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WOMEN'S LEAGUE ELECTION AND INSTALLATION

The largest attendance to date turned out for the very interesting and important Sisterhood meeting of January 17th.

Election and installation of officers were held, and all were pleased to see our loyal, capable and ardent worker, Mrs. Joseph Anderson, unanimously elected President.

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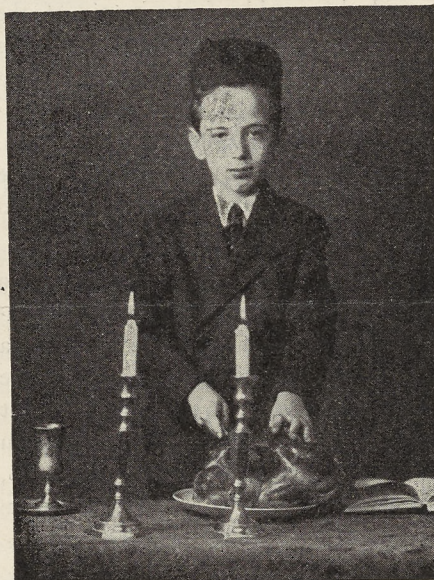
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This meeting marked the twentieth anniversary of the services of our ardent worker, Mrs. Annie R. Morris. As the Rabbi expressed it, "We hope she will continue her loyal services for another twenty years."

In the Rabbi's announcements, best wishes were given for the complete and speedy recovery of Mrs. George L. Livingston. Mrs. Jack Levine, a steady, capable and diligent worker, and Mrs. Meyer L. Pargament, referred to as the "mother" of our Talmud Torah children, were mentioned for their untiring efforts and were heartily applauded.

Mrs. David H. Ullman, the retiring president, turned over the reins of office to Mrs. Joseph Anderson, our newly installed president. Mrs. Ullman promised her full co-operation, and stressed the fact that a great deal of credit for the



OUR 1958 PRESIDENT, MR. ARTHUR UDELL, INAUGURATING THE SABBATH.

Light Candles Friday Evening 4:54 P. M.
Weekly Portion: MISHPATIM

Friday Evening Service 4:45 P.M.
Afternoon Daily Services 4:45 P.M.
Children's Service 10:00 A.M.
Rabbi Hurwitz 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
Afternoons 4:40

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

BAR MITZVAH

Congratulations and good wishes are extended by the congregation to Mr. and Mrs. Abraham J. Bogdanove of 542 East 79th Street, who will celebrate the Bar-Mitzvah of their son Mendel on January 29th. Mr. Bogdanove is one of the artists who, thirty years ago, painted the murals on the four columns of the dome of the synagogue.

success of the Women's League should be given to Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, our beloved honorary president.

We are very happy to announce that the following ladies became new members at this meeting: Mrs. Benjamin Lunitz, Mrs. Louis Davis and Mrs. Rinzier.

The delightful afternoon was concluded with a social hour, at which Mrs. Meyer L. Pargament and Mrs. Frieda K. Weinstein were the hostesses.

MEN'S CLUB OPEN MEETING

On Tuesday evening, February 1st, the Men's Club will have an Open Meeting to which all men and women interested in our Synagogue are invited to attend.

A most interesting evening is assured to all. Speakers of prominence, with matters of great interest to discuss, will address the audience. A special treat is in store for us. Arnold Eidus, the celebrated 13 year old violin prodigy, will play a number of selections. He will be accompanied by his mother, Sonia Eidus, a pianist of note. (See next page concerning the artists). To hear him now simply means that in years to come you will be able to brag about his having honored the Men's Club with his presence and you heard him then. Do not miss the opportunity.

The meeting will be entirely social and instructive. There will be no appeals for funds. Our ladies have agreed to co-operate and take charge of the serving of refreshments. The younger element are also invited. Time, about 8:30.

YESHIVA DRIVE ADVANCES

To date, the Rabbi has received \$660 in payments and pledges toward the United Yeshiva Appeal for the higher schools of learning abroad. Our goal is at least \$1,000.00 and we trust every one of our readers will contribute. The following contributors are in addition to those listed last week: S. Bendheim, Morris G. Shapiro (in memory of his mother, Esther Shapiro), M. Jablow, S. W. Siegel, Ann Rafsky and Joseph Anderson.

COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES

During the past week, a tournament was held between the Harlem I.S. Hebrew School and our Talmud Torah in a number of sports which included basketball, ping-pong, and checkers. Our boys showed much spirit although they bowed to their opponents. Representing the West Side Institutional Synagogue Talmud Torah were: Jay Cohen, Elihu Druckman, Jack Goldberg, Jack Massar, Morton Silver and Leon Weiss. Better luck next time, boys.



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THE JEW SURVIVES

To Hitler and his unspeakable satellites and imitators, who would destroy everything Jewish, who say there is no Jewish art or culture, who assert the Jews are not creators but destroyers, we beg to recall an old German proverb: "Der Mensch tracht und Gott lacht."

They tried to burn up Jewish books, to annihilate Jewish paintings and sculpture, to deny Jewish music. They could not stop German mothers from singing Heine's "Die Lorelie" to their babies, so they publish the song in anonymity, "Dichter unbekannt."

