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BENEFIT CONCERT

FOR PERSECUTED JEWS

On Sunday evening, January 8, at 8:30, a concert will be held at the synagogue under the auspices of the Junior Division of the Joint Distribution Committee. The proceeds will be used to relieve our stricken brothers in the countries of oppression. The program, consisting of violin, piano and voice compositions, will be given by advanced students of the Juilliard School of Music. Members of the congregation are urged to come and support this worthy endeavor. Tickets, at fifty cents, may be obtained in the office or at the door.

The Joint Distribution Committee, organized during the War, is continuing its activities this year with renewed energy to meet the increased distress abroad. As an example of its effectiveness, it took immediate charge of the 8000 expelled German Jews recently stranded on the Polish frontier, providing them with food, shelter, clothing and medical attention. Not only does it meet temporary emergencies, it also seeks a lasting solution by helping thousands to reconstruct their lives. To this end it establishes trade schools, free loan institutions, fresh air camps and medical societies where they are most needed. It is the sacred duty of every American Jew to further its work to the fullest possible extent.

KINDERGARTEN — DAY SCHOOL

Our model Hebrew Kindergarten will be soon successfully completing its first semester. As originally planned, the Kindergarten is intended to form the basis for a future day-school chartered by the New York Board of Education, in which both Hebrew and Secular instruction will be given. Registration for the new 1A class to begin in February will be open during the month of January. This type of school has been heralded by American Jewry as the best for the preservation and intensification of Jewish cultural values. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss the merits of this school with all interested parents.

GUEST SPEAKER



DR. EUGENE COLLIGAN

On Monday evening, January 9th, we shall resume Rabbi Goldstein's Men's Bible Class and Forum. The guest speaker for the evening will be Dr. Eugene Colligan distinguished scholar, great humanitarian, and President of Hunter College. His subject will be "American Democracy vs. Totalitarianism." This is an opportunity to hear a discussion of one of the world's pressing issues.

MAZEL TOV

Our heartiest Mazel Tov and best wishes to Mr. G. Richard Rubenstein, our Director, and his good wife on the arrival of their first Grandchild—a bouncing baby boy - Douglas. And to the proud parents, Mr. & Mrs. Milton Weill. Here's to three generations of loyal membership in the ranks of the W. S. I. S.

Our best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Ginsberg of 710 West End Avenue, on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Irwin -- this Saturday. May God grant that he mature into a wholesome and devoted son of Israel.

Light candles Friday Evening 4:29

Weekly Portion — VAYEHI

Friday Evening Service	4:30
Saturday Morning Service	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:00
Rabbi Hurwitz Class in Talmud	3:15
Mincha Service	4:30
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	4:30
Followed by the study of the Mishnah	

BAZAAR ACTIVITIES

Now that our chairman of the Bazaar Committee, Harry Appel, is back on the job, things are beginning to hum. Our friends are again showing their loyal interest and co-operation by contributing a variety of merchandise.

This is the time when everyone interested in the success of this undertaking can render effective aid, first by contributing, and second by furnishing to us the names of business men and manufacturers who will be willing to make contributions of goods. The committee will be glad to follow up these leads by sending a committee of ladies for the donation.

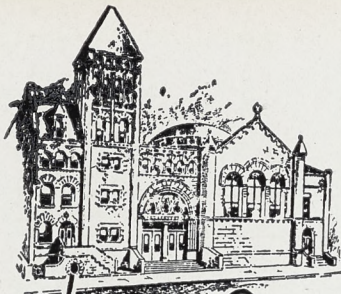
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WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Monday afternoon, January 9, 1939 at 2:30 o'clock, the Women's League will conduct an open meeting. The guest speaker will be Miss Anna Kaufman of the National Council of Jewish Women. Her subject "Involuntary Emigrants and the Quota Law." Rabbi Goldstein will resume his weekly Bible Class. The hostesses at the social hour will be: Mesdames Jack Levine, David H. Ullman, Morris Jablow & Harry Ward.

