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CHILDREN'S CHANUKAH PROGRAM

The children of the Talmud Torah produced a beautiful program at their Chanukah celebration. In fact they were so good that the cast was invited to repeat the performance at the Chanukah services of the Jewish Boy Scouts of Manhattan Council held in the Synagogue. The following children participated in the program: Arnyce Livingston, Richard Goldberger, Stanley Sardinsky, Arthur Goldberger, Fred Beckhardt, Wolf Dow, Michael Zeenkov, Max Lidz, Jerold Kaufman, Joy Landis, Josephine Goldstein, Tillie Lewton, Hilda Lazarus, Helene Appelbaum, Donald Ditchik, Bertha Lewton, Leisha Langer, Vera Geisberg, Naomi Goldstein, Renee Ludner, Helene Landis, Debra Siegel, Allan Mirken, Lewis Litt, Arleen Zeenkov, Sidney Morgenstern, Elias Siegel, Irwin Widelitz.

Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein spoke to the children on the significance of the holiday, and Mr. Max E. Sanders greeted the assemblage. The program was directed by Nachama Koenigsberg, Hadassah Koenigsberg, Ethel Grumer and supervised by Rabbi Emanuel L. Lifschitz.

J. D. C. APPEAL

Additional contributions to the J. D. C. Appeal have been received from the following: David Cohen, Joan Horwitz, William Horwitz, Dr. Zadok Kapner, Morris Levine, Joseph Roth, Mrs. Lena Shaine and Milton Speiser.

MEMORIAL TABLET DEDICATION

Impressive ceremonies will mark the dedication and unveiling of the Memorial Tablet in our Daily Synagogue scheduled to take place on Wednesday evening, January 11, 1939, at 8:30 o'clock.

The families of the departed whose names are inscribed on plaques and their friends are invited to attend.

Any one desiring to install a plaque in time for the dedication exercises will please notify Mr. Jablow at the office before January 3rd, 1939.

BAZAAR TREASURER



SAMUEL W. SIEGEL

Light candles Friday Evening 4:23 Weekly Portion — VAYIGASH

Friday Evening Service	4:20
Saturday Morning Service	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:00
Rabbi Hurwitz Class in Talmud	3:00
Mincha Service	4:20
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	4:20

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM

What with Dale Carnegie and the Advertising Club the rage these days, the women of the neighborhood are following the trend of the times in this speech-conscious world by taking advantage of the Public Speaking Course presented here every Wednesday morning at 10:30 A. M., and with commendable results. Since last October, each inspiring Demosthenes has weathered the tribulations of the embryonic public speaker with no small degree of personal enjoyment. Our constant source of humor has been the Mutual Exchange and discussion of personal reaction to each public-speaking experience in a "tell me about your operation" manner. Some have described suffering the tortures of cold, clammy hands, others of quaking knees of a strange rubbery composition, and still others of the horrors of seeing swaying, colorless, terrifying masses of faces before them.

It's the "Speech Is The Thing!" Every Wednesday at 10:30 A. M.

SPECIAL BAZAAR MEETING

Before Harry Appel, the dynamic chairman of our Bazaar, left for a short vacation, he arranged for the preparatory work to continue in his absence.

The date for the Bazaar has been fixed for January 21st to the 28th. The important phase now is to get merchandise. All of our friends can help by donating merchandise and by furnishing to the committee the names of business men and manufacturers who will likewise contribute merchandise. You will render a real service by supplying us with those names so that we can send for the merchandise.

A SPECIAL BAZAAR MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY EVENING, JANUARY 5th, 1939, at our building. We will have an opportunity to welcome our chairman upon his return from his vacation and discuss further details and suggestions.

The committee hopes to make this Bazaar BIGGER and BETTER and asks for your loyal aid and support so necessary for the success of this undertaking.

