

WEST SIDE INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW

Vol. IV, No. 23

Friday, February 14, 1941

Shevat 17, 5701

SAVE-A-LIFE EFFORT

Many have already donated to the appeal for Yeshivoh, but many more must give if the lives of these suffering humans are to be saved. Send your check today to the synagogue.

We have received the following additional contributions this week:

M. J. Berlin, David Cohen, Mrs. Anna Dworkin, William Etra, M. H. Fishman, Morris Friedman, Mose Goodman, Joseph Kraeler, Louis Katz, Samuel Koenigsberg, Joseph Landowne, Moses Langer, Morris Levine, Joshua Manischewitz, Harry Mirken, Herman Rabbino, G. R. Rubenstein, Isaac Settlet, Joseph Settlet, Simon Bros.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE CONDUCTS MEETING WITH NEW OFFICERS

Last Monday afternoon, Mrs. Philip Gertner, one of the members of the newly elected presidium, presided over the regular meeting of the Women's League. The hostesses at the Social Hour following the meeting were Mrs. Joseph Sedwitz and Mrs. Jack Davis.

The Executive Board met last week and discussed many constructive plans for the coming year. The Executive Board consists of the following women: Miss Bessie Abrams and Mesdames Leo Applebaum, William Bassier, Siegfried Bendheim, David Cohen, Benjamin Davis, Louis Davis, Ruth Davis, Sam Davis, Anna Dworkin, J. M. Eisenberg, David Elfenbein, Samuel Fasten, Max Frank, Isidore Friedman, Mose Goodman, Isabel Goodstein, Ethel Hiller, William Horwitz, Morris Jablow, Irving W. Karpf, Pauline King, Emanuel L. Lifschitz, David L. Messing, Samuel Michael, Harry Mirken, Larry Mirken, Meyer Mirken, Henry Reichlin, Joseph Sedwitz, Fay Seligman, Morris Steinberg, Lester Udell, Harry Ward, Jess Ward, David Weisberg, Ben Wohl and Irving Kobrin. Mrs. David Ullman presided over the meeting.

CONDOLENCE

We extend sincere condolences to our member and loyal co-worker, Mrs. Samuel Michael upon the loss of her mother, Rosa Berliner.

MERCHANDISE NEEDED FOR ANNUAL BAZAAR

Have you made your contribution to the Bazaar? Have you made any effort to get a friend of yours to send us merchandise? Plans are being made for the opening of the Bazaar but we must get more packages. Do your share!

The following have already contributed merchandise:

Mr. William Bassier, Benjamin Exporting & Importing Co., Dugan Bros., Einhorn Brothers, Inc., Gluck & Cohen, A. Goodman & Sons, Inc., Philip Gurian & Son, Horowitz & Margareten, Mr. Ed Jacobs, Mr. Irving Kaplan, Mr. Henry L. Kessler, Kramer's Shoes, Kolynos Co., Inc., Lady Royal Mfg. Co., Langer Knitting Mills, Leading Perfumers & Chemists, Mr.

(Turn to page 3, col. 2)

YOUNG FOLK'S ROUND TABLE

A large group of young men and women attended the Young Folk's Round Table Discussion last Saturday afternoon. The discussion on the question "What the Present War May Mean to us" became so heated that it was decided to continue it tomorrow afternoon. Miss Helen Leidner will be the hostess at the Social Hour.

The following will participate in the Young Folk's Mincha Service: Ira Bernstein, Reader of the Torah; Norman Friedman, Reader of the Service; and Abraham Silverstein, Speaker.

BAR MITZVAH



Edward Schiff



Sylvan Weindling

Tomorrow, two boys will be Bar Mitzvah in our synagogue; Edward Schiff, son of Dr. and Mrs. Mortimer Schiff and Sylvan Weindling, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Weindling. We extend heartiest congratulations to the youngsters and to their parents.

COMMISSIONER HERLANDS TO ADDRESS BIBLE CLASS

Hon. William B. Herlands, Commissioner of Investigation, will be the guest speaker at the Bible Class and Forum next Monday evening. Commissioner Herlands, who has often worshipped with us, is a familiar personage to most of our readers. We are indeed honored to welcome him again.



