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WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

The open meeting of our Women's League will be held in the Synagogue building on December 5th, at 2:30 o'clock.

Dr. J. Lester Razey, well-known author, publisher and lecturer, will talk on "Social Trends in the Theatre", following Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class. The hostesses at the Social Hour will be Mrs. Meyer Mirken, Mrs. Max Sanders, Mrs. Nat Trotzky and Mrs. Joseph Sedwitz. All the women of the Congregation are invited to be present.

Substantial contributions were made recently from the Happy Day Fund of our Women's League to the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies and the Joint Distribution Committee.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE LUNCHEON

The luncheon on the 22nd at the Waldorf-Astoria was an outstanding success. The Starlight Roof, where it was held, was no more scintillating than were the ladies fortunate enough to be present. Everyone was receptive to the pleasure and color of the gathering and the panorama was altogether lovely.

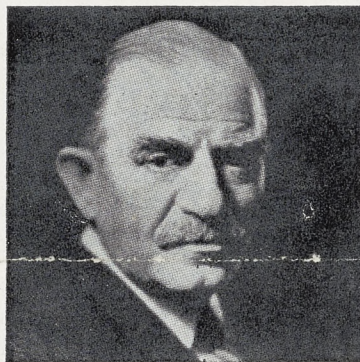
Rabbi Lifschitz ushered in the afternoon with a prayer. After the strains of Hatikva faded, the next hour was devoted to the gastronomical joys supplied by the Carlton Caterers, who surpassed themselves, especially with those delicious meat dumplings, knishes to you. The address of our President, Mrs. Joseph Anderson, gave us the urge to be one of the family that warm their lives at the fireside of the Synagogue. She has that way with her.

Rabbi Goldstein furthered her theme by explaining the reason for the necessity of making the Synagogue the nucleus of our surroundings. Mrs. Claire Ullman, capable Chairman of the Luncheon Committee, delivered a charming address of welcome.

LECTURE

Dr. David Goldblatt will deliver his second lecture on Wednesday evening, December 7th, at 8:30 o'clock. His subject will be "Solving the Unemployment Problem."

GUEST SPEAKER



DR. NATHAN RATNOFF

On Monday evening, following the Bible Class, Dr. Nathan Ratnoff, Medical Director of Beth Israel Hospital will be the speaker. Dr. Ratnoff has had a distinguished Medical Career climaxed by equally distinguished services in behalf of Zionism. He is President of the American Jewish Physicians Committee of Friends of the Hebrew University. A frequent visitor to Palestine and one of the outstanding leaders there, he is to be honored in having named after him a building now being erected at the Medical Center of the Hebrew University, of whose Board of Directors he is a member. Dr. Ratnoff is a very earnest and interesting talker, celebrated for his keen wit.

OUR J. D. C. APPEAL

The response to our appeal for contributions to the Joint Distribution Committee has been very heartening. Up to last Sunday, when this paper went to press, the amount collected and turned over to J. D. C. was \$2019, although much more is expected on unpaid pledges.

We are pleased to announce the following additional contributors: Charles H. Bendheim, Joseph Buchsbaum, Samuel K. Beier, L. Chernoff, Robert Cohn, Mrs. Annie Dworkin, Marcus Diamond & Sons, Myron Friedlander, J. Flint, Albert M. Gilbert, Mrs. L. Goldstein, Herman Greenberg, House of Gross, Solomon Gershman, George A. Gold, Herbert L. Johnson, Junior Council of W. S. I. S.,

LAST CALL FOR CONCERT

Mr. Joseph Settel, Chairman of the Concert Committee is happy to announce that tickets for the Metropolitan Opera Concert next Sunday night, December 4th, have been well distributed.

Last minute reservations are now being made and if you don't hurry, you will have difficulty in being accommodated at the Box Office.

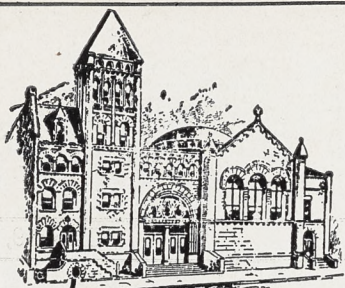
Mr. Settel will also be very appreciative if our friends will come in at once to pick up reservations that have been made, and to turn in money for the tickets sold. It must be remembered that our expense in connection with the concert is large and must be met promptly. Hence your co-operation is requested.

