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IMPRESSIVE ORTHODOX CONVENTION

The first session of the 40th Anniversary National Convention of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America and its affiliated organizations opened under very auspicious circumstances at our Synagogue last Saturday night. Hon. William Weiss, the President, presided. Our Cantor, Rev. Zalmon Yavneh, led in the singing of America. Mr. Frederick Margareten, Chairman of the National Convention Committee, opened the convention. The invocation was delivered by Rev. Dr. Bernard Drachman, Honorary President, and President of Jewish Sabbath Alliance of America. Ma Tovv and Hamadvil were rendered by Cantor Yavneh. Greetings were extended to the convention by our President, Mr. Lester Udell; by the President of our Women's League, Mrs. Joseph Anderson; by Mrs. Isidor Freedman, Chairman of the Women's Branch of the Convention Committee; by Rabbi Dr. Isaac Werne of Los Angeles; by Rabbi Menahem B. Sacks of Chicago. Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein delivered an address on "What of Tomorrow?" Other addresses were delivered by Mr. Weiss, the President, on "Safeguarding Judaism in America"; by Hon. Samuel Nirenstein on "The Philosophy of Orthodox Judaism," and by Rabbi Meyer Berlin, President of World Mizrahi Organization, on "The Relation of American Jewry to Palestine." The highlight of the session was the reading of the message from President Roosevelt addressed to Mr. Weiss, the President.

The session ended with the singing of Hatikvah by the delegates and guests.

The Sunday session was held at the Riverside Plaza Hotel, following which there was a dinner there Sunday night at which the principal speakers were Representatives Bloom and Barton. Commissioner of Investigations William B. Herlands, who spoke, emphasized that the Jewish religion was "never a hot house religion" and must extend its influence beyond the Synagogue into the market place and the forum.

Our Rebbetzin was presented with a silver bowl in appreciation of her 13 years of loyal service as president of the women's organization.



Light Candles Friday Evening 7:49
Weekly Portion: BEHAR

Friday Evening Service	6:30
Saturday Morning Service	9:00
Children's Service	10:00
Rabbi Hurwitz, Class in Talmud.....	6:30
Mincha Service	7:50
Sunday Morning	7:00, 7:45, 8:30
Daily Services:	
Mornings	6:45, 7:30, 8:00
Afternoons	7:55

MEN'S CLUB

Yesterday, the Men's Club held an open meeting. A New York attorney, high up in his profession and well known as a writer on legal topics, gave us a heart-rending description of conditions in Vienna from which he had just returned. All present vowed to do everything possible to help in the drive of our Synagogue to raise funds for J.D.C., U.P.A. and German Relief Institutions.

MONDAY EVENING

After the Bible Class, conducted by Rabbi Goldstein last Monday night, we were treated to an unusually interesting and philosophical discourse on "The Changing Philosophy of Education in a Changing World." The speaker was none other than Mr. Edward Sanders, a brother of our director, Mr. Max E. Sanders and public school principal. Max, in honor of the speakers of his family (last week his brother-in-law, Ira Holley, Assemblyman, thrilled us) was host in the serving of refreshments.

IMPORTANT TALK

Professor T. B. Kirkpatrick, head of the Department of Physical Education at Columbia University, will deliver an address this Sunday night, May 22, in our Social Hall at nine o'clock. His talk will be open ONLY to the young men of the Congregation and their MALE friends.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

The Women's League of the West Side Institutional Synagogue will act as hostesses to the Greater New York Council of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America at a Shevuoth celebration and strawberry festival which will be held on Tuesday afternoon, May 31st, at 2:30 o'clock at our building. All our members and their friends are cordially invited to attend this most interesting afternoon. Our President, Mrs. Joseph Anderson, will greet the guests. Mrs. Jacob M. Marcuson, President of the Council, will preside. Our Program Chairman, Mrs. Albert H. Cohen, was instrumental in arranging the program of the afternoon which will be as follows: Folk songs by Mrs. Reuben Isaacson; a Shevuoth message by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein; a talk on "The Jews in the Orient" by Mrs. Harrison Rothfield.

At the Women's League meeting following the regular Bible Class by Rabbi Goldstein on May 9th, Mrs. David H. Ullman presided in the absence of the President, Mrs. Joseph Anderson.

Our successful cake sale was concluded this week under the ever-zealous leadership of Mrs. Annie R. Morris.

Plans were discussed for the Alumni Fall Luncheon which will be held in November on the Star Light Roof of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. Mrs. Ullman, the Chairman of the luncheon, urged the women to begin work at once under \$10.00 quotas for our Give or Get luncheon which she assured us will be one of the outstanding events of the coming season.