Hon. William B. Herlands

A graduate of C.C.N.Y. and Columbia Law School he is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He has served as U. S. Attorney in the Southern District of N. Y.; assistant Corporation Council and Chief Assistant to Special Rackets Prosecutor Thomas E. Dewey. In 1938 Mayor LaGuardia appointed him Commissioner of Investigation.

Last week Rabbi Goldstein completed his course in the study of the "Prophets". He will begin a study of the "Psalms in the Prayer Book" this Monday evening.

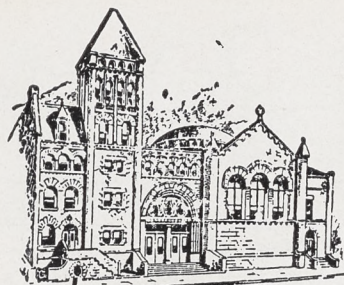
CUB PACK TO HOLD REORGANIZATION MEETING

The Cub Scouts will hold a reorganization meeting on Thursday evening, February 20th. All boys between are ages of 9-12 are invited to attend. Each cub must be accompanied by a parent. All parents are urged to cooperate.

Last night the Boy Scouts received their charter for the year at an impressive ceremony in our building.

FATHER AND SON DINNER

On Tuesday evening, Feb. 11th, the Men's Club held a Father and Son Dinner. As we go to press, details are unavailable. Next week we shall publish a complete account.



WEST SIDE INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW

Published weekly from the Second Friday in September to the Second Friday in June by the WEST SIDE INSTITUTIONAL SYNAGOGUE, 120-138 West 76th Street, New York, N. Y. Phone TRafalgar 7-8281.

Subscription: One Dollar Per Year

"Entered as second class matter September 22, 1938, at the Post Office at New York, New York, under the Act of March 3, 1879."

Vol. IV, No. 23 February 14, 1941

Joshua Levine	Editor
Melvin H. Friedman	Associate Editor
Harold Levine	Assistant Editor
Morris Jablow	Managing Editor

CONTRIBUTING EDITORS

Paul S. Newman	Maurice Spanbock
Simeon H. F. Goldstein	Louis Landowne
Robert Breitbart	Gabriel F. Goldstein
Annette Moskowitz	Lawrence J. Rosan

DON'T CRY "WOLF"

There is a famous story of a shepherd boy who used to take pleasure in raising a false alarm of "Wolf". One day a real wolf came, but then no one took his cry of "Wolf" seriously. He had raised the same alarm so often in the past that no one believed him any more. As a result, the boy was torn to pieces by the Wolf.

Some people make a similar mistake and do not limit accusations of Anti-Semitism or Nazism to those who really deserve these labels. Instead, they also make these charges against others who are innocent of them. There are many of us who believe these charges whenever they are made, without demanding evidence to support them. People who are very cautious or fair-minded on other subjects accept unquestionably any slander in this connection simply because "I read it somewhere" or "somebody told me so".

The tendency to believe charges of Anti-Semitism without investigation is understandable. We Jews have suffered so much from Anti-

"AS
R'CHASH
SEES
IT"



THE 52nd COMMANDMENT

By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

The 52nd Commandment is based upon Exodus 21: 28, "If an ox gore a man or a woman that they die, then the ox shall surely be stoned and its flesh shall not be eaten." The Rabbis say in the Talmud that the ox which gores human beings may not be eaten, even if the ox is properly slaughtered, because its propensity to kill human beings show that it has the same nature as the unclean, carnivorous and bloodthirsty animals, whose flesh is not beneficial to the body and mind of him who eats it.

When an animal is slaughtered for food, according to our Kabbalists, its

soul receives its fulfillment. They say that in the scheme of creation, God seems to have made the lower forms of life serve the higher. Thus the mineral serve the vegetable kingdom; the vegetable serve the animal kingdom; and the animals serve man. In other words the animal reachest its highest self-realization, its fulfillment, when it serves as a life-giving substance for man. However, in the case of the bloodthirsty animal (cattle, beasts or fowl), dead or alive, it has a lost soul. Emerson, in his essay on "Nature" said, "a thing is good only in so far as it serves."

