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WOMEN'S DESSERT LUNCHEON ATTRACTS LARGE CROWD

Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel, the very active Chairman, together with Mrs. Joseph Anderson and Mrs. Siegfried Bendheim as Co-Chairmen and Mrs. Lawrence Mirken as Treasurer are to be congratulated on the success of the Scholarship Dessert Luncheon. The following women were on the committee in charge of the affair: Mesdames: David H. Ullman, Sam Davis, Max Frank, Philip K. Gertner, William Horwitz, Moses Langer, George L. Livingston, Nat Trotzky, and Lester Udell.

Mrs. David H. Ullman presided at the final meeting of the Board of the Women's League held last week. Plans were made for the Annual Fall Luncheon to be held at the Hotel Waldorf Astoria on November 18th, 1941. The Board voted to become the sponsors of the Day School, which has been conducted in our building for two years. They pledged to make a definite allotment towards the annual budget and they also decided to take a personal interest in the various phases of the school. A committee is to be appointed to be in charge of this project.

Due to a "Day of fasting and prayer" decreed by the New York

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HEBREW SCHOOL PLANS FIRST GRADUATION EXERCISES

The Hebrew School is now making plans for its first graduation ceremony, to be held on Wednesday evening, June 4th. The Hebrew School and Day School will hold a Shevuoth party on the same evening.

Jerry Hellman will deliver the sermon at the Junior Congregation service tomorrow morning. Philip Golding is the representative to the Junior Congregation from Class Daled.

CONDOLENCE

We extend sincere condolence to the family of the late Sam Beckhardt, father of our Hebrew School student Fred Beckhardt and son-in-law of Mrs. Jennie Greenfield.

BAR MITZVAHS



A. Ginsburg



S. J. Sadowsky

Two Bar Mitzvahs will take place tomorrow, Saturday May 17th, at our synagogue. The boys are Albert Ginsburg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ginsburg and Stanley Jay Sadowsky, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Sadowsky. We extend heartiest congratulations to the youngsters and to their parents.

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR U.J.A. and RABBI HERZOG'S FUND

We have received contributions for our appeal on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal and Chief Rabbi Herzog's Emergency Fund from the following: Adolphe Adler, Mrs. P. G. Abrahams, Miss Bessie Abrams, Joseph Anderson, Harry Appel, Mrs. Bessie Bach, C. H. Bendheim, Siegfried Bendheim, Moses J. Berlin, C. Birnbaum, Mrs. M. Bergman, Miss L. Benson, Henry Blankfort, Mrs. Lillian Blode, Mrs. D. F. Bloch, Bernard Breitbart, Joseph Buchsbaum, David L. Charal, Mrs. H. Cohn, Charles Cohen, David Cohen, Joe Cliff, S. Dinn, S. Dressner, S. M. Drukker, Mrs. A. Dworkin, Moses Dyckman, Mrs. Mathilde Epstein, Mrs. William Etra, Maurice M. Faber, Samuel Fasten, Myron Freidlander, Abe Freidberg, Miss Thelma Freezer, I. M. Friedman, Melvin H. Friedman, M. Frank, Dr. Milton S. Fine, Emanuel Fine, Mrs. M. H. Fishman, Mrs. Jane Udell, Miss Martha Robinson, John Gell, Moses Goldberg, Dr. Benjamin Goldstein, Simeon H. F. Goldstein, Rabbi H. S. Goldstein, Mrs. Flo Goldstein, George A. Gold, B. Greenberg, Herman Greenberg, Mrs. A. Greenspan, Harry Goodman, Mose Goodman, Mrs. Fannie Goodman, Mrs. Nathan Gross, Hillel Avrum Gross, Mr. and Mrs. L. Gross, Joseph S. Gruss, Charles H. Hirschhorn, Max M. Horwitz, Louis Hy-

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YOUNG FOLK'S REUNION HUGE SUCCESS Large Crowd Discusses "Synagogue and Youth"

The young people of our synagogue gathered last Saturday afternoon to discuss the question "What the Synagogue can do for the Young people and what the young people can do for the Synagogue?". The discussion was stimulating, thought-provoking, spirited and enthusiastic and the young people presented many illuminating points on the question.

