

HAPPY CHANUKAH

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WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The open meeting of the Women's League, December 5th, was held in the Social Room of the Synagogue building, following Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class. Food for thought was in our Rabbi's explanation of a passage saying that when we give, we really take in a measure, because the fates of our fellow-men boomerang right back.

The guest speaker of the afternoon was Dr. J. Lester Razzey, author and lecturer. In his talk on "The Social Trends in the Theatre," he voiced the doctrines mentioned by our Rabbi. He, however, referred specifically to the anti-semitic conditions abroad, urging that, as we give aid to our foreign brothers, we ultimately reap the security of religious tolerance on our own shores. He went on to say that in the theatre, these human interests and current problems are mirrored before us. The play is the creation of the author and the artist who reflect the most sensitive antenna of the trends of the day. Therefore, as times and events sway the theatre, so does the theatre sway the people.

Refreshments and social discussion followed.

CHILDREN'S CHANUKAH PROGRAM

This Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, our students will present a program of recitations, Chanukah drama and group singing. All parents are cordially invited to be present. "Ma" Pargament, the hostess, will furnish the refreshments and when "Ma" furnishes, it is furnished."

SCOUT CHANUKAH PARTY

Our three Scouting units, the Cub Pack, the Troop and the Sea Scout Ship will be the hosts to all the Jewish Scouts in Manhattan at a Chanukah Party to be held in the Synagogue on Sunday afternoon, December 18th at 4:30.

The program will include the presentation of a Chanukah play by the pupils of the Talmud Torah, an address by Rabbi Lifschitz, singing of Chanukah songs, a Maariv service and the lighting of the Chanukah candles by Cantor Yavneh.

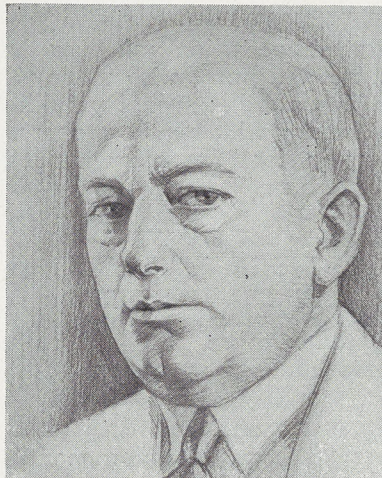
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SENIOR CHANUKAH PARTY

A festive Chanukah party will take the place of our regular Men's Bible Class and public address, next Monday evening. Contributions to the program made by our own song-birds, poets, philosophers, dreamers and other noodniks, will make the evening one long to be remembered. "Trendel" games will be had. Come and make the affair the kind you like to enjoy.

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Appel will be the hosts at the serving of refreshments.

NEW MEN'S CLUB PRESIDENT



ELI JACOBY

At last Thursday's annual meeting of the Men's Club of the W. S. I. S., the former President, George L. Livingston, announced that he had decided to devote all his energies to the Review and would not stand re-election.

Thereupon Mr. Eli Jacoby was unanimously elected president and delivered an address with great promises for the Men's Club.

The other officers are: Max Frank, Vice-President; Isidore Lauer, Treasurer; Joseph Landowne, Financial Secretary and Emanuel Gluck, Secretary.

A house committee is being organized to insure the full use of the facilities of the building nightly, except Friday evening.

"MAZEL TOV"

The Congregation extends its best wishes and felicitations to Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Lopin on "the" happy event, the arrival of their first baby daughter, Lynn Maria.

BAZAAR NEWS

Plans for the Bazaar are getting off to a very enthusiastic start. The officers in charge are as follows: Harry Appel, Chairman; Joseph Settel, Co-Chairman; Annie R. Morris, Chairman Women's Division and Samuel W. Siegel, Treasurer.

Mr. Appel spoke twice on the subject last week. Once to the Monday night audience and the second time to the Men's Club on Thursday night. Both talks were very inspiring and the response was most encouraging.

The tentative dates for the Bazaar are from January 21st to 28th, 1938. The committees are now being organized.

YOUNG FOLKS CHANUKAH DANCE

Everything is set for our young people's Chanukah Dance, this Saturday evening.

The orchestra will furnish the swiftest of swing music ever heard. The lighting of the first Chanukah Light, Chanukah Songs and Trendel Games will make the evening rich in fun and entertainment. The affair is being sponsored by the Reus Society, Young Folks League and Junior Council. Mr. Seymour Sedwitz is chairman and is assisted by Ben Lichtenthal and Buddy Udell. Subscription 50 cents.

CONDOLENCE

We extend our heart-felt condolence to Mr. Louis Davis on the passing of his beloved mother. May the Almighty console him.

MIZRACHI CHANUKAH CONCERT

The Mid-Manhattan Mizrahi Organization is sponsoring a Chanukah Concert to be held at our Synagogue on Wednesday evening, December 21st, the fourth night of Chanukah, at 8 P. M.

