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WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE CONTINUES

The forthcoming Membership Tea, Mah-Jong and Bridge of our Women's League, scheduled for Monday afternoon, March 4, at our building, promises to be a great success.

Every effort is being exerted to reach the goal of 50 new members in honor of Rabbi Goldstein's 50th birthday.

The following enthusiastic and capable committee have pledged themselves to give undivided attention to the comfort of our guests: Mrs. Max Frank and Mrs. Louis Davis, Co-Chairman; Mrs. Moses Langer, Treasurer; Miss Bessie Abrams and Mesdames: Hattie Davis, David Elfenbein, Herbert A. Gosset, Maurice Greenstein, Morris Jablow, George L. Livingston, Herman Livingston, David L. Messing, Meyer Pargament, Morris Steinberg and Harry Ward.

Tickets are One Dollar, but any woman who joins the Women's League on or before March 4th, will be its guest.

MEN'S CLUB CORNER

At the next meeting of the Men's Club, on Wednesday evening March 13, there will be a symposium on a timely topic, presenting two distinguished speakers. At a recent meeting, plans were made for a Purim Supper Dance on Saturday night, March 23, at our Social Hall. The evening's enjoyment will also include Mah-Jong and Card Playing. A large committee has been appointed and are enthusiastically making preparations.

The Club is now presenting to each Bar-Mitzvah boy a copy of a Bar-Mitzvah manual written by the late Rabbi H. Pereira Mendes. The first presentation was made last Saturday morning. This is one of the many things the Club plans to do towards fostering Orthodoxy among Jewish Youth.

The committee on Inter-Faith movements has been authorized to be in contact with the round table discussions of Jews and Christians, in order to find out of what service the Men's Club can be in such a movement.

RABBI CARLEBACH IS MONDAY'S BIBLE CLASS GUEST SPEAKER

Rabbi Naphtali Carlebach, until recently Chief Rabbi of Baden, will be the guest speaker following Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class on Monday evening, February 26, at 8:30 P. M.

Rabbi Carlebach is a scion of a well known Rabbinical family, in which there were eight brothers, five of whom were Chief Rabbis in many of Germany's important cities.

He received his Rabbinic and Talmudic training at the Hildesheimer Seminary, under the late Professor David Hoffman. He is also a graduate of the University of Berlin and obtained his Doctorate from the University of Leipzig.



During the five years he spent in Leipzig, he and his brother, who was Chief Rabbi of that city, established a day school for Jewish Children. He was then called to Berlin, where for fifteen years, he was Rabbi of the largest congregation. He later accepted a call to Baden where he officiated for five years.

The Rabbi will deliver his address in English. The hosts for the evening will be Mr. and Mrs. Sam Michael.

Youthful Prodigies Thrill Audience

Last Monday evening those who braved the inclement weather to attend Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class and Forum, were amply rewarded by hearing two distinguished youngsters.

Arnold Eidus rendered several musical selections beatifully and artistically. Lawrence E. Freidman spoke on the technical aspects of electricity and sound production, illustrating them by absorbing and novel demonstrations.

The hosts, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Livingston, provided abundant and appetizing refreshments.

ANNUAL DINNER-DANCE SET FOR APRIL 14

Mr. Max E. Sanders, Chairman of our Dinner Committee, is already devoting his energies towards making our Annual Dinner on April 14, 1940 at the Waldorf Astoria an outstanding success. Mr. Morris Levine is in charge of the Souvenir Year Book and requests all our friends to procure advertisements. The rates for ads range from Fifty Dollars a full page to Five Dollars for one sixteenth of a page.

Tickets for the dinner are Twenty-Five Dollars per couple.

Those who attended last year's dinner will recall with great pleasure the wonderful time they had.

FORUM WINS DEBATE BY DEFAULT

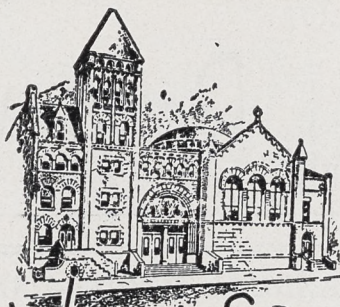
Last Sunday evening the initial debate of the Council tournament was scheduled to have taken place. The contest was to have been between the Junior Council and the Forum on the question, "Resolved: That in the Training of the Jewish Youth for it's life work, the emphasis be placed on the trades and agriculture."

