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NOTED SPEAKER TO APPEAR AT WOMEN'S OPEN MEETING

At the forthcoming open meeting of our Women's League, Monday afternoon, April 8, the guest will be that prominent lecturer, Mrs. Helen G. Metzler, whose talks on "Books of Quality" and "Plays of Distinction" have captivated audiences in Boston, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Baltimore, as well as in our own city. She will speak on the subject, "Comedy in the Current Theater," including among the plays she will discuss, "The Man Who Came to Dinner," "Life with Father," and "Skylark."

At the social hour which will follow the regular meeting, the hostesses will be Mrs. Joseph Landowne and Mrs. Annie Mirken.

Intensified effort has been planned in connection with the Women's League Scholarship Fund, from which tuition will be paid for needy (Turn to page 6, col. 2)

JOHANNES STEEL TO ADDRESS MEN'S CLUB OPEN MEETING

All members and friends of the W.S.I.S., as well as their wives and families, are cordially invited to be present at the next meeting of our Men's Club, Wednesday night, April 10, when the guest speaker will be the noted radio commentator on foreign affairs, Mr. Johannes Steel.



JOHANNES STEEL,
Noted Radio Commentator

Mr. Steel, who studied world affairs at Heidelberg, Geneva and Oxford, was formerly foreign editor of the New York Post, and is now foreign news analyst for Station WMCA. His books have shown an uncanny accuracy in forecasting future events in international politics. His appearance before our Men's Club promises to be an event of outstanding interest.

BIBLE CLASS GUEST SPEAKER



ARTHUR GARFIELD HAYS,
Prominent Liberal Attorney

As guest speaker at Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class and Forum next Monday night, April 7, Arthur Garfield Hays, widely noted liberal attorney, author and lecturer, will speak on a subject of special timely interest--"The Work of the Dies Committee."

Mr. Hays, a member of the firm, Hays, St. John, Abramson & Shulman, has lent his vast talents and unbounded enthusiasm to a long and illustrious list of liberal causes. Among his notable defenses were those of the American Civil Liberties Union in the anthracite coal strike in Pennsylvania in 1922, of Sacco and Vanzetti in the last days of their memorable case and of John Strachey in his deportation case. He was associated with Clarence Darrow and Dudley Field Malone in the famous Scopes trial in Tennessee.

Hosts for the evening will be Mr. and Mrs. Max E. Sanders, in honor of the recent engagement of their daughter, Muriel, to Dr. Gerald Blankfort.

Bible Class Welcomes Patrick J. Shelly

At last Monday night's Bible Class and Forum, a large audience heard Mr. Patrick J. Shelly, Chief Probation Officer of New York City, deliver an address of outstanding sincerity and spirituality on the subject of "The Happy Home."

(Turn to Page 3, column 3 for excerpts from Mr. Shelly's address.)

Remember our Rummage Sale

When you do your Passover housecleaning, dear reader, do not forget to put aside material for our forthcoming rummage sale. If you have something for us, drop us a card and we shall send for it.

OUR DINNER

PHIL SANDS ORCHESTRA WILL PROVIDE MUSIC FOR APRIL 14 AFFAIR

Committee Asks for Guest Names

Phil Sands, well-known bandleader, and his dance orchestra, which has been heard at outstanding affairs and is now making appearances at the Rainbow Room, will provide the music for our annual Dinner-Dance at the Waldorf-Astoria Monday night, April 14. Our Entertainment Committee, headed by Mrs. David H. Ullman, is to be congratulated upon its choice.

Mr. Max E. Sanders, Chairman of the Dinner Committee, requests that all of our members and friends who have received tickets send us, at their earliest convenience, a list of all those who are going to attend the dinner, so that the Committee can complete the seating arrangements in ample time.

Ad Deadline Monday

Mr. Morris Levine, Chairman of the Souvenir Year Book Committee, urges all of our co-workers to make a last effort to secure ads, so that we can present to our Dinner guests a publication of which we can really be proud. Year Book ads must be turned in by next Monday, April 8.

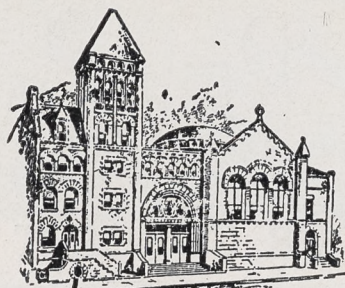
OUR COMMUNITY SEDERS

Only a few weeks remain in which to secure your reservations for our Congregation Community Family Seders, which will be held on April 22 and April 23 in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Riverside Plaza.

