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BOROUGH PRESIDENT HULAN E. JACK TO SPEAK AT MEN'S CLUB FORUM MEETING THIS MONDAY EVENING

TOPIC IS "UNITY AMONG ALL FOR THE SAKE OF BROTHERHOOD"

WOMEN'S LEAGUE BOARD MEETING

Mesdames Fred Goldstein, Emanuel Goodman and Eddie Schreiber to be Hostesses

On Monday afternoon, February 7th, at 12:00 o'clock, Mrs. Fred Goldstein, Mrs. Emanuel Goodman and Mrs. Eddie Schreiber will entertain the entire Executive Board of our Women's League at a Dessert Luncheon in the Synagogue building.

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



Hulan E. Jack

The Hon. Hulan E. Jack, President of the Borough of Manhattan will be the guest speaker at our Men's Club Forum this Monday evening, Mr. Abraham Eisenman, President of the Men's Club has announced. Every member of the congregation — both men and women — is urged to attend.

Mr. Jack's topic will be "Unity Among All for the Sake of Brotherhood." A question and answer period is scheduled to follow the speaker's address. Mr. Max Lazarus, past president of the Men's Club, who has arranged the program of the evening, will be the moderator.

The career of Mr. Jack is one that can give considerable encouragement to members of all "minority" groups in our country. His is the highest elective office ever attained by a Negro in the United States. Born in the British West Indies, he came to the United States at the age of sixteen. While working during the day, he attended the New York Evening High School from which he was graduated. In 1940 he was elected to the New York State Assembly and was reelected for several terms thereafter. He served as Assemblyman for thirteen years until he resigned to take the post of Borough President in 1954.

Throughout his career, he has been a leader in all movements for civil and human rights, fighting

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Reminder-Gram

OUR MR. AND MRS. LEAGUE CORDIALLY INVITES OUR YOUNG MARRIED COUPLES AND THEIR FRIENDS TO ITS NEXT FRIDAY NIGHT GET-TOGETHER, FEBRUARY 4th, 8:45 P.M., PROMPTLY . . . MICHAEL BREEN WILL AGAIN LEAD US IN GROUP SINGING . . . RABBI REICHEL WILL BRING US AN INFORMATIVE AND INTERESTING MESSAGE . . . OUR HOSTS WILL BE DR. AND MRS. MAURICE GOODGOLD.

MR. GOODMAN TO TENDER PARTY THIS TUESDAY FOR RABBI GOLDSTEIN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



Mr. Jacob Goodman

Mr. Jacob Goodman, a member of the W.S.I.S. and member of the Board of Trustees of the World Academy for Higher Jewish Studies in Jerusalem, is tendering a Birthday Party in honor of our Rabbi's 65th Birthday next Tuesday, February 8th at 5 P.M. in his very beautiful office at 2112 Broadway. All the friends of the Rabbi are invited to come and toast the Rabbi on his birthday.

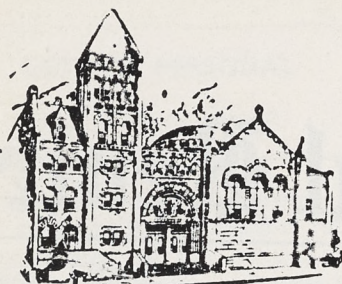
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"LEST YE FORGET"

The Women's League is sure that you are all as anxious as we are to make our Children's Village Luncheon on February 28th, at the Synagogue Building a huge success. Is YOUR reservation in? We are counting on every member to make every effort to help us raise more money than ever before. The children in Israel look towards us and need our support.

Please use reservation blank below at once, and mail it to Synagogue.

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Enclosed please find check for
@ \$2. per person, for W.S.I.S. Children's Village Afternoon of Games to be held at the W.S.I.S. on February 28, 1955, at 12 noon.

THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Preliminary Morning Readings

"THOU DIDST CREATE IT"

Thus there are three partners in every man, as the Talmud in Kidushim points out,—father, mother, and G-d. The reference to G-d relates to the creation of the soul, as we read in Zechariah, Chapter 12,

verse 1, "And He createth the spirit of man within him." Or as we read in Jeremiah, Chapter 38, verse 16, "As the L-rd liveth that made us this soul." (See also Talmud Niddah 6).