UNVEILING

The unveiling of the monument for the late Abraham Bernstein will take place this Sunday at 10:30 A.M. at the Mount Zion Cemetery. (Plot, Empire City Benevolent Society, Path 5).



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ONE MINUTE OF SILENCE

Tomorrow, May 21, marks the twentieth anniversary of the death of the first drafted man to be killed in action in the World War.

On that fateful day, a score of years ago, the hopes and fears, the prayers and tears, evoked from the hearts of fond kin and friends, were driven into the ground with the human wreckage that once was America's proud youth.

For what? To make the World safe for Democracy? To crush Tyranny? To allow small countries self determination? To preserve minority rights?

What sham! What hollow mockery! Today, international dishonesty and double crossing, ruthless grabbing and brutal destruction are the order of the day. Italy seizes Ethiopia to civilize its people. Japan grabs at China to protect it against its leaders. Germany seizes Austria and is about to seize Czecho-Slovakia, to protect minority rights. Mexico confiscates property and, when England protests, recalls its diplomats and won't even talk to England. At the same time Mexico reminds England of its tin ear on the American debt question.

Meanwhile, the war mongers are driving us closer to international suicide.

The reward of Private Stanley Belen, our first draft casualty in the Great

War, will be a moment of silence tomorrow, in exchange for his eternal silence.

Why a moment OF SILENCE? Why not one continuous uproar and outcry of world-wide indignation that will strike terror to the hearts of the scheming, cynical, murderous conspirators that seek again to plunge the world into shedding of blood? Let the world rise and, with one fell swoop, consign to eternal silence, those who would destroy its peace and put brother to killing brother.

HEBREW GROWING POPULAR

The statistics of the Foreign Language Department of the New York City high schools shows an interesting change in the taste of students with regard to foreign languages. In 1917, practically all students were enrolled in foreign language classes. Today, barely half the student body are so enrolled. Greek and Latin have suffered greatly, while Italian and Hebrew have made the greatest gains. Greek has all but disappeared from the curriculum while Hebrew, first introduced six years ago, has grown steadily in popularity. Today 2007 pupils are enrolled in six high schools. Since Hitler came into power, German has lost more than 30 per cent. French is by far the most popular language. Next in order come Spanish, Latin, German, Italian, Hebrew and Greek.

VATICAN CRITICIZES NAZI PRESS

That the patience of the Vatican is approaching the breaking point has long been believed. The action of the Pope in leaving Rome as well as closing his library during the Hitler pilgrimage to Mussolini, was strong evidence of the Pope's feeling. The Osservatore Romano, the Vatican spokesman, now says of the Nazi press:

"The accusations made against a free press are aggravated by the fact that equal freedom is not given to the two sides. Freedom is not given to good and evil alike, to truth and error, to justice and injustice, but only to the side that faithful Catholics have good reason to consider evil, erroneous, unjust, insulting and libelous."

ARCTIC HELL

Our friend, Professor Victor Emanuel Levine, now in Northern Alaska, on an expedition for the U. S. government, writes that the missionaries tell the Eskimos that Hell is a very cold and dreary place. When they formerly described Hell as a hot place, all the Eskimos expressed an ardent desire to go there.

"AS
R'CHASH
SEES
IT"



By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein
YOUTH

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I now come to the social lure, which has always made youth a rebel. Let me say in this connection that I have little respect for status-quo youth. Youth, if it is to be true to its age, must be radical, passionate and ideal. "Cold and bare is youth without the generous glow of idealism." But the dreams and ideals must be brought about through the paths of law, and not anarchy; through evolution, not through revolution; through the ballot, and not through confiscation; through religion and not through communism. Communism is youth's icon which it worships with the zeal of religion.

Communism is as contrary to the philosophy of the Jew as it is opposed to the foundation of our American form of government. Communism, preaching the destruction of religion, is our greatest enemy. It is the world's Public Enemy Number One.

I can thoroughly appreciate young people, restless with a desire for economic improvement, joining the parades and marching under the banners of the "Red Battalions." By all means cultivate the vision of Social Justice—but, at the same time, guard the Law of God and you will be happy.

The greatest dictum in the Bible is found in the Book of Deuteronomy, in the words, "Justice, justice, shalt thou pursue." In the Palestinian Talmud we find the question: "Why the repetition of the word 'Justice?'" Our Rabbis answer, "This stands for its double phase. Justice, not only for yourselves, Justice not only for the Jew, but Justice for the non-Jew as well."