The forensic representatives of the Forum were declared the victors by default. The members of the Forum team are; Irwin Nelson and Larry Wellman.

On March 3, the Senior League will debate the W.S. Junior Hadasah in the second in the series of debates in the competition for the Council debating plaque.

CONDOLENCE

We are profoundly grieved at the passing of our dear co-worker and past president of our Women's League, Mrs. Sam (Lillie) Silver, wife of our worthy director. Her life was replete with service and devotion to Jewry. Her loss will be deeply felt by us as well as the many other organizations to which she devoted her life. We extend our sincerest sympathy to her beloved husband and family.



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EUROPEAN SPRING

Yes, Spring will soon be here,
But not like the Spring of yore,
With buds and birds of cheer,
While lovers each other adore.

A different Spring, we fear.
A tragic one's in store,
A gruesome Spring, this year,
A'crimsoned, drenched with gore.

As the wintry fog grows clear,
Releasing its icy door,
All calm will disappear,
Instead, the fury of war.

And then shall Youth, so dear,
Be shattered, maimed and sore,
And many shall shed a tear,
At the deaths we must deplore.

Pray hard that soon we'll hear,
The era of force is o'er,
That brutality so dear,
Is gone for evermore.

LOVE

"Red Fleet," organ of the Russian Navy, says "our heroic warriors are fighting for the emancipation of the Finnish people," and goes on to add "The Finnish people know and love the Red Army and are awaiting its arrival."

The blood-red hordes have good reason to seek the love of the Finns - for the bombing of hospitals and

civilians, the destruction by fire and sword, the carnage and pillage by Communist civilization.

The Bible has the word for it — "He that covereth a transgression seeketh love."

"POLAND WILL LIVE AGAIN"

Thus exclaimed Paderewski, famed pianist and statesman, upon assuming the presidency of the refugee Polish Republic.

His pious hopes in Paris are fervently seconded here in New York and in every other place, where the love of liberty permeates the air we breathe.

Yes, Poland will live again but without certain excrescences which were dark blots on its national character — without anti-Kashruth laws, without specialized anti-Semitic taxes which enabled fiendish tax collectors to confiscate bedding and dishes of the poor, without phony fiscal laws aimed at jailing poverty stricken Jews who received a few American dollars, — in short, without its cold pogroms.

In some sections of our southland, we have terroristic laws enacted solely to prevent the Negroes from enjoying their civil rights. The same was true in Poland as to the Jews.

Indeed, Paderewski's land must be reborn but without lots of things, and with honor and a decent respect for the rights of all her people.

TWEEDLEDUM - TWEEDLEBEE

The world is in a ferment. Half of it is at war, the other half preparing. Revolt, dissatisfaction, unhappiness, fear, stalk the land.

Instead of concentrating on these problems, too many individuals are engaged in the great pastime of tweedledum - tweedledee.

Merchants and manufacturers of ability and importance devote their energies to be elected vice-presidents of lodges. Capable and brainy ladies cannot make up their minds how to comb their hair. Politicians are afraid to do or not to do this or that, their fetish being votes. Profound scholars get all het up about being photographed giving one another medals. Learned divines most eruditely indulge in inane dissertations on unimportant dogma, the only response to which can be "So what!"

Let us pull ourselves out of all this nonsense. Let the emphasis on the unimportant, the survival of the insignificant, be put out of our lives.

The sage who said "If I didn't have a sense of humor, I don't know how I could tolerate myself all these years," had the right idea.

"AS
R'CHASH
SEES
IT"



THE 11th COMMANDMENT

By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

The 11th Commandment is a negative one, forbidding us to have chometz or leaven in our domain during all the days of Passover, for it is written in the Bible (Exodus, Chapter 12, verse 19) "Leaven shall not be found in your houses for seven days." Our rabbis have explained this to mean not only our houses, but also our possessions.

The purpose of this commandment is to remind us of the miracle of the exodus from Egypt, namely that we left Egypt in great haste, and we had no time to tarry or wait until the dough had leavened, as it is written in Exodus, Chapter 12, verse 39, "And they baked unleavened cakes out of the dough, because they were thrust out of Egypt and could not tarry."