But Jewish art survives in spite of them. Hendrik Willem Van Loon, in his magnificent work, "The Arts", which all who would call themselves educated should read, says:

"As I write this the newspapers report that the Germans have taken the effigy of Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

from its pedestal in front of the Gewandhaus in Leipzig and have melted it, probably to erect a statue to the composer of the *Horst Wessel Lied*. I wish them joy. But now that they have gained that great victory over a dead enemy, let them try something a little more difficult. Let them make a serious attempt to rid the world of the music of the grandson of Moses Mendelssohn, the *Midsummer Night's Dream*, the violin concertos, the *Elijah*, all the other oratorios, the pieces written for the organ, the chamber music, and above all, the master's *Lieder*. For if ever they can do that, even I will say, *Heil, Hitler!*"

So, Jewish art is indestructible. So "Got lacht" at the silly Nazi pretensions. Aber, Gott lacht wieder, when a new Jewish constellation appears in the creative heavens. And with what ironic laughter, when the constellation is not 25%, nor 50%, nor even 75%, but absolutely 100% Jewish and a thirteen year old boy to boot!

And who is this youngster come to disturb Nazi racial theories of superiority? Look at him.



ARNOLD EIDUS

This 13 year old violin prodigy is the son of Harry Eidus, an unpretentious Jew but himself a violinist of note, and Sonia Eidus, a simple Jewish mother with her soul in her children as well as in her piano on which she is a recognized per-

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"AS R'CHASH SEES IT"



By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

RELIGION AND SCIENCE

My effort is not to square science with religion. The Bible has been forced into a harmonization with the science of every age and I am certain that our children and grandchildren yet to come will be called upon to explain their faith in the light of the science of their day. One thing is certain, however, that the word of God has remained immutable, but science has had to change. As the prophet put it, "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, but the word of our God shall stand forever." It is, therefore, possible and natural for genuinely scientific men and women to be truly religious and truly religious men and women to be scientific.

The story is told that when one of Pasteur's pupils declared that many scientists had their faith disturbed by science, Pasteur replied: "It is not a question of science and faith, but it is rather a question of the size of the mind. If you have only a little bucket of a mind, and get a good deal of science into it, the little faith you have may come floating out at the top and be lost. But if you have a good-sized bucket of a mind, there will be plenty of room in it for both science and faith."

Judasim declares that to feed one's self on "The tree of knowledge, (the Etz Hadaas) connoting science, without being disciplined by "the tree of life", (the Etz Hachayim) which is synonymous with religion, leads to man's own destruction. This is portrayed by the first story of Genesis, which shows how man's yearnings for the tree of knowledge alone was responsible for his downfall. The cardinal Jewish conception and experience of a living God who rules history, is the very foundation of religion, and the idea toward which science is coming steadily closer and closer. As the late Professor Haffkine has scientifically put it, "Slowly and by degrees science is being brought to recognize in

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INTERESTING STAMPS

By JOSEPH E. DAVIDSON



XIII: President Woodrow Wilson and his Jewish Appointees

Today, January 28th, 1938, marks the 22nd anniversary of Justice Brandeis' appoint to the Bench of the United States Supreme Court, he having been nominated to that exalted position by President Wilson on January 28th, 1916.

In our issue of November 12th, 1937, on the eve of Justice Brandeis' 81st birthday, this column contained a short summary of his outstanding services to his country and to Israel.

It is our purpose now to show that President Wilson was one of the most liberal minded men that ever graced the White House, appointing to exalted positions the men he thought capable and honest, regardless of race, color or creed.

Less than two years before the Brandeis appointment, the Federal Reserve Act (approved December 23, 1913 and subsequently amended) became law in 1914 and Pres. Wilson appointed Paul M. Warburg of New York a member of the Federal Reserve Board. Mr. Warburg in 1894 had been connected with his father's banking firm (M. M. Warburg & Co. of Hamburg) and in 1902 had become a member of Kuhn-Loeb and Co. of New York, which firm he left at the time of his appointment. He also severed all of his business relationships with the many banks, railroads and other enterprises in which he had been interested.

Mr. Warburg's appointment was hailed all over the country as a good one and probably did much to aid Mr. Wilson in getting the approval of the financial interests to the new currency scheme.

In addition to the appointments of Brandeis and Warburg, Pres. Wilson is to be credited with choosing Henry Morgenthau, Sr. as Ambassador to Turkey (1913-1916) and subsequently as head of the American Commission to investigate excesses against the Jews in Poland.

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former of distinction. At three, Arnold tried to play in his father's orchestra. At five, he played Massenet's "Elegy" at his aunt's wedding, bringing tears of emotion to the eyes of all the guests. Every teacher he had, offered him a scholarship. The great Persinger gave him a scholarship and still teaches him. Mr. Ernest Hutchinson sent him to the Juillard School of Music on a special scholarship.

