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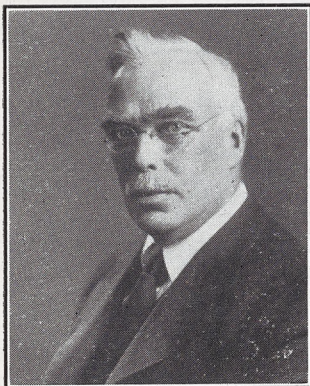
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DEAN OF COLUMBIA COLLEGE GUEST SPEAKER MONDAY NIGHT

Dean Herbert Hawkes, Dean of Columbia College, was scheduled to address Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class and Forum on Monday evening March 10th. Due to illness Dean Hawkes was unable to attend, but was willing to arrange for another evening. We shall therefore have the privilege of hearing Dean Hawkes on Monday evening, March 31st.



DEAN HERBERT HAWKES

Dean of Columbia College since 1918, he has been a prominent figure in the field of education. All men and women of the congregation, young and old alike, are cordially invited to attend.

MOVIES TO BE SHOWN SATURDAY EVE. at 8:30

The third in our series of Saturday Evening Programs will be presented tomorrow evening in the Social Hall. Arrangements have been made with the Park Department for the presentation of a motion picture.

The showing will begin at 8:30 p. m. and all members and friends of the congregation are cordially invited to attend.

CONDOLENCE

We extend sincere condolences to our loyal and devoted supporters, Bessie Abrams and Jack L. Abrams, upon the loss of their sister, Mollie Abrams.

W. S. I. S. FAMILY SEDERS April 11th and 12th

Our Community Family Seders will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Riverside Plaza on Friday evening, April 11th and Saturday evening, April 12th. Rabbi Goldstein will conduct the Seders and Cantor Zalmon Yavneh will lead in the singing of the traditional melodies.

To insure accommodations please make your reservations NOW. Telephone (TR 7-8281) or call at the synagogue office and make your reservation. The Seders are \$3.50 per plate.

RELIEF FUND MAKES PLEA FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

At this season of the year it is customary for all of us to make some contribution to the Passover Relief Fund. This Fund provides Passover provisions for needy families. All contributions may be mailed or left at the synagogue office.

Mrs. Annie R. Morris is Chairman of our Passover Relief Fund and Mrs. Samuel Michael is Co-chairman.

FOURTH ANNUAL DINNER-DANCE TO BE HELD ON APRIL 27th

The Fourth Annual Dinner-Dance of the W. S. I. S. will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Waldorf Astoria on Sunday evening, April 27th. Mr. Max E. Sanders is Chairman of the affair and Mr. Joseph Kraeler is Vice-Chairman.



LESTER UDELL

Mr. Lester Udell is once again our leading ticket salesman. In past years, he was always far ahead of any other ticket seller and once again he has started to pave the way.



Photo by Louis Landowne
DAY SCHOOL CHILDREN PARTICIPATE IN PURIM PLAY

Front row reading from left to right; Ellen Muhr, Marvin Teichman, Morton Berger, Back rows; Melvin Burnstein, Cecile Teichman, David Katz, and Julius Derechinsky. The children's picture was taken after they scored a stage hit with the presentation of a Purim play. We regret that Remee Merkin, the original Queen was prevented from being in the picture due to illness.



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SIGN AND SAVE

Our Rabbi has urgently appealed for affidavits for submission to Consular officials in foreign lands so that helpless refugees who, in the short span of the last few years have suffered untold mental and physical cruelties, may find a haven in this land of relative peace and freedom.

It is strange to note that most of our people are more willing to sign a check than to execute an affidavit. We assume that the reason for this is that they fear that some day they may be called upon to provide support for the particular refugee. Even if there were some basis for this fear, and legally there is not, we cannot sympathize with this attitude. God only knows in what position we will be five years hence. Logic and duty dictates that even if practically all of our material possessions were required to save the lives of our brethren today, the sacrifice must be made.

The Nazi regime was nurtured by those who sought to conserve their personal fortunes. By refusing to sign affidavits we are descending to the same loathsome conduct. As Jews, as Americans, and as human beings we must accept this opportunity to save the lives of those who cry out for assistance.