The program will include addresses by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein and Mr. Gedalia Bublick. The Musical program will be rendered by Cantors Yavneh, Kapov-Kagen and Kanteroff and a double choir, under the personal supervision of S. Sterner.

There will be no admission charge and no appeal for funds.



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THE GIVING SEASON

We are now at the time of the year when everyone's thoughts instinctively turn towards giving. Both the Jews with their Chanukah and the Christians with their Christmas traditionally make this season the occasions for gifts - to relatives, friends, acquaintances and charity.

Of course, this has been an extraordinary time for giving. There is so much distress in the world which cries out for relief as to have all but overwhelmed the community.

However, in our goodness of heart towards relieving the horrible conditions brought about by the newly risen modern savages that constitute themselves governments, we must not forget those about us who also must receive care.

One of the finest charities ever thought up by the human mind is "The New York Times 100 Neediest Cases." Here is a well-balanced, efficiently administered and most effective charity. The problem of a family is studied. It is first ascer-

tained that the people are worthy of help and how they can be taken care of for an entire year. Once an appropriation has been made for them, they are no longer, for that year, a burden upon the community.

The plan is comprehensive and thorough. In our opinion, if the New York Times charity were enlarged on a national scale, the tremendous expenditures that the government is now making for relief, unfortunately accompanied by a great deal of duplication of services and inefficiency, would be considerably reduced.

We heartily recommend to our kind-hearted givers, to give a thought, translated into dollars, to "The New York Times 100 Neediest Cases." It is administered honestly and without discrimination as to race, faith or politics and is highly deserving of encouragement.

Remember, when you give there, you not only part with money, but you necessarily give of your heart and feeling, which is the proper way of giving, for "The gift without the giver is bare."

THE RICHEST MAN IN THE CEMETERY

Is he the fellow

Whose bones grow yellow

under a large
and imposing
granite monument?

The stingy one who died

Though no one cried

excepting those
who were not,
but thought they
should have been
included in his
testament?

Not much, not much,

No riches for such,

because they can't
and don't take
it along.

But 'neath a modest stone shelf,

Lies all by himself,

the cemetery
Croesus of
memory strong.

Though down on his luck

With his bankroll a buck,

he staked a
beggar a dime
with a smile
like a song.

"AS
R'CHASH
SEES
IT"



By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN
COURAGE

About 2100 years ago, King Antiochus Epiphanes declared a war of annihilation, not against the Jew but against Judaism. He defiled the Temple in Jerusalem, set up a heathen altar in Holy of Holies, and demanded public apostasy on the part of the religious leaders in Israel. We can never forget Mattathais' reply to this request "If all the people will follow the strange worship, yet will I and my sons follow the covenant of our fathers". This was the courageous battle-cry which rallied the people first under his leadership, and then under his son יהודה המכבי (Judah the Hammer) Judah the Maccabee). The Jewish forces were outnumbered twenty to one, and yet in the end they were successful. The Temple and the purity of the Jewish faith were restored.

If there was ever a time when the Jew needed the lesson of Chanukah, the lesson of courage, it is to-day. The Jews, the conquered people, outlive their conquerors. The Jew has made the שְׁהֵינִי "the prayer for the birth of his oppressor nation and the death prayer of the same persecuting nation. Call to witness mighty Babylon, Assyria, Rome, Spain, and Russia.

Speaking of the courage of the Jews, Longfellow said,-

"Trampled and beaten were they as the sands,

And yet unshaken as the continent.
And thus forever, with reverted look,
The mystic volume of the world they
read, spelling it backward like
a Hebrew book."

The Jew views life in the light of his past. We see it all backwards "like a Hebrew book." Yes, Jewish history is a continuous revelation to every generation to remain loyal, steadfast, and courageous. It is for us to-day to know that in the long run "It is not by power, nor by strength but by My spirit saith the Lord."

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Yours sincerely,

Jerome L. Levy
Campaign Director

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Light Candles Friday Evening 4:14
Weekly Portion — VAYESHEB
Prayers for the New Month

Rosh Chodesh Tebet, Friday Dec. 23rd

Friday Evening Service4:15

Saturday Morning Service9:00

Junior Congregation10:00

Rabbi Hurwitz Class in Talmud3:00

Mincha Service4:15

Sunday Morning Service7:00, 8:00

Sunday A. M. Youth Service8:45

Daily Services:

Mornings6:45, 7:15, 8:00

Mincha4:15

Followed by the study of Mishna

Kindle the first Chanukah Light on

Saturday Evening

THE SPIRIT OF CHANUKAH

By Justice Louis D. Brandeis

Chanukah, the Feast of the Maccabees, celebrates a victory — not a military victory only, but a victory also of the spirit over things material. Not a victory only over external enemies — the Greeks; but a victory also over more dangerous internal enemies. A victory of the many over the ease-loving, safety-playing, privileged, powerful few, who in their pliancy would have betrayed the best interests of the people, a victory of democracy over aristocracy.

