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RUMMAGE SALE OPENS

TUESDAY; 440 NINTH AVE.

The annual Rummage Sale of our Women's League will open its doors next Tuesday morning, May 20, in the store at 440 Ninth Avenue, between 34th and 35th Streets. Under the supervision of Mrs. Annie R. Morris, the sale will present much fine new merchandise, some of it left over from our recent successful Bazaar, and a wide selection of used articles.

Our readers may give assistance to Mrs. Morris and her staff of helpers in three ways. They may pay a visit to the store and bring some of their bargain-minded friends; they may volunteer their services for the sales force; or they may enlarge the stock by sending us anything they no longer are using. If any of our readers have contributions of rummage and would like us to send for them, they need only phone TRafalgar 7-8281.

CLUB NOTES

The Senior League, in honor of Mother's Day, entertained the mothers of all its members at its meeting last Sunday night. Rabbi Goldstein was the speaker.

Next affair on the Senior League's program is a Monster Barn Dance and Festival to be held at our building on Saturday evening, May 25. A real country atmosphere is promised, with Keystone cops and a country jail, live ducks, "fishing" for apples, Virginia Reels and Square Dances. The Committee in charge assures you that the evening will be lots of fun. Make your plans now.

On Sunday night, May 26, the new **Governing Board** will entertain at a dance, free for all club members. The dance will be held in honor of Lag B'Omer.

The Scout-O-Rama, gigantic spectacle of scouting activities in which members of all three of our Scout units will participate, will be held at Madison Square Garden, tomorrow evening, May 18. Tickets, priced from 50 cents to \$2.00, may be obtained from any of our Scout officers or at the Synagogue office.

LECTURES FOR YOUNG FOLK

**Sex Hygiene Is Subject
Of Sunday Night Talks**

**Dr. Rosen to Address Young Men;
Young Women Will Hear
Dr. Mary Thomson**



DR. ISADORE ROSEN

Lectures on Sex Hygiene for the young people of our Congregation and their friends will be presented at our building next Sunday night, May 19, at 9:00 under the auspices of the Senior League.

Dr. Isadore Rosen, who will address the young men on the subject, "A General Outline of Syphilis, Including its Clinical Manifestations," is a noted dermatologist and syphilologist on the staff of many New York colleges and hospitals. His address will be illustrated by lantern slides.

The young women will hear an address on "Sex Hygiene for Young Women," delivered by Dr. Mary M. Thomson, of the Vanderbilt Clinic and the Lenox Hill Hospital Clinic and formerly associated with the New Jersey College for Women.

All of the young people of our Congregation, as well as their friends, are cordially invited to be present Sunday night and hear these lectures by outstanding authorities on subjects of vital interest.

SERMON CONTEST WINNER

Seymour Reichlin to be Youth Rabbi

The sermon on May 25, the Sabbath during "Youth Week," will be delivered by Seymour Reichlin, whose sermon was selected as the best of those submitted to the Judging Committee in the Sermon Contest for young men. Second and third places were awarded, respectively, to the sermons of Maurice Spanbock and Paul S. Newman.

OUR YESHIVOTH APPEAL

EVOKES GLOWING PRAISE

The action of our Synagogue in designating the last day of Passover as Yeshivoth day, and the current appeal for funds to aid in the support of centers of Jewish learning here and abroad are receiving unstinting praise from our members and readers. We quote from a few of the enthusiastic letters.

"Rabbi Goldstein and the W.S.I.S. deserve the blessings of a multitude of Yeshiva students for their generous action. . . ."

"It really gives me a warm glow of satisfaction to realize that the Synagogue to which I belong is doing something so noble and concrete to provide for the survival of Jewish learning."

"Here is my offering; I hope it will help ease the imminent suffering and and starvation that threatens the preservers of our tradition. . . ."

These and similar letters have been truly inspiring to us in our appeal, and the response of our friends has been generous indeed.