We are happy to announce that the program contains very outstanding features. There are a few changes since the announcement of last week, which improve the program.

The Gershwin "Rhapsody in Blue" Ballet, will be given in costume, by Premiere Danseuse Maria Gambarelli. Act I of Faust, Act 2 of Rigoletto, as well as excerpts from Madam Butterfly, will be given in costume. Among the outstanding singers will be: Hilda Burke, Irene Jessner, Maria Morel, Thelma Votipka, Richard Crooks, Nicholas Massue, Leonard Warren, John Gurney, Nicola Moscona, etc.

The famous Metropolitan Orchestra will play the Overture from William Tell and the prelude to Act 3 of Lohengrin.

Mrs. Etta Jaffin, Mr. S. Kosofsky, Harold Kaplan, Morris Levinson, Joseph Landowne, Louis Landowne, David Levine, Mrs. Morris, Joshua Manischewitz, Max Moskowitz, Hillel Meyers, Miss Leonore Mendelsohn, Mrs. Mary Neisner, H. Newhoff, Norman Pohl, Henry Rosen, S. Rosenblum, Louis Reisman, Henry Reichlin, Herbert Reichlin, Joseph Sedwitz, J. H. Silverstein, Samuel W. Siegel, Mr. Scheifer, David & Marcia Stebbins, Louis Wiener, Jess Ward, Women's League of W. S. I. S., Dr. Samuel Weiss and Lazarus Zeidman.



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COUGHLIN

The Reverend Father Coughlin. What a contradiction of words!

What is "reverend" about a man who, in religious garb and guise, seeks to appeal to the basest of human passions, religious intolerance.

And "father!" Father of what? Is he seeking the doubtful paternity of a flood of American anti-Semitism? Does he strive to shepherd a flock of revived K. K. K's. No, that cannot be as the Ku Kluxers also persecuted Catholics. Then it must be the fatherhood of a transplanted Nazism that he strives to attain.

But where stands the great Catholic Church? Last week, we were inspired listening to a national broadcast by high dignitaries of Catholicism, in no uncertain terms condemning the German brand of persecution.

Now, Coughlin, neither reverend nor fatherly, is pouring forth a torrential tirade of anti-Semitic venom, and the Church remains silent.

The Church should speak up to Coughlin to shut up, to cease his Goebbel tactics, for its leaders ought

to bear in mind that the floodgates of intolerance once loosened in this country will engulf it too. It should not forget the A. P. A. and K. K. K. movements are never completely dead.

Intolerance, just like a venomous snake, cannot distinguish between Jew and Catholic.

A CONTRIBUTION FROM TOM GARVEY, A CATHOLIC

(A letter to one of our directors)

Dear Moe:

After a deferred effort, I am attempting a letter which is long overdue. . . . At any rate, I could not let this opportunity pass without expressing my heartfelt sympathy for the plight of the Jewish people in Germany and Austria. I do wish I was in a position to render financial assistance to them in their hour of want. I wish I was young enough to fight — and fight we must to down Hitler and his like — or there will never be "peace on earth" or "Good will toward men" until Hitler and his crackpots are destroyed. It should be the aim of every man to leave the world better, for his having lived in it.

The world owes its all to the Jewish people — Disraeli terms Christ the most illustrious of Jews — I am very happy to note such widespread sympathy from every class of our citizens for the poor unfortunate who are enduring such persecution — that the world is practically in revolt — and sooner or later will bear fruit — It is the peculiar quality of a fool to perceive the faults of others and to forget his own — such is Hitler — a degenerate of no mean order. In my time I never heard of a more vicious tyrant and unscrupulous villain. I am happy to say — right here all classes are praying for the Jews — that God in His mercy will come to their assistance and destroy their persecutors. I am enclosing a check for \$5.00 which I trust you will be kind enough to forward to some agency collecting funds to help your Jewish brethren in this dark hour of sorrow and suffering. God was always with them and surely He will not forsake them now. . . .

