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JOHN ADAMS ON JEWS & JUDAISM

Reposing in a glass case in the museum of the Jewish Theological Seminary is a copy of a letter written by President Adams a few years after he left office, in which he pays a tribute to Jews and Judaism, which is the fairest and at the same time the most gracious ever penned by any friend of Israel.

It is addressed to F.A. Vanderkamp and dated, Quincy, 16 Feb., 1809. It reads as follows:

"The two most powerful, active and enterprising nations that ever existed are now contending with us. The two nations, to whom mankind are under more obligations for the progress of science and civilization than to any other except the Hebrews. This consideration affects me more than the danger from either or both. I respect the Hebrews for in spite of Bolingbroke and Voltaire I will insist that the Hebrews have done more to civilize men than any other nation. If I were an atheist, and believed in blind eternal fate, I should still believe that fate had ordained the Jews to be the most essential instrument for civilizing nations. If I were an atheist of the other sect, who believe or pretend to believe, that all is ordained by chance, I should believe that chance had ordered the Jews to preserve and propagate to all mankind the doctrine of a supreme, intelligent, wise, almighty Sovereign of the Universe, which I believe to be the great essential principle of all morality, and consequently of all civilization."

On July 31, 1818, on the occasion of the consecration of the Mill Street Synagogue in New York, he wrote:

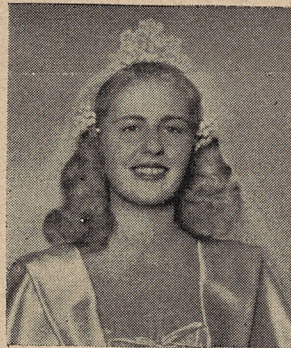
"I wish your nation may be admitted to all the privileges of citizens in every country of the world. This country has done much . . . I have had occasion to be acquainted with several gentlemen of your nation, whom I found to be men of as much honor, generosity and good breeding as any I have known in any sect or religion."

HARRY HERSHFIELD TO BE GUEST AT MONDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS

Popular Raconteur Promises Entertaining Evening

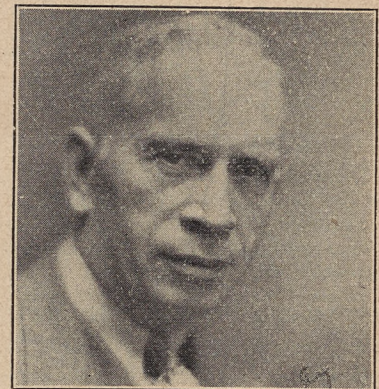
*Congratulations to
Mr. & Mrs. Adolph Meirowitz*

Best Seats to the Early Comers



Constance Meirowitz

We are very happy to felicitate our Director and Mrs. Adolph Meirowitz upon the marriage of their daughter Constance, to Lieut. (j.g.) Jerrold Kurtz, U.S. Maritime Service, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Kurtz. The bride was graduated from Vassar College in 1943 and was the 1939 Metropolitan Junior Golf Champion. The bridegroom attended Cornell and New York Universities.



Harry Hershfield

Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class which resumes this Monday evening at 8:40 P.M. will have as its guest speaker the celebrated cartoonist, wit and raconteur, Harry Hershfield. Mr. Hershfield, who has been with us on a number of occasions is now regularly dispensing his keen humor into millions of homes through the popular radio program, "Can You Top This?"

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MAZEL TOV UPON GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



We are proud to congratulate our beloved young couple, First Vice-President and Mrs. Aaron Wartels upon the celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary. In honor of the event, the family will tender a reception at the Synagogue, this Shabbos, immediately following the Services. All friends and relatives are cordially invited. To our very dear couple, we extend our wishes for many more years of health and happiness.



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Responsibility for Rights

The Jew, who is always first to suffer under any new blows of oppression, must think seriously of the global structure which will be set up in the future.

During the nineteenth century, the world placed its emphasis upon the development of the rights of man. At that time it was necessary to break down the artificial barriers which prevented national development and expansion. The aims and requirements of that era were the assurance of the rights of man.

The keynote of the future world will be the authority of people as well as the liberty of people. These concepts will be combined into a synthesis of true practical values for man's nature and needs. Therefore, the stress must be placed primarily upon **responsibility** rather than upon **rights**. It is necessary first of all to secure the services to be rendered to the community rather than think of the immediate benefits and profits to be derived from it.