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PASSOVER RELIEF

At this season it is customary for all of us to make some contribution toward our Passover Relief Fund, to provide Passover supplies for needy families unable to provide for themselves. All contributions may be mailed to or left at the synagogue office, marked for the Passover Relief Fund.



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POOR CITY COLLEGE

Those of us who would not have received a college education but for C.C.N.Y., regard with great sorrow what has been happening to that grand old institution. Decades ago, when we were students, it was a badge of scholastic honor to be able to say "I am a City College grad." Universities all over the country eagerly welcomed its alumni, who were generally accepted as serious-minded, capable and excellent students.

We boasted of our great alumni. Ira Remsen, president of Johns Hopkins, was a graduate. So was Bernard Baruch. So was Senator Wagner. So were a host of other great and prominent people. But not only they, but also the rank and file of City College boys, reflected glory on the college.

All that is changed today. First the enemies of City College, in the last generation, sought to retard its growth by starving its appropriations. Senator Wagner and Surrogate Foley, then in the State Legislature, prevented the drying up of the financial bloodstream.

Later on, other enemies appeared — more insidious ones. We refer to the curse of Communist propaganda.

Now, let it not be believed that City College, as well as all other colleges, in every age, did not have radicals. Youth itself is radical and given to complaining about existing conditions. That makes for progress.

However, at no previous time were there the organized, vicious, impudent and contemptible propaganda and underhand scheming, so prevalent among a minority group at the college, which group, unfortunately, makes so much noise as to seem to be in great numbers. Gradually, through continuous incitement and excitement, they have given the college a bad name.

In such an atmosphere, we now find a little more fuel added to the conflagration that seems to be bent on destroying the good name of City College. We refer to the ill-considered appointment of Bertrand Russell. Undoubtedly, he is a great mathematician and philosopher. It is just as equally certain that there are many more great mathematicians and philosophers who could just as well have filled the place. After all the job at City College is very attractive, the salary is high compared to what other colleges pay, there is the element of tenure, a pension is provided, so that the job need not go begging. But, some of the ultra, so-called liberal minds in the Board of Higher Education, who have newly emerged from obscurity into the realm of higher education, probably thought it would be smart, Greenwich - Villagy - clever, to recognize Professor Russell. What do they care whether it helps or hurts City College? They are the kind of persons with one idea, and nothing can stop them. We meet that sort right along. They are ready to sit down and argue with every one, to explain that your religion, your idea of home and everything you do, is all wrong. Only they know what ought to be done. The other members of the Board did not know what it was all about.

We do not care a fig about Dr. Russell. We do think, however, that he is quite a bit of a hypocrite when he issues to the newspapers a picture of a charming family scene of himself, his wife and a small child. That is a beautiful picture but it is a strange one in view of Russell's philosophy.

However, we are concerned with our alma mater. We do wish its loyal alumni would get together and put on their heaviest, clumsiest, walking shoes, preparatory to giving certain crack-pots, one good, vehement kick in the pants.

"AS
R'CHASH
SEES
IT"



THE 18th COMMANDMENT

The Law of the First-Born

By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

II

Many are the spiritual lessons we may derive from the law of the first-born. We are commanded to give evidence of the fact that all first-fruits are to be sanctified. If we begin life with the thought that we are going to observe the Sabbath and give charity, for instance, during the rest of our lives, it becomes natural and easy for us to be religious and charitable. The whole of our lives is then made sweet, noble and finer because of the consecration of beginnings.

If, in the life of our children, we plant first the secular training of the public school and the pleasure seeking of the "group" and the summer camp, and leave religious education until the age of eleven or twelve, we will invariably be disappointed in our child. Such a child becomes materialistic, secularistic, pleasure-seeking and selfish. It will be very difficult for it to make a sacrifice for its parents or the community.

The reason for this is apparent. We have sown the seeds of self-indulgence in the formative period of the child's life. It has not been taught the lessons of religion, of sacrifice for God, for parents, for duty and for the community. We give our children a morsel of religious education at the close of their already spoiled childhood and expect it to perform miracles. It cannot be done that way.

I am reminded of the farmer who said, "I will not sow in the Spring. I will wait until August." Yes, in August he found weeds of all kinds; the ground was spoiled. It was too late to do much any longer. So, too, with our children. Their beginnings must be consecrated with religious training, so that they may be strong enough to fight off the weeds of life, of materialism, secularism and pleasure-seeking, as ends in themselves.

