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THIRD ANNUAL DINNER-DANCE

Our third annual dinner is scheduled for April 14, 1940 at the Waldorf Astoria. The affair promises to be another W.S.I.S. success. Mr. Max E. Sanders, Chairman of our Dinner Committee, is looking forward to making this function the best that we have ever held. Tickets are Twenty-Five Dollars per couple.

Mrs. David H. Ullman, who has been appointed Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, promises to provide excellent talent. Mr. Harry Appel is Chairman of the Arrangement Committee and will bend every effort to perfect the evening.



Mr. Morris Levine, Chairman of the Souvenir Year Book, is asking all of our friends to help him procure advertisements. The rates for advertisements are from Fifty Dollars a full page to Five Dollars for one-sixteenth of a page.

Do your share by making reservations now, and obtaining advertisements.

MEN'S CLUB NEWS

The next meeting of the Men's Club will be held on Wednesday evening March 13, 1940. The discussion for the evening will be the Chain Store Problem. The speakers for the evening will be Mr. Godfrey Le Barr, Editor of Chain Store Age, and another speaker who will defend the independent stores. The second speaker will be announced next week.

On Saturday evening, March 23, the club will hold a Purim Festival. Midnight Supper. Dancing and card playing will be included in the evening's fun. The price of tickets are One Dollar, and they may be obtained from either the Men's Club or the office.

BIBLE CLASS GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. Irving Davidson, noted attorney and recognized authority on Jewish wit and humor, will be the guest speaker at the Forum following Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class next Monday night. Mr. Davidson will speak on "Contemporary Jewish Wit and Humor."



IRVING DAVIDSON

Irving Davidson is a member of the New York Bar. He entered the Law School of Fordham University upon graduation from the College of the City of New York. He is known for his lectures on "Jewish Historical Oddities." Author of many articles in Jewish publications, Mr. Davidson is now completing a manuscript on "Jewish Humor." His witty stories on Jewish life have been enthusiastically received by many large audiences.

Rabbi Carlebach's Address

At the Bible Class and Forum last Monday evening, Rabbi Carlebach delivered a masterly address on "Laws Governing War in the Bible." He explained in detail and with many interesting illustrations the various laws and references in the Bible governing war.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Michael were the hosts of the evening in honor of their new grandchildren, and provided elaborate refreshments.

MEMBERSHIP TEA, MAH-JONG AND BRIDGE, MARCH 4

Women's League Drive

Reaches Grand Finale

At the meeting of the Women's League last Monday afternoon, Mrs. Max Frank, Chairman of our Membership Tea, Mah-Jong and Bridge, reported encouraging progress in the enrollment of new members.

At the meeting a set of resolutions in memory of the late Mrs. Samuel Silver, Honorary President, were passed and recorded in the Minutes.

The hostesses for that afternoon were Mrs. Morris Jablow and Mrs. Nat Trotzky.

The following women (including some of our prize bakers) have generously volunteered to provide cake for the Membership Tea; Miss Bessie Abrams, Mesdames Joseph Anderson, Hattie Davis, Max Frank, Herbert S. Goldstein, Maurice Greenstein, Moses Langer, George L. Livingston, Herman Livingston, David L. Messing, Annie R. Morris, Meyer L. Pargament and Max E. Sanders.

The admission charge to the Membership Tea is One Dollar.

Help us reach the goal of 50 new members this month in honor of Rabbi Goldstein's 50th birthday.

Our Women's League is composed of a fine group providing social, cultural and spiritual opportunities.

YOUNG FOLK'S ROUND TABLE

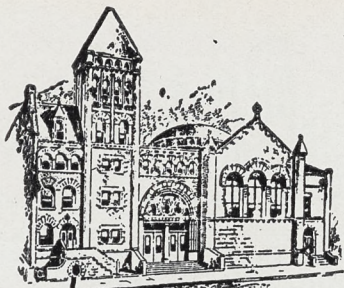
At tomorrow's social hour, following the Round Table Discussion, Miss Muriel Livingston will be the hostess. The group will meet at 4:30 P. M.

The following will participate in the Young Folk's Mincha Service tomorrow afternoon: Speaker, Seymour Reichlin; Reader of the Service, Charles Bendheim; Reader of the Torah, Abraham Goodstein.