The following young men and women addressed a few remarks to the group: Moses Feuerstein, Gabriel F. Goldstein, Leonard Feinstein, Simeon H. F. Goldstein, Naomi Greenberg, Selig Katz, Charles Krenkel, Lester A. Lazarus, Shepherd Levmore, Muriel Livingston, Paul S. Newman, Claire Rosenfeld, and Maurice Spanbock. The Women's League was hostess at the social hour which followed the discussion.

Mrs. Annie R. Morris was in charge and she was ably assisted by Mesdames: Samuel K. Beier, Louis Davis, Philip K. Gertner, Herbert S. Goldstein, Harold Kaplan, Herman Livingston and Samuel W. Siegel.

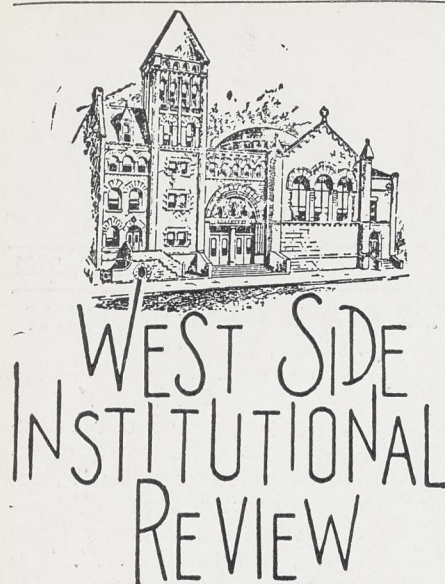
The reunion was followed by the Young Folk's Mincha Service, which brought to a close our 1941 "Boys' Week" Sabbath.

MEMORIAL SERVICE TO BE HELD MONDAY EVENING AT 8:30 P. M.

On Monday evening, May 19th, we will conduct a special Memorial Service for the departed, whose names appear on our memorial plaques. Rabbi Goldstein will officiate at the service and Cantor Yavneh will chant a memorial prayer. All members of the families of the departed are invited to attend. The service will begin promptly at 8:30 P. M.

UNVEILING

The unveiling of a monument for the late LILLIAN R. SILVER, Hon. President of the Women's League, wife of our director, Samuel Silver, will be held at Acacia Cemetery, Ozone Park, Sunday, May 25, at 2:30 P. M.



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(We quote the following from the two winning sermons in the sermon contest. Paul S. Newman was first and Fred Ehrenfeld was second.)

YOUTH'S FAITH

By Paul S. Newman

The youth of today have been called atheists and materialists. To the older generation some of us seem to mock and ridicule religion, calling the proponents of religion "superstitious fools". If some of us are guilty of this ideology, it is not entirely our fault, for we are bewildered in this amazing world. We are living in a civilization, whose culture has been integrated with scientific investigation. The youth of today have adopted the scientific attitude and test everything, seeking its fundamental truth. Unfortunately, in our researches in theology some of us have failed to realize the narrowness of human thought.

We have trampled the fields of human feeling, the emotional need of a God, in our blind rush to the mounted altars of reason. We have lost faith in faith, overlooking the fact that we worship reason by

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THE 62nd COMMANDMENT

The Witch

By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

The 62nd Commandment reads as follows: "Thou shalt not suffer the witch to live.", Exodus, Chapter 22 Verse 17. Witchcraft is an attempt to engage in supernatural powers. The Torah is very emphatic and stringent in regard to witchcraft and it endeavors to wipe it out completely. Witchcraft misrepresents and destroys belief in God and in His natural laws. All its effects are directed against the scheme of creation. Therefore we are commanded to remove witchcraft from the world because it is against the will of God. God's will is that everything shall be ruled according to the Natural law ordained in the beginning of creation. "God created everything

according to its kind", (its genus and its species) as we read in Genesis, "and the tree yielding fruit after its kind and the herb yielding seed after its kind." Every blade of grass has its law "after its kind". Behind all this may be some clue to the laws of Shatnes (of mixing wool and linen together) or, of sewing diverse seeds together or of breeding different types of animals together. The Rabbis say in the Talmud that when a mule and a horse are mated they give birth to a wild ass,

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"If one is ever struck by this animal, he cannot be healed" (Yama 49a). The reason for all this is that it is against the scheme of creation. The Rabbis asked the question in the Talmud "Why is witchcraft called

כשוף? The answer is because

שמכחישי פמליא של מעלה it attempts to destroy natural law".