"THOU PRESERVEST IT WITHIN ME"

Each day represents a new lease of life, with new opportunities for

the soul to express itself. See Job Chapter 10 verse 12.

"AND THOU WILT TAKE IT FROM ME"

Here we have an affirmation in the belief of Immortality, namely, that the soul returns to G-d, as we read in Ecclesiastes, Chapter 12,

verse 7, "And the dust returneth to the earth as it was, but the spirit returneth to G-d who gave it."

"BUT WILT RESTORE IT UNTO ME HEREAFTER"

This is an affirmation in the belief of Resurrection. See Ezekiel, Chapter 37, verses 12 and 14.

Therefore it behooves us to be

careful with our souls, that they may leave us as pure as possible, by virtue of the exemplary life we live in this world.

"TO DEAD BODIES"

It does not read גוֹת which is also translated as "bodies." The word גוֹת refers to "a body with a soul," a live being, whilst פגרים refers to "dead bodies," — the state of the body in the sleep of death.

The fact of the immortality and resurrection of the soul is proclaimed in this prayer. We recognize "(G-d's) great trust" to revive the dead from the very fact of our daily awakening. This the Midrash infers from the verse "New are we every morning; great is Thy trust" (Lamentations 3:23). Indeed, the regular blackout and reawakening of consciousness connected with sleep is an inexplicable process, as far as science is concerned. On the other hand the Talmud sees a certain similarity between sleep and

death. It says, "Sleep is one-sixtieth of death" (Berachoth 57b). Science too has made statements to this effect. "It is very probable that a certain relationship exists between the changes taking place in the tissues during fatigue and those occurring in death." Why then should the miracle of our reawakening every morning not help us to conceive the miracle of the revival of the dead body as being within the realm of possibility? Our sages considered the analogy between sleep and death so conclusive that they made it the subject of this special ברכה Bracha." The formulation they gave to the blessing is such as to leave no doubt about the future resurrection of man as an individual being.

HAMISHA ASAR B'SHEVAT THIS MONDAY

Hamisha Asar B'Shevav (the Fifteenth Day of the Hebrew month Shevat) is the Jewish "Arbor Day." It will take place Monday.

In the Talmud we find this day referred to as Rosh Hashonah L'Tlanos (New Year for Trees).

In Israel the observance of this day is set aside for the planting of new trees.

In countries outside of Israel, Hamisha Asar B'Shevav is observed by the eating of fruit products for which the Holy Land is noted.

We set aside one of these fruits, which we have not as yet eaten during the year, for the purpose of saying the blessing of "Shehechyanu." The Penitential Psalms are not recited.

MAZEL TOV



Ruth Denise Bernstein

Our heartiest congratulations to our Director and Mrs. Joseph Shapiro and to our members Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Bernstein upon the forthcoming marriage of their children Ruth Denise Bernstein and Harvey Z. Shapiro. Mazel Tov likewise to Ruth's grandfather, our member, Mr. Nathan Schupf.

Harvey's "aufruf" will be held in our Synagogue tomorrow morning. May the young couple be blessed with a long and happy married life.

TOMORROW'S BAR MITZVAH



Milton H. Beller

Our heartiest congratulations to our members Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Beller upon the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son Milton, which will be held in our Synagogue at the services tomorrow. Milton will read the entire Sedra.

HEBREW SCHOOL NOTES

Our Women's League will graciously provide the appropriate refreshments for Chamisha Assar Be-shevat for all our pupils. Mrs. Man-nie Alt is chairman of the committee.

PROGRESS MADE ON PLANS FOR RABBI GOLDSTEIN LIBRARY

Fine progress has already been made on behalf of the Rabbi Goldstein Library Building, Mr. Lester Udell, General Chairman, has announced. Thanks to the enthusiastic support of some of the Rabbi's friends, the plans are moving swiftly ahead.

The Library Building, atop Mount Herzl outside Jerusalem, will contain

an Auditorium and sixteen seminar study rooms in addition to the administrative offices.

Thus far, the following have subscribed to have a room perpetuated in their names: Mr. Jack Berlin, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hirsch, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Kaplan, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Katz, Mrs. Fanny Kaufman, Mr. and Mrs. Gusatve Stern.

