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## CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

The children of our Hebrew School (ages 8 to 16) are invited to enter the nation-wide Passover "Creative Writing Contest" sponsored by Barton's Bonbonniere candy chain.

There are two first prizes of a complete summer vacation at the North Star Camps in the Adirondack Mountains—one for the best English composition and one for the best in Hebrew. There will be fourteen additional prizes.

Those interested in entering the contest may get further information and an entry blank in the Principal's office.

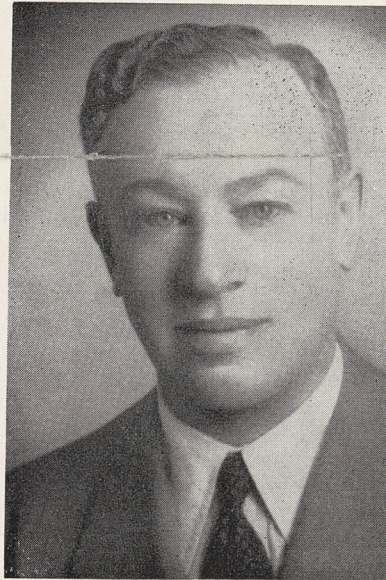
## LAYMEN'S INSTITUTE NEWS

Professor Sidney B. Hoenig's lectures on the Jewish Classics will be given henceforth on Wednesday evenings at 8 o'clock.

Our adult Hebrew courses meet now on Monday evenings.

## Director Herman Cohen Appointed

### Souvenir Album Chairman for This Year



Herman H. Cohen

We are happy to announce that our indefatigable worker, Director Herman H. Cohen, has been appointed chairman of the committee in charge of this year's Souvenir Album. The Album will be presented to our Man of the Year, Vice-President Max Moskowitz, at a reception in his honor this June.

Mr. Cohen said that he and his committee are confident that they would have little difficulty in gaining the cooperation of the entire congregational family in this year's Album effort. They are sure that all the friends of Mr. Moskowitz as well as all the friends and supporters of our institution will be glad to insert their greetings to our Man of the Year in behalf of our institution. We hope that our readers will make this prediction a correct one by answering our solicitations of ads as soon as possible and obtaining similar greetings from their friends and business associates as well.

## Preparations For Passover Holiday Should Begin Now . . .

### Seder Reservations, Relief Fund and Chametz Sale

#### SEDER RESERVATIONS SHOULD BE MADE NOW

This Sabbath we observe Parshas HaChodesh which celebrates the beginning of the month of Nisan, the month of Passover. This fact should certainly serve to impress our readers with the proximity of the Passover holiday and the necessity of making immediate preparations for it. One such preparation is the making of reservations for our Congregational Sedorim.

The sedorim will be held on the first two nights of the Passover holiday, Monday, March 26, and Tues-

day, March 27. They will take place at the Hotel Esplanade, West End Avenue, and 74th Street, within easy walking distance of the Synagogue. The charge of \$10 per person each Seder covers all expenses of the evening.

We urge you therefore, for your own comfort and enjoyment to make reservations for yourself and your family as soon as possible. The Synagogue Office will be glad to assist you.

#### Passover Relief Fund

The advent of Passover provides opportunity for one of the most important Jewish charitable activities, that of Moos Chitim — providing funds for the needy of our brethren who could not otherwise afford the necessities for Passover. The higher cost of living make this philanthropic effort more important than ever.

Under the chairmanship of Mrs. Max Koch, our Women's League is once again undertaking the noble task of collecting funds for this noble and important work. The committee has asked the members of the Synagogue to feel as if they were inviting some extra guests to their Passover table in the spirit of the holiday, when they contribute to the Fund.

Checks should be made payable to the "Joint Passover Relief Fund" and sent to the Synagogue Office. Please don't delay.

The sale of Chometz must be completed by the morning of Monday, March 26. This coupon must therefore be in the hands of the Rabbis before that time.

