

**SPECIAL: THURSDAY, MAY 19th
MEN'S CLUB MEETING**

— Address by prominent attorney just returned from Vienna —
— ALL WELCOME — 8:30 P. M.

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WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Women's League met on Monday, May 9th. A number of important matters were taken up. It was decided to hold a cake sale at 556 Amsterdam Ave., between 86th and 87th Streets, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, May 11th, 12th and 13th. Buy your Challas and cakes today for Shabbos at this sale.

A committee has also decided to distribute to the members, literature for the give and get luncheon. All those who have not yet received it are requested to communicate with Mrs. David H. Ullman, chairman of the luncheon committee.

The League also decided to have our beautiful Synagogue appropriately decorated for the coming Shavuoth holidays and Mrs. Annie R. Morris was put in charge of this phase of the work.

An open meeting and tea has been planned for Monday, May 23rd at our building. Mrs. Albert H. Cohen was placed in charge of this meeting and she promised to make it very interesting and have a prominent speaker.

Mrs. Steinberg and Mrs. Spero were hostesses at the social hour which was enjoyed by every one.

TALMUD TORAH ACTIVITIES

The second marking period ended May 5th. Reviews and written and oral examinations followed.

Mr. Lazarus of the Arts and Crafts Department has contributed a rare American coin, dated 1858, which will be given to the pupil collector making best progress in his work during the last month.

The class champions to date in the checker tournament are: 1B-1, Eugene Blode; 1B-2, Arnold Sabsevit; 1B-3, tie between Richard Litt and Leonard Sherman; 2A, Bernard Tiger; 2B-3A, Alan Kommel; 3B, Sidney Bermitz; 4A, Sheldon Meisenberg; 5A-B, Maurice Kramer.

Until the end of June, Hebrew School Classes will take place on Fridays from 3:30 to 6:30 P.M. instead of Sundays. Parents should cooperate and see that their children attend till promotion day.

On Tuesday, June 7th, we shall be guests of the New York Yankees at their game. The Lag Baomer outing will be postponed to Sunday, May 22nd.

APPEAL FOR J.D.C., U.P.A. AND GERMAN RELIEF INSTITUTIONS

Last Saturday, Rabbi Goldstein called for contributions to the above most worthy causes. We are anxious to enroll all our readers and worshippers as contributors.

We, therefore, appeal to you to send your contributions to Rabbi Goldstein, care of the Synagogue. Unless otherwise requested by you, the funds received will be apportioned as follows: 45% to J.D.C.; 45% to U.P.A. and 10% to German Relief Institutions.

The following have already contributed: Rabbi Goldstein, Sol Simon, David H. Gluck, Samuel Silver, Lester Udell and a Christian German lady who desires to remain anonymous.

BIBLE CLASS EVENINGS

Last Monday was a typical big night. After a well attended Bible Class, conducted by Rabbi Goldstein, Hon. Ira Holley, Max Sanders' Assemblyman brother-in-law enlightened us on statesmanship. That sure is the speakinest family for, next Monday, Mr. Edward Sanders, Max's brother, a public school principal, will speak on "The Changing Philosophy of Education in a Changing World."

After Mr. Holley's address, a reception was given by our director, Mr. G. Richard Rubenstein and Mrs. Rubenstein in honor of the engagement of their daughter Ruth Peace to Mr. Le Roy Lippman. This must come from us—some host is Gus!

THE COUNCIL

A new governing board, to manage the affairs of the Council, has just been elected. The members are Ira Bernstein, Estelle Jablow, Leona Kessler, Bernice Breitbart, Seymour Sedwitz, Buddy Friedman, Sam Greenfield, Elaine Goldberg, Hank Epstein, Gabriel Goldstein, Sheldon Frankel, Harold Udell, Jerry Margaretten and Freddie Richman. The new officers of the board are Seymour Sedwitz, President, Ira Bernstein, Treasurer, and Freddie Richman, Secretary. Elections were held now, rather than in the early Fall so that the new board might continue working during the summer months, making definite plans for the coming year.

ORTHODOX CONVENTION AT OUR SYNAGOGUE

The opening session of the Fortieth Anniversary National Convention of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America and its affiliated organizations will take place to-morrow, Saturday night, at our Synagogue. Mr. William Weiss, National President, will preside. Other sessions will follow at the Riverside Plaza Hotel. The Convention Banquet, which all our members are urged to attend, will be held Sunday night. The theme of the Convention is threefold: Safeguard Judaism in America, revitalize religious and cultural education and meet the challenge of current problems.

THE CONGREGATIONAL GROUP

On Thursday evening, May 12, Mr. Will Joseph spoke on "Should the Partition of Palestine be accepted by the Jews."

