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LARGE ADVANCE SALE FOR OPERA CONCERT

The date of the concert is drawing near - the tickets are selling rapidly. We therefore urge you to make your reservation now. Tickets are priced at \$1 to \$6, and boxes of eight seats are \$50.

OUR PRESIDENT



LESTER UDELL

Our president, Lester Udell, has already sold a large number of tickets, with promise of more. The concert committee, headed by Joseph Settel, is grateful to him.

The Metropolitan Sunday Evening Concerts are known throughout the world for its ballet, singers, and symphonic orchestrations.

All of our members and friends must get behind the Concert Committee to insure the success of the evening. Let us follow the lead of these loyal, earnest workers, and make this the greatest opera concert ever sponsored by the West Side Institutional Synagogue.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Herbert Goodfriend was elected president of the Alumni Association at its annual election held last week. Lawrence Rosan, president of the group last year, was elected Secretary; and Elias Segal, Treasurer. Maurice Spanbock, leader of the club, wishes to extend a cordial invitation to all boys between the ages of 13 and 15 to join the group. Meetings are held every Saturday evening at 9:00 P. M.

Last week the club concluded an elimination ping-pong tournament with Arthur Finkelstein taking top honors.

NEW GROUP TO SPONSOR JEWISH ARTS

Jewish Youth League Holds Dance

The Jehuda Halevi Club, a new group of young men and women organized to sponsor Jewish art, music and literature, has made plans for art exhibitions and concerts. The group plans to invite guest speakers to its meetings, and to discuss the various phases of Jewish arts. Meetings are held every Monday evening promptly at 8:15 P. M.

Last night the Jewish Youth League held its first dance of the season. The J. Y. L. which meets every Wednesday evening consists of boys and girls between the ages of 16 and 19. All who are interested in joining are urged to attend the next meeting of the group, which will be held on December 4, at 8:30 P. M.

MR. LISSON TO ADDRESS PARENTS TEACHERS MEETING

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 4 at 8:30 P. M. The Parents Teachers Association will hold its monthly meeting. Mr. Albert C. Lissou, principal of P. S. 87 will be the guest speaker.

All parents of children attending our Hebrew, High School and Day School are cordially invited to attend.

MRS. JACOBS, NOTED ZIONIST LEADER

TO ADDRESS BIBLE CLASS AND FORUM

Mrs. Edward Jacobs, foremost figure in Zionist work in America, will be the guest speaker at Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class and Forum next Monday evening, December 2. Mrs. Jacobs has addressed the Bible Class and Forum in the past, and we are happy to welcome her again.



MRS. E. JACOBS

Mrs. Jacobs was born in New York City. She was among the first and youngest of the original Hadassah group, an outgrowth of the "Daughters of Zion" founded by Miss Henri-

WOMEN'S LEAGUE TO HEAR

DR. ANNETTE RUBINSTEIN

Open Meeting, December 2

On Monday afternoon, December 2, the Women's League will conduct its monthly open meeting. Dr. Annette T. Rubinstein, prominent personage of this community, will be the guest speaker of the afternoon. She is headmistress of the Robert Louis Stevenson School and a noted lecturer. The subject of her address will be, "Poets in an Ever Changing World."

Mrs. Joseph Anderson will be the chairman of the meeting and along with Mrs. Max Frank and Mrs. Meyer Pargament she will act as one of the hostesses.

YOUNG FOLK'S ROUND TABLE

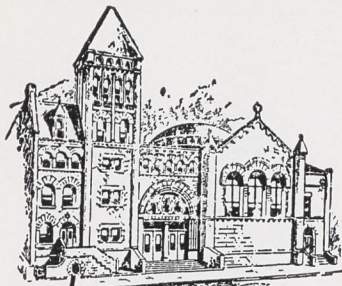
Tomorrow, the hostess at the social hour following the discussion of the "Ethics of the Fathers", will be Joan Friedman.

The following young men will take part in the young folk's Mincha service: Ira Bernstein, Reader of the Torah; Seymour Bernstein, Reader of the Service; and Harold Perlman, Speaker.

etta Szold in 1912. Mrs. Jacobs was Vice-president, and President of Hadassah, and at the present time is Honorary Vice-president of the organization.

For seven years the National President of Hadassah, she has been closely associated with numerous Zionist organizations. Mrs. Jacobs is the only woman member of the Executive Committee of the Jewish Agency of Palestine, the official body through which Great Britain handles important Palestinian matters. In her most recent trip to Palestine, prior to Italy's entrance into the war, she organized the Hadassah War Emergency Committee which is now expanding and safeguarding the multiple health activities of the Holy Land. The topic of her address will be, "The Problems of the Near East."

Rabbi Goldstein's class in the "Message of the Prophets" will start at 8:40 P. M.



