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WOMEN'S LUNCHEON TO BE HELD AT WALDORF ASTORIA

The Women's League announced at its meeting last Monday afternoon that this year its annual Luncheon would be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Waldorf Astoria on Tuesday, November 19th. The meeting, which was preceeded by a most interesting session of Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class, was a very enthusiastic one. Mrs. Maurice Greenstein and Mrs. Annie Hauer were the hostesses at the social hour which followed the meeting.

Since the Luncheon was considered to be the major social as well as fund raising project of the year it was decided that an Executive Luncheon Committee be established to assist the Administrative Committee previously appointed. The personnel of the former committee will be announced in a later issue of the "Review".

The Luncheon deserves the wholehearted support of the friends of our Women's League particularly because of the fact that the proceeds of this affair will be used not only to further the activities of our synagogue but to aid some of the many refugees who have come to our shores.

SCOUTS APPEAL FOR OLD TOYS Sea Scout Ship Honored

The W.S.I.S. Scout troops are requesting our readers to turn over to them all broken toys. They will be repaired by the Scouts and given away to needy children during the Chanukah festival. These young men will be glad to call for any toys that you may have. If you will phone our office all arrangements will be made.

Twice during the last month the Sea Scout Ship of the W.S.I.S. has been honored. It attended a rendezvous at Fort Schuyler, New York where it received a citation. In addition, the Manhattan Council has selected our ship for use in connection with the training of Sea Scout officers.

We salute Skipper Sidney Harris, First Mate Joe Cliff and the entire Sea Scout Ship.

DEADLINE SET FOR NEW YEARS GREETINGS

There is still a short time remaining in which you can submit your New Years Greeting for publication in the special Rosh Hashonah issue of the "Review". We will be unable to include any messages received after Sunday, September 29th. The charge for each message will be Two Dollars.

Phone us today!

DR. NIRENSTEIN APPOINTED TO LAYMEN'S INSTITUTE FACULTY

We are happy to announce that Dr. Samuel Nirenstein has accepted a position on the faculty of the Laymen's Institute. Dr. Nirenstein, authority on the Philosophy of Judaism will teach in the Philosophy Department of the Institute. He holds numerous degrees, having obtained his Ph.D. at Dropsie College and his L.L.B. at Columbia University. A Phi Beta Kappa man, Dr. Nirenstein, is active in many Orthodox institutions. He is Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America. We are proud to have him with us.

Registration for the Laymen's Institute will begin immediately after Rosh Hashonah and continue until the end of the month of October.

Rabbi Lifschitz will serve as Registrar, and will be glad to answer all inquiries.

REGISTRATION FOR HEBREW SCHOOL CONTINUES

It is still time to register your child in the new term which started three weeks ago on Sept. 9. It is important that religious training start at an early age. Too many parents are prone to await the approach of Bar-Mitzvah before giving their child religious instruction.

UNVEILING

The unveiling of a monument erected to the memory of the late Sol Simon, will be held at Mount Hope Cemetery, Sunday September 29, at 2:30 P.M.

FEW SEATS REMAIN FOR HIGH HOLIDAYS

Rev. Taitz To Conduct Overflow Service

We have had a record sale of seats for the High Holiday services this year, but there are still a few choice ones available. Because of this unusually large advance sale it will once again be necessary to conduct an overflow service in our Social Hall. Reverend S. Taitz, well known for his melodious voice, will lead this service, and Rabbi Emanuel L. Lifschitz will officiate.

Since we are practically assured of the sale of every seat in the main synagogue we have been enabled to give away many seats for the overflow service to needy refugees. We feel certain that you will be glad in the thought that your purchase, in some measure, permitted some of our less fortunate brethren to properly observe the High Holidays.

