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JEPSON HEADS ROSTER OF STARS AT OPERA CONCERT

PARENTS ASSOCIATION HOLDS MONTHLY MEETING

Last week the Parents Teachers Association of the West Side Institutional Synagogue held its regular monthly meeting at which time Mr. Albert C. Lisson, principal of P. S. 87, delivered an enlightening address to the members of the organization.

Mr. David L. Galton was appointed Chairman of the Program Committee and the annual membership dues was set at One Dollar. Mrs. Harry Ward, president, presided. The Parents Association is now distributing a questionnaire among the parents of the students and they urge all parents to cooperate and respond to the questions. All parents of children attending our Hebrew School, High School or Day School, are urged to join the organization.

YOUNG FOLK'S ROUND TABLE

Miss Bernice Breitbart will be the hostess at the Social Hour following the Young Folk's Round Table Discussion tomorrow afternoon. The group meets at 3:15 P. M.

Those participating in the Mincha Service will be: Selig Katz, Reader of the Torah; Gabriel Goldstein, Reader of the Service; and Harold Gross, Speaker.

CONDOLENCES

We extend sincere sympathy to our member, Mr. Isidor Lauer, on the loss of his wife, Jennie Lauer. Mrs. Lauer was a member of the Executive Board of the Women's League.

We extend condolences to our generous supporter, Harry Ackerman, on the loss of his mother, Zipra Ackerman.

PROFESSOR ISAACS TO ADDRESS BIBLE CLASS AND FORUM

Moses L. Isaacs, Assistant Professor of Sanitary Science at Columbia University, will be the guest speaker next Monday evening, December 16. Professor Isaacs is the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Yeshiva College and Vice Chairman of the Kosher Board of the Department of Agriculture of New York State. A graduate Chemist and Ph. D., he is President elect of the New York City Board of the American Society of Bacteriologists.

The topic of Dr. Isaacs address will be "Scientific Study of Anti-Semitism". The Bible Class and Forum begins promptly at 8:40 P. M.

BAR MITZVAH

We extend hearty congratulations upon the Bar Mitzvah this Sabbath at our Synagogue of Joel William Wasser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Wasser.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEETING MONDAY AFTERNOON

Mrs. Pauline King and Mrs. Isidore Friedman were the hostesses at the Social Hour following the regular meeting of the Women's League last Monday afternoon.

The next meeting of the League will be held on Monday afternoon, December 16th. Rabbi Goldstein's class in "The Book of Kings" begins promptly at 2:30 P. M. Mrs. Annie R. Morris, in celebration of the birthday of her son, will be hostess along with Mrs. Harold Kaplan.

SYNAGOGUE TO HOLD MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR DR. REVEL

Our synagogue will hold memorial services for Dr. Bernard Revel on Sunday afternoon, December 15, at 4:15 P. M.

Dr. Revel, who died last week, was President of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary and of the Yeshiva College.

ALBANESE, MARTINI AND GRECO INCLUDED IN PROGRAM

Helen Jepson, eminent soprano will star in our Opera Concert at the Metropolitan Opera House on Sunday evening, December 22. Miss Jepson will be heard in an aria from Verdi's opera, "La Traviata". In this, the last act of "La Traviata", she will sing the part of Violetta with Nino Martini, George Cehanovsky, Louis D'Angelo and Helen Olheim.



MISS HELEN JEPSON

Tickets for our concert are now on sale. You still have time to make your reservations for this gala opera concert which will be held on Sunday evening, December 22nd. Tickets are priced at \$1 to \$6 and boxes of eight seats may be purchased for \$50. Don't delay. Call our office (TR-7-8281) and make your reservations today.

Licia Albanese, prominent Metropolitan soprano, will be heard in an aria from "Le Nozze Di Figaro" and in a duet with Raoul Jobin from Act I of "Carmen".

The Metropolitan Corps De Ballet will present a Ballet from Act II of "Lakme," and the overture and ballet from "Tannhauser." Solo numbers will be offered by Alexander Sved and Eleanor Steber. Pietro Cimara will be the conductor. A complete program of the opera will be published.

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THE 42nd COMMANDMENT By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

The 42nd Commandment concerns itself with the master and servant relationship among Jews, as we read in Exodus Chapter 21, Verse 2. "If Thou buyest a Hebrew servant, six years he shall serve and in the seventh he shall go out free". The Hebrew was sold to slavery because he stole someone's property and was unable to pay as the law required. After six years of service he automatically became free and required no permission or authorization from his master to leave him. He was also permitted to leave within the six years if any of the six coincided with the Jubilee year. He was also permitted to leave if he could raise the money to pay his master for the

stolen article; or if his master died within the six years and did not leave a son.

