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OUR REBBETZIN HONORED

Our Rebbetzin, Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, in her capacity as President of the Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, was a guest of honor at the annual Donor Luncheon of Hadassah, as well as at the Loyalty Luncheon of the Mizrahi Women's Organizations of America.

DEDICATION PROGRAMME

Plans for the Dedication Ceremonies, Saturday, April 30th, and Sunday, May 1st, are assuming definite shape.

Messrs. Lester Udell, Max E. Sanders and Samuel W. Siegel, the judges of the Sermon Contest, have announced the following winners:

1. Gabriel Goldstein, who will deliver the Dedication Sermon on Saturday morning, April 30th;
2. Harold P. Perlman, who will deliver the sermon at the Mincha Services; and
3. N. Kenneth Gross.

A large outpouring of worshippers will be with us on this historic occasion and they will join us at the Dedication Dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria on May 1st, 1938.

Any young folks, who do not attend the dinner, will come to the reception and dance at 10:00 P.M.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The organization at their meeting voted thanks to the following ladies: Mesdames Michaels, Wiener, Kommel, Silberman, and Singer for their generous donations of prizes at our last affair. The hostesses at the meeting of April 4th were Mrs. Spanbock, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Langer, Mrs. Siegel and Mrs. Goldstein.

JEWISH YOUTH LEAGUE

With the very successful Prison Dance fresh in their minds, the members of the Jewish Youth League are already planning the last affair for the season. Because of examination, the group will hold their next regular meeting on April 20.

THE SALE OF CHOMETZ

Rabbi Hurwitz is in daily attendance at our Synagogue building until Friday morning at 9:00 A.M., for the purpose of representing us in the sale of our Chometz.



SCHEDULE

Thursday at night-fall	B'dikas Chometz
Burning of Chometz.....	Friday morning at 10:15
Light candles, Friday evening.....	6:21
Friday evening Service	6:15
Saturday morning Service	9:00
Children's Service	10:00
Rabbi Hurwitz's class in Talmud.....	4:45
Young People's Mincha Service.....	6:00
Sunday morning Service	9:00
Children's Service	10:00
Young People's Mincha Service	6:00
Daily Service mornings	6:45, 7:30, 8:00
Afternoons	6:20

SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the W. S. I. S. will be held Tuesday evening, April 19, 1938, at our building. All directors are requested to be present.

Lester Udell, President

TALMUD TORAH NEWS

The pupils of the Talmud Torah are devoting a great deal of time to the study of Passover, reciting the Kiddush and the four questions. A contest is being planned and prizes will be awarded to the one who knows most about Passover, its history and observance.

THE JUNIOR COUNCIL

We are glad to report that this group of young people has donated \$10 from its treasury to the Passover fund.

An unusually interesting meeting took place last Sunday evening. Harold Schine, who spoke on "Socialism" was the winner of the speaking contest.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

In the midst of Passover festivities, we find the occasion, according to our traditions, to pause for solemn Yiskor services in memory of our beloved departed. These services have a peculiar attraction to Jews throughout the world. No matter how far they have strayed, they will be found beating a path to some synagogue, because at heart they are Jews.

The prayer itself is very impressive: "May God remember the soul of..... and the souls of all my relatives, both male and female, whether paternal or maternal." "FOR THAT I OFFER CHARITY FOR THE MEMORIAL OF THEIR SOULS."

Charity is the basis of the prayer because our faith decrees that our reverence for the departed shall find some concrete form in help to the living, whether material or spiritual.

What can be greater charity than to contribute to a place of worship which serves as an inspiration to old and young, a guide to men, women and children in properly adjusting themselves to the world. The West Side Institutional Synagogue is deserving of your support. Here below is a form which you may use in making your contribution which, regardless of its size, will be gratefully accepted and the appropriate prayer will be said from the pulpit for your departed.

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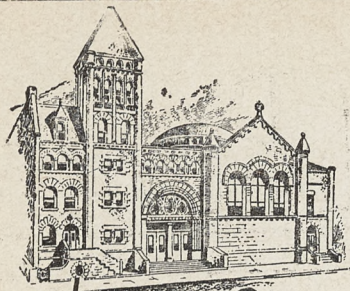
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PASSOVER GREETING

At this season of the year, when Jewry throughout the world recalls its liberation from the bondage in Egypt, we are faced with the great problem of liberation from Nazi bondage. Let us hope and pray that the Red Sea of oppression will be rent asunder by the combined wisdom and indignation of civilization and, with the help and guidance of Divine Providence, Jewry will again be led forth to its rightful place of peace and honor in this world.

RABBI EXPLAINS THE SYMBOLISM OF THE LAWS OF PASSOVER

Rabbi Goldstein gave the following explanations of the laws and customs of Passover:

- a. Seder — meaning "Order of Service", is the name given to the service in the home on the first two nights of Passover, for which an elaborate ritual is prepared. The Seder is symbolic of a royal banquet; the father dressed in white kittel, is the king, the mother the queen, and the children the princes and the princesses.
- b. The abstinence from leaven for the eight days is intended to recall to our minds every year Israel's re-

demption from bondage. The Israelites were in such a hurry to leave Egypt that they did not take time to let the dough, which they had prepared, leaven.

