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CLUB NOTES

The **Habonoth** are doing things and going places. Last Thursday evening the members produced an original play before their parents and a visiting Habonoth chapter. This Sunday, they attend the Great Play Series broadcast of the Mikado.

The **Jewish Youth League** are having a Purim Dance and Carnival this Saturday evening. Admission 75 cents per couple, stags, one dollar. Meetings are held on Wednesday evenings.

Junior Council has a new president, Sid Sherman. Joan Borgenicht and Lenny Mandell are the new Cultural Committee and they promise big things.

Young Folks League's meeting this Sunday evening will feature a "Professor Quizz." If the last few meetings mean anything, Buddy and his co-workers are sure to put the group on the social map.

Boy Scouts. Tenderfoot badges were awarded to Elias Siegal, Howard Stein, Elliot Lowitz and Bobby Schoor. Martin Fichtenholtz and Martin Rich were advanced to second class rank.

THE YESHIVAHS APPEAL

Rabbi Goldstein's appeal for contributions to Yeshivahs, the seats of higher learning abroad and in this country is receiving a hearty response.

We hope every one of our readers will participate in this mitzvah and mail in their contribution. No amount is too large or too small.

In next week's issue we shall announce the names of the contributors to date.

Light Candles Friday Evening 5:35

SHABOS ZACHOR

Weekly Portion — TEZAVEH

Friday Evening Service	5:35
Saturday Morning Service	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:00
Rabbi Hurwitz Class in Talmud	4:00
Children's Story Hour	4:00
Mincha Service	5:20
Sundav Morning Service	6:20, 8:00
Daily Services:	
Mornings	6:45, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30
Mincha	5:25

Followed by the study of the Mishnah

The Megillah will be read this Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

GUEST SPEAKER



MEYER W. WEISGAL

This Monday evening at the regular Bible Class of Rabbi Goldstein, we will have the pleasure of listening to Mr. Weisgal who served for years as editor of "The New Palestine." He was responsible for the highly successful "Jewish Day" at the Chicago World's Fair in 1933, at which all attendance records for that Fair were broken. The historic pageant "The Romance of a People," shown on that occasion was later presented in other American cities. More recently he produced "The Eternal Road" in New York, which was hailed by dramatic critics as a great contribution to the creation of better understanding of the Jewish people. His subject will be "The World's Fair and the Palestine Pavilion."

In recognition of 25 years of service to American Judaism, our Board of Directors has voted to tender a

TESTIMONIAL DINNER

to

RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

on May 7, 1939

Waldorf-Astoria

Details will follow

CONDOLENCE

Our deep sympathies are extended to our member, Henry L. Kessler, upon the loss of his beloved wife, and to our loyal co-workers Ruth Toch and Leona upon the loss of their beloved mother.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

A most interesting subject for the Bible Class has been started, which is to precede the meetings of the Women's League. Last Monday, Rabbi Goldstein began a series of lectures on the philosophy of Judaism. He explained the why and wherefore of all religions and that the very word religion (coming from the Latin re-- back and ligio-- tie) means to tie together to the originator of all faiths. The basis of Judaism is to find Truth. Truth being everlasting is one of the reasons why the Jewish people are everlasting, despite overwhelming obstacles. It is a vital subject and most inspiringly presented.

Members of the Women's League who attend the Monday afternoon Bible Class, appreciate why these meetings always have such lively attendance.

Mrs. Isidore Friedman and Mrs. Maurice Greenstein were the hostesses for the social hour last meeting.

DUTCH SUPPER

The Women's League is centering its activity on the coming Dutch Supper to be held on Sunday evening, March 19th, in the Social Room of the Synagogue Building. This affair promises to be one of the outstanding social events of the season. Loads of fun, a full evening's entertainment, a meal to suit the most discriminating tastes, all at \$1.50 per. Our accommodations are limited, so make your reservations now.

W. S. I. S. FAMILY SEDER

The warm spirit of intimacy and spiritual glow that prevailed as each family gathered last year to celebrate with us the two Seder nights, still lingers.

