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## CLUB NOTES

At the meeting of the **Senior League** this Sunday night, May 12, Rabbi Goldstein will address the group. At the following meeting, which will be open to all young men at our building and their male friends, the guest speaker will be Dr. Isadore Rosen, noted New York dermatologist, who will discuss the subject, "A General Outline of Syphilis Including its Clinical Manifestations."

The **Forum** will try to thrash out the European situation at its meeting this Sunday evening at 8:30 P.M. All persons interested in joining an excellent cultural and social group are cordially invited to attend the discussion.

The new **Governing Board** announces that on Saturday Evening, May 25, at our building, a free dance for club members will be held in honor of Lag B'Omer, the Festival of Trees.

The newly decorated Council Room, it was announced, will shortly be opened for use every evening except Friday and Sunday. The room is equipped with comfortable couches, radio, electric phonograph and library.

Council members are also entitled to instruction in Arts and Crafts, and Photography, under Mr. Herbert Carter, and to classes in Ballet and Social Dancing, under Miss Jeannette Singer.

Tickets for the **Scout-O-Rama** priced from 50 cents to \$2.00, may be purchased from any of our Scout officers or at the office. Members of all three of our Scout units will take part in the spectacle, which will be held at Madison Square Garden, Saturday evening, May 18.

## SERMON CONTEST ENDS TODAY

Today is the final day on which manuscripts may be submitted for the "Youth Week" Sermon Contest, to the winner of which will go the honor of delivering the sermon from our pulpit on Saturday morning, May 25. The Committee of Judges will read the sermons and their selection will be announced in our next issue.

## BAR MITZVAH



HARVEY LEWIS

Tomorrow's Bar Mitzvah boy at our Synagogue will be Harvey Lewis, son of Dr. and Mrs. Mortimer Lewis, of 124 West 79th Street. We offer our heartiest congratulations.

## WOMEN'S LEAGUE LUNCHEON

The Women's League Dessert Luncheon last Monday afternoon was one of the most successful of our women's ventures in behalf of their Scholarship Fund, from both the social and financial point of view. Most of the active members of the Women's League were present, accompanied by hosts of their friends.

The donations of cake and cash covered all expenses. Lack of space keeps us from thanking all these generous contributors by name. The tables, with the lovely array of flowers, silver services and shortcakes, were a joy to behold.

## JOIN OUR SEA SCOUTS

Skipper Syd Harris, from the precincts of our fine, new Ship, recently constructed in the basement of our building, issues an invitation to all young men among our readers, 15 years of age or older, to join our Sea Scout Ship and take advantage of its excellent program of scouting activities.

Our Ship is recognized by Sea Scouting authorities as one of the best active Ships in the New York area. Come around, fellows, and see for yourself.

Meetings  
Weekly



Thursdays  
8 P.M.

## HEARTY RESPONSE GREET'S RABBI'S YESHIVAH'S APPEAL

The appeal made by Rabbi Goldstein from our pulpit on the last day of Passover for funds to aid in the support of Yeshivahs abroad and here, has already been answered with numerous contributions from our generous members and friends. We urge all of our readers to send in their offering, large or small.

## Yeshivahs Face Crisis

The Yeshivahs abroad, suffering along with all institutions in war time, are faced with the immediate danger of drastic curtailment or even dissolution because of lack of funds. Our contributions, in many cases, will not only aid the survival of the Jewish ideal by providing means of Jewish education, but, in many cases, they will actually save young Jewish students in foreign lands from starvation.

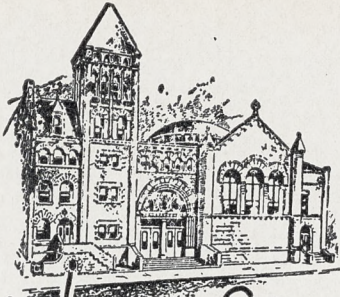
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## OUR RUMMAGE SALE

We urge all readers to send in their contributions, as our Rummage Sale will open very shortly. Watch these columns for the opening date.