MAZEL TOV

Our sincere felicitations to Mr. & Mrs. Max Meth of 170 W. 73rd Street on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Lionel Chayes. This Saturday, May God grant that he develop into a wholesome and integrated Jewish personality.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Women's League was busy-ing itself last week with preparations for the bazaar and is beginning its work in earnest. With Mrs. Annie Morris as chairman of the Women's Division, how can the ladies ever find rest until this event is brought to a successful conclusion. Mrs. Greenstein has for distribution booklets for the Palestine Pavilion at the Temple of Religion at the World's Fair. The next meeting of the Women's League will be on January 9th, and will be an open one. The guest speaker of the afternoon will be Anna Kaufman, well known through her activities in the National Council of Jewish Women. Her timely subject will be: "Involuntary Emigrants and the Quota Law."



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ON SPEAKING OUT

The so-called, self-styled "liberal" World-Telegram, in a short, but savage editorial last Friday, nominated Secretary Ickes for presidency of a "trap-shut" society. This self appointed guardian of liberty, and the Bill of Rights, severely denounces Ickes for bitterly denouncing Nazi terrorism and criticizing Ford and Lindbergh for accepting the bloody Aryan medals.

What has happened to the policy of the World-Telegram? Is it soft-peddalling its friendship for freedom? Is its vaunted craving for free air only skin deep?

The fact remains that the Nazi tyrants, of retarded or totally undeveloped mentalities, understand only the language of the club across the head. Reason, Justice, Honor, the very rudiments of civilized decency, are absent from their limited understanding. They do, however, get the point, when it is accompanied by a physical impression, such as severe loss of face, loss of trade or foreign exchange, or a door shut in their faces when they seek the company

of civilized society.

The failure to understand this psychology will cause Chamberlain to go down (figuratively as well as literally) in history as the minister who saved his country from war but lost his country -- The operation was successful but the patient died. His memory will have the doubtful distinction of recalling one terrorized and bluffed by a non-existing ogre, 10,000 death dealing planes which, experts say, Germany never had.

On the other hand, for clarity of vision and expression, for forcibly bringing a truculent bully to book and calling his bluff, Secretaries Ickes and Welles and Senator Pittman, stand out as the possessors of great powers of expression, reminiscent of Woodrow Wilson. They neither waste nor mince words. They speak the language and voice the thoughts, not only of America but of civilization everywhere.

Instead of nominating anyone for a "trap-shut" organization, we suggest the World-Telegram take stock of itself and see whether it is drifting. Once the liberalism and freedom of press and speech to which it pays lip service disappear, it will find itself a very meek member of a real "trap-shut" organization, like its confreres in "free" Germany, Italy, and elsewhere, with its voice hermetically stilled. Instead of being a free newspaper, it will, if Nazism comes here, degenerate to a lowly phonograph record, humbly speaking a tyrant master's voice.

JEWISH YOUTH LEAGUE

Our good neighbor policy expressed itself last Wednesday evening when members of the Young Peoples Society of Congregation Bnai Jeshurun joined with the members of the Jewish Youth League for a very heated debate on the subject: "Resolved that the United States modify the present Immigration Laws to permit refugees to settle." The meeting was followed by dancing.

Debaters for the J. Y. L. were - Joseph Goldstein and Harold Levine.

The next meeting of the League will be held on January 4th. The subject to be discussed by the members from the floor is: "Why are Jews discriminated against in labor?" All young people interested in discovering social, recreational and cultural opportunities are urged to consult with Rabbi Emanuel L. Lifschitz.

"AS
R'CHASH
SEES
IT"



By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

IMMORTALITY

All religions stress the belief in immortality. The belief in immortality is the basis of human progress. The fact that each and every one of us will have to give a reckoning for the lives we have led upon this earth gives meaning and fullness to life. It spurs man to lofty endeavors during his tenancy on earth.

Thinking men and women must believe in immortality if they believe at all in God's abiding sense of justice. We see all about us the inequalities of life, where the wicked prosper and the righteous suffer. Therefore if we believe in God, and in His justice, there must come a time when we shall all receive our just desserts. How else could we endure the dread enigma of life in a world where the unjust triumph while the just fail.