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CREDITS AND SANCTIONS

Last week, Lord Lothian, British Ambassador to the United States, stated that England was rapidly exhausting her gold and securities and would soon be obliged to purchase war supplies from the United States on credit. Thinking observers (cognizant of the vast amount of English-held American securities now subject to the control of the British government) evaluate the statement for what it is — a trial balloon and a warning of what America must expect in the not-too-distant future. One may well imagine that Lord Lothian's statement was deliberately made at this time (when England does not really need the credits) in order to allow the discussion of this problem in the United States to have crystalized by the time that England actually does need the credits. This must be viewed as a wise step on the part of Churchill's government, in light of our oft-times dilatory manner of proceeding in the right direction.

However, Lord Lothian's statement

"AS
R'CHASH
SEES
IT"



THE 40th COMMANDMENT

By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

The 40th Commandment bids us not to hew the stones in the building of the altar. (Exodus Chapter 20 Verse 22). The altar was not to have been built with stones which were touched by iron, for it is said "Thou shalt not build them hewn." The Rabbis point out in the Mechilta that iron or steel implements are employed for making a sword or other war munitions which threaten human life. The altar is for the prolongation of human life therefore these two oppositions must not meet together.

The altar brought forgiveness for sin, blessing and peace. Accordingly it represents happiness, and good

will, whilst that which hews stone represents the opposite, and is employed as a rule for the purpose of spilling blood. Therefore the tools employed in building the altar must harmonize with the purpose of the altar, namely peace and life. Gideon called the altar ה' שלום "The Lord is peace" because the altar brings, through forgiveness, peace of conscience. The Psalmist put it "For with Thee is forgiveness so that Thou mayest be feared."

The law has it that if any of the stones were hewn by means of an iron tool, the whole altar became unfit for use. So despicable was war in the minds of the Rabbis, that they declared that even when the altar is to be whitened, no implements bearing iron may be used for that purpose. Of course, all these laws prevailed through the period of the Temple. Anyone who transgressed this law received stripes. This law refers not only to the altar but also to the ramp leading up to it.

Putting an axe upon the altar is an insult to it. The Rabbis in the Midrash Lekach Tov emphasize "a fortiori", that if an inanimate object is not to be regarded lightly, how much more careful should we be with reference to a human being's feelings.

again poses for the United States the problem of its role in the battle against Fascism. We cannot think too much, write too much, or do too much about this so-called "unpleasant" problem — it is the most important challenge this land ever faced. Those of us who have read the recent vivid and thrilling descriptions of London's struggle by the editor of New York's newest newspaper, are becoming well aware of what it means to be at war — what it means to be subject to constant day and night aerial attack by a foe which does not care who or what it destroys — but continues to kill promiscuously civilian and soldier alike.

This battle is being fought three thousand miles away. It is being fought all the time, all over the globe, by neutral and belligerent alike, and by all classes of people. You and I, as well as our government, are in the front line trenches in this fight against Fascism — whether we believe it or not and whether we like it or not.

The dispatches tell of Italy's in-

secure plight because of economic measures taken against her. Economics will eventually determine the victor in today's war. When the United States prohibited the sale of scrap metal to Japan, when England reopened the Burma road, when England began to blockade all Nazi-held Europe, the aggressors were hit where it hurt most. In a small way, we have an opportunity to strike at the economy of the aggressor nations. We must realize that German goods are no more taboo than Italian olive oil or Japanese tooth brushes or silk. We should vehemently protest the fact that our government, while barring the sale of scrap metal to Japan, permits the export of finished steel and certain gasolines.

We must keep our eye on the ball. Willy-nilly, we are participants in this critical battle. The extent of our participation is the only question at issue. And from any standpoint, it would seem that all aid short of war to those who are fighting our common battle is the best course for us to follow.

R. B.

THIS AND THAT



"HOW TO PRAY"

By RABBI EMANUEL L. LIFSCHITZ

In the vast range of man's mental and spiritual experiences prayer, genuinely and sincerely expressed, is the most soul-satisfying. Fervent prayer rewards us with an ecstatic sense of communion of the divine spirit within us with the divine spirit of the universe - God. Through a sincere prayerful attitude we become aware of the immediacy of God to us, and come to understand that despite all our earthly achievements, we are mere children in the presence of our all merciful and beneficent Father Who is ever ready to answer our petitions, the petitions of "those who call upon Him in truth."

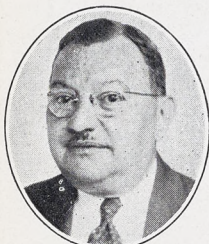
Yet to many prayer has become a matter of formal ritual, a daily exercise carried out not so much as it were a matter of profound personal desire to commune with God, but is rather carried out in the spirit of one who is being carried along on the religious momentum begun in one's early youth.

