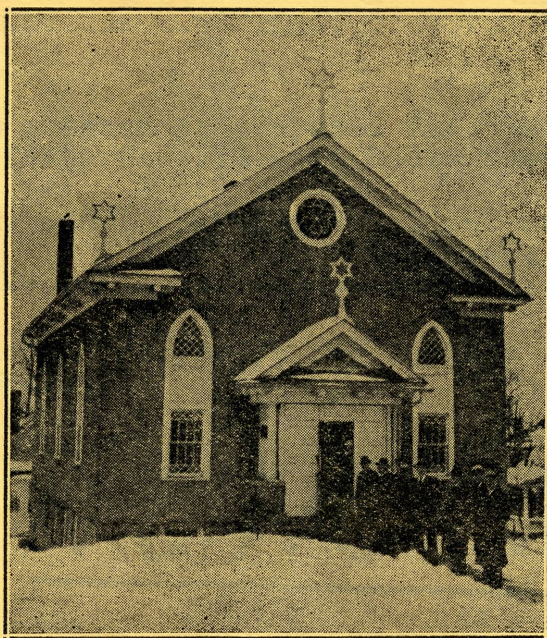


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ANNOUNCEMENT!!

*The Ahavath Israel Congregation,
Sisterhood and Young Folks of Liberty.*

announce their celebration of the SEMI-CENTENNIAL

of the founding of the Jewish Theological Seminary

which will take place on Wednesday February 17th,

at the Synagogue, at 8.30 P.M.

A very rich program is prepared for that occasion.
One of the features will be a Radio Broadcast by

DR. CYRUS ADLER, President of the
Seminary.

Watch the local newspapers for further information
about the program.

NOTICE!!

The meetings of the Sisterhood and of the Congregation,
which were supposed to take place on Monday, February 15,
and Tuesday February 16th respectively, are postponed and
will be held WEDNESDAY EVENING, February 17th, 1937, at
7.30 P.M. at the Synagogue.

PLEASE ATTEND YOUR MEETINGS- AND BE PRESENT AT THE

C E L E B R A T I O N

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Church Board of Congregationalists
District of Columbia

announce their celebration of the CENT-CHENNIAL

of the founding of the United Theological Seminary

which will take place on Wednesday February 1st.

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E. J. R. A. C. B.

MONTHLY CALENDAR

ADAR.....	5697		LIGHT OF CANDLES	
ROSH CHODESH.....	FEB. 11-12	}	FEBRUARY 12TH.....	5.02
FAST OF ESTHER.....	FEB. 24		FEBRUARY 19TH.....	5.10
READING MGILAH.....	FEB. 24		FEBRUARY 26TH.....	5.18
PURIM.....	FEB. 25		MARCH.... 5TH.....	5.26
SUSHAN PURIM.....	FEB. 26		MARCH.... 12TH.....	5.34

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION WILL BE HELD AT THE
SYNAGOGUE ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH, 1937 AT 8.30 P.M.

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TOPICS OF SERMONS FOR THE MONTH OF ADAR

BY DR. ISRAEL LEBENDIGER

FEB. 12TH-BOY SCOUT NIGHT- HOW WE CAN BEST SERVE OUR COUNTRY.
FEB. 19TH- EVOLUTION AND BIBLICAL STORY OF CREATION.
FEB. 26TH- SISTERHOOD NIGHT- AIMS AND EDUCATION.
MAR. 5TH- MACCABEES NIGHT - SYMPOSIUM-PROGRESSIVISM VS. CONSERVATISM
SPEAKERS: HYMAN MOSKOWITZ & RABBI I. LEBENDIGER

* CONGREGATIONAL NEWS *

LAST MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION WAS VERY WELL ATTENDED. THE PRES. BROUGHT UP FOR DISCUSSION THE PROBLEM OF A CENTER AND TALMUD TORAH BUILDING. AFTER A BRIEF TALK ON THE NEEDS OF A BUILDING TO HOUSE THE TALMUD TORAH AND ALSO SERVE AS A COMMUNITY CENTER, MANY MEMBERS EXPRESSED THEIR OPINION ABOUT THE NEED OF SUCH A BUILDING AND ITS ADVANTAGES TO THE COMMUNITY. BROTHER PASHKOW MADE A VERY FINE AND IMPRESSIVE SPEECH IN FAVOR OF BUILDING A COMMUNITY CENTER AND ALSO PROVED THE POSSIBILITIES OF RAISING FUNDS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE SO ENTHUSIASTIC, THAT THEY UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO HAVE THE BUILDING COMMITTEE ACT ON THIS MATTER AT ONCE.

