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A TRIBUTE

The loss of Dr. Bernard Revel of blessed memory has created a great void in the life of American Jewry. He had a synthetic intellect. He had no peer. He was at home everywhere, in both religious and secular cultures. I had the great privilege of knowing Dr. Revel intimately, and shared with him the travail of the birth of his brain-child, the College in the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary. He was a restless soul and at the same time creative. He created from the ghetto and the poverty and the background of the lower east side, a College of liberal arts and sciences. He stood practically alone in this endeavor. Again from nothing almost, he created the graduate school of semitics in the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary. He was a "Shutaf" a partner with the Holy One, Blessed be He, in so far as he was able to (ex nihilo) create something from nothing.

He was a descendant of the sages of Israel who were not merely immersed in Jewish law, but abreast with general culture as well. I saw him just after he had closed his eyes for the last time upon this world, and I said of him then as Stanton said when Lincoln had breathed his last, — "He belongs now to the ages."

HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

YOUNG FOLK'S ROUND TABLE

Tomorrow afternoon Miss Naomi Greenberg will be hostess at the Social Hour following the Young Folk's Round Table discussion of the "Ethics of the Fathers". The discussion will begin promptly at 3:15 P. M.

Those participating in the Young Folk's Mincha Service will be; Harold Levine, Reader of the Torah; Benjamin Neuhaus, Reader of the Service; and Samuel Greenfield, Speaker.

MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW! CONCERT, DECEMBER 22

Our synagogue has been organized for the purpose of serving the religious, educational and social needs of our community. We cannot continue this work without your aid. Our opera concert at the Metropolitan Opera House is one of the means by which we raise funds for the support of our institution. This year the concert will be held on Sunday Evening, December 22. We cannot urge you too strongly to make your reservations now. Tickets are priced at \$1 to \$6.

Mr. Joseph Settel, Chairman of the Concert Committee has been energetically working to make the evening of December 22nd a memorable one.

Enjoy an evening of the world's greatest music, and at the same time aid a worthy cause.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE ANNOUNCES TWO NEW COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

The Women's League has announced the appointment of Mrs. Harold Kaplan as Chairman of the Cradle Roll Committee and Mrs. H. N. Goodstein as Chairman of the Inter-Organization Committee.

When a child is born into the W. S.I.S. family the Cradle Roll Committee greets the new baby on behalf of the synagogue. Birthday parties and holiday celebrations are to be held for these children. All parents having children between the ages of 1 and 5 are urged to send their names to the synagogue in care of Mrs. Harold Kaplan, Chairman.

The function of the Inter-Organization Committee is to see that our Women's League is properly represented at the meetings of the Women's divisions of the large communal organizations and projects.

This will be the first bond between the pre-Talmud Torah age club and the synagogue.

JUDGE KENYON TO DISCUSS "JUSTICE"

Miss Dorothy Kenyon, Judge of the Municipal Court, will address Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class and Forum on Monday evening, December 9th.

Miss Kenyon will speak on "Justice", a subject which she is most qualified to discuss.



JUDGE DOROTHY KENYON

Judge Kenyon, Phi Beta Kappa, received her A.B. degree at Smith College, her D.J. (Doctor Juris) at N. Y.U. Law School and an honorary LLD degree at Keuka College. She is National Director of the American Civil Liberties Union; member of the Executive Committee of the Citizens Union; Director of the Pioneer Youth of America; Director of the Consumers League of New York; member of the National Lawyers Guild and the New York City Bar Association.

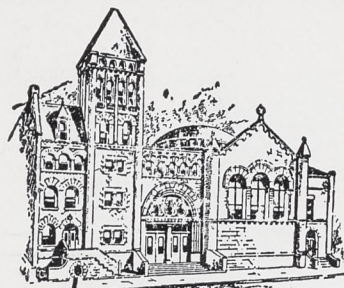
Miss Kenyon was admitted to the New York Bar in 1917 and ever since that time has affiliated herself with numerous civic organizations.

The main address of the evening will follow Rabbi Goldstein's class in the "Message of the Prophets" which will start at 8:40 P.M.

SCOUTS RENEW CHARTER

The charter for the Boy Scout Troop No. 530 and the Sea Scout Ship, No. 1030 has been renewed.

The following are the members of the synagogue Scout Committee: Max E. Sanders; Chairman, David Galton, Joseph Anderson, Moses J. Berlin, Emanuel Fine, Melvin H. Freidman, Dr. Maurice Graubart, Joshua Levine, Dr. Nathan Settel, Samuel W. Siegel, and Daniel Weiss.



