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SEDER RESERVATIONS

Our Congregation will again conduct Community Family Seders on April 3rd and 4th, the first two nights of Passover, in the Grand Ballroom of Hotel Riverside Plaza. Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein will preside and Cantor Yavneh will sing. The price to cover our cost will be \$3.50 a plate.

As the accommodations are limited, reservations will be made in the order of their acceptance. Please notify Mr. Jablow without delay.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE

Under the auspices of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, a conference of representatives of Young Folks Leagues and Regional Jewish University clubs of Greater New York and vicinity will be held at our Synagogue on Sunday, February 26th, at 3 P. M. This conference is called to lay a foundation for a National Federation of Young Folks Leagues through which the energies of the young American Orthodox Jewry will be mobilized for participation in the problems facing our people.

CLUB NOTES

We welcome the Four Winds Club, composed of a serious-minded group of young co-eds meeting on alternate Sunday afternoons at 3 o'clock.

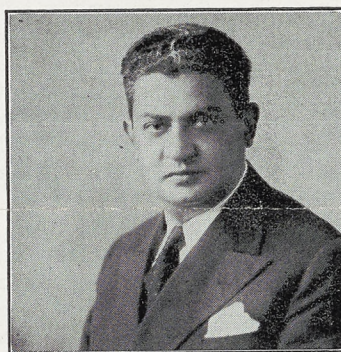
The Habonoth pre-high-school girls are busy rehearsing an original Purim play to be presented at a combined Purim, birthday party and parents night, March 2nd.

The Young Maccabees (boys from 9 to 12) meet on Wednesday evening at 7:30. Their main interest is in the Holy Land.

Light Candles Friday Evening 5:26 Weekly Portion — TERUMAH

Friday Evening Service	5:25
Saturday Morning Service	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:00
Rabbi Hurwitz Class in Talmud	4:00
Children's Story Hour	4:00
Mincha Service	5:10
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	5:25
Followed by the study of the Mishnah	

This Monday Night at Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class an extraordinary program GUEST SPEAKER



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of Hearing; Director, Brooklyn Fed-
eration of Philanthropic Societies;
Treasurer, United Palestine Appeal
for Brownsville; Chairman, Trustees
of the A. J. C.

His subject: Impressions of a New Judge GUEST MUSICIANS

The distinguished violin prodigy,
Arnold Eidus, who will be accompa-
nied by his talented mother, Sonia
Eidus.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Reservations for the Women's
League Dutch Supper scheduled for
Sunday evening, March 19th, at our
Synagogue house, are coming in
rapidly. If you have not already
made yours, we advise that you
communicate immediately with the
chairman of this function, Mrs. Nat
Trotzky, in care of the Synagogue.
Novel plans are being formulated
by the committee in charge.

The Women's League meeting last
Monday afternoon was marked by
the introductory lecture of Rabbi
Goldstein's course on "The Philoso-
phy of Judaism", which is planned
particularly for the mothers of grow-
ing children. This course is to be a
regular feature of the meetings from
now on. The hostesses at the last
meeting were Mrs. Louis Davis and
Mrs. Lester Udell.

AN OPEN LETTER

"With the Help of God"

First Day Rosh Chodesh Adar 5699
February 19, 1939

Beloved Congregants:

Yesterday I made an appeal from
the pulpit urging the Congregation
to send to the Synagogue office a
contribution for the United Yeshivah
Fund. The proceeds of this appeal
will be divided among the Yeshivahs
of Europe and the two largest Yeshi-
vahs in the United States. No a-
mount that you send is too large or
too small.

In helping to support the Yeshi-
vahs abroad, we are performing a
double duty. We are saving ideal
and intellectual young men from
starvation and at the same time,
providing the only type of happiness
available to them - the spiritual
satisfaction which comes from the
study of the Torah.

May I ask you one and all, men
and women, boys and girls, to send
in your contributions now so that we
may do our full duty towards the
disciples of God's Holy Torah.

With affectionate greetings,

Faithfully yours,

HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN
Rabbi

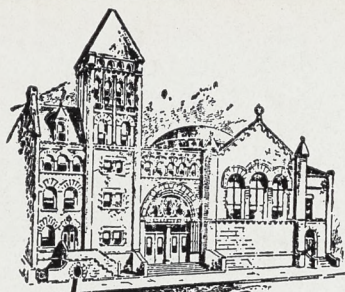
SCHOOL NOTES

A rich Purim program is being
arranged for the children of the
Talmud Torah and their parents for
Sunday, March 5th, at 2:30 P. M.
The event will feature a masquerade,
operetta, games, and awards for the
most original costumes.

