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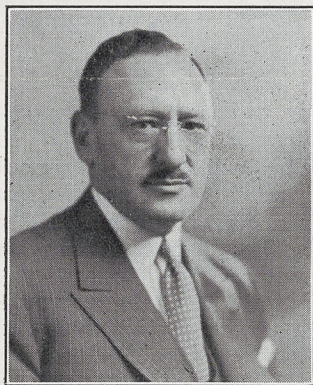
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FRANK L. WEIL TO ADDRESS BIBLE CLASS AND FORUM

Mr. Frank L. Weil, President of the National Jewish Welfare Board, will be the guest speaker on Monday evening, March 24th. Mr. Weil is a prominent personage in Jewish communal affairs and is a member of the law firm of Weil, Gotshal & Manges.



MR. FRANK L. WEIL

He is a Trustee of the Federation for the support of Jewish Charities, a member of the Executive Board of the National Council of Boy Scouts of America, and a director of the Jewish Education Committee of New York. Since 1935 he has been an employer representative of the New York Unemployment Insurance State Advisory Council and he was president of the 92nd Street Y M H A for eight years.

Mr. Weil's address will follow Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class, which will begin at 8:30 P. M.

RABBI RENEWS PLEA FOR LIFE SAVING EFFORT

Rabbi Goldstein once again wishes to reiterate his appeal for persons to sign affidavits. This is an opportunity for you to cooperate in a life-saving effort. Please communicate with Rabbi Goldstein immediately if you are willing to sign an affidavit.

CONDOLENCES

We extend heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Rae Swisgold, an active member of the Women's League, upon the loss of her son-in-law, Mr. Goodman.

We extend condolence to our member, Jack A. Rothenstein, upon the loss of his mother.

WOMEN'S MEMBERSHIP TEA MONDAY, MARCH 24

On Monday afternoon, March 24th, the Women's League will hold a Membership Tea. All women of the congregation are cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel was the presiding officer at the last meeting of the Women's League and Mrs. Sam Michael and Mrs. Henry Reichlin were the hostesses.

MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW FOR COMMUNITY SEDERS

Mr. Settel Once Again Chairman

Please make your reservations now for our Community Seders. The Seders will be held on April 11th and 12th in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Riverside Plaza. Reservations at \$3.50 include gratuities, hat check and yarmelkes.

Mr. Joseph Settel is once again Chairman of the Seders and he promises that they will be as beautiful and decorous as in the past.

DRIVE BEGINS FOR PASSOVER RELIEF

The Passover holiday is approaching and we once again appeal to you for contribution to the Passover Relief Fund. This fund is set up annually to provide Passover provisions to needy families.

All contributions to the Passover Relief Fund may be mailed or left at the synagogue. Mrs. Annie R. Morris is Chairman of the Committee.

ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF BROOKLYN TO ADDRESS MONTHLY MEETING OF MEN'S CLUB

Hon. Burton B. Turkus To Discuss "Murder Inc."

The Men's Club will hold its monthly meeting at our building on Thursday evening, March 27th. Hon. Burton B. Turkus, assistant District Attorney of Brooklyn will be the guest speaker. He will address the meeting on "Murder Inc." The meeting will begin at 8:30 P. M.

Mr. Turkus conducted the investigation and is now prosecuting the Murder Inc. Cases. He is now en-

ADVERTISEMENTS NEEDED FOR SOUVENIR YEAR BOOK

Tickets Now Available for
Annual Dinner Dance

In conjunction with our Dinner Dance we will once again publish a Souvenir Year Book. Mr. Morris Levine, Chairman of the Year Book appeals to all of our friends and members to cooperate with him in obtaining advertisements. Rates range from Fifty Dollars a full page to Five Dollars for one-sixteenth of a page. Let us all get behind Mr. Levine and do our share.



MR. MORRIS LEVINE

Tickets are now available for our Fourth Annual Dinner Dance, which will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Waldorf Astoria on Sunday evening, April 27th. Tickets are Twenty-five Dollars a couple. Please make your reservations NOW.

gaged in the retrial of the case of the People vs. Harrione and Frank Abbando, one of the Murder Inc cases. Mr. Turkus has been a practicing attorney for 15 years and is now chief of the Homicide Bureau in the District Attorney's office of Brooklyn.

All men of the congregation, young and old alike are cordially invited to attend. Refreshments will be served following the meeting.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LOYAL AMERICAN PROTESTS

Dear Editor,

The majority of readers have no doubt read in the last few weeks statements to the effect that, "City College is under the hammer and sickle", or "City College is a den of Communism". I, a student at the college, am to be branded by the odious sign of Communism. I, whose faith in God and Democracy, who believes in evolution and not revolution, who realizes that this is not "the best of all possible worlds", but that time is the great healer of mortal ills, am now to be branded as a Communist. I have always regarded totalitarianism, in what ever form it appeared, as a vestige of primitive barbarism. This war to me is the last surge of the dying forces of brute power. This is not alone my opinion, but the overwhelming opinion of the student body of the college. We came for an education and dipped deep in knowledge's fount, and dabbled little with politics. Now we must close our books and defend ourselves, lest others close our college.

