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PROBATION OFFICER TO BE

BIBLE CLASS GUEST SPEAKER

Patrick J. Shelly, since 1928 the Chief Probation Officer of the New York City Magistrates' Court, will be the guest speaker following Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class next Monday night, April 1. Mr. Shelly will speak on "The Happy Home," a topic in which he has gained first hand experience as the father of five successful children, as well as in his professional capacity of consultant on family problems.

Mr. Shelly, throughout his brilliant career, has been widely admired for taking a humane, rather than a strictly legal view of the problems encountered in our city's probation work. His observations on home life should be of great interest to all.

CLUB NOTES

A **Conference of West Side Jewish Youth** will be held at our building under the auspices of the **Federation of Jewish Junior Leagues** on Sunday afternoon, April 7. Prominent speakers will take part in panel discussions.

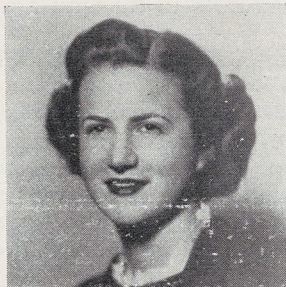
Paid-up members of **Junior Hadasah** will be admitted free to the Membership Dance next Sunday afternoon, March 31, in the Colonial Room of the Park Central Hotel.

Our **Scout Units** will participate in the **Scout-o-rama**, to be held May 17 and 18 at Madison Square Garden. Tickets, priced from fifty cents to \$2.50, may be secured from any of our Scouts or Scout Officers.

MEN'S CLUB CORNER

Fresh from the outstanding success of its Purim Festival and Supper Dance last Saturday night, our Men's Club announces that its next meeting, Wednesday night, April 10, will be an open meeting. All members and friends of our Synagogue, as well as their wives and families, are cordially invited to be present on that evening, when the guest speaker will be that noted and authoritative radio commentator, Johannes Steel.

ENGAGEMENT



MURIEL GERTRUDE SANDERS

Last week's most exciting news was an engagement that will unite two of the most prominent families of our Synagogue. It is that of Muriel Gertrude Sanders, charming daughter of our Vice-President and Mrs. Max E. Sanders, to Dr. Gerald Blankfort, of Little Rock, Arkansas, son of our Director and Mrs. Henry Blankfort.

Muriel, whose presence has lent charm to so many of our social affairs, has attended the Fieldston School and Wells College, and is now a senior at Barnard College. Dr. Blankfort, an alumnus of Franklin and Marshall College and the Medical School of the University of Arkansas, is now an Instructor in Internal Medicine and in charge of the Diabetic Clinic at the latter institution. He is a nephew of our Rabbi Goldstein.

The wedding will take place early in June.

OUR PURIM CELEBRATIONS

Purim was celebrated in an appropriate atmosphere of joy and festivity at our building last Sunday. In the morning, the children of our Talmud Torah joined in a play and masquerade party. The Women's League kindly furnished prizes and provided each child with a huge hamantaschen and a greager, which were presented by Mrs. Sam Davis. The four prizes for the best costumes, went to Saul Zabar, Jerold Kaufman, Rene Katz and Burton Ritter.

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YOUTH WEEK SERMON CONTEST

Winner to take over pulpit
here May 26.

Manuscript Deadline, May 10
(Further details next week)

LESTER UDELL LEADS

DINNER TICKET SALE

FINAL WEEK FOR ADS

Once again our honored President, Lester Udell, has proved his devotion to our cause, this time by leading in the sale of tickets for our Dinner-Dance at the Waldorf-Astoria on April 14. Through the efforts of Mr. Udell and of all our loyal co-workers, the forthcoming big annual af-



LESTER UDELL

fair promises to be the most successful in our history.

Mr. Morris Levine, Chairman of the Souvenir Year Book Committee, announces that only one more week remains in which to secure ads for the annual publication, which will be issued in conjunction with the Dinner. So be sure not to delay, if you can possibly obtain any ads before next week's deadline.

Tickets, priced at \$25 per couple, may be obtained at the office.

COMMUNITY SEDER

Do not delay in making your reservations for our Congregation Community Family Seders, on April 22nd and 23rd at the Hotel Riverside Plaza. Reservations are \$3.50 per plate.

YOUNG FOLK'S ROUND TABLE

Hostess at tomorrow's meeting of the Young Folk's Round Table will be Miss Gertrude Buchsbaum. At the Mincha Service, George Kramer will speak, Gabriel F. Goldstein will read the Service, and Harold Levine will read the Torah.



