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HARRY GELL TO ADDRESS MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

After the Bible class on Monday evening at 8:30, conducted by Rabbi Goldstein, those attending will have the pleasure of listening to Mr. Harry Gell on "The Present Situation In Europe." Mr. Gell has recently returned from Europe and is an authority on the subject.

BAR-MITZVAHS

We extend our congratulations and good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Julius H. Rosansky, loyal and long-standing friends of our institution, upon the Bar-Mitzvah of their son Laurence Jay, which will be celebrated at our Synagogue this Saturday.

We also congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schulman, upon the Bar-Mitzvah of their son Mortimer.

REUS SOCIETY SYMPOSIA

The Reus Society had the pleasure of having as its guest speaker on Sunday evening February 20, Douglas Chandler, well known theatrical and radio artist. He gave excellent impersonations of Gregory Ratoff, Charles Laughton, Jack Givort, Henry Armetta and others. He also offered advice to aspirants of his profession.

On February 27, Martin Polinger spoke on "Diamonds."

Seymour Epstein, student of European political history, is scheduled to speak before the club at its next meeting on Sunday, March 6, at 8:30 P. M. Everyone is cordially invited.

ALUMNI GROUP ORGANIZED

The first meeting of the newly organized alumni group was held Saturday night, Feb. 26th, at the Synagogue building.

The first cultural program will be a debate on "Can Judaism flourish in small towns as well as in large cities." The affirmative will be upheld by Masters Weiss and Steinberg, and the negative by Masters Horwitz and Lazarus. The alternates are Masters Spanbock and Langer. The Judges will be Rabbi Goldstein and Masters Berg and Friedman. The debate will take place Saturday night, March 5th.



"Arnold Eidus, 14-year-old violin prodigy, honorary member of our Men's Club, who made a sensational debut at Town Hall last Tuesday."

Light Candles Friday Evening 5:36 P. M.
Weekly Portion: PEKUDE

Friday Evening Service.....5:40 P.M.
Saturday Morning Services.....9:00 A.M.
Children's Service10:00 A.M.
Rabbi Hurwitz class in Talmud.....4:10 P.M.
Young People's Mincha Service.....5:20 P.M.
Daily Services:

Mornings6:45, 7:30, 8:00
Afternoons5:40
Between afternoon and evening services a class in Mishnays is led by Rabbi Goldstein.

WHATTA MONTH!

They say that March lacks fun,
With cold and winds o'er run.
We feel 'tis well begun
Indeed, because March One—
Is the Rebbetzin's birthday.

And, there's a worthy Jew
Who took a wife, true blue,
Eight years ago March Two;
You needn't wonder who,—
Harry and Lena Ward.

And Spring will soon arrive,
With trees once more alive.
What pleasure we'll derive!
With vim, we toast March Five—

The 26th Anniversary of Morris and
Jennie Jablow.

And anniversaries
Of weddings made in Heaven
Do bring us memories
Of one on March Seven,—
The 23rd Anniversary of our
Rabbi and Rebbetzin.

We say, with joy, for all four,
Mazeltov, many happy times!
Indeed, we'd say much more,
If we weren't short of rhymes.

OUTSTANDING SPEAKER TO ADDRESS WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Bible Class, which precedes the Women's League meetings and is conducted by Rabbi Goldstein, was very well attended. Mrs. David H. Ullman presided at the business meeting.

Mrs. Harry Millstein, the Treasurer, read her report on finances and reports were given by the following Committee Chairmen: Mrs. Kommel on presenting Bibles to the Bar Mitzvah boys; Mrs. Pargament — on the Talmud Torah children's holiday treats; Mrs. Greenstein and Mrs. Spanbock, our representatives to outside organizations, spoke on a recent meeting of the "Womens Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America" with which we are affiliated.

Mrs. Albert H. Cohen, our Programme Chairman, reported that at our next open meeting, on March 7th, the well-known lecturer, Jean Rubinstein, will speak on Odets' "Golden Boy" and Lundberg's "America's 60 Families".

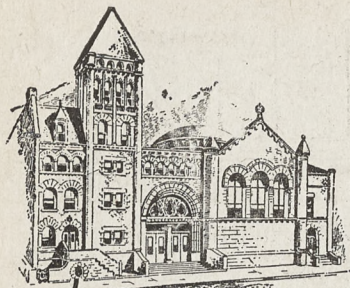
Mrs. Max Frank, our conscientious recording secretary, was congratulated and presented with flowers on the occasion of her wedding anniversary.

The members and their husbands were asked to attend the Dedication Dinner meeting. This dinner is our big affair and will be held at the Waldorf Astoria on May 1st.