If one gave his chometz (to be stored for a period of time covering the Passover holiday), in the hands of another person or others gave their chometz to be stored in his domain, both violate this command. The owner must sell the chometz, and the bailee must transfer his responsibility to a Gentile. If one transgresses this commandment by purchasing chometz on Passover, he has violated thereby two commandments, namely, not to see and not to have any chometz on Passover, and is punished by stripes.

Punishment by stripes is administered only in the case of the violation of a negative commandment. The violation of the commandment must be accompanied by an action on the part of the law-breaker. This is in contradistinction to one who allows his chometz to remain in his house during Passover, (without selling it). Although he has violated the commandment (not to have chometz in his possession on Passover) nevertheless, he does not receive stripes. In other words, the law is

לאו שאין בו מעשה אין לוקין עליו

"A negative commandment the violation of which, is not done by an act, is not punishable by stripes."

CLUB NOTES

Last Wednesday evening, February 21, the **West Side Junior Hadassah** had a most successful dance. The Junior Hadassah meets at our building on the first and third Tuesday night of every month.

On Saturday evening, February 24, the **Junior Council** will give a Leap Year Dance, to the music of an excellent swing orchestra. All members and friends are urged to attend and have a swell evening.

The **Alumni Association** of the W. S.I.S. has re-arranged its program for the remainder of the season. Starting Saturday, February 24, the club will discuss great world personalities. Each week the group will dwell on a different great individual, his life, works and contribution to mankind. All boys of post Bar-Mitzvah age are cordially invited to attend. The meeting starts promptly at 7:45. The president of the group is Lawrence Rosan.

Belated thanks to Larry Wellman of the Forum for his help at the Council Shipboard Dance.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK . . .

Saturday, February 24:

Young Folk's Round Table 4:30
Alumni of the W.S.I.S. 7:45

Sunday, February 25:

Senior League 8:30
Forum 8:30
Junior Council 8:30
Young Folk's League 8:30

Monday, February 26:

Adult Elementary Hebrew Class 1:30
Women's League, Bible Class 2:30
Brownie Pack 4:00
Girl Scouts 7:30
Bible Class and Forum 8:30

Tuesday, February 27:

Boy Scouts 7:45

Wednesday, February 28:

Women's Public Speaking Class 10:00 A.M.

Jewish Youth League 8:30

Thursday, February 29:

Chazonim Club 6:00
Habonoth 7:30
Cub Pack 7:30
Sea Scouts 8:00

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YOUNG FOLK'S ROUND TABLE

The hostess for the Social Hour following tomorrow afternoon's meeting of the Young Folk's Round Table will be Muriel V. Margareten.

Those participating in the Young Folk's Mincha Service will be the following: Speaker, Buddy Udell; Reader of the Torah, Ira Bernstein; Reader of the Service, Buddy Friedman.

OUR BRETHREN THE WORLD OVER

Last week several hundred delegates assembled at the Hotel Commodore to attend the conference of New York Hadassah. At a luncheon, Dr. Alexander Dushkin, Director of the Jewish Education Committee of New York, spoke on the individual responsibility of American Jews to foster a "sound and lasting program of Jewish survival, based upon the recognition of rights of all minorities, in this and other countries."

Joseph Baratz, founder of the Daganian Colony, declared that the government can do a great deal to help an Arab-Jewish rapprochement. Baratz stressed that life in Palestine was generally quieter than at any time since the outbreak of the disorders in 1936.

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OUR SUCCESSORS-TO-BE



NATHANIEL CARMEN

It hasn't taken Nat long to become an active member of the W.S.I.S. family. In November 1939, he joined the Senior League and, immediately thereafter, he was selected to represent his organization on the Governing Board of the Council. He has since been appointed Scoutmaster of the Synagogue Boy Scout Troop and all agree that he is doing a fine job.

Nat is a graduate of St. Johns University and of the New York University School of Law. He is now dividing his attention between the practice of law and W.S.I.S. activities. Well-liked, reliable and a hard worker, it is no wonder that Nat is both a fine lawyer and a leader in community affairs.

We feel comforted to know that Nathaniel Carmen is one of our "SUCCESSORS-TO-BE".

