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FIRST MEMBERSHIP MEETING

A goal of 500 members by next Rosh Hashonah was set by President Lester Udell last Wednesday night, at the first membership meeting of the year, held in the Synagogue building. Stating that more than 300 members affiliated with the Congregation, Mr. Udell further explained that more children are now enrolled in the Talmud Torah than at last year's peak.

"An oasis in what was formerly a desert of Judaism," was the description of West Side Institutional Synagogue given by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein. Outlining the remarkable growth of the Congregation in its first year, Rabbi Goldstein explained that building a kindergarten was the next task he was setting.

"The success of the Congregation thus far has been mainly because of our lay ministers", he told the membership. "Bring souls to us and the rest will come easy."

"A light burden on many shoulders," was the pithy suggestion given by Harry Appel in his appeal for the support of the concert at the Metropolitan Opera House on Sunday evening, December 4, 1938, and it was taken up as a keynote of the evening.

Others to speak included Mrs. Dorothy Anderson President of the Women's League; Rabbi Emanuel L. Lifschitz, Daniel Weiss, Scout-master; Morris Jablow, Secretary, and George L. Livingston, President of the Men's Club and Editor. Seymour Sedwitz, President of the Council, was enthusiastically greeted by the audience.

SOCIAL CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	
Reus Society -	8:30 P.M.
Junior Council -	8:30 P.M.
Monday	
Girl Scout Troop -	3:30 - 5 P.M.
Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class—	8:30 P.M.
Tuesday	
Girl Scouts -	3:30-5 P.M.
Boy 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 Pack and Sea Scouts	7:45 P.M.

54th Wedding Anniversary



Mr. & Mrs. Gustave Roth

We congratulate Gustave and Sarah Roth on the occasion of their 54th Wedding Anniversary this week. May they continue their anniversaries till the proverbial 100.

TICKETS FOR GALA CONCERT ON SALE

Thirty-six hundred members and friends of the West Side Institutional Synagogue will enjoy the gala social event of the year on Sunday night, December 4th, when the Congregation fills the entire Metropolitan Opera House.

For this concert, the program will consist of approximately one dozen familiar arias from the world's greatest operas, sung by international stars whose names are by-words in the world of music. Solos, duets, up to chorus numbers are scheduled, many of them with the lovely costumes and scenery that enhance the beauty of music.

Joseph Settel, Chairman of the committee, began distribution of the tickets last week, and announces that the sale thus far is promising. He urged even greater action than heretofore, however, pointing out that the Synagogue has it within its power to bring forth a success that will stand as an example for future affairs. The vice-chairman of this Committee is the Hon. William B. Herlands.

Tickets are priced at \$1 to \$6, so that all may participate in this function.

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WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

All the women of the Congregation and their friends are invited to attend the first meeting of the Bible Class, to be led by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein Monday afternoon, October 31st at 2:30.

Judge Anna Moscovitz Kross, forceful and energetic representative of her sex on the bench, will discuss "The Family and Our Courts," at the first open meeting of the Women's League, Monday, November 7th, at 2:30 P. M., to be followed by a delightful social hour.

The luncheon at the Starlight Roof of the Waldorf on Tuesday afternoon, November 22nd promises to be a huge success.

BAR MITZVAH

We congratulate Mr. & Mrs. Peter Salomon whose son Henry will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah at our synagogue to-morrow.

THE JEWISH UNIVERSITY CLUB

The Jewish University Club met at the West Side Institutional Synagogue on Thursday evening, October 20, 1938.

The meeting voted to approve the application for affiliation of the Jewish University Club of Jersey City, which was organized under the supervision of Rabbi Theodore Adams.

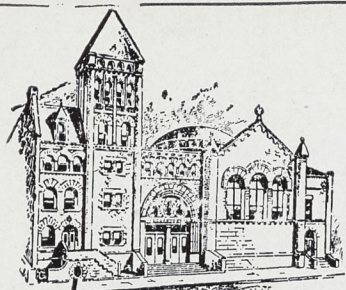
The following members of the new Executive Council of the J. U. C. were introduced by Bernard W. Levmore, President; Simeon H. F. Goldstein and Beatrice Weiss, Vice Presidents; Lucille Millstein, Treasurer; Dorothy Myers, Corresponding Secretary; Joan Friedman, Recording Secretary; Lawrence D. Brody, J. David Cowen,

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Light Candles Friday Evening 4:45

Weekly Portion — NOAH

Friday Evening Service	4:45
Saturday Morning Service	9:00
Saturday Morning Children's Service	10:00
Rabbi Hurwitz Class in Talmud	3:30
Mincha Service	4:30
DAILY SERVICES	
Sunday Morning Service	7, 8:30
Mornings	6:45, 7:30, 8:00
Mincha	4:45
Followed by the study of the Mishna	



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I TRUST YOU BUT - - .

