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IMPRESSIVE DEDICATION SERVICES

Last Friday evening the Dedication of our Synagogue got off to a glorious start. The youngsters took charge of the Religious Services, Friday evening and Saturday morning and afternoon. It was inspiring to observe the sincerity and religious fervor which they exhibited. With such youth preparing to take over, the future of Israel need not be despaired of.

The participants were as follows: Cantors—Friday evening, Marvin Robert Livingston; Saturday morning, Charles Bendheim, Selig Katz and Melvin H. Friedman. The Torah was read by Norman Friedman, Abraham Goodstein, Melvin Heller, Morton Langer, Charles Bendheim, Louis Landowne, Harold Levine, Selig Katz, Harold Perlman, Lawrence Perlman, Maurice Spanbock, Charles Silberman, Sidney Silberman, Harold Udell and Bernard Udell. Sylvan Marshall raised the Torah and Hank Epstein rolled up the Scroll of the Law. Gabriel F. Goldstein delivered a most inspiring sermon and proved the old adage about the apple not falling far from the tree.

Our President, Lester Udell, and our Vice-President and Chairman of the Dedication Committee, Max E. Sanders, both delivered short but extremely interesting and heartfelt addresses. The prayer of Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein for the Government was most touching and surcharged with deep appreciation for the opportunity to the Jew in America and sorrow for his plight in Central Europe. Rabbi De Sola Pool delivered the Benediction.

Saturday afternoon, Rabbi and Mrs. Goldstein were hosts to the youngsters at a special Seuda Shlishis and a most heartening attendance of young men and young women turned out.

Sunday afternoon the Dedication Ceremonies were continued in a most impressive manner. Led by Cantor Yavneh, whose voice was never better, the directors and officers of the Synagogue and of its various groups, as well as the distinguished guests, filed in, in a most dignified and thrilling procession. The Ark was dedicated by Mr. Isaac Settel and the Bima by Mr. Joseph Anderson. King Solomon's Prayer of Benediction was delivered by our Director, the distinguished attorney Mr. Abraham N. Davis, whose preliminary address was

the keynote to the splendid addresses that were to follow. Mr. Sanders, the Chairman, very capably guided the ceremonies and interpolated many effective remarks.

Our President, Mr. Udell, delivered an extremely appealing address which left a marked impression on the audience. Greetings were extended by Mrs. Joseph Anderson, President of the Women's League, Mr. George L. Livingston, President of the Men's Club, Robert S. Breitbart, on behalf of the Young Folks League and by Mr. William Weiss, President of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America.

The main addresses were delivered by Hon. Charles H. Tuttle, former United States District Attorney, Hon. Bruce Barton, Congressman and the Rev. Dr. Edw. J. Aplin, Pastor of St. Paul's and St. Andrew's Methodist Episcopal Church, the former Pastor of the Church which occupied our Synagogue Building. Rabbi Goldstein then gave us an address which was a masterpiece. Long may he continue. Then followed an address and Benediction by Rev. Dr. Moses Hyamson, Rabbi of Congregation Orach Chaim and formerly Acting Chief Rabbi of the British Empire, and the singing of Hatikvah by Cantor Yavneh and the Congregation.

Our Boy Scout Troop under the leadership of Daniel Weiss, Scoutmaster, acted as ushers. Both on Saturday morning and Sunday afternoon, our seating capacity was taxed, several hundred people remaining standing.

On Sunday night, the climax was reached with the Dinner-Dance at the Waldorf-Astoria. The Grand Ballroom was filled with celebrants, a splendid dinner was served and excellent dancing to the music of Joe Moss' Band was had. The entertainment was unusually good. Led by Arnold Eidus, the violin prodigy, who was accompanied by his mother, Sonya Eidus, a splendid bill was afforded. Among the other entertainers were Dr. Sims and Miss Earl who gave a most excellent recital of character songs. The audience then joined in singing the parodies written about our Directors, during which much fun was had. The party broke up at 2:00 a.m. with everybody tired but inspired and happy.

ENGAGED



RUTH PEACE RUBENSTEIN

Congratulations to our director G. Richard Rubenstein and Mrs. Rubenstein, upon the engagement of their daughter Ruth Peace to Mr. Le Roy Lippman, son of Mr. & Mrs. Herman J. Lippman.