BORIS ROSELMAN, OUR CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED THAT THE ANNUAL ENTERTAINMENT OF THE CONGREGATION, WILL BE HELD AT THE RECREATION HALL, ON MARCH 30TH, 1937.

WATCH FOR FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

* SCHOOL NEWS *

HONOR ROLL FOR THE MONTH OF TEBETH

VOCABULARY: STEWARD FRIEDMAN, ANITA CHAIT, ARNOLD RUBIN AND
STANLEY COOK.

SATURDAY MORNING SERVICES: LILLIAN KATZ, GERALD SOKOLOFF AND
ARTHUR SHULMAN

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CHAMISHA ASAR B'SCHEBAT

THE TALMUD TORAH CHILDREN CELEBRATED CHAMISHA ASAR B'SCHEBAT ON JANUARY 27TH, THE SISTERHOOD PROVIDED THE REFRESHMENT AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONGREGATION AND MRS. HARRY CITRIN ADDRESSED THE CHILDREN.

[Faint, illegible markings]

- Y A R R Z E I T -

NOVICK.....	4TH	IN	ADAR.....	FEB. 15TH
SOKOLOFF.....	4TH	IN	ADAR.....	FEB. 15TH
SINOWITZ.....	6TH	IN	ADAR.....	FEB. 17TH
GROSS.....	7TH	IN	ADAR.....	FEB. 18TH
BRIKER.....	14TH	IN	ADAR.....	FEB. 25TH
GINSBURG.....	14TH	IN	ADAR.....	FEB. 25TH
SHULMAN.....	16TH	IN	ADAR.....	FEB. 27TH
FRIEND.....	18TH	IN	ADAR.....	MAR. 1ST
GROSS.....	19TH	IN	ADAR.....	MAR. 2ND
WAHRHAFTIG.....	25TH	IN	ADAR.....	MAR. 8TH
MARKOWITZ.....	29TH	IN	ADAR.....	MAR. 12TH

* CONDOLENCE *

THE CONGREGATION AHAVATH ISRAEL DEEPLY REGRETS THE LOSS OF OUR BROTHER MAX LEIGHT, WHO PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 13TH, 1937. WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO THE BEREAVED FAMILY.

HISTORICAL CALENDAR FOR ADAR

3. M.L.LILLENBLUM, FAMOUS HEBREW SCHOLAR AND WRITER DIED IN ODESS- RUSSIA.....1910 C.E.
7. MOSES WAS BORN IN EGYPT (ACCORDING TO TALMUD) 1370 B.C.E.
(ACCORDING TO JOSEPHUS HE WAS BORN THE 1ST DAY OF ADAR SAME YR)
AND DIED IN TRANS-JORDANIA.....1250 B.C.E.
13. NICANNOR, COMMANDER OF THE GREEK ARMY WAS DEFEATED BY JUDAS MACCABEUS.....161 B.C.E.
14. FIRST PURIM CELEBRATED ABOUT.....474 B.C.E.
17. THE REBUILDING OF THE FORTIFIED WALLS OF THE CITY OF JERUSALEM ABOUT.....135 B.C.E.
29. EZRA- HASOFER ARRIVED IN PALESTINE.....458 B.C.E.

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PURIM.....BY LOUIS ROZOFKY

WE CELEBRATE THE PURIM DAY,
WITH FEASTING AND WITH PLAY, *****
BECAUSE ISRAEL DID WITHSTAND, *****
THE HAMANS OF EVERY AGE AND EVERY LAND. *****

LONG AND DREARY IS THE PITCH BLACK NIGHT,
ONLY HERE AND THERE A LITTLE STAR IN SIGHT, *****
BLACK CLOUDS ABOVE YOU, AND CLOUDS AFAR, *****
YOU ARE PATIENTLY WATCHING FOR THE MORNING STAR.

