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SYNAGOGUE BIRTHDAY PARTY

On Wednesday, May 18th, after last week's "Review" had gone to press, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Livingston gave a party at their home to celebrate the first birthday of the West Side Institutional Synagogue. They thought it a fitting place, in view of the fact that the first organization meeting, a year ago, was also held at their home. The entire Board of Directors and a number of other persons prominent in the activities of the Synagogue were invited and nearly all attended.

The occasion was a very joyous one in view of the progress that the Synagogue made in its first year of existence. Our protégé, Arnold Eidus, the celebrated violin prodigy, entertained the guests with a number of selections and was accompanied by his mother, Sonia Eidus. Cantor Yavneh sang a number of songs and evoked particularly great applause with one that he had composed for the occasion.

The highlight of the evening, however, was an address by Dr. Frederick B. Robinson, President of City College who, with Mrs. Robinson, was one of the guests (see page 2). At the conclusion of his address, Dr. Robinson, on behalf of the Board of Directors, presented the Synagogue with a splendid oil painting, a portrait of Rabbi Goldstein, which was a total surprise to the Rabbi and the Rebbetzin. The painting had to be made under difficulties. In order to preserve the secret, the Rabbi's mother was taken into the conspiracy. She prevailed upon the Rabbi to take a photograph of himself and give it to her for Mother's Day. The photographer then developed a number of poses which were turned over to the artist who, in turn, attended the Monday Night Bible Class as well as services on Saturday, so as to observe the Rabbi personally and get his impressions. The portrait proved a remarkable likeness and all present deemed it a great success.

What was also very pleasing to the Rabbi was to learn, later on, that the artist was Geza G. Fischer, the famous Hungarian portrait painter, a graduate of the Yeshiva of Pressburg, Hungary, and a thoroughly religious and observant orthodox Jew. This artist studied in



PORTRAIT OF RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN BY GEZA G. FISCHER,
PRESENTED TO THE SYNAGOGUE BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Vienna and later on graduated from the Imperial Academy of Art of Charlotenberg-Berlin. He has painted a number of famous persons, including Senator Copeland and former President Ryan of the Board of Education.

The gift was accepted on behalf of the Synagogue by Mr. Max E. Sanders, the second vice-president. Then Rabbi Goldstein was called on for a few words and he made a very emotional address. He was quite overcome by the surprise and the nature of the gift and, for the first time in everyone's experience, he appeared to be unable to look at the audience while talking. The atmosphere seemed to be surcharged with mutual affection between him and the audience.

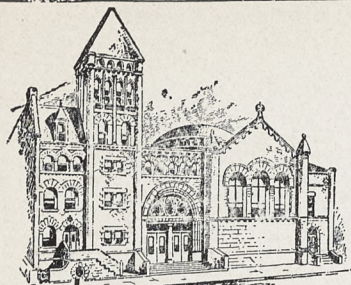
Thereafter, the guests enjoyed themselves dancing. After a midnight supper all departed feeling that the spirit of the synagogue was better than ever.

The portrait will be installed in the Men's Club rooms at the next meeting.

Those present were the following:

Mrs. Joseph Anderson, Mrs. Harry Appel, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Bassar,

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel K. Beier, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Blankfort, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. Eidus and Arnold Eidus, Mr. and Mrs. Max Frank, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Goldman, Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Goldstein, Rabbi and Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, Mrs. Sarah Goldstein, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Gouled, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Greenstein, Mr. and Mrs. William Horwitz, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Jablow, Mr. Elias Jacoby, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Landowne, Mr. and Mrs. Moses Langer, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Levine, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Levine, Mrs. Esther Livingston, Mr. Lawrence Mirken, Mrs. Annie Mirken, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mirken, Mrs. Annie R. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Max Moskowitz, Mr. and Mrs. G. Richard Rubenstein, Mr. and Mrs. Max E. Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sedwitz, Mr. Joseph Settel, Dr. Nathan Settel, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Silver, Mr. Max Stavish, Mrs. Lester Udell, Mr. and Mrs. David H. Ullman, and Cantor Zalmon Yavneh.



