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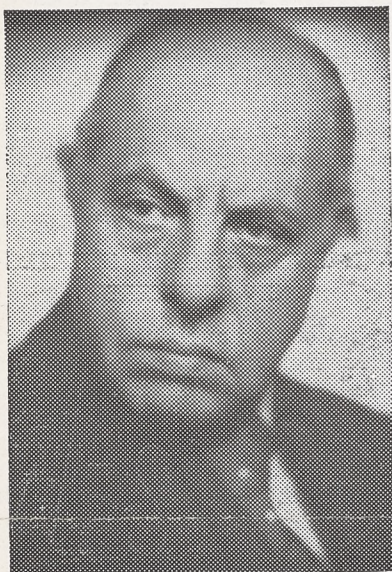
Friday, February 7, 1941

Shevat 10, 5701

**PROFESSOR YAHUDA TO ADDRESS
BIBLE CLASS AND FORUM**

Next Monday evening, we shall have the distinct honor of having as our guest speaker, Dr. Abraham S. E. Yahuda, well known Orientalist and Biblical Scholar. He will address Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class and Forum on the topic "The Accuracy of the Bible" with special reference to Freud's "Moses and Monotheism".

Dr. Yahuda was Professor of Semitic Philology at the University of Berlin, Professor of Hebrew Literature of the Jewish Spanish Epoch at the University of Madrid and has lectured at many universities and colleges. Master of the languages and literatures of the Hebrews, Arabs,

**DR. ABRAHAM YAHUDA**

Egyptians and Assyrians, Dr. Yahuda has written a vast number of books and articles on Orientalism and the Bible.

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**Harry Hershfield To Be
Guest Speaker**

Starting today, 9,000,000 American Boy Scouts will join in the celebration of Boy Scout Week. Sunday has been designated as Reverence Day and services will be held in Churches and Synagogues throughout the nation.

On Sunday, February 9th, at 2 P. M. the Jewish Boy Scouts of greater New York will congregate in our building for the observance of Reverence Day. Harry Hershfield, well known raconteur and wit, will be the guest speaker of the afternoon. Rabbi Goldstein and David S. Galton will address the scouts on behalf of the synagogue.

**CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR
SAVE-A-LIFE EFFORT**

We are grateful to those who have already responded to our appeal for the 1300 students and teachers of Yeshivoth, now stranded and destitute in Europe.

We received an inspiring letter from one of our contributors who wrote "thank you for affording me the opportunity to do my bit". Won't you help this noble cause.

This week we received donations from the following:

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Here is your chance to do your share for the synagogue. We need more merchandise for the Bazaar. Many of our friends have been quite generous in their contributions, but we need more.

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CONDOLENCE

We extend sincere condolences to the family of the late George Robinson, a good friend and supporter of our synagogue.

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INVIGORATING DEMOCRACY

During Boy Scout Week 1941 the Boy Scouts of America is reminding Americans that "the paramount need in national defense is the strengthening and invigorating of democracy in the United States." This the organization proposes to do through its normal programs of activity and education.

Boy Scouts in this country following a non-military policy are engaged in a program of "learning by doing." Boys in every city are learning how to do the simple, necessary things of life, stressing outdoor life and the ability to think under emergency conditions.

This is not unfamiliar to the people of America. The Boy Scouts of this country have an enviable record of service which older people many times cannot match. Each year brings its quota of news stories, telling how some youngster who learned the rudiments of first aid from his Scoutmaster has saved the life of a human being in some crisis. Drownings annually are lessened by the prompt actions of these boys in the khaki uniform. Carrying messages, taking care of refugees, and many times actually saving lives in dra-

