

WEST SIDE INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW

Vol. II, No. 14

Friday, December 9, 1938

Kislev 16, 5699

CONGRATULATIONS

Our best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cohen upon the occasion of the marriage, on December 11, 1938, of their son Irving to Miss Sylvia Jacobson, charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shaye Jacobson.

—o—
CONCERT CHAIRMAN GRATEFUL
Joe Settel writes his appreciation of the co-operation he received.



MR. JOSEPH SETTEL

The Editor is pleased to publish a letter from our hard-working and successful Chairman of the Concert Committee.

"Dear George:

After the remarkable out-pouring of friends of our Synagogue at last Sunday's Concert at the Metropolitan, I have been trying to solve the problem of how I can personally shake thousands of people by the hand and tell each how appreciative we all are, and particularly myself, of their enthusiastic and whole-hearted co-operation in making the Concert a social and financial success. To the management of the Metropolitan Opera House, we shall be ever grateful for the musical success.

Whether one bought or sold a single ticket or, as in many cases, hundreds of tickets, the spirit of friendship and helpfulness was general and all deserve thanks.

I congratulate my fellow workers on the Committee and close with the fervent prayer, that all our Synagogue activities will be equally successful.

Sincerely yours,
Joseph Settel"

GUEST SPEAKER



DR. G. KHEIRALLAH

Our guest speaker at the Bible Class this Monday night December 12th, will be Dr. G. Kheirallah president of the Moslem Brotherhood. His subject will be "The Arab side of the Palestine question." This is an opportunity for us to hear the claim, which the Arabs are making in their own behalf for Palestine.

For this reason we expect a record breaking attendance.

AN INVITATION

Anthony Eden Nov. 29th 3 P. M.
London

WILL YOU ADDRESS MY BIBLE CLASS MONDAY EVENING DECEMBER 12th AT WEST SIDE INSTITUTIONAL SYNAGOGUE, N. Y. C.

Signed Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

REPLY

1938 Nov. 30 P M 7 59
934 London 21 30
NLT RABBI HERBERT GOLDSTEIN
120 WEST 76 STREET

MUCH REGRET IMPOSSIBLE OW-
ING SHORTNESS VISIT

EDEN

CHANUKAH DANCE

Reus Society — Young Folks League
and Junior Council
at Social Hall — Sat. Dec. 17th

UNVEILING

Next Sunday, December 11, at Mt. Lebanon Cemetery, Block x, at 2 P. M., there will take place the unveiling of the monument over the grave of Charles Levine, late brother of our esteemed director, Morris Levine and of our devoted member Samuel Levine.

INTRA-SYNAGOGUE ROMANCE

Here we are starting a new Bazaar when we haven't gotten over the effects of last year's Bazaar. Lenore Freedman, attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isidore Freedman, had charge of the cookie counter. Jess Ward stopped for cookies and got cooked. The engagement has just been announced. The new Mrs. Ward-to-be will be welcomed among our matronly workers alongside of her intended sisters-in-law, Mrs. Harry Ward and Mrs. Ben Spanbock. As her mother is the National President of the Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, we can expect great accomplishments.

BAZAAR LAUNCHED



HARRY APPEL

Chairman Bazaar Committee

To the accompaniment of great enthusiasm on the part of an unusually large Monday night audience which came to attend the Bible Class and listen to the most interesting talk by Dr. Nathan Ratnoff, Medical Director of Beth Israel Hospital, our indefatigable Harry Appel launched the forthcoming Second Annual Bazaar of the West Side Institutional Synagogue. Last year's Bazaar sprouted as the tree of success. This year's slogan is based on the adage that the apple must not fall far from the tree, so that the Bazaar must be equally successful.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Mrs. Elliot M. Cohen, sister of our Second Vice-President Max E. Sanders, upon the untimely death of her husband.



WEST SIDE INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW

Published weekly from the Second Friday in September to the Second Friday in June by the WEST SIDE INSTITUTIONAL SYNAGOGUE, 120-138 West 76th Street, New York, N. Y. Phone TRafalgar 7-8281.

Subscription: One Dollar Per Year
"Entered as second class matter September 22, 1938, at the Post Office at New York, New York, on the Act of March 3, 1879."

Vol. II, No. 14 Dec. 9, 1938

George L. Livingston	Editor
Rabbi E. L. Lifschitz	Managing Editor
Morris Jablow	Business Manager
Daniel Weiss,	Ass't. Bus. Manager

FORTY CENTS A CHILD

This paper goes into approximately 1700 homes, rich, middle class and poor. Some of those homes consist of old people, others are newlyweds and in still others there are children, let us say, between the ages of five and seventeen.

