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BAZAAR PROGRESSING

The important question now occupying the minds of the Bazaar Committee is the choosing of a location for our Bazaar. Our Chairman, Harry Appel, has several desirable stores under consideration and a decision will be announced in our next issue.

In the meantime we are happy to report that merchandise is being received from many of our generous friends. Our ladies, under the leadership of Mrs. Morris, are out daily collecting packages. Those who have donated their services for that purpose are Mesdames: Cohen, Frank, Friedman, Greenstein, Hiller, Pargament, Seligman, Spanbock and Tillem. Messrs. Appel, Blode, Rubenstein and Steinberg have donated the use of their cars to take the ladies around to the various offices and factories. Mr. David H. Ullman has loaned us trucks and drivers to transport the merchandise. The Riverside Memorial Chapel and the Park West Memorial Chapel have also donated the use of cars and chauffeurs. The spirit of co-operation is magnificent. We can use more cars, however. If you can let us have the use of a car for one or two afternoons, please let us know.

The following are the names of additional donors since the publication of last week's Review: Adore Hat Co., Atlanta Knitting Mills, Atlas Embossed Picture Corp., Benjamin Importing & Exporting Co., Big Four Merchandise Co. Inc., Bloch & Guggenheimer Inc., Blue Waltz Inc., Bokay Perfume Co., Boston Royal Petticoat Co., Milton E. Brown, Burros & Burros Inc., Callahan-Cohen Inc., B. A. Chestney, Classy Leather Goods Co., Dan-Dee Belt & Bag Co., Danmar Knitting Mills, Henry A. Dix, Easton Made Underwear Co., E. Cut Knitting Mills, N. Edelson & Sons, Embassy Shop, Fashion Childrens Dress Co., Feltman Bros. Juvenile Imports Inc., Fineform Brassiere Co., Moe Freilich, Miss Selma Gans, Charles Glass, Golding Bros., Joseph Gossett & Son Inc., Graceline Baas, Gramercy Frocks, Mrs. Rose Greenfield, Greenwalk Knitwear Co., Guth-

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will be the

Bible Class Guest Speaker

Monday Evening

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DEDICATION SERVICES

Impressive and dignified services in dedicating and unveiling the Memorial Tablet in our Daily Synagogue were held on Wednesday last. A large number of our friends, including members of the families whose departed are memorialized on the Tablet, attended. The following was the program:

1. Welcome Mr. Lester Udell, President
2. Invocation Rabbi Emanuel L. Lifschitz
3. Greeting Mr. Max E. Sanders, Chairman Plaque Committee
4. Reading of Psalm XXIII Mr. Abraham M. Davis
5. Unveiling of the Tablet Mr. Mose Goodman
6. Calling of the Roll Mr. Morris Jablow
7. "The Days of Man are Short" Cantor Zalmon Yavneh
8. Memorial Address Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein
9. Memorial Prayer Cantor Zalmon Yavneh
10. Benediction Rabbi Emanuel L. Lifschitz

It is planned to hold annual services for new names added to the Tablet.

BAR MITZVAH

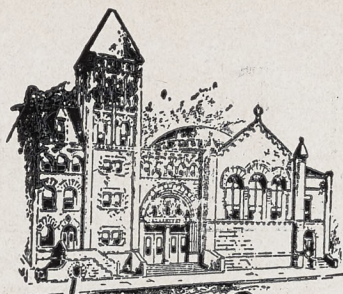


BERNARD SPECTOR

Our heartiest congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. David Spector, of 251 West 81st Street, on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Bernard this Shabbos. May he follow in the tradition of his people and become a leader among them.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

We have organized a club in Elementary Photography to which all children are invited. This club meets on Monday and Tuesday afternoons, from 4 to 5:30.



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THOU SHALT NOT KILL

One of the most baffling problems ever presented to the judicial system is the case of Louis Greenfield who killed his young son because the boy was an "incurable imbecile," whom the father could not bear to see suffering any longer. Shall the father be punished by law or shall we recognize that he has been more than sufficiently punished?

