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VE DAY

On VE Day, please assemble at the Synagogue at 8 P.M. for prayer and thanksgiving.

STATEMENT ON THE OBSERVANCE OF VE DAY

by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

President of the Synagogue Council of America

As VE Day approaches, I commend to all Americans the Biblical injunction, "When thine enemy falleth rejoice not, and when he stumbleth let not thy heart be gleeful" (Prov. 24:17). When the news of Victory in Europe reaches us, I trust that we will not act like pagans, that drinking and hilarity will be as far from the minds of men as the desire for another war. I fervently hope that all the citizens of the country will heed the call of their religious leaders to gather in their respective houses of worship for thanksgiving, prayer and rededication to God. VE Day should be a day of atonement for all of us. We should pray to God to forgive us for our sins which must have been the cause for this world cataclysm.

As we give thanks to G-d for this victory let us keep in mind the terrible sacrifices of the war in human life and suffering, and let us not lose sight of the battles still to be fought before total peace comes to the world. Let us not be content merely with the defeat of our enemies, but let us acknowledge our part in the conditions that brought about this war. We must resolve to devote ourselves to the task of removing the causes of war, that the prophetic vision may become a reality in our day; "Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore." VE Day should be a day of great outpouring of charity. Every person must not only offer lip-service of thanksgiving but should in some tangible way make a contribution for the healing and betterment of mankind.

Our Rabbis in the Talmud say that when the Egyptians were defeated at the Red Sea, even the angels were forbidden to celebrate gleefully, and God admonished them: "My children are

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FULL SPEED AHEAD ON OUR SOUVENIR ALBUM

Join Our Bandwagon Of Good Wishes To Harry Appel

Only a short time remains before our Souvenir Album goes to press. We therefore urge all of our friends to make haste while there is yet time and submit their own compliments to Harry Appel. In this manner can we display our appreciation for Harry's ardent devotion to the W.S.I.S. There is nothing that would please Harry more than to know that his friends are wholeheartedly interested in the welfare and progress of the Synagogue. So, don't delay. Send your "ad" in immediately.

Plans are under way for the reception which will take place Sunday evening, May 27, 1945.

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL BRINGS RECORD BREAKING RESPONSE

Synagogue Establishes New High For Charitable Agencies



Lester Udell

The enthusiastic response on the part of our Congregation to the stirring appeal made by Rabbi Goldstein and our President Lester Udell, for the United Jewish Appeal, resulted in a total pledge of over \$30,000. In addition to distributing funds to the Joint Distribution Committee, National Refugee Service and United Palestine Appeal, the U.J.A. will this year extend its financial support to

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MEN'S CLUB TO MEET FOR NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

Sale of Theatre Party Tickets Grows

At the next Men's Club Meeting which will take place this Monday evening at 8:30 P.M., nomination for officers will be the order of business. All members are urged to attend this important meeting and are invited to bring their male friends.

Mr. Moe Oltarsh, Chairman of the Theatre Benefit Committee reports good progress in the sale of tickets. The theatre party is scheduled for Monday night, June 4th, 1945 at the Majestic Theatre for the presentation of the musical comedy "Carousel", a Theatre Guild Production. Details for securing tickets may be obtained from Mr. Oltarsh at 1441 Broadway.

YOUR CHILD CAN SAVE A TERM BY REGISTERING NOW

Talmud Torah Sets Plans For Lag B'Omer Outing

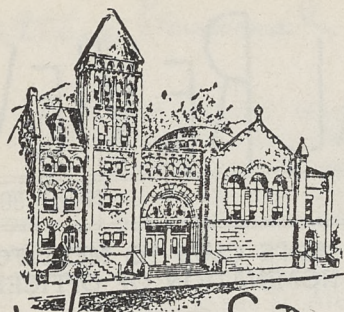
Most parents are interested in the rapid advance of their children in their school progress. To those parents we address this interesting announcement. Our Talmud Torah has arranged for a special beginners group, so that any new students who enroll now will derive the benefit of a full terms work.

Many parents are anticipating sending their children to Talmud Torah in the fall. We also strongly urge their immediate enrollment, and thus take advantage of this time-saving arrangement.

Plans are being formulated for a Lag B'Omer Outing and Field Day which will feature games, contests and lots of fun for our boys and girls.

SENATOR MORSE TO SPEAK FOR AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

Senator Wayne Morse will be the guest speaker at a dinner meeting of the New York City Chapter of the American Jewish Committee to be held on Tuesday evening, April 17, at 7:00 o'clock in the Hotel Biltmore. His topic will be "Impact of Post War Problems on Minority Groups." Those interested in attending please communicate with Rabbi Goldstein.



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America's Jewish Fighting Men

The recent celebration of Army Day gives us good cause to review the fighting record of the Jew. Since the days of the American Revolution, Jewish valor and heroism has been outstanding in achievement and merit.

One South Carolina company of the American Revolutionary Army had so many Jews, that the unit was known as the "Jew's Company."

During the Civil War, the American Jew was also arrayed against his brother — there being 1200 Jews in the Confederate Army and over 6300 with the Union forces.

During World War I, over 200,000 Jews were part of the American Expeditionary Forces in France, constituting almost 5% of the total American forces. On Army Day 1945, official figures reveal over 500,000 Jews serving in the Armed Forces.

In every generation the Jew has been ready to give his life blood for America. The Jew too, may proudly sing, "Land where my fathers died" and the reply to his people must in true appreciation re-echo, "Let freedom ring" for all races, colors and creeds. Z.Z.