In addition to those listed last week, the following have already sent us their contributions:

Miss Bessie Abrams, Joseph Anderson, Moses J. Berlin, Henry Blankfort, David L. Charal, Max Fuchs, Albert M. Gilbert, George A. Gold, S. Goldman, Gabriel F. Goldstein, Simeon H. F. Goldstein, Carl Grossberg, Samuel Heyman, Mrs. Charles O. Karpf, Mrs. Sarah Kranze, Mrs. T. Lehmann, Oscar Lewton, A. L. Lifschitz, Miss Ethel Lovinger, Mrs. Regina Margareten, J. Milgrom, Mr. & Mrs. David Minchenberg, Mrs. Mary Neisner, I. Rogowin, Mrs. Libby Rosenberg, Mr. & Mrs. A. Schwartz,

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WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

At the final meeting of the year next Monday afternoon, final plans will be made for the Fall Luncheon, to be held in the Waldorf-Astoria on Tuesday, November 19. Plans will also be made for the Shavuoth gathering of the Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America on Monday afternoon, June 10, at which our Women's League will be hostesses.



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THE REAL FIFTH COLUMN

Like a plague, spreading its blotches of misery, its aroma of decayed morality and its vista of destruction, the term "Fifth Column" has crept into our consciousness.

Indeed, we have enriched our vocabulary with a filthy addition--the Fifth Column.

And what is this emblematic phrase of treachery, this twentieth century double-crossing, illegitimate offspring of the enemies of mankind?

Like the child of a most primitive society, it can trace only its maternal ancestry, for it has been extensively sired.

Its mother is hypocrisy--that shameless, age-old, soul-selling tendency of the oldest profession in the world, the tendency to misrepresent, to be what we are not, to cheat, to deceive, to falsify to others as well as to ourselves.

The sires are legion. Through their joint contributions, the world has again been led to the slaughterhouse. Once more the loathsome baker of despair is kneading his dough of mud and blood and tears.

At least let us know who are those proud progenitors of the Fifth Column, for surely they have produced a startling descendant. Let us give credit for this new destructive force where credit is due.

Leading the roll of the iniquitous are those who Chamberlained the world into a false sense of security,

who fiddled while Rome burned, who saw the break in the dyke but failed to give warning, or were too blind, too stupid, too engrossed in their own selfish, petty affairs to see or care.

Long will the world recall them with horror. Through calamitous accident, they occupied high places in critical times, but failed miserably. They are the real traitors, the true Fifth Column.

And following closely in their wake, like a trained football team warding off interference with the ball-carriers, was as motley a crew of stupid or venal associates as was ever assembled in nefarious undertakings.

There were the false teachers of theory--those who sought to set class against class, who preached economic, religious or racial hatreds and falsehoods.

There were the band-wagoners, the weather-vaners, whose only mission in life was to preserve their status of petty importance by going the way they thought the wind was blowing.

Of course, invaluable assistance was rendered by the futile teachers and preachers who saw not the woods for the trees, whose entire life and philosophy were based upon the survival of the insignificant. Miserably did they fail. Having assumed a task of teaching or leading, they lost themselves in a maze of pettiness. Mistaking the form for the substance, they left the world as savage as they found it.

Certainly there are many we can thank for the Fifth Column. They are all about us.

There are infinite varieties of treachery, intentional and unintentional, direct and indirect.

PRAYERS BEHIND BARS:

Services at Sing Sing Prison

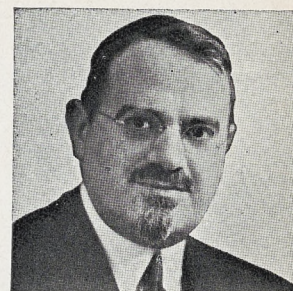
By DANIEL WEISS

"Come then, and in the midst of sympathizing fellow-worshippers, rise and hallow the name of God. Yisgadal v'yiskadash sh'meh rabo . . ." As about a dozen members of the congregation rose to recite the Kaddish, I looked at those who sat before me. If I hadn't known that I was sitting on the platform of the chapel in Sing Sing Prison, I might have imagined myself in any Synagogue. But there before me were about 150 Jewish inmates of New York State's largest penal institution.