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## TEN CENTS A DAY

A dime seems insignificant. It may mean a couple of extra fares, a tip, or a soda. However, necessity makes it possess a tremendous purchasing power.

For the millions of starving and homeless in Europe, the Joint Distribution Committee can hardly spare more than a dime per person per day. In spite of the many millions collected, the number to be fed is so large that only ten cents may be allotted to a human being - just enough to prevent starvation. Children are rapidly developing rickets and older persons are becoming weaker and weaker.

One cannot be so calloused as to fail to respond generously to the pathetic call for funds now being made by the United Jewish Appeal.

We must give for two reasons. The first is based on humanitarian grounds. The second motive in giving is one of self preservation. As surely as we hear and read of the terrors abroad, so surely will the misery, the wretchedness, the starvation, if not ameliorated, result in the breaking out of an epidemic that will turn around and destroy the conqueror as well as the conquered. Epidemics cross all borders and have a blitzkrieg all their own. The wars of the Middle Ages gave the world the Black Death. The last war gave us the Flu, which killed more

than the war. And the present brutality of the Nazis, the Russians and the Italians in Europe and of the Japanese in China, will inevitably, if something is not done soon, breed a pestilence that will not only destroy them and their savage hordes, but immeasurably damage the rest of the world.

Therefore, give to the utmost.

## SHIRTSLEEVES

There is an old American adage that there are three generations from shirtsleeves to shirtsleeves. First emerges the ambitious, hard working and thrifty laborer. After tremendous sacrifice, he attains wealth and importance.

While on the thorny path to success, he vows that his children will not have to struggle so hard as he did. Hence, he provides them with comfortable homes, good schooling, pleasant associations, fine clothes. They no longer know of the hardships of life except by hearsay, from their parent.

Then come the children of the third generation. They know nothing about fight and struggle. They are bent on imitating what they call society. Little by little, they get away from all the virtues of thrift and hard work and assume the superficialities of an idle class. Soon they are elbowed out of the way by a new and rising vigorous first generation and gradually disappear from the scene of their former glories. Thus the cycle of shirtsleeves to shirtsleeves is completed.

The same seems to be true of nations. They start as vigorous, ambitious and self-reliant countries. By hard work, by utilizing their ablest men, they gradually attain power, importance and influence. Then, with the coming of wealth, they develop a luxury class. The children of this class do not care to follow in the footsteps of their parents. Trade no longer appeals to them. Just as we see sons of our well-to-do manufacturers seek to become bankers or Wall Street brokers, so do the offspring of the leisure class, in prosperous countries, become diplomats and statesmen, the so-called top career men. They may be all right when it comes to writing polite notes, or at official receptions, or following

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## CONDOLENCE

We extend our deepest sympathy to our learned and distinguished member, Dr. Zadok Kapner, upon the death of his father.

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## THE 23rd AND 24th COMMANDMENTS

By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

The 23rd Commandment bids us to break the neck of the donkey in the event that it is not redeemed (as is ordered in the 22nd Commandment), for it is written in Exodus, 13:13, "If thou wilt not redeem it, then thou shalt break its neck." This measure is aimed at punishing the negligent owner. The neck was broken by means of an ax, so that the donkey should not suffer. If a donkey died before it was redeemed, it had to be buried because of the sanctity attaching to its body.

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The 24th Commandment forbids us to walk outside of the city limits on the Sabbath, for it is said in Exodus, 16:29, "Let no man go out of his place on the seventh day."

The Rabbis define "out of his place" as an area of 2,000 square cubits, basing their calculation on the measurement of boundaries found in Numbers, 35:5: "Ye shall measure from out of the city on the east side 2,000 cubits, and on the south side 2,000 cubits, and on the west side 2,000 cubits, and on the north side 2,000 cubits." Thus 2,000 cubits beyond the city's boundary line is still considered "his place." One may not go further on the Sabbath without an "eruv."