Here we have a picture of devoted parents watching over and nursing a hopeless case, year by year and, helplessly, standing by while the child is in constant physical torture. Mentally, there was no hope for the child.

From a cold analysis, naturally, we must say that no one has the right to take a human life, which has been forbidden by God and man. Yet it is not so easy to pass judgment on the father after the act.

Who is there who would care to sit on a jury that would bring in a verdict requiring that punishment be meted out? It is one of these problems that causes tremendous argument which invariably runs around in a circle and leaves one no-

where. To express an opinion, we are mindful of what Mark Twain did on a happier occasion when he wrote a story which became so complicated and the problem of which became so insoluble as to cause him to end the story by saying "Now, dear reader, I have gotten my hero into so great a mess, that I wash my hands of the whole story and you can do with it as you please."

The Greenfield problem is in the same category. There will be as many opinions as there are minds and whatever happens will probably be for the best. However, let us hope and pray that the act will not encourage others to do likewise.

NAZIS GETTING SORE

That proposed "Freedom Pavillion" at the World's Fair, to exhibit German culture, science and civilization before the Nazi era, has greatly offended the Hitlerites. The Lokal Anzeiger complains that "there will be nothing of the world accomplishments of the Third Reich in economy, technics and culture."

Certainly not. What would the World's Fair look like with a fellow in silk tights and a high hat chopping off heads, a gang of hoodlums burning books or Goebbels censoring actresses?

THE WANDERING STATESMAN

Soon he'll sally forth again,
This much appeasing fella,
To beard some tough guy in his den,
With topper, tails, umbrella.

He'll start midst great ovation.
But as the bully shouts and rants,
Will leave with trepidation,
Too scared to take his pants.

FANCY FINANCE (From the N. Y. Times)

The Jersey City man who held up his wife at the point of a gun and took away from her the \$20 that he was going to have to pay a court officer as her separation allowance, deserves no credit for originality. He seems to have been studying the German Government's plan for financing the emigration of refugees.

BROTHER, CAN YOU
SPARE A REFUGEE
A JOB?

"AS
R'CHASH
SEES
IT"



By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN RELIGION AND DEMOCRACY

Religion and democracy are synonymous. Religion has its function today, more than ever before. Religious leaders are losing ground because they are attempting to ally themselves with radicals or with reactionaries, and seek to become "persona grata" with these conflicting elements. Religious leaders today must thunder forth in behalf of democracy, where the clash of class may and can be averted. Love of the stranger, and of the neighbor, the cardinal doctrines of the Scriptures, must be emphasized. Justice must become our hymnal theme. Justice to the employer and not plunder, justice to the employee, and not greed; justice to all God's children must be the dominant note of our preachments. What are the themes of the preachers in Germany or in Italy? Glorification of the might, and power of the ruler, or of the race? Is this religious or humanitarian?

The pendulum of our day has swung far back to the Middle Ages. Tolerance is observed more in the breach than in the practice. Barriers political, civil and religious, are being raised everywhere in the face of the stranger. Instead of the people ruling they are being ruled. Instead of free-speech, and free-press, we are having censorship.

The world is in an extreme position. It has swung both to the extreme right, and to the extreme left. It is rollicking from one extreme to the other because it has lost its balance. The world's balance is democracy, where rich and poor, where the native and the foreignborn have equal opportunity.

We sometimes think that because we live in the twentieth century, we have gone forward. Modernity ought to be an improvement upon the past. But is it so? No, we do not progress by virtue of the fact that we are living today in an older world. Mankind, it seems, lives in cycles. Some cycles are glorious and some inglorious.

THE MORAL OF A DEBATE

By Rabbi Hugo Mantel

Huntington, L. I.

The recent exchange of views concerning "The Future of the Jews" between Mr. H. G. Wells and Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt, in one of the popular magazines was, for us, a fairly shocking experience. There was no ill-will on either part, certainly not on the part of Mrs. Roosevelt. What struck us was the utter lack of acquaintance with the subject matter.

