

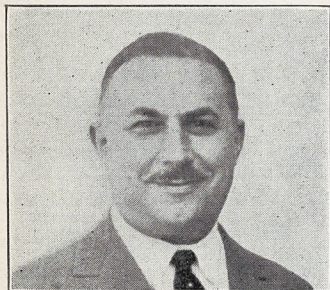
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TWENTY-FIFTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



MR. AND MRS. SIEGFRIED BENDHEIM

We extend our very sincere congratulations to our generous friends and zealous co-workers upon the occasion of their Silver Wedding Anniversary, which they will celebrate

Sunday, June 16. Mr. Bendheim is one of our Directors, and Mrs. Bendheim is an active worker in our Women's League.

CLUB NOTES

The **Club Council** offers to all club members at our building free admission to a gala **Shavuoth Dance** tomorrow night. Refreshments will be served.

At its meeting last week, the Council elected a committee to make arrangements for the Summer club program at our building. Members of the Committee are Nat Carmen, Anita Cohen, Melvin Fleischer, Bruce Lane, Larry Wellman and Kenneth Wenger.

The **Senior League** announces Sunday, June 23, as the first date in its summer series of hikes, picnics, outings and boat rides. At that time, the group will hold an all-day outing in a nearby park. Full details of that day's events will be divulged at the open meeting and social to be held at our building next Sunday night, June 16.

The **Junior Council** will hold its last meeting of the season next Sunday night, June 16, at 8:30. There will be dancing and refreshments.

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening, 8:12	
Weekly Portion, BHAA LOSCHO	
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
Wednesday Evening, Rabbi Hurwitz's Class in Talmud	8:30
Daily Services:	
Mornings	6:45; 7:45; 8:15
Mincha	8:15

SUMMER PLAY SCHOOL

Register Now!

It costs nothing to enroll your child, boy or girl, in our Summer Play School, which will provide children from 8 to 14 with an all-day program of healthful outdoor activities, commencing at the end of June, when the schools close. The outdoor program will include swimming twice each week, under the careful supervision of qualified lifeguards, volleyball, baseball and other games in the parks. There will also be hikes, picnics and educational tours of points of interest in our city.

Registration is now open. Come into our office or call TRafalgar 7-8281 for further details.

Dear Readers:

As we now suspend publication for the Summer, I take this opportunity to wish you an enjoyable and healthy vacation.

There are two things you can do for our Synagogue before you begin your vacation:

1. Reserve your seats for the High Holy days now. We are anxious to please and can do so better if you act now.

2. If you are indebted to us, pay the obligation now. During the Summer months, our income is drastically reduced, and your aid will be most welcome.

Cordially,

Morris Jablow, Secretary

YESHIVAHS FUNDS DISTRIBUTED

The generous contributions received as a result of Rabbi Goldstein's appeal, made from our pulpit on the last day of Passover, were distributed last week among the following Yeshivahs: Etz Chaim Yeshivah of Jerusalem; The Hebron Yeshivah; The Kelm Yeshivah; The Universal Yeshivah of Jerusalem; and Yeshivah Kleczk.

In addition, donations were made to the Chabad Yeshivahs and to the National Emergency Committee for War-Torn Yeshivahs. This committee aids in the support of the following former Polish Yeshivahs, which have been salvaged and re-established in Vilna, Lithuania: The Mirror Yeshivah; Kneseth Beth Itzhok of Kamenetz; Etz Chaim of Kletzk; Chofetz Chaim Yeshivah of Radun; Lomzer Yeshivah; Beth Joseph of Bialystok; Ohel Torah of Baranowitz; Etz Chaim of Volozhin; Yeshivath Slonim; and Shaarei Torah of Grodno. We have also sent contributions to the Yeshivah College and the Yeshivah Torah Vodaath and Mesifta.

Since the last issue of the Review, donations were received from Samuel K. Beier, Dr. Frank E. Fink, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Landowne, Louis Landowne, Mrs. S. Robins, and an additional contribution from Lester Udell.

We take this opportunity to thank all of our many generous contributors on behalf of the impoverished centers of Jewish learning, which are the beneficiaries of our fund-raising campaign.

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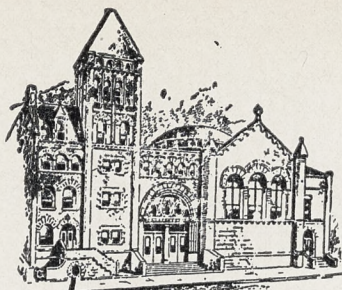
HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES

will be reserved and waiting for you. If you consult us now, before we offer seats to the general public, you may be assured of getting the quantity of seats you want in the location you prefer.

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ADIEU

With this issue, our publishing season ends, to be resumed in the Fall. Also with this issue, your Editor bows himself out of the picture, to be succeeded by another in the Fall.

For the past three years, we have labored, cajoled, threatened, bullied, waxed angry or sarcastic, at times gloated and, in so doing probably annoyed our readers no end. Now, in this swan song of ours, we apologize to all and sundry for any hurt feelings, but insist that our motives were, at all times, aimed to contribute, however insignificant the result, to the improvement of humanity, to a tearing down of hypocrisy and stupidity.

