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OUR RECREATION GROUPS

Registration is still open for the two baseball teams of our Recreation Department. The children meet with Mr. Albert Lazarus and other members of the staff each afternoon, Monday through Friday, at 3:30. For practice, the two teams will play each other on the baseball diamonds in Riverside Park. Beginning next Wednesday, May 1, our teams will engage other teams in the neighborhood.

Other outdoor activities of the Recreation Group, to which all our children are invited, are volley ball, outdoor ping-pong, and outdoor classes in folk-dancing, led by Miss Jeanette Singer.

The week beginning Monday, May 20, will be set aside as Special Activity Week. At that time, the articles of handicraft made throughout the year by the children will be on display in the Social Hall. Parents and friends of the children will be cordially welcome at the exhibits.

CLUB NOTES

The date of the Novelty Dance of the **Forum**, erroneously announced last week as May 27, will be tomorrow night, April 27 at our building.

The **Jewish Youth League's** next affair will be a "Leap Year" Dance to be held some time in May.

The next affair of the **Senior League**, following its open meeting last Sunday night, will be a Lecture and Dance on Sunday evening, May

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ANNOUNCE JUDGE COMMITTEE FOR "YOUTH WEEK" SERMON

The Sermon Committee, which will act as judge in the sermon contest for the "Youth Week" Service on Saturday morning, May 25, is composed of Lester Udell, Max E. Sanders, Samuel W. Siegel and Rabbi E. L. Lifschitz.

Competition in this contest is open to all young men of our congregation. The manuscripts, which should be unsigned and accompanied by a sealed envelope containing the contestant's name and address, must be submitted by Friday, May 10. The winner will have the privilege

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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



AARON WARTELS

This week the entire congregation joins in celebrating the seventy-first birthday of our popular, amiable and ever-young Vice-President, Aaron (Pop) Wartels. Here's wishing him many more years of good health and good spirits.

YISKOR

"May God remember the soul of and the soul of all my relatives. For that I offer charity for the memorial of their souls."

These are the significant words in the prayer with which we honor the memories of our dear departed at Yiskor Services on the last day of Passover, Tuesday morning, April 30. According to these words, our prayers for the dead may best find concrete expression in charity--help to the living.

For those who would like to mark this occasion by making a contribution to our synagogue, we print the attached form.

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PROFESSOR TUTTLE TO ADDRESS PARENTS' ASSOCIATION MEETING

Professor Harold Saxe Tuttle, of the Education Department of the College of the City of New York, will be the guest speaker at the meeting of our Parents' Association next Wednesday night, May 1, at 8:30. Professor Tuttle, who is widely known for his emphasis on social motivation in his educational theories, will discuss the topic, "Wholesome Backgrounds for Children's Attitudes toward Sex."

Parents of children in our Talmud Torah and Day School are cordially invited to attend this next monthly meeting of our Parents' Association.

Since next Wednesday's meeting is the last of the current season, it will feature the nomination and election of a permanent set of officers.

ENGLISH FOR FOREIGN BORN

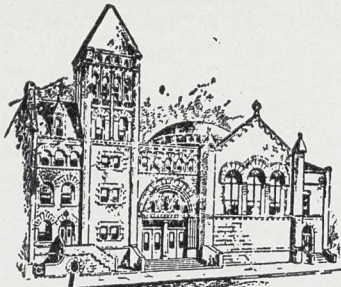
The first meeting of a class in English for Foreign-born will be held at our building on Wednesday night, May 1, at 7:30. Thereafter the classes will meet every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. These classes will be both for beginners and advanced students. Chief emphasis will be placed upon conversation.

OUR COMMUNITY SEDERS

Once more, at our Community Seders in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Riverside Plaza last Monday and Tuesday nights, a large gathering was present to enjoy the impressive ceremonies. Rabbi Goldstein again conducted the services and commented upon the Hagada in a manner that brought out most effectively the spiritual meanings of the Passover lore.

