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AS YOU DO IN JUNE?

WEST SIDE INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW

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SALE CONTINUING

Rummage Sale, under the direction of Mrs. Annie R. ... now being held at 8 ... Avenue near 59th Street, ... will continue for another week. Ladies are especially asked to come to the Rummage Sale headquarters and help in the sale of merchandise.

Please send any clothing, furniture or bric-a-brac you wish to dispose of, or phone the office (TR 7-8281) and we will pick it up.

JEWISH YOUTH LEAGUE

The members and invited guests of the Jewish Youth League enjoyed their outdoor program of horse-back riding and picnicking last Sunday morning at Forest Hills, Long Island.

At the last meeting a panel discussion took place on "What the U. S. can do to keep out of War — Isolation or Collective Security." Rabbi Lifschitz summed up by presenting Religion and Morality as the universal antidote to war.

JUDEAN SOCIETY

The executive committee of the Judean Society announces that plans have been made for a boat ride to Indian Point to be held on June 25th. Tickets will be available at the next meeting Sunday evening, June 11th.

The executive committee has also made tentative plans for a series of interesting events for those of its members who will be in the city during the summer months. The Judean Society welcomes mature young men and women to join its ranks.

YOUNG FOLKS LEAGUE

The Young Folks League will hold its final meeting for this season Sunday evening, June 11th.

All members are urged to be present and participate in the discussion of plans for next year.

PLEASE NOTE

During summer, our income is drastically reduced. We therefore ask our members, friends and contributors to please be good enough to remit any obligations or pledges due.

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR
SEATS FOR
THE HIGH HOLY DAYS
BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE CITY
FOR THE SUMMER

HEARKEN TO THIS APPEAL

Editor
West Side Institutional Review
120 West 76th Street
New York City

Dear Sir:

I have an urgent request from the librarian of the City Penitentiary for books in Yiddish. There are no funds available for purchasing more Yiddish volumes, and a number of inmates are most eager to read literature in that language. The value of devotion to books by denizens of any penal institution is apparent to all. Can any of your readers donate books for this purpose? The department, inmates, and myself, would be most grateful.

With many thanks,

Yours most sincerely,

Rabbi Abraham Burstein
Chaplain

BAR MITZVAH

Our congratulations and sincere good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lidz on the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son Max who will be called to the Torah next Saturday, June 17th, at our Synagogue.

Light Candles Friday Evening 8:09

Weekly Portion: SHLACH LECHO

Prayers for the New Moon

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	

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE UNDER WAY

We are happy to announce that our membership drive for 200 new members, under the leadership of Mr. Joseph Landowne, is gaining in strength and the results to date are most gratifying.

May we suggest that you interest your friends in joining our Congregation or that you give us their names. We shall be glad to communicate with them.

A DISCOVERY ABOUT OUR WOMEN

By Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein

It gives me great pleasure to share with our readers a discovery which I made while conducting the Women's Column of our Review. The Officers and Executive Board of our Women's League are not only an unusually co-operative group but also an **unusually modest** one. Never has my ingenuity been taxed to a greater degree than in securing the pictures which appeared in our Review weekly. As modesty is frequently coupled with greatness, we can truly say that we have a "great" set of women in the W. S. I. S.

I want to take this opportunity of thanking the relatives and friends of these women for their resultful co-operation in this connection."

SUMMER DAY SCHOOL

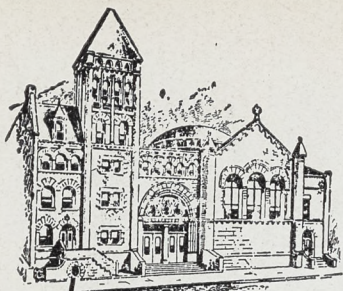
This being the last issue of the Review, we bring to your attention the activities of our Summer Play School which will be open during July and August.

The program will consist of an all outdoor project. There will be swimming, baseball, soft ball and volley ball. The children will visit places of historic interest in the city as well as frequent the parks and playgrounds.

