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ANNUAL DINNER-DANCE SET FOR APRIL 27

Mr. Max E. Sanders, Chairman of the Dinner Committee has announced that the Fourth Annual Dinner-Dance of the W. S. I. S. will be held at the Hotel Waldorf Astoria on Sunday evening, April 27th. Tickets for the dinner are Twenty-five dollars for two.

Mr. Morris Levine is in charge of the Souvenir Year Book and requests all our friends to procure advertisements. The rates for ads range from Fifty Dollars for an entire page, to Five Dollars for one-sixteenth of a page.

NOTED PSYCHOLOGIST TO ADDRESS PARENTS TEACHERS MEETING

The Parents Teachers Association of the W. S. I. S. will hold its March meeting next Thursday evening, March 20th, at our building. Mrs. Catherine Barstow, member of Mayor LaGuardia's "Committee for the Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency", will address the meeting on the subject, "Emotional Attitudes of our Youth in a World at War". Mrs. Barstow is a prominent psychologist and is associated with Dr. Frank Weil's clinic.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN PRESENTS FIRST LADY OF JEWRY

Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein presented the wife of the Chief Rabbi of Palestine, Mrs. Isaac HaLevi Herzog, to the leaders of outstanding Jewish women's organizations of the country, at a reception held last Monday afternoon at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. The reception was tendered to Mrs. Herzog by the Mizrahi Women's Organization of America.

CONDOLENCES

We extend condolence to the family of the late, Joseph Milgrom.

We extend heartfelt sympathy to the family of Mrs. Edmond Weil upon the loss of her sister, Mrs. Milkah Amson.

We extend sincere condolence to our member, David J. Hurwitz, upon the loss of his brother.

GALA PURIM CELEBRATIONS TO BE HELD IN SOCIAL HALL OVER WEEK-END

PROMINENT AUTHOR AND EDITOR TO ADDRESS FORUM

Mr. Michael Williams, prominent author and reporter, will be the guest speaker at Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class and Forum next Monday evening. Former editor of The Commonwealth and the San Francisco Examiner, he has been a reporter on the Boston Post, New York World and Evening Telegram.



MR. MICHAEL WILLIAMS

Mr. Williams is a member of the Authors League of America, American Committee of Religious Rights and Minorities and he is an active co-worker in the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Some of the books that he has written are "American Catholics in the War" and "Catholicism and the Modern Mind".

WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION PLANS ANNUAL LUNCHEON

The Yeshiva College Women's Organization will hold its Annual Luncheon at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel on Tuesday, March 18th. Mrs. George L. Livingston is chairman of the affair and tickets may be obtained by communicating with her.

MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW FOR COMMUNITY SEDERS

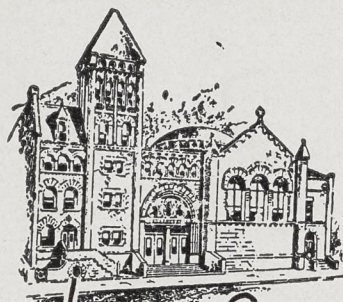
Our community Family Seders will be held on April 11th and 12th in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Riverside Plaza. Reservations are \$3.50 per person. To insure accommodations for our members and worshippers we urge that reservations be made now at our office.

Our Social Hall will be the scene of two gala Purim celebrations this week-end. On Saturday evening, the Council will hold its Annual Purim Carnival and on Sunday morning the Hebrew School & Day School will have a festive celebration and Masquerade Party.

Extensive plans have been made for the Council's Carnival and the evening promises to be a perfect one. There will be a gay Purim spirit with each club setting up its own booth. Games, dancing and refreshments are included on the evenings program. All young men and women of the congregation are cordially invited to attend.

On Sunday morning the Hebrew School & Day School will have its Purim Masquerade Party with skits, games, recitations, and a special talkie movie entitled "Sanctuary". Master David Nadien, prominent violin virtuoso, will render several selections. David has played with the New York Philharmonic Symphony Society and is scheduled to play with the Boston Symphony. Other children participating in the celebration are: David Buchsbaum, Naomi Goldstein, Mary Greenberg, Jerome Hellman, Sidney Morgenstern, Leisha Langer, David Katz, Jacob Teichman, Melvin Burnstein, Julius Derechinsky, Miriam Merkin, Irving Groner, Ellen Muhr, Cecile Teichman, Morton Berger, Kenneth Kasha, Allan Grossman, Judith Becker, Phyllis Feig, Norma Ritter, Corrine Robbins, Norma and Sydelle Dykman, Rosylan Freides, Jane Greenberg, Helen Kaminsky, Malcom Davis and Samuel Ward.

