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## DR. SHUSTER TO ADDRESS BIBLE CLASS AND FORUM

Dr. George N. Shuster, President of Hunter College, will be the guest speaker at Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class and Forum, Monday evening, March 3rd. The Bible Class and Forum will begin at 8:30 P. M.



DR. GEORGE N. SHUSTER

Dr. Shuster was educated here at Notre Dame and Columbia Universities. Beginning as a journalist and feature writer, he became, after the war, Head of the Department of English at Notre Dame. He resigned this position to serve as Managing Editor of the Commonweal, remaining at this post for twelve years. In 1937 he resigned from the Commonweal to make a study of the Weimar Republic under the auspices of the Social Research Council. In 1940, Dr. Shuster was inaugurated as the fifth President of Hunter College.

All members and friends of the congregation are cordially invited to attend.

### PURIM CELEBRATION PLANNED

The coronation of Queen Esther and Mordecai will take place at our synagogue on Sunday Morning, March 9th. Mrs. Harold Kaplan, leader of the Tiny Tots, has planned a program of singing, recitations and refreshments.

### CONDOLENCES

We extend sincere condolence to our member, Joseph Buchsbaum upon the loss of his mother, Rose Buchsbaum.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of the late Mrs. Meyer Frank.

## BAZAAR HAS GALA OPENING CLOSING SET FOR WEEK-END

### SEA SCOUTS MAKE TRIPS TO SITES OF INTEREST

#### Cub Pack Plans Active Program of Scouting

The Sea Scouts have visited Police Headquarters and The Brooklyn Navy Yard and will take a trip to the U. S. Coast Guard Station Sunday. These visits proved so interesting that plans are being made for future trips. The Sea Scouts are actively participating in the newly organized Emergency Service Corps.

The 3rd Den of the Cub Pack has been organized with 4 members. A training course for Den mothers and Den dads will be conducted within the next few weeks in our building. One section of the Cub Pack meets on Thursday evening, 7:30 o'clock at the home of one of the members. All boys interested in joining the Pack should communicate with the office.

### THREE NEW GROUPS JOIN YOUTH DEPARTMENT

This week we welcome into our social department three new groups; The Social Service Group; meeting on Sunday evening, The Gotham Chapter of AZA (Aleph Zadek Aleph); also meeting on Sunday evening, and a new girls club, sister group of the Alumni Association; meeting on Saturday evenings.

If you are interested in any one of these groups please communicate with Mr. Wittenberg. He is at the synagogue every evening except Friday.

### "CULTURAL NIGHT" SATURDAY, MARCH 8th

The continuation of our Saturday night activities in our building will be resumed with an illustrated lecture by Mr. Huger Elliott, Director of Education at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, on Saturday, March 8th at 8:30 P. M. "The Human Appeal in the Collection of the Metropolitan Museum of Art" will be the subject.

All our readers are cordially invited to attend. Admission is free.

### NEW MERCHANDISE RECEIVED DURING PAST WEEK

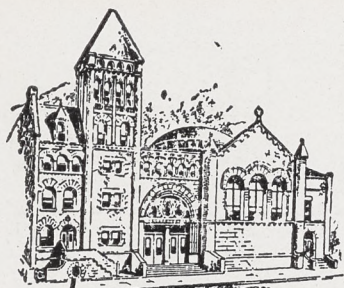
Since last Saturday evening, 2282 Broadway has been the center of fun, frolic, friendship and bargains on the West Side. Our members and friends have once again displayed their loyalty and cooperation. The Bazaar will close this week-end, and we ask all to come and join in the gaiety.

We thank the following who contributed merchandise last week:

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### SENIOR LEAGUE OPEN MEETING DRAWS LARGE CROWD

Last Sunday evening, a large crowd attended an open meeting conducted by the Senior League. Rabbi Lifschitz addressed the group on the subject "Customs and Ceremonies are essential to Jewish History". A social hour followed the meeting. All young men and women over the age of 21 are cordially invited to attend the meetings of the Senior League. The next meeting will be held in the synagogue building on Sunday, March 2nd at 8:30 P. M.



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## PROTESTANTISM ANSWERS HATE

"No longer should hate for the foreigner, hate for the man of color, hate for the Jew, hate for the Roman Catholic, hate for the minority groups, be voiced in these United States without a forthright condemnation by all Protestant people." In these ringing words the Protestant Digest Associates launched a movement "Protestantism Answers Hate" at a dinner-forum held at the Hotel Roosevelt on February 25th 1941.

