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PURIM CELEBRATIONS THROUGHOUT WEEK

This week, the young folks of our Congregation will celebrate Purim. On Saturday evening, March 23, the Alumni Association will hold a special meeting. Rabbi Abraham Burstein has been invited to speak. Games, songs and refreshments will follow.

The Hebrew school will have its celebration on Sunday morning, March 24. There will be a masquerade, a play, group singing and games. Those participating in the play are: Murray Bender, Ralph Burrock, Sandra Caplan, Wolfe Dow, Arthur Finkelstein, Richard Goldberg, Naomi Goldstein, Ira Jassen, Joseph Tilem and Saul Zaber. Recitations will be given by Cyrille Gell, Jerome and Martin Herman, Gloria Jaffe and Doris Trotzky. Irwin Lighterman, alumnus of our Hebrew School, will present the story of Purim.

In the evening of March 24, the Council will give a Purim operetta. Great preparation has been made and a grand success is expected.

On Tuesday afternoon, between 2 and 5, the Habanoth group will have their Purim party with games, entertainment, refreshments and music. Girls between 14 and 16 are welcome.

YOUNG FOLK'S ROUND TABLE

Tomorrow, the House of Gross, will be the participants in both the Round Table Discussion and the Young Folk's Mincha Service.

Following the discussion Mrs. Jesse Gross and Mrs. N. Gross will act as hostesses.

At the Mincha Service Harold Gross will be the speaker. Reader of Torah, Jesse Gross; and Reader of the Service Nat K. Gross.

MEN'S CLUB PURIM FESTIVAL- SUPPER DANCE

Sat., March 23, 1940 at 9 P.M.

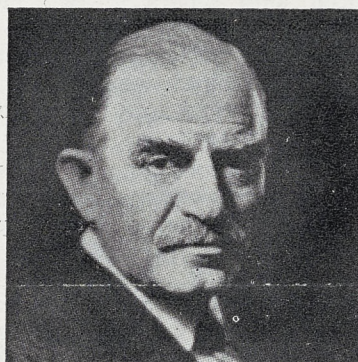
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DR. RATNOFF TO SPEAK MONDAY NIGHT



DR. NATHAN RATNOFF

Dr. Nathan Ratnoff, Medical Director of Beth Israel Hospital, will be the speaker, next Monday evening, following Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class.

Dr. Ratnoff, distinguished physician, throughout his active life has rendered great service to Jewry, particularly in the cause of Zionism. He is President of the American Jewish Physicians Committee of Friends of the Hebrew University; is a member of the Board of Directors of the Medical Center of the Hebrew University and has made frequent trips to Palestine where he is honored as an outstanding leader.

In celebration of his son's wedding, Mr. Max Stavish will be the host for the evening.

MR. BALFOUR SPEAKS AT FORUM

Last Monday night, Mr. Abraham Balfour, prominent scientist addressed the Forum following Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class. Mr. Balfour, who for fourteen years did research work in Ethiopia on tropical diseases, spoke on leprosy. He pointed out that the oil suggested in the Bible as a cure for leprosy is still being used.

COMMUNITY SEDER

Our Congregation Community Family Seders are scheduled for April 22nd and 23rd, in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Riverside Plaza. Rabbi Goldstein will conduct the Seders and Cantor Yavneh will lead in singing the traditional melodies. Reservations at \$3.50 per plate, include all expenses. How about inviting some refugees as your guests?

HARRY APPEL HEADS ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

As another prophetic instance of the assured success of our Dinner-Dance at the Waldorf-Astoria on April 14th, we are happy to announce that Mr. Harry Appel has accepted the Chairmanship of the Arrangements Committee.



HARRY APPEL

Where Harry goes, there walketh successful accomplishment. And that is particularly so when we find him associated with Mr. Morris Levine, Chairman of the Year Book (Friends, Romans, countrymen, give him your ads), Mr. Sam Davis, Chairman of the Reception Committee, Mrs. David H. Ullman, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, and Mr. Max E. Sanders, all-highest, guide, commander, chairman of the works.

SHOMRE HADATH

On Saturday evening, March 30th, the Shomre Hadath will hold a Purim Entertainment at the Community Center, 270 West 89th Street. The proceeds will go to the Employment Service for Sabbath-observing Refugees, conducted in cooperation with Young Israel.

ENGAGEMENT

Our heartiest congratulations go to Mr. George Blumenthal, our ardent co-worker, on the announcement of his engagement to Miss Sara Schwartz.

WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Walters announce the marriage of their daughter, Florence, to Emanuel Stavish, son of Mr. Max Stavish.



