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WOMEN'S LEAGUE BRIDGE AND TEA

The Bridge and Tea scheduled for March 29th at the Hotel Croydon, now holds the undivided attention of the members of the Women's League. Mrs. Harry Millstein and Mrs. D. L. Messing, co-chairmen, together with Mrs. Benjamin Lunitz, the Treasurer, are directing the preparations and expect a big attendance.

RECREATION CENTER

The West Side Institutional Synagogue Recreation Center, under the supervision of Mr. Lazarus, with the assistance of Mr. Strully, is making great progress. Aside from the work shop, game room and park activities, we are organizing a library to be conducted by Miss Leed who will be assisted by Miss Nolewansky. As yet our collection of books is very limited, and contributions will be greatly appreciated.

GIRL SCOUTS

These girls received their awards in our Girl Scout Group led by Miss Rhoda Margulies:

Joy Landis	Marilyn Lunitz
Josephine H. Goldstein	Jacqueline Sisenwein
Renee Langer	Marcia Ludnen
Arlene Harris	Helen Weisgal
Hilda Lazarus	Berta Wilstek
Florence Tilem	Yvette Schwartz
Lois Wyman	Barbara Bank
Henrietta Rosen	Mildred Karet

The group meets every Thursday evening.

THE JEWISH YOUTH LEAGUE

The novel "Prison Dance" of the Jewish Youth League will be held in our ballroom on April 2nd. With the members working diligently, success is assured. Dancing to "swing" orchestra tunes and refreshments will be provided for the nominal admission charge.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations and good wishes are extended to the family of Norman S. Friedman whose Bar Mitzvah will be celebrated in our synagogue to-morrow.

THE JUNIOR COUNCIL

The Junior Council, composed of boys and girls between 16 and 18, have been meeting regularly on Sunday nights. The cultural meeting, followed by dancing, is enjoyed by everyone. The increasingly large membership is proof of that. A debate is scheduled for the next meeting which will be held on Sunday evening, March 27. All eligible are cordially invited.



Light Candles Friday Evening 5:59

Weekly Portion: SHEMINI

Prayers for the new month

SHABBOS PARAH

Friday Evening Service.....	6.00 P.M.
Saturday Morning Services.....	9.00 A.M.
Children's Service.....	10.00 A.M.
Rabbi Hurwitz' class in Talmud.....	4.30 P.M.
Young People's Mincha Service.....	5.50 P.M.

Daily Services:

Mornings	6:45, 7:30, 8:00
Afternoons	6:00

Between afternoon and evening services a class in Mishnays is led by Rabbi Goldstein.

THE REUS SOCIETY

A ping-pong tournament will be started at the next meeting, Sunday evening, March 27. The participants have been practicing for several weeks and a stirring battle is expected for the prize. Good luck to all!

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TALMUD TORAH NEWS

The Purim Celebration held Wednesday afternoon, March 16th, was quite a success. Opening with appropriate recitations and songs, the program proceeded from one highlight to another: prizes, Megillah reading, and movies. The following received awards for excellent scholarship: Marilyn Mirken, who presided over the program, Martin Josephson, Lenore Druckman, and Mildred Pinter, besides many others; for ping-pong winners, Morton Silver and Sidney Bermitz; for those who brought the most new pupils, Eugene and Frank Blode; for Purim costume, Jay M. Cohen. To all who contributed their efforts to this entertainment we give thanks. The newspaper issued by the Talmud Torah pupils met with great favor.

MONDAY NIGHT REUNION

Our Monday nights are rapidly beginning to strain our capacity to accommodate the many enthusiastic neighbors of our Synagogue. Each week, more and more new faces appear, attracted by the spirit of Orthodoxy in surroundings of sincere welcome and friendliness.

Last Monday, the Bible Class, conducted by Rabbi Goldstein, was crowded. It is most interesting to observe so-called hard-headed business and professional men engrossed in the discussion and explanation of important passages. Our students are men of affairs who find, in the study of the Bible, an answer to many problems so puzzling to all.

Then followed a most interesting talk on "The Present Day Situation", by Mrs. Harrison Rothfield, formerly of the History Department of the University of Cincinnati. The speaker, who delivered a most instructive talk, is a worthy sister of the famous four Isaacs brothers, professors respectively, at Harvard, Columbia, Johns Hopkins and Pittsburgh Universities.

The president, Mr. Lester Udell, welcomed Mr. Isaac Settel, our treasurer, upon his return to the city. Addresses were also delivered by Messrs. Appel, Ullman, Sanders, Livingston, Joseph Settel and the Rabbi.

