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OUR WOMEN'S LEAGUE

It is gratifying to see the steady growth of our Women's League. In spite of the inclement weather on Monday afternoon, the Rabbi's weekly Bible Class had a splendid attendance.

The main business of the meeting, which followed the class, was the nomination and election of officers as well as the appointment of Committee Chairmen for the ensuing year.

The willingness with which the many Committee Chairmen accepted their responsibilities was a veritable inspiration and something for which we may be justly proud. We were happy to welcome Mrs. M. H. Fishman who became a member. Mrs. Seppy Silberman was the hostess at the social hour which concluded the meeting.

COUNCIL CELEBRATES

In the true spirit of the holiday, the Council conducted a very successful Chamisho Osor B'shvat Party and Dance, last Sunday evening, for all the Intermediate and Senior members.

Dancing, Palestinian songs, and the serving of Palestinian fruits and candies were among the features of the evening's entertainment. One of the evening's surprises, was a very inspiring talk by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein.

The committee, headed by Miss. Leona Kessler, are to be congratulated upon their successful efforts.

MEN'S CLUB

All members and their friends are warned to make no appointments for Tuesday evening, February 1st. The Men's Club will have its first open meeting of the season and it will be worth attending. The affair will be open to all, men and women. Read the full details in next week's Review.

OUR COMPETITORS

We salute the J. Y. L. (Jewish Youth League) Review (the newspaper of one of our clubs). We think it a fine effort and congratulate its Editorial Board and Mr. Greenfield, the advisor and leader.

(Come on, kids, grow up and take over our job! We're getting tired.—Ed.)

MARRIED 60 YEARS



Mr. and Mrs. SOL SIMON

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Sol Simon of 450 West End Avenue celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Tuesday, January 18th. They are loyal and generous supporters of our institution. Mr. Simon, a sweet singer in Israel, has rendered the Shachris service for many years on the High Holy Days. We congratulate them and wish them many more happy anniversaries.

BAR MITZVAH

Our officers, Board of Directors, staff—all of us, hereby extend to our director, Mr. Moses Langer and Mrs. Langer, our heartiest congratulations on the occasion of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Morton, on Saturday. May he ever be a source of joy and inspiration to them and all Israel.

Light Candles Friday Evening 4:45 P. M.

Weekly Portion :YITHRO

Friday Afternoon Service..... 4:35 P.M.
Saturday Services 9:00 A.M.
Children's Service10:00 A.M.
Rabbi Hurwitz's class in Talmud.....3:00 P.M.
Young People's Mincha Service.....4:20 P.M.
Daily Services:

Mornings6:45, 7:30, 8:00
Afternoon Daily Services..... 4:40

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

GALA NIGHT MONDAY EVENING, JANUARY 24th

A joint meeting of the Dinner and Year Book Committees under the guidance of our amiable Vice President Max E. Sanders and our popular David H. Ullman will be held on Monday evening January 24th, 1938, at our building, after the Bible Class. Plans will be discussed in detail and an aggressive campaign for an outstanding success will be formulated. Another attraction will be the presence of our own Harry Appel who has plans hatched in his fertile brain, which will be presented in his inimitable way. Refreshments will be served. Everyone interested in our welfare is urged to be present.

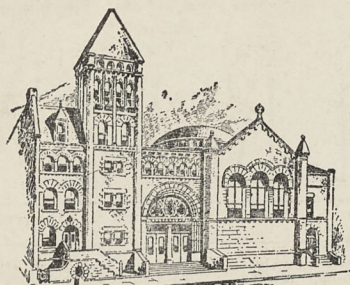
YESHIVA CHEST

A dignified and forceful appeal was made last Saturday by our Rabbi in behalf of the larger Yeshivas abroad who are desperately in need of funds. We expect every man, woman and child to help alleviate this spiritual need. We have already received donations from the following:

Lester Udell, Morris Steinberg, Max E. Sanders, Joseph Landowne, Rabbi Goldstein, Harold Kaplan, Simon H. F. Goldstein, Gabriel Goldstein, Sylvia, Bobby and Harriet Livingston, Jess Ward, Aaron Wartels, Harry Appel, Thelma Spanbock, Maurice Spanbock, Marcia Stebbins, Jacob O. Zabronsky, G. Richard Rubenstein, Dr. Nathan Settlet, Isaac Settlet, Levi Hershfield, Mrs. R. Swisgold, Gustave Roth, Hyman Schwartz, Harold Perlman, David Cohen, Dr. Z. Kapner, Joseph Settlet, Moses Langer and G. Richard Rubenstein.

