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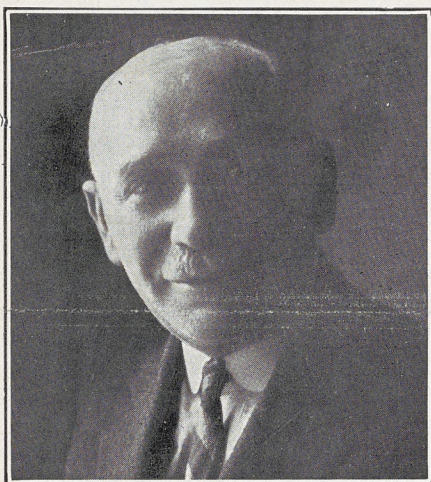
Our heartfelt felicitations to Mrs. Ray Ward and Mr. & Mrs. Isidore Freedman on the forthcoming marriage of their children, Jesse Ward and Leonore Freedman, at our Synagogue on April 16th.

SERMON CONTEST

The dead line for entering manuscripts in the Sermon Contest has been changed to Friday April 28th. The young men interested in being chosen to represent our young people on "Youth Sabbath" morning, May 13th, are urged not to put it off till the last minute.

Those desiring to read part of the Torah on that morning are requested to leave their names with Gabriel Goldstein.

WE CELEBRATE HIS SEVENTIETH BIRTHDAY



AARON (POP) WARTELS

— To Pop —

For you — we have a yen,
Because — there aren't many men,
Who — at three score and ten,
Can be — as amiable as when,
you were but twenty,
and not quite seventy.

— So —

We all extend
to you, our friend,
our wishes for
good health, suns end.

GUEST SPEAKER

At the Bible Class conducted by Rabbi Goldstein on Monday evening, April 17, 1939.



HON. MAX SALOMON

Born in New York City, he was left an orphan at the age of 4. Through his personal efforts he attained prominence in the law. Became assistant Corporation Counsel and was placed in charge of important Tax Litigation. He served as assistant district attorney and headed the bureau for prosecuting Commercial Frauds for a period of five years. In 1927 he was appointed to his present position as a Justice of the Court of Special Sessions and has rendered conspicuous and distinguished service. He is a trustee of the National Orphan Home, is a Mason. He is a member of our institution and is actively identified with many charitable organizations.

RECREATION GROUP

Our checker team is participating in the city wide Play Fair League Tournaments. Last week they played the Hebrew Orphan Asylum Team. Their next game is scheduled with the team of St. Cyprian's Church.

Our Junior Varsity Baseball Team is practicing daily at Riverside Park. Mr. Strully is coach.

UNVEILING

The memorial window, dedicated to the memory of Max Ullman, our President's father, will be unveiled at the Synagogue this Sunday, at 10:45 A. M.

TESTIMONIAL DINNER

All plans have been made for our "Affair of the Year", the Testimonial Dinner to Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, in celebration of his 25th anniversary in the Rabbinate, on May 7th.

One thousand persons, including distinguished educators and civic leaders, will gather in the Grand Ball Room of the Waldorf Astoria, to pay tribute to Rabbi Goldstein as one of the pillars of American Orthodoxy.

We urge our members and friends to demonstrate their loyalty and devotion by procuring their tickets at once.

Twenty five dollars per couple. Twelve-fifty (\$12.50) per person.

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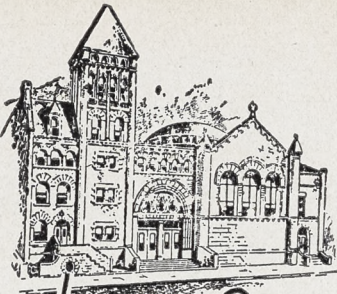


DAVID H. ULLMAN

And particularly, we urge all our business men and friends of business men, to get behind Dave Ullman with lots of ads so that our Year Book may live up to its past standards.

JEWISH YOUTH LEAGUE

Last Wednesday evening's meeting featured Mortimer Cohen speaking on "Judaism and Radicalism." A lively discussion ensued and the meeting ended with a social. Next Wednesday evening the club is running an Open Meeting to be followed by dancing. Young people above 16 are invited to attend.



