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"WHAT MAKES A SUCCESSFUL JEWISH HOME"

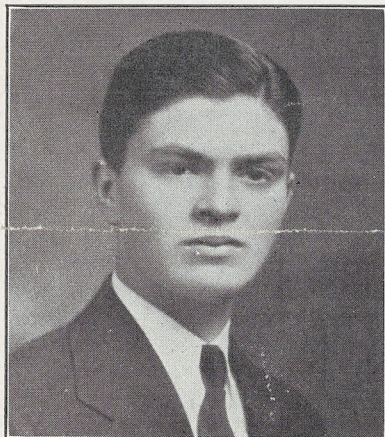
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SUBSTITUTE CHAZAN



MARVIN ROBERT LIVINGSTON

Commencing with his Bar-Mitzvah, Bobby Livingston, son of our Editor and Mrs. Livingston, has been the Chazan, in celebration of each of his birthdays. To-morrow, will be his 20th birthday performance. The Congregation are cordially invited by his parents to the Kiddush following the Services.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE NOTES

Last Monday afternoon the regular weekly meetings were resumed.

The meeting began with another of those interesting talks by Rabbi Goldstein on the "Philosophy of Judaism". Then came the business session, presided over by our capable president, Mrs. David H. Ullman.

We were all happy to see Mrs. Annie R. Morris back after her protracted illness. She sounded like her old indefatigable self again when she urged us to keep the week of April 24th open for our coming Rum-mage Sale.

Mrs. Herbert A. Gossett, Chairman of our Cultural Committee announced that we will have an open meeting on May 8th. The speaker is to be the well known Annette T. Rubenstein. Full details concerning this meeting will appear in the next issue of this paper.

The hostesses at the social hour which concluded the meeting were Mrs. David Elfenbein and Mrs. Herbert A. Gossett.

GUEST SPEAKER

At the Bible Class conducted by Rabbi Goldstein on Monday evening April 24, we shall hear a notable speaker.

Pierre van Paassen is of Flemish ancestry, his people having lived on the same piece of land in Flanders since the ninth century. He was educated at the Athenaeum of Antwerp and at the Erasmian Gymnasium in Rotterdam. The war interrupted his studies. Wounded twice and decorated by King Albert of the Belgians personally, he broke away from his ancestral bearings and came to Canada after the war, where he entered journalism. His rise in newspaper work was rapid. Feature writer for



PIERRE VAN PAASSEN

the Detroit News and the Atlanta Constitution, successively, he was called to New York by the publishers of the late New York World, who sent him to Europe as a feature writer and columnist for the Evening World. He was the personal guest of Signor Mussolini for three weeks and toured the country of Fascism in the company of the Duce's brother Arnaldo.

Pierre van Paassen is well known in the ghettos of Europe and is one of the few non-Jews to be an honorary citizen of Tel-Aviv. He passed into the hearts of the Jewish people of the world with his courageous stand against governmental indifference and intrigue in Palestine during the riots of 1929. Every Zionist in America read his stirring account of the heroism of the Yishub at that time in The New Palestine. In February and March, 1933, Pierre van Paassen visited Germany

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SOCIAL EVENT OF THE YEAR ONLY TWO WEEKS OFF

Reservations are coming in fast for the Silver Jubilee Testimonial Dinner in honor of Rabbi Goldstein's twenty-five years in the Rabbinate. An extraordinary program is promised by our hard working chairman, Max E. Sanders. However, as no Dinner-Dance can be a success without first-class music, Mr. Sanders announces that Joe Moss and his "FIVE PRESIDENTS AND YOU ORCHESTRA" will play. Joe Moss, it must be remembered, is the distinguished orchestra leader who has had the honor of playing for five Presidents, Taft, Wilson, Harding, Coolidge and Franklin D. Roosevelt. So he will now play for you. In addition, he and his orchestra played at the Debutante Dance for Barbara Hutton and many other social events including the John Rockefeller wedding. Accordingly, our dinner guests will certainly have a big night.



JOE MOSS

Dave Ullman, Chairman of our Souvenir Year Book Committee, states that the appeals for ads are being answered in a gratifying manner. However, it is only fair that all participate in this work and not only a few. Hence, those of our friends who have not yet obtained some ads are urged to do so at once. There is hardly a person who cannot get at least one ad from some friend or tradesman. After all, when you do get an ad, you are helping the Synagogue in which you take such great pride.



