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ATTENTION ATTORNEYS !!

Several inquiries have been made at the office of the Synagogue as to the full and correct name of our institution, by persons intending to remember it in their wills. The full name is WEST SIDE INSTITUTIONAL SYNAGOGUE.

THE COUNCIL

A new group, The Junior League of the School Children's Welfare League (see page 3 for information about this organization), has joined the Council. Meetings are held at 3:30 P. M. every other Sunday starting January 23rd. Dues are \$1 in addition to Council dues. The minimum ages are 18 for girls, 21 for young men.

During the year, many affairs, such as bridges, dances and other parties will be held. The cause is worth-while, so why not join at once!

BOY SCOUTS

The 30 members of our Boy Scout group are this week joining in activities commemorating the founding of the movement in America, 28 years ago. Our meetings are on Tuesday evenings. Boys from 10 to 15 should join to get the benefits of the organization.

JEWISH YOUTH LEAGUE

A social get-together will be held on Saturday evening, February 5th, for members of the group and their guests. A real treat is in store for all who attend this function. A feature of the evening will be the distribution of the second issue of the group newspaper.

THE REUS GROUP

Final plans have been made for the forthcoming dance of the Reus Club which is to be held on Lincoln's Birthday, Saturday evening, February 12th. Those attending are assured of a very pleasant evening. A popular orchestra has been engaged. Tickets may be secured at the office or from any of the members.



Light Candles Friday Evening 5:02 P. M.

Weekly Portion: TERUMAH

Friday Evening Service4:50 P.M.
Saturday Morning Services.....9:00 A.M.
Children's Service10:00 A.M.
Rabbi Hurwitz class in Talmud.....3:15 P.M.
Young People's Mincha Service.....4:30 P.M.

Daily Services:

Mornings6:45, 7:30, 8:00
Afternoons 4:50

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

On February 8th, we shall celebrate the birthday of him we love so well, our spiritual leader, Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein. His age? In Jewish tradition, learning and piety, 5698 years. In enthusiasm, a mere child, for his boundless energy in the cause of Americanism and Judaism is timeless.

SIMCHAS — MAZELTOV

Mrs. Leon M. Waldman of the Hotel des Artistes, announces the engagement of her daughter, Marcia Roseland, to Mr. Ben Meyers, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Meyers, of 680 West End Avenue.

WOMEN KEEP BUSY

Although there was no Bible Class, it was, indeed, gratifying to see the large number of women present at the Women's League meeting of Monday, January 24th.

It was the first meeting at which the new officers presided and it was very well conducted.

The following is a list of the new committees, their chairmen and co-chairmen:

Hospitality—Mrs. Frieda Weinstein, Chairman; Mrs. D. Elfenbein, Co-chairman.

Programme—Mrs. Albert H. Cohen, Chairman.

Cradle Roll—Mrs. Simon Kommel, Chairman.

Kindly Service—Mrs. Annie R. Morris, Chairman.

Kiddush—Mrs. Morris Steinberg, Chairman; Mrs. Joseph Sedwitz, Co-Chairman.

Publicity—Mrs. Louis David, Chairman; Mrs. Benjamin Spanbock, Co-chairman.

Hostesses—Mrs. Moses Langer, Chairman.

Talmud Torah Treat Committee—Mrs. Meyer Pargament, Chairman.

House Committee—Mrs. Meyer Mirken, Chairman; Mrs. Joseph Sedwitz, Co-Chairman; Mrs. Harry Millstein, Co-Chairman.

Holiday Committee—1. Passover: Get contributions for Passover Relief; 2. Shevuot: Decorate Synagogue; 3. Fix up Succah and provide refreshments. Mrs. Ethel Hiller, Chairman.

Delegates to other organizations—Mrs. Maurice Greenstein, Mrs. Benjamin Spanbock.

Ways and Means—Mrs. David Ullman and Mrs. Jack Levine.

Babanoth Girls Club—Mrs. Benjamin Tilein, Chairman.

Membership—Mrs. Harry Millstein, Chairman.

Sunday Night Supper Committee—Mrs. Benjamin Lunitz, Chairman; Mrs. Harry Ward, Co-Chairman.

Talmud Torah Scholarship Fund—Mrs. Bessie Abrams, Chairman.

Happy Day Fund—Mrs. Adolph Spero, Chairman.

