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## WOMEN'S LEAGUE ACTIVITIES

Plans for the Bridge Party at the Croydon on March 29th are complete. Tickets are \$1.25. Beautiful prizes have been donated by Mesdames Weiner, Kommel, Michaels and Silberman.

The Rummage Sale under the direction of Mrs. Annie R. Morris, chairman and Mrs. Hattie Davis, co-chairman is continuing at 370 West 35th Street. Donations of merchandise will be greatly appreciated.

The hostesses at the very interesting meeting held on March 7th were: Mesdames Messing, Jablow, Michaels, Tilem, and Miss Abrams.

## ALUMNI OF W.S.I.S.

A very interesting debate was held on Saturday evening, March 5th, 1938. The subject was "Can Judaism flourish in small towns as well as in large cities." The team in favor of large cities triumphed. They consisted of Horowitz, Lazarus and Spanbock. The other team consisted of Steinberg, Weiss and Langer. All of the boys showed real ability. The judges were: Berg, Friedman and Silberman. The next meeting of this newly formed group will take place on March 12th, 1938. All boys of Bar Mitzvah age and over are invited to join. The newly elected officers are: Lazarus, President, and Massar, Secretary-Treasurer.

## JUNIOR LEAGUE NEWS

After several months of haphazard meetings, the Junior League of the W. S. I. S. has reorganized, and formed what promises to be a very successful club. The following officers were elected: Stan Giniger, president; Ben Lichtenthal, vice president; Gerry Michaelis, secretary, and Leon Quain, treasurer. After five months of scheming, dreaming, and planning, Stan Giniger's fondest wish came true, and the League adopted a constitution, which was read in an awed voice by Stan himself. . . . A ping-pong tournament was held after our last meeting.

## JEWISH YOUTH LEAGUE

Something new in dances — a prison dance! That's the name of the affair to be given by the Jewish youth League on Saturday evening April 2 "Come in stripes", say the tickets. "Come to the dance at our building" say the members.



Light Candles Friday Evening 5:45 P.M.

### Weekly Portion: VAYIKRA

Friday Evening Service.....5:45 P.M.  
Saturday Morning Services.....9:00 A.M.  
Children's Service .....10:00 A.M.  
Rabbi Hurwitz class in Talmud.....4:15 P.M.  
Young People's Mincha Service.....5:30 P.M.  
Daily Services:

Mornings .....6:45, 7:30, 8:00  
Afternoons .....5:45  
Wednesday Afternoon .....5:30  
Between afternoon and evening services a class in Mishnays is led by Rabbi Goldstein.

## CONGRATULATIONS

We extend our heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Appel upon the engagement of their daughter Frances to Herbert Snower of Chicago.

## SERMON CONTEST

In connection with the dedication of the synagogue during the week-end of April 30th, one of the young men of the Congregation is to deliver the sermon, to be selected at a contest, the judges being Lester Udell, Max E. Sanders and Samuel W. Siegel. All sermons are to be sent to the Contest Committee before April 5th. Sermons should be unsigned and should be accompanied by an envelope containing the name of the contestant. The second prize winner will deliver his sermon at the Mincha Services.

## INVESTITURE CEREMONY

The investiture ceremony of our Girl Scouts took place last Thursday night in the presence of parents and friends of the scouts. Scout leader Yetta Margulies presided, and Rabbi Goldstein delivered an address. A very inspirational and interesting evening was enjoyed by all.

## PURIM PARTY

A Congregational Purim Party for the men and women of our synagogue will be held at our building on Sunday, March 13th, at 8:30 P. M. For admission, bring a package which will later be auctioned off. Refreshments will be served. An "Amateur Night" will be conducted by Harry Appel, as Major Bowes. Max E. Sanders has already promised to be a star performer. Mrs. Frieda Weinstein is organizing the women for this part of the program. A treat is in store for all who come.

