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PROMINENT GUEST SPEAKERS

At Rabbi Goldstein's Monday evenings Bible Class, we shall have the unusual pleasure of listening to two accomplished and distinguished speakers.

Hon. William Harmon Black who, after a great career of public service, culminated by an enviable record as Justice of the Supreme Court, has dedicated his unbounding enthusiasm to the preservation of the American ideals of freedom to all and the preservation of human rights. Justice Black can regularly be found in the forefront of every movement aiming to curb the hateful creed of Nazism and all other un-American and inhuman "isms". His book "If I Were a Jew" is worthy of being memorized.



HON. WILLIAM H. BLACK

The second reason for our self-congratulation will be the presence of Mrs. Gertrude Berg, the Molly Goldberg of radio's classic, "The Rise of the Goldbergs." In every nook and corner of our country, Molly has endeared herself to the



MRS. GERTRUDE BERG

hearts of millions of listeners for her simple philosophy, fundamental virtues and a humor which is a combination of laughter and tears. Molly is indeed a Jewish ambassador of good will.

We request our audience to come early so that the meeting can start promptly.

Mr. Nat Trotzky, our ambassador of good food and good cheer, will be the host in furnishing the refreshments after the meeting. 'Tis rumored that Nat, who will also cater at our Dinner next week, plans to give us a foretaste of what is in store for us.

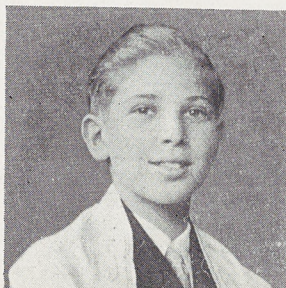
BAR MITZVAH

Master Jerome Weiss, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Weiss and Master Arnold Sabsewitz, son of Mr. & Mrs.



JEROME WEISS

Irving Sabsewitz, will celebrate their Bar Mitzvah this Saturday at our Synagogue. Congratulations.



ARNOLD SABSEWITZ

ONE WEEK TO GO

A week from the coming Sunday, our great event of the season, the annual dinner, will take place at the Waldorf.

Dedicated as it is to Rabbi Goldstein's Silver Anniversary in the Rabbinate, a tremendous and enthusiastic response is apparent. Prominent persons from all walks of life have volunteered their services on the committee which has spared no effort to assure all who come a most enjoyable evening. Entertainment of the highest order, most excellent dance music and a fine dinner ought to prove a trio of pleasures which will be worthy of the great occasion we are celebrating.

In the few remaining days, we urge all who have not yet made their reservations, to do so at once. It is a very difficult task to arrange the seating of a large group in a manner agreeable to all and, hence, we should have the names and seating preferences at once.

Furthermore, the Journal is a very important undertaking and is a source of important income to the Synagogue. Mr. David H. Ullman, Chairman of the Journal, appeals to all our friends to make every effort towards obtaining ads and bringing them in.

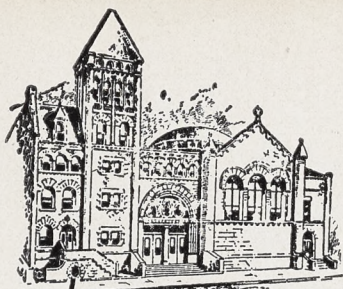
The Chairman of the Dinner Committee, Mr. Max E. Sanders, will be available every evening from now on, for conferences on any matter connected with the dinner. Please give him the co-operation his intense and devoted efforts, and the efforts of the rest of the Committee, deserve.

CONDOLENCE

Our heartfelt sympathies to Mrs. Morris Weiss on the passing of her brother-in-law, the late Harry Mesiboff.

PALESTINE PAVILION

As a convenience for our Readers, our office will have the annual Shekel Certificates for sale, as well as Palestine Pavilion booklets for the WORLD'S FAIR.



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TWENTY GRAND

How the world thrilled at the performances of the great racehorse, "Twenty Grand!" With what feverish enthusiasm, discussions took place across bars, in trains, at offices and homes everywhere! The all absorbing topic was, "Would T. G. beat this or be beaten by that?" Even people who knew nothing of horse-racing and, to tell the truth, cared less, glibly got in their few words, just to show they were up to the minute on topics of the day. Fellows who were never at the track in their lives, talked knowingly of turf, furlongs and barriers, and the rest of the race-track gibberish, with an air of supreme experience.