This year, we are expecting many more applications for tables and individual places than we shall be able to accommodate. To insure places for our members and worshippers, we urge immediate reservations at our office.

Seder services will be held on April 3rd and 4th in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Riverside Plaza. \$3.50 per person will include everything, yarmelke, tips and hat check.



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LEST WE FORGET

In these remarks, the question of free speech is entirely beside the point. Yet, a privilege may be abused to so great an extent as to be converted into a menace. However, we firmly believe in the principle of free speech and, hence, do not criticize the Mayor for permitting the Bund meeting at Madison Square Garden.

But, what about the Garden management? Here is a great sports enterprise prospering on a foundation of American democracy in its truest sense, the recognition of superior ability, regardless of race, color or religion. There have been no more enthusiastic patrons of the Garden than the Jews. Never, in our recollection, have they failed loyally to support the enterprises conducted or sponsored by its management.

Yet, for a comparatively few, paltry dollars (we are giving the management the benefit of any doubt as to motive), the Garden was rented to a group of would-be destroyers of all constitutional rights, a group dedicated to the remorseless purpose of inciting one group of American citizens to terrify another.

That the management sought to alibi itself by inserting a clause in the contract, as the papers say, that attacks were not to be made on the Jews, is so ridiculous as to be laughable, were it not so tragic. Did the Garden management think for one moment that the Bund would have a meeting and not attack Jews? Either they are terrible fools or hypocrites. Everybody else knew that the alleged celebration of the birthday of the founder of this Republic would be prostituted into a typical Nazi-Coughlinesque rally.

We Jews must take stock of our alleged friends. Let us realize who are honest in their protestations of horror at the Nazi persecution and those who are merely pretending but at the same time are ready to knife us in the back. The act of the Madison Square management squares with the general conduct of the American Olympic Committee for the Berlin contests.

MY LIFE AND WORK

by Seymour Reichlin (Age 14)

What is my reason for being? Surely in this great universe everything has a place, and I believe I have one too. But it is difficult to find it. From my laboratory will come no cures for man's ills; from my pen, no pearls of wisdom and wit will drop. New sublime conceptions of life and manners will not have their genesis in me but, undoubtedly, my existence has a "raison d'être" and, I think, that of all philosophic reasons the truly religious one is the best.

Every man has a mission to perform on earth and that mission is to do good to other men. Whether or not, in the end, I wind up a success or a failure, if I have been true to myself and to my fellow man, I will know that my life has not been wasted.

He who will lead a life of peace, of good, a life marked by a clear conscience, a life free from shame and reproach, a life of honor, will have satisfied the reasons for his birth.

The country doctor, the laboratory research worker or the missionary, poor in worldly coin are infinitely richer than the banker. Their careers have not been marked by the terrific amassment of wealth but the richness of their achievements can be measured only by the good that they have done for mankind.

About few rich men can be said honestly what with all freedom can be said about these men. Without

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"AS
R'CHASH
SEES
IT"



By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

WHO WAS HAFFKINE?

I have been entranced by the story of Haffkine's life. It illustrates the "potency of Judaism". A foremost leader in science bequeathed his entire fortune of about \$300,000 for the purpose of supporting the Yeshivahs of Europe.

Professor Waldemar M. Haffkine was born on March 15th, 1860, in Odessa, Russia, and died on October 25, 1930, at the age of 70 in Lausanne, Switzerland. Haffkine was an orthodox Jew all his life. In his youth, he was a student at the University of Odessa where he studied physics, mathematics and specialized in zoology. The faculty of the University offered him the opportunity to join its staff on condition that he would be baptized. Haffkine turned this offer down and left Russia.

In 1888, he was appointed Assistant Professor of Physiology at the University of Geneva. He was the discoverer of a new vaccine which helped to stop the spread of cholera. The British Ambassador in Paris, Lord Dufferin, who was a former Viceroy of India, heard of Haffkine's discoveries. When cholera broke out in India in 1890, Haffkine was invited by the British Government to go there and attempt to combat it. In one section of India 186,797 people were inoculated, and 639,630 were not inoculated. Of all those who were inoculated, 814 died of the plague. Of all those who were not inoculated, 29,623 died. Hundreds of thousands of people in India owe their lives to Haffkine. The Government Plague Research Institute in Bombay is now known as the Haffkine Institute.

