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LARGE TICKET SALE FOR WOMEN'S LUNCHEON Women's League Affair Next Tuesday

Next Tuesday afternoon, the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Waldorf Astoria will be the scene of the Annual Fall Luncheon of the Women's League of the West Side Institutional Synagogue. Tickets have been selling at a rapid pace, and it is expected that the League will attract one of its largest crowds for this function. If you have not as yet made your reservations, do so immediately.

PRESIDENT WOMEN'S LEAGUE



MRS. DAVID H. ULLMAN

A superb Fashion Show has been arranged through Fay Wynn (gowns) and Ackerman and Blatt (furs). All the women have been energetically working to make this, their fourth annual luncheon, a huge success. All women of the congregation are urged to make every effort to attend this gala affair.

The next meeting of the Women's League will be held on Monday afternoon, November 18. Mrs. Morris Jablow and Mrs. Moses Langer will be the hostesses at the social hour following the meeting and Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class.

RED CROSS APPEAL

Mrs. Joseph Anderson and Mrs. David Elfenbein would like to renew the appeal which we made last week for gifts or loans of sewing machines for Red Cross work.

The women who have manifested a deep interest in this worthy cause have been assured that none of the articles of clothing which will be made will go to Germany or France.

If you are in a position to make a sewing machine available just phone the synagogue office and we will be glad to arrange to have the machine called for.

GALA W. S. I. S. CONCERT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

You have a date Sunday evening, December 22, with the W.S.I.S. family at the Metropolitan Opera House. We have put that affair down in our date book. How about you?

This concert is one of the few affairs that the synagogue sponsors throughout the year. It is necessary for all members and friends of the W.S.I.S. cooperate, so that we may be able to continue the great work we are doing.

Make your reservations now! You will not only enjoy an evening of the best loved music of the world, but you will at the same time be helping a worthy cause.

Tickets are priced at \$1 to \$6. Don't forget the date--Sunday, December 22.

YOUNG FOLK'S ROUND TABLE OPENS TOMORROW AFTERNOON

Rabbi To Discuss "Ethics of the Fathers"

Tomorrow afternoon, Rabbi Goldstein will resume his regular Saturday afternoon Young Folk's Round Table Discussion. Having completed a study of the Philosophy of Judaism last year, the Rabbi will lead this year's group in a study of the "Ethics of the Fathers".

The hostess for the social hour following the discussion will be Miss Muriel Livingston.

The Young People's Mincha Service will immediately follow the discussion group. It has been the custom in our synagogue to have the younger members of the congregation conduct the services on Saturday afternoon. Joshua Levine will be the speaker; Melvin Friedman reader of the Torah; and Harry Cohen will be the reader of service, at this, the first Young People's Mincha Service of the season.

CONDOLENCE

We extend our sincerest sympathy to our Cantor, Zalmon Yavneh, on the loss of his beloved mother, Sarah Yavneh.

CHIEF SCOUT EXECUTIVE TO SPEAK MONDAY NIGHT

Next Monday night we shall have the privilege of hearing Dr. James E. West, Chief Scout Executive and Editor of "Boys' Life", address Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class and Forum.



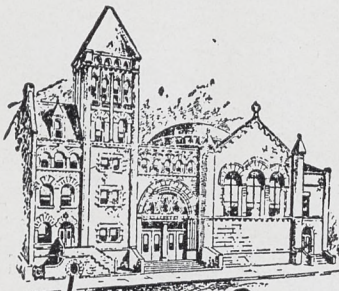
DR. JAMES E. WEST

Dr. West, scout executive since 1911, has had a remarkable career. Left an orphan at early age, he was admitted to an institution; shortly thereafter he became afflicted with an illness that left him a cripple. He was determined to obtain an education and live a life of usefulness to others. By his personality, force and perseverance he received an education, studied law, and was admitted to the Bar. Throughout his life, his interest in the youth of the nation dominated his work. Recognized as an authority on youth problems, he has received numerous awards from the Boy Scouts of America and other organizations.

In May 1940 the National Institute of Social Sciences awarded to Dr. West its Gold Medal "for distinguished service to humanity" with the following citation:

"Dr. James E. West. Author, editor and lecturer, in recognition of distinctive social service to humanity has devoted his life to helping build higher character in youth and train them for citizenship through many agencies and especially through the Boy Scouts of America, which has been developed under his leadership and has enriched the lives of more than nine million persons."

Hosts for the evening will be Mr. and Mrs. William Horwitz, in honor of the marriage of their daughter Joan, to Mr. Solomon Strausberg.



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LA MARSEILLAISE

A few days ago while walking, I saw an old man bent over his organ that he had rolled up to the street corner. The aged organ-grinder clasped the handle with his wrinkled hands and turned it slowly. Soon the dull afternoon air, filled with the common noises of the street, was alive with music. The mellow notes rang out loudly and clearly. It was a martial air that sets the blood flowing faster, the heart beating quicker and the head reeling with mad ecstasy of desire to act. It was the "Marseillaise" that was being played. The song that was on the lips of every Frenchman in those turbulent days of the Revolution. It was the song that spread from that company of soldiers at Marseilles to all France, until its tune and words echoed the spirit of liberty. The music carried my thoughts to France.