The young lady, a student at Hunter College, is also her dad's secretary. Mr. Lippman, a graduate of Utrecht High School is associated with Goodimate Clothing Co. of Philadelphia.

Evidently, Dick Rubenstein, being jealous of Harry Appel's commuting to Chicago, has settled for a commutation ticket to Philly.

Mr. & Mrs. Rubenstein will be the hosts next Monday evening after the Bible class, in honor of the betrothal.

Light Candles Friday Evening 7:42

Weekly Portion: KEDOSHIM

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

BAR MITZVAH CONGRATULATIONS

This Saturday will be unique in that three Bar Mitzvahs will be celebrated at our Synagogue. We extend our congratulations to Mr. H. Goldberg of 267 West 89th Street upon the Bar Mitzvah of his son Jack, a pupil of our Hebrew School; to Dr. and Mrs. L. Goldstein of 164 West 79th Street, upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son Joseph Mortimer; and to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brudner of the Hotel Kimberly upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Edward M.



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STRAWS

We are living in unusual times and unusual things are happening, even in this country. Considering the calamities befalling the Jews in Europe and the apparent spread of anti-Semitism through Mexico, South America, and other countries, it is not surprising to see indications here which, we all know, have been cropping up for some time.

In some form or another, anti-Semitism is usually a by-product of anti-Democracy. As soon as we see Fascist or Communist rule begin to assert itself, immediately there is an attack on religion and the first attack is on the members of the so called minority religion or Jews.

The Rev. Dr. Conrad Hoffman, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church of the U. S. A. said last Sunday:

"We have no right to protest against the Nazi persecution of Jews in Germany and Austria when here in our own country among the clergy and laity there is increasing prejudice against the Jews. Recently when the Administration approved of a plan to offer a haven for Jewish refugees, I heard men of my own Christian faith violently oppose

the plan on the grounds that we already had enough Jews in this country."

"Americans scoff at the possibility of anti-Semitism sweeping this country. But let us remember that fundamentally the only difference between a lynching in the United States and a pogrom in Poland is that in the former instance it is usually a Negro who is persecuted and in the latter a Jew. Christian love is the only manner in which the problem of the Jew will be solved in the world today."

It has been urged that an answer to the difficulties appearing on the horizon or rather a means of protecting this republic in its democracy and against totalitarian government, is more religion. The Rev. Dr. Joseph M. Corrigan, rector of Catholic University, puts it this way:

"Better far for the church of God and this republic that there were around us a strong, aggressive Protestantism; better far that the Jewry were maintaining loyalty to the commandments given on Sinai. Now we have a nation without religion, logical fruits of 400 years of schism and heresy."

Probably if we could get more of our Jews to be Jew-conscious and supporters of their faith and race, our problems would be easier of solution. And problems galore there are.

Uncertain as the situation is, additional uncertainty has recently appeared in connection with the La Follette movement, formation of the New National Progressive Party. The platform of the party appears innocuous enough. It is not liberal, nor is it radical nor even conservative, but a sort of diluted New Deal with a dash of rugged individualism thrown in. There appear, however, to be disquieting latent possibilities inherent in the organization, with its crusading or religious atmosphere.

Dorothy Thompson, discussing the new party in the Herald-Tribune says:

"But the banners, the crusade, the exaggerated emotional appeal and the exaggerated nationalism are all somewhat disturbing. This new party, we are told, is going to be 'religion.'"

"Now, this is the way to create fanatics, but it is not the way to create reasonability, and if the Governor begins mixing up economics and mysticism he may be starting something that will run away with him. Because this is the way that you start an intolerance that ends up in burning the heretics in a fanatical totalitarianism."

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"AS
R'CHASH
SEES
IT"



By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

"WHAT SHALL MY SON BE"

"At this time, when the economic mill is still grinding slowly and exceedingly small, the Jew's vocational problems assume disastrous proportions.

"What way shall the Jew now choose who desires only his fair and just place in the pattern of useful citizenship? My answer is young men and women, fathers and mothers, do not overcrowd the already crowded professions of medicine and law. Unless your son has the zeal, tantamount to a passion for law and medicine, raise the question as to the wisdom, material and spiritual well-being in entering the medical or legal profession.

