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NEW COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED BY WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Women's League has announced the formation of a new committee with Mrs. Sam Michael and Mrs. Herman Livingston serving as Co-chairman the new committee, which is to be known as the "Good Will and Cheer Committee", will, on behalf of the Women's League, call on the members and friends of the synagogue whenever they may be confined to their homes because of illness. The appointment of this committee is peculiarly characteristic of the family spirit of the W.S.I.S.

The next meeting of the Women's League will be held on Monday afternoon, January 13th. Mrs. Jack Levine and Mrs. Harry Ward will be the hostesses at the Social Hour following the meeting. Rabbi Goldstein's class in the "Book of Kings" will begin promptly at 2:30 P. M.

LAYMEN'S INSTITUTE TO START NEW SEMESTER

On Wednesday evening January 8th, the Laymen's Institute will begin it's Mid-year semester. The regular courses in the Prophets, Elementary and Intermediate Hebrew, Jewish Philosophy and Jewish Ceremonials, all of which were offered last term, will be continued.

All those who are interested in registering for the new term are urged to see Rabbi Lifschitz, Registrar.

The faculty consists of, Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, Rabbi Emanuel L. Lifschitz, Rabbi Sidney Hoenig, Dr. Samuel Nirenstien and Mr. Konovitch.

MEN'S CLUB TO HOLD FATHER AND SON DINNER

The Men's Club has announced that it will hold a Father and Son Dinner at the synagogue on Tuesday evening, February 11, 1941. Many prominent athletic stars have been invited to attend the dinner. The price of admission is One Dollar. Please reserve this date. Further announcements of the affair will be published in subsequent issues of the REVIEW.

SOCIAL HALL TO BE SCENE OF ALL DAY

CHANUKAH CELEBRATIONS SUNDAY, DEC. 29th

Hebrew and Day Schools Join For Morning Celebration

The youth department of our Synagogue will bustle with activity during the entire day of Sunday, December 29th when Chanukah will be celebrated. In the morning the Talmud Torah and Day School will present a program of

recitations, songs and a talkie movie entitled "The Lost Boy". Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Landowne, in memory of their son, Morton L., will provide boxes of candy for the children. The "Tiny Tots", children between the ages of 2 and 5 are cordially invited to attend the celebration. This is the first time that they have been invited but it has been planned to make it a permanent feature.

Scout Affair in Afternoon

The Scout troops of the synagogue will take over the Social Hall in the afternoon for their celebration. Each troop has invited another troop of the city to join the party. Rabbi Lifschitz will deliver a Chanukah message and the boys will light the Chanukah candles. The main feature of the afternoon will be an Information Please Program about Scouting. Refreshments will be served.

Clubs to Light Chanukah Candles

In the evening, the club department will round out the day of celebrating with their Annual Gala Chanukah Party. The program will include community singing, selections by the Metropolitan String Quartet, a Chanukah message delivered by Rabbi Lifschitz and the lighting of the Chanukah Candles. The Women's League, in cooperation with the Council, has made all arrangements for the refreshments. Admission to the Club Chanukah Celebration will be by invitation only.

YOUNG FOLK'S MINCHA SERVICE

The participants in the Young Folk's Mincha Service tomorrow afternoon will be; Sidney Silberman, Reader of the Torah; David Friedman, Reader of the Service; and Harold Wohl, Speaker.

CHANUKAH PROGRAM

Presented by the Council of the W S I S
8 p. m. Dec. 29, 1940

1. Chanukah Greetings
..... Nat Carmen, Pres. Govn. Bd.
2. "Banner of the Jew"
Read by Edward Fertel
Music by Herbert Haufreucht
3. Palestinian Folksongs
..... Sung by Arline Carmen
4. "The Chanukah Story"
..... A Broadcast by P. Ludlum
Participants: Rabbi Lifschitz, Edward Fertel,
Melvin Fleischer, Kenneth Joseph
5. Community Sing (Songsheets)
Led by Mr. Herman Levine, Conductor of
the WSIS Choral Group
6. Candle Lighting by Delegates
of Six Clubs
7. Chanukah Message Rabbi Lifschitz
8. Refreshments and Dancing

SUNDAY OPERA CONCERT HUGE SUCCESS

The entire Concert Committee, headed by Joseph Settler, Chairman, takes this opportunity of thanking all our friends and members who have devoted their time and efforts to make the Concert a grand success.

