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BAZAAR OPENS TOMORROW NIGHT at 2282 BROADWAY

WOMEN'S LEAGUE PLANS MEMBERSHIP TEA

Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel was the second member of the newly elected presidium of the Women's League to preside over a regular meeting. Mrs. Herbert A. Gossett and Mrs. Lawrence Mirken, co-Chairmen of the forthcoming Membership Tea to be held on Monday afternoon, March 24th at our building, announced plans for an interesting and entertaining program.

Mrs. Anna Gross and Mrs. Pauline Shyer were the hostesses at the social hour following the meeting. All women of the congregation are urged to attend the meetings of the Women's League, which are held every Monday afternoon.

FATHER AND SON DINNER HUGE SUCCESS

Excellent Program Delights
Young and Old Alike

On the eve of Lincoln's Birthday, the Men's Club held its first annual Father and Son Dinner at our building. The President, Herbert A. Gossett acted as master of ceremonies. Rabbi Goldstein, Ed Sullivan, columnist of the New York Daily News and Benny Leonard, former fight king delivered short addresses.

A thrilling Ping Pong match between Lou Pagliaro, National Ping Pong Champion and Bernie Grimes, an amazing act of magic by Paul Duke Jr. and a movie "Winning Baseball" were included in the evenings events.

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If you have not as yet made your donation to this Save-a-Life fund, please do so immediately. Additional contributions are:

Siegfried Bendheim, Mrs. Bloch, A. M. Davis, Fischel Frisch, Dr. Benjamin Goldstein, Maurice Greenstein, Mrs. Anna Gross & Sons, Morris Jablow, Edward Jacobs, Leaneore Mendelsohn, Mrs. A. Spieler and Marcia Stebbins.



HARRY APPEL

DRAMA WORKSHOP CASTS "MARGIN FOR ERROR"

Alumni Association to Sponsor
Red Cross First Aid Course

Last Tuesday evening the Drama Workshop casted "Margin For Error" a comedy by Clare Boothe. Rehearsals will be held every Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 8:00 P. M. All those interested in casting for this play should communicate with Mr. Wittenberg before Tuesday evening.

The Alumni Association, a group of boys between the ages of 13-15, are planning a Red Cross First Aid Course. The course will be given by a licensed Red Cross instructor and will lead to a certificate in First Aid. All boys that are interested are urged to communicate with Mr. Wittenberg.

TINY TOTS TO HOLD PURIM PARTY

The Tiny Tots, youngsters between the age of 2 and 6, will hold their Purim party on Sunday, March 9, at 10:30 A. M. All kiddies invited.

CONDOLENCES

We extend sincere condolence to Miss Florence Goldstein, a member of the Daughters of the W. S. I. S., upon the loss of her mother.

We extend condolences to the family of the late Maurice Bob.

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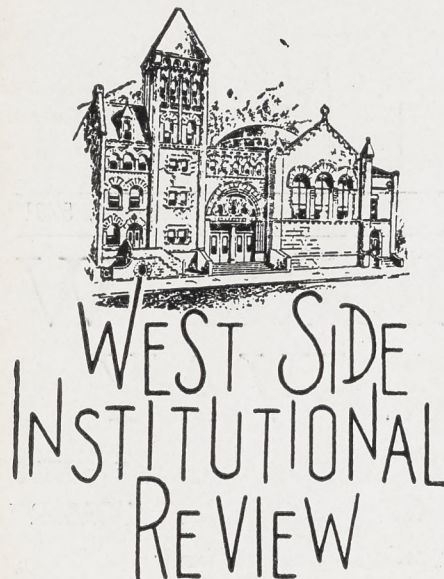
Opening Night To Honor

Harry Appel, Chairman

On Saturday evening, February 22nd, the doors of 2282 Broadway will swing wide open for our Fourth Annual Bazaar and Carnival. The opening night, "Big Apple" night, in honor of our hard working Bazaar Chairman, Harry Appel, will begin a week of fun and frolic. Be sure to come and tell him that you are ready to help. Sunday and Wednesday night will be devoted to the youth groups of the Synagogue. All members of the Jewish Art Circle, Drama Workshop, Alumni Association, Youth Forum, Junior Council, and Senior League are urged to attend on one of these evenings. Monday night will be "Women's League Night" and on Tuesday evening the Men's Club takes over. "Boy Scout and Sea Scout Night" has been set for Thursday. Come one, come all and join in the fun.

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NATIONAL UNITY AND BROTHERHOOD

We hear much these days of the need of national unity but few are defining what they mean by it. Does it require unanimity, that is, agreement of opinion on all public questions? Does it mean that we must deplore and minimize the conscientious convictions that divide our citizens into separate religious groups? Does it mean that we must all at every point support the programs of legislation proposed by the government?