Free transportation is provided them and no charge is made for these activities. All children are invited to participate in our activities by registering at the office any weekday afternoon. Mr. Albert Lazarus will be in charge.

TALMUD TORAH

Hebrew classes will continue during the month of June.



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AU REVOIR

With this issue, our publishing season is suspended till September. Then, if our plans are successful, we hope to present to you a bigger and better weekly. We expect to increase the size from four to eight pages, to enlarge our editorial staff and, in every way to make the paper more attractive, more readable, more informative.

We feel that this publication satisfies a definite need. If it does not, it is our fault, as the need is surely there to be satisfied. In this large Jewish community, there unquestionably exists a splendid opportunity to bring into the homes a vehicle of Judaism in modern dress, Orthodoxy in its most attractive form. Too long has Orthodoxy been permitted to be associated with backwardness.

It is no novel experience for us to hear people say "Oh, your annual dinner is so different -- not like what we expected at all." How similar to the allegedly complimentary remark frequently made by some of our thoughtless, non-Jewish brethren -- "Oh you are so different -- not like a Jew at all."

Why must politeness, decorum and neatness be lacking from the

thoughts generally associated with Orthodoxy? Why should we permit the average, unthinking person to associate an Orthodox Shule with a place where you spit on the floor?

The answer and the remedy are both at hand. We must gather our forces of preaching, teaching and, above all, mingling, to dispel these false impressions.

For such a purpose, and for the additional goal of keeping our neighbors informed of things and events Jewish, this paper has indeed a real *raison d'être*.

However, your co-operation is needed. The kind of help you can give is best determined by you. You know your inclinations, your capabilities, your associations. Help us as best you can. Write, criticize, get ads, subscribers, articles, anything. But do something.

It is your paper, published for your edification and without thought of profit. Your salary or reward will be the same as the Editor's, the gratification of feeling that, in some small way, you are helping to make this world a bit better.

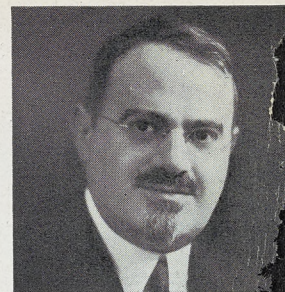
In the meantime, we hope you will greet us again in the Fall, refreshed, hopeful and happy. Au revoir.

OUR BRETHREN THE WORLD OVER

Jerusalem — Twenty Jews were injured when a watchtower collapsed during the secret building of a new colony in the Haifa bay area. Police headquarters instructed forces stationed in Jewish colonies not to assist in the establishment of new settlements by guarding and accompanying the settlers. Attempts to establish settlements must be reported to headquarters immediately, the order said. . . Jewish members of Jerusalem's Municipal Council, except for the Agudath Israel Councilor, visited District Commissioner Sir Edward Keith-Roach and demanded that the present Arab mayor be replaced by a Jew. They warned that Jewish tax payments would cease if the demand was not met within two weeks. . . Haifa — The 400 refugees captured off Nathania aboard the salvage tug Atrato and brought to Haifa were released and their number will be deducted from the Jewish immigration quota. Deductions for illegal immigrants so far total 1,200 and Jews feared that it would cancel the entire entry quota for the month of May. . . Explosion of a German-made infernal machine in the historic Prague building at Parisgasse 17 has aroused indignation among the Czech populace, but

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"AS
R'CHASH
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IT"



By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

THE FEAR OF GOD

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To the Jew, the concept of God is not that of an abstract creator set apart and disinterested in an earthly world which in a moment of careless haste, He conceived, but a personal God dwelling everywhere in the universe and even in the heart of every man, a God who reviews the work of creation each day, a God of Evolution, a God to whom all are responsible and by whom all are blessed, to whom the conduct of every man is an open scroll, and before whom all things are equal and timeless, like unfading images on a camera plate; a God who may be at the same time a traveller in measureless space, though still a dweller in the heart of every creature.