The singing of ancient Passover melodies, led by our golden-voiced Cantor Yavneh, added to the beauty and inspiration of the evening.

Our many friends, who were present on these occasions, were deeply impressed by the atmosphere of dignified festivity, and voiced the hope that we will hold similar Community Seders next year.



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ECHOES

As we read the Hagada, in fact, throughout our Holy Books, we find repeated references to and recitals of the many instances of brutal suffering inflicted upon our ancestors in an effort to make them renounce their ancient faith. The conversion of a single Jew was deemed a great accomplishment, a signal victory.

An outstanding instance in modern history, where the evangelistic urge asserted itself in a particularly heartless manner, was recalled last week, upon the death in Belgium, at the age of 87, of Father Mortara, a Catholic priest.

Member of the Augustine Order, preacher before the Vatican Council and missionary to Germany as well as to Italian Catholics in New York, Edgar Mortara was born of Jewish parents in Bologna, about 1852. When he was six years old, in 1858, a Catholic servant girl reported to her priest that she had secretly baptized the child four years previously, to save his soul during a serious illness. The priest in turn reported the matter to Rome and the Papal Guards were ordered to take the boy into custody.

In spite of all protests on the part of the parents, in spite of a tremendous outcry not only among Jews but others all over the world, the

Church held on to the boy and insisted on bringing him up a Catholic. When he was 18 years of age, he had become so imbued with his Catholic training that he elected to remain a Catholic and became a priest.

The Church used him considerably in Jewish communities. His early life was a cause of great bitterness.

Now this priest has died when his early experiences have more or less been forgotten with the passing of time. However, there seems to have also been a great change in the efforts of anti-Semites to make Jews change their religion. A contrary movement appears to have set in, and that is, to drive back into Judaism anyone who left it or who has shown any indication of trying to leave it.

However, why should Jews need a whip, a bayonet or Nuremberg Laws to make them realize where they belong? Why should they not actually be proud of their heritage, the great accomplishments and contributions of their race, and proudly face the world with the defiance that comes from one who has more than done his share?

There is no field of activity where the Jew has not contributed to the world's well-being and peace. He has no more to apologize for than a member of any other race or faith.

Our assimilationists, in the slang expression of the day, seem to have been left holding the bag. We are not wanted as something that we are not. So let us be ourselves, let us be good citizens of whatever country we reside in, let us abide by its laws, let us help develop the country, let us contribute our native genius for its betterment. But, at the same time, let us remember that we are Jews in faith and that such self-recognition is not a subject for apology but pride.

The pitiful sight of many of our brethren who never wanted to know anything Jewish, but tried their best to appear otherwise, who aped the superficialities of their Christian brethren without recognizing that Christianity is but a spiritual offshoot of Judaism, should become but a sad recollection and not be a miserable actuality.

CONDOLENCE

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Isaac Goldman, wife of our Director, upon the loss of her brother, Morris Rosenstein.

"AS
R'CHASH
SEES
IT"



THE 21st COMMANDMENT

By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

The 21st Commandment bids us to tell the story of the Exodus from Egypt. On the night of the 15th of Nisan, at the Seder, every one of us according to our ability is to thank God orally for all the miracles He performed for us in Egypt, for it is said in Exodus, 13:8, "וְהוֹדֵה" For ye shall tell your son (household.)"

The story of the Exodus from Egypt is an evidence of mankind's refusal to learn the lesson of history. State and religion have both combined to annihilate the Jew, but they have been frustrated by the special providence of God. "Behold the guardian of Israel neither sleepeth nor slumbereth." Man writes history, and W-R-I-T-E-S it poorly. God, in turn, R-I-G-H-T-S it, and of course, does it nobly.

At the Seder, we also pronounce a benediction on the bitter herbs, indicating that we accept from God the bitter as well as the sweet. As a matter of fact, none of us knows whether the bitter has not been meant to be a discipline, as well as the sweet a test, from which we are to emerge into a larger, greater, grander life. Thus, the Royal Bard declared in Psalm 101, "O Lord, if it be kindness, I sing; or if it be strict justice, I sing."

