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Party-Catering Demonstration This Monday Afternoon For Women's League Members Only



Mrs. Myron Goldman

Mrs. Myron Goldman who is the capable, conscientious and well-spoken chairman of our Membership Committee has displayed a remarkable degree of zeal and ardor in the performance of her duties. The climax of her constructive activity will culminate in our forthcoming Membership Tea and Party-Catering Demonstration, which is to take place on Monday afternoon, February 19th at 2:00 o'clock at our building.

Send in your Women's League dues at once so that you may be able to attend this unusual function.

Mrs. Saul Bergman will be the hostess at the Social hour following the demonstration.

From Washington's 2 Letters To The Jews

*To the Hebrew Congregations in Newport
Rhode Island*

Gentlemen:

The Citizens of the United States of America have a right to applaud themselves for having given to mankind examples of an enlarged and liberal policy: a policy worthy of imitation. All possess alike liberty of conscience and immunities of citizenship. It is now no more that toleration is spoken of, as if it was by the indulgence of one class of people, that another enjoyed the exercise of their inherent natural rights. For happily the Government of the United States, which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance requires only that they who

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DR. EVERETT R. CLINCHY BIBLE CLASS SPEAKER

President National Conference of Christians and Jews

COMMUNITY SEDORIM

MARCH 28th & 29th

Due to the high cost of food we were reluctant to hold our Congregational Seder. However, we were persuaded that there is a real need for same.



Mr. Samuel Silver

Mr. Samuel Silver has again been appointed the Chairman of the Seder Committee. Arrangements have been made to hold the Sedorim in the Grand Ball Room of the Riverside Plaza Hotel 253 West 73rd Street. The price is \$7.75 for each person, each evening, to include all gratuities. All interested are requested to write or telephone without delay.

Yeshiva Appeal in Our Synagogue Brings Excellent Response

An appeal was made in our Synagogue last Saturday by Rabbi Goldstein and our president Lester Udell, for the major Yeshivos throughout the world in such far-flung corners of the globe as Shanghai, Siberia, Hungary and Palestine, which are now experiencing hardships to keep alive the study of the Torah.

Beginning with the next issue we will publish the names of all contributors. We trust that those who were not present will send their contribution.

Come Early to Get a Seat



Dr. Everett R. Clinchy

The guest speaker at the next session of Rabbi Goldstein's Monday evening Bible Class will be the renowned Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, President of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Dr. Clinchy, it will be recalled, has always presented very thoughtful and interesting messages in the past.

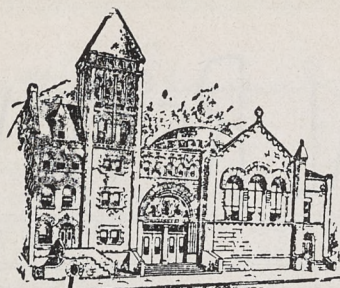
All of our readers owe it to themselves to be here to welcome him this Monday evening at 8:40 P.M.

Cantor Yavneh's Concert This Sunday Evening



**To Be Accompanied by
Samuel Sterner's Double Choir**

All of the friends of our Cantor Zalmon Yavneh are invited to be present at his Maariv Service and Concert of Liturgical Music which will take place in the Synagogue this Sunday evening at 8:30 P.M. Tickets are \$1.25 including tax.



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Washington—Father of American Religious Freedom

Racial prejudice is a topic of vital interest to us these days.

George Washington maintained a far sighted vision as to the prime importance of tolerance in the American way of life. His famous letter to the Newport Hebrew Congregation, stated, "All possess alike liberty of conscience and immunities of citizenship . . . For happily the Government of the United States . . . gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance."

Racial prejudice is usually based upon ignorance of facts. More men and women should be made aware of the motive *notabilia* in the formation of American principles. Washington's acclaim for American religious freedom is clearly reflected in our Bill of Rights — "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

In observing the anniversary of Washington's birth, we pay tribute to a man who helped foster two great ideals—America and Freedom.