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51st COMMANDMENT

By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

The 51st Commandment deals with the damage done by an animal as we read in Exodus Chapter 21 Verse 21, "If an ox gore a man or a woman", then the owner is obliged to pay damages. When the Bible uses the phrase an ox "gored", it refers to his "horns" only. Furthermore, the law makes a distinction between "Tam" and Mu'ad. The "Tam" is an animal that has not done damage more than twice, the Mu'ad is one who damages three times in succession. Our Rabbis deduce from the expression in Verse 29 "If the ox were wont to push with his horns yesterday and the day before, and it hath been testified to his owner" that an act or a peculiarity repeated thrice is to be considered as an

indication of the innate nature and permanent character of the person, animal or circumstance in question, till the opposite is proven by reverse conduct. Thus the animal who has gored thrice has manifested an inherent tendency for goring. Many other examples are given in the Talmud to prove the truth and legality of this fact, concerning an action repeated three times. There are certain animals that are always in the category of mu'ad because of their nature to harm, as for instance, the lion, wolf, leopard, snake and pantheon. Man is considered a mu'ad at all times. Whether he is awake or asleep, he is fully responsible for his actions.

All these payments for damages came under the heading of Biblical Fines. Fines were originally imposed in the Holy Land and by those ordained in Palestine. Since this type of ordination has ceased the law is, that where there is a loss sustained and it is a usual occurrence, the Rabbis may take upon themselves the right to decide upon such loss, because where one's animal does damage it is a matter of conscience, to see that the damage done is paid for. The law further says if the injured has something which belongs to the one responsible for the injury, he does not have to return same until he has his counter claim satisfied.

matic episodes, these Scouts have shown themselves to be fine examples of all the best that America can create for the future.

The efforts upon the part of the leaders of the Boy Scouts of America to strengthen America by giving the boys of the country the ability to act quickly and effectively in times of emergency deserve the support of every person who believes in the value of democracy.

The Boy Scouts of America believe that the way to fight those forces which would attack our democracy is to be democratic.

An example of the way in which Scouts are keeping clear and open minds under present conditions, is the welcoming of Scouts from foreign countries to affiliation with the Troops in the Boy Scouts of America. American Scouts are mixing with foreign refugees, giving them the spirit of the American Way. Scout Leaders are sparing no efforts to prepare American youth with the knowledge and skills which will make them valuable in times of emergency.

We salute the Boy Scouts of America on their 31st birthday.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS

Last Monday afternoon, the newly elected officers and Executive Board of the Women's League were officially installed by Rabbi Goldstein. This year, a Presidium of four capable women will take the place of a president. The members of the Presidium are as follows: Mrs. Joseph Anderson, Mrs. Philip Gertner, Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel, and Mrs. David Ullman.

The Vice-presidents of the Women's League are Mesdames: Samuel K. Beier, Herbert A. Gossett, Jack Levine, George L. Livingston, Meyer L. Pargament, Benjamin Spanbock. Other newly elected officers are Mrs. Moses Langer, Treasurer; Mrs. Maurice Greenstein, Financial Secretary; Mrs. Herman Livingston, Corresponding Secretary and Mrs. Harold Kaplan, Recording Secretary.

The feature of the afternoon was the presentation of International Folk Songs by Lillian Zahn with guitar accompaniment. Mrs. Maurice Greenstein, Chairman of the afternoon, was ably assisted by Mrs. Benjamin Davis and Mrs. Sarah Levine.

THIS AND THAT



REVITALIZING ORTHODOX JUDAISM

By RABBI EMANUEL L. LIFSCHITZ

This subject was discussed at a recent conference by representatives of the U.O.J.C.A. and the Rabbinical Council. Some of the lay speakers evinced a confusion of mind bordering on bewilderment, as to what Orthodoxy is and its function in American Jewish life. One cannot deal adequately with an eternal and divinely revealed philosophy of life in a brief column such as this. Nevertheless, it is timely to indicate some of the highlights of Orthodox Judaism.

"Orthos" in Greek means "Right" and "Doxa" means "Opinion". Hence, to the traditional Jew Orthodoxy means the proper way of living. Orthodox Judaism is a universal Jewish faith based upon the legal principles set forth in the Torah. Thus there can be no special American brand of Orthodox Judaism. It contains within its socio-religious framework a comprehensive program of living, dealing with every aspect of the religious and social life of the individual and the group. Orthodox Judaism is equally concerned with daily communion with God through personal prayer as it is concerned with the problems of Capital and Labor. It is equally concerned with strict adherence to the Sabbath, Dietary Laws, the observance of its Feasts and Fasts as it is concerned with coping with the problems of free speech and improving the status of the underprivileged. It is equally concerned with reconstructing Jewish life in Eretz Israel as it is concerned with the promoting the welfare of these blessed United States or any

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Rabbi Hurwitz's Class in Talmud 4:00
Young Folk's Round Table 4:00
Mincha Service 5:00
Sunday Morning Services
..... 6:45; 7:45; 8:45
Daily Services:
Mornings 6:45; 7:45; 8:15
Mincha 5:10
Followed by the Interpretation of
the Mishnah by Rabbi Goldstein

other land of its adoption. Hence it is not Orthodox Judaism requiring revitalization, but rather its confused subscribers.