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R'CHASH
SEES
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THE 58th COMMANDMENT

By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Plaintiff and Defendant

The 58th Commandment commands us to judge between the plaintiff and the defendant, as we read in Exodus, Chapter 22 Verse 8 "For all manner of trespass, . . . which another CHALLENGETH to be his, the cause of both parties shall come before the judge." In other words if one wants a Din Torah the Beth Din must always be willing to let him have it. The presumption is that nobody will sue his neighbor unless he has some claim against him. According to the Bible an oath is extracted from the defendant, only when he confesses part of the claim. But if he denies the claim of the plaintiff COMPLETELY, or if he says, "I have returned it" then he is free from taking an oath. However, the Rabbis persuade him to do so (so as to be quit of all doubt). The plaintiff must make his claim clear. He must be exact, using terms in measures, numbers, or weights. On the other hand, the defendant in confessing part of the debt must be equally clear. He may not say "yes I owe you part or I owe you something", but must give a definite statement either in number, measure or weight. When a man denies everything, he may yet be confessing part of the claim of another species. Therefore, when one confesses part of the claim, it must be for the same species of the plaintiff's claim, as for instance, if the plaintiff says "you owe me ten quarts of oats" and the defendant confesses he owes him three measures of wheat, the defendant is free from an oath because he has denied completely and entirely the statement of the plaintiff that he owes him oats.

Miggo

In the case of Miggo, (Literally

"from the contents of"); - an argument that a statement should be accepted because a better statement made without fear of contradiction, as in the case of a woman who says she was taken captive but she was not outraged, she is believed because she could have said otherwise, and not made any reference to the fact that she was a captive, or if the plaintiff brings a note and the defendant says "the note is correct but I paid it and forgot to take the note back", he does not have to pay unless the plaintiff brings witnesses who signed at the bottom of the note that what is contained in the note is true. In other words, the defendant could have said, "I don't owe you anything" and not have admitted the existence of the note. In all such cases of "miggo" the defendant is free from payment unless there are witnesses to establish the contrary.

In the cases where the plaintiff says כרי "I am sure of my statement" and the defendant says שמה "perhaps" then the defendant swears and is free. On the other hand if the plaintiff says "perhaps" and the defendant says "I am sure", then the defendant is free even from taking an oath. If both say כרי "I am sure" then the defendant, according to the Rabbis is persuaded to take an oath and is free. The psychology behind this is that as a rule one who owes money is not so brazen as to deny the debt entirely.

We are now up to the case of נגלל שבועה the rule "permitting the Beth Din to give an additional oath," where the defendant could not have been compelled to do so were it not due to the fact that he made a partial confession of one debt. Then the plaintiff could make the defendant swear not only for the remainder above the partial confession in this matter, but for all matters with him, even where he would be free otherwise from an oath. So also in the case of a woman having been told by her husband not to be alone with a certain man, and is found alone with him by witnesses, then the husband makes her swear not only in regard to this man but for all men. Therefore we have in the Bible the word "Amen" twice in regard to the oath of the sota. "Amen" from this man and "Amen" from any other man.

EDITOR'S NOTE — The Rabbi invites comments from the legal profession.

THIS

AND

THAT



U. S. O.

By RABBI EMANUEL L. LIFSCHITZ

The present national emergency presents a marvelous opportunity for the unification of all three faiths in a common effort and the elimination of demagoguery and blind race prejudice among the American people. The above title represents the United Service Organization, the recently established national body, whose task is to coordinate the religious, social and recreational activities of the men in the Army and Navy. It is composed of the Jewish Welfare Board, the Y. M. C. A., and the Knights of Columbus.

The government plans the erection of two hundred buildings adjacent to military cantonments throughout the land. Each will prominently display, on the outside thereof, the letters U. S. O. Below it will read "Everybody welcome". In each of the buildings special floors or wings will be assigned to each of three faiths. In the Jewish wing there will be prominently displayed the letters U. S. O. Below it, "Jewish

Welfare Board" in cooperation with K. of C. and Y. M. C. A." Similar signs will be displayed in each of the various wings. The government plans erecting six hundred Chapels to serve the religious needs of the men. The Jewish Chapels will contain an Ark with a Scroll of the Law, uniform Prayer books and Prayer shawls. Upon completion of the buildings they will be turned over to the men of the three faiths to be staffed and administered by the co-operating agencies.

This is a splendid democratizing program for the men of the service and an honest-to-goodness effort to integrate Jews and Christians in the gigantic and ever-expanding program of national defense. Every young man will be afforded the spiritual comradeship, grace and upliftment of soul through participation in the religious and recreational activities to be offered.

