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RECREATION GROUP

Our recreation group for children of the neighborhood, boys and girls between 6 and 14, in charge of Mr. Albert Lazarus, is planning a very active summer program.

As a fore-taste, a group of 50 youngsters visited the Yankee Stadium last week and also went on a picnic to the Indian Village at Inwood Park on Decoration Day. What a thrilling time! The boys played baseball, while the girls went on a short hike to visit the historic sites. After that all enjoyed the camp fire at which they toasted Kosher marshmallows and sang songs.

For the summer, an out-door program is planned, including swimming twice a week, picnics and hikes to places of interest for children.

We make no charge for this group and all children are welcome to join by registering at the office of the building any week-day afternoon.

GALA SPRING FINALE

We're all set for the big affair this Saturday night of the Club Council. A gay evening will be had by all. Music by a prominent band and a catered Dutch Supper — all at 75c. per.

The members of the committee are Edward Weinstein, Chairman, Richard Lee Horowitz, Secretary, Melvin Friedman, Treasurer, Bernard Udell (Young Folks League), Harold Udell (Junior Council), Bruce Lane (Young Folks League), Charles Neufeld (Four Winds), Leonard Mandell (Forum).

TALMUD TORAH

On Decoration Day a group of children of the Talmud Torah attended the Memorial Day services conducted at the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue under the auspices of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America. From there they joined in a pilgrimage to the oldest Jewish cemetery in New York City at Chatam Square where they visited graves of American Jews active in the American Revolution.

OUR BIRTHDAY PARTY

Monday, June 5th, 1939

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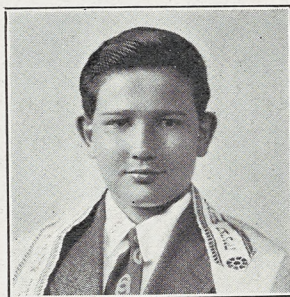
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BAR MITZVAH

Our congratulations and sincere good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. David Litt on the occasion of the Bar Mitzvah of their son Richard this Sabbath at our Synagogue.



RICHARD LITT

HIGH HOLY DAYS

The High Holy Days seem far away but now is the time to make your reservations for seats. Before you go on your vacation, communicate your requirements to the office. - TRafalgar 7-8281.

HOW MANY MEMBERS WILL YOU GET?

The special drive for 200 additional members launched under the chairmanship of Mr. Joseph Landowne is making progress and will go "over the top" in record time.

You, however, can make the task easier and render real help by obtaining an additional member. Get your friends and neighbors to join our Synagogue.

If you explain that in addition to the religious services, we conduct an Adult Bible Class and Public Forum, a Talmud Torah, a social and club department, a recreation group, and many other activities, every one will be glad to participate. You will have no difficulty in getting members at \$10.00 per year.

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2. Send us anything you can no longer use.
3. Volunteer your services on the sales force.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The final meeting of the Women's League was held recently. The President, Mrs. David H. Ullman, presided. Mrs. Goldstein, Mrs. Greenstein and Mrs. Morris were designated delegates to the Convention of the Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America. The hostesses for the afternoon were Mrs. Joseph Sedwitz and Mrs. David L. Messing.

In her summer farewell, Mrs. Ullman wished all a very healthy and pleasant vacation and expressed the hope that the beautiful and unselfish relationship among the members in the past, might continue in the Fall.

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

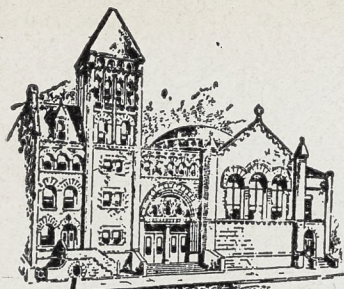
Although the Women's League has officially closed its activities for the season, it was unanimously voted to hold a mah jong and bridge at the Synagogue House on Wednesday, June 7th, at 2 o'clock, to raise funds for the United Jewish Appeal. Tickets are \$1.00 each and can be secured at the office. Mrs. Herbert Gossett is Chairman of this function and Mrs. Fay Seligman is Co-Chairman.

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WELCOME.

ARCHBISHOP SPELLMAN

The local Catholic Diocese is a most extensive and influential religious body. It ministers to millions of the faithful. In the hands of its superior officer, rests unlimited opportunity for service, opportunity to do right and right wrongs.

There has just been elevated to chiefdom, the Most Reverend Archbishop Spellman. A mere look at him demonstrates that he possesses the great gift of attractive personality. He looks and acts human, a happy embodiment of God in man. His career in New England emphasized a spirit of inter-religious cooperation, fair play and progressive leadership.

In these troublous days — days of demagoguery, rabble-rousing and appeals to the lunatic fringe — a rare opportunity is presented to the newly-elected Archbishop to exert his tremendous influence to promote mutual understanding, good will and tolerance. He possesses the tools for silencing the local Coughlins, the professional haters who thrive on the racket of anti-Semitism.