In these days when war hysteria is being utilized to encourage intolerance it is refreshing to note that our Gentile friends are rallying to the standard of brotherhood. This movement is particularly significant because it has been instigated by the dominant religious sect in America. Perhaps what is most encouraging about this effort to do away with bigotry and hatred is the fact that the leaders of this endeavor have not distinguished between intolerance of racial, religious and political minorities. They well recognize that Anti-Semitism, Anti-Catholicism, Jim-Crowism, etc. are evils equally to be

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## THE 54th COMMANDMENT

Law of Theft

By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

The 54th Commandment deals with the laws concerning the thief, "If a man shall steal an ox, or a sheep, and kill it, or sell it; he shall restore five oxen for an ox, and four sheep for a sheep." Exodus 21:27. In the Talmud Bab Kamma 97b, we find the following reasons given for the difference in the fines imposed. Rabbi Meier says that since an ox is a working animal, the loss involved when an ox is stolen is greater than when a sheep is stolen. Hence the thief should pay a heavier penalty.

destroyed."

No one will deny that this campaign on the part of the Protestant's can possibly do more to combat Anti-Semitism than anything we Jews have ever done or will do. We have consumed much energy in work of this sort but unfortunately we have viewed the problem of hatred as being a peculiarly Jewish one. In the interest of breaking down all barriers created by intolerance we would do well to endorse and hold heartedly support this noteworthy Protestant effort.

In the past, the non-Jewish public has identified our fight against Anti-Semitism as being a personal and private one. Our task today is to convince the civilized world that Anti-Semitism like Anti-Catholicism, Jim-Crowism, etc. is undemocratic and detrimental to the unity and welfare of any self-respecting nation. However, we must first learn for ourselves that our problem is integrally bound up with the problem of prejudice and hatred generally. Our Protestant brothers have shown the way; let us follow!

Rabbi Jochanan Ben Zakkai says that since the ox can walk as quickly as the thief while the sheep has to be carried on the shoulder, the penalty for stealing a sheep should be a little less than stealing an ox."

In the case of money, the thief must pay, not only the principal, but as a fine he must pay double. If the thief be found lying in wait the person who meets him may kill him, because the presumption is that the thief is prepared to kill first. The law also has it that if the thief before he is found out has in his possession the thing stolen and spends money to improve it, he is entitled to receive what he spent on improvements.

The thief must pay the fine from the best of his possessions. When we speak of the fine, it is to be estimated at the time of judgment. In other words, if at the time of the trial the thing stolen is worth more, the thief is to pay a larger fine and vice versa. If one steals from a thief he does not have to pay the fine to either the original owner or the thief, because he has not stolen from the owner. A bailee or a watchman who is not paid for his services and who swears that the thing he guarded was stolen and it is found to be false, he must pay the fine in addition to the principal. One may not buy stolen goods.

## DICTATORSHIP FOR A DAY

Students at Pierson High School, Sag Harbor, Long Island, had a wonderful time last week when the entire school building was converted into a mythical land ruled by a dictator - but the public got an object lesson in Democracy. As part of their Bill of Rights Week program the students of the school played the part of oppressor and the oppressed and acted out a typical day in a dictator-ruled country. The kids giggled and laughed and probably thought that it was all a lot of fun. Readers of the daily press, however, viewed pictures of American girls scrubbing streets under the stern supervision of uniformed taskmasters. They saw American boys march the goose-step with arms upraised in salute to some anonymous Fuehrer. We think that the school did a very fine job in giving the public an opportunity to visualize the "blessings" of Fascism against an American background.

# THIS AND THAT



## INTEGRATED LIFE

By RABBI EMANUEL L. LIFSCHITZ

The present generation, as compared with the former spiritually minded and traditionally observant one, enjoys neither inner peace nor solidity. Life has in the case of too many become a sequence of isolated pleasure seeking escapades and excesses, or a search for material success. Life has become an everlasting search for freedom and liberty without the accompanying of obligations and responsibilities, - the latter being just so many things to avoid or get by with. Life is lived without religious motivation or compulsion and is dedicated to self-seeking, hence the rising tide of broken homes, divorces and delinquency.

Our fathers dedicated their lives to God. Every act or thought was deemed worthy or unworthy to the degree in which it was in harmony with God. Life was geared towards divine perfection and the fulfillment of the divine commandments - mitzvos. To aid the poor was a mitzvah, a divine behest, besides being socially correct. Every minute act of daily living whether at home or in the synagogue, in business or at the club, was in focus with the will of God. Therefore they were men of noble character.