After the meeting adjourned, refreshments were served, provided by Mr. Harold Kaplan in honor of his newly arrived daughter.



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SEMI-CENTENNIAL OF TORAH

By BERNARD REVEL

President of Yeshiva and Yeshiva College

CONCLUDED

But with the energies and attention of the Jewish members of the community absorbed in the struggle for an economic foothold and adjustment and later, in the economic opportunities; and with the time, thought, and enthusiasm of the younger generation occupied in the secular school, with its emphasis on the practical, stress was laid mainly upon the tangible aspects and institutions of Jewish life, the synagogue and Jewish social service. The study of the Torah was neglected and Jewish education reduced to a minimum. A portion of our youth, uninformed as to the message and meaning of historic Judaism, as to its fundamental affirmations concerning God and nature, and man's relation to them, the unique history of Israel and his supreme contributions to the cultural and spiritual unfolding of mankind, became attracted to strange fires.

Untaught that Israel's millennial fidelity and martyrdom for his faith in God and for his passion for justice and peace in humanity's greatest instance of spiritual steadfastness, many of them are worshipping at strange shrines, the

play, and the prey of quasi-religious and anti-religious aberrations. Friends of the abiding values of the spirit viewed with apprehension the possibility of the loss by a portion of American Jewry of these qualities that have characterized Israel through the ages.

It is difficult to realize what might have been the religious and spiritual condition of American Israel after generations of Torah-lessness, of religious doubt and drift, had not the Yeshiva been called into existence half a century ago. The Yeshiva — the historic home of the Torah — has kindled, and helped spread in the land the light of the Torah and Jewish idealism; it has helped stem the tide of Torah illiteracy and bridge the widening chasm between faith and intellectualism. It has brought to the Jewish community a vision of a more intensive Jewish education and Jewish life. It is helping American Jewry to recognize that there is only one power it can bring to the solution of its supreme problem of spiritual survival, the intensive cultivation of the study of the Torah in its widest sense. In an integrated Jewish laity, in a fuller understanding of our faith and ideals, of the millennial aspirations of the Jewish soul leading to spiritualization of our lives, and through the training of our youth, activities of the community, is the power and the validity of our survival to be sought.

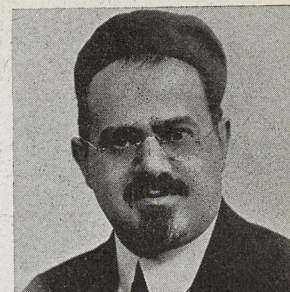
A strong force for the advancement of this ideal during the last, crucial half century has been the Yeshiva. It is a worthy successor to the sanctuaries of the Torah of all ages and forming a sound link in the lighthouses of learning and spirituality upon the stormy sea of our long history, uniting Israel in spiritual aspiration, lighting the way to creative faith and spiritual progress. In its spirit of devotion to the ideals and aspiration of Universal Israel, the Yeshiva takes a place in this land, commensurate with the unique responsibilities of American Israel and the opportunities for the development of a creative Jewish life. For a generation, it has been a source of strength in our striving for spiritual survival.

The Yeshiva is not a professional school for the training of Rabbis and teachers. It is dedicated to the education of a selected group of young men who consider a knowledge of the root of our faith and culture an essential part of what they desire in their development; to be borne with them, part of their personality and spiritual being, into the widespread fields of an active lay life.

Yeshiva College of liberal arts and science, offering courses leading to the

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"AS
R'CHASH
SEES
IT"



By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

THE PRAYER-BOOK

The prayer-book is the forgotten book. Most people repair unto the prayer-book only when sickness or some great trouble overwhelms them. It is lifted up when we are in the vale of tears, or it is opened as an occasional opiate to conscience.

Dear reader, I plead with you to open up your prayer-book once again, and learn the art of prayer. You leave room in your daily program for food, for business, for the newspaper and for the movie. Won't you leave room, I beg you, for God, through prayer.

The late Dr. H. P. Mendes wrote the following poem:

"God gives us much.
Should we not give him some time?
Let no day pass without one prayer.
Better one prayer than no prayer at all.
Prayer should be the key to the morning
and the bolt at night."

