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## FUN GALORE IS IN STORE FOR ALL WHO ATTEND PURIM EVE CELEBRATION SATURDAY EVENING, FEB. 28th NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE DOOR



Co-chairmen of the Saturday night gala Purim Party and Carnival (from left to right): Mrs. Frank L. Taks, Mrs. Myron Friedlander, Alexander Kirsch, and Al Braff.

### SEDER RESERVATIONS

All our readers are urged to make their Seder reservations as soon as possible. In this way will they avoid the disappointment that comes when there are no places left for them.

The Sedorim will be held this year at the Esplanade Hotel on Monday and Tuesday evenings, March 30 and 31. The price is \$10 per person per evening and includes all gratuities.

Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, Rabbi O. Asher Reichel, and Cantor Zalmon Yavneh will officiate, as in the past at the Sedorim, on both nights.

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### Holiday Notes

#### THE FEAST OF PURIM

Tomorrow evening, Saturday night, we read the Megillah and thus usher in the Feast of Purim.

Purim celebrates the deliverance of the Jews from extermination through the plot of Haman, Prime Minister of King Ahasuerus of Persia. Haman chose the 13th day of Adar by casting lots or "pur" from which the name 'Purim' is derived. Through the vigilance of Mordecai, who exposed a conspiracy against the king's life, and the intervention of his cousin, Esther, the queen, the Jews were saved, and Haman was hung on the very gallows which he had prepared for Mordecai. The king subsequently appointed Mordecai as Prime Minister in Haman's place.

Thus, the 14th day of Adar which was intended by Haman to be a day of tragedy and massacre for the Jews, became instead, a day of great rejoicing.

#### The Megillah

On the eve of Purim, Saturday night, the Book of Esther, the Megil-

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Immediately following the Megillah Reading tomorrow night, the Men's Club and Women's League members and their friends will assemble in our Social Hall for a good old time Purim Party.

Co-Chairmen of this affair, Mrs. Myron Friedlander, Mrs. Frank L. Taks, Messrs. Al Braff and Alexander Kirsh, tell us that the program of the evening is different from anything we have ever had before, and they say that a grand time is in store for all those who attend.

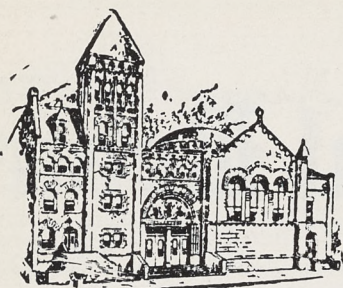
If you have not already made your reservations, we advise you to phone the Synagogue at once, TR 7-8281. Subscription \$2.00 per person. No reservations will be accepted at the door.

### Men's Club Notes

#### Rabbi Goldstein To Speak

Our beloved Rabbi, Herbert S. Goldstein, recently returned from a visit to Israel, will be the guest speaker at this Monday night's Open Meeting of the Men's Club. The meeting will begin at 8:30 in the Synagogue Building and all the men of the Congregation are invited to attend.





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### Holiday Notes

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lah, is read in the synagogue after the evening service.

During the reading of the Megillah, the children customarily sound their gregers (noise-makers) or stamp on the floor whenever the reader pronounces the name of Haman. In carnival spirit, this expresses happiness at the frustration of Haman's wicked plans, and conformance with the Biblical injunction to "blot out the memory of Amalek."

It is obligatory upon both men, women and children to listen to the reading of the Megillah.

### Purim Day

On the morning of Purim, the Megillah is read once again. At the morning service, special prayers are read. The "Al Hanisim" prayer is said during every Amidah and at every Grace after Meals during the day. Hallel, usually said on feast days is not said on Purim, however. One reason given for this is that the Book of Esther which we read serves as a praise to G-d, taking the place of the usual Hallel service. Others say that the Hallel is not recited over deliverances by G-d which occurred outside of the Holy Land, as did the story of Purim, which occurred in Persia.



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### 543rd OF THE 613 BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS

#### "Men Should Not Wear Women's Clothing"

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

Men should not put on women's apparel. Concerning this we read in Deuteronomy, Chapter 22, verse 5, "Neither shall a man put on a woman's garment; for whosoever doeth these things, is an abomination unto the L-rd, thy G-d."

