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## REGISTRATION FOR TALMUD TORAH CONTINUES

### Day School Adds to Curriculum

Talmud Torah classes began their sessions Monday afternoon, September 9, but registration will continue till the end of the month. A faculty of excellent graduate Hebrew teachers, supervised by Rabbi Emanuel Lifschitz spares no effort in making our school one of the finest of its kind. Register your child today.

The W.S.I.S. Day School, which is entering its second year, also began classes on Monday. This year our Day School classes will range from 1-A to 3-B and, in addition a kindergarten group has been organized for youngsters between the ages of 5 and 6.

Hebrew and English instruction is given to both boys and girls in co-operation with the State Board of Education. Parents are urged to come into our office and inquire about our Day School.

## NEW YEARS GREETING

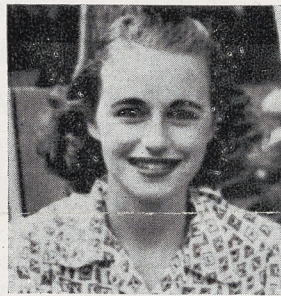
On Wednesday October 2, the special Rosh Hashonah issue will be published. A separate section of that issue will be devoted to New Years Greetings and many of our members have already expressed their intention to include personal messages to their friends and relatives. Wouldn't you like to do the same?

We have a number of form messages which you may use, or, if you prefer, you may frame your own. A two dollar charge will be made for each greeting.

## REQUESTS FOR KOSHER MEALS AND BOARD

We have received numerous requests from gentlemen who are anxious to find private families with whom they can board and have Kosher meals daily. If you know of any family who would be interested, please communicate with the office.

## ENGAGEMENT



JOAN HORWITZ

We take great pleasure in announcing the engagement of Joan Horwitz, grand daughter of our first Vice-President and Mrs. Aaron Wartels and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Horwitz, to Mr. Solomon M. Strausberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Strausberg, of Brooklyn. May we take this opportunity of extending our heartfelt congratulations to the couple and to their families.

## WOMEN'S LEAGUE ANNOUNCES LUNCHEON COMMITTEE

An unusually large group attended the opening session of Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class which preceded the first meeting of the season held by the Women's League last Monday afternoon. The meeting itself was largely devoted to a discussion of the \$12.50 Quota Luncheon, to be held on November 19, 1940.

Under the able leadership of the President, Mrs. David H. Ullman the following capable women are to act as co-chairmen of the luncheon. Mesdames; Joseph Anderson, Siegfried Bendheim, Albert H. Cohen, Herbert Gosset, and Sam W. Siegel. The co-treasurers will be Mrs. Jack Levine and Mrs. Moses Langer.

Mrs. Max E. Sanders and Mrs. David H. Ullman were the hostesses at the social hour which followed the meeting.

## CONDOLENCE

We extend deepest sympathy to Mrs. George Jablow on the loss of her brother, Barney Firestone.

## LAST CALL FOR HIGH HOLIDAY SEATS

Cantor Yavneh  
will again lead Service

On Wednesday eve October 2, we will usher in the Rosh Hashonah holiday. The time is growing near and unless you arrange for your seats during the coming week we may not be able to accommodate you. Mr. Jablow advises that seats have been selling faster than in any previous year.

Cantor Zalmon Yavneh will again lead the congregation in the service. The Cantor, who has for many years devoted his melodious voice to the task of making our services truly inspiring, again urges that all of us join in the congregational singing.

Come into our office today and arrange for your seats for the holiday. The office will be open every day and evening for your convenience.

## JUNIOR CONGREGATION TO HOLD HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES

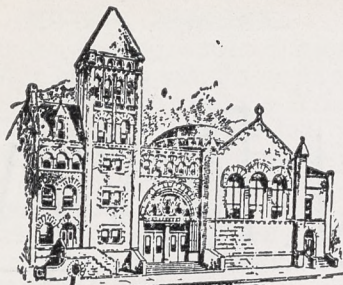
The synagogue is planning to hold a special Junior Congregation service on the High Holidays. All parents who are interested in having their children attend are requested to communicate with the office.