We feel he will measure up to our

expectations. We pray he may succeed. We congratulate and extend to him our sincerest wishes for continued good health and great accomplishments in the expanded moral and spiritual leadership.

RABBI GOLDSTEIN'S GREETING TO THE MIZRACHI CONVENTION AT ATLANTIC CITY

My Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Rabbinical Council of America, representing the English speaking Orthodox Jewish Rabbinate of America, comprising 150 Rabbis, I bring you our greetings.

Naturally our interest in Palestine is a religious one. We deprecate Zionism which will make of our people a nation like other nations. We are opposed to Nationalism per se. Nationalism is the world's curse. We are for such a people of which the Prophet said, "For my dwelling shall be a house of Prayer for all nations," which signifies universal disarmament and world religious peace. As yet, Mizrachi, which is supposed to represent the Jewish or religious view of Palestine, has not captured the imagination of American-born Jewry, or converted Palestine into Jewish loyalty, as far as the Torah is concerned. Now more than ever, can we say to the Yishuv "Unless the Lord build the House, in vain is the work of the builders." (Psalm 127:1) Let me add the words from Deuteronomy, "And when all the nations of the earth will see that the name of the Lord is upon them, then shall they fear thee."

Let me further say emphatically that although the American born Jew is not all that we want to see of him, because of the problem of environment, he wants to see Eretz Yisrawel, the Land of Israel, the Holy Land.

If Mizrachi is to make its mark as it should both in the Diaspora, as well as in the Homeland, it must first of all be true to the prophecy "from Zion shall come forth Torah", Religion, and second the religious forces of the world must be united - Agudas Yisrawel and Mizrachi - not only for the "Body" but also for the "Soul" of Eretz Yisrawel. This I believe is the message of the Rabbinical Council of America, and in that spirit I bring you our greetings and pray for the immediate and ultimate success of your deliberations.

"AS
R'CHASH
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IT"



By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

THE FEAR OF GOD

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The fear of God is a voice within that constantly questions whether we have loved Him enough. You may call it conscience. Conscience is the echo of God within a man's soul. It is more than the fear of punishment for some offense against men, it is the "fear" of offending God. Let me give a simple example which will prove this. It is often possible to utter a lie without being found out. This lie may harm no one, it may be impossible to be detected. The only deterrent is a feeling of moral debasement, a consciousness of the fear of God. Yet that slight sense of moral debasement has been known to be an immovable anchor. Why is this fear of moral debasement so real, so inescapable? Whence comes this fear? Who has given man the knowledge that truth is to be loved for its own sake? Is not the untaught acceptance by all men of the repulsiveness of falsehood and the beauty of truth an instinctive reaction to the fear of God?

In the pure belief in the Oneness of God and All-ness of God is the full flower of the Jew's faith. It is a faith based upon the indisputable evidence in every blessing of nature, that there exists one above earth and all things to whom all things are due and to whom all earth gives homage. Judaism as a religion, with its colorful and beautiful ceremonial, with its surging and transcending emotional inspiration, with its wise and cosmos-encompassing literature, is truly a faith based upon reason. It is also a faith based upon love, for when the Jew says he fears God, — what does he fear? He fears that he does not love God strongly enough or serve God well enough.

I would go further than Lincoln and even admit that you can fool all the people all of the time, but you cannot fool yourself at any time.

FROM OUR READERS

Dear Editor:

"George Washington, Chairman and Deputy from Virginia", reads the first of the 39 signers of the Constitution. These men had inherited the traditions of centuries of ordered justice and liberty under law as practiced by their Celtic-Saxon forbears.

In these hectic days, free speech as an inalienable right, is demanded and practiced by the agitator — unlimited, unbridled free speech. It is curious that this is the only right he keeps harping on, although this is only one of 36 rights of the citizen, enumerated in our American Bill of Rights, as we now call the first Ten Amendments of 1790.

The Bund demonstrations prompt me to ask, "Is the alien, resident in our midst, entitled to the same number of rights as the citizen, 'citizen by birth or choice of a common country' as Washington puts it in his Farewell Address?"

The Preamble of the Charter of our government begins, "We, the people . . ." Then follow the seven reasons for this experiment in democracy, and ends with "to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity to ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

Does 'our posterity' embrace the alien, the non-citizen, the new-comer to our shores? Has he the same full number of rights as the citizen? Is the alien privileged to criticize the State policies of our Congress and to hold up to ridicule our Government in the person of the President of our Republic?

Isn't it about time for the authorities in Washington to look up our National Charter of rights and liberties and re-read it more carefully — and give us early and effective, remedial action?