Mrs. Albert H. Cohen, was unanimously elected Chairman of our forthcoming Tea and Bridge on March 29th, at The Croydon, and will be assisted by Mrs. Benjamin Lunitz, the Treasurer of this event. Tickets were distributed. Mrs. Abraham Wiener volunteered to donate the door prize, and The Tillie Frances Beauty Salon, of 216 West 79th Street, is donating a permanent oil-wave.

Mrs. Annie R. Morris, tireless and indefatigable worker, announces that our Rummage Sale, of which she is Chairman, would begin Wednesday morning, March 2, 1938, at 370 West 35th Street, and appealed for salesladies as well as for all kinds of merchandise, both new and old.

Mrs. Minnie Horowitz, Mrs. David Elfenbein, and Mrs. David Cohen, were the hostesses for the social hour which followed the meeting.



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DOUBLE-CROSSING THE JEWISH RADICALS

It is natural for the young to be impatient with the slow momentum of progress. Youth is always in a hurry. Our Jewish youngsters, like others anxious to right all wrongs in the world with one fell swoop, are easily persuaded by glib economic philosophers that decapitation is the quickest way to cure a headache.

Accordingly, many readily adopted the theories of Karl Marx and became ardent Marxists. Some were led away from religion thereby, but others reconciled their religious beliefs with their economic ones, by attempting to prove that one could be a good Jew and, at the same time, a good Marxist or Communist. That Russia, besides adopting Marxian systems, also emphasized Marx's dogma that religion was the opiate of the masses, was impatiently shooed aside, with the rejoinder that one did not have to adopt all that Marx said. However, Karl Marx did remain the prophet of disruption, and still does.

Now, along comes Joe Davidson and plays our young Jewish radicals a dirty

trick. Mr. Davidson has unkindly dug up some of Marx's sayings which will sort of make some Jews eat crow. Just imagine, after all the reverence paid by some Jews to Marx's memory they find him saying: "You cannot destroy capitalism without first destroying the Jew and Judaism."

It looks as though Marx has double-crossed some Jews as Hitler did. In case any of us have forgotten, a good deal of Jewish money was contributed to Hitler to help him gain control and he, too, double-crossed those givers. Anyway, we thank Joe Davidson for his stamp articles and, particularly, for this week's. Take a good look at the picture of Marx and see what a real meshumed looks like. His picture on a stamp is appropriate, for licking a stamp always gives one a bad taste and it always gets stuck.

ODDS AND ENDS

At a symposium on religious freedom from the Catholic, Protestant and Jewish points of view held recently at the National Republican Club, Dr. John Gass, rector of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, said: "Freedom gave Protestantism its birth and the strongest insistence of Protestantism has always been on religious freedom. It would seem, therefore, as a matter of simple logic, that just in the measure in which Protestants claim these liberties for themselves, they would claim them for others and insist that they are the common heritage of all mankind. Intolerance springs almost invariably from one of two sources—fear and prejudice."

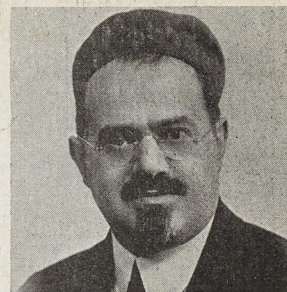
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Elsie Robinson, in the New York Journal-American of February 23rd, writes: "As one American, this is my tribute. It is not enough for me to say, 'I respect and admire Jews,' . . . nor enough to say, 'I like Jews,' . . . nor enough even to fling that conventional and, to me, contemptible phrase, 'Some of my best friends are Jews.' Out of my own experience, out of my own debt, I can only cry — THANK GOD FOR JEWS!"

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Apropos of Rabbi Goldstein's recent article in the REVIEW "Science and Religion," we note that Dr. Arthur H. Compton, winner of the 1937 Nobel Prize in Physics, has accepted the Protestant co-chairmanship of the National Conference of Jews and Christians. "The acceptance of this post by so noted an exponent of scientific achievement," said Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, the director, "also underscores the growing alignment between science and religion in the solution of current problems, especially those dealing with the question of human relations."

"AS
R'CHASH
SEES
IT"



By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

THE PROPER READING OF SCRIPTURE

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The modern pulpiteer has gone down to the level of the people and remained there. He has brought into the pulpit, the profane word of our times, by placing the discussion of the latest novel on a par with Bible discussion. If there was ever a time when the people are yearning for something beyond themselves, and the work of their own hands, it is at present. This is evidenced by the fact that so many cults have sprung up, whose message is mystical and whose appeal is to the weary and faltering. The Psalmist describes this type of person as follows, "As a heart panteth after brooks of water, so panteth my soul after thee, O God." There is no book on earth which makes God and His attributes so vivid, and so real as does the Bible.