We had come here to participate in a special service held during Passover week. Cantor Yavneh had con-

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"AS
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IT"



THE 25th COMMANDMENT

By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

I

The 25th Commandment begins with the words, "I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, the House of Bondage. . . ." (Exodus 20:2) It bids us believe that there is one God in the world Who is the inventor and the cause of all existence, and that from His power and desire everything that was, is and will forever be doth emanate. It is as if God said, "Know that there is God in the world." The word, אֲנִי "I am," announces the fact of His being. He declares, " . . . And I took thee out of the Land of Egypt. . . " so that men's hearts should not be persuaded to take the whole events of the Exodus, the freedom from bondage and the slaying of the Egyptians as an accident, but would know that it was the design of the living God, in fulfillment of his promise to our Fathers--Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Belief in God is the foundation of knowledge. He who does not believe in God denies the very foundation of the world and has neither portion nor merit in Israel. The existence of the world cannot be explained without God. When questioned concerning this belief, one should unhesitatingly reply that it is the faith of his heart, which he will not relinquish even in the face of death.

It is well for one to express, articulately, this belief in God. While we are not to argue, we may profitably discuss it. When men argue about religion, they generally become acrimonious and unbrotherly, and thus irreligious. The older I grow, the more I realize that it is our function to present and to discuss religion, but rarely, if ever, to argue. If a person is willing to have an open mind, he will find himself able to philosophize about God and thereby become wiser and happier.

CONDOLENCES

We mourn the death of Mollie Chaitin, beloved mother of our member, Mr. Isaac Chaitin, to whom our sincere condolences are extended.

We extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of the family of the late Louis Judson.

We offer our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Reuben Richman, wife of our member, upon the loss of her dear mother, Fannie Luxenberg.

YESHIVOTH APPEAL . . .

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Isaac Settel, Joseph Settel, Miss Rose Settel, Mrs. Lena Shaine, Ben Spieler, Miss Marcia Stebbins, Morris Steinberg, Dr. H. I. Stern, Aaron Wartels, Louis Zucker.

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**RABBENU TAM**

By **RABBI EMANUEL L. LIFSCHITZ**

III.

It was during Rabbenu Tam's life that the first "Blood Libel" (false accusation that Jews use Christian blood in the Seder ceremonies) took place. In the year 1171, as a Jew of Blois, France, rode out to the River Loire to water his horse, he was met by a servant of the Mayor. Angered when his horse shied and aware of his master's dislike for the Jewish inhabitants, the servant invented the story that he saw the Jew throw into the river the body of a murdered Christian child. The Mayor, in turn, nursing a grudge against a certain Jewess, Pulcelina, because she was influential with his Lord, Count Theobald of Chartres, seized upon this opportunity to avenge himself.

He had but to repeat the lie and all the Jews of Blois were imprisoned. Pulcelina's efforts to rescue them failed. The Count, though not unwilling to drop the charges for a large sum, was persuaded by a cleric to exact the death penalty. Upon the questionable verification of the servant's charges by the medieval water test, the entire Jewish population of Blois was condemned to death by fire.

The Jews were offered an amnesty on the condition that they accept Christianity, but, in spite of the most harrowing tortures, they remained steadfast to their faith. Thirty-four men and seventeen women perished in the flames, while with their dying breaths, they chanted the Shmah Yisroel.

When the story of the martyrdom at Blois reached the ears of Rabbenu Tam, he declared that the day should be annually observed in the congregations of France, Anjou and the Rhine as a day of fasting and mourning.

It was Rabbenu Tam's last decree. Stricken in spirit by the beginning of a bloody fable that was to claim hundreds of Jewish lives throughout the centuries, he died a few days later.

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OUR SUCCESSORS-TO-BE

ELAINE GOLDBERG

We apologize for waiting so long to present Elaine to our readers. First we had to get the picture, which proved quite a job because of the modesty of this charming young lady, daughter of our friends, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Goldberg.

Combined with her personal charm and loveliness is a serious, devoted side of her nature. It is this side that has made her a valuable associate in the activities of our young people. Formerly an officer of the Reus Society and an active member of the 76 Club, Elaine takes her place in the front ranks of the gracious young ladies who have been acting as hostesses at the Saturday Afternoon Round Tables. On those occasions, and at some of our Saturday morning Services, her presence has been welcome indeed.

