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ROOSEVELT AND TRUMAN

by Joseph Elias Davidson

As elation ran high at the anticipated meeting of the allied armies the unexpected announcement of the passing of our great and beloved President Franklin D. Roosevelt tempered our joy with grief.

Like our prophets of old, Roosevelt could and did foresee the future, and Israel in particular as well as civilization in general owes to his memory a debt for having been the first to correctly appraise the aims of Hitler and to take steps from the very beginning to prepare for the war which he knew would eventually engulf our country.

Like Moses of old, he the greatest and noblest of the spiritual Semites of our day was not destined to see our successful termination of the war which the Madman of Berlin started.

Roosevelt whose ambition it was among other things to free the world from the fear of fear, feared nothing and nobody except His Maker, and his writings and sayings are replete with the spirituality of the Book of Books.

Space, however being a prime consideration, we shall quote but one of his sayings and reserve a book full of others for future issues.

A few years ago in one of his talks he used David's expression of

אתהלך לפני ה' בארצות החיים

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YIZKOR SERVICES

Yizkor Services will be held on the second day of Shavuoth, May 19th. Those who would like to mark this occasion by Memorializing their dear departed, may use the attached form.

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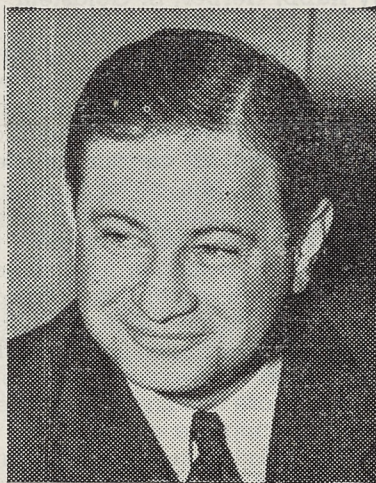
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ANTI-DISCRIMINATION PROGRAM TO BE DISCUSSED THIS WED. EVE.

Charles D. Breitel, Governor's
Counsel to be Principal Speaker



HON. CHARLES D. BREITEL will be the principal speaker at a meeting sponsored by the leading organizations of the neighborhood Synagogues and Temples, to be held in our Synagogue on Wednesday evening, May 16, 1945, at 8:30 P.M. The subject of his address will be "Anti-Discrimination Program."

Mr. Breitel became associated with Governor Dewey in his "racket busting days" and was one of his ablest assistants in those investigations. Upon his election as District Attorney of New York County, the Governor appointed Mr. Breitel to his staff and placed him in charge of the very important Indictment Bureau. When Governor Dewey entered private practice he selected Mr. Breitel as his associate, and brought him to Albany as his counsel.

In his capacity as counsel to the Governor, he is consulted on all legislative matters before the Senate and Assembly and is considered an outstanding authority on legislation in the State of New York.

He had rendered great service to the minorities of this State, particularly his own people in his wholehearted support of the Anti-Discrimination Legislation. His Jewish affiliations are varied and many.

The public is cordially invited.

LAST CALL FOR OUR SOUVENIR ALBUM

The printer's deadline for our Souvenir Album is now at hand. This is the last call to all of our friends to send in their greetings for our Souvenir Album of good wishes to Director Harry Appel. We are sure that he will appreciate to have the many friends of the W.S.I.S. display their sincere loyalty by joining the "ad" Brigade.

The Souvenir Album will be presented to Mr. Appel at the Reception in his honor on Sunday evening, May 27th. Our smiling Harry is deserving of this tribute for his continued devotion and loyalty in the past. Even now he is enthusiastically setting the pace as the leader of the "ad" Brigade. His inspiring work should be a stimulating example for all of us.

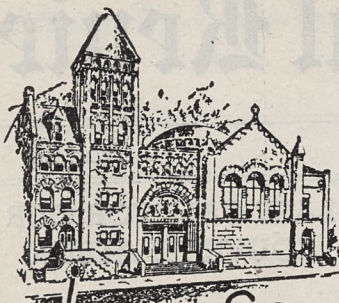
This is our last call for advertisements. TIME is short. SEND YOUR AD IN NOW.

MEN'S CLUB MEETING THIS MONDAY EVENING

Your Donation Will Send
A Veteran to the Theatre Party

A meeting of the Men's Club will be held this Monday evening at 8:30 P.M., Moe Oltarsh, Chairman of the Men's Club Theatre Benefit, which will be held Monday evening, June 4th, reports good progress in the sale of tickets. All of our interested friends may procure their tickets by contacting Mr. Oltarsh at 1441 Broadway. The presentation is the latest Theatre Guild's musical-comedy success "Carousel", currently playing at the Majestic Theater.