The word "Seder" means order. One of the reasons we do not make headway in this country is that we lack vision and organization. I am thinking now of orthodox Jews, and have in mind the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America. We are too parochial. We cannot see beyond the parish. We are afraid to lose our identity in movements beyond the four walls of our synagogue. Even in our synagogue institutions we do not, as a rule, have budgets and systematized methods of administration in our various activities.

One who does not participate in the Seder services violates a positive commandment.

PASSOVER PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening, 6:28
SHABOS CHOL HAMOED PESACH
 Torah Reading: Exodus, 33:12; 34:26
 Haftorah Reading: Ezekiel, 37:1-14
 Friday Evening Service 6:30
 Saturday Morning Service 9:00
 Junior Congregation 10:00
 Rabbi Hurwitz's Class in Talmud 5:30
 Mincha Service 6:30
 Sunday Morning Services

..... 6:45; 7:45; 8:45

SEVENTH AND EIGHTH DAYS OF PASSOVER

Sunday Evening 6:30
 Monday Morning 9:00
 Monday Evening 7:00
 Tuesday Morning,

Memorial Services (Yiskor) 9:00
 Tuesday Evening 7:30

Wednesday Evening, Rabbi
 Hurwitz's Class in Talmud 8:30

DAILY SERVICES

Mornings 6:45; 7:45; 8:00
 Mincha 7:30

Followed by the Interpretation of
 the Mishnah by Rabbi Goldstein

SERMON CONTEST . . .

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of delivering his sermon from our pulpit on May 25.

Those who would like to participate in the reading of the Service and Torah on that morning are requested to leave their names with Gabriel Goldstein.

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**RASHI**

By RABBI EMANUEL L. LIFSCHITZ

Rashi, רש"י, abbreviated from Rabbi Shlomo Itzhaki רבי שלמה יצחקי was distinguished not only as a great scholar and teacher, but also for his liberal interpretation and application of the principles of the Torah to the social needs of his time. The Rabbis of the middle ages conferred distinction upon him when they surnamed him "Parshandata"—Interpreter of the Law."

Rashi's liberal attitude may be observed in his legal decisions affecting the lending of money. According to Rabbinical Law, a Jew may not charge a co-religionist interest on a loan. However, as Jewish business expanded and it became increasingly necessary to obtain credit, Rashi realized that this ruling would handicap the commercial interests of his people. He therefore permitted the charging of interest if it was done through a non-Jewish third party. Thus a Jew could turn his money over to a non-Jew, who in turn would make the loan and collect the interest.

Rashi's liberality may also be observed in his very sympathetic attitude toward Jews who were forced to accept Christianity during the period of the Crusades. Deploping the current intolerance with which these forced apostates were received upon their return to Judaism, Rashi ruled in favor of their re-admission to the Jewish community on a basis of equality. Thus, a "Kohen," though a forced convert, could resume his former position in the religious life of the community and could still be called first to the Torah.

Rashi was also deeply concerned with protecting and guaranteeing the rights of women. A case in point is that of a man who promised to marry a young woman, and as a surety for his promise, deposited a sum of money. Subsequently the young man suffered a change of heart and demanded that the money be returned. Rashi ruled that the man had humiliated the woman and should therefore be punished by the loss of his money.

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OUR SUCCESSORS-TO-BE

JOE CLIFF

Montreal, Canada, has been good to the W.S.I.S. It not only presented us with Syd Harris, but it also arranged for his meeting with Joe Cliff, and prepared the way for a team that has put our institution prominently on the Sea Scout map.