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THE 57th COMMANDMENT By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

The Law Of The Gratuitous Bailee

The 57th Commandment deals with a שומר חנם a gratuitous bailee (one to whom goods are entrusted without being paid for guarding them), as we read in Exodus 22:6-10, "If a man shall deliver unto his neighbor, money or stuff to keep and it be stolen out of man's house, if the thief be found, let him pay double if the thief be not found, . . . Then shall an oath of the Lord be between them both that he hath not put his hands into his neighbor's goods; and the owner of it shall accept thereof, and he shall not make it good."

Blackstone, said, "For such bailee is responsible to the bailor if goods

are lost."

A gratuitous bailee is responsible only for gross neglect. In case the money or the thing he was guarding gratuitously was stolen, or lost, then he takes an oath that he took care of it properly, and did not use it fraudulently. Thereupon he is completely absolved. However, if the bailee should swear that the thing he guarded was stolen, and afterward witnesses came and proved that the thing was not stolen, then the bailee is to pay double,—first because he has stolen from his neighbor and second because he has attempted to steal, as it were, from the mind of God. If it is discovered that he is involved in the theft, even though he did not do the actual stealing himself, he must pay the same penalty as if he stole the object out of his neighbor's premises.

So also, if the bailee claims that he in turn give it to another person to act as a gratuitous bailee, then the first bailee is responsible because the owner does not recognize the second bailee. A minor cannot cause a bailee to swear because the Bible says in our verse "If a man (and not a minor) shall deliver unto his neighbor". Furthermore a child is irresponsible and will bother the bailee to swear frequently.

An objective observation of the Rapp-Coudert Committee's investigation is revealing. In 1934 a State education committee, headed by Dr. L. Gulick of Columbia University, spent four years impartially investigating the needs of education. After four years of study it recommended an increase of \$38,000,000 for education. Scarcely had the Rapp-Coudert Committee been appointed, when it issued a statement recommending a \$12,000,000 decrease. This needs no interpretation, only an impartial observation. With a prearranged conclusion the committee went into its work. Over looking the requirements calling for it to study school needs, and the needs are great; the unhealthy conditions of the lunchroom, the need for a larger library, more chemical equipment, more room for Technology students, it overlooked the needs of many to first investigate subversive activities. It has called 50 teachers members of the Communist Party, but it failed to inform the public that this was less than 4% of the teaching staff. I do not agree one iota with the Communist Party, but membership

in it is not a crime. I object to the use of assumed names and spreading of propaganda. I do not wish to have the faculty judged on their beliefs, but their conduct.

If a man outside of school is a member of a political party all well and good, however, should he endeavor to indoctrinate the students with his beliefs then let him be persecuted. Let each teacher be tried fairly, not behind closed doors; let him be judged on conduct in school alone, for thus far is he responsible to education. I condemn the Rapp-Coudert Committee as it using the stigma of Communism to ruin free education. It has set out with a predetermined conclusion and uses displeasing names as its mean. It is smearing the reputation of the school I attend and making its diploma worthless. This is not fair to the great majority of students and faculty who are all loyal Americans. No, you cannot crucify free education on the hammer and sickle, nor press upon it the crown of fraud.

Very sincerely yours,
PAUL S. NEWMAN

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REALIZING AN IDEAL

By RABBI EMANUEL L. LIFSCHITZ

One of the foundations of American democracy is being put to the test while the Department of Justice and the Interstate Commerce Commission battle it out before the United States Supreme Court over the case of colored Congressman, Arthur V. Mitchell's right to travel unmolested by Pullman from Chicago to Hot Springs, Arkansas.

In 1937, as the Congressman's train reached the Arkansas state border he was forcibly removed by railroad agents and given a seat in the special cars provided for colored people, - Jim Crow cars. Since the Congressman's ticket included passage through Northern as well as Southern states it is not a matter for the Arkansas state authorities to settle in southern style, but rather one for the Federal court's to decide in the spirit of the United States Constitution, which guarantees equality to all men irrespective of race, color or creed.

The American people are being summoned by their President to prepare, to make "loyal sacrifices" for the task facing our great nation. Millions of white as well as millions of colored men and women will be expected to do their share and be prepared if need be to make the supreme sacrifice. In this hour when

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE	
Light Candles Friday Evening 5:52	
Shabbos Poroh	
Weekly Portion VAYAKHEL-PEKUDE	
Blessing for the New Moon	
Friday Evening Service	6:00
Saturday Morning Service	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:00
Rabbi Hurwitz's Class in Talmud	4:50
Young Folk's Round Table	4:50
Mincha Service	5:50
Sunday Morning Service	6:45; 7:45; 8:45
Daily Services:	
Mornings	6:45; 7:45; 8:15
Mincha	6:00
Followed by the Interpretation of the Mishnah by Rabbi Goldstein	

America has declared an all-out-aid-to-Britain which in the greater sense is a dedication of democratic society to the principles of liberty and equality; as we reach a deepened awareness of the value of unhyphenated individual liberty and equality; as we become more alert to the possibility of being conquered and branded an inferior people obliged to pay homage to a mythically superior cryanism it would do us Americans well to purge our soul of the vestiges of blind prejudice battled for so bloodily and paid for so costly during the Civil War.