UNVEILING

Last Sunday morning, a host of relatives and friends of Henry L. Kessler and his two daughters, Ruth Toch and Leona, gathered to pay tribute to the memory of Chia Ethel Kessler, mother of Mr. Kessler, and Bertha Kessler, his late wife.

A bronze plaque was unveiled in our daily synagogue to the memory of these two noble souls.



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HANGING FROM HIS NECK

Coleridge's Ancient Mariner, with the slain albatross hanging from his neck, felt the urge to go on and on, perpetually explaining and apologizing.

Likewise, Lindbergh, with his neck supporting the medal of blood and misery bestowed upon him by grateful Nazis, feels impelled to go on and on, doing his feeble bit to set the world right on Hitlerian aspirations.

In the March "Atlantic Monthly", he urges that Germany should share "influence and empire" with England and France. "Measured by their own standards of to-day, or their enemies' standards of yesterday and to-morrow", he adds, "the Germans are as much in the right as the English and French."

Accordingly, to him, the brutality and beastliness of Nazism are standards for the measuring of right, standards which he predicts for England and France of to-morrow.

With bland indifference to all that has happened, he says that the Germans "claim the right of an able and virile nation to expand — to conquer territory and influence by force of arms."

Lindbergh, if your logic, however brutal, is true, why was it not just as logical for the able and virile

Hauptman, by stealing your child, to expand his wealth at your expense, just as your German friends have done in countless instances?

Murder, kidnapping, confiscation, ransom, all have been the German way of recent history. Why is it not just as logical for the individual as for a nation to expand by force and conquest.

GOING TOO FAR

The professors who prowl about in ancient places, armed with pick and shovel, happily digging up prominent personages of the great past, are going a bit too far.

The latest accomplishment is the alleged discovery by Professor Montet of the University of Strasbourg, of the tomb of King Psusennes of Egypt, said to be a father-in-law of King Solomon.

Now, professor, before you get really started, please bear in mind the great number of fathers-in-law, mothers-in-law and even wives King Solomon had. Be reasonable and do not bring them all to light.

We weaklings of this modern age, who timidly cope with the problem of one father-in-law, one mother-in-law and one wife, do not want to be shown up by too much emphasis on what has long since become accepted as a bit of ancient heroism.

DRINKING AND VITAMINS

Our Irish friends have always looked down upon us Jews as poor drinkers. Maybe the accusation is true of our modern, strong, muscular and athletic youngsters, who go blotto on one sip, but it certainly was not true of our old timers, the frail, bent, wizened fellows of the last generation. They could drink, indeed.

And what? Why the ordinary beverages of our ancestors would bring tears to the eyes, burn out the heart and the gizzard of the strongest drinker of to-day. Rye, scotch, gin were only fit to be chasers to the T. N. T. schnapps like molten lava, that our forefathers would gulp down, followed by a choice morsel of herring as a chaser.

This week, Professor Joliffe, at N. Y. U. Medical School explained that we are poor drinkers because our food is deficient in B vitamins whereas our ancestors ate simpler foods, full of the precious vitamins. Hence, they could take it when it came to liquor.

Is it not time the women realized the poor food they give us? Back to the simpler and vitamin B foods. Viva herring and more serious drinking.

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THE TWELFTH, THIRTEENTH, & FOURTEENTH COMMANDMENTS

By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

The 12th Commandment prohibits eating food on Passover which, though not completely chometz, is a mixture of leavened and unleavened food. The Bible in Exodus, Chapter 12, verse 20, says כל מחמץ לא תאכלו "Ye shall eat nothing leavened."

The Bible has anticipated by three thousand years our Modern Pure Food Laws, which are intended to prevent food adulterations. In the Talmud and Gaonic literature, the whole question of the effect of food adulterants as it relates to Kasherus is discussed in great detail.

The 13th Commandment forbids an apostate Jew or an idolator to eat of the Pascal offering, for it is written in Exodus, Chapter 12, verse 43, כל בן נכר לא יאכל בו "No alien shall eat thereof." The word "alien" refers to one who has estranged himself from Judaism, or one who embraces idolatry. The Pascal Lamb was offered as an evidence of our trust in God, and our willingness to accept the Torah. Therefore, it is logical that one who disbelieves all this should not be eating the Pascal Lamb.