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THE SYNAGOGUE AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Address of Dr. Frederick B. Robinson, President of City College, at the presentation of Rabbi Goldstein's portrait to our Synagogue.

The flourishing condition of this Orthodox Jewish Congregation is significant of many things. First, it is evidence of the religious freedom that is safeguarded in our nation and of the liberal and tolerant spirit of the people of this city. It is also a proof of the vitality of religious faith. The devotion of Orthodox Jews to ancient spiritual laws and customs has survived persecutions, banishments, slaughters and derision for thousands of years and also the more subtle influences of social discrimination.

The sturdy adherence of Congregations like yours to the faith of their fathers and the intellectual and spiritual leadership of the Rabbis command the respect of all fair and thinking men. Not only do your members reap personal intangible benefits of character but the community is made richer in its social, cultural, political and industrial life. No well-informed person has questioned the good citizenship of the religious Jew.

We may well pay a special tribute to the founders of our nation and to all the people of this generation who in-

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FAITH, TOLERANCE, LIBERTY

From Congressman Bruce Barton's remarks at the dedication of the West Side Institutional Synagogue

You and I were raised under the shadow of the same religious leaders—poets, prophets, and psalmists. We were nourished by the same holy bread; we drank of the same spiritual waters. Those books which I was taught to call the Old Testament are at once the greatest library of literature and most precious spiritual heritage of the human race.

They are a history of a people from its earliest beginnings as wandering desert tribes to its achievement of a splendid civilization. In this sense they are an outline of all human history. They contain the rich wisdom handed down from father to son through scores of generations. They include proverbs which have entered into the common life and language of all civilized nations. Great songs and poems, thrilling stories of success, love stories and exalted hymns, all are part of the record. But, most important, these books portray the ever enlarging and heightening concept of the Author and Director of the universe, as seen more clearly from age to age through the mists of human limitation.

We speak of the problems of our land as economic and social. In a deeper and truer sense they are not social or economic, but spiritual. When men work together in tolerance and mutual respect and faith, the result of their work is abundance and a fair distribution for all. But when there is jealousy, bitterness, envy and hate, the gears of the productive machine are filled with sand. Scarcity takes the place of abundance, and fear and distress stand in the place of happiness and faith.

We speak of the nation as the body politic. It is in truth a body wherein every member is dependent on every other. Strengthen and uplift any part of it and you have strengthened and uplifted the whole. Harm or degrade any part of it and you have harmed and degraded the whole. The greatest need of our day is a revival of the faith of our fathers—a new vision of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man; a rededication of ourselves, not to the things of this world, which are material, but to the things of the spirit, which are eternal. More important than schools or colleges, or roads or public buildings, is the health of the church of God who is justice and kindness and compassion and friendship to all mankind.

And our next most important requirement, as I see it, is that we should add to our faith and tolerance a fresh and

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"AS R'CHASH SEES IT"

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

YOUTH

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I do not find fault with the youth of America. I find fault rather with the present parent. The parent of today is constantly trying to shift his responsibility toward his child. The parent of today lacks the ability to say 'no'. We send our children to camps so as to be free during the whole summer. We send our youths to an out-of-town college so as to satisfy their 'wanderlust'. We allow our children to live their own lives unfettered thus enabling us to take the path of least resistance. Witness on the other hand the home-life that we had, with our parents. The home of our parents as a rule was not resplendent with material wealth, but it was very rich in religious atmosphere. We are what we are, because we sensed and felt the religiosity of the home. Today, the home is an eating and sleeping place but not a sanctuary in miniature.

Our youth is ready at the point of sacrifice to stick to its religion if they saw religion as the idealism of their parents. Our youth would not be so flip-pant in their moral attitude toward life if they would not see their parents shutting an eye to loose morals. Youth is ideal and at the same time real. If it fails to sense the realism of the ideals of their elders they must perforce sink to low levels in religious, spiritual and moral values. "A people without a vision fail, but those who keep the Torah are rendered happy." If Jewish parents would observe the orthodoxy of the Torah, then will Jewish youth emerge with the zeal of prophetism. If Jewish youth will note the strenuous life their parents lead and live, for the sake of God and religion, then will they emerge as young priests consecrated to a life of service to God and man.

