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WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF WEST SIDE INSTITUTIONAL SYNAGOGUE

It was, indeed gratifying to see the large number of young women who became members of our Women's League, at its meeting held on Monday afternoon, January 3rd.

Mrs. David H. Ullman, our very capable and charming president, presided. After the treasurer, Mrs. Joseph Sedwitz, reported on the state of the treasury, Mrs. Mayer H. Mirken, Chairman of the House Committee, was empowered to proceed with the ordering of the hangings and furnishings for the Women's League room in the Synagogue house.

A committee consisting of Mrs. Annie R. Morris, Chairman and Mesdames Albert H. Cohen, Harry Millstein, Moses Langer, Meyer Pargament and H. S. Goldstein, was appointed to bring to the next meeting a list of the officers, executive members and committee chairmen to be nominated for the ensuing year. Elections will thereupon be held.

Mrs. Seppy I. Silberman, our loyal co-worker, was officially felicitated upon the Bar Mitzvah of her son, Charles.

At the conclusion of the business meeting, Mrs. Adele Rogers, a Member of the East Coast Preview Committee and Editor on Current Pictures for the Long Beach Life, gave a most vivid, interesting and entrancing review of the picture, "The Life of Emile Zola." Mrs. Roger's talk was voted a genuine treat by all who were privileged to hear her.

The problems of the afternoon were concluded with a social hour at which Mrs. H. S. Goldstein was the hostess.

WOMEN'S HEBREW CLASS

The class in Hebrew for beginners will continue its regular sessions on Monday afternoon at 1:30. All women who are interested should attend.

BAR MITZVAH

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Cohen, of 46 W. 83rd Street, will celebrate the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Jay Myron, at our Synagogue.

We extend our congratulations to them and to their relatives and friends.



Light Candles Friday Evening 4:37 P.M.

Weekly Portion : BESHALACH

Friday Afternoon Service..... 4:35 P.M.
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..... 4:20 P.M.
Daily Services:

Mornings 6:45, 7:30, 8:00
Afternoon Daily Services..... 4:40

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

GIRL SCOUT TROOP No. 148

Our Girl Scout Troop has been officially registered as Troop No. 148. They have very educational and entertaining meetings on Thursday evenings at 7:30. The Girl Scouts are still welcoming new members. The leader is Miss. Rhoda Margulies.

BOY SCOUT TROOP No. 530

The Boy Scout Troop No. 530 recently received their official charter from scout headquarters. Members of the official committee which represented the West Side Institutional Synagogue at the charter ceremonies were: Max E. Sanders, chairman, Joseph Anderson and Moses Langer. The troop, which has very active and inspiring meetings on Tuesday evenings at 7:30, is under the supervision of Scoutmaster Daniel Weiss, with Melvin Friedman as assistant. Boys between the ages of nine and fifteen are urged to join.

CHAMISHO OSOR B'SHVAT CELEBRATION

Final arrangements have been made by the committee for the Chamisho Osor B'shvat Party and Dance to be held this Sunday evening, January 16th, for all senior members of the COUNCIL.

An elaborate program, conveying the festive spirit of the holiday, has been arranged. Dancing, Palestinian songs and the serving of Palestinian fruits and candies, will be among the features of the evening's entertainment.

All senior members of the COUNCIL are cordially invited to join in the celebration.

OUR DEPARTMENT OF ACTIVITIES

The first announcement of our Debating Tournament has been enthusiastically received and all groups are now busily engaged in making definite arrangements for the first round of the tournament, the intra-club contest. Final announcements of the teams to represent the respective groups will be made at a later date.

Definite arrangements have been made for the forthcoming Checker and Ping Pong Tournaments. These contests will begin just as soon as the Young Folks' Social Hall is completed. All members of the COUNCIL who are interested in competing should register with the secretary of their respective group. There will be separate divisions for young men and young women. All registrations must be made by Sunday, January 23rd, at which time a schedule of games will be arranged. Following the intra-club contest, a tournament will be conducted for the club winners in which they will vie for the title of "house champions" in their respective fields. Prizes will be awarded to all final winners.

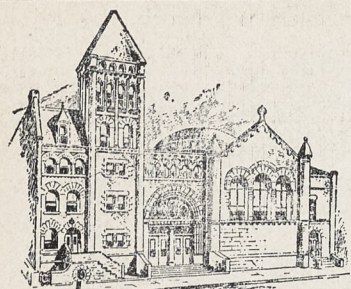
NEW CLASSES BEING ORGANIZED

A class in Hebrew conversation for adults will be given on Tuesday nights at 8:00 o'clock at our building as well as a class in Jewish History, on Thursday nights at 8:00 o'clock.

