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YOUNG FOLKS LEAGUE

Our Congregation's younger set have recently swung into their social stride by reorganizing the Young Folks League. Meetings are held on alternate Sunday evenings. The officers are: Bernard Udell, President; Leon Quain, Treasurer and Geraldine Michaels, Corresponding & Recording Secretary.

The Executive Committee is composed of the club's officers plus Ben Lichtenthal. Entertainment and Program Committee: Theodore Love, Monroe Keiser and Edward Weinstein. Committee on Admissions: Gabriel F. Goldstein and Stanley Giniger.

CLUB GOVERNING BOARD

If you do not already know, we have a miniature Board of Directors in our Club Governing Board. It may not undertake to fill the Metropolitan Opera House - or stage a monster bazaar - but within its scope come the problems of coordinating the social and cultural programs of all our young people's groups.

The success of last Saturday night's Chanukah Dance was due to the thoroughness with which the board made all arrangements. The executive members pledged the whole-hearted support of all the constituent clubs toward making our forthcoming bazaar a success. Mr. Buddy Friedman was recently elected Treasurer.

TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Our Table Tennis House team has won its first two matches against St. Cyprian's School and the Catholic Youth Organization in closely contested games. Out of twelve starting teams we have managed to reach the semi-finals. Our team, comprising of Bernard Spector, Walter Jossen, Herbert Bender, Allan Schneider, and Stephen Kanowitz entered the finals on December 21st. The results were not available at the time this issue went to press.

DEBATE

The Jewish Youth League will debate with the Raphael Society of Congregation Bnai Jeshurun Wednesday evening December 28th.

MAZEL TOV



KENNETH COHEN

The Congregation extends its hearty congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Samuel J. Cohen of 50 West 72nd Street on the occasion of the Bar Mitzvah of their son Kenneth - this Saturday. May God grant that he develop into a loyal follower of Judaism.

Light Candles Friday Evening 4:18 Weekly Portion - MIKEZ

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, 7:15, 8:00, 8:30
Mincha	4:15

MEMORIAL TABLET DEDICATION

The Congregation is making arrangements for a Special Memorial and Dedication Service on the evening of January 11th for those of our departed whose names are inscribed on the Memorial Tablet in our Daily Synagogue.

If you have any dear departed ones whose names you would like to be included for this dedication ceremony please advise our secretary, Mr. Jablow, before December 30th, 1938.

REUS SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Reus society will take place on Sunday evening, December 25th. The members will enjoy the exclusive use of the Social Hall. Rabbi Emanuel L. Lifschitz will lead in a discussion on "Problems Facing the Refugee". A social hour and dancing will follow.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE TO AID BAZAAR

At the last meeting of the Women's League, most of the members enlisted on a committee to contribute and obtain contributions of merchandise and actively to assist at the Fair. To all members who were not present, the League sends an S. O. S. to get busy in making the Bazaar a success. It is scheduled to last from January 21st to 28th.

The League were happy to greet Mrs. Michaels and Mrs. Silverman and several others who had been conspicuously absent. Mrs. Greenstein was voted chairman of the League committee to raise funds for the Temple of Religion to be erected at the World's Fair. The membership are to be congratulated on the fine work being done and the enthusiastic acknowledgments from the Joint Distribution Committee, Federation and similar organizations for the contributions made and obtained. Mrs. Morris is still waiting for those money bags and they should be sent in.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the Men's Bible Class will take place Monday evening, January 9th, 1939.

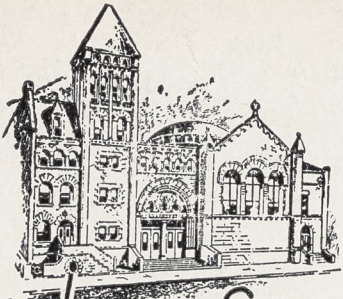
Due to the winter vacation from the Public Elementary and High Schools, students of our school will please note the following changes in schedule: **Classes for High School and College students** scheduled for Sunday, January 1st, will meet the preceding Thursday December 29th at 10:15 A. M.

Classes for the Talmud Torah will be held from 10-12 A. M. starting Monday, December 26th to Thursday December 29th, with the two divisions meeting on Friday December 30th, from 9:30 to 11 and from 11 to 12:30.