The purpose of this commandment is to keep ourselves distant from impure thoughts and immorality.

Not only did these commandments refer to clothing, but also to one's hair. One should not remove the gray hairs from his beard or dye his hairs in the manner as women dye theirs.

This prohibition prevails at all places and at all times and refers to males.

He who trespasses this commandment and puts on women's apparel or is dainty about his physical self, like women are, as for instance in the case of dyeing his hair, is to receive stripes.

### 544th COMMANDMENT

#### "The Law Concerning The Birds Nest"

We are not to take the mother

with its young (to be slaughtered at one time) or its eggs, but we are to send the mother away first. Concerning this we read in Deuteronomy, Chapter 22, verse 6, "If a bird's nest chance to be before thee in the way in any tree, or on the ground, whether they be young ones, or eggs, and the dam sitting upon the young, or upon the eggs, thou shalt not take the dam with the young."

The ground of sympathy here is the sacredness of the parental relationship. The mother-bird is sacred as a mother; and length of days is promised to those, who regard the sanctity of motherhood in this sphere, as it is promised to those who observe the Fifth Commandment.

'When the mother is sent away, she does not see the taking of her young ones, and does not feel any pain. The Torah provides that such grief should not be caused to cattle (Lev. XXII, 28) or birds; how much more careful must we be that we should not cause grief to our fellow men' (Maimonides); see XXV, 4F.

As soon as one takes the nest he should immediately send away the mother. If he fails to do so, he should not wait, because the mother may die and then he will have transgressed this negative commandment, or he may die, and thus die in transgression. This is an indication of the Rabbinic saying that the zealous carry out a mitzvah immediately and also of the Biblical saying 'a thing in its time, oh, how good it is!' (Proverbs, Chapter 15, verse 23).

### Shalach Monos

One of the truly beautiful and inspiring practices of Purim is the sending of gifts to friends and the distribution of charity to the poor. Mordecai enjoined the Jews to make Purim a day of "sending of portions to one another and the giving of gifts to the poor." In order to fulfill the Mitzvah properly one must send two edible gifts to a friend or neighbor and two charitable gifts to two poor people.

### Shushan Purim

The day after Purim is known as Shushan Purim or Purim of Shushan, capital of the old Persian Empire. According to the Book of Esther, the Jews of Shushan celebrated the victory over Haman a day later than did the other Jews because they

were engaged in battle an additional day. This day is celebrated as Purim in those cities which have been walled since the day of Joshua, as was the city of Shushan.

### Shabbos Zachor

The Sabbath immediately preceding Purim, tomorrow, is known as Shabbos Zachor — the Sabbath of remembrance. A special portion of the Torah is read (Deuteronomy 25: 17-19) describing the cowardly attack of the Amalekites against the Israelites in the desert. Haman, according to Jewish tradition, was a descendant of these same Amalekites, the arch enemies of the Jews and their Torah and way of life through many generations. They are regarded by our Rabbis as the symbol of anti-Jewish persecution through the ages.



## ATTEND OUR GALA PURIM CARNIVAL

**Sunday Afternoon, March 1st  
For Young And Old**

The annual Purim Carnival and Masquerade of our Social Department and Talmud Torah will be held in the Auditorium, Sunday afternoon March 1st at 2:00 o'clock. As in the past, our youngsters will come dressed in gay costumes and masks to participate in the jolly Purim Carnival.

A good time is in store for all our children and their parents. Novel Purim games of skill, gay booths, and delicious refreshments will be provided. Admission is free for all.

Shekels for the various activities will be available on the afternoon of the Carnival at the entrance of the Social Hall. We hope to see all our youngsters with their families and friends this Sunday afternoon.

## JUDGE EDELSTEIN TO ADDRESS COLLEGIATES

Judge David N. Edelstein of the United States District Court will be the guest speaker at the Get-Together of the Midtown Jewish Collegiate Council, tonight, February 27th, at 8:30 o'clock, in our building.

Judge Edelstein is a member of, and a regular worshipper at the W.S.I.S. We would like to see all our Collegiates turn out to greet one of our own distinguished personalities on this occasion.

In honor of Purim, which will take place tomorrow night, mon-taschen and other delicacies will be served.

The Council, composed of the Collegiates of the Beth Hillel, Jewish Center and W.S.I.S., welcomes all young people of our community to participate in the forums and socials that are sponsored regularly.