I, (we) ..... hereby authorize Rabbi Goldstein to dispose of all Chametz that may be in my possession, wherever it may be, at home, place of business or elsewhere, in accordance with the requirements of Jewish Law.

Signature .....

Address .....

# THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN



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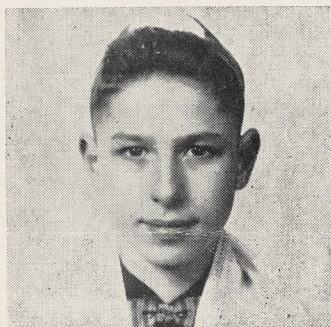
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### TOMORROW'S BAR MITZVAH



**Michael Martin Levinsky**

Heartiest congratulations to Mrs. Rose Levinsky, upon the Bar Mitzvah of her son, Michael Martin, which will be celebrated at our Services tomorrow morning. Mazel Tov also, to the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Margolin and Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Levinsky.

Michael is a student in our Hebrew School.

### HEBREW SCHOOL NOTES

Parents are asked to acknowledge the report cards that were distributed recently. Our teachers will be glad to discuss the class programs with any parents of our children.

### שיר המעלות

This 130th Psalm is read during the Ten Days of Repentance (from Rosh Hashanah through the day of Atonement)

**"OUT OF THE DEPTHS HAVE I CRIED UNTO THEE, O LORD."**

"Depths" is here understood as a metaphor for pangs of conscience. From the abyss of soul suffering, out of the depths of guilt, we call on G-d and on Him only.

It may also be understood as a prophetic reference to the time when the **Maranos** in Spain had to hide themselves in cellars and in underground habitations in order to practice their religion.

**"IF THOU O LORD, SHOULDST MARK INIQUITIES, O LORD, WHO SHALL STAND?"**

**"BUT THERE IS FORGIVENESS WITH THEE THAT THOU MAYEST BE FEARED."**

Despair of Divine mercy would make one desperate. Were one to believe that there is no forgiveness, and since no one is free of sin, a person would not repent and improve, and since one would then be destined to perdition he would say "let us eat, and drink, for tomorrow we will die". License and the lack of restraint would become the order of the day. Therefore forgiveness has ever been a prop to a better life, making repentance a cornerstone of living Judaism. Being aware that it is possible to attain forgiveness, a person may try to exert himself to rehabilitate himself in the

eyes of his Maker and lead a higher and nobler life.

Some of our Rabbis put the emphasis on **"Thee"**. **Sometimes forgiveness is given conditioned on future conduct, analageous to the modern "suspended sentence"**. If the culprit sins again, in the same direction, besides the penalty for the present misconduct, the amnesty for the past would be revoked. Thus "forgiveness is with Thee" as a pledge for later good conduct. This has become the nucleus of the famous hymn called "Oh-chez B'yahd", which is chanted during the High Holy Days.

### CHILDREN'S VILLAGE LUNCHEON HUGE SUCCESS

#### THANKS TO WORK AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF MANY

Mrs. Max (Froma) Chernofsky, Chairman, and Mrs. William Foont, President, want to thank our ardent Women's League workers who helped to make the Children's Village Luncheon in honor of our Rebitzen's birthday a huge success. The social and financial success surpassed our wildest hopes.

The generosity of the following helped to make the afternoon a complete success. Many thanks to Andy's Hair Stylist, at 54 West 74th Street, Mr. and Mrs. Saul Bergman,

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#### Friday, Adar 26

Light candles before .....5:36  
Evening service .....5:45  
Mr. Kestenbaum's Class .....8:15

#### Saturday, Adar 27 — Parshas Ha-Chodesh

Prayers for the New Month of Nisan  
Weekly portion: Vayakhayl -

P'Koo-day  
Exodus 35:1-40:38, 12:1-20  
Ezekiel 45:16-46:18  
Morning services .....8:45  
Junior congregations .....10:30  
Sabbath Kindergarten .....10:30  
Oneg Shabbos (Boys 9 to 12) 3:00  
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class 4:15  
Mr. Allen's Talmud Class .....4:15  
Mincha .....5:15  
Reader of Torah: Lionel Etra  
Reader of Service: Lawrence Kobrin  
The Sabbath terminates .....6:27