None the less I believe it true that Orthodox religious leadership owes it to its groping but nevertheless sincere youth to come to grips with the many questions disturbing our young people today. Principles of Orthodox Judaism need restatement, and definition in modern terminology. Energy equal to that directed at Kashruth need be spent in issuing Rabbinic pronouncements on every other phase of daily life and experience. So we shall beget a living, vital and ever expanding faith.

BAR MITZVAH

Congratulations are due Mrs. I. Lewisohn whose son Marcel celebrated his Bar Mitzvah in our Synagogue last Saturday. Through a regrettable error we omitted any mention of it in our previous issue.

BAZAAR

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OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



LESTER LAZARUS

Many young people find no time for synagogue activities as soon as they enter College. Lester Lazarus is our exception. A Sophomore at the College of the City of New York, he has devoted much of his time to the work of our youth groups.

Recently elected Vice-President of the Council, Lester is President of the Youth Forum and stage manager of the Drama Workshop. He has worked with Mr. Wittenberg and has cooperated with him on all of his plans and projects.

Lester is majoring in Government at C.C.N.Y. and hopes someday to teach that subject to the students of his Alma Mater.

His father, Max Lazarus, is a member and an active worker in the synagogue.

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Getting Personal

This week we are happy to report two gala celebrations in the W.S.I.S. family. Rabbi Goldstein celebrates his 51st birthday tomorrow and "Pop" and Mrs. Wartels celebrate their 46th wedding anniversary. . . Congratulations and God Bless you . . . Sharing birthday greetings with the Rabbi are Mrs. Nat Trotzky, Bernard Weiss, and little Ellen Barbara Herlands, who will blow out two candles. . . Our latest emissaries to Florida are: Mr. and Mrs. Max Frank, Mrs. Regina Margareten, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Landau, Mr. and Mrs. David Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Steinberg and Mr. Isidore Lauer. . . Nanette and Harold Udell and Mrs. Leo Applebaum have returned to the icy cold of New York from the balmy warmth of Fla. . . LOOKING AROUND SHUL - Mrs. Pauline King was back after a recent illness; Mr. and Mrs. Sol Strausberg paid us a visit; Mrs. Anna Dworkin had an enforced absence; and the President's seat was empty - but we have learned that he has completely recovered from his slight indisposition . . .

Congratulations to two sweet girl graduates - Harriet Kowin and Natalie Reichlin. . . The Reichlin family recovered from their illness just in time to attend the graduation. . . The Jewish Art Circle held its first affair of the season last Sunday afternoon with the presentation of a Gershwin Concert. Much credit for the success of the affair is due to Helene Cohen, Shirley Rich and Marcia Stebbins for their enthusiastic efforts. . . We are glad to learn that Abe Goodman is well on the road to recovery. The Goodman family is always ready and willing to help us. We are grateful. . . Speaking of help, Mr. David H. Ullman is quite quiet, but renders invaluable service to our institution. . . Our gracious thanks to a swell fellow. . . So long Max Sanders. Our love to Hannah. . .

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WHAT THE PRESENT WAR MAY MEAN TO US

Tomorrow, Louis Landowne will lead the Young Folk's Round Table in a discussion on "What the Present War May Mean to us?" The group will meet at 4:00 P. M., and Miss Bernice Breitbart will be the hostess at the Social Hour. All young men and women of the congregation are cordially invited to attend.

The participants in the Young Folk's Mincha Service are as follows: Samuel Burstein, Reader of the Torah; Charles Bendheim, Reader of Service; and Bernard Levemore, Snekker.



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