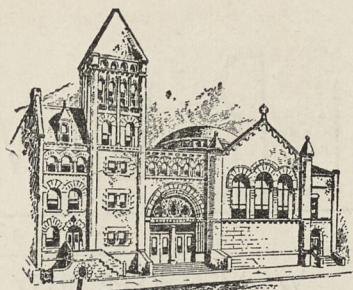
The chairman of the Program Committee, Mrs. Albert H. Cohen, reported that plans for the Membership Drive Tea were in progress; that it would be held some time during the early part of February, with admission free. The exact date will be given in the next issue of the "Review."

As co-chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, Mrs. Jack Levine reported that a Barn Dance would be held on March 13th, and that there would be a nominal charge. For further details concerning this affair, see next week's "Review."

The Women's League will hold an open meeting the first Monday of each month, at which time some form of cultural program will be presented free of charge.

Mrs. Harry Millstein, co-chairman of the House Committee, announced that bridge tables, chairs, lamps and smoking stands had been purchased; that the

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FIGHTING BIGOTRY

When Newton D. Baker died, the cause of human understanding and tolerance, suffered a great loss. He was the founder of the Chicago Round Table of the National Conference of Jews and Christians.

Now a similar organization with similar aims, has come into being in New York. At a luncheon given by former Ambassador to Germany James W. Gerard, at the Lawyers Club, the plan was unfolded. Former Vice-President Dawes addressed the meeting. He is chairman of the Chicago conference. He said: "This thing of tolerance is the last product of a high civilization and is the safeguard of liberty. An attempt is being made to divide us into classes. All history shows that a class war and a religious war is always a war of extermination. Beware of the beginnings."

Another speaker, Samuel Seabury said: "The liberty that is being infringed to-day is the liberty of political opinion and religious belief, and it is against that that we must formulate our drive for freedom."

Other prominent speakers expressed

similar thoughts. A committee of thirty Catholics, Protestants and Jews were selected to head the program.

Thirty people, however, will not accomplish much in fighting bigotry. They must have followers and support. The Nazis, Fascists and Communists seem to have support or else the little they have seems to make a lot of noise. It is up to all of us to get active in movements to promote tolerance and fight bigotry before it is too late.

STENCH

When one travels on the Nord Express from Berlin to Warsaw, the train is stopped at the border for the usual police and customs examinations. The border town is named "Stentsch." As the Editor's train stopped there at two in the morning, he is not sure whether the town is in Germany or Poland, but whichever it is, the name is characteristic of both countries. Judging by the inhuman activities of both governments, the stench reeks to the high heavens.

The latest refinement of cruelty comes from Warsaw. On Christmas Eve, a Jewish milliner's shop was picketed by an anti-Semite who was out to destroy Jewish business. The woman who owned the shop, berated the picket. She was arrested. She claimed the privileges of a citizen, the right to do business without molestation. "His Honor," however, saying "Pickets of Jewish shops perform a national duty and cannot be blamed for it," sentenced the woman to 14 days in jail and a fifty zloty fine for "abusing" a picket.

"Stentsch" is right.

MEXICO

The history of this land is a history of cruel oppression and cruelty begotten by oppression.

Despoiled by the Spaniards, the ruling classes, with the aid of foreign adventurers, held the lowly peasants in iron subjugation. The result has been a series of revolutions accompanied by much bloodshed and destruction of property.

Yet it is a land rich in natural resources. In recent years, some Jews, have found refuge there and have contributed greatly towards developing and civilizing the country. There is room for a vast influx of population, of workers and business men.

But, just as the ruling classes among the Arabs fear the influx of Jews will result in higher living standards for the Arab workers whom their masters wish to hold down, the Mexican rulers also oppose the Jews and, in fact, are driving them out. In addition, German

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"AS R'CHASH SEES IT"



By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein
"ON READING GOOD BOOKS"

I.
Let me begin with the words of Lord Bacon from his outstanding essay "On Studies". He said, "Reading maketh a full man".

I recommend most highly that we read biography and the essay. In biography one will find the novel in reality. One will see the life story of great men and women written, not as an imaginative romance, but as a true unfolding of the romance of success. It makes for idealism, ambition, hope and the nobler strivings in life.

The essay is more quickly read, and, by means of epigrams and the presentation of sublime ideas, it makes for ethics and morality.

No one can be deemed friendless who has God and the company of a good book. Good books are man's most devoted companions. They can be opened to entertain us and they can be closed, without any offense, when we tire of their company. Men should repair to books as they do to the country. Just as the country re-creates us physically, stimulating and giving us new energy, so do books recreate us mentally, kindling our imaginations and causing new inspirations to well up within us.