GETTING PERSONAL

One of our friends who recently celebrated a Silver Anniversary, received the following appeal, for a \$5 contribution, from up north: "Now that your hair has turned to silver and your teeth to Gold, please kick in a finfer, for an orphanage that's cold." . . . Sam Michael is strutting something awful, a thumb stuck in each arm pit of his vest, cock o' the walk. Each of his two daughter-in-laws has presented him with a granddaughter. Boy, oh boy! what an elaborate party he will throw next Monday night after the Bible Class! Come hungry and thirsty. Mrs. Michael, with becoming grandmotherly modesty is getting ready for much supervision. . . We object to the illness of Mrs. Sam Siegel and Mrs. Ben Spanbock. Hurry up girls get well and busy. . . With Herb Gosset's Men's Club presenting a Bar-Mitzvah manual and the Women's League a Bible, to each "No-wiyamma Jew" our youngsters certainly start off their emancipation as full fledged members of the Chosen People, properly fortified spiritually. . . Among the Bar-Mitzvah guests last week, were Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Greenberg and their pretty Naomi; also Mrs. Krieger, her daughter Augusta and Son Sam. . . Dr. Greenberg is the distinguished, psalm-singing dentist. . . Ma Annie Mirken, the hundred per center, missed up a per cent last Saturday. Hope she is well enough soon, to attend and maintain her average. . . Dignified Bill Bassar prayed with us. Glad to see yer. . . From the Rabbi's mail bag: "Ever and anon, when I am in the neighborhood, I love to join in your synagogue for Mincha and Marviv. It is very refreshing to be in your House of God" . . . Another welcome visitor at services was Mrs. Hyman Blotnick of South Africa, the former Eva Stein. How about a contribution of diamonds, Eva? We'll even take it in ostriche's. . . Morton Langer had a birthday which means old man Moe is also a year older, Congratulations. . . We once again wish a speedy recovery to Mrs. Leo Applebaum. . . Welcome home from Florida to Mrs. Anna Gross, mother of the "House of Gross" . . . Too bad, Mrs. I. Freidman could not share in the Simcha of her nephew last Saturday. We wish her daughter a speedy recovery. . . We also wish a speedy recovery to Dr. Settler and to Estelle Jablow. . . We are all glad to see Mollie Gerstein back in the office. Take it easy on that foot of yours. . . Anyway, Morris Levenson looks swell.

THIS AND THAT



PILLAR OF HOPE

By RABBI EMANUEL L. LIFSCHITZ

The last seven years have left millions of European Jews crushed, broken and in a state of utter despair. The tragedy lay in the fact that they have no choice - but are simply ground under without a fair chance to display the courage of men in self-defense.

Nevertheless there is one corner of the earth where Jewry lives with an intense feeling of security and a courageous abandon - that is Eretz Israel.

Whatever may be the difficulties with the Arabs and the British, there we are still charting our own course of action, statesman like and enjoying the elementary rights of human beings. There Jewry is not given to a sense of defeatism and helplessness, but rather to self-mastery and triumphant achievement.

Building Eretz Israel has returned the Jew to the soil from which repressive decrees have excluded him during his many years of wandering, denying him the right to own and cultivate it. Today he is intimately identified with the soil and has learned to defend it.

Hundreds and thousands of refugees are daily streaming into Palestine, there to find peace, security and an opportunity to live decently.

Palestine is uniting and fusing into one the scattered remnants of the children of Israel by breaking down the artificial social and economic barriers created by life in the Galuth.

Palestine is creating a new and rich civilization wherein Jewry is finding its soul by living on its own soil. There Jewry lives and creates life with a song in its heart. Those affiliated with Palestine's redemption and reconstruction are rewarded with a sense of well-being because they are participating in the spiritual, cultural and economic fulfillment of the Jew in the land of our fathers.

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening 5:26

Weekly Portion - KI-SISO

Friday Evening Service 5:35

Saturday Morning Service 9:00

Junior Congregation 10:00

Rabbi Hurwitz's Class in Talmud 4:00

Mincha Service 5:15

Sunday Morning Service 6:45; 7:45; 8:45

Wednesday Night, Rabbi Hurwitz's Class in Talmud 8:30

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