TALMUD TORAH REGISTRATION

The winter semester of our Hebrew School will end on Tuesday, January 31, 1939. We are making plans to institute a new 1A class beginning with the spring term on February 1st. Registration for new students for all classes and especially for the new 1A class will take place during the month of January on Weekday afternoons between the hours of 4 and 6 and on Sunday mornings between the hours of 9:30 and 11:00.



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MILITARY PREPAREDNESS

But a few years ago, our young, immature, self-styled liberals, pinks, pacifists, humanitarians, and other plain fools, deluded themselves into believing that all you had to do to abolish burglary was to dismiss policemen.

Yes, they raved against military training in the Colleges, they even grossly insulted and physically assaulted President Robinson of City College because that institution gave a course in military science which was **entirely elective**. Our young know-it-alls felt that the way to abolish wars was to end all military training and preparation.

Now they know better as they see that civilization is only skin deep; that thousands of years of culture and religious training have not made gentlemen out of savages.

"A man's a man for a' that" and a dog's a dog in spite of all that.

Today, we commonly hear our former radicals saying "I wish I had taken military training. At least I'd know what to do."

Yes, the world is at the cross-roads and brutal war is in the making.

There is no other way to crush the viper of savage-ism. Like the ancient orator who went about preaching that Carthage must be destroyed, we must realize that today's motto of World Democracy is "Nazism must be destroyed, root and branch."

GERMAN REFUGEES

Great, indeed, are the sacrifices made by American Jewry for the amelioration of the lot of German Jews. Appeals without end have and are being made. The response has been magnificent, which is as it should be.

However, one phase of the situation leaves us puzzled. What are the German refugees doing who came over here with substantial means. Many of the richer Jews were far-sighted enough to send some funds out of Germany, which are now available to them. A few days ago, we read of a former Viennese judge suing a refugee, now in California, for a fee claimed to have been earned in getting a million dollars out of Germany.

Our fine resorts are well patronized by well-to-do, if not very wealthy German Jews.

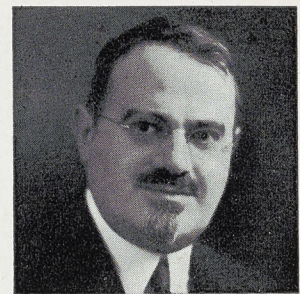
Nevertheless, the help given by these fortunately situated refugees to their brethren, seems to be very much unheard of. They should co-operate with our American organizations, such as Joint Distribution Committee, and help with funds and work. Let it not be said that they are indifferent to the plight of their less fortunate brethren.

ANOTHER ANSWER

One may ask why Nazi Germany permitted a "black Thursday" which outraged the whole civilized world. Some reason it thus. Germany's ship of state is financially on the rocks and in its desire to help itself in a difficult situation, it required a pretext to confiscate Jewish wealth. Leon Feuchtwanger, the distinguished German-Jewish writer offers another explanation. He believes that the bloody pogrom we have witnessed is not the product of clear thinking persons, but rather the outburst of the primitive and blood-thirsty instincts of those drunk with power and bent on destruction and revenge.

For two thousand years Jewry relied, for its existence, on a world accepted social morality. Our very existence pricks the conscience of those who rely on brute force and intimidation.

"AS
R'CHASH
SEES
IT"



By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

IMMORTALITY

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The whole universe may be likened to a tapestry. Pull aside a single strand and the pattern is altered, the colors no longer blend into a unified whole. The answer to our fears of death is the knowledge that we do not live alone, nor for ourselves alone. An individual is not a disconnected, isolated strand, but an integral thread in the tapestry. We have parents, children, social intimates, business affiliates.

Thus it may be seen that he who lives for himself alone is mortal, while the man who shares his life with others, aiding whom he can and doing all the good he can, is sure of life eternal because the force of his own spirit is reflected, transmitted and perpetuated in the deeds of those he has influenced. We read in the Talmud, "Rabbi Jochanan said, 'Jacob, the Patriarch, our father is not dead.' Thereupon, the Rabbis ask, 'Has not Jacob been buried long ago?' Rabbi Jochanan answered, 'So long as the descendants of Jacob live, the life of Jacob is not dead.'" When we live the religious life our parents projected for us, we make for them immortality, and transmit it to our children for ourselves.

