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MINCHA SERVICE

The young people's Mincha Service is gaining in momentum and interest as the weeks pass. For the coming Sabbath we shall have Simeon Goldstein deliver the talk, Harold Levine read the Torah and Norman Friedman, the Service.

The young men, as well as the young ladies of the congregation, are especially invited to attend these services conducted by the younger set.

LAST CALL FOR WOMEN'S LEAGUE LUNCHEON

If you have not already sent in your reservation for our gala luncheon which is to be held on the Starlight Roof of the Waldorf Astoria, Tuesday, November 22, you are advised to do so immediately. Our indefatigable chairman, Mrs. David Ullman, is arranging all kinds of surprises for this affair, which promises to be one of the outstanding events of the season.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Alumni Association of the West Side Institutional Synagogue has recently been reorganized. Membership is limited to those young men who celebrated their Bar Mitzvah in our Synagogue. At the last meeting a program of interest to every member of the group was outlined by Rabbi E. L. Lifschitz. The program includes attendance at Services, debates on timely topics, guest speakers, athletics, as well as trips to places of interest to the adolescent boy. Meetings are held on Sunday evenings at 7:30 P. M. Every eligible Bar Mitzvah boy is invited to apply for membership.

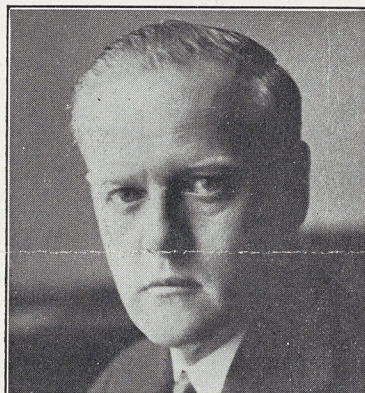
CONDOLENCES

Our sincere condolence to Mr. Arthur Goldstein upon the recent loss of his grandfather, the late Abraham Goldstein.

Our heartfelt sympathy to Miss Lillian Mitchell on the passing of her brother, Irving Isidore Mitchell.

We have just learned with great regret of the loss sustained by our friend Mrs. Anna Levy and extend our sincerest sympathy to her.

GUEST SPEAKER



Hon. Victor Ridder Will address Men's Bible Class

Rabbi Goldstein, in a recent sermon, suggested that "all racial groups in America attempt to break down the barrier of clannishness by inviting representatives of groups other than their own to speak to them in order to effect a finer understanding between American and American."

In pursuance of this policy, Hon. Victor Ridder has been invited to address the Men's Bible Class to be held on Monday evening, November 21st. Mr. Ridder is Secretary of the Staats - Herold Corporation, prominent German news organ. He is Chairman of the State Welfare Board and former director of W. P. A.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday

Alumni Association 7:30 P.M.
Young Folks League 8:30 P.M.
Junior Council 8:30 P.M.

Monday

Elementary Hebrew Reading 1:15 P.M.
Elementary Hebrew Speaking 1:15 P.M.
Women's Bible Class 2:30 P.M.
Girl Scouts 4-5:30 P.M.
Men's Bible Class 8:30 P.M.

Tuesday

Girl Scouts 4-5:30 P.M.
Boy Scouts 7:45 P.M.

Wednesday

Women's Public Speaking Class 10:30 A.M.
Young Maccabees 7:30 P.M.
Jewish Youth League 8:30 P.M.
Lecture "Philosophy of Common Sense" 8:30 P.M.

Thursday

Cub Pack and Sea Scouts 7:45 P.M.

INTER-FAITH CO-OPERATION

November 9, 1938

To the members of the Rabbinical Council of America:

The Rabbinical Council of America, together with the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, issue jointly a united call for special prayers in behalf of the victims of racial and religious oppression in Europe.

We join with the members of the Catholic and Protestant faith in the hope that by common intercession we may prevail both upon God and man not only for stricken Israel but with equal fervor in behalf of those of the Christian faith.