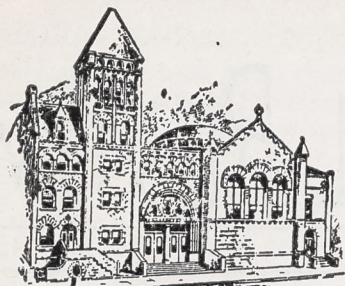
RECREATION GROUP PLANS EXTENSIVE PROGRAM

Having completed a successful summer program of outdoor activities, the recreation group of the W.S.I.S. is making extensive plans for varied activities throughout the coming season. The work shop, arts and crafts room, photography dark room, and game room have been made available to the children; and a dressmaking group has just been organized for the younger girls of the synagogue. The youngsters, who will be under the able leadership of Mr. Lazarus, Miss Singer, and Miss Edmunds, expect to make a number of trips to sites of interest throughout the city.

BAR MITZVAHS

Two Bar Mitzvahs will take place at our synagogue tomorrow. The boys are Burton Graubart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Graubart, and Leon Remze, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lazare Remze.

We extend heartiest congratulations to the youngsters and to their proud parents.



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IS YOUTH TO BLAME?

The advent of the Fall season is the signal for the youth groups of the synagogues of our community to resume their regular weekly meetings. With the life expectancy of these young people being no longer guided by actuarial tables; with their economic future more uncertain than ever; and with the anti-semitic threat becoming increasingly ominous with the passing of each day, one would reasonably anticipate that our young people will engage in serious discussion of the problems that beset them, adopt a program of constructive activity and carry it through to the point of accomplishment. However, those who entertain any such general expectation are doomed to disappointment.

Past experience indicates that, with certain exceptions, our youth will tend to convert meeting rooms into dance halls, refuse to endorse, and much less engage in, a cultural activity, pay disrespectful inattention to those who attempt to give them guidance, and at most times manifest an utter disregard for proper decorum. Those who disbelieve this prediction will have ample opportunity to learn how sadly true it is—if they but take the trouble. Those

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THE 31st COMMANDMENT REMEMBER THE SABBATH

The Kiddush

By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

(The 31st) or the 4th of the Ten Commandments bids us to, - "REMEMBER the Sabbath day." The Rabbis say this means that one should have forethought during the week so that Sabbath desecration should not face one suddenly and become unavoidable. If a woman goes shopping, she should arrange it so that her order should not be delivered on the Sabbath.

The Sabbath is so holy that it becomes part and parcel of the Jew not only on the Sabbath, but every day. We close our daily prayers on Sunday by saying "today is the first day to the Sabbath," and then read a Psalm. On Monday we conclude,

who believe and seek to chastise our young people for their conduct fail to understand that our youth are merely responding to their environment.

What can we expect from young people whose parents lack a proper sense of value? In families where clothes and Mah-Jong take a predominant position and to whom a speech by the President is noteworthy only to the extent of its effect on the stock market, it is only natural for the children of those homes to show a lack of appreciation for things truly important. When young people are given to understand that a "good" marriage is one which will enhance the family's material wealth, it is not unreasonable to expect that they will measure cultural attainments by their income-producing potentialities.

In practically every case, the very best efforts of our youth leaders are bound to fail as long as false standards are maintained in the homes of most of our young people. It is time for some parents to stop wondering, "what this generation is coming to" and to start realizing what their generation has done to this one.

"This is the second day to the Sabbath," etc., and on Saturday we say, "Today is the Holy Sabbath."

The Sabbath proper is invoked through the Kiddush service and given a farewell through the Havdalah service. The Kiddush is a ceremonial which tends to create a spiritual atmosphere in the home on Friday evenings.

Wine is generally used for the Kiddush. The Tosofos (commentators on the Talmud) point out that the origin of the use of wine comes from the Song of Songs, "let us remember our beloved with wine". Thus wherever remembrance is referred to, wine is used. In other words when we perform the Kiddush service we offer a spiritual toast to the Sabbath. However, if one prefers bread to wine, then Challas may be used instead, for the Kiddush service.