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SOMETHING MUST BE DESTROYED

This week, we read a funny tale of a farmer who put a young bull in his cellar, fed him very liberally during the winter so that the bull flourished and became very large. Now the farmer suddenly finds himself in a very serious dilemma. The cellar door is too small for the bull to go through and, if the farmer tries to enlarge it, or to get him out by removing part of the wall, his rickety old house will collapse. Of course he can slaughter the bull, which he doesn't want to do because of his investment. However, he must decide to do one or the other, destroy the house or the bull, as the bull is eating his own and the farmer's head off.

While this tale is amusing, it illustrates very pointedly what has happened to an international farmer and his co-farmers.

Mr. Chamberlain and a group of sympathetic souls thought that by feeding the little bull Hitler, helping him develop his Nazi party, and throwing him a bone of appeasement from time to time, they would have a pretty good investment against the fear they conjured up that democracy might become too democratic and the underdog would seek too many rights.

To make good the scare they were trying to give to the world, they pretended to encourage Hitler as an offset to Communism.

This really was a false issue, which is now known, because Communism never amounted to anything to speak of in Germany, France, England and America.

Now the bull of Nazism has grown to huge proportions and wants to get out of the cellar. If he does, he will wreck the house of civilization.

Our farmer-diplomats have now discovered, to their horror, that they must face the music either by destroying the bull, or else permit the structure of civilization to be destroyed.

Of course, just as in the case of the real farmer, whose home, poor as it may be, is surely of more value to him than the bull whom he will ultimately convert into a carcass, so have our farmer-diplomats discovered that they must destroy the bull which threatens the world, rather than permit the world to be destroyed.

OUR BRETHREN THE WORLD OVER (From Jewish Telegraphic Agency Dispatches)

No Passover services were held in Prague because all synagogues and prayer houses were ordered closed and distribution of matzoth by the Jewish Community was prohibited by the police at the last minute, leaving the needy Jewish population without the means of observing the Festival. On the other hand, Seders in Jewish restaurants were overcrowded. . . Synagogues in North London received special attention of police during the Passover week as a result of the desecration of the Burma Road Synagogue. A pig's head was found nailed to the door of the synagogue four days ago, but the fact was kept secret until today in order not to alarm worshippers, many of whom are refugees. . . The Congress of the Protestant Church, with the Protestant Bishop of Yugoslavia attending, decided to accept Jews as converts only after a one-year trial period. . . A Jewish special policeman, Ephraim Horslay, was shot dead in Tiberias while guarding an ice factory. . . The Greek ship Astir left Haifa port with a cargo of 638 Jewish refugees. The ship had been seized near the Palestine coast and brought to Haifa on suspicion of trying to land the refugees illegally. Three of the passengers, including a woman in child birth, were landed and taken to the

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"AS R'CHASH SEES IT"



By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN
LYING

"Ye shall not LIE" is a Biblical commandment. I regard lying as one of the greatest evils of our time. Lying is stealing and is a violation of the eighth Commandment, "Thou shalt not steal." A liar is a thief, for when a man lies, he steals the truth. Many a man has been impoverished materially, mentally, and spiritually by lying. These are piercingly plain words. Our Rabbis say "Life and death are in the power of the tongue." Men and women, who are otherwise good and charitable, stoop to lie because they lack the moral courage to tell the truth. The truth is to be an inseparable part of us and not a garment to be put on and taken off at will.

To-day we have the all too-prevalent so-called "white" lies. My observations have proven to me that those who indulge in "white" lies soon become color-blind. The habit of lying once engendered becomes a pernicious anemia, difficult to treat, and almost beyond cure.

There is a time, however, when lying is permissible. I have in mind a case where truthfulness conflicts with another moral obligation. A mother is critically ill. Her child is also sick and dies. The mother asks "How is my child?" To tell the truth might kill her. We have here on the one hand the problem of moral integrity which should prompt us to tell the truth, and on the other hand a moral obligation to save the mother's life. Of course, in this case, we may and should answer the mother "Your child is better." it is only in such cases that our Sages permit us to disregard the truth.