OUR BRETHREN THE WORLD OVER

News of appalling conditions in the sanitation and housing facilities in the Jewish reservation at Lublin, has been seeping through the vise of Nazi censorship into the outer world. Even the Nazi Governor of the Lublin reservation has requested that no new deportees from the Reich be sent to the reservation until the housing problem is solved, but only recently a group of 160 Jews was taken from Northern Germany and herded into cattle wagons at the reservation.

Moshe Smilansky, president of the Palestine Farmers' Federation, told a group of Zionist leaders in New York last week that at least another

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening, 6:11
Weekly Portion, TAZARIAH
SHABBOS HACHODESH
Prayers for the New Month, NISAN
Friday Evening Service 6:15
Saturday Morning Service 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:00
Rabbi Hurwitz's Class in Talmud 5:00
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

1,500,000 refugees from Central Europe can be absorbed into the Jewish National Home.

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THE HAPPY HOME

(Excerpts from an address by Mr. Patrick J. Shelly)

There is one thing that stands out as a prime cause of broken homes--a lack of appreciation for the great spiritual aspect of the marriage contract.

A material structure, no matter how elaborate, can never constitute a home. It is rather the result of a love, properly conceived and prudently directed--not love of material things, or even love of physical charms, which, at their best, are passing things, but love of the sterling qualities of character that make for happiness. The keynote of a happy relationship between husband and wife is thorough honesty and fidelity.

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CLUB NOTES

Jewish Youth Conference:

Next Sunday afternoon and evening, April 7, our building will be the scene of a Conference of Jewish Youth, sponsored by the Federation of Jewish Junior Leagues. Representatives of the Jewish youth organizations of this city will meet at 2:30 for the General Assembly, at which the speakers will be our own Rabbi Goldstein and Rabbi David de Sola Pool, of the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue. After the general assembly, the group will attend panel discussions, the topics of which will be: "Vocational Guidance," led by Mr. Louis H. Sobel, Director of the Employment Service of the Federation for the Support of Jewish Charities; "Jews and Christians in our Community," conducted by Mr. Louis Minsky, Associate Editor of the Religious News Service of the National Conference of Jews and Christians; and "Youth and Community Problems," to be led by Mr. Simon Jason, prominent educator.

At a Social Hour that will follow the Seminars, resumes of the discussions will be given.

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The story of Rabbi Solomon Kluger School is old and familiar. It is the story of the noble and never-ceasing struggle of men who strive to nurture within their sons a knowledge of the heritage of Israel, and who also desire to pass that knowledge on to future generations. It is a glorious struggle, for its soldiers are cloaked in the only armor that can withstand successfully the onslaughts of the powers of darkness that threaten the world today; it is the Torah.

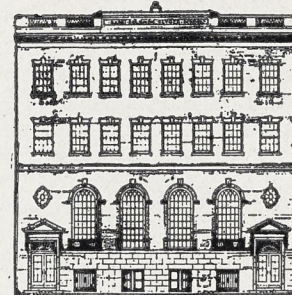
Almost forty years ago, a group of pious men, observing the need of the lower East Side for a Yeshiva, established in a dingy Stanton Street basement the Rabbi Solomon Kluger School. This was the second or third Yeshiva of the city of New York. In selecting a name for the school, these men honored a great Polish Rabbi, whose learning was known and revered all over the world.

The small school grew and needed more ample quarters. It moved, finally, into a building of its own, at 376-80 East Houston Street, where it faces Hamilton Fish Park. In 1925, it provided instruction for more than 600 boys of the East Side.

But this city of ours changes constantly, and the character of its districts is often transformed by wholesale shifts. Many of the well-to-do families whose sons had attended the Yeshiva left for newer sections of the city. Only the poorer families remained. The register showed a serious decline, reaching at last a relatively stable position so that today there are 250 students in the school. Registration, of late, has increased because of the influx of many children of refugee families.

That the Rabbi Solomon Kluger School fills a real need is indisputable. It is interesting to note just what it means to the boys who attend.

The Hebrew Department of the Yeshiva consists of eight classes, each under the guidance of an expert teacher with a rabbinical degree. These teachers have been chosen for their knowledge and for their ability to impart that knowledge to their students. Graduates of Yeshiva are usually accepted into the second-year high school class of



Yeshiva College, a fact which serves as apt commentary upon the quality of the education offered by the Rabbi Solomon Kluger School.

