

**DON'T MISS MONDAY NIGHT
ON LINCOLN AND THE JEWS**

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MEN

Save the date
Monday evening, February 18

Interesting Speaker
on the Stock Exchange

The Men's Club

JEWISH WAR VETERANS TO MEET WEDNESDAY

The next regular meeting of the Buddy Friedman Post of the Jewish War Veterans will be held this Wednesday evening, February 13, at 8:30 o'clock in our Synagogue building, Mr. George Hindel, recently elected Commander of the Post said. All veterans of the congregation are urged to attend the meeting and participate in the work of the Post.

EVERYBODY IS COMING TO THE MID-WINTER SOCIAL OF OUR TEEN-AGERS

On Saturday, February 16, at 8:30 P.M. our Teen-Agers and Macca-bees are having the biggest Mid-Winter Social ever, for our own teen-age youth. The Leon Bruce Quintet will furnish the music. There will be professional entertainment, prizes and refreshments.

COME ONE, COME ALL!

Dr. Bernard Lander to Speak At Laymen's Institute Lecture This Monday

WILL DISCUSS "LINCOLN AND THE JEWS"



Dr. Bernard Lander

COMING EVENTS FOR OUR YOUNG ADULTS

Friday, February 15, 8:30 P.M.

Young Adults League Get-Together in the Club Room. (For young folks over 21)

Sunday, February 17, 8:30 P.M.

Collegiate Social. (For young people of college age)

We are happy to announce the speaker and topic of our next Laymen's Institute lecture which will take place this Monday evening, February 11 at 8:30 P.M. Dr. Bernard Lander will speak on the topic, "Lincoln and the Jews."

Of course, this topic is an extremely fitting one for the eve of Lincoln's Day. We are equally certain that our speaker is well qualified to deliver a most interesting and informative talk on this subject. Dr. Lander is Professor of Sociology at Hunter College and the director of the Graduate Division of Yeshiva University. He is also Chairman of the Commission of Overseas Affairs of the Rabbinical Council of America. In addition, he is the author of "Towards an Understanding of Juvenile Delinquency."

We are certain that those who attend will find the time spent well worth their while. The lecture is scheduled to begin promptly at 8:30. Please come on time.

MR. & MRS. LEAGUE AND P.T.A. SONG AND SOCIAL NITE THIS SUNDAY NIGHT



Our readers and friends are invited to a gala festive evening sponsored by our Mr. and Mrs. League and P.T.A. this Sunday evening, February 10 at 8 o'clock. There will be group singing led by our accomplished guitarist Herb Goldberg.

We are also supplying the music for the foxtrot, and the tango.

Oh yes, there will be refreshments

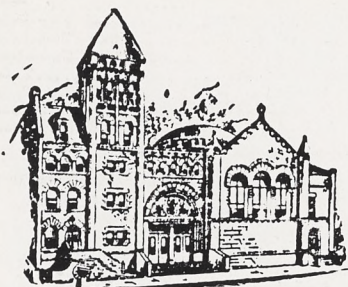
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Sponsored by our Men's Club

Sunday morning, February 17th, at 9:30 o'clock

Special guest speaker: NAT HOLMAN

Make plans now to attend this interesting event



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CHATS ABOUT W.S.I.S.

by Morris Jablov

Frequently members and friends of the Synagogue drop in and chat about the affairs of our institution, and on many occasions valuable suggestions are made.

The other evening a gentleman discussed with me the subject of membership. "I have been told," said he, "that many of our congregants who attend services regularly are not members, even though membership dues are only ten dollars a year. It seems to me that a little thought on their part, should make them realize an obligation to join as members. Do these folks realize that in addition to religious services held each and every day of the year, morning and evening, this institution conducts a Hebrew School, a club department, classes in Hebrew for adults, and social events for young and old. It seems to me that the very least any one can do is to join as members."

I am repeating this conversation, dear readers, for the reason that it will give many of you an inkling of the many things we do here, and perhaps induce many of you, who are not members to join us. I will be delighted to hear from you.

THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Shemonah Esreh

"SOUGHT TO DESTROY, TO SLAY, TO PERISH . . . AND TO TAKE THE SPOIL OF THEM FOR A PREY"

We have here 4 expressions for destruction; why not one? These four were four ideas in Haman's mind: 1) To destroy Israel's soul as we read in Esther chapter 3 verse 8 and 9, "and Haman said to king Ahasuerus, 'there is a certain people scattered abroad, and dispersed among the people, in all the provinces of the kingdom. And their laws are diverse from all people; . . . therefore it is not for the king's profit to suffer them.' 9) "If it please the king, let it be written that they be DESTROYED:" to do away with the mitzvos of the Jew was to abolish the Jewish religion.

