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BAZAAR DRAWS NEAR

Efforts to make this year's Bazaar bigger and better are being redoubled.

Our Chairman, Harry Appel, is concentrating his energies towards obtaining more merchandise. Many of our ladies are volunteering to visit merchants and manufacturers to collect contributions. We have available many automobiles to make their task lighter and pleasanter.

Every one can do a little towards making a success of this venture. In the words of our Chairman, "Make this a light burden on many shoulders." Do your individual share now by donating merchandise and by giving us names of prospective contributors of merchandise.

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CONGRATULATIONS



Mr. & Mrs. Sol Simon

Our best wishes to Mr. & Mrs. Sol Simon on their sixty-first wedding anniversary on January 18, 1939. Here's to their ninety-ninth.

GUEST SPEAKER



MURRAY I. GURFEIN
CHIEF OF RACKETS BUREAU

The guest speaker at the Monday Evening Men's Bible Class will be Assistant District Attorney I. Gurfein, formerly Law Secretary to Judge Julian W. Mack of the United States Circuit Court, Assistant United States Attorney under George Z. Medalie and prominent in the recent Dewey Investigation. Mr. Gurfein is at present Assistant District Attorney of New York County and Chief of the Racket Bureau.

Subject: "Rackets and Racketeers"
Come and hear an illuminating discussion.

MAZEL TOV

Our heartiest congratulations to Miss Fay Landowne, sister of our director Mr. Joseph Landowne, on her forthcoming marriage to Mr. Charles Brand on Sunday, January 15th.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

At its meeting held on Sunday night, January 8, the members of the Alumni Association voted to have the group attend a hockey game on Sunday January 22. All boys who have been Bar-Mitzvah at this synagogue are invited to attend. The boys will meet at the synagogue at 1 P. M. on January 22, and proceed in a group to Madison Square Garden. The total charge is 50c.

TALMUD TORAH HONOR ROLL

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Norman Novak, Sidney Bermitz, Howard Bedrick, Alan Kommel, Jay Greenwald

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Open Meeting of the Women's League last Monday afternoon, January 9th, was a lovely success. The Social Room of the Synagogue building, where it took place, had an air of festivity. It seemed everyone was joyous upon the arrival home of our dear Rabbi and Rebitzen from their recent holiday and vied to be among the first to bid them "Sholom."

Rabbi Goldstein conducted his Bible Class as usual preceding the meeting. The Guest Speaker of the afternoon was Miss Anna Kaufman of the National Council of Jewish Women. Her subject was "Involuntary Emigrants and the Quota Law." She gave a lucid description of some of the conditions existing abroad, and explained the reason for the Quota Laws. Because of the present emergency, American citizens who are the children of these ejected victims, are able to transport their parents from their unhappy homelands independently of the quota.

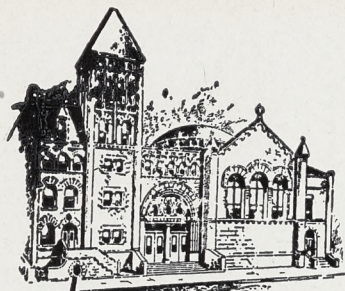
A social hour followed.

LIBRARY FUND

Many of our worshippers perpetuate the spiritual memory of their beloved ones by donating prayer books for use in our Synagogue. Inside the front cover of each book is placed a beautiful book plate upon which is inscribed the name of the person in whose memory the book is presented.

In expanding the religious and cultural program of our Institution, we aim to establish a reading room and circulating library. In this library will be found, in addition to classical Hebrew literature, modern books touching upon the historical, biographical, literary and sociological aspects of Judaism. Also, the very best of modern Jewish novels as well as choice periodicals and magazines.

In order to accomplish this objective, the Congregation would welcome your gift to our library fund. We suggest you consult Rabbi Emanuel L. Lifschitz. He will gladly advise you concerning the books required.