Men's Club Forum (Cont'd)



Abraham Eisenman

against race discrimination and communism. He is therefore, indeed qualified to speak on the topic.

The invocation for the forum will be delivered by Rabbi Reichel and Rabbi Goldstein will give the ad-



Max Lazarus

dress of welcome.

The entire congregation is urged not to miss what promises to be a most interesting meeting. Come and enjoy it. The forum is scheduled to begin at 8:30 P.M. promptly.

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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening up to 4:59

Weekly Portion — B'Shalach

Exodus 13:17-17:16 Judges 4:4-24; 5:1-31

Friday Evening Service5:10

Saturday Morning Service9:00

Junior Congregations10:30

Sabbath Kindergarten for Children

4 to 610:30

Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls

from 9 to 12 years)3:00

Rabbi Reichel's Mishna Class3:30

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class3:30

Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class3:30

Mincha4:30

Reader of Torah: Herbert Perlman

Reader of Service: Murray Yavneh

The Sabbath Terminates5:49

Daily Services:

Sunday Morning6:45, 8:00, 9:00

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GETTING PERSONAL

By Sanford Solarz

Our heartiest welcome into our Congregational Family to our new members Nathan Kramer and Philip Saffir, with the hope that they will be as much at home with us as our "oldest old-timers" and will participate in as many of our religious and social activities as possible . . . We were happy and proud to see the laudatory write-up of Mrs. Yetta Wohl, mother of Mrs. Jess E. Gross, which appeared in a recent issue of the "Synagogue Light" . . . The host at our weekly Sabbath Seuda Shlishis tomorrow afternoon will be our member, Mr. Max Chernofsky . . . We were honored to have at our last Sabbath morning Services Rabbi and Mrs. Ezra Gellman of Sea Gate . . . Your columnist delivered a talk recently before the David Marcus Chapter of the American Jewish Congress on Hellenism and the corroding influences of Greek Culture on Jewry . . . Our prayers for a speedy recovery to Mrs. Irving Silver . . . Happy to have back with us Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hofbauer and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Herman from Florida, and Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Kirsch from their Carribean cruise . . . Happy vacationing in Florida to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Amin . . . Glad to hear that Mrs. Ella Segalowitz is recuperating from her illness . . . Mazel Tov to Mr. Isidor Stoll and to our Mrs. Anne Verschleiser, member of our Women's League Executive Board, upon their marriage . . . Our Rabbi Goldstein was among those invited recently to a luncheon by United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold to discuss the United Nations and its relation to the city of New York . . . **Wedding anniversary** greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Druker, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kaufman, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Ostrow, Mr. and Mrs. Max Selsky and Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Spanbock . . . Many happy returns of their **birthdays** to Audrey Roberta Adelson, Jay M. Cohen, Ronnie Gail Cohen, Buddy Diamond, Isidore Ehrman, our beloved Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, Michael Goodman, Barbara Herlands, Linda Fran Levine, Mr. and Mrs. Nat Trotzky and Richard Weinstein.

Please Note!

A modern Ritualarium is located in our community, at 158 W. 97th St. MO 3-0300.

PURIM CARNIVAL PREPARATIONS

The ANNUAL EVENT for our youngsters (and their parents, too) is our Purim Carnival, sponsored by our Social Department and Hebrew School P.T.A. This year it will be held on Sunday, March 6th at 2 o'clock.

A new variety of booths, delicious refreshments, gala prizes and a masquerade contest will highlight the afternoon.

Mrs. Jules Citron, chairlady in charge of prizes and gifts, announces that her committee can use all kinds of prize items suitable for youngsters — and still more. If our readers have any to spare, please leave word at the Synagogue office, attention Carnival Committee.

DO YOU KNOW THAT

Our Laymen's Institute offers four different courses in the Hebrew language for adults: — On Tuesday morning for ladies and on Wednesday evenings both men and women.

For further information please call Rabbi Reichel's office.

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Our Rabbis should be informed concerning illnesses or happy events that may occur in our large Congregational Family. "Keyn Yirbu." Just a phone call to the Synagogue office will suffice.

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