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WOMEN'S LEAGUE PAYS TRIBUTE TO REBBETZIN

Last Monday afternoon the Women's League payed honor to Mrs Herbert S. Goldstein on the occasion of her Twenty Fifth wedding anniversary. The Women's League presented to Mrs. Goldstein a silver tray. Mrs. David H. Ullman, President, made the presentation.

During the meeting Mrs. Max Frank, Chairman of the Membership Tea, presented a report on the affair. She announced that Twenty seven new members joined during the recent membership drive.

The hostesses for the afternoon were Mrs. David H. Ullman and Mrs. Jack Levine. In addition to the refreshments provided by the hostesses, Mr. Nat Trotzky donated hors d'oeuvres.

COMMUNITY SEDER

The Board of Directors announce that they will again hold a Community Seder at the Hotel Riverside Plaza. The first Seder will be Monday evening April 22. Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein will preside and Cantor Yavneh will sing. The price, \$3.50 per person, will include everything, yarmelke, tips and hat checks. To insure places to our members and worshippers, we urge that reservations be made at once at our office.

Mr. Joseph Settel will be in charge of all arrangements. Judged by his previous accomplishments, the Seders will undoubtedly be memorable.

MEN'S CLUB CORNER

On Saturday evening March 23, the Men's Club will hold its Purim Festival and Supper Dance.

The committee in charge have completed all arrangements. The midnight supper will be served by a well known caterer and an excellent dance orchestra has been engaged. Card playing and Mah-Jong will be included in the evening's fun. Tickets are One Dollar per person and may be obtained from any member of the Men's Club, or from Mr. Jablow at the office.

The Club is proud to announce that they have been fortunate in obtaining Mr. Johannes Steel, well known commentator, as their guest speaker, at the next monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 10.

PROMINENT SCIENTIST GUEST AT FORUM

Monday evening, March 18, following Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class, Mr. Abraham Balfour, distinguished scientist will address the Forum. His subject will be "Science in the Bible". Mr. Balfour will explain the references made to Leprosy in the 13th and 14th Chapters of Leviticus.

Born in Manchester England, in 1892, Mr. Balfour left England with his family at an early age to live in India His mother was a Mohammedan and his father an Episcopalian. Mr. Balfour, at a later age embraced the Jewish faith.

He graduated Kahalsa College, Amrista, India, and returned to England to study at the Universities of Oxford and Edinburgh. In 1920 he went back to India for research work in tropical diseases.

Mr. Balfour accepted an invitation of the Government of Ethiopia to establish a leprosarium at Abbis Aquila. He remained in Ethiopia for 14 years, coming to America after the Italian conquest.

At the present time Mr. Balfour is engaged in research in the field of nutrition.

ENTHUSIASTIC CROWD HEARS PEARL BERNSTEIN

Last Monday evening a large and enthusiastic audience heard an address by Miss Pearl Bernstein. Pearl Bernstein, Administrator of the Board of Higher Education, spoke on the topic "The Jew and Higher Education".

She summarized the contribution of the Jew to higher education and presented the results of a survey of the social, economic and political backgrounds of the students in the New York City Colleges.

YOUNG FOLKS TO CELEBRATE PURIM

The children of our Hebrew School are making plans for a gay Purim celebration. On Sunday March 24, they will present a masquerade and play. There will be games and group singing.

In the evening, the clubs of the Council are going to present a Purim operetta. The audience will sing Purim songs to the tune of many popular Gilbert and Sullivan ballads.

ANNUAL DINNER-DANCE APRIL 14, 1940

The large and enthusiastic committee, headed by Max E. Sanders, is energetically working on plans for our Annual Dinner-Dance, to be held on Sunday, April 14 at the Waldorf Astoria. They urge us to make reservations early. Tickets are Twenty-five Dollars per couple.

Mr. Morris Levine, Chairman of the Souvenir Year Book, is asking for the whole-hearted cooperation of all our friends. With his able leadership, and your cooperation, the Souvenir Year Book, issued in conjunction with our Dinner-Dance, is an assured success.

Harry Appel is Chairman of the Arrangement Committee. We should cooperate with him fully so that his hair shall remain red and not turn to gray.

CHAIRMAN, ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE



MRS. DAVID H. ULLMAN

This year the Entertainment Committee is headed by Mrs. David H. Ullman. She has an extraordinary talent for providing expert talent for your enjoyment.

CLUB NOTES

On Saturday evening, March 16, there will be a Charity Dance in our building for the benefit of the Junior League of Beth Israel Hospital and the Dora Paul Fund for Cancer Research.

On Thursday March 21, Mr. Arthur Hirsch, Commissioner of Cubbing in Manhattan, will address a Parents meeting of the Cub Pack.

The Junior Hadassah will celebrate Purim on Tuesday evening March 19, at which time they will present a play.



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OFFERING HIS LIFE

On Heroes Memorial Day in Berlin, Hitler read a sombre address, in which he most patriotically offered his life for his country. Though the offer was only a rhetorical one and probably made with tongue in cheek, it is about time such a sacrifice, if that is the proper name for it, be made.

