

# WEST SIDE INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW

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## BAR MITZVAHS



B. Feigenbaum



Ira Jossen

Two Bar Mitzvahs will take place at our synagogue tomorrow, Saturday May 24th. The boys are Barry Feigenbaum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Feigenbaum and Ira Jossen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jossen. We extend heartiest congratulations to the youngsters and to their parents.

## WOMEN'S LEAGUE RUMMAGE SALE

The Women's League has announced that as soon as arrangements can be made for a store, it will shortly open its Annual Rummage Sale. If you have any packages please call the synagogue office (TR-7-8281) and we shall arrange to send for them. Further announcements concerning the Rummage Sale will be published in a subsequent issue of the REVIEW.

## INTERNATIONALLY FAMOUS WOMAN TO ADDRESS

### MEETING OF WOMEN'S BRANCH OF U. O. J. C. A.

All Women of the Congregation Cordially Invited to Attend of the Greater New York Council; Mrs. Ethel Yahuda, wife of Professor Abraham Yahuda, will be the guest speaker at the Shavuoth gathering of the Greater New York Council of the Women's Branch of the U.O.J.C.A., to be held in our building on Monday afternoon, May 26th 1941. Mrs. Yahuda has recently arrived from England where she was President of the Jewish Women's League for Cultural Development; founder of a Domestic Agency for Refugees and Vice-President of the Ladies Auxiliary of Jews College in London. The topic of her address will be "Jewish women - Awake to a changing world!"

Mrs. Jacob M. Marcuson, President

## WOMEN'S LEAGUE CONDUCTS FINAL MEETING

Last Monday, afternoon, at the final Women's League regular meeting and session of Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class for the season, Mrs. Philip H. Gertner presided and Mrs. William Kropp and Mrs. Pincus Halle were the hostesses. The women were urged to work during the summer for the Annual Luncheon, which is to be held at the Waldorf Astoria on November 18th, and to reserve Monday, September 15th for the opening meeting of the Women's League.

The women are still talking about the lovely Scholarship Dessert Luncheon of May 14th. Thanks to that energetic Chairman, Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel that capable co-Chairman, Mrs. Siegfried Bendheim and those many splendid, ever cooperative and helpful members of the Women's League who served on the committee. The affair was an overwhelming success.

Mrs. Anna Dworkin, Miss Bessie Abrams and the Chairman donated the prizes of the afternoon.

## JUNIOR CONGREGATION AIMS AT 100% ATTENDANCE

All young boys and girls are cordially invited to attend the Junior Congregation. The services have been very successful, but the children of the congregation are aiming at 100% attendance of the youngsters of the synagogue.

## DO YOUR SHARE

The following have made their contribution to our appeal on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal and Chief Rabbi Herzog's Emergency Fund: J. R. N. Cohen, Meyer Davis, Mrs. J. Feigenbaum, Jacob Goebel, Esq., Harry Mirken, J. H. Silverstein, Henry M. Simon, Mrs. Ann Verschleiser.

Please make your contribution TODAY.

## SCOUTS HAVE ACTIVE SPRING PROGRAM

The synagogue committee on Scouting is planning a closing affair for the three scouting units of the synagogue. An all day outing of scout activities is being planned. Further announcements concerning this event will be published in a subsequent issue of the REVIEW.

## BOY SCOUTS

Last week the Boy Scouts went on a week-end hike to Kane's Open. This was the first over-night hike of the season and eleven boys went on the trip. A swell time was had by all and they plan to have another hike in the very near future.

## CUB SCOUTS

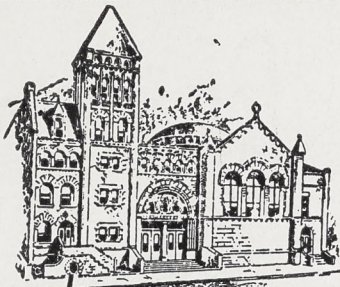
Mr. Emanuel Fine and Mr. David S. Galton have been busy reorganizing the Cub Pack. It has been announced that Dr. R. A. Berdove was appointed Cub Master.

## SEA SCOUTS

The Sea Scouts held their first week-end cruise of the season last week. The trip was a highly successful one and all that participated had an enjoyable week-end.

## 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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## "JOHN DOE IS A FIFTH COLUMNIST"

Early last fall we pointed out that the American people had two major tasks confronting them: one, providing all possible aid to Britain and two, the preservation and strengthening of our democracy at home. We warned, however, that our efforts to fulfill the second task should not be colored by the war situation. We felt then, and we still feel, that over-zealous patriots might, unwittingly, destroy democracy in their efforts to save it.