- c. The Matzohs are intended to remind us of the bread thus prepared in haste. Since the Israelites did not let the dough rise, it remained flat and they baked it in the hot sun of the desert.
- d. Start a search for the chometz/leaven on the night preceding the Seder and burn and sell it the following morning, because we are not only forbidden to eat it, but we are also enjoined from having it in our possession. Symbolically, leaven is supposed to represent all that is mean and sordid in life, and Matzoh the pure, lofty and sublime. The prayer said while the leaven is being burned, reveals this: Just as the Jew removes all leaven from his house and possessions, so we pray that all impure thoughts may be removed from the earth.
- e. The Hessebet — the cushions put on the left side to lean upon, represent the oriental custom of all free-men to recline at their banquets. This symbolizes the fact that we are no longer slaves.
- f. The three Matzohs set on the table stand for the three classes in Israel — Cohen, Levi and Israel.
- g. The four kosos — cups of wine — stand for the four words in Hebrew meaning "to set free."
- h. The pouring out of the 10 drops of wine, recall the 10 plagues.
- i. The five dishes:
 - 1—The bitter herbs are symbolic of our bitter life in Egypt.
 - 2—Charoshes — a mixture of apples, nuts, cinnamon and wine—represent the mortar and clay with which the Israelites had to build when they were slaves unto Pharaoh.
 - 3—The salt water represents the tears shed by the Israelites in their misery.
 - 4—The roasted bone represents the Paschal lamb sacrificed by our people before they left Egypt and also at the time when the Holy Temple was in existence in Jerusalem.
 - 5—The egg is symbolic of the special holiday offering which had to be brought to be sacrificed (in the time of the Temple) besides the customary Paschel offering.
- j. The Cup of Elijah — Passover is the festival of redemption. Therefore, we put a special cup on the Seder table for Elijah who, accord-

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"AS
R'CHASH
SEES
IT"



By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

WHAT IS AMERICANISM

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At present, and I fear, until the depression is entirely lifted in God's own time, for which we should not only work, but also pray, true Americanism must once more be propounded.

What is Americanism? The term Americanism has always intrigued me.

There is a man in the White House who has a splendid notion of what Americanism is. There is a father of the Catholic Church who is listened to in every part of this country by millions of followers who subscribe to his particular brand of Americanism. There is a young lad with an open collar and a crimson tie, waving his hands and exhorting his followers from a soap box in the middle of Union Square. He has some very violent opinions on the subject of Americanism.

Learn the meaning of Americanism, not only by listening to the deluded rantings of our contemporary "broadcast philosophers," nor from the distorted frothings of the Communistic or Fascistic minded. Learn the meanings of Americanism from the source, the Constitution of the United States.

The Constitution says that, "no religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States," and that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof. This is Americanism.

Americanism is non-sectarianism. What is non-sectarianism? Non-sectarianism is wrongly understood by most people. Non-sectarianism means that every faith should be encouraged and that its adherents should be permitted and urged to live the life of their faith unfettered. Non-sectarianism does not mean that any faith in the family of faiths must suffer because its devotees or adherents are in the minority.

Though a Jew, and an orthodox Jew, I should like to do everything within my power and have others do likewise, to permit and encourage a Catholic to be a loyal son of his Church. I should want to see every Protestant, from whatever

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INTERESTING STAMPS

By JOSEPH E. DAVIDSON

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 Mt. Ararat

In Gen VIII, 4 we find that after the flood subsided, the Ark, containing Noah and his family, rested on Ararat, a mountain in Armenia.

Ararat means "sacred or holy land" and is referred to in 2 Kings XIX, 37, in Isaiah XXXVII, 38 and in Jeremiah, LI, 27. In the Jewish Publication Society Translation of the Old Testament, all three references read "Ararat", while in the King James version of the Bible, the first two references are translated "Armenia" and the third reads "Ararat".

The Persians call Ararat Kuh-i-nuh, i.e. Mountain of Noah. There are two mountain peaks, the higher one being almost 18,000 feet above sea level.

THE LAWS OF PASSOVER

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- ing to Talmudic Tradition, will come to announce to us our final redemption.
- k. We open the door during the Seder service to indicate our belief in the special Divine protection of Israel and to show that we are unafraid of our enemies.
- l. The Afikomen is a piece of the middle of the three Matzohs placed before the master of the house. It is the last thing partaken of at the Seder because it represents the Paschal offering, which used to be eaten last.
- m. The Hagada. The outstanding feature of the Seder is the reading of the "Hagada", which relates the history of the Exodus from Egypt. The Bible commands us to relate the story of Passover.

WHAT IS AMERICANISM

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denomination in the Church he or she may hail, urged and encouraged to be a devoted member of his or her faith. And at the same time I should want to see that those in charge of our institutions, whether they be civic, educational or industrial, permit every Jew to be loyal to his faith, not as a benevolence, nor as a concession, but as an expression of good Americanism.