In addition to their Hebrew education, the boys spend three hours a day learning the various subjects of the English curriculum from a faculty of well-equipped, licensed teachers. For the past year, the English Department has run its upper-grade classes on a Junior High School basis, so that the boys may continue their education through the ninth year of school. The task of the English Department has been rendered more difficult by the more than fifty refugee children who need desperately the kindly guidance they receive.

Since so many of the students come from impoverished families, it has been found necessary to provide free lunches for some 150 of them, who flock into the lunchroom each day. There they partake, with hearty appetites, of a meal that always includes a hot dish, bread and butter, milk and fruits.

The long school day of a Yeshiva student lasts from 9 A.M. until 7 P.M. In the two and one-half hours devoted to recreation and meals, however, there is ample opportunity for the boys to indulge in games and play, not in the dangerous city streets, for Hamilton Fish Park is only across the street.

The benevolent men who foster the Rabbi Solomon Kluger School are waging a hard battle, in the face of discouraging obstacles, to continue the invaluable service that the Yeshiva has performed in bringing the best of Hebrew education to boys who would otherwise be unable to afford it. They have honored their task, which is that of leading the sons of Israel along the path of righteous learning.

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THIS AND THAT



A UNIQUE HISTORY

By RABBI EMANUEL L. LIFSCHITZ

The Jewish people have enjoyed an uninterrupted history ranging over a period close to 4,000 years. Standing at the "threshold of history," we were contemporaries of the most ancient Oriental civilizations; we braved life side by side with the ancient Romans and Greeks; and to this day, guided by the Torah, we live as a potent people with a spiritual destiny, participating in the building of the world of tomorrow, a world in which we pray that the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man will be supreme.

Since the destruction of the Second Temple in the year 70 of the common era, we have, during the last 1,800 years, been scattered over the face of the earth, a people with neither a recognized state nor a territory. Nevertheless, we survived as a well-knit group, because we were true to the Torah and to our religious tradition.

Alas, we live in an age of intense and exaggerated nationalism, one in which ethnic and racial identities are greatly emphasized. In the face of the mass dislocations, persecution and suffering, it is only a recognized national homeland that can give dignity and self-respect to harassed Israel.

The Jewish people can no longer be merely a spiritual and religious society, but must take its place among the peoples of the world. However, it should be remembered that prayers alone are insufficient to rebuild a homeland and rehabilitate a people therein. **לִי וְלָכֶם הַנְּחֻלָּה** Israel's redemption is not only the task of God, but it is ours as well. It is therefore incumbent upon fortunate American Israel to do all within its power to help politically as well as materially in the re-establishment of Eretz Israel.

The perennial "L'shono Habo B'Yerushelayim" will soon be fervently recited on the Passover Seder nights. Let us make these words have real significance for our brethren abroad.

Let us rally to the cause of Zion.

CONDOLENCE

We offer our heartfelt sympathy upon the death of Mrs. Nina Weiss, mother of our distinguished member, Dr. Samuel Weiss, and grandmother of our member, Daniel Weiss.

We extend sincere sympathy to N. Sherman Jaffe, a member of our Club Council, upon the loss of his father.

OUR BRETHREN . . .

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Britain, meanwhile, acting under the strict interpretation of the February 28 decree, continues to fight attempts to land Jews in Palestine. Only last week British warships seized a Turkish steamship on the ground that it took 2,000 Jews from a small town in Rumania and landed them secretly in Palestine.

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Friends of Zion throughout the world celebrated last week the fifteenth anniversary of the founding of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. The Hebrew University, which was founded April 1, 1924, with a student body of 64 and a faculty of 30, now has a student body of 1,100, drawn from all parts of the world and a faculty of 140 members, including renowned scholars exiled from Europe.

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OUR SUCCESSORS-TO-BE



ROSALYN SEDWITZ

A worthy member of her family is this lovely daughter of our Director, Mr. Joseph Sedwitz, and our former Women's League Treasurer, Mrs. Joseph Sedwitz. Rosalyn, who is often at Shule and who participates eagerly in our Young Folk's Round Table, is tomorrow's hostess for the Saturday afternoon group.

A graduate of Julia Richman High School and also of business college, Rosalyn also is making her way out in the world, as an energetic and successful book-keeper. Among her widely diverse interests is an enthusiasm for and a deep knowledge of classical music.

