davis is an invaluable asset of the morning and early evening sales force... Danny Weiss has been a close second to Mrs. Morris, insofar as the opening and closing of the store is concerned... Ben and Belle Spanbock are among those who spend most of their time at the store... I get a great kick out of watching Harry Gordon marking prices, Joe Settel following him up, saying that they are too low, and Moses Langer saying they are too high... Mrs. Lester Udell and her sister, Mrs. Viola Epstein, (that's my mom) were at the store the same time as Mrs. Morris last Friday, to open... You can always find Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kaplan selling something and they always deliver the goods... It's great fun watching Max Lazarus and Eli Silver selling Black Pussy cats. ... We also like to listen to David Ullman imitating a Coney Island barker. ... The climax of last Saturday night was when Joan Horwitz and her escort, Louis Cohen, came formal, to buy hot-dogs... Thanx to Harold Udell, Dickey Horwitz, Robbie Vidair and Ben Lichtenthal for helping us put over the Bingo game... Jessie Ward hasn't missed a night... Ditto, Dr. Settel... Ditto, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Silver... Harry Ward and Jack Levine complain of sore throats because of the barking that they did all week. However, boys,

a swell job... George Blumenthal is a steady worker behind the counter... Miss Bessie Abrams is one of our star sales ladies. Hasn't missed a day so far... Did you notice Mrs. S. W. Siegel taking charge of a booth from which she could get a good view of her husband taking care of the Bazaar accounts? ... Mrs. Udell certainly sold a lot of books to George Livingston, and he came back for more. Must like to read or maybe it's the saleslady... Charlie Bendheim returned from Lafayette College just in time to become an active member of our staff... It feels good to see Mrs. Dave Ullman actively in our midst again... Mrs. Goldstein, as head of the sales force, reports that there hasn't been a day that we didn't have at least 25 sales ladies on duty... Thanx to Mrs. Frank for the use of her car on several days, so that yours truly, Mrs. Abe Weiner, and Howard Horwitz, could go out and get a lot more packages... Mrs. Alesker and daughter are among those who punch the clock daily. We are delighted to add them to our list of recruits... Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Anderson on their 15th anniversary... Ditto, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Rogin on their 12th... Mrs. George Livingston's orange peels are going over big at the grocery counter...

SO LONG.

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Amidst all the confusion there is a road that leads straight ahead and may be followed safely. That is the road of religious education. There is comfort in believing in divine leadership. Our children should be given the opportunity to enjoy such comfort.

Religious education provides an anchorage for our children. It will prevent them from drifting. It will steady and strengthen them.

We owe a solemn duty to our children. We must, we should provide them with religious education. Even though we may not ourselves be religious, we still owe our children the duty of furnishing to them a religious education.

At least teach them the fundamentals of religion so that when they become mature, when they have the right to decide their future course for themselves, they will be in a position to make a choice.

Without a religious training they will have no choice. With religious training they will be able to make an independent choice. We should play fair with our children. No matter what our faith, we should provide our children with religious training. Provide them with moral values.

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