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MEN'S CLUB OPEN MEETING

The first open meeting of the Men's Club was very well attended and a success artistically and socially. Approximately two hundred people attended. A number of interesting talks were given. The speakers, introduced by the president George L. Livingston, were Morris Jablow, Max E. Sanders, Mrs. Cohen, Danny Weiss, Dave Ullman and Mr. Max S. Rosenfeld, president of Ohav Zedek who extended the greetings of his organization to the West Side Institutional Synagogue.

Arnold Eidus, the 13 year old violin prodigy, gave us a remarkable performance. The audience were most enthusiastic. He was unanimously elected an honorary member of the Men's Club. His mother, Sonia, an eminent pianist, accompanied him. His father, Harry Eidus, also a violinist, announced that Arnold had just won a \$500 prize for broadcasting. His debut will take place at Town Hall on March 1st and the members of the Men's Club promised to attend.

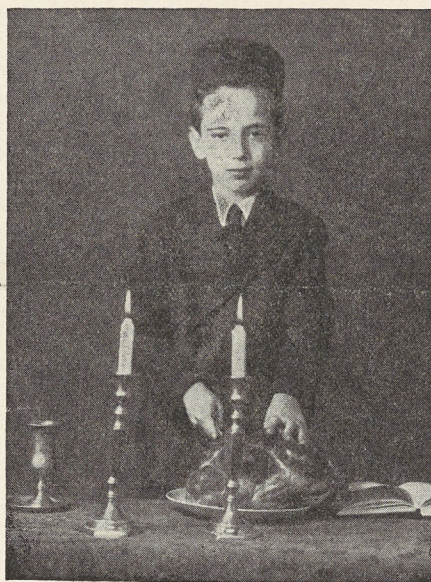
The meeting was closed with the singing by Cantor Yavneh after which refreshments were served. Thanks are extended to the following for contributing the refreshments: Mr. Morris Levine, Mr. Moses Langer, Fitzgerald Brewery, Mr. Jess Armel, Mrs. Langer and Mrs. Ward.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Despite the inclement weather and the fact that there was no Bible Class, a large number of women were present at the Women's League meeting of January 31st.

After listening to the report of the Committee on Ways and Means, it was decided that a Dutch Supper and Barn Dance be held at this building on March 13th. The cost of the tickets was set at three dollars per couple. No stone shall be left unturned to make this affair a social success—even more than a financial one.

On February 14th at 2:30 P. M. the First Membership Tea will be held. Dr. Ralph G. Ross, Professor of Philosophy at the University of Newark, will talk on the subject "Youth in the Modern



Light Candles Friday Evening 5:12 P. M.

Weekly Portion : TETSAVEH

Friday Evening Service	5:00 P.M.
Saturday Morning Services.....	9:00 A.M.
Children's Service	10:00 A.M.
Rabbi Hurwitz class in Talmud.....	3:30 P.M.
Young People's Mincha Service.....	4:40 P.M.
Daily Services:	
Mornings	6:45, 7:30, 8:00
Afternoons	5:10
Between afternoon and evening services a class in Mishnayis is led by Rabbi Goldstein.	

REUS CLUB DANCE

To-morrow evening, the Reus Club will celebrate Lincoln's Birthday by holding its first annual dance. Music, by Murray Robbins and his orchestra; tickets, the nominal sum of fifty cents, at the door.

At the last meeting, one of the members, Irving Krevenes, delivered a short talk on commercial art. Similar, informal talks by members are intended at future meetings. They are held Sunday evenings at 8:30. All young folks are urged to join.

World." Members the urged to come and bring with them at least one guest. There will be no admission charge.

At the social hour, which rounded out the meeting, Mrs. Maurice Greenstein and Mrs. Esther Rinzler were the hostesses.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The monthly meeting of the Board of Directors held last week was very unusual. Although the Rabbi and several of the members were out of town, nevertheless our president, Lester Udell, presided over an attendance of 21 enthusiastic directors, ready to take up the many important matters now of interest to the Synagogue. Plans were discussed and completed for the Dedication Ceremonies, the Year Book, the Annual Dinner and a number of other projects. The meeting lasted rather late so that the Committee on Morals, which had planned to have its meeting immediately after, adjourned to the house of Mr. G. Richard Rubenstein, for a short session.

