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DEDICATION NEWS

CEREMONIES COMMENCE THIS EVENING AND
END SUNDAY NIGHT WITH DINNER - DANCE AT WALDORF

This evening ushers in the event of events in our history, the Dedication of our Synagogue. A most elaborate program has been arranged. In keeping with the spirit of everlasting youth, which is the basis of our Institution, the services will be conducted by our youngsters.

To-night, the cantor will be Marvin Robert Livingston. At to-morrow morning's services, the cantors will be Charles Bendheim, Melvin H. Friedman and Selig Katz. The following will read the Torah: Norman Friedman, Abraham Goodstein, Melvin Heller, Morton Langer, Charles Bendheim, Louis Lan-

downe, Harold Levine, Selig Katz, Harold Perlman, Lawrence Perlman, Maurice Spanbock, Charles Silverstein, Sidney Silverstein, Harold Udell and Bernard Udell. The sermon will be preached by Gabriel F. Goldstein, the winner of the sermon contest.

An address will be delivered by Lester Udell, our President. Rabbi David de Sola Pool will give the benediction and Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein will deliver the prayer for the United States Government.

Sylvan Marshall will raise the Torah and Hank Epstein will roll up the Scroll of the Law.

Then come the ceremonies on Sunday. The President, Lester Udell, will greet the audience, and an address will be delivered by Max E. Sanders, Chairman of the Dedication Committee. Abraham M. Davis will recite King Solomon's Prayer of Benediction, Isaac Settler will dedicate the Ark and Joseph Anderson the Bima. A procession of officers, directors and guests carrying the Scrolls of the Holy Law will take place with Cantor Yavneh singing Mah Tov.

Among the honored and prominent guest speakers will be Hon. Charles H. Tuttle, Congressman Bruce Barton, Dr. Edward S. Aplin, Pastor of St. Paul's and St. Andrew's Methodist Episcopal Church, Hon. William Weiss, President of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America and Eddie Cantor.

Greetings will be extended on behalf of the Women's League by its President, Mrs. Joseph Anderson and on behalf of the Men's Club by its President, George L. Livingston.

Then will follow an address and benediction by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein. The synagogue will be specially decorated for the occasion. Adding to the picturesque ceremonies will be the Boy Scouts of Manhattan Council, No. 530, in full uniform, acting as ushers, under the leadership of Daniel Weiss, Scoutmaster.

The culminating event of the dedication program will be the Dinner-Dance at the Waldorf Astoria on Sunday evening. A crowd estimated at 1,000 people is expected. Those of the younger element who will not attend the dinner will arrive at 10 P.M. for the Dance and special arrangements have been made for them.

An extensive program of entertainment has been arranged including, among the guest stars, our own honorary member of the Men's Club, the violin prodigy Arnold Eidus and his mother, Sonia, the celebrated pianist.

MEN'S CLUB MEETING

The decorations in the Men's Club having reached an advanced stage approaching completion, and the Club Rooms having become more habitable, the predominant color scheme inspired by our active director and member, Mr. Appel, a very enthusiastic meeting was held last Wednesday, April 20th. The President, Mr. Livingston, set forth at full length the plans for the activities of the Men's Club and they were enthusiastically approved. After a lengthy discussion, it was unanimously decided that the public functions of the Men's Club be kept separate from other activities so as to preserve its entity and enable it to accomplish the ambitious projects that have been planned.

Two more public meetings are to be held before the summer and they will be announced shortly. In the meantime, the club rooms are open every evening except Fridays for relaxation to members who are requested to take advantage of the commodious quarters.

Light Candles Friday Evening 7:35 Weekly Portion: ACHARE

Friday Evening Service	7:53
Saturday Morning Service.....	9:00
Children's Service	10:00
Rabbi Hurwitz, Class in Talmud	6:00
Young People's Mincha Service.....	7:20
Daily Services:	
Mornings	6:45, 7:30; 8:00
Afternoons	7:35

CONGRATULATIONS

We extend our sincerest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Irving Baron of 350 Central Park West, upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son Richard, which will be celebrated in our synagogue on Saturday, April 30, 1938.

THE JUNIOR COUNCIL

Because of an unusually heavy program at school, the president of this group, Nat Ritter, was obliged to resign. Knowing that he would leave the city for college in the Fall, he preferred working with the new president until the end of the season. Al Goldman is the new "man at the helm." The organization pledged its whole-hearted support to the new leader who will announce his plans at the next meeting.

Because of his diligent work during his term of office, Mr. Ritter was elected honorary president.

Lots of luck to the past and the new president!



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MEN'S CLUBS

Most every house of worship has affiliated with it a Men's Club. Such organizations function mainly as lay groups devoted to social activities. However, important as the social element may be, a Men's Club should be and can be made to help in the development of cultural activities and world affairs, in addition to the purely social side.

Times are altogether too stern and the problems of the world too severe, for any organization of grown up men to think only of amusement. Relaxation is necessary and should not be overlooked. At the same time, it should not be made the sole goal.