We can never achieve that kind of national unity in the United States. We cannot persuade our people to relinquish that freedom of thought and speech which they think to be an integral part of their American heritage. Nor will they surrender freedom of conscience or liberty to worship God as their consciences dictate. It would be difficult, also, to conform our citizens to one political mould.

There are lands across the sea where all this has been attempted. We call them totalitarian. Total uniformity requires a dictator. In such

"AS
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THE 53rd COMMANDMENT

By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

The 53rd Commandment deals with digging a ditch or any stumbling block in a public domain, as we read in Exodus Chapter 21 Verse 33-34 "And if a man shall open a pit, or if a man shall dig a pit and not cover it and an ox or an ass fall therein; the owner of the pit shall make it good and give money unto the owner of them." We have it as a traditional law that we must pay civil damages for an ox but not for a man, for an ass and not for vessels. The reason being that a person should look and see where he is go-

ing particularly in a public domain.

The depth of the ditch in order to be a death dealing hazard must be at least ten handbreaths or 40 inches. For a ditch less than 10 handbreaths, one is civilly responsible for damages, but does not receive capital punishment therefor. The same is true not only of digging a pit but of pouring water in the street in the winter time causing the sidewalk to be slippery, or throwing glass in the gutter causing a tire of an automobile to be punctured.

If one removes the cover from a pit, although he did not dig it, if an accident happened thereafter, he is obliged to pay the damages because his act was the cause of the accident.

If two people dig a pit, one after the other, the last one is responsible for damages. The law wants us to be as distant, as we possibly can, from causing injury. The judges in these cases are males and not females. The reason why as a rule our judges are men and not women is because women are apt to be more emotional than men. This is adduced from the story of Eve and the Serpent. (See author's Bible Comments)

lands national unity may be secured by the forcible suppression of dissent and concentration camps for critics. But the unity achieved is a form of slavery. It is a denial of all the freedoms that we have cherished in this country since the Republic was founded. It will not work in America.

If unity is to be won in the United States it must be a unity with diversity, unity without uniformity. It must be a voluntary unity, a unity of spirit. "When we lose the right to be different," Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes has said, "we lose the right to be free." In other words, it must be unity on principle, purposes and action in the allegiances which all Americans share in common as citizens, with liberty to maintain our differences in respect to those allegiances to which we adhere as individuals.

It is our faith in this country that the maintenance of the right to differ in many important respects contributes to the strength of the nation. It is not a source of weakness. Among those who make their home here are immigrants from forty-seven nations,

Every living religion finds its adherents among us. **E Pluribus Unum** is an inspiring experiment that we are working out here, no less than an attempt to create a real brotherhood out of diverse elements, national, racial and religious. American civilization has many component cultures, each with its own traditions. Nevertheless, all Americans have a bond of unity in that they are citizens of the one nation.

That is the American way, the idea upon which this commonwealth was established. It is the principle which the eighth annual observance of Brotherhood Week, sponsored by the National Conference of Christians & Jews, February 22-28, is meant to promote. In these troubled days when American democratic ideals are discredited or denied in many parts of the world, we need to be reminded of them, and to reaffirm our allegiance to them. We believe that it is both practical and possible to maintain the principle expressed in the motto of Brotherhood Week, "one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

THIS
AND
THAT



AN INTEGRATED LIFE

By RABBI EMANUEL L. LIFSCHITZ

A generation ago Orthodox Jewish life in New York City was fairly well ordered. To be a Jew meant to live on a high spiritual plain, to live with discipline. It implied first and foremost living with Faith and trust in God. Come what may one still has God. Secondly, there existed strong family ties. Parents enjoyed not only social, professional and business **nachas** from children but could be and were often rewarded with spiritual **nachas** as well. Children followed the parental, religious and spiritual pattern of parents. Thirdly, it implied membership in and responsibility to the 'Khiloh Kdosh' - the Jewish Community. The latter implied regular worship either in the synagogue or at home; contributions to the support of the synagogue, the yeshivoh, the Talmud Torah, the sick and aged, as well as assisting our brethen overseas.

