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SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

MONDAY AFTERNOON, JAN. 20th

The Women's League of the W.S. I.S. will hold it's Annual Scholarship Dessert Luncheon at the Synagogue building on Monday afternoon, January 20th, at 12:30 P. M. Arrangements have been made for Mah-Jong, Bridge and other games to follow the Luncheon. Tickets are One Dollar each. The proceeds will be used for the Scholarship Fund.

Mrs. Philip Gertner and Mrs. Samuel K. Beier are Co-chairmen. They urge all women of the congregation and their friends to reserve the afternoon of January 20th, and obtain tickets promptly.

BARONESS ROTHSCHILD GUEST AT WOMEN'S BRANCH LUNCHEON

The Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America will hold it's Annual Luncheon at the Riverside Plaza Hotel, on Tuesday January 14th, 1941. Baroness Edouard de Rothschild will be the guest of honor and Dr. Abraham Sacher will address the gathering. Tickets are \$1.50 and may be obtained from either Mrs. H. N. Goodstein (230 W. 76th) or from Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein (175 W. 72nd).

CHANUKAH CELEBRATED IN GAY MANNER WITH THREE GALA FUNCTIONS LAST SUNDAY

Chanukah was celebrated in a gay manner last Sunday in our Synagogue. In the morning the Hebrew and Day Schools gathered in the Social Hall for their celebration. The program was featured by the presentation of playlets by the pupils and a talkie movie entitled "The Lost Boy". Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Landowne contributed boxes of candy to the children in loving memory of their son, Morton L.

In the afternoon the Scout troops held their Chanukah celebration. An "Information Please" program on scouting and a Palestinian film were presented. Rabbi Lifschitz addressed the scouts on the "Significance of

FATHER AND SON DINNER

TUESDAY, FEB. 11th

Tickets Now On Sale

The Governing Board of the Men's Club are busily engaged in making plans for their Father and Son Dinner which will be held in the Synagogue building on Tuesday evening, Feb. 11, 1941. This is one of their major projects and all members and friends of the club are urged to co-operate. The committee in charge of the dinner will be announced in a subsequent issue. Reserve the night of Feb. 11th for the Father and Son Dinner at the W.S.I.S.

Many prominent athletic stars have been invited to attend and arrangements are being made for the distribution of sporting goods. Tickets are One Dollar and may be obtained from any member of the Men's Club or from the Synagogue office. Only a limited number of reservations can be accepted, so make yours NOW.

YOUNG FOLK'S MINCHA SERVICE

Arnold B. Oshrin will be the speaker at the Young Folk's Mincha Service tomorrow afternoon. Maurice Spanbock, will be the Reader of the Torah; and Melvin H. Friedman, Reader of the Service.

Chanukah".

A large crowd filled the Social Hall in the evening to enjoy an excellent program presented by the Council of the W.S.I.S. Nat Carmen, President of the Governing Board greeted the audience and introduced Lester Lazarus, who acted as Chairman. Edward Fertel recited a poem "Banner of the Jew" and Arline Carmen delighted everybody with the rendition of Palestinian Folk Songs. A message from Rabbi Goldstein was read and Rabbi Lifschitz delivered a Chanukah address. Very impressive was the lighting of the Chanukah candles by representatives of the various clubs.

REGISTER NOW FOR THE LAYMEN'S INSTITUTE

Registration for the Mid-year semester of the Laymen's Institute for Jewish studies will continue through Wednesday evening, January 8th, the first night of classes. The same courses which were offered last term in Jewish History, Jewish Ceremonials, Jewish Philosophy, Hebrew, and The Prophets, will be continued. The faculty consists of Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, Rabbi Emanuel L. Lifschitz, Rabbi Sidney B. Hoenig, Dr. Samuel Nirenstein, and Mr. Kohnovitch. Close to 100 persons attended classes last semester and it is expected that the registration for the new term will be heavy.

Rabbi Lifschitz, Registrar, will be available for consultation. Please register early!

SCOUTS TO CONTINUE TO REPAIR OLD TOYS

Recreation Group To Cooperate

The Scout troops and the recreation group of the Synagogue distributed more than 50 toys to poor children during Chanukah. Both of these groups have announced that they will continue to repair old toys for distribution amongst the many less fortunate children of our city.

Your gifts enabled them to bring happiness to many at Chanukah time; why not continue to help them, so they in turn can help others?

If you have any old toys call the Synagogue office (TR. 7-8281) and arrangements will be made to have someone call for them.

CUB PACK REORGANIZED

Yesterday afternoon, the Cub Pack held it's first meeting of the season. Plans for reorganization were discussed and application was made for a charter. Future plans of the Cub Pack will be announced in the next issue of the REVIEW.