"Rabban Simeon, the son of Gamliel, in the 'Parek' which we read to-day, said 'The world stands fast on three things, On truth, on justice, and on peace.'" Truth is one of the pillars of the world. Without it faith in human beings would be rare, social intercourse would be awkward, friendship would disappear, and the very existence of society would be impossible.

OUR BRETHREN THE WORLD OVER

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Government Hospital. Police questioned two Nazi agents on board. . . A proposal for establishment of an autonomous Jewish state in British Honduras under the joint protection and guarantee of Britain and the United States was made by William E. Simnett, editor of The Crown Colonist. Mr. Simmet said such a state could be a daughter settlement of the Jewish National Home in Palestine. He pointed out that British Honduras, a territory the size of Palestine, had a population of only 50,000. . . Queen Wilhelmina has conferred the distinction of Commander of the Order of Orange-Nassau upon Ailan Cattawi Bey, only Jewish member of the Egyptian Senate. . . Chaim Weizmann, Jewish Agency President, reporting to Palestinian Jewry on the recent London conferences said in part: "If England does not understand the importance of 16,000,000 Jews to world democracy, she shall soon understand it and we shall do the utmost possible to further that understanding. I have been silent for 20 years. Now I shall start to speak and England will hear my voice from every corner of the world on the Heaven-shaking injustice they would inflict upon the Jewish people." He further said, "There is no need to despair for our future. Not we but the British were the losers at London because it had surprisingly placed administrative necessity before honor and justice." He continued: "Our enemies did not confront us at London. Behind the front were obscure forces residing in Berlin, Rome and elsewhere. Without exaggeration, I think the results of the London conferences were good because they did not do with us what they had let be done to Czechoslovakia. The Zionist work, land purchase and immigration will be continued. They know this as well as we do and if anybody does not understand this, we will bring him here to see and to hear." . . An S. O. S. call from several hundred Czech Jews who were spending Passover without food or shelter in no-man's-lands on the German-Dutch, German-Belgian and other German frontiers reached the Joint Distribution Committee, which immediately took steps to alleviate their plight. . .

JUNIOR COUNCIL DANCE

The Junior Council is running its first big affair of the season this Saturday evening at our building. Dancing to the rhythmic strains of champion carnival colored band. Admission \$1.00 per couple.

PRAGUE

by Rabbi Emanuel L. Lifschitz

Prague, for centuries the capital city of Bohemia, and capital of Czechoslovakia for the last twenty years, was another recent victim of Nazi aggression. One of the saddest chapters in Jewish history was written in this historic Jewish community. The year 906 is the earliest reference known of Jews residing in Prague. This reference is made by Ibrahim Ibn Jacob who mentions Jews as among those who frequented the city's slave market. In 1336, the Jews of Prague suffered their first blood ritual accusation which resulted in the public burning of several Jews. The mob, unsatisfied with the latter punishment, tore down the synagogue where, it is said, much money was found. On April 18, 1389, the Jewish community of Prague suffered a terrible pogrom. The ghetto was attacked and about 3,000 Jews killed. Besides, a fine amounting to five tons of silver was levied upon the survivors.

In December of 1744, Maria Theresa decreed that all Jews residing in Prague and the rest of Bohemia should leave the country within a period of five weeks. The decree was proclaimed in the streets of the ghetto and in all the synagogues. After the expulsion the Jews were to be permitted to return to Prague by day for the purpose of collecting their debts. Because of the severity of the winter weather, the inhabitants of the ghetto who numbered at that time about ten thousand persons, petitioned to defer the date of the expulsion. As a result, the Jews were permitted to stay on until the first of April.

After the ghetto had become deserted, and the rabble began to tear down and carry away portions of the ghetto buildings, 301 families were permitted to return. Thereupon a new community was founded, on the condition that a tax of 204,000 gulden be paid, and be increased at the rate of 1,000 gulden a year after five years.