War fever fosters intense nationalism; and intense nationalism often revives the spirit of the Inquisition. Joe Doakes says that John Doe is a fifth columnist; ergo John Doe is a fifth columnist. The newspapers, unfortunately, are the midwives of the rebirth of this Thirteenth Century evil. When Joe calls John a fifth columnist it is front page news; but when Dick Roe declares that he can prove that Joe is a good citizen the item is buried on page twelve.

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## THE 63rd and 64th COMMANDMENTS

The Stranger - The Proselyte  
By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

The 63rd Commandment says "And the stranger thou shalt not vex." Our Rabbis say that this refers both to the stranger and the proselyte. He may not be vexed, teased or annoyed with words, because he is very sensitive. Another reason given is that here is danger that the proselyte because of any insults may return to his former ways. The 64th Commandment adds the words "nor oppress him." Our Rabbis, in the Mechilta, tell us that "nor oppress him" refers to commercial relationship with the stranger or the proselyte.

Every commandment has two parts: first, the good it does to others and second, the good that it does to

ourselves. Take charity for instance; when we do charity, we benefit others by the gift and we benefit ourselves by refining our soul through the gift. Maimonides points out, that as far as character is concerned, we do more in giving for instance ten times \$100 than in giving at one time of \$1000. Every time we are asked to give, a rebellious feeling is aroused, which causes us to say "Another Appeal!" Thus when one answers ten appeals, his character becomes more refined than if he just gave one large contribution. So, too, is it in regard to the commandment concerning the proselyte. If we do not tease him it makes his soul become better and by practicing this restraint we become the finer for it.

We may well be entranced by the Hebrew scriptures in so far that we are bidden 36 times "to love the stranger", "not to tease the stranger". It would be well for Christians to understand and to practice this commandment of the Hebrew Scriptures.

It is also interesting to note that in regard to the stranger, the same expression is used as regard to God, namely, LOVE - "And thou shalt Love the stranger" and "Thou shalt love God". God wants His children loved as much as He Himself.

We have long condemned the South for lynching first and sifting the evidence afterwards. When we slap an unpopular label on a man, merely on the word of one having no greater reputation for veracity than the accused, we are following the creed of the lyncher. Democracy is strengthened by meticulously following its principles and not by adopting the methods of the Gestapo and O.G.P.U. in the higher name of democracy.

*(We quote the following from comments made by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein on the occasion of "I am an American Day")*

## "I AM AN AMERICAN"

I suggest that our slogan should read "I am proud to be an American" instead of "I am an American".

To be an American means to subscribe to, to live by and if necessary to die for Americanism. To be a German today means to subscribe to, to live by and if need be, to die for Nazism. In other words, when we are citizens of a state, our

first duty towards it is loyalty, as expressed in everything that makes for patriotism. However, in the United States there is a spiritual, a higher interpretation of patriotism.

There is a difference between loyalty to America and loyalty to the Totalitarian States. Loyalty to German, Italy, Russia and Japan means making the state, God; whilst loyalty to America means to be right first with God and then with the state. Chief Justice Hughes has so well put it when he said "In the forum of conscience duty to a moral power higher than the states has already been maintained." This is the American interpretation of what we mean when we say "I am an American".

We must understand, forsooth, that the state is not God. When we make the state God, then can Nazism or Fascism, or Communism, become the dominant message of the state. Higher than the state is God. Therefore, here in our blessed United States our axiom is "For God and for country".

# THIS AND THAT



## AWAKE AMERICA!

By RABBI EMANUEL L. LIFSCHITZ

The wise and saintly Rabbi Israel Salanter was once asked the question "Why are those pursuing the "Sheker", the ungodly, the selfish and temporal things in life so successful, while those who pursue the "Emes", the Godly, the eternal, the worthwhile, the spiritually uplifting and soul-satisfying objectives, are often failures. In answer to the query the Rabbi said: "The former though all they may stand for be "sheker" nevertheless pursue it with "emes", with zeal, while the latter pursue the "emes" with "sheker", with indifference.

How timely and applicable is the foregoing thought to our own day. The forces symbolizing the overthrow of religion, the enslavement of man and world domination have pursued their goals with unrelenting zeal; have geared the heart and mind of their followers to a "sheker" sublimated into an "emes", - an ideal meriting sacrifice and self-abandonment. While the peoples aiming at the "emes" - the establishment of the kingdom of God on earth through religious, social and industrial democracy, have been merely doing lip service; permitting hunger in the midst of plenty, poor housing, bigot-

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Saturday Morning Service ..... 9:00  
Junior Congregation ..... 10:00  
Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class 7:00  
Mincha Service ..... 7:55  
Sunday Morning Services  
..... 6:30; 7:45; 8:45  
**Daily Services:**  
Mornings ..... 6:30; 7:45; 8:15  
Mincha ..... 8:05  
Followed by the Interpretation of the Mishnah by Rabbi Goldstein

ry, and class struggle to gnaw away at the very heart of the ideal they propound.

