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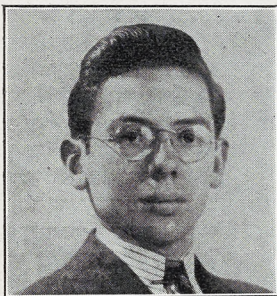
IMPRESSIVE YOUTH SERVICES

Last Sabbath, the youngsters took over the running of the Synagogue and a splendid performance they gave.

Friday evening, Bob Livingston's voice reverberated through the building. With what a grand flourish did this youth cantor sing the Kid-dush!

The Saturday morning and afternoon services were likewise conducted in a long-to-be-remembered manner. Norman Friedman performed like a veteran in reciting Shachris and Selig Katz rendered the Musaf service most impressively. Young Maurice Spanbock delivered a sermon that augurs well for his future leadership of Israel.

YOUTH RABBI



MAURICE SPANBOCK

Following the afternoon services, a get-together and party was sponsored by Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, Mrs. Emanuel L. Lifschitz, Mrs. Benjamin Spanbock, Mrs. Annie R. Morris, Mrs. Jack Levine, Mrs. Ethel Hiller and Mrs. Moses Langer, hostesses on behalf of the Women's League. Addresses were delivered by Rabbi Goldstein, Rabbi Lifschitz and Mr. Jablow.

The participants in the symposium were: Charles Bendheim, Bernard Levmore, Daniel Weiss, Buddy Friedman, Lester Lazarus, Melvin Hiller, Simeon H. F. Goldstein, Gabriel Goldstein, Harold Levine and Seymour Reichlin.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US

On Monday evening, June 5th., we shall have the closing event of the season, the celebration of the second birthday of the Synagogue. It will be held AT the Synagogue.

An evening of festivities — social gathering, cards in the Club Rooms, dancing and, last but not least, a late supper.

Reservations MUST be made in advance. One dollar per person.

Under the sponsorship of the Men's Club.

Mr. Elias Jacoby, the president, promises a number of very interesting innovations.

CONVENTION

The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America and affiliated organizations cordially invites you and your friends to attend the New York, New England and Eastern States Convention Saturday to Tuesday, May 27th to 30th, 1939, in New York City, commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the establishment of the United States of America at the New York World's Fair.

For the complete program of meetings and festivities, apply at our office.

JEWISH YOUTH LEAGUE

Members and invited guests joined in the first outdoor program of the club held last Sunday at Forest Hills, Long Island. Some of the interesting features were: horseback riding, tennis, picnicing and hiking. The club has planned a series of such events for the remainder of the club season.

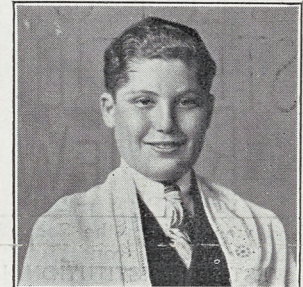
Boys and girls between ages of 15 and 18 are invited to apply for membership. Meetings are held every Wednesday evening at the Synagogue building. Bruce Lane is chairman.

GRADUATION SEASON

With the fast approaching commencement season we are arranging to give recognition in our Review to all who will be graduated.

Will you therefore please send in the names of your children who are completing their studies.

BAR MITZVAH



HERBERT LEVINE

Our heartiest congratulations to our untiring workers, Mr. & Mrs. Ben Levine, on the occasion of the Bar Mitzvah of their son Herbert, this Saturday morning at our Synagogue.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The meeting of May 8th was called to order by the president, Mrs. David H. Ullman.

The final meeting of the season will be on Monday, May 22nd.

Dr. Annette Rubinstein was the guest speaker for the afternoon. She cleverly merged the story of the novel "Seasoned Timber", by Dorothy Canfield, with current issues of a comparative nature.

After the speaker, refreshments were served.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Special Yiskor services will be held on Thursday morning, May 25th, the second day of Shavuoth, for those who have departed from this mortal world.

If you desire to have prayers recited, please use attached form.

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A NOTE TO THEIR MAJESTIES

Dear King and Queen:

You are en route to visit us. Your reception will surely be magnificent. Our officials will vie one another in graciousness. Guns will boom their salutes and the land of the free and the home of the brave will do homage to your regal selves. Even the President and the First Lady of the Land will greet you and house you.

However, you now have a wonderful opportunity to make use of your God-given gift of imagination. You will thereby be able to penetrate the midst of theatricalism surrounding you and get down to harsh realities.

Just imagine, just pretend, that you are a couple of refugees fleeing from Nazi horror. You are coming to a strange land in which can be found both deepest sympathy as well as a Coughlinesque interpretation of the brotherhood of man.

Your funds have been confiscated by brutal gangsters wearing be-medalled uniforms. You have hardly more than the bare clothes on your back. Even your gold watch has been taken away and a tin one substituted. Some kind-hearted soul who has never seen you and never before heard of you has signed an "affidavit" in which he has assumed

an obligation to prevent you from becoming a public charge.

