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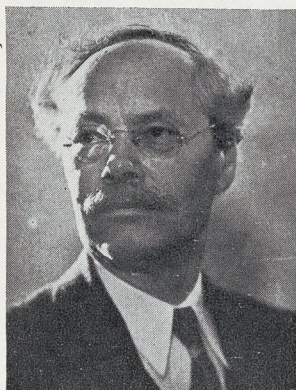
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"ETHICS OF THE FATHERS" IN ILLUSTRATED LECTURE

Mr. Saul Raskin, noted artist will present an illustrated lecture on the "Pirke Aboth" (Ethics of the Fathers) at the last session of the Laymen's Institute, Wednesday, April 30th. Mr. Raskin has prepared a group of etchings of the most striking passages of the "Pirke Aboth" and in them he has accomplished the task of embodying the abstract ideas and ethical axioms of it into concrete images.



MR. SAUL RASKIN

Along with the slides he will lecture on the origin, character, wisdom, humor, charm and place that the "Pirke Aboth" has in the heart of the Jewish people. This is the first time in 1800 years that an illustrated lecture has been prepared on this subject.

All members and friends of the congregation are cordially invited to attend. Mr. Raskin's address will begin promptly at 8:30 P.M.

APPEAL MADE ON BEHALF OF U.J.A. AND RABBI HERZOG'S FUND

Last Saturday morning over Four Thousand dollars was raised in response to an appeal made on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal (Joint Distribution Committee, National Refugee Service, United Palestine Appeal) and Chief Rabbi Herzog's Emergency Fund, to save Yeshiva students in Japan and to maintain educational institutions in Palestine.

If you have not as yet made your contribution, please do so immediately. The need is urgent and the matter of time is of utmost importance. Mail your check today to the synagogue office.

DINNER DANCE TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY EVENING, APRIL 27th



MR. MAX E. SANDERS, Chairman

PARTS DISTRIBUTED FOR "BOYS' WEEK" SABBATH

Parts have already been distributed for "Boys' Week" Sabbath, to be held in our synagogue on Saturday morning May 10th, but if there is anyone that has not received a part and desires one, please communicate with Gabriel Goldstein within the next week.

The Sermon Contest came to a close last night and the manuscripts are now in the hands of the committee of judges consisting of Mr. Max E. Sanders, chairman; Mr. Lawrence Mirken and Mr. Samuel W. Siegel. Their decision will be announced in a subsequent issue of the REVIEW.

NEW CLUB CHOOSES NAME

The new girl's club, that meets every Saturday evening announces that it will be known as the "Mada-jehs". This group consists of girls between 14 and 15 years of age and they meet every Saturday evening at 7:45 P.M. All young girls interested in joining are cordially invited to attend tomorrow evening.

LARGE CROWD EXPECTED TO ATTEND GALA FUNCTION

Phil Sands and his Orchestra
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There is still time for you to make your reservations for the Fourth Annual Dinner-Dance of the W.S.I.S. to be held this Sunday evening in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Waldorf Astoria. Mr. Max E. Sanders, Chairman, and the entire Dinner-Dance Committee are busily engaged making final arrangements to insure a perfect evening for all those attending.

Once again we shall have the pleasure of dancing to the soothing melodies of Phil Sands and his orchestra. Mrs. David H. Ullman Chairman of the Entertainment Committee is securing outstanding entertainers to appear at the affair.

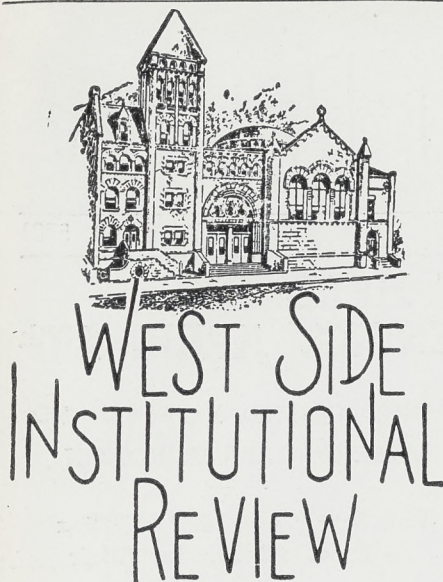
Mr. Morris Levine, Chairman of the Souvenir Year Book announces that the Year Book has gone to press and will be in readiness for distribution to our dinner guests. All in all the Fourth Annual Dinner-Dance of the W.S.I.S. promises to be a "hit".

RABBI GOLDSTEIN TO ADDRESS "CHURCH OF THE AIR"

Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein will speak on the "Church of the Air" on Sunday afternoon, April 27th at 1:00 P. M. on radio station WABC (Columbia Broadcasting Co.)

RUMMAGE SALE

The Women's League is making plans for its Annual Rummage Sale. If you have any packages for us, please notify the synagogue office, and we shall arrange to send for them.



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TOWNSEND HARRIS H. S.