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PASSOVER

The traditional season dedicated to the celebration of our ancient deliverance from bondage, will soon be occupying our thoughts. Already, we hear talk at home of Seder arrangements, guests, plans in general. We have grown to accept Passover as the beginning of the seasons of sunshine, when good food and drink and family reunions spread a warmth of fellowship.

However, we must give heed to the shadows of misery that hover over the world and threaten to engulf us all. The Angel of Death passed over our ancestors in Egypt, but he seems not to have been so solicitous of our brethren in Germany, in eastern and in southern Europe. There the toll is frightful. Disfranchised, impoverished, shamed, beaten, maimed or killed, the Children of Israel have not been passed over by suffering and terror. Scattered to the four winds, they are again the wandering tribes, seeking a haven where they can work out their destiny and worship God as free human beings.

Hence, Passover this year takes on a new significance. All our previous feelings of security and stabil-

ity have been shaken. The physical pleasures of Passover must give way to the spiritual. We must think in terms of the future.

All around us are the fallen and we do not know when our turn will come. Would that we could assure our children the comparative peace and opportunity that were afforded to us.

The least we can do, however, is to join with others in two movements: one, to help those who are now the victims; two, aid in averting a catastrophe in which we, ourselves, or our children may become future victims.

The watchword this Passover is "Help." The need is dire. A failure to respond will be at our own peril.

"BUY CHRISTIAN"

From sources we consider reliable, we hear that a very large sum of money has been collected from anti-Semites, to be used in a "Don't Buy Jewish, Buy Christian" drive. Stick-ers, throwaways, so-called newspapers and other publications, as well as different forms of advertising are to be used. The scheme is said to be planned to go into full force around April first.

ALTAR OF INTERNATIONAL SACRIFICE

Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, in his sermon on "Sacrifice" last Saturday morning, said:

"Finland is the modern sacrificial offering on the altar of justice. I pray that the blood of her soldiers has not been spilled in vain. Although Russia has been victorious, Finland serves as a lesson to aggressor nations that a tremendous price, both in prestige and in man-power, will have to be paid for wanton invasion. The Finns, like the modern Maccabees, are a miracle people. Although Finland was outnumbered sixty to one, her losses were less than one-tenth of those of Russia."

"If the Allies had been prepared to match Finland's sacrifices, Russia would have been quickly crushed and then the world's black, haunting phantom, the Nazis, would have lost heart. Instead of puncturing Russia and thereby deflating the pride of Hitler, the Allies did the reverse. It seems that the English policy of faithless safety and time-serving expediency has lost in every step, in the face of faithful heroism and timeless principle. Compromise, all along the line, from Ethiopia to Finland, is dimming England's spiritual vision."

"AS
R'CHASH
SEES
IT"



"THE PASCHAL LAMB." THE 16th COMMANDMENT

By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

The ceremonies of religion are intended as means to an end. They are life's spiritual amenities. They raise us from mortal clay to immortal spirits, from passion to purity, from irresponsibility to duty. Now we can understand why we have the many ceremonies connected with Passover - to remind us that we are to be free men and women, "masters of our fate and captains of our souls." We cannot have too many ceremonies to keep us constantly spiritually fit and to give us the moral fiber and ethical stability that make for religious vitality. The more commandment we follow, the less is our danger of going wrong. The Torah, in view of its very minute and detailed exactions indicates the safe road for every individual to travel.

Some people might say, "I am a good man. I do not need all these commandments." My answer is, "If we allow ourselves merely to come into contact with life without the ennobling influence of religion, life will cause us to compromise, control us and engulf our original good principles with which we started out in our youth." You cannot touch pitch and remain clean. On the other hand, a wicked man who will join a synagogue and then, because of his environment, will attend the synagogue and perform the ceremonies of religion and the practices that the synagogue enjoins, will emerge a better man, charitable and spiritual.

There is a saying that even "rocks can be hollowed by the constant dripping of water. So too will the constant ceremony break into even the hardest heart and influence the meanest person.

These ceremonies as they relate to the story of the Exodus from Egypt are intended to impress upon us our status as Jews, as free men elevated from bondage and idolatry to religious freedom and democracy.

OUR BRETHREN THE WORLD OVER

It was reported in Italy that the Belzer Rebbe, Chassidic spiritual leader and his family have been driven from the city of Belz, Soviet Poland, by Communist youths and have been interned in Brody. The Chassidic Court over which the Rabbi presided was destroyed.

Following the lead of the Swiss Government, the Greek Government has forbidden the importation and public sale of the anti-Hitler book by Herman Rauschnig, former President of the Danzig Senate, published in Europe as "Hitler Told Me" and in America as "The Voice of Destruction." The book contains many conversations between Hitler and Rauschnig.