With kind regards to everyone — and kind personal regards to yourself, I am,

Sincerely,

TOM GARVEY

"AS
R'CHASH
SEES
IT"



By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

THE SADDEST WORD

What is the saddest word? What is the word which represents man's enemy? The Bible in its inimitable sententious and pithy way declares it to be SIN. "Sin croucheth at the door." Sin has been crouching at humanity's door ever since the beginning of time, and will continue to do so until the Messianic era.

The word LOST is certainly a sad word. But why are men lost? They are lost because of sin. Therefore there is no sadder word than sin.

Looking over the golf-course we have a very striking representation of sin. The "TRAP" is sin. It faces all players. Those who have learned the rules of the game and are adept and abide by them, escape the trap. Those who hit as they please, generally find themselves imbedded in the TRAP. Here again, we find that those who play properly, can easily extricate themselves out of the TRAP, otherwise there is muddling, a feeling of sadness and frustration comes over the player.

The psalmist King David proclaimed "Save me from the trap they have set for me." How true may this serve us all as a lesson in life. If we play the game of life by the rules of God, as expressed in our religion, we will be spared the meshes of the trap of sin.

There is a trap open to us all for "Sin croucheth at everyman's door." Sin spares none. It strikes at the highest and hits us all. How often men occupying the most exalted station in life with preeminent gifts and notable talents, have been broken, dishonored and dethroned by sin. Let no man play his game cocksurely. Let us always be on guard and alert against doing wrong, the doubtful in life, lest we fall in a trap and find ourselves saddened by sin. Thus we pray every morning: **ואל תביאנו לא לידי חטא** "O Lead us not into the hands of Sin."

GOING HOME

Ernst Harthern

Bobbs Merrill Co. Publishers.

Again, the German Jew comes to the fore, this time in the form of an assimilated Jew who, must go and seek a new haven of refuge for himself, his Aryan wife and his children.

He is returning to Palestine after an absence of 2,000 years. We have here a detailed description of the reactions of this assimilated Jew who, in describing himself gives a very clever definition - "assimilated Jews are those who no longer recognize themselves. They have a constant longing to be different from what they are."

One of the many very interesting thoughts in the book is expressed in a letter written to Harthern by a Jewish friend that he has made in Palestine. "You are fearful and a doubter, today" wrote the Jewish friend. "What is the matter with you? You are horrified and your heart is troubled over what you hear about us? It has been such a few years since you were here. What are they telling you, how can they shake your faith and make you doubt all that you were so sure of when you left? What are a few years with us? Here we do not count time by years but by generations. For twenty centuries we have been away and we have forgotten Ishmael, nor does Ishmael remember us. Now we must take a year for each century to learn to know each other again. What are twenty years? Not even a generation. When they are past we shall have peace and friendship. We, I say, and by that I mean our children. And even now my young wife bears my first child under her heart. Shalom, my friend."

Deborah Lifschitz

Light Candles Friday Evening 4:15

Weekly Portion - VAYEZE

Friday Evening Service	4:15
Saturday Morning Service	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:00
Rabbi Hurwitz Class in Talmud	3:00
Mincha Service	4:15
Sunday Morning Service	7:00, 8:00
Sunday A. M. Youth Service	8:45
Daily Services:	
Mornings	6:45, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30
Mincha	4:15
Followed by the study of Mishna	

Condolences

We extend our sincere sympathy to Joseph Feldstein upon the loss of his sister Mrs. Peppy Ziegler.

NEWS COMMENTS

by Rabbi Emanuel L. Lifschitz

To exert our very last effort to remove one half million of our oppressed coreligionists from Germany is a gigantic and courageous undertaking. To respond to the poignant cry of need which comes to us from tormented German Jewry is the duty of every last Jew living in America. To help secure an asylum somewhere on the face of the globe where Jewish life may be rehabilitated, is an obligation which rests squarely on our shoulders; an obligation which we must help liquidate both by contributing funds ourselves as well as urging others to do so. The subject is not open to debate. And may God grant that we soon witness the day when every last Jew will breathe a sigh of relief on leaving Germany.