#### Sunday, Adar 28

Morning services .....7:15, 8:15, 9:00

#### Monday, Adar 29

Morning services .....6:45, 7:45, 8:30

#### Tuesday, Nisan 1 — Rosh Chodesh

Morning services .....6:30, 7:30, 8:15

#### Daily services

Morning services .....6:45, 7:45, 8:30  
Mincha .....5:45  
Followed by the explanation of the  
Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein

### CONDOLENCE

Our heartfelt sympathy to Mr. Isidor Lauer upon the loss of his sister Mrs. Ethel Hamm.

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by Sanford Solarz

Las Vegas Night in our Social Hall last Saturday Evening was given a Purim atmosphere by our Mr. and Mrs. League which sponsored the affair (the similarity between Las Vegas and Purim being purely coincidental, in that the Hebrew translation of Purim is lots). As are all Mr. and Mrs. League functions, this must go down in the records as another one of their extraordinary successes, credit for which must be given to the following committee members: Jerry Chrein, Rosa and Dr. Monroe Gaines, Selma and Rabbi Morton Garfiel, Estelle and Dan Gribetz, Norman Grober, Betty and Samuel Gursky, Arlene and Fred Heiser, Maurice Kalker, Dorothy and Norman Kreisman, Herbert M. Levy, Marvin Padawer, Augusta and Herbert Rudnick, Harriet and Warren Schnur, and Marty Weissman. The Heisers and Grobers also donated lovely door prizes . . . We note with pride the very learned and practical article of our member Philip Nager on the subject "Financial Statement" appearing in the magazine Credit Executive . . . Welcome back from Florida to Director and Mrs. Harry Altman. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Goodman and Director and Mrs. William Horowitz . . . Mazel tov and all best wishes to our members, Mr. and Mrs. Saul Bergman, upon the engagement of their son, Donald Robert, to Eileen Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Miller of Valley Stream, L.I. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kirsch upon the engagement of their daughter Audrey to Mr. Ira Sprung, son of Mrs. Celia Sprung and the late Mr. Harry Sprung; and to our members Mr. and Mrs. Max Chernofsky, upon the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Alan Schoffman — in celebration of which event, their children, Mr. and Mrs. Yakov Chernofsky (the latter being the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Moses Jung) made a special trip home from Israel . . . The host at Seuda Shlishis tomorrow afternoon will be our Director Max J. Zimmer . . . Congratulations to Michael Blankfort, son of our Director and Mrs. Henry Blankfort, upon his very excellent novel "The Strong Hand" which has just come off the press . . . Listen to our Rabbi over television on the Bill Leonard Show on Tuesday, March 13, on CBS-TV, Channel 2, at 6:05.

## Birthday Greetings

- March
- 9—Howard Kaplan  
Joyce Reisman
- 12—Barbara Kaplan  
Samuel Maurice Ward  
Raphael Yavneh
- 13—Amy Robin Lapidus
- 14—Dr. M. S. Gershweir  
David Nafthali Kahn
- 15—Dr. Raphael Meisels  
Harold Pash  
Hon. V. P. Max E. Sanders  
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## Wedding Anniversary Greetings

- March
- 12—Director & Mrs. Moe Oltarsh
- 13—Mr. & Mrs. Howard Kaplan

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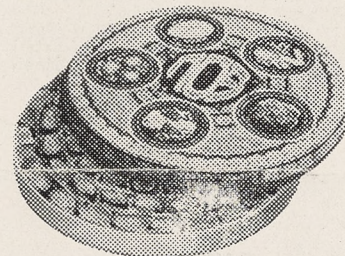
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