The 14th Commandment forbids our giving a stranger and a foreigner, the Pascal Lamb, as a meal, for it is written in Exodus, Chapter 12, verse 45, "A stranger (ger) and a foreigner (toshav) shall not eat thereof". A foreigner means one who has accepted only the 7 Noachian laws, and a stranger, is a gentile who was circumcized but who did not take the ritual bath for admission into the faith.

The Pascal Lamb was offered as a memorial of our entrance into the true covenant with God. Therefore, it is fitting that only those who have come completely into the faith should participate in the Pascal offering.

The 13th and 14th commandments refer only to Temple times as it was only then, that the Pascal Lamb was offered.

THE CINEMA

OVERTURE TO GLORY

with **Moishe Oysher** at the
Cameo Theatre, 42 St. West of B'way
By **DANIEL WEISS**

In line with its policy of presenting Yiddish films, the Cameo Theatre has chosen "Overture to Glory" as its current feature.

In brief, the story of "Overture to Glory" is that of a young cantor in the synagogue at Vilna who possesses a marvelous voice which wins for him a place in the Polish opera house at Warsaw. Inebriated with the thought of singing music like that of Beethoven and Chopin instead of the liturgical chant of his predecessors, the cantor foresees his family to sing in opera.

In Warsaw he brings credit upon himself as the leading singer in an opera which was inspired by his glorious voice. Before attending the rehearsal of a new opera, he is filled with a longing and a desire once again to pray in the synagogue, with a talith wrapped around him. This he does, and feels a longing to return to his home and family but is persuaded to remain. In the meantime, his only son dies and his father-in-law comes to tell him that God has punished him for his desertion. He suffers a nervous collapse and wanders through streets and fields, finally arriving in Vilna on the eve of the Day of Atonement. He walks into the synagogue, hears the cantor chanting "Kol Nidre" and takes up the chant in the middle, finishes with the choir, and dies in the synagogue, an atonement for his sins.

The old traditional melodies, "Hini," "Anenu," and "Kol Nidre" are masterfully sung by Moishe Oysher. Unfortunately, however, as is true in most foreign language films, there is a poor coordination of the sound track with the action, which detracts, however minutely, from the enjoyment of the picture. In the supporting cast is Helen Beverly, Florence Weiss, and Lazar Freed.

Taken as a whole, "Overture to Glory" is an entertaining and interesting picture which is worth seeing.

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Friday Evening Service 5:40

Saturday Morning Service 9:00

Junior Congregation 10:00

Rabbi Hurwitz's Class in Talmud 4:15

Mincha Service 5:30

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

Wednesday Night, Rabbi Hurwitz's

Class in Talmud 8:30

Daily Services:

Mornings 6:45; 7:45; 8:15

Mincha 5:40

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the Mishnah by Rabbi Goldstein

CLUB NOTES

The **Girl Scout Troop No. 62** are now embarking on a money raising campaign, to purchase a troop flag.

On Saturday Evening, March 2, the **Alumni Association** of the W.S. I.S. will begin its discussion of Great World Personalities. Irwin Lighterman will speak on the life and works of Leonardo Da Vinci. The meeting will start promptly at 7:45. All boys of post-Bar-Mitzvah age are cordially invited.

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

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OUR SUCCESSORS TO BE



ANITA COHEN

Anita is another newcomer to our group of active young folks. We first met her when the West Side Junior Hadassah became associated with our building in the Fall of last year. She is Membership Chairman and Governing Board representative of that organization in addition to being the Secretary of the Council.

Though Anita has many demands on her time, both the Junior Hadassah and the Council know her to be an energetic, efficient and reliable worker. Her extensive activity is all the more noteworthy for the reason that she holds a full time position in an advertising agency and attends business school a few evenings each week.

We thank Junior Hadassah for having brought Anita Cohen to us.