217th COMMANDMENT The Laws Concerning the Corner of the Field

by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

One may not harvest all his seed, as we read in Leviticus Chapter 19 verse 9. "Thou shalt not wholly reap the corner of thy field." This commandment stated in its negative aspect means that if one harvests all his field, he has transgressed not only the positive commandment to leave for the poor and the stranger but also the negative command not to harvest his whole field.

218th COMMANDMENT The Laws Concerning the Gleanings

We read in Leviticus, Chapter 19, Verses 9 and 10, "And when ye reap the harvest . . . thou shalt not gather the gleanings . . . thou shalt leave them for the poor and the stranger. When one reaps with a scythe (the

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natural way,) and he misses two straws, he should not go back and cut them, as two straws are regarded as gleanings. Three or more are not regarded as gleanings. However, if this happened by accident as for instance, he hit the straws with his hand and two of them fell. Our religion frowns upon charity that comes through accident, or through sickness. Charity is the normal human way of giving and not an abnormal gift. You remember the adage playing upon the word, זהב "gold." It says זה הנותן בריא This means "he who gives when he is well," his gift is like gold, for the first letters of the adage spell זהב which means gold." only when he is sick, or in trouble, his gift is as silver, and he who gives through his will only after death, his gift is as brass, the cheapest of all.

Produce that is found in holes made by ants and gleanings are mixed up with the harvest. There is a doubt then as to the produce, whether it belongs to the owner or to the poor. In matters of charity, where there is a doubt, the benefit is given to the poor. However the nether part certainly belongs to the owner because it must have been brought there by the ants.

VE DAY MESSAGE

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drowning, and you would sing!" (Megillah 10b). I earnestly appeal to my people to abide by the Jewish tradition of forbearance and restraint, to receive the news of victory in solemn humility, in dignity and in dedication to the greater service of God and the common weal of mankind.

Services of Thanksgiving will be held in all synagogues and temples at 8 P.M. on VE day and places of worship will be open throughout the day.

FROM OUR SOCIAL DEPARTMENT Junior Circuit

Current officers in the Junior Club Council are: Joel Burstein and Susanne Stern — presidents; Bernice Jacobowitz — Vice-President; Zonia Prochnik — Secretary; Ruth Kranz — Treasurer.

Senior Circuit

The Senior Club Council recently held a joint Symposium on the topic: "Should the Jews Return to Europe." Participating in the discussion were the Achduth, Bachad, Hillel, "613" and Betar groups.

Plans are being formulated for an elaborate Field Day to be held in connection with Lag B'Omer.

The Hidden Torahs

A young Jewish lad, passing through this particular French town, heard that a certain Christian lady had in her possession the Torahs that belonged to the Synagogue of the congregation where I conduct services. We arrived at this lady's tiny house. I told her who I was and what I wanted. She admitted that she had these articles and led me upstairs into her attic to show them to me. Yes, here they were — 5 Torahs not covered in the customary velvet coverlets. She had them "for over four years." She said that she was Catholic and had a sister who is a nun. She had gotten these articles from the Synagogue but not even her neighbors knew that she had them. She told me that she would not hesitate to do this again, as old as she was, if it were necessary. Before I left I thanked her on behalf of all the American Jewish soldiers. This happened on December 23rd. On Christmas I sent her a package of canned foods and other items.

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BAR MITZVAH



Kurt Stern

We extend our sincere congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Stern upon the Bar-Mitzvah of their son, Kurt which will take place in our Synagogue tomorrow morning.

SYNAGOGUE JOINS UNNRA CLOTHING CAMPAIGN

"What You Can Spare — They Can Wear"

Our Synagogue is striving to attain an ambitious goal in the present UNNRA Clothing Campaign. We have set aside an entire room for the accumulation of garments, shoes and bedding and trust that the room will soon be filled.

Please send your clothing to the Synagogue, neatly packed — and it would be greatly appreciated if every article is mended. Remember what you can spare, they can wear.

SYNAGOGUE HOST TO COLLEGE ENTRANCE APPLICANTS

Just another service our Synagogue rendered to the entire community. Last Saturday night, we provided accommodations for 17 courageous young Jews and Jewesses who refused to take College Entrance Examinations on the Sabbath. They were given permission, however, by the College Entrance Examination Board to remain under supervision all day and to take their examinations at nightfall in our building. A vote of thanks goes to Rabbi and Mrs. Abraham Burstein for the hospitality they extended to this group during the day.

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Rosh Chodesh Iyar — Fr. & Sat.

Today is 15th day of Omer

Light Candles Friday Evening 7:15

Weekly Portion: *Sazriah-Kedoshim*

Friday Evening Service 6:30

Saturday Morning Service 9:00

Junior Congregation 10:00

Talmud and Ein Jacob Class .. 6:25

Mincha Service 7:25

The Sabbath terminates 8:04

Sunday morning Service 6:30, 8:45

Daily Services:

Mornings 6:30, 8:00, 8:30

Mincha 7:25

Followed by the study of the Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein.

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

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the Jewish Welfare Board. Donations have thus far been received from the following:

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CHATS ABOUT W.S.I.S.

by Morris Jablow

One of the clubs meeting in our building embarked upon an ambitious program, which I think will intrigue you, our readers.

The 613 Club, composed of the sons and daughters of our members, conceived the idea that in addition to the social and cultural work among its members, they publish and distribute a monthly News-Letter among the boys in service.

Harold Levine is the Editor, Lenore Kaplan is Assistant Editor, and Roslyn Fuchs is the Managing Editor. These hard-working youngsters have succeeded in getting out the first issue, and have mailed copies to our boys in service.

Under "News From Home" the editors state "We know that you will be interested in reading about the activities of many of your former friends, and in keeping posted on the functions of groups now associated with the Synagogue. We hope to serve through this medium as a link between you, your home and your Synagogue."

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Getting Personal

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