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Elul 29, 5700

WOMEN'S LEAGUE ADOPTS NOVEL PLAN

**Mrs. Rothfield to Address
First Open Meeting**

The Women's League attributes much of its success to the fact that it offers to its members many opportunities for activity. In accordance with this policy the League has adopted a plan whereby complete charge of each open meeting and social function will be given over to different women. The first of the open meetings will be held on Monday afternoon, October 21, (Chol Hamoed Succoth) and Mrs. Harrison I. Rothfield will be the guest speaker. Mrs. Fay Seligman and Mrs. Samuel Michael have been appointed co-chairmen of the afternoon. Mrs. Herman Livingston and Mrs. Albert H. Cohen will have complete charge of the second open meeting to be held on Nov. 4th. The guest speaker at that meeting will be Mrs. Juliet Aschner.

Knowing the fine spirit of cooperation which is so characteristic of the Women's League membership, we can safely promise that those who regularly attend their meetings will enjoy a most interesting series of programs throughout the year.

BOY SCOUTS HOLD OPENING MEETING

The Boy Scout Troop of the West Side Institutional Synagogue held its initial meeting of the season last week. Troop 530, known for its varied and interesting programs, has already made extensive plans for the coming year. A hike to Staten Island has been scheduled for Sunday, October 6.

The Scout Committee of the synagogue will hold a meeting in the very near future, for the purpose of discussing further arrangements for the 1940-41 scout activities.

The Boy Scouts and Sea Scouts continue their appeal for old toys. They will be repaired and distributed among needy children. You can make some unfortunate child happy by phoning our office and arranging for someone to call for any old playthings that you may have.

WORLD JEWRY TO USHER IN ROSH HASHONAH TONIGHT

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE Light Candles Erev Rosh Hashonah, Thursday and Friday, 5:16

ROSH HASHONAH SCHEDULE Erub Tabshilin

Wednesday Evening Service	5:20
Thursday Morning Service	8:00
Junior Congregation	10:00
Mincha	4:00

Followed by Tashlich and Reading of Psalms

Thursday Evening Service	5:20
Friday Morning Service	8:00
Junior Congregation	10:00
Mincha Service	5:20
Saturday Morning Service	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:00
Rabbi Hurwitz's Class in Talmud	4:15
Mincha Service	5:15
Sunday Morning Services	6:45; 8:00; 8:45

Slichos Services will be said at 6:30 and 8:30

Daily Services

Mornings	6:45; 7:30; 8:15
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Slichos Services will be said at 6:30 and at 8:00

Mincha	5:15
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Followed by the Interpretation of the Mishnah by Rabbi Goldstein

Friday Morning, Erev Yom Kippur: Z'chor Bris	5:15
Morning Service	6:45; 7:30

HEBREW HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES RESUMED

The Sunday morning classes for High School students held their first sessions of the semester on September 29th, at 10 o'clock. This year's curriculum was outlined to the students and actual study is scheduled to begin this Sunday morning.

The courses which will be offered in the High School Department this year, include a survey of Jewish history with emphasis on the problems of Jewish survival and the interpretation of current world affairs; an analysis of the principles of Judaism and an explanation of Jewish customs, ceremonies, and religious life; and a study of Jewish philosophy.

All boys and girls of High School age are invited to register and attend the next meeting which will be held on Sunday morning October 6, at 10 o'clock.

SERVICES TO START AT 5:20 P. M.

Tonight, Jews the world over will congregate in prayer and mark the turn of the century - the beginning of the Jewish year 5701. We, in America, will give thanksgiving to God and pray for the victory of civilization over barbarism.

Services at the West Side Institutional Synagogue will begin tonight at 5:20 and tomorrow morning at 8:00. Cantor Zalmon Yavneh will lead the congregational singing in the main synagogue and Rev. Samuel Taitz will conduct the overflow service. Rabbis Herbert S. Goldstein and Emanuel L. Lifschitz will officiate. Today will be your last opportunity to make arrangements for seats for the holidays.

