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WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Shevuos gathering of the Greater New York Council of the Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, at which our Women's League acted as hostesses last week, was most enjoyable. Rabbi Lifschitz spoke very well. Cantor Yavneh sang most tunefully. The Women's League members outdid themselves in the plentiful, beautiful and delicious supply of strawberry short cakes they provided. The Symposium on the activities of the Women's Branch in which Mrs. Lifschitz also participated, was most enlightening.

It is heartening to see a new generation of young American, cultured, orthodox Jewesses assuming the leadership in orthodox activities.

BAR MITZVAH



STEPHEN KANOWITZ

Our congratulations and sincere good wishes to Mr. & Mrs. Charles Kanowitz on the occasion of the Bar Mitzvah of their son Stephen this Sabbath at our Synagogue.

OPEN HOUSE

The Judean Society marked the passing of another milestone in its brief existence with an Open Meeting at the Synagogue, for members and their friends, on Sunday evening, May 21st. Judean is now two months old. A "minute-movie" length meeting, a brief talk by Syd Harris, chairman of the entertainment committee, dancing and refreshments, highlighted the evening.

Mr. Theodore Prober, the club's chairman, pointed out that the society's main objective is the support of the Talmud Torah. He further enlarged on the forthcoming social events being planned for the early Fall season.

BRIDE



Miss Ruth Peace Rubenstein, charming daughter of our popular director, Mr. G. Richard Rubenstein and Mrs. Rubenstein, who will be married by Rabbi Goldstein, this Sunday evening at the Plaza to Mr. Le Roy Lippman.

The whole congregation extend their best wishes to the happy couple.

SHULE BIRTHDAY PARTY

Are you coming to the Birthday Party? The second birthday of our Synagogue will be celebrated on Monday evening, June 5th under the auspices of the Men's Club. An evening of gaiety is being planned for you. Cards in the Club Rooms, dancing in the Social Hall and, to top it off, a late supper.

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

SCOUTS vs. DIRECTORS

Thirteen Old Men have challenged nine young men to a baseball game to be held on Sunday, June 4th at Manuet, New York. Who are the thirteen old men? Members of the Scout Committee and the Board of Directors who have challenged our Boy Scouts. In addition to the baseball game, a number of novelty events have been put on the program.

It is intended to leave the Synagogue at 8 o'clock Sunday morning and return some time in the late afternoon. A special outdoor Mincha Service will be held. The Scouts well remember the last Scout-Committee hike and are looking forward to a great time.

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our Synagogue has become a teeming centre of Orthodoxy. Services are fully attended. The usual Saturday congregation is as large as the average holiday ones elsewhere. Our Talmud Torah and elementary school are growing by leaps and bounds. Our clubs, lectures, Bible Classes, innumerable other organizations and social activities, are successful.

There is one fault, however — the membership is not big enough.

A committee to guide a special Summer drive to get 200 additional members has been appointed. They are: Joseph Landowne, Chairman, Joseph Settel, Aaron Wartels, Sam Davis and George L. Livingston.

CHAIRMAN, SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



JOSEPH LANDOWNE

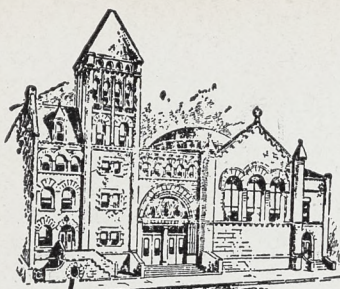
The Committee will work hard. They alone cannot do the job. All must help. Why not send in a year's dues, \$10, at once. Join in this cause. It is your cause, your Synagogue, your future and the future of your children.

BAR MITZVAH

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Murray Weinstein upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son Howard at our Synagogue this Saturday.

BASEBALL SEASON

Last Monday afternoon the children of the Talmud Torah, accompanied by their teachers, were the guests of the Yankees at the Yankee Stadium. This event is part of the many outdoor programs arranged for our children.



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THE IRISH WERE RIGHT

As long as one can remember, the Irish have been steadily and stubbornly fighting devious British diplomacy and trickery. They never took English promises at face value and whenever English representatives entered into negotiations, the Irish insisted that the cards be on the table. Long have the sons of Erin been criticized for their pugnacious attitude but now it is quite evident that they were absolutely right.

The word of an English statesman appears to be meaningless. It apparently is intended to be kept only so long as it is found advisable to do so.

English diplomacy during and since the War has amply demonstrated that a British promise is like a British white paper. There is nothing in it and it is absolutely colorless. They borrowed tremendous sums from America but failed to make repayment, with the rest of the world following suit. They promised to support Ethiopia through the League of Nations. They guaranteed Czecho independence and, after the Sudeten episode, firmly reiterated their promise to save the rest of Czecho. Now, they have fallen down on their promise to world Jewry.