GETTING PERSONAL

This week's big news — the Silver Anniversary of Rabbi and Mrs. Goldstein. In honor of the occasion, the Editor requests all to attend next Monday evening's Bible Class and Forum, wearing a white flower and silver leaves. Good luck to both, and not forgetting that the Rebbetzin has a birthday now. . . Also, congratulations to Harry and Lena Ward on their Tenth Anniversary. Get well Lena and join us in celebrating. . . Also, here's to Morris and Jennie Jablow's Anniversary. . . Speaking of operations, Dorothy Anderson looked her usual, charming self at Shule last Saturday. . . Our young folks are making our Sabbath morning and P. M. services fuller and fuller. The bevy of attractive feminine devotees included Muriel V. Margareten, Barbara Sanders who is catching up to sister Muriel, Betty Adler of Baltimore, Joan Friedman with her out-of-town guests and Bernice Breitbart. Charlie Bendheim was attracted from Philly. . . Buddy Friedman, oozing dignity, substituted for Harold Kaplan as head usher. . . And what a profound message was delivered by Samuel Burstein at the Young Folks Mincha Service. . . Daddy Ben Wohl schepped nachas at the Maftir of his son Joseph. . . The big birthday this week is the arrival at the mature age of one by Simon Edelson, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Breitbart. . . Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Buchsbaum on the marriage of their daughter Shirley to Harold Charles Miller. . . We welcome back, after their illness, Mrs. Annie Mirken, Miss Klein, and Rabbi Lifschitz. . . Also, the distinguished jurist's mother, Mrs. Annie Levy is well and with us again. Bring your little tachshid Aaron around with you, sometimes, mama. . . We're impatiently waiting to extend the glad hand to our ailing brethren and sister: Mr. Isaac Settel, Dr. Nathan Settel and the eye-pleasing Mrs. Samuel Siegel. . . With regards, we remain, very truly yours for the Dinner for which Gus Roth has already bought and paid for an ad and tickets. . . Thanks for the oranges, Joe. . . A hearty welcome home to Mrs. David H. Ullman and Joseph Settel. . . We have just heard that our good director Moses J. Berlin is ill. We wish him a speedy recovery. . . Birthday greetings to Mrs. S. Bendheim and to Mrs. M. Jablow. . . So long. . .

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HELSINKI TO JERUSALEM

By RABBI EMANUEL L. LIFSCHITZ

The epic struggle of the Finns to safeguard the independence of their native homeland has won our admiration and sympathy, and is daily gaining our increased support. American Finnish citizens, especially, are active in this life and death struggle to preserve their homeland. They are neither ashamed nor afraid to assert their loyalties to their racial and ethnic origins, lest their American patriotism be doubted.

Palestine enjoys a similar relationship to American Israel. It is the land of our fathers. For centuries it has been our dream and hope. Our rights to Palestine were recognized by the nations by the signing of the Balfour Declaration. In this trying and tragic hour of world Israel it is more vital than ever to Jews as a land of refuge. For since 1933 Palestine has absorbed twice as many German refugees as had all the other European countries together.

Yet we wonder why in this hour of Israel's greatest trial the great masses of American Jewry, representing the most important and powerful Jewish community today, are not doing enough to safeguarding and building of the Jewish national homeland. American Jewry grateful for, but nevertheless fresh from its escape from the desolation and woes of the Old European World should rally to the support of the Zionist cause.

Instead we observe an apathetic indifference on the part of the elders and thus little or no concern on the part of our youth; while the herculean task of safeguarding Israel's homeland is left to a pitiful few.

Let it then be understood that by participating in the restoration and rebuilding of Eretz Israel we do not diminish our American loyalties but rather are giving deeper expression to those ideals which symbolize the American heritage. For Americans are all immigrants, all refugees, all who escaped European tyranny dating back to the discovery of this continent. Let us not shirk our duty.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK . . .

Saturday, March 2:

Young Folk's Round Table 4:30
Alumni Association 7:45

Sunday, March 3:

Forum 8:30
Junior Council 8:30
Senior League 8:30

Monday, March 4:

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

Tuesday, March 5:

Boy Scouts 7:45
Junior Hadassah 8:30

Wednesday, March 6:

Women's Public Speaking Class 10:00 A.M.
Jewish Youth League 8:30

Thursday, March 7:

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

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