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THANKS FOR OUR SUCCAH

Now our Succah is only a memory. But what a pleasant one! It is a memory of a beautiful, inviting, flower-decked place; a memory of a feeling of reverence and joy; and a memory of delicious food and drink, charmingly served.

First we give thanks to the ladies who gave so generously of their time during the festival week to help in the work in the Succah. They are: Miss Bessie Abrams, Mrs. Max Frank, Miss Joan Friedman, Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, Mrs. Nathan K. Gross, Mrs. Ettie Jaffin, Miss Leona Kessler, Miss Helen Langer, Mrs. Moses Langer, Mrs. Jack Levine, Mrs. Emanuel L. Lifschitz, Mrs. Annie R. Morris, The Misses Reisman, Mrs. Fay Seligman, Mrs. Morris Steinberg, and Mrs. Harry Ward.

Our deepest gratitude goes to those of our members and friends who enriched our Succoth festivities by their generous contributions of money, cake, fruit, flowers, wine, and glassware. They are the following:

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WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening, 5:05

Weekly Portion, Noah

Shabbath Rosh Chodesh

Friday Evening Service 5:15

Saturday Morning Service 9:00

Children's Service 10:00

Rabbi Hurwitz's Class in Talmud

..... 4:00

Mincha Service 5:00

Sunday Morning Services

..... 6:45; 7:45; 8:45

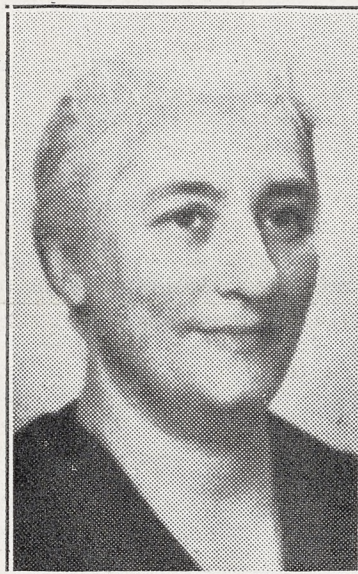
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Mornings 6:45; 7:30; 8:00

Mincha 5:15

Followed by
the study of the Mishnah

FIRST GUEST SPEAKER



MRS. EDWARD JACOBS

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

OPENS NEXT MONDAY

Rabbi Goldstein's Monday Evening Bible Class one of our most popular cultural features during the past two years, will be resumed next Monday night, October 16, at 8:30. Following the class, in which the Rabbi will start his series of Biblical interpretations, there will be an address by Mrs. Edward Jacobs, the guest of the evening.

Mrs. Jacobs has for many years been one of the most energetic and striking figures in the organization of Zionist work in America. From 1930 to 1937, she was National President of Hadassah, of which she was one of the earliest members. At present, she is the only woman member of the Executive Committee of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

There are few people in America who are as well qualified to speak on current Zionist problems as Mrs. Jacobs. The possessor of an ardent, warm personality, she has been in direct contact with the Zionist homeland. Since she first visited Palestine, on her wedding trip, she has been there eleven times. In America, she has undertaken lecture tours from coast to coast. In the various cities where she has resided -- Chattanooga, Tennessee; Columbus, Georgia; Washington, D. C.; and, now, New York City--she has done

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CLUB NOTES

As the club program of the W.S. I.S. enters its season of full activities, most of last year's active members, and many new members, have turned out for meetings of the various young folks' clubs.

Last Sunday, October 8, there were meetings of both the Junior Council and the Young Folks' League. Dick Solow was chosen temporary president of the Young Folks' League, and Miss Jeanne Jacobson was elected Secretary of the Junior Council. Wednesday, October 11, marked the first formal meeting of the Jewish Youth League.

While the Scout Troop and the Sea Scout Ship are already practically in the heart of their season, the Cub Scout Pack met for the first time this season last night, Thursday, October 12.

Slated for the near future are the third bi-weekly meeting of the Junior Hadassah, on Tuesday, October 17, and the opening meeting of the Judean Society, on Sunday, October 15. At the inaugural meeting of the latter group, which welcomes young men and women from twenty to twenty-five, an election of officers will be held.

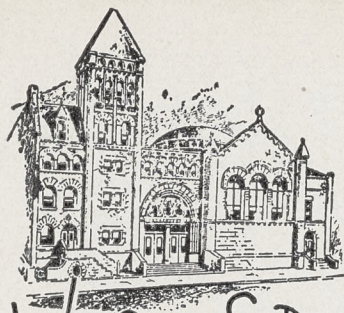
AN IMPORTANT REMINDER

To have a will is important, whether our estate be large or small. It avoids complications and insures the carrying out of our intentions.