Certainly in those 1700 homes there must be at least 200 of such children, to estimate very moderately.

Now, what happens to those children. Their mothers are continuously worried about their diet, are always urging them to drink more milk, wear their rubbers, button their clothes in this cold weather, and are growing prematurely gray and nervous watching over them. Their fathers are always on the look-out for furnishing them with some little luxury that they themselves had or missed up on and would have liked to have, returning home daily to receive a report on the mental and physical progress of the youngsters and even at night to tip-toe into the children's rooms to make sure they are properly covered.

The above is an ordinary, daily picture of family life here, there and everywhere.

Now, folks, how would you feel if these 200 youngsters were to leave home tomorrow morning, with little handbags containing some pitifully inadequate odds and ends of personal effects and clothing, and no more, and **forty cents** in their pockets, to go to Mexico or Canada, probably never to see you again, to be adopted there by some kind people, with you having nothing to say and not even knowing where they will ultimately land and who will ultimately take care of them, their entire future to be left entirely in the hands of strangers and dependent upon Divine guidance.

Yet, this is exactly what has just happened and will, to an infinitely greater extent, continue to happen with German-Jewish children. 200 have just left Germany under those circumstances and were transported to England. They were permitted to take one mark each or forty cents in our money.

The forty cents is significant of the depreciation and **present value** of the long-vaunted German culture and civilization. Here is a so-called modern country with great institutions, with famous professors, preachers and teachers, permitting itself to reach so low a stage of savagery, permitting itself to become so submerged and so subjugated by moral degenerates, as to bring about such an exodus.

But, where is the moral sense of the rest of the world that stands idly by and sees this done? Where is the decency of the rest of the world that still is willing to have any intercourse whatsoever with such a country so beastly governed?

And last, but not least, where is the sense of responsibility of parenthood among our fellow Jews, here, in this free country, when the Joint Distribution Committee, which is straining every ounce of energy to raise funds to take care of such innocent outcasts, finds it so difficult to obtain the necessary contributions? How can any human being of any class, high or low, poor or rich, fail to be moved by such a spectacle and not respond to the point of greatest sacrifice?

Think of those little wanderers and translate your tears into deeds.

"AS
R'CHASH
SEES
IT"



By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

THE MEANEST WORD

The meanest thing is to kill friendships, to destroy reputations, and to devastate home life. What word represents all such meannesses. That word is WHISPERER. It is the meanest word because as a rule it is both cowardly and cruel.

I have known men who bring to their surroundings a whispering campaign. They will take you aside and open their remarks with "People tell me that." "Don't tell anyone, but." If you know such people, beware of them. They are generally roaring lions in lamb's skins. they are tale-bearers, defamers, slanderers, whisperers.

The whisperer would never make any headway if we were not only willing but even anxious to get a bit of spicy gossip. It has been well said that both the whisperer and the listener ought to be hung, the whisperer by the tongue, and the listener by the ear. In the Royal Gallery in London, there is a portrait of the real gentleman, who in his right hand holds a placard on which is written in Latin these words, "Either keep silence, or speak things better than silence."

The Rabbis in the Talmud describe the leper as one whose infection emanates from slander. The proverbial sore that inflicts the tongue is the physical punishment for unmoral backbiting. The Rabbis point out that the Bible prescribes the chirping bird as an offering of atonement for leprosy resulting from slander. The chirping bird symbolizes the whisperer. The Jewish people, in their checkered career, have suffered most because of the whisperer. The whisperer has caricatured the Jew into a misrepresentation of his personality and spirituality. It behooves us then more than any other people to guard ourselves against slander. "The Temple was destroyed" according to the Rabbis, "because of the whisperer."

SHOULD WE VOTE AS JEWS?

by Simeon H. F. Goldstein

(An important issue is reviewed as the heat of election campaigning cools down)

Should we vote as Jews? This may be answered by asking another question, "Should others vote as Gentiles?"

It is true that there is much intolerance in our country. However, great progress has been made towards religious equality and our position is infinitely preferable to that of most European Jews. Here, all men are equal before the law. Outside of the Presidency, there is hardly any public office in this country to which religion is, in theory or in practice, a bar.

Our self-interest as Jews and our duty as Americans require that we work to uphold and extend religious equality and similar principles. If these principles are respected, we, and other minorities, are safe - otherwise we are lost.

Voting for someone because of his religion is inconsistent with religious equality. Instead we should discriminate only against those who do not support American principles, as anti-Semites or Communists for instance, and after doing that we should vote for those men and those parties which we believe to be best.

