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FINAL YESHIVAHS APPEAL

The collection of funds donated in response to Rabbi Goldstein's appeal for the Yeshivahs abroad and in this country, made in our Synagogue on the last day of Passover, will end next Monday, June 10, at which time the final distribution will be made.

There is still time for you to add your name to the long list of those who have sent contributions and thereby aided us in our effort to bring sorely needed financial aid to the centers of Jewish learning, which are faced with the prospect of severe curtailment of program or actual extinction.

The following have sent their contributions during the past week:

Mrs. M. Frank, Mr. L. Herman, Mrs. E. Klein, Miss L. Mendelsohn.

ENGLISH FOR FOREIGNERS

Classes in English for Foreigners, at both the intermediate and advanced level, are now being held at our building Monday and Friday evenings, from 8 to 10 P. M. These classes are open, without charge, to any of our readers and friends.

MEMORIAL (YISKOR) SERVICES

Yiskor Services, in which we offer prayers in memory of those who have departed, will be held as usual in our Synagogue next Thursday, the second day of Shavuoth.

If you wish to have prayers said at that time for your dear ones, please fill out and return the enclosed form. For the sake of order and decorum, we request that this information be in our hands before Shavuoth.

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MEMORIAL SERVICES

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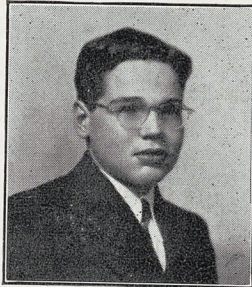
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OUR SUMMER PLAY SCHOOL

Registration Now Open

Children who plan to spend the summer in town may be enrolled at no cost in our Summer Play School, which will begin its all-day program at the end of June, following the closing of the schools.

Boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 14 will meet with instructors each weekday morning, Monday through Friday, at 9 o'clock, and, when weather permits, the entire day will be spent outdoors. Twice each week there will be swimming, at which the children will be under the supervision of qualified lifeguards. There will also be volleyball, baseball and other games in the parks, hikes, picnics and educational visits to points of interest in this city's five boroughs.

Come into our office or call TRafalgar 7-8281 and register your children for this fine summer program.

CLUB NOTES

Fresh from the spectacular success of its Barn Dance, which attracted a capacity crowd into our Social Hall a few weeks ago, the Senior League is making plans for a full Summer Social Program. Included in the affairs to be held this summer will be picnics, outings, group trips to the World's Fair and a boat ride. The season's first hike will be held Sunday, June 23.

Sunday night, June 16, has been set aside as an open social meeting of the Senior League, to which all young people among our readers (Turn to page 3, col. 1)

SHAVUOTH GATHERING

Mothers' and Daughters' Afternoon
Women's League to Act as Hostesses

Next Monday afternoon, June 10, our Women's League, in accordance with its annual custom, will act as hostesses for the Shavuoth Gathering of the Greater New York Council of the Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, to be held at our building.

The capable chairman of the Committee in charge of the Social Hour following the meeting is Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel, who will be assisted by the following women: Mrs. J. Anderson, Mrs. S. K. Beier, Mrs. A. H. Cohen, Mrs. Anna Dworkin, Mrs. M. Frank, Mrs. M. Greenstein, Mrs. M. Jablow, Mrs. J. Landowne, Mrs. M. Langer, Mrs. G. L. Livingston, Mrs. S. Michael, Mrs. Annie Mirken, Mrs. H. Mirken, Mrs. Annie R. Morris, Mrs. M. L. Pargament, Mrs. J. Settler, Mrs. M. Steinberg, Mrs. L. Udell, Mrs. D. H. Ullman and Mrs. H. Ward.

Two series of tableaux, which will be presented that afternoon were arranged by Mrs. Moses L. Isaacs and Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein. Entitled "The Six Ages of Daughters" and "Six Types of Mothers," these tableaux have been professionally directed by Mae Berland Rogin. The cast will include representatives from sisterhoods in Greater New York and Westchester.

Rabbi Goldstein will deliver the principal address.

All of the women of our congregation, mothers and daughters, young and old are cordially invited to attend this interesting Shavuoth program.

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THE FAITH OF YOUTH

By MAURICE SPANBOCK

(This is the sermon that won second place in our recent Youth Week Sermon Contest.)

Men—all men—must have some design for living. They must have some pattern upon which to fashion their lives. And today man is making an almost futile search for this guiding doctrine, this key to the fruitful, contented life. Witness the career of the late Heywood Broun. Socialist, Communist, freethinker and, finally, Catholic, this great intellectual spent his entire life in search of some fundamental proposition by which he could justify his existence.

But there must exist in the maze of conflicting ideologies—there must somewhere exist that for which we grope. Ironically enough, it is at our very fingertips. The doctrine we seek is the profound understanding upon which both religion and democracy are based—an understanding that man has natural dignity and intrinsic worth. It is a belief in the sanctity of the human soul. It is in direct opposition with the totalitarian theory that man is born to serve the state. This philosophy of life for which we search is what Thomas Jefferson meant when he said that all men are endowed with certain inalienable rights and that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. It was Rabbi Hillel's philosophy when he said, "Do not do unto others as you would not have others do

unto you." It is the essence of Jewish law and American democracy.

