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MEN'S CLUB DANCE

Mr. George L. Livingston, president of the Men's Club, announces that the season will open on Sunday, November 20th, when a Supper-Dance is to be held at the Synagogue, beginning at 8:30 P. M.

Reservations, at \$1 per person, are now available. Mr. Eli Jacoby, Vice-President, is chairman of the committee in charge.

MRS. EPSTEIN TO SPEAK

Mrs. Moses P. Epstein, national president of Hadassah, will be the guest speaker Monday night at Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class. Her significant and timely topic will be the current situation in Palestine, on which she is very well informed.

Other interesting meetings planned are those of the Reus Club Sunday night, and of the Governing Board on Thursday night.

LEATHER HANDICRAFT

We have started a group in leather handicraft for children between eleven and fourteen. These children make simple and useful objects. Some of the more popular things the children enjoy making are pencil cases, comb cases, wallets and change purses with a Hebraic design. If your child is interested have him speak to Mr. Strully. Classes are from 3:30 to 4:30.

The above activities represent part of our extra-curricular program for children attending the various Talmud Torah schedules.

SOCIAL CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday	
Girl Scouts - first meeting -	3:30-5 P.M.
Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class—	8:30 P.M.
Tuesday	
Second Girl Scouts Troop—	3:30-5 P.M.
Boy Scouts and Sea Scouts—	7:45 P.M.
Junior Council—	8:30 P.M.
Wednesday	
Class in Public Speaking for Ladies	10:30 A.M.
Jewish Youth League—	8:30 P.M.
Thursday	
Cub Scouts —	7:45 P.M.

HEADS CONCERT COMMITTEE



Mr. Joseph Settel

With only a few short weeks remaining before the West Side Institutional Synagogue takes over the glamorous Metropolitan Opera House for its concert on Sunday night, December 4th, Mr. Joseph Settel, chairman of the committee in charge, announces that the affair will be one of the most brilliant in the history of the Synagogue.

Tickets are available at \$1 to \$6, to allow those of every means to enjoy the sparkling performance promised for that night. Stars who twinkle very brightly in the operatic heavens will be on hand to help make the function an artistic success. It is now up to us to make it a success from every other point of view.

Mr. Settel, who was chairman of last year's Theatre Party, still a topic of conversation around the Shul, is being assisted by the Hon. William B. Herlands, vice chairman, and the following aggressive committee:

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SYNAGOGUE MEMBERSHIP

Now that the High Holiday season has passed and our many friends have had the opportunity to pray with us and to be inspired by the loftiness of mood and spirit that prevails at our services, we take this opportunity to invite them to join the ranks of our growing membership and to share in the religious, educational and social fellowship of our Congregation.

There is no better time than the present.

CONGRATULATIONS

The Congregation extends to Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Rich of 328 West 86th Street, sincere congratulations on the occasion of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Martin, which will be celebrated at our Synagogue this Saturday.

SEA SCOUT UNIT FORMED

A Sea Scout Unit for those boys who are over the age of fifteen years was formed last Thursday evening under the leadership of Daniel Weiss who will serve in the capacity of temporary Skipper.

This unit will meet at the same time as the regular Boy Scout Troop but will hold its own activities. This brings the number of Boy Scout Units which are connected with the Synagogue to three.

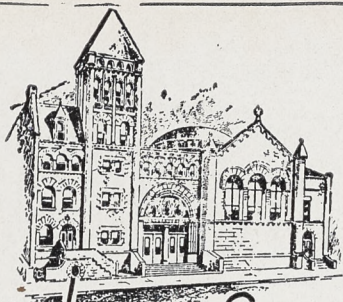
A Cub Pack for boys between 9 and 12 years of age meets every Thursday evening at 7:30 under the leadership of Cubmaster Richard Spier. The Scout Troop meets every Tuesday evening at 7:45 beginning October 18th and boys between the ages of 12 and fifteen may join.

Light Candles Friday Evening 4:54

Weekly Portion — BERESHITH

Friday Evening Service	5:00
Saturday Morning Service	9:00
Rabbi Hurwitz Class in Talmud	4:00
Mincha Service	5:00
DAILY SERVICES	
Sunday Morning Service	7, 8:30
Mornings	6:45, 7:30, 8:00
Mincha	5:00

Followed by the study of the Mishna



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FATE BEWAILERS

It is truly remarkable to note, as we come in daily contact with our co-religionists, how frequently they think out loud as to what is going to become of us. How dire their prophecies are and how overwrought their nerves seem to be. Bewailing one's fate has become the principle preoccupation of most of us.

Yet serious as times are, our folks entirely overlook a very important element and that is the one typified by the old adage that "G-d helps those who help themselves."

What are these fate bewailers doing besides talking? How many of them are affiliated with Jewish organizations, Jewish movements for self-preservation, and with Synagogues? How many of them give of their time and means to help preserve the race and the faith?

After all, talk is cheap and never gets one anywheres. We, therefore, urge our friends who talk so much to do less talking and more doing: to join up with the great number of hard-working and effective groups whose efforts are strained to the utmost for the relief of our racial miseries and for the survival of the race itself.