World organization is inevitable. An international consciousness and allegiance must be developed as well as an international responsibility. Z.Z.



202nd COMMANDMENT

The Nakedness of Thy Brother's Wife

by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

We read in Leviticus, Chapter 18, Verse 16, "Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy brother's wife." This prohibition also holds even if his brother divorced his wife. However, the Torah makes an exception where the obligation was placed upon a man in Biblical times to marry his brother's widow should his brother have died without issue. It makes no difference whether the brother be of one father or of one mother or whether he be an illegitimate child, nevertheless he is called at all times a brother.

203rd COMMANDMENT

The Uncovering of the Nakedness of a Woman and Her Daughter

It is written in the Book of Leviticus, Chapter 18, Verse 17, "Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of

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a woman and her daughter." This refers only in the case where one married either of the two first. In that event, he had the mother, or the daughter, whoever was the latter, are to be punished by fire because the first one, whether it be the mother or the daughter who was married to the man, did nothing that was wrong. If one had union with either one after the death of the other then the punishment is by excision.

204th COMMANDMENT

The Nakedness of a Woman and Her Son's Daughter (Granddaughter)

We read in Leviticus, Chapter 18, Verse 17, "Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of a woman and her daughter." This law as in the previous commandment refers only to the case where one of them is married to the man. Both malefactors are to be punished by fire. If one of them died, and if the sin was committed premeditatedly, then they are both to be punished by excision.

205th COMMANDMENT

The Nakedness of a Woman and Her Daughter's Daughter (Granddaughter)

We read in Leviticus, Chapter 18, Verse 17, "Thou shalt not take her daughter's daughter to uncover her nakedness." The laws concerning this commandment are the same as the previous one.

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

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Not only is Mr. Hershfield famous for his humorous oratorical declamations, but he is a most ardent worker in the cause of Jewish Charities.

This promises to be one of the outstanding Forum evenings of the year, and so a word to the wise will suffice—better come early for a seat.

Women's League Notes

A regular meeting of our Women's League and Session of Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class will be held on Monday afternoon, January 15th, 1945 at 2:30 o'clock. The Hostesses at the Social Hour following the meeting will be Mrs. Allen Fox and Mrs. Louis Herbst. All the women of the Congregation are cordially invited to attend.

CONDOLENCE

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the family of our beloved member, the late SAMUEL LEWIS, upon his recent passing.

NEW GROUP PLANS ACTIVE PROGRAM

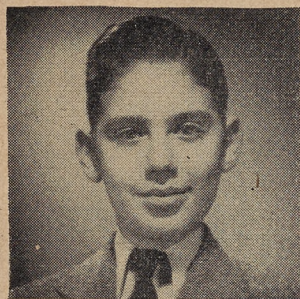
"613 Club" Features Book Review

The "613 Club," newly organized group of young men and women, will hold its regular weekly meeting on Sunday evening, January 14th. Dan Schacter will review the book "Is Sex Necessary," the new satirical best seller.

The organization has embarked on a program of extensive activities. They plan to publish a newspaper for distribution among the men and women in the armed forces, who are associated with the Synagogue. Arrangements are also being made for social and philanthropic functions.

The group meets in the Synagogue building every Sunday evening at 8:30 P.M. All young men and women over the age of twenty are cordially invited to join.

BAR MITZVAH



Jean Paul Weil

Congratulations to Mrs. Alice R. Weil, upon the Bar Mitzvah of her son, Jean Paul, which will take place at our Synagogue tomorrow morning. Mrs. Weil invites the Congregation to a kiddush after the services.

Notes From Our Clubs

The newly elected officers of the Junior Club Council are: Joel Burshtein and Susanne Stern, President; Bernice Jacobowitz, Vice-President; Sonia Prochnik, Secretary; Ruth Kranz, Treasurer. We extend them our best wishes for success in their new offices.

A ping-pong tournament will be held in our Synagogue Building with the final play-offs taking place Saturday night and Sunday, January 27th and 28th.