It is in the Torah that we find great social institutions such as the tithe—a form of income tax. It is in the Torah that we find provision for the Sabbatical Year and for the Jubilee: "And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year and proclaim freedom throughout the land to all the inhabitants thereof; יוכל היא תהיה לכם It shall be a jubilee unto you, איש אל אחותו ואיש אל משפחתו תשובו and ye shall return each man unto his possessions and ye shall return every man unto his family."

And so in the Torah we find the doctrine of love, of peace, of universal justice. Are not these terms synonymous with our American conception of social democracy? Have not both Judaism and democracy been nurtured on this doctrine of human dignity?

And in order that this design for living may be something more than an idealistic dream, its advocates must possess one quality in particular—faith. Faith in man's ability to respect the rights of others, faith in the eventual triumph of justice, faith in a God above.

It has been difficult, believe me, to utter today these words which were set down a month ago. It has been difficult to speak about a subject so apparently academic as respecting the rights of others. In striving for self-expression, one is enveloped by a sense of utter futility.

But if we accept the proposition that men must have something to live by, then let us think back to our Bible lessons: "And God created man in His image, in the image of God created He him." We are young. Our skin is thick. We still have faith in our fellow men. We still believe in a God above.

We hope against hope that we shall be disillusioned no further.

SHAVUOTH OBSERVANCE

With the approach of Shavuoth, it is well to remind ourselves of the words once spoken by a superintendent of schools to a Rabbi: "No Jewish child need attend school on Jewish holidays. Jewish parents who send their children on these days do so voluntarily, without compulsion from the Board of Education." When we respect our religion we gain respect for ourselves.

CONDOLENCE

We extend sincerest sympathy to our friend, Samuel Kramer, upon the death of his dear mother.

"AS
R'CHASH
SEES
IT"



THE 26th COMMANDMENT

By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

The 26th Commandment bids us to believe that there is no other God beside the Holy One, blessed be He, for it is said in Exodus, 20:3, "Thou shalt have no other gods before Me." Maimonides said: "You will never find Scripture to say 'other gods' except concerning the faith of the heart or the mind, but never in regard to action." You cannot make a god in form, but only in spirit. We are to have no mental reservations or hankerings after idolatry. We are not to delude ourselves by saying we love art, and thereby exhibit idols. Idols should be defaced or disfigured.

The basis of this commandment is revealed by its details. Anyone who ascribes godliness to any created being, for example, even though he may admit that God rules over him, nevertheless transgresses the commandment, "Thou shalt have no other gods." There is no partnership, no sonship with God. This is piquantly expressed in the Machilta, (the Halachic Tanaitic commentary on the Book of Exodus) where, on the words, אלקים אחרים we have the following comment: "Are they gods? Has it not been said they are not gods? But (the answer is) others call them gods."

Our Rabbis also say that when one loses his temper it is as if he serves a strange god. Why? Because when one allows a fit of anger to get the better of him, he feels independent of all, even of God Himself, and thus allows anger to control. In the Zohar, the Kabbalistic commentary on the Bible, we read: "Kol Hakoyas K'eeloo Oh-vahd Ahvado Zaw Raw." "He who loses his temper is as if he worshipped an idol." One of the methods of curing anger is to think of death; then this strange malady may disappear.

This law prohibiting idolatry pertains not only to Jews, but to all mankind, and is one of the Seven Noachian Laws, which were given, for all the children of the universe to observe.

CLUB NOTES . . .

(Continued from page 1)

are cordially invited. New members will be welcomed into the group.

The Club Governing Board, at a meeting last night, announced that a Shavuoth Dance will be held on Saturday night, June 15, at our building. Admission to the dance will be free for all paid-up club members. The Board also made plans for a Summer Club Program, the details of which will be announced in our next issue.

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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By **RABBI EMANUEL L. LIFSCHITZ**

Many there be who ask, "What has religion done to prevent or stay the holocaust of evil gripping the world today?" Some will even maintain that religion has failed in the hour of crisis. The answer is: Religion has not failed. Religion, now as ever, stands for justice and mercy, righteousness and brotherhood. The Torah, through its laws, zealously guarantees a measure of happiness to the socially underprivileged. The Temple of old was forbidden to accept the gifts of those who profited by the prostitution of righteousness and justice. Teachers and prophets of false doctrines that set brother against brother were to be punished and expelled.

Religion has not failed or been defeated, but rather, organized religion has failed and today is being defeated on every front. It has failed to denounce with prophetic zeal and expose those symbolizing corruption and those who would set man against man. It has failed to don sackcloth and ashes as the religious teachers of old have done and exposed the roots of our present evil, the philosophy of materialism and force. In its desire to build and strengthen a self-perpetuating hierarchy, it used the supine and decadent methods of ordinary society. It has stressed form without giving due regard to its inner spiritual message--that of humility and charity--to live as children of God. See what unmitigating zeal has accomplished for the forces of evil in our day. They are at present successful. Their creed and ideology has filtered into every corner of the globe, even threatening the last bulwarks of religious civilization, the Americas.

