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HEBREW SCHOOL AND CLUBS HOLD SUCCOTH PARTY

Last Sunday morning, October 20, the boys and girls of the Hebrew School enjoyed a party in our beautiful Succah. Their program consisted of songs, a recitation of the benediction over the lulab and esrog, and refreshments.

In the evening the Club Council conducted a novel Succoth Harvest Dance, with folk dancing and community singing. Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein delivered an address to the group on the significance of the Succah.

The Women's League served as host to both of the parties. Mrs. Sam Davis, Chairman, and Mrs. Annie R. Morris assisted by many members of the League, saw to it that everyone had an enjoyable time.

RABBI AND MRS. GOLDSTEIN HOLD "AT HOME" TOMORROW

In accordance with their annual custom, Rabbi and Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein will entertain the entire congregation at their home, tomorrow afternoon, Thursday, October 24, from 2:30 to 4:30 o'clock. The Rabbi and Mrs. Goldstein reside at 175 West 72nd Street.

They are anxious to greet all the members and friends of the W.S.I.S.

SUCCOTH SPIRIT

All of you who have seen and enjoyed our beautiful Succah cannot help but join us in the justifiable pride we take in it.

If any of you have inadvertently forgotten to send us a contribution for the Succah, you may still do so. Leave your contribution at the Synagogue office, or mail it to Mrs. Annie R. Morris, Chairman of the Succah Committee, in care of the Synagogue.

CANDIDATES FOR CONGRESS TO ADDRESS OPENING MEETING OF MEN'S CLUB OCT. 31



SAMUEL KRAMER

The Men's Club of the West Side Institutional Synagogue will conduct its first meeting of the season next Thursday evening, October 31, at 8:30 P. M. The two major candidates for Congress in the 17th Congressional District; Kenneth F. Simpson, Republican, and Samuel Kramer, Democrat, will discuss the topic, "Why I Should Be Elected Your Congressman". All members and their friends are cordially invited to attend this meeting. Refreshments will be served.

Kenneth F. Simpson, lawyer, received his B.A. degree from Yale, and his LL.B. at Harvard. He was



KENNETH F. SIMPSON

admitted to the New York Bar in 1922. Mr. Simpson has been active in Republican Party politics for a number of years. Samuel Kramer, Democratic candidate, obtained his A.B. degree at Yale, and his M.A. and LL.B. at Columbia. Mr. Kramer was admitted to the New York Bar in 1915. Both candidates are members of Phi Beta Kappa.

The Governing Board of the Men's Club has been actively engaged in preparing an ambitious program for the coming year. Mr. Herbert A. Gossett, President of the Club, promises that this year will be a most successful one for the Men's Club.

VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE GROUP TO HEAR GUEST SPEAKER

On Sunday evening, October 27, the recently organized group interested in vocational guidance will meet. Dr. Janet Steinberg, who is in charge of vocational guidance, psychological testing and research programs at the Federation Employment Service will speak on "Vocational Guidance".

She will be prepared with material that will provide orientations to the problem of vocational guidance and also indicate the ways in which they may establish for their own benefit a guidance group.

The meeting will begin promptly at 8:15 P. M.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING NEXT MONDAY NIGHT

On Monday evening, October 28, the West Side Institutional Synagogue will hold its Annual Membership Meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to elect Trustees and Directors, and also to hear reports of our varied activities. Extensive plans for the future will be discussed. The meeting will begin promptly at 8:30 P.M. All members of the W.S.I.S. are requested to attend.

A meeting of the newly elected Board of Directors will be held immediately following the membership meeting.



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GENTILE AND OVER 36?

One of our local evening newspapers recently reprinted letters written by the legal department of the National Association of Manufacturers to two attorneys seeking employment. Interviews were offered to these men provided that they were "gentile and exempt from military conscription". When the Association's Chief Counsel was questioned about the apparent discrimination he stated that N. A. M. had no policy of anti-semitism but that the particular position which was open happened to be one in which a gentile was more suitable. Thereafter, George Gordon Battle, chairman of the Council Against Intolerance in America, addressed a letter of protest to H. W. Prentis, President of the Association. In reply, Mr. Prentis apologized for the incident and explained that the mistake was made by a department assistant, relatively new in the organization, without having discussed the policy of the Association with the executive officers.

In the very first instance, Mr. Prentis' explanation doesn't seem to jibe with the one offered by Counsel for the N.A.M. Furthermore, we are inclined to doubt that a new department assistant would take it upon

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THE 33rd COMMANDMENT "Honor Thy Father and Mother"

By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

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The base for this commandment is gratitude. One should always be grateful to his parents for their kindness, in bringing him into the world. One should also show gratefulness to God for one's parents, because due to his parents he was created a human being, and not a horse or a mule.

