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YESHIVOTH APPEAL CONTINUES

As response continues in answer to Rabbi Goldstein's appeal made on the last day of Passover for funds to help in the preservation of centers of Jewish learning both abroad and in this country, the time draws near when we must distribute the funds we have collected.

There is still time for all those who have not yet done so to add their contributions to the many that have already come in. We feel that all our contributors will share the glow of satisfaction that arises from our endeavor to preserve Jewish culture by aiding the Yeshivahs, which face drastic curtailment or extinction.

Donations from the following have arrived during the past week.

Sam Davis, Mrs. Anna Dworkin, Louis Herman, Rabbi Samuel Hurwitz, Alexander Kommel, Harry Mirken, Meyer L. Pargament, Max E. Sanders, Benjamin Spanbock, Lester Udell.

CLUB NOTES

Our Social Hall will be transformed into a country ball room tomorrow night when the **Senior League** is holding its **Barn Dance and Festival**. For the admission charge of only fifty cents per person, guests will be able to show off their ideas of rural outfits, dance to the music of Hiram Rubin and his five-piece band, and vie for the prizes of live ducks and chickens that will go to those having the best costumes. There will be games, refreshments and novelty dances, including Virginia Reels and Square Dances. Remember the date --Saturday night, May 25.

At the **Lag B'Omer Dance** of the **Governing Board** this Sunday night, May 26, Rabbi Goldstein will address the group. The dance will be free to all paid-up club members.

No more dances will be held by the **Jewish Youth League** this season. Instead, the remaining time will be devoted to extensive ping pong and checkers tournaments. Beginning this Sunday, the group will start its weekly Sunday horseback rides and picnic outings. Plans are already being made for a party in

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TOMORROW'S YOUTH RABBI



SEYMOUR REICHLIN,
Sermon Contest Winner

Tomorrow, we shall observe Youth Sabbath by turning over our Services to the young men of the Congregation. The youthful Rabbi of the occasion will be Seymour Reichlin, whose sermon entitled "A Return to the Old Morality" was selected as the finest turned in by our young men in the recent sermon contest. Second and third prizes went, respectively, to the sermons of Maurice Spanbock and Paul S. Newman.

President of the Congregation for the occasion will be Melvin Friedman. Alex Moskowitz will be Vice-president, Morton Langer will be Sexton and Daniel Weiss will be Chief Usher. Cantors will be Marvin Robert Livingston for Friday night, Norman Friedman for Saturday Shachris and Selig Katz for Musaf.

The reading of the Torah on Saturday morning will be rendered by the following young men, in this order: Maurice Spanbock, Morton Langer, Sidney Silberman, Lester Lazarus, Charles Silberman, Herbert Reichlin, Norman Weiner, Nathaniel F. Wald,

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RUMMAGE SALE NOW ON

440 Ninth Avenue
Between 34th & 35th

The Rummage Sale of our Women's League got off to a fine start last Tuesday morning, when it opened the doors of its headquarters at 440 Ninth Avenue (between 34th and 35th). Mrs. Annie R. Morris tells us that you can still help by donating any material you are no longer using. Simply call TRafalgar 7-8281 and we shall arrange to send for your rummage.

YOUNG FOLK'S ROUND TABLE TO HOLD REUNION TOMORROW

As part of the program of Youth Week Sabbath at our building tomorrow, the Saturday afternoon Young Folk's Round Table will hold a reunion, its last get-together of the current season. The reunion will begin promptly at 4:30.

The chief item on the afternoon's program will be a symposium on the subject "Opportunities for Youth in the World of Today," with Robert Breitbart, Nat Carmen, Melvin Friedman, Simeon H. F. Goldstein, Bernard Levmore and Bernard Udell, as speakers. Refreshments will be served by the Women's League.

All of the young men and women who have participated in the Saturday Afternoon Round Tables or in the Young Folk's Mincha Services are cordially invited to be present at this reunion.

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

Boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 14 may now be enrolled for our Summer Recreation program, which will commence at the end of June after the closing of the schools and will continue until Labor Day.