All our members and friends are urged to matriculate.

BIBLE CLASS

The regular session of the Bible Class for men will be held as usual on Monday evening under the leadership of Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein.



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A WORD TO TOURISTS

At this time of the year, many of our friends, who are able to get away and have the means to do so, take trips to sunnier climes. No fault can be found with the idea as anything that gives relaxation and improves the health is worthwhile.

One thought, however, comes to mind. Brazil and Mexico to the south, and Quebec to the north, have lately gone Fascist, with the cocomitant anti-semitic associations. Why go there? Aren't there enough places to go to, without encouraging Fascism with American dollars?

A really good idea would be to spend your money in the United States. Your money spent in our country, will probably make it possible for some of our people to buy the things you make and sell.

Florida and California offer you all any warm climate in the world can offer, at less cost and greater convenience. After all, a bath should not be a luxury. And dirty, poverty-stricken peasants, or Indians, are still dirty, poverty-stricken peasants or Indians and not curious objects. If you seek cold climes, with skiing, tobogganing and the other winter sports, you can get the very best in the U. S. A.

RUMANIA

As far back as one can remember, Rumania has been no bed of roses for the large Jewish population that constitutes its most oppressed minority. Time and again, we have witnessed all sorts of cruel persecutions. The infamous Professor Cuza, whose chief claim to professorship seems to be Professor of Anti-Semitism, for decades has been the forerunner of the vile Hitler ensemble in making the Jew the scapegoat of all ills.

This unhappy country has always been unfortunate in its rulers. Schemers, wastrels, morons and inept half-wits have constituted the governing class. The present monarch (what a misuse of the word) is notoriously unfit, a loose-living, irresponsible playboy, the tool of scheming politicians seeking European alliances. For years, he has shocked public opinion by abandoning his wife and living with a mistress, the so-called Madame Lupescu.

The father of the "lady" being a "geschmater" Jew, great fuel was given to the fire of anti-semitism. Much have the Jews suffered because of this affair. The Cuzists could point to the Jewess and blame everything upon her influence.

Now comes the climax. This "uncrowned queen", is an ardent admirer of a poet, one gifted with the flame of anti-semitism. In this connection, "gift" should be taken in its Germanic sense—"poison". This poet is also a politician and his name is Octavian Goga. Through the influence of the daughter of the "Meshumed", Goga was made head of the government. The fact that he represents only about nine per cent of the votes made no difference.

Immediately Goga instituted "reforms". The Jews were to be crushed, driven out and pauperized. He out-Hitlered Hitler. So again history repeats itself. Again, Jewish-inflicted torture of Jews is prevalent.

We hope and pray that the intercession of England and France, both of whose governments have indicated to Rumania their continuing interest in the rights of minorities, will alleviate the plight of our brethren over there. In the meantime, we may expect heavier calls for aid to which we should respond to the best of our means.

The only advantage of Bermuda over Florida, is that most of the hotels do not take Jews.

Would you go to Germany for a vacation?

"AS
R'CHASH
SEES
IT"



By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein
PROVIDENCE

The belief in Providence is the supreme need of the day. When we enjoy prosperity, we become heroes, like Samson of old. But when we are told the Philistines are upon us, that formidable difficulties are ahead of us, we become weak.

Fear has once more taken hold of the nation. So long as we are afraid of the future economic situation in America, so long shall we have bad times. Faith in an all-wise Providence brings about the banishment of all fears and becomes our mainstay, comfort and support in life.

God had given Manna on each day sufficient for the needs of the people and on the sixth day He gave a double portion to last for that day and the next, which was the Sabbath, for on the Sabbath, no Manna fell. Here we have a most striking evidence of Divine Providence. In the long run, Sabbath desecration does not pay. We have become largely a Sabbath-less people. We have looked only to the work of our own hands. The work of our own hands has produced plenty, yet witness the millions who are in need.

Some people mistake fate for Providence. Fate implies that whatever happens must be. Providence means that God provides and ordains what must be. Fate makes us fatalists—blind and resigned. Providence makes us believers, giving us the feeling that all is for good. Fate makes us stoics to bear our burdens, because they must be borne. Providence makes us contented in the thought that these burdens are for our welfare.