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SAVING CIVILIZATION

All our orators, statesmen, teachers, preachers and other great minds, have strongly gotten behind the slogan that the world must prevent a war and thereby save European civilization. What is this wonderful civilization they would save and perpetuate? Let us go from one end of Europe to the other.

Is it the civilization resulting in the destruction of religion, the murder of those who disagree with the government, and the complete suppression of all independent thought, in Russia?

Is it the enactment of anti-kosher laws, the economic suppression and the daily terror of Poland and the other small states around it?

Is it the civilization of the Brown House, the concentration camps, the blood purges and confiscations of those who, President Roosevelt intimates, are Huns and Vandals?

Is it the civilization of France and England with their repudiation of solemn promises and agreements solemnly entered into, their abandonment of Czechoslovakia to its fate, the double-crossing on the Balfour Declaration?

Is it the civilization of Spain where half the population has been slaugh-

tered and the other half impoverished?

What is this marvellous European civilization they all seek to save? Wouldn't it be much better if, instead of trying to save a non-existent civilization, our great leaders and moral supporters would get together and try to teach the European world some civilization. After all, in spite of thousands of years of so-called culture and religious teachings and preachings, we are still barbarians at heart. Isn't it about time that the rank and file of the world, led by religious leaders, and not by Communists or Fascist agitators, cast off the shackles of those who would enslave them for reasons of ambition or greed, and began to live up to the preachments of human decency and the brotherhood of man?

HA-CHA CHA

Among those upon whom the great honor was bestowed, of being invited to attend the fiftieth birthday celebration of Hitler, was President Hacha, of the provinces which were formerly Czechoslovakia. 'Tis not enough that poor Czecho, democratic soul, had to be humbled and destroyed, but her nose has to be rubbed in the excretia of Nazism. Poor Czecho, like the prisoners of old who were brought to the conqueror's court in chains, has to stand meekly by, in the person of her president, and give lip service to the great deeds of her so-called "liberator". And the world looks on, with the silence that betokens approval.

The president is well named, for his cognomen typifies the ironic laughter that must be bursting in the heart of every true Czech, in whom the fierce spirit of age-old independence will forever burn and must again reassert itself.

OUR BRETHREN THE WORLD OVER

Hope comes to thousands of Polish, Rumanian, Austrian, Czech and German Jewish refugees for the privilege to volunteer for service in the French army as preparations are under way for dealing with France's more than 3,000,000 aliens in the event of war. At present they are held as illegal aliens. . . Two transports comprising 126 refugee children from Berlin, Hanover and Vienna, arrived at Amsterdam under the auspices of the Youth Aliyah Committee. They will be trained for re-emigration to Palestine. Another group of 19 which has been under care of the committee left for Palestine. . . A local lodge of the Inter-

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By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

LYING

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There is no better lesson to teach our children than that profit without probity is sinful, and that probity without profit is profit in itself. This would be the greatest preventative against racketeering, the attempt at rapid acquisition of wealth through ungodly, false and illegal practices. The labor of this century's disregard for meticulousness for truth has given birth to the racketeer.

The world is famishing for truth. It is parched for honesty. We need upright men, not jelly-fishes. We need brave men, not cowards. We need honorable men, not liars. To cozen, to deceive, to lie, say the Rabbis, (in the Talmud in Sanhedrin) is idolatry, the greatest sin in religion.

Truth is the very characteristic of God. "Choh-se-moh Shell Hak-kaw-Dosh Baw-rooch Hoo Emes." Truth, "Emes, is the seal of God. To quote from the B'nai B'rith ritual of Initiation, "Truth is the heart of life; without it no labor has value, no word has credence; no character respect."

As a Rabbi, my contacts with men, have given me opportunities to observe in addition to the regularly stupid cowardly liar, the base liar. I have observed some who knavishly declare, people say, or people have told me as follows, and then proceed to give what in truth is their own opinion hurting the next man. Then again, I have observed foolish people who instead of stating the facts which in themselves are all that are necessary, will exaggerate the facts, in order to make a fine impression. They are only deluding themselves. There is something real in truth, that instantly communicates itself to others. There is a sort of contact-switch in the mind, that clicks itself into position as soon as we hear a truthful word uttered. One can never be sick of the truth. Even an unpleasant truth in the end, is more palatable than a sugary sweet lie.