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SELF-CRITICISM

It is reported by Ludwig Lore that a short while ago a committee representing the Jewish communities of London met for the purpose of combating the possibility that war-time conditions might be used to foster an anti-Semitic movement in Great Britain. "The evacuation of large cities has brought a sudden influx of Jewish refugees into communities to which Jewish ways are strange," an English Jewish periodical pointed out, "making it necessary to explain the Jew and the Gentile to each other."

Realizing that anti-Semitic propaganda usually relies for its strength on being able to point at individual objectionable cases, Lore reports that this committee is urging all Jews in Britain to make good citizenship the key-note of Jewish private and public living. Particularly, says a call issued by the committee, Jewish employers as well as employees are urged to note the importance of recognizing trade unions and trade union conditions; Jewish landlords must pay adequate attention to property and equitable conditions for

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THE 41st COMMANDMENT

By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

The 41st Commandment reads, "Neither shalt thou come up by steps unto Mine altar that thy nakedness be not uncovered thereon." Exodus Chapter 20 Verse 23. There must have been a ramp leading to the altar. In other words, as one ascends the altar, he should do so slowly and reverently, step by step. Of course, it is evident that the stones are not conscious of any disrespect or any nakedness. This slow and awesome march to the altar was to impress US with the need for approaching God with humility and not with pride or disrespect.

This law prevailed in Temple times and was incumbent upon men and women. Whoever transgressed it intentionally by walking disrespectfully to the altar received stripes.

tenants, while Jewish merchants are warned of the evils of price cutting and other unfair trade practices.

The significance of this report is that we Jews are beginning to realize the necessity for self-criticism. To protest against anti-Semitism is not enough. We must be model Jews and model citizens of the country in which we live. We have always been spotlighted throughout the world, and our audience is forever a capacious one. Every miscue is noted and magnified and is used to lend credence to the many falsehoods which are circulated by those who profit from hate. We must make ourselves a poor scapegoat. We must be able to brand as lies the slander of the professional propagandist.

Let us not hesitate to point to our own faults when they exist. Let us not view friendly criticism as an evidence of hostility. Let us not cloud our virtues with a stubborn belief in our perfection. Of course, no one likes to wash their dirty linen in public—but if we don't, someone else will do the laundering for us—and there will be plenty of caustic in the solution.

Pride destroys the world. It brings war and devastation. It causes one inordinate ambition. On the other hand, humility and reverence maintain and retain all that is good and noble in the world. The Talmud in Kiddushin commenting upon our commandment says, "We do not search from the altar and upwards." In other words, a man who is really, completely and genuinely interested in the Synagogue, reaches thereby his highest spiritual self-realization.

He needs no higher ideal. Through his proper approach to the altar, he is willing to listen to its message and thereby is led step by step through the observance of the various commandments to the highest approach to God. This is evidenced by the fact that when men and women whose lives are partially void and empty, take a sincere interest in the message of the synagogue they come closer to the performances of the commandments of the Torah. As a result we derive additional support for our communal endeavors, because in the Synagogue there are usually workers or leaders of other public institutions and they encourage others in the House of God to help maintain our various communal projects.

The proper approach to the altar is through humility. This leads to the performance of the Will of God.

CLUB NOTES

We wish to announce that the club referred to last week as the Jehuda Halevi Group has changed its name to the Jewish Art Circle. The group meets on Monday evenings to discuss Jewish art, music, literature and drama.

Another change in name is the Youth Forum, which was originally known as the Maimonides Society. This club meets every Sunday evening to discuss pertinent problems.

The Junior Council is making extensive plans for its Annual Winter Dance to be held in the Social Hall on Saturday evening, December 21, at 8:30 P. M. The price of tickets are \$1.00 per couple.

"Roots" a play written by a member of the Chicago University Group dealing with the problems of orthodox Judaism against a background of intolerance as experienced in Nazi Germany, is now in rehearsal by the Drama Workshop. They will present this one-act play at the Council Chanukah Celebration. The list of players will be announced in two weeks.

THIS AND THAT



DR. BERNARD REVEL ז"ל By RABBI EMANUEL L. LIFSCHITZ

Dr. Bernard Revel, president and founder of Yeshiva College has passed to the great beyond. He was a distinguished personality, a prophetic soul, gifted with a rare combination of learning; a profound scholar of Talmudic learning and Rabbinic law, Jewish scientific studies, and one completely at ease in the realms of higher secular study. Endowed by the Almighty with these qualities, he assumed the self-imposed task—that of sowing the seed of Torah in the Torah-barren soil of America a quarter of a century ago.