It would be well for us to stress the thought that unless the world accepts the universal Fatherhood of God and the common Brotherhood of Man, there must come to mankind moral anarchy and physical violence. Let us also stress the need of repentance and remember the Prophet's exhortation in the name of God, "Return unto Me and I shall return unto thee." Therefore let all of us meet in our respective Houses of Worship on Sunday November 20th so that our prayers may come wholeheartedly and unitedly before the throne of Almighty and merciful God.

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Herbert S. Goldstein, President

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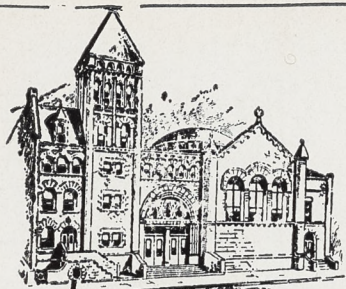
William Weiss, President

THANKS

We express appreciation to our tireless worker, Miss Bessie Abrams for the very generous spread she prepared for those attending last Monday evening's Men's Bible Class. It was in honor of the marriage of her niece, Miss Estelle Cohen to Dr. Sidney Silverstone. Mazel Tov!

BAR MITZVAH

The Congregation extends its best wishes and felicitations to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reichlin of 170 West 89 Street, on the occasion of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Herbert, this Saturday.



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BROTHERS IN THIEVERY

Every time we read about a hold-up, we invariably find the thieves following the same pattern. The gang swoop down upon a bank, herd all the men into a back room and terrify the women. They then seize upon everything that is not nailed down and are ready for their get-away. But true to gangster tradition, whether it be bank, shop, factory or even gasoline station they are holding up, they never omit to deliver with great fierceness the solemn warning that any outcry by the robbed will result in the gang's immediate return to kill the noisy one.

Just as Kipling well said that the Colonel's lady and Judy O'Grady are sisters under the skin, so is it a fact that our jazzy robbers and the Nazi mobbers are brothers under the skin.

After the smashing of Jewish property, the smashing being apparently limited to the windows, the contents being stolen, and after the herding of the male Jews into concentration camps and the terrorizing of the rest of the Jewish population,

the Satanic voice of Nazidom brazenly warns the world that any outcry will provoke immediate Nazi retaliation.

Well, cry out we must, and cry out we will regardless of the consequences. We have survived the Pharaohs. We have survived Torquemada. We shall survive Hitler.

But we do not cry out alone. This time our cries, strong as they are, are being drowned out by the cry of horror which has spontaneously burst forth from the civilized world. Now the veil has been lifted from many unseeing eyes. Now the would-be apologists for Nazidom in England, France and the rest of the world are beginning to see what bestiality really lurks behind Nazism.

One fact, however, we must now acknowledge. We cannot survive as a race of pacifists. As the worm does turn, so must we turn. From now on we must revert to our ancient reputation as fighters. All the pacifist nonsense and clap-trap that we have permitted to be instilled into our youth must be eliminated. They must be taught that there is continuously hanging over their heads a sword of destruction and unless they are ready to fight back they shall be destroyed.

The culmination of the attacks upon us must bring forth only one response, and that is, we must either survive fighting or perish fighting. We shall not permit ourselves to perish as helpless sheep.

"COMMON SENSE" ON WEDNESDAY

In our endeavors to enlarge the scope of the synagogue's adult educational program, we have invited Dr. Abraham Goldblatt to deliver a lecture on Wednesday evening, November 23, at 8:30 o'clock. Dr. Goldblatt is an eminent author and scholar. The subject of his lecture will be "The Philosophy of Common Sense." Admission is free to the general public.

IN FAIRNESS

We are glad to be able to refute a malicious rumor spread by those who have nothing better to do, to the effect that the policy of the Schrafft stores is to discourage the patronage of Jews. A report of the Commission on Economic Problems of the American Jewish Congress submitted on November 4th, brands the rumor as utterly false and without foundation.

"AS
R'CHASH
SEES
IT"



By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

THE MOST IMPORTANT WORD

What do you regard as the most important word? Recently the faculty of Princeton University chose, Loyalty as the most important word of our language.