As is customary when guests depart, we say we hope you have enjoyed the visit as much as we have. Good luck to all, and may peace and happiness soon be restored to the world.

THE THREE ROADS

By PAUL S. NEWMAN

(The Sermon that won third place in our "Youth Week" Sermon Contest.)

Jewish Youth today faces three roads. On one side, the path seems pleasant. Although the sun shines, off in the distance are signs of darkness, like the prelude to a storm.

This is the road of Assimilation. The middle path is also pleasing. The road is shaded; the first tree bears fruit, but the last is barren. This is the road of Reform. The last path is steep and winding, and a low-hanging mist veils the course. Yet a ray of light seeps through the labyrinths of mist. This is the road of Orthodoxy.

Assimilation was tried by the German Jews. It took a sadistic Hitler to show them that they could not evade their identity through intermarriage. There is something far more basic in Judaism than time can eliminate. Scattered like the wind-blown sands, the Jews have lost some part of their culture. Few can speak our language; fewer still can write it. Our customs have been moderated to conform with those of the lands we inhabit. Let not our culture or our blood be further assimilated.

Those who have taken the road of Reform hold that modern times necessitate a change in the law, a relaxation from compliance. They want to be Jews, yet are unwilling to bear the implied obligations. But when man judges which law is requisite, he creates his own moral code, a code relative to circumstance, one that has no force to concretize his actions. Law after law will be found inconvenient and dropped. One by one the links in the chain of Judaism will be severed and the chain will break.

Our Youth must, then, turn to the road of Orthodoxy. It is not an encouraging sight that greets the enquiring eye. The landscape is of a despairing nature, with some ray of hope in the distance. Yet the wanderer may see that this road continues from the one which his people have traveled for generations. For over 5000 years, Jews have walked the road of Orthodoxy and have survived, while those who have wandered off on the bypaths have vanished. This road has been shrouded by the clouds of hate, but it has also witnessed the golden years of the race. Empires have arisen and declined on the way, but the Orthodox Jew has wandered through the valley of despair and reached the summits of contentment. One force has driven him on—the realization of the existence of a God.

If the Jewish youth of today seeks self-respect, they must first win universal respect. The whole world admires the pious man. Our Youth must continue on the road of Orthodoxy if they wish to survive as Jews. The black path is the challenge, the bright hope the reward.

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THE 27th, 28th,
and 29th COMMANDMENTS
By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

The 27th Commandment forbids us to make images, because they may lead to the spread of idolatry. It makes no difference whether one actually makes the images or commands someone else to make them for him, for it is said in Exodus 20:4, "Thou shalt not make unto THEE any graven image." According to this commandment we may draw pictures or paintings, but not fashion sculpture. This accounts for the lack of physical art among Jews. When one enters into houses of worship of other faiths, one is forcefully struck with the bold representation of human beings in icons, statues and images before which people bow.

The 28th Commandment bids us not to prostrate ourselves before an idol, for it is written in Exodus 20:5, "Thou shalt not bow down unto them." One may not do anything in front of an idol that will make him appear to be worshipping it, as, for instance, picking up coins before it. One who transgresses this law intentionally is subject to excision. If he is warned and still transgresses, he is to be stoned; if he does so unwittingly, he is obliged to bring a sin offering.

By the 29th Commandment, we are bade not to worship in any manner any idol, whether it be customary to do so or not. Any form of the four methods of worshipping an idol is prohibited. These methods are bowing, sacrificial offering, libation of wine, and the sprinkling of blood. Some idol worship entails disgraceful actions, as the worship of "Peor," which includes lewdness; the worship of "Markulis," which involves the throwing of stones; or the worship of "Chemosh," which requires the casting of one's hair to the idol. One might think that these acts bring such discredit upon those who perform them that the disgrace should be sufficient punishment. Nevertheless, the Bible, in the words "Thou shalt not serve them," (Exodus 20:5), expressly forbids any method of idol worship.

CONDOLENCE

We extend sincerest sympathy to Mrs. Harry Goodman upon the death of her brother, Harry Epstein.

UNVEILING SUNDAY

The unveiling of a monument for the late Mrs. Bertha Kessler, wife of our member, Mr. Henry J. Kessler, and mother of Ruth Kessler Toch and Leona Kessler, will be held at the New Mount Carmel Cemetery, Plot of Crotona Lodge, Sunday morning, June 16, at 11 o'clock.

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By **RABBI EMANUEL L. LIFSCHITZ**

Peace is a cardinal principle of Judaism. Peace is the high spiritual note of our daily and festival prayers. The most stirring prophetic messages of the ancient seers enhanced the vision of peace and tranquility for all mankind. Thus the Torah prohibited the Hebrew Kings of old from freely declaring war on the countries bordering on Palestine, merely for Lebensraum, for economic or geographic advantage. Such a war was termed מלחמת רשות and before the King could undertake it, he had to receive the consent of the members of the Sanhedrin who represented the people.

