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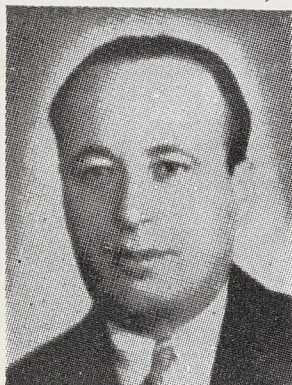
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DR. FRANK KINGDON TO SPEAK AT U.J.A. DINNER, HONORING "POP" WARTELS, ON TUESDAY, MAY 5 *NOTED AUTHOR, LECTURER TO HIGHLIGHT EVENING*



Pictured above (left to right): Lester Udell, honorary chairman; Jacob Kaplan, chairman; Herman H. Cohen and Joseph Settler, co-chairmen.

LAG BA-OMER

This Saturday night we shall count the thirty-third day of the Omer.

Many sad events have taken place in Jewish history during the period between Passover and the Feast of Weeks, known as the Omer. For that reason, this period is observed as a period of semi-mourning with all public festivities forbidden.

On the thirty-third day of the counting of the Omer, equivalent in Hebrew to the Hebrew letters, 'lag,' several significant events occurred.

Origins of the celebration

Bar Kochba defeated the Romans on that day in his unsuccessful revolt, (132-35 C.E.)

During that same period, a plague broke out which raged among the disciples of Rabbi Akiva. Many thousands are said to have perished until the plague ceased on the 33rd

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ADS FOR 'HONOR ROLL' YEARBOOK NOW BEING TAKEN

May we remind our readers that advertisements and greetings are now being taken by the Synagogue Office for the Souvenir Journal which will be presented to our Man of the Year, Mr. Herman H. Cohen.

Greetings inserted in this Album serve two purposes: first, they serve as a tribute to Mr. Cohen for his outstanding work in the Synagogue family over the past years. Second, they provide a very important means of support for all the Institutional's varied activities.

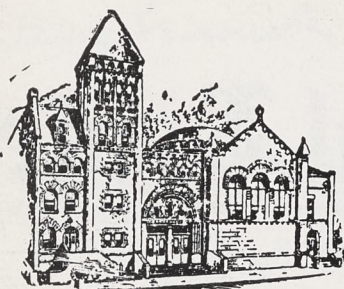
Printing arrangements make it important that we receive all the ads and greetings as soon as possible so that the Album will be ready for presentation to Mr. Cohen at the reception in his honor. May we urge you therefore to send us your greeting as soon as possible.

Dr. Frank Kingdon, noted author and lecturer, will be the guest speaker at the United Jewish Appeal of the West Side Institutional Synagogue, on Tuesday evening May 5. The dinner will be in the form of a testimonial to Aaron "Pop" Wartels, our beloved First Vice-President, and will be held in the Hotel Esplanade, West End Avenue and 74th Street.

May we urge you, therefore, if you have not contacted the Synagogue Office as yet for reservations for the dinner — women as well as men — please do so at once. Let us hope that the Congregation will turn out in full force to honor "Pop" Wartels and at the same time, support what is the most important cause in Jewish philanthropic life today.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES

For the duration of daylight savings time, Mincha services on Friday evenings will begin at 6:30.



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Lag Ba-Omer

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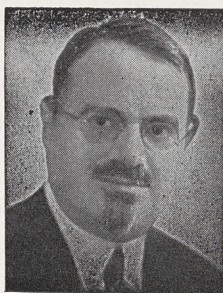
day of the Omer.

The students then returned to Rabbi Akiva to resume their studies, which had been prohibited during the plague. This day is therefore known as the "Scholars' Festival" and as a memorial not to depart from the teaching of the Torah.

The 33rd day of the Omer is also celebrated as the birthday and Yahrzeit of Rabbi Simeon ben Yochai, to whom tradition ascribes the authorship of the Cabbalistic book "Zohar." In Israel, many thousands make the pilgrimage to his grave to pray on this day. There is much merriment in accordance with the wishes of Ben Yochai who had asked that his Yahrzeit be joyously observed.

The Bow and Arrow

Legend has it that Rabbi Simeon ben Yochai hid in a cave in flight from the Romans, who had forbidden the teaching of the Torah. His hiding place was known only to his disciples, who, when they went to visit him, would carry bows and arrows in order to deceive any guards into thinking that their pres-



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555th OF THE 613 BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS

"To Stone The Betrothed Damsel And Her Paramour"

The Beth Din is commanded to inflict the death penalty by stoning, to the one who seduced a betrothed damsel, as it is written in the Book of Deuteronomy, Chapter 22, verse 24: "And he shall stone them with stones that they die." This is one of the four means of death penalties. The four are: Stoning, burning, slaying (by means of a sword) and strangulation. The Rabbis in the Talmud in Sanhedrin discussed which is the severest form of death penalty and then the question is, what difference does it make, as to which is the severest one? The answer is, — that if one is to receive two physical punishments, then instead of receiving both he is to be inflicted with the severest one.