To-date, Hitler has sacrificed many lives other than his own; the lives of thousands of persecuted Jews and Christians in Germany and conquered countries; of Czechs and Poles; and not omitting the lives of Roehm and the rest of Hitler's own gang who helped him rise to power, only to be stabbed in the back.

Yes Adolf, do not just talk about sacrificing your life but go ahead and do it, ridding the world, at the same time, of a scourge of filth and beastliness.

THE IDES OF MARCH

The Ides of March are here today. From our high-school years, when we sat overawed with the spirit of foreboding, as we read the soothsayer's solemn warning to Julius Caesar, "Beware the Ides of March," we have never lived through so momentous a time as the present.

"Beware" seems to be the word of the day. On all sides, the world is beset by threats; on the part of

gangsters, national and international; by false prophets stirring up race hatred, false economists stirring up class ill-will, and generally false leadership, seeking to perpetuate itself in power by crushing all opposition.

Sometimes, the unexpected happens. Maybe this is the time. Perhaps, and let us hope so, the Ides of March presage the early re-awakening of the conscience of the world, so that morality, honesty and godliness will again become the basis of human intercourse.

DEMOCRACY and RELIGION

Rabbi Goldstein in his sermon last Saturday morning said in part:

"What is religion's most needed message to the world today? My answer is, "Democracy." Religion and democracy are synonymous. Democracy is a definition of religion. When we think of the fatherhood of God, we must naturally come to the cardinal doctrine of the brotherhood of man. In other words, if we believe in God as the Universal Father of us all, we must believe in our neighbor as part of the common brotherhood of man.

The Bible, in no uncertain terms, lays down the law of the half-shekel, that the rich shall not give more nor the poor less in the membership support of the Tabernacle and the Temple. This is to serve as a religious symbol of the equality of all of us in the eyes of God. The rich are neither an object of contempt nor an object of admiration. They are just on a par with their poor fellow-man.

The law of the half-shekel indicates that every one of us is always to feel spiritually in a fractional state. Materially, we may be satisfied with what we have. We may be complete, whole and contented in whatever fortune we possess, but in the spiritual realm, we are only halves, - fractions, and we may never be satisfied. We must always be weaving the thread of our spiritual picture for eternal destiny. Every spiritual act makes for a religious habit; every religious habit makes for a divine character and every divine character makes for eternal destiny or immortality".

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THE 16th COMMANDMENT

By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

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The 16th Commandment bids us not to break a bone of the meal of the Pascal Lamb, for it is said in Exodus, Chapter 12, verse 46, "Neither shall ye break a bone thereof." Since we became a princely, free people, it ill befits us on the holiday celebrating that event, to grovel with bones and to break them as dogs do. Here we have, first, the evidence of what the rabbis say that "where there is wealth, there should be no sign of poverty." A man who enjoys wealth should not stint in his household expenses, and certainly not in regard to charity. We must not act "small" where we can afford to be liberal. Secondly, we have here a law which raises our status as human beings. The rabbis have always made the point that because God has created us above the beast, we are to indicate the higher kingdom which we enjoy, both by the way we eat and the way we live.

The question may be raised, why do we need all these detailed ceremonies to remind us of the Exodus from Egypt. I wonder if we ever stop to consider that all life is made up largely of ceremony. What is a ceremony? A ceremony is a physical act which expresses a spiritual idea. Let me illustrate. If you meet a lady in the street and raise your hat, this is a ceremony which expresses by the physical act, the spiritual idea of gallantry. When you shake hands with your neighbor, this is a physical act expressing the spiritual idea of friendship. When you salute the flag, this is a ceremony expressing a spiritual idea, namely that of civic loyalty. If we fail to do any of these ceremonies, we would be considered as un gallant, unfriendly and disloyal. It is only when it comes to religion that we balk and speak of "so much ceremony".

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**JEWISH EDUCATION -
A WEAPON OF DEFENSE**

By MORRIS JABLOW

We are constantly assailed by raucous, blatant voices, preaching racial hatreds. In the preachments against Jews, little heed is paid to truth, the theory being that lies uttered often and loud enough will be believed.

One powerful weapon which can be used effectively to refute the many malicious lies, is truth. Unfortunately, we do not always take advantage of that weapon, for the simple reason that many do not have the knowledge necessary to distinguish between truth and falsehood.

To equip our children with that weapon of defense, we should give them a Jewish education, teach them the history of our glorious past and enlighten them on the magnificent contribution made by Jews to civilization and humanity.

If our children do not receive a Jewish education, they stand defenseless before the onslaught of vicious lies. Once we equip them with the weapon of knowledge, they are enabled to meet attacks with courage and conviction.

Knowledge of the truth, acquired through Jewish education will be the means of making our children stand erect. They will become proud of the Jewish blood coursing through their veins, when they learn of the countless numbers of Jews who have devoted their lives and achieved undying fame in the fields of science, art, literature and philanthropy.