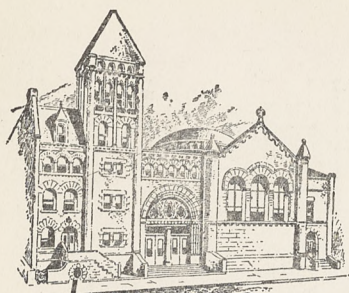
However, one could not exactly call it short or long, but it certainly was very interesting. Mr. Wartels acted as chairman, and Mr. Jablow as secretary. The others were, Messrs. Langer, Livingston, Sanders, Ward, Levine and, of course, Mr. Rubenstein, our host. Mr. Langer gave a very interesting talk on his investigations concerning the gambling habits of young America, indicating that parents should give serious thought to the situation. Mr. Sanders then took the floor for quite a while, making the point, many times, that parents need not expect their children not to gamble, unless they set a good example themselves; that they must learn not to blow hot and cold. With this, Mr. Wartels heartily agreed. The Committee will meet again in the near future, to continue its deliberations.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

With the return of Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein from Florida, the Men's Bible Class will resume its regular session Monday evenings at 8:30.

YESHIVA CONTRIBUTORS

The following are additional contributors to the Yeshiva Fund: Max Moskowitz, Samuel Silver, Benjamin Plottel, Louis Reisman, Harry Z. Cohen and Charles Cohen.



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STOCKS

Periodically, a number of our hard-working merchants, business and professional men and people of all other walks of life, accumulate some money and, just as periodically, they are tempted into the activities of Wall Street, with the same results each time. After each calamity, they vow never to be caught again, but just as easily do they go back. Such is human nature.

An interesting phenomenon of each of those occurrences is the wishful thinking indulged in, where the loser always says "At least, if I had blown in the money instead of losing it, I would have had some fun out of it." Quite true. Wouldn't it be a good time, in view of the present calamity, to add to the periodical resolution which heretofore has never been kept, but perhaps will be kept in the future, that when one accumulates some money, he will immediately devote, say, 10% of it to worthy charities, another 10% to having a good time and then, if he can't resist the temptation to save the other 80%, at least, have the satisfaction of losing only 80% of his money?

WINE, PAPER-HANGING AND MASSAGE

Too bad Lewis Carroll isn't alive to write a sequel to "Alice in Wonderland." What marvelous material is available to him as a result of the current German upheaval. The paper-hanger's general marries the masseuse's daughter which results in the wine-salesman becoming foreign minister. Of course, now that Hitler has hung his paper so high that he has attained divinity, his humble origin must be forgotten and he must be classed as an immortal.

In that rarefied atmosphere, he is able to look down upon the rest of the world and certainly must uphold the stern tradition of the army that its officers may not marry beneath them. Of course, one might wonder how it is that the great Fuehrer attended the wedding of his general to the humble masseuse's daughter and then threw him out because of the wedding. It seems a bit inconsistent. But since when has consistency or, in fact, any of the virtues of fair dealing, been a trait of the clique that are throttling Germany?

Or is it that any pretext will do as long as the ruthless desire to become the all-highest and absolute ruler of 60 million people is furthered towards accomplishment?

WHY?

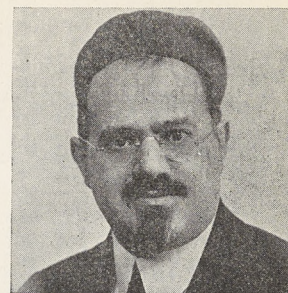
At regular periods, we are accustomed to hear our Jewish leaders re-emphasize the age-old theme born out of the persecution of the Jews, that individual Jews must not do this, that or the other wrongful thing, not only because it is wrong, but also because it brings down condemnation on the race.

At a recent meeting of the Council of Fraternal and Benevolent Organizations, of which he is president, I. Edwin Goldwasser said: "This is a time when the Jew, in his personal conduct, should consider himself not only an individual but a representative of a people."

In recent years, the accusation has unjustifiably been promulgated in many parts of the world that the Jew is a communist. Although Karl Marx was a baptized Christian, nevertheless his philosophy because of its distastefulness to many people, has been attacked as Jewish. Although the leading spirits of the Soviet government are in the main not Jewish, nevertheless people all over the world have seen fit to make it appear that it is all a Jewish conspiracy. Even in our own country, time and again, we have had to hear ourselves accused as being communists and the supporters of communism, whereas any right-thinking

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"AS
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By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

"ON READING GOOD BOOKS"

II.

The mind of man has been compared by the Psalmist to an unlighted candle. The mind needs some great book to kindle it. It is stimulated by a good book, as "wine makes the heart glad". We are told that the thought of some great writer never failed to kindle Byron to do his best work. "It is reading that brings us to our best, and rouses each faculty to its most vigorous life."

What the world needs most today is not a new thought, but a revaluation in modern garb, of the perennial truths uttered in Holy Writ. We cannot substitute anything new for justice, mercy, love and the observance of the Sabbath, but what we must do it to apply them to our daily lives. We talk too much about them and practice too little of them. Our sages in the Talmud say, that after we leave this world, we are asked, "Hast thou made God's word which is fixed and immutable conform to the times which change, or hast thou made the ever changing times to conform to God's eternal word?"