In 1899 on his return to England, a reception was given in his honor. Lord Moynihan, the great English surgeon, who died in 1937, said: "It is a great pride to me to have known Ehrlich, but he whom I place first on my list of heroes is Haffkine, the conqueror of the plague."

OUR BRETHREN THE WORLD OVER

(From Jewish Telgraphic
Agency Dispatches)

Well, it looks as if the 1939 Munich sacrifice is Palestine. . . . 562 Jewish doctors were stricken from the list of social insurance practitioners in Slovakia on Jan. 1 . . . Fifty-two years ago, two Jewish bankers established the Wawelberg Technical High School in Warsaw. Now 45 Jewish Students are expelled because they refuse to sit on "ghetto-benches" . . . Anti-Semitic articles in newspapers, agitators against Jews, etc., are to be suppressed in Kaunas. They might lead to economic depression. Sure, Jew-baiting is O. K. if it doesn't cost money. . . . The slaughtering and sale of Kosher meat has been banned in Prague. Well, here's to Prager ham. May our Jewish brethren who dote on it, choke on it. . . . Dr. James T. Shotwell of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, at a Baltimore address, assails Coughlin's un-Christian animus" and says Coughlin "sullies the names of Christian priests." Sullies is a mild word. Conversions, previously almost unknown among Rumanian Jews, are assuming a mass character. Three hundred Jews, mostly bankers, wealthy merchants and professionals, have been baptized in Bucharest alone since the first of the year. Couldn't take it, eh. It seems suicide or baptism is the favorite refuge of those whose Judaism has always been their great subject for apology and regret. . . . The Government Financial Commission in Stockholm has approved the expenditure of 500,000 Swedish crowns (about \$125,000) for assistance in retraining of refugees. . . . Matzoths may not be baked throughout Germany. Jewish organizations in Paris began studies to determine how best to provide Reich Jewry with unleavened bread. Parallel with the matzoth problem, there is the kosher meat problem in Germany. . . . The refugee problem in Germany appears to be on the way to a horrible solution. First came disenfranchisement. Then, confiscation of all property and wholesale arrests. Expulsion followed but was not fully carried out because there was no place to send the Jews. Now, in Danzig comes the next phase. enslavement for road building. 5000 Jews are being drafted to build a road from Danzig to East Prussia. Egypt, we are here. . . .

BOOK REVIEW

"DAYS OF OUR YEARS"

Pierre Van Paassen
1939 Hillman-Curl, Inc. N. Y.

"Days of Our Years" is the autobiography of a foreign correspondent whose experiences are brought to the fore so vividly and so strikingly that he himself retreats to the background, and we kaleidoscopically experience the entire world situation from 1903-1939, just as if we ourselves were living thru it. We accompany Van Paassen thru Germany, France, Spain, Italy, Ethiopia and Palestine. We see the sights he saw, hear the things he heard, we feel his experiences and, oddly enough are impressed with the same opinions that he expresses. For, far from being an impartial journalist Van Paassen takes a definite stand in every world situation and, tho incurring a great deal of criticism, expresses his opinions freely.

Thus we see this Dutch Calvinist defending the Zionist ideal. For even before we Jews in America could see Zionism as the only solution to the Jewish problem, this Christian saw it, in the suffering of the Jews in Poland and Lithuania, with uncanny perspicacity.

Van Paassen sees Palestine and Zionism as an issue of paramount importance to the entire Christian world - the only way to clear the Christian conscience - "to terminate the scandal of history, to end our own Christian shame of a people of human brothers being hounded and hunted from pillar to post." Van Paassen sees the international significance of the problem of Palestine. He does not mince words in criticism of English rule, nor does he hesitate to give the reason for English reluctance to fulfill the Balfour Declaration, which, "in a moment of high idealism had been conceived by the civilized world, to set right an ancient wrong." His reactions to the 1929 occurrences, and the part he played, his prophetic predictions of the attitude and part of the Grand Mufti in Arab-Jewish relations make one happy that such clarity of vision and fairness, despite denunciations by fellow journalists, still exists.