As we turn from the Pentateuch to the Prophets, we turn from the law-giver to the interpreters of history. The prophet is not concerned with detail. He is absorbed with the problem of God in history. His task is to show that events and the results of these events are deeply rooted in moral causes. Not only did the prophets WRITE history but they also tried to RIGHT it.

As we turn from the prophet to the inspired poet, we turn from the interpreter of history to the royal lyric bard and religious philosopher as exemplified by David and Job. In their books we find an outpouring of reflections concerning the many thoughts and problems of life coming directly from the inner recesses of the soul.

I plead for a more proper reading of the Bible. Come to it, with your problems as did our elders. Emerson in writing on "The Over-soul" said, "In the book I read, the good thought returns to me, as every truth will, the image of the whole soul," so when we properly read any book, and particularly the Book of Books, we become "full men", as Bacon said "Reading maketh a full man." The Bible itself gives the clue to it all, when it says in the Book of Amos "Seek ye me, and ye shall live."

INTERESTING STAMPS

By JOSEPH E. DAVIDSON

XVIII: Karl Marx, Prophet or Charlatan?



Karl Marx

Passover will soon be with us again as a gentle reminder that, in every age, evil persons arose who tried to exterminate our people and to obliterate Judaism, but that the Almighty in his infinite wisdom and mercy always came to our rescue and thwarted their nefarious plots.

It is hard enough to have to repel the attacks of bigots of other races and creeds. When those of our own flesh and blood sell their birthright, turn to apostasy and use their diabolical ingenuity to wreak havoc upon their unfortunate brethren, one is at a loss to find language temperate enough to express one's feelings without "calling names."

Russia has honored the memory of the apostate Jew, Karl Marx, by placing his portrait on postage stamps. To Jews, this should not be considered an honor to them, even though some Jews have thoughtlessly placed Marx among the prophets in a class with the immortal Isaiah!

In the humble opinion of the writer, Marx was a charlatan in a class all by himself and his preachment of one class destroying all other classes, in a Revolution by force, has always been repudiated by Torah-true Jews.

A few of the "gems" which I have picked from his utterances are the following: "Capitalism and Judaism are synonymous." "YOU CANNOT DESTROY CAPITALISM WITHOUT FIRST DESTROYING THE JEW AND JUDAISM!"

No wonder most communists consider Jews capitalists and many aryan capitalists consider all Jews communists!

Bishop Manning On Anti-Semitism

The spirit of Anti-Semitism is irreligious, uncivilized and utterly undemocratic. Faith in God, who is the Father of us all must, if it is real, drive out of our hearts the spirit of prejudice or intolerance and must give us the spirit of brotherhood towards all men of whatever race or color or nation or creed.

JEWS IN AMERICA

By MORRIS JABLOW

Many of our serious-minded American Jews, contemplating events now transpiring all over the world, pause with uneasiness and anxiety to peer into the future, in an endeavor to ascertain what is in store for us.

Professor L. B. Namier, professor of modern history at Manchester University, wrote

"When the head of Louis XVI fell, all the monarchs of Europe felt their necks; when the blow fell on the head of German Jewry, many of us other Jews began to wonder what the future had in store for various branches of our people."

That feeling of uncertainty, while present in the minds of many, is not shared by others. Some of our brethren feel certain that the Jews in America need have no fears whatsoever. They feel that our position here is well entrenched and that our future here is secure; that "It Can't Happen Here".

In attempting to appraise and to determine which of these views is more logical and rational, we must inquire and try to ascertain with an open, impartial and unprejudiced mind, the position and the influence of the Jews in America in industry, science, arts and the professions.

Several such inquiries and surveys were undertaken by various fact-finding agencies, but the conclusions reached were dissimilar, principally because the scope was different. The more convincing one reaches the conclusion that Jews in America are far from being dominant in any industry, trade or profession. At some future time I propose to take up the details of these surveys. Lack of space prevents my doing so at this time.

We cannot, however, ignore the fact that, whether or not the influence of the Jews in America is dominant or negligible, there is present today a very definite and well-defined feeling of Anti-Semitism. Consider, for instance, the limitation and restriction applied to the number of Jewish students permitted to enter colleges and universities, politely called quotas; the prejudice against the employment of Jews in various stores, offices and business establishments.