For the second time in three years, Townsend Harris High School, the preparatory school to City College, is threatened with abolition. In his executive budget, Mayor LaGuardia has reduced by approximately one-third the amount of money necessary to enable Townsend Harris to operate normally during the coming fiscal year. He proposes, during each of the next three years, to cut an additional \$100,000 from the school's normal annual \$300,000 appropriation. Thus, in three years, Harris will be non-existent.

Established approximately forty years ago, Harris has compiled a record unique in the annals of free education. It is the only public high school in New York State in which a student normally completes a four year course of study in three years. It has the highest scholastic standing among publicly supported secondary schools in the state, and sends 99% of its graduates on to college. And yet by cutting \$100,000 from the school budget, the Mayor has cut out the incoming freshman class.

"AS
 R'CHASH
 SEES
 IT"



THE 60th COMMANDMENT

The Borrower

Part I

By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

The laws concerning the borrower are based upon Exodus, Chapter 22 Verses 13 and 14 "And if a man borrow ought of his neighbor and it be hurt, or die, the owner thereof being not with it, he shall surely make it good. But if the owner thereof be with it, he shall not make it good." The borrower who is considered according to the law, a bailee or a custodian, gets full use of the thing borrowed, and yet does not have to pay for it. He is liable for every form of mishap, be it theft, loss, or accident. The reason for this is, that the borrower for all purposes, is as the owner of the animal. Just as the owner suffers a complete loss

when the animal dies a natural death, so must the borrower. However, if the owner of the article was in service together with the article borrowed, as for instance, the owner was the driver of the animal, the borrower is not held responsible for an accident, or any other form of loss. Since the owner is with the article, let him watch it.

On the other hand, if the owner was present during the accident, but he was not there at the time of the loan, then the borrower is obliged to pay for the accident, because the Bible says **וְכִי יִשְׁאָל** "he was not with him" **וְכִי יִשְׁאָל** "when he borrowed". (Exodus 22 Verse 13)

The borrower is also free from paying when the animal dies because of work, or when the borrowed vessel is broken because it is used. However, if the borrower overtaxed the animal's strength or misused the borrowed vessel, then of course the borrower is obliged to pay for the loss. In all these matters the borrower is believed, if no one is present, when the animal died or the thing borrowed was broken. However, if there were people present when the animal died, then the borrower must bring witnesses that it died because of the work it performed.

We don't know what percent of the city budget \$100,000 is, but we are sure it is infinitesimal when compared to the valuable service Harris has given the community.

We question, in fact, the soundness of the Mayor's economy. Certainly the boys who would ordinarily seek their secondary education in Townsend Harris will still attend a high school at the taxpayer's expense, and for four years, not three. Furthermore, the tenure of the teachers now at Harris will be protected by the city.

Outside of purely budgetary considerations, Townsend Harris presents numerous advantages to the community. By fostering the High Schools of Needle Trades, of Science, and of Music and Art, the Mayor has acknowledged the educational value of schools devoted to the training of students with special talents. Townsend Harris is the only public school in the city that exclusively offers pre-professional training to carefully-chosen, academically-inclined boys. Would not its abolition be inconsistent with the admittedly pro-

gressive trend indicated by these other specialized schools?

The fact that Harris affords the opportunity to save a year is important to those pre-professional students who must complete anywhere from three to six years of graduate work once they have finished four years at college. And for those students who must hurry their education because of financial necessity, the extra year is practically valuable.

But there is, we feel, a much broader reason for not abolishing Townsend Harris. We are spending billions of dollars on guns and planes and battleships to protect democracy in her present period of crisis, but what are we doing to secure her future? The front-line of tomorrow's democracy lies in the education our youth are receiving today.

Retrenchment in education is generally a perilous position for democracy. When the retrenchment consists of abolishing a school which has served the community as faithfully and as well as has Townsend Harris, it deserves especial condemnation.

M. S.

THIS AND THAT



THE INDISPENSABLE NEED

By RABBI EMANUEL L. LIFSCHITZ

Nations are perpetually at war with each other. There is perpetual want in the midst of plenty. One is overwhelmed at the amount of destruction, human misery and suffering that is gripping our world despite the fact that our scientists have developed techniques to cure almost every physical, spiritual and social ill.

The cause for all this is that we, who are identified with western civilization have progressed only in the realm of materialism. Our spiritual horizons have not been extended in practise, beyond formal ecclesiastical pronouncements. Our sense of God-consciousness has not deepened. The ability to dedicate and consecrate ourselves to that which is greater than we - to God, we have nearly completely ignored. The quality of spiritual inwardness and of the whole-souled personality have ceased to be the mark of success.

We dream of preparing our children to enter upon a successful business or professional career, by putting them through grade A schools and by providing them with advantageous social contacts. But how often do we think of developing our children into spiritual heroes? How often do we encourage them and set the indispensable example for them, to develop an unshakeable and uncompromising character? How often do we whisper into their ears, "Be a success with God" or "Profit less, if it means to hurt someone else more". How often does the spirit of Godliness enter our hearts and minds other than when death overtakes a dear one or sickness overcomes us?