HAVING OUR SAY

London is reported as giving serious consideration to a plan for the settlement of the terrifying situation in Palestine. Recollection of the recent "settling" of the Czech situation, brings fears to all of us. Rumor has it that, to satisfy the blood-thirsty Arabs, the British expect to call a halt to Jewish immigration. As with Czechoslovakia, London may cast international morality and treaty obligations to the winds.

It is therefore, heartening to see the Jews of America, guardian angels of Zionist rebuilding, aroused so much. Heeding thousands of telegrams and letters, Secretary of State Cordell Hull has promised the Jewish people that the United States will see to it that the rights of America are protected in Palestine. Today that is far from an empty gesture.

It is, therefore, heartening to see may safely lie, for according to an agreement signed in 1924, no modifications can be made in the terms of the Palestine mandate without the consent of the United States. This country, built by the oppressed from all lands, showed only recently that it still considers itself the protector of the downtrodden, when President Roosevelt called the Evian Conference.

Secretary Hull has promised to talk to the British. His words must let London know that America will not stand for another betrayal, this time in the Holy Land. We must keep watch that promises are kept.

News - Highlights

German Jewish refugees open a weekend theatre at the Heckscher Theatre, 104th St. and Fifth Ave., under the direction of Irwin Feit, German Jewish actor and playwright. They opened last Saturday night with a review entitled "To Laugh and Cry and Learn". The actors are men and women of stage reputation who were obliged to leave Nazi Germany. Profits are to be devoted to the aid of refugees.

Bucharest theatre audience boos Hitler and English Premier during the showing of a film of the Munich Conference, in which Czechoslovakia was sacrificed. ----

As a result of recent happenings in Central Europe, the outlook for Hungarian Jews is becoming darker each day. Jewish professional and industrial leaders are beginning to learn various trades and handicrafts in anticipation of ultimate economic ruination and emigration to other lands. ----

"AS
R'CHASH
SEES
IT"



By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN
WHAT'S AILING THE WORLD?

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If I were asked "What's ailing the world," I would answer, "the lack of moral courage." From the world's leaders down to our very selves, we are morally flabby and indifferent Chamberlain, as characterized by a member of Parliament, became "Hitler's postman," instead of the mighty man of valor pounding upon the conference-table threatening to reject the brazen demands of a dictator. A man of the so-called upper strata of society, commenting upon a recent trial for corruption, declared that he would not find the politician guilty, because graft is rampant everywhere. A man of undaunted honesty would say "we must root out the evil from our midst" at least for our day.

Moral cowardice is on the increase. Men and women have become well-wishers instead of well-doers. We should like to see religion thrive, and good enterprises succeed provided others will make the sacrifice. We would like to join a Bible class, or attend Synagogue, but what will our friends think of us. Someone said to me, "How can I ever do such things as these? Can my friends think of me as praising God, as setting aside some time for Bible study? It's grand, yet it's wonderful, Rabbi, but not for me. I simply can't." Such a person, alas, will never be able to participate in these grand things, unless God and not friends will dominate his (or her) life.

Do not allow the thought of friends to pull you down. Raise them to the high level to which you and they should aspire.

We lack moral courage. Who want to be called the rabbi or rebetzin of their home, or of their environment? We take on the color of, instead of giving color to, those about us. May God pity us, if wrestling with ourselves, we see the outer things only, and thus neglect the soul He has given us.

"JEWS AND SCIENCE"

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

AGRICULTURE

The World's Fair is indirectly copying an ancient Palestinian agricultural practice. Last week's newspapers reported objections on the part of Westchester inhabitants to the removal of their best top soil for the improvement of the World's Fair lawns. In Palestine soil was frequently carried from the valley to the mountains, where farm beds were then arranged within the borders of stone walls and on top of rocky mountains.

The place of agriculture in Palestinian Jewish life is particularly noticeable in the prayers and scripture readings. On Shemini Azereth the Jews pray for rain in Palestine. The prayer for rain at this time is significant because the rain falls almost solely in the winter months. Summer rain in the Holy Land just as in certain regions of California is an extreme rarity. The rainy season is divided into three parts, giving three types of rain each of which has its particular function. "roreh" the early or "autumn" rain is necessary to soften the ground after tropically and torridly hot and dry summers, in order to facilitate plowing. During the winter heavy rains were needed to fill the wells and springs that were found throughout Palestine. In the spring "Malkosh" or the "Latter Rains" helped the grain and other growing plants. The hardships that would result from the absence of these rains is rather self evident. After Passover plants depended on dew for their moisture.

The nightly formation of dew occurs particularly in regions where there are wide daily temperature changes, and where there is an abundant supply of vegetation. The amount of moisture in air at any time is directly proportional to the temperature of the air at that time. The Palestinian atmosphere contains considerable vapor. After the sun sets and during the course of the night the temperature of the ground and the area just above it drops considerably. The fall in temperature causes the vapor content of the air to decrease. The water lost by the air condenses on surrounding surfaces. These drops of water which are usually found on plants are known as dew.