However in the event that Eretz Israel were to be attacked, its religious or political liberty threatened, then the King as Commander-in-Chief could, without the consent of the Sanhedrin, declare war upon the enemy. A war in self defense was termed מלחמת מצוה.

At this moment the democratic peoples of the world are threatened with total invasion by the Nazis, which, if successful, will spell slavery and Godlessness. The threat is for Jews and Christians as well. The challenge is not to one isolated country, but to all countries where liberty and religious freedom are still legion. It is no longer an economic struggle, but the struggle for the survival of an ideal, of a moral principle.

Modern warfare is terrific, bleeding the conquerer as well as the defeated. It leaves a trail of human suffering and social tragedy. Areas of combat are transformed into infernos of blood, destruction and defeatism. It seems apparent that this war is a מלחמת מצוה, that if life is to be worth while, if freedom is to be preserved, one must be ready to make sacrifices.

Nevertheless, in one's heart of hearts, one still wonders: Is there not yet another way out?

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MISS SYLVIA LIVINGSTON

A graduate of Cornell University and Columbia Law School, where she was second in her class, a Kent Scholar and an editor of the Columbia Law Review, Miss Livingston was first woman legal assistant in the preparation of the Restatements of the American Law Institute, in which position she was associated with Professors Powell of Columbia, Simes of Michigan, Leach and Casner of Harvard, Rundell of Minnesota, Dean Clark of Yale and many others. She then served as Assistant Counsel to the Temporary State Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. At present she is associated with the law firm of Livingston & Livingston.

An active worker and leader in Jewish communal affairs, she was Chairman of the Social Committee of Junior Division of the United Jewish Appeal and is now Chairman of its Junior Lawyers Committee.

Miss Livingston received her religious training in our Talmud Torah and attends our Synagogue with her parents, our Director and Mrs. George L. Livingston.

GETTING PERSONAL

We hear that everything was lovely, including the bride, at the Sanders-Blankfort wedding. . . The Bar Mitzvah last Saturday of Donald Holley, son of Assemblyman and Mrs. Ira H. Holley attracted a host of distinguished guests, among whom were Judge Louis L. Kahn, Commissioner Dennis L. Mahon, Hon. John H. Conroy, Judge Hyman Reit, and Mr. Max Etra. . . The two grandmothers, Mrs. Jacob Stone and Mrs. I. Holoschutz, looked charming and were justifiably proud of the unusually fine rendition of the Maftir and Haftorah by their grandson. . . We were glad to see Miss Hattie Bloom, sister of Congressman Sol Bloom, back with us after her long absence. . . The Shavuoth Gathering of the Women's Branch of U.O.J.C.A., at which our Women's League was hostess last Monday afternoon, was once more an outstanding affair. . . we apologize most profusely for omitting, last week, the name of Mrs. Jess Ward in the list of the committee in charge of the affair. . . Incidentally, the very lovely programs were designed by Harriet Freedman, Mrs. Ward's sister. . . official greetings were extended by Mrs. David H. Ullman, our Women's League President, Mrs. Isidor Freedman, National President of the Women's Branch of U.O.J.C.A., and Mrs. Jacob M. Marcuson, President of the Greater New York Council. . . At Services, we missed Mr and Mrs. Meyer L. Pargament, who are sojourning temporarily at Atlantic City. . . On our congratulation list this week, comes Cantor Zalmon Yavneh, who celebrated his thirteenth wedding anniversary Tuesday. . . Mrs. Yavneh returned from Florida just in time to join in the celebration. . . we congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Irving Galteer upon the birth of a son--also congratulations to Grandma Jaffin, mother of Mrs. Galteer. . . Happy birthday to Nanette Udell, daughter of our President. . . Congratulations to Harriet Livingston, daughter of our Editor, upon her graduation from Adelphi Academy. . . We wish a speedy recovery to Mr. Louis Davis, who has undergone an operation. . . we were glad to welcome his son, Norman, at Services Saturday. . . We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Brown upon the marriage of their daughter, Hortense, to Alfred

BAR MITZVAH



DONALD DITCHIK

We extend our hearty congratulations upon the Bar Mitzvah this Sabbath at our Synagogue of Donald Ditchik, son of Dr. and Mrs. Abraham Ditchik, of 29 West 75th Street.

JUNE BAR MITZVAHS

We take this occasion, in this season's last issue, to congratulate the families of the following boys, upon their Bar Mitzvahs, which will take place at our Synagogue later this month:

On June 22:

Richard Berger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Berger, of 161 West 75th Street.

Joseph Tilem, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Tilem, of 225 West 80th Street.

On June 29:

Arthur Finkelstein, nephew of Mr. David S. Galton, of 119 West 71st Street.

Wolfgang Heinemann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Siegfried Heinemann, of 342 West 71st Street.

Stanley Sardinsky, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Sardinsky, of 140 West 104th Street.

Hockstein. . . To all who are leaving on their vacations, we wish bon voyage. . . our own vacation will be over the second Friday in September, when we hope to see you all back, healthy and happy. . . .

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