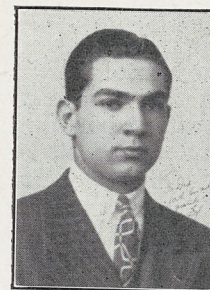
If America is to remain firm and safe in the face of the spiritual, moral and political collapses suffered in the countries abroad, then let us apply the same zeal in propagandizing religion and democracy on these continents. Let us include genuine religious and social ethics in our armament program.

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OUR SUCCESSORS-TO-BE

SYLVAN M. MARSHALL

The representative of the W.S.I.S. at Harvard is Sylvan Marshall, who is now completing his second year in the Law School of that University. All of us who heard the fine sermons Sylvan used to deliver here on Saturday afternoons before he graduated from C.C.N.Y. have no doubt about his eventual success as a lawyer. We are all proud, moreover, to have him spreading our message wherever he is, for his regular attendance at our services when he was at home indicates his deep devotion to orthodox Judaism.

At twenty-two (he just celebrated his birthday a few weeks ago), Sylvan has piled up an imposing list of extra-curricular attainments, in addition to his success at Law School. He is a Second Lieutenant in the Reserve Army Officers and has won five War Department medals for marksmanship. Sylvan is also an honorary member of the International Police Chiefs Association.

GETTING PERSONAL

Last Saturday we welcomed many notables. . . our President, Lester Udell, after a long absence due to illness, and his good wife. . . Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Settel. . . Mrs. Herbert Gossett after her illness. . . Benjamin Spanbock, back from a business trip. . . Harold Kaplan, who, as usual, was just back from Florida. . . then there were new friends, Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Levy, and Mr. & Mrs. I. Perlman and family. . . The Mirken Family, well represented by Mr. & Mrs. Harry, Mr. & Mrs. Larry, matriarch Mrs. Annie, and Milton, had occasion to feel proud of the fine Mat-tir rendered by Harry. . . Those who heard Buddy Friedman's Shachris will testify that he can still hold his own as a Chazan. . . We are happy to note that the Jess Wards are becoming "regulars" at our Services. . . There were some distinguished and welcome guests at our building during the week—Hotel managers Mr. & Mrs. Frank Seiden and Mr. Max Winkler. . . and our friend Mr. Morris Levine proudly showing off his little daughter, Joan. . . That was some Kiddush the Blankforts gave in honor of the wedding yesterday of their son, Dr. Gerald, and Muriel Sanders. . . Further celebrating in the Blankfort family was occasioned by their own wedding anniversary, which was last week. . . Other wedding anniversaries this week are those of Mr. & Mrs. Siegfried Bendheim, Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Fasten and Mr. & Mrs. Jack Levine. . . out in Chicago they're celebrating the anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Snower, daughter and son-in-law of the Harry Appels. . . Here in New York, Harry himself is enjoying a birthday, as are also Rabbi Lifschitz and youngsters Natalie Reichlin and Leisha Langer. . . Leisha entertained at a party for his young colleagues in our Day School. . . Our Rummage Sale closed last Monday after a successful career, headed by the indefatigable Mrs. Morris and greatly aided by the hard work of the Mesdames B. Davis, J. Davis, H. S. Goldstein, S. Goodman, E. Hiller, M. Jablow, H. Reichlin and B. Swisgold, and of the Misses Ruth Davis and Muriel V. Margareten. . . Lest we forget, our deepest thanks to our Director, David H. Ullman, for

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening, 8:08
(See Note Below)
Weekly Portion, NOSO

Friday Evening Service 6:30
Saturday Morning Service 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:00
Rabbi Hurwitz's Class in Talmud 7:00
Mincha Service 8:10
Sunday Morning Services
..... 6:45; 7:45; 8:45

SHAVUOTH SERVICES

Tuesday Evening 8:10
Wednesday Morning 9:00
Wednesday Evening 8:10
Thursday Morning 9:00

Yiskor Services

Daily Services:

Mornings 6:45; 7:45; 8:15
Mincha 8:10

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.

donating transportation of merchandise to our Rummage Sale. . . Dave also provides all the linen used in our building. . . The same kind of generosity is shown by Samuel W. Siegel, who audits our books and records and renders us detailed reports each month. . . Those are real friends. . . Our best wishes go with Mr. & Mrs. Henry M. Mayper on their departure for Long Beach. . . On the sick list are Rabbi Abraham Burstein, Max Brown, Mrs. Helen Sternberg, mother of Rebbetzin Lifschitz and Aaron Jablow, brother of our Secretary. . . we wish them the best of health very soon. . . Last week Rabbi Goldstein spent a day in Boston, where he went to address the New England Women's Association of the Hebrew Teachers' College on the occasion of the Book Festival for Lag B'omer. . .

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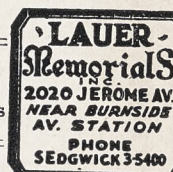
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