"I suggest agriculture. Back to the soil — the earth knows no distinction between Jew and Gentile, and the market price will not be changed because of difference in birth. The man of the soil has the opportunity above all others to lead a complete physical and spiritual life. Even his seemingly menial actions of tilling and ploughing make him, as it were, a fellow creator with God, and enable him to feel closer in spirit to his Maker than any city-dweller ever can.

"We need more physicists, and chemists — the future will be weighed and measured by the physicist and tested by the chemists. The chemist everywhere will be the barometer of the world's progress. Our Rabbis in the Ethics of the Fathers put it, "Love work and hate professionalism". We have wandered far afield. The Rabbis of old were men of agriculture, astronomers, carpenters, and even blacksmiths.

The solution to the problem, in my judgment, is one of vocational guidance. Statistics have already been gathered, to indicate the extent of the overcrowding of the Jew in certain professions. Vocational guidance should be given to young people as they prepare for their future livelihood. Before entering any of the various fields of economic endeavor one should indicate definite convictions and aptitudes along special lines.

May I conclude with the significant words, uttered by King Solomon, about 2900 years ago: "Train a youth in the way he should go: and when he is old he will not depart from it."

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After its capture, King David fortified it by building "round about from Milo out inward" (see 2 Samuel V-9: and I Chronicles XI 7). He called it the City of David and from thenceforth dwelt in the fort. He also built a house for himself as well as others for his family and houses for the "Ark of God".

The citadel is located on the highest point within the city's limits, being at an elevation over 2500 feet above the level of the Mediterranean.

It is also called the Citadel of Jerusalem.

STRAWS

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Heywood Broun, in the World-Telegram, says: "this particular group, with its semi-swastika emblem, is just about as liberal as the party fathered by Lemke and Coughlin."

Of course Governor La Follette has explained that the cross adopted as an emblem signifies the cross placed in the voting circle. However, the whole atmosphere of the movement seems to be an appeal to emotions which, when once aroused, will be hard to control.

HEBREW SCHOOL NEWS

The best marks in the Passover Question Contest were as follows: — Martin Josephson, 98; Harold Mandel, 96; Jay Greenwald, 93; Charles Lefcourt, 93; Donald Ditchik, 89; Sheldon Meisenberg, 88; Sidney Bermitz, 85; Gerald Mallamud, 85.

Prizes for high ranking students will be given in the assembly about Shavuoth time.

IN MEMORIAM

At this moment of happiness at the Dedication of our Synagogue, we pause to say a prayer for the souls of two of our dear departed friends, the patriarchal Rev. Bernard Kramer and the beloved Abraham Bernstein.

A monument of the late Abraham Bernstein will be unveiled at Mt. Zion Cemetery Sunday, May 15, at 1.30 P.M.

DEDICATING A SYNAGOGUE

A. M. DAVIS

The dedication of a beautiful Synagogue building is a fitting sequence in the history of our people and of our faith. We read in Exodus that about the year 1500 before the Common Era, the Tabernacle was dedicated in the Wilderness. Our daily prayers call for a recital of the Thirtieth Psalm — the "Mizmor Shir Chanukas Habayis" — a song to the Dedication of the House. It is at once a prayer of thanksgiving and hope, of faith and praise. This Psalm is fittingly recited also at our annual Chanukah — the Feast of Dedication, celebrating the rededication of the Temple by the Maccabees about the year 165 before the Common Era, after the pollution of the altar by the Syrians under Antiochus Epiphanes. The Temple, erected about 1000 of that Era, fell four centuries later, but half a century thereafter, we read in the Book of Nehemiah that

"... at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought the Levites out of all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem, to keep the dedication with gladness, both with thanksgivings, and with singing, with cymbals, psalteries, and with harps."

Twenty years thereafter the Second Temple was rebuilt, and we read in the Book of Ezra:

"And the children of Israel, the priests and the Levites, and the rest of the children of the captivity, kept the dedication of this House of God with joy for the Lord had made them joyful . . . to strengthen their hands in the work of the House of God, the God of Israel."