The commandment to honor one's parents, prevails in every place, and at every time. He who transgresses this law is to be punished severely, because he not only dishonors the parent, but dishonors God, who gave him or her, their parents. If the Beth Din or Jewish Court has the power it is supposed to force the children to

himself to establish the necessary qualifications of applicants for a law position, unless they were generally agreed upon within the department, especially when one of those qualifications is exemption from military conscription. While we do not want to make it difficult for the N.A.M. to disclaim any anti-semitism we would like to be sure that the recent occurrence will not be followed by more subtle discrimination. Since Mr. Prentis did not state that Jews were now in the employ of the legal department - the best proof of the absence of a policy of discrimination - we are just afraid that future Jewish applicants will get interviews but not jobs.

Finally, Mr. Prentis made no comment about the proviso that the applicants be exempt from military conscription. Of course, the N.A.M. is trying to avoid the possibility of having to train a new man for the position and to keep the job open for the attorney who is called to the colors. To take the gamble would be too much of a sacrifice for this Association which has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to urge the American people to give up many of their rights in the interest of national defense.

carry out their obligations to their parents.

Our religious law declares that if the parent cannot support himself, then the son must even go from house to house in order to secure food for his parents.

However, although the Torah enjoins us to pay extreme regard to the wishes of our parents, yet there is one case in which parents may and should be disobeyed, and that is when they order the breaking of the Sabbath or any of the Divine commands. In such instances the authority of the parents is overridden by the higher authority of God whom we and THEY are bound to obey. (See Talmud Yevamos 5b and Baba Metzia 32b)

It is interesting to note that the law further provides that wherever there is a conflict on the part of a daughter, between husband and parent, the daughter must remain with the husband, because the assumption is, that as a rule, the father and the mother because they want to secure happiness for their daughter annulled their rights when they gave their daughter in marriage. Of course such a husband, who will stand in the way between his wife and the support of her parent is as a rule a poor husband, a mean son and a selfish member of society.

THE SUCCAH

First huts of thatched bough and
vine,

That wandering shepards did
entwine.

How like Israel art thee,
Withstanding tempests of tyranny.

First on the desert's burning sand,
Then scattered over every land.

The golden leaves of the fall
And clustered fruits do form thy
wall.

Green grapes from the Jordan's
banks

Express to Him our humble thanks.
The clusters that our vineyards
bear

We seek with fellowman to share.
With scarlet wine and merry song
The purple evening passes along.
The gilded, waning moon on high,
Lone sentinel in evening's sky,
Shines on our tabernacle's walls,
Merrier than Olympia's feasting
halls,

Though of the frailest vines be
made
Yet shall it stay time's keen blade.

Paul S. Newman

THIS AND THAT



SIMCHAS TORAH By RABBI EMANUEL L. LIFSCHITZ

Jewish tradition tells us that the reason we begin the reading of the book of Genesis immediately upon the completion of Deuteronomy on Simchas Torah, is that Satan might not say to God, "The Jews have finished the reading of the Torah and are not anxious to begin it anew". So legend emphasizes Israel's love for the Torah. However, this love for the Torah was not emphasized merely by a ritual on the festival, but found expression in the Jewish home throughout the year. Jewish study was part of the pattern of daily Jewish living. No house was complete without books dealing with some aspects of Jewish life. No cultured Jewish home was complete without at least a set of the Chumash (Pentateuch), or the Mishnah, or the Midrash. They may have been translated into Yiddish, but they were piously read and studied. Their presence brought spiritual enrichment to the family.

Unfortunately, in our day, material needs and secular pastimes have taken our people far from the Torah. Too many have either lost, or never imbibed the taste for Jewish learning. Thus we observe Jewish talents contributing to all the vineyards of learning, but Israel's vineyard, the vineyard of the Torah, they disregard.

Let us on this Simchas Torah rededicate ourselves to Jewish study and through our devotion to it recapture the wealth of Jewish spirit our fathers possessed. Knowledge of Torah will give us a sense of inner worth and well being.