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"FOR GOD AND COUNTRY"

The world today is little disturbed by morals. The future historian will look back on the last decade as a reversion to the Dark Ages of mankind's moral experience.

Our American slogan, "For God and Country," may well become the new moral maxim for the nations and their peoples. Not "my country, right or wrong," but, "my country, may I help to make her right, with the dicta of God for justice, for love and for brotherhood."

May we, in our own land, realize that today, "for God and Country" should mean the open door to the refugees of all lands who will embrace our form of government. To continue, at this time, the closed door policy, would be to place country above the will of God.

THE WORLD'S HOPE

The United States is the hope of the world. All Europe looks to us for physical sustenance. At this time, we can do something in a practical way to alleviate the suffering of mankind abroad. No person in this country is worthy of being called an American citizen who will not make some contribution to the Red Cross, the Joint Distribution Committee and similar causes. These agencies are humanitarian and are the only ones that can aid the in-

nocent civilians and refugees who are the victims of the violations of international law. If Providence has so willed it that our portion is in the United States of America, let us, by our gifts, show our gratefulness that our "lot has fallen in a pleasant place." Like Joseph in Egypt, who provided grain for the rest of the world, so should we be the food administrators to all who need it.

ARYAN AND HEBRAIC SPIRIT

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

Out of the present-day anti-Semitism, the world will be blessed by a religious revival. Today we have the antagonism between the Aryan spirit and the Hebraic spirit, between Nietzsche, the prophet of the superman, and Moses, the prophet of the humble man. Wherever the spirit of Aryanism enters into a country, namely physical force, there we find invariably the rise of anti-Semitism. On the other hand, wherever the Hebraic spirit is in evidence, as in England or in our own blessed United States, there you will find little of anti-Semitism.

The United States, in particular, was founded on the spirit of the Old Testament. As the late President Coolidge said, in the words of Lecky, "The Hebraic spirit was the mortar that cemented our American democracy." Germany, the prototype of the Nietzschean philosophy, has depended and is now also relying upon force. In the last war, Germany started out to terrorize the world by the power of the superman--mere brutal force. This idol of Nietzsche was broken by the super-power of God, through the spirit of democracy.

Today, in this war, we have again the evidence of the re-birth of the superman through Germany's marvelous, superior military power, striking dread and terror into the hearts of men. However, if we read Scripture aright, and the inexorable lesson of history, we shall be comforted in the thought that "neither might nor power, but the spirit of God," expressed through justice and democracy, shall and must prevail.

CONDOLENCES

We extend heartfelt sympathy to our members, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Katz, upon the death of their beloved daughter, Shirley. Shirley will be missed by a host of friends.

We extend condolences to Mr. Joseph Milgrom upon the death of his beloved wife.

"AS
R'CHASH
SEES
IT"



THE 17th COMMANDMENT

By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

The 17th Commandment states that an uncircumcised person, be he Jew or Gentile, may not eat of the Pascal offering, for it is written in Exodus, Chapter 12, verse 48, "For no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof." As far as a Jew is concerned, this can refer to one whose brothers died because of circumcision. According to our law, if two succeeding brothers have died because of circumcision, the third should not be circumcised. However, he may not eat of the Pascal offering, because he who participates in the Pascal offering must be prepared to, or be capable of shedding his own blood. He may eat, however, of the Matzoh and of the bitter herbs. If one failed to circumcise his children, neither he nor they may participate in the Pascal offering because the parent did not organize his family and his household to be prepared for sacrifice. Accordingly, he has no right to participate in his people's sacrifice.

THE 18th COMMANDMENT

The 18th Commandment bids us to sanctify the first-born, as it is written in Exodus, 13: 2, "Sanctify unto me all the first-born; whatsoever openeth the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and of cattle, is mine." There is no sanctity so far as the beast is concerned. The only animal among the unclean cattle which has been singled out for sanctification is the donkey. It is redeemed, not by sacrifice, but by giving a lamb or sheep in its stead to the Priest. The first-born of the cattle was given as a gift to the Priest, who in turn offered it as a sacrifice. Outside of the Holy Land, the first-born is either sold before it is born, or it is sent out into the field until it receives a permanent blemish so that it will be unfit for sacrifice.

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Friday Evening Service 6:15
Saturday Morning Service 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:00
Rabbi Hurwitz's Class in Talmud 4:30
Mincha Service 6:00
Sunday Morning Services 6:45; 7:45; 8:45
Wednesday Evening,
Rabbi Hurwitz's Class in Talmud 8:30
Daily Services:
Mornings 6:45; 7:45; 8:15
Mincha 6:15
Followed by the Interpretation of
the Mishnah by Rabbi Goldstein

PURIM CELEBRATIONS . . .

