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The committee appointed to apportion the moneys collected from our members and friends for Yeshivahs abroad and this country is about to make the distribution. We therefore ask you to send your donation at once. These institutions of learning are in desperate need. All of us should help. No amount is too large or too small. For your convenience, we are attaching a coupon to accompany your gift.

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COMMUNITY SEDERS

Reservations are being accepted for the W. S. I. S. Family Seders. They are to be held on April 3rd and 4th in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Riverside Plaza under the chairmanship of Mr. Joe Settel. The price, \$3.50 per person, will cause you to enjoy a beautiful service and an excellent meal. Everything will be provided. No tipping.

GUEST SPEAKER



HON. WILLIAM B. HERLANDS

This Monday evening, as the guest of Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class, Commissioner Herlands will speak.

He was graduated from C. C. N. Y. in 1925; elected to Phi Beta Kappa; awarded Pell medal as highest ranking student; Columbia Law School, 1928; Editor, Columbia Law Review; served as assistant U. S. Attorney in the Southern District of N. Y. from 1931 to 1934, where he handled the investigation of numerous important criminal cases; served as assistant Corporation Counsel under Paul Windels from 1934 to 1935; Chief Assistant to Special Rackets Prosecutor Thomas E. Dewey from July 29, 1935 to Dec. 31, 1937; now serving, under appointment by Mayor LaGuardia, as Commissioner of Investigation; since Jan. 1, 1938, Chairman of the Committee on Criminal Courts of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York; the recipient of the distinguished service medal awarded annually by the Brooklyn Young Men's Chamber of Commerce to the man under 35 adjudged to have contributed most to the community during the past year.

DUTCH SUPPER

Have you reserved your table for the night of March 19th? The Women's League is endeavoring to make this the grandest Sunday night supper you've had in a long time. Prizes and surprises are awaiting all those present. Therefore, a word to the wise is sufficient.

GOVERNOR LEHMAN ACCEPTS

Governor Lehman has accepted membership on the Honorary Committee, now being formed to sponsor the Testimonial Dinner to be tendered to Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, on the occasion of his Twenty-Fifth Anniversary in the Rabbinate, to be held on May 7, 1939, at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. Mr. Max E. Sanders is Chairman of the Dinner Committee and Mr. David H. Ullman is Chairman of the Souvenir Year Book to be issued in connection with the Testimonial Dinner.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

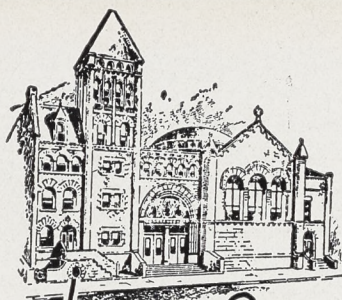
Last Monday, in the absence of the President, Mrs. Livingston presided over the meeting of the Women's League. She greeted, as a new member, Mrs. Herbst, the daughter of Mrs. Luxenberg. The meeting was preceded by Rabbi Goldstein's third lecture in the series on "The Philosophy of Judaism," and embraced the ethical and the ceremonious elements of Judaism.

The women have taken on another project. This time it is to complete the furnishings of The Council Room in the Synagogue House, to be the young people's lounge. It is desired to make the lounge a cozy and clubby place where our young people will want to spend their leisure evenings. So, if you can spare a radio or rugs, floor lamps, decorative tables, end tables etc., we will be glad to take them off your hands.

Light Candles Friday Evening 5:42 SHABOS POROH

Weekly Portion — KI-SISO

Friday Evening Service	5:40
Saturday Morning Service	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:00
Rabbi Hurwitz Class in Talmud	4:15
Children's Story Hour	4:00
Mincha Service	5:20
Sunday Morning Service	6:20, 8:00
Mincha Service	5:30
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	5:40
Followed by the study of the Mishnah	



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DICTATORS AND DEANS

The rise of dictatorships brings the lowering of education.

Dictators cannot thrive where their subjects think. That the dictatorial tendency to suppress education leads to ridiculous extremes has been proven time and again. It remained, however, for the Japanese naively to bring things to a climax.