We live, dream, toil in the increasing hope that there is a righting of iniquity by an omniscient and just God. When a scamp was about to be lowered to his grave, Carlyle, raised the rhetorical question, "Who shall repay him for what he has done?"

The belief in immortality brings comfort to the sufferer. It gives him hope that in God there is eternity. We are on this earth like children waiting fearfully but eagerly for the end of a bitter day at school, when we may at last go home to the all merciful, all just arms of an all-knowing parent who will mollify the pains of the day, reveal justice to the mind and bring relief to the soul. Religion teaches us that immortality is the warp and woof of life, as we read in the Book of Job "Though He slay me yet will I trust in Him. I know that my Redeemer liveth, and when after my skin is destroyed, then, without my flesh, shall I see God."

Immortality is the eternal spring to life.

AND IT CAME TO PASS

Hayyim Nachman Bialik

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REVIEW

by Deborah Lifschitz

Reminiscing upon our childhood, we recall with what delight we would listen to legends told us of our Biblical heroes, and with what fascination we would read the stories of our great men.

It is with a similar amount of pleasure altho with more sophisticated understanding that we read "And it came to pass" -- the stories of King David and King Solomon, originally written in Hebrew by Hayyim Nachman Bialik. The translation by Herbert Danby of Oxford University, has lost nothing of the beauty of the original, however. For, in these stories, we have a combination of the simplicity of the folk lore and the genius of the poet. Hayyim Nachman Bialik has infused these legends with not only his scintillating wit, but a style which results in esthetic enjoyment and sustained interest. Many of the stories we recognize, 'tho in a different form. Many of these stories are told in the moving simplicity of biblical prose. Many are told in the sheer poetry that we can identify only with our greatest national poet, Bialik.

Beginning with the days of Ruth and Orpah, we learn of the origin of David and Goliath, and are then brought directly to the childhood of David. Thus we follow David and then Solomon thru their careers. One of the stories of the death of David, which enchants one with its delightful simplicity, is the legend, in which the Angel of Death comes to David to take his soul away.

"He found David sitting in the house of cedars, and David's mouth ceased not from psalms and songs to God. For it was the Sabbath day, and all his life the King had devoted that day to God, - from its coming in until its going out. And the Angel could not come near to him, for songs to God are a defence from death for them that sing. Therefore the Angel of Death dealt subtly.

He came to the garden behind the house and made a rustling among the trees. David came out to the garden to see what was the noise, but the high praises of God ceased not in his mouth. He was yet treading the steps of the garden, and, behold, a stair beneath him was broken, and, for a moment his singing ceased.

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JEWISH HISTORY REPEATED

by Rabbi Emanuel L. Lifschitz

The present day Jewish troubles have had their parallel and the suggested remedies of mass migrations and resettlement are not new.

Neville Chamberlain has of late suggested that German Jews settle in British Guiana. From history we learn that the area of present British Guiana had become a haven of refuge back in the 17th century. Religiously persecuted and oppressed Spanish and Portuguese Jews who had escaped from the Inquisition - sought a refuge in Surinam which had been just occupied by the British. The latter in their desire to encourage the settlement of more Jews granted the small settlement a charter of liberties in which freedom of religious practice was guaranteed. Summonses served on the Sabbath were declared invalid. Civil suits for less than the value of 10,000 pounds of sugar (a form of currency in those days) were to be decided by the Jewish elders, while the secular magistrates were obliged to carry out their judgements. Jews were allowed to bequeath their property according to their own laws of inheritance. It was declared that all who came there should be considered natural born British subjects. When the English were compelled to surrender the colony to the Dutch in 1667, one of the conditions of surrender was that the Jews should migrate with the English to the neighboring Jamaica. The Dutch being unwilling to lose such industrious subjects, did all in their power to retain them, and thus confirmed all the privileges which the English had granted. Under such favorable circumstances the number of Jews increased. A beautiful synagogue was erected in 1685. Jews enjoyed plantations and a flourishing settlement. In the French attack on Surinam in 1689, the Jews stoutly defended the colony, nevertheless the settlement gradually declined after the murderous attack by the Bush negroes in 1743, in which David Nassi was killed. After the loss of hundreds of its men, the Jewish defense gradually weakened in the face of the wild negro elements. After a last desperate effort to protect the settlement from attack, the settlement had to be abandoned. The place where once blossomed a Jewish refuge settlement is today a sheer jungle in which lay the ruins of ancient dwellings, - tombstones and remains of a synagogue.