Putting more Jews in public office creates jealousy among Gentiles. This is not sufficient reason for the withdrawal of all Jews from public office. However, it does mean that Jews as a group do not gain by increasing the number of Jewish officials.

Some people claim that Jews in public office give more jobs to Jews and act more favorably on questions affecting Jewry than non-Jews do. Actually, however the opposite usually occurs.

Let us always vote as Americans. In this way we will fulfill our duty both as good Jews and as good Americans.

Light Candles Friday Evening 4:14

Weekly Portion - VAYISHLACH

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
Sundav 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	

GOD NEVER FAILS US

by Rabbi Emanuel L. Lifschitz

Menasseh ben Israel was one of our greatest Jewish statesmen, leaders and Rabbis living during the middle of the seventeenth century. After the Jewish population was exiled from England, many attempts have been made to gain their readmittance, but all without success. At last Menasseh ben Israel was fortunate enough to prevail upon the British Government to seriously consider the plight of the Jewish people and the question of their readmission to England. And thus the Council of State summoned a limited number of distinguished lawyers, statesmen and clerics to discuss the problem.

So strongly did Menasseh plead his people's cause, that Cromwell himself presided at the conference. Among the many subjects considered was the one to determine whether it was lawful to receive the Jews. All those present at the conference agreed that it was lawful to grant the right of residence. However, many strong objections were raised.

The conference reached a deadlock. Nevertheless Menasseh's work had not been in vain since it had been decided that the re-admission of the Jews was entirely within the law. Through the efforts of Cromwell and other statesmen, Jews began slowly to re-settle. And so it came about that the present Jewish community in England developed entirely free from such galling restrictions as prevailed practically in every other European country.

Thus we see that in times of our greatest 'storm and stress' when our hope and possibilities appear at their lowest ebb — a ray of light begins to shine on the Jewish horizon. It is in our zero hour that a Redeemer appears. When, during our own century, the uncertainty of Jewish rights in the world became so apparent, when the helplessness and hopelessness of our cause reached an impasse, the will to build a homeland captivated the Jewish soul and leadership arose to give form and substance to that will. It is our hopeful prayer that in our day a Redeemer will appear to show Israel the way.

Officers

LESTER UDELL	President
AARON WARTELS	1st Vice-President
MAX E. SANDERS	2nd Vice-President
ISAAC SETTEL	Treasurer
HAROLD KAPLAN	Ass't Treasurer
MORRIS JABLOW	Secretary
GEORGE L. LIVINGSTON	Editor
HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN, Rabbi	
EMANUEL L. LIFSCHITZ, Ass't Rabbi	
ZALMON YAVNEH, Cantor	

Board of Directors

Joseph Anderson	Jack Levine
Harry Appel	Morris Levine
Wm. L. Basser	Morris Levinson
Samuel K. Beier	George L. Livingston
Siegfried Bendheim	Samuel Michael
Henry Blankfort	Lawrence Mirken
Abraham M. Davis	Max Moskowitz
Sam Davis	G. Richard Rubenstein
C. Joshua Epstein	Max E. Sanders
Meyer H. Fishman	Joseph Sedwitz
David H. Gluck	Isaac Settel
Isaac Goldman	Joseph Settel
Dr. Benjamin Goldstein	Samuel W. Siegel
Felix Gouled	Samuel Silver
Maurice Greenstein	Max Stavish
Morris Jablow	Morris Steinberg
Harold Kaplan	Lester Udell
Joseph Landowne	David H. Ullman
Moses Langer	Harry Ward
Aaron Wartels	

MADAME SECRETARY



CECILIA (MRS. SAMUEL W.) SIEGEL

Sam Siegel, our director and accountant, is noted for his figures. His attractive wife, Cecilia, Secretary of our Women's League, is equally noted for her figure.

Married 11 years and mother of two attractive children, Debra 9½ and Michele 2½, she can still qualify for the debutante class.

Extremely feminine, though she appears, nevertheless she once occupied the high position of Secretary to the Purchasing Division of the New York Post Office.

Her present ambition is to see that Joe Settel gets married while his ambition is to remain unattached. Look out Joe, or you'll be singing "Gone are the days, etc."