We know that our readers expect to provide for benevolent bequests. We therefore suggest that you include the following clause:

"I give and bequeath to the West Side Institutional Synagogue, of 120-138 West 76th Street, New York City, the sum of . . ."

It is of the greatest importance that the correct title appear in your will. The correct name of our institution is **West Side Institutional Synagogue**.



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MEIN OUTSTRETCHED HAND

From your schnozzle vipe der blood.
Off your cloding clean der mud.
Forget mein blows,

I now demand
That you must shake
Mein outstretched hand.

I really don't vant much,
Some colonies and such.

I giff mein pledge,
'Twill hardly hurt,

I'll not take much
Besides your shirt.

WHERE, OH WHERE?

What has happened to our brethren in Germany? In Poland? Has anyone heard from his folks abroad since the marriage of the brown apache with the red courtesan? Has a single person been able to locate a relative, send some help or even wire?

What has become of the refugees in no-man's land, between yesterday's boundaries of Germany and Poland, Czecho and Poland, and so on? What about the thousands who were cruising the Mediterranean on the rotten hulks of thieving captains who promised to bring Les Misérables to a safe haven and could not land them?

All seem to have disappeared into a void, impenetrable, of terrific silence, and most frightening.

And this is the enlightened twentieth century.

There seems to be no limit to human endurance.

STATESMANSHIP

The Floridian never gets excited about the high price of overcoats. Nor does the fellow in the Rocky Mountains about the cost of surfboards.

Our "statesmen" from the Middle West rarely see much use for a large fleet. They haven't any seacoast in the Middle West. Some of them see no need for a department of foreign affairs. New York and San Francisco are foreign enough for them.

However, real statesmanship demands consideration of the needs and interests of the entire country, and is not based on sectionalism.

We admit we have little respect for British statesmanship. We believe it to have been stupid, narrow and most inefficient; that Chamberlain will go down in history as the man who almost wrecked the British Empire, which Disraeli, the Jew, so ably helped construct.

Nevertheless, we must admit that the battle that England and France are now waging concerns us very much, and that it is to the interests of this country that Germany be defeated.

At the close of the last war, what happened to Germany's large fleet? England took it over and sank it. What will happen if Germany becomes top dog now? You may rest assured that Germany will not be so stupid as to sink the British fleet. Rather will she use it to sink our Democracy, our standing as a nation, in fact the right to peace and happiness of the entire Western Hemisphere.

A Nazi victory over there will mean Nazism over here. As Lincoln said that this country cannot exist half slave and half free, so it would appear that this world cannot exist half Communazi and half free.

Accordingly, all the twaddle about the embargo is far from far-sighted.

No one in this country wants to go to war. We have yet to hear responsible persons express a wish to send the youth of the land abroad to fight. However, we must bear in mind that we owe it as a duty to this country to furnish Britain and France with all the goods we can so as to make it easier for them to win. Yes, ammunition as well as food. What's the use of fooling ourselves? Let's call a spade a spade.

"AS
R'CHASH
SEES
IT"



A CHALLENGE TO YOUTH By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Youth thirsts for action; it must have expression. Without a cause, youth suffers an untimely aging. Yet, when we examine the facts and figures, we find that the youth of America is not represented in the various movements with which the American scene pulsates. Why this apathy? Is it the fault of our Youth? I think not. Young people as individuals are ever in quest of a cause — and they often find a bad one.

Then is it the fault of our Youth organizations? Perhaps the answer is there. Perhaps our Youth organizations — religious, secular or social — are responsible for this manifest failure to organize American Youth for service to humanity.

Close scrutiny of the membership lists of American Youth organizations shows that only about five per cent of American Youth participates in religious affairs or in civic movements.

To be interested in religious affairs is regarded by young people as something unmanly. To drink, to swear, to be loud are deemed manly. What could be further from the facts than our young people's impression that they must sow their wild oats to be regular? My challenge to youth is to be religiously minded. To be religious is to be manly; it is an evidence of moral courage.

The story is told of a wealthy merchant who said to his office clerk that he wanted him to work on the following Sabbath. The young man respectfully replied "I may not come then." "You'll either come or be 'fired'" shouted the merchant; and the boy was 'fired.' A week later, a man dropped into the very same merchant's office and in the course of the conversation said, "I want a young man in my office, who is absolutely trustworthy. Do you know of one?" "Yes," said the merchant. "Only last week I let go the young man you want."

