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PLACING THE BLAME

by

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Now that the four major Jewish defense agencies have merged their fund raising activities, and are to receive their allotments from the United Jewish Appeal, it would seem that Jewish unity has at last been established. Unfortunately, this is not so. As a matter of fact, the opposite is true. Disunity is as rampant as ever. Competition among the defense agencies is and will be accelerated.

The four major defense agencies referred to are: The Joint Defense Appeal, composed of the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'Nai Brith, and the American and World Jewish Congresses.

It is important for the Jewish people to know just what this unified fund raising by these defense agencies mean to the Jewish community. How it was brought about, what was the basis of this merger, how were the allotments arrived at, and finally, now that the defense agencies have merged their fund raising activities, and are receiving their respective allotments from UJA, why then, should rivalry, competition and duplication continue to exist.

The Jewish people by and large, not only have a right to know the facts regarding this fund raising combine, they have a right to look behind the scenes and know what prompted it. For they have a vital stake in all it implies.

During the past four years there has been in existence a consultative council, known as the National Community Relations Advisory Council, composed of the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Congress, the B'nai Brith, the Jewish Labor Committee and others. The object of the NCRAC was to enable these defense agencies to act in concert on all major defense undertakings facing our people. It was found desirable and necessary that no individual defense group should take independent political action on Jewish defense matters without at

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TENTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVITIES WALDORF ASTORIA — JUNE 10th

JOSEPH ANDERSON HEADS DINNER TICKET COMMITTEE



Joseph Anderson

We certainly have a fine team giving impetus to our Tenth Anniversary Festivities. The most recent appointment among men who will be directing activities is that of our Director Joseph Anderson as Chairman of the Dinner Ticket Committee. A more suitable appointment could not have been made. Working along with Mr. Anderson is our Vice-President Max E. Sanders, the Chairman in charge of the celebration, and our Director Albert H. Cohen as Chairman of the Souvenir Album Committee.

To the Guest of Honor, our Director George L. Livingston, a Souvenir Album will be presented at the Dinner Dance in the Waldorf Astoria on June 10th, filled with highlights of 10 years achievements, as well as complimentary ads from friends of the Institution as well as ads from friends of the Guest of Honor.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

All members of the Executive Board of our Women's League are urged to attend a very important meeting of the Board at the home of Mrs. Israel Kestenbaum, 88 Central Park West on Monday afternoon, April 21st at 1:30 o'clock.

JEWISH COMMUNITY SCHOOL APPEAL

Last Saturday, at the Synagogue, stirring appeals were made in behalf of the J. C. C. by Rabbi Goldstein, our President Lester Udell, and our Director Samuel W. Siegel, its President.

The School, originally organized at the W.S.I.S., is about six years old, recently dedicated its new building at 110 Manhattan Avenue. (104th Street). The building is equipped with all the proper facilities necessary for the running of a modern school. The teaching program includes the most advanced and progressive educational methods. The School has an enrollment at present of 248 children.

As the contributions are received the names of the donors will appear in the "Review". Checks should be made payable to the "Jewish Community School," and send to our office.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S COUNCIL ONEG SHABBUS

Tomorrow, at 4:45 P.M., at the Synagogue, the Young People's Council will commence its program of Saturday afternoon Oneg Shabbus, that will take the place of the regular Friday night group.

All the Young People of the Congregation and their friends are invited to attend. A very pleasant afternoon will be had by all.

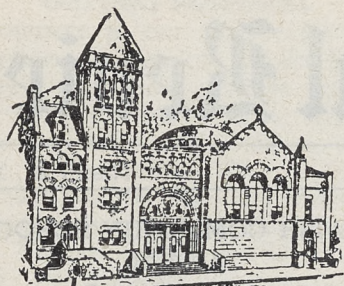
ANNUAL YOUTH SABBATH SERMON CONTEST

We are pleased to announce that once again we will hold our Sermon Contest in connection with our Annual Youth Sabbath, on MAY 17, 1947. As always, the first and second winners will occupy the Pulpit on Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon, respectively.