After the controversy at Munich, when Messrs. Chamberlain and Daladier so ignobly surrendered to Hitler, an attempt was made to deceive the world into believing that it was the beginning of a basis of peace and friendship between the wolf and the lamb, who would thereafter be pals. Mr. Chamberlain, in his anxiety to whitewash his surrender and make it appear that he had accomplished something, drew up a remarkable document, intended to be a statement issued by him and Hitler, that war was banned forever and that England and Germany henceforth had full confidence in the integrity of each other.

Of course, the world did not fall for this bunk, as the common expression goes, and nobody believed that the statement meant anything. The fact remains that Germany did not trust England, did not expect to be trusted, nor did England have any confidence in Hitler's promises. How can one have confidence in such a person, when he wrote many years ago that his idea of morality justifies making promises not intended to be

kept, lying and all sorts of trickery to gain his ends.

Now we see what is really developing. Hitler makes a speech advocating continued armament, saying that he feels safe as long as Chamberlain is in power but Eden or Cooper or Churchill may come into power and, hence, Germany must be prepared for war.

Not to be outdone in this language, called "diplomatic" but more appropriately to be called "hypocritical", the English foreign minister makes a speech in which he says England has full confidence in Hitler, but must arm furiously because the peace-loving Hitler may die or go out of power and be succeeded by someone who wants war.

Do the diplomats of the world think that the universe is filled with nothing but morons? How long do they think the public will stand for this kind of double-crossing and being continuously fooled and sold out? A reading of history ought to convince our so-called big minds of Europe and quite a few in America, that the crushing down of the public for the purpose of perpetuating concentrated power in the hands of a drunk-with-power few has always resulted in a terrible upheaval, in which tremendous sacrifice of blood and wealth takes place and, as a result of which, progress receives a temporary set-back. The democracies of the world must fortify their backbones with something stronger than butter. A little concrete would do a great deal of good.

The democracies of the world must wake up to the fact that unless they stop dictatorship, they will perish.

Therefore it behooves us in this country to support the President in his plans for rearmament and particularly, it behooves us to make known to the so-called "amateur diplomats" like Mr. Kennedy that speeches in which they advocate our becoming pals with blood-thirsty dictators, are entirely out of order and do not represent the opinion of the rank and file of this country.

MEN'S CLUB SUPPER - DANCE

Sunday - Nov. 20th - 8:30

Make reservations now - \$1 -

"AS
R'CHASH
SEES
IT"



By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN
RELIGION AND WISDOM

The Jewish expression and conception of religion is found in the Bible in the words 'יראת ה' "the fear of G-d." The royal bard King David said, 'ראשית חכמה יראת ה' "The fear of the Lord is the beginning (the chief element) of wisdom. In other words to the Jew, religion and wisdom are synonymous terms. We are as wise as we are religious, and we are religious as we are wise. Plato chose the philosopher as the ideal citizen of the republic. Judaism chooses the חכם the "wise-man" as the chief-citizen of the community. The wise-man is to be sought after, looked up to, and honored. There is an old Yiddish expression which is significant, "Voo es is Torah, dort is Chachmaw." This means "where there is Torah there you will find wisdom."

Today we think that the man of religion is anything but wise. Mark you, he must stay away from business on Saturdays and holidays. The story was related to me the other day how a Christian banker said to one of the leading men of our congregation. "I envy you." "Envy me?" queried our pious Jew. Yes, I envy you the joy and spiritual thrill your religion gives you in providing you with the opportunity for real Sabbath observance and Holy Day joys. The non-observant amongst us are always thinking of what they have to give up. The religious Jew looks forward to what he is to receive, - Oneg Shabbath or Oneg Yom Tov, the Sabbath or Holiday pleasures and joys. We read in Chapter 4 of the Book of Deuteronomy, "Behold I have taught you statutes and judgments. Keep them and observe them, for this is your wisdom in the sight of the Gentiles." Israel by faithfully following the behests of the Torah, whose ordinances have proven to be health - giving, disease - banishing, life-prolonging and spiritually exalting, receives general acclaim as "a wise and understanding people."