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THE BULLIES GET PANICKY

At heart, a bully is always a coward. He will bluster and threaten as long as he feels the other fellow is afraid. Just like the mongrel cur who will run after you and snarl as you hurry away but will retreat yelping if you just turn around and aim a kick at him, the Nazis were very brave when they had to deal with so-called statesmen with spines made of spaghetti.

However, when they are treated to a series of "petsch" like that recently administered by Secretaries Ickes, Wells, Hull, Senator Pitman, and climaxed by President Roosevelt, they get panicky and now are busily yelling that Roosevelt is trying to bring about a war. It is a repetition of the old story of the pickpocket shouting "Stop, thief!" in his endeavor to escape with his pilfered loot.

Now that the United States has assumed the moral leadership of world democracy, and freedom loving people all over are rallying round this leadership, the Nazis are getting scared. Only yesterday, they were demanding that all Germans

return to Germany and participate in their new glories. Today, they are pleading with Germans all over the world to stay put and, if already in Germany, to return whence they came. They see that their friends in foreign countries are few and, hence, feel it necessary for their own to attempt to recapture lost friendship and respect.

GALLIC HUMOR

The French are famous for a particular brand of humor, characterized by subtle, biting irony. It does not provoke loud laughter, but rather the faint smile. At the same time, as if guided by a skilled surgeon, the knife cuts away the obstructing, hypocritical mass and reaches the point in keen and decisive fashion.

This type of highly ironical horse-play is known as Gallic humor. A shining illustration emanated from Premier Daladier the other day. Asked if, in retaliation for Mussolini's exiling of French correspondents from Italy, France would not in turn drive out Italian correspondents, M. Daladier replied, with a very innocent air, that France was a free country; that, in any event, he would not think of making the Italian correspondents suffer by depriving them of the right to live in France and forcing them to live in Italy. Irony, indeed; nevertheless, the truth.

THE STRANGE CASE OF HERR GOEBBELS

No one will be fooled into believing that the friends of an insignificant husband of an ordinary actress would have the temerity to attack physically a man of the high Nazi rank of Goebbels. The probabilities are that his "pal" Hitler and some others, having decided that Goebbels must be gotten rid of, worked out a plan whereby he would be publicly disgraced and forced to retire.

The situation is very similar to one in recent American history where a prominent public official, whom his enemies wanted to get rid of, was inveigled into a certain questionable institution. No sooner had he ensconced himself in the luxuries of the resort, than a police raid occurred. Of course, a great hue and cry ensued. His "friends", with tongue in cheek, expressed to him their deepest sympathy and made a bluff at helping him. Nevertheless, they advised that it was better for him to retire temporarily from public life. Retire he did, but it was permanently.

"AS
R'CHASH
SEES
IT"



By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN
IMMORTALITY

III

The devout sense and know that life does not end with the breath and pulse, but carries on beyond the false reckoning of man's hours outside the grave. I feel with Emerson, that "our dissatisfaction with any other solution of life is the blazing evidence of immortality." Immortality is the only possible solution of the mystery of life.

Man was created with the divine spark which we call the soul. We know that spirit does not perish. Thus we must believe that the soul of man is immortal, or as Shelly in his argument for immortality put it, "Nothing that we know vanishes, shall then the mind which itself does the knowing disappear? Professor Arthur H. Compton, Nobel Prize winner in Physics, speaking at Yale University, in his second lecture on "Science and Immortality" said, "Biologically speaking, life is essentially immortal. The apple may decay, but the seed grows into a new tree, which (in turn) flowers and begets new seeds".

The Jewish people are another evidence of immortality. Israel represents the soul in this world of spirit and matter, for unto Israel was the Torah given. This is the secret of its invincibility, its immortality.

Why shall we look upon life beyond the frontiers of the bodily habitation, as a miracle. That is not so great a miracle when we consider the miracle of life itself. That we should live at all is the miraculous thing, the inexplicable truth,—that we should live forever is not strange, in view of the existence of the primal force — life.