The Kiddush is to be said whenever we have our meal because as the prophets declared "and thou shalt call the Sabbath a pleasure." Thus the Rabbis say that there, where the means of pleasure is to be found, namely at the dinner table, is the Kiddush to be recited.

The law is that not only the man but also the woman is obliged to recite or listen to the Kiddush service.

LETTERS TO AND

FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

While glancing at the names of the staff members in this bulletin one point is very conspicuous. There are no representatives of the female specie.

For centuries now, we members of the so called, "gentle sex", have tried to live that name down, but to no avail. Again we shall stage a crusade by asking for women writers on the "W.S.I.S. Review". Just say the word editor!

Annette Moskowitz

EDITOR'S NOTE: We can use a good crusader — Annette's the word.

COUNCIL TO HOLD OPENING SOCIAL SUNDAY NIGHT

This Sunday evening, September 29, the Council will inaugurate its social activities of the season with an open house dance. The Council urges its many members and friends to attend. Refreshments will be served.

THIS
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THAT



MUSHROOM SYNAGOGUES

By RABBI EMANUEL L. LIFSCHITZ

Look about the city as the Holy Days approach and you will observe miracles being performed under your very eyes. Dance halls and sport rooms are being transformed into makeshift houses of worship. Pious looking signs announce moderately priced tickets. On Yom Kippur night another miracle will happen. These makeshift synagogues will do a disappearing stunt, - will fold up and out of existence. The whole affair is cheap and an insult to responsible and spiritual minded members of Israel.

Of course one could discover a "zchus" and say, "How wonderful! The synagogues are so overcrowded that even public places must be drafted into the service of God."

On the other hand one might ask a few questions. Who are the responsible people sponsoring these services? To what good purpose will the money collected be put besides filling the coffers of enterprising gentlemen? Are they to be permanent religious organizations making a positive contribution to the Jewish community throughout the year? Will they provide a religious program for the young people? In a word - what do these three-day-a-year religious set ups stand for? Again we might

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening 6:28

Weekly Portion

NIZOVIM — VAYELECH

Friday Evening Service 6:30

Saturday Morning Service 9:00

Junior Congregation 10:00

Rabbi Hurwitz's Class in Talmud 5:30

Mincha Service 6:25

Slichos Services

Saturday night, Sept. 28 1:00

Daily Services

Mornings 6:45; 7:30; 8:15

Slichos Services will be said at

6:30 and at 8:00

Mincha 5:25 (Standard Time)

Followed by the Interpretation of
the Mishnah by Rabbi Goldstein

Wednesday Morning Erev Rosh

Hashonah - Slichos "Zchor Bris" - 5:15

Followed by first minyan at 6:30

second minyan 7:30

ask, "What is the calibre of the religious bargain hunters attending these services? Where is their religious conscience on the other 362 days of the year? What religious example are they setting for their children?" And thirdly we might ask, "What can the Gentiles think of us when they view such practices?" Since there is an apparent need for overflow services during the Holy Days it behooves established and responsible synagogues to make provisions for same. They will do it with dignity and credit to our sacred heritage. The proceeds realized from the sale of seats would be applied to the year round religious, social, educational and philanthropic needs of the community.

It may be too late to do anything at this late hour, but another year will soon roll by. So let us prepare to cope with the situation.

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REMINDERS

FOR ROSH HASHONAH

Beginning with the first night of Rosh Hashonah up to Shemini Atse-reth, it is customary to dip the motzah (bread) in honey, thus symbolizing the hope that the coming year will be a sweet one.

On the Second night of Rosh Hashonah we eat a new fruit, so that in the Kiddish service the "shehecheyonu" prayer may be validly included. The "shehecheyonu" prayer is a prayer thanking God, for the opportunity to renew our lives spiritually.

ORGANIZATION OF NEW

YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCED

The Club Council's program of activities is beginning to get under way. It has announced that a new young folks group is in the process of organization. Young ladies between the ages of 17 and 19 years and young men over 21, who are interested may communicate with Rabbi Lifschitz.