Rosalyn has also distinguished herself in Jewish communal affairs. Formerly Treasurer of Junior Mizra-chi, Rosalyn is now Chairman of the Fund-Raising Committee of that organization.

GETTING PERSONAL

We had visitors last week end. . . Marvin Michael, son of our Director and Mrs. Sam Michael was in from Harvard for the weekend, and, of course, a visit to the synagogue was on his program. . . we were also host to Mr. William Weiss, National President of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America. . . the Langers were missed by all-- they were at the Bar Mitzvah of Mrs. Langer's nephew, Maurice Mandelbaum. . . also absent were Mr. and Mrs. Max E. Sanders, who were not well. . . we wish them a speedy recovery. . . in the afternoon, Norman Friedman was a suave and experienced pinch-hitter in reading the Service at the Young People's Mincha. . . We thank, most gratefully, Mr. Alexander Kirsch for his generous gift of glasses and Mrs. Cecile Endel for her donation of doilies. . . Mr. Joseph Shaine, proud parent of last week's Bar Mitzvah boy, not only provided a beautiful Kiddish for the occasion, but also donated cake for our Monday night Social Hour. . . Mrs. H. Reichlin was hostess at a recent Women's League Meeting in honor of her wedding anniversary. . . also due for congratulations on their wedding anniversary are Mr. and Mrs. Sam Siegel. . . Congratulations to Mrs. Harry Appel on her recent birthday. . . here's an apt modern illustration of the old Biblical saw, "And a little child shall lead them." . . Tzitzis are sold to our Talmud Torah children at twenty cents a pair. One of the more zealous little boys approached his mother one day and asked for twenty cents to buy a pair for his negligent daddy. . . Junior Hadassah proudly reports that their own Miriam Winer was chosen to represent Manhattan in the Queen Esther Contest sponsored by the Jewish National Fund. . . it's success all around for Junior Hadassah, for they also report the engagement of their cultural chairman, Adeline Fleischman, to Harry Ricker. . . We are glad to see that some people have been taking ad-

BAR MITZVAH



GIDEON ROSEN

Tomorrow we shall celebrate the Bar Mitzvah of Gideon Rosen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Rosen, of 134 West 93rd Street. Heartiest congratulations to the proud parents and their fine son.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE . . .

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refugee children in our Talmud Torah. Little boxes will be distributed among the members, who will be requested to drop coins therein at any and all times, particularly on special occasions and before the lighting of the candles on Sabbath Eve.

vantage of the Suggestion Box recently installed in our lobby. . . we appreciate the several suggestions received, but are at a loss as to what to do, because all of them have been too general in their reference. . . come on, break down and tell us exactly, specifically what's on your mind, so that we can act on your suggestions. . . The activity of our women in communal work was brought to the fore last week. . . the Conference Committee of National Jewish Women's Organization's, of which our Rebbetzin is President, held its biennial meeting at our building Thursday. . . and through the splendid efforts of Mrs. George L. Livingston, Mrs. Joseph Anderson and Mrs. Joseph Landowne, the women of our congregation were well represented at the Yeshiva College Women's Luncheon at the Hotel Plaza Wednesday. . .

SERMON CONTEST

May 26, the Sabbath during "Youth Week" will be observed in our Synagogue by a special Youth Service, conducted by young people. Those who wish to contend for the privilege of delivering the sermon on that morning, may submit manuscripts of their sermons, which will be judged by a Committee to be announced later. All manuscripts should be submitted by May 10.

Those who would like to participate in the reading of the Service and the Torah should get in touch with Gabriel F. Goldstein by next Friday, April 12.

YOUNG FOLK'S ROUND TABLE

Hostess at tomorrow afternoon's meeting of the Young Folk's Round Table, will be Miss Rosalyn Sedwitz. At the Young Folk's Mincha Service, the speaker will be Daniel Weiss. Simeon H. F. Goldstein will read the Service, and Sidney Silbermar will read the Torah.

CLUB NOTES . . .

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Scout-o-rama:

All three of our Scout units will participate in the Scout-o-rama, an exhibition of Scout Craft and Scouting activities to be held May 17 and 18 in Madison Square Garden. Tickets, priced from fifty cents to \$2.50, may be secured from any Scout or Scout Officer.

leaders. Dr. Abraham Halkin, of Columbia University and Brooklyn College, will give the final address.

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Slivowitz Brandy, Carmel

Cognac & Wines

PROMPT DELIVERIES