Western civilization despite all its outer success is doomed until it shall have achieved inner success as well, until it shall have en-

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE	
Light Candles Friday Evening	6:29
Weekly Portion SHEMINI	
Blessings for the New Moon	
Friday Evening Service	6:30
Saturday Morning Service	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:00
Rabbi Hurwitz's Class in Talmud	5:25
Mincha Service	6:25
Rosh Chodesh	
Sunday Morning Services	
	6:40; 7:40; 8:40
Monday Morning Services	
	6:40; 7:40; 8:10
Daily Services:	
Mornings	6:45; 7:45; 8:45
Mincha	6:35
Followed by the Interpretation of the Mishnah by Rabbi Goldstein	

throned within its fleshy heart the qualities of Justice and Mercy, Love and Humility, - until it shall have discovered the greatest of all wisdoms, the fear of the Lord. "If thou seekest her as silver and searchest for her as for hidden treasures, then thou shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord".

WOMEN'S LEAGUE ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel presided over the last meeting of the Women's League and Mrs. Joseph Landowne and Mrs. Benjamin Spanbock acted as hostesses. The date for the Women's League Scholarship Dessert Luncheon, Mah-Jong and Bridge was set for Wednesday afternoon, May 14th. Tickets are One Dollar, and the proceeds of this affair will help take care of the many refugee children in our Talmud Torah. The committee headed by Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel with Mrs. Siegfried Bendheim and Mrs. Joseph Anderson, co-chairman and Mrs. Fay Seligman as Treasurer, is making plans for an unusually delightful afternoon. All women of the congregation are cordially invited to attend.

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A MESSAGE TO SADYE COHEN

As one of your friends
I have appointed myself
As a committee of one
To tell you that
All's well, Sadye!

I must tell you first about Charley
And the boys.
I have heard of love that is eternal,
But it was only a stereotyped phrase-
Until I saw the inside of Charley's
heart.

There never was but one Sadye,
And there will never be;
For to Charley you were and are
The unmatched pearl, lovely, warm
and real.

And let me tell you about Morty
And Jay.
You have done your work well.
Morty is of sterling worth
And will prove worthy of your
teaching;

And Jay is sweet and good;
Both a constant joy to Charley.

Your loved ones and your friends
Feel you are always with us.
Your work at the Synagogue
Is bearing rich fruit.

Be of good cheer, Sadye,
Thy work was well done;

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BEHIND PRISON WALLS

By Harold Levine

A world within a world - that is Sing Sing Prison. Last week, Cantor Isidore Lauer and I accompanied Cantor Zalmon Yavneh on a trip to the prison where he conducted a special Passover Service. Although there was a feeling of uneasiness and tenseness among the guard and prisoners as an aftermath of the recent break; the inmates talked freely.

Up until about 3 o'clock, the prisoners work at a trade or they attend classes at their school. After that time they are free to participate in any activities that they desire until about 6 o'clock. When a prisoner arrives at Sing Sing Prison he is assigned to the old cells for approximately three weeks, then he is transferred to the new improved cells. Work, study, library, movies, recreation and religious services are all part of the world at Sing Sing. The men living in that world are dangerous to our society, but they can and will be corrected, so that when they do return, they will be honest, religious and sincere citizens.

There are approximately 250 Jewish inmates in the prison. Rabbi Joseph Katz, Chaplain, in a sermon delivered to the men at the service said, "I am pleased of the fact that no Jewish men were involved in the break last Sunday evening. In fact, one of our men, by endangering his own life, saved the lives of two men." He concluded by saying that "if men followed the way of God, there would be no need for prisons."

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Getting Personal

Two members of the W. S. I. S. family "broke into print" last week. Gabriel Goldstein, son of Rabbi and Mrs. Goldstein, after reading a paper at the American Chemical Society convention in St. Louis, received publicity in Time Magazine, New York Times etc. Spencer J. Dworkin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Dworkin, a winner in a nation-wide essay contest, had the essay printed in The Journal of Educational Sociology, published by New York University. Spencer's essay was quoted in Sunday's edition of the New York Times. Local boys make good. . . Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mr. Gus Roth and to Mrs. William Basser - sorry to hear that you're ill. We were glad to see George L. Livingston and family come around last week. By

the way, we missed up on George's birthday awhile back-but we'll make up for it with a hearty "Happy Birthday". . . Greetings to Bobby Livingston on birthday No. 22. . . We send birthday candles to Harold Udell and Renee Langer. . . Lebanon Hospital held a celebration last week at the laying of the cornerstone of their new building. We are happy to learn that our own Levi Hershfield has been a director of that institution for 50 years. . . We welcome Mr. Nadich, intimate friend of Chaim Weitzman and the Rothschilds, who prayed with us last week. . . A toast to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Davis on the occasion of their wedding anniversary. Best wishes. . . So long now until we meet again - Sunday night at the Waldorf.

BAR MITZVAH



HOWARD BEDRICK

We extend our hearty congratulations upon the Bar Mitzvah this Sabbath at our Synagogue of Howard Bedrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Bedrick.

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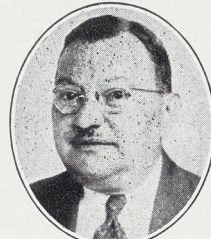
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