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At the All-Club Purim celebration in the evening, club members performed in a hilarious Purim operetta. The cast included Nat Carmen, Frieda Jacobs, Doris Leff, Pearl Lubarsky, Ethel Mack, Sylvia Novis, Ruth Rotherosen and Rivie Samuelson. The accompanist was Mary Lai-ken and the production was under the direction of Adeline Fleischman. Another feature of the evening's programs was the lovely singing of Arlene Carmen.

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OUR SUCCESSORS-TO-BE



HAROLD GROSS

This accomplished young fellow, scion of the prominent and highly respected House of Gross, has been hiding quite a host of talents under a modest, quiet exterior. At the Sabbath afternoon Young Folk's Round Table, which he attends regularly, he has usually been rather retiring. Therefore we were all quite surprised by his eloquent speech at the Mincha Service last Saturday.

Since his graduation from New York University, Harold has proved himself a worthy descendant of his mother, Mrs. Anna Gross, and his late father by becoming actively connected with a host of Jewish welfare organizations in this city and by doing outstanding work in the refugee movement. In his leisure time, he is an enthusiastic sportsman. And our enquiring reporter tells us that Harold is a chef of no mean attainments. It can only be called some young lady's misfortune that Harold is still single.

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GETTING PERSONAL

Birthday department: Two important birthdays fell on the same day last week-- those of Mrs. David L. Messing and Mr. Max Stavish. . . also to be congratulated are Mrs. Henry Blankfort and Mrs. Herbert A. Gossett on their birthdays. . . Last week was "welcome home" week. . . Jack Levine returned from his long trip. . . and among the names we were happy to cross off our sick list were Mrs. Mose Goodman, Mrs. Ben Spanbock and Dr. Zadok Kapner. . . we were also glad to see Mrs. Aaron Goodman, Mrs. Sam Goodman and Mrs. Bernard Berlow, who haven't been around in a long time. . . Mr. Albert H. Cohen proudly brought along his son, Justin, who has just won first prize in a public speaking contest at Mamaronck High School. . . Seen among the Bar Mitzvah guests were Mr. Louis Borgenicht and his four sons, Mr. Mendel Gottesman, Mr. Herman Gottesman and Dr. E. D. Friedman. . . Heard among the guests were: "Isn't this a most beautiful synagogue?" "I never believed here could be so many young people at a synagogue." "I never heard a preacher say so much in so little time as Rabbi Goldstein did" . . . Between the Women's League Bible and the Men's Club Book by Dr. Mendes, the boys who get Bar Mitzvah here certainly start out with the nucleus of a good Jewish library. . . We wish a speedy recovery to Miss Hattie Bloom and Mrs. Julius Resnick. . . Rabbi Goldstein was heard over a nation-wide hookup of NBC last Monday afternoon delivering an inspiring Purim message. . . the House of Gross did a swell job at both the Young Folk's Round Table and Mincha Service last week. . . the Matriarch, Mrs. Anna Gross, dropped in and looked on with justifiable pride.

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By RABBI EMANUEL L. LIFSCHITZ

Many there be today who have become disillusioned with the worthwhileness of living when they view the ghastly spectacle of modern murderous warfare and the cruel suffering of the weak at the hands of the strong. Many there be who are glad to reach their declining years when they see the things for which mankind has struggled for millenia to achieve, namely the worth of individual personality and the opportunity for peace and brotherhood, flagrantly sacrificed to political expediency or selfish economic gain.

During the last century we have made gigantic industrial strides as well as scientific advances. We have so developed the system of administrative control that undreamed of power may come into the hands of an individual.

Indeed, we may well be proud of our accomplishments. But, alas, we have become so overawed by our advances, that we have begun to worship the machine and material advancement as though they were gods. We have become so enslaved to the desire for material success, that we have lost our souls. In the name of the modern Moloch, peoples are at war and the lives of men, women and children are being daily sacrificed.

The false gods have robbed us of a calm, peaceful and harmonious existence, and rewarded us with a life full of challenge, tension, fear and distrust.

If we are to save ourselves from self-annihilation, then we must reaffirm our faith in the God of our fathers, while our guiding principles must be religion, peace, charity, justice and love.

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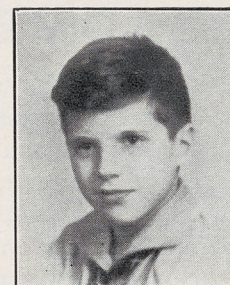
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