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FOR WOMEN'S LEAGUE, MEN'S CLUB
GALA PURIM PARTY

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FURTHER PLANS FOR SEDER PREPARATIONS

Mr. Samuel Silver, our Seder chairman has announced that the Sedorim will take place at the Hotel Esplanade, West End Avenue and 74th Street (within easy walking distance of our Synagogue). The price — which includes all gratuities and other charges — has been set at \$10.50 per person per Seder. We are sure that all will find this to be the least we could possibly charge to cover the cost and expenses of this event.

The first Seder will take place on Monday evening, April 15, and the second the follow evening.

CHILDREN'S VILLAGE LUNCHEON

on Monday Feb. 25th
to honor

Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein
on her birthday

Have you made your reservation for this festive afternoon? Mrs. Max Chernofsky, Chairman of this function, urges you to do so at this time, if you want to be seated and properly served. Delicious luncheon and prizes galore! An afternoon you will not want to miss.

If you do not want to miss
the Birthday Party
of our beloved Rebbetzin

Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein

Monday, February 25, at 12 o'clock
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and mail it at once to
Mrs. Max Chernofsky,
Luncheon Chairman

All proceeds will go to the
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day, February 25, at the Synagogue
Building.

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Nat Holman Will Be Special Guest at Fathers and Sons Minyan Sunday

ALL INVITED TO EVENT SPONSORED BY MEN'S CLUB



Nat Holman

We are very happy to announce that Mr. Nat Holman will be the special guest at the Fathers and Sons Minyan and Breakfast this Sunday morning, February 17. The Minyan — the regular morning service — will be led by the boys themselves and will begin promptly at 9:30 A.M. in our Main Synagogue. Following the minyan, a breakfast will be served to all participating. The hostesses for the breakfast will be Mesdames Monroe Gaines, Samuel Gursky, Fred Heiser, and Janice Shechter. Mr. H. William Hirsch is chairman of the Arrangements Committee.

Our special guest needs little introduction to anyone who knows anything of the American sports world. He is known as "Mr. Basketball" to millions of sports fans throughout the world. As a professional star with the Original Celtics and as coach of CCNY's varsity teams since 1919, he has been acclaimed as one of the greatest figures the game has known. His fame is world-wide and in 1949, he went to Israel at the invitation of the Israeli government to develop a basketball program there.

(The Shma should be recited before 9:30 A.M.)

SOCIAL DEPARTMENT CALENDAR

Friday night, February 15, 8:30

YOUNG ADULTS LEAGUE
Get-together in Club Room

Saturday night, February 16, 8:30

TEENAGER'S SOCIAL
FROLICS

Featuring Leon Bruce's Orchestra

Sunday night, February 17, 8:30

COLLEGIATE'S
Social evening

Our readers are urged to bring this schedule of our youth activities to the attention of their children and friends. ALL ARE WELCOME.

MEN'S CLUB TO HEAR STOCK EXCHANGE EXPERT ON INVESTMENT PRINCIPLES THIS MONDAY EVENING

A most interesting program has been arranged by our Men's Club for this Monday evening, February 18. Mr. Robert L. Foster, will speak to an open meeting of the club on "New York Stock Exchange — and You." A question period will follow the talk by Mr. Foster.

Our speaker is a registered representative of a member firm of the New York Stock Exchange and is on the Speakers Committee of the Investors' Information Program of the Exchange. In his talk, Mr. Foster

will deal with such advanced investment principles as the Investment Club movement and the problems of stock gifts to children. We are sure that his talk will be of interest and concern to all who attend.

The meeting — to which both men and women of the congregation are cordially invited — is scheduled to begin at 8:30 P.M. in our Synagogue building. We hope that as many as can possibly attend will do so.



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WELCOME TO OUR JUNIOR CONGREGATIONS BIRTHDAY PARTY

At the Kiddush of our Youth and Junior Congregations this Saturday morning, all the youthful congregants will sing "Happy Birthday" to their schoolmates who celebrate their natal days during the months of January and February. We also add our good wishes to: Irving Abel, Karen Bisgeier, Alan Cohen, Robert Gersony, Myra Gribetz, Daniel Kahn, Robert Leibowitz, Jane Plachte, Doreen Sachs, Harvey Santer, and Carol Weinstein.

Birthday presents will be distributed to the celebrants with the good wishes of our P.T.A.

We hope to greet all the celebrants and their parents.

CLUB NEWS

Our Maccabees and Teenagers will feature special movies on our sound movie projector at their regular meetings this Monday and Tuesday nights. For further information concerning our Teenage Clubs, our readers may contact the Social Department Office at TR 7-8281 — or the club leaders: Samuel Ward at TR 7-7328, and Herbert Goldberg at TR 3-5670.

THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Shemonah Esreh

"AND ALL THE LIVING SHALL GIVE THANKS"

The Talmud in Berachot 54b say "There are four who must offer thanks, and say the "Gomayl" Benediction. The four letters of the Hebrew word chayim, "Life," each begin one of the words which indicate the four occasions for the (thanksgiving offering or) thanksgiving prayer. The **ches** begins the word "chawvush" "imprisoned" as we read in Psalm 107 "Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, being bound in affliction and iron." The "yud" stands for "yisurin" sickness," as we read in Psalm 107 "till their soul abhorreth all manner of food and they draw near unto the gates of death". The second yud begins the word yam "sea" as we read in Psalm 107 (referring to the waves of the sea) "They mount up to the heavens they go down to the depths — they reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wit's end." The "mem" stands for the word "midbar" "desert" as we read in Psalm 107 "And they went astray in the wilderness in a solitary way-hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them." In each case, the verse ends with the words, "They shall praise the Lord for His kindness, and for His wonderful works for the children of men (Psalm 107).

The Schulchan Aruch Oruch

Chaim, Chapter 219, where it gives the mnemonic device for remembering these four instances also quotes the verse which we say three times daily in our prayer "And all the 'living' shall give thanks unto thee."

Today since prayers have been substituted for sacrifices, if one is delivered from any of the four above mentioned dangerous situations, it is customary for him to come to the synagogue and be called up to the Torah. After the portion has been read to him and he has pronounced the appropriate blessing, he adds the following "the Gomayl Benediction," "Blessed art Thou O L-rd, Our G-d, king of the universe who vouchsafest benefits unto the undeserving and who hast also vouchsafed all good unto me." Then the congregation responds thus, "He who hath vouchsafed all good unto thee, may He vouchsafe all good unto thee forever."

Another and more complete rendering of *V'chol Hachayim* and "all the living" refers to **all** who have life, (even without any other bounties should eternally give thanks) as we read in the closing words of the Book of Psalms which we say every day in our prayers.

"Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord," praise ye the Lord (Psalm 150 verse 6)

"MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU ETC."

Why do the Priests face the congregation and not the ark when they bless the people? The answer is given in the Bible, in Numbers, Chapter 6 verse 23, "Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, on this wise, ye shall bless the children of Israel, saying, — 'May the Lord bless you etc.'" We do not speak to people, with our backs turned.

The cantor must face the ark because he speaks to G-d, in behalf of the people. The Rabbi speaks to the people in behalf of G-d, represented by the Torah in the ark,

and faces the people. The Priestly Blessing or the "Duchanan" (when the Priests ascend the "Duchan" "the platform" from which to bless the people) is recited DAILY by the Priests, in the "Scharees" and "Musaf" service, in the greater part of Israel today (but not in Haifa, for instance). However, outside of Israel, the "Duchaning" takes place only in the Musaf service on the Festivals, (Passover, Shevuos, Succos and Shmini Atzeres, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

American Jewry Today . . .

What Is The Difference Between Orthodoxy And Conservatism?

(Continued from Last Week)

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** . . . When Jewish tradition separated the sexes in worship, it had no relationship to rights or equality, but simply constituted a realistic realization that man, weaker in moral strength than woman, might not remain totally pure and completely wrapped in elevated and elevating thoughts of Divine Communion, if some very charming woman were sitting next to him . . .

However, this is not yet the basis for a distinction between Orthodox and Conservative synagogues . . .

What, then, is the real difference between Orthodoxy and Conservatism? The answer lies in a religious philosophy. Those who align themselves with an Orthodox, or Traditional, synagogue are affiliating themselves with one religious philosophy, and those who join a Conservative Synagogue are affiliating themselves with another — and totally different — philosophy, even if there may be very little difference in the personal observances of these

two individuals, or even the two congregations.

Let us understand one fact clearly. The word "Orthodox" is a word in the English language, given to the Traditionalists by their non-Traditionalist co-religionists, and . . . is a combination of two Greek words, "ortho doxo," meaning "correct doctrine."

Obviously, there is no such word as "Orthodox" in basic primary Jewish sources such as the Talmud or Shulchan Aruch. If, then, a synagogue says it is Orthodox, this means . . . that it commits itself to a philosophy generally associated with Orthodoxy, and if a synagogue says it is Conservative, then, regardless of the degree of its observance, it automatically commits itself to another philosophy — and the individual who joins either, commits himself to the philosophy it represents.

What are these two very clear and distinct philosophies? They are, in simple words, the philosophies which answer the simple question: "Is our religion G-d given or man-given? Is our religion of Divine source or is it of human origin?"