Young men and women, if you will only take the trouble to seek a means of social expression within the realm of Judaism, you will have no need to turn towards Communism or any other subversive movement.

In a lecture at Yale, Professor William W. Andrews, discussing the Social Question and the State said: "It is for the more complete unfolding and demonstration of this problem, that I propose to investigate certain great

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INTERESTING STAMPS

By JOSEPH E. DAVIDSON
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XXIX THE CEDARS OF LEBANON
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King Solomon not only chose the state-ly cedars of Lebanon as material with which to build the royal palace and the holy temple but also chose its fir trees and the stones taken from its vast mountain ranges.

In I—Kings IX-19 we find "and all the cities of store that Solomon had and cities for his chariots and cities for his horsemen and that which Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem and in Lebanon and in all the land of his dominions."

In 2-Kings XIX-23, the prophet Isaiah in referring to Sennacherib, King of Assyria, pictures him looking down from the grand heights of Lebanon upon the Holy Land which he is about to besiege.

In Ezra III, 7 we find that at the time of the re-building of the Temple, the people gave money "to bring cedar trees from Lebanon."

Editor's note: We greatly regret that the cuts for the stamps for this article and last week's article are not available to us.

REUS SOCIETY

On Sunday evening, May 15, Mr. Seymour Sedwitz, the newly elected President of the Council, addressed the group on "A Present Day Manufacturer." He has had a wide experience in the dress manufacturing industry and related many interesting and humorous "inside" stories.

For its closing affair the group is planning a moonlight sail up the Hudson on Saturday evening, June 11.

THE COUNCIL

One of the functions of the Council is to arrange entertainment in which all groups take part. These socials are in addition to the functions conducted by the individual organizations. A closing affair for the entire Council is planned to take place about June 12. One of the features of the program will be a short comedy sketch. An appeal for all aspiring artists is being broadcast.

JEWISH YOUTH LEAGUE

With two successful dances to their credit, the members of this group are making arrangements for a final affair, a "summer formal." The date tentatively planned is June 18. It will take place at a neighborhood hotel, to be announced later, and the tickets will cost \$1.00 per couple. The earlier parties were so well enjoyed and so profitable for the treasury, that it is hoped the last gathering will prove equally popular.

YOU AND THE COMMUNITY

By HON. JONAH J. GOLDSTEIN

Formerly Judge of the Court of Gen. Sessions

We are admonished by our sages —
"AL TIFROSH MYN HAZIBAH — DON'T
SEPARATE YOURSELF FROM THE COM-
MUNITY."

Just stop and think for a moment what this world would be like if everybody thought of himself without giving some thought to the community.

The great poet, Shelley, once said:
"Those will attain the Heights
To whom the World's misery is Misery
And will not let them rest."

There would be no synagogues were it not for the few who think of the community first, and themselves second. There would be no hospitals, orphan asylums, Joint Distribution Committees, or Zionist organizations, if it were not for those who think of the community first, and themselves second.

Community problems should be the responsibility of the many and not the burden of the few. All of us get the benefit of being part of a community and it is, therefore, only right that we should give as well as get. By *community*, we clearly do not mean our families alone.

Community means society at large, the public or the people in general.

Those who are not of the community are enemies of the community. You are with or against. There can be no neutral position.

Too many stand by, getting all the benefits of community life, without assuming any of the responsibilities. These are our social leeches. No thinking person wants to be a social leech.

I urge participation in communal activities by all, not alone for the sake of the community, but for the sake of all.

If you don't use your legs and arms, they will shrivel and become useless. If you don't use your soul and spirit, they, too, will shrivel.

Jewishness is not something that, once learned, is retained forever. It must be exercised if it is to live. When the first ten Jewish immigrants landed in New York (Barbados) in 1653, they formed congregations. When the German Jews started emigrating here in 1848, they organized their temples, their hospitals, and their charity institutions. When the first Jews from Eastern Europe began coming here in 1881, they banded together in fraternal orders, in landsman-schaft societies, and finally in national Jewish fraternities. What impelled them was not so much the desire to have a place of worship, to alleviate suffering, to help out a needy brother, but the natural instinct to exercise their Jewish-

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JACK LEVINE

Born — 1881

Where? — Russia

How long in U.S.A.? — Long, long time.

Married? — Yes

To whom? — Lillian

What Lillian? — Our Rabbi's sister

Children? — Two

Sex? — Male

Both? — Yes

Names? — Joshua and Harold

Occupation? — Students

Josh? — Senior, N. Y. U. Law School

Harold? — Senior, De Witt Clinton

Jack's kids are his seniors? — Yep.