A large turnout was on hand last Saturday morning for the opening Junior service. The Saturday morning services will continue throughout the season beginning at 10:00 A.M.

## GOVERNING BOARD HOLDS INITIAL MEETING

Social Scheduled for September 29

Last Thursday evening the Governing Board of the Council held its first meeting of the season. At that time extensive plans were made for an active club program for the coming year. The details will be announced in a few weeks. In the meantime the Council wishes to extend a cordial invitation to its members and friends to attend the opening social to be held on Sunday evening, September 29, at 8:30 P. M.



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## "FOR HUMANITY'S SAKE"

Death and destruction are riding the skies of London and thousands of British people are being blasted into the bowels of the earth. The Nazis, with their constant death-dealing air raids, are hoping to crack the morale of the English defenders. Fortunately, the British are still confident of victory and are offering remarkably stiff resistance. However, the air attacks will increase in intensity and more and more people will be rendered homeless and innocent children will be buried in the wreckage in increased numbers.

We can help to maintain the morale of the British people by removing their children from the area of danger. Whether the English like the role or not, they are at present defending civilization against barbarism and our duty to give assistance does not end with sending them fifty over-age destroyers. If England loses this war, the full brunt of the next one will fall upon us and what democratic nation will then remain to which we will be able to send our children? If we are to avoid experiencing the fate of Lon-

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## 30th COMMANDMENT "ON TAKING AN OATH"

By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Today I want to discuss the whole question of taking and annulling an oath. When we take an oath, it is generally due to excitement, envy, or some weakness. Therefore we have the practice that when a person swears and is sorry afterwards, he comes to the Rabbi who explores the possibilities which would clearly and undoubtedly indicate that if the person were aware of the real facts, he would not have taken the oath. This is called "charote", to be sorry for the oath.

A very fine philosophic question is now raised in regard to God. In the Bible we find that God is pic-

tured as taking an oath. God, unlike man, certainly knows all the facts of the case, past, present and future. How can God ever have "charote" or be sorry because of additional facts of which he was not conscious? Yet we say that Moses annulled God's vow. The answer is not that He underwent a change but only those contingencies which prompted His decree of retribution. Prayer plus repentance makes of the man or of the people involved different or new. the people involved, different or new.

It is interesting to know, however, that whenever God promises to do good, that promise is fulfilled. On the other hand, when God is described as taking an oath He will punish, then he is not bound to fulfill that oath because the element of repentance is open to man. This we find admirably expressed in the Book of Jonah in regard to the people of Nineva whom God vowed he would destroy. But later when they repented, the decree for destruction was amended.

Our generation too can be spared from further destruction, if only like the people of Nineva, we would both pray and repent, so that God in turn would forgive us for the accumulated revolt from Him.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

The Review's first editorial of the year has hit a timely note. Today's Europe is a shambles because nations conserved -- did not expend -- their energies. As citizens of a country whose existence is threatened by the dark shadow of the Beast of Berchtesgaden, it is incumbent upon us to see that substance does not follow this shadow. National rearmament is vital, but so are spiritual and social rearmament -- the backbone and distinguishing characteristic of a democratic nation.

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At this season of the year, it is customary for the Jewish people to concern themselves with spiritual rearmament. Even those of us who in our youth received a basic foundation of Jewish education can easily find continued sources of knowledge. Those of us who are less gifted undoubtedly appreciate the advantages of Jewish studies. It is to be hoped that all take advantage of their opportunities.

Congratulations on your splendid start. May it be the forerunner of continued endeavor.

Sidney Harris

don, the Battle of Britain must be Hitler's Waterloo.