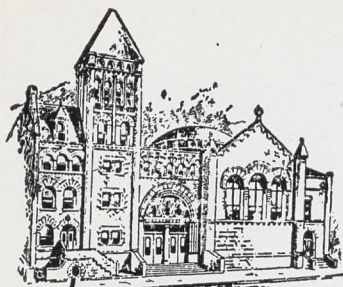
CLUB NOTES

On Sunday evening September 29, the members of the Council gathered in our Social Hall to participate in its annual reunion dance. The young folks were very enthusiastic and anxious to get the new club year under way. Rabbi Lifschitz greeted the young men and women and advised that the clubs would begin their season of activity after the holidays.

It has been announced that this year's Succoth tea for Council members and their friends will be held on Sunday afternoon and evening October 20. The younger groups will hold their celebration in the afternoon and the older have scheduled theirs for the evening.

All young men and women between the ages of 13 and 30, interested in joining one of our many clubs, are invited to consult Rabbi Lifschitz.

The Alumni Association, a group of boys between the ages of 13 and 15, will hold its opening meeting of the season, Saturday October 5, at 8:30 P. M. Lawrence Rosan is President of the club and Maurice Spanbock will act as leader.



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THE SHOFAR'S CALL

Hark, the shofar ringing loud and clear,
The joyful harbinger of the New Year,
Drowns out the memories of the last with tears
And blows away iniquities of past year's.
Renewing hope to prostrate Israel
Bidding bleeding Mars be still.
And echoing in the wilderness of night
With the cry of, hope and light.
Like Joshua's trumpets of yore
Shall crash the might walls of war.
And the haunting melody
Crosses o'er the troubled sea.
Those who hear it bend the knee,
And utter prayers for delivery.
The plea of mankind's salvation
Is on the lips of every nation.
Hark, the shofar ringing loud and clear,
The joyful harbinger of the New Year.

Paul S. Newman

"AS
R'CHASH
SEES
IT"



THE 31st COMMANDMENT REMEMBER THE SABBATH

Havdalah

By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

We usher in the Sabbath through the Kiddush prayer, and we bid it farewell through the Havdalah service. The word "Havdalah" means "distinction". The purpose of the Havdalah is to have us understand that when we enter the new week of industry, or business we are to take into these secular pursuits the Sabbath spirit of holiness. Industry is to be employed not merely to make a living but an honest living. Fire which starts the wheels of industry going is symbolized in the Havdalah, by the candle light.

Another explanation of the symbolism of the Havdalah is that just as we bend the hand, under the

flame of the candle light, to distinguish between darkness and light, so are we to make clear a distinction between the holy and the profane.

There is still another explanation given for the Havdalah service. In concluding the old week, we are to take over into the new week a message of consecration. Therefore we begin by sanctifying the "five senses". We sanctify sight through the candle, hearing through the recital of the prayer, smell through the fragrance of the spices, taste through the drinking of the beverage, and touch through the handling of the ceremonials.

The Talmud in Berachos says, **אם אין דעה הבדלה מניין?** "If there is no knowledge whence do we know the **הבדלה** 'havdalah', how to make a distinction?" We may well take to heart this admonition of our sages. If we have no knowledge of what a consecrated life should be how can we make the Havdalah, the distinction between the holy and the profane? If the Sabbath is spent in business, in material pursuits, or in secular pleasures, there can be no distinction in our lives between the sacred and the profane.

Concluding the Havdalah service we can say with the poet,
"A Sabbath well spent
Brings a week of content."

EDITORIAL

PRELUDE TO M-DAY

Those of us who read the papers have for years been told about "M-Day" -- the day of General Mobilization for war. On October 16 all males between the ages of 21 and 36 must register for military service and the United States will receive its most poignant reminder of the implications of "M-Day".

Our first peacetime draft is the only effective cure for the belated recognition of the inadequacy of our military defenses against invasion. Continental Europe is Hitler's vassal. The fate of England hangs by a thread as thin as that upon which hung the sword of Damocles. And we are now painfully aware of the interdependence of England's fate and the future of this country.

One year of military training for our youth is indeed a small price to pay if it be an aid to our continuation as a democratic country -- the continuation of the civilized world as we have known it.

The United States has too long been asleep to the signs of our times. The mere word "Fascism" was insufficient to impress us with its sinister implications. But the Teutonic terror which has swept over an ostrich-like Europe, leaving in its wake human misery such as the world has never known, has impressed us with the callous disregard for rights of the individual which is the essence of Fascism -- and the antithesis of democracy.