Mr. Joseph, a New York attorney, studied languages and history at Strasbourg and at the Academy of International Law at The Hague. For many years he lived in Palestine and, since his return, has lectured often and written several papers dealing with the colonization of the country by the Jews.

Light Candles Friday Evening 7:49

Weekly Portion: EMOR

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	7:50

BAR MITZVAH CONGRATULATIONS

We extend our sincere good wishes and congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Gustav Erlanger of 20 West 77th Street upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son Herbert at our Synagogue this Saturday.

REUS SOCIETY

At the meeting of the group on Sunday evening, May 8, our scoutmaster, Daniel Weiss, spoke on "How to Edit a Magazine". He illustrated all the important stages in the make-up of a magazine. His discourse was clear and instructive.



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NAZI MENTALITY

Eminently descriptive of Nazi mentality is the old saying: "If you spit in the face of a prostitute, she'll say it's raining." The Nazi moral sense has sunk so low as to make them completely oblivious of the moral indignation of the world. The worst oppressors of minorities in history, how they foam at the mouth at the unwillingness of other countries to permit them to sow discord and instigate destruction.

In Brazil, they start organizing a Nazi bloc and plan to take over the government. Of course, the local dictator has ideas of his own on who is and is to remain boss. When he squelches them and outlaws their criminal activities, how they rave at the alleged deprivation of their "rights!"

Now comes Mr. Kuhn, Hitler's unofficial ambassador of ill-will, and says we must have a Nazi bloc in the United States. Presumably, the antagonism aroused among Americans who love democracy will be severely criticized in Berlin as depriving the Nazis of their "right" to disrupt and destroy.

The immediate threat to world peace is the situation in Czecho Slovakia. Brackett Lewis, director of the American Institute in Prague and executive secretary of the Masaryk Institute, said

at the Danubian Congress at Fordham University:

"the Sudeten Germans are in an incomparably better position than minorities in other European countries and have more personal freedom than those in Germany or Austria."

"Meticulous proportional representation, local self-government, complete freedom of person and property in the republic put them quite on a par with the Czechs, Slovaks and other nationalities of the country."

The "oppression" that disturbs relations between Germany and Czechoslovakia, Mr. Lewis further stated,

"means to the Nazi mentality solely the refusal to allow the Sudeten-German party to set up a dictatorial, one-man administration in the German-speaking areas, and so break the constitutional representative democracy which applies to the rest of the republic."

The world now recognizes that the Nazis mean to rule or ruin. Either all must submit to them or else a major operation must be performed in which they, and all that they stand for, must be completely and thoroughly obliterated. Even so pacifist a writer as Thomas Mann says:

"Freedom cannot exist any longer if people are allowed to kill freedom."

He further adds and here he assumes a martial note, that freedom must be "convinced of its right to defend itself."

Gradually we are witnessing the turning of the worm. The most pacifically inclined individuals are beginning to be fed up with Fascist ideology and the reaction will be inevitable, but terrible. That an armed clash is coming, no one denies. The only question is when.

There appears to be but one possible avoidance and that is, internal upheavals. The unsuccessful turn that the Japanese venture in China has taken may possibly result in an upheaval in Japan. The pressure of economic stress in Germany may also cause trouble in that country which will put a damper on its aggressiveness, but that seems to be dubious. In Italy, a different situation exists, because it appears that England and France have made a deal to support Italy economically, in exchange for abandoning Hitler, recent Mussolini-Hitler protestations of eternal friendship to the contrary notwithstanding.

However, generally speaking, the picture is quite black but the only bit of hope is, that out of the blackness will emerge a ray of sunshine for the world and that is, the destruction of the Nazis and all that they stand for.

"AS
R'CHASH
SEES
IT"



By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

YOUTH

In every generation the cry has been raised by the elders: What has happened to Youth? Why are we losing them? The plaint that Youth is the rebel is as old as life itself.

If youth turns from Judaism, it is not because the pull from within is too weak, but because the pull from without is too strong. Youth is dazzled by the dangling lights of Science and the flaming torch of Communism.

The college teacher is now supplanting the religious teacher. Young men and women, just as you have the right to doubt the believer, and believe the doubter, I implore you to exercise the same right, by doubting the doubter and believing the believer.

Science has recently made an about-face turn. It has been trying to make peace with God. Milliken not long ago put it: "Modern science of the real sort, is learning to walk humbly with God." Jeans declared: "The Universe seems to be nearer to a great thought than to a great machine. The universe shows evidence of a designing or controlling power, that has something in common with our own individual minds."