YOUNG ISRAEL

The Mid-Winter Conference of the National Council of Young Israel will take place at our Synagogue next Sunday, January 23rd. An elaborate program has been arranged with both morning and afternoon sessions. The convention will be greeted by Rabbi Goldstein and our President, Lester Udell. The theme of the meetings will be the necessity for united action on behalf of Orthodox Jewry.



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NAZIS' 13 COMMANDMENTS

In their efforts to destroy all religion, the Nazis have repudiated The Ten Commandments and substituted their own thirteen. Here they are:

1. The Fuehrer is always right.
2. Never violate discipline.
3. Do not waste your time in chatter and self-complacent criticism; and lend a hand in work.
4. Be proud but not arrogant.
5. Let the party program be your dogma; it demands your utmost devotion to the (National Socialist) movement.
6. You are the representative of the party. Act and behave yourself accordingly.
7. Let loyalty and unselfishness be your command.
8. Practice true comradeship—then you are a true Socialist.
9. Treat your racial comrades as you wish to be treated.
10. In struggle be enduring and silent.
11. Courage is not rowdysim.

12. Right is whatever profits the (National Socialist) movement and therewith Germany—that is your people.

13. Act according to these commandments and you will be the true fighter of your Fuehrer.

It will be noticed that Hitler has been elevated to divinity. Number 12 appears to be a substitute for an international Golden Rule. They may find it a double-edged sword, for the rest of the world may act that way towards them.

Anyway, history will probably verify for Germany the superstition that "thirteen" is an unlucky number.

GELATIN

From The Kashruth Aspect

By DR. FREDERICK KRASSNER,
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Unfortunately, for those of us who adhere to the precepts of the Jewish dietary laws, there is not available any Kosher gelatin derived from animal tissues. Gelatin as such could be rendered Kosher by obtaining it from a Kosher source under proper supervision. In the absence of the foregoing, the bulk of animal gelatin produced commercially must be regarded as trefa. There is available on the market a vegetable gelatin, called "agar-agar", which is Kosher, and has been substituted for gelatin in a number of Kosher food products.

Let us consider the exact nature of gelatin, as to its derivation and properties and point out some of the food products into which it enters. That gelatin is a widely used product, may be gleaned from the fact that approximately 10 million pounds are consumed annually in the country. It is used extensively in the form of desserts, in which connection it has been widely advertised. It is also used in many ice creams, and in such confectionaries as marshmallows, creams, kisses, gum drops, pastes and fondants. It also enters into some icings, meringues and fillings, as well as soups, jellies and jams.

The most important characteristic of gelatin is the property of forming a jelly at ordinary temperature, becoming liquid when heated, and resolidifying on cooling again. Its ability to incorporate within its own mass many times its own weight of water, to which a great variety of flavors and colors can be added, explains its extensive

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"AS
R'CHASH
SEES
IT"



By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

"THE LAMPLIGHTERS"

Why has not the world made greater progress in Peace and Brotherhood? The answer lies in our concept of education. To the world at large, education is the process of learning which leads us from ignorance to knowledge. To the Jew, education may not stop merely at the acquisition of knowledge. The Jew has accepted the Biblical concept of education, — namely, consecration. The Yeshivah as over against the University is the difference between the Hebraic outlook and the world's outlook on life's preparation.