"Butch", the golf-playing son of former Premier Fumimaro Konoye, bestowed his princely presence on Princeton University. Last June his class was graduated but he was not there when the degrees were handed out. The reason, he admitted, was that he had flunked all his major subjects.

The Japanese promptly recognized his higher scholastic attainments and decided that his proper sphere of activity was college education. They didn't appoint him teacher, assistant professor or professor. No, that would not do for "Butch". Nothing less than a Dean would do, so he is now Dean of the Tungwen College at Shanghai.

In other words, a fellow who isn't good enough to be graduated from an American college is of the mental calibre required for a deanship under dictatorial government.

SOUR NOTES

The old story of the snake being warmed back to life and then biting its benefactor is exemplified over and over again. Those of us who are accustomed to getting around a good deal to dinners and various other functions, recall vividly, about ten or more years ago, what a Judenfreund was the then popular Metropolitan star, Gigli. How he would go from function to function, party to party, and throw his arms around his Jewish admirers and friends to show what a regular fellow he was! How he gloried in the honors that were being showered upon him by Jews, accepted their entertainment and adulation (also cash) and posed as their friend!

When the Metropolitan was in trouble at the depth of the depression and requested the members of its organization to take a cut in salary, Mr. Gigli showed his true color, yellow. Not only did he indignantly decline but advised the other singers to do likewise, which they didn't. He, however, went back to Italy.

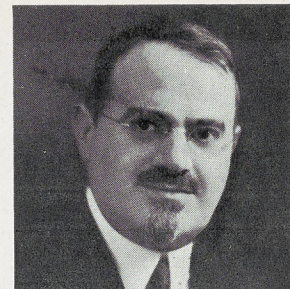
Recently, he returned for another tour and, so short is the American memory, he was received with great acclaim and managed to earn a good deal. However, he failed to reckon with some creditors that he had left behind, among whom were Uncle Sam. Of course, he must have figured if European nations could forget to pay their debts to Uncle Sam, why couldn't he. But Uncle Sam got their first and so, it seems, did several others, with the result that Gigli, strange as it may seem, was really forced to pay his legitimate debts.

So, angrily did he return to his "Nordic" Italy and let out a yelp about the Nazi-Fascist whipping-boy, the Jew. Everybody else blames the Jew for everything, so why couldn't Mr. Gigli.

When he discovers that his contemptible statement has caused a furore here, he is scared of his future earning power in this country. His secretary therefore issues another statement that the first utterances of Mr. Gigli were misinterpreted. What is there to misinterpret. Either he said what he said or he didn't.

The fact remains that he simply is currying favor with his maestro, Mussolini, from whom emanate the discordant notes that do not come from the rasping frog-throat of co-conductor, Hitler. When in Rome, do as the Romans do. And Gigli did.

"AS
R'CHASH
SEES
IT"



By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

WHO WAS HAFFKINE?

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Haffkine, after his retirement from active scientific research, devoted himself more and more to the study of Jewish questions. He became convinced that the maintenance of orthodox Judaism was the sine qua non for the Jew. Toward this end, he considered it of the greatest importance to promote the study of the Torah, particularly in the Yeshivahs. He wrote his views in an essay which was published in many languages. The English version appeared in the "Menorah Journal" in April, 1916. He also contributed an article in London in May, 1923, showing the superiority of the Jewish method of slaughtering animals for food over that of the most modern methods.

At the Peace Conference in Versailles, Haffkine submitted a memorandum asking for political emancipation of the Jews in Eastern European countries. In 1929 he became a life member of the "Hilfsverein der Deutschen" and entrusted it with the administration of his bequest in behalf of the Yeshivos of Eastern Europe.

On October 25, 1930, Haffkine died at the age of 70. The press of the whole world published tributes to his memory. "The Times" had the following to say concerning the death of Haffkine: "Bacteriology had lost one of its pioneers, for he was distinguished in the small company of men and women which includes Koch, von Behring, Ebert and Kitasato, whose work serves today as one of the foundations of modern medicine."