I should like to say to youth, in the words of Shakespeare, "Lend me your ears." For many are soul-deaf, though they may not be ear-deaf. The Bal Shem Tov, the great Chasid tells the following story, which may well be applied today. There was once a wedding at which the musicians sat in a corner playing while the guests were dancing gaily. A deaf man passing by outside peeped in through the window and beheld the people gesturing, jiggling and dancing merrily. "See how they fling themselves about," he shouted, "it is a house filled with madmen." He thought they were madmen, because he could not hear the music to which they were dancing. So, too, many of us are deaf, or pretend deafness. We do not hear the heavenly music which gives exhilaration, inspiration and soul satisfaction, because our ears are not properly attuned. Those who are sound deaf get a mistaken notion of things, just as the man referred to by the Bal Shem, who was ear deaf.

INTERESTING STAMPS

By JOSEPH E. DAVIDSON

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XXVII: SOLOMON'S THRONE

The Stamp Abyssinia A-3

The stamp Abyssinia A-3 depicts the throne of King Solomon, surrounded by the King's retainers, with the figure of a lion in front.

As is well known, both Menelik II and the last of the Ethiopian Emperors, the ill-fated Haile Selassie, both claimed descent from King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba. They also called themselves "Conquering Lion of Judah" and the lion was the symbol on their coat of arms. These ideas they evidently got from the Old Testament (see 1-Kings X, 1-10). As an element of decorative art, the figure of the lion entered into the design of the brazen Laver in the Temple of Solomon and of Solomon's throne.

The following description of Solomon's throne may be found in 1-Kings X, 19-20.

(19) "The throne (of Solomon) had six steps and the top of the throne was round behind; and there were stays on either side of the place of the seat, and two lions stood beside the stays.

(20) "And twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other upon the six steps."

The twelve lions were evidently symbolical of the twelve tribes of Israel.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Last week, through an oversight of the engraver, the illustration shown was of the Mosque of Omar A4 instead of the Citadel of King David, A5.

THAT MISSING BROWN COAT

Hear ye, hear ye, gather roun', all you men with coats of brown. To you my greetings I extend. Unto my absent-minded friend, who took my coat and got my gr-at, I wish to me mein Rock he'd send. I know he took it by mistake, for the one he left is very jake. But all the same bei mir ist sweet, the one I bought at Rogers-Peet.

—Anxious.

UNVEILING

The unveiling of the monument for the late Abraham Bernstein has been postponed to Sunday, May 22nd, 1938, at 10:30 A.M. at the Mount Zion Cemetery. (Plot, Empire City Benevolent Society, Path 5).

THE SCOUT UNIFORM

Daniel Weiss

Many times I've had parents come to me with the idea that the Scout uniform was worn for militaristic purposes. This is utterly absurd. First of all, let me say, we do not require that each Scout obtain a uniform. We fully realize that circumstances make it impossible for some boys to get them and so we tell them that a uniform is not essential for Scouting. The Uniform does not make the Scout, rather the Scout makes the Uniform stand for something.

The uniform is worn to distinguish Scouts from other boys. It is a symbol of training, dependability, initiative, and trustworthiness. It signifies that the boy wearing it can be given a MAN'S job and that he can be depended upon to carry out a given task. It can readily be seen that when a Scout is called out to aid in an emergency, unless he is wearing a uniform which distinguishes him from the others, he cannot be singled out when the occasion arises.

An accident occurred and the victim lay on the sidewalk, bleeding to death. The crowd stood around, gaping, not knowing what to do. A Troop of Scouts in uniform were passing and someone on the fringe of the crowd spied them. They were hailed and a lane was made to allow them to go thru. Immediately, they took charge. One went for a doctor. Another turned his attention to the victim. Still others took charge of the crowd. They rendered first aid and saved a life. Scout training again came to the fore.

Suppose those boys had not worn a distinguishing uniform. They might have passed by unnoticed and a man would have died. The uniform again saved a life, for it was recognized as the insignia of a boy who was trained to think clearly in emergencies.

The uniform also gives the Troop a better appearance. How much nicer does a group of boys, all dressed alike, look, than a crowd, each wearing something different. A Scout is proud of his uniform and he has reason to be. It means something to a boy. Something which only a boy and those who work with boys can understand.

I would rather have a boy earn his uniform than have someone buy it for him for, when he earns his uniform, it teaches him thrift and independence. If he wants something badly enough, he'll work for it and save for it. He'll learn the value of money. He'll spend wisely so that he will be able to save enough to get a uniform. And when he gets it, he can point to it with pride and say that he earned it himself.

Uniforms have always fascinated boys.

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They are Michael, author and playwright, responsible for the best seller "I Met a Man," and Gerald, an interne at the Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

The man that Michael met first, or rather Michael's old man, was once upon a time active in the oldest patriotic society in the United States, when he was assistant secretary of Tammany Hall.