It was a sadder and smaller France that sung that anthem now. It was a land whose spirit was dead. Intrigue, false hope, and self-interest

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THE 37th COMMANDMENT

By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

The 37th Commandment, (the ninth of the ten commandments) bids us not to bear false testimony. Exodus Chapter 20, verse 13.

Our Rabbis say: "The foundations of the world are truth, justice and peace. (Avos 1:18) Remove truth and you are undermining one of the pillars of the world. Without truth, faith in human beings would be rare, friendship would disappear, and the very existence of society would be impossible. Therefore, the prophet Zechariah said, "Love the truth". There is no better lesson to teach our children than that profit without probity is sinful, and that probity without profit is profit in itself. The world is famishing for truth. To lie,

had brought a one-time nation to the brink of oblivion. I wondered what the heroes of the Revolution would have said to Paris' capitulation. Paris was surrendered so that all its historic monuments and shrines would not be reduced to ashes. At least this is what the defenders of France said. Streams of Frenchmen poured from the city before the invader reached it. What was Paris without a Frenchman in it? Paris, all that meant France was in Paris. Yet its streets, its monuments, its people, and all that spirit and atmosphere called French was desolate. What was Notre Dame worth, Notre Dame, the citadel of religion and symbol of holiness, if the heel of the Hun, the foot of the anti-God was to enter it? It was worthless masonry. Bricks without meaning. Yet certain leaders thought it better to have it stand, desecrated by the legions of hate, than to have it destroyed. The Arch of Triumph, through which the victorious armies had passed was now over the heads of the conqueror. Into the libraries and museums, steeped with the culture that made

say the Rabbis, is idolatry, the greatest sin in religion. The Talmud says that, "truth is the seal of God." It is the heart of life. Without it no word has value, no character, respect.

If we could only think of God as the 3rd party aware of all that we say, and reserving judgement upon us for another time, then I think we would stop lying. The man who lies is afraid of man and not of God, because when he lies he denies the omnipresence, and the very presence of God.

The law in regard to testimony is that we are to be most thorough-going in our investigation. One who violates this commandment and bears false testimony must, according to the "lex taliones" of "measure for measure", pay for what he wanted to do by his false testimony to others. However, where this is impossible, as for instance if one perjured himself and said that Mr. B. is divorced, the perjurer receives "malkos" or stripes. Written evidence is not admissible in criminal matters. The witness must face the one charged with the crime. However, in regard to money matters to save the lender a great deal of time or inconvenience, the Rabbis permitted written evidence, so that loans may be made and that the "door for help" should not be closed to the borrower.

France, came hordes of destroyers of culture. Paris was saved, not a brick demolished. Down the streets came the invader, his steps reverberating in a dead Paris, silent in memories of the past. Surely, I thought, the heroes of the past would have rather fought from street to street, barricaded behind the works of their demolished buildings than surrender the city so. What was the use of edifices in Paris if the men for whom they were made were no longer alive? What was their purpose if the spirit that founded them was gone? Better to have the monuments of the past stand stained with the blood of men, a tribute to a never dying spirit, than to have them stand as monuments to the new order.

The music stopped, a momentary silence reigned. I glanced at the headlines, "Vichy government bows to Nazi demands". The words yet rang in my ear, "Against Tyranny are we . . . To arms, citizens." The song faded into the bustle of the street and with it perhaps the nation that was France.

P. S. N.

NOW WE'RE AT IT TOO

A quiz — on Jewish scientists.

With all America, quiz conscious, we decided to make up our own about famous Jewish scientists. The answers are to be found on page 4 column 3.

Subsequent issues of the Review will publish articles about some of these people and more questions in other fields. We hope you like the idea.

1. What famous scientist had to make six hundred and six experiments before he found the answer to his research problem?

2. Who perfected an instrument for the sending of radio messages from a moving train?

3. Who is responsible for the information that Pellagra is caused by a dietary deficiency rather than an infectuous organism?

4. Who developed a method of measurement so accurate that he was able to draw 120,000 perfectly straight and parallel lines on a piece of metal six by three inches?

5. What Nutritional Chemist is responsible for some of the important work on mineral, and Vitamins A, B, and C requirements?

6. Who expounded a scientific theory that is probably the most brilliant and yet the least understood by layman and scientist alike.

7. What former head of the Chemistry department of a large university wrote a book on Analytical Chemistry, widely used throughout the country.

8. What name is most closely associated with psycho-analysis?

9. Who was the founder of the National Farm School?

10. Who discovered T N T?

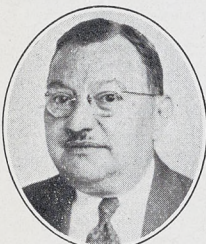
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Friday Evening Service 4:30

Saturday Morning Service 9:00

Junior Congregation 10:00

Rabbi Hurwitz's Class in Talmud 3:15

Mincha Service 4:15

Sunday Morning Service

..... 6:45; 7:45; 8:45

Daily Services:

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

Mincha 4:25

Followed by the Interpretation of
the Mishnah by Rabbi Goldstein

JEWISH WOMEN'S CLUB

TO HOLD DEDICATION DINNER

The Jewish Women's Club announces that the new Ritualarium (Mikvah), 158 West 97th Street, has been opened.