The purpose of this commandment is to impress upon us to hate killing, so that we may be free from causing same. Whether the animal be Tam or Mu'ad, it is to be stoned if it kills any creature whether it be man, woman, child or slave.

It is interesting to note also that the law has it, that since the soul of the animal is involved in this case, no less than 23 judges are to make the decision, just as in any other case of capital punishment. So also, must the owners of the animal be present at the trial, and we do not penalize the animal because of the testimony of one witness, as in the case of capital punishment, in regard to human beings.

Semitism that it is difficult to consider it calmly. However, unless we are careful in this matter we are not only unjust to those who are accused but we also defeat our own purpose.

When we permit these terms of "anti-semitic" and "nazi" to be applied to persons to whom they do not belong, the sting is taken out of them, and they gradually lose their force. Accordingly, when they are directed against people who really deserve them, they will not carry weight.

Our fear of race prejudice is exploited periodically during election campaigns. First, a story is spread in a Jewish neighborhood that a candidate is Anti-Semitic. People are then frightened and finally the candidate may lose many votes. It is a despicable trick, but it works and that is all that interest certain people.

In the last election for Governor of New York State, and again in the last Presidential election, one of the candidates was labeled pro-Nazi. This occurred despite the fact that the previous records of each of these

men contradicted the charge. Today, their subsequent activities make those accusations appear ridiculous.

Sometimes a charge of Anti-Semitism is made in good faith, against a candidate for public office, on the ground that Anti-Semites are supporting him. It is argued that if they are among his supporters he must share their views. This reasoning implies that the Anti-Semites are so wise that their judgement of a man should be accepted on faith. Actually, if their judgement of men were sound they would not be Anti-Semites.

In conclusion, let us remember that if we believe that an offense is really serious then we expect those accusing someone with it to present suitable evidence. We feel strongly that Anti-Semitism and Nazism are serious offenses. Let us therefore resolve that we will neither believe nor repeat such charges unless they are supported by evidence—particularly if they are made by those who have a selfish interest in doing so.

S. H. F. G.

THIS
AND
THAT



SHALL WE CHANGE?

By RABBI EMANUEL L. LIFSCHITZ

During the past fifty years living conditions have been radically altered. Modern housing has introduced the elevator apartment. Engineering skill has made electricity available to all. The telephone and radio are universal. Consequently many ask "How does the traditional concept of Sabbath observance affect the use of these developments on the Sabbath?"

With the speeding up of trans-oceanic communication those pressed by business or professional competition, question the validity of observing two days festival while in Eretz Israel only one day is observed. In Palestine proper, the question arises whether, in the absence of non Jewish labor, it is permissible to milk the cows on the Sabbath.

These are but few of the many perplexing problems facing modern Orthodox Jewry. Strict observers of Jewish tradition are not affected by these problems. They live by their faith and are therefore ready to discipline themselves and even to make sacrifices in order to conform with accepted tradition. However, it is sad to note that many have taken to breaking with tradition offering as a reason or excuse their own secular and pragmatic interpretation as to what constitutes a desecration of and what conforms with the spirit of the Sabbath.

The rules governing Jewish tradition, especially the Sabbath, are premised upon religious philosophic-

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening 5:14

Weekly Portion YITHRO

Friday Evening Service 5:20
Saturday Morning Service 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:00
Rabbi Hurwitz's Class in Talmud 4:10
Young Folk's Round Table 4:10
Mincha Service 5:10
Sunday Morning Services

..... 6:45; 7:45; 8:45

Daily Services:

Mornings 6:45; 7:45; 8:15
Mincha 5:20

Followed by the Interpretation of
the Mishnah by Rabbi Goldstein

al foundations. Hence if Jewish tradition is to be reevaluated or reinterpreted it must be done not by individuals, Rabbis or laymen but by an authoritative body of Rabbonim understanding the true spirit of the Torah. It is said that Palestine's Chief Rabbi, Rev. Dr. Herzog now on a visit to the United States, intends gathering such a body of world famous learned Rabbonim to deal with modern problems in Orthodoxy. Until questions have been formally settled modern Orthodox Jews will conform, while those anxious for a change will be heartened with the fact that Orthodox religious leadership is aware of and deeply concerned with the issue.