At the end of six years if the Hebrew servant desired to remain, "Then the master shall bring him to the Judges; he shall also bring him to the door or unto the door-post; and his master shall bore his ear through with an awl; and he shall serve him forever." (Exodus Chapter 21, Verse 6) His ear is to be bored, say the Rabbis as punishment for not hearkening to the injunction made at Sinai "Thou Shalt Not Steal", and also for disregarding the declaration made by the Holy One Blessed be He, when he passed over the door-posts of the children of Israel "For to Me are the children of Israel servants." Kiddushin 22 b. Twice did he disobey and act contrary to the divine order, for he stole and cherished slavery.

"And he shall serve him forever" does not mean for all time, but up to the Jubilee year when every Israelite automatically became free regardless of whether he wanted to or not. The ceremony described is designed to show how detestable slavery is from the Biblical point of view. Abraham Lincoln had a classical precedent in his fight against this most undesirable of institutions.

"SAVE ME NOW . . ."

"LUSITANA SUNK BY A SUBMARINE, PROBABLY 1,260 DEAD". On the morning of May 8th, 1915 the horror of war was thus poignantly brought home to the American people. The headlines of the previous month, reporting the death of hundreds of thousands of soldiers on the fields of battle, evoked our sympathy but failed to make us understand just what war was like. So today, we read of London and Coventry, of torpedoes and bombs — but it's all so far away. Austria, China, Czechoslovakia, Ethiopia, Danzig, Spain, Poland, Norway, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, France—all of them gone. We just draw new lines on the map. Civilians killed! Children homeless! We're reading a novel and the hero will right all wrongs.

Must we suffer ourselves before we realize the pain of suffering? Must America be the locale before we are able to fully understand the difference between a news reel and a Cecil B. DeMille extravaganza? Must peacetime conscription become a wartime draft before we awaken to

reality? England's people need us today. They need our guns and planes. They need our clothing and medical supplies. Deny these to them today and even our lives may be of no help to them tomorrow.

In nine minutes, one-fourth of Rotterdam was blown to bits. It was too late to help. Loyalist Spain held out for two years but even that was insufficient time to permit us to be aroused from our lethargy. England gives us a last opportunity to defeat fascism in the Eastern Hemisphere. Will we fight on the English Channel with our money and industries or will we battle with our blood on the St. Lawrence and the Rio Grande?

Any physician will tell you that a painful injection administered immediately will go a long way towards precluding the necessity for an amputation at a later date. Localize the infection and a minimum amount of medical effort will destroy it. Let the infection spread and even the knife of the skilled surgeon may fail to save the life. Give an injection of our resources NOW or we will have to attack with our bayonets when the Nazi infection spreads.



Save me now, don't avenge me later

Cartoon by Matt Greene

By courtesy of the newspaper PM, N. Y.

THIS
AND
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JEWISH BOOK WEEK

By RABBI EMANUEL L. LIFSCHITZ

It appears more than a mere coincidence that the National Jewish Book Week Committee designated for Jewish Book Week, the week beginning Dec. 22, a few days preceding the festival of Chanukah. During this time of the year most of us plan sending Chanukah gifts to our many friends. It might therefore be well for us to take the suggestion implied in Jewish Book Week by distributing gifts of permanent value, books containing Jewish wisdom, culture and history. It has been said that just as the Bible is the Book of the people so are we the people of the Book. The Jewish book will give us spiritual, cultural and religious anchorage as we live on the contemporary storm tossed sea of Jewish life. It will provide us with inner fortitude and purpose. Jewish culture is the connecting link between our Jewish past and future.

One need not be a Hebrew scholar to appreciate Judaism. Hundreds upon hundreds of books dealing with every phase of Jewish living—social, economic, historical, biographical as well as the novel, are available in the English medium.

In presenting gifts to our non-Jew-

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

ish friends for their Winter Festival we can make for better relationships and deeper understanding by presenting them with a book dealing with some aspect of Judaism or its contribution to civilization.

The synagogue is also ready to guide those desiring any help in the selection of books.

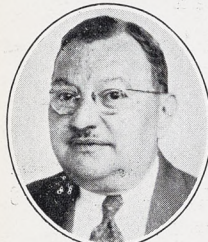
We urge our readers to foster the Jewish Book Week and share in the threefold blessing; popularizing the Jewish book, enriching our spiritual and cultural horizons, and enlightening our Christian friends the spirit and content of the Jewish faith and way of living.

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CLUB SCHEDULE

The following is a list of the various club meetings held in our building during each week. Please keep this list for future reference.