Arrangements have been made with the American Red Cross to have several hundred veterans from Halloran Hospital attend as guests of the Men's Club. To make the evening complete, they all will be treated to dinner before the show. You can be host to a veteran by mailing your contribution of ten dollars and up.



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MOTHER'S DAY 1945

With the advent of the Armistice in Europe, Mother's Day—1945 will be the happiest in many years. It signifies the approaching return of loved ones from far-off battlefields. For many it will only be observed with a heavy heart recalling past memories that will be no more.

However, most tragic will be the reflections of thousands of mothers torn from their young precious offspring during six years of Nazi horror. In addition, we must never forget the thousands of newly-made orphans whose mothers were crushed under the iron-heel of tyranny. On this Mother's Day we may lament in the same bitter voice of Hosea (X, 14) ביום מלחמה אם על בנים רמשה "In the day of battle, the mother was dashed in pieces upon her children."

May the sorrowful and tragic aspects of Mother's Day—1945 burn in the heart of civilization as a shameful reminder of mankind's moment of perfidy. May it kindle in the soul of all good men a fervent determination that never again shall humanity fail. Z.Z.



224th COMMANDMENT Ye Shall Not Steal by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein II

It is forbidden to buy anything from a thief because in that way we strengthen the hands of the sinners. So also where we may think that the possessors of certain articles stole them from him as for instance, wool or milk or goats from the shepherds. We are also forbidden to purchase from women or from slaves or from children, except such things as are known to be theirs. So also we may not purchase from watchmen of the fields, wood or fruit except in places where it is known that they are representing the owner.

Further details concerning this law may be found in Baba Kama, Chapter 7. This prohibition prevails in all places and at all times and pertains to male and female. He who steals must pay double for his theft. In this way he is punished for a like

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his actual wording being "so that we walk before G-d in the light of the living."

We Jews subscribe to the theory that the Almighty's ways are inscrutable and so it is not strange to us that simultaneously with His humbling the Mighty scourge (Hitler) He in His infinite wisdom saw fit to elevate a modest servant of the people, Harry S. Truman to a seat among the most powerful of the world's exalted ones!

Our President is a worthy successor of his immortal predecessor and the word concluding his first address to Congress augurs well for the continuation of the unfinished work of the 12 years of effort by his lamented chief. It also is an assurance that President Truman will advance "from strength to strength."

"AT THIS MOMENT, I HAVE IN MY HEART A PRAYER. AS I HAVE ASSUMED MY HEAVY DUTIES, I

amount which he intended to take from his neighbor. However, there are two exceptions made, namely if one steals another man's ox or sheep and then slaughters it and sells it, then he must pay, as the Bible indicates, four times the amount for the oxen and five times for the sheep. (See Exodus, Chapter 21, Verse 37). In the Talmud in Baba Kamma 97b; we find the following reasons given for the difference in the fines to be imposed. Rabbi Meier says that since an ox is a working animal the loss involved when an ox is stolen is greater than when a sheep is stolen. Hence the thief should pay a heavier penalty. Rabbi Jochanan Ben Zakkai says that since the ox can walk as quickly as the thief while the sheep has to be carried on the shoulder, the penalty for stealing a sheep should be a little less than for stealing an ox. Whenever the penalty is to be double or four or five times as in the case of the ox and the sheep which includes the fine, it is only when witnesses have come to testify that he has stolen. However, if he should confess before the witnesses came and testified then all he has to pay is the amount that he stole and not the fine. This is the law in regard to all cases where fines are involved, namely, מודה בקנס פטור he who confesses when fines are involved is free from paying the fine. Furthermore, fines are only imposed in Palestine.

HUMBLY PRAY ALMIGHTY G-D, IN THE WORDS OF KING SOLOMON.

'GIVE THEREFORE THY SERVANT AN UNDERSTANDING HEART TO JUDGE THY PEOPLE THAT I MAY DISCERN BETWEEN GOOD AND BAD, FOR WHO IS ABLE TO JUDGE THIS THY SO GREAT PEOPLE?'

'I ASK ONLY TO BE GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT OF MY LORD AND MY PEOPLE'."