You arrive unheralded, without greetings by committees of distinguished citizens. You go through the routine of the immigration examination and then you are taken in hand by some relief committee. From then on, you live an existence of desperate struggle to survive, to rise above indifference, prejudice and lack of opportunity, at a time when the country is suffering from a terrific, economic depression.

Now, dear Royalties, if you will let your imagination take sway, you will realize what the cowardly policy of your so-called political leaders has accomplished. Because of the wishes of the Cliveden set and others of their ilk, who think more of investments than they do of the safety of the world and human rights, Hitler has been allowed to become the great menace that he now is. Austria, Czecho-Slovakia, Ethiopia, Albania and a great part of China have been allowed to be seized by ruthless, international bandits and the entire world is sitting on a volcano.

We know that under the English system of government, you are not the real ruling forces. We do know, however, that in spite of parliamentary procedure, in spite of the British unwritten constitution and in spite of Mr. Chamberlain, a British King and Queen of forceful character, of human sympathy, and farsightedness, can exert tremendous influence and bring about great accomplishments. Your distinguished ancestors, Victoria and her son, Edward VII, were able to get things done.

Why not return after the splendid ovation and make clear to the pusillanimous, greedy, as well as stupid, adherents of the policy of appeasement, that the dictators must not be catered to or handled with silk gloves, but must be totally obliterated; that instigated troubles, such as the Palestinian disorders, which are only the product of Italian and German propaganda, must be put down and that the solemn promise of your great country, that Palestine is to be the Jewish homeland, will be kept and not faithlessly discarded, in Hitlerian fashion?

OUR BRETHREN THE WORLD OVER

Former Justice Louis D. Brandeis will participate in the formal opening ceremonies of the Jewish Palestine Pavilion at the New York World's Fair on May 28th. He will share the speakers' stand with Prof. Albert Einstein. . . . More than a million-and-a-half Jews in Central European

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"AS
R'CHASH
SEES
IT"



By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN
THE TEN

SLEDGE-HAMMERS OF MORALITY

This Wednesday morning in every Synagogue in the world, the Ten Commandments, (which I like to call the ten sledge-hammers of morality) will be reiterated once again in the Scriptural portion of the day.

The divinity of these commandments, or rules of living, may be felt by the freshness of their message even in our day. Too many people dislike going back to old paths, and ancient moorings. Truth is paradoxical. It must be old and yet ever new.

The story is told of a certain master and servant who went deep-sea fishing. When they were coming back to shore late in the night, the master became very sleepy and turned the boat over to Erasmus, his servant. Before doing this, however, he pointed out the North star to Erasmus, and told him to keep his eye on it. But the master had not been sleeping long, before Erasmus himself had dozed off. When he awoke, he was in utter confusion, and called his master frantically. "Wake up" he cried, "and show me another star. I've run clean past that one!"

So there are many who feel similarly about these commandments. Our experience throughout the ages, however, proves that we can no more run past these commandments than we can run past the North star. Our modern scientists do not rise early every morning, and rush into an apple orchard, to have the reality of the law of Gravitation confirmed. Yet they know, they cannot ignore that law, without disaster. So, too every morning, we do not have to open the Bible, and say "Here are the Ten Commandments." Yet we know that to violate them means to bring disaster to ourselves as individuals and to society as a whole. This is a law of the spiritual life, just as sure, as any of the physical laws.

When Israel accepted the Revelation of the Ten Commandments it became an eternal people, a living witness of the eternal verities of Sinai.

OUR BRETHREN THE WORLD OVER

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countries, especially in Hungary and former Czecho-Slovakia, are affected by anti-Jewish laws and the ruthless racial oppression stimulated by Germany, and the situation is growing steadily worse, Dr. Bernhard Kahn, honorary chairman of the European Committee of the Joint Distribution Committee, declared. . . . Bratislava,-- A mob of Germans and Slovaks demolished a building inhabited by foreign Jewish students who were then driven through the streets to the old ghetto. There the streets were barred, the demonstrators shouting: "This is where you belong, dirty Jews!" . . . Celebrations marking the opening of the medical center in Jerusalem were held in approximately 500 communities throughout the country. . . . Speaking at the key dinner at the Hotel Astor in New York, before some 2,000 guests and a wider audience linked to the room by an NBC network, Dr. Solomon Goldman, president of the Zionist Organization of America, declared that "no government edict can break the continuity of the Jewish upbuilding." . . . Holding that "no White Paper, no commission report or announcement of Government policy can bend the unbendable will of the Jewish people," the Zionist leader concluded: "We will not merely cry out against the injustice of the British government; we will not spend ourselves in futile lamentation, but with the Yishub that stands in the front trenches of the Jewish struggle for existence, we will dare and build, for with the prophets of old and the chaltzim of today, we believe that, until the Mediterranean shall rise and swallow it up, Palestine shall belong to the Jew." Belgrade-- Prince Regent Paul has received in audience Chief Rabbi Isaac Alkalay, who informed him on the life of the Jewish communities and on the recent Congress of Yugoslav Jewish communities. The union of Jewish communities has published statistics showing that foreign Jews living in Yugoslavia total 624 families, numbering 2,182 individuals, in addition to 450 refugees residing in the country. . . . Rudolph Ballin, cousin of the late Albert Ballin, who played a prominent role in building up Germany's merchant Marine, has sailed for the United States on the liner Queen Mary. Mr. Ballin, a refugee from Berlin, left Germany with the equivalent of 17 shillings. He is entering the United States under the immigration quota to join an uncle in San Francisco.