Two large Purim celebrations were held last week. The Tiny Tots participated in the Coronation of Queen Esther and the Knighting of Mordecai last Sunday Morning and a special Purim service was held for the children of the Hebrew School last Wednesday evening. The Women's League distributed refreshments to the children. Mrs. Sam Davis, Mrs. Sam Michael, Mrs. Annie Morris and Morris Jablow were in charge of the holiday treat.



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FOUR RABBIS SPEAK

We quote the following excerpts from an article by Ben Hecht, which appeared in PM on March 5th.

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I have been interviewing rabbis, four of them, four gentlemen full of piety and learning.

I had come to the rabbis with a single question—to wit, did they think there was any truth in the hydrophobic chatter of the Nazis and Fascists that their most hideous enemy was the Jew, that the Jew had to be disgorged, trepanned and eviscerated out of their system before they could achieve their New Order?

My four rabbis answered separately and in different phrases. But their replies were identical in theme.

It was true, they said. It was written as long ago as the Talmud that Godlessness would never know peace as long as God remained in a single soul.

We are in truth the enemies of the Nazis, said my rabbis. Their cruelties against our people are the hysteria

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THE 56th COMMANDMENT

Damage by Fire

By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

The 56th Commandment deals with damages done by fire. "If fire break out and catch in thorns, so that the stack of corn or the standing corn or the field consumed therewith: he that kindled the fire shall surely make restitution." Exodus Chapter 22, Verse 5. The Rabbis declare that fire is as one's arrow. Therefore one should be careful when he kindles a fire within his own territory or domain, that it should not be of such a nature that it will spread and do damage. The law takes up the question as to the responsibility of one who may cause a fire to be done through a minor, an imbecile or a

of those who grapple foolishly with the Spirit and think they can lay it low with weapons and hate.

The sadism of the Nazis, said my rabbis, is less the measure of our suffering than of their desperation. By this sadism they seek to make themselves feel strong. They have rediscovered the short cut to power known long ago to the savage—cruelty to the weak, contempt for suffering and disdain for all the hard won gifts of humanity which ornament the soul of man.

They are right in denouncing us as their most implacable enemies, said my rabbis, for our survival means their defeat. They have a little blindly made us the symbol of the thing they are seeking to overthrow, not in the world, but in the very spirit of the human being. Where they are stupid as well as blind is in fancying that Jews alone stand in the way of the triumph of their sadism. For do they kill us all, silence us all and burn all our books, the teachings which we have helped give the world will still remain to confront and confound them to the day of their doom.

deaf mute. In that case he is legally free, but morally guilty because he has been the cause for damage. However if he put into the hand of a normal person, fire, then the owner is free because one can not make a messenger for a sinful act. The agent is accordingly legally obliged to pay for the damages he causes through the fire.

The law discusses the case of one who brings the fire, and another brings wood and still another causes it to burn. If all these three things were done at the same time, then they are all partners in their liability for any loss incurred. If some time elapsed between the coming of one and the other, then the last one is completely liable.

If a camel heavily laden with flax, catches on to the fire of a store, then the law is as follows: if the camel ran into the store the camel-owner must pay the owner for the building; if it did not, then the owner of the store must pay for the flax. If fire is caused by a Chanukah Candelabra which was put outside of one's door, then the owner of the Chanukah lamp must pay. Although he performed a mitzvah in lighting the candles he must nevertheless guard it so that it will not be a source of damage to his neighbors.

PURIM, THE FEAST OF LOTS

In Persia, many years ago,
There lived a king of great renown.
He had a Jewish queen,
The fairest ever seen,
Her skin was white as snow, her
hair was brown.
And Esther was her name,
And far indeed had spread her
beauty's fame.

The king had had an enemy --
A plot was formed against his life.
But Mordecai, a Jew,
Esther's uncle, too,
And had averted the assassin's knife.
And now he would not pay
Respect to Haman, vizier in that day.

Upon Jews, Haman's wrath was dire,
To think about this insult great;
He cast lots for a day
On which he wished to slay
The people whom his ire had made
him hate.
But Esther begged the grace
Of Ahasuerus for the Jewish race.

Lawrence J. Rosan

THIS AND THAT



"GROUP"

By RABBI EMANUEL L. LIFSCHITZ

Sending children to "group" either in the afternoon or during the week-end has become quite popular in mid-Manhattan, so popular in fact that outdoor "groups" have reached a semi-professional status requiring specially qualified counsellors.

There are underprivileged areas in the city where children are also sent to 'group'. These groups are called Day Nurseries. These children are orphans whose mothers must resort to a supervised shelter for their beloved youngsters during the hours they are at work. They are taken back home as soon as their mother's work at the office or shop is over to spend every leisure moment with their mothers and so cultivate a love one for the other.

