

SABBATH SERVICES TOMORROW AT 8:30
BLESSINGS FOR NEW MONTH, SHABBAT SHEKALIM

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

To All Members

The Annual Membership Meeting for the election of Trustees and Directors and for the transaction of such business as may properly come before it, will be held at our building Monday evening, February 20th, 1956 at 8:30 P.M.

Lester Udell, Pres.

Morris Jablow, Sec'y.

SHABBAT SHEKALIM

Tomorrow marks the first of the Special Sabbaths preparatory to the Passover holiday season. This day is known as Shabbat Shekalim and is observed every year on the Sabbath preceding Rosh Chodesh Adar.

On each of these special Sabbaths there is a special Torah reading. The extra reading tomorrow refers to the half a shekel that every Israelite, of twenty years of age or over, rich or poor, gave as his equal share, toward the support of the Temple. (Exodus 30:11-16)

In the days of the Temple in Jerusalem, it was the custom to remind all, of their obligation to give the half shekel on the first day of Adar. Hence, we read this portion of the Law as near as possible to Rosh Chodesh Adar.

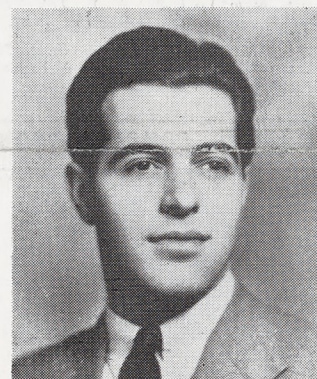
Father and Son Minyan — Breakfast Last Sunday Well-Attended and Successful Synagogue Event

Our congratulations to our Rabbi O. Asher Reichel and to Fred Heiser, President of the Men's Club upon the huge success of the Father and Son Minyan and Breakfast held in our Synagogue last Sunday morning. The event was generously sponsored by our Men's Club.

More than sixty attended and took part in the interesting and enjoyable features at the gathering. Many thanks, too, to the gracious hostesses who made sure that all present were well taken care of. The hostesses were Mesdames Monroe Gaines, Dan Gribetz and Fred Heiser.

Mr. William Hirsch, the chairman of the event, presided and Rabbis Goldstein and Reichel, Fred Heiser and Irving Silver participated in the program. The chazanim for the morning service were David Silver, Herbert Goldberg and Joseph Moses.

We think that the importance of this event was well pointed out by Judge Herlands who spoke to the group. Drawing a lesson from the portion of last Saturday, he pointed out that even a man as busy as Moses was told by his father-in-law



Mr. Fred Heiser

to find time for his family and especially for his children. So, too, Judge Herlands said, must even the busiest man find time to give to his children, wife, and in-laws. The Minyan and Breakfast last Sunday morning provided an excellent means toward this end. We hope that the Men's Club will be encouraged to sponsor more such events in the future and that more and more of our congregants will be able to participate in this important type of activity.

PURIM CARNIVAL

To Be Held

Sunday, February 19th

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, February 19th at 2 o'clock**. All youngsters from 6 to 80 from our Congregational Family are invited to attend.

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.

Make your reservations for your family now

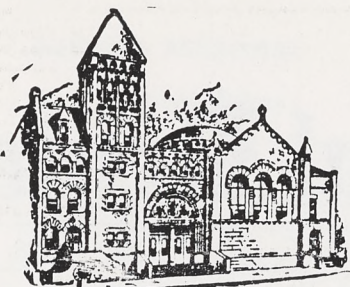
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Monday, March 26 and Tuesday, March 27

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TOMORROW'S BAR MITZVAH



Bernard L. Liberman

Our heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Liberman of Atlanta, Georgia, upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Bernard Louis, which will be celebrated in our Synagogue tomorrow morning.

MR. AND MRS. LEAGUE COMING EVENTS

Friday, February 17th

Oneg Shabbat at 7:45 P.M.

Rev. A. Lopes Cardozo will speak on "Customs of Sephardic Jews in America". Discussion and refreshments.

THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Psalms of Praise — Conclusion

"THEY SANK AS LEAD IN THE MIGHTY WATERS."

The sinking, in this chapter is compared to a stone, to a straw and to lead, because there were, say the Rabbis, three kinds of offenders among the Egyptians. Some were those whose oppression of Israel was of an aggravated character. They suffered immensely until life de-

serted them. This is compared to the straw. Others whose oppression of Israel was of a milder character, received an easier death, like stone and lead sinking easily. This shows that retribution does not exceed the measure of guilt.