The evening was a perfect one and will long be remembered by those who filled the Metropolitan Opera House that evening.

MEMORIAL WINDOW UNVEILED TO THE LATE MRS. SILVER

The family, relatives and many friends of the late, Lillian R. Silver, wife of our Director, Samuel Silver, gathered at our Synagogue last Sunday afternoon and took part in an impressive ceremony of unveiling a Memorial Window.

Mr. Lester Udell, President, presided. Rabbi Lifschitz read the 121st Psalm and Proverbs 33. Mrs. Annie R. Morris spoke on behalf of our Women's League of which the late Mrs. Silver was an Honorary President. Rabbi Goldstein spoke eloquently of Mrs. Silver's love and devotion to traditional Judaism and Cantor Yavneh chanted the Memorial Prayer.



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THE 42nd COMMANDMENT

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and 43rd COMMANDMENT

By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

We can see in what high regard the servant was held, that our father Abraham, in choosing one to select a wife for his only beloved child Isaac, sends his servant Damesek Eleazer, on this mission. There was nothing that Abraham wanted more, than to see Isaac properly mated. Yet for the realization of this highly important and sacred task he chose Damesk, his servant.

A Jew who does not treat his servant well is in essence not a Jew. Because, as the Rabbis point out in the Talmud in Yevamos 79a that a Jew must be "merciful, humble and charitable." Certainly no Jew should

act toward a Negro in a derogatory way. I never like to hear one call a Negro a "nigger". The Jew must never forget that he was a slave in Egypt. Therefore, we find the Bible, the Talmud, Jewish tradition and Jewish practice indicate a most beautiful relationship between master and servant.

The law pertains only to males, for a woman was not permitted to acquire a Hebrew male servant because of the moral issue involved.

The 43rd Commandment bids the Jew who owns a Hebrew slave girl to marry her. (Exodus Chapter 21, Verse 8). This commandment is to show us that God wants us to extend our mercy to the poor girl who has to be sold by her father and to prevent the clash of class by causing the more prosperous to be considerate of the less fortunate. As a matter of fact, if the owner does not marry her, then he should try to see to it that his son marries her. (Verse 9)

If his son does not marry her, he shall not stand in the way of having her released. He should help her in her efforts to be free from bondage, so that she should not have to remain unto the end of the period of her sale.

The law permitted a girl to be sold only until the age of 12. She was not allowed to be resold by her master.

THE WORTHY AND UNWORTHY

One evening last week two of your editors were enjoying their nightcaps which consisted of ice cream sodas at a local confectionery shop when a refugee stepped into the store and asked for thirty cents worth of air mail stamps. When advised by the storekeeper that his supply of stamps had been exhausted, the indignant refugee let loose with a storm of vituperation which sounded something like Hitler expressing his displeasure with a recent British bombing. He demanded to know why he couldn't get a stamp anywhere on Columbus Avenue. In bellowing tones he declared that everyone raves about the wonders of America but that as far as he was concerned it was all so much tommy rot. He couldn't even purchase a stamp when he wanted to.

From the store owner we learned that this fugitive from Hitler's terror, formerly a Captain in the Kaiser's army, served a term in a concentration camp before being allowed to leave Germany because of his excellent war record. In less than four

months he established himself in a trade here in the city and now earns fifty dollars per week, but would gladly return to Germany if permission were granted.

This story is repeated here not for the purpose of heaping discredit on the many simple folks who have come to this country to find refuge from tyranny and who are grateful for the protection we offer. Rather, we wish to point out that one refugee like our prospective purchaser of stamps can create more anti-immigration feeling than can be dispelled by a dozen speeches on behalf of opening our doors to Europe's oppressed. While they are in the minority, too many refugees act as though America is a grand Waldorf-Astoria Hotel where they are paying \$20 a day and all Americans are the bellhops owing them a duty to minister to their every need and desire.