Thank God, America has awakened to the realization that these are no-days for mere words, but action - galvanized action, decisive action - on the part of all calling themselves Americans; action leading to the uncompromising victory of the "emes". We need to declare a moratorium on individual gain and pool all our resources in group security. Labor must neither threaten to, nor go on strike. Capital must yield to the fair demands of labor and together produce, out of the vast resources with which God has endowed America, an invincible instrument which will guarantee victory for the decent things in human living.

America united must wholeheartedly participate in the present struggle which we pray will emancipate the human race and write the new world Magna Carta assuring the elementary sovereign rights due to individuals as well as peoples of every faith, color or creed.

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## YISKOR SERVICE

Yiskor Services will be held in our Synagogue on the second day of Shavuoth, Monday June 2. At that time prayers will be offered in memory of the departed.

If you wish to have prayers said for your dear departed, kindly fill out and return the attached form. We urge that this information be in our hands before Shavuoth, in order that we may maintain order and decorum.

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### GETTING PERSONAL

Our newly decorated kitchen has attracted great attention. . . and why not. . . it's a swell job done by Mrs. Irving Kobrin, Mrs. Morris Jablow and Mrs. Annie R. Morris representing the Women's League. . . We gave a large order for birthday cards this week, as we have to send them to Dr. Jerome Goldstein (who celebrates his birthday today), Buddy Udell, Sylvan Marshall, Seymour Reichlin and (we almost forgot our boss) Joshua (Editor) Levine. . . Congratulations to Rev. Taitz on the arrival of a grandson. Mr. and Mrs. Murray Kurtzman call him "Sonny". . . Our best wishes for a speedy and a complete recovery to Meyer Davis. . . and to Mr. Nathan Levy, brother of our Women's League member, Mrs. Henry Kohan. . . We ought to designate this week as "Anniversary Week" - Mr. and Mrs. Harry Altman, Mr. and Mrs. Isidore Friedman, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Settel, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Udell and Mr. and Mrs. David H. Ullman all celebrate their anniversaries this week. We guess that they just couldn't wait until June to get married. . . Our women not only give of their service to the synagogue, but they find time to be of service to other worthy communal efforts. -Mrs. George L. Livingston held a Strawberry Festival in her home last week for the Jane G. Prince Scholarship Fund. Mrs. Albert H. Cohen has graduated as a Red Cross Nurse. Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, as a trustee of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, attended its Annual Meeting last week. Other trustees are such prominent personages as Dr. Carlton Hayes, Frank Kingdon, Dr. Mc. Cracken, and Dr. Everett Clinchy. Nice company to keep. . . Thanks to Mrs. Aaron Jacobs and Mrs. Harry Mirken for being so cooperative. . . Congratulations to Mr. M. Weingarten on the occasion of his 80th birthday. . . .

### CLUB DEPARTMENT PLANS ACTIVE SPRING PROGRAM

#### ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, May 29th, the Alumni Association will visit the Sheffield Farm Bottling factory. Plans have been made for future visits to various sites of interest. The Alumni Association has been invited by the Madajeks to attend its Puppet Show to be held in our building on Saturday evening, May 31st.

#### ISRAEL SOCIETY

The Israel Society has extended an invitation to Dean Herbert M. Schiffler, Dean of the School of Business of New York University, to address its meeting. Further announcements concerning Dean Schiffler's address will be published in a subsequent issue of the REVIEW.

#### THE COUNCIL

Mr. Wittenberg, in cooperation with a few members of the Governing Board, is making an analysis of the youth groups in the synagogue and plans to present a detailed report of their activities, to the Board of Directors.

### YESHIVA COLLEGE WOMEN PLAN STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Affair to be Held June 3

The Yeshiva College Women's Organization will hold a Mah-Jong, Bridge and Strawberry Festival on Tuesday, June 3, 1941 at the Jewish Center. Tickets are \$1.25 and are available at the Yeshiva College Women's Organization office, 1440 Broadway.



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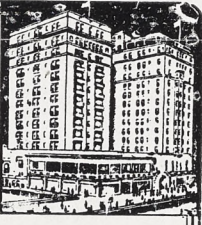
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