A Men's Club of a Synagogue certainly should be interested in Jewish world affairs. It should invite as speakers men who are familiar with the problems confronting Jewry in the United States and abroad, men who have seen with their own eyes and made a study of the conditions of our brethren and who have worthwhile suggestions to offer.

In these days of economic struggle, the arts, which are usually classed as luxuries, find tough sledding. Therefore, anything a Men's Club can do to promote the welfare of struggling artists, whether singers, musicians, painters or devotees of other arts, is worthwhile. Such good

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SCOUTING AND RELIGION

By DANIEL WEISS

It is my intention, in this series of short articles, to correct some false ideas that most people have about the Boy Scout movement and at the same time to endeavor to correlate the principles of Scouting with those laid down in the Torah.

Where other so-called youth organizations are teaching godlessness, Scouting steadfastly adheres to its policy of making the boy conscious of his religious duties. This is the alpha and the omega of his Scout Oath and Law. He begins the Scout Oath with: "On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God . . ." and he ends the Scout Law with: "A Scout is Reverent". The fingers of his hand, when raised in the Scout sign, the central portion of the badge which he wears, all point upwards, reminding him of his duty towards God. He cannot forget this, for to do so would be to lose sight of everything that Scouting stands for.

Just what is this duty to God? The twelfth part of the Scout Law defines it in this way. "A Scout is Reverent — He is reverent to God. He is faithful in his religious duties . . ." Reverence to God we all know, is to respect God, obey His laws, follow His Commandments. Religious duties are to attend services and pray to God and thank Him for all that He has done for us. But, is that all that is meant by "A Scout is Reverent?" Evidently not, for the definition continues: "He respects the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion." No Scout will say to another boy, "You can't be a Scout. You are a Jew." The Scouting movement knows no distinctions as to race, creed or color. Because a boy is white, black, yellow or red does not bar him from being a Scout. Nor do his religious beliefs affect his being as good a Scout as the next boy.

The Torah is constantly reminding us of our religious duties. "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it Holy"; "Thou shalt love the Lord, thy God, with all thy heart, with all thy soul and with all thy might."

And, just as the twelfth part of the Scout Law bids us respect the convictions of others, so too does the Torah command us: "V' ger lo soneh v' lo silchotzenu ki gerim heyisem b'eretz mitzroyim. "Thou shalt neither vex nor oppress a stranger for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt." This is to remind Israel that along with their religious duties, they have a duty toward others. They are to be tolerant and not bigoted.

The Constitution of the Boy Scouts of America states:

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"AS
R'CHASH
SEES
IT"



By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

THE SYNAGOGUE

The Synagogue, the Tabernacle of our day, is the home of the Torah. Even while the Jewish people were creating the Synagogue, the Synagogue was creating the Jewish people. It has nourished them with love; it has clothed them in wisdom; it has protected them from harm.

In the Synagogue we find God as an Eternal balm for our wounds. The House of God is as "the friend in need, the friend indeed." God extends to us His invitation to visit His house, and we turn our backs to it. The Synagogue is the power house. It generates joy and peace in our homes. God is pictured in the Talmud by Hillel as saying, "If you come to My house, I will come to yours." The activities of the Synagogue are the high voltage candles, which emanate and reach the home, and bring therein, light and comfort. If you have no wires connected in the House of God, it cannot reach you, and bring its charms and its blessings.

It is the House of God wherein men are welcome and if we spurn this invitation of the Almighty, we dishonor the very shrine of Jewish honor. For it is in the Synagogue that we consecrate the memory of our dear ones, who have passed from these brief corridors of time to the great halls of eternity. It is in the Synagogue that we celebrate our joys, that we lament our failures, and our defeats. It is here that we come to speak to God in prayer and to ask forgiveness for our mistakes.

The Jew has suffered, whether it was because he was being too much a Jew, or too little, he has always been able to turn back to the Synagogue. There he found shelter, there he found peace.

There he felt as safe as though he stood within the walls of a well fortified city. The House of God gives strength. It gives security.

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Jews, Moslems and Christians still honor her resting place as a sacred shrine. The traditions of all three religions regarded Rachel are identical and because of the reverence shown her memory, her place of sepulcher has never been disturbed during all the ages of intermittent strife and turmoil. Although the building covering her grave is modern, there is no doubt that the ground on which it stands (a mile from Bethlehem) contains the remains of Jacob's favorite wife.

TALMUD TORAH ACTIVITIES

The popularity of the special circus treat, last Monday morning, April 25th, was so extensive, that not all of those who wished to be included could be chosen. Accordingly, the selections were based on merit in the Passover Question Contest and other contests.

The visit to the Horowitz - Margaret factory was instructive, the pupils going away very happy with souvenir calendars and boxes given by the company. An attempt is being made to arrange for invitations to the baseball parks of the Yankees and the Giants.

The highest percentage of attendance records was attained by classes 2A, 2B-3A, 4A and 5A-5B, each of which was awarded a banner for best attendance at some time during the past few weeks.

The Passover outing last Thursday was very enjoyable, particularly the games organized by our versatile Mr. Konovitch.

THANKS!