Children were nurtured with the desire not merely to live and act ethically correct, but to perform mitzvos. God consciousness was experienced from the moment the child opened its eyes in the morning till the moment of retiring, through prayer, benedictions, study and the religious zeal and devotion observed in the life of parents. The periodical shopping

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| Weekly Portion, TERUMAH                                          |                  |
| Friday Evening Service                                           | 5:35             |
| Saturday Morning Service                                         | 9:00             |
| Junior Congregation                                              | 10:00            |
| Rabbi Hurwitz's Class in Talmud                                  | 4:30             |
| Young Folk's Round Table                                         | 4:30             |
| Mincha Service                                                   | 5:25             |
| Sunday Morning Services                                          | 6:45; 7:45; 8:45 |
| Daily Services:                                                  |                  |
| Mornings                                                         | 6:45; 7:45; 8:15 |
| Mincha                                                           | 5:35             |
| Followed by the Interpretation of the Mishnah by Rabbi Goldstein |                  |

of personal things were timed to coincide with religious festivals. It was "I'kovod Shabbos" or "I'kovod YomTov" that the child donned his or her new clothes. Everytime a child sat down at a table the eating ritual was performed. No wonder then that we had God conscious and religiously minded generations. Life was punctuated with religious practices - mitzvos.

### YOUNG FOLK'S ROUND TABLE

Our Young Folk's Round Table Discussion continues to be intensely interesting. Tomorrow at 4:30 P. M., Mr. Moe Feuerstein will lead a discussion on the topic "Orthodox Judaism Is Dynamic". Mr. Melvin H. Friedman will be the host at the social hour following the discussion.

The following will participate in the Young Folk's Mincha Service: Harold Udell, Reader of the Torah; Harry Margareten, Reader of the Service; and Shepard Levemore, Speaker.

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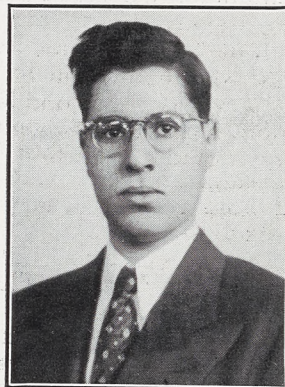
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See Larry's sparkling eyes, each brightly gleams,  
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And see the bard who plays the raptured lyre,  
From whence celestial music sweetly streams.  
He plays and wraps mankind in pleasant dreams.  
Retreating back to Helios and to Tyre  
His ever pensive muse doth oft retire  
There seeking out the varied poetic themes.  
Oh sweet the warbling bird that sings aloud  
That all mankind may listen and may hear,  
His voice not buried in a pillowed cloud,  
Nor song addressed to some distant sphere.  
So sing Rosan again the world shall hark;  
But sing again thou most captivating lark.

Paul S. Newman

## Getting Personal

The Bazaar is open folks. . . Boy, what a Bazaar - what fun, what crowds - WHAT BARGAINS! . . . The big news this week is Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein's birthday. Let us all join in and sing "Happy Birthday" to our dear Rebbitzin. . . Sharing birthday greetings with Mrs. Goldstein are Mrs. Siegfried Bendheim, Mr. Sam Davis, Master Simon Edelson, Mrs. Rosalyn Edelson, Mr. Mose Goodman and Mrs. Morris Jablow. . . Speaking of the Jablows we can not forget to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Jablow on the occasion of their wedding anniversary. We also drink a toast to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ward on their wedding anniversary. . . We were glad to see Mr. J. D. Cohen back in Shul last Saturday morning. We could tell by his smiling face that that arm of his is well on the mend. . . There sure was a large congregation in Shul Saturday. We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Richter and Mr. and Mrs. Schoenfeld and we were glad to see that Mrs. Leo Applebaum and Mrs. Samuel Diamond were back. . . Escaping from the cold winds of the north, Mrs. Anna Gross is now basking in the warm sun of Fla. . . Boy, that Florida sun sure can do things for you. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Landau and Mrs. Regina Margareten have just returned from the sunny south looking healthier than ever. . . While on the subject of health we are happy to report that Mrs. Charles Silberman is up and around and that daughter-in-law, Cel is feeling better; that Dr. Kapner is back at his office; and that little Jean Paul Weil is recovering from his recent accident. . . LOOKING AROUND SHUL - Little (and we do mean little) Lawrence Kobrin opened the ark; Mr. and Mrs. Schnee and Mr. and Mrs. Mischnoff were with us; and Mrs.

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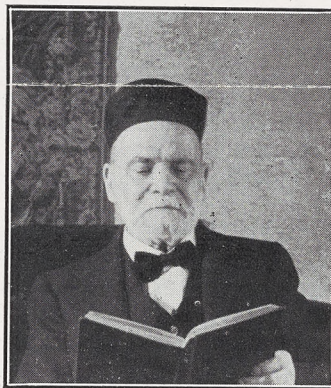
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Samuel Michael was back. . . Calling all members, calling all friends to 2282 Broadway. W.S.I.S. Bazaar closing - last chance for exceptional bargains - That is all. . . .

### NEW DANCING GROUP MEETS ON THURSDAY EVE

A class in Ballet and Foreign Folk Dancing has been organized under the able leadership of Miss Schneider. The class is held on Thursday evenings at seven o'clock. Parents are urged to encourage their youngsters to attend. This course will help children develop poise and grace.

### 95 YEARS YOUNG



MR. I. M. BLANKFORT

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