In majestic language, Van Paassen describes the Chaltutz, who came "not with weapons of war, not as a conqueror who protects his gains in a captured province, but, to intone a new psalm of peace and human brotherhood."

Deborah Lifschitz

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Our charming Recording Secretary graduated from George Washington High School. She is affiliated with the New York Section of the National Council of Jewish Women and the Women's Division of the American Ort.

As former editor of the "Deb" column of the Park Avenue Social Review, she is unusually well qualified for the position of publicity chairman which she holds in our Women's League. She has a fine literary style and is altogether a fine and capable young woman.

Although our Women's League is particularly fortunate in being able to count a number of members of this type in its ranks, we are happy to be able to include Fay Seligman. Of good things we can never have too many.

GETTING PERSONAL

By Me, Him & I

Shy Louis Landowne, famous photographer, son of our equally quiet but none-the-less regular fellows, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Landowne, was a revelation to all of us last Saturday afternoon. His talk at the Mincha Services showed deep thoughts and fine oratorical ability. Buddy Friedman who chanted the service and Gaby Goldstein who read the Sedrah did not surprise us. We have heard both of them acquit themselves favorably on other occasions... Congratulations to our director Mr. Sam Davis, our member, Mr. Mose Goodman and to Master Samuel Ward on their birthdays. . . . All good things come in threes, may the three enjoy all good things... We are glad to welcome home Mr. & Mrs. Morris Steinberg, Mr. & Mrs. Louis H. Markowitz and their daughter Jean. . . Nice to see Sylvan Marshall at the Synagogue. . . . Mr. & Mrs. Siegfried Bendheim are recuperating from becoming grandparents, by a sojourn at Atlantic City... Welcome home to breezy Maurice Greenstein from the windy city.... We hope Max Frank's trip will be very successful. . . . Did you notice the change in our curtains in the front hall? Mrs. Moe Langer didn't like the others, so she changed them. Wish someone would change the editor. . . Wedding Anniversaries: Rabbi and Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, Mr. & Mrs. S. Michael, Mr. & Mrs. Morris Jablow and Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Silverstein Skol... Mrs. Anna Levy and her daughter Regina send greetings from the South. How about some oranges?... Max E. Sanders will celebrate his approaching birthday by being Maftir at the Synagogue next Saturday and host at the Kiddush for the entire Congregation. Sorry to see you get so ancient, Max. We still like kids and kiddushes. . . . Congratulations to our new radio specialist, Ben Neuhaus. May our radio get out of order so we can say "Come up and see us sometime."

YESHIVA COLLEGE

On Tuesday, March 7, at 2:30 P.M., there will be a tea and meeting of the Junior Division of Yeshiva College at the home of Mrs. George L. Livingston, 300 Central Park West. Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein will be the guest speaker. Our Women are cordially invited as the guests of the hostess.

MY LIFE AND WORK

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such a eulogy, what good is any man's life?

You can't take it with you. If I remember this and pursue my life, scorning worldly riches if they mean the sacrifice of a friend or an ideal, trying to do good to every man, I will die, maybe not a rich man, but a man whose practice of the Golden Rule has made the world a better place.

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March 3: Rev. D. A. Jessurun Cardozo, Associate Rabbi, Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue on "Maimonides, 'Guide to the Perplexed' - Then and Now."

March 10: H. L. Gordon, Ph. D., M. D., Litt. D., L. H. D., D. Sc., D. H. L., Educator, Orientalist, Talmudist, Writer and Physician on "Medicine in the Bible and Talmud."

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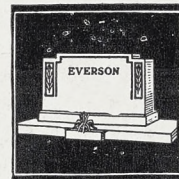
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