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WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein presided at the meeting of the Women's League on Monday afternoon, January 16th, which was attended by a large number of our younger women.

A syium on the completion of the First Book of Samuel by the Bible Class under the direction of Rabbi Goldstein, was celebrated. The Rabbi will shortly begin a series of lectures on Jewish philosophy which will precede the future meetings of the Women's League.

The regular meeting and Bible Class was followed by the installation of the following officers: Mrs. Joseph Anderson, Mrs. Albert H. Cohen, Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, Mrs. Annie R. Morris, Mrs. Max E. Sanders, and Mrs. Samuel Silver, Honorary Presidents; Mrs. David H. Ullman, President; Mrs. Herbert Gossett, Mrs. Jack Levine, Mrs. George L. Livingston, Mrs. Meyer Pargament, Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel, Mrs. Benjamin F. Spanbock, and Mrs. Harry Ward, Vice-Presidents; Mrs. Moses Langer, Treasurer, Mrs. Maurice Greenstein, Financial Secretary; Mrs. Max Frank, Corresponding Secretary, and Mrs. Fay Seligman, Recording Secretary.

Members of the Executive Board installed at the meeting, are: Miss Bessie Abrams, Mrs. Siegfried Bendheim, Mrs. David Cohen, Mrs. Hattie Davis, Mrs. Louis Davis, Mrs. David Elfenbeim, Mrs. Samuel Fasten, Mrs. Isidore Freedman, Mrs. Mose Goodman, Mrs. Ethel Hiller, Mrs. William Horwitz, Mrs. Morris Jablow, Mrs. Pauline King, Mrs. Simon Kommel, Mrs. Isidore Lauer, Mrs. Benjamin Lunitz, Mrs. David L. Messing, Mrs. Samuel Michael, Mrs. Harry Mirken, Mrs. Meyer Mirken, Mrs. Morris Steinberg, Mrs. Benjamin Tilem, Mrs. Lester Udell, Mrs. Frieda Weinstein, Mrs. Harry Ward.

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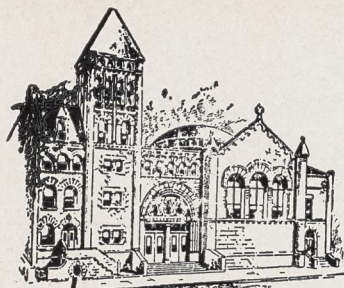
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SISTERS UNDER THE SKIN

But a very short time ago, our radically inclined contemporaries were giving three cheers for Mexico. Here was the newest center for the freedom of man. How gleefully they read of the sanctuary granted to Leon Trotzky and the confiscation of capital.

But what has since happened. Mexico was the first country in the Western Hemisphere to begin an active Fascist movement. Anti-semitism rears its ugly head. The confiscated products are being exchanged for German wares. A Mexican special-ambassador travels post-haste by plane to catch a ship to Germany.

Now, to their dismay, our radicals discover that Mexico is more fascist than communist, importing from Germany, not only its products, but also its ideology.

The fact is that the distinction between Nazism, Fascism and Communism is one of name only. They are sisters under the skin.

The sooner our so-called "intellectuals", in school and out of school, learn that the path to freedom lies in our form of government, the happier they will be.

CAN THE LEOPARD CHANGE HIS SPOTS

Last week we read the "edifying" news that Imperial Wizard Evans of the K K K was the invited guest at the dedication of a Catholic church in Atlanta. This fact was accepted by some as an indication of the Klan's reform. Evans, whose organization bitterly opposed the Catholic church, stated: The Klan in recent years has subordinated racial and religious matters to a program of opposing communism and the C. I. O."

We read all this in bed as we were about to fall asleep. There passed through our minds the misdeeds of the Klan. As we tried to believe that there was such a thing as a new Klan, we kept humming the Star Spangled Banner. Like every good patriot, we had difficulty in remembering all the words of our anthem, but in the confusion of our recollections, the lateness of the hour, and the attempted reconciliation between Klan and tolerance, the following passed through our mind:

Ho, the Klan's now free
From all bigotry.

(Oh, say can you see)

No more rides at night,
No more fires, nor fright.

(By the dawn's early light)

No negroes flailed,
No crosses nailed.

(What so proudly we hailed)

No tar a'steaming,
O'er wretches screaming
(At the twilight's last gleaming)

No hideous scars,
From sadist's bars.

(Whose broad stripes and
bright stars)

Gone, terrible sight
In sheets of white.