Another phase of life, which indicates immortality, may be found in the inescapable evidences of dream messages from the dead. The fact that the dead appear to us in dreams is compelling proof of a life after death. Some of us have been privileged to receive these dream messages directing us to perform some act of charity, or warning us against some evil, or folly in life. The Talmud records a number of such dream messages from those who passed into the great beyond. All about us there are either evidences of or cogent reasons for the belief in immortality.

MAZEL TOV RABBI

at the Public Theatre
2nd Ave. and 4th St.

with Menasha Skulnik,
Menachem Rubin,
Tillie Rabinowitz.

"Mazel Tov Rabbi", an operetta in two acts and seven scenes, starring Menasha Skulnik as the "rabbi", is an entertaining and humorous play which is well worth seeing. Despite the obvious "flag-waving" and denunciations of the "mad-dog of Germany", the scene showing the closing of the Hamburg Synagogue and the extinguishing of the Eternal Light after 75 years of continual burning, is by far the most impressive scene in the entire play. However, it in no way detracts from the comedy even tho it does strike a serious note.

In an attempt to prove to his brother that position is not everything, Sam (Jacob Wexler) has Tefka (Menasha Skulnik) who is a tailor, pose as a rabbi. The girl, (Gertie Bulman) was betrothed at the age of seven to a young boy in another town. After a series of incidents, the boy is lost sight of after his thirteenth birthday and the sacred vow cannot be fulfilled. Sam tries to get his brother to forget the idea of having his daughter marry a rabbi because she is in love with a poor tailor but he is adamant in his demands that she marry Tefka. Tefka turns out to be the long lost Yeshivah bocher to whom she was betrothed and releases her from the vow so that she may marry the man she really loves.

The operetta was written by Anschul Schore and the music by Joseph Rumshinsky who conducted the orchestra.

Daniel Weiss

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in the Daily Synagogue

on

Wednesday evening

January 11, 1939 — 8:30 o'clock

NEWS COMMENTS
by Rabbi Emanuel L. Lifschitz

You will doubtless be interested in a letter recently printed in the Palestine Post. The letter was addressed to the German Ministry of War by Mr. Erich Goldscheider, a former soldier in the Imperial German Army and one who lived under the Nazi regime. Mr. Goldscheider resides today in Haifa, Palestine. Doubting whether the letter would receive any attention, the author of the note released it to the press.

"Sir,— I have the honour herewith to return my Iron Cross, with the request that it be given to Dr. Goebbels, Minister of Propaganda. I am a member of the race whose low instincts have been officially confirmed by Dr. Goebbels, and, as an honourable German soldier, I feel I should return my decoration. The Iron Cross was awarded to me twenty-four years ago for courage in the face of enemy fire at Rheims, but now it would perhaps look better upon Messrs. Goebbels, Frick, or Streicher, who have shown such exceptional courage in the face of unarmed Jews, old men, women, and children. During the War, none of these gentlemen earned their crosses, for they did not find the time to prove their love of their Fatherland in the field. A good share of its defence was left to the young Jews who were anxious to sacrifice their lives for what they believed was their home. But in the names of those of my personal friends who fell in the execution of their duty, Saling, Margolius, Held, Hirschberg, Rosenberg, Gompertz, and Joseph, as well as my one-time companions-at-arms Hitler and Goering, I should like to thank Goebbels for not having ordered the destruction of the headstones of the 12,000 Jewish war dead in Germany who are resting in German soil, when he decreed that fate for the houses of worship, the homes and the property of the surviving soldiers, and of the parents, wives, and children of the dead."

The Catholic Press Association representing 17,000 Catholic college students, adopted a resolution which reads in part:

"Anti-Semitism, repeatedly denounced by the Pope as un-Christian and immoral is also a crime against true Americanism and Democracy."