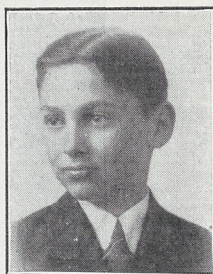
Joe met Syd in scouting activities in Montreal. Following Syd's hegira to the metropolis by a few years, he naturally became connected with our institution and soon became an invaluable mate in our fine Sea Scout Ship as well as an active member of the Senior League. In both of these organizations, Joe has distinguished himself as a dependable, hard worker—a man of few words but mighty deeds. In spite of the short time he has been with us, Joe, arrayed in his Sea Scout uniform, has become a familiar figure at our functions.

Joe's interest in our social activities is not, however, his only tie to our institution. Always a sincere, religious Jew, he has become a punctual and regular attendant at our religious services.

GETTING PERSONAL

We feel sorry for all the folks who missed our beautiful community Seders at the Riverside Plaza--after what they hear they'll probably want to make their reservations for next year right now. . . we had over 300 guests the first night and over 200 the second. . . among them were quite a few who were new to our Seders. . . we welcomed the families and guests of Joseph Golding, Barney Golub, Max Braude, Isahar Kahn, L. Pressel, Irving Levin and Ben Spanbock. . . all of them were enthusiastic about our beautiful Seder Services. . . Last Saturday, in spite of pretty unfriendly weather, we had a large turnout at Services. . . those who braved the storm were well repaid by the splendid performance of Bobby Livingston as Chazan in honor of his twenty-first birthday. . . following the Services, the proud parents, the Editor and Mrs. Livingston, were hosts at an unusually lovely Kiddush. . . Mrs. L's chopped herring is still definitely in the Blue Ribbon class, which fact accounted for a great number of happy, well-fed looking people. . . we welcomed good friends of the Livingstons, Mrs. Ralph Guttchen and her attractive daughter, Marjorie, and Mrs. Jacob Baron, who waxed enthusiastic about our beautiful synagogue. . . also at the Services, Aaron Gross rendered a very fine Maftir. . . as a holiday treat, we rejoiced in the presence of our old friend Mrs. Benjamin Lunitz, who returned for a visit from her present home in Philadelphia. . . Friday we welcomed Jacob Leichtman, President of the Modern Industrial Bank. . . last Friday night Rabbi and Mrs. Goldstein were hosts to the Shomre Hadath, the Refugee Organization of which their son, Simeon, is President. . . in all our pride over the fine work done for our needy brethren by our own Passover Relief Fund, we must not forget the kindness and charity of our Talmud Torah children, who contributed handsomely to the Maw-ohs Chittim Fund. . . Milestones this week are the wedding anniversary of Mr. and

BAR MITZVAH



STANLEY APPLEBAUM

Tomorrow we shall celebrate the Bar Mitzvah of Stanley Applebaum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo H. Applebaum, of 20 West 77th Street. Heartiest congratulations.

Stanley's sister, Helene, age 11, penned the following lines of poetry in honor of the occasion:

Today is Brother's Bar Mitzvah,
and he will be thirteen.

In the Synagogue it will be seen.
I hope he will do the best he can,
For today he is a man.

We trust all his life good deeds he
will do,

And be a good and loyal Jew.

We hope he'll obey all the laws,

Because if he doesn't, there's
really no cause.

I take this great opportunity to say,
I wish him luck in every way.

CLUB NOTES . . .

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5. The name of the guest speaker will be announced in the next issue.

Friends of our **Scout Units** are urged to buy their tickets early for the SCOUT-O-RAMA, an exhibition of all Scouting activities, which will be held at Madison Square Garden on Friday and Saturday, May 17 and 18. Tickets are priced from fifty cents to \$2.50, and may be obtained at our office.

Mrs. Sam W. Siegel and the birthday of Buddy Friedman. . . we are glad to know that Norman, Buddy's younger brother, who underwent an emergency operation on the night of our Dinner-Dance, is out of the hospital and well on the road to complete recovery. . .

REMEMBER THE RUMMAGE

With the date of our Rummage Sale soon to be announced, contributions are still being accepted. If you have anything for us, notify us and we shall arrange to send for it.

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