Witchcraft involves us also as a rule in superstition, which is against the Jewish religion. If the Beth Din or the court fails to carry out this law it is guilty of violating a negative commandment namely "Thou shalt not allow a witch to live". However, the judges do not receive stripes because we have a rule that wherever a negative commandment is violated but no act was done, as in this case, then no stripes are received as a punishment.

faith. The results are becoming apparent. We have cast away the iron-clad rules of Moses and the moral teachings of Judaism, substituting for them the imperfect and flexible man-made morality. Dictators have arisen, Hitler's law is a personal law based upon human reason. The Ten Commandments fall away and human reason tramples over human decency.

If the youth of today have become atheists and materialists it is only because we are living in a world which is oscillating between two forces. These forces are exemplified in the present war; the forces of religion and democracy as opposed to the forces of paganism and power. This is the last dying surge of the wave of paganism against the rock of religion, and we are but feeling the birthpains of a new dawn of humanity. When paganism has spent itself against the impregnable rock of religion, then shall man rise again in all his splendor and freshness of his soul, then shall he "walk humbly with his God". Some of us have been misled and have left the

paths of religion, but now we see that democracy and religion, the two pillars of human rights, are the forces with which we must align ourselves. Religion holds the light of Freedom in the world of growing darkness. Hope and prayer are the weapons of the free, faith in God and not in reason is our true faith, truth shall triumph, final victory is ours, with God we shall be courageous!

DIVINE INSPIRATION

By Fred Ehrenfeld

In the Fifth chapter of the "Ethics of the Fathers" we find a beautiful thought, reading as follows: "Every struggle which is being fought for God's sake shall in the end succeed; and every struggle which is not being fought for God's sake shall not succeed".

Indeed, how true this is today! Inspiration is the cause of the greatest spiritual triumphs of mankind. The inspiration of God caused the prophets to give to the world their great social messages. The same divine inspiration has enriched

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YOUTH AND THE SYNAGOGUE

By RABBI EMANUEL L. LIFSCHITZ

Because of the bitter and barbaric treatment accorded to Jews abroad for no reason other than that they be Jews, many young people here in America are ill at ease because of their Jewish heritage and identity. They therefore minimize their Jewish worth, indulge in self-humiliation and suffer a variety of neuroses in their struggling efforts to deny, neutralize, or slink away from Judaism. They indulge in various form of apostasy: they deny the faith of their fathers, sever their cultural ties with their people, affecting the gentile personality. Some even go still further, intermarry in their efforts to forsake Israel and the Torah.

To these unhappy folk the Synagogue turns and says: there will always be a Jewish people. For as God and the teachings of Judaism are eternal so is Israel who clings to the Torah an eternal people. No individual or group can succeed in destroying that which is indestructible.

Your efforts to divest yourselves of your Jewish soul will avail you nothing. The German catastrophe should be your lesson, a "lesson burnt into our people and into the world with beatings and flayings of the living flesh and unspeakable woe", — the lesson that Jews will remain Jews in the eyes of the gentiles despite every effort to assimilate either intellectually, spiritually or physically.

Hence says the Synagogue: enter my portals. There through devotions, communion and study in the company of fellow Jews you will discover the quiet assurance of the worth of your people and ancestral faith. By affirming your Jewish self you will find the liberation and discover the tranquility which you so yearn.