*(to be continued)***Reserve the date****SUNDAY EVENING, MARCH 3, 1957****ANNUAL MAARIV SERVICE AND CONCERT****CANTOR ZALMON YAVNEH****Tickets now available in Synagogue Office****STAMP CLUB TO MEET**

A regular meeting of our Stamp Club, under the leadership of its president, Mr. Jacob Goldberg, will take place this Monday evening, February 18, at 7:30 P.M. in our Synagogue building. Philatelists — young and old — are cordially invited.

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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE**Friday, I Adar 14**

Light candles before5:12
Evening service5:25

Saturday, I Adar 15

Kee Seesaw Exodus 30:11-34:35

Haftorah: I Kings 18:1-39

Morning service9:00

Youth congregation10:00

Junior congregation10:30

Participants: Judith Cohen, Nathan Mire, Aaron I. Reichel.

Sabbath kindergarten10:30

Oneg Shabbos (Boys 9 to 12) 3:00

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class3:45

Mr. Allen's Talmud Class3:45

Mincha4:45

Reader of Torah: Elliot Lebowitz

Reader of Service: Murray Yavneh

The Sabbath terminates6:03

Sunday, I Adar 16

Morning services7:15, 8:15, 9:00

Fathers and Sons Minyan9:30

Daily Services

Morning services6:45, 7:45, 8:30

Mincha5:25

Friday — Washington's Birthday

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

HEBREW SCHOOL NOTES

A Stamp Club has been organized by our Hebrew School pupils. Meetings will be held on Tuesday afternoons, at 4:50 o'clock, following the first period.

GETTING PERSONAL

by Sanford Solarz

The insistence of Israel that its sovereign rights against attack by its Arab neighbors be guaranteed by the U.N. recalls to us the immortal words of Abraham Lincoln whose birthday we celebrated this week: "Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith, let us, to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it." . . . Happy to have back from their West Indies Cruise Mrs. Eva Margolis, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Neustadter, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Stoll, Director and Mrs. Jess Ward, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Weisenfeld . . . Our heartiest congratulations to the following newly elected officers of our Young Macabees (our Post Bar-Mitzvah Club): Marsha Brill, Alan Brill, Ann Lifter, and Amy Rubio . . . The host of our weekly Sabbath-Afternoon Seuda Shlishis will be Mr. Louis Reisman . . . Mazel-Tov and all best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Harris upon the engagement of their son, Paul David, to Miss Jane Nancy Heimowitz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Heimowitz of New Rochelle . . . Delighted to hear that Mr. Henry L. Kessler is off the sick list . . . Our prayerful best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mr. Samuel Schneider . . .

Birthday Greetings Feb.

- 15—Irvig Bellsey
William Jacobs
Morton Langer
- 16—Judge David N. Edelstein
Solomon Strausberg
- 17—Charna Lee Horowitz
Daniel Rotto
Yonina Yavneh
- 18—Wendy Karen Weiss
- 19—Mrs. Lew Benjamin
Alexander M. Golden

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- 15—Mr. & Mrs. Ben Kass
- 18—Judge & Mrs. David N. Edelstein

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Our Women's League

OPEN MEETING TO TAKE PLACE MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

The Women's League cordially invites all the women of the Congregation and their friends to our next Open Meeting to be held at the Synagogue Building on Monday, Feb. 18.

Mrs. Michael Weingarten, our Program Chairman, will present a film made by our own Rabbi and Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein of the West Side Institutional Children's Village in Israel. Come see and hear how the Women's League efforts have brought salvation, hope and a beautiful new way of life to so many orphaned and needy children in Israel.

Mesdames Joseph Friedman, Eddie

Schreiber and Rose Fried will participate in this enlightening afternoon.

Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein will discuss Bible History on the Adult Level.

The Library will be open for the circulation of our excellent books. This is one of our free services, so come early and take advantage of it. If you have borrowed one, please bring it with you at this time.

If you have promised a raffle for our Children's Village Luncheon, please bring it at this time, so that we can wrap it properly.

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

COMING EVENTS GALA PURIM PARTY —

Purim Supper and Festival is being planned for Saturday night March 16th at the Synagogue building.

The Women's League and the Men's Club as usual will make it an evening of fun and entertainment. Hold this date open.

LAS VEGAS NIGHT

May we urge our readers to save Saturday night, March 23, for the annual Las Vegas night which is sponsored by our Mr. and Mrs. League. Any who have attended in the past can attest to the fact that those who participate look forward each year to this enjoyable event.

CONDOLENCE

Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Mrs. **David Katz**, a member of our Men's Club and Buddy Friedman Post.

KOSHER LUNCHEON CLUB IN THE FINANCIAL DISTRICT

The Wall Street Synagogue has opened its new Glat Kasher Luncheon Club, at 47 Beekman Street, New York, near William, for your luncheon needs.

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