And all for what? One piece of glorified, highly advertised, horse-flesh.

Now, do not get us wrong. We are not trying to high-hat you or pose as a prude or moralize. Yes, we have been to the track and have contributed to the proper support of the bookies.

What we want to know however, is why we do not hear, at least the same enthusiastic chatter about the new "twenty grand."

"What on earth are you talking about," you will say. Well, we'll tell

you but you probably know already, although you may be a bit callous. After all, twenty thousand children are not so important as a horse.

Oh, you get the point do you?

Well, what are you doing about it.

Congress is mulling over a bill to admit 20,000 refugee children from Germany and it looks as if the bill may pass. That is, if the Nazis in the "Land of the Free" don't wield a few monkey wrenches.

However, assuming that the bill will pass, what preparations are you making for the care and education of these twenty-thousand innocent souls to be torn from the hearts of their doting parents but to be released from Hell on Earth? Are you making ready to take them into your hearts and homes? Will you prove to these suffering innocents that there is a God whose spirit of goodness is in your hearts?

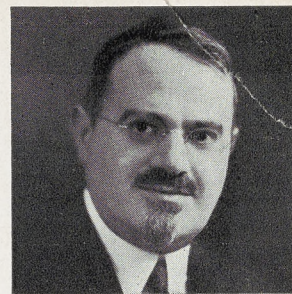
At least, give them the interest, the support, the praise you gave to one solitary horse. Let the new "twenty grand" be a symbol of man's humanity to man in contradistinction to man's inhumanity to man.

OUR BRETHREN THE WORLD OVER

Because of the present international unrest, many Jewish officers who had been dismissed from the Italian army, were being re-enlisted, mainly physicians and engineers, as well as a number of infantry officers. It was hinted that their families would be accorded better treatment. . . . A significant little drama of war and the Jewish question was enacted in Italy. Jews have been outstanding among the Italian "volunteers" who have fought in Spain. Many have returned to find themselves ousted from jobs and national life by the racial laws passed in their absence. Recently, a group of Italian wounded returned to Naples and were greeted, as they disembarked, by Crown Prince Umberto. Apparently by accident, the Prince picked a Jewish lieutenant from the ranks, Bruno Fernari, and extended a special greeting to him, posing with him for pictures. . . . An "Eternal Light" for the Jewish Palestine Pavilion at the New York World's Fair, was lighted before the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem. A small group of prominent Jews were present, their number limited for reasons of security. The light is being brought here by Yehuda Yari, secretary of the Palestine Foundation Fund. . . The dean of American Zionists, retired Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis.

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"AS
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By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

LYING

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If we would only think of God as the THIRD party in all our conversations, aware of all that we say, and reserving judgment upon us for another time, then forsooth, would our moral standard be strong enough to cause us to desist from glib speaking, from exaggeration, from tale-bearing, from misrepresentation, from lying.

Lying at times may go unpunished. It may at times do little harm to others, but as to the one who tells the lies his spirit is harmed, his friends get to know him. If any of you get red in the face as you read this, please do not be angry at me, but rather seek improvement.

We have finally, the incurable liar, as represented at times by the prisoner, who has been justly convicted, and takes his punishment protesting his innocence. He has told his story so well, that he himself was taken in by it and his false statements are so ingenious, that they take on to himself even the semblance of truth. Such a philosophy or psychology will not hold before the inscrutable Judge of the universe.

Who is the greater criminal; the thief or the robber. Our Rabbis, contrary to what you may expect, say that the thief is a greater criminal than the robber. Why? Because, the robber plunders openly, unafraid. The thief steals secretly, so that man should not see him, but disregards the All-seeing eye of God Almighty. So it is with the one who tells lies, he is afraid of man, but not of God. He denies, as he lies, the Omnipresence and the Very-presence of God. Let me conclude with the words with which we close the Sh-moh-nay Ess-ray, the Eighteen Benedictions, "Eloh-High-N'tsohr L'-shoh-nie," "O my God, keep my tongue from evil, and my lips from speaking falsehood, May the words of my mouth, and the thoughts of my heart be acceptable before Thee, O Lord, my Rock, and my Redeemer."