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WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Blessing for the New Month
Rosh Chodesh Shevat—Monday
Light candles Friday evening 5:32
Weekly Portion: *Vaera*
Friday Evening Jr. Cong. 5:15
Friday Evening Service 5:40
Saturday Morning Service 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:00
Sabbath Afternoon Pleasure
Hour 3:15
Sabbath Afternoon Intermediate
Group 4:15
Sabbath Afternoon Youth
Conference 4:15
Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class 4:40
Ein Jacob Class 4:40
Mincha Service 5:40
Reader of Torah, Jason Jacobowitz
Reader of Service, Hillel Meyers
Maariv may be said 6:11
The Sabbath Terminates 6:21
Sunday morning Service 6:55, 8:45
Monday morning Service
..... 6:55, 7:55, 8:25
Daily Services
Mornings 6:55, 8:00, 8:30
Mincha 5:40
Followed by the Study of the Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein

Young Folks Sabbath Afternoon Conference

The Young Folks Sabbath Afternoon Conference will be resumed tomorrow at 4:15 P.M. to discuss the subject of "Socialized Medicine." Neil Ward and Renee Langer will speak and Josephine H. Goldstein will be the hostess.

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Chats About W.S.I.S.

By Morris Jablow

The Women's League of the WSIS is one of the most active organizations connected with our institution. A new member of that group confided to me of her pleasure and enjoyment in her association, and the tribute she paid to its management, should please every member.

The lady said "Ever since I joined the Women's League of WSIS I have acquired a genuine respect and admiration for the serious-minded women who attend the meetings. I am really enthusiastic about the scope of its activities. The Bible Class conducted by Rabbi Goldstein and the guest speaker once a month give one an opportunity for learning and culture; its participation in the fund raising for the United Jewish Appeal, Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, National Jewish Welfare Board, its providing scholarships for the poor children in the Hebrew School, its many kindly actions in helping the Synagogue in celebrating the Holidays, give one a feeling of doing something to make others happy. All-in-all I consider the yearly dues of \$3.00 a fine investment."

Don't you, our readers, think that all women living in this vicinity should join the Women's League of WSIS?

Getting Personal

All good things do come in threes referring in the case to Sidney N. Sands and his two fine sons who have joined the ranks of our Friday evening "regulars" . . . We omitted to thank our Director Elias Jacoby for his good work in the sale of concert tickets . . . Once again our Synagogue has displayed itself nobly in the recent War Bond Drive. Many thanks to all of you people for again helping us attain outstanding recognition for sales in the 6th War Loan. . . . Wedding Anniversary Congratulations are extended this week to our Director and Mrs. Max Moskowitz, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brand, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Kobrin, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Kommel, and Mr. and Mrs. Meyer L. Pargament . . . We welcome into the neighborhood Mr. and Mrs. David S. Mines who have moved into the Belnord. Will be glad to see them in our Schule soon. . . . Among our visiting Servicemen we were glad to greet QM/3c Ralph Schachter, fresh from England looking like a real veteran in those sea-legs . . . Birthday Greetings to the bride-elect Naomi Anderson, as well as to Mrs. William Horowitz, Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel, Myra Greenman, Morton Spanbock, and 3 year old Harry Irwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton B. Jacobs . . . We send our special Birthday wishes to Levi Hirshfield who passed his 88th milestone . . . Congrats to Robert Livingston, son of our Director and Mrs. George L. Livingston, upon his recent promotion to Captain. He is now serving overseas . . . We were happy to see Reuben Richman who returned after his 3½ week stay in Hot Springs, Arkansas . . . We were very happy to see our new "Daddy", M/Sgt. Danny Weiss in Synagogue last Saturday . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Allen Fox upon the engagement of their daughter, Rita Elaine to Lieut. Max Roth, MAC.

Our Metropolitan Opera House Concert Program

The outstanding program for our Concert at the Metropolitan Opera House will be published next week. There are still a few Dress-Circle and Balcony seats available. Call our office for reservations, TR. 7-8281.

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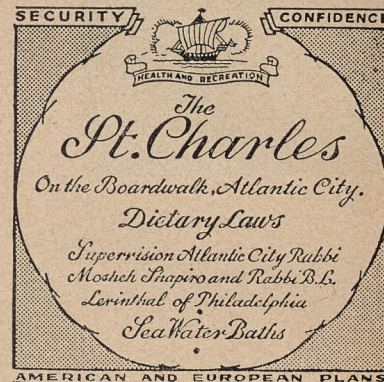
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