Prayers recited in such perfunctory

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WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE
Light Candles Friday Evening 4:12
Weekly Portion, TOLEDOT
Prayer For The New Month, KISLEV
Friday Evening Service 4:20
Saturday Morning Service 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:00
Rabbi Hurwitz's Class in Talmud 3:00
Young People's Round Table
Discussion 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 4:20
Followed by the Interpretation of
the Mishnah by Rabbi Goldstein
Tal-Umotor-Wed. eve. Dec. 4, at eve.
Service.

manner of course do not satisfy us, do not reward us with personal uplifting, spiritual experiences. Prayers dashed off in haste usually become a task or at best a routine affair.

In order for prayer to become a spiritually gratifying experience, in order for prayer to give us a sense of release from our daily tensions, in order for us to regain through prayer our hope in moments of depression, to regain our faith and courage in moments of despondency we should learn how to lose ourselves in prayer; as the Psalmist prayed, "All that is within me shall bless His holy name".

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RABBI SIDNEY HOENIG

Dr. Baruch Braunstein, previously scheduled to teach a survey course in Jewish History in the Laymen's Institute, has been called away, and will be unable to occupy this position on our faculty. We have been fortunate in obtaining Rabbi Sidney B. Hoenig, instructor in Jewish History at Yeshiva College, to teach in Dr. Braunstein's stead.

Dr. Hoenig is Educational Director of the National Council of Young Israel, President of the Alumni Association of Dropsie College, and Registrar of the Hebrew Teachers Training School for Girls.

Rabbi Hoenig's class will be held every Wednesday evening at 8:15.

Getting Personal

Phil Sands, whose danceable music had even our most reticent oldsters out on the dance floor at last year's annual dinner, took the spotlight with his luncheon music at the Women's League affair at the Waldorf Astoria. . . Speaking of the Luncheon, we would like to know who was the lucky lady who won the beautiful prize which Mrs. Anna Dworkin donated. . . A topaz (birthstone) to Mrs. Mose Goodman on the occasion of her birthday. . . Belated anniversary greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Breitbart. 'Twas their 29th. . . Thanks to Dr. Frank Goodman for being so "Frank" about some of our editorial efforts. . . Ditto to Mrs. Joseph Sedwitz for her comments on this column. . . With Harry Appel and William Horwitz providing the refreshments at the last two Monday night gatherings we're not a bit sorry that we were able to be present. . . Mrs. David Cohen looked mighty proud last Saturday when she was accompanied by Sylvia Joffe, her now much-grown-up granddaughter. . . "Yes, My Darling Daughter" you'll enjoy attending the December 3rd meeting of the Daughters of the W. S.I.S. Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein and Mrs. Harry Ward will be the hostesses. . . Congrats on the occasion of the engagement of Samuel Stager, grandson of Mrs. Aaron Goodman, to Miss Roslyn Glasser. . . While we are on the subject of betrothals we would like to be among the first to extend our very best wishes to our own Skipper, Sidney Harris and to Miss Molly Pickard who will middle-aisle it in the near future. . . Greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Barney Joseph who dropped in on us last Saturday. . . Long time no see. . . We also enjoyed having the Freezer family with us. . . Tomorrow, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mayper celebrate their 43 wedding anniversary. Congrats and best wishes. . .

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RADIO PROGRAMS OF JEWISH INTERESTS

December

SUNDAY

9:45 A.M. Religious News Reporter WMCA

(Reginald Kennedy - Executive Director of the Round Table of the National Conference of Christians and Jews) This program is a weekly feature.

1:00 P.M. Church of the Air WABC

Dec 1 Frederick May Elliot
Dec. 8 Rev. Duane S. Hunt (Catholic Church of Salt Lake City)
Dec. 15 Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver (Cleveland)
Dec. 22 Rev. Roelis H. Brooks (St. Thomas Church N. Y.)
Dec. 29 Dr. Paul Henry Fall (President of Hiram College)

1:00 P.M. I am an American WJZ

Dec. 1—Emil Ludwig
Dec. 8—Giysette Bellanca
Dec. 15—Lynn Fontaine
Dec. 22—Dr. Walter Damrosch

1:30 P.M. American Jewish Hour WHN

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MONDAY

2:45 P.M. The Light of the World WEAF

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TUESDAY

2:00 P.M. Hymns of all Churches WEAF

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9:00 P.M. Free Speech Forum WEVD

Rev. William C. Kernan of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark

THURSDAY

7:30 P.M. Jewish Commentator WLTH

Edward V. Morand

SATURDAY

6:30 P.M. Religion in the News WEAF

Dr. Walter Van Kirk

7:00 P.M. Message of Israel WJZ

Rabbi David De Sola Pool of the Spanish and Portuguese Congregation of New York will deliver the sermons throughout the month of December.

RED CROSS SEWING GROUP MEETS EVERY MONDAY

Last Monday morning at 11 o'clock, the Red Cross workers among our women began their Red Cross sewing group. The women will meet every Monday morning at the synagogue at 11:00 A.M. Come and do your bit.

CONDOLENCE

We offer our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Lena Stein upon the loss of her husband, Israel Stein.



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