Manuscripts, which must be in, not later than **May 11th**, must be unsigned and accompanied by a sealed envelope containing the contestant's name.

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TIME: 8:30 P.M.
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BASEBALL AND CIVILIZATION

Of course, we all agree that Leo Durocher's penalty was too heavy. Perhaps there were influences, unknown to the public, that led to Commissioner "Happy" (?) Chandler's decision.

However, the Baseball Fraternity is to be congratulated and Branch Rickey, in particular, President of the Brooklyn Baseball Club, deserves special commendation for permitting Jackie Robinson, a colored man, to become a member of a Major League Baseball Club. Up to date no major league magnate had the character, breadth of vision and manliness to admit a Negro into Major League Baseball. What has all this to do with a Synagogue? Yes, we Jews who have suffered because of race and religion, should be the first to hail a move that will promote a better and broader brotherhood in Society. A tremendous step forward has been made by the Brooklyn Baseball Club. We trust that Presidents of Utilities, Banks, Engineering and other large firms will take the cue from this move in Baseball Circles, and include among their top men, those who are other than Christian and White by birth.



284th COMMANDMENT The Law Concerning Tevel By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein I

An Israelite or a Priest are forbidden to eat "tevel". "Tevel" means that the Tithes or the Trumah, (2% of the produce that were given to the Priests) were not set aside. The word, "tevel", is a combination of two words, טב and של which means, "It is not good", namely it is not good for society when the owner fails to set aside his tithes for the public weal, for it is written in Leviticus, Chapter 22, Verse 15, "And they shall not profane the holy things of the children of Israel which they brought unto the L—d, "And He causes them to bear the iniquity of trespass when they eat their holy things; for I am the L—d who sanctify them". In "tevel" there is apparently a mixture of holy with the common or profane food.

If one trespassed this law and ate

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"tevel" knowingly he is guilty of excision from heaven, and receives stripes if he ate of the tevel after having been warned. The same is true in regard to the Levite who fails to give

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"the tithe that he is supposed to give from the tithe" that he receives from the Israelite. If the Levite eats therefrom purposely he is also guilty of excision and receives stripes if he was warned about same.

The purpose of this commandment is as we have said previously, namely that we must always show our respect for the holy things. We may not eat food from our harvest until the holy part is removed. This is a wonderful lesson for all of us. We may not enjoy our incomes until we first separate the tithe from the public weal and the poor. It would be well for all of us to keep two separate bank accounts, one for the tithed income and the other for the remainder of the income, (the 90% which we may use for our own purposes). In this way, giving from our tithe account becomes an easy affair. It is as if we were giving from a fund which does not belong to us and over which we are the trustees. Where husband and wife have separate accounts, it would be well to have three accounts, Pa's, Ma's, accounts and the Lord's (or the tithe) account jointly.

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least first taking common counsel. The result was that in some cases this unified action was taken and found fruitful, while in others it was not taken and frequently failed. It failed because unified action by the NC-RAC was not mandatory. These competitive defense agencies could, if they desire, agree to take unified action, or disagree and take independent action. But on the whole, it was found better than to have no consultation, as was the case heretofore.

These individual defense organizations within the NCRAC, therefore, retained their full autonomy and freedom of action. Even organizations which joined their fund raising activities acted independently on matters of policy in Jewish defense, as for example, the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League.

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CONDOLENCE

We extend our sincere condolence to our esteemed member Max Schwartz upon the loss of his mother

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And to our Director Gustave Roth upon the loss of his brother
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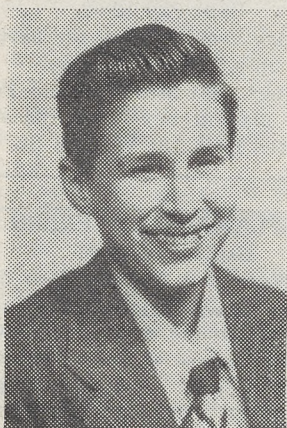
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DOUBLE BAR MITZVAHS THIS WEEK



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To our Director Samuel K. Beier and his wife, a member of the Board of Directors of our Women's League, we extend our sincerest congratulations. Their son, David Jay, will be Bar Mitzvah this Shabbus in our Synagogue. Mazel Tov.