WORLD CRISIS

By Edwin L. Brown (age 16)

The long awaited hour had come. "Good Will Towards Man" once again was on every tongue that could speak intelligibly. Brotherly love shone in full glory. Was it not a worthy sacrifice? What did a few million lives mean when the war to end all wars had become a closed book of horror. Was not the cause of civilization living in the heart of every being able to think for himself? Was not humanity salvaged from the dust? These thoughts alone helped to alleviate the bad taste burned on every tongue.

Some twenty-two years have passed since that memorable day. All that had been said and done has been forgotten. Again mighty nations are sharpening their swords and grimly awaiting what will assuredly lead to the beginning of civilization's down trend. The question put before us is, "What's to be done?"

Hitler's lust for power has led him to do great things for the "Fatherland." His greed will also lead to his ultimate downfall, which is steadily and speedily finding its way from behind. His "putsch" into Austria has led to the Nazification of this small but important country. It has been said that his next move will lead him into the country of the Czechs. As I see it, the combined efforts of England and France will prevent this at all costs, for Hitler would be endangering the whole of Europe by this move. Possibly this may be the end of his dictatorial powers forever.

Secrecy and preparedness are sweeping Europe. Councils are being held daily of which we know nothing, but we do smell the evil stench of bombs bursting in air. Dictatorships must meet thorough defeat. Let us hope the peoples of the world can once again attain the fervor of peace, which will last at least another twenty-two years.

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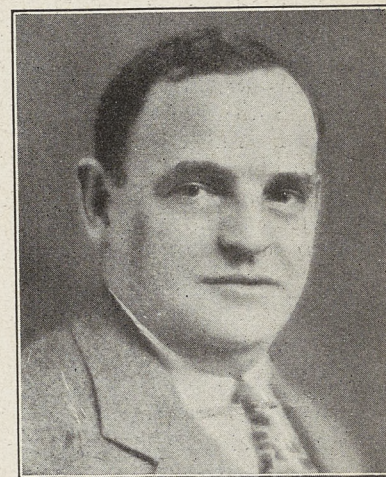
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Wool has an interesting history. At first the locks torn from the sheep's back by brambles were gathered. In some countries, the wool was plucked by hand from the living animals. Then shearing was thought of. Threads were plaited into cloth before weaving by hand was known. Then came machinery and then came the great woollen merchant Ike Goldman.

Born in 1884, his life has been an epoch of honest merchandising and devotion to his faith, his family and his country. He and his wife are the proud parents of two sons, Morris, an attorney and Alfred, a student at City College.

It is approaching a quarter of a century since Ike Goldman became one of that proud group, "The Original Followers of Rabbi Goldstein.

GETTING PERSONAL

By HANK EPSTEIN



Took a walk through our Community Center, and it surely was decorated swell . . . The daughter of our Vice-President Max E. Sanders, attends Shul quite regularly on Saturday mornings. Listen, Muriel, if you bring along some of your friends, the attraction will put young folks in the majority . . . A tremendous crowd turned out to hear Elmer H. Settel, son of our Treasurer, Isaac Settel, deliver a talk on Hobbies, after the Bible Class last Monday night. Refreshments were then served by Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Frank, in honor of their Golden Anniversary. Our traditional good time on Monday nights was had. Such a spirit of good fellowship is rarely seen . . . Harry Appel, last Saturday morning, attended services regardless of the rain. Accompanied by his son, he really cheered up the vast audience with his expansive smile. Those who miss Saturday morning services, are sure missing a wonderful treat . . . Noticed Mrs. Hiller in Shul, the past few weeks, and glad to see her interest in all our activities. Also saw her at the Bretton Hall last Saturday night . . . Our new directors, Morris Levine and G. Richard Rubenstein, who are doing a swell job getting Journal Ads and selling Dinner tickets, were missed Saturday morning at the Synagogue . . . Out-of-town business has prevented our good director, Abraham M. Davis from attending Board Meetings and Monday night Bible Classes . . . Here's hoping he can spend the Passover Holidays with us . . . One of these Saturday mornings, we await the return of Mrs. Harold Kaplan, for whom a seat is reserved big enough for her and her new daughter, Barbara . . . Bob Livingston went over big as the Cantor last Saturday but his mother's chopped herring and his father's liquors went over bigger at the Kid-dush which followed . . . So long.

THE BIBLE IN THE NEWS

The Rev. Lester G. Simon read every editorial in "The Times" in 1931, to check up on biblical references and quotations and this is what he found:

Four hundred and sixty-six biblical verses, phrases and allusions appeared in 367 editorials spread over 262 days.

Forty-seven books of the Bible furnished the above: Twenty-five from the Old Testament and twenty-two from the New Testament.

Twenty-two editorial titles reflected scriptural influence, and four editorials were devoted exclusively to the English Bible. Some editorials held as many as four references.

"A very present help in time of trouble" appeared six times, and the parable of the Good Samaritan came to the editors' help nine times.

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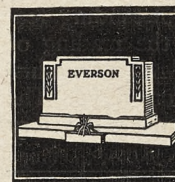
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