

Welcome Home Issue

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The Editorial Board dedicates this first issue of the Review to our many members, seat holders and friends who have been away from the W. S. I. S. during the summer months and who now return with renewed health and vigor and heightened interest to share in a rich program of activity during the next season.

We know that our Review will continue to act as a strong cohesive force among all. It is our hope that this year's Review will prove of interest to our readers and stimulate them to deepen their loyalties to our faith and help strengthen their spiritual anchorage in Judaism.

The Review will continue to bear aloft the kindly light of love, fellowship and service that have become a tradition in our institution.

We trust that during the fast approaching New Year we shall achieve new heights, spiritually culturally and socially.

TALMUD TORAH

We are looking forward confidently to a well attended Hebrew School this season. All our parents fully realize the importance of having their children receive a religious education.

We have made arrangements to have well trained instructors fully equipped to apply the most modern pedagogic methods.

Our class rooms are airy and well lighted. Many interesting extra-curricular activities will make the children eager to attend our school.

Our members and subscribers are urged to enroll their children in our Talmud Torah and get their friends to do likewise.

Registration for the fall term will begin September 12th

BOY SCOUTS

Now that most of the members of the Troop are back in the city from their summer vacations, the first regular meeting will take place on Thursday, September 15, 1938, at 7:45 P. M. We are very happy to announce that Daniel Weiss will continue to be the Scoutmaster and will be assisted by Buddy Friedman.

Light Candles Friday Evening 7:03

Weekly Portion: KI TEZE

Friday Evening Service	6:30
Saturday Morning Service	9:00
Rabbi Hurwitz Class in Talmud	5:45
Mincha Service	6:45
Sunday Morning Service	7:00, 8:30
Daily Services	
Mornings	6:45, 7:30
Afternoons	7:00



MISS DORA FISHMAN

Our congratulations are extended to Mr. & Mrs. Meyer Fishman of 115 Central Park West upon the coming marriage of their daughter Dora to Dr. Seymour Felder. Miss Fishman graduated from Syracuse University in 1937. Dr. Felder graduated from New York University in 1934 and from Long Island College of Medicine, 1938.

SEAT RESERVATIONS

We urge our members and friends to make their reservations for seats immediately in order to assure themselves of desirable locations.

We CAN BEST SERVE YOU, IF YOU ACT PROMPTLY.

CHILDREN'S RALLY

On Sunday morning, September 11th, at 10 A. M., the children of school age in our neighborhood, will meet as guests of the West Side Institutional Synagogue at the Beacon Theatre, Broadway, at 75th Street, where movies will be shown—refreshments served—FREE.

We urge all children to come and bring their friends.

OUR SYNAGOGUE

Those of our members who have been away from the city have a treat in store for them when they will observe the many improvements achieved in the building during their absence.

The installation of the new stained glass windows has enhanced the beauty of the auditorium.

Each of the four windows on the pulpit has in center a symbol of biblical significance.

The most easterly window has a figure of Noah's Ark.

The window next to it has the arc of the Covenant, in which was carried the ten commandments during Israel's travel through the wilderness.

On the westerly side of the Ark, the window nearest the Ark, has a figure of the Burning Bush.

The next window to it has a reproduction of the stone gushing with water.

The central window in the front of the building has in its center the Shield of David in a field of fleecy clouds.

The sand-blasting of the outside of the building enhances the entire appearance of the structure and adds much in dignity.

The new pulpit seats for women installed to the right and to the left of the pulpit has added 100 seats to our capacity and enables us to accommodate so many more who desire to attend our services.

You will be genuinely delighted when you view our synagogue upon your next visit.

HEBREW KINDERGARDEN

Through the inspiration of Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, The West Side Institutional Synagogue plans to institute during the fall term a Kindergarten in which the medium of instruction will be Hebrew.

It is expected that this group will form the nucleus of a future parochial school.

We urge parents of children of Kindergarten age to confer with Rabbi Lifschitz concerning registration.



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OUR ONLY REPLY

The most encouraging piece of news flashed to us from Palestine during the last few days concerns itself with the founding of a new Jewish settlement. This is not the first outpost of Jewish settlement attempted since the Arab Terror and cer-

tainly not the last. The redemption of the soil and the upbuilding of Palestine continue ceaselessly despite the odds

Arab terrorists may continue their devilish work, England may continue her policy of muddling through; half the Jews of Italy may be driven into exile by Il Duce, despite the fact that they have become citizens and given up their best to the land of their adoption; the enemies of Israel and Zion may attempt to alter the course of Jewish destiny, nevertheless, the heroic builders of the Jewish Homeland continue their labors under the most severe conditions, night and day.

