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MEN'S CLUB CLOSING MEETING

On June 1, 1938, the Men's Club held its closing meeting which will long be remembered by the 150 friends who attended.

Because of the unavoidable absence of the President, Mr. George L. Livingston, the Vice-President, Mr. Elias Jacoby, presided. Among the speakers were Mr. Lester Udell, Mr. Max E. Sanders, Judge Max Salomon, Mr. Harry Appel, Mr. Morris Jablow, Mrs. Joseph Anderson, Mrs. David H. Ullman, Mrs. Annie R. Morris, Mr. Harry Fischel, and Dr. Nathan Settler. Mr. David Schoenfeld of London, England, who accompanied Colonel Wedgewood, the British Labor Leader in Parliament on his visit to America, spoke briefly and interestingly on the counter-proposal to the partition plan, namely to make of Palestine a Dominion of Great Britain.

The portrait of our Rabbi was presented to the Men's Club by Mr. Lester Udell and was accepted on behalf of the club by the presiding officer. The Rabbi was then called upon and delivered an eloquent and stirring address.

The members and guests then partook of the refreshments provided by Mr. & Mrs. G. Richard Rubenstein and Mr. & Mrs. Harry Appel, the hosts for the evening.

All who attended were unanimous in their praise of the very memorable meeting and promised to continue their interest and wholehearted support.

THE COUNCIL

The party in which all young peoples organizations will join on Sunday evening, June 12, will be the final social of the season. Before coming together, each group will meet separately to transact whatever business remains to be settled before the groups suspend for the summer.

All young people of the synagogue are most cordially invited. Remember the date: June 12 at 9 P. M.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sincerest condolences to the family of the late Nathan Jablow, brother of our esteemed executive director, Morris Jablow.



Light Candles Friday Evening 8:12

Weekly Portion: NASO

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

HERE'S HOW!

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Appel invite our worshippers to Kiddush after Services tomorrow, Saturday morning, in honor of the marriage of their daughter Frances, to Mr. Herbert Snower of Chicago, which will take place in the evening at the Waldorf-Astoria.

RESERVE YOUR SEATS FOR HIGH HOLY DAYS

Before you leave for your summer vacation, we earnestly urge you to make your reservation for seats for the High Holy Days. It will thus enable us to suit your preferences and, at the same time, we shall be in a position to fill the demands of others.

Please bear in mind that this year the High Holy Days come late. Undoubtedly there will be a great demand for seats. So, make provisions before you leave for your vacation and avoid possible disappointment upon your return.

THANKS

Thanks of the Congregation are extended to Mrs. Annie Mirken for the beautiful Ark installed in our Daily Synagogue in memory of her late husband Mayer Mirken.

Thanks of the Congregation are also extended to Mr. Louis Hyman who has presented a \$500 bond to the Synagogue.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Although the Women's League have concluded their meetings for the season, the members are actively engaged in raising their respective quotas for the Ten Dollar Give-or-Get Luncheon which will be held on the Starlight Roof of the Waldorf-Astoria on Tuesday, November 22, 1938. Mrs. David H. Ullman, the capable chairman of that event, is devoting her energies and skill to make this affair the best in the history of the organization.

An Executive Committee meeting was held last week at which Mrs. Joseph Anderson presided. Many matters of importance were discussed and the resignation of Mrs. Harry Millstein as Treasurer was regretfully accepted. A special vote of thanks was extended to her for the unusually conscientious and unselfish service which she rendered during her tenure of office. We hope that it will be possible for her to give us the benefit of her vast experience and ability when we resume our activities in the fall.

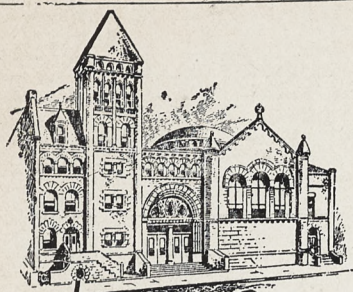
Mrs. Moses Langer was unanimously elected Treasurer.