Providence may be compared to a revolving wheel. Sometimes we are at the top and sometimes we are at the bottom of it. We get some happiness on each and every part of the circumference, but we can never get it all. Ours it is to be thankful for as much of the sum total of happiness as we are fortunate enough to secure.

Belief in Providence banishes our fears and is the greatest comfort in distress. It makes us feel that just as God gives bread to the ravens, so will He feed hungry human beings.

INTERESTING STAMPS

By JOSEPH E. DAVIDSON

The Stamp: Scott's Syria - A-26 Saladin



XI. SALADIN AND MAIMONIDES

Scene — Camp of the Sultan Saladin near Ramula on the road to Askalon

Saladin having checkmated the efforts of Richard I of England (known to the Moslems as the King of the Franks) to reconquer Jerusalem, is about to conclude an armistice with him. Richard, who is sick, requested Saladin to send him Moses Ben Maimon of whom he has heard from several sheiks who are prisoners of Richard.

Saladin sends for Maimonides (Musa Ibn Maimun).

Time—Winter of 1191 C.E.

SALADIN: We have a request from our valiant foe, Richard, King of the Franks, who lies ill at his camp, to send him one of our physicians, that he may be treated and relieved of his suffering. The King of the Franks specially requests that we send you, Musa, since he has had favorable word of your knowledge and skill and means to prevail upon you (with our consent) to accompany him to his domains across the seas.

MUSA (pales): Most Gracious Sovereign and Master, spare me, I pray you, the disagreeable task of helping one for whose pain I feel no sympathy, and for whose recovery I have no desire.

SALADIN (surprised): Musa, your words sound strange to us, coming as they do from one whose every act has been of kindness, pity, tolerance and forbearance. Our quarrel is not against the sick individual. It is against the well invader. Our foe Richard is ill and craves our help. Forget him as the adversary and think of him only as a fellow human in need of help.

MUSA (beseechingly): Your Majesty, on many occasions has seen fit to shower me, your humble servant, with numerous and priceless gifts. Your Majesty has repeatedly urged me to ask from you anything which my heart might crave. Is it not so, Most Gracious Majesty?

SALADIN: Ask, and it shall be granted you, Musa.

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ELIMINATING JEHOVAH

The following are excerpts from a letter written to *The New York Times* by Isaac Landman, Editor of "The American Hebrew." It was inspired by an article which appeared in *The Sunday Times* about the substitution of the term "Lord" for "Jehovah" in the revision of the Old Testament part of the American Standard Edition of the Bible.

"... To many this action will seem a radical step. I therefore feel that your readers ought to have the information that in English translations of the Old Testament made by Jews "Lord" is always substituted wherever "Jehovah" occurs in the King James version.

One who will turn to Exodus vi, 3 in this translation made by the Jewish Publication Society of America (1917) will readily see the reason why the synagogue does not employ the term "Jehovah." The verse reads: "And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, as God Almighty, but by My name JHVH I made Me not known to them." The four Hebrew letters JHVH spell the name of God. In the American-Jewish version, in this verse, JHVH is printed without vowels. We do not know how to read the word. Its pronunciation is lost.

In obedience to the Third Commandment, the name of God was never spoken even in Bible times. The high priest, when he made atonement for the whole people once a year on Atonement Day, pronounced it. How are we to pronounce the Tetragrammaton (the four-letter name of God)?

The solution came with the suggestion that in the written texts the four consonants J H V H, be punctuated with the vowels from the word Adonai, which mean "Lord." Thereafter, and down to this day, JHVH is so voweled and so read by Jews; and Jewish translators into English translate the word not as written but as read, i. e., Adonai, Lord.

But when you try to spell out the Hebrew letters JHVH, punctuated with vowels from Adonai, you get the word JeHoVaH. That is what happened when the makers of the King James translation ran across the voweled Tetragrammaton. They translated out of the original tongues. They compared the Greek version with the Hebrew text; they read the word as it stood; and so, innocently enough, they coined a new word, "Jehovah."

The word "Jehovah," therefore, may well be characterized as an etymological misadventure. Philologically, it has no meaning. Scholars who approach the study of the Bible critically pronounce the word "Jahveh." How correct that is we need not go into now.

The revision committee of the American Standard Edition of the Bible,

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If "Kosher" is synonymous with "clean", our Dave is "positively strictly." King of the towel, linen supply and laundry business, his motto is "Always cleaning up".

As a side line that takes up most of his time, this 39 year old, native New Yorker, cleans up many of our difficulties. He is always prowling around his large organization, looking for something that he can send us. When he can't find anything, he sends us his trucks and cars to transport our Bazaar merchandise or anything else we want to move.