Palestine today is writing one of the most colorful chapters in the history of Jewish martyrdom. What is being achieved today in Palestine will be remembered thru all ages. That which is most gratifying and which should therefore fill the heart of every Jew with pride and hope is the fact that our Jewish people are answering the Arab terrorists not with acts of revenge, but with a determined will to reclaim and develop the land. Eretz Yisroel thus becomes not only a symbol for Jews throughout the world, but as well, becomes the answer of the Jewish people to its detractors. To those who would condemn the Jew with being a non-productive people, we answer silently with deeds. To those who accuse the Jew of not possessing fortitude and endurance, the new Yishub demonstrates that Israel is like the Rock of Gibraltar in its determination.

And essentially this, - in a time when death and destruction have cast their shadows over the face of the earth and when the war scare on the international horizon of moral and social chaos daily becomes more momentous, Jews are demonstrating that not with arms, nor with brute force, but with the spirit of humility, of faith, of hope and trust in the eternal justice of the Everlasting God of Israel.

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AFTER THE SUMMER.....WHAT

By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Soon we shall have autumn with its brisk mornings, its tonic air and clear days. A new spirit will be prevalent everywhere. The children are back at school. All have returned from their various vacations. The body and mind are full of accumulated new strength. This fresh energy should be converted into new plans and better ambitions.

Life to all of us must be a series of renewed beginnings. During the coming days as we approach Rosh Hashannah, every-one should take on some new aspect of interest. Let us develop a new interest in some department of our synagogue work. Let us above all make a plan for ourselves for our daily tasks, wherein we shall leave room for prayer, for reading of sacred and secular literature, for personal service in the House of God, for exercise, physical and spiritual. None of us have done enough. The best is always ahead of us. No matter what success we have had in the past, there is a achievement yet before us. "Yesterday is a granary which holds seed for to-day's sowing. A great harvest is still to be reaped. Hope and work combined with some spiritual avocation, make life interesting, satisfying and successful.

Now that vacation time is over, let us try to carry its refreshing and bracing spirit with us. Let us budget our twenty-four hour daily existence, so that we can leave some time for relaxation in reading thru a change of mental flora a wider and deeper intense interest in the House of God. The Psalmist said, "Let us go to the House of God with **רִנָּה**" which means, "in thunder, rain or snow." A great scholar, who had reaped many honors, remarked in the closing years of his life, that it was not genius nor an exalted throne that brought great happiness,

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"WE JEWS AND SCIENCE"

By GABRIEL F. GOLDSTEIN, M. A.,
Chemistry, Columbia University

(This is the first and introductory article in a series on Scientific news of Jewish Interest)

In recent years many attempts have been made to square science and religion. The success with which these efforts were met varied with the particular audience or readers. The task is however somewhat paradoxical. Every scientist will frankly admit that there are no infallible truths in science. Every religious person will gladly exclaim that our faith is based on a set of unaltering and unfaltering truths. Attempts to prove religion by science may therefore be compared to using a rubber band as a ruler of a fixed distance. Science as a rubber band is too variable to be used as an acceptable permanent standard for living one's life.

A comparison of religion and science is however not completely unjustified. It is frequently intellectually comforting to progressive minds when they are shown that science even in its present stages can be proven to coincide or agree with either some religious rules or Biblical facts. Such discussions however neither prove the truth of religion nor the necessity of science; both of which are however here accepted as undebatable matters.

The place of the Jew in Science and the benefits the Jews have derived from science are subjects about which much less is known and written.

To-day religious people are dependent on science in a material and tangible way. The five day work week has always been a technological problem, the solution of which will probably not only give each religious group its particular religious day of rest, but will probably allow for a day of relaxation and physical enjoyment as well. The Kosher food problem is constantly assuming a more technical nature. Much of the progress in Palestine and many of the political struggles are due to the exploitation of the natural resources (along the Dead Sea in particular) with the aid of science.

The Jew has also been active in many scientific and related fields from mathematics and physics to the public health service in the United States Government.

It will be the object of these articles to present a few pertinent facts in this connection.



RABBI EMANUEL L. LIFSCHITZ

Assistant appointed to
Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

We are happy to announce that Rabbi Emanuel L. Lifschitz has been engaged as assistant to Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein.

Rabbi Lifschitz is a native of New York City. His first position was as spiritual leader of the West New York Jewish Community Center where he succeeded his late brother, Rabbi Meir Lifschitz in 1929. In 1936 Rabbi Lifschitz accepted a call to the Hoboken Jewish Center, a Conservative Synagogue, which through his efforts, became an Orthodox Institution. In 1937 Rabbi Lifschitz was invited to fill the pulpit of The Moses Montefiore Synagogue, the oldest orthodox congregation in Hoboken, and one of the oldest in the State of New Jersey.