A JEWISH PRESIDENT?

by Julius Hyman

The Daily News of October 20, in an editorial stated "But because Kennedy is a Catholic and Lehman is a Jew their names have to be left off any probable list of United States Presidents - Prejudice still rules the world." It carries a cartoon, too. Uncle Sam says to a doctor, "H---r You're intolerant." The doctor retorts, "and yet no Jew or Catholic can be Feuhrer for you"

Who is the "Leader of the United States?" Our constitution discusses the three branches of our Government, the Congress first, then the Presidency, then the Supreme Court. Theoretically the three branches are equal and co-ordinate.

Forty-five million citizens elect a Congress and President. Ninety-six Senators, Four Hundred and Thirty-five Representatives pass a law. The nine judges of the Supreme Court later decide that the law violates the basic principles of our constitution. Result? the law becomes null and void. The decision of the Court is final and supreme. The Court is the supreme Leader in matters of rights, safety and liberty of the citizens. This is the "American idea" in our Republic.

Since 1789, in 150 years, we had thirty-two presidents and only eleven Chief Justices. A President is elected for four years, a Chief Justice for life. Together Marshall and Taney served sixty-two years.

We had two Catholic Justices Taney and White, serving twenty-eight and eleven years respectively. Three Associate Justices have been Catholic, and two namely, Brandeis and Cardozo were of the Israelitish faith. Although four percent of the national population we were twenty-two percent of the all-powerful Supreme Bench. Does this show Prejudice?

Irving Lehman has served as Associate Justice of the Court of Appeals in New York State for the past ten years, his brother Herbert H. Lehman has been Lieutenant-Governor and Governor.

A Jew as President? Why not? We shall see what we shall see. Shalom!

TO OUR READERS

We are trying to place a refugee in a job. He will do any work for any wage. Have a heart.

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

by Rabbi Emanuel L. Lifschitz

Twenty-one years after General Allenby captured Palestine from the Turks, and the Balfour Declaration made, by which the Jewish people were given the right to build its national home in Palestine - 2,000 British soldiers, reinforced by 4,000 Jewish supernumerary police are encamped beside the great wall of the old city of Jerusalem in an effort to retake the city from the Arab Terrorists.

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Because of England's solemn pledge, the Jewish population has grown from 55,000 to 450,000, \$500,000,000 have been invested by world Jewry, either collectively or individually. Palestine has developed into the spiritual and cultural center of world Jewry, and latterly has been looked upon as the one Petach Tikvah, - door of hope, escape and refuge for the frustrated, broken and exiled members of our people.

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It has recently been rumored that England plans stopping Jewish immigration to Palestine in an effort to liquidate the present Arab Jewish crisis. Of old the British diplomats have been famous for their policy of muddling through in their political maneuverings. However, Jews have observed and brought to the government's attention that in many instances High Commissioners unfriendly and indifferent, if not completely opposed to Jewish interests, were appointed to help develop the Jewish National Home; the Jews have observed that the Palestine government was little concerned when acts of terror, robbery, arson and murder were committed against Jewry. Only when England sees that the Arabs have betrayed her to Hitler and Mussolini, - when she is convinced that dictator countries are supporting the Arab terrorists, - when she senses that British prestige is at stake in the Near East, only then does England sense her responsibilities to her mandate. Nevertheless the Jewish people believe and hope that England shall yet redeem herself in the eyes of the world and discover a way by which Jew and Arab will live in mutual cooperation.

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The formation in New York of an American Jewish Federation to combat Communism and Fascism is seized upon by the Italian press as a justification for further Jewish persecution. The government news or-

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HONORARY PRESIDENT OF THE WOMEN'S LEAGUE



Rose D. (Mrs. Albert H.) Cohen

George Washington was first in war, etc. Mrs. Cohen also has a lot of firsts to her credit. Her late father, Meyer Mirken, was a founder of our West Side group and one of its first directors. Her mother, Mrs. Annie "Mother" Mirken, is one of our first ladies and most active supporters. Her son, Justin, was the first to celebrate his Bar Mitzvah at our Synagogue. Her brother, Lawrence, is one of the first group of Directors of our Synagogue. Her other brothers, Harry, Milton, and Jesse, are among our foremost supporters.

The lady herself was the Women's League's second president (that's one time she missed up on first). Her other activities: head of Journal Committee, Chairman of the Rummage Sale, first lady of the Board of Directors and Chairman of the Program Committee of the Women's League.