## THE COUNCIL PURIM AFFAIR

Just one more week until the gala Purim affair! The date is March 20th and the place — our ballroom in the synagogue building. The council is offering several comedy sketches by the young people's organizations, dancing, singing and refreshments — and all for a nominal admission charge.

Remember the date — March 20! A good time is assured all who attend.

## TALMUD TORAH ACTIVITIES

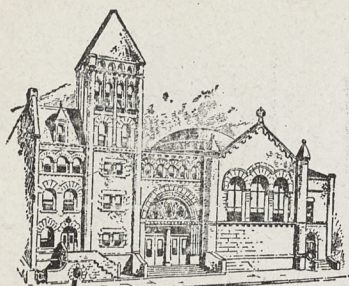
The boys and girls of the Talmud Torah are busy preparing for their Purim celebration which will be held on Wednesday afternoon March 16 at 4:30 P. M. They are practising Purim songs, editing a special paper and competing for the honor of reciting Purim pieces assigned to each class. The program for the celebration includes reading of the Megillah to the accompaniment of noisemakers, showing of moving pictures and partaking of the holiday "tid-bit" Homan Taschen. All members of the synagogue, parents and friends are invited to be present.

Prizes will be awarded at this time to those pupils holding most honor cards. These have been awarded each week since Chanukkah, for good attendance, good conduct and good work.

## REUS SOCIETY

With meetings held every Sunday evening, the Reus society has increased its membership considerably in the past few weeks. Short talks are given at each meeting by members of the group, followed by dancing. All young people 21 years of age and over are urged to attend these meetings.





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## JOYOUS PURIM

We are told that Purim is a time to celebrate, to be gay. Of course, gaiety is always in order, as life is altogether too sad and constricted.

Nevertheless, we must confess, there occur an awful number of events to interfere with gaiety. The deliverance we celebrate at Purim is one of the remote past. The Jewish race of to-day is again in "Golis", or at least a great part of it. Haman is again in the saddle and Esther has not yet arrived on the horizon.

Yet hope springs eternal. Therefore, let us be gay or, perhaps more seemly, happy and grateful that in this country the life of the Jew is bearable; and hopeful that it will continue so; and prayerful that the unhappy lot of our brethren elsewhere will soon be ameliorated. Let our gaiety be deep but sobered by the thoughts of those whose only gaiety to-day may be tears and, while we are enjoying the happy opportunities of this noble land, let us resolve to do our utmost to help our less fortunate brothers in Israel.

## MISCELLANY

### Ship Notes:

The playwright purchased a boat and invited his mother aboard. He showed her his officer's cap marked "Captain" and said: "Look, ma, I'm a captain" . . . "Listen," his ma replied, "by me you're a captain. By you you're a captain. But by a captain—you're not a captain." —N. Y. Ev'g Post.

### Religious-Cooperation:

At the recent Forum at Dickinson College, on Interreligious Cooperation, the Rev. Edward Lodge Curran of Brooklyn, head of the International Catholic Truth Society, said that the Catholic Church in the United States was ready to cooperate with every other church group, Protestant and Jewish, in a campaign to preserve religious liberties and democracy.

At the same meeting, the Rev. Dr. Mark Depp of Christ Methodist Church, Pittsburgh, said:

"The Versailles treaty made Hitler. His own abuses and excesses will unmake him. The Germany of illustrious names from Martin Luther to Martin Niemöller will find herself, and this regime with its anti-Semitism and its absurd exaltation of old gods will be but a nightmare."

### Free Speech:

Mr. X is a well known lawyer whose whole life has been devoted to fighting for free speech. He hates Nazis but will represent them if they be denied civil rights.

Recently, the Communists (he is not one) were denied a permit to hold a meeting in a nearby city. Mr. X, without a fee, fought their battle in the courts and got the permit.

More recently, a Socialist delegation from the same town visited Mr. X and complained that the Communists were breaking up Socialist meetings. Mr. X went to the Communist group and wanted to know why the Communists, to whom he had assured free speech, were not willing to afford the same to the Socialists. He even appealed to their sense of gratitude to him personally.