The construction of a 100 ton fishing boat is in the course of completion for Nachshon, the Palestine fishing industry. A second motor fishing vessel has been acquired for the purpose of extending the Jewish fishing industry.

Jan Masaryk, son of Thomas Masaryk, founder of the Czechoslovakian Republic, is coming to the United States to be the principal speaker at the National Conference for Palestine to be held in Washington, D.C. on January 14 and 15.

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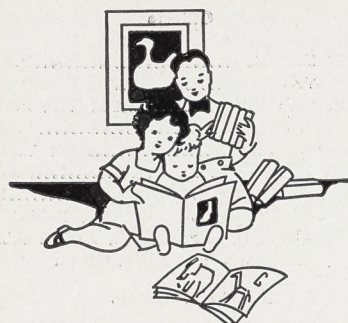
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PAULINE (MRS. ISAAC) KING

A lovely pious lady is our splendid member, Mrs. Pauline King. Though a mother of three sons and five daughters and the proud granny of ten grandchildren, she still has time to participate and help along in all our endeavors.

Mrs. King has been active in Brooklyn religious and philanthropic organizations for many years and is a staunch supporter of Jewish education. Though only a recent arrival in Manhattan, Mrs. King has been affiliated with the W. S. I. S. from the time it was founded. Through her hard efforts and genial temperament, Mrs. King has earned for herself a warm place in our hearts.



GETTING PERSONAL

By Me, Him & I

We were glad to welcome our director, Joseph Anderson, upon his return to the city from a prolonged and successful business trip. . . . We really missed you. . . . Delighted to see our old friend Marcus Rosner with us after his short illness. . . . keep well young man. . . . Mr. & Mrs. Lester Udell and Mr. & Mrs. Isaac Settel enjoyed a short vacation at Atlantic City over the last week-end. . . . Mr. & Mrs. David Cohen left for Florida. . . . Hope they enjoy their stay. . . . Congratulations to our devoted member, Mrs. Regina Margareten, upon the marriage of her grandson Joseph Wohl to Miss Gretina Ruth Parrill. . . . Mr. & Mrs. G. Richard Rubenstein returned from Florida to attend their grandson's Briss. . . . We are glad to welcome back Charlie Bendheim. He was a guest of our Rabbi on Friday evening in Florida. . . . Welcome home to Harry Bazaar Appel and Family. . . . You are looking fine, Harry. . . . Our heartiest congratulations to Dr. & Mrs. Samuel Weiss upon their Twenty-Fifth Wedding Anniversary. . . . Believe it or not, we missed Mrs. Annie Morris in Shule for two consecutive Sabbaths. . . . Meyer Weisgall joined us at services last week. . . . If you cannot afford a trip to Palestine, a perfect miniature is being produced at the Fair. . . . At last Louis Lipsky came to Shule. . . . Young Seymour Gutnick of Brooklyn (a nephew of Mr. Pargament) participated in the discussion after the debate between our Jewish Youth League and the Raphael Society of Bnai Jeshurun Congregation. He acquitted himself creditably. . . . Mr. & Mrs. Morris Levine left for Florida. Pick some winners, Morris. . . . We suggest Harold Kaplan prepare some refreshment after service so he won't be so impatient. . . . We all enjoy listening to our Cantor. . . . Glad to see Joan Friedman getting around after having sprained her ankle. . . . We welcome our director Sam Davis upon his return from California. . . .

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Irving Nussbaum, Burton Ritter, Jerome Teitler, Jerome Herman, Martin Herman.

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Lawrence Grassberg, Jackie Kaufman, Leisha Langer, Bertha Lewton, Renee Ludner, Herbert Marton, Hanley Meirowitz, Shandell Pokart, Henry Rosett, Meryl Ann Young, Frank Druss, Leonard Glicksman, Donald Weill

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To Mr. S. Ullman upon the loss of his mother.

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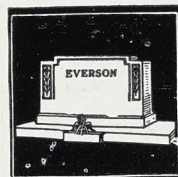
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