The British and American Governments are doing everything possible to facilitate the removal of English children to our shores. However, the number that will be able to come here depends on how many Americans are willing to take into their homes one or more of these refugees. The Committees working on this problem are experiencing a great deal of difficulty in finding Jewish families who will shelter and care for the English children of the Hebrew faith. The respective Governments are insisting that the children be placed with families who will respect their religion and we must acclaim this ruling by offering our homes to them.

It is true that in the last few years we have been called upon to make numerous personal sacrifices but we must remember that no matter how much we have done, we are still in a far better position than our brethren in any of the other countries of the world. Lest we be forced to make the supreme sacrifice, we must answer the call of the British children. We will not only be saving innocent lives but we will also enable the English people to carry on.

# THIS AND THAT



## ETERNAL HOPE

By RABBI EMANUEL L. LIFSCHITZ

For millenia, Palestine has been the spiritual homeland of the Jewish people. For centuries pious Jews have made pilgrimages to the Holy Land to fulfill the biblical commandment to dwell in the land. Millions of Jews in every corner of the globe reverently turn to Mizrach - the east, as they thrice daily recite their silent devotions and are sustained with the prayer that God will, in His own time rebuild the Holy City. With the issuing of the Balfour Declaration in 1917 permitting the Jewish people to build a national homeland in Palestine, Eretz Israel began to flourish. Thereto swarmed the lovers of Zion. Merchants and laborers, financiers and professionals, writers and dreamers, all came to rebuild the land which for centuries lay desolate.

Nearly half a million Jews have gathered. Magic-like the country grew. Sand dunes were transformed into ultra modern farms and cities embracing splendid yeshivos and schools, libraries, kindergartens, hospitals and public highways.

The rebuilding of Eretz Israel symbolized the renaissance of the Jewish people. It demonstrated to the Jew that he was not doomed to be the world's outcast.

During the last fortnight Italian

| WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE                                           |                  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Light Candles Friday Evening 6:47                                |                  |
| Weekly Portion KI TABO                                           |                  |
| Friday Evening Service .....                                     | 6:45             |
| Saturday Morning Service .....                                   | 9:00             |
| Junior Congregation .....                                        | 10:00            |
| Rabbi Hurwitz's Class in Talmud .....                            | 6:00             |
| Mincha Service .....                                             | 6:45             |
| Sunday Morning Service .....                                     | 6:45; 7:45; 8:45 |
| Daily Service                                                    |                  |
| Mornings .....                                                   | 6:45; 7:45; 8:15 |
| Mincha .....                                                     | 6:40             |
| Followed by the Interpretation of the Mishnah by Rabbi Goldstein |                  |

bombs have rained terror, death and destruction upon the land. By the time this goes to press one can't foretell to what new havoc it may be exposed. The land is vulnerable to attack. But nevertheless we are not afraid, for we are an ancient people and accustomed to suffering. Zion has donned its robes of mourning before. It has seen its temples destroyed, its land laid waste; it has witnessed its kings, priests, prophets and the fairest of its sons killed, sold as slaves or driven into exile. But each time Zion has been restored and Israel comforted. As long as the Jewish people will keep the love of the Torah and Zion at heart there will be hope for Zion no matter how much death and destruction may be visited upon her.

## EDITORIAL STRESSES AID TO BRITISH CHILDREN

The editorial, appearing on page 2, presents the problem being faced by refugee committees in their efforts to find homes for British children of the Jewish faith. If you are interested in sheltering one or more of these children in your home for the duration of the war, please communicate with the office.

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MOSES J. BERLIN

Genial and modest, Moses J. Berlin is popularly known to his friends as Jack. He came to New York for a visit from Charleston, S. C., 42 years ago, but decided to remain and make this city his permanent home.

Extensive travelling has prevented him from devoting as much time to the W.S.I.S. as he would like to. However, his intensive activities during the short periods in which he is able to be with us, more than makes up for his enforced absence.