GETTING PERSONAL

By Me, Him & I

* * * *

Well, the Concert is over. . . Usually, the anticipation is greater than the realization but this time the realization was up to our fondest hopes. . . The music was superb, the crowd most attractive and, for a Synagogue affair, standingroom only and plenty of standees at that, was remarkable. . . Pop Wartels whispered to the Editor "On good merchandise you never lose money." . . . Joe Settel received more congratulations than a society bride. . . Rabbi and Mrs. Goldstein were walking on air. . . And the ladies of our Shule, who occupied the boxes usually reserved for the 400, looked every bit as charming. . . Cantor Yavneh conceded that Richard Crooks could also sing. . . The last performance, Act I of Faust, where Faust makes a deal with the Devil to regain his youth, gave a lot of our senior directors ideas. They would entertain a proposition but don't like the price. . . Among our distinguished guests was Dr. Dafoe. A number of the female guests "in circumstances" were seen interviewing him. . . Our readers should patronize ALL our advertisers. . . And a great discovery was made, that the Metropolitan had the finest bar in New York, at which the only one barred was the Editor, who couldn't elbow his way through the crowd. . . The Metropolitan management thought we were a most appreciative and orderly crowd. We always knew that, ourselves. . . One of our prominent guests, Mrs. Jacob Baron, wife of Uncle Sam's ace accountant, thought the Editor wasn't swell enough in not wearing a topper. . . Our president Lester Udell, however, shone in his tails and his wife scintillated. . . And while we mention scintillating women, nobody missed the Appel, Rubenstein, Levine, trio. . . We mistook Mrs. Bendheim for the Prima Donna in "Carmen". . . Morris Jablow, after all his hard work, beamed at the crowd with a "cat-that-ate-the-canary" expression. . . Hannah Sanders had so many guests it looked as if it were her party. . . Claire Ullman and Gambarelli were easily the peppiest two in the house. . . Ike Goldman and Maurice Greenstein were pinching themselves with a "can-this-be-true" expression. . . Ike Settel was seen studying the architecture of the balconies. It looks as if he may be planning to do things with our Shule. . . And Doc Settel

was all set to respond to an "is-there-a-doctor-in-the-house" call. . . And after the Concert, what a time was had. We won't tell you about it because you should have been there. . . Anyway, here's a vote of

thanks and a hand-shake to Joe Settel for his great work, which is the best we can do. Our wife kissed him. . . From now on, Harry Appel takes the limelight with his Bazaar. . . May he do as well.

RO-ED MANSION

SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK

Mid-Winter Rate — Five Dollars per day

Dietary Laws Observed

Enjoy all sorts of Winter Sports in the most beautiful scenic country, or a Rest and Health Cure at the famous **Saratoga Spa**. Make your reservations now for the **New Year Week-end**.

A unique program is arranged.

Telephone
Saratoga Springs 1576

Rose S. Goldberg
Manager

TRemont 8-4382

REV. S. TAITZ

מוהל

MOHEL IN LEADING HOSPITALS

Introducing our New

"ZEPHYR"

Scientific Cleaning System
Call Aladdin Valet Service Inc.
Cleaners of Fine Garments
Draperies, Curtains, Rugs, Blankets
Slip-covers, Lamp Shades
Upholstered Furniture
All work done on premises
209 WEST 79th STREET
ENdicott 2-4630 — Louis Jacobs
3 hour service - All articles insured

STEINBERG'S

DAIRY RESTAURANT

Dairy Food—Served-at-its-best
2270 Broadway
bet. 81st and 82nd Streets

THE PATRICIAN

Kosher Caterers of Distinction

151 WEST 51st STREET
L. Schultz I. Rosoff
Circle 7-7068

CARLTON CATERERS

Exclusive Kosher catering to the discriminate, for all occasions, at the leading hotels, synagogues, and homes.

NATHAN TROTZKY
50 CENTRAL PARK SOUTH
ELdorado 5-0298

Herman E. Meyers Alpert Brothers

PARK WEST

MEMORIAL CHAPEL

FUNERAL DIRECTORS
115 West 79th Street, New York
ENdicott 2-3600
Long Island:
1284 Central Ave., Far Rockaway
Phone Far Rockaway 7-3100

SELMA CONE

successor to

CARRIE G. LAUER

Gifts - Antiques - Novelties -
Chinas— Crystal-Furniture

55 Central Park West, New York
Phone ENdicott 2-4310

LOU G. SIEGEL, INC.

America's Largest

KOSHER RESTAURANT AND

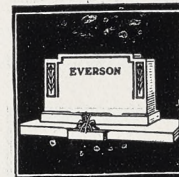
CATERERS

209 West 38th St. New York City
Tel: WIsconsin 7-1262-3-4

NEWMAN CATERERS

Superior Kosher Catering
at Leading Hotels, Synagogues
or your own Home
248 WEST 69th STREET
SUsquehanna 7-3400

Monuments erected in all cemeteries



Open
Sundays



Dignified Funeral Service
You Determine the cost.

RIVERSIDE

MEMORIAL CHAPEL

76th STREET & AMSTERDAM AVE.
ENdicott 2-6600