All Summer, instructors of our Recreation Department will meet the children each weekday morning, Monday through Friday, at 9 o'clock for a full day's activity, in the outdoors when weather permits. The program will follow the plan of last year. There will be swimming twice each week, various games in the city parks, and trips to many museums, parks and other points of interest in the five boroughs of New York City. At the swimming sessions, the children will be under the watchful supervision of qualified lifeguards.

There is no charge for participation in this Summer Recreation program. Children may be enrolled at the Synagogue office.

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Last Wednesday afternoon, almost 100 children of our Recreation Group went with Mr. Albert Lazarus, leader, to the Polo Grounds to see the baseball game between the Giants and the Cincinnati Reds.



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MISCELLANY

How can one write? There are not appropriate or sufficiently sulphuric words to convey the feeling of horror at the low state to which this world has fallen.

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A captured Nazi aviator lay mortally wounded in a French hospital. He had been brought down while bombing women and children. One of Anne Morgan's nurses, who was attending him, asked how he could have been so heartless. "It is war," he replied; then he heiled Hitler and died; a human snake.

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There's only one way to treat with snakes. Fifth columnists, Communists and Nazis, beware the wrath of patient Americans!

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In the Middle Ages, a knight was heroic when he sallied forth encased in armor. Woe betide the poor devil who got in his way. Today, in our reversion to the Middle Ages, the barbarians go forth in armored tanks and trucks to wreak destruction on a defenseless population.

The knights met with destruction; so will the present-day barbarians.

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Did we say Middle Ages? We were wrong. We should have gone back much earlier in human history, say to the Cannibal Age. It took Japanese culture, at the point of the sword, to make part of the world

provide this throwback. News Item:

SHANGHAI--It was officially admitted today that cannibalism as a result of war's ravages now exists in a large area tributary to Swatow in Eastern Kwangtung Province, where the importation of rice and other essential food has been interrupted by the Japanese occupation and blockade.

Last week Japanese military officials arrested three stall owners in Swatow's public market on charges of selling human flesh. In rural regions cannibalism is said to be common and unchecked.

Before hostilities began Swatow annually imported 70,000 tons of Yangtze Valley rice, none of which now goes there, and an average of two shiploads of Siam rice a week from Bangkok. Nowadays little more rice lands in Swatow than is needed by the Japanese army of occupation.

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But culture, real culture, will come to the fore from the most unexpected sources. An African native chief arrived in England. He did not come with a spear, nor with dried skulls — Oh no. He came from the wilds of Africa, a lover of Shakespeare, the owner of a large library, able to speak thirteen languages fluently.

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That cursed Nazi medal, like the mark of Cain, still hangs around the neck of Lindbergh. And how hard he tries to serve the Nazi cause! But the world is hep to him now. No parlor Fifth Columnist can fool the American public these days.

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As a City College alumnus we read with shame of the arrest of two or three students for disorderly conduct in their manner of protesting at a military rally. After all, military training at City College is entirely voluntary. However, our chagrin was offset when we also read that our Alma Mater boasted one of the largest voluntary student military corps in the country.

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Isn't it about time that the high-principled Stalinites did an about-face and, as they say in bridge, re-doubled? Or rather, re-double-crossed? Won't they be kind of out on a limb if Hitler should win?

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Poor, poor Benito. Like the well-known cowardly coyote, who dares not attack but skulks in the dark while wolves attack and then grabs the leavings, Benito must be in at the kill. But there is nothing more dangerous than a wounded beast at bay, as the Duce will find out for himself.

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IT"



THE 25th COMMANDMENT

II.

By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

It is interesting to note that the 25th Commandment, to believe in God, begins, "I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the Land of Egypt, . . ." It is not urged upon us as a matter of credulity, but rather as one of knowledge or experience.

Our Rabbis point out the fact that if the commandment read, "I am the Lord thy God who created heaven and earth," instead of "who brought thee out of the Land of Egypt," consciousness of God would be linked with Creation, and we would have to accept God on faith. But since the story of Egypt is referred to, it is no longer a matter of hearsay but rather an actual historical happening, which was witnessed and experienced by three million souls. Furthermore, the story of creation would tell us only that there was a creator, a Supreme Cause, but not that there is an Omniscient, Introspecting Judge of human affairs, One Who also bestows the spirit of prophecy upon mortals so as to have intercourse with humanity and to inform them of His wish and pleasure. All of these things were evidenced in God's dealings with Egypt and in the redemption of Israel through Moses.