The reply was: "You did not fight for us but to gratify your own love of free speech. We do not believe in free speech. We do not have it in Russia and, if we were in control here, we would not have it here."

### A Slip of The Tongue

One of the victims of the depression recently died, leaving huge debts. His friends, however, paid for an elaborate funeral from a swanky "Mortuary Chapel." A young lady, employed as

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"AS  
R'CHASH  
SEES  
IT"



By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

## OUR GREATEST NEED TO-DAY

Our greatest need to-day is old-fashioned religion. I find that the average person to-day is afraid of orthodox Judaism. He does not say that religion is wrong, but he simply does not want to be freighted with the responsibilities and the obligations which orthodox Judaism entails. The prophet Isaiah declared "it pleased the Lord, for his righteousness' sake to magnify the law and, therefore, make it glorious." The more commandments we obey, the greater is our opportunity for righteousness and contentment, and the less our danger of swimming with the tide, and being led astray.

By old-fashioned religion, I mean the religion which does not become so liberal that it deviates from its function of demanding the scrupulous and meticulous performances of duties. People flock to those houses of worship, where little doctrine is taught and where it is considered broadminded to compromise with the homely, but nevertheless, genuine virtues.

To be religious one must study religion's detailed laws. Just as in the realm of science, there are many laws for the physical life, so in the realm of religion, there are copious laws for the spiritual life. The many ceremonies which form an integral part of religion are the given quantities by means of which the theorems or laws of the spiritual life are to be demonstrated.

We are in a spiritual as well as in an economic panic. The old-fashioned religion inspires hope for a better and brighter future, and faith in God's leading, for it teaches that Providence has due regard for each and everyone of us. We have become so depressed, both spiritually and materially, that despondency and hopelessness are writ large on the faces of so many of our people. Let us repair to our houses of worship where we will not meet the inane, philosophical, and abstruse God, but the living, personal, and intimate God of history, — the God of our very being to whom we may say with the Psalmist, "the Lord is with me, I shall not be afraid."



## INTERESTING STAMPS

By JOSEPH E. DAVIDSON

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We now come to the most fascinating part of our work, treating of those stamps which depict scenes and persons mentioned in the Old Testament.

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This I propose to do in the following way: From the very meager description of the Garden of Eden in the second chapter of Genesis, I intend, with the aid of several stamps, to help visualize the vast space which the garden must have occupied.

In the book of Genesis, Chapter II, verses 10 to 14, inclusive, we find

"And a river went out of Eden to water the Garden, and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads. The name of the first is PISON; that is which compasseth the whole land of HAVILAH where there is gold, and the gold of that land is good; there is bdellium and the onyx stone.

And the name of the second river is GIHON the same is it that compasseth the whole land of ETHIOPIA.

And the name of the third river is HIDDEKEL, that is it which goeth toward the east of ASSYRIA, and the fourth river is EUPHRATES."

Of the four rivers named, only the first, PISON, has not been positively identified. Some well known authorities on Bible geography claim that it is the Danube (see Scott's Catalogue on Jugoslavia, stamp SP. 13, issued in 1931).

To one who carefully looks at his present day maps, this would appear to be far fetched; yet, when one takes into consideration the changes on the face of the globe which could have been brought about by the flood during Noah's time, it does not seem so fantastic or improbable.

Others claim it is the NAHARMALCA a canal which formerly joined the Tigris with the Euphrates. Of the many claims advanced, this seems to be the most plausible and probable.

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## JEWS IN AMERICA

## In Industry

By MORRIS JABLOW

The tendency of the Jew in America is to live in the larger cities. Out of a total of about 4,000,000 Jews, nearly one-half or about 2,000,000 reside in New York City, constituting almost one-third of the entire population of the city. Reliable sources estimate that 84% of the entire Jewish population of the United States reside in cities of more than 100,000.