This commandment serves to emphasize the meaning of the words in Exodus, 20:11: "For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and rested on the seventh day." In commemoration of God's day of rest, we are to remain in one environment on the Sabbath and not to walk great distances except for a leisurely promenade.

The Torah repeatedly urges us to use the Sabbath for rest and meditation. The Sabbath is to be a day of joy and spiritual refreshment. Traveling from place to place diverts our minds from the true nature of the Sabbath.

This commandment is to prevail everywhere, at all times. It is incumbent upon all men and women.



**ETHICS AND RELIGION**

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

Ethics and religion are inseparable. In spite of the fact that men and women do try to make such a separation today, it is as impossible as it is to make the flower a separate growth from its seed. Religion is the seed. When it realizes itself and flowers, it is ethics.

Ethics without religion is mere humanism. This is the ethics of the (Turn to page 4, col. 2)

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the niceties of protocol, but are not worth anything when it comes to leading a country in critical times.

Chamberlain and his crowd are products of such an environment. At the beginning of the last war, England also had severe reverses. The result was a cleaning out of the "Cliveden" set of that day, the Asquiths and their ilk, and the placing at the helm of the cobbler's son, Lloyd George. History is repeating itself. The reverses are here. If England wishes to survive, it must get rid of the present governing group, and put in its most vigorous, capable and executive brains. Native leadership is what counts, and it must be sought out and brought to light, wherever it exists. Otherwise, "shirtsleeves to shirtsleeves" will be as true of England as it was of ancient Rome and of Spain.

**VACATION-TRAVEL-SPORTS**

Teacher will take group to Coast. See Nat'l Parks, Hollywood, San Francisco Fair, Mexico, etc. Ages 14-18. July & August.

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**RABBENU TAM**

By RABBI EMANUEL L. LIFSCHITZ

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Shortly after the attack by the Crusaders, in which they dealt him five blows on the head in order, as they said, to take revenge for the five blows that the Jews dealt to Jesus, Rabbenu Tam went to Troyes. There it was that, in 1160, the first of a series of assemblies of great French Rabbis took place. 150 Rabbis participated, with Rabbenu Tam and his brother, the Rashbam, presiding. Their purpose was to find a solution to important religious and social problems.

Among the many "takanoth" (ordinances) adopted by the synods, the following are most instructive:

1. No Jew, it was ruled, could summon one of his coreligionists before the courts of the country unless both parties agreed to the arrangement, or unless the accused refused to appear before a Jewish Court of Law.

2. At another synod, it was forbidden that anyone should find fault with a "get" (a religious bill of divorce) after it had been delivered to the wife. This measure was necessary because malicious or hypercritical people would often question the validity of a divorce on the grounds that it was not written in the legally prescribed way, thus casting doubts on the legality of subsequent remarriages.

3. The prohibition of polygamy decreed by Rabbi Gershon in the year 1000 was reaffirmed and enforced. It was decided that the prohibition could be abrogated only with the consent of 100 rabbis from at least three different provinces, and only for the weightiest reasons.

During the middle ages Jews enjoyed civil as well as religious autonomy within the Jewish community. The foregoing decrees, therefore, had the force of law. Transgressors were punishable by bans of excommunication, which stipulated that no Jew might hold intercourse with the transgressor, partake of his food, use his books or utensils, or even accept alms from him.

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No Sabbath Service or Saturday afternoon Young Folk's gathering has taken place here for a long time without the genial presence and winning smile of Alex Moskowitz, son of our popular Director and Mrs. Max Moskowitz. Alex is just as popular with our young folks as his father is with all of our older folks. After attending loyally the meetings of our Young Folk's Round Table since it was organized and participating frequently in the Young Folk's Mincha Services, Alex has served, during the current year, as official Gabbi at those Services. There is nobody that the young people would rather have give out the honors on these occasions.

A good son of the W.S.I.S., Alex plays the same role in his own family. Since his graduation from Townsend Harris High School, he has been associated in business with his father.