He is a Mason, a Knight of Pythias and a Director of the Eldridge Street Day Nursery.

Mrs. Claire Ullman, his pulchritudinous wife, is equally popular in our midst, being President of the Women's League. They have two beautiful little girls, the younger of whom is a bouncing baby who bounced into this world a few months ago.

As Chairman of our Year Book Committee, he will undoubtedly produce a record-breaking Year Book.

GETTING PERSONAL

HANK EPSTEIN



As soon as Joe Anderson returns from his second Western trip, he and his charming wife plan to visit Brazil. . . . Somebody remarked that there were only five reasons why he wouldn't take the trip. First was the cost, and the other four didn't count. . . . Harry Appel's mother-in-law certainly enjoyed the services last Saturday morning. She is proud of her son-in-law, and has good reason to be. . . . Moe Langer said, "Yes, we had two nice Bar Mitzvahs last Saturday, but my liquor, wel-er-er-er" . . . Moe doesn't consider it a successful affair unless most of the guests go home spiritually fortified. . . . Joe Settel is leaving for a well earned month's vacation in Florida. He would leave now, but is waiting until the tickets for the big dinner in May are printed, so as he can sell some down there. . . . Glad to see Mrs. Jack Levine back on the job again, smiling and as beautiful as ever. . . . Our good director, Morris Levenson, doesn't say much, and doesn't miss much and believes in the old saying that "Silence is Golden" . . . We should like to see David H. Gluck around at board meetings, and at the Bible class more often. We miss his wisdom and counsel. Make an effort Dave. . . . Our accountant, Sam Siegal, is now Treasurer of so many drives that several large banks are after him, to get the large deposits he is expected to make in the next few months. . . . Our good Vice-president, Max Sanders, has taken over the chairmanship of our Dedication Dinner, to be held at the Waldorf around the first of May. With all the boys and girls behind him, it looks like standing room only. No better selection as chairman could have been made. . . . Harry Appel back from South America is ready for another great event to take place. Well we're telling you too much already. However, we will say, some one will get a trip to South America. More news later. . . . The board elected two new directors last week, both being mighty powerful acquisitions — Joseph Landowne and G. Richard Rubenstein. . . .

David Ullman has some wonderful plans for our Souvenir Journal and is working quietly but steadily, to make this journal the biggest and best ever. He deserves the cooperation of the entire board as well as the ladies. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Eisenberg, now residing at Miami Beach, Florida, are celebrating their wedding anniversary. Congrats. . . . Henry Simon can be seen at the office evenings, doing clerical work, as a volunteer. Mrs. Sam Silver, does hers at home. . . . And Mrs. Annie R. Morris does hers at home, the synagogue and in the subways. . . . Senator Albert Wald, our Rabbi's brother-in-law, worshipped with us last Saturday morning. . . . Our loyal co-workers Mr. and Mrs. Moses Langer, have asked us to invite the entire congregation to the Kiddush which will follow the service on Saturday morning, January 22, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son Martin. . . . Harry Appel not only attended last Saturday morning's services but also managed to come for the Mincha services as well. . . . Welcome home greetings to Mr. Sam Michaels. . . . Best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery to Mr. Marshall Leff. . . . Ditto, Mrs. C. Joshua Epstein. . . . Different parts of the city and the country were represented among the host of Bar Mitzvah guests last Saturday morning. . . . Our member, Commissioner William B. Herlands, son-in-law of our director, Sigfried and Mrs. Bendheim, was officially sworn in by Mayor LaGuardia. . . . 'Til Next Friday, So Long.

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MUSA: I desire nothing more, Most Gracious Master, than that your Majesty excuse me from going to the camp of the Frankish King.

SALADIN: Is it fear of harm or danger, Musa, that prompts you to make this request of us?

MUSA: Neither, Sire. I fear neither him nor any of his minions. It is my aversion to seeing this inhuman beast who permitted the slaughter of my brethren — poor, inoffensive creatures who trustingly came bearing gifts to this monster on his coronation day (Sept. 3, 1189) (pauses and takes out kerchief; wipes his eyes and continues). Poor Bennet of York, tortured to death while coming to pay homage to that vile creature—(calms himself and continues brokenly) and his widow and their children, barely one-half year later (Mar. 1190) murdered in cold blood, and their mutilated bodies consumed on the pyre which they once called home.

SALADIN (deeply moved): Your wish, dear Musa, is granted, and we shall send Nuh ibn Abdallah in your stead.

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