The discussion centered around the assimilation of the Jews. Both writers assumed that it was the desired, the proper course. The disagreement arose as to the allotment of the share of responsibility for its failure so far. Mr. Wells placed the blame squarely on the stiff-necked, unreasonable tradition-bound Jew. Mrs. Roosevelt was inclined to believe that the intolerant attitude of the Gentile world contributed.

It has not occurred to either of these writers that there might be some inherent value in Judaism; some precious quality in the Jewish heritage that causes us to feel that life would be meaningless, worthless, without it.

Is it not a fact that numberless Jews throughout the generations preferred death to life without the Jewish religious content?

Yet we cannot expect non-Jews to be profound students of Jewish religion and literature. What we can and ought to expect is that when a Gentile becomes acquainted with a Jew, the former should be so impressed by the personality of the latter that he should not wish for the extinction of Judaism. The Jewish personality should be so thoroughly imbued with the spirit of the Torah that Gentiles who come into contact with it should realize both the impossibility and the undesirability of assimilation.

When Jewish education will become so widespread and so thorough among our own people, then the H. G. Wellses and the Mrs. Roosevelts will write articles in an altogether different vein.

HAMISHA ASAR BESHEBAT DANCE

A gala novelty dance and entertainment is being jointly planned by the Young Folks League, Reus Society and Junior Council for Saturday night, February 4th.

NEWS COMMENTS

by Rabbi Emanuel L. Lifschitz

Jews have been among the first to reply to German atrocities with the boycott. The major responsibility for effectively carrying out the boycott (we regret the noisy manner in which it was put into effect), rested on Jewish leadership. Latterly, however, America has awakened to Nazi-Fascism as it menaces Jewry together with all religious denominations and undermines the principles of American democracy. Public opinion is being rapidly mobilized against Germany. Clear thinking Americans are taking up the cudgels to weaken Germany financially and thus ultimately to rid Germany as well as the world of the Hitler menace. To effect this end, the Volunteer Christian Committee to Boycott Nazi Germany, in being organized, has issued the following statement:

"Inasmuch as the Nazi persecution of Jews and Christians violates and threatens every principle which as Americans and Christians we hold most dear, we feel we must protest not only by word but by deed. We therefore pledge ourselves to do nothing, either directly or indirectly, which can aid the German Government as long as it maintains three principles which lie at the very heart of Nazi doctrine: First, violation of religious freedom; second, racial persecution; third, glorification of war and inculcation of race hatred into the minds of little children. As long as these doctrines prevail we pledge ourselves not to travel on German ships, knowingly buy German goods or visit the territory of the Third Reich. We pledge this not in hatred of the German people, but because since we are not allowed to communicate with them by word we can only open their eyes by letting our actions speak for us."

Those who signed the statement include such outstanding personalities as Henry Noble McCracken, President of Vassar College, Professor Rheinhold Niebuhr of the Union Theological Seminary, Nelson P. Mead, Acting President of City College, and George Gordon Battle, attorney.

In our zeal to right a wrong, let us not forget our moral responsibility to the rape of China. Religious minded men and women will withhold from purchasing Japanese goods as well.

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Has three daughters, Mrs. Arthur Isaacs, Mrs. Jack Starman and Gladys; a grandson and a granddaughter.

At the Bazaar she always takes those shifts for which it is hard to get helpers. When we are soliciting ads, she is always in the front ranks. In selling tickets, she always does a good job. And she lives in Brooklyn at that.

During two years that Mrs. Messing lived abroad, she did not forget us, making sure to do her share towards the donor luncheons.