There are thousands upon thousands of unfortunates all over the world who are counting the days until their quota numbers are reached. Many thousands more are praying hourly for some special legislation which would permit them to enter the

United States without regard to the present immigration imitations. Brave anti-Nazis and innocent children, authors and Spanish loyalists, aged Jews and homeless Catholics cry out for the protection of our shores. Their chances must not be prejudiced by a number of boisterous ingrates who have come here like parasites to live off America and give it nothing in return. Let us make it clear to these self-centered individuals that we owe them nothing - that the word "refugee" will not continue to automatically bring forth manifestations of sympathy for those who pompously attempt to use it as a life time pass to our humanitarian proclivities.

CHANUKAH AND CHRISTMAS

Chanukah is known as the Feast of Dedication in commemoration of the rededication of the Temple, the symbol of peace, while the theme of Christmas is "Peace on earth and good will to all men". This year, more than ever, world conditions dictate that Jew and Gentile should from this time on dedicate their joint efforts to the building of a world civilization based on the brotherhood of man.

THIS AND THAT



HENRIETTA SZOLD

By RABBI EMANUEL L. LIFSCHITZ

Eighty years ago - on the second evening of Chanukah, in the city of Baltimore, Henrietta Szold came into this world. The struggles and events leading up to the heroic achievements of the brave Hasmonaans stamp Chanukah as the symbol of the re-establishment of Jewish national life in the Holy Land and the rededication of Israel to its religious and cultural heritage.

Henrietta Szold, born on Chanukah, still reflects a vital and undaunted spirit, a brave and creative Jewish personality, dedicating her life to the Torah, to her people and to the land of Israel. In 1909 Miss Szold visited Palestine for the first time. She was deeply touched by the poor standards of living of her coreligionists who had never left the Homeland despite the Dispersion of Israel. Upon returning to the states, she organized a group of twelve women, later to be known as Hadassah, whose purpose was to bring a program of public health to the people of the Holy Land, irrespective of race or creed.

Sending abroad at first but two nurses Miss Szold assumed the self-imposed task of expanding the scope of the work. Applying to the cause her organizational skill, intrepid devotion and compelling personality, she succeeded through Hadassah with its membership of 94,000 American Jewish women, in spreading a network of curative and preventative health stations throughout the land; has waged a successful war against endemic diseases, especially trachoma and malaria; raised the standard of medicine and advanced health education among the masses - all of which culminated in the establishment of the Rothschild-Hadassah-University Hospital and Medical School, in Jerusalem.

In 1934, at the age of seventy five, Miss Szold became director of the movement known as Youth Aliyah, which was to bring children from the lands of Nazi-persecution to Palestine. She personally supervised the transfer and settlement of 6,200 boys and girls into agricultural cooperatives, special schools and institutions.

Henrietta Szold is synonymous with the spirit of Chanukah. May she be an inspiration to all of Israel.

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening 4:17

Weekly Portion MIKEZ

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Friday Evening Service 4:25
Saturday Morning Service 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:00
Rabbi Hurwitz's Class in Talmud 3:00
Mincha Service 4:15
Sunday Morning Service 6:45; 7:45; 8:45

Daily Services

Mornings 6:45; 7:45; 8:15
Mincha 4:30

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ENGAGEMENT

We are happy to announce the engagement of our own Hank Epstein to Miss June Bender, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bender.

Hank, an ardent worker for the synagogue, was President of the Young Folk's League and the original author of the "Getting Personal" column. June was an active member of the Young Folk's League and participated in numerous synagogue activities.

Our heartiest congratulations to the couple and their families.

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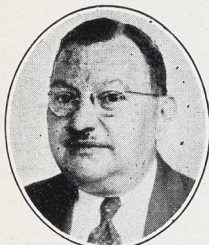
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These two Victor albums are especially welcome since they present some of our well-known traditional and contemporary melodies sung by Cantor Robert H. Segal of Congregation Ohabei Shalom, The Beacon Street Temple in Brookline, Mass.