Jewish Art Circle — Mondays 8 P. M.
Coed group interested in sponsoring Jewish art, music and literature. Ages 18-20.

Drama Workshop — Tuesdays 8 P. M.
Coed group studying and producing plays of Jewish interest. Average age 20.

Jewish Youth League — Wednesdays 8 P. M.
Coed group providing a recreational program for Jewish youth. Ages 16-19.

Junior Debs — Thursdays 4:30 P. M.
A girls' group that has taken as its project the support of a refugee child. Ages 16-18.

Alumni Association — Saturdays 7:45 P. M.
A boys group interested in discussing contemporary problems - secular and religious. Ages 13-15.

Youth Forum — Sundays 8:30 P. M.
Coed club discussing problems of a political and philosophical nature. Ages 16-18.

Junior Council — Sundays 8:30 P. M.
Coed group to prepare youth to cope with problems of its future. Ages 19-22.

Senior League — Sundays 8:30 P. M.
Coed club designed to promote good fellowship. Age - 21 and up.

Mr. Wittenberg, Director of Social Activities, is anxious to meet all of the young men and women of the congregation. He is in the building every evening, except Friday evening, from 7:30 to 11 P. M.

JEWISH SCIENTISTS

Albert Abraham Michelson

By Gabriel F. Goldstein

One of the many instances of the universality of pure science is the interesting fact that the first recipient of the Nobel Prize in this country was Albert Abraham Michelson, a German born to the Jewish faith.

He came here when but a lad and received a thorough American education, graduating at the age of twenty-one from the United States Naval Academy in the year 1873. His talents were quickly recognized by his teachers and were steered towards a more peacefully purpose than the development of naval tactics.

As has been true of many of the pioneers in scientific thought, Michelson devoted himself to the quest for hitherto unknown knowledge. It is also characteristic for such men to work in those branches of science which are in themselves intangible but whose laws can be determined indirectly by measurements of related phenomena.

Light is a subject which needs to be studied by indirect method but which can also be employed to measure other phenomena. Michelson delved into this field.

He collaborated with Edward W. Morley to develop the Michelson-Morley "Interferometer" by which he was able to use the light radiated from the two ends of a planet to determine its dimensions. By such methods he found the diameter of the star Betelgeuse to be 260,000,000 million miles.

He also measured how long it took for a beam of light to complete a round trip between Mt. Wilson and Mt. San Antonio in Colorado and then calculated the velocity of light.

It is little wonder that a man of such achievements merited honorary degrees from six well known Universities and memberships in the most distinguished scientific societies of America and Europe.

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Getting Personal

Our first and special birthday candle goes to Jane Udell Friedman on the celebration of her 70th. Other candles go to Mr. Mortimer Morris, Mrs. Meyer Mirken, Mrs. Aaron Wartels, Mrs. Sam Goodman and Mr. Sam Rubel. . . Boy, this must be National Birthday Week . . . The Daughters of the W.S.I.S. will acquire a brother-in-law as soon as Leona Storch says "I Do" to Jack Weinreb. . . Speaking of marriages Joe and Dorothy Anderson middle-aged-it 18 years ago, December 16. Anniversary greetings also go to Commissioner and Mrs. William B. Herlands. . . Mrs. Regina Margareten was all smiles last week 'cause her grandchild, Mrs. Joel Margareten, gave birth to son. It's her 8th great grandchild. Congratulations to a great woman. . . We wave flags of welcome for Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Weil and son Henri of Paris, Mr. and Mrs. Max Freudman of Holland and

amiable Hannah Sanders. Glad to see you all. . . By the expression on her face, Shirley Cohen gave unanimous approval to hubby-to-be Sam Greenfield's address at the Young Folk's Mincha Service. We also thing he's swell. . . A number of young girls of the congregation have followed the example of the young men of the synagogue in choosing a section of the synagogue in which to congregate. Seen last Saturday in this hen party were; Josephine Goldstein, Ruth Josephson, Renee Langer, Arnyce Livingston, Deborah Siegal, Thelma Spanbock and Minnette Verschleiser. . . Our only question is why the girls pick front row seats and the boys can't get back far enough ? ? ? We have to say hello and goodbye in one breath to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Salit. They were back with us for a stop-over en route from Long Beach to Florida . . .

OPERA CONCERT . . .

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lished in next week's REVIEW.

Joseph Settel, Chairman of the Concert Committee, has devoted his time and effort to make this concert a memorable one. His work alone will not put the concert over. Your help is required if the "S.R.O." sign is to be put up at the Metropolitan Opera House on December 22nd.

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