It seems to me, also, that the latest in modern science, the theory of relativity, would tend to indicate that all things are related to a unity. That unity is God. The late Professor W. M. Haffkine, an outstanding bacteriologist, said:

"The faith which binds together the Jews has not been harmed by the advance of research, but, on the contrary has been vindicated in its profoundest tenets. Slowly and by degrees, Science is being brought to recognize in the universe the existence of One Power, which is of no beginning and no end; which has existed before all things were formed and will remain in its integrity when all is gone, the Source and Origin of all. All things perceivable as matter and force are subjected to His inquiry and designs."

CONDOLENCE

We extend sincere sympathy to Mr. Abraham Druckman upon the loss of his father.

THE LESSONS OF THE WAR

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

We need a return to the Old Testament philosophy which forbids one to "mollycoddle" evil. "Those who love the Lord should hate evil." There is this refrain throughout the ancient Scriptures, "Thou shalt uproot evil from thine midst."

We are already late, but I caution, let us not be too late. Before the very eyes of the world, the German people have been permitted, and even encouraged, to build a gigantic war machine that now, God forbid, may crush the democratic powers in Europe. Regardless of the cost, America must be prepared to meet and, if need be, to attack any potential enemy. We must back the President in his advocacy of full preparedness. Let us not live in the fool's paradise where it is folly to be wise. Let us rather be wise enough, as the Psalmist put it, "To meet the froward with frowardness."

All of us may learn the lesson which, unfortunately, the Allies missed, namely, to nip in the bud the sprouting of evil. The United States of America should take to heart for its future safety and independence the lesson of the moral failure on the part of the Allies to curb the wanton license of the Nazis when a corporal's guard could have accomplished this end.

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REAL VICTORY

By RABBI EMANUEL L. LIFSCHITZ

The first war recorded in the Bible is that fought by the King of Sodom and his allies against their oppressor, Chedorlaomer, King of Edom, and his henchmen. For twelve years, Chedorlaomer harried his weaker neighbors and collected exacting tributes in spite of periodic rebellions. At length the tyrant mustered all his forces for a final effort at subjugation. Although this would-be enslaver of men and destroyer of human liberty enjoyed momentary success, though he stormed, ravaged and despoiled the lands on all sides of him, the Bible tersely records his final defeat. Justice ultimately pitted itself against injustice and prevailed.

The growth of civilization has been bound up with man's steady climb from slavery to freedom--freedom that guarantees to man liberty of person, of speech, of thought and of religious worship; freedom that grants man the opportunity to express his spiritual and creative qualities of heart and mind and to enjoy decent and uplifting, and therefore satisfying human relationships and experiences.

Alas, in every cycle of history, waves of reaction have set in. There have arrived upon the scene pseudo-messiahs with false doctrines--men possessed of hearts of stone and souls dedicated to brute force. They have enlisted the following of fractions of society and have even enjoyed promising victory.

But eventually those who have taken refuge in God, quickened by a passion for justice and stirred by love of freedom, have discovered within themselves an invincible strength--one that has defied might and defeated the most devastating instruments of war.

At this moment, civilization is in a tight position. Only faith in righteousness and our willingness to defend our frontiers and the American way of living will help keep civilization from the paths of slavery and darkness and lead it rather toward the ways of freedom, light and God.

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MURIEL V. MARGARETEN

It's too bad we haven't the space to quote the lines of verse in which lovely, talented Muriel Margareten answered the queries of our gossip columnist recently by telling us, once and for all, that her middle name is Vivienne. But even that would illustrate only one of her talents, which also include piano playing and acting.

Muriel is a busy young lady. A student at Columbia University, she is still very active in Junior Mizrahi and formerly was leader of the Hahonoth Group of the U.O.J.C.A. Her inherent sense of hospitality has made her a gracious hostess at the Saturday afternoon young folk's groups and accounted for the invaluable help she so generously gave at the recent Women's League Scholarship Luncheon.