Classes will not be held on Sunday and Monday, January 1st and 2nd.

Regular sessions will be resumed Tuesday afternoon, January 3rd.

The children's recreation division will be closed on Monday December 26th and January 2nd. Mr. Lazarus and Mr. Strully will be on duty from 9 to 3 during the other days.



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KICKS IN THE FACE

This week, the Herald Tribune referred to the conduct of official Nazidom towards England as "a kick in the face," which brought forth the stiffening of the British attitude.

A kick in the face is the only thing that Nazi, Fascist, Communist and similiar mentalities can understand. Persuasion, reasoning or presentation of arguments based on logic or justice are entirely waste effort when it comes to such minds.

A kick in the face is something that even Coughlin will appreciate and the beginnings of such a kick were indicated this week.

Coughlin is trying to arouse the Catholics into an anti-Semitic campaign. To date he has not made much progress, due to the enlightened, sympathetic and worthy leadership of the Pope, Cardinal Mundelein and innumerable other great men of the Catholic faith, both in the priesthood and among the laity.

Yet Coughlin persists and attracts to himself such kindred spirits as Herbert O'Brien, McNaboe, Harvey

and Zoll, who is chairman of the so-called "American Patriots Inc." If anti-semitism is Zoll's brand of patriotism, we are reminded of the definition of that word contained in Samuel Johnson's dictionary, that "Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel."

Reverting to the kick in the face, we have heretofore pointed out that rabid anti-semitism is always the forerunner of anti-Catholicism and anti-everything else that interferes with ruthless dictatorship. This week, we were treated to the following:

"Expropriation of monasterial property was forecast in a Berlin dispatch to the New York Herald Tribune on November 15. The dispatch quoted an editorial of 'Das Schwarz Korps,' organ of the Schutz Staffel (elite guard), in which it was stated that the degenerate criminal clericals who are enemies of the people and the state and uninterested in the fate of the nation are neither desirous nor capable of managing and utilizing the property of the German people.' In a reference to the Catholic Church structure in this country, 'Das Schwarz Korps' added: 'Such a church state can no longer be permitted to exist in Germany.'"

If the Catholic Church and its members do not effectively dispose of Coughlinism they will, as sure as fate, bring about a rejuvenation of the K. K. K. spirit from which they themselves were the chief sufferers. The Church should unhesitatingly administer to Coughlin a kick-in-the-face rebuke which would let him know, in no uncertain terms, that his cowardly, lying attacks are taboo.

BLESSINGS FOR CHANUKAH

Jessie E. Sampter

Blessed art thou, O God our Lord,
Who made us holy with His word,
And told us on this feast of light
To light one candle more each night
(Because when foes about us pressed
To crush us all with death or shame,
The Lord His priests with courage blest
To strike and give His people rest
And in the House that He loved best
Relight our everlasting flame.)
Blest art Thou, the whole world's King,
Who did so wonderful a thing
For our own fathers true and bold
At this same time in days of old!

A CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM

In Haifa there has been a week long drive for the adoption of German Jewish children. There, a novel plan was undertaken. To each family signifying intention of adopting a child, a yellow badge with the inscription "Shame has Been Converted into Honor" has been distributed.

"AS
R'CHASH
SEES
IT"



By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

WHAT IS THE GREATEST WORD

What is the greatest word known to man? What word represents the all in all in life? That word is God. The Bible says "You shall reverence God." (Deuteronomy 10:20) Eversince that command was given, we Jews have never pronounced יהוה Jehovah. (the tetragrammaton) as it is written but have used a circumlocution אֱלֹהֵינוּ "The Eternal" instead, to show our supreme reverence even for His name.

Job raised that tantalizing question "Can a man by searching find out God (Job 2:7). Yes. I can know God INTELLECTUALLY by discerning the mental forces inherent in the universe; ARTISTICALLY by catching the harmonies in color, form and sound; ETHICALLY by yielding to my noblest instincts in obeying the moral law; and RELIGIOUSLY by putting myself in tune with Him every day of my life.

Walter Rauschenbusch in a beautiful little poem declared,-

"In the castle of my soul
Is a little postern gate,
Whereat, when I enter,
I am in the presence of God.
In a moment, in the turning of
a thought,
I am where God is,
This is a fact."