OUR BRETHREN THE WORLD OVER

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national Order B'nai B'rith, American organized Jewish fraternal organization, has been dissolved by the authorities at Cernauti, Rumania, for what was termed illegal and harmful activities. . . . Nazis have built a mosque in the heart of Berlin, opened a school for Moslem students and have decided to "convert" 25,000 Nazis to Mohammedanism to capture the sympathies of the Arabs. The converts will be sent to various Moslem countries as trade and political missionaries. . . . Max Dienemann, prominent German Jewish rabbi who came to Tel Aviv four weeks ago, died from the after effects of maltreatment in Nazi concentration camps. He was 64 years old. Rabbi Dienemann, who was a leader of the Union of Jewish War Veterans in Germany and a well-known author, was an early victim of the Nazi regime. A resident of Offenbach, he was first arrested by the Gestapo in 1933 and held two weeks in the Osthofen concentration camp for having described in a sermon the atrocities perpetrated in Biblical times and declaring that "to Jews it is the same thing whether the atrocities are committed by a French general or by the German police." . . . Two Jewish refugee scholars have been added to the faculty of Howard University, Negro Institution. . . . Two refugees have been appointed to the faculty of Yeshiva College, President Bernard Revel announced. They are Dr. Seligman P. Bamberger, holder of degrees from Wuerzburg and Heidelberg universities, who becomes Assistant Professor of Science, and Prof. Aaron Freimann, former city librarian of Frankfurt-am-Main, who will be an instructor of Jewish History and Literature. A third refugee, Prof. Moritz Werner, has been serving as Assistant Professor of German since March.

FORUM CLUB

A bicycle hike has been planned for April 23rd. The club meets every Sunday evening. Membership is still open.

CUB PARENTS NIGHT

On Thursday evening April 27th, members of Cub Pack #23 of the Synagogue will stage a miniature Cub Olympic Program for parents, which will include a demonstration of handicraft work, a thirty inch dash, an eating race and a feather blow relay race. Awards will be made by the Pack committee.

SOCIAL LIFE OF PRAGUE

by Rabbi Emanuel L. Lifschitz

During the 15th century there were Jews living in the Ghetto who knew no language other than Bohemian, while a substantial part of the community, who emigrated from Spain, spoke nothing but Ladino (a mixture of Hebrew and Spanish). Hence there was a community within a community.

Despite the fact that Jews enjoyed complete religious freedom in the ghetto, difficulties arose from time to time. It is related that in the year 1537, a Jewish couple poisoned a Jewish youth because he intended to accept baptism. It is also related that a Jew had once desecrated the stone cross on the bridge. So, in order to prevent a repetition of this offense, the city authorities ordered that the Tetragrammaton (JHVH, representing God's ineffably Holy Name) be inscribed upon it in gold letters. In 1694, a Jew killed his son because the youth desired to embrace Christianity. When the deed became known, the father hariged himself. Thereupon the latter's body was dragged through the streets and his heart torn out. The son, however, was given a solemn burial by the Christians, while the bells of 70 churches were tolled. In order to make it easier for Jews to accept baptism, a law was passed that converts, who theretofore had been disinherited by their families, were to be protected against forfeiture of their due share of inheritance.

The ghetto of Prague, besides enjoying complete religious liberty, also had its own civil jurisdiction. Civil cases were decided by the Jewish court, the head of which, the Judenmeister, together with the communal councillors, was elected by the Jews. The court met usually on Sundays with the public invited to sit in on its business. In cases between Jews and Christians, relating to money-lending and pledges, a certain day was set for appearance, on which the bell of the council house was rung.

Light Candles Friday Evening 6:24**Weekly Portion: TAZRIAH-MEZORAH**

Friday Evening Service	6:25
Saturday Morning Service	9:00
Children Services	10:00
Children's Story Hour	4:00
Rabbi Hurwitz's class in Talmud	5:00
Mincha	6:20
Sunday morning service	7, 8, 8:45
Sunday A.M. Youth Service	8:45
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As a member of the Executive Committee of our Women's League, Mrs. Bendheim always co-operates very generously in all our projects.