In the privileged areas of the city there is another type of "group". Its children emerge from homes which, thank God, have all the advantages for the child except a little precious parental time. Those little ones are

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Saturday Morning Service 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:00
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Young Folk's Round Table 4:45
Mincha Service 5:45
Sunday Morning Service
..... 6:45; 7:45; 8:45

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Mincha 5:55

Followed by the Interpretation of the Mishnah by Rabbi Goldstein

given the very latest educational toys, are outfitted in the smartest shops but are deprived of the loving soulful guidance which only a parent is qualified to give. Instead they are methodically shipped off to 'group'. No wonder then that youth comes of age without a deep sense of parental devotion. Children and parents are strangers in soul to one another. Children are educated to view parents merely as providers.

Child-parent love and devotion is no mere accident. The seed must be sown, nurtured and cultivated. The best soil is the intimate parent child relationship experienced after school hours and over the week-end.

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WOMEN'S MEMBERSHIP DRIVE GAINS MOMENTUM

Mrs. David H. Ullman was the presiding officer at the last meeting of the Women's League. Reports were made on the progress of the Membership Drive now being conducted by the women. Extensive plans are being made for the Membership Tea which will be held on Monday afternoon, March 24th. The main feature of the afternoon will be the presentation of a demonstrated lecture on the subject "The Development of Grace and Charm". Madame Irene Shiller, a representative of Helena Rubinstein, will deliver the address. All women of the congregation are cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. Harry Mirken and Mrs. Larry Mirken were the hostesses at the social hour. Mrs. Annie R. Morris and Mrs. Morris Jablow were the hostesses at the meeting of March 3rd.

PALESTINE IN THE WORLD TODAY

Mr. Shepherd Levmore will discuss the problem "Palestine in the World Today" at tomorrow's meeting of the Young Folk's Round Table. Miss Gertrude Buchsbaum will be the hostess.

The following will participate in the Young Folk's Mincha Service: Harold Perlman, Reader of the Torah; Charles Bendheim, Reader of the Service; and Justin Colin, Speaker.

URGENT CALL FOR AFFIDAVITS

Please telephone Rabbi Goldstein if you are willing to sign an affidavit to save 250 students now in Japan. Do not delay.

Getting Personal

This week we are happy to extend birthday greetings to Mrs. Sarah Goldstein, mother of our Rabbi, on the celebration of her 75th birthday. May God bless her and may she enjoy health and happiness for many years to come. . . Others blowing candles this week are: Master Samuel Ward, Miss Vera Frank, Mrs. Gustave Roth, Mrs. Ike Holoschutz, Miss Leona Kessler, Miss Harriet Silverstein, little Miss Barbara Kaplan and Mr. Max E. Sanders. . . Anniversary greetings extended to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Michael, Mr. and Mrs. David L. Messing and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reichlin. . . Royalty in the W. S. I. S. - QUEEN ESTHER - Lois Jane Ullman. KING MORDECAI - Arthur Lindenauer. The coronation was held last Sunday morning before a large crowd of spectators. . . Congrats to Mr. and Mrs. Adolf Stager on the marriage of their son. . . Greetings and salutations to Donald Shacter upon his return from a Florida University and bon voyage to brother Ralph, who is on his way to the sunkist soil of the sunny south. . . Welcome Home - Mr. Morris Steinberg. . . Glad to hear that Mrs. Morris Levine has completely recovered from her slight indisposition. . . Hats off to the young women (young in spirit) who braved the elements last Sat. to come to Shul - Mrs. Jane Udell, Mrs. Annie Mirken, Mrs. Aaron Wartels and the still younger, Mrs. Irving Kobrin, Mrs. Harold Kaplan, Mrs. Sam Siegel, Mrs. Joshua Manischewitz and Miss Joan Friedman. (And they call them the weaker sex) . . . Bazaar helping-handers included Mrs. Sarah Levine, Debra Siegel and "doorman" Samuel Ward. . . Boy did we miss Mrs. Livingston's lemon and grapefruit rind at the Bazaar. . . FLASH - Just as we go to press we learn that a baby girl has been born to Rabbi and Mrs. Lifschitz. All good wishes to Miss Lifschitz and her dear parents. . .

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BOOK REVIEW

"WINGS OF GLORY" by Sonia Daugherty. Oxford University Press. 1940
By Mrs. Emanuel L. Lifschitz

As a historical novel for older boys and girls, "Wings of Glory" is an excellent volume. In a most powerful and moving manner, we find the story of David from his youth through his kingship. Not deviating the slightest from the story in the Bible, Sonia Daugherty has created a thrilling story of one of our greatest heroes.

We meet David first as a youth, watching his fathers flock. He is called home to be anointed by Samuel, and an almost imperceptible change arises within him. We follow the young shepherd lad through years in Saul's court, the development of a character in exile, to kingship and the building of Jerusalem. Amid all his experiences is interwoven the beautiful story of his love for Michal, the daughter of Saul, and his romance with Abigail. This is indeed a most powerful and moving story.

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