Among the Jews of Poland, Lithuania, and Palestine, there are approximately 22,000 young men studying in the Yeshivahs. They are studying the Talmud, which is largely the interpretation of the Bible. The absolute equality of mankind is stressed in the Talmud. It points out that man was created alone, so that none may say, "I am of better or earlier stock." Rabbi Akibah and Ben Azzai raised the question as to which is the most important verse in the Bible. Rabbi Akibah said "And thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself", but Ben Azzai pointed out that Rabbi Akibah's choice of verse could not be practiced unless the fundamental law in Genesis was accepted,—"This is the book of the generations of MAN," not black nor white, nor great nor small but MAN. (University professors of the Nordic and Aryan theories, notwithstanding). Israel Abrahams said "The maxim 'Tsadaka Tat-seel Mimaw-yes, — Righteousness delivers from death' applies to books as well as to man. A literature whose consistent theme is Righteousness, is immortal." The Jew is immortal, because of his notion of education. A Jew may know the sciences as did

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INTERESTING STAMPS

By JOSEPH E. DAVIDSON

The Stamp: Scott's - Greece - A 23 Lord Byron



XII Lord Byron and Rev. Isaac Nathan

There is still extant a letter from George Gordon (Lord Byron) to his friend, Isaac Nathan, in which the future lord and poet thanks his Jewish friend for the package of Matzos which Nathan had sent to Byron during Pass-over of 1805.

Both were mere youths studying at different schools in the same town and an intimate friendship developed.

Byron often visited Nathan at his home and enjoyed listening to the latter's singing of the quaint melodies then in vogue in the London Synagogue.

Byron became inspired and wrote "She walks in Beauty" which Nathan set in music to the tune of "LECHO DODI".

This was followed by Byron's "The Harp the Monarch Minstrel Swept" to the tune of YA'ALEH, the opening Hymn of Yom Kippur.

Nathan then set the melody of YIGDAL to Byron's "The Wild Gazelle", that of the Birchas KOHANIM to "OH, WEEP FOR THOSE THAT WEPT BY BABEL'S STREAM", that of the KADDISH for "If That High World" and MA'OZ ZUR to Byron's "On JORDAN'S BANKS".

These poems Byron called "Hebrew Melodies".

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Samuel of the Talmud, who said that "he knew the paths in the firmament as he knew the streets of Narhadea," or as the Wilna Gaon, who was a great mathematician, but yet they were not fully educated unless they had received the Hinnuch the consecration—the capstone of all education.

Our Yeshivah students in perpetuating the study of our immortal literature, are our Lamplighters. They make for the deathlessness of the Jew. They are living on bread and tea, and bread and soup as their daily bill of fare. What are we doing to support and encourage them. They are our life-insurance policies. Let's pay the premiums and live long.

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application in desserts and salads. It is also a stabilizer and emulsifying agent, to which properties its use in ice creams and confectionaries may be attributed. Chemically, it is a protein compound; but it does not come within the so-called life-sustaining class, because of its lack of certain essential amino acids. Pure gelatin is an amorphous, brittle, nearly transparent substance, faintly yellow, tasteless and inodorous.

The principal raw materials used in the production of gelatin are by-products of animals such as hides, skin trimmings and shavings, certain bones from cattle, horn pith and pig skins. Ossein, a bone material which has previously been treated with acid, to remove calcium and phosphates, is also used as raw stock for gelatin. In the manufacture, the ultimate object is to bring about a hot water extraction of "collagen" and to concentrate the extract subsequently by removal of water.

Manufacturers of gelatin food products have advertised their products extensively. No fault can be found with such procedure, which is good business practice and increases sales. To those of us interested in Kashruth, however, the Kosher aspect must necessarily be considered; and serve to guide us accordingly.

TALMUD TORAH ACTIVITIES

Four class papers came forth from the publishing fever of the past two weeks: two by Miss. Grumer's boys and girls, one by Miss. Koenigsberg's 3B class, and one by Mr. Feier's. The publications were of high calibre for elementary students. Such a venture stimulates Talmud Torah scholarship.

The children's visit to the Hydrox Ice Cream plant was entertaining and instructive. Now we know how good kosher ice cream tastes.

Promotion is coming for all who deserve it and depends on final examinations and daily marks.

On Sunday morning, January 16th, a joint assembly of the classes celebrated the Jewish Arbor Day, Chamisho Osor B'shvat. Recitations, songs and a mass lesson, stressed the goal of a co-operative Palestine. The Women's League committee, headed by Mrs. Meyer L. Pargament, supplied the delicious and tempting Eretz Yisrael fruits.