Victor Hugo, sitting in one of the salons of Paris, was asked to prove his knowledge of God, and Hugo replied "Place a blind man in the sunlight. He will not see it, but he will feel it and will say 'I am warm'. It is thus that we absorb the consciousness of the Absolute Being."

Have you ever had the experience of flying a kite in a fog. You do not see it, but you feel the "nip and tuck" so too is it with all of us who profess religion. We feel in our hearts a "nip and tuck," as we pray, which is nothing else than a consciousness of the great awareness of God within us.

JEWS AND SCIENCE

by Gabriel F. Goldstein, M. A.
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Chanukah and Olive Oil

When Mt. Vesuvius erupted in 79 A. D. and covered Pompeii, it buried among other things "Pickled" olive oil. Modern excavations have found olives preserved in solutions of salt (sodium chloride). This action of salt incidentally shows the reason for its use in "Koshering" meat. The fact that the Pompeians preserved olives, is but one of many indications of the importance of this fruit.

The olive tree, says Dr. Lewkowitsch in his treatise on fats and oils, is most likely indigenous to West Asia (the geographical location of Palestine) but at an early date was introduced to all the countries bordering on the Mediterranean Sea. Since this plant was originally wild, it is rather hardy and even to-day can withstand water shortages, and high temperatures such as those of subtropical climates where it thrives best.

The plant with its oil has always been one of the most highly prized common oil plants. Besides being a universal emblem of peace it was also in the crown of the Olympian victor and the Roman conqueror.

Ancient and some modern methods of obtaining the oil are surprisingly similar. The basic principles are first pressing and then extracting with a selective solvent. The fruit is usually allowed to dry and lose its water of vegetation by standing in the sun for two or three weeks. It is then crushed or pressed, soaked in water, repressed and pressed again. Any remaining oil is then recovered by a selective solvent, whereby the oil is dissolved in a liquid medium and is separated from the olive residue. (the principle of extraction was explained in an earlier article.) In both pressings much plant tissue flowed out with the oil. This was removed by allowing the mixture to settle. Since the oil is much lighter than any accompanying plant material or water it rose to the top and could be skimmed off. These methods obviously took some time.

This time element problem arises in considering Chanukah and its relation to olive oil. The Rabbis in the Talmud narrate that when the Jews reconquered the Temple on the twenty fifth day of Kislev and wanted to rekindle the "perpetual light" which used olive oil, they

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COMMENTS

by Rabbi Emanuel L. Lifschitz

Some of our readers would like to know why the Festival of Lights is called Chanukah. CHANUKAH is composed of two Hebrew words.

CHANU they rested, and KAH which numerically equals twenty five (each Hebrew letter has a numerical value). Thus the ancient Rabbis write a chapter of Jewish history in one word: Israel rested from its battles after beating the enemy on the twenty-fifth day of Kislev.

Some students discover Chanukah foretold in the biblical tale of creation, in the phrase Yehi Or, 'Let there be Light'.

י (Yod) - 10

ה (He) - 5

י (Yod) - 10

The numerical value of the Hebrew letters in יְהִי אֹרֶךְ 'Let There be, is 25. Hence the phrase Yehi Or, Let There be Light, can be interpreted to mean there is to be light on the 25th day of the month.

In order to emphasize the objectives and ideals for which our ancient Hasmonean heroes fought the Rabbis were wont to make an anagram from the word חֲשֵׁמֶנָּה the family name of Judah Macabee

ח Chodesh - The New Moon

ש Sabbath

מ Moadim - Festivals

נ Prophecy

א A bot - The patriarchal Tradition

י Yichud - The belief in one God.

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William H. Black, Justice of the New York Supreme Court, in the preface to his latest book entitled "If I were a Jew" says:

"A great crisis that affects directly or indirectly every human being has gripped the world. Official Germany in absolute power, has decreed the expulsion of a small fraction of her inhabitants and the practical expropriation of their property, and is enforcing that decree by banishment, sabotage and confiscation.

I believe that we are our brother's keepers, because any deliberate wrong to any human being anywhere is a wrong against me and against every other human being in the world. Injustice to one man may be the forerunner of injustice to every man. And if I stand silent when others are oppressed I am quite as guilty as the oppressor himself."