## CANTOR YAVNEH'S ANNUAL CONCERT

Sunday evening, March 8th, our outstanding Cantor, Zalmon Yavneh, will hold his annual concert at the W.S.I.S. The evening will feature program of Liturgical Music and Folk Songs.

We are sure that all those present will be inspired by the renditions of the various numbers.

## WOMENS LEAGUE NOTES

**Mrs. David Kamerman  
To Be Hostess**

On Monday afternoon, March 2nd at 12:30 o'clock, Mrs. David Kamerman will entertain the entire executive Board of our Women's League at a Luncheon at her home.

An important meeting of the Board will follow the Luncheon and all Board members are urgently requested to attend promptly.

## AN IMPORTANT REMINDER TO PARENTS

We would like to remind our parents to join their children at the reading of the Megillah on Purim, Saturday night, Feb. 28th at 6:15 o'clock, and Sunday morning, March 1st at 8:00 o'clock, in our Synagogue. May we also suggest that parents give their children "shalach munos", Purim gifts, in the spirit of the holiday, and that they have a special Purim dinner "seuda" and hamantaschen in their homes.

Our Women's League will provide greggers for all the youngsters who will attend the reading of the Megillah on Saturday night and on Sunday morning. We look forward to seeing a record number of children with their parents this Purim at the W.S.I.S.

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## W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening .....5:24

Weekly Portion: T'save

— Sabbath Zachor

Exodus 27.20-30.10 Deut. 25.17-19

I Samuel 15.2-34

Friday Evening Service .....5:30

Saturday Morning Service .....8:45

Sabbath Kindergarten for

Children 4 to 6 .....10:30

Junior Congregation .....10:45

Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls) .....3:40

Rabbi Reichel's Talmud Class

in English .....3:50

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class .....3:50

Mincha Service .....4:50

Reader of Torah: Albert Schmeidler

Reader of Service: Murray Yavneh

Termination of the Sabbath — Maariv  
Service followed by Megillah .....6:14

## Daily Services:

Sunday Morning (Purim) .....6:30, 8:00

Daily Mornings .....6:45, 7:45, 8:30

Mincha .....5:30

Followed by the Explanation of the  
Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein

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It is to the everlasting glory and honor of our Congregation that our beloved Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein is such a vital link in American-Israeli Jewish relations. Our worshippers at the last Shabbos morning services had the rare pleasure of welcoming him back from his recent extended visit to the Holy Land, and being treated to a fascinatingly interesting talk on his experiences on conditions in Israel, also on his experience with Prime Minister Ben Gurion. For further details, we would refer our readers to a feature article by him which appeared in the **Journal-American** and Hearst newspapers throughout the country last Sunday . . . Happy to have back with us again from the W.S.I.S. colony in Florida, our beloved President Lester Udell and our devoted Vice-President Aaron Wartels, and from Lakewood, Director and Mrs. Max Moskowitz. We were happy to welcome at services, Rabbi Joash Zavosnitzky . . . Our Congregational citation of merit to our member Simeon H. F. Goldstein who has recently been elected to the presidency of the Bronx Young Republicans Club . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Abe Morgenstern upon the forthcoming marriage of their son, Edward, to Miss Joan Karp. The "aufruf" was held in our Synagogue at the last Shabbos morning services. Edward is a purple heart veteran of the last war . . . and to Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Klein, upon the marriage of their daughter, Jeanette, to Alfred Stern, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Stern. Mr. Klein will be the host at our regular Shabbos afternoon Seuda Shlishis tomorrow in honor of the occasion . . . Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Lou Lieberman upon the birth of a girl, Meg Susan, to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Shapiro . . . Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kraeler upon the birth of a baby girl, Patricia Augusta, to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Lowenstein . . . **Wedding Anniversary** greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Milton M. Bernard, Mr. and Mrs. Sigg Eisenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Fox, Director and Mrs. Morris Jablow, Mr. and Mrs. Julius J. Leff and Director

and Mrs. Harry Ward . . . Many happy returns of their **birthdays** to Director Harry Altman, Mrs. Emanuel Buchalter, Mrs. David Beilock, Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, Ruth Hertz, Herman Kaminsky and Max Stokar.

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