VOLUNTARY GHETTOS

II

by Rabbi Emanuel L. Lifschitz

The word ghetto most probably comes from the Italian geto--meaning iron-foundry, located in the area of which the first ghetto in Venice was instituted in 1516. It may also be derived from the Hebrew word גִּתִּי EDAH, meaning community, the guttural sound of the initial letter ג accounting for the G in the word ghetto. Besides the voluntary massing of Jewish inhabitants in one particular part of town, there were many compulsory ghettos.

When the ill-omened ghetto in Rome was established in 1555, there were few Jewish families residing anywhere else than in the Serroglia Delli Hebrei, as the Jewish community on the left side of the Tiber was called. Though few Jews dwelt beyond the ghetto limits, many distinguished Christians resided in the very heart of the Jewish quarter. Churches and palaces were erected close by the Synagogues, and Roman Christians lived on cordial and friendly terms with their fellow Jewish inhabitants. However, when a rigid separation of the Jewish and Christian population took place and the ghetto was officially instituted, churches and palaces were gradually removed or were separated from the Jewish homes by huge walls.

In the case of the ghetto at Majorca it started first as a privilege which was even claimed by the Jews when its demolition was threatened. In the various ghetto ordinances it was common to find the town's appointing of two officials as the gatekeepers of the Jewry.

This arrangement was no particular hardship on the Jews. In fact the watchmen, as well as the closing of the gates from sunset to sunrise, was a protective measure. For closing the gates at night was a general feature in all medieval life.

Until the period of the Inquisition the complete isolation of Jews had been unsuccessful in Spain. For we read in one of the decisions by the Cortes of Toledo in 1480:

"As great injury and inconvenience results from the constant society of Jews and Moors being intermixed with Christians, we ordain and command that all Jews and Moors of every city, town and place in these, our Kingdoms, shall have their own Jewries and Mooreries by themselves and not reside intermixed with Christians, nor have enclosures together with them."

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GETTING PERSONAL

By Me, Him & I

Did you say eight? No, I said ten. What? Tables that our most energetic president, Lester Udell, sold for the dinner. . . The runners-up were Max Sanders and "Pop" Wartels, with five and three respectively. . . The ocean breezes from Atlantic City waft the news to us that Rabbi Goldstein addressed the Mizrahi Convention. . . The Ullmans, Dave and Claire, celebrate another wedding anniversary. Our best wishes. . . Michael Blankfort is back from Hollywood. Probably giving birth to another best seller. . . To balance the scales, Morris Levine and the Missus are still in sunny California. How we "benk" for you Morris. . . Light birthday candles for Jerome Goldstein, Buddy Udell and Josh Levine. . . Our Women's League played host to (take a deep breath) The Greater New York Council of the Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America. Among those present was Rabbi Lifschitz who was the guest speaker. . . Elias Jacoby, our Men's Club President, thunk up a great idea, a birthday party for the Shule to be held at our building. 'Twas immediately adopted. See page one for details and see Mr. Jablow for tickets. . . Inspiring it was to listen to the youngsters conduct the services last Saturday. And most of them were products of Rabbi Goldstein's efforts to lead the youth and instill in them a love for Judaism. . . In honor of their boy's selection as Youth-Rabbi, Mr. & Mrs. Spanbock had quite a spread at their home last Saturday, attended by many of our Congregation. . . We are delighted to hear of the recovery of Mrs. Sam Michael. . . Joe Anderson has left on one of his business trips. Mucho suceso. Jose. . . The editing season will soon be over and the printer, the managing editor et al. will not be able to function in getting the Editor's goat. Maybe the wife will come to the rescue with extensive invitations to permanent guests at our summer home. That does the trick, alright, alright. . .

DAY SCHOOL

Now is the time to consider registering your child for next September. Please consult Rabbi Lifschitz concerning your child's enrollment, and make a personal visit to the school.

CLUB COUNCIL

Mr. Edward Weinstein, chairman of the season's closing social event to be held under the auspices of the Club Council, announces that all arrangements have been made for the "Gala Spring Finale", to be held at the Synagogue on Saturday night, June 3rd. Doc Evans and his Musical Aces, who won popularity through previous engagements at our club affairs, will provide the music.

A catered Dutch Supper will be served by Messrs. Reichlin and Weiner. Tickets have already been distributed to the representatives of all Intermediate and Senior clubs in the building. Let us make this event a memorable one.

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Mincha	7:55
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	7:55

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Mincha	8:00
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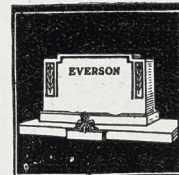
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