Living quite a distance away doesn't keep Muriel, who is a scrupulously observant Jewess, from attending our services frequently.

GETTING PERSONAL

Our Services, as beautiful as the weather outside these days, are still as well attended as ever; in fact, last Saturday seemed like "Welcome-home" Sabbath. . . Grandma Rae Ward paid us a visit, which gave us two sets of three generations. . . there were Mrs. Ward's son Harry and grandson Samuel. . . also her daughter, Mrs. Benjamin Spanbock and grandson Maurice Spanbock. . . and grand-daughter Marcia Stebbins--all of whom are "regulars" on Saturday morning. . . We were glad to welcome J. D. Cohen, who looks spry as ever after his illness. . . Herbert A. Gossett returned from his trip to find his charming wife all over her recent illness. . . Mrs. Pauline King's glowing face was ample evidence of her great pleasure at being back with us--a pleasure all of us shared with her. . . It was also good to have Nat K. Gross with us again, and to see once more Miss Gertrude Stein and her sister, Mrs. Hyman Blotnick. . . Young Harriet Frank, daughter of our friends, Mr. and Mrs. Max Frank, is becoming quite regular in her attendance at Shule. . . keep it up, Harriet, and you'll grow up to follow in your parents' footsteps. . . One nice thing about our crowd is that we can always muster up capable substitutes. . . Buddy Friedman did nobly as Head Usher in Harold Kaplan's absence. . . during the illness of our President, Lester Udell, whom we all hope to see back soon, Morris Steinberg has taken his position beside the Torah during the reading of the Law. . . Upon inquiry we learned that Simeon Goldstein was not with us Saturday because he was representing the Rabbi's family at the installation of our member and friend, Dr. Henry A. Rafsky, as vice-president of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun. . . Congratulations, Dr. Rafsky. . . The silver wedding anniversary this week of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Altman is also a sort of milestone for Rabbi Goldstein, who married the Altmans. . . the week is rich in wedding anniversaries--both Mr. and Mrs. Lester Udell and Mr. and Mrs. David H. Ullman are celebrating theirs. . . the Isidore Friedmans have, in addition to their anniversary, the birthday of Mrs. Friedman to celebrate this week. . . The ap-

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening, 7:59

Weekly Portion, BECHUKOSI

Friday Evening Service 6:30
 Saturday Morning Service 9:00
 Rabbi Hurwitz's Class in Talmud 7:00
 Mincha Service 8:00
 Sunday Morning Services

..... 6:45; 7:45; 8:45
 Wednesday Evening, Rabbi
 Hurwitz' Class in Talmud 8:30

Daily Services:

Mornings 6:45; 7:45; 8:15
 Mincha 8:00

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.

YOUTH SERVICE . . .

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Abraham Goodstein, Harold Udell,
 Louis Landowne, Melvin Hiller and
 Harold Levine, Charles Bendheim
 will read the Haphtorah.

Gabriel F. Goldstein is in charge
 of arrangements for the Youth Service.

CLUB NOTES . . .

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celebration of the end of the season
 in mid-June.

Solomon's Builder's, a new group
 for boys in our Hebrew School, is
 now meeting each Wednesday night
 at 7 o'clock under the leadership of
 Miss Hadassah Koenigsberg. The
 meetings are held in our workshop,
 where the boys are taught manual
 crafts and clay work. At present they
 are doing soap carvings for Lag
 B'Omer.

pearance in our pulpit tomorrow of
 "Youth Rabbi" Seymour Reichlin
 will coincide with his birthday. . .
 also celebrating birthdays this week
 the Miss Ruth Davis, Buddy Udell
 and Sylvan Marshall. . . . Con-
 gratulations are in order to Mr. and
 Mrs. Lou G. Siegel upon the en-
 gagement of their son, Sidney M.,
 to Miss Sylvia Muriel Schlang. . . As
 if there were not enough induce-
 ments to attend our services, Benja-
 min Wohl has once more kindly
 given us new curtains for our front
 door. . . their arrival was well-timed
 to deck our hall with something new
 in time for Youth Services tomorrow
 . . . come around and see what a
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