In 1754, a large part of the ghetto was destroyed by fire, without materially affecting the Jews. Several stone houses were built soon thereafter. In 1784, the ghetto received a special magistrate. In 1788, two Jews were graduated as physicians from the University of Prague. These

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The daughter of "Pop" Wartels, one of the pillars of our Congregation, and the daughter-in-law of Mrs. Meyer Mirken, whose heart and soul are wrapped up in the welfare of our Synagogue, Blanche Wartels Mirken is undeniably an integral part of the W. S. I. S. family.

Recording Secretary of our Women's League for some time, a member of our Executive Board, and filling a standing position on the Committee in charge of prizes at all Women's League affairs, she makes us particularly indebted to her, for bringing into our ranks some of our most capable workers.

Very co-operative hubby, Harry Mirken, is, in a large measure, responsible for the extensive millinery department at all our Bazaars.

Blanche and Harry Mirken were married in our Synagogue. Their attractive young daughter Marilyn and charming little son Allan, both pupils of our Talmud Torah, have literally grown up in our midst.

GETTING PERSONAL

By Me, Him & I

We want to take this means of bidding a temporary farewell to the Emanuel Klein family who made the W. S. I. S. their spiritual home during their sojourn in the city these past few months. We look forward to welcoming them back in our midst in the Fall. . . We are glad to hear that Mrs. Michael is improving. . . Congratulations to our member, Jacob L. Markel, upon his 80th Birthday. . . The attendance at our Synagogue during the Passover Holidays testified to our popularity. . . The Community Seders developed many unknown and unsuspected talents, also some that are very suspicious. . . Betty Sanders asked the questions as they should be asked. . . Members of the Settel party vied with each other as public speakers in reading portions of the Hagadah. . . The singing of the old melodies under the leadership of Mr. Sabsevit, Dr. Settel and Mr. Jablow went off very well. . . Cantor Yavneh was delightful. . . Among the disqualified were, Mr. Max Sanders and Mr. Max Moscovitz who were suffering from colds. Whenever Max sings it sounds like laryngitis, anyhow. . . Many commented upon the home-like atmosphere. . . All liked the dignity and impressiveness of the services. . . Rabbi Goldstein delivered many short sermons, in his usual manner. . . The Chairman of the evening Mr. Joe Settel had a broad beaming smile on his countenance, and maintained his tie. . . Congratulations to our good director Moses Langer upon his recent birthday. None of them drank to me with thine eyes still. . . Come across with the birthday makin's.

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were the first to receive such distinction. In 1790, another Jew received the degree of Doctor of Law. In 1798, the number of Jewish families living in Prague was again restricted with the result that only the eldest son of each family was permitted to remain. No foreign Jew was permitted to move into the city until a vacancy had been created by death, unless he possessed at least 20,000 guilden. The ghetto was called Josephstadt in honor of Emperor Joseph II.

Prague contains some of the oldest synagogues in Europe.

Light Candles Friday Evening 6:18

Weekly Portion: Shemini

Friday Evening Service	6:20
Saturday Morning Service	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:00
Rabbi Hurwitz Class in Talmud	4:15
Children's Story Hour	4:00
Mincha	6:15
Sunday morning service	7, 8, 8:45
Sunday A.M. Youth Service	8:45
Daily Services:	
Mornings	6:45, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30
Mincha	6:20
Followed by the study of the Mishnah	

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK
SUNDAY

Young Folks League	8:30 P.M.
Forum	8:30 P.M.
Junior Council	8:30 P.M.

MONDAY

Elementary Hebrew Reading	1:15 P.M.
Elementary Hebrew Speaking	1:15 P.M.
Women's Bible Class	2:30 P.M.
Girl Scouts	5:30 P.M.
Men's Bible Class	8:30 P.M.

TUESDAY

Girl Scouts	4:00, 5:30, P.M.
Boy Scouts	7:45 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

Women's Public Speaking Class	10:30 A.M.
Brownie Pack	4:00 P.M.
Young Maccabees	7:30 P.M.
Jewish Youth League	8:30 P.M.

THURSDAY

Habonoth Buds	4:00 P.M.
Cub Pack	7:45 P.M.
Jolly Judeans	7:30 P.M.
Sea Scouts	8:30 P.M.

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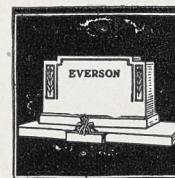
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