BETROTHAL ANNOUNCED



MISS ESTHER GARFUNKEL

Mrs. Samuel M. Garfunkel has announced the betrothal of her daughter Esther, the President of the Daughters of the West Side Institutional Synagogue, to Mr. Abraham Eisenstat, son of Rabbi and Mrs. Jacob Eisenstat of Carbondale, Pa. Our heartiest congratulations.



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WE'LL BE SEEN' YA

With this issue of the Review, we close the season, with mixed emotions, however.

On the one hand, we feel glad to be released from the nervous tension of getting together material, of trying to guide, educate, scold and please. It is not an easy job when you consider that all workers are volunteers. You can't very well raise Cain with volunteers. We did at times with more or less satisfactory results. However, it was all for the cause. We thank them all, nevertheless.

On the other hand, we shall miss the pleasure we have derived from speaking via this sheet to a closely knit family, constantly growing larger. Let us hope that the summer will afford each of us rest and relaxation, that the black clouds darkening the world will disappear and that the beginning of the year 5699 will be accompanied by world-wide tolerance and happiness. May the good be blessed and the bad become good. Adieu.

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THE TEN COMMANDMENTS SHEVUOTH RADIO ADDRESS STATION WJZ

By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

The Ten Commandments as given by God to Israel at Sinai, have been, and still are, the ten sledge-hammers of morality.

The first and greatest spiritual revival meeting ever held was at Sinai. Here three million Jews assembled around the mountain, to hear the message of the divine revelation. It was most notable in that it was not a clamor for rights, but rather an acceptance of duties, of obligations, of commandments.

I respectfully suggest that the Ten Commandments be printed on the first page of our newspapers every day, as a means for the attainment of law and order in our country. I recommend that the Ten Commandments be given as memory gems in our Public Schools, High Schools and even in our Colleges, so that they may become part and parcel of the moral fibre of every American citizen. The Ten Commandments are the sine qua non of society. Let me say unqualifiedly, that the safety of the individual and of the country are dependent upon our sympathetic attitude toward the spreading of the knowledge and the practice of these Ten Commandments.

These commandments transcend all the precepts of religion. Why are they so important, you may ask. They are all-important, first, because they call for the recognition of God as the supreme judge of human affairs, and second, because they make for the social stability between man and man.

The First Commandment is the greatest of them all in that it calls for the belief in God, the deliverer of Israel, as well as the inscrutable Judge of the ruler of men, as we read, "I am the Lord, thy God, who brought thee out of the Land of Egypt, out of the House of Bondage."

The Second Commandment proclaims, "Thou shalt have no other Gods before me." The Rabbis explain this to mean that we shall not serve the fashions of the times which others may set up as their gods.

The Third Commandment, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord, thy God, in vain," may well be the basis of international law as it relates to treaties. When nations make treaties and employ God's name, they profane God's name, as the late Theodore Roosevelt pointed out, when they break their treaties.

The Fourth Commandment, is "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy. Wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath Day and hallowed it." The Sabbath is the greatest boon to civilization. It gives man an enforced rest and recreation. It brings blessing to the home and it sanctifies the nation. Too many people believe that they must work seven days a week in order to earn a livelihood. They forget the words of this commandment which reads, "And God blessed it", the Sabbath Day, so that in six days we may be able to earn enough for the seven day week. Furthermore, the hallowing of the Sabbath is the positive method of celebrating the Sabbath, not by golf and picnicing, but by attendance in the House of God in the morning, and spiritual refreshment during the rest of the day.

The Fifth Commandment, is "Honor thy father and thy mother." Our Rabbis point out in the Talmud that our parents are the representatives of God on earth. They are the bearers of the notion of God, of tradition and of religion.

The Sixth Commandment, is "Thou shalt not kill." Today an opportunity is given to us in the name of religion to save hundreds of thousands from death by doing our share for the saving of lives and souls of suffering Jews everywhere.

The Seventh Commandment, is "Thou shalt not commit adultery." Our Rabbis say that there are three commandments, the observance of which must be carried out if they demand the giving up of one's life. These three commandments prohibit idolatry, adultery and murder.