SLICHOS SERVICES

Slichos services will be held in our synagogue on Saturday night, September 28, at one o'clock. Non-seat holders as well as seat holders are invited to attend.

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THE TALMUD

By Simeon H. F. Goldstein

What is the Talmud?

The Talmud is the record of the discussions of the earliest Jewish Rabbis. The period in which most of them lived is the first four centuries of the Christian era. The Talmud deals primarily with the derivation of the laws of Orthodox Judaism. However, the discussions of these rabbis were very broad and accordingly the Talmud touches upon almost every phase of human life.

Orthodox Judaism includes not only religious rules and practices but also a multifarious civil code comprising torts, sales, real property, wills and estates, and numerous other branches. Both the religious and civil laws are discussed in detail in the Talmud.

The Talmud contains a wealth of material in addition to legislation. It presents homiletical expositions of Biblical passages, allegories, sermons, legends, anecdotes, proverbs, history, etc. It also contains a great deal of advice upon various subjects which are not of a strictly religious nature. Among them are health, marriage and business.

Form of the Talmud

Strictly speaking there are two Talmuds. One is the Talmud Babli (Babylonian Talmud) and the other is the Talmud Yerushalmi (Jerusalem Talmud - meaning the Palestinian Talmud). The Talmud Babli (pronounced "Bavli") is more subtle and contains more ingenious and clever argumentation.

Whenever reference is made to the Talmud it refers to the Talmud Babli unless otherwise specified. Students of the Talmud devote the bulk of their attention to the Talmud Babli rather than Yerushalmi. This is because the former both contains more clever argumentation and also includes a substantial part of the material in the Talmud Yerushalmi.

The Talmud is classified into Mishna and Gemarra. The Mishna reports

If you happen to notice any of the editors walking around with a suspicious look on his face you'll know that he's tracking down the "Fifth Columnist" who tipped off another synagogue weekly concerning our plans to run a new feature in these columns and thereby enabled that weekly to "scoop" us. . . We're glad to know that our idea was that good. . . Our Women's League sure gets around. It was represented at the World's Fair Sisterhood Assembly by Mrs. Jess Ward. . . Ask her about Shevuoth. She knows all about it 'cause she participated in its depiction at the Temple of Religion. . . It's two more birthdays this week and our congratulations go to Director A. M. Davis and to Irving Karpf. . . Sam Greenfield figured that the gals he knew were getting engaged so fast that he might get stuck. . . so he upped and announced his betrothal to Shirley Cohen. . . Conrats all around. . . We now possess one of the finest collections of iodine, mercurochrome, band-aids, gauze, etc. . .

the sayings of the earlier rabbis, i.e. before 120 A.D. The Gemarra contains the discussions of the Rabbis after that date. Each section of the Mishna is followed (with certain exceptions) in the printed volumes of the Talmud, by a corresponding section of the Gemarra. However, there are volumes published containing only the Mishna and not the Gemarra.

(To be concluded)

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Mrs. Adolph Bangser

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Getting Personal

They were personally contributed by and installed in our medicine cabinet under the personal supervision of Dr. Settel. . . Thanks Doc but your editor could also use a scalpel for sharpening pencils. . . Last Saturday Morty Langer pinned a Roosevelt button on Republican District Captain Simeon Goldstein. . . Simeon says that it's another instance of false labelling and that he intends to have the matter referred to the proper Federal Government department. . . While we can merely say that we welcome Mrs. Annie Eisenberg to our services, our congregants will show her how really welcome she is. . . Congratulations to Joan Friedman on her election to the Presidency of the Jewish University Club. She's the first woman ever to hold that office. . . Honestly, Joan, your mature group is not one of those referred to in this week's editorial. . . It's double anniversary greetings this week — Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Liss celebrate their Golden and Director & Mrs. Samuel Fasten their 21st. . .

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