## GETTING PERSONAL

It wasn't just an accident that last Monday's Women's League Dessert Luncheon was such an outstanding affair. . . the co-operation of our ladies was perfect. . . Mrs. Bendheim, chairman of the committee, transferred her household silver to our building for the occasion. . . . dependable Mrs. Siegel graciously shouldered the brunt of the many details of the afternoon. . . table linens and a prize were furnished through the generosity of Mrs. Ullman. . . Mrs. Harry Mirken hardly slept the night before and was on duty early in the morning. . . charming Mrs. Beier, with a full retinue of guests, was an invaluable asset to the success of the afternoon. . . the Mesdames Langer, Jablow and Frank stood guard at the door. . . Mrs. Nat Trotzky, assisted by Mrs. Morris, facilitated the service of the many guests. . . Muriel Margareten's quick and efficient service was a boon. the ladies are also obliged to Mrs. George L. Livingston, who took care of prizes, and to Mrs. Joseph Apfel, who helped transport the borrowed silverware. . . . The milestone limelight this week is taken by Dr. Samuel Weiss and Herbert A. Gossett, who are celebrating birthdays, and Mr. and Mrs. M. Weingarten for their wedding anniversary. . . we also took occasion this week to welcome a few ambassadors of good will from our South American neighbors, in the persons of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Appel and Mr. and Mrs. Gus Rubenstein, who just returned, sun-tanned and full of pep, from a cruise to those parts. . . Harold Kaplan has company now . . . his wife and daughter, Barbara, are home on a short visit from Florida. . . Barbara just had her tonsils out and is doing very nicely, thank you. . . Mr. and Mrs. William Horwitz, in honor of their recent wedding anniversary, made a generous contribution to the Synagogue Mortgage Fund, for which we thank them profusely. . . the lovely girl whose picture added so much to the Jewish Review and the American Hebrew last week is none other than Sylvia Livingston, daughter of our editor and Mrs. George L. Livingston, who was chairman of a dance sponsored by the Junior Division of the United Jewish Appeal at the Ritz Carlton

## WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening, 7:45  
Weekly Portion, EMOR

Friday Evening Service .....	6:30
Saturday Morning Service .....	9:00
Junior Congregation .....	10:00
Rabbi Hurwitz's Class in Talmud	6:30
Mincha Service .....	7:45
Sunday Morning Services	
.....	6:45; 7:45; 8:45
Wednesday Evening, Rabbi	
Hurwitz's Class in Talmud .....	8:30
<b>Daily Services:</b>	
Mornings .....	6:45; 7:45; 8:15
Mincha .....	7:50
<b>Followed by the Interpretation of the Mishnah by Rabbi Goldstein</b>	

Note: In those homes in which the men attend Friday evening services at 6:30, candles should be lit at or before 6:30.

## ETHICS AND RELIGION . . .

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agnostic, who sees in his fellow man a brother. Ethics that flowers from religion includes, in addition, a father, in God. In the family very often there is strife among the brothers. Love for the father, however, is a powerful influence for harmony among brethren.

last Saturday night. . . Sylvia is also chairman of the Junior Lawyers' Committee of the United Jewish Appeal. . . Michael Blankfort, dramatist and novelist, son of our Director, Henry, has just published a novel based on the siege of the Alcazar in the recent Spanish Civil War, and was accorded a long and favorable review in last Sunday's New York Times. . . Again last Saturday we missed our President, Lester Udell, who was still not well enough to come around. . . we're all hoping for his speedy return. . . The best of luck to Joe Anderson, who left on a business trip that will keep him away for a few weeks. . . We wish bon voyage to Mitchel Cohen, who has left for Tucson, Arizona, where Mrs. Cohen, along with Mr. and Mrs. Alan Kastel and their two daughters, have been spending the winter. . . Mrs. Cohen and Mrs. Kastel are the daughters of our Director and Mrs. Morris Steinberg. . . and, by the way, we must again voice our appreciation to Mrs. Steinberg for her capable services as chairman of our After-Service Kiddush Committee. . . come around on Saturdays, folks, and see what we mean. . . .

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