Deep in the heart of every man and woman there is respect for a young man who has the courage to be religious, true and pure.

Our Brethren The World Over

THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Hitler Proposes "Regulation" of the Jewish Problem:

Again Herr Hitler has hurled a brazen ultimatum to the world, this time, ironically, in the guise of a peace proposal. And again he sits back to watch a bewildered world try to penetrate the maze of his twisted logic.

This time, however, few can fail to see that the so-called peace proposal contained in the Fuehrer's Reichstag speech last Friday is no more than a demand for recognition of the success of the Polish "Blitzkrieg." Already the responsible statesmen of democratic countries have indicated that all of Hitler's proposals are either unacceptable or too vague to be thoughtfully considered.

In the latter category falls the single casual allusion to the Jewish problem. In the wake of reports that Hitler was considering the establishment of a Jewish state in a part of Poland, or of a puppet Polish-Jewish state in the vicinity of Warsaw, we find in his Reichstag speech the following statement:

"A solution of the minority problems should be achieved not only in the east of Europe, but also in the southeast of the continent. In this connection an attempt should be made to bring about the adjustment and regulation of the Jewish problem."

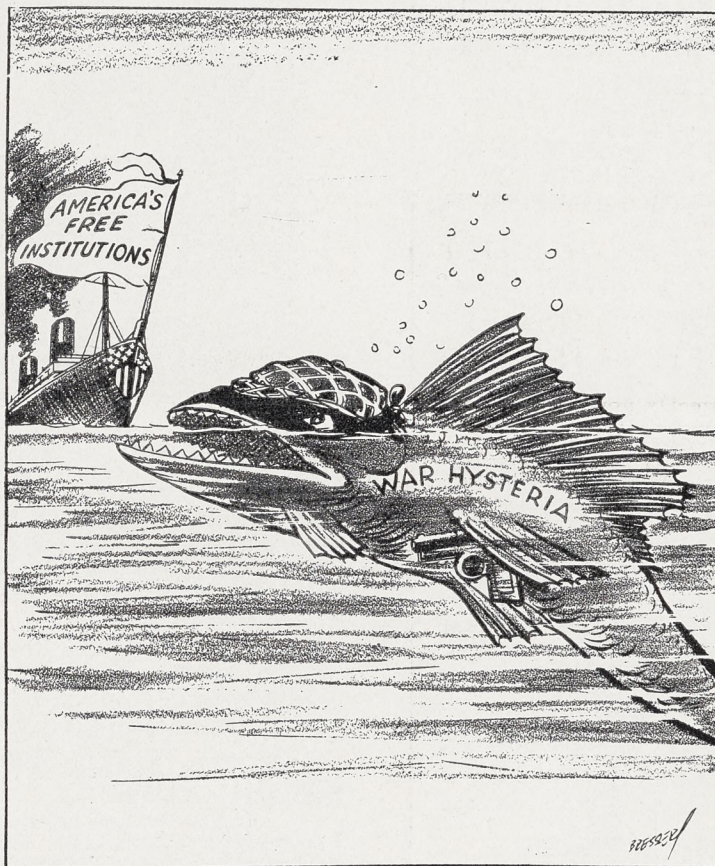
What specific meaning, if any, might be attached to this vague reference, has been the subject of widespread conjecture, most of it fundamentally baseless.

A most persistent report has been of a plan to ship all Jews of Greater Germany eastward into the proposed Polish-Jewish state (planned, of course, as a Reich protectorate.) In substantiation of this report, news was received in Paris to the effect that all German Jews between the ages of sixteen and fifty-five were being rounded up and interned for forced labor.

Accustomed, since the start of Nazi-Soviet "co-operation" to expect almost any improbable about-face in policy, many observers were inclined not to discredit this rumor

BEWARE OF THIS RAIDER IN HOME WATERS

By BRESSLER



of a proposed Hitler homeland for the Jews. Many found it at least "interesting."

"Mopping-up" in Poland:

Hitler's concern over the Jewish problem was not accompanied by any relaxation of the terroristic anti-Semitism that has marked the German occupation of conquered Poland. It was reported last week that over 200,000 Jews, more than half of Warsaw's Jewish population, remained in the fallen capital, where mass executions and desperate suicides were said to be depleting their numbers with great rapidity.