BOOK-REVIEW

Children of the Emek
by Libbie L. Braverman
Furrow Press, N. Y.

"David"

No answer.

"Oh, David!"

Still no answer.

"David! Will you wake up?"

A grunt - and that's all.

With this we are introduced to the twins, Tamar and David Ben Ami, two nine year old American children, who have come with their parents to Palestine to live.

In a most charming manner, we accompany the twins on a trip to Haifa on a truck, we go wading with them in the Mediterranean, take trips to Jerusalem, the Dead Sea, Tel Aviv.

Among a host of Jewish children's books, "Children of the Emek" is the most fascinating one about Palestine. To experience with Tamar and David a Shabbat in Tel Aviv, to hear the bugle call with them on Erev Shabbat, and to learn with them that this is the signal for everyone to stop work and get ready for Shabbat; to dance the horah, the famous Palestine folk dance, with the children in the streets of Tel Aviv (there is no danger of traffic, because there is none on Shabbat); to visit Tel Aviv on Purim and see the pageant and carnival; to spend Passover with the Samaritans; to spend Hag ha-Bikurim (Feast of First Fruits) in Haifa, and bring, with the twins, the colony's first fruit offerings to Mr. Ussishkin, makes us feel very close to Palestine and the twins.

The illustrations are excellent, having been drawn by Temima Mintzowitz, the well known American artist of Palestine subjects.

As a whole, we suggest that you get your child of 8 or 9 this simple and most interesting book, and give him or her an insight into a beautiful Palestine.

Deborah Lifschitz

HARMONICA

A harmonica club is now being formed and it will meet every Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

The main reason for forming this group, is to give the children the sense of rhythm and grace acquired through music. In the very near future we do hope that the class will be good enough to stage some sort of an entertainment. The group is conducted by Mr. Hyman Freeman. All children are welcome whose ages range from nine to sixteen.

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Folks, take a good look at the pulchritudinous spouse of the big linen and towel magnate, Dave Ullman, our director. She certainly is stunning and has caused a lot of arguments around here when some husbands have been reckless enough to say to their wives, "Why can't you be as attractive as Claire?"

Our Claire was president of the Women's League for three years and is Chairman of the committee running the luncheon at the Starlight Roof of the Waldorf Astoria on Tuesday, November 22.

Our Claire has two charming daughters, Sheila, age 4, and Lois Jane, age 1.

Our Claire was graduated with honors from the Hebrew Technical School, and received many medals. She later was an important insurance man. Dave certainly ought to feel complimented to have a wife like our Claire.

GETTING PERSONAL

By Me, Him & I

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Instead of presiding over our Board meeting, our president presided last week over the boardwalk at Atlantic City. He was farsighted. We were happy to see Mrs. Isaac Goldman at Shul last Saturday. We missed Mrs. George L. Livingston the second day Yomtov. Her husband indignantly demands an explanation. ... Sam K. Beier was honored with Maftir, which he sang with a Harvard (Galitz) accent. ... Rabbi Norman Salit paid us a visit Tuesday. We hope his father, Michael Salit, will recuperate fast from his illness. ... Rabbi Chertoff, Professor at the Teachers Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary, honored us on Saturday by his presence. ... We are pleased to hear that Mrs. Goldstein, the Rabbi's mother, and Mr. Jack Levine, his brother-in-law, are recovering from illness. ... Morris Jablow finally took a day off to nurse a sore throat in bed. He acquired it as a result of his oratory before the Board. ... We hear that the two Joes (Anderson and Settel) made a No-Man's land out of Broadway Friday night in a discussion (?) whether Joe Anderson could and would sell 1000 tickets for the concert. We are glad to hear that our junior Rabbi, Emanuel L. Lifschitz, is no longer indisposed. ... We wish some of our newly developed critics would not be so crabby. The quickest way to have perfection is to come in and do it yourself, if you can. ... We have just been informed by the stork that Mr. and Mrs. David L. Messing will be messing around with their new grandchild. Pop Wartels, as usual, provided flags to his pals, the youngsters, celebrating Simchas Torah. ... Our Simchas Torah quartet provided us with a handsome Kiddush on Simchas Torah morning and are planning a festive "Sholosh S-udos" on Shabbos Bereishith, October 22nd. The quartet are Messrs. Steinberg, Udell, Anderson, and Settel. After we have a few drinks there will be quintuplets. ... Our articles on the culinary art will be interrupted for a while due to the severe attacks of indigestion that have been suffered by our members because of their wives' efforts to keep up with us. As soon as we have completed our research on the origin of Blintzes and find out who made the first Blintz we shall continue to inflict the series upon our innocent readers.

So long

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On behalf of the multitude who enjoyed our Succah, we thank the following list of donors and enumerate contributions to its success:

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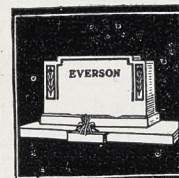
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