BAZAAR . . .

(Continued from page 1)

Charles Levine, Mrs. Sarah Levine, B. Manischewitz & Co., Mr. Harry Mirken, Norwalk Knitting Mills, H. Nasshorn, Onita Specialty Co., Onyx Underwear Co., Palisades Piece Dye, Park Hardware & Supply Co., Peerless Sporting Goods, Pereline Products, Progressive Ribbon Co., Rabinowitz Bros., Mr. Philip Shlansky, Weinberg-Weinberg & Alpern, Mr. Max Wiesen, Winthrop Chemical Co., Inc., Louis Unger Braid Co., Inc.

THE TIDES

"The Skyscraper Hotel
on the Ocean"

DISTINGUISHED KOSHER CUISINE

American and European Plans
Solariums--Entertainment
Fireproof

ON OCEAN DRIVE

AT 12th and 13th STREETS

MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

Meyer Cohen Nathan Ginsburg
Samuel M. Grundwerg

Officers

LESTER UDELL President
AARON WARTELS 1st Vice-President
MAX E. SANDERS 2nd Vice-President
ISAAC SETTEL Treasurer
HAROLD KAPLAN Ass't Treasurer
MORRIS JABLOW Secretary

HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN, Rabbi
EMANUEL L. LIFSCHITZ, Asst. Rabbi
ZALMON YAVNEH, Cantor
RABBI S. HURWITZ, Sexton

Board of Directors

Joseph Anderson	Moses Langer
Harry Appel	Jack Levine
Wm. L. Basser	Morris Levine
Samuel K. Beier	Morris Levinson
Siegfried Bendheim	George L. Livingston
Moses J. Berlin	Samuel Michael
Henry Blankfort	Lawrence Mirken
Abraham M. Davis	Max Moskowitz
Sam Davis	G. Richard Rubenstein
Samuel Fasten	Max E. Sanders
Meyer H. Fishman	Joseph Sedwitz
David H. Gluck	Isaac Settel
Isaac Goldman	Joseph Settel
Dr. Benjamin Goldstein	Samuel W. Siegel
Maurice Greenstein	Samuel Silver
Morris Jablow	Morris Steinberg
Harold Kaplan	Lester Udell
Joseph Kracler	David H. Ullman
Joseph Landowne	Harry Ward
	Aaron Wartels

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



SANFORD S. JOSEPHSON

Sanford, familiarly known as Sandy, is an active member of the Governing Board. He has served the W. S.I.S. in the capacity of Assistant Scoutmaster, club member and assistant to Mr. Wittenberg.

He graduated Kohut Prep School and attended Philadelphia Textile School for a year. While attending Prep school he was Editor-in-Chief of the school paper which won the Columbia Press Association Award. Blowing Reveille and Taps is his accomplishment on the Bugle and his hobby is Football.

His father, Harry Josephson is a member and active worker in the synagogue.

For a Perfect Social Function
RIVERSIDE PLAZA HOTEL
Accommodations — 10 to 3,500 persons
73rd St., West of Broadway
SU 7-3000 — TR 4-1688
Dietary Laws Strictly Observed

Comply with strictest orthodox requirements
RIVERSIDE MEMORIAL CHAPEL

76th St. & Amsterdam Avenue

Charles Rosenthal, Director

ENdicott 2-6600

JEWISH MUSICIANS

By Laurence J. Rosan

Up to the Seventh Century, synagogical services were devoid of the beautiful hymns that we are accustomed to see profusely strewn among the older psalms and prayers. These hymns or piyyutim, as they are called, were added to the liturgy gradually, beginning with the Seventh Century, were composed by numerous rabbis and chazzans, and are quite varied in the range of tunes and modal expression. Judah ha-Levi, Solomon ibn Gabirol and Maimonides are the best known writers of piyyutim, but the list is too lengthy to permit presentation, and the subject of piyyutim is not in our scope.

All prayers, including the piyyutim, up to the Sixteenth Century, were immensurate, (without fixed rhythm,) and homophonous; that is, one note at a time was sung. But, in the secular music of the Sixteenth Century, counterpoint was the vogue, and certain progressive rabbis were interested in introducing counterpoint music, which featured harmonic relations between notes, into the services.

