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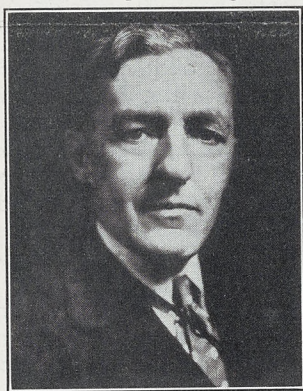
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PROMINENT AUTHOR AND EDITOR TO ADDRESS BIBLE CLASS

Mr. Michael Williams, prominent author and reporter was scheduled to address Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class and Forum on Monday evening, March 17th. Due to illness Mr. Williams was unable to attend, but was willing to arrange for another evening. We shall therefore have the privilege of hearing Mr. Michael Williams on Monday evening, April 21st.



MR. MICHAEL WILLIAMS

He 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. 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. Some of the books that he has written are "American Catholics in the War" and "Catholicism and the Modern Mind".

This will be the final session of Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class and Forum. All men and women of the congregation are cordially invited to attend the class and forum, which will begin at 8:40 P. M.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE PLANS OPEN MEETING

The Women's League of the W.S.I.S. will hold an open meeting on Monday afternoon, April 21st. Plans are being made for a very interesting program. All women of the congregation are cordially invited to attend. Mrs. Harry Ward is Chairman of the meeting and she will be ably assisted by Mrs. Joseph Landowne and Mrs. Benjamin Spanbock.

JOIN

To our many friends who attended our Congregational Seders and enjoyed the beautiful traditional rendition of them, I extend a cordial invitation to join as members of our Institution.

Dues are \$10.00 per year. By becoming a member you will help us to continue to render much needed service to the community.

JOSEPH SETTEL, Chairman,
Seder Committee

LARGE CROWD ATTENDS W.S.I.S. COMMUNITY SEDERS

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A large gathering was present at the W.S.I.S. Community Seders held last Friday and Saturday evening at the Hotel Riverside Plaza. Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein conducted the Seders and commented upon many passages of the Hagada. Cantor Yavneh led the singing of the traditional melodies and enriched the evening with his golden voice. Cantor Yavneh was ably assisted by Cantor Isidore Lauer.

All those that attended were deeply impressed by the dignity and spirituality of the services and expressed the hope that we will hold similar Community Seders next year.

ALL YOUNG MEN URGED TO PARTICIPATE IN YOUTH SERVICE

April 24th, Deadline For Sermon Contest

All young men of the congregation are urged to communicate with Gabriel Goldstein and arrange to participate in our Youth Service, which is scheduled for May 10th.

A sermon contest is being held to determine who will deliver the sermon on that Sabbath. Manuscripts must be submitted by Thursday, April 24th. They must be unsigned, and accompanied by a sealed envelope with the author's name. Mr. Max Sanders is the Chairman of the committee of judges, consisting of Mr. Lawrence Mirken and Mr. Samuel W. Siegel.

PHIL SANDS TO PROVIDE MUSIC AT DINNER-DANCE

We are happy to announce that Phil Sands and his orchestra will provide the music for our dinner, to be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Waldorf Astoria on Sunday evening, April 27th. Mr. Sands, a prominent orchestra leader, is well known for his lilting melodies. From past experience we know that he will help make the evening a perfect one.



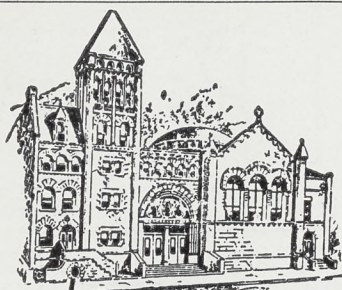
MR. PHIL SANDS

Call the synagogue office (TR. 7-8281) and make your reservations TODAY, as only a few days remain before our Dinner-Dance. Mr. Max E. Sanders, Chairman, Mr. Joseph Kraeler, Vice-Chairman and the entire committee are energetically working to make this year's dinner a huge success. Let us all cooperate with them by making our reservations NOW.

Monday, April 21st has been set as the deadline for ads for the Souvenir Year Book. A page has been set aside for the children of the congregation. Your child's name may be included in the "Children's Page" for only One Dollar per name. Help Morris Levine make this Souvenir Year Book a successful one.

JEWISH YOUTH LEAGUE TO HOLD SPRING DANCE

The Jewish Youth League will hold a Spring Dance in our social hall on Saturday evening, April 26th. Music, refreshments and prizes will be included in the evenings fun. All young men and women of the congregation are cordially invited to attend.



