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"MIRACLES"

*Excerpt from Rabbi Goldstein's
sermon last week*

Science is substantiating year by year the miracles of the Bible. What was regarded as unbelievable is found out today to be an actuality. Take the question of the sun standing still as is stated in the Book of Joshua. Dr. Immanuel Velikovsky, whose book on, "Worlds in Collision", substantiates this miracle as well as the parting of the Red Sea, and the falling of the manna. He proves by scientific evidence that about 1500 B.C.E. a comet passed so close to the earth and exerted so much magnetic attraction as to slow the world's turning. In Dr. Velikovsky's own words, 'according to the memory of mankind, the earth refused to play the chronometer by undisturbed rotation on its axis.' The great Sage, Hillel, used to say, (Ethics of the Fathers, Chapter 2, Section 5) "Say not anything is impossible which cannot be understood at present for it may be understood at some other time." When we speak of the miracles of the Bible, the doubter generally says, "impossible." Fifty years ago radio was impossible. Today it is a realization.

In the realm of the Biblical miracles, we have received from time to time, scientific discoveries concerning miracles believed to be myths, which these discoveries prove to be otherwise.

The revelation of G-d's word as found in the Bible is surer truth than even the experiments of scientists. The story is told of a man who lived near a railway station. He noticed the passing of the trains, and could tell by his long and varied experience and tests just when the next train would pass. One day, he was upset because a train had passed that had never before been on the schedule. He did not know what to do about it, but upon making the inquiry, was told that it was a "special." The scientist, very much like this man, tries to discover the laws of G-d's world, not by direct revelation, but by watching the effects and trying to record the results and drawing his conclusions by what has taken place. When he has done this, and verified his con-

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WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS DON'T MISS THIS TREAT!!! Double-Header Program — Helena Rubenstein Demonstration — Institute on Israel "Then and Now"

The capable and conscientious president of our Women's League, Mrs. Harry Ward, has once again arranged a most outstanding program for its next Open Meeting, on Monday afternoon, January 30th at 1 o'clock sharp.

Either one of the two features of the afternoon is worthwhile enough, by itself, to induce every woman of the Congregation to put aside all other appointments and plan to spend that afternoon with our Women's League.

After the Dessert Luncheon which will be served promptly at 1 o'clock, Mrs. Frank Taks will give the second installment in our very interesting and enlightening series entitled, "Israel Then And Now".

This will be followed by a demonstration on, "Beauty and Good Grooming" by Helena Hale, personal representative of Helena Rubenstein, the world's authority on "How To Make The Most Of Our Natural Charm." Miss Hale will also explain how you can select, from this season's styles, just the kind of clothes that are right for your type, your life and your own personality.

DON'T MISS THIS!!!

THE W.S.I.S. CHAMBER MUSIC ENSEMBLE is under way.

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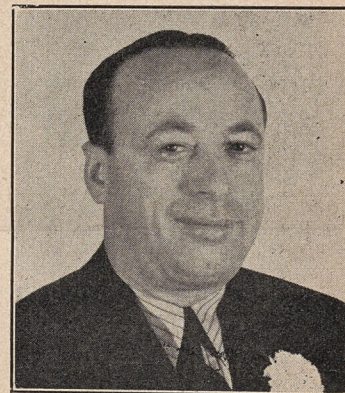
HEBREW TEACHERS TRAINING SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Dr. Marcus Elias, Dean of the Hebrew Teachers Training School for Girls, announces that the new term begins Tuesday, February 14th. The Hebrew Department has been expanded for the coming semester both in the elementary and advanced divisions.

Some of the School's courses are given in our Building. Registration takes place every Tuesday between 6 P.M. and 8 P.M.

SALUTE THE LEADER

**Our President is in the Lead
Morris Levine - Aaron Wartels
Runners-Up**



Mr. Lester Udell

Our benefit performance of Aida at the Metropolitan Opera House on January 29th has gained enormously from the efforts of our President who has been successful, as in the past, in disposing of more tickets for that performance than anyone else. The runners-up are our director, Morris Levine, and our 1st Vice President, Aaron "Pop" Wartels.