In addition to the Jewish social workers the government is providing for 40 Jewish Chaplains with the rank of First Lieutenant. They are to be men of the highest spiritual and moral caliber. Their function is clear, -- to minister and to serve as ambassadors of good will.

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LARGE CROWD ATTENDS MEMBERSHIP TEA

Despite inclement weather a large crowd attended the Women's League Membership Tea, which was held in our building last Monday afternoon. Mrs. Larry Mirken was Chairman and Mrs. Irving Kobrin was co-Chairman.

Baroness Wrangel, a representative of Helena Rubinstein, gave a demonstrated lecture on "Grace, Charm and Beauty". The following women were kind enough to donate gifts for the affair: Mesdames Leo Applebaum, Samuel K. Beier, Lillian Grunear, Irving Kobrin and Sarah Levine.

CERTIFICATES PRESENTED TO BAR MITZVAH BOYS

Last Saturday morning, seven boys, that have been Bar Mitzvah within the last eight months were inducted into the national youth organization of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America. Bar Mitzvah certificates were presented to the following: A. Richard Britt, Frederick Beckhardt, Marcel Lewisohn, Arnold Moskowitz, Leon Remze, Joel Wasser, and Sylvan Weindling. This presentation will be made semi-annually in our synagogue.

YOUNG FOLK'S MINCHA SERVICE

Tomorrow afternoon, Arthur Finkelstein will read the Torah, Seymour Reichlin will read the Service, and Melvin H. Freidman will be the Speaker at the Young Folk's Mincha Service.

Getting Personal

Last week we had the privilege and honor of having with us Mrs. Isaac HaLevi Herzog, wife of the Chief Rabbi of Palestine. We hope she enjoyed our service as much as we enjoyed having her with us . . . A round of 21 inch salutes for Mr. Paul King, our new Sea Scout officer. Greetings and salutations . . . We are happy to learn that Selig Katz has been admitted to Bellevue Medical School . . . Nice goin' Selig, and if you follow in your father's footsteps you'll be O.K. . . . Our "Happy Birthday" message is extended to Mrs. David Messing, Mr. Max I. Stavish, Mr. Sidney 'Skipper' Harris, Mr. Harry Ward, and a special greeting to Mrs. Rothblatt on the occasion of her 70th . . . Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Morty Langer . . . SEEN AROUND THE BUILDING -- Director Henry Morgenstern and Stage Manager Harriet Silverstein planning the Drama Workshop's new production "Margin for Error"; Lester Lazarus giving everybody a broad "Hello" since his election as President of the Council and Louis Landowne posing seven children for a group picture . . . ****for "Adam Had Four Sons". The screen play was written by Michael Blankfort, son of Director Henry . . . Last week our good friend Max Winkler, the prominent Long Island Hotel owner, dropped in to say "Hello". We are always glad to see you . . . Congratulations to Mrs. Larry Mirken for doing a swell job on the Women's League Membership Tea. Beware, Larry, the Editors think that your wife is a swell wo-

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Light Candles Friday Evening 5:59
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Rosh Chodesh Nisan
Shabbos Hachodesh

Friday Evening Service 6:10
Saturday Morning Service 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:00
Rabbi Hurwitz Class in Talmud 5:00
Mincha Service 5:50
Sunday Morning Service
..... 6:45; 7:45; 8:45

Daily Services:

Mornings 6:45; 7:45; 8:15
Mincha 6:10

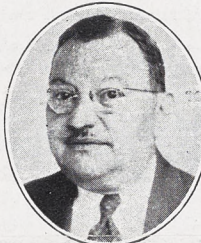
Followed by the Interpretation of the
Mishnah by Rabbi Goldstein

man . . . A hearty welcome home greeting to Shirley Kohan upon her return from College . . . Speedy recovery to Master Samuel Ward . . . Our "Sunday Chairman", Alexander Kirsh is kept busy by our activities . . .

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BOYS' WEEK SABBATH SET FOR MAY 10th

Judges Announced for Sermon Contest

We are happy to announce that Boys' Week Sabbath will be held on May 10th. A sermon contest will once again be held to determine who will deliver the sermon on that day. All sermons must be submitted by midnight April 24th. The judges for the contest are: Lawrence Mirken, Max E. Sanders and Samuel W. Siegel.

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