Julius Hyman

Light Candles Friday Evening 8:04

Weekly Portion: BHAALOSCHO

Friday Evening Service	6:30
Saturday Morning Service	9:00
Children Services	10:00
Rabbi Hurwitz's Class in Talmud	7:00
Mincha	8:10
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	8:10

Followed by the study of the Mishnah

THE SHADCHAN

by Rabbi Emanuel L. Lifschitz

The professional matchmaker or Shadchan began to assume an important role in Jewish life as early as the twelfth century. In fact, he enjoys a legal status in the Choshen Mishpat - Jewish Codes - where he is described as an agent whose fees become due when the engagement takes place even if the parties should later have a change of heart. As a measure of prudence and economy, Rabbi Isserlein, distinguished German Talmudic authority of the fifteenth century, made an exception in his community to the effect that the fee should become due only after the marriage was celebrated. The usual fee was two percent of the dowery.

The Shadchan was the product of the scattered and disintegrated Jewish life resulting from the wholesale expulsions and massacres endured during the Crusades. Hence, a go-between became necessary to reunite the dispersed members of former communities. At first there was nothing commercial or unromantic about the method. For the Shadchan was very often a highly spiritual man and a genuine enthusiast for marriage. Trouble occurred only when the Shadchan arranged marriages for a fee, without paying due regard to the personalities involved.

Originally, however, none of the brokers were of this type. We read "Whenever you are arranging a marriage between two parties, never exaggerate, but always tell the literal truth — In earlier times none but students of the law were Shadcholim." The famous and celebrated Rabbi Jacob Malin, popularly known as the Maharil of Mayence, maintained himself by the income derived from his match-making activities. His reputation as a successful marriage broker extended throughout the Rhineland. Through his wisdom and probity he became endeared to youths and maidens alike. Such was the case when fathers were much more interested in the learning and respectability of a prospective son-in-law than in his wealth.

Among the French and German Jews, the Yeshiva Bochur or Rabbinical student was much sought after. Thus the way to a maiden's heart would be often made by a budding Talmudist without the aid of the agent.

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Lena Ward illustrates dual personality. She can be unusually quiet and strikingly articulate. (When that happens, Harry does the silent turn — Ed.) She truly seems to believe that silence is golden but, when she feels she has a worthwhile thought to contribute, she does so. It is usually tinged with that delightful, dry humor so characteristic of the Morris family. (A quip from the bold flock — Ed.)

As Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, and Executive Member of our Women's League, Lena has truly followed in the footsteps of her noble mother, "Annie R." (In fact, she has developed some footsteps of her own — Ed.)

With a mother like Lena, and a father like Harry that clever and dynamic little Samuel will be a leader of the rising generation.

(We blow you a kiss, Lena, as we knew you when you had pigtailed but no Harry or Samuel, only that dry humor — Ed.)

GETTING PERSONAL

By Me, Him & I

We wish God-speed and a delightful trip to Mr. & Mrs. Meyer L. Paragament who are leaving shortly for an extended visit to California. We hope they will take with them our personal greetings and best wishes to those ever-devoted friends of our Synagogue, Mr. & Mrs. Jacob M. Eisenberg. . . Congratulations to Jack Marks on his graduation from Columbia College of Pharmacy. We promise to buy all our stamps from him. . . Mrs. Herbert Gossett, Mrs. Jack Levine and Mrs. Fay Seligman represented our Women's League at the United Jewish Appeal rally held at the home of Mrs. Stern, the daughter of the late Julius Rosenwald. . . We express our appreciation to Martha Stanton of the Play-writing Department of the University of Southern California who has graciously made a lifetime pledge to provide our Synagogue with wine for Kiddush and Havdalah. Long life to her. We repeat: We wish someone would make a similar pledge to the Editor in Scotch. . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Blankfort upon their wedding anniversary. . . Ditto to Mr. and Mrs. Seppy I. Silberman. . . Our best wishes to Rabbi Emanuel L. Lifschitz upon his birthday. . . Good luck to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Anderson in their new home. We're starting warming up for a house warming. . . Congratulations to little Ruth Josephson on her birthday. . . Congratulations to the family of Jess E. Gross who will be married to Miss Lea Wohl on Sunday, June 4, 1939. The groom will have an aufruf at our Synagogue this Saturday. The Congregation is invited to a Kiddush after the services. . . We are so accustomed in having Mr. & Mrs. G. Richard Rubenstein as hosts at our Synagogue, as to make it hard for us to describe the elaborate Kiddush to which the Congregation was invited last Saturday, in honor of the aufruf of the groom, Mr. Le Roy Lippman, whose wedding to Miss Ruth Peace Rubenstein took place last Sunday night at the Hotel Plaza. Lots and lots of happiness for the young couple. . . Bob Hall attended services at our Synagogue during the recent holiday. . . .

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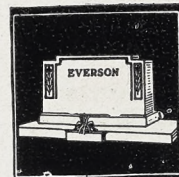
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