Let me say a word to you, men and women of intellect, of scientific training. You may be apprehensive of accepting God, in this intimate and personal way. Let me give you what a great scientist, a Russo-British Bacteriologist, Waldman M. Haffkine, an Orthodox Jew said: "Alone of all religious and philosophic conceptions of man, the one which binds together the Jews has not been harmed by the advance of research, but, on the contrary, has been vindicated in its profoundest tenets. Slowly and by degrees Science is being brought to recognize in the universe the existence of One Power which is of no beginning and no end; which has existed before all things were formed, and will remain in its integrity when all is gone; the source and origin of all in itself beyond any conception or image that man can form and set up before his eye or mind; while all things perceivable as matter and force are subjected to his inquiry and designs. This sum total of the scientific discoveries of all lands and times is an approach of the world's thought to our Adon Olam, the sublime hymn which we chant in the synagogue.

"He is Lord of the universe, who reigned ere any creature yet was formed;

At the time when things were made by His desire, then was His name proclaimed King.

And after all things shall have had an end, He alone, the dreaded awe-inspiring one, shall reign;

Who was, who is, and who will be in glory.

And He is One, and there is no second to compare to Him, to consort with Him;

Without beginning, without end to Him belong strength and dominion.

And He is my God — my Redeemer liveth — and a rock in my travail in time of distress;

And He is my banner and my refuge, the portion of my cup on the day when I call.

Into His hand I commend my spirit, when I sleep and when I awake;

And with my spirit my body also; the Lord is with me and I will not be afraid."

How would you define religion? The word religion comes from the Latin prefix "re"-back, and the Latin root "legare" to bind. In other words, religion is that force which binds man to God. The biblical expression which comes nearest to our word Religion, is "Yiras Adonai", "Fear of God". We must always bear in mind however, the wise words of warning of William James, the outstanding philosopher and psychologist of modern times who said, "If your heart does not want. . . your head will assuredly never make you believe."

Let me conclude with the closing words of King Solomon, who after having surveyed practically all of life's experiences, and having himself passed through the gamut of every important phase of existence, summed up man's Duty in the following words, "The end of the matter, all things having been considered, Fear God, and keep His commandments, for this is the whole Duty of Man."

JOIN OUR
SYNAGOGUE
AND BE
ONE OF US

AMUSEMENTS

by Rabbi Emanuel L. Lifschitz

Am Hasefer — "The people of the book" has been the appellation given to our people during the last 1900 years of Jewish homelessness and wandering. One gains the impression that intellectual pursuits and pastimes were the sole interest of our people. The highlights of Jewish history in the diaspora are studied with Talmudic, Halachic, Philosophic, Grammatical and Biblical commentary and research. Little mention is ever popularly made of the physical prowess of the Jew after the destruction of the Temple. Tacitus, an early Roman historian, and one notable for his hostility towards Jews describes the bodies of the Jews as "Corpora hominum salubria et ferentia laborum" as sound and healthy and capable of bearing great burdens.

The Talmud apparently recognized the importance of athletics by including it under חכמת יונת "Greek Wisdom". Unfortunately, after the unsuccessful wars with Rome, everything associated with gymnastics (whose origin in Jewish life was secular) became distasteful. And as a result, athletics and sports became identified with un-Jewish mores and hence fell into disrepute.

Judaism has ever been averse to two types of amusements. The one was gambling while the other was any form of recreation which involved free association between men and women — especially dancing. Hunting was never considered a particularly Jewish sport. During the middle ages, Jews were frequently forbidden to bear arms and, hence, were in no position to indulge in the sport. Besides it was considered cruel and therefore classed as un-Jewish.

Rabbi Meir of Rothenburg says "He who hunts game with dogs, as non-Jews do, will not participate in the joys of Leviathan" (The flesh of Leviathan symbolizing the joys of Paradise). Another reason why Jews could not wholeheartedly participate in the hunt was because they could not eat game killed in any other way than by the Shochet or qualified slaughterer. Hence Jews who indulged in hunting would do so only for the sake of the sport.

With the breakdown of the ghetto walls and the consequent widening of the economic and social interests of our people, our attitude towards physical sports has been greatly modified.

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DEBORAH (MRS.
EMANUEL L.) LIFSCHITZ

The last, but by no means the least, of the galaxy of our noble Women's League co-workers, presented to you this season is Deborah Lifschitz.