Registration in the **Talmud Torah**
continues through the month of Feb-
ruary. It is recommended that child-
ren be started on their Hebrew edu-
cation at the age of 6.

Our **Day School** started a second
semester with an increase in regis-
tration. Hebrew subjects are taught
by Miss Ethel Grumer and the Eng-
lish subjects are taught by Miss Ruth
Frankfurter.

In times like these, no Jewish boy
or girl ought be without a thorough
Jewish education.



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AND A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM

Since the 12th century, the Jews have lived in Austria, loyally serving their adopted country. Now, with the advent of hitlermania, they are outcasts, made to suffer the most fiendish indignities devised by depraved minds. They are driven from pillar to post.

For nearly 100 years, in the Great Temple of Leopoldstadt, have reposed in sacred symbolism, twelve Sifre Torah, emblematic of Israel's Twelve Tribes. In those holy scrolls, lay enshrined the Word of God, the laws of decency, brotherhood and freedom.

But menacingly did the villainous hands of darkness begin to hover over this ancient Jewish community. Threats and mutterings became audible. The elders gave heed, for while the body may perish, the soul must go on and on.

So, there assembled a solemn gathering in the main prayer room. But terror stalked out and faith conquered. Weeping and wailing were stilled.

To one hundred children, symbolic of the perpetual youth of the Torah, were entrusted the twelve scrolls,

and the youngsters were charged with the sacred mission of leading them, carrying the inextinguishable light, safely to Palestine, thereby marking the return of the Jews to their rightful home.

An eye-witness relates:

"After charging the assembled community to still its weeping, the elders ordered them to sing modern Palestinian songs instead of the traditional Nigun, worship songs, declaring, 'This is a time of rejoicing the inception of a great historic act.' One of the leaders of the community stated that in parting willingly with the two most revered things in their lives, the scrolls and the children, they were building a bridge between the past and the future."

Only a few days after the departure of the youthful messengers of God, the infuriated Nazis burned the temple to the ground; but, traveling via Holland, Trieste and Haifa, the children have safely fulfilled their tasks. The treasured scrolls are fittingly ensconced in their new home.

Hitler, Mussolini and their satanic ilk to the contrary notwithstanding, a child, indeed, shall lead them and Palestine whence sprang the fount of civilization, shall again rise to triumphant heights of godliness, honor and decency.

MUSICAL MEMORIAL

The impudence of self-styled Aryans the world over, in disclaiming everything Jewish, while in the life stream of every race flows Jewish blood, is indeed amazing. Time and again does the world pay homage to a great Aryan, only to discover that his greatness stems from Jewish forbears.

To-day marks the 83rd anniversary of the death of John Braham, one of the world's most famous singers, and ancestor of one of England's proudest pedigrees. The Encyclopedia Britannica says of him: "There is, perhaps, no other case upon record in which a singer of the first rank enjoyed the use of his voice so long; between Braham's first and last public appearances considerably more than sixty years intervened, during forty of which he held the undisputed supremacy alike in opera, oratorio and the concert room."

Braham was also a distinguished composer whose music lives. His daughter became the Countess of Waldegrave.

What makes his life's story particularly intriguing is that he was born Abraham, of Jewish parents.

"AS
R'CHASH
SEES
IT"



By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN
FAITH

III

"Talk faith. The world is better off without
Your uttered ignorance and morbid doubt.
If you have faith in God, or man or self,
Say so; if not, push back upon the shelf
Of silence all your thoughts till faith shall come;
No one will grieve because your lips are dumb."

What to man is acceptable on faith, to God is clearly apparent, as the Psalmist put it, "For it is a statute of Faith to Israel, but to the God of Jacob, it is clear ordinance."

The Talmud says that everything is in the hand of God except faith. God has given unto mankind the acceptance or rejection of faith in him, as a test of idolatry. It is evident to all that if we have faith in any power other than God we are idolatrous. Thus if a man does only what is dictated to him by his own reason, then he is worshipping none other than himself. He sets himself up as a god.