(Through the perilous fight)

Unfortunately, we could not finish as we fell asleep. However, when we awoke, we did so with grave misgivings as to the ability of the leopard to change his spots.

CHESS PROBLEMS

Samuel Reshevsky, United States chess champion is in trouble in Russia. Playing in the Soviet tournament, he can solve all the chess problems but one--he cannot get kosher meat in Moscow.

It will take more than the great, strategic mind of Reshevsky, to explain the insanity which periodically effects the world and makes so-called statesmen sit up nights to devise ways of torturing their fellow men.

"AS
R'CHASH
SEES
IT"



By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

JUSTICE

The greatest contribution of the Jew to the social life of mankind is Justice. The Pentateuch lays down the law "JUSTICE, JUSTICE shalt thou pursue." Our rabbis ask, "Why the repetition of the word JUSTICE?" They answer by saying, not only justice to the Jew, but justice to the non-Jew as well, justice to all mankind.

You remember the story, how at the beginning of the Christian era, a young man came to Hillel, the great rabbi, and said, "Rabbi, I will become a Jew providing you teach me the whole of the Torah, the whole of the Law, while I am able to stand on one leg." Hillel replied, "That which you would not have others do unto you, do not unto others. This is the whole of the law, the rest is but commentary. Go and learn it."

Judaism has been maligned for its legalism. It is this legalism, through its minute details of the laws of justice, which makes for peace. When the line of demarcation, when the boundary is set for my field, I may not trespass upon my neighbor's field.

No blindfolded goddess with a scale to weigh, and a sword to slay the offender, is the Jewish conception of Justice. This is blind and merciless justice. To the Jew, justice means the practice of fairness, righteousness and loving kindness.

The Jew has a cosmic, timeless sense of Justice. The Jew knows that Justice is imperishable. What was right yesterday is right to-day and will be no less right tomorrow. This is a truth that is as dear to the Jew as any of his holy of holies. How has the world meted out Justice? Justice has been administered prompted by prejudice and hate. Goethe, the exemplary genius of the former German people, once declared: "There is something peculiar about national hatred; you will always find it strongest and most violent in the lowest stages of civilization."

THE GENTLE PEOPLE

At the Belasco Theatre
44th St. East of Broadway
With Franchot Tone,

Sylvia Sidney and Elia Kazan

This Group Theatre Production, while not as good as some of the previous enterprises, brings back to the stage, Franchot Tone and Sylvia Sidney, two young stars whom Hollywood has claimed. Tone, playing the part of the "hard guy", Harold Goff, who tries to sell protection to two old men who own a rowboat, plays a part very different from any in which movie goers have ever seen him, and plays it well.

Sylvia Sidney is cast as the poor little girl from Brooklyn who wants to break away from being an ordinary person and lead a life of glamour. She knows that Goff is a murderer, having in his own words "killed two men, one for love and one for business," but still wants to go with him on a trip to Cuba.

The most amusing scene, in this reviewer's opinion, is that which takes place in the interior of a Turkish Bath, where Jonah Goodman, Sylvia Sidney's father in the play, goes to recuperate after being beaten up by Goff who is trying to collect protection from him. Here the poor man is trying to forget his pains and bruises when he meets a cloak and suit merchant who, after 16 years of established business on one of the main thoroughfares in Brooklyn, will be sold out on the morrow for the benefit of his creditors. This man is a sort of loquacious person who is not satisfied unless everyone else knows his troubles and as he puts it, "feels in a conversing mood."

The play tells of the misfortune of her father and his friend, in their attempt to bring Goff to justice and terminates with their ridding themselves of him forever.

An excellent performance is turned in by Elia Kazan who is in love with the girl but, because he is poor and a resident of Brooklyn, is repulsed until love triumphs at the end of the play.

For those who care for that sort of thing, the play is worth seeing, others will be disappointed.

Daniel Weiss

CONGRATULATIONS

Our best wishes to Miss Hazel G. Levine, daughter of Mrs. Levine and the late Justice Max S. Levine, upon her engagement to Mr. Benjamin E. Tepper.

FIRST NAMES

by Rabbi Emanuel L. Lifschitz

In early Hebrew History, people were called only by a personal or first name, differing from the present arrangement of a personal name plus a surname.