Among the records to be found in "Songs of the Synagogue" are many familiar traditional melodies which those who attend the high Holy Day services cannot fail to recognize. Outstanding among these are Cantor Segal's rendition of "Hashkivenu" (A Prayer for Peace) and "Kaddish." While it is difficult to record "V'Hakohanim" (Priestly Service), nevertheless, assisted by the Synagogue Choir under the direction of Dr. A. W. Binder and accompanied by Dr. Alexander Richardson, Organist, this difficult selection has been well recorded.

In "Songs of Palestine" will be found many contemporary as well as traditional melodies which are sung in the Holy Land and which are known to many of our people here in the United States. These include "Shirath Hechalil" (Song of the Flute), "Hazorim B'Dimah" (Harvest Song), "Pakad Adonay" (The Lord Remembered), "Emathay" (When), "Yerushalayim" (Jerusalem), "Ayn Charod" (Well of Charod), "Ma-aseh Seh Ugdi" (Story of the lamb and the goat), "Ba-ah Menucha" (Rest Has Come), "Nigun Bialik, Shir Eres" (Cradle Song).

What makes these records even more pleasing is the fact that Cantor Segal with his rich baritone, sings them pleasantly and softly in contrast to most recordings made by our Orthodox Cantors who ruin their records with a screeching falsetto.

These two albums should be in the collection of everyone who likes and appreciates Hebrew music.

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Getting Personal

Our studded-shirt W. S. I. Sers turned out en masse to attend our star-studded concert at the Met last Sunday night. Yes folks, Chairman Joe Settel did it again and he's thankful to you for that "S.R.O." sign that actually adorned the box office before the curtain went up. . . Our enjoyment of this grand affair was marred only by the enforced absence of Mrs. Evelyn Udell, Mr. Joseph Anderson, Mrs. Max M. Horowitz, and our ardent workers who were out of town, Harry Appel, Gus Rubinstein and Ben Levine. . . "How much the wife is dearer than the bride". That's our comment on the occasion of the many anniversaries which we mark this week. Rabbi and Mrs. Lifschitz, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Greenstein, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Landowne, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sedwitz, and Ye Olde ex-Editore and Mrs. George L. Livingston all look back to that eventful day when they heard the strains of "Oh Promise Me" . . . There's a serious drain on our supply of gold stars this week as we award 3½ six-pointed ones, with the first going to Mrs. Joseph Anderson for being as efficient at her extra-synagogue activities as we know she is at W.S.I.S. work. She turned in a really fine job as one of the Chairmen of the Yeshiva College Women's Organization Chanukah Celebration; "Pop" Wartels gets the second for his plan to give Maf-

tir to the young folks, whenever possible. (Danny Weiss gets a half a star for his excellent rendition as the first nominee under the plan); star number three goes to Simeon Goldstein for maintaining his batting average at 1000 by again making a hit with his speech at the Young Folk's Mincha Service last Saturday afternoon. Simeon is strictly a pinch-hitter, this being the fifth time that he has served in that capacity during the present season. By the way Sim we are glad to note that you passed the quarter-century mark yesterday. Many happy returns. . . A big brass band and a "Welcome Home" sign for Mr. Herman Livingston, returning from the West, Mr. Jack Levine, coming up from the South, and for Mr. and Mrs. Buchsbaum who have been cruising it. . . Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. David Beilock on the engagement of their daughter, Esther May, to Emanuel Kitrosscer (Manny Kay) . . . Wedding bells rang this week when Henry Librach, Lester Udell's Southern representative, tripped to the altar with Renee Hartblay. . . Happy birthday to Al Goldman. Honestly Al, the Junior Council misses you. . . Estelle Jablow is leaving for Havana and we expect a cigar for the editor and perfume for Jennie. . . It's first stop Little Rock and all out at Los Angeles for Mrs. Henry Blankfort who just left to visit the "kids" . . .

CONDOLENCE

We extend our sincerest sympathy to our loyal friend Mrs. Minnie Horowitz, and to her family, on the death of her son, Arthur.

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