It is not surprising that son "Charlie" is a frequent participant at our Saturday afternoon young people's Mincha services; and daughter Gertrude, wife of Commissioner William B. Herlands, is a credit to the Jewish people and the City of New York. And the coming constellation is precious little granddaughter Barbara Eleanor Herlands — just nine weeks old, but oh my.

GETTING PERSONAL

By Me, Him & I

Pop Wartels was the victim of a surprise party. . . Immediately after services on the last day of Yomtov, over four score of his friends meandered over to Hotel Riverside Plaza to celebrate his three score and ten . . . Never has there been a more sincere and happy dinner. . . Lester Udell presided and how. . . Long winded speakers were cut short with a deep and resounding Amen. . . A. M. Davis was the personification of dignified oratory. . . Max E. Sanders exemplified Coue—every day, in every way, he's getting better and better. . . In fact Rabbi Hurwitz agreed that not only was Max better but Mrs. Max was still better. . . Isaac Settel broke the ice and made a speech. . . His wife's absence probably accounted for his daring. . . He designated brother Joe as the family orator. . . So Joe, with true family solidarity, read a poem by brother "Doc" . . . Having gotten that settled, Morris Jablow delivered a short but pungent Fourth of July oration which made Pop feel like a real patriot. . . Our Editor was not in good speaking form due to Moe Langer's baneful influence. . . Cantor Yavneh, however, is very appreciative of the Editor's prophecies. . . Dr. Benjamin Goldstein also came out of his shell, delivering a few pointed remarks. . . Willy Horowitz spoke on the shadows cast by a great father-in-law over a would-be-great son-in-law. . . Sam Siegel also figured among the talkers. . . Harry Appel was too shy. . . Sam Beier, Morris Steinberg, Henry Blankfort, Buddy Friedman, Danny Weiss and Simeon Goldstein did not disappoint us in their remarks. . . And Rabbi Lifschitz was good. . . Some of our orators only took a bow to applause, like Annie Morris, Siegfried Bendheim, Meyer Pargament and Jess Ward. . . Pop gave a short talk, being overcome by emotion, but said a book-full. . . In line with the new spirit of masculine independence recently asserted at our Synagogue, Mrs. Wartels, though much praised, was not called upon to talk . . . Imagine the poor lady listening to some forty speeches and not being able to say a word? . . . S'wonderful, N'est-ce pas? . . . Mrs. Pauline King, having recovered from her illness, was a welcome visitor at our Synagogue. . . Also Mrs. Annie R. Morris. As usual Mrs. Morris im-

mediately went to work. This time it was for the Kiddush in honor of the "aufuf" of Jess Ward, the Chasan. . . The Freedman and Ward families were certainly well represented at the services on Saturday morning. . . We congratulate Kenneth Gross, president of Federation of Orthodox Young Folks Leagues, upon his engagement to Miss Shirley Margaretten. . . Welcome home to Mr. & Mrs. M. Weingarten, just returned from Florida. . . We are also glad to welcome Herman J. Bodner back to our midst. . . Congratulations to Mrs. Max E. Sanders on her birthday. . . Ditto to Isaac Settel. . . .

Pierre van Paassen

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and was arrested by the Nazis on the suspicion of having aided several Jews to escape from the Hitlerite house of bondage and for spreading so-called "Greuel" - propaganda in France and the United States. Every newspaper using Mr. van Paassen's articles in America has been barred from entry into Germany on the ground that "van Paassen is a Dutch Jew, who uses a false name and whose real name," according to the Angriff, "is Pinchus Pascovitz, an ex-Rabbi from the Ukraine."

In addition to crossing and re-crossing Germany since the Hitler regime came into power, Pierre van Paassen visited the Soviet Union several times for a study of Jewish conditions. He was with the Ethiopian forces in the resistance against Italy, and in Spain after the outbreak of the civil war there. Since returning to America he has written "Days of Our Years," a biographical account of his life as a newspaper correspondent, which has become a best seller.

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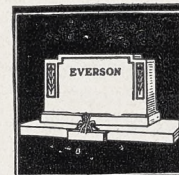
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