The Eighth Commandment, is "Thou shalt not steal." I am sure I am not speaking to any who violate that commandment literally, but let me say this, that "one who tells a lie may be called a thief because he steals the truth." Today we have the all too-prevalent so-called "white" lies. My observations have proved to me, that those who indulge in "white" lies soon become color-blind. The habit of lying, once engendered, becomes a pernicious anemia, difficult to treat, and almost beyond cure.

The Ninth Commandment, is "Thou shalt not bear false testimony." This refers not merely to the bringing of false evidence against our neighbor, but to the wanton trespass, against any of the com-

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INTERESTING STAMPS

By JOSEPH E. DAVIDSON

XXXII — DARIUS THE GREAT AND HIS DECREE PERMITTING THE REBUILDING OF SOLOMON'S TEMPLE



The Stamp
Scott's Cat.
Iran (Persian)
A-34

Darius I

was that Simon was not unmindful of the kindness shown the Jews by Cyrus the Great and Darius I.

We now come to the study of a stamp which should be of particular interest to Jews, since it depicts two personages who have had a tremendous influence on the destinies of the peoples of their time, and particularly on that of the people of Israel.

We have the portrait of the great King of Persia, Darius the First, seated on his throne with the image of the Persian Deity (Ahuramazda) overhead.

Now for a surprise! The little fellow in back of the King is his son and heir, Prince Artaxerxes, who is none other than the Ahasuerus who married the Jewish orphan, Esther, who saved the Jews from the machinations of the nefarious Haman.

The Book of Ezra tells us the story of how the Persian Satrap Tattenai, tried to interfere with the rebuilding of the Temple which the Jews started pursuant to a decree of the former King, Cyrus the Great, and his message to Darius suggesting that a search of the King's archives be made and that the "King send his pleasure to us concerning this matter."

The King's pleasure in this matter was vouchsafed to Governor Tattenai in unmistakable language. Would that the Tattenais of today, Messrs. Hitler, Mussolini and Company, would only have the sense to take the lesson seriously, by reading the answer of Darius which is taken for word from the Book of Ezra.

Following is the King's answer:-

"To Tattenai, Governor, Beyond the River Shethar-Bozenai. Let the work of this House of God alone. Let the Elders of the Jews build this House of God in its place. Moreover, we decree that of the King's goods, even of the tribute beyond the River, expenses be given with all diligence unto the elders of the Jews that they be not hindered. It is decreed also that young bullocks and rams and

WAR I

By ARNOLD EIDUS*

1

War! War! a word so short-its reach so long.

War!! The word means death to weak and strong.

Why does a man go to war and strife?
And why should a man want to risk his life?

2

Is it because he seeks for glory?
Is it to blazon his country's story?
Or is it because of his ruler's notion
To rule the earth and all the ocean?

3

Are men such fools — will they so remain?
Why do they war? What can they gain?
Is it an honor to lose an eye?
And is it glory to kill and die?

4

His ruler says, "Brave man was he
Who fought and bled and died for me."
But he who fought and died was a fool
For he fought and died as a pawn and tool.

5

And when he lies in his blood and gore
And his parents weep to see him no more.
His master rules another's land
And swells his chest with a victor's band.

6

There is nothing for mankind to gain
from war
But hate and destruction and death —
what for?
Children learn war's horrors in schools;
Must they grow up to die like fools?

7

No! Men will end war's toll of hate,
War is *not* man's changeless fate,
For men will change that fate at length
When they learn the power of their common strength!

*Arnold Eidus is our 14-year-old violin prodigy. His genius appears to be rather extensive.

lambs for burnt-offerings to the God of Heaven, and wheat, salt wine and oil according to the word of their priests that are at Jerusalem be given them day by day without fail; that they may offer sacrifices of sweet savour unto the God of Heaven and pray for the life of the King and of his sons.

"We decree, also, that whosoever alter this word, let a beam be pulled out from his house, and let him be lifted up and fastened thereon; and let his house be made a dunghill for this; and may the God that hath caused His Name to dwell there overthrow all kings and peoples that shall put forth their hand to alter the same, to destroy this House of God which is at Jerusalem. I, Darius, have made a decree; let it be done with all diligence."