Because of the presence of Jews in such large numbers in centres of population, it is frequently said that the Jews dominate industry. Investigation shows that Jews are not important factors in industry. Examine the personnel of the large corporations in the steel and iron trade, in the coal, oil, rubber and automobile industries and you will find virtually no Jews occupying any position of importance. You will not find a single Jew in a key position in corporations in the chemical field, nor will you find any Jews occupying any important positions in railroading, shipping and transportation.

Jews in America are dominant in the clothing business, (men's and women's apparel) are important factors in the liquor business and have considerable influence in the tobacco business.

Considering the relative insignificance of the Jews in America in the important industries of the United States, we begin to wonder what possible cause leads to the feelings of prejudice and dislike shown against them. It cannot be because of envy or jealousy for obviously, the record shows that relatively, they are not sufficiently important to arouse either envy or jealousy.

Is Anti-Semitism due to the position of the Jews of America in other fields?

In a future article I will endeavor to analyze the facts and suggest an answer.

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bookkeeper by his largest creditor, decided it was a good chance to see a rich man's funeral. She was overawed by the magnificence of the surroundings and was heard to exclaim, "What a marvellous moratorium!" Maybe she was right at that.

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LAWRENCE MIRKEN

The youngest member of our board, he speaks only when he has something to say and, what he says, is worth listening to. We old fellows, always trying to imitate the United States Senate, sometimes called the Cave of the Winds, should take a lesson from him.

Receiving his B.A. from Syracuse in 1928, at twenty, he remained there till '31 for his LL.B., being admitted to the Bar the same year. He is both a successful lawyer and motion picture producer. Credit him with "The Cantor's Son" now being exhibited.

A perfect exemplar of the activities of the Mirken clan, he is an organizer and leader of the Young People's Groups and member of the Governing Board of the Council.

He is a son of the late beloved Mayer Mirken, one of our founders and of Mrs. Annie Mirken, our indefatigable co-worker, and a brother of Mrs. A. H. Cohen (you can't write about any activity without including her). One of his three brothers is Pop Wartel's son-in-law. What an alliance of pious and useful families!



## GETTING PERSONAL

by HANK EPSTEIN



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Like a debutante, Joe Settel was given a coming-back party Monday night after the Bible Class. A large crowd turned out. . . . An unusually large gathering is expected this Saturday morning, to hear Max Sanders deliver his Mofta. Max has singing aspirations since the Bazaar. . . . More and more people are coming to our Synagogue each Saturday, to hear the masterful sermons of our Rabbi. . . . Following last Thursday's Board meeting, the directors visited Harry Appel's ménage, where they toasted his daughter's engagement and then boned their way downstairs to G. Richard Rubenstein's apartment where, as old married men, they ruminated on what a gamble married life is. A few made bad passes at matrimony but finally checked themselves so that a good time was had by all, especially the Editor, who gathered a sheaf of notes for future articles. . . . The Rummage Sale, sponsored by the Women's League, and headed by Annie R. Morris, is doing very well. . . . Joe Anderson and his charming wife returned from the Coast, and as usual plunged into our activities with plenty of zest. . . . Mrs. Ward, mother of our Director Harry, and also Jesse, hasn't been well recently. Here's hoping for a quick recovery, as we missed her last Saturday. . . . Missed my friend Sylvan Markowitz last Saturday morning, and I don't want to leave out his mother, and sister. . . . Mrs. Harold Kaplan is keeping out of the limelight these days, although she attends services every Saturday morning. Here's hoping it's a boy. . . . Missed Mrs. Sam Silver at services last Saturday morn. Ditto the Breitbart family, and Jules Cohen. . . . A new director, Mr. Morris Levine, was elected to the Board last Thursday night. He certainly earned a directorship in a short time by his splendid efforts. His sponsors were, Harry Appel, Max Sanders, G. Richard Rubenstein and George L. Livingston. Congrats. . . .

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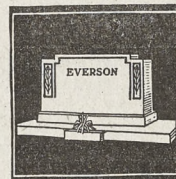
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