With self-sacrifice and unremitting zeal, he nurtured the seed as it took root and flourished in the small Yeshiva building on Montgomery street, located in the heart of the lower East Side. Thence, through his perpetual devotion and care, the Yeshiva moved to larger quarters on East Broadway and Gouverneur Street. At that time the Yeshiva already echoed the spirit of the famed European school, and had developed a secular high school with a high scholastic standard. While there, he dreamed of developing the Yeshiva-college concept; the idea of housing within one structure the study of the Torah and a collegiate secular education. He dreamed of infusing "the beauty of Joseph", western civilization and culture, "within the tents of Sem", the precincts of sacred Jewish knowledge.

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WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE	
Light Candles Friday Evening	4:11
Weekly Portion VAYEZE	
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	

of Rabbinic law and tradition, to develop a generation of American Orthodox Rabbis, spiritually and culturally integrated in the American way of living, to that task he dedicated and consecrated his life.

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CHANUKAH EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Tuesday, December 24—8:15 P. M.
Concert, Games and Midnight Supper given by the Yeshiva College Women's Organization at the Yeshiva College, 186th Street and Amsterdam Ave. \$1.50 per person.

Tuesday, December 24—8:15 P. M.
Dance, Jewish Center Youth Club at the Jewish Center, 131 West 86th Street. \$1.00 per couple.

Announcements of our own Chanukah celebrations will be made next week.

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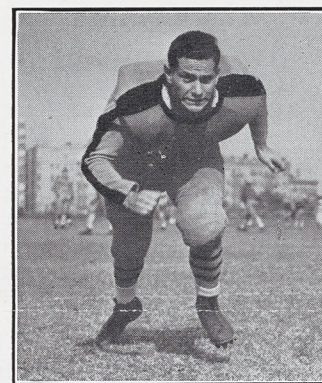
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DON LEVY, COLUMBIA STAR, TO ADDRESS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Don Levy, who has been a star Columbia varsity tackle for the past two seasons, has accepted an invitation to speak to the Alumni Association on Saturday evening, December 7th.



DON LEVY

Mr. Levy has maintained a fine scholastic average and has been on the football squad for three years. While at high school, Don excelled in track and football. Weighing 195 pounds, and 6 feet, 1 inch in height, he is one of the fastest men that Columbia has had in several years.

Don Levy played his last game of college football last week when Columbia finished its season at Providence, R. I. when it played Brown University.

The Alumni Association wishes to extend a cordial invitation to all, to attend this meeting. Don is scheduled to address the group at about 8:30 P. M.

Getting Personal

There will be gay celebratin' at Morris Levine's home next week, 'cause it's his birthday. Our heartiest congratulations to a swell Director. . . This week we find too many of our friends sick. We send our get well cards to Louis Cohen, Max Fuchs and Mimi Margareten. Sorry to hear that Doctors have been calling at the Kraeler home. Speedy recovery. . . We can't afford to have you all sick, the concert is coming and everybody must be in the best of health for this gala function. The Young Folk's Round Table has taken the biblical phrase, "and ye shall multiply" seriously. There just wasn't enough room around the table last week. Rudy, order another round table. . . You all must have noticed how Rabbi Lifschitz looked in his new silk hat. Now, now, Rabbi, don't get high hat on us. . . Our compliment of the week goes to usher, Joe Cliff. He can really tell other people to keep quiet and still refrain from taking himself. Harold Kaplan, Moe Langer and Buddy Freidman please note. . . Thanks to Director Sam Silver for his plug for our Ass't Editor. Your suggestion will be considered. . . We are proud to announce that Lester Lazarus has been elected as President of the Youth Forum. You have made a swell choice. . . The exodus to the sunny south has already begun. Mr. and Mrs. M. Weingarten left for Florida last week, and we are told that Nat Carmen, President of the

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Council and Buddy Udell are planning a similar trip. Godspeed and best of health. . . Last week the stork visited the home of Joshua Manischewitz and delivered a bouncing bundle of joy. It's a girl - and her name - Deanna Esther. (Mrs. Harold Kaplan, Chairman of the Cradle Roll Committee please note.) . . . There will be a transcontinental exchange of birthday greetings in the Blankfort family next week. Director Henry in New York and son Michael in California celebrate theirs. From the Great White Way to the Golden Gate - Congratulations. . . Silver wedding bells are ringing for Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Bergman. They are celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary. Here's to your Golden. . .

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RECREATION GROUP MAKES FINAL APPEAL FOR OLD TOYS

New Folk Dancing Teacher

Chanukah is drawing near and the recreation group is working hard to repair as many old toys as possible before that time. They therefore make this final appeal to you, to send to them any old toys that you may have. They are repairing them for distribution at Chanukah time, to the many less fortunate children in our city. Won't you help?

The Recreation group also announces that a new W.P.A. teacher has been assigned to the Folk Dance Group which meets every Wednesday evening from 7 to 9 P. M. The new teacher, Selma Schneider, wishes to extend a cordial invitation to all youngsters between the ages of 10 and 13 to join the dance group.

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