Henry, we like you so much that we'd like to see you around oftener so that our younger directors may not say "Who is that strange man I met?"

GETTING PERSONAL

By HANK EPSTEIN

We were pleased to see our beautiful synagogue filled to capacity on the first Saturday after Dedication. It is seldom that an S. R. O. sign is necessary in a synagogue. . . . This has been a great school for oratory. Our President, Lester Udell, seems to get better and better every time he speaks. . . . Max Sanders is becoming a real student of the Bible. We expect him to quote Scripture shortly. Our youngest attendant at the synagogue was Barbara Lucille Kaplan, age 49 days, who was brought by her mother to participate in the Dedication services. . . . We like the way Rabbi Hurwitz looks in his "topper." We hope he won't high-hat us. . . . Our member, Dr. Samuel Weiss, a leading light in his profession, gets just as good results looking through his camera as he does when looking into a stomach.—it kinda "lens" atmosphere. . . . We admire Jules Cohen's taste in selecting his partner for the Dinner. . . . Congrats to Seymour Sedwitz on his election to the presidency of the Council. . . . The new club rooms of the Council in the Synagogue House have been tastefully equipped and are ready for use. . . . Our compliments to the Reus Society for their fine turn-out at the Dedication Dinner-Dance. . . . Glad to see Sid Siegel, son of Lou G. Siegel, join the young folks at the Dance at the Waldorf-Astoria. . . . We are happy to note that the ladies who attend our services regularly consider the congregation one large happy family and very graciously made room for our visitors, at great inconvenience to themselves. . . . That's the spirit! . . . Thanks to Larry Mirken and Sam Greenfield for their candid pictures of our Dedication ceremonies. . . . An orchid to Alfred Goldman, the newly elected president of the Junior Council, for the way he conducts the meetings. . . . We were glad to see Mrs. Louis Bloom, formerly of Little Rock, Ark., with us Saturday. . . . Here's for a speedy recovery for our member, Mr. Joseph Zindler, also to Mrs. Benjamin Tilem and her children. . . . Our Shul is so sweet to Mr. and Mrs. David Ullman that they had a marvelous replica made of Sugar. It is on exhibition in the Men's Club Rooms. . . . (Influence of the Chinese parade) Hats off, Fu Manchu.

IN DEFENSE OF CANNIBALS

"The difference between cannibals and civilized men seems to be that cannibals kill their enemies and eat them, while civilized men kill their foes and bury them, put a cross over their bodies and offer up prayers for their souls. Thus we add stupidity to conceit and a bad temper."

Lin Yutang: The Importance of Living.

A Letter Purported to Have Been Written to the Social Security Department in Washington

"In reply to your request to send a check, I wish to inform you that the present condition of my bank account makes it almost impossible. My shattered financial condition is due to Federal laws, State laws, county laws, city laws, corporation laws, liquor laws, mother-in-laws, brother-in-laws, sister-in-laws and outlaws.

"Through these laws I am compelled to pay a business tax, amusement tax, head tax, school tax, food tax, furniture tax, and excise tax. Even my brains are taxed. I am required to get a business license and dog license.

"I am also required to contribute to every society and organization which the genius of man is capable of bringing to life; to women's relief, the unemployment relief, the gold digger's relief. Also to every hospital and charitable institution in the city, including the red cross, the black cross, the purple cross and the double cross.

"For my own safety I am required to carry life insurance, property insurance, liability insurance, burglar insurance, accident insurance, business insurance, old-age insurance and fire insurance.

"My business is so governed that it is no easy matter for me to find out who owns it. I am inspected, expected, suspected, disrespected, rejected, dejected, examined, re-examined, informed, required, summoned, fined, commanded, and compelled until I provide an inexhaustible supply of money for every known need, desire or hope of the human race.

"Simply because I refuse to donate to something or other I am boycotted, talked about, lied about, held up and held down and robbed, until I am almost ruined.

"I can tell you honestly that except for the miracle that happened I would not enclose this check. The wolf that comes to many doors nowadays just had pups in my kitchen. I sold them and here is the money."

THE SCOUT UNIFORM

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They want to be policemen or firemen, or something else which requires them to wear a uniform. The police and fire departments are admired and looked up to by the city's entire population. Why then should not a Scout be allowed to wear a uniform and looked up to because he wears it. A uniform is no more militaristic than the person who wears it.

If you have been keeping your son out of Scouting because of the uniform, be sensible, let him join a Troop. Let him show you, if no one else can, that the uniform can and does stand for finer and better things than war. That it stands for peace, citizenship and manhood.

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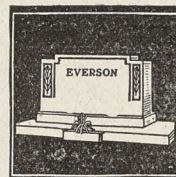
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