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BOOK REVIEW

By Mrs. Emanuel L. Lifschitz

"UNDEFEATED" by Rabbi Solomon Goldman. Zionist Organization of America. 1940

Every Jew, whether Zionist or not, should take it upon himself to read this small volume consisting of three addresses by Rabbi Solomon Goldman and delivered while he was President of the Z. O. A. In these addresses entitled "Land and Destiny", "Justice not Tolerance", "We will build", we are given the inspiration to exist not only as Jews at a time when events makes us despair, but as a people that has, since its exile, turned toward Zion as the place of refuge, - the 'real' home of the Jewish nation. To those who say "What is the point of being a Jew today?" let me give the authors answer - "The memory of ancient disasters, stubbornly foiled by our ancestors, will bring the past generations to our aid. We, the Jews, have never believed that Utopia waits at the next turning of the road. Our prophets did not envisage the perfection of society as the achievement of one day. They saw perfection at the end of many days, not as the result of accident or miracle, but through the travail of mankind. . . . It is this grand determination to make society humane that has made the Jew indestructible."

W. S. I. S. PING PONG TEAM WINS TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to the members of the W.S.I.S. Ping Pong team upon winning the Unit Ping Pong Tournament. Further details next week.

Getting Personal

Thanks to Rabbi and Mrs. Lifschitz for a swell Kiddush last Saturday morning. We wonder whether Shulamith would have enjoyed the chopped herring as much as we did? . . . **LOOKING AROUND SHUL** -- Max Sanders was back; Charles Bendheim was doing an efficient job of assisting Mr. Wartels; we had two distinguished visitors -- Mr. Prochnik and Mr. Lax, prominent personages from Europe; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kaplan were missed as was Mrs. Annie R. Morris; Bernice Breitbart, Muriel Livingston, Nanette Udell and Marilyn Mirken make up the "regular Saturday morning attenders" . . . The stork flew "high, wide and handsome" right into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nat Gross. "Grandma" Gross was thrilled as was "Great Grandma" Margareten . . . Northbound trains this week brought back Mr. and Mrs. David Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Hy Schwartz, Mr. & Mrs. Meyer Pargament and Dr. Nathan Settler. Southbound trains took Mr. Muhlmann away from us . . . A shipment of birthday candles to Mrs. Herbert A. Gossett, Mrs. Henry Blankfort, Mrs. Joseph Buchsbaum and Mr. Harold Miller . . . We hang out the "Welcome" sign for Ben Spanbock . . . Thanks to Gus Rubinstein for providing a movie operator for the children's Purim party . . . All up for a toast to Mr. and Mrs. Max Sanders on their wedding anniversary . . . Glad to hear that Mrs. Steinberg is ready to resume her duties as a member of the "after service Kiddush committee" . . . Jean Paul Weil displayed "savoir faire" in opening the ark last Saturday morning . . . Alex Moskowitz, with the well known "Moskowitz vocalization" recited maftir last week . . . Congratulations to "Aunt" Mollie Gerstein. It's a bundle of joy in the home of her brother and sister-in-law in Palestine.

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SATURDAY AFTERNOON GROUP PLANNED FOR CHILDREN

Plans are being made for a Saturday afternoon 'Group', which will provide children with an opportunity to spend the Sabbath afternoons outdoors under qualified counselors and still retain the traditional Sabbath spirit.

All parents of children between the ages of 6 and 12 are urged to communicate with Rabbi Lifschitz.

YOUNG FOLK'S ROUND TABLE

Mr. George Kramer will lead the Young Folk's Round Table tomorrow afternoon in a discussion of "Pacifism". Louis Landowne will be the host.

The following will participate in the Young Folk's Mincha Service: Harry Udell, Reader of the Torah; Harry Cohen, Reader of the Service and Selig Katz, Speaker.

DANCE PROGRAM FEATURED AT PURIM CELEBRATION

The following participated in the Dance program at the Hebrew School Purim celebration: Sandra Caplan, Bernice Jacobowitz, Naomi and Josephine Goldstein, Lillian Stern, Miriam Gultan and Helen Glaser. All of the costumes were made and hand painted by the children.

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MESIFTA TORAH VODAATH DEDICATES NEW BUILDING

The Mesifta Torah Vodaath will open its new building next week at 141 S. 3rd St., Brooklyn. This institution, which has been a center of learning and study for 25 years, has set aside the week of March 29th through April 6th as Dedication Week.

Mr. Harry Herskowitz, Mr. Lester Udell and Mr. D. L. Meckler are Chairmen of the Dedication Committee.

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