Z. Z.



208th COMMANDMENT WORSHIP OF MOLOCH

by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

In Leviticus, Chapter 18, Verse 21, "And thou shalt not give any of thy seed to set them apart to Moloch." The commandment against idolatry had already been given in the second of the Ten Commandments. Our verse, however, singles out the worship to Moloch because it was the worst and at the same time the one to which the peoples of then savage world most adhered. Our verse also says וְמוֹרֵקָה "some of thy seed" but not "all." If one brought all his children for such worship even death penalty would not atone. Some say that the people used to bring one or more of their children to Moloch because they were assured by the Priests of the

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idol, that the rest of their children would prosper. The laws of the commandment are that he who would be guilty of worship to Moloch was to be stoned. This commandment is not only binding upon Israel but upon all mankind as well.

Moloch was a large metal figure with outstretched arms. Into its arms which were hot, the child to be sacrificed was, according to some placed therein, and according to others, was waved over the fire. In order to drown out the agonized cries of the victims, the Priests would beat upon their drums until the shrieks of the children ceased. Later, however, as human manners became milder, this ceremony was modified and made less inhuman.

Homiletically speaking, we parents in a spiritual way are guilty of giving our children over to Moloch, to strange fires, whether it be in sending them to Trefa colleges or to Military academies or to industries or professions where the Sabbath cannot be observed. When we see our children spiritually burning then in order to drown out the voice of conscience we employ such words as, careers, progress, modernity, 20th century. Alas, we ought to bow our heads in shame for this 20th century, —our modernity.

WASHINGTON'S LETTERS

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live under its protection should demean themselves as good citizens, in giving it on all occasions their effectual support . . .

May the Children of the Stock of Abraham, who dwell in this land, continue to merit and enjoy the good will of the other Inhabitants; while everyone shall sit in safety under his own vine and figtree, and there shall be none to make him afraid. May the father of all mercies scatter light and not darkness in our paths, and make us all in our several vocations useful here, and in his own due time and way everlastingly happy.

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To the Hebrew Congregations in the
Cities of Philadelphia, New York,
Charleston, and Richmond:

Gentlemen:

The liberality of sentiment toward each other, which marks every political and religious denomination of men in this country, stands unaparalleled in the history of nations.

The power and goodness of the Almighty, so strongly manifested in

the events of our late glorious revolution, and His kind interposition in our behalf, have been no less visible in the establishment of our present equal government. In war He directed the sword, and in peace He has ruled in our councils. My agency in both has been guided by the best intentions and sense of duty I owe to my country.

May the same temporal and eternal blessings which you implore for me rest upon your congregations."

(Signed) G. Washington

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Sabbath Afternoon Youth Conference

At the next meeting of the Sabbath Afternoon Youth Conference which will take place at our Synagogue tomorrow afternoon at 5:15 P.M., Joe Tilem will take the affirmative and Rene Langer the negative in a discussion of the topic of "Shall College Students Join a Fraternity or Sorority?" The hostess for the afternoon will be Minnette Verschleiser.

"Purim Get-Together" Given

By Women's League and Men's Club

The Women's League and the Men's Club of W.S.I.S. have arranged a joint Supper and "Purim Get-Together," on Monday evening, Feb. 26, 1945, following the Reading of the Megillah. Cards, Mah Jong, Music and a general evening of fun will follow. Tickets are \$2.00 per person, which includes the tax.

Because of the limited space, we must limit ourselves to members of both organizations and their guests.

Talmud Torah Assembly Marks Religious Freedom

The children in our Talmud Torah have planned a special assembly this Sunday treating the theme of religious freedom, to commemorate the birthdays of Lincoln and Washington. Mr. Julius Hyman will address the school on "Religious Freedom in the Constitution." Two short skits will be presented highlighting both Lincoln's and Washington's concern for religious equality.

Registration in the Talmud Torah and High School departments will continue through next week. Beginners especially are urged to enroll immediately.



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BAR MITZVAH



Samuel Ward

Heartiest Congratulations to our Director and Mrs. Harry Ward, upon the celebration of the Bar Mitzvah of their son Samuel at our Synagogue tomorrow morning. We also felicitate the Grandmas Annie R. Morris, and Rae Ward.

PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday evening 6:13
Weekly Portion: *Terumah*
Friday evening Jr. Cong. 5:30
Friday evening Service 6:20
Saturday morning 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:00
Pleasure Hour 3:15
Intermediate Group and Youth
Conference 5:20
Talmud and Ein Jacob Classes 5:20
Mincha Service 6:20
Reader of Torah Arthur Udell
Reader of Service Herbert Perlman
Speaker Morty Cohen
The Sabbath Terminates..... 7:03
Sunday morning Service 6:55, 8:45
Daily Services
Mornings 6:55, 8:00, 8:30
Mincha 6:20

CONDOLENCES

We offer our sincere condolences to Mr. Emanuel Fine upon the loss of his sister MAY COHEN.

Our heartfelt sympathies are extended to Mrs. Abraham Kaplan upon the passing of her husband.

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CHATS ABOUT W.S.I.S.

by Morris Jablow

A number of weeks ago I wrote about the impressive way Bar-Mitzvah ceremonies are conducted in our Synagogue. Recently a parent of one of the Bar-Mitzvah boys wrote to Rabbi Goldstein a letter which contains the following:

"I have received any number of telephone calls from friends who were at the service, and they all told me that they were very thrilled with the manner that same were conducted and with the general refined atmosphere that prevailed. In view of the fact that a good many of my friends have never attended services in an Orthodox Synagogue, but are used to Conservative and Reformed services, you should be very proud of their praise."

We are at all times glad to receive comments from our friends, whether favorable or unfavorable, as long as the writer shows a constructive interest, and a desire to be helpful.

Should you, our readers, have any ideas which will aid us in rendering service to the community and result in added good-will for the Synagogue, don't hesitate to write to us. We will receive them gratefully and consider them carefully.

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Getting Personal . . .

We were thrilled to see our youth take their places in the Synagogue last Saturday, in their Scout uniforms demonstrating the reality of their slogan: "For G-d and Country." A note of thanks to our Commissioner Emanuel Fine and Morton Cohen . . . Moe Oltarsh was in "rare" form at the last Men's Club meeting and his stories fell into that remarkable "rare" category . . . Congratulations to our Director and Mrs. Harry Appel upon the engagement of their son Bernard to Miss Dorise Lippman. Bernard is now serving in the Coast Guard . . . Birthday Greetings to Martin Tilem, to Cpl. Bernard B. Brandt, to Ronnie son of Mr. and Mrs. Starman, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. David L. Messing, as well as to 7 year old Yonina, daughter of our Cantor and Mrs. Yavneh . . . Wedding Anniversary Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Saul Bergman who celebrated their Silver anniversary, to Mr. and Mrs. James Cohen, and to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Tilem. . . . We missed Director and Mrs. Harold Kaplan who were vacationing in Montreal . . . Director Harry Ward deserves a pat on the back for his fine pinch-hitting . . . We welcome our Director, Sol Bellsey as an usher. He performed his duties very well indeed. The appeal for Yeshivos made in the Synagogue last Saturday met a generous response. We look forward to an equally generous response from our readers who were not at the service . . . Mrs. Steuer is ill. We wish her a speedy recovery. . . . We are happy to hear from Henry Mayper. He writes that Miami Beach is not at all crowded . . . Happy to see Mr. and Mrs. Gene Goldwurm and their nephew Lt. Felix Jacob Bilgrey in from Salt Lake City . . . Also among our visiting servicemen, glad to see Capt. Michael Blankfort and Pvt. Harold Udell . . . Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Martin Roeder who was wounded in battle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert J. Roeder "machatonim" of our Director and Mrs. Max Moskowitz.

Men's Club To Organize Jewish War Veteran's Post

Plans are in progress for the Organization of a Jewish War Veteran's Post, to be named in honor of the late "Buddy" Friedman, the first of our own boys to be killed in action. New members are being accepted. Please contact Chas. Cohen at the Synagogue.

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