Eastern Europe:

Here, in the area well within the Reich's "Lebensraum," where Hitler's speech called for "regulation" of minority problems, two contrasting cases of reaction to German attempts to foster anti-Semitism were noted.

In Hungary, Germany's close neighbor and eager emulator, a new measure in the long series of anti-Jewish laws provided that no new

permits will be granted to Jews in factories and wholesale and retail businesses, and that permits already held by Jews will be revoked by 1944. Under this law, tens of thousands of Hungarian Jews will eventually lose their jobs.

In Rumania, another blow was struck by the Government at the anti-Jewish, pro-Nazi Iron Guard. Four members of that group were held for plots against King Carol and high Government officials. It is interesting, however, that the original basis of arrest was the possession of anti-Semitic literature.

Refugee Relief:

It was announced last week that Britain will be represented at the conference on the Central European Refugee problem called by President Roosevelt for next Monday, October 16, in Washington. This conference will be the first of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees to meet in war time. It will face a refugee relief problem aggravated beyond measure by the ravages of a destructive war in central Europe.

THIS WEEK ON BROADWAY

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Thurs. through Monday, Oct. 12-16

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with Anna Neagle,

Edna May Oliver, May Robson,

Zasu Pitts

— also —

"Here I Am a Stranger"

Richard Dix, Richard Greene,

Brenda Joyce

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Ann Sheridan

— also —

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"Hotel for Women"

with Ann Sothern

STODDARD

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Thurs. through Mon., Oct. 12—16

"THE WIZARD OF OZ"

with Judy Garland,

Bert Lahr, Frank Morgan

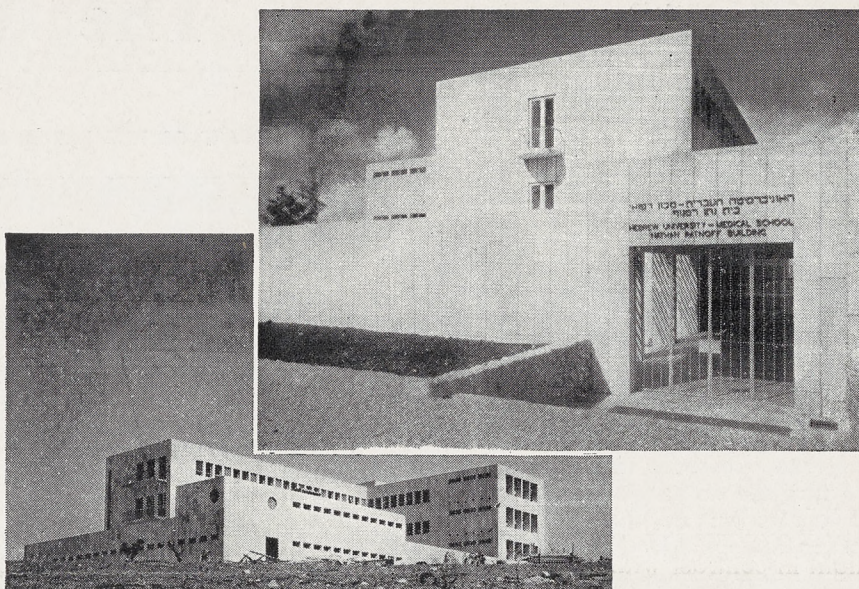
— also —

"Winter Carnival"

with Ann Sheridan,

Richard Carlson

NEW MEDICAL SCHOOL AT THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY



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Above are two views of the new Medical School of Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Along with other units of the Rothschild-Hadassah-University Medical Center, it was opened last May.

The medical departments and clinical laboratories of Hebrew University have been transferred to this new building. The Medical Center, located on Mount Scopus, was

erected jointly by Hadassah, the American Jewish Physicians Committee and the University. The Medical School has been named for Dr. Nathan Ratnoff, Chairman of the Physicians' Committee, which raised funds for its erection and equipment.

SUCCAH THANKS . . .

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Mr. and Mrs. George L. Livingston, Dr. Meisels, and Mrs. Roy Michaels.

Mrs. Sam Michaels, Mrs. David Minchenberg, Plaza Fruit Market, Mrs. Zelda Reisman, Mrs. Rosett, Mrs. M. Salit, Mrs. Hyman Schwartz, Mrs. Joseph Sedwitz, Mrs. P. Schoen, Mrs. Nathan Schreibersdorf, Mr. Lou G. Siegel, Mrs. Julius H. Silverstein, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Steinberg, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Udell, Mrs. David H. Ullman, Mrs. Aaron Wartels, Mrs. D. Weiss, and Mrs. S. H. Wohlberg.