Jack's occupation — dress business

Where? — all over, always travelin'

Musical? — Yes

Favorite rhymes? — Mother Goose

Which one? — This one:

Jack and Lil

Went up life's hill

And tried to get a daughter

But luck fell down

And sons came roun'

Who brought them love and laughter.

GETTING PERSONAL

By ME, HIM and I

Our treasurer, Mr. Isaac Settel, Mr. and Mrs. Meyer L. Pargament, Dr. Nathan Settel and Dr. Stanley Eiss, have settled for a short stay at Saratoga Springs. We like to go there with the hosses. As far as the waters are concerned, the same taste is given by a dry Martini with better after effects . . . A pleasant week-end was spent at Atlantic City by Mr. and Mrs. Siegfried Bendheim. Their weather must have been à la carte for the table d'hôte brand here was not so pleasant . . . Glad to hear Jack Levine is studying railroad time tables again. A sure sign he is recovering from his siege of illness . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Leff on the birth of a son . . . Two of our directors, Harry Appel and Morris Steinberg, are in Chicago . . . Our peppy President, Lester Udell, came in Saturday night and asked us to page the following directors whom he missed at services: Messrs. Bassar, Mirken, Stavish, Rubenstein and Levine. Maybe they ought to be made to bring a note from mother . . . L. N. Margolin attended services last Saturday before leaving for the summer which he will spend at Long Beach. We'd go there too, if we had the quarter charged as admission to the beach . . . Glad to hear of the rapid recovery of Mrs. Benjamin Tilem and her children . . . Thanks to Lou G. Siegel for his wine contribution . . . Among the many prominent persons seen at our Synagogue last Saturday were: Rabbi C. Blumenthal, of Waco, Texas; Rabbi Nathan Drazin, of Baltimore, Maryland; Rabbi Isaac Werne, of Los Angeles, California; Mr. J. Lacher, of Detroit, Michigan and Hon. William Weiss, the distinguished President of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America . . . Mr. and Mrs. Louis Davis honored us with their presence. Mr. Davis introduced a new note when he asked our Secretary, Mr. Jablow "How much do you think I ought to owe?" And he paid it. That's the spirit . . . Congratulations to Sylvan Marshall who had another birthday . . . Our German-Refugee-Bar-Mitzvah-Boy, Herbert Erlander, inspired pride last Saturday. We all join Rabbi Goldstein in blessing him . . . We were pleased to see Mr. and Mrs. Sedwitz at Shul Saturday last . . . Nanette Udell sat next to her grandmother, Mrs. Jane Udell Friedman, last Saturday. It is hard to say who was prouder looking — Nanette of Jane or Jane of Nanette. Mrs. Friedman has left for the summer, having opened her house at Rockaway Park . . . Joe Anderson left for a western trip. That will give his charming wife Dorothy some more time to devote to her duties in our

Women's League . . . We received a most touching swan song from our distinguished collaborator, Hank Epstein, who felt constrained to resign as columnist. We regretfully accept his resignation and thank him for his past efforts . . . Before closing — how about a high hat for Morris Jablow?

YOU AND THE COMMUNITY

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ness in the company of their fellow Jews. They understood, as some of us do not as yet understand, that the Judaism that is not exercised, and exercised regularly, is bound to wither and die.

When I look at the great network of Jewish organizations and Jewish companionship, built by our fathers and our older brothers, I ask myself the question:—What of our children?

It would be taking a great risk to wait until our younger generation has reached maturity before they join some sort of a Jewish organization or an institution. Youth and adolescence is the period when habits are formed, and unless you form the habit of belonging to some Jewish organization in your youth, the habit may never be formed. Besides, our youth is in need of just these very interests, which belonging to a Jewish organization may arouse. If you have your child affiliated with some sort of Jewish organization, you may have some hopes that your son or daughter may continue to be Jewish. If your son or daughter is allowed to grow up without any Jewish education and influence, or without some affiliation with a Jewish organization, then the chances for Jewishness are very slim indeed.

JOIN YOUR COMMUNITY—DON'T BE DISJOINTED.

"AL TIFROSH MYN HAZIBAR—DON'T SEPARATE YOURSELF FROM THE COMMUNITY," should become the slogan of all Jews in America, and not only the slogan for the old, but also for the new generation.

YOUTH II

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principles lying at the foundation of social and political well being, as they are illustrated in the Constitution of the Hebrew Commonwealth, which of all in ancient or modern times, is the BEST IDEAL OF A STATE."

Herman E. Meyers

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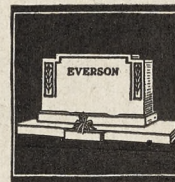
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