In every walk of life, faith is the expression of progress and success. Business moves and thrives on faith, as people receive credit. Life exists because the farmer has faith. He plants the seed in the ground, and has faith that vegetables and fruits will grow therefrom. Only when it comes to our highest relationship, the planting of the seed of faith, from which the flowers of the spiritual life grow, do we become agnostics.

The Talmud points out that the 613 commandments of the bible were summed up by King David in eleven maxims, by the prophet Micah in three, and then came the prophet Habbakuk, and based them all upon one principle, "Tsadik B'Emoo-naw-soh Yich-ye," - "The righteous shall live by faith".

OUR BRETHREN THE WORLD OVER

(From Jewish Telegraphic
Agency Dispatches)

BERLIN— It was reported that Herr Eichmann, a Storm Troop official who in Vienna earned the sobriquet "Czar of the Jews," will guide the destiny of the German Jews. If so, Vienna's story of panic flight and continuous harrasing of the Jews until in desperation they smuggled themselves across forbidden frontiers with false passports and other illegal devices, will be repeated on a Reich-wide scale.

PARIS— Attention is drawn to the fact that the Jews are beginning to flirt with Turkey, which is opposed to the establishment of a pan-Arab federation and is ready to support Jewish claims if England continues to promote the federation idea. In this connection it is also pointed out that Britain cannot afford to antagonize Turkey in view of the latter's strategic importance in the Mediterranean. Thus, Jewish orientation toward Turkey, and especially the recent trip of Dr. Chaim Weizman, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, to Angora, are considered significant.

LONDON— The Rumanian Government was reported by the Bucharest correspondent of the Times to be adopting a more lenient policy on the Jews, attributed to a stiffening of the democracies' stand and a fear that persecution of the Jews might upset Rumania's economic system.

ROME— A concentration camp for foreign Jews unable to leave Italy before March 12, deadline for compliance with last October's expulsion edict, is being prepared on an island off the south of Italy, it was learned here. Complete elimination of Jews from Italian professional, political, economic and social life is expected here within the next six months.

WARSAW— Schlomo Langleben, veteran Jewish chess champion of Poland who played with such notables as the former Russian Premier Stolipyn, President Raymond Poincare and Queen Marie of Rumania has died here. He was 75 years old.

The City Council of Grojowo, in the Bialystok district, decided today to change the name of a street named for the famous Jewish hero, Col. Berek Joselowicz, a fellow-combatant of Kosciusko. The street will be named for Roman Dmowski, late leader of the anti-Semitic National Democratic Party.

HUNGARIAN JEWRY

by Rabbi Emanuel L. Lifschitz

The earliest record of Jewish life in Hungary is a law issued in 1072 by which Jews were prohibited from taking Christian wives or possessing Christian slaves.

From early times, Jews were merely tolerated in Hungary, though they were indispensable to the commercial life of the country. Thus we can understand how individual Jews rose to such important governmental posts as Court-Chamberlain, mint, salt and tax officials, while at the same time there occurred intermittent outbursts of massacres, persecutions and expulsions.

In 1494 the ritual murder and blood libel charge was raised against the Jews and in consequence many were burned at the stake. This was renewed a quarter century later with increased martyrdom and expulsion. Jews took active part in Hungary's struggle to free itself from Turkish domination, which was successfully terminated in 1686. However, the new rulers were unfavorable to the Jews. Despite their dislike, they could not afford to completely destroy or expel Jewry because the latter were needed in the financial transactions of the State. Thus the 18th century again witnessed Jews enjoying high governmental posts, while at the same time, whole Jewish communities were temporarily expelled.

The World War brought thousands of Jews into the army. At the subsequent peace conference, the country was placed for a brief time under the stewardship of a Jew, Bela Kun. For a short time, another Jew, Wilhelm Vaszonyi, was minister of justice. In 1920, a steady move of anti-Semitism set in which resulted in the depopulation of many small towns owing to economic boycott. This was followed by the numerous clauses by which the number of Jews attending the University or entering the professions was limited; whereupon there broke out a series of bloody riots at the University of Budapest. Jewish ex-soldiers were denied membership in the Hungarian War Veterans Association. Though Hungarian Jewry was granted minority rights under the Peace Treaty, nevertheless the majority of them desired to be regarded as Magyars, and hence they renounced their minority privileges. Their general state

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Member of our Executive Board. We always refer to her as "the radio lady" because she first came to our Women's League meetings many years ago as the result of having heard Rabbi Goldstein announce our Bible Class over the radio. Ever since then, she has never been absent for a single day from any Bazaar, Rummage or Cake Sale we have held. . . And what a perfect saleslady she makes!