If democracy is to survive, the challenge of Nazism must be met. We must build more ships, more planes, more tanks. We must train our fighting men properly. These things must be done now - not later.

Therefore, we must regard this newly instituted system of conscription as a type of inoculation against the virus of Fascism. Although it may be painful it is necessary if the disease is to be warded off. It is the price we must pay for the preservation of our heritage of freedom.

R. B.

ROSH HASHONAH SECTION

ROSH HASHONAH CEREMONIES

As the sun sinks in the west on the evening of October 2, world Jewry with renewed hope in their hearts will begin the celebration of **Rosh Hashonah** - the holiday of the New Year. For, with the ushering in of the year 5701, Jews the world over cannot but pray to their God that the New Year will witness a surcease of suffering, an end to the misery with which humanity was afflicted in the year 5700.

Rosh Hashonah

Essentially, the Jewish New Year differs from the non-Jewish holiday in that it is not a carefree, joyous event, but rather an occasion of repentance and meditation. Preparations for **Rosh Hashonah** are begun in **Elul**, the month preceding the holiday. During this month, the **Shofar** is blown after morning services every day, with the exception of Saturdays and the last day of the month. Also, during **Elul**, **Slichoth** are recited. These are penitential prayers, ut-

tered after midnight or before dawn during the week immediately preceding Rosh Hashonah.

Erub Tabshilin

Rosh Hashonah this year falls on a Thursday and Friday. In order that one may be permitted to cook on the holiday in preparation for the Sabbath, it is necessary to make an **erub tabshilin**. This means that a slice of bread and some fish or meat are set aside before sunset, October 2, and kept until the preparations have been completed for Saturday. A prayer is offered when the **erub tabshilin** is made.

Tashlich

Immediately following the afternoon services of the first day - this year October 3 - the ceremony of **tashlich** is performed. While pronouncing certain prayers, we empty our pockets into some body of water; this ceremony is symbolic of the casting out of sin.

Shofar

What many find most thrilling in

the entire New Years holiday is the blowing of the **shofar**. There are numerous interpretations of the symbolism of the **shofar** blowing, but it is generally considered as a clarion-call, arousing the inner soul to cease wrong-doing.

Seven days elapse between the two days of Rosh Hashonah and the Day of Atonement. These ten days are known as the Ten Days of Penitence. On the seven intervening days, special prayers, such as **Ovenu Malkenu** are recited.

Fast of Gedaliah

The day immediately following Rosh Hashonah is known as the Fast of Gedaliah. Since this year the day following Rosh Hashonah is a Saturday, the Fast of Gedaliah is postponed until Sunday October 6. The Sabbath falling between Rosh Hashonah and Yom Kippur is known as **Shabbos Shuvah**, the Sabbath of Repentance, which this year is October 5.

לשנה טובה תכתבו

Rabbi and Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein and Family extend to their friends and fellow members of the West Side Institutional Synagogue their best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Rabbi and Mrs. Emanuel L. Lifschitz wish to take this opportunity of extending to the officers, directors, members and friends of the congregation their prayerful wish for a year of health, prosperity, and happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Anderson and Daughter greet all their friends and relatives with every good wish for happiness and prosperity in the New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Appel and Family extend to their friends and fellow members of the West Side Institutional Synagogue their best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Bendheim and their son Charles greet all their friends and relatives with every good wish for happiness and prosperity in the New Year.

Mr. Moses J. Berlin alias Jack Berlin extends to his friends and fellow members of the West Side Institutional Synagogue his best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Blankfort of Little Rock, Ark. extend holiday greetings to all their friends at the West Side Institutional Synagogue.

The Broadway Theatre Ticket Company greets all their friends and patrons with every good wish for happiness and prosperity in the New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Buchsbaum and Family greet all their friends and relatives with every good wish for happiness and prosperity in the New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Davis and Family extend to their friends and fellow members of the West Side Institutional Synagogue their best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

A director of the West Side Institutional Synagogue who entertains a deep, abiding and affectionate reverence for Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein extends to the Rabbi and his dear wife and family best wishes for a Happy New Year. He prays that Rabbi Goldstein may continue to exert his great influence for the advancement of Americanism and of Orthodox Judaism.