SETH LEVIN

We extend our heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Levin upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Seth, in our Synagogue this Shabbus.

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Today is the 13th Day of the Omer
Special Prayers for the New Month
Light Candles Friday Eve. 6:17

Weekly Portion: Sh'mini

Friday Evening Service 6:15

Saturday Morning Service 9:00

Junior Congregation 10:00

Young People's

Discussion Group 4:45

Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class 5:30

Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class 5:30

Mincha Service 6:30

The Sabbath Terminates 6:59

Sunday Morning Service

(Rosh Chodesh) 6:30, 8:30

Daily Services:

Mornings (Monday) 6:30, 7:45, 8:15

Mincha 6:30



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CHATS ABOUT W.S.I.S.

By Morris Jablow

In accordance with the custom inaugurated at the time of our organization, ten years ago, Memorial Services will be held in our building on Monday evening, April 28th, 1947, at 8:45 o'clock, to memorialize those departed whose names appear on our Memorial Tablet.

The program for that evening includes, prayers for the departed, an address by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, and the chanting of the Memorial Prayer by Cantor Zalmon Yavneh together with a recital of all the names which appear on the Tablet.

The Memorial Tablet in our Daily Synagogue has been most favorably accepted. There are several reasons why it has met with popular approval. Firstly, it is a dignified and spiritual way of paying tribute to the departed whose memory is ever green in our hearts. Secondly, it is a practical way of being reminded of the Yahrzeit, for we send notices to all the members of the family for that occasion. In addition, prayers are offered for the departed in the Synagogue, four times a year, when Yiskor services are held.

If you are interested in placing a Plaque for a departed relative or friend, please communicate with our office for further information.

GETTING PERSONAL

To "Pop" Wartels, our beloved 1st Vice-President, who marked another year in his young life last week, go our sincere wishes for a very Happy Birthday. . . A vote of thanks and appreciation to Gabby Goldstein for his fine reading of the Song of Songs last Saturday. . . Another one of our future greats," Stanley Robert, son of our Director and Mrs. Harold Kaplan, was initiated Saturday morning with the opening of the Ark. He had an honorable escort in the person of Lou G. Siegel. . . Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Wiener may well be proud of their son, Lynton C., who has been nominated President of the Omega Chapter of the Phi Sigma Delta Fraternity, at the University of Missouri. . . Best wishes for a speedy recovery from their illnesses to our dear member Jack Levine, and to Mrs. Louis (Ruth) Leonard, one of the Corresponding Secretaries of our Junior Women's League. . . Our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Jean Goldwurm for leading off the appeal so very generously in our Synagogue last Shabbus on behalf of the Jewish Community School. . . We were a little crowded for Yizkor Services last Saturday, but through the efforts of our able ushers Jack Berlin, Max Lazarus, C. U. and Herbert Perlman all went well. Thanks to Danny Weiss and Morty Cohen for taking charge of the overflow Memorial Services; our Director Moe Oltarsh, for leading the services; and Simeon H. F. Goldstein for making the appeal on behalf of the Jewish Community School. . . This week Alan Joy Hirsch and Marilyn Mirken Cohen add another candle on their Birthday cakes. Happy Birthday! . . . We were pleased to have Joseph Elias Davidson with us at Services, as well as Sheila Hope Brody, fiancée of Morton Kamerman, and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Landowne. . . A pleasant trip to our Director Henry Blankfort who left for California. . . Thanks to the additional donors to the General Yeshiva Fund: Mrs. R. Epstein, Dr. Frank E. Fink and J. M. Shapiro. . . We are happy to hear that Mrs. Siegfried Bendheim, William B. Herlands and our Director Maurice Greenstein are well after their recent illnesses. . . Welcome home to our Director Julius Bayer. . . What a fine kid-dush Director and Mrs. Wm. L. Basser gave in honor of their daughter Gloria's forthcoming marriage to Sidney Shenker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sol Shenker.

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