Born and brought up in New York City, she is a model American Orthodox Jewess - the essence of piety, modesty and refinement. She possesses a sweet and gentle manner and a disposition that does not seem possible to ruffle. She is a perfect example of the W. S. I. S. spirit of co-operation and is held in the highest regard by all of us.

GETTING PERSONAL

By Me, Him & I

Now with the excitement of the Bazaar getting out of our hair, eyes and ears, we have discovered a week of Simchas in our group. . . . The better half of our spiritual leader celebrates another birthday. Congratulations, Rebetzin. . . Then come a flock of wedding anniversaries. Well, here they are and good luck to them all: Mr. & Mrs. Ben Spanbock, Mr. & Mrs. J. D. Cohen, Mr. & Mrs. Harry Ward and, not to omit our South African contingent who regularly receive this uncensored publication, Mr. & Mrs. Hyman Blotnick who are celebrating their first wedding anniversary. Mrs. Blotnick, you recall, is our own export, Eva Stein. . . . And now we come to the big event in the Herlands-Bendheim families. Bill Herlands p. t. (in Latin signifying with your full title, in other words Commissioner) became the proud possessor of a daughter and a medal, the former delivered by his wife, our Gertrude Bendheim, and the latter delivered by the Brooklyn Young Men's Chamber of Commerce as a token of the selection of the Commissioner for outstanding services to the community by a man under 35. A good thing they fixed that age limit or otherwise we would have entered in the contest our entire Board of Directors including Grandpapa and Grandmama Siegfried Bendheim. Mucho nachas. . . . Anyhow that was a swell Kiddush to which the Bendheims blew the entire Congregation last Saturday. Our motto is many Kids and Kiddushes. . . . And while we are on the topic of marriages and future generations, we congratulate Mr. & Mrs. Ben Meyers and Grandma Elvera L. Waldman upon the birth of Leon Moses Meyers. . . . We extend our best wishes to Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin E. Tepper who were married last Thursday. On Saturday, prior to the wedding, we were pleased to have with us this happy couple, Mrs. Tepper's mother who is the widow of the late Justice Max S. Levine, as well as Mrs. Levine's other daughter and son-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Emil Romm. . . . Our Young People's Mincha trio last Saturday were Seymour Reichlin, Speaker, Ben Neuhaus, Reader of the Service, and Sam Burstein, Cantor. . . . It has suddenly dawned upon us that we must do a little apple polishing for Buddy Friedman if we want to be assured of receiving honors during the Sabbath services

in the future. In the absence of Harold Kaplan last Saturday he performed with great dignity and noblesse oblige as assistant to Pop Wartels. . . . Reverting to the Bazaar the co-chairmen Harry Appel and Mrs. Annie R. Morris awarded the prize donated by G. Richard Rubenstein to the lady rendering the most outstanding services at our Bazaar, to Bessie Abrams. The selection was unanimously endorsed. Our statistical department has estimated that if all the frankfurters sold by Bessie Abrams at the Bazaar were laid end to end, there wouldn't be enough mustard to go around. . . . Nat Trotzky was the host at Monday Night's Bible Class and Forum. We note with pleasure that Nat is as good an amateur caterer as he is professionally.

HUNGARIAN JEWRY

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of anxiety was reflected in the serious decline in the birth rate and in the increase in conversions. In 1926, 316 Jews were baptized in Budapest. However, with the growing recognition that Jews cannot run away from themselves, and that we must face the world only as Jews, a reversal of the process has set in. In the decade 1919-1929, 1,116 returned to Judaism.

Foremost among Hungarian Jewry was Dr. Israel Hildersteimer, a gifted scholar and able organizer who splendidly combined in himself the spirit of Talmudic Orthodoxy and of modern learning.

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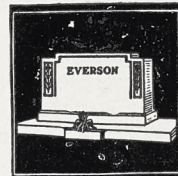
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