Mr. and Mrs. Isidore Ehrman and Family extend to their friends and relatives their best wishes for happiness and prosperity in the New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Fasten extend to their friends and fellow members of the West Side Institutional Synagogue their best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fischel and Family extend to their friends and fellow members of the West Side Institutional Synagogue their best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan E. Frank, greet all their friends and relatives with every good wish for happiness and prosperity in the New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Max E. Frank and Family greet all their friends and relatives with every good wish for happiness and prosperity in the New Year.

Frank's Jewelers, 2323 Broadway, greet all their friends and relatives with every good wish for happiness and prosperity in the New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Goldman and Family greet all their friends and relatives with every good wish for happiness and prosperity in the New Year.

Mr. and Mr. Louis Herman extend to their friends and fellow members of the West Side Institutional Synagogue their best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Hirschorn extend their best wishes to all friends for a happy and contented New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Jablow and Family greet all their friends and relatives with every good wish for happiness and prosperity in the New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Jablow and Daughter Estelle extend to their friends and fellow members of the West Side Institutional Synagogue their best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

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Mr. and Mrs. Morris Levine and Joanie extend to their friends and fellow members of the West Side Institutional Synagogue their best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Levinson and Family greet all their friends and relatives with every good wish for happiness and prosperity in the New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. David Litt greet all their friends and relatives with every good wish for happiness and prosperity in the New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Livingston and Family extend to their friends and fellow members of the West Side Institutional Synagogue their best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Manischewitz extend to their friends and fellow members of the West Side Institutional Synagogue their best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

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Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Michael extend to their friends and fellow members of the West Side Institutional Synagogue their best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. David Minchenberg and Family greet all their friends and relatives with every good wish for happiness and prosperity in the New Year.

Mrs. Meyer H. Mirken and Family extend their best wishes for a happy New Year to Rabbi Goldstein, his dear wife and family, and to the entire congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Moskowitz and Family extend to their friends and fellow members of the West Side Institutional Synagogue their best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Newman and Son extend to their friends and fellow members of the West Side Institutional Synagogue their best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Pargament greet all their friends and relatives with every good wish for happiness and prosperity in the New Year.

Ro-Ed Mansion, Saratoga Springs, New York; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sovarkin and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Goldberg extend greetings to their many friends for a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Roth and Family extend to their friends and fellow members of the West Side Institutional Synagogue their best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Richard Rubenstein and Family extend to their friends and fellow members of the West Side Institutional Synagogue their best wishes for a happy and peaceful New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Salit extend to their friends and Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein and Family and Rabbi and Mrs. Lifschitz of the West Side Institutional Synagogue their best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Max E. Sanders and Family extend to their friends and fellow members of the West Side Institutional Synagogue their best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

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Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Settel and Family extend to their friends and fellow members of the West Side Institutional Synagogue their best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Settel greet all their friends and relatives with every good wish for happiness and prosperity in the New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel and Family extend to their friends and fellow members of the West Side Institutional Synagogue their best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob H. Silverstein and Family greet all their friends and relatives with every good wish for happiness and prosperity in the New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Steinberg and Family extend to their friends and fellow members of the West Side Institutional Synagogue their best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Trotzky and Baby Howard greet all their friends and relatives with every good wish for happiness and prosperity in the New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Udell and Family extend their greetings for a happy New Year to Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, his dear wife and family, to Rabbi and Mrs. Emanuel L. Lifschitz, to the officers, directors and friends of the West Side Institutional Synagogue.

Mr. and Mrs. David H. Ullman and Family extend to their friends and fellow members of the West Side Institutional Synagogue their best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Wartels and Family extend to their friends and fellow members of the West Side Institutional Synagogue their best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Weiss and Family extend to their friends, relatives, and fellow members of the West Side Institutional Synagogue their best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Cantor and Mrs. Zalmon Yavneh and Family extend to their friends and fellow members of the West Side Institutional Synagogue their best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

THIS AND THAT



FACING THE FUTURE

By RABBI EMANUEL L. LIFSCHITZ

Many of us are facing the New Year with an uncertainty bordering on confusion and disillusionment. We see a world darkened by hate, cruel suffering and desolation. One half of it is enslaved - the other is desperately but tenaciously defending the ramparts of civilization as symbolized in democratic forms of government which guarantee the freedom of speech, of worship, of the press, and of assembly.