I call upon youth to remain stolidly within the ranks of Israel, to bear proudly the whole armor of Judaism—God's civilization for man.

YOUR JOYS ARE OUR JOYS

If any of your children are graduating from public school, high school or college, please let us know, so that we may congratulate them through the columns of this paper.

INTERESTING STAMPS

By JOSEPH E. DAVIDSON

2nd Series — Bible Scenes

XXX — TYRE

The Stamp: Lebanon A-16 Tyre



This celebrated city of Phoenicia was situated on an island on the eastern coast of the Mediterranean Sea and is referred to in Isaiah XXIII 12 as the "daughter of Sidon".

In the time of David and Solomon, it reached the height of its glory, power and fame, under King Hiram who was friendly to both and later became an ally of Solomon. Solomon was able to carry out his splendid program of building at Jerusalem because of the cooperation of Hiram who supplied him with artisans whose workmanship was flawless. The timber and other material from Lebanon, Hiram sent to Solomon on floats to Joppa on the Mediterranean and from there was transported to Jerusalem, a distance of 32 miles.

The close friendship of Solomon and Hiram was the cause which led to the former's marriage to Sidonian women who finally prevailed upon him "to go after the Zidonian Goddess".

ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE RABBI'S FUND FOR J.D.C., U.P.A. AND GERMAN RELIEF

The following, in addition to names previously mentioned, have responded to the Rabbi's appeal by sending in contributions:

Marcia Stebbins, Maurice and Thelma Spanbock, David Cohen, Lenore Friedman, Gabriel F. Goldstein, Harold Kaplan, John Gell, S. K. Beier.

THE SYNAGOGUE AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

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stituted and preserved not only religious freedom but also every personal, civil and political right we have. The Jew in other lands is often denied freedom of worship; but he is also denied rights of property, freedom of contract and political rights so that he has no opportunity for the "pursuit of happiness". Surely, at this time, particularly the Orthodox Jews of our country are justified in their admiration for American individual liberty, American tolerance and American religious freedom, and their abhorrence of anything that even tends toward a philosophy of government that would subordinate the individual life to a totalitarian plan.

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deeper devotion to the preservation of liberty. Only in America and in one or two other lands does the torch of liberty still burn. We have seen that torch crushed out in countries where it had burned bright for centuries, where we supposed that it was as safe as within our own borders. We have learned through shock and sorrow that nowhere is liberty safe unless those who love it are forever vigilant; that democracy will not endure even in the most favored lands unless there be those who are willing to sacrifice for as well as profit from their devotion to it. This is no new discovery. Thomas Jefferson was so conscious of it that he uttered his warnings again and again. In the very earliest of our great documents of freedom, the Kentucky Resolutions, he wrote:

"It would be a dangerous delusion were a confidence in the men of our choice to silence our fears for the safety of our rights. Confidence is everywhere the parent of despotism; free government is founded in jealousy, not in confidence. It is jealousy and not confidence which prescribes limited constitutions, to bind down those whom we are accustomed to trust with power. Our Constitution has accordingly fixed the limits to which, and no further, our confidence may go. In questions of power, then, let no more be heard of confidence in man, but bind him down from mischief by the chains of the Constitution."

Those possessions which are most precious in life are not easily won nor carelessly preserved. Down through long ages of struggle and sacrifice our forefathers fought for their freedom and their faith. Let us, who have inherited so richly, make sure that our descendants inherit no less. Let us pass on the torch undimmed. Let us hand down to those who follow us that which our ancestors gained for us—faith in an all-wise omnipotent God, and freedom to worship Him each according to his own heart.

Light Candles Friday Evening 8:02

Weekly Portion: BECHUKOSEI

Prayers for the New Month

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	8:00

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Born July 17, 1874, he was educated at City College. He and his devoted wife Mathilde are the proud parents of a son, Jacob H. and a daughter, Aline Quat.