Also to be chalked up on her side are Elaine's accomplishments at Hunter College, from which she is a graduate.

GETTING PERSONAL

There seemed to be something bracing in the air last week that brought around a lot of people we haven't seen for some time. . . we greeted Siegfried Bendheim on his return from a business trip to the Middle West. . . the genuine esteem all of us have for Isaac Settel was manifested in the joy we all felt at having him once more at our Services after his long illness. . . and it was good to see Mrs. David Scherer up and about and with us again. . . our latest arrivals from Florida are Henry M. Mayper, Mrs. Rose Greenfield, and Mrs. Louis Steinberg and her two daughters. . . Louis Hyman is back in town. . . Mr. & Mrs. Jess Ward are with us again after a sojourn in Atlantic City. . . Somehow or other we know that Joe Anderson was with us in spirit, even though he was out of town last Saturday. . . the Anderson name was well represented by wife Dorothy and daughter Naomi, who arrived at Services bright and early. . . We were surprised and pleased to find a new member of the staff of Saturday morning ushers in the person of Joe Cliff, who is taking his new job as seriously as he has taken all his others at our building. . . All who noticed found it truly inspiring to watch the fervor with which young Phyllis Jacobs says her prayers. . . perhaps she's concentrating on the holy state of matrimony into which she will soon enter (with Jules Cohen, in case you haven't been reading our paper carefully). . . We've had so many inquiries as to who was responsible for the magnificent strawberry shortcakes served at the Women's League Dessert Luncheon last week that we can't keep silent any longer. . . the prize bakers were the Mesdames Joseph Anderson, Jack Davis, David Elfenbein, Max Frank, Herbert Goldstein, Moses Langer, Jack Levine, George Livingston, Meyer Pargament, Henry Reichlin, Fay Seligman, Benjamin Spanbock, Morris Steinberg, Lester Udell and Harry Ward. . . And it was Mrs. George Livingston's tea service that helped make the tables look so festive. . . at that luncheon, Mrs. Ethel Hiller initiated her new sister-in-law, Mrs. Seymour Rosen, into our Women's League circle, while Mrs. Henry Rosen happily beamed over

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening, 7:53	
Weekly Portion, BEHAR	
Friday Evening Service	6:30
Saturday Morning Service	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:00
Rabbi Hurwitz's Class in Talmud	6:45
Mincha Service	7:45
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	7:50
Followed by the Interpretation of the Mishnah by Rabbi Goldstein	

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

PRAYERS BEHIND BARS . . .

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ducted an inspiring Maariv. The congregation was enthralled by his melodious voice as he sang various parts of the service. I could see tears in many eyes as he sang "Ribono shel olom--Lord of the Universe" immediately after the counting of the Omer.

As I left, I could not help feeling that, despite the walls that hemmed them in, these Jewish prisoners were united with their co-religionists in the outer world in their prayers to the one God of us all.

her daughter and newly acquired daughter-in-law. . . Anita Cohen, lovely Secretary of our Governing Board, and Membership Chairman of West Side Junior Hadassah announces her engagement to Irving Zuckerman of Brooklyn. . . we join all the club members in wishing Anita lots of luck and happiness. . . With a great deal of pleasure we note that Jacob Applebaum is up and about, and we hope to have him with us soon. . . At present writing, Harold Levine is temporarily out of commission because of an injury from a fall. . . we trust he will not be away long. . . Good news: Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Ruvnick of Brookline, Mass., presented to Grandma Ann and Grandpa Ben Levy their first grandson. . . Mazel Tov. . . Our Rebbetzin, never tiring in her work in behalf of communal causes, has been invited to serve on the National Committee of the Conference of Christians and Jews. . . we feel that we're more than ably represented. . .

BAR MITZVAH



WOLFE DOW

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dow, of the Ansonia Hotel, on the Bar Mitzvah tomorrow of their son, Wolfe.

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