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1941?

The newspapers, newsreels, and radio stations have been spending the last week or so in helping us to re-live the year 1940. Ordinarily the annual compendium of the events of the previous year affects us with nothing more than a reminiscent feeling somewhat akin to the reaction which one experiences when looking over the family album. The review of 1940, however, gives one a vastly different sensation.

We had a World Series in 1940. Beauty contests and a new subway, Beaux Arts Ball and nylon stockings, "PM" and "Fantasia" were all recorded as "events" of the last year. But that's the 1940 that naturally followed from 1939. France and Dunkirk, Chamberlain and Churchill, Britain and Greece, Luftwaffe and R. A. F. are part of the unscheduled history of '40 and what an ominous shadow they cast on '41. Things happened and they happened quickly. The speed with which decisions were made often meant the differences between life and death. 1940 is not a guide or a pattern for 1941. It is a

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THE 44th, 45th and 46th COMMANDMENT

By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

The 44th Commandment bids the master to do everything possible to help redeem his Hebrew maid-servant. (Exodus Chapter 21, Verse 8). His help consists in paying her the same wages for the first years of her service as for the latter years, even though her services in the beginning naturally, are not worth as much as they are later on, when she becomes more experienced. If he bought her for \$600.00 for six years and she served for three years and saved in that period \$300.00, he is to accept the \$300.00 from her and not force her to complete the three remaining years of her service. This would in-

dicating a bad heart, and the children of Israel are to be "merciful, children of the merciful."

The 45th Commandment bids the master never to sell his Hebrew maid servant, to another master. The purpose of this commandment is to get us into the habit of acting merciful and lovingly toward those socially below us.

The 46th Commandment reads "And if he hath betrothed her unto his son he shall deal with her after the manner of daughters". (Exodus Chapter 21, Verse 9). She is to receive all the marriage rights of any daughter in Israel. He must forget her humble origin and must act toward her as if she hails from the same social plane as he does. According to the Rabbis, food, raiment and conjugal relationship are the rights of every Jewish wife and the obligations of every Jewish husband. In other words he who buys a Jewish girl as a servant and marries her shall not diminish from her any of these rights. Our Rabbis point out, that a woman may never be told "in your father's house you lived on a much poorer standard". Therefore when it comes to the obligations due her, they are not to be estimated according to her former lower social position, but according to his higher social standards.

grim warning. We can't sit back and wait for the coming year to run its course because if we do our compendium for 1941 will record only destruction.

It took us months to pass the conscription bill but Rotterdam was demolished in nine minutes. Forthright action has been the secret of fascist victories. Indecision has been the undermining influence in the democracies. Chamberlain followed the latter policy with disastrous results. Churchill discovered the totalitarian secret in the nick of time.

We cannot afford to debate for weeks and months over aid to England. We must not let our national defense suffer on account of those who deliberately delay production in order to effect drastic changes in our social legislation. We will not permit appeasers to slowly but surely deliver us into the hands of the dictators.

1941 will provide the proving ground for democracy--Decisive action will bring victory; vacillation will return us to the Dark Age of Man.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dec. 22, 1940

To the Editor;

In answer to the question in this week's "West Side Institutional Review" in regard to the one hour per week allotted from school for religious training, it is my opinion that this is unnecessary and a piece of mischief.

I believe that religion should be separated from the schools.

One hour a week for religious training is not enough, besides any parent who wishes to give their children religious training, will find time after three o'clock.

Certainly a Hebrew education is much more important than music lessons, dancing, etc., but if parents cannot be made to understand this, one hour a week for religious training will not help.

Sincerely,

Frances Plottel

THIS
AND
THAT



JEHUDAH HALEVI

By **RABBI EMANUEL L. LIFSCHITZ**

5701 marks 800 years since the death of one of the greatest poets Jewish culture has ever known. Jehudah ben Samuel Halevi, physician, philosopher and poet of medieval Spain, was one of those rare and superbly majestic personalities produced during the Middle Ages. Though a successful physician, his profession was a burdensome incident in his life. His whole heart and soul yearned for the 'fountain of living waters', - the understanding and communion with the Holy Spirit and to give poetic expression to his "God-intoxicated soul."

To Jehudah Halevi, it was not the physician but God Who was the Healer; not human reason but God Who was the source of all wisdom and truth.