RABBINICAL COUNCIL MEETING

Miss Rachel K. McDowell, religious editor of the New York Times, addressed the Rabbinical Council of America in our Men's Club rooms last Tuesday afternoon. Her topic was "If I Were A Rabbi".

GETTING PERSONAL

By ME, HIM and I

We are just recovering from the Shul's First Birthday Party . . . 'Tis rumored some of our most staid directors and directresses enjoyed themselves as much as if it were their own first birthday . . . What a dancer is Moe Langer. He made us think of the old saying: "God help a sailor on a night like this." . . . The Editor says he wishes the guests had greater appetites as he hates to eat buffet for the next couple of weeks . . . Some of our directors have good voices. The others also sang . . . It wasn't fair for Max Sanders to chase the guests home at 2 A.M. because he found out the musicians had to take examinations. When we studied, parties always came first. Maybe that's why we're so smart . . . Lester Udell had to be out West . . . But his wife made up for him and had a good time . . . So did Mrs. Joe Anderson and Mrs. Harry Appel, whose husbands also were out West . . . Something funny about this western trip. Ladies, you'd better check up . . . For party spirit, we're betting on Claire Ullman . . . After everyone else had left, Dick Rubenstein, who was fully imbued with the spirit of the occasion, insisted that his wife, Mrs. Harry Appel and Mr. and Mrs. Morris Levine, stay on an hour or so longer to keep the Editor company. It was very thoughtful and much appreciated . . . After the party, Messrs. Jablow, Rubenstein, Joe Settel and the Editor (the No. 3 Quartette) ran off to Saratoga to join Mr. Isaac Settel and Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Pargament at our temporary headquarters at Ro-Ed Mansion. Fine place for our gang . . . Chief topic of conversation was the new balcony in the Synagogue . . . Joe Settel got his palm and penmanship read. Found out he's gay, happy, musical, proud, courageous, diplomatic, tactful, sympathetic, strong will power, etc. . . . Good he's a bachelor. It would be tough to live up to a man like that . . . Deborah Burstein has been elected Editor in chief of "What's What" of Hunter College. How about moving over to this sheet, Deborah? . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Dave Ullman on their wedding anniversary on the 24th and to our President and Mrs. Lester Udell on their wedding anniversary on Memorial Day. We'd personally hate to have ours on that day as we'd be inclined to ruminate over our departed freedom . . . P.S. Who ordered milk at Reilly's?

FINAL MONDAY EVENING MEETING

Last Monday evening was the final general assembly for the season and it was indeed a memorable one. After the Bible Class, which was very well attended, an unusually large group of our members and their friends listened to a most interesting talk by Senator Albert Wald, the Rabbi's brother-in-law, on Jewish activities in connection with the coming World's Fair. He was followed by a short talk by Mr. Julius Hyman on the historical significance of the inscription on the Liberty Bell, tracing its Hebrew origin. Mr. Harry Appel was welcomed back from his long trip out West. Our secretary, Morris Jablow, spoke on the plans for next year informing us that arrangements are already being made for the annual dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria as well as for a concert at the Metropolitan Opera House. Other speakers were Mr. Sam Davis and Mrs.

Joseph Anderson. The Rabbi expressed his appreciation of what the directors and the congregation generally had done and prophesied great accomplishments for the coming year.

Then Mr. and Mrs. Ullman, who were the hosts at the reception that followed in honor of their wedding anniversary, were each called upon to speak and were received with great applause. The meeting adjourned late but all present agreed that the last meeting of the season indicated that the meetings at the coming season would be, if at all possible, bigger and better.

Mrs. Ullman announced that the Women's League had booked its annual Fall luncheon at the Starlight Roof of the Waldorf-Astoria for Tuesday, November 22nd at 12:30 P.M. and that reservations are already being received.

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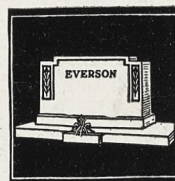
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