2) "To slay", to take "the spirit of life" from the Jew.

3) "To perish," — to destroy the Jew physically.

4) "To take their spoil", their material resources.

As an offset to these 4 ideas of Haman, G-d gave us 4 gifts —

1) The reading of the Megillah, as an offset to Haman's desire to abolish all the mitzvos.

2) To offset Haman's hate, to take away the spirit of life, we read in Esther chapter 9 verse 16 "The Jews had light, and gladness, and joy and honor," the spirit of life was increased.

3) To offset Haman's desire to destroy the Jew, physically, we read in Esther chapter 9 verse 19, "The Jews made . . . feasting, etc." The body of the Jew was strengthened.

4) To offset the desire of Haman to take away their material resources, we read in Esther chapter 9 verse 19, "a day of sending portions to one another." Thereby increasing their possessions.

"THEN THOU DIDST BRING HIS COUNSEL TO NOUGHT"

Namely, Haman's desire "to destroy and to slay," was prevented and —

"DIDST FRUSTRATE HIS DESIGN"

This was a case of "Measure for measure". Haman wanted to destroy Mordecai, so instead Haman and his sons were hung on the gallows. (See Esther chapter 9 verse 13.)

Haman thought the month of

Adar was an unlucky month for the Jews, because Moses died in that month, and therefore they should be slain, in that month. Just the opposite happened. The Jews thrived in Adar, as also in Adar, Moses was born.

"O INSCRIBE ALL THE CHILDREN OF THY COVENANT FOR A GOOD LIFE"

We pray not merely for life, but for a **good** life.

The entire congregational family of the W.S.I.S.

is cordially invited to attend

the wedding of

MARIETTA PUDER

to

MR. ANDREW ROMAI

both recently of Hungary

on Sunday, February 10, at 2 o'clock

in our Main Synagogue

American Jewry Today . . .

What Is The Difference Between Orthodoxy And Conservatism?

We think that our readers will be interested in the sermon delivered a short while ago by Rabbi Harold P. Smith of Congregation Agudath Achim of Chicago.

People will say to me almost every day in the week, "The difference between Orthodoxy and Reform I can see and understand. But I cannot see the difference between Orthodoxy and Conservatism. I pray in this and this Conservative Synagogue and then I pray in this and this Orthodox, or Traditional Synagogue, and I cannot see the difference. What is the difference?"

One of the problems involved in the answering of this question is that Conservatism came on the American scene in a framework of socio-religious confusion — where in many American Jews confused sociological factors for religious philosophy.

Let me explain very simply.

There are many . . . who can remember, probably as children, being in Orthodox congregations where despite the devoutness of some of the worshippers, the decorum was very poor, with people getting up and walking about, even chatting and exchanging greetings, during the prayers and the reading of the Torah and where sermons were delivered only in Yiddish despite the fact that many may not have understood Yiddish . . .

There was an element on the American Jewish scene of religious observance to whom all this disorder was objectionable and offensive to their sense of religious refinement. What is more, they wanted English prayer and English sermons. So they went elsewhere and brought all this about, with the thought that they had discovered a new religious product. What they did not know or realize was that all this disorder in the synagogue was not Orthodox but rather a picture of the gravest violation of Orthodoxy. The Shulchan Aruch, Orthodoxy's authority for procedure, states specifically that it is forbidden even to utter one word during religious services or during the reading of the Torah, except that which is required for the conduct of the service . . . Nor was it realized that the disorderly people who

moved around and chatted, these nervous people with the unfortunate, unstable conduct, were immigrants who had recently undergone a revolutionary upheaval in their own lives, and were therefore guilty of unstable conduct for which they could not altogether be blamed, but which nevertheless was not Orthodoxy . . .

There was some talk that the Conservative elements had come upon the scene to restore equal rights to the woman. This was — and still is — the most powerful misimpression ever foisted upon the minds of our co-religionists.

Assuming that there is such a thing as total equality in all areas of living . . . the fact is that in the history of the world there has never been a people and a religion which, in its family life, had placed its women on so high and revered a pedestal as the Torah Jewry of the centuries. There are . . . many examples and citations from our religious literature and history to prove this. There still is not a woman president of the United States . . . which would be the equivalent to the position held by Deborah in the period of the Judges some 3,000 years ago.