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At the Monday night meeting, the hosts will be Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Michael.

The large attendance at last year's Bible Classes was evidence of our congregation's sincere interest in Hebrew culture. This year, a series of interesting programs has been planned, and it is expected that the attendance will exceed that of last year.

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PASTIMES AND TRADITIONS



HUNTING

By RABBI EMANUEL L. LIFSCHITZ

Hunting, from time immemorial, was considered an un-Jewish act. The heroes of the Bible--Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, and David--are invariably shepherds. Esau, the hunter, is presented in an unfavorable light in contrast with Jacob, the herdsman.

After Biblical times, hunting is seldom mentioned. King Herod is the first person described as "a most excellent hunter, in which sport he generally had great success, owing to his skill in riding."

The Talmud makes little mention of hunting. One of the chief objections was based on the cruelty of the act, which made it un-Jewish. Rabbi Meyer of Rothenburg taught: "He who hunts game with dogs as non-Jews do, will not participate in the joy of the Leviathan"--the feast of the Leviathan representing the joys of paradise.

Another reason for Jews' abstaining from the hunt was the fact that an animal or fowl thus captured (even though the species be Kosher--fit for Jewish consumption) would usually be Trefah--unfit for the Jewish table.

An interesting case of Jewish participation in the hunt took place in Colchester, England. It is related by Joseph Jacobs:

"A certain doe was started in Wildenhaye Wood by the dogs of Sir John de Burgh, and in her flight came by the top of the city of Colchester. And there issued forth Saunte son of Ursel, Jew of Colchester, Cok son of Aaron, and Samuel son of the same, Isaac the Jewish chaplain, Copin and Elias, Jews, and certain Christians of the said city. And these with a mighty clamour chased the same doe through the south gate into the aforesaid city, and they worried her by their shouting that they forced her to jump over a wall, and she thus broke her neck. . . And there came upon them Walter the bailiff and Robert the Toller, beadle of the same city, and carried thence the game, and had their will of it."

THE PLAY

"SALVATION," by Sholem Asch. At the Yiddish Art Theater.

As usual, in Sholem Asch's dramatic adaptation of his fine novel, no fault can be found with the directing and acting of Maurice Schwartz. They are as superb as ever. But Asch's play, while it has the same admirable characterization and philosophic depth found in his novels, lacks a distinct feeling for the stage.

Any audience familiar with Maurice Schwartz's previous work, naturally expects a play with intense dramatic action. This they will not find here. "Salvation," with the exception of the last scene, seems to lag and drag through a repetition of "Yoshe Kalb."

Ample reward, however, for an evening spent in the theater is the fine acting of Leo Fuchs, who here essays his first tragic role. It is to be hoped that he will be seen in more parts like that of Jechiel. To confine him again to comic roles would be a great injustice to his fine qualifications as a character actor.

Despite the inevitable disappointment in the relatively undramatic play, the prevailingly excellent performance and the fine settings created by Alex Chertov compensate admirably for the first two almost interminable acts.

Danny Weiss

CONDOLENCES BEIER

We extend our sincerest sympathy to our Director, Mr. Samuel K. Beier, whose beloved mother passed away last week.

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Our heartfelt sympathy goes to our members, Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Levigton, on the death of their son, Dr. Albert Levigton.

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OUR SUCCESSORS-TO-BE



JOAN FRIEDMAN

Pretty, pious, kind, charming, devoted--these complimentary adjectives really begin to mean something when we apply them to Joan Friedman. But they hardly begin to define the qualities that have endeared her to everyone with whom she has come into contact.

You all must know about Joan's record of service to the W.S.I.S. there is no social function at which she is not present, with her lovely, helpful manner and, usually, with generous representation of her great skill as a cake-baker. A combination of all these qualities has made her a most valuable assistant in the Bazaar restaurant.

But maybe we don't all know that, in addition, Joan is an excellent housekeeper, a fine French scholar (at Hunter College, where she is a senior), and an enthusiastic supporter of Jewish organizations. Beside coming here every Sabbath and on all Holidays, Joan finds time to participate in the Jewish University Club, and the Youth Division of JDC.

GETTING PERSONAL

Last week gifts kept pouring in for our Succah. . . Harry Appel gave a lot of apples for the children. . . Lou G. Siegel gave a generous refill of cake when our supply ran low during the Young Folks' Succoth parties. . . Mr. and Mrs. Morris Steinberg walked into the Synagogue one night, their arms heavily laden with fifteen pounds of cake. Such friends! . . . Among our guests in the Succah were the members of a German refugee congregation in the neighborhood. . .