There were various factors which determined the particular appellation which one received. Often times a given circumstance at birth, as in the case of Jacob, Ja-Akeb. Jacob was born holding his brother's heel-Akeb. Hence he was called Jacob, Ja-Akeb. Or a particular characteristic of a child might decide the name, as in the case of Esau, meaning hair or hairy, which is a description of Esau at birth; Laban, "white"; Gideon, "maimed". Mental qualities would be referred to also as in the name Job, meaning "assailant" and Barak meaning "lightening". Other names were given to express a given mood or emotion as Reuben, Reu-Ben. Leah was so delighted with her first child that she exclaimed, "Surely the Lord hath seen my affliction." Reu meaning "see", Ben, "a son". The child born after the death of another child might be called Menachem, "consoler" or Nechamah "consolation."

In the Middle Ages, there developed a tendency to translate and transmute names. Hannah appears in translation as Grace and when rewritten takes the forms of Anna, Annie, Annette and Antoinette. Owing to the absence of specialization of industry in early Jewish social life, because practically everyone pursued the life of the shepherd-nomad or indulged in agriculture, there were no trade names which correspond with the modern English name "Smith." Instead, names were taken from various objects, as applied especially to females. The name Rebekah appears to be derived from a semitic term for a sheep rope; Peninah from the word meaning coral. Names implying an abstract concept were applied to women, as Manoah, meaning "rest"; Michal, "power". Generally, it was the mother who chose the name in Biblical times, though the father might also have enjoyed the privilege. Occasionally, persons other than parents were the name-givers, as in the case of Moses, who was given his name by Pharaoh's daughter.

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Daughter of our friends Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rosen. Graduated from Wadleigh High School. She has two sons, Melvyn and Bertram. They were both Bar Mitzvah at our Synagogue and continue to participate in our activities. She is an only daughter and has four brothers. Is a member of the Executive Board of the Women's League of the W. S. I. S. and co-chairman with Mrs. Annie R. Morris of our Women's League Holiday Committee which takes care of relief for the poor on Passover; keeps the Synagogue decorated in accordance with the traditional custom on Shevuos and fixes up the Succah and provides refreshments for our many guests.

Mrs. Hiller can always be counted on for the sales force of the Bazaar, for the cake sale, rummage, luncheon and other Women's League activities.

GETTING PERSONAL

By Me, Him & I

Distinguished guests who worshipped with us last Saturday morning were Rabbi Weisser of Munich and Professor Werner of Frankfurt. . . Mrs. Charles Cohen is making the Bazaar her immediate life's work. . . We were glad to welcome her at the Saturday afternoon services. . . Last Saturday morning was grandfather's day. Gus Rubenstein was present. . . We are deeply grateful to Mrs. Martha Stanton of the Playwriting Department of the University of Southern California for the beautiful Kiddush cup which she presented to our Synagogue, properly inscribed. If someone will fill it appropriately, the Editor will drink a toast to her. . . The newest migrants to the South include our loyal co-workers, Mr. Joseph Settel, Mr. & Mrs. Isaac Settel and Mr. & Mrs. Morris Steinberg. . . Wedding anniversary felicitations to Mr. & Mrs. Isaac Settel. We bless them from the House of God. . . . Rabbi Goldstein dedicated last Sunday evening to the State of Connecticut. Early in the evening he helped install the Rabbi of the Orthodox Synagogue at Bridgeport. After that ceremony, he was the main speaker at the dinner of the Jewish Community of New Haven. . . Mr. Alexander Kirsh is the right type of member. He no sooner became one of us last week, than he immediately contributed an unusually generous quantity of merchandise to our Bazaar. To Whom It May Concern - "Go Thou and Do Likewise" . . . Our very best wishes to our own beloved Dorothy and Joe Anderson on the occasion of their wedding anniversary. . . Heartiest congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Irving Kobrin upon a similar event. . . We can now elaborate upon our Synagogue parties, thanks to the luncheon set presented by Mr. & Mrs. Louis Davis. . . Hors d'oeuvres a la Long Beach, 500 of them, satisfied appetites (they only whetted the Editor's) last Monday night, thanks to Max Winkler, the celebrated hotel-keeper of Long Beach-by-the-ocean. . . Here's to a speedy and complete recovery to "Aunt Lil" Silver. We miss her genial smile which encourages us in our whimsical attempts. . . May Harry Appel's new business quarters blossom like an apple tree in the Spring, tra la tra la. . . Happy Birthday to you, Martha Horowitz. . . .

Light Candles Friday Evening 4:52

Weekly Portion — BO

Friday Evening Service	4:50
Saturday Morning Service	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:00
Rabbi Hurwitz Class in Talmud	3:30
Mincha Service	4:40
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	4:50
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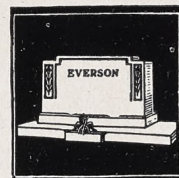
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