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A TASK TO BE ACCOMPLISHED

Once again the United Jewish Appeal, representing the combined forces of the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal, is engaged in a drive to raise funds for overseas relief work. Now more than ever these moneys are urgently required to alleviate the suffering of our foreign brethren.

It is difficult indeed for us to comprehend the tortures which are being experienced daily by Jews and other peoples in the war stricken areas. The radio and the press have done much to make us aware of what the war has done to civil populations, but even they are inadequate. The grim and terrible realities of war cannot be described vividly enough even by the best correspondent. Prime Minister Menzies of Australia only closely approached such an accurate depiction, following an air raid on Plymouth, when he said:

"I saw old men and old women, dazed and broken, led

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THE 59th COMMANDMENT

"The Paid Bailee and the one who Hires"

By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

The 59th Commandment deals with the law concerning the paid bailee and the one who hires something, as we read "If a man deliver unto his neighbor an ass or ox or sheep or any beast to keep. . ." Exodus 22:9. Unless otherwise stipulated, whenever one is given anything to guard his wife and grown up children may be included as guardians.

One who hires a moveable object, may not hire it to another, as the Ramban points out, the owner of the thing does not want anyone else to handle his possession, because he may not do so properly. However, in the case of immoveable objects, as for instance a house, then one may

along firelit streets to live on the kindness of friends. . . I felt inclined to throw away every restraint and call down the vengeance of God upon those who had caused this disaster".

What has taken place in the mind of Mr. Menzies must take place in our own minds. We must throw away every restraint and do everything possible to lift the burdens of hardship, suffering and anxiety. This demands sacrifice and thank God the only sacrifices which we must make today are material ones. We urge you to give TODAY and to give until it hurts for even then you will not have done all that must be done.

DEMOCRACY MUST MOVE AHEAD

On Thursday, April 10th, the President dramatically announced the acquisition of Naval and Air bases in the Danish colony of Greenland. This announcement was made exactly one year, to the day, after the Nazis engulfed Denmark. Undoubtedly this day was chosen to demonstrate

sub-let it, providing there are no more occupants than the original number of his family.

In the case of the paid bailee, or the one who hires, neither gets 100% advantage. The bailee who is paid, derives payment, but may not USE the article, and the hirer, whilst he gets use out of the article, must PAY for it.

If a laborer spoiled the material given him to work upon, he is obliged to pay because he is paid for his work. So too, a bank expert, whose task it is, to pass upon good or bad coins, if he makes a mistake and judges a bad coin to be a good one, he is obliged to pay. In other words if he is paid for his work he is responsible for his mistakes. However, if the employer is working around him when he is examining the account, and he makes a mistake or the thing is stolen or lost, he is free from his obligation to pay because the paid bailee or the employer feels that if the owner is present he will see to it that nothing is lost or is done wrong.

Thus an employee is by implication a hired bailee. He is not paid for his work if the thing is stolen or lost because the obligation to pay is only when he brings the finished work or product to the employer.

clearly the anti-Nazi character of the arrangement. More important, is the fact that we, a democracy, beat the Nazis at their own game. It was well understood that the Germans were ready to occupy Greenland.

It is encouraging to note that swift and forthright action is not the sole property of the Fascists, but that the democracies when sufficiently awakened, are equally capable of such effective techniques. Little by little we are learning that liberty is a prerequisite to the "pursuit of happiness" and that if we do not insure the continued existence of a state of freedom our "pursuit of happiness" will be frustrated. Our President is doing everything possible to retain for us the degree of liberty which we now possess. Developments may make necessary more drastic steps and, if we properly recognize that the protection of our freedom demands that we take certain risks we will enthusiastically support the foreign policy of our President.

THIS AND THAT



A RABBI'S FUNCTION

By RABBI EMANUEL L. LIFSCHITZ

One occasionally hears it said that the Rabbi in the Pulpit ought steer clear of subjects dealings with politics, national life, or the struggles going on in industry. Let the Rabbi concern himself with God and Judaism, the laymen will tackle the problems of the day. The latter point of view evidences an erroneous conception of the place and function of the religious leader in modern society.

Our Patriarch, Abraham, did not merely convert the pagans to the recognition of the Divine but also inveighed against and helped destroy the false gods of his day. Similarly Moses, when coming upon two of his brethren in conflict, did not merely preach a sermon about the virtues of his social amity but declared himself in no uncertain terms to the "Rasha", to the one in the wrong saying: "Wherefore strike you down your brother." Mt. Snai, where the world's most historic religious convocation took place, it was not an occasion for inspirational preaching, but one at which were given a code of laws, judgements and decisions governing every aspect of personal and social behavior.