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A prototype of the daughter of Jerusalem, - a joyous (freid), charming and radiant personality, is our splendid co-worker whom we like to call just plain Frieda.

A native of Palestine, she was educated in the Ezra School and the Alliance Israelite. She is the mother of two fine young boys Joseph and Morris who both saw the light of day in the holy city where they received their early education at the Beth Sefer Real, located in Haifa. Her home is a "little Jerusalem" for Hebrew is the language spoken.

She is hospitality chairman of the Women's League and conducts a Hebrew study group for our ladies. Her business is her children.

GETTING PERSONAL

By Me, Him & I

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The Chanukah party held under the auspices of the Men's Club with Mr. Eli Jacoby presiding was a swell affair. Rabbi Goldstein delivered an inspiring address, Cantor Yavneh lit the candles and contributed a Yiddish number. Rabbi Lifschitz presented a March of Time in which we discovered a group of Dual Personalities. . . . quiet and retiring Eli Jacoby burst forth with inspired good humor besides becoming the reader. . . . from salesman for the W. S. I. S. to ardent Zionist in one step. . . . did it need the dark to bring out the Dr. Goldman in you, Joe Settel? And Dr. Frank--as a physician you make an excellent international correspondent! Mr. Emanuel Fine made a fine Italian-- salute, alias Sr. Cortesi. . . . Mr. Tilem as the Pope makes us think that he is very pious (or Pius?). . . . Mr. Klewan became a terribly impressive professor. . . . and Rabbi Lifschitz turned Gabriel Heater. . . . Our Long Island contingent is growing. . . . Mrs. E. Klein has become one of our regular Sabbath morning worshippers. . . . We hope Mrs. Bernard Semel will soon be in that class. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Manishevitz are doing fine work for Mizrahi--the Orthodox Branch of the Zionist Movement. . . . The Chanukah concert arranged in our Synagogue for the Mizrahi membership drive was an excellent one. . . . Congratulations to Mrs. Luloff upon the arrival of a brand new grandson. . . . Mrs. Henry Blankfort left for the Golden West. . . . We extend our very best wishes to Rabbi and Mrs. Emanuel L. Lifschitz upon their first wedding anniversary! May they celebrate many more with us. . . . We have a new aspirant for the Metropolitan in Harry Appel. . . . did you hear him vocalize on Eli-Eli. . . . Glad to note that Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Tilem are back in harness again. . . . Congratulations to our director and Mrs. Joseph Landowne upon their Wedding Anniversary. . . . We were honored this week with the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Solarz of Brooklyn. . . . Come often, delighted to see you. . . . Congratulations to Simeon Goldstein on his 23rd birthday. . . . We miss our editor who is vacationing in Lake Placid. . . . hope he is having a better time than we are. . . .

CONDOLENCE

We extend our sincere and heartfelt condolences to Mr. Joseph Newman on the recent passing of his beloved mother.

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Then was it that the Angel of Death overcame him; and David fell backwards into the bosom of the flowers in the garden beds with his face turned toward heaven.

One moment the face of the King in his hoary majesty still reflected the glow of the setting sun at the ending of the Sabbath, with rich and abiding glory; then, suddenly, the sun kissed his mouth with a farewell kiss, and the lips of the sweet singer grew dumb forever amid the sweet scented flowers.

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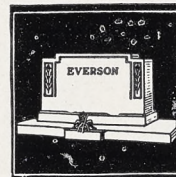
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