People have a mistaken notion about originality and creative genius. We do little reading and less writing because of this thought. No one but God is both original and creative at the same time. God Himself can create something from nothing, but men must have material in advance with which to fashion the new model. There is no such thing on earth as originality *per se*. That is perhaps what King Solomon meant when he said "There is nothing new under the sun." Reading and re-reading the masterpieces of literature, give us material for expression. With this material at hand, plus the individuality of the reader, one is able to create what appears to be original and different. The personality of the reader injected into the spiritual clay of our reading make this new mould of thought. Therefore, I urge men and women who wish to be speakers, who

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INTERESTING STAMPS

By JOSEPH E. DAVIDSON

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Menelik, II.
King of
Abyssinia

XIV: Menelik, King of Abyssinia and the
Queen of Sheba's Bible

SCENE: Entrance to the Nunnery of the Monastery of Dabis-Deret, Abyssinia, February 4th, 1896. King Menelik, escorted by his guard, approaches the gate, while a detachment of his troops are drawn up a short distance away. As the King nears the gate, the Mother Superior comes out to greet him.

MOTHER SUPERIOR: (Recognizes the King, kneels). Hail to the elect of God, thou conquering Lion of Judah, our great King of Kings of Ethiopia. Welcome to our monastery.

MENELIK: Arise, dear Mother. (Observes large bullet holes in the door and walls of the building). These holes, Mother, how come they here?

MOTHER SUPERIOR: The Italian soldiers paid us a most unwelcome visit last week, your Majesty. They took away with them many valuable books and pictures. As they were leaving they were surprised and attacked by our constabulary. Unfortunately they outnumbered our men, and departed with their wounded, having killed several of our men.

MENELIK: (Agitatedly) The Queen of Sheba's Bible, is it here yet?

MOTHER SUPERIOR: (Agitated) Alas, your Majesty, that, too, has disappeared. I had hidden it before they began their search. Strange, I did not see them take it and always believed it to still be here. A month ago, I searched for it and could not find it.

MENELIK: Are you sure it is the Bible I am referring to?

MOTHER SUPERIOR: Unfortunately I am, your Majesty. It is the Bible which was presented to the Monastery by your illustrious ancestress, the Princess Zirganella, over four hundred years ago. In her own handwriting is a genealogical table showing her father's descent from the Queen of Sheba and King Solomon. Is not that the Bible your Majesty refers to?

MENELIK: (Petulantly) It is. That table of descent, is there any copy of it extant?

WORTHY OF SUPPORT

The Junior League of the School Children's Welfare League was founded in 1934 by its former president, Herbert M. Rappaport and twelve associates. The late Dora F. Goddin, widely known and beloved for her philanthropic work and, for many years president of the Senior Organization, until her death in 1936, helped Mr. Rappaport found the Junior Organization.

The Junior League, for the past three and a half years, has aided the parent organization by raising money through social channels. This money has been used to feed undernourished and poverty-stricken children of P. S. 4 and other public schools. The Irvington House, home for cardiac children, is another beneficiary of the School Children's Welfare League. Help is also extended to the Jewish Guild for the Blind.

One of the social highlights of the past few years has been the Night of Nights' Affair, which was held last year at the Hotel Roosevelt. Over one thousand people of both sexes and of all ages were present. This year, on March 26, a similar affair will be held at the same place. All are urged to attend.

MEXICO

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agents are at work with their insidious propaganda, hoping to make the land a German province as they appear to have done in Brazil.

We sometimes wonder where is our vaunted American diplomacy. Once upon a time it used to be called "dollar diplomacy." It isn't even that for certainly we have much to lose as a nation to let Germany get a foothold in North or South America.

Yet our government has recently helped Mexico financially by means of the silver measures and we are certainly Brazil's best customer. Had not Uncle Sam better take stock of the fact that the anti-Semitic propaganda in Central and South America is nothing but a cloak for Nazi imperialism?

MOTHER SUPERIOR: Not that I know of, your Majesty.

AUTHOR'S NOTE: Menelik II who wiped out the Italian army at Adowa in March following this incident, claimed that he was a direct descendant of Menelik I, the son of King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba. A2 in Scott's Catalogue shows the Lion of Judah and A3 a picture of King Solomon's throne surrounded by Lions.