Perhaps in this other endless life, nothing shall be strange and all the reasons we have sought to justify our existence by, shall become manifest through God. The Psalmist proclaimed,

"As for me, I will behold thy face in Righteousness:
I shall be satisfied when I awake with Thy likeness".

SAVING SOULS

The saving of a human being or soul is one of the fundamentals of our faith. He who saves a fellow man from death or destruction, we are taught, find his way into Olem Haboh.

Jewry in various parts of the world, outside of Germany, are confronted with this problem. How to rescue from certain, untimely, death and perdition their fellow Jews! Particularly upon American Jews, living in the greatest of democracies, devolves the sacred duty, nay the privilege, of coming to the rescue of their fellow men. In rescuing their brethren they rescue themselves. To permit half a million Jews to perish in the Nazi holocaust of bestiality, is a crime of omission for which we in America may at some future time be forced to atone and pay the penalty. The Christian world may charge us with not "being our brother's keeper."

It is the most important and vital problem facing American Jewry. Steps must be taken to invite the attention of every American Jew and every American institution to the vital necessity of the filing of affidavits for Jews in Germany to enable them to emigrate to America.

The following means should be adopted to awaken American Jewry to this great task:

1. From every synagogue in the United States there should be an announcement regarding the need for affidavits and the procedure of filling them out.

2. All Jewish publications should explain in detail the system of affidavits.

3. Concerted efforts of Bnai Brith, National Council of Jewish Women, The American Jewish Congress, the American Jewish Committee, Sisterhoods, etc. should call upon their members for cooperation.

4. Quotas based upon membership in various organizations should be established.

Surely, through this means, four million American Jews can save at least 200,000 German Jews who are otherwise doomed to destruction. We can take into this country 10,000 to 20,000 children who have no other means of growing into manhood.

No American Jew must be so callous as to refuse to take part in this work of saving Jewish souls.

Ben Jonathan

NEWS COMMENTS

A group of Harvard students have formed an organization, which proposes to become nation-wide, for the purpose of bringing refugee students to this country and of aiding them in the completion of their studies. The Harvard Corporation has announced that it has voted twenty new scholarships of \$500 each for qualified refugees of any creed, on the condition that a like amount be provided for living expenses by the undergraduate committee.

Swarthmore College has included within its annual chest fund a provision for the collection of monies to finance refugee students at its college or elsewhere. Massachusetts Institute of Technology, following a plan similar to Harvard's, has arranged for five full tuition scholarships, provided that the student committee raises sufficient funds to cover living expenses.

Among the interesting laws of Jewish communities in the Middle Ages are those prohibiting ostentation in dress. Like the Christians, who also enacted much legislation on this subject, the Jewish communities were concerned with preserving the modesty of their constituents. But beyond this religious reason there seems to be no doubt that some of the rulings were motivated by a desire to give no occasion for jealousy and resentment on the part of the general population. Certain of these laws, for example, prohibit Jews from "wearing a fur-lined jacket, unless it is black" (hence not noticeable); likewise, "no woman shall openly wear any girdle or belt if its silver weighs more than ten ounces."

Indications of growing courage are to be found today on the part of the great body of Arabs who oppose the terrorism that has disturbed Palestine. Fakhri Bey Nashishibi, one of the high Arab leaders, has publicly denounced the terroristic leadership of the Mufti, and has affirmed that the Mufti is not to be considered as representing all of the Arabic people. His statement to this effect was submitted to the High Commissioner for transmission to the Colonial Secretary. In its wake, the elders of an Arab village came to the Hebrew daily news-paper, Davar, to publish their approval of the statement.

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MISS BESSIE ABRAMS

Born in Chicago. Came here as a child. Has two sisters, Miss Mollie Abrams and Mrs. Cohen of Nashville, Tennessee, and two brothers Jacob and Henry.