"WHO LIKE UNTO THEE O LORD AMONG THE MIGHTY ONES, ETC."

After the overthrow of the Egyptians at the Red Sea, their empire in eastern Africa and Asia-Minor collapsed. Their control over many nations was weakened and their gods became discredited and des-

pised. "Who is like unto thee? etc.," became the refrain of the whole then civilized world. Who knows, what G-d has in store for Egypt at the present critical period, in the history of the world?

"GLORIOUS IN HOLINESS."

Signifies that the way we worship G-d we glorify Him. Unlike the gods and demigods whose cults are full of immorality, the worship of the true G-d inculcates the purest of morals. The Rabbis, in the Talmud Yerushalmi Berachos, Chapter 9, Halacha 1, say that our conception of G-d inculcates the purest of morals, and exalts the beauty of holiness, whereas the conception of the other

nations, especially of the Greeks, exalted the holiness of beauty.

This is understood by the Rabbis as saying that there is a risk in praising G-d, lest one falls short or is inexact in describing Him. Therefore, they warn against uttering or delivering unauthorized praises which may be an offense instead of a compliment, as we find it in the new and unholy Prayer-Books.

"THOU HAST GUIDED THEM IN THY STRENGTH TO THY HOLY HABITATION."

Moses is now speaking in a prophetic strain when the future is so clear and certain that it is beholden as a matter of the past. He is fore-

telling that Israel's objective now is the Holy Land, to which the passing of the Red Sea was a mere incidental preliminary.

"PANGS HAVE TAKEN HOLD OF THE INHABITANTS OF PHILISTA."

Looking at things from their own point of view, the Philistines thought Israel would surely wreak vengeance upon them for having attacked

and annihilated an earlier group of Israelite emigrants who left Egypt prematurely for the Holy Land.

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OPEN MEETING THIS MONDAY AFTERNOON

All the members of the Women's League and their friends are cordially invited to attend an exciting opening meeting this Monday afternoon at the Synagogue.

Mrs. Eddie Schreiber, our own very energetic and delightful speaker will discuss a novel topic,

"Life Can Be Beautiful."

What are your feelings on this subject. Come and join in what we are sure will be a most stimulating discussion.

Coffee and cake will be served at 12:30 o'clock.

REMINDER

Keep Monday afternoon, February 27th, open for our Children's Village Luncheon at the Synagogue Building, at 12:30 o'clock.

Israel Diary

by Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein

At the entrance of the grounds there was an enormous banner on two poles all the way across, from one side of the road to the other, high enough not to interfere with the traffic. On a white background was written in blue letters: "World Academy for Higher Jewish Studies" and "Welcome to Mayor Wagner." There were strings of banners on both sides of the road and every few feet there were flags on stands.

That part of the ground was chosen for the ceremony which is in the midst of a large group of trees, so that even though it was quite warm, the shade of the trees provided protection against the sun. Cold drinks

A WORD TO PARENTS

Parents should plan to join their children at the reading of the Megillah on Purim eve, Saturday, February 25th. May we suggest that they make reservations for the whole family at the Purim party which will be sponsored by our Women's League and Men's Club, following the Saturday night Services.

were passed among the guests continuously. This also added greatly to the comfortable feeling of everyone.

The programme was as follows: first Moshe Shapiro, the Minister of Religion, who was the presiding officer of the afternoon, made a few introductory remarks. Next came Chief Rabbi Herzog, who spoke shortly first in Hebrew and then in English. Presenting the Mayor, he said among other things, "I don't know if you are a descendant of the famous composer Wagner, but you certainly possess one of the abilities which he had, and that is, to create Harmony, such as you have done in the City of New York". Next the Prime Minister Sharett. He referred to Mayor Wagner's "illustrious father" whom he called the champion of the humanitarian spirit, and he welcomed Mayor Wagner as a "worthy successor". Prime Minister Sharett pointed out that 1/5 of the entire Jewish people live and prosper in New York City. He also spoke highly of Dad's remarkable work in connection with the World Academy.