She is a graduate of Hunter College where she was President of the Menorah Society. She is also a graduate of The Teachers Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary.

As befits a "Rebitzin", her interests are primarily cultural. As Cultural Chairman of the Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America and of Junior Hadassah, as leader of a women's Hebrew Class and a children's Sabbath afternoon story hour in our Synagogue, as writer of fine book reviews in our Review, she has done splendid work.

Exceedingly sweet and charming, fully endowed with all the qualities expected of a model Rebitzin, she is a most willing worker without a lazy streak in her.

GETTING PERSONAL

By Me, Him & I

Congratulations to the following graduates: Charles Bendheim from Lafayette; Bobby Livingston from Columbia; Bernice Breitbart from Barnard; Arnold Oshrin from N. Y. U.; Danny Weiss from St. John's; Constance Meiowitz from the Calhoun School and Marcia Stebbins from High School. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Levine on their wedding anniversary. . . Ditto to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Snower (daughter of Harry Appel) . . . Congratulations to Harry Appel on his birthday. . . Sid Harris, our skipper, is going into the air filtering business and we wish him lots of luck. We hope he will be a regular attendant Saturday mornings. . . Max Sanders has been hobnobbing with the champion golfers now playing in the Goodall tournament. They're all good including Max. . . Lester Udell uses a box seat at the Polo Grounds as a Solarium. . . Max Herskovits, attending services at our Synagogue at the Weinstein Bar Mitzvah, represented the fur industry. . . Dr. Samuel Nirenstein, Secretary to Judge McCook, was pinch-hitter for Rabbi Rackovsky of Worcester, Mass. on Orthodox Jewish Convention Sabbath and delivered a pithy, eloquent and stirring address. . . Our Sea Scouts, under the leadership of Daniel Weiss, participated in the program of the Union at the Temple of Religion at the World's Fair, and reflected great credit upon our institution. . . Richard Litt of our Talmud Torah delighted the Congregation with his melodious rendition of his Bar Mitzvah Haftorah. . . Shy Joseph Landowne is effectively stimulating the members of the Special Membership Drive. . . Samuel Silver beware. . . Heartiest congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Fasten on their wedding anniversary. . . The Mizrahi Women's Organization invites all to participate in Mizrahi Day at the Temple of Religion on Tuesday, June 27th. . . The Editor's appeal for Scotch in the last issue resulted in one bottle and the following anonymous poem:

You ask for a life pledge of Scotch in
The REVIEW

Enclosed please find one bottle with
our best regards to you.

Of course we realize one bottle isn't
enough,

But as you know, Scotch is expensive
stuff.

The victims of this gossip column
may now breathe freely for a few
months as this industrious sheet will
hibernate till September. . . Happy
summer days to all.

OUR BRETHREN THE WORLD OVER

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the Czech police have not been allowed to take action although reportedly aware of the culprits' identities. The building forms a block with the Hoeheschul Synagogue and the Jewish Town Hall opposite the Altneu Synagogue, which were not damaged. A synagogue at Witkowitz near Maerisch-Ostrau was completely destroyed by an incendiary fire. . . In Sudetenland, "Aryan" lawyers have been forbidden to represent Jews in courts and two Jewish "consultants" have been named to represent Jews in courts. Die Zeit, organ of Governor Konrad Henlein, reported that the latest town to become "free of Jews" was Falkenau, whose Jewish population of several hundred was forced to leave the town. The local synagogue was burned down, 28 Jewish-owned houses were taken over by Germans and 30 Jewish shops were "Aryanized." . . Prague — The protectorate authorities have decreed that no arms permits may be issued to Jews. Applicants for such permits in the future must submit certificates of "Aryan" origin. . . Amsterdam — Twelve Jews were injured when 30 Dutch Nazis wrecked an ice cream parlor in the suburbs frequented by German Jewish refugees.

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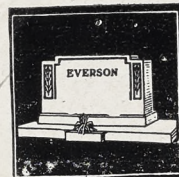
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