Lord Bacon has well said "Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested." Let me say that apart from all other books in the world is the book,—the Bible. No great author living or dead, had denied the tremendous value and influence of the Bible. Carlyle and Ruskin said that they owe more to the Bible in the way of refinement and culture than to all the other books plus all the influence of colleges and universities.

Israel has been given its calling in the Bible. "And ye shall be a kingdom of priests and a holy people",—a preaching people dominated by holiness. Therefore, Israel has become "The people of the Book",—taking the Book, and bringing it to mankind.

I appeal to each and every one of my hearers, to make a list of the world's masterpieces of literature, and begin to spend at least half an hour daily in reading them. Give the Bible half of that time, and you will be enriched culturally and spiritually beyond your fondest expectations. Cultivate the habit of read-

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INTERESTING STAMPS

By JOSEPH E. DAVIDSON

XV. ABRAHAM LINCOLN and his friend
Abraham Jonas

The Stamp, see Scott's Cat. U. S. No. 555

Tonight (February 11th, 1938) is the eve of the 129th anniversary of the birth of our immortal Abraham Lincoln. If ever a human being approached near-perfection, it was Lincoln, who "acted justly, loved mercy and walked humbly with his God."

Lincoln numbered among his intimate friends one Abraham Jonas who, shortly before the Civil War, had been one of the leading Jewish citizens of Illinois.

During Lincoln's campaign for the presidency in 1860, his political enemies circulated the rumor that he was a member of the "Know-Nothings," or American Party, the progenitor of our present infamous Ku Klux Klan.

Lincoln, aghast upon hearing of it, realized that if given credence, the rumor would kill him politically.

The "Know-Nothings" had for their object the exclusion of Catholics and recent immigrants from public affairs. This they proposed accomplishing by extending the period of eligibility for naturalization to 21 years.

In his predicament, Lincoln turned for help to his friend, Jonas.

In Nicholay and Hays' ten volume life of Lincoln, there is a copy of a letter sent by Lincoln to Jonas in which he appeals to his friend to help clear him of the vile charge.

Jonas did, and Lincoln never forgot it.

During the war, Jonas' son, a Confederate soldier, was captured and imprisoned in the Federal Prison on Johnson's Island, on Lake Erie. His father was then lying on his death-bed at his home in Quincy, Illinois.

Someone called these facts to the attention of Mr. Lincoln and on the day he heard of them (June 2nd, 1864), he telegraphed an order to the Federal Prison that the son be immediately released to visit his dying father.

ON READING GOOD BOOKS

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ing, and you will be adding a joy that increases in quality and quantity as you grow older. If mute books could sing they would chant the words of "Rabbi Ben Ezra" that soul-stirring poem of Browning, with which I will conclude,—"Grow old along with me, the best is yet to be."

A Tribute to a Treasure

I am small in size but big in importance. I was bred in the mind of a great department, conceived in the studio of art, born a babe of the printing press, and cradled in the experiment of a national service.

I go forth on my mission dressed in the colors of the rainbow, fair to look upon, a gem of delight, and a jewel of great price. Individually I serve my purpose only once, and die with a crepe mark across my face. I am the harbinger of civilization, the servant of commerce, the messenger of friends.

I have visited the poles, and daily circumnavigate the globe. I pass through mountains, I descend into the depths of the seas, I ascend above the clouds and hurtle through space like the thunderbolts of Jove. I have the right of way over traffic and men vie with one another to send me speedily to the utmost bounds of the earth.

I go where those whom I serve cannot appear. I visit the rich and the poor, the high and the low, the prince and the pauper. I am welcomed into the homes of the humble, and the gates of palaces and the courts of kings swing open to bid me enter.

I am the nervous system of international relations, the hands of convenience, the artery through which beat the pulsations of modern progress. Without me men would move their habitat and change their customs.

When I have finished my course and served men in all nations and climes, some without thought or mercy delegate me to the flames or drop me in the gutter, while others find for me a more honorable resting place, and enshrine me in niches of albums to commemorate persons and events for generations unborn.

For all who collect me I am known as the king of hobbies and the hobby of kings. I AM THE POSTAGE STAMP.

—REV. W. F. SMITH,
Rockville, Indiana.

Extract from an address delivered by the Rev. W. F. Smith of Rockville, delivered before the Wabash Valley Stamp Club's annual banquet, Terre Haute, Ind., November 14, 1937, and published in "Stamps."

BAR MITZVAH GROUP

Boys who have recently been Bar-Mitzvah are urged to join the newly organized group. Included among the activities which have been planned are cultural programs, visits to points of interest, etc. More information may be secured at the office.