The death penalty by means of stoning is regarded as the severest one. It was inflicted in the following way. The man who was to be stoned was divested of his clothes, and his nakedness was to be covered. A woman was to wear one gown. The place for the stoning was to be of the height of two people, namely, a little over 12 feet. The person to be stoned together with the accusing witnesses, would ascend to the top. His hands would

ence in the woods was for the purpose of hunting. The holiday is thus symbolized by the bow and arrow.

In addition, the bow and arrow recall the revolt of Bar Kochba and the resistance to the Roman oppression of the times.

Observance of the Day

The Omer restriction on festivities and weddings is removed during the day of Lag Ba-Omer. The morning Penitential Psalms are omitted.

In addition, it is customary for the children to celebrate the day by outings, games and special songs.

**Dr. Hoenig's Class Meets
Wednesday Night, This Week**

be tied. One of the witnesses who testified against him was to throw him down upon the ground. If he did not die then with this thrust, the heart facing the ground, the witness would cause a heavy stone to fall upon his heart. If he was not dead by this time, all the bystanders would hurl stones. The first, of course, would be the witnesses, as we read: "And the hand of the witnesses shall be first upon him." (Deut. 17:7).

This law refers to male and female and the Beth Din (Court) that transgressed this law, and did not stone the one who was guilty of receiving this death penalty, even though they inflicted another death penalty, transgressed this positive commandment.

556th COMMANDMENT

"Not To Judge One Who Was Forced To Sin"

We read in the Book of Deuteronomy, Chapter 22, verse 26: "Unto the damsel thou shalt do nothing." Our Rabbis say in the Talmud in Sanhedrin: "A person who was forced to sin, G-d frees from punishment, as we read in our commandment, 'Unto the damsel thou shalt do nothing' ". Self-righteous people sometimes are prompted to punish, if not by deed, then by word of mouth, those who have been forced to sin. I am reminded of the words of Robert Louis Stevenson:

"There is so much good in the worst of us,

And so much bad in the best of us,
That it behooves any of us,
To talk about the rest of us."

This law prevails in all places, at all times. One who violates it, trespasses this negative commandment.

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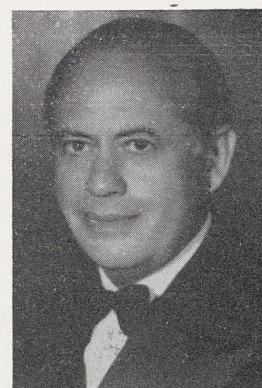
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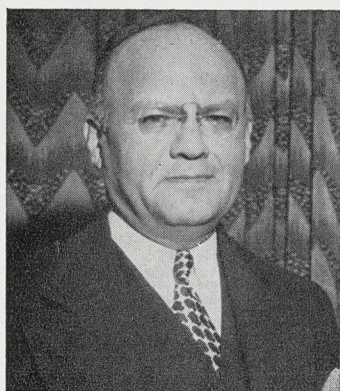
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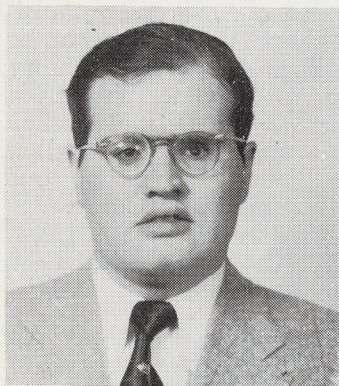


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Joseph Weinstein

WE HOPE THE WHOLE FAMILY WILL BE PRESENT AT THE W.S.I.S. YOUTH SERVICE MAY 2nd



Bernard Gottlieb

This Sabbath will be dedicated to the young people of our Congregation. They will conduct the complete services tonight and tomorrow.

Friday evening services will be chanted by Murray Yavneh. Jason Jacobowitz will commence the Sabbath morning Service with the "Pesukay Dezimra" and Herbert Goldberg will be the chazan for Shachris. Portions of the Sedra of the week will be read by Judah Gottlieb, Moses Gottlieb, Jason Jacobowitz, Norman Kamerman, Jay Kobrin, Lawrence Kobrin, Joseph Moses, Joseph Neustadter, Herbert Perlman, Albert Schmeidler, Harvey Shapiro, Michael Silberman, Arthur Udell, Joseph Weisenfeld, Elliot Wohl and Murray Yavneh. Samuel Ward will chant the Haftorah. Herbert Perlman will call the recipients of the Mitzvos to the Torah. Lawrence Kobrin will recite the prayer for the Government. The preacher will be Bernard Gottlieb. Hershel Gold will conduct the closing morning service (Musaf). The ushering staff, under the leadership of David Weisenfeld, will include Jacob Golden, Marshall Greenberg, Bernard Israel, Ned Kirsch, David Silver and Jack Wohl. Samuel Ward and Murray Yavneh will serve as gabbaim. At Mincha, Leisha Langer will read the Torah and Bernard Israel will read the services.