The Jews must not take this lying down. They must learn from the Irish. English diplomats of the Chamberlain type are never to be trusted. The Jews must organize to fight for their very existence — for their survival.

THE JEW

By Father Francis Sweeney
of Hollywood, Cal.

You ask me to impart my opinion,
you ask me to convey to you,
From an honest heart and an honest
mind what I think of a Jew.

I'll do the same with pleasure and
rack my mind to trace

The characteristics I have found, in
the people of that race.

I have played with him in childhood,
I have seen him in his youth,

I have stood by him in manhood and
I speak nought but the truth.

He was upright, fair and honest, he
was good and kind and true

And I think of him quite often, my
friend who is a Jew.

The Jew has many virtues and vices
like us all,

He is good and bad like you and
me, like us he is apt to fall;

And while he isn't better, I must
impress on you

He has stood life's test with the very
best, this man they call a Jew.

He has felt the tyrant's cruel hand,
in centuries passed away,

He has seen the star of justice fall,
crumble and decay.

He has seen his people's blood flow,
as intolerance round him grew,

But he struggled on to gain his own,
this man they call a Jew.

He was driven without reason from
the land he would call home.

He has suffered in his travels as an
exile forced to roam.

He has wandered on with a hoping
heart, to every land he knew

And proved his worth o'er God's
green earth, this man they call a Jew.

When my heart was filled with
sorrow, and my head was in a whirl,

I often went into his home to teach
his boy or girl.

And if I showed distress while there,
I swear to all it's true,

I often heard "God bless you" from
this man they call a Jew.

He has felt his mother's fond caress
and his manly dad's embrace.

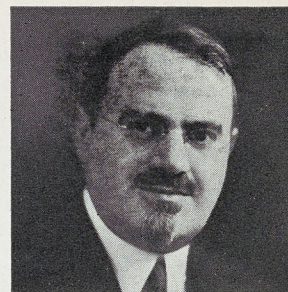
And if he is guided by their words,
he will never meet disgrace.

For they guide their offspring rightly
and they're kind to others, too,

And I'm always proud to know him,
this man they call a Jew.

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"AS
R'CHASH
SEES
IT"



By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

THE FEAR OF GOD

Too many young and even older emotional people are afraid of the expression "Fear of God". They would like to substitute instead "Love of God". Of course, Judaism postulates the love of God as one of the fundamental commandments, as we read in the Sixth Chapter of Deuteronomy, "And thou shalt love the Lord, thy God, with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might." But Judaism goes one step further, and commands in this very same chapter, "And thou shalt fear the Lord, thy God." The greatest of all preachers, the Wisdom Preacher, King Solomon declared, "The beginning of wisdom is the fear of the Lord." When we fear God, we will be wise enough to withdraw from the evil, and the paths of temptation. The thief as he hears someone walking in the house whispers the prayer, "O Lord, save me from the owner of this house." In his prayer, the thief may indicate the love of God, but certainly not the fear of God. If he feared God, he would not have thought of stealing. "I fear God, and next to God I chiefly fear him, who fears Him not," said Saadya.

The Jewish conception of the fear of God, includes and supersedes love. The greater the fear, the greater the love. A young man is courting his fiancée and in the course of conversation, he makes a statement, which the next morning appears to him, as something which might have pained her, he fears he has hurt his beloved's feelings. Immediately he telephones to his fiancée and apologizes. So it is with our conception of the Fear of God; so too are we in constant courtship with God, as the prophet put it "And I shall betroth thee unto me forever." It is the fear of doing something wrong, which keeps us constantly in the realm of the better, the nobler, the finer in life.

THE JEW

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He has never made distinction, when
 a cry for help was heard,
 But sent a contribution and gave
 a kindly word.
 In any clime beneath the sun, no
 man has been more true,
 Than this wandering son of Israel,
 this man they call a Jew.
 When life's great play is ended and
 all things shall pass away,
 When this Great Judge of the
 universe, asks how each has spent
 life's day,
 He'll hold his own in judgment, as
 all good men shall do,
 And enjoy eternal blessings, this
 man they call a Jew.
 So after all we're humans, we're
 good and bad at best,
 And if we wipe out our own faults
 and not condemn the rest,
 We'll feel by far more happy and
 this means me and you,
 So let's go our way each blessed
 day and not condemn the Jew.

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GHETTOS

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by Rabbi Emanuel L. Lifschitz

One of the reasons for creating the ghetto was to ostracize the Jew socially from his Christian neighbors. For we read in one of the Canons of the Council of Coyanza in Austrias in 1050, "that no Christian shall reside in the same house with Jews, nor partake of their food." Punishments for transgressing this command ranged from excommunication to 100 lashes. No doubt the ghetto wall and gates acted on occasion as a protection against outbursts of the mob and saved them from wholesale massacre. Nevertheless, when Jews concentrated in a particular area, they became all the more vulnerable to a mass attack.