He has already been a guest artist at a reception in honor of Bronislaw Huberman and received tremendous applause from an audience of distinguished musicians. He has played for Igor Stravinsky and Mischa Piastre who remarked on his exceptional talent and musical facilities. He has appeared in Carnegie Hall as soloist with the National Symphony, with the West Orange Symphony and Long Island Symphony; with the Bamberger Symphony over W.O.R., on the Show Boat Program over W.E.A.F. and others. He was guest artist with the Naumberg Symphony Orchestra on the Mall in Central Park. On January 16th, he played over W.E.A.F. with the Alexander Smallens' Symphony Orchestra.

The newspapers have acclaimed him enthusiastically. The Herald-Tribune said: "The young musician gave an expert performance." The New York Times: "He proved to be a lad of attainments. He was self-possessed and played with infectious gusto. His tone, intonation and style were solidly grounded." Musical America: "Possesses extraordinary talent. Revealed a well developed technique and a tone of singing quality."

One of Arnold's great admirers is Dr. Murray M. Peshkin who presented him with a Stradivarius violin.

On March 1st, he will give the entire program at Town Hall. All should go so that, as far as the Nazis are concerned, it will be a case of "Gott und Menschen lachen."

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the universe the existence of One Power; the Source and Origin of all; whereas all things perceivable as matter and forces are subjected to His inquiry and designs."

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Pueblo was settled as a Mormon town. Joe, however, appreciating, early in life, his inability to cope with more than one woman, kept moving till he came to New York. He moved through public school, high school, City College, into Matrimony with Dorothy, Fraternity with the Masons, Paternity with Naomi, Industry with clothing and real estate and Piety with West Side Institutional Synagogue.

Like his roving spirit, his clothing traverses the country with Joe close behind, singing the praises of our Synagogue to all he meets. Hence our title "Ambassador of Good Will."

In 61 years from now, he will celebrate the first centenary of his birthday. May we be carried in to help celebrate. We promise to do a good job, as we'll then be in the full vigor of our second childhood.

GETTING PERSONAL

HANK EPSTEIN



Let's all surprise the Rabbi and Mrs. Goldstein, by sending them a postal card c/o The Floridian Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida. If ever a vacation was well deserved, this one is. Don't forget to write them not to hurry back but to return in good health . . . Bassar, Bendheim, Beier and Blankfort, how beautiful it was to see them at Shul last Saturday. It must B they read yours truly's column. It gave us a vitamin B rejuvenation . . . Now that the Langer Bar Mitzvah is over (the taste of the good food and liquor lingers on). Morton Fredrick can be very proud of the way he read the Haftorah and his Sedra . . . The Rabbi, the President and the Board of Directors were very much pleased with the response made for the Yeshivas, and here's hoping that by next week the fund will exceed a "grand." Everybody should get behind this drive. THIS SYNAGOGUE WANTS TO HELP THE OUTSIDE WORLD . . . Now to get ready for our Dedication Dinner on May first at the Waldorf. Max E. Sanders at the head of the dinner committee, David H. Ullman of the year book, and Harry Appel, to whoop it up. What a combination. They can't miss. . . . It was an honor to have Young Israel select our Synagogue for their annual Mid Winter Conference. Movements like this keep Judaism alive. A tremendous gathering attended their Sunday services, and all were impressed by the enthusiasm and sincerity . . . Mr. and Mrs. Joe Anderson are finally leaving for their vacation on the Pacific Coast . . . Congrats to Mr. and Mrs. Simon Kommel on their wedding anniversary . . . It was nice having Mrs. Jack Levine well again and at Shul last Saturday morning . . . Congrats to Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Pargament on their

wedding anniversary . . . Mrs. Meyer Mirken, our Women's League House Committee Chairman, together with her able associates, Mrs. Harry Millstein and Mrs. Joseph Sedwitz, did a fine job this past week as evidenced by the appearance of lovely curtains and hangings in different parts of the building. More is yet to come . . . Harry Appel's charming daughter was in Shul last Saturday . . . Our esteemed treasurer and his charming wife, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Settel, are leaving for the balmy Florida climate to celebrate their 33rd wedding anniversary. Mazeltov . . . BonVoyage.

REUS DANCE

The Reus Society is now busily engaged in making plans for its first important social function which will be a Dance on Saturday evening, February 12th. All young women of nineteen or over and young men of twenty-one or over, are invited to join the organization. Meetings are held on Sunday evenings, at 8:15.

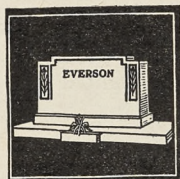
CONDOLENCES

We extend our sincere condolence to Mrs. Morris Freed, on the loss of her sister, Mrs. Zucker, and to Mr. Morris Levine upon the passing of his brother Charles, one of our members.

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A study, conducted by the Council of Church Boards of Education of Washington, D. C. showed that of 828,071 students in American colleges and universities from whom answers to questionnaires were received as to religious preferences, 32,405 were found to be Hebrew.

The study found the situation encouraging in so far as the influence of higher education on the religion of students was concerned. 88.3 per cent expressed a definite religious preference. The report stated: "We do not deny that there are dangerous influences at work in some institutions, but we do wish to affirm that college youth have not lost their faith as some would have us believe."

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