GETTING PERSONAL

By Me, Him & I

Mr. & Mrs. Jacob M. Eisenberg will celebrate a Wedding Anniversary in Tucson, Arizona. May they return from their stay there thoroughly refreshed and all pepped up for their next wedding anniversary. . . Speaking of wedding anniversaries, here's to Mr. & Mrs. Meyer L. Pargament. May they celebrate one more for each of their innumerable good deeds. . . Mr. & Mrs. George A. Gold have struck gold,—a new daughter—Mazel Tov! . . . The arrival of Douglas Weill was the occasion for a Monday night post-Bible Class party given by Douglas' elated grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. G. Richard Rubenstein. . . The irrepressible Robert Breitbart has assumed the leadership of the Alumni group. . . During Mincha Services Samuel Burstein delivered a talk, Hillel Meyers was the Cantor and Seymour Reichlin read the Torah. If Max E. Sanders and Joseph Settel had acted as ushers, the setting would have been perfect. . . Welcome home to our voyaging Mr. & Mrs. J. Spiro who have just returned from abroad. . . And here's a glad hand to our new member Mr. B. Tannenbaum. . . The population of Florida has again been improved by the arrival of our member, Henry M. Mayper. . . We missed Mr. Nathan L. Goldstein at our recent services. . . Some day we shall discover a proper reward for Danny Weiss. Everything around here goes smoothly with the help of Danny. The Dedication Services were conspicuously impressive through the aid of Danny's Sea Scouts and Boy Scouts. Danny, we salute you and your organizations and if our heels were not so run down, we'd click them also. . . Right here and now the writer has to stop this article as he must go out and get his suit pressed in preparation for the wedding of Miss Fay Landowne, sister of our director, Mr. Joseph Landowne, to Mr. Charles Brand. . . To the many good wishes extended to Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Weiss, at their 25th Anniversary party last Sunday, we add ours — in spades — doubled. . . We all join in wishing the couple great happiness. . . Thanks to the following who have responded to the Rabbi's appeal on behalf of a refugee: Joseph Anderson, Mrs. Jacob Bayer, Siegfried Bendheim, David Cohen, Dr. Benjamin Goldstein, Mrs. Betty Goodman, Mrs. M. Kornfeld, Mrs. Florence Prashker, Gustave Roth, Joseph Settel, Dr. Samuel Weiss, Daniel Weiss, Lazarus Zeidman. Won't someone give him a job?

Light candles Friday Evening 4:44
Rosh Hodesh Shebat
Weekly Portion — VAERA
Friday Evening Service4:40
Saturday Morning Service9:00
Junior Congregation10:00
Rabbi Hurwitz Class in Talmud.3:30
Mincha Service4:40
Sunday Morning Service7:00, 8:00
Sunday A. M. Youth Service.....8:45
Daily Services:
Mornings6:45, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30
Mincha4:40
Followed by the study of the Mishnah

YOUNG FOLKS LEAGUE

The Executive Meeting of the Young Folk's League was held Thursday, January 12th, at 8:30 P. M. Those present were Geraldine Michaelis, Marjorie Jacobson, Hank Epstein, Buddy Udell, and Ben Lichtenthal with Rabbi Lifschitz supervising.

This meeting was held to plan regular programs for future Sunday evening gatherings. The next meeting will be Sunday, January 29th, at 8:15 P. M. sharp. Dancing will precede a short business meeting, after which a novelty program of Camp Life will be presented.

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We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the wife and children, the parents, brothers and sisters, and other members of the family of the late Judge Henry M. R. Goodman.

We likewise extend our deepest condolences to our worshipper, Mrs. Manny Bergman, and the members of the Civic Family on the loss of their dear mother.

May the Almighty console them all.

TALMUD TORAH

AND DAY SCHOOL

Registration for the Spring term of the Talmud Torah and Day School beginning February 1st is continuing during the month of January.

Parents of children about to enter the 1A grade of the elementary school are urged to consult with Rabbi Lifschitz, Principal of our Day School, where both English and Hebrew subjects are taught. Tuition is nominal.

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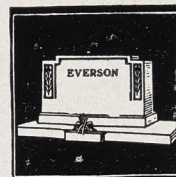
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