Miss Mollie Abrams and the two brothers are also part of the W. S. I. S. family.

Miss Bessie Abrams has a heart bigger than herself. Always busy bringing all kinds of things to poor and needy families, she can be counted on to render any type of personal service requested of her.

She is chairman of our Sunday morning, Post - Bar - Mitzvah - Boys Breakfast Committee and also of the Scholarship and Prayer Book Fund.

Besides being a valuable member of the W. S. I. S. Women's League, she is actively identified with the Carrie Grossman Society.

GETTING PERSONAL

By Me, Him & I

Gus Rubenstein was so spiritually fortified Thursday night, after his first grandson's official introduction to the trials and tribulations of Judaism, as to call up the Editor around midnight to bring all and sundry up to Gus' house to continue the celebration. . . . And so, when the Editor, the gang to Gus' domicile had led, dear Gus was fast asleep in bed. . . . Welcome to the Bayers and Prashkers who have just returned from a vacation in Florida. . . . Lots of luck to Mr. Herbert Gossett in his new business quarters. . . . The same to Samuel W. Siegel and Samuel Silver. . . . Simeon H. F. Goldstein once again pinch-hitted on very short notice last Sat. afternoon in the absence of the scheduled speaker. . . . Rabbi & Mrs. Goldstein have brought us personal greetings from the W.S.I. S. contingency in Florida, including Mr. & Mrs. Michael Salit, Mr. & Mrs. M. Weingarten, Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Eisenberg, Mr. & Mrs. David Cohen, Mr. Milton Mirken, Mr. Seymour Gross, and Mr. Levi Hershfield who writes that he is all mixed up and thinks that he is in Tel Aviv. . . .

It looks as if we are well represented in the South. . . . Perhaps Harry Appel can fly down to arrange for a miniature Bazaar down there. . . . Glad to hear Mrs. Pauline King is well again. . . . We are hoping to be able to welcome our beloved Lillie Silver back into our midst soon. . . . We congratulate Dr. Henry A. Rafsky on being appointed head of the Gastro-Enterological Department at Lenox Hill Hospital. . . . We have been missing Mrs. Benjamin Lunitz recently. We hope she will be back soon. . . . Rabbi Goldstein's interview in the Miami Beach Herald was incorporated in the March of Time Radio Program. . . . Speaking of March of Time, our next performance must include Mr. I. Ehrman who did so well in our last program. . . . We wish Dr. Zadok Kapner a speedy recovery from his present illness. . . . Congratulations to our director Maurice Greenstein, and his wife upon their 30th Wedding anniversary. . . . Little Vera Frank, on being re-introduced to the Editor last Sunday by Uncle Joe Settel, said "Sure I know him. He's the fellow that writes those tricky things." "Derlebt". . . . Congratulations to Muriel Sanders on her recent birthday. . . .

Light candles Friday Evening 4:36

Weekly Portion — SHEMOT

Prayers for the New Month

Friday Evening Service	4:35
Saturday Morning Service	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:00
Rabbi Hurwitz Class in Talmud	3:30
Mincha Service	4:35
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	4:40
Followed by the study of the Mishnah	

DAY SCHOOL

Orthodox Jewish parents are faced with the vexing problem of how to inculcate the child of today with a sense of God-consciousness and a thorough foundation in Jewish learning without depriving it of the opportunity for outdoor recreation and play after 3 P. M. We recommend that you enroll your youngster in our Day School. Registration warranting, a 1A class will start February 1st with sessions from 9 to 3. The curriculum provides for both English and Hebrew studies. Tuition will be nominal.

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HABONOTH GIRLS CLUB

A new group is being organized for the high-school and pre-high school girl, aiming to furnish social and cultural contacts of a nature that will supply her with the background of Jewish life and ideals. The next meeting will be held on Thurs. evening at 7:30 in the Council Room of the Synagogue House.

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