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MRS. MAX E. SANDERS

Handsome, distinguished-looking matron. Our officers (particularly the 2nd Vice-President), our directors, members and worshippers - in short, everybody - affectionately call her HANNAH.

Educated at Julia Richman High School and Teachers College, she is naturally active in educational groups, like Jewish Education Association, Junior Parents Group at Barnard and Parents Association at Horace Mann.

Is Honorary President of our Women's League. Has three charming daughters, Muriel Gertrude, Barbara May and Betty Ellen, who resemble their charming mother (thanks for that).

Her motto: "I let my hubby say what he wants as long as he does what I want."

GETTING PERSONAL

By Me, Him & I

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The final Monday night Bible Class for 1938 was a hummer.... The largest attendance to date.... The most absorbing topic - Palestine.... The speaker, Dr. Kheirallah, presenting the Arab side, was tremendously interesting.... In the audience, a Catholic Priest, a Druse, an Indian, an Arab and Harry Appel, who wanted to know if there were any red-haired Arabs.... Dr. Kheirallah said the desert was full of them.... No wonder the Sahara's so bizarre... Mrs. Annie Levy, mother of Judge Aaron J. Levy, and her daughter Miss Regina Levy attended.... The latter had quite a discussion of her own with the speaker.... For heated all night discussions, however, we're betting on the Judge who is in a class by himself.... Last Saturday, young Arnold Oshrin delivered a fiery talk on the Golden Rule.... Dr. Zadek Kapner, who came to pray, administered medical aid to one of the worshippers.... Outside communal projects are finding a welcome chez nous.... Manhattan Boy Scouts Chanukah Celebration, Dec. 18; Mizrahi Concert, Dec. 21; Joint Distribution Junior Committee Musicales, Jan. 8.... Our Women's League are active in the Temple of Religion Drive.... They were also well represented at the recent dinner of the G. N. Y. C. W. B. U. O. J. C. A. (for initials, the New Deal is a piker) by a delegation consisting of Mesdames (wish someone would suggest a U. S. A. equivalent, like Malkes, Dictators, etc.) Pargament, Frank, Anderson, Messing, Seff, Langer, Brown, Weiss, Bendheim, Michaels and Livingston.... We learn that Dr. Gerald Blankfort was in town last week end.... Harry Appel presided at the W. S. I. S. Daughters' Meeting Tuesday evening.... He urged that "we women" meet more frequently.... "Ma" Pargament, assisted by Mrs. Max Frank and Mrs. Morris Jablow, conducted a happy children's Chanukah Party, last Sunday.... The Men's Club, under the transfusion of pep from the new president, Eli Jacoby, is going strong.... If only the women would stay out, it would be a Men's Club.... Open every night but Friday.... The "bid and bait" quartette, Messrs. Rubenstein, Langer, Siegel and Frank lead the pinochle quadrille.... Come on men. It's a good place after a domestic tiff.... Refreshments (non-alcoholic) served by

the celebrated caterer and cartoonist, Rudy.... The password is "Hats off".... Thanks are due Mr. Ripin for providing the refreshments at the Scout Chanukah Party.... Hi, Mussolini, that newly discovered Aryan Symphony of yours has played you some terrible Musica in Z minor....

Jews and Science

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found but one jug which had not been defiled. Although this cruise should have lasted but one day, it burned for a week and a day until new oil could be procured. The usual process for preparing ordinary olive oil as we can see from the method just described would require more

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than eight days (including drying, processing, standing, etc.) Moreover the people as a whole, having just come from the field of battle, were ritually unclean and could not prepare ritual olive oil for seven days. Rashi's explanation of the method of preparation of "oil for the lamp of the temple" clarifies the problem. The oil for the lamp which had to be clear of any suspended solids was not put through a mill and thoroughly crushed. Instead the olive was allowed to ripen on the tree, carefully pressed to obtain only the virgin oil. This treatment would not introduce any material other than the pure oil, and took but a short time. It seems that the eight days necessary before new oil could be obtained are thus accounted for (seven days to attain ritual purity and the eighth day for processing).

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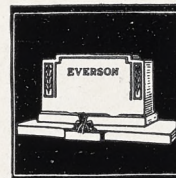
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