OUR BRETHREN THE WORLD OVER

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dejs, maintains his faith in the future of the Jewish Homeland. In a message to a labor Zionist festival in New York, he said: "... my faith in the great future of the Jewish people is greater than ever before. . . not the British Government, not the Arab opposition will determine the fate of the Jews in Palestine. The fate of the Jewish home rests in the hands of the Jewish people themselves" Palestine: The British destroyer Grenade went through mine-laying maneuvers off the Haifa port. . . . The Gestapo has closed the Jewish community Library in Prague, but will permit reopening of the Jewish People's School. All Jewish Jurors in Slovakia have been dismissed and replaced by "Aryans."

Light Candles Friday Evening 6:29
Weekly Portion:
ACHRE MOS-KDOSIM

Friday Evening Service	6:30
Saturday Morning Service	9:00
Children Services	10:00
Children's Story Hour	4:00
Rabbi Hurwitz's class in Talmud	5:00
Mincha	6:25
Sunday morning service 6:45, 8, 8:45	
Sunday A.M. Youth Service	8:45
Daily Services:	
Mornings	6:45, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30
Mincha	6:30
Followed by the study of the Mishnah	

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

Last Thursday afternoon, our Synagogue was privileged to have within its walls some of the most outstanding Jewish women in America today. They included Mrs. Moses P. Epstein, National President of Hadassah, Mrs. Benjamin Spitzer, Chairman of the National Executive Board of the Council of Jewish Women, Mrs. Leon Watters, National President of the Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, Mrs. Albert May, New York State President of the Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, Mrs. Samuel Spiegel, National President of the Women's League of the United Synagogue, Mrs. Isidore Freedman, President of the Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, Mrs. Emily M. Rosenstein, President of the Women's American Ort and Mrs. Sarah Seder, National President of the Pioneer Women's Organization for Palestine.

The occasion was the annual meeting of the Conference Committee of the National Jewish Women's Organizations of America at which Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, our "Rebbe-tzin", was re-elected President for the ensuing year.

AN INTERESTING QUOTATION

Martha Dodd, daughter of the former American Ambassador to Germany, has written a book entitled "THROUGH EMBASSY EYES". She saw Nazism face to face and reports what it looks like close up. She reveals how she came to praise but learned to hate the German regime. Some of the chapters may haunt you for days. Here is one dealing with the Jewish people:

"There are some American Jews who either directly or indirectly are supporting Hitler and similar movements in the United States and elsewhere. By using the complicated manipulation of international exchange, they actually contribute to the improvement of German economic conditions, by selling and buying goods and machines, by carrying on profitable business within Germany, having interests there in their own corporations--American and international. In America these same Jews refuse to co-operate in American boycotts, allowing militant anti-Fascists to bear the burden and fight their battles for them. They support financially, morally and personally numerous movements and organizations which are pro-Fascist in implication if not more. Of course there are wealthy Jews who are genuinely anti-Fascist and politically conscious--these people fight directly and often with other groups against Hitler and Nazi persecution and for progressive causes in America. Many Jews of moneyed aristocracy find themselves, ironically enough, on the side of reactionary conservatives, unsocial-minded groups, who, if they get into power in America, will express themselves, at first in anti-Semitic, anti-Labor policies and activities. . . . They hope to save their fortunes temporarily. But these reactionary political attitudes will not only lose their fortunes but will as well forfeit their lives like any simple and underprivileged Jew. They will be forced to live in the Ghetto, to serve as fresh meat, whenever it is needed, to the hungry stomach of Fascism wherever it takes hold."

What do you think?

WEST SIDE CIRCLE

Our West Side Circle represents a group of serious-minded young men and women who desire to widen their social and cultural interests as well as to engage in charitable activity. An organization meeting was held last Sunday evening. Those interested should get in touch with Rabbi Lifschitz.