The American Ambassador, Ed-
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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Friday, Shevat 28

Light candles before5:04
Evening service5:15
Mr. Kestenbaum's Chumosh
Class8:15

Saturday, Shevat 29 —

Shabbat Shekalim

Weekly portion: Mishpatim

Exodus 21:1-24:18; Exodus 30:11-16
II Kings 12:1-17

Blessing for the new month of Adar

Morning service8:30
Junior congregations10:30
Chazanim: Mervin Frankel, Mervin
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Sabbath Kindergarten10:30
Oneg Shabbos (Boys 9 to 12) 3:00
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class 3:30
Mr. Allen's Talmud Class3:30

Reader of Torah: Samuel Ward
Reader of Service: Herbert Perlman
The Sabbath terminates5:55

Sunday, Shevat 30—Rosh Chodesh I

Morning services7:15, 8:15, 8:45

Monday, Adar 1 — Rosh Chodesh II

Morning services6:30, 7:30, 8:15

Daily Services

Morning services6:45, 7:45, 8:30
Mincha5:15
Followed by the explanation of the
Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein

CANTOR ZALMON YAVNEH THIRTY YEAR JUBILEE CONCERT

Sunday evening, February 19, at 7:45 P.M.

The Cantor will be assisted by the choir of Ben Friedman

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GETTING PERSONAL

by Sanford Solarz

The father and son get-together, under the sponsorship of the Men's Club, at our Synagogue last Sunday morning was a spiritually and culinary exhilarating experience, and augurs well for such events in the future . . . Our Congregation has been signally honored by the designation of two of our Directors, both of whom are Federal Judges, for responsible positions of leadership in Jewish affairs. Our Congregational citations of merit to Judge David Edelstein upon his appointment as Manhattan Chairman of the Yeshiva University Synagogue Council, and to Judge William B. Herlands upon his election as chairman of the advisory board to the Counselor to Jewish students at Columbia University. Interestingly enough, Judge Herlands succeeds in this position Abraham M. Davis, Esq., another Director of our Congregation . . . The host of our weekly Sabbath afternoon Seuda Shlishis tomorrow will be Mr. Charles Pomerantz . . . Welcome home from Florida to Mr. George Gold. Glad to see him in good health after his recent operation . . . Through inadvertence we omitted in our last week's column the names of Mrs. Harry Ward and Mrs. A. Braff from the list of members comprising the Women's League Thrift Sales Force . . . Mazeltov and all best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Simon Fuchs upon the forthcoming marriage of their son, Joseph, to Miss Hassida Stein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tobias Stein. The bridegroom's aufruf will be held in our Synagogue at tomorrow morning's Sabbath services. Mr. and Mrs. Simon Fuchs together with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lieberman, the parents of tomorrow morning's Bar Mitzvah, will be the hosts at a kiddush in honor of both events, following the services . . . We were happy to have with us Mr. Joseph A. Krasnov of Philadelphia, the Lee Furmans and Charles P. Fierst of Mt. Vernon . . . Thanks to Leon Herman for his contribution of some of the provisions for the Sunday morning breakfast.

Be sure to keep Saturday night, February 25 open

Our Women's League and Men's Club will jointly sponsor

GALA PURIM SUPPER AND FESTIVAL

to be held in our Synagogue Building.

We hope you will join us for an evening of fun.

GREETINGS

Birthday Greetings

February

- 10—Audrey Roberta Adelson
Michael Goodman
- 13—Mrs. Annette Pash
- 14—Alexander Kirsh
- 15—Irving Bellsey
William Jacobs
Morton Langer
- 16—Judge David N. Edelstein
Solomon Strausberg

Wedding Anniversary Greetings

February

- 11—Mr. & Mrs. Mayer Rosenholz
- 12—Mr. & Mrs. Saul Bergman
Dr. & Mrs. Mortimer Greer
Mr. & Mrs. Leon Herman
Director & Mrs. Harold Kaplan

Israel Diary

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ward B. Lawson, gave a beautiful talk on the spiritual contribution of the Jewish people to the world. He said he enjoys being at gatherings of learned people, such as this is, more than being with any other type of people. He spoke of the influence of G-d ordained law, one of the most important contributions of Israel tradition, on the rise of Western civilization and modern democratic thought. Referring to the World Academy as an Israel-American institution, Mr. Lawson added that "through such unselfish acts of giving, the friendship between our two countries is best expressed".

Dad created a sensation by his beautiful oratory. You know how Dad can speak, especially when his heart is in his subject, as it surely was yesterday. The first part of Dad's speech was in Hebrew, the second in English; most of the speakers did the same thing. Mayor Wagner referred to Dad as his "dear friend" and "advisor" and he said that Dad is known and loved by everybody in New York, the religious, as well as the non-religious

people. Mr. Wagner said he was proud to be Mayor of the City with the largest Jewish community in the world, and added that New York City could never have prospered as it had without the community. It was inspiring for him to see what Israel had accomplished in only a few years and it "probably equals what we have done in 100 years of our own efforts".

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