In America our choicest youth are already in arms. Peacetime conscription it is called, - nevertheless it spells preparedness for participation in an eventual struggle unless the present evil forces are soon vanquished. Peace loving America is at present standing at the periphery of a hellish whirlpool which as it increases in fury is certain to drag us in.

In the midst of it all we Jews are caught, as it were, between the upper and nether millstones - a helpless people. But despite it all we shall face the New Year with a calm inner fortitude. For it is an inexorable law of history that the forces of evil which are now attacking the foundations of humanity will sooner or later spend themselves. The seed of decay is sown in their

very essence. The forces of darkness may hold sway for a while but not forever. Nations of force - grow stronger, mightier, and more brazen up to a certain point. When they reach that very point at which they appear invincible, it is by a divine law, that decay sets in - and they begin to wither and crumble. - They, their leaders and their power. They, are remembered only in history books or in the ruins of their erstwhile pagan splendor. Let us therefore remember as we invoke God's mercy on Rosh Hashonah, that "not by might nor by power, but by my spirit" - by the spirit of godliness, humility and charity have men and nations in the past fulfilled and will in the future continue to fulfill their true destiny.

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OUR DIRECTOR



SAMUEL FASTEN

If Director Samuel Fasten possessed the letter "M" as a middle initial we would insist that it stood for modesty. It was not only difficult for us to secure his picture but also to gather information about him. It seems as though he makes every effort to have as few people as possible know about the many good deeds that he performs.

Typical of the unstinting manner in which he gives charity is the generous daily contributions of fruit which he made to our bazaar and which constantly kept it looking like the "horn of plenty".

We understand that the Women's League wants to ditto everything we say about Mr. Fasten and apply it to his wife as well.

At this season, we extend our blessings and best wishes to both of them.

THE TALMUD

Simeon H. F. Goldstein

II

Is the Talmud difficult to understand?

There is an expression, "The Sea of the Talmud". This is intended to suggest the vastness of the Talmud.

It seems to me that this expression also illustrates another fact concerning the Talmud. The sea, because of its great size and its storms, appears to some people to be a difficult and tremendous obstacle. On the other hand, to those who are properly equipped for navigation, it is an open and convenient highway. Similarly, the Talmud appears to present insurmountable difficulties to many people, while on the other hand it is studied successfully by large numbers of students.

The Talmud is, as a rule, studied in the original rather than in translation. Furthermore, it is not written in a foreign language. It is written in two foreign languages - partly in Hebrew and partly in Aramaic. Aramaic is the language which was spoken by the Jewish masses in Palestine and Babylon at the time that the Talmud was written, (just as Yiddish is spoken to-day by the Jews of Eastern Europe).

The Talmud is printed only with consonants and without vowels. This is not as odd as it sounds because all Hebrew books (unless intended for those with a very limited knowledge of Hebrew) are written without vowels. The fact is that if one knows the language fairly well the vowels suggest themselves as one reads the words.

The Talmud is almost devoid of punctuation - no commas, periods, apostrophies, etc. However, after one learns Talmud for a while he soon becomes accustomed to this and the meaning of the text suggests where he should stop.

Actually, the most difficult aspect of the Talmud is the complicated and abstract nature of many of its discussions. These are frequently a challenge to the powers of concentration and analysis of its students.

In trying to weigh the difficulty of studying the Talmud one should remember the fact that, until a few decades ago, practically every Orthodox Jewish boy of normal intelligence learned at least some of the Talmud before he left school.

(To be concluded)



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Getting Personal

of Annie R. Morris. (We who love her call her Brenda) . . . We would like to move our editorial offices to the Jules Cohens' Central Park West apartment. . . When do we get the key? . . . Speaking of apartments, everyone ought to be settled in their new homes by now. . . Good luck! . . . Danny Weiss looks like an Admiral in his Sea Scout uniform and like a General in his Boy Scout outfit, but if he's drafted he will look like a Private in his Private's uniform. . . Do you know somethin' about somebody? . . . Just whisper it to us and we'll tell it to everyone 'cause we believe that the only thing worse than being talked about is not being talked about. . . The entire editorial staff desires to take this opportunity to extend to our readers every good wish for a healthy and happy New Year. . . May this year bring to you those many joyous "Personals" we love to write about. . . On page three this would have cost us two dollars.

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