As part of the eternal world-wide struggle for democracy, the struggle of the Maccabees is of eternal world-wide interest. It is a struggle of the Jews of today as well as of those of two thousand years ago. It is a struggle in which all Americans, non-Jews as well as Jews, should be vitally interested because they are vitally affected.

The Maccabees' victory proved that the Jews — then already an old people — possessed the secret of eternal youth: the ability to rejuvenate itself through courage, hope, enthusiasm, devotion and self-sacrifice of the plain people. This will bring again a Jewish Renaissance.

"TWO SISTERS"

at the Carlton Theatre, B'way and 100th St.

with Jennie Goldstein, Michael Rosenberg and Muni Seroff.

Here is a picture which tells the heart-rending story of two sisters who lose their mother when they are but children. The elder promises her mother on her death bed to provide for and take care of the younger sister and be like a mother to her. She keeps this promise and even goes so far as to give up her only hope for joy and happiness in life by allowing her sister to take from her the man she loved.

Produced in America, "Two Sisters" far surpasses any previous Yiddish production from the standpoint of photography and sound. The dramatic intensity with which Jennie Goldstein plays the part of Betty, the older sister, and the comical antics of Hyam, the chicken-plucker (Michael Rosenberg), are blended into an interesting and entertaining picture which we do not hesitate to recommend as being worth-while. For those whose knowledge of Yiddish is not extensive, English titles tell the entire story.

Daniel Weiss

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WOMEN'S LEAGUE



FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Leah (Mrs. Maurice) Greenstein

Some honeymooning couples go to the opera so that the baby will like music. Leah and our esteemed Director, Maurice, spent their honeymoon star-gazing.

So — their first son, Dr. Jesse Leonard Greenstein, Harvard graduate and lecturer, is a distinguished astronomer at Yerkes Observatory.

And — their second son, Alvin Myron, though only 18 and a sophomore at Cornell, also bids fair to join the scholarly constellation.

Our Women's League Financial Secretary is active in Hadassah and the Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropies, is the representative of the Women's League at the Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America and at the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of Greater New York.

GETTING PERSONAL

By Me, Him & I

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The past two Saturdays revived our yearnings for the ocean breezes when we found among our worshippers, Mr. & Mrs. Moses Goodman of Long Beach and Sidney Phillips, President of the Rockaway Young Israel. . . . Speaking of breezes, Mrs. Bernard Berlow breezed in for a little while. Here's hoping she'll stay longer next time. . . . If you have important business on Thursday, December 22nd, forget it and join us in bonvoyaging the Harry Appels on the Champlain, to show how lonesome we shall be, until we all do see, his red head once again, come over the bounding main. . . . Welcome to our new member, Ben Levine, brother of Morris. If he does as well as Morris for us, he'll be great. . . . So charming Mrs. Charlie Cohen is back again in action! Greetings. . . . Our appreciation to Mrs. S. Lulof, worthy hostess, substituting for Miss Bessie Abrams at the Sunday morning Post-Bar-Mitzvah-Boys' Breakfasts. . . . How about a Sunday A. M. snack for the Pre-Second-Childhood Boys? . . . Dr. Sam Goodman, prominent pediatrician, and his wife visited us recently. . . . That shows the democracy of our Shule where we welcome rich and poor, plebians and pediatricians. . . . Speedy recovery to Mrs. J. Sedwitz. It can't be too speedy for us. . . . And speaking of the effectiveness of our good wishes, "Aunt Lil" (Mrs. Samuel Silver) is back from the hospital and getting along swell. . . . That regular fellow, Harry Mirken, is one of our Saturday A. M. regulars. . . . With all the contests going on, have you joined the new mystery name-guessing contest? Gus Rubenstein asks the question "Will it be Dave or Dorothy?" You give one of three possible answers: Dave, Dorothy or Dave AND Dorothy. . . . Among our delegation at the Yeshiva College Dinner last Sunday night, were Rabbi and Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, Isaac Settel, Dorothy Anderson, Dr. Nathan Settel and Mr. & Mrs. Editor. . . . Doc Settel urges that every Synagogue adopt Yeshiva College and help support it. Your ideas are always good, Doc. . . . We certainly admire Moe Langer's auto-driving skill. We recommend Hitler, Mussolini and Coughlin as passengers. They'd get "verstunt alright, alright. . . . You tell 'em, Moe. . . . Happy Chanukah

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This party is the first step in a drive to familiarize the Jewish Scouts with the various holidays and it will be followed by a special Scout Service to be held in February, during

Scout Anniversary Week.

Parents and friends of the Scouts as well as the members of the Synagogue are cordially invited to attend the Chanukah Party.

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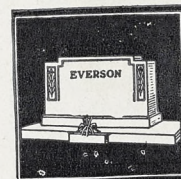
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