We salute these men and the others who have worked hard in disposing of tickets and whose devotion and hard work is reflected in the results. Those of our readers who will be present this coming Sunday at the Met will have an opportunity to witness a fine performance and feel gratified that they helped to contribute to the success of the undertaking.

CHAMISHA ASAR BISHVAT THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Jews the world over will celebrate Chamisha Asar Bishvat this coming Thursday, February 2. On this happy day, the planting season begins in Israel. It is customary, therefore, to eat those fruits which we associate with Israel.

It is also a very good time of the year to remember the Kibbutzim (agricultural communities) in Israel. We should all send in our contributions to help them at the beginning of the new agricultural season.

Our Talmud Torah pupils are treated to Israeli fruit by our Women's League.



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CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Myron Friedlander upon the loss of her mother.

Our heartfelt sympathy to Florence Goldstein upon the loss of her sister.

Our heartfelt sympathy to Messrs. Herman and Isidore J. Greenberg upon the loss of their sister, FRANCES R. GREENBERG.

Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of our late member, HUGO PERUTZ.



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379th OF THE 613 BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS

**The Priests Are Commanded
To Carry the Ark Upon
Their Shoulders.**

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

The priests were commanded to carry the Ark upon their shoulders when Israel travelled from place to place or in war as it is written in the Book of Numbers, Chapter 7, verse 9. "But unto the sons of Kehath . . . the service of the sanctuary belonging to them was that they should bear upon their shoulders." There is a difference of opinion between the Rambam, Maimonides, and the Ramban, Nachmanides, concerning this matter. One holds that the priests alone had the Mitzvah of carrying the Ark upon their shoulders, and that the Levites were permitted to carry the Ark only in the "Midbar"—"the Desert." The reason for this exception was because there were only four priests during the wanderings in the Desert. The other differs.

It should be pointed out, that both the Levites and the priests, were

fit to carry the Ark of the L—d, because both the Cohanim and the Levites were Levy'im or Levites.

There is another explanation given in the Talmud Sotah, namely, that when the Children of Israel passed over Jordan,—every day the Levites carried the Ark, but on the day when they had already crossed the Jordan, only the priests carried the Ark for it is written: "Joshua said to the priests, carry the Ark of the Covenant" so that the miracle should be performed by the priests because they were the holiest ones of the tribes. It is written in the Book of Kings, "And they, the priests, brought the Ark of Covenant of the L—d to its place, to the Dvir, to the Holy of Holies." The Levites are not mentioned for the reason that they never were permitted to enter the Holy of Holies. Therefore, only the Cohanim, the priests, could bring the Ark therein.

Our Sages say: "Physical defects make the priests unfit for service, age does not (so long as the priest is older than 13 years)." However, in regard to the service of carrying the Ark, years make the priest also unfit, as in the case of the Levites. Those above the age of 50, (Priests and Levites) were freed from the service of carrying the Ark.

The Ark was not to be carried on a wagon by animals. David unfortunately made a mistake in regard to this matter and carried the Ark on a wagon.

This commandment prevails only when the majority of Israel is upon its land.

"PIRATES" IN THE W.S.I.S. SUNDAY EVE., FEBRUARY 5 SPONSORED BY MR. & MRS. LEAGUE



Arnold Spector's **Gilbert and Sullivan Players** will be the featured artists in the "Pirates of Penzance" performance, Sunday evening, February 5th, sponsored by the Mr. & Mrs. League. Tickets should be reserved in advance, by calling or writing the Mr. & Mrs. League, c/o W.S.I.S.

90 YEARS YOUNG



Mr. Isadore Wiesenberger

Congratulations to Mr. Isadore Wiesenberger, the father of Mrs. Nathan Trotzky, upon his ninetieth birthday.