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MOTHER MIRKEN



MRS. ANNIE MIRKEN

Among the names forming the very foundation of our Synagogue, is that of Mirken. No more ardent worker and supporter of our Rabbi existed than the late Mayer Mirken, in whose memory, his beloved widow, to us affectionately known as Mother Mirken, has just installed a beautiful Ark in our Daily Synagogue.

Active in all our undertakings, particularly in the Women's League, her influence is also felt through her four stalwart sons: Harry and Burt, married and Milton and our director, Lawrence, who can still be caught (girls, they are worth catching), and one daughter Rose (Mrs. Albert H. Cohen) Hon. Pres. of the Women's League of W. S. I. S.

We'll let you in on a secret. Mother Mirken was once upon a time a fine singer.

GETTING PERSONAL

By ME, HIM and I

A postman on his day off takes a walk, a sailor hires a row-boat, a motor-man takes a trolley ride and our President Lester Udell, gets his summer relaxation by keeping in trim as President of the Rockaway Shul . . . Seems only yesterday we old boys were getting our A. B.'s and set out to conquer the world. Now that the B's have changed to K's, we get our pleasure congratulating the next generation, viz, Buddy Udell upon his graduation from N. Y. U., . . . and Sylvan Marshall from C. C. N. Y., and Ira Sedwitz from M. I. T. . . and Joshua Levine graduating from N.Y.U. Law School, receiving a gold medal for general excellence and personality . . . So Bernice Breitbart got nothing but A's at Barnard. The only A we ever got at college was in pocket billiards . . . Now Moe Langer's wife has become treasurer of the Women's League. He's treasurer of the Men's Club. May the funds grow Langer and Langer . . . A new orator has come to town — Eli Jacoby. A born presiding officer, he showed his mettle at the closing Men's Club meeting when the president was absent . . . Another oratorical star of the season, has been Dorothy Anderson. Keep in practice during the summer, Dorothy and, if you run short of audiences, there is always hubby Joe. . . Mr. & Mrs. Meyer Pargament have returned from Saratoga. Welcome back to our midst . . . Mrs. Albert H. Cohen, in charge of the refreshments at our Women's League function, certainly demonstrated great ability along catering lines . . . Mr. Abraham M. Davis our distinguished traveling director graced our first Minyan last Tuesday . . . While Doc Settel is emerging as a great teller of stories and anecdotes at our public gatherings, brother Joe is getting madder and madder at the wits who insist on repeating them to their neighbors during Services . . . Here's for a speedy recovery to Mrs. Morris Levine . . . and, for a grand finale for this issue and for the season, we all extend our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Appel upon the wedding of their beautiful daughter Frances to Mr. Herbert Snower of Chicago, which will take place to-morrow evening. Also congratulations to Harry on his birthday . . . Pleasant summer to all . . .

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THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

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mandments of God. When we consciously violate the commandments of God, we render false evidence against His sovereignty.

The Tenth Commandment, "Thou shalt not covet," is as Huxley pointed out, the most fundamental of all the commandments, for it is the coveting of something which one does not possess which leads to the temptation of breaking all the other commandments.

My dear friends: No human mind has ever been able to compile such a concise, succinct and embracing set of dicta to include man's spiritual conduct as well as his spiritual safety as these Ten Commandments. The Ten Commandments are not the will of man. They are the Revelation of the Will of the Almighty.

Science, my friends, has given to man-

kind, things. The Ten Commandments have given to mankind its upbringing. The relationship between the two may be compared to the following. An orphaned child received from the friends of its deceased parents gifts of various kinds, but one stalwart woman decided to take the child into her home, to bring it up, and give it character building. Who did more for the child, — those who brought the things, or the one who trained the child? Both did much, but surely one gave qualitatively more than the other. Parallel to this is the relationship of the child of civilization to the gifts of Science and the Ten Commandments. Science brought us things, the other, the Ten Commandments, brought us up.

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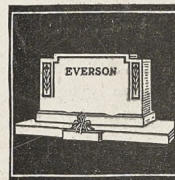
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