David had made provision for the building of the Temple, but it was given to his son to build it and to dedicate it. The Bible describes the splendor of the edifice and the majesty of the ceremonies attending the celebration. And "the glory of the Lord filled the House of God" as Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and he fell on his knees, and he spread forth his hands toward Heaven and he said:

(Here follows Solomon's prayer, II Chronicles 6: 14-39 inclusive.)

This was the prayer of Solomon, the man of peace, at the Dedication of the Temple. We, too, pray that God may turn toward the Synagogue to hearken to the supplications of our people, when they shall pray toward it, that it may inspire us, and the stranger among us, to commune with God in a willing search for truth and mercy and love and

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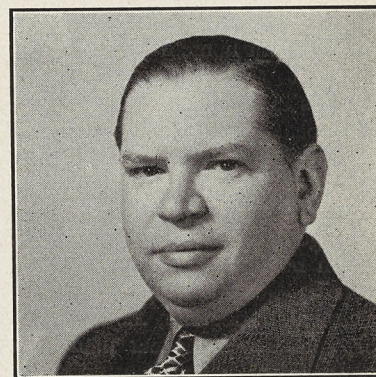
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SAM DAVIS

Very sick people often get blood transfusions. However, if a healthy, vigorous, ambitious individual were to receive a blood transfusion, he should then become a Samson.

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Sam Davis was born in Providence 42 years ago. He celebrated the 8th anniversary of his wedding to his charming wife, Beatrice, and they have three boys, Malcolm, 7, George, 5 and Teddy, 2, to help them celebrate.

He is head of the Universal Brassiere Co., President of the Garment Center Synagogue and Vice-President of Hebrew Teachers' Training School.

GETTING PERSONAL

By HANK EPSTEIN

Enough has happened in the last few days to fill up four columns and I really don't know where to begin . . . The Dedication exercises starting Friday evening, and winding up gloriously Sunday night, will long be remembered by those who took part, and those who were spectators . . . Where to give credit and to whom to give credit is hard . . . but Max E. Sanders, Harry Appel, David H. Ullman, George Livingston and Joe Settel must not be forgotten . . . they put in three months of valiant effort, day and night, to take care of the financial and artistic work connected with the Dedication . . . The journal was a beauty . . . The entertainment went over big . . . and the dinner itself was a work of art . . . Every detail including the dance for the young folks was so well arranged by Max E. Sanders that everybody went home happy . . . In fact, I understand some tickets were sold for next year's dinner . . . We mustn't forget our speakers of Sunday afternoon—Hon. Chas. E. Tuttle, Congressman Bruce Barton and Rev. Aplin . . . They did so well that the people who jammed the Synagogue, went away thrilled . . . Our own home talent headed by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, spoke splendidly. . . Mrs. Joe Anderson, the only woman orator, spoke so well that many people complained about the shortness of her address . . . they wanted more . . . she is some speaker, and I don't mean maybe! . . . How about Saturday morning . . . Gabriel Goldstein, son of our Rabbi, from now on will not have to be known just as the son of our Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein . . . He can stand on his own feet with a capital "F" . . . His sermon of Saturday is the talk of New York . . . Buddy Friedman, the cantor did so well that Cantor Yavneh is now worried about his job . . . But we must not forget the other boys . . . every one of them did remarkably well. . . Lack of space prohibits further details . . . Congrats to Justice Bernard L. Shientag of the Supreme Court upon his engagement to Miss Florence Perlow, a lawyer. Evidently the judge does not believe woman's place is in the home . . . Last Saturday, the faculty of P. S. 10 tendered a dinner at the Hotel Astor, to Principal Abraham Wiener, one of our members, and Mrs. Wiener, an annual affair to celebrate Mr. Wiener's appointment to the school. . . Congrats to Mrs. George L. Livingston, wife of the singer, on her birthday, May 4th.

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good deeds. May the Dedication of the Synagogue bring us to dedicate ourselves to the accomplishment of its noble purposes. May the spirit of our fathers and our mothers, our ancestors and our patriarchs, our sages and our martyrs, permeate and give blood and life to the steel and the mortar and to its architectural beauty. May we carry on, what they have taught us of noble precept and selfless example, to the glory of our Faith and the welfare of our people and of all mankind. May we prove worthy of our heritage.

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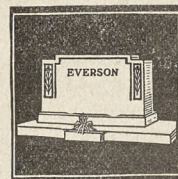
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