The National Director of the Friends of Democracy has announced the publication of a 28 page brochure entitled "Father Coughlin: Self-Condemed," which accuses the Detroit priest of provoking anti-Catholic sentiment, "inciting to riot and revolution" over the radio and making "vicious assaults on minority groups."

The United Jewish Appeal announced that they had received a contribution from the Takinis, a tribe of South Dakota Indians who escaped massacre 50 years ago. A letter was forwarded with the contribution with "words of best wishes to you, and your people and your work."

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Mincha Service 5:40

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JUDITH GOLDSTEIN

It was many months ago that we decided to select Judith as one of our outstanding SUCCESSORS. Only the modesty of the Goldstein family which caused it to attempt to withhold from publication Judith's lovely portrait, prevented us from presenting her to you at an earlier date.

Frequenters of Rabbi and Mrs. Goldstein's affairs will heartily concur in our conviction that Judith's ever-present helping hand is one of the reasons for their success. Judith's time and effort are always available to the Synagogue.

We know that Judith embodies the fine characteristics of her family, which fact alone qualifies this gracious and charming young lady for a place of distinction among OUR SUCCESSORS TO BE.

GETTING PERSONAL

At the last Men's Club meeting, Moe Langer delivered some spirited oratory. . . Other fine speakers were Pop Wartels and a promising newcomer, Joseph Young. . . Happy Birthday to Samuel Ward, Vera Frank, Norman Friedman and Max E. Sanders. We still recall last year's party, Max. . . This week's anniversary simchas belong to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Michaels, Mr. and Mrs. David L. Messing, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reichlin and Mr. and Mrs. Max E. Sanders. Max keeps popping up all over this paper, it seems. . . Getting well and well are Mr. Harry Fischel, Mr. Mose Goodman and Dr. Kapner. . . Hang out the "Welcome Home" flags to Hannah Blankfort and son, Dr. Gerald Blankfort, Mrs. Anna Dworkin and Mr. Ben Spanbock. . . Hope to see you soon, too, and quite well, Mrs. Ben Spanbock. . . Harold Wohl sermonized swell last Saturday. . . Sheldon Frankel and Sanford Josephson dropped in at Shule on their visit from out-of-town college. . . Our perennial friend and donor, Professor Martha Stanton of Southern California U., has presented to our Synagogue, a silver pointer for the Torah. Professor, you point in the right direction. . . We welcome our newest member, a senior at Columbia Law School, Mr. Bernard Jacobs. . . An admirer of Miss Muriel V. Margareten, wants us to tell what the V. means. What can V. stand for in a young lady's name? Our reply is:

"Our quizzes and research have ended in Vain.

So try it by guessing again and again.

Maybe it's Venus, Vamp's out of date.

We admit she's Vivacious, a Velvety mate

She'll prove to some Videavake, fortunate male.

So toast her with Vodka, mit Vine or mit ale."

BAR MITZVAH



NATHAN REIFF

The Bar Mitzvah of Nathan Reiff, son of Mrs. Fannie Reiff, of 251 West 89th Street, will be held at our Synagogue tomorrow, Saturday, March 22. Heartiest congratulations.

THIS
AND
THAT



PURIM TODAY HISTORY REPEATED

By RABBI EMANUEL L. LIFSCHITZ

The first time that racial anti-Semitism raised its ugly head to declare that the Jewish people were unlike all others was in the events which led up to the first celebration of Purim. It happened during the first Exile. The Jews lived in the Persian Empire. They were well off, enjoying many social, cultural and political privileges. In return they gave themselves completely to the service of the State and many of them regarded their position there as secure.

How well the Jews had merged with the dominant population may be noted from the fact that the names of both Mordecai and Esther were non-Hebraic.

The well established Jews of ancient Persia were indeed startled when to their amazement they became aware that not only their position, but their very life and liberty were being endangered by the machinations of a political upstart, an underling, one hungry for power - Haman. The latter argued with King Ahasuerus that the Jews were a scattered and homeless people and therefore, "it is not for the king's profit to suffer them." How familiar is the refrain of that accusation today.

Despite that first experience, the Jewish people have ever vainly attempted to integrate and merge all but their faith with the dominant cultures and peoples. But in vain, for always, sooner or later, they were made to be an alien part of the general society.

Anti-Semitism was born with the dissolution of the Jewish State and the subsequent dispersion of the Jewish people as a helpless minority. Because the Jewish people have been without a recognized state of their own, have they ever fallen prey to the needs of demagogues, rabble-rousers or defunct governments.

Anti-Semitism will not cease until a recognized Jewish State is created in Eretz Israel, thus placing the Jewish people on a parity with the peoples of the earth.

RECREATION GROUP

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