The prayer-book should be our constant companion, for it is the elixir of life. It brings a message to every individual soul no matter in what circumstances he finds himself. It is also circumspect and breathes a corporate, communal and congregational message as well. To the individual per se, the prayer-book brings, as no other single book can, the tidings of hope, of faith, of courage, of joy, of exaltation, of exultation, of healing, and of thanksgiving. To the congregation as a corporate body it heralds cheer and pardon and exhorts responsibility for one another. Spiritually speaking, it is a centrifugal and centripetal force, taking the worshipper on the one hand above the realm of society and making him at one with God, and on the other hand drawing his interests into channels other than his own, making him a pledge for his neighbor. This can be illustrated by the dual aspect of the confessional in one part of which we beat our breasts and say, "I have sinned"; and in another part we declare contritely "WE have sinned."

Go back my friends and re-open your prayer-books, and I can safely promise that you will be amply repaid in every way.

INTERESTING STAMPS

By JOSEPH E. DAVIDSON

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(C) "Hiddekel" (The Tigris)



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The Tigris
"HIDDEKEL"

The third river, HIDDEKEL, is the well known TIGRIS, which has a length of 1150 miles (see Scott's Catalogue on Iraq, stamp A2, issued in 1923). Along the banks of the Tigris, where the prophet Daniel had the visions foretelling the fall of the Great Persian empire under the last Darius and the rise of Alexander the Great, in our own time during the World War the British campaign in Mesopotamia against the Turks was conducted along the banks of this river.

The river rises south in the mountains of Kurdistan within a few miles of the eastern bend of the Euphrates, flows southeast to Diarbekir, and then it makes a sharp turn, flowing east for one-hundred miles to Til, after which it flows into the Persian Gulf. Small steamers can navigate its waters to Bagdad and river boats, as far as Mosul.

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The interest in and devotion to their spiritual heritage, on the part of our children cannot be greater than their knowledge and understanding of its message and basic significance on their lives today; Yeshiva and Yeshiva College aims to interpret the tenants of the Torah and to deepen an appreciation, rooted in a sound knowledge of Judaism; it aims to make our spiritual heritage a living and functioning force, in harmony with the current of creative culture and the forward looking forces of acuage. The Yeshiva, as the Yeshiva of all ages, is the standard bearer and interpreter of the abiding truths of the Torah, to be applied to the manifold problems of today; seeking to strengthen and deepen creative faith, leading to selfless devotion to mankind and Israel toward the goal of a better understood, more self-respecting and more respected Jewish life.

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He and Mrs. Leah Greenstein, our personality plus Women's League worker, are the proud parents of two sons:

- Jesse — B.S., M.A., Ph.D., Harvard; National Research Fellow at Yerkes Observatory.
- Alvin — burning the midnight oil at Cornell (at least his father hopes so, mothers having more confidence in sons).

GETTING PERSONAL

By HANK EPSTEIN

First I want to say that I hope my fraternity brother, Gaby Goldstein, who has been sick for the past week will be up and around again shortly . . . Was at the Council Purim affair last Sunday nite and noticed the fact that the young folks who attended not only came for the dancing, but also for the cultural background. Everyone listened with great interest to Rabbi Goldstein's short talk on the history of Purim and also to the skits both serious and humorous concerning Queen Esther and Haman . . . Jules Cohen as president of the Council walked around with a great big smile on his face when he saw how much everybody was enjoying themselves . . . Bobby Breitbart, treasurer of the organization looked at things from a different angle, and Leona Kessler, our young directress, who worked so hard to make the affair a social success was fully rewarded for her efforts. . . . Congratulations to our loyal members and co-workers Mr. & Mrs. David L. Messing upon their wedding anniversary, ditto Mr. & Mrs. Max E. Sanders . . . glad to see Max Stavish in Shul last Saturday morning and know he had a long walk and hope he will manage to get there many more Saturday mornings . . . Ben Newhouse returned to the city and was back in Shul Saturday morning at his usual early hour . . . Among the people with recent birthdays are: William Bassar, Samuel Beier, Siegfried Bendheim, Henry Blankfort, Abraham Davis, C. Joshua Epstein, David H. Gluck, Isaac Goldman, Felix Gouled, Maurice Greenstein, Joseph Landowne, Morris Levine, Morris Levinson, Larry Mirken, Morris Steinberg, Hershel Chaim Benlabe. The last paragraph was for those of you who might have mentioned to me at one time or another that their name wasn't in this column for a long time . . . Understand that Michael Blankfort's son is writing the script for Carole Lombard's new picture . . . Glad to see Mrs. George Livingston up and well again and attending Saturday morning services . . . I want to close with a piece of poetry I heard at the council last week:

It seems a young fellow who wasn't getting around so well finally got disgusted, came over to me and said:
All the girls around here seem moronic
Others seem to be quite chronic
Most nice ones go steady,
Are married already
Or their feelings for you are platonic.
Thanx Howy.

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