To interpret separated seating . . . to mean inequality of women is either deliberate mental fraud or pathetic misinformation. If anything, it is inequality of the man, for its purpose is not to separate the women from the men **but to separate the men from the women.** Men, because their nature is not as basically gentle and kindly as that of women, are required by Judaism to pray, to help mold and guide their character and religious personality. That is why they are required to make up the minyan. Women, blessed with the tenderness that comes with the Divine gift of motherhood, and considered by our sages to have a better and more delicate control of their habits and conduct, were deemed to be not in such dire need of the softening influence of worship as the men.

(To be continued)

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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Friday, 1 Adar 7

Light candles before5:03

Evening service5:15

Saturday, 1 Adar 8

Tsava: Exodus 27:20-30:10

Haftorah: Ezekiel 43:10-27

Morning service9:00

Youth congregation10:00

Participants: Judith Cohen, Nathan Mire

Junior congregation10:30

Chazanin: Seymour Klein, Eliyahu

Pollack, Moshe Pollack

Sabbath kindergarten10:30

Oneg Shabbos (boys 9 to 12) 3:00

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class 3:30

Mr. Allen's Talmud Class3:30

Mincha4:30

Reader of Torah: Joel Martz

Reader of Service: Herbert Goldberg

The Sabbath terminates5:54

Sunday, 1 Adar 9

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

Daily Services

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

Mincha5:15

CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of our late member, **Joseph Greenberg.**

Our heartfelt sympathy to our member Mr. Jacob A. Klein upon the passing of his wife, **Bettie Klein**, late member of our Women's League.

GETTING PERSONAL

by Sanford Solarz

Our heartfelt welcome to the following new members of our Congregational family: Messers. Adolf Axelrath, Irwin Brandes, Joseph L. Brandes, Sydney Cutler, Gabriel Feigenbaum, Max H. Joseph, I. Ray Karpel, Leon Newmark . . . The Congregation enjoyed the kiddush of our Director and Mrs. George Pauker, last Saturday morning, in honor of the birth of their grandson . . . Happy vacationing in the sunshine state to: Mr. Frank Frohman, Director Jonas Leisten, and to our beloved President and Mrs. Lester Udell . . . Welcome home from their West Indies visit to Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Kirsh, and from Florida to Mr. and Mrs. George Gold and Mr. and Mrs. Max Schwartz . . . The host of our weekly Sabbath afternoon Seuda Shlishis tomorrow will be Mr. Frank Frohman . . . We oftentimes wonder how many of the worshippers at our services lift their eyes from their prayer books as on occasion we do, to contemplate the sheer beauty of the multicolored stained glass windows in our Synagogue, particularly when the shafts of sunlight pour through them and seem to illuminate our prayers.

Birthday Greetings**Feb.**

- 8—Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein
Barbara Herlands
Nat Trotzky
- 10—Audrey Roberta Adelson
Michael Goodman
- 13—Mrs. Annette Pash
- 14—Alexander Kirsh
Mrs. Barbara Gale Stern

Anniversary Greetings**Feb.**

- 8—Mr. and Mrs. Norman Ostrow
- 9—Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Druker
Mr. and Mrs. Max Selsky
- 11—Mr. and Mrs. Mayer Rosenholz
- 12—Mr. and Mrs. Saul Bergman
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Our Women's League
**CHILDREN'S VILLAGE LUNCHEON ON FEBRUARY 25
TO HONOR MRS. HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN**

Mrs. Max Chernofsky, Chairman of the Children's Village Luncheon to be held in the Synagogue Building, invites all the women of the congregation and their friends to a sumptuous feast on Monday, February 25, at 12:30 o'clock. The luncheon will honor our own Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein on the occasion of her birthday.

The co-chairmen of the event, Mesdames Isidor Friedman, Jacob Isseks, Esther Oppenheim, and Louis Shlansky are working tirelessly to bring you an inspiring and entertaining afternoon.

Mrs. Walter Freeman, treasurer of this luncheon, advises us that

the nominal fee of \$2.50 will not only give us a delicious luncheon, but will also afford us the opportunity to join in the festivities of the afternoon which is being dedicated to a great woman who has endeared herself to all of us — our Rebbitzen, Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein.

We know you will not want to be left out of this important afternoon, so may we ask you to hurry and get your reservation in to the Synagogue now.

Mark it attention, Women's League Chairman. Send us \$2.50 per person and we will mail you your reservations.

THE WOMEN'S LEAGUE AND THE MEN'S CLUB*are again joining to sponsor***a Gala Purim Supper and Festival****SATURDAY NIGHT, MARCH 16***Watch the Review for further developments*

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