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Thursday Morning	8:45
Memorial Services, Yiskor, 10:45	
Simchas Torah	
Thursday Evening	4:50
Friday Morning	8:30
Light Candles Friday Evening	4:44
Weekly Portion - BERESHSIS	
Prayer for the New Month	
Friday Evening	4:50
Saturday Morning	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:00
Rabbi Hurwitz's Class in Talmud	3:30
Mincha	4:40
Sunday Morning	6:45; 7:45; 8:45
Daily Services	
Mornings	6:45; 7:45; 8:15
Friday, Rosh Chodesh, 6:30; 7:30; 8:00	
Mincha	4:45
Followed by the Interpretation of the Mishnah by Rabbi Goldstein	

BAR MITZVAHS

Two Bar Mitzvahs will take place at our synagogue Saturday October 26th. The boys are Fred Beckhardt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Beckhardt of 175 West 79th St., and Richard Philip Siff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Siff of 225 West 86th Street.

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

A REQUEST

Our deepest thanks go to those who were kind enough to make pledges at Kol Nidre Services. They will favor us greatly by sending in their donation at their earliest convenience. This will lighten our task and make their generosity more effective.

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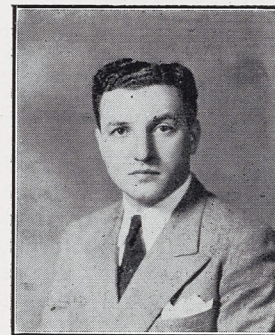
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DR. BARUCH BRAUNSTEIN

We are happy to announce that Dr. Baruch Braunstein, authority on Jewish History, has accepted a position on the faculty of the Laymen's Institute. Dr. Braunstein will give "A Survey course in Jewish History."

Dr. Braunstein has lectured in numerous American Universities, and has written various articles with Jewish history as their themes. Some time ago he became interested in the fate of the Jews in Spain. In his research on the island of Majorca, belonging to Spain, he discovered the lost Jews of Majorca, and wrote a book about them entitled "The Chuetas (Jews) of Majorca". Prof. Cecil Roth in commenting on the book said, "It is one of the very few fundamental contributions to Jewish scholarship which have thus far been produced by an American trained and American born scholar".

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EINSTEIN AND GOD

EDITOR'S NOTE: We have received two rather comprehensive articles commenting on Professor Einstein's recent attack on the belief in a personal God. Space limitations permit us to print only the following excerpts:

"Einstein in stating his premise of 'a personal God interfering with natural events,' gives the false impression that true religion subscribes to his doctrine. Nothing is further from the truth than this malign accusation. What he had in mind was not true religion but false religion, so-called popular religion, fooling its millions of devotees in the belief that they can use God as a short cut to get things they want because they want them, and not at all because they have fulfilled abiding conditions for getting them. Their interest in God depends largely upon what they can get out of Him. They lose sight of the fact that if they desire physical results, they must fulfill physical conditions; if they desire mental results, they must fulfill mental conditions; and, if they desire spiritual results, they must fulfill spiritual conditions."

Dr. Benjamin Goldstein

"Personal experience and religious faith are necessarily the only bases for belief in the existence of a personal God. There is no way of scientifically proving or disproving that a person's conduct and prayers have been instrumental in the individual's fate.

However, as long as this doctrine can be shown to be compatible with the concept of an 'ordered regularity of events,' it can be fully accepted, even by a scientist.

A certain amount of confusion may arise from the conception that God will upset natural events for those who merit such miracles. This

Nat Trotzky.

We wish to take this opportunity of expressing our sincere thanks for the fine manner in which you catered our son's wedding at the Hotel Pierre.

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Polansky

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Getting Personal

Eli Silver and Max Lazarus suggest that we print in these columns the names of our young congregants who talk too much during services . . . We're just afraid that this would encourage them to talk. . . With Bernice, Robert, and Mrs. Breitbart taken up with illness, Mr. Bernard Breitbart was the family's sole representative at our Succoth services . . . Here's looking forward to seeing them all in synagogue tomorrow. . . When next you go into our Succah be sure to drink a toast to Mr. Alexander Kirsh who donated all of the glassware. . . Felicitations to Mrs. Annie (Brenda) R. Morris and to Mrs. Jack Levine who will blow out 21 (plus) birthday candles on October 25th. . . Larry Mirken chanced the thought that Succoth, also known as the Feast of Booths, ought not be concluded until Election Day. . . Last week, the grandchild of Baron Eduard de Rothschild received the blessings of Rabbi Goldstein at its Bris. . . When we learned that Bernard Levmore was attending the services of another synagogue we became interested in finding out

interpretation is, however, denied by the Rabbis in the 'Ethics of the Fathers, where they state that the world is rigidly 'ordered' for 'perforce thou art born, perforce thou livest, and perforce thou wilt die'.

Believing in a personal God, therefore, does not imply that the ordered regularity of events will be 'disordered' but rather that in accordance with the divine scheme of compensation we will be properly and suitably fitted into the order".

Gabriel F. Goldstein



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