Rabbi Lifschitz is a former student of Rabbi Goldstein at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (Yeshiva) where he prepared for the ministry, and in which Rabbi Goldstein is Professor of Homiletics. Rabbi Lifschitz received his B. A. Degree from the College of the City of New York and continued his graduate studies in Semitics at Columbia University. He was chairman of the Jewish National Fund Council of North Hudson, New Jersey, and organized the Hoboken Kehilah. He founded the Hudson County Jewish Arbitration Court and participated in many civic and communal affairs.

In addition to his other duties, Rabbi Lifschitz will supervise the Talmud Torah, help develop our new Hebrew Kindergarten, as well as the social activities of the synagogue.

SO THEY SAY

The Palestine Symphony Orchestra will make its American Debut at the Worlds Fair in 1939.

In his memoirs, Paderewski denies that he had anything to do with the Polish pogroms of 1919-20, when he was premier.

One of the big conventions scheduled for New York in 1939 is the World Congress against Racism and Anti-Semitism.

We wonder whether the big league baseball magnates know that they've scheduled the opening day of the World Series for Yom Kippur. What goyim!

Nazis seek control of thirty million dollar firm as price for releasing Baron Louis Rothschild.

Newsreel audiences are now hissing and booing Il Duce as loudly as they do Hitler.

An anthology of original essays on the subject of exile is being edited by Berthold Fles, with contributions by such famous exiles as Leon Feuchtwanger, Arnold Zweig, Heinrich Mann and Rudolph Olden. It will be called "The German Exile Speaks."

Fascists fire Margarita Sarfati, Mussolini's Jewish bookkeeper.

Elizabeth Bergen, Former German screen star is now a British citizen

Roosevelt asks admission of 1000 Jewish Refugees to Philippine Islands.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sincere condolences to the family of the late Mrs. Rose Freezer and hope that the Almighty will spare them from all unhappiness.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Judging from the many inquiries we are receiving from many members of the Women's League, everyone seems impatient for the resumption of activities. The officers, under the leadership of Mrs. J. Anderson, are perfecting their plans for a very busy season. The most important event, the Ten-Dollar Give-or-Get Luncheon, scheduled to take place on November 22nd, 1938, at the Starlight Roof of the Waldorf-Astoria, is in charge of Mrs. David H. Ullman, and promises to be a huge success.

Regular meetings of the organization will begin soon.

GETTING PERSONAL

By ME, HIM & I

We are very happy in the anticipation of welcoming you back to New York and of course to the Synagogue. . . . You will see many improvements. . . . Many happy events have occurred during the summer. . .

We extend our sincere congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Sedwitz on the marriage of their son Sidney to Charlotte Mae Friedman . . . to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rosen and family on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Mitchell, celebrated in our synagogue on Saturday, August 13 . . . to Mrs. Annie Mirken upon the engagement of her son Lawrence (member of the Board of Directors) to Miss Marjorie Kline, . . . to Sidney Silberman, son of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Seppy I. Silberman, upon receiving a New York State scholarship, . . . to Mrs. Regina Margareten upon the engagement of her grandson, Joseph Wohl . . . To Mr. & Mrs. Jack Levine upon their son Joshua passing the Bar examination . . . to Danny Weiss, our scout master, upon his birthday. . . . We were very happy to see Mrs. J. Eisenberg in our synagogue during her flying visit from Ashville, North Carolina, to Saratoga Like, all of us, she expressed great enthusiasm upon visiting our synagogue We got the best of California in having Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Michael decide to remain in New York instead of moving to the coast. . . . The Davis girls, sisters of our director, Abraham M. Davis, are visiting California. That's some compensation for California. . . Mr. Max E. Sanders, our tireless second vice-president, took a postman's holiday by making an address on behalf of the West Side Institutional Synagogue while visiting the camp where his daughter was staying. Good for you, Max, you never forget us. . . . Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. G. Richard Rubenstein upon the marriage of their daughter Natalie to Mr. Milton Weil. The couple met for the first time in our building. . . . The highest score for attendance during Saturdays in the summer goes to our own Harold Kaplan. . . A close runner-up is our first vice-president, "Pop" Wartels . . . Our new acquisition, Rabbi Emanuel L. Lifschitz is a fine fellow. We hope he will like it here, we are nice, too,

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but rather the half hour in the morning in prayer, gainful work for eight hours a day, a chat with a real friend, a quiet hour over a good book, and a sincere interest in the welfare of the community.

Let me sum this all up, my friends, by saying that we will find happiness and success in our lives for the coming year if we will so arrange our daily tasks, so as to be free men

and women with time enough for G-d, for men, and ourselves.

IMPORTANT CLUB NOTICE

We would like the officers of all the clubs that have met in our building to get in touch with the office promptly upon their return to the city, so that a proper program for the coming season may be prepared.

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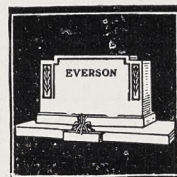
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