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WILLIAM L. BASSER

Mr. Basser is very shy and retiring. When there's work to be done, he does it; money to be raised, he raises it; but, when it comes to making a speech or appearing in public, he just takes a walk.

A loyal supporter of Rabbi Goldstein in all Synagogue activities since 1928, he has given a great deal of his help to the worthy causes in which Rabbi Goldstein has been interested.

Mr. Basser is 42 years old. He and Mrs. Felicia Basser, his wife, have two lovely daughters, ages 13 and 10.

When our Director is not attending to something for the West Side Institutional Synagogue, he is meeting the Masons or playing hockey, of which he is very fond.

Though a prominent and successful silk merchant, he is nevertheless a strict Sabbath observer.

GETTING PERSONAL

HANK EPSTEIN



Bon Voyage to Mr. and Mrs. Sigfried Bendheim, who sailed for South America on an eighteen day cruise... Rabbi and Mrs. Goldstein returned from their vacation full of vim, vigor and vitality and ready to resume activities... George Livingston and the Men's Club are among those sponsoring the thirteen year old violin prodigy, Arnold Eidus at Town Hall March 1st. Let's have your co-operation and see that this boy gets a good start in life... Muriel Sanders, charming daughter of our vice-president, Max E. Sanders, attended services last Saturday morning... It was learned that our big dinner, May 1st, at \$25.00 per couple at the Waldorf-Astoria will be able to accommodate five hundred to a thousand people. An affair catered by the Carlton Caterers. BIG SHOW... GUEST STARS... FINEST TALENT... GOOD FOOD AND LOTS OF FUN... who could ask for anything more? Dancing to follow for the young folks... Max Sanders has many more tricks up his sleeve that we shan't divulge... No appeal for funds... WOMEN ATTENTION! You've been crowded for space on Saturday mornings. Plans for additional seats have been submitted. This will be taken up AS SOON AS WE GET THE MONEY... Took a look at the Men's Club rooms and was I surprised? For their meetings they have a seating capacity for over a hundred people—thirty-six card tables and beautiful drapes and tapestries. Oh, if I were a little older, you would probably find me every night discussing with a brother member the great economic recession confronting the world at the present time... Mr. and Mrs. Felix Gouled have been absent for some time. REASON. They have been spending their winter at Palm Beach. Upon returning, their first stop will be the West Side I. S... Jack Levine returned from a trip south and says "Business is showing a marked improvement"... I understand that the elite of the young folks will be at the dance sponsored by the Reus Society (senior group) this Saturday night in our main ballroom...

Quoting Jules Cohen, the president of the council, this dance will be the outstanding success of the year... We still are short a few hundred dollars to reach our goal for the Yeshiva chest...

WHY

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Jew knows that one of the fundamental tenets of communism is absolute antipathy to religion in any form.

Therefore, it pains us to see a Jew who, by the fortunes of politics, occupies a prominent place, put us in the position of being again accused of giving aid and encouragement to communism. Why must our Borough President appoint a communist to office, one who is an avowed communist organizer? Why must he put us in a position of being the scapegoat of organized hue and cry and having it bruited about that here again is a Jew encouraging communism, therefore all Jews must be communists?

Isn't it about time that some of our Jewish officials take into consideration that they do live in glass houses and must not do the things as public officials that they perhaps would do in their private affairs?

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sincere condolences to Mr. David Cohen upon the loss of his sister, Mrs. Mary Marks.

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CONSPIRACY?

One of the hardest things in being an Editor of a great publication like this is to keep up with the restless activity of the moving spirits of the Institution; and full of moving spirits it is. No sooner does he get himself into a frame of mind to cope with the master plans for advancing the fortunes of the Institution, than along comes another plan with which one has to catch up.

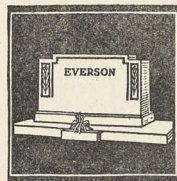
The Editor is, at the moment, extremely nervous because he has an idea a conspiracy is afoot. Of our four Horsemen of Restlessness, Lester Udell, Max E. Sanders, Harry Appel and Joseph Settel, the first two are in New York where the Editor can keep an eye on them. Harry Appel, whose red hair always has made us nervous, went off to Chicago, presumably on a business trip. Probably he went on a scouting expedition to get some new ideas which he will put into effect immediately upon his return, if not sooner. Joe Settel is supposed to be resting in Florida, but Joe never rests. Neither does his mind. Hence, Harry or Joe will probably be back any minute now, either to hold a world exposition in front of the Synagogue, or an international convention, or something of the kind. The only difficulty may be that Lester and Max may think the plans too modest.

It is, therefore, respectfully suggested to the membership that, in preparation for the intense excitement which will probably ensue soon, they get a lot of rest and sleep immediately.

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