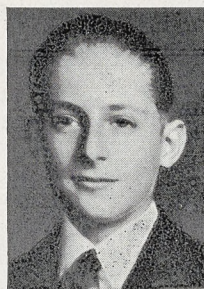
The round of parties that brought the holiday season to a close started on Hoshano Rabo Eve, last Wednesday, when a large group turned out to sample Mrs. Morris Levine's truly luscious herring. . . There was a bottle of schnapps, over which hovered Moe Langer, and even the closest observers couldn't tell whether he was dishing it out or in. . .

Last Thursday, the Rabbi and Mrs. Goldstein held their annual "open house" . . . the walls of their apartment seemed flexible as crowds of men, women, and young folk kept pouring in, and yet everyone seemed comfortable, and perfectly at home. . . Three charming young ladies—Joan Horwitz, Joan Friedman, and Muriel Sanders—made sure no one was neglected. . . The Rabbi, by the way, wants it known that in spite of the elegance and awe-inspiring atmosphere of his new study, all are to feel just as free as ever to come in with their joys and, God forbid, their sorrows. . .

Outstanding treats for epicures at the homes visited after Simchas Torah Services were the gefuellte fish at the Andersons' and the kugel at the Langers' . . .

Saturday afternoon saw a large gathering here for the Chasanim party. . . the only jarring note was the absence of the Chasan Torah, Louis Herman, who was ill. . . We hope his indisposition proves to be very temporary. Most gratifying was

TWIN BAR MITZVAH



MARVIN and SHERWIN
HIRSCHHORN

Tomorrow, Saturday, October 14, will mark the Bar Mitzvah of Sherwin and Marvin Hirschhorn, twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Hirschhorn, of 115 Central Park West. Heartiest congratulations to the proud parents. May their fine sons continue to be a source of pride and joy.

the willingness of everybody to pitch in and help with the serving. . . As usual the women were on the job, especially the following: the Mesdames Applebaum, Bendheim, Herbert S. Goldstein, Greenstein, M. Horwitz, Langer, Lauer, Lifschitz, Morris, Siegel, and Ward. . . The Scouts, represented by Commissioner Danny Weiss, Morton Langer, and Norman Friedman, pitched in as usual. . .

A wealth of oratorical talent was displayed last week. . . Our President, Lester Udell, delivered a talk Saturday afternoon that was notable for its sincerity and spirituality. . . Sam W. Siegel preached a very appropriate sermon for Simchas Torah. . . Cantor Yavneh came in for a little competition when Moe Langer assumed the role of Simchas Torah Chazan. . . Speakers at the Chasanim party included Dorothy Anderson, and the Breitbarts, father and son. . .

Revelation: Not till the other day did we know that Joe Anderson

comes of Rabbinical stock; his father was a Rabbi in Southern United States. . .

The following have moved; good luck to them in their new homes: Mr. and Mrs. William Edelson; Dr. and Mrs. Eliasberg and Mrs. Bernard Rothblatt; Hank Epstein; Mr. and Mrs. Max Frank; and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kaplan. . .

Incidental intelligence: Jane Udell Friedman, gushing over Harold Kaplan's stentorian skill as a page-caller, told him: "Some day you'll call out the pages and I'll think it's my lucky number and call out, 'Bingo!'" . . . A refugee guest asked one of our ushers in Shule last Friday if all the Jews in America are as sociable as we are. . .

Among recent callers in our office were Mr. Isadore Koss, of Seattle, Washington, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lecash, of London, who praised our Services. . . The Simon brothers (seven of them), sons of the late Sol Simon, became members of our Synagogue. . . We forgot to mention last week our gratitude for the splendid service rendered by Mr. Moses J. Berlin, who took Joe Settel's place as usher. . . The Women's League welcomed recently two new members—Mrs. Jacob Jay Ulman and Mrs. Jess Ward. . .

Two of our active friends met with accidents last week—Mrs. Sam Michael and Mrs. Aaron Wartels. ---We hope they will soon be with us again. . . We wish a speedy and complete recovery to our Director, Mr. C. Joshua Epstein, who has been ill. . . And oh, how we have missed the charming presence of Mrs. Morris Jablow; May she soon rejoin us. . .

Lois Jane Ullman, youngest offspring of Dave and Claire, is two years old. . . How time flies! . . .

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