Although Haffkine held a conspicuous post in the outside world, he did not remain an individualist. To-day there are all too many professional men and scientists who are too busy in their personal vocations, to find avocations in the religious life of their community. Haffkine always felt a sense of indebtedness to his people and his faith. He used his creative genius for the benefit of humanity. His way of life, his personal fortune and his influence he utilized in behalf of orthodox Judaism.

OUR BRETHREN THE WORLD OVER

(From Jewish Telegraphic
Agency Dispatches)

History repeats itself. We celebrate Purim by comparing Haman with Hitler. Now comes Passover and, again, the historical comparison stands out vividly. Egypt has been reincarnated in Naziland. The Germans have confiscated all Jewish possessions. They have thrown Jews out of all gainful employment. They have, however, a great labor shortage. Hence, the inevitable result is the impression of Jews in labor gangs without any consideration to wages, hours, working conditions or any thought of humane treatment whatsoever. New pyramids are to be built with Jewish blood. And the world sits idly by, twiddling its thumbs, and calling it appeasement. Can one appease a mad dog? . . . Now Poland and Rumania, lands of mis-government and inefficiency, seek to cover up their shortcomings by diverting the attention of their masses to a "solution of the Jewish problem." They seek to send their millions of Jews into exile. Simple problem, isn't it? . . . Any day now, we may expect an invitation to Jews with capital to help reconstruct Spain, land of the tortured soul. . . .

An anonymous radio announcer has called upon Palestine Jewry to revolt against British plans, backed by a military organization of 10,000 Jews all over the world prepared to fight to the very last. . . . The Jewish butchers in Poland are being put out of business, a bill being proposed that communal authorities take over all Kosher meat trade. . . . The Sejm has already adopted a bill for prohibition of Shechita. . . . Two new English translations of "Mein Kampf" have been printed, all profits to go to aid the same refugees that Hitler has turned out. . . . Mayor LaGuardia has ordered all hall owners to use their own ushers at meetings held on their premises. No lessees may use their own guards for the meeting. German Bund, take heed! No more Storm Troopers. Why wasn't that done before the meeting? The Protestant Church in Thuringia excludes converted Jews from membership. . . . Poor, poor, Jews! America again - A non-sectarian committee for refugee children has been formed to place children in foster homes of their own faith throughout the country - And we in our idiom say - "Yosher Koach".

THIS & THAT

by Rabbi Emanuel L. Lifschitz

Clara Leiser a strictly Aryan Personality has compiled a brilliant collection of nuggets of Nazi idiocy in her book, entitled, "Lunacy Becomes Us by Adolf Hitler and His Associates." It is hoped that this volume will start a great contagious and tumultuous wave of laughter which will be echoed and reechoed throughout the democratic world. One of the best ways to combat these geniuses of sublime conceit, barbarity and stupidity is to laugh them out of existence.

So for our reader's special delight, we offer you some pearls of Nazi stupidity:

A future German Reich will never accept a woman without children--it does not matter whether she is married or not-as a full member of the community of people. Consequently, adultery on the part of the man, in so far as offspring results therefrom, should not be made subject to legal prosecution.

Rosenberg's Mythus.

Hitler is lonely. So is God. Hitler is like God.

Dr. Frank, Reich Minister of Justice.

No European nation has done more for peace than Germany. No nation has made Greater sacrifice.

-Same guy, same place, same speech

Felix Frankfurter--he is an insult to the German sausage.

Nazi speaker in Ridgewood

Whoever entices into marriage any male subject of our city of Frankfort-am-Main by deceptive means, such as the use of white or red paints, perfumes, artificial teeth, false hair, clothes fillers of French or Spanish wool or silk, iron corsets, artificial hips, or similar devices will be arrested for sorcery, and the marriage will be declared null and void.

A decree of the City of Frankfort-am-Main issued December 5, 1980.

Just pickle our bones in alcohol

In five or ten years we shall be in a position to have every German man and woman overhauled once a year.

-Dr. Ley. Quoted N. Y. Times, May, 11, 1938

We know where we began, but only God knows where we will one day end.

Dr. Goebbels.