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JENNIE GLASSER (MRS. MORRIS) STEINBERG

When Mrs. Morris Steinberg came into our midst, we discovered her to be the type of orthodox Jewess who rarely, if ever, stays away from the Synagogue and that she was quite a "Baalhabowstie." She was just the person to be chairman of our "After-Services Kiddush Committee." Mrs. Steinberg has been most conscientious in this job and has been drafted on our Women's League Executive Board in recognition of this service.

Quiet, unassuming, pleasant and affable. If we need any further evidence of her sterling merit, we can find it in the fact that our active director, Morris Steinberg, married her even though he was a "landsman" of hers. You know there are no secrets in a small European town.

Mr. & Mrs. Steinberg have been blessed with four children: Mr. Louis Steinberg, Mrs. Esther Williams, Mrs. Sadie Kastel and Mrs. Hilda Cohen, and six grandchildren: Burton & Stephen Steinberg, Melvin and Ruth Williams and Ruth and Susan Kastel.

GETTING PERSONAL

By Me, Him & I

Mrs. Annie R. Morris arrived at Shule last Saturday and breathlessly announced the arrival of a new grand-daughter. Here's how to Annie and to her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Francis Morris. Now it's up to Morty to make good with a son. . . After the tremendously interesting talk last Monday night by Pierre van Paassen (You really should read his book "Days of Our Years"), Mr. & Mrs. William L. Bassler were the hosts at a grand party, which future hosts will find it hard to emulate. . . Good tidings. Sam Lewis is recuperating at St. Francis Hospital, Miami Beach. Hope he returns soon, entirely well. He sure knows where to recuperate. Moe Langer and the Editor agree that if they did any recuperating, it would probably be at St. Vincent's, right here. . . Last Saturday, out-of-town visitors were Dr. Smith of Toronto, a guest of Max Horowitz and Mr. Engel of Wilkesbarre. . . A week ago last Sunday, our Congregation turned out in grand style to schep nachas at the Wedding of beauteous Linore Freedman to our own, not so beauteous Jess Ward. Cantor Yavneh thrilled all with his golden notes. We like weddings for "Blessed is the day when a new household has its birth amid the myriad homes of earth." (We found that on an ancient calendar). . . The neighbors' children at 79th. St. and West End Ave. have been puzzled at the weird noises emanating from the Sanders menage every time the shower is turned on. Max must be practicing up some songs for the Annual Dinner May 7th. at the Waldorf. . . Amid fervent oratory and great dignity, a window in our Synagogue was dedicated to the memory of Max Udell, father of our president. The occasion demonstrated the sincere affection we all have for the Udell family who were present in full force. . . Wonders never cease. Last year, Dave Ullman, chairman of the Journal, marvelled at the ad-getting-ability of Morris Levine. This year, Morris is up to par but his brother Benny is eclipsing everyone. He's a wiz. . . We congratulate Louis Landowne on his election to the Honorary Philosophical Society at New York University. We had similar ambition at college but the best we could do was to make the Deutscher Verein. To join you had to be able to drink down six steins of beer in a stretch. By

dint of hard studying, we qualified. . . Last Saturday, Bobby Livingston, in celebration of his 20th. birthday, took over Cantor Yavneh's job for the day. After the services, Mrs. Livingston (that includes the Editor) treated the Congregation to an elaborate Kiddush. After partaking plentifully of Scotch, Rye, Irish, wine, various kinds of cake, candied orange peel, kichel, and last, but not least, Mrs. L.'s idea of old-fashioned, home made, gehackte herring, the Congregation gaily grepsed its weary way homeward. Thereupon, the entire Livingston family were dinner guests at the home of Rabbi Goldstein and the Rebbetzin.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

A regular meeting was held last Monday afternoon, preceded by Rabbi Goldstein's lecture on the 'Philosophy of Judaism'. Hostesses, at the social hour which followed the meeting, were Mrs. Henry Reichlin and Mrs. Morris Steinberg.

Mrs. Annie Morris has issued an appeal for clothing, bric-a-brac, furniture pieces and whatever other merchandise you may have, for the forthcoming Rummage Sale. It would be greatly appreciated if you could bring or send the goods to the office.

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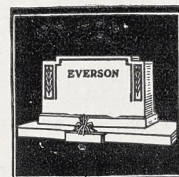
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