I am sure that the above prayer of our President has found a resounding "AMEN" in the hearts of all of us, and May the Almighty in His infinite mercy grant his request and our prayers for a long and happy life for our President.

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BAR MITZVAH



Charles G. Kadushin

Congratulations to Rabbi and Mrs. Max Kadushin upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son Charles G. in our Synagogue tomorrow morning.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE HOST TO WOMEN'S BRANCH OF U.O.J.C.A.

Our Women's League will be host to the Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, who will hold their annual convention meeting this Tuesday afternoon at 2 P.M. in our Synagogue.

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Light Candles Friday Evening 7:44
Weekly Portion: *Bamidbar*
Friday Evening Service 6:30
Saturday Morning Service 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:00
Talmud and Ein Jacob Class 6:55
Mincha Service 7:55
The Sabbath terminates 8:33
Sunday morning Service 6:45, 8:45

Daily Services:

Mornings 6:45, 8:00, 8:30
Mincha 7:55

Followed by the study of the
Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein

JUST EIGHT YEARS AGO

May 12th, 1937

To those who have indicated an intention to be included in the organization of a Synagogue to be located on W. 76th Street and to be known as West Side Institutional Synagogue,

Gentlemen:

I have been requested by a number of you to call a meeting at my home tomorrow, Thursday, May 13th, 1937, at 8:30 P.M. sharp, to take the first steps in the formal organizations of the new body. These steps are immediately necessary if we are to be an incorporated group, ready to take title to the new property and ready to make all other necessary arrangements.

The meeting will be very short and to the point. You are therefore requested to make this additional sacrifice of time and be sure to attend.

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CHATS ABOUT W.S.I.S.

By Morris Jablow

You, our readers, can be justly proud of the record of achievement attained by our institution in aiding many causes.

You would have experienced real pleasure in observing our people bringing wearing apparel of all kinds and description to our Synagogue building, in response to the appeal of UNNRA. Mrs. Samuel Greenman in charge of a committee of the Women's League is doing splendid work in separating the various articles, and arranging for their shipment.

I know that most of you have already responded to this appeal, but those who have not yet done so, still have an opportunity to do their share, as the time to collect additional clothing and bedding has been extended to the end of this month.

Let us remember that millions of innocent people all over the world are suffering from lack of clothing. It is our bounden duty to bring relief to them. The only way to accomplish that is by all of us doing our share. "WHAT YOU CAN SPARE THEY CAN WEAR."

Getting Personal

We are following with interest the progress made by our Rabbi Goldstein in his attempts to combine all of the Jewish forces to achieve successful common peace aims . . . We were honored to have Rabbi Dr. Isaac Alkali as our guest in Synagogue last Sabbath. We also welcome him back in our vicinity as our neighbor . . . A hearty Mazel Tov to Mr. & Mrs. Abe Glaser upon the birth of a baby daughter, Mosette. We are looking forward to seeing the happy trio at our Services . . . The Men's Club have a real deal in their Theatre Party Benefit. You can treat a Veteran to a fine meal and show, "Carousel" by sending in your donation of \$10 or more . . . And speaking of "deals", the best one yet is your own message of greetings in our Souvenir Album . . . Happy Birthday to Ann Robin, 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. William Schapps and to Max Pruzan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Pruzan . . . Wedding Anniversary congratulations go to our Director and Mrs. William Horwitz and to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Greenfield . . . We extend a most cordial handshake of welcome to new members, Morris Bank, Sydney J. Barnes, Sol Berney, Samuel I. Cohen, Seymour M. Gross, Alfred A. Gut, Jacob Kohane, Harry Kupansky, Mrs. Lou Levine, Aaron Rosenstein, Mrs. Bessie K. Samuels, Mrs. Rebecca Sorken, Irving Streit, Herman Weissberger. Hope we will see you often . . . Good luck to our own M/Sgt. Daniel Weiss in his new quarters in North Carolina . . . Our best wishes for a successful administration to the newly elected officers of the Men's Club: Moe Oltarsh, President; Albert H. Cohen, 1st Vice-President; Myron Goldman, 2nd Vice-President; Irving Kobrin, Treasurer; Louis Reisman, Recording Secretary; Charles I. Karasik, Financial Secretary; Charles Cohen Sergeant-at-arms. We will have a chance to see them officiate at the next meeting, this Monday night . . . Birthday Greetings to our Director Jess Ward and to Mrs. George L. Livingston.

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