SOLOMON (de) ROSSI was one of these liberal rabbis. In his youth, he had been a musician at the court of the king of Mantua, and was so highly esteemed, that he was not forced to wear the yellow badge of the Mantua Jews. He later became a rabbi, although he also owned a theatrical company and a group of singers. Rossi, instead of writing pieces of secular origin, as his contemporary Israel Najara did, took old Biblical melodies and wove a counterpoint design into them. His work was highly praised by the chief Italian Rabbis of the time, (Late Sixteenth and Early Seventeenth Centuries) and he deservedly earned the title of "Father of Modern Synagogical Composers."

Yet, in spite of the impetus which Rossi had given to Jewish Musicians, a dearth of composers and instrumentalists is noticeable until the time of Meyerbeer.

CARLTON CATERERS

Exclusive kosher catering to the
discriminate at leading
hotels, synagogues and homes

NATHAN TROTZKY

50 Central Park South EL 5-0298

Getting Personal

Two of our friends left for Florida and two came back this week. Mrs. Anna Dworkin and Mrs. Joseph Anderson were southward bound while Mr. and Mrs. Siegfried Bendheim were on their way north. . . We are sorry to hear that Mr. J. D. Cohen and Mrs. William Bassor have been confined to their homes. We wish them a speedy recovery. . . Thanks are due to Mrs. Sarah Levine for the beautification of the Women's League room. She donated a hammered brass portrait in memory of her daughter, Pearl Levine Lichtenfeld. The picture adorns one of the walls of the room. . . Our birthday brigade this week includes, Shiela Ullman, Wilbur Diamond, Arnold Oshrin and Contributing Editor Robert Breitbart Esq. . . Last Saturday we put out a welcome mat for Audrey and Nancy Goodman, Mrs. Geller and daughter Sherry, and Commissioner and Mrs. William B. Herlands. . . By the way, Commissioner Herlands will be with

us next Monday evening to address the Bible Class and Forum. . . Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kaplan, Mr. and Mrs. Max Frank, and Assemblymen and Mrs. Ira Holley drink this week to many years of happy wedlock. Our sincerest wishes for many more. We learn from the Y.M.H.A. Bulletin that Mr. Levi Hershfield has faithfully served the "Y" for 48 years. May he be able to serve the community for many years to come. . . The strains of "Oh Promise Me" were heard coming from the synagogue last Sunday afternoon while Mr. Irving Schuyler, Secretary of the Men's Club, marched to the altar. . . Thanks to Danny (Dr. I.Q.) Weiss for his services to the Day School. He gave the kids special exams to determine their mental capacities. The Editorial Staff wishes to make an appointment, Danny. . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Max Wiesen on the engagement of their son, Irving to Miss Mnuchin.

PING PONG TEAM SPLITS FIRST TWO GAMES

Our ping pong team has already finished three matches in a round robin tournament. The W.S.I.S. was victorious in the first match and lost the second. The results of the third were not available at the time of publication.

Mr. Tilem, in cooperating with the team, has promised each player a "Lou Pagliaro" ping pong racquet if they win the tournament.

STEINBERG'S DAIRY RESTAURANT

Dairy Food—Served at its best
2270 Broadway
bet. 81st and 82nd Streets



REV. S. TAITZ

מרהל

1815 Grand
Concourse
TR 8-4382

MOHEL
in
Leading
Hospitals

FRANK'S

Since 1883

Diamonds • Watches • Jewelry
Silverware • Novelties
2323 Broadway at 84th Street

NEWMAN CATERERS

The Finest in Kosher Catering
at Leading Hotels, Synagogues,
or in your own Home

248 W. 69th St.

SU 7-3403

For A Perfect Social Function
At Popular Prices

BEN TROTZKY

at

HOTEL SHARON

46th Street West of Broadway

Circle 6-5091-2

Under Strict Dietary Supervision

To Serve
at a time of death

Herman E. Meyers

PARK WEST MEMORIAL CHAPEL

115 West 79th Street, New York
ENDicott 2-3600

L. I. FAr Rockaway 7-3100

To Counsel
in regard to its care

Alpert Bros.