YOUNG FOLK'S ROUND TABLE

Miss Miriam Meyers will be the hostess at the Round Table Discussion. At the Mincha Service; Maurice Spanbock, Speaker; Norman Friedman, Reader of the Service and Morton Langer, Reader of the Torah.

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Mincha Service 5:40

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OUR SUCCESSORS TO BE



SEYMOUR BERNSTEIN

With the applause accorded to Miss Pearl Bernstein at the conclusion of her inspiring address of last Monday night still ringing in our ears, we proudly present Seymour, another noteworthy member of the Bernstein family.

A graduate of New York University, and now engaged in the silk business, Seymour, for some years past has been a loyal congregant of our Synagogue.

He was instrumental in the formation of the 76 Club, which has resumed its bimonthly meetings, and is now one of its most active members.

We elect Seymour Bernstein as one of our SUCCESSORS because of his geniality, kindness and willingness to render service.

GETTING PERSONAL

Last Saturday morning seemed like Old Timers' Shabbos. . . the chief representatives of the delegation being Mrs. William Bassler, Mrs. Morris Levinson, Harry Appel, Mr. & Mrs. G. Richard Rubenstein, Mrs. Ben Goldstein and Mrs. Jess Ward. . . The Florida contingent is drifting back. We welcome you all, Martha and Joan Horwitz (looking like sisters) and Mrs. Applebaum. . . the latest members of the hurry-up-and-get-wellers are Sig Bendheim, Maurice Greenstein, Mose Goodman and little Raphael Yavneh. . . Gabriel Goldstein has become a national scientist. He was elected to the Columbia chapter of Sigma Xi, National Scientific Society (Equivalent to Phi Beta Kappa in classical studies). . . Here's to Leona Kessler, Mrs. Gustave Roth and petite Barbara Lucille Kaplan on their birthdays. . . The distinguished counselor, Abe Eisenstadt, has been presented with a son by his charming wife, the former Esther Garfunkel. What law school are you going to send him to, Abe? . . . Rabbi Lifschitz has begun a Saturday afternoon class in Talmud which the young folks seem to be enjoying very much. The only one now who is not giving a class in Talmud is the Editor and he is liable to cut loose any minute. . . Thanks to Mrs. Annie Morris for her obtaining a donation of ping-pong balls, racquets and games for the recreation room. It is rumored that Annie and Bessie Abrams will be matched for the ping-pong championship. . . All the clouds over New York this week were lined with silver as it was the silver anniversary of the Rabbi and the Rebbetzin. Monday night, after the Bible Class, there was a huge celebration in which many participated. The men and women wore white flowers with silver leaves. On Saturday morning, after the services, a surprise dinner was tendered to the Rabbi and the Rebbetzin by the directors and their wives, in the Social Hall of the Synagogue. The dinner was unique. At some dinners, there are no speakers; at others, there are a few speakers. At this one, everybody spoke and the interesting thing is that the others listened and applauded. Bobby Livingston, as a token of the great love and affection of the Congregation for Rabbi and the Rebbetzin, presented the Rebbetzin with a kiss. . . We are happy to report that Mr. Isaac Sattel is feeling fine and is up and around. . . We congratulate Mr. I. M. Blankfort, revered father of our Director, Mr. Henry Blankfort, on his 94th birthday. May God spare him to us for many years.

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BOOK REVIEW

Bible Comments For Home Reading
"Joshua" by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein
Hebrew Publishing Company 1939
By RABBI EMANUEL L. LIFSCHITZ

It has been an age-old tradition in the Jewish home to study the weekly portion of the Torah with the classical commentaries as well as the edifying and illuminating biblical comments contained in the Midrash.

Because of such close attachment to the Bible we, as a people, came to be known as the "people of the book." We developed into a spiritual and God conscious society; a people fortified with faith and quickened by transcending ideals and purposes in life. It was the eternal verities and assurances contained in the Torah that gave courage to Israel to persevere in its mission and destiny notwithstanding the inquisitions, pogroms and perennial exiles suffered.

Yet, with the gradual decline in Hebrew literacy in our day, and despite the access to English translations of the Bible, there appears a considerable decline in the traditional understanding of the Bible. The result has been felt in the diminution of the religious attitude and the spiritual interpretation of life.

Rabbi Goldstein has set himself the task of recapturing and preserving in the English language, the inspiring and sustaining thoughts and interpretations contained in the classical, biblical commentaries.

The first five books of the Bible comprising the Pentateuch were published some time ago. The most recent addition to the series is the Book of Joshua, the first of the early prophetic writings.

Rabbi Goldstein's labors have not been duplicated in the various attempts made by other biblical scholars. We therefore urge our readers and friends to procure the books in order properly to understand the Torah and thus enrich themselves from our abiding spiritual and literary heritage.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION MEET

On Wednesday evening, March 27, the Parents Association will hold their third monthly meeting. A prominent educator has been invited to address the group. Parents are urged to submit questions on problems of Jewish education, so that they may be discussed at the meeting. The hostess for the evening will be Mrs. Herman Livingston.

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