The most serious effect of the Jewish social isolation was the terrible overcrowding which necessarily resulted from confining thousands of persons into a limited space. Thus, the Jewish population continually grew while the area of the ghetto remained the same. Hence, the ghetto took on the appearance of a "slum area". As many as 4,000 persons dwelt in 190 houses. The streets were narrow and dark, the houses meeting at the top. In some cities the brothels were placed in the "narrow street" to add to its ill repute. The authorities insisted that the ghetto must not be enlarged. In the terrible Roman ghetto, 10,000 inhabitants were forced to live in an area less than one square kilometer. Several families were obliged to have one room for a dwelling. Squalor and unhealthiness prevailed. Nevertheless the purity of Jewish family life and the sanctity of the home acted as a moral bulwark and safeguarded the dwellers against social corruptness and moral evils to be expected under such circumstances. Because of the scarcity of dwelling places and the possibility of exorbitant rents and evictions, special takonoth were passed by the Rabbinical authorities protecting the tenants against exploitations. It became unlawful for a Jew to evict a fellow Jew by raising the rent or by any other device. It was forbidden to sell a ghetto dwelling to a Christian. A tenant could not rent more than one dwelling. When the property owner was a Christian, as it occasionally happened, the takonoth provided that no Jew could rent a dwelling from the Christian owner in place of another Jewish tenant unless the latter consented or a year had elapsed since the former tenant vacated the premises.

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LILLIE (MRS. JACK) LEVINE

The name of Lillie Levine in our Women's League is synonymous with the chairmanship of our Ways and Means Committee - a position she has held for a long time.

She is responsible in a large measure for the quantity and quality of guests at our major fund raising projects. In disposing of tickets for these affairs, she leaves no stone unturned, not even forgetting "Who's Who in New York Jewry."

Another of her functions is that of "professional shopper" as she is a connoisseur of fine things. Whenever outstanding service is to be rewarded by a gift, Lillie Levine is sure to be on the purchasing committee.

She is one of the Vice-Presidents of our Women's League and a most faithful lieutenant of the President.

Her two sons, Joshua and Harold, are definitely leaders and orators.

When her smiling husband "Jack" gets to town, he is a frequent visitor at our building. The W. S. I. S. is close to his heart.

GETTING PERSONAL

By Me, Him & I

Greetings to Mrs. Messing who returned after her long illness. . . As chairman of the Holiday Committee of the Women's League, Mrs. Annie R. Morris once again arranged beautiful Shevuos decorations for our Synagogue. . . Best wishes to Mrs. Wartels for a speedy recovery and to little Lois Jane Ullman, daughter of our faithful co-workers, Dave and Claire Ullman. . . Mrs. Samuel Michael is convalescing. We hope she will be back in our midst soon. . . Rabbi and Mrs. Abraham Kellner of Miami, Florida, who inspected our building last week, voted it one of the most beautiful synagogues they had ever seen. . . Rabbi Goldstein will speak at the Temple of Religion at the World's Fair next Monday afternoon. It will be Jewish Orthodox Congregations Day. . . A large delegation of our women attended the session of the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations at the World's Fair last week, including our Rebbetzin, Mrs. Goldstein, who was one of the guests of honor in her capacity as President of the Conference Committee of National Jewish Women's Organizations. . . A number of our members and workers, including Mrs. Sam Fasten, Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Manishevitz, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fishel and Mrs. Regina Maragreten attended the Atlantic City Convention of Mizrahi. Mrs. Fasten is a member of the Administrative Committee of the National Women's Mizrahi Organization. . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Udell upon their wedding anniversary. Many happy anniversaries to our President and his charming wife. . . That was a memorable Kiddush to which the family of Ben Levine treated the Congregation last Saturday in honor of their son Herbert's Bar Mitzvah. . . The class in Talmud, conducted by Rabbi Hurwitz on Wednesday evenings, is gaining in Talmudists. . . Last Wednesday evening, our building was filled to capacity. In addition to a Forum, four different organizations had meetings.

CONDOLENCE

Our heartfelt sympathies to Mrs. Morris Jablow on the loss of her beloved father, Abram Kasse.

CONVENTION

Convention Sabbath, to be observed at all Synagogues this Saturday, will mark the beginning of the New York, New England and Eastern States Regional Convention of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America.

GALA SPRING FINALE

Latest reports of the "Gala Spring Finale" the concluding and outstanding social event for all members of the younger set, to be held Saturday night, June 3rd, are very cheerful. Music, "sweet and swing", will be provided by Doc Evans', famous all-colored orchestra, while a delicious, catered supper will be served.

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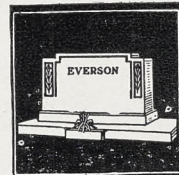
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