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HARRY WARD

Harry's life is just beginning because, they say, "Life begins at forty" and Harry is just forty.

Half of that time, or one score, Harry spent getting born in the U. S. A., getting educated and learning the silk business.

The other half or the other score, Harry has devoted primarily as Rabbi Goldstein's most enthusiastic follower, co-worker and supporter in all activities connected with the Shule.

Besides the two scores, Harry scored heavily in becoming the husband of Lena Morris, the pretty daughter of OUR Annie R. Morris (than whom no institution ever had a more devoted worker) and the late Alderman Morris.

Again Harry scored in becoming the father of Samuel Maurice, now almost 6, and already launched on a W. S. I. S. career.

Fine as silk, Harry, say we, and keep up the good work. We look to such as you, a veteran of the World War and of our Shule, to show the young the way to peace and piety.

ON READING GOOD BOOKS

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want to move others to action, who like to ennoble their hearers, first to be inspired themselves by the best in literature. When we receive the inspiration from the masters, we in turn can translate that inspiration into our own language, in our own, individual way.

GETTING PERSONAL

HANK EPSTEIN



Our good Rabbi's birthday, is February 8th. . . . The W. S. I. S. will be pretty lonesome this Saturday Morning, with Ike and Joe Settel, and Joe Anderson away, on a well earned vacation . . . Mrs. Henry Blankfort, wife of our good director, is vacationing in California this winter, instead of Miami. California is sure getting a good play this year . . . The Women's League contemplate a Barn Dance, to be held in this building, some time in early March, at approximately \$2.50 to \$3.00 a person. Further details later. This should be a great social event, and one at which everybody can have a grand time, and forget the recession . . . At last weeks Mincha service, a beautiful, little talk was delivered by Arnold Oshrin, President of the Young Folks League. Nice goin' Arnie. Congrats to Miss Marcia Waldman, upon her engagement to Mr. Ben Meyers. Lots of success and happiness to both of you . . . With the organ out of the Synagogue, it reminds me of the time I had a tooth pulled. A great big hole and plenty of air coming in. We hope to have the cavity filled and repaired in time for the dedication, and then what a gorgeous synagogue proper we'll have. Harold Kaplan delivered a short talk on the "Yeshiva Chest Fund" at last Saturday afternoon's Mincha Service. He said, "We are just a few hundred dollars short of our goal and should send in our checks as soon as possible." We all want to surprise the Rabbi when he gets back. So lets all pitch in and help . . . The Men's Club is slowly but surely putting the Synagogue House in shape. Plenty of work and money are needed to make this club house what we all hope it to be, a beautiful meeting place for the young and old. The Women's League are certainly doing their share with regards to drapes etc. to

beautify the building and make it a more enjoyable place to spend our spare time. . . . Our member, Mr. Emanuel Fine, his wife and daughter, just returned from a six weeks' vacation in California. We welcome them back. Incidentally, they are all feeling FINE. . . . So Long.

"SCOUTING" FOR THE FUTURE

"Building a stronger generation" is the theme for the twenty-eighth birthday celebration to be observed nationally February 6 to 12 commemorating the founding of the Scouting Movement in America.

In "living" demonstrations of the things Scouts know and do, in various "Good Turn" projects related to safety education, in their ceremony of reaffirming their Scout Oath and Law, Scouts will reveal their growing strength and preparedness to face the exacting demands of participating citizenship.

Reading between the lines of what Scouts are doing, a deeper significance becomes apparent expressed in boyish attitudes towards life . . . attitudes influenced by Scouting which causes boys to exhibit a cheerful spirit, a preparedness to accept responsibility, a willingness to be helpful, and a confidence in themselves strengthened by a working knowledge of trustworthiness, loyalty, courtesy and cleanliness which are the tools of integrity.

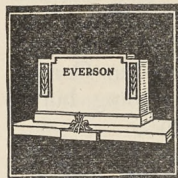
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drapes had been hung and the decoration of the club rooms was nearing completion.

Mrs. Rosenzweig, a representative of the Jewish Blind Community Center, 172 East 96th Street, made a touching plea for volunteers to visit the blind college students and read their lessons to them. She requested the women present to devote some of their time to this most worthy cause and come to the Center any day after 12:30 P.M.

The social hour which concluded the meeting was enjoyed by everyone present. The hostesses were Mrs. Samuel W. Siegal and Mrs. David Ulman.

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