We are happy to report that a very large percentage of the pupils in our Talmud Torah have shown a keen interest in extra-curricula activities, by undertaking to join the newly organized Talmud Torah clubs.

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MOSES LANGER

We're told he's 41. If so, he has lots of nerve treating us old fellows like children. Must have been born with wisdom. They say when he was 18, the graybeards of Bensonhurst called him "Uncle Moe".

First saw the light of day in New York City and was enlightened in its public school system. Is a self-made and successful business man (knit-goods manufacturer), who embodies all the virtues of good husband and father, good Jew and good citizen.

His congenial wife Anna, is one of our ardent workers. His clever son, Morton, will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah to-morrow. Has two younger children, Rene and Leischer.

When a resident of Brooklyn, he was active in the Jewish Community House and Young Israel.

Has solved for us, the age-old riddle of "Where was Moses when the lights went out?" Thinking up new ideas for the West Side Institutional Synagogue.

GETTING PERSONAL

HANK EPSTEIN



The Settel family were certainly honored last Saturday. The new Arc, contributed by them, had the honor of being opened by a Settel, and a Settel was the first one to open the arc for On-Eiim-Zamiroos . . . Lets all turn out for the Langer Bar-Mitzva tomorrow morning. Nothing is too good for them. . . . The Moscovitz family attends the services every Saturday, rain, shine or snow. Max gets in first, closely followed by the boys and his girl, who like to sleep a little longer in this cold weather. Who can blame them . . . Though Dr. Benjamin Goldstein is quite a busy man, we should like to see him around the building more often . . . David Cohen and his son Jules certainly take a big walk Saturday mornings to get to Schul on time . . . Ditto Max Stavish . . . Men Wake Up, the women are outnumbering you, It's hard to get a seat for a lady who happens to come a little late. It's a pleasure to see Sam Silver in Schul again, entirely recovered from his recent illness. Now watch the membership grow . . . We should like to see a bigger crowd Saturday afternoons for the Young Folks Services. The boys work hard studying their parts and writing their speeches. So come down and encourage them . . . Well, Max Sanders hired the Waldorf Astoria for our dinner to be held in the early part of May. You know when Max undertakes a thing, it will turn out to be a huge success. Your cooperation will be expected . . . Four directors, whose last names begin with B, Bassar, Beier, Bendheim, and Blankfort, were absent last Saturday. Can it B they went to a different Synagogue? . . . The fame of our Institution has reached Perth Amboy, New Jersey. A committee of six, headed by Rabbi Simcha Levy made a tour of our building last Thursday night, to study our methods . . . Tempers now and then get ruffled, but Aaron "Pop" Wartels unruffles them. . . . Mrs. M. H. Fishman no sooner became a member of our Woman's League, than she tried to get one of the visiting non-members to join likewise. That's the spirit . . . Congrats to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rogan, upon the

engagement of their daughter . . . The Silbermans were hosts to the Women's League Monday afternoon, and to the whole membership on Monday nite, in honor of their son's Bar Mitzvah. It made us think of the old time week-long weddings. Charlie Silberman is now duly wedded to the Torah . . . We are proud to record the honor conferred upon one of our members, an outstanding physician and Jew, Dr. Samuel Weiss, who was recently made a Chevalier of the Legion of Honor of the French Republic . . . Among our worshippers last Saturday morning, we were pleased to note two leaders of the young people's movements, Judah Isaacs, President of the Shomre Hadas and Jacob Zabronsky, President, National Council of Young Israel . . . The Rabbi and our most idealistic President, Lester Udell, certainly have their whole hearts in the appeal for the Yeshivas of Europe. Let's all get behind them and help them put it over in a big way . . . We all join in wishing Mrs. George Livingston a speedy and complete recovery . . . We thank Mrs. Seppy Silberman for contributing an ample supply of wine and water glasses. Ditto Mrs. David Kass for a lovely electric grill. Just what we needed.

CLASSES IN HEBREW AND JEWISH HISTORY

A class in Hebrew conversation for adults will be given on Tuesday nights and a class in Jewish History, on Thursday nights, both at 8 o'clock. All are urged to matriculate.

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