However, one ventures to guess what will be the fate of our people in countries like Poland and Roumania, in which Jewish population is numerous and in which public sentiment is not kindly disposed to our people. What will the political leaders do when they observe how simple is the process by which Jewish wealth may be confiscated and Jewry sent into exile, (for exile is the implication of mass emigration.

The kind and sympathetic attitude of our non-Jewish friends is noble and certainly welcome at this time. However, "when they tell us that we must take it on the cuff" we wonder whether it is not the attitude of defeatism, and a display of moral suicide? The question facing the world today is not essentially a Jewish one, but one for all God-conscious and right-minded people to determine whether vulgar bestiality shall be enthroned, or whether law and order, freedom and liberty, love and fellowship together with all the civilizing qualities of mankind shall prevail.

As for the only practical solution to the pressing problem, we believe that the doors of Eretz Israel must be opened. It will take years to prepare the waste lands in Africa, or South America for mass Jewish settlement, while Palestine possesses the economic, the industrial and agricultural foundations to absorb immediately tens of thousands of refugees.

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ADA (MRS. JOSEPH) SEDWITZ

This charming lady has been married 39 years to Joseph Sedwitz, one of our directors and old friends

She is affiliated with many religious and charitable organizations and is Vice-President of Mizrahi.

She is the proud mother of four sons and three daughters and has three grand-children.

In addition to the activity of her husband as director, and herself as worker in the Women's League, her son Seymour is the leader of our Jewish Youth League and a very active member of the Council

MAZEL TOV

Our sincere congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Isidore Bermitz, of 201 West 84th Street, on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Sidney at our Synagogue last Saturday. May he grow up into a fine Jew and a source of pride to his parents and Israel.

GETTING PERSONAL

By Me, Him & I

As hostess to the Daughters of the W. S. I. S., at last Tuesday's meeting, Mrs. Harry Ward out-did herself. Some of our men who dropped in, immediately became "daughters" to get a taste of her hospitality. . . . Rabbi Goldstein addressed the Jewish Cultural Foundation of New York University on November 23rd. . . . The outstanding topic of discussion at the Synagogue is the recent Starlight Luncheon of the Women's League which was so phenomenally successful. . . . The illness of Mrs. Jack Levine did not prevent her from doing her bit for the success of the Luncheon. . . . Lillian Feingold of the well known producers, Ingalls and Davies put everyone in her debt because of the splendid entertainment she provided, including: Freda Sullivan from the Versailles; Sylvia Froos, the singer; Frank Parrish's Marionettes, and Harry Rose as Master of Ceremonies. . . . Claire Ullman asking Rabbi Lifschitz to say grace exemplified the harmony between modernism and ancient tradition. . . . It all looked like a wedding. . . . Speaking of weddings, Joe Settel says no wife would take up so much of his time as the Shule does. . . . Sez you, Joe. . . . Dorothy Anderson, our lady of few but pertinent words, described the gathering as "the gorgeous plumage of the birds of a feather flocking together for cultural, social and religious development". . . . Well, said, Dot. . . . Hannah Sanders sat on the dais and had a big smile for everyone. . . . Rabbi Goldstein's five minute address was an inspiration. . . . The ticket trio at the door, Mesdames Jack Levine, Ben Lunitz and David H. Weisberg reminded us of the three graces. . . . And busy and happy were Mesdames Herbert Gossett, Morris Jablow, Nat Trotzky, Harry Mirken, Sam W. Siegel and Mrs. Frieda Weinstein. . . . and Annie Morris did a good job with the raffle prizes. . . . Yes, a kosher filet mignon tastes and eats as good as the much advertised non-kosher product said to. . . . Happy Birthday to Gustave Roth and Cantor Yavneh. May they continue witty and musical for many, many years to come. . . . Mr. Isidore Karpf discovers the W. S. I. S. is conferring the B. M. degree (Bar Mitzvah). . . . So we'll take the G. N. degree. . . . good night. . . .

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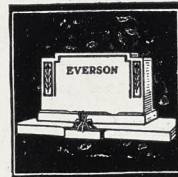
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