Though bound to Spain by his love for his one and only daughter

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE	
Light Candles Friday Evening 4:25	
Weekly Portion VAYIGASH	
Friday Evening Service	4:30
Saturday Morning Service	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:00
Rabbi Hurwitz's Class in Talmud	3:00
Mincha Service	4:20
Sunday Morning Service	6:45; 7:45; 8:45
Daily Service:	
Mornings	6:45; 7:45; 8:15
Mincha	4:35

and her little son, Jehudah Halevi was overcome by a still greater love, - his passionate yearning for Zion. So at the age of fifty he set forth on a perilous sea-voyage in quest of the land of his fathers. Upon his arrival there, tradition tells us that while he knelt in prayer before the ruins of the Temple and chanted his immortal 'Ode to Zion', he was ridden down and slain by an Arab, enraged at viewing such a soulful affection for the City.

Jehuda Halevi was described by poet-critics as supremely inimitable, as one who broke into the treasure-house of song and who upon leaving it 'shut the gate behind him'.

More than three hundred of his works are still extant. Among them are prayers, love songs and epistles. All are, as it were, "drawn from the Holy Spirit"; while his most beautiful works, those in which he displays the deepest emotion are in his Songs to Zion which are chanted today in synagogues the world over on the Ninth of Ab, the fatal date commemorating the destruction of both the first and second temples.

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JEWSH ART CIRCLE PLANS GERSHWIN EVENING

Meetings Held Every Monday Evening

The Jewish Art Circle, a group of young men and women interested in promoting Jewish culture, meets every Monday evening at 8:15 P. M.

This group was organized for the purpose of sponsoring Jewish art, music and literature. In the very near future the club will hold a "Gershwin Evening" at which time George Gershwin's memorable music will be presented. Plans are also being made for an art exhibition and other concerts.

All those interested in participating in this very fine cultural activity are urged to communicate with Mr. Wittenberg. The next meeting of the Jewish Art Circle will be held on Monday evening, January 6th, 1941.

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"Sender Blank", written some years ago by Sholem Aleichem, is the story of a wealthy man who is stricken with a form of acute indigestion as the result of overeating. The doctors advise him that he will die shortly. He argues with them pointing out that he is a self-made man and the outstanding citizen of his community and that accordingly it is ridiculous to suppose that he could be defeated in any conflict by "a half a goose and four plates of fish". Meanwhile, his relatives, as well as the representatives of the various charitable organizations of the town, are arguing about the "division of the spoils" upon his death. An incidental romance is also woven into the story at various points.

The audience enjoyed the play very much. The program contains an English synopsis - which does not always correspond with the action on the stage. While the English synopsis is helpful, it is necessary to have some knowledge of Yiddish to follow the play.

Maurice Schwartz's acting is up to his usual high standard. The other actors, with few exceptions, are also excellent. This includes many of the minor characters.

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IN A NUTSHELL—Two engagements, two birthdays, one bon voyage, one anniversary, one missing person, one visitor, one greeting from Fla., one announcement and a Flash. . . The Daughter's of the W.S.I.S. announce their second engagement in two weeks. Miss Bessie Burack has said "Yes" to Mr. Sam Mitchell. . . Elihu Schott, grandchild of Mrs. Ward has announced his engagement to a girl from Chicago. To the engaged couples - Best wishes and don't forget to invite us to the wedding. . . For birthday greetings this week we travel 1,500 miles to Little Rock, Ark. Dr. Gerald Blankfort celebrated his on New Year's Day and soul-mate Muriel Sanders Blankfort will celebrate her's on January 8th. Your candles are in the mail. . . Added to our list of Florida vacationists is Mrs. Nat Trotzky. Helen, do you REALLY trust Nat alone with our Women's League here in the city??? . . . The Anniversary of the Week is that of Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Weiss. A toast to their Golden. . . Looking around the Synagogue last Saturday we

noted that Mr. Abraham Silverstein was not with us. We're waiting your return. . . Last Sunday we were honored with a visit from one of our former active young folks. Norman Civic was in town and told us "I couldn't have gone back to College without saying hello to everybody" . . . We have just received a message through our Florida News Service. "Mr. Weingarten sends his special regards to the 1st Minyan. In Florida they have no 1st Minyan only a 2nd and 3rd. Figure that out" . . . NOTICE TO PARENTS - If you have a child between the ages of 2 and 5 communicate with Mrs. Harold Kaplan. She is in charge of the "Tiny Tots" and, by the way, is doing a swell job. . . A flash has just come in on our wires of the Florida News Service. The Minchenberg family is expected to join our happy W.S.I.S. family now sunning in the sunny south. Best wishes for a swell vacation.

"Haste thee folks and bring with thee
Personals and youthful jollity!

A CORRECTION

The marriage of Mr. Henry Librach, Southern Representative of our Mr. Lester Udell, to Miss Renee Hartblay will take place on January 5th, 1941. The couple will honeymoon in the South and will stop at Miami and Havana. Apologies for our error in last week's issue and very best wishes for their happiness.

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