W.S.I.S. - P.T.A. ELECTS OFFICERS
Program in Full Swing

At the last meeting of the newly formed Parent - Teachers Association of our Talmud Torah, the following officers were elected: Mrs. Herbert Tumpowsky, acting president; Mrs. Alfred Kronovet, secretary; and Mrs. Henry Lindenbaum, treasurer. The P.T.A. has made ambitious plans for the season.

The next meeting, on Monday night, February 20, will be concerned with "Helping Parents Celebrate Purim." Other holiday sessions will be conducted.

For the first time in the W.S.I.S. Talmud Torah history, the P.T.A. will participate in the Purim Carnival to be held on Sunday afternoon, February 26th. Mrs. Julius Citron, who was appointed chairman of the Carnival, has issued a call for new toys for the affair, which will be distributed as prizes.

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Light Candles Friday Evening	4:46
Weekly Portion: Boh	
Friday Evening Service	4:55
Saturday Morning Services	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:30
Sabbath Kindergarten	
for Children 2½ to 5	10:30
Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls)	3:30
Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class	3:45
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class	3:45
Mincha Service	4:45

Reader of Torah: Aaron Tomares
Reader of Service: Bernard Israel
Speaker: Bernard Levmore

The Sabbath Terminates 5:34

Sunday Morning Service 6:45, 8:30, 9:00

Daily Services:

Mornings	6:45, 8:00, 8:30
Mincha	4:55

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clusions hundreds of times, he then says that he has discovered one of the laws of nature. We accept his findings and look upon them as dependable. There would be no more contradictions in something taking place beyond his findings, than there is in a "special" on a railway.

My appeal is especially to the young people who, under the influence of the average college training, look to the Professor, and not his G-d, as the revealer of truth. It would be well to say to the young people, "just as you have the right to doubt the believer, take unto yourselves that same right of doubting, to doubt the doubter."

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GETTING PERSONAL

HOW SHOULD WE KNOW—unless you inform us of the important events in your family, which should appear in this column. . . . This is graduation season. We would like to felicitate all the young people of our Congregation who are passing this important milestone in their lives. . . . Won't you help us by sending us immediately the names of any graduates in your family.

... **Congratulations** to Ray Yavneh, son of Cantor and Mrs. Yavneh, who graduated from City College, cum laude, and is entering New York Law School. . . . The Women's League wishes to take this means of expressing its appreciation to all those who participated in helping assemble the dozens of sweaters, which will soon warm the freezing children in the Transit Camps in Israel. . . . Glad to hear that Murry C. Becker is recovering from his recent illness. . . . Heading for the **South** are our President and Mrs. Lester Udell and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Katz and children. . . . **Congratulations**

to Miss Pearl Zigelbaum, of our Talmud Torah staff, upon her marriage to Mr. Feivel Orzel. . . . **Happy Birthday** to Mrs. Rebecca H. Becker, Carol Ann Bernstein, Alexander Cohen, John D. Garrett, Mrs. Gabriel F. Goldstein, Mrs. Leopold Hirsch, Mrs. Jules Howard, Henry L. Kessler, and Maurice Linker. . . . **Anniversary Greetings** to Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Saretsky and Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin J. Weinberg. . . . **Get well** wishes to Mrs. William Horwitz and Mrs. Herman Herskowitz. . . . It was good to hear from Charley Cohen via Tulsa.

Committee on Orthodox Jewish Education of West Side Sponsors Parents - Pupils Evening, Wednesday, Feb. 1 at the W.S.I.S.

Pupils of the Beth Hillel, Jewish Center, Polonies, and the W.S.I.S. Talmud Torahs and the Jewish Community Day School (Elementary Yeshiva) will participate in a **Quiz Program** at a Parents - Pupils Evening, this Wednesday, February 1. The program will begin promptly at 7:30 o'clock, and conclude before 9 o'clock, so that the youngsters will not return home too late.

Honor Certificates will be awarded that evening by the Committee. Door prizes will be distributed to all children attending.

OPEN SCHOOL WEEK, FEB. 1 - 9

The P.T.A. is sponsoring Open School Week, February 1 to 9. Parents are welcome to sit in during class sessions.

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