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ADA (MRS. ISIDOR) FRIEDMAN

A member of our Women's League for many years. Recently, as a merited reward for services rendered, she was elected a member of the Executive Board. Mrs. Friedman is Vice-Chairman of our committee on hostesses and is always ready to do her share in every way when called upon.

She very nearly reached a 100% record of attendance as a member of the sales force at our recent Bazaar. Alongside of her most of the time was her husband who is always one of the real friends and well-wishers of our Synagogue, and her charming daughter Harriet whom we congratulate on her approaching Sweet Sixteen Birthday.

We cannot speak of the Friedman family without mentioning a very important part of it--sweet little Elaine Carol.

GETTING PERSONAL

By Me, Him & I

Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Breitbart have joined the Bendheims and the Rubensteins in securing the G. P. degree (Grandparents). We congratulate them, and their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. William Edelson, upon the birth of a boy. . . . Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Henry Reichlin on their Twentieth Wedding Anniversary. Mrs. Reichlin celebrated by spending the greater part of the week at the Synagogue doing some decorative work in the young people's club rooms. . . . Good news: Mr. Max Stavish has recovered from his recent illness. . . . Welcome home to Mr. David Messing, Harold Kaplan, Mr. & Mrs. David H. Ullman, Joseph Settel, Dr. Nathan Settel and Mrs. William Horwitz and Joan. With this contingent of ours returning, the sunshine must have left Florida. . . . Congratulations to Mrs. Gustave Roth upon her birthday. May she celebrate many more. . . . Our best wishes accompany Mr. Louis Herman upon his trip. . . . We hope that Mrs. Nathan Frank will recover speedily from her illness. . . . Ditto Mrs. H. Steuer. . . . We are very happy to welcome in our midst our esteemed friend, Mr. H. N. Goodstein, who has just returned from Palestine where he sojourned for 3½ years. . . . We were glad to greet Dr. Samuel Friedman at our services last Saturday morning. . . . Once again Mrs. Pargament acted as hostess for the Purim treat to all the Talmud Torah children, providing an ample supply of Hamantaschen. . . . Quite an innovation was introduced by Kenneth Gross at our Sabbath afternoon services. In the past we have had orators and singers, but never before a singing orator. Selig Katz as the Cantor was as excellent as ever and so was Maurice Spanbock who read the Torah. . . . Hank Epstein put over a swell Professor Quiz program at the Young Folks League meeting on Sunday night. Hank is a born professor. . . . Those who took first, second and third prize in our Children's Purim Masquerade are: Susan Applebaum, Arthur Rosette and Arnyce Livingston. . . . Rain or shine Mrs. Jennie Greenfield is sure to be on hand bright and early every Sabbath morning. . . .

REFUGEE BENEFIT

Shomre Hadath will hold its annual Purim Entertainment and Dance, for the benefit of its Employment Service for Sabbath-observing refugees, on Saturday evening, March 11th, at 270 West 89th St. Tickets at \$1.00 may be obtained from Mr. Jablow.

YOUTH PROTESTS

This Sunday afternoon at 3 P.M., the youth groups of the various Synagogues on the West Side will gather at our Synagogue. The purpose is to protest against the persecutions now being inflicted upon our people and other religious denominations abroad. The speakers will be: Justice William Harman Black, author of "If I were a Jew", Pastor Finis S. Idleman, Minister of the Central Church of the Disciples of Christ, and our own Rabbi Emanuel L. Lifschitz.

ORTHODOX YOUTH UNITES

The Conference held at our Synagogue on February 26th witnessed an assemblage of representatives from the Orthodox Synagogues and Jewish University Clubs of New York and vicinity. The Conference decided upon the following: To strengthen the ties between the young people and the Synagogues and to form a National Federation of young peoples groups under the auspices of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America.

Our Kenneth Gross was elected chairman and our charming Joan Friedman secretary. Bernie Levmore and Joe Schlang are respectively chairmen of the program and the membership and organization committees.

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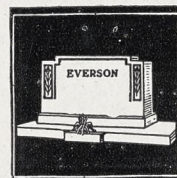
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