It will hold a Dedication Dinner at the Hotel Riverside Plaza on Wednesday evening, November 20th.

For reservation call Mrs. S. Bendheim, 15 West 81st Street, EN 2-2782.

HORWITZ - STRAUSBERG

We offer our heartiest congratulations on the marriage of Miss Joan Horwitz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Horwitz and grand daughter of our first Vice-President and Mrs. Aaron Wartels, to Mr. Solomon M. Strausberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Strausberg.

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OUR LOYAL CO-WORKER



LOUIS DAVIS

This week we present one of our loyal co-workers, Mr. Louis Davis. We have never had to call upon him because he has always anticipated our needs, and has done much for us. He is engaged in the paint and wall paper business and has often delved into his stock to make contributions to our bazaar.

His favorite hobby is golf and we understand that he is pretty good.

When Mr. Davis affiliated himself with the synagogue, the Women's League gained an active worker. Mrs. Davis has always had a sincere interest in the work of this organization.

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AND
THAT



TOTALITARIAN RELIGION

By RABBI EMANUEL L. LIFSCHITZ

Fascism has forged ahead during the last decade, swallowing up nation after nation with a clock like precision in Europe, and capturing the imagination of millions across the sea—because it has become a religion to its followers.

No wonder, therefore, that Nazi soldiers displayed deathless courage as they hurled themselves against their (supposed) enemies - no wonder, therefore, that Nazi airmen dropped from the sky behind enemy lines with a reckless zeal. They were in a holy crusade, a crusade to alter the world political and sociological structure to conform with their Nazi faith in the great god Wotan, the superiority of the Aryan race, and the rule of the dictator.

In this week's portion of the law we are told how God tested Abraham's faith by requesting him to sacrifice his one and only beloved son Isaac. Without hesitation, without a murmur Abraham consented. In every generation of Jewish history there arose hundreds and thousands of men and women like Abraham, ready to make sacrifices - to die "Al Kiddush Hashem" - rather than yield to false gods.

The people of Europe possessed only the framework of democracy, but were unwilling to crusade for it. They possessed houses of worship but went through their religious duties and rituals in a routine and perfunctory manner. Except for a small minority of zealous believers in religion and democracy many of whom are withering away in concentration camps, the greater part of

Getting Personal

To Gustave Roth goes the distinction of being the first purchaser of concert tickets. . . Two for his wife and himself and seven for free distribution to refugees. That merits the gold star of the week. . . Director Harry Appel very quietly reserved \$800 worth of ducats. . . Harry says, "If my friends aren't music-lovers, I'll see to it that they get that way." He's giving music appreciation lessons with each \$6 ticket that he sells. . . Director Moe Langer and Elmer Settel receive our birthday congratulations this week. . . Jules Cohen celebrated his last week. . . The following communication was received from a very devoted reader; "U seding in yu lest peper dot de bud uv drektes now gotting on heem fife josephs. So wot? Onlass u talling abot de oder nems dan we iss goink to hev troble. We gotting fur morries, fur semules, to herries, to mos-eses, to daveeds, end 2 mexes." Undoubtedly our learned correspondent was impelled to engage in this scientific research by the Reader's Questionnaire and the editorial requesting our readers to participate in a scientific venture. . . Extra special

felicitations to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wohl on the occasion of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. . . A rather long illness kept Rabbi Abraham Burstein away from us for quite some time but he was back in our midst last Saturday. We were very pleased to greet him. . . Dr. Zadok Kapner and Director Jack Levine, strangers for other reasons, have also rejoined us. . . "Get well quickly" is our suggestion to Mrs. Anna Gross. . . Did you ever see two chairmen conduct the same meeting? Well, we did a week ago Sunday night when Alan Goldberg and Harold Udell presided at the same time over the Junior Council meeting in the absence of Kenneth Wenger, the President. By the way it was a swell meeting. . . Don't forget to take a good look at Skipper Sid Harris at the Bible Class this coming Monday night. . . Our Talmud Torah honor students, David Buchsbaum, Arthur Finkelstein, Josephine Goldstein, Arnyce Livingston and Tillie Lewton received their awards last week from the Jewish Education Committee at Washington Irving High School. . .

them lacked deep inner convictions and an uncompromising faith in the things they represented. Therefore, they, their governments, their institutions and even their armies crumpled before the Nazi push. Today they are stripped of their fortunes and are enslaved.

One can counter the religious faith of fascism only with "a faith equally strong, equally capable of fostering devotion and loyalty and commanding sacrifice."

ANSWERS TO SCIENCE QUIZ

1. Paul Ehrlich
2. David Sarnoff
3. Joseph Goldberger
4. Albert Michelson
5. Lafayette Mendel
6. Albert Einstein
7. Julius O. Steiglitz
8. Sigmund Freud
9. Joseph Krauskopf
10. Chaim Weitzman

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