Following the morning services, the young people will meet at a reception in the Council Room at which the girls of our youth groups will act as hostesses. The committee includes Liba Amin, Judy Beier, Beverly Bellsey, Sarah Bloch, Susan Cohen, Barbara Herlands, Dianne Hirsch, Arlene Jacobs, Barbara Kaplan, Rene Kaufman, Joanna Levine, Judith Neustadter, Judy Sabin, Michele Siegel, Ruth Ukeles, Maxine Udell and Yonina Yavneh.

OUR REBETZIN MRS. HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN TO BE HOSTESS

On Monday, May 4th, at 12:30 o'clock our Rebettzin Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein will entertain the entire Executive Board of our Women's League at a Luncheon at her home.

An important meeting of the Executive Board will follow the Luncheon.

MEN'S CLUB NOTES

Regular Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Men's Club will be this Monday evening, May 4th, Mr. H. William Hirsch, President of the Club has announced. The meeting will begin promptly at 8:30 P.M. and all members are urged to attend.

Baseball Game

All the members of the Synagogue are urged to contact the office or any member of the baseball committee: Jack Cohen, chairman, Abe Eisenman, Phil Nager, Al Kirsh, Harry Ward, Jules Cohen, Al Braff, Abe Fishbein, Hyman Gorden and Frank Taks.

The game will be on June 14th at the Polo Grounds between the New York Giants and St. Louis Nationals.

MANHATTAN DAY SCHOOL

We are happy to continue below the listing of those who have responded to the recent appeal for support of the Manhattan Day School:

Jonah Bloch, Harry Cohen, Louis Davis, Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, Morris Jablow, Joseph Landowne, Henry L. Kessler, Max Koch, Mrs. Tillie Meisel, Mrs. E. Meyer, Rabbi M.C. Pekier, Alexander Rauchman, Louis Reisman, Oscar Saretsky, Jacob S. Silverstein, Harry Weisenfeld.

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Light Candles Friday Evening

before 7:34

Weekly Portion: Emor

Leviticus 21:1 - 24:23 Ezekiel 44:15-31

OMER 32

Friday Evening Service 6:30

Saturday Morning Service 9:00

Sabbath Kindergarten for Children

4 to 6 10:30

Junior Congregation 10:45

Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls) 3:40

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class 6:00

Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class 6:00

Mincha Service 7:00

Reader of Torah: Leisha Langer

Reader of Service: Bernard Israel

Fourth Chapter — Ethics of the Fathers

The Sabbath Terminates 8:19

Daily Services

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

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

Mincha 7:50

Followed by the Explanation of the

Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein

CONDOLENCE

Our heartfelt sympathies to the family of our late revered Director, MORRIS LEVINSON, who was associated with our Congregation since its inception.

Our heartfelt sympathies to our member, Louis Fisher, upon the loss of his sister.

Getting Personal

by Sanford Solarz

Our heartiest welcome into our Congregational Family to the following new members: Edward B. Cohen, Sherman Cohen, Seymour Hatkin, Rabbi Moishe C. Pekier. It is our hope that they will participate with the same zest and zeal in our many activities and feel as much at home with us as our older and more seasoned members. After all, our older pillars were once neophytes . . . We were happy to see at our last week's Sabbath morning services, from out-of-town our coming barrister Jack Verschleiser. . . . The host at our weekly Sabbath afternoon Seuda Shlishis tomorrow will be Mr. Benjamin Stone. A highlight of our Seudas is the inimitable and original exposition of a section of the "Ethics of Our Fathers", by our own esteemed Rabbi O. Asher Reichel. Come and regale yourself . . . Not even the conspiracy of nature in the form of a drenching rain could prevent the forum meeting of our Men's Club from being a success, conceived by our tireless worker, Director Max Lazarus . . . No genius is required on the part of your columnist for filling this column every week — all that he needs for the purpose is for our members and friends to send into our office, by phone or mail, news of Simchas, and any other items of interest to our congregation and their families — so how about your cooperation. Our heartiest Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Fain upon the forthcoming **Marriage** of their daughter, Marilyn to Sid Erger, and to Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Shaller upon the forthcoming **Marriage** of their son, Irwin to Miss Roslyn Fay Seltzer. Irwin's "Aufruf" will be held at tomorrow morning Sabbaath services. . . . Our prayers for a speedy return to good health by Mr. Sol Jaye. . . . **Wedding Anniversary** greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Sol Konstant, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Weinstein . . . Many happy returns of their **Birthdays** to Mrs. Noel Aronovici, Director Jess E. Gross, Mrs. George L. Livingston, Rudolph Ornstein, Mrs. Sol Redlich, Director Jess Ward.

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By Aryeh Seagull
W.S.I.S. Social Director

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The week after is Birthday Party week.

This Saturday night at 8:45, our "teen-agers" will all meet in the Social Hall for the annual Lag B'Omer Social. Vic Trola will play in his "groovy" style, while Miriam "calls".

The Game Room winds up its fun packed program Monday, May 4th. Winners of the tournaments will be announced next week.

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We will board the bus at 9:15 A.M. and will return about 4:00 P.M., please G-d.

In the event of inclement weather, the outing will be postponed. In that case, a film party will be held at the W.S.I.S. at 10:00 o'clock.

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