Director for a year past, Mr. Berlin is active in numerous charitable organizations. In fact, apart from his very generous contributions to this synagogue and other institutions, he still contributes liberally to the synagogue which his parents attended in Charleston.

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## RELIGION AND SCIENCE

Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein in his remarks on "RELIGION AND SCIENCE," Saturday afternoon, September 14th, said in part:

"Albert Einstein in his recent address at the theological seminary certainly showed himself to be a good scientist but not an authority on religion. He urged mankind to assume the religion of the good and of the beautiful, but to relinquish the idea of a personal God. Let me say that it is well nigh impossible for the world to enjoy the good without human beings accepting a personal God.

"As for a scientist's belief in a personal God, I quote from the words of the greatest American scientist, Dr. Arthur H. Compton, who said: 'Who then is to say that man is an object of indifference to God? Is it not reasonable to suppose that to an intelligent creator, intelligent creatures may be of especial interest.'

"If ever the world is in need of the belief in the personal God it is today. It is unfortunate that so great a physicist as Dr. Einstein should fail to understand that science needs religion for humanity's sake. Science devises the implement, religion shows how it should be used for the best interests of mankind.

"The greatest temptation for the scientist is to face the realization of the finiteness of his own mind. Faith does not supplant reason, faith supplements it. The belief in the personal God is to the individual what the telescope is to the naked eye. The latter can see but a limited distance. When we add the telescope to it we lengthen its vision. So too, science is as the naked eye, finite in its scope. The belief in a personal God is as the telescope lengthening its vision for the betterment of mankind. Religion does not supplant science; religion is the supplement to science - the end all, the finishing touch to the scientist, the human being."

Dear Nat,

You deserve utmost credit for making my daughter's wedding at the Hotel Waldorf Astoria such a grand affair.

Sincerely,

Mr. Max E. Sanders

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## Getting Personal

Another week, another column, and social events galore. . . Mr. and Mrs. Myron Goldman announce the arrival of a blessed event. The bouncing boy's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Jacobs and they say it won't be long before he is Vice-President of the Men's Club. . . Anniversary greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Jablow. . . Harry Appel told us last week that money may be all right, but you sure can waste a lot of time making it. . . Joseph Tilem has attended synagogue every Saturday since his Bar-Mitzvah last spring. Other Bar-Mitzvah boys please copy . . . Hearty thanks to Monty Salmon, manager of the Beacon Theatre for having been so swell to our Talmud Torah students at their recent rally . . . We have been told that we have a cosmopolitan synagogue, with French, German and English prayer books being used by our congregants. We suggest that Buddy (Page Boy) Friedman announce the pages in these languages. . . Our President Lester Udell and Contrib Editor

Gaby Goldstein will be blowing out candles this week. . . We're getting in our congratulations before the big rush. . . We are advised that Sig Bendheim, after driving a golf ball 250 yards, turned to his caddie and asked, "What did I do that was right?" . . . Congrats to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Siegel who went to the altar yesterday. . . Also our thanks to Lou Siegel for the sumptuous spread in honor of the occasion. . . Aaron Gross pulled a "Fred Stone" on us last Saturday when he hobbled into synagogue with a fractured leg. . . That's the kind of religious devotion that we admire. . . Your editor, after making one enemy for failure to carry a certain article in his first issue, is beginning to wonder how many friends ex-editor George Livingston still has. . . NOTICE TO ALL PRETTY W.S.I.S. LASSES - Please continue to announce your engagements at the rate of one each week. Your pictures featured on our front page will enable us to compete favorably with "Silver Screen."

### SENIOR LEAGUE TO HOLD OPEN MEETING SUNDAY

On Sunday evening, September 22nd, the Senior League will hold its second open meeting of the season. Rabbi Lifschitz will address the group on the subject, "Jewish Marriage Customs". A social hour will follow the discussion.

A large crowd attended the opening meeting of the Senior League last Sunday night. The group enjoyed a very interesting talk by Hon. David C. Lewis.



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