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE
Light Candles Friday Evening 7:50
Weekly Portion - EMOR
For those that usher in the Sabbath earlier light candles at 6:15.
Friday Evening Service 6:30
Saturday Morning Service 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:00
Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class 6:55
Mincha Service 8:00
Sunday Morning Services
..... 6:45; 7:45; 8:45
Daily Services:
Mornings 6:45; 7:45; 8:15
Mincha 8:05
Followed by the Interpretation of the Mishnah by Rabbi Goldstein

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"I go to the Fair, sir, as fast as I can."
"You aren't afraid of the Lion's loud Roar,
The Elephant's Rumble, the Tiger's sharp Claw?"
"Oh, no, sir, why should I have fear of such Things,
When I trust in God and the comfort He brings."
"Well, well, my young Fellow, what may your name be?"
"I call myself Faithful, but I clearly see
You're Mr. Agnostic; of you much is said,
But you stand Here doubting, while I go Ahead."

Laurence J. Rosan

President Roosevelt Proclaims

"I Am An American Day"

Our President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, has designated Sunday, May 18, 1941, as "I Am An American Day". He has urged all Americans to join in exercises to impress all our citizens of the special significance of citizenship in this Nation. The Major celebration in New York City will be held in the Mall of Central Park on Sunday afternoon.

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world civilization with the greatest masterpieces of art, science and of practically every achievement in the field of human endeavor. If the inspiration is feigned, however, the movement is doomed. The Crusades form a perfect example. They failed because they used God's banner to pursue materialistic aims.

The mission of the Jewish people is to bring this faith and this inspiration to the other peoples. The Jewish historian, Graetz, says: "When the sword is ravaging the outer world and the people devote themselves to murderous strife, the House of Jacob cares only that the light of the mind burn on steadily and that the shadows of darkness be dissipated." He observes here that the Jewish people play an important part in the building up in times of destruction. They do not despair in bad times. Defeatism is a word they do not know. They have seen many powers rise and they have watched these same powers fall. They know that if man rules for profit and selfishness his power soon crumbles. Only if man rules with God in mind, and therefore the welfare of humanity, can he endure.

Today again we see that in the midst of a war-stricken and strife-torn world, Jewish courage and spirit stands out. They are like a beacon standing in the midst of a storming and raging sea which tries to make it crumble and fall, but because the inspiration comes from God the beacon is destined to stand, to repel all attacks, as it has done in the past, until it will be replaced by a light which will be mightier yet; the dawn of mankind. The Jewish people shall be recognized as the torch which has never ceased to enlighten.

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Getting Personal

We sure were sorry when we heard that we missed up on Martha and Billy Horwitz's Twenty-Fifth wedding anniversary. Let us all drink a toast to two swell people . . . Last week's Youth Service was indeed inspiring. The parents of the boys that participated looked on with justifiable pride. Did you notice the swell ushering they did. . . and did you notice how important they looked - perhaps with some justification. . . Thanks are due to Rabbi Emanuel Lifschitz and Cantor Zalmon Yavneh for their assistance to the boys in preparing the service . . . Last Saturday was also significant in that our Director, Joseph Settel was back with us again. Glad to see you Joe. . . Danny (Camp Delawaxen) Trotzky and family were around last Saturday to watch our young people conduct the services. . . Also around the Shul (and we sure were glad to greet her) -

Mrs. Annie Eisenberg. . . Calling Mrs. Herbert A. Gossett - where art thou? We miss thee. . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. William Schapps on the arrival of a bouncing baby girl. Best of luck. . . The Women's League extends a cordial invitation to all to visit our newly decorated kitchen. It looks swell. . . Special Features Department. SEEN AROUND THE BUILDING - Mrs. Lawrence Mirken with sun glasses looking like a Hollywood glamour girl. . . IN OUR MAILBAG - "a young man in your synagogue said the maftir so beautifully that it was a pleasure to listen to it. . . I think that Rabbi Goldstein does wonderful work encouraging young people to take part in the service." Thanks for the comment on our services. . . A hearty welcome for Mrs. Muriel Sanders Blankfort (our Little Rock representative) . . .

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

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Rabbinate, the Women's League dispensed with its regular social hour last Monday afternoon. Mrs. Philip K. Gertner presided at the meeting and Miss Bessie Abrams and Mrs. Henry Kohan were scheduled to serve as hostesses.

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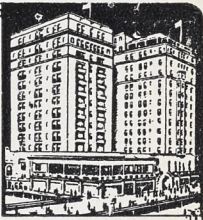


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