Loyalty and orthodox Judaism are synonymous terms in the realm of faith. Loyalty arises out of the voluntary acceptance of our Jewish birth, and then becomes a moral and an ethical duty.

The late Professor Royce of Harvard University, in his thought-compelling book, "The Philosophy of Loyalty," gives a famous incident of history illustrating the expression of highest loyalty on the part of the speaker of the House of Commons, as a member of that House.

King Charles the First wanted five men of the House of Commons arrested. The House had complete jurisdiction over its own members. The speaker put the King's request before the House, and it was denied. Then King Charles came himself, and demanded that the five men, whom he mentioned by name, be arrested. Again the speaker put the request before the House, and again the House refused. Thereupon the speaker fell upon his knees and cried out, "Your Majesty, I have neither eyes to see these men nor tongue to proclaim the order, save as this House directs. So, too, once we accept the accident of our Jewish birth, we have neither eyes to see nor tongue to speak save as the God-given faith of the House of Israel directs.

There are some who would use loyalty in the wrong sense. They would be loyal to a political gang or to sordid friendships. I say in the words of Tennyson, "Be loyal to the royal in you."

I summon you to your ethical and moral duty of Loyalty. Let the still, small voice of Jewish conscience speak; do not deaden it by excuse after excuse. God knows how genuine these excuses really are, as over against our duty of Loyalty to Him and His faith.

THE MORTAL STORM

by Phyllis Bottome

To conceive of 2 families, one pure German, and one Jewish, who were very friendly before the Hitler regime, and who became separated because of the strong Nazi feeling of one against the Jewishness of the other is sad enough. But to find a rift in a family that had lived peacefully and happily before the rise of Hitler is indeed a tragedy.

The story of a German widow who marries a world-renowned scientist of Jewish descent, who raised her two sons of the German father with her son and daughter of the Jewish father, is told in a manner which holds one spellbound. We are brought into the welcome household of the Roth family, warm, until the two sons of the German father turn Nazi and the daughter of the Jewish father falls in love with a Communist peasant.

The problem of the Jew who has no religious belief is clearly defined when his young son of 13 asks what is a Jew—and he answers, not in the spirit of our fathers, but in the spirit of the nationalist.

"My boy, to be a Jew is to belong to an old harmless race that has lived in every country in the world; and that has enriched every country it has lived in.

"It is to be strong with a strength that has outlived persecutions. It is to be wise against ignorance, honest against piracy, harmless against evil, industrious against idleness, kind against cruelty. It is to belong to a race that has given Europe its religion, its moral law; and much of the science—perhaps even more of its genius in art, literature and music.

"This is to be a Jew, and you know now what is required of you! You have no country but the world, and you inherit nothing but wisdom and brotherhood."

The problem of the Jew is common knowledge. However, when brought home to us Miss Bottome's most intriguing and intimate manner, we feel that it is part of our own being, part of our very selves.

Deborah Lifschitz

SUPPER - DANCE POSTPONED

In view of the present conditions, particularly since November 20 has been set aside by Christians and Jews as a day of prayer for all persecuted peoples, it was decided that it was improper to hold a festive event on that day.

NEWS COMMENTS

by Rabbi Emanuel L. Lifschitz

In commenting upon the recent Nazi outrages on the already beaten and helpless German Jewry the **Daily Telegraph** of London, considered the official spokesman of the British Foreign office says:

"Germany has delivered herself over to an orgy of savagery which will send a thrill of horror throughout the civilized world. The pogroms bear every mark of careful organization and official sanction. The Nazi revenge is one of the most terrible things of the present century."

The **London Times** editorially says: "No foreign propagandist, bent upon blackening Germany before the world, could outdo the tale of burnings and beatings, of blackguardly assaults upon defenseless, innocent people, which disgraced that country. Millions of Germans must detest the dishonor done to their name and the responsibility they have been made to share."

The degree of suffering to which our generation has been exposed has no equal in all the darkest of the dark ages of Jewish suffering. Nevertheless it is a source of renewed hope to hear in America and England distinguished individuals raise their voices in protest against the bloody hooliganism inflicted upon our people by the dark, bestial, and reactionary forces of our day.