One was not merely a Jew in theory but in practice. Jewish tradition and ritual were scrupulously observed not only in the home but even when away from home. To be a Jew meant to possess strong spiritual and social foundations in life. Those who lived that sort of life were rewarded with a solid, firm and integrated personality. Our parents suffered neither neuroses and inner conflicts nor tensions and inferiority complexes because of their Jewishness. Rich or poor, they were serene, happy and rugged people because they lived by a code in which God was supreme. Success was measured not

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE	
Light Candles Friday Evening 5:22	
Weekly Portion. MISHPATIM	
Prayer for the New Moon	
SHABBAS SHEKALIM	
Friday Evening Service	5:25
Saturday Morning Service	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:00
Rabbi Hurwitz's Class in Talmud	4:20
Young Folk's Round Table	4:20
Mincha Service	5:20
Sunday Morning Services	6:45; 7:45; 8:45
Daily Services:	
Mornings	6:45; 7:45; 8:15
Mincha	5:30
Followed by the Interpretation of the Mishnah by Rabbi Goldstein	

merely in terms of dollars and cents. The growth and development of the spiritual, scholarly and aesthetic qualities had its place in the Jewish community of yesterday.

Anti-Semitism was nothing new to that generation, nor was it entirely free from the economic struggle. Nevertheless, it successfully weathered the challenges and the shocks. It came through sound in mind and in spirit, because God, Faith and ideals were primary; material things were secondary.

BAR MITZVAH



A. RICHARD BRITT

We extend our hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Britt, upon the Bar Mitzvah this Sabbath at our Synagogue of their son, A. Richard Britt.

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Our Paul, the pride of all the Newman tribe,
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Perusing all the Classics he can find,
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But not content with merely empty fame,
Inspired by Euterpe's double flute,
He plucks the heart-strings from his reader's frame
With lyrics able every mood to suit.
Oh, rare indeed is he who owns these things,
And rarer, he who by them pleasure brings—
Laurence J. Rosan

RECORD REVIEW

BLOCH'S SCHELOMO (Hebrew Rhapsody for 'Cello and Orchestra) Victor Album M 698 Three 12" records, one single-side.

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The recording carries the listener along with it as the music rises and swells, drops, rises and swells again. It leaves him breathless and inspired by the masterful playing of Emanuel Feuerman, who so beautifully interprets the composer's feeling as expressed in the score.

For those who like and appreciate good music, we do not hesitate to recommend purchasing Bloch's Schelomo Rhapsody for your collection. For those who know very little about music, we recommend that you listen to this splendid work and we guarantee that you will come away inspired and with a desire to own this set of records.

If you have not as yet heard these records, we urge you to do so at the first opportunity available, at a record shop or in the home of someone who possesses the set. Better still, if enough people are interested, we may be able to arrange a musicale. Let us know if you would be interested.

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Getting Personal

Before we get down to the business on hand we would like to say a word about the Men's Club Father and Son Dinner which was held at our building on erev Lincoln's Birthday. It was one swell affair. Seeing all those daddies winning baseballs, hockey sticks, tanks and airplanes was a treat - and boy did they enjoy it. Congrats to the Men's Club, more power to you. . . We welcome Moe Feuerstein of Mass., Leona Kessler, Harry Mirken, and David Spiro of Michigan University. All were with us last Saturday morning. . . Glad to hear that Mrs. Jess Ward is back to normal health. . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Golding on the engagement of their son Alfred to Miss Abramson and to Judge and Mrs. Isaac Siegel on the engagement of their daughter Gertrude to Mr. Benjamin Cohen. . . We order our brass band to play "Welcome Home" for Mr. and Mrs. Max Sanders, Mrs. Jane Udell and Mr. Henry Blankfort. By the way, Henry made a complete

circuit of the U. S. A. He was looking over the Blankfort defense projects in California and Arkansas. . . This week we send "get well quick" cards to Mr. Isaac Chaitin, Miss Mollie Abrams and Mrs. Richard Surut. . . We also heard that Mrs. George L. Livingston and daughter Sylvia haven't been so well. To all the Livingstons - best of health. . . "For Whom The Bells Toll" - Bessie Burack and Sam Mitchell, now Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell. . . Our shipment of birthday candles to Morton Langer was a bit delayed, but then again a happy birthday greeting is "better late than never" . . . Master Teddy Reiff sure had poise and self-confidence when he opened the ark last Saturday morning. . . Don't forget folk's, the Bazaar opens tomorrow night at 2282 Broadway. . . If, while broussing around, you hear some good "personal" items pass it on to us and we promise not to tell more than 2,500 people. . . .

YOUNG FOLK'S ROUND TABLE

The Young Folk's Round Table will resume their discussion of "What the Present War May Mean To Us" tomorrow afternoon. Miss Natalie Reichlin will be the hostess at the social hour following the discussion.

The following will participate in the Young Folk's Mincha Service: Charles Silberman, Reader of the Torah; Nat Gross, Reader of the Service; and Maurice Spanbock Speaker.



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