Another disturbing fact is the existence of well-organized, well-financed (from what sources we know not) groups constantly fomenting and disseminating race-hatred aimed most generally at the Jews in America.

I propose in a future article, to study the causes, real or imaginary, leading to race-hatred and propose a remedy.

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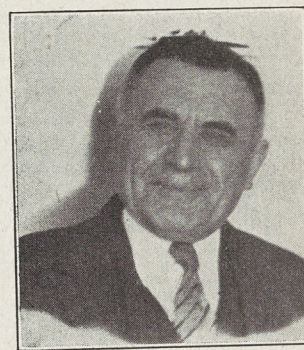
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All of us, who have been hovering on this side or the other of the half-century mark, recall with what rapture and wholly absorbed attention we used to read the success stories in the novels of Horatio Alger.

Worthy of being the chief character in an Horatio Alger story is our director, Morris Steinberg. Emigrating at the age of 20, from impoverished Russian surroundings in 1891, to equally impoverished surroundings in New York, by dint of tremendous labor he has attained to the status of self-made man, happily married, the proud father of one son and three daughters.

Much of his time and wealth are devoted to the many institutions with which he is affiliated and, particularly, the West Side Institutional Synagogue and the Mirer Yeshiva of which he is treasurer.

His idea of a good time is to take his six grandchildren for a ride. When he returns from such a trip, his spirits are so good, that any charity can take him for a ride.

GETTING PERSONAL

by HANK EPSTEIN



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Really, there is one man among the directors who is in Schul morning and nite, patching this up, straightening that out, always tolerant, always with a smile, always with a deep understanding of the other man's problem, a man who is not looking for honors for himself, but who is always trying to satisfy the other fellow. Yes, you know whom I mean, nobody but our first vice-president, that grand old man of the W. S. I. S., Aaron "Pop" Wartels . . . Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Sloane upon their new arrival and also to the grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. David Cohen . . . we were certainly glad to see Commissioner and Mrs. William B. Herlands in Schul last Saturday . . . Upon being questioned, Mrs. Herlands said, "It's a pleasure to come around once in a great while and receive the thrilling reception that was extended to my husband and myself" . . . Glad to see Harry Appel in Schul last Saturday morning. Now we would like to see his charming wife, daughter and son along with him . . . Evidently the tremendous crowd that were in attendance at the Synagogue last Saturday agreed with the Rabbi that not only when you come to the Synagogue do you give, but the larger percentage of the crowd must think they also take in spiritual food which, of course, is mostly inspired by the Rabbi's sermon and by Cantor Yavneh's beautiful singing. It really was thrilling during the "benching" of Rosch Hodish . . . Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Max Frank on their wedding anniversary . . . Mr. Gabriel Davidson, who is the head of the Jewish Agricultural Society attended services last Saturday morning . . . Best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery to Mrs. Jack Baron and Mrs. David Cohen . . . Ditto Sid Seigel, son of our own Lou G. Siegel . . . It was good to see Mrs. Isaac Siegel last Saturday morning. She seemed to enjoy the services very much. Here's hoping we see her real soon again . . . Mrs. Betty Goldstein, wife of our good rabbi, has

a combination birthday and anniversary within one week. I believe in killing two birds with one stone and am therefore wishing my best for both occasions . . . Joe Settel and David H. Ullman made the trip home from Miami by car. They had a splendid time and saw some beautiful sights and, above all, really enjoyed each other's company . . .

JEWISH YOUTH LEAGUE
GROUP TALKS

At the meeting of the Jewish Youth League on Wednesday evening, February 23, Bruce Lane gave an interesting talk on "Modern Music," illustrating his remarks with the playing of recordings by Benny Goodman and his orchestra, Glen Gray and Tommy Dorsey. On March 2, Harold Levine spoke on "The Situation of the Jews in Austria." This is part of the group's new program of talks by the members. Boys and girls between the ages of 14 and 16 are cordially invited to attend the next meeting on Wednesday, March 9 at 8:30 P. M.

TALMUD TORAH STAMP CLUB

A stamp club was recently formed by the boys and girls of the Talmud Torah. Meetings are held every Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at the Synagogue building. Stamps are traded and interesting articles on stamps are read and discussed. All children who are interested in stamp collecting are urged to join.

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Plans are being completed for the gala Purim carnival on Sunday evening March 20th. Several dramatic and comedy sketches will be given by the young people's organizations. Dancing and refreshments will follow. A most cordial invitation is extended to all members of the congregation.

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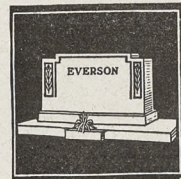
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