If we are to protest, and protest we must, if we desire to prick the conscience of mankind into a positive program of action, then let us not arrange protest meetings independently. We should rather join our protests with those of Catholics, Protestants and liberals.

Some may believe that the fate of the Jew hangs in the balance. Nevertheless, those of us who still retain our faith shall outlive and ultimately overcome the present onslaught. It has happened before. However, it is democracy which hangs in the balance and which is being put to the acid test.

Will democracy survive? The answer depends upon whether the democratic forces will continue their equivocal, uncertain and week-kneed stand. Or, whether they will make a concerted, dynamic and courageous stand to "exterminate the evil from the earth."

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Langer

Our beloved treasurer of the Women's League was graduated from Public School 188 and Washington Irving High School. She recently celebrated the seventeenth anniversary of her marriage to "L'chaim" Moses. Mrs. Langer is the mother of three lovely children, Morty, Renee and Leisha.

"Money for charity" seems to be the battle cry of the Langer family with Mrs. Langer the treasurer of our Women's League, Mr. Langer the treasurer of the Men's Club, Renee Langer the treasurer of the Girl Scouts, and Morty the treasurer of the Alumni Ass'n. If those four organizations only had a treasury everything would be perfect.

Anna Langer is an active worker for the Rabbi Jacob Joseph School and the Noshim Rachmonieth Society of America.

GETTING PERSONAL

By Me, Him & I

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We felt complimented when the Rabbi quoted an item from our last week's column. Such popularity... What happened to all the Simchas we had last year, when every Monday night saw the celebration of another happy event and refreshments were provided? Don't be bashful. If you have something to celebrate, let us know; if not, let's celebrate anyway.... We are glad to hear that Mrs. Louis H. Markowitz is fully recovered from her present illness.... Welcome to Eli Frank, former Vice-president of the Long Beach Congregation. May he become a regular worshipper.... Also greetings to Max Stavish and Julius H. Silverstein who were with us on Saturday.... With the night of the Metropolitan Concert drawing near, you young men and women had better hurry up and get dates. If you don't, you'll be sorry. Operatic music sounds better to couples.... A visitor from Budapest remarked that our Synagogue "has so many young women and is so home-like".... Our Hungarian visitor must have a houseful of daughters.... Excellent reasons for boycotting German goods were given us by our Sabbath Mincha speaker, Bernard W. Levmore.... During our Cantor's absence Buddy Friedman vocalized for him.... We missed Rabbi Lifschitz last Saturday morning. He says that he also missed us, but could not turn down the invitation of two of his former congregants, whose sons were being Bar Mitzvah at the Hoboken Jewish Center that day.... Lester Udell, our president, is getting ready to inject a dose of pep into this column. Come on, Lester, you're welcome. The sooner the better, as Isaac Sattel thinks it can be improved. Will some kind soul please tell us why the women are so shy about having their pictures and biographies appear in the REVIEW?.... The voters were good to our family. Senator Jacob H. Livingston, our Editor's brother, was elected a City Court Justice; Assemblyman Ira H. Holley, Max Sander's brother-in-law, was re-elected and so was Congressman Sol Bloom, brother of our worshipper, Miss Hattie Bloom. Congratulations to all.... We are happy to welcome into our midst the Emanuel Klein family, formerly of Arverne... Mrs. Herbert A. Gossett was Chairman of the very successful affair given by the Junior Community of the

Council of Jewish Women at the Waldorf recently, and now she is actively co-operating with our own Women's League. One more capable young woman added to our band of enthusiastic co-workers... So long...

P.S. The swing-and-miss foursome, Rabbi Goldstein, Lester Udell, Man-nie Fine and George Livingston fought thru nine holes at Fresh Meadow last Sunday... After wrecking the fairways, the total score, translated into dollars would be enough to pay off the Shule's mortgage.

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Rabbi Hurwitz Class in Talmud	3:00
Mincha Service	4:20
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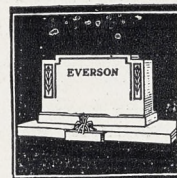
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