We thank Mr. & Mrs. Louis H. Markowitz and Mr. and Mrs. Julius H. Rosansky for their splendid donation of a Sefer Torah each. A splendid example of pious generosity.

MEN'S CLUBS

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deeds will bring great dividends in the future to the race producing the artists for, upon that race, credit must be reflected.

Above all, in these times, a Men's Club should not shut its eyes to the movements taking place around it for the promotion and preservation of the race. It should be the outstanding liaison between the Synagogue and the community, in guiding the Jews of the neighborhood into membership and active participation in the various organized groups for the amelioration of the lot of oppressed Jews, for improvement of educational opportunities and for making it more possible for the Jew to survive the afflictions which thousands of years of oppression seem to have brought to a climax.

Regardless of the fact that any Jew may or may not be a member of a Synagogue, may or may not attend services, he should be cognizant of the fact that all the problems of all the Jews concern him equally. At least, he should be willing to become a member of a Men's Club so that he will learn the joint lesson inherent in two famous adages, "MISERY LOVES COMPANY" and the more optimistic one, "IN UNION THERE IS STRENGTH."

SCOUTING AND RELIGION

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Article 111—Principles and Policies, Section 1 — The Boy Scouts of America maintain that no boy can grow into the best kind of citizenship without recognizing his obligation to God . . . The recognition of God as the ruling and leading power in the universe, and the grateful acknowledgment of His favors and blessings, are necessary to the best type of citizenship, and are wholesome things in the education of the growing boy . . . The Boy Scouts of America therefore recognizes the religious element in the training of a boy . . . Its policy is that the organization or institution with which the Boy Scout is connected shall give definite attention to his religious life.

Only men willing to subscribe to this declaration of principles shall be entitled to certificates of leadership. . . .

Every leader, before he can be registered as a member of the Troop Committee, Scoutmaster, or Assistant Scoutmaster, must subscribe to the declaration of religious principle as quoted above. Because of this Scouts are taught to uphold their religion and to respect those who are not of the same faith as themselves.

Scouting and Religion go hand in hand. Without religion there can be no Scouting.

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Who has become so thoroughly imbued with the spirit of our Dedication Services as to dedicate himself to a lifetime of services to our Synagogue?

Who is a "Kalicker" at pinochle?

WHO?

None other than Samuel W. Siegel — 42 year old native New Yorker — Columbia graduate — husband of our active and charming worker Cecilia and father of Debra, age 9 and Mischel, age 2.

Paraphrasing the language of Longfellow, we say to him, "Thanks, thanks to thee, our worthy member, for the help that thou hast given."

GETTING PERSONAL

By HANK EPSTEIN



The consecration of the Scroll of the Law, presented to our synagogue by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lewis was fittingly and enthusiastically observed on Monday evening after the general meeting . . . Large as our assembly room is, we found our quarters quite crammed due to the unusually large attendance . . . The letters to be filled in were auctioned off by our unequalled auctioneer, Mr. Harry Appel . . . There were many eager bidders and the competition was very keen . . . Then followed a party, refreshments were served and all took part . . . The committee in charge of the Dedication Dinner-Dance are looking pretty worn out by this time because of the super-human efforts they are making to insure a wonderful evening for all . . . Judging by the elaborate plans, the evening of May 1st at the Waldorf will be long remembered . . . Just as we were about all in writing this article Moe Langer came to our rescue and re-invigorated us. We herewith extend our apologies to the Sanders family. We admit Max Sanders has a double chin but he does not have a double birthday. The birthday we announced last week belonged to his wife Hannah Sanders, but not to him. He had his a few weeks ago and will have to wait another year for another one. Also, we announced that Barbara Sanders asked the questions at the first Seder. Barbara is 13, fully grown up, and does not ask questions. She gives the answers. It was little Betty Ellen who asked the questions . . . At last Saturday's services, our distinguished guests included Judge Jehial M. Roeder of the Municipal Court and Justice Max Salomon of the Court of Special Sessions; also Mr. Joseph H. Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Konheim, Mr. Lou G. Siegel and Mr. Abe Goldman . . . The artistic and architectural effects of our synagogue were greatly enhanced by the appearance of two shiny silk hats on the tops of the respected heads of our president, Mr. Udell and our first vice-president, Mr. Wartels . . . The capacity of our synagogue was taxed to the utmost, there being over 100 standees.

Rabbi and Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein will act as hosts to the young folks at a Special Seuda Shlishis this Saturday at 3.30 P. M. at the Synagogue building.

THE CONGREGATIONAL GROUP

"Does the Religious School Want Government Help?" Mrs. Malcolm Toch chose this topic for her subject of discussion at the meeting of the Congregational Group, Thursday evening, April 28. According to the custom of past meetings, the members participated in the debate that followed the talk. Thus far, the lectures at these meetings have been on varied topics, all with a Jewish content and unusually interesting.

The schedule for the next meeting will be announced in the next issue.

THE COUNCIL

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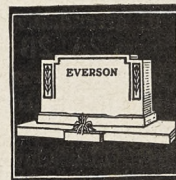
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