Thus it was the sacred responsibility of the religious leader in every generation to be not merely the "Maggid" or "Darshan", the preacher, - the latter task was usually delegated to specially gifted men who could give balm to the heart and gratify the craving of the soul - the Rabbi was rather the "Rav", the teacher and the "Dayan", the judge whose duty it was to render courageous opinions and decisions whenever there arose a conflict either between individuals or social groups.

Judaism was never a system of

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

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 Friday Morning Service 9:00
 Exodus XIII 17 - XV 26 Haftorah:
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 Junior Congregation 10:00
 Friday Evening Service 6:30
 Saturday Morning Service 9:00
 Junior Congregation 10:00
 Mincha Service 6:25
 Sunday Morning Services
 6:45; 7:45; 8:45

Daily Services:

Mornings 6:45; 7:45; 8:45
 Mincha 6:30

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the Mishnah by Rabbi Goldstein**

creeds and dogmas unrelated to the realities of life and leasing merely to other worldliness and mystical obscurantism. Judaism was a pattern of personal and social conduct applied in the market places of old as it should and must be - if Judaism is to retain its vitality - the pattern of conduct in the political and industrial disputes facing our country in the present national emergency.

Hence it desolves upon the modern religious leader to assume the role of priest as well as prophet, to be the religious minister as well as to interpret and attempt to shed light and seek a solution from the Torah's vast store-house of learning, social philosophy and ethical experience for the many and vexing problems confronting us today.

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JEWISH MUSICIANS

One of the few composers who openly revealed his Jewish ancestry by his music was JACQUES FRANCOIS FROMENTHAL ELIE HALEVY. One of Halevy's most famous works is the poignant opera, "The Jewess," in which Halevy utilized old Hebrew melodies and the tragic history of his people.

Halevy was born in Paris in 1799. He studied at the Conservatoire de Paris and later at Rome, and was given a government bonus besides the Prix de Rome, all when quite a young man. When he returned to Paris from Rome he was made Professor at the Conservatoire, and vice-president of the Beaux Arts.

Of course, these honors do not really contribute to Halevy's fame. His chief merit lies in the beautiful light operas which he wrote, such as "The Bohemians," and the "Queen's Musketeers."

In his spare time, Halevy composed many selections with Hebrew librettos for some of the famous chazzans of Parisian synagogues. In this respect, Halevy was quite open in proclaiming his religion, together with his friend and contemporary, Meyerbeer.

There were a few faults ascribed to Halevy. In his later operas, there is a carelessness of technique, and a tendency to imitate some other composer. Please turn to Page 4

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Getting Personal

The W.S.I.S. Family Seders were greatly enjoyed by all present... and there sure was a large attendance... The Yavneh, Lauer, Kessler, Sabin, Sabsevit, et al. choir provided the melodies. Their tuneful songs are still ringing in our ears... Ne'er shall they be forgotten - and how can we forget our own Morris Jablow as choir master... Our impressive and inspiring Passover synagogue service was very well attended... We had the privilege of acting as hosts to Baron and Baroness Edouard de Rothschild, Judge Jehial Roeder and Mr. Robert Geller... Miss Marilyn Lunitz dropped in from the City of Brotherly Love and Director Jack Berlin returned from Fla. just in time to attend service... Also seen around Shul were our Max M. Horowitz and his son, David Spiro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Spiro, who we are happy to learn has been admitted to Bellevue Medical School, Irving Wiesen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Wiesen and Mr. and Mrs. Isidore Ehrman and their two charming daughters... Our best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery to Mrs. Samuel Lewis and Mrs. Morris Steinberg... The House of Gross celebrated the occasion of a "Pidyon Haben"... Mrs. Joan Horwitz Straussburg and "Cousin" Marilyn Mirken celebrate their birthdays together this week. Melvin "Buddy" (Associate Editor) Friedman also blows out candles - How many Bud? Birthday greetings to Mrs. Sam Davis... "The Bells Toll for Thee" - Dr. and Mrs. Henry Rafsky and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Seigel - on the occasion of their wedding anniversaries... Congrats.

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This photograph was taken while the children of the Hebrew School were conducting one of their model Seders, which were held last Wednesday and Thursday afternoon.

JEWISH MUSICIANS

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posers. Librettos from later operas also were poor, but Halevy, although an accomplished orator, had nothing to do with the writing of these. The greatness of Halevy may be illustrated by the admiration that Gounod and Massenet, his pupils, had for him. Whatever his faults or virtues might have been, he still remains one of the greatest composers of music that portrays the Jewish people.

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