And, her husband, Al, is one of the swellest fellows in the world, his moustache to the contrary notwithstanding.

GETTING PERSONAL

By Me, Him & I

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How pleased we were to see Mrs. Harold Kaplan back after a long absence from our Synagogue..... We congratulate Annie Morris and Lillie Levine, both of whom were born on the same day last week - only a few years back.... Mrs. Albert Joffe, daughter of our loyal friends, Mr. and Mrs. David Cohen, attended our Simchas Torah morning Service.... We were happy to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Abe Levy of Brooklyn, who prayed with us while spending the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. Philip Gertner, in our neighborhood.... Lester Udell's Maftir and Sam Siegel's Sermon were highlights of an altogether lovely Simchas Torah Service.... It's a question who looked best in high hats, Joe Anderson, Joe Settel, Harry Appel, Moe Langer, or Sam Siegel.... The annual Shmini Atzereth party at the home of our Rabbi and Rebezen this year was declared the best ever.... The atmosphere at their home radiated that warmth and congeniality of spirit which has become characteristic of all West Side Institutional Synagogue get-togethers.... The charming young hostesses - Joan Horowitz, Joan Friedman, Nannette Udell, and Helaine Cohen - not forgetting the very capable Mrs. Harry Ward - broke down will power of those trying to diet.... It felt good to see "Mother" Ward back in Synagogue again.... Those of our Congregation who failed to attend the "Seudah Shlishis" given by the Chasan Torah, Morris Steinberg and the Chasan Bereshth, Joe Anderson, last Saturday afternoon at the Synagogue, missed an extraordinarily sociable gathering.... what speeches.... what refreshments.... what gefillte fish.... and there were two doctors in the house - Dr. Zadok Kapner and Dr. Benjamin Goldstein, not being called upon to administer medicine, delivered very philosophical and scholarly talks appropriate to the occasion.... the other speakers, Messrs. Udell, Wartels, Sanders, Livingston, Kaplan, Rabbi Horowitz, Morris Jablow, and Joe Settel, each in turn, aroused great enthusiasm.... and Dorothy Anderson was concise but wonderful.... Rabbi Goldstein could hardly find words to express his happiness at the occasion.... This week we make a dignified exit so - Adieu....

First Membership Meeting
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In accordance with the Constitution, three trustees were chosen to serve for the term of three years. They are William L. Basser, Samuel W. Siegel, and David H. Ullman.

The following were elected to serve for one year on the Board of Directors: Joseph Anderson, Harry Appel, Samuel K. Beier, Siegfried Bendheim, Henry Blankfort, Abraham M. Davis, Sam Davis, C. Joshua Epstein, Meyer H. Fishman, David H. Gluck, Isaac Goldman, Dr. Benjamin Goldstein, Felix Gouled, Maurice Greenstein, Morris Jablow, Jack Levine, Morris Levine, Morris Levinson, George L. Livingston, Samuel Michael, Lawrence Mirken, Max Moskowitz, G. Richard Rubenstein, Joseph Sedwitz, Joseph Settel, Max Stavish, Morris Steinberg, and Harry Ward.

In addition to these elected at this meeting, the terms of Messrs. Moses Langer, Max E. Sanders, Isaac Settel, Samuel Silver, Lester Udell, and Aaron Wartels, have not yet expired.

NEWS

gan says, "The declaration of war by the New York league might have grave consequences for the Jews on our soil". Without inquiring as to what percentage of the millions of American Jews that the Federation represents, and one can very easily imagine the infinitesimal percentage, the Fascist government is ready to assume that all American Jewry has declared war against the handful of helpless Italian Jews. In this age of democracy and liberalism, it revolts one to observe that there are countries who resort to inquisitorial practices when confronted with adverse criticism.

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The Jewish University Club
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Nehama Courland, Nathaniel Fensterstock, Babette Kass, Mark Stern, and Irving Tuttleman. The election of Bernard W. Levmore to the National Executive Council of the Youth Division, American Jewish Congress was announced at the meeting. J. David Cowen and Simeon H. F. Goldstein have been elected to the Board of Governors of the Manhattan Council of the A. J. C.

The Women's League of the West Side Institutional Synagogue were the hostesses to the organization for the evening, with the very helpful co-operation of Mrs. Ethel Hiller, Mrs. Charles Silberman, and Mrs. Benjamin Spanbock.

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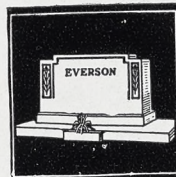
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