NOT WITH FEAR BUT WITH COURAGE, WATCH THE PASSING NIGHT,
IT IS BOUND TO BRING THE DAWN WITH ITS RAYS OF LIGHT,
LOOK! THE SUN ON THE FAR HORIZON, IT IS GETTING BRIGHT!
IT IS RISING ON MT.ZION, ON YONDER HEIGHT.



A DREAM ABOUT TO COME TRUE

YEARS AGO THE LATE ISAAC B. AMBER CAME FORWARD WITH A PLAN TO BUILD A MODERN TALMUD TORAH BUILDING, BUT MET WITH NO RESPONSE ON THE PART OF THE CONGREGATION. SO THAT PLAN REMAINED ONLY A DREAM, A DREAM HE CHERISHED TO THE DAY OF HIS DEATH. HE DISCUSSED IT WITH SOME FRIENDS AND ALWAYS HOPED TO SEE IT FULFILLED. HOWEVER IT WAS APPARENTLY WRITTEN IN THE STARS THAT "THIS WAS NOT TO BE", AT LEAST NOT DURING HIS LIFETIME. NOW A NEW TIME ARRIVED, AND WITH IT NEW BIRDS, AND WITH THE NEW BIRDS A NEW SONG. TO DAY THAT CHERISHED DREAM OF THE LATE MR. AMBER IS NOT FAR FROM BECOMING A REALITY. THERE IS NOW A CRYING NEED FOR SUCH AN INSTITUTION AS A TALMUD TORAH AND COMMUNITY CENTER IN OUR TOWN. IT WILL BRING BACK THE DRIFTING JEWISH YOUTH TO ITS OWN HOME ENVIRONMENT, IT WILL GIVE THE CHILDREN A PLACE TO LEARN AND PLAY IN CONGENIAL SURROUNDINGS AND IT WILL SERVE AS A FORCEFUL FACTOR IN ENLIGHTENING AND UNITING THE JEWISH COMMUNITY HERE. THE NEED IS HERE AND THE WILL TO REMEDY THAT NEED IS ALSO HERE. LET NOW THE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE DEED, AND MR. AMBER'S DREAM WILL BECOME A REALITY.

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PURIM AND THE LESSON IT TEACHES

THE STORY OF PURIM IS COMMON KNOWLEDGE AND NEED NOT TO BE RETOLD HERE IN ANY DETAIL. THE FIRST PURIM WAS CELEBRATED IN SUSA CAPITOL OF PERSIA ABOUT 474 B.C.E., WHEN THE JEWS WERE SAVED FROM DESTRUCTION BY THE INTERCESSION IN THEIR BEHALF OF QUEEN ESTHER WITH HER HUSBAND AHASVERUS, KING OF PERSIA. THE SAME KING, WHO ON THE INSTIGATION OF HIS PRIME MINISTER HAMAN, ISSUED THE DECREE FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF ALL THE JEWS IN HIS EMPIRE, AND WHO IS PROBABLY IDENTICAL WITH XERXES THE DESPOILER OF THE EGYPTIAN TEMPLES. THE TALMUD CLAIMS THAT WHEN ALL OTHER HOLIDAYS WILL LOSE THEIR SIGNIFICANCE - PURIM WILL STILL BE CELEBRATED AS A HOLIDAY. THE REASON FOR THAT IS QUITE OBVIOUS, FOR NO HOLIDAY IN THE ENTIRE JEWISH CALENDAR TEACHES US THE LESSON THAT PURIM DOES - "A LESSON OF HOPE AND COURAGE". HAMAN BEING THE ARCH TYPE OF THE ANTISEMITES OF ALL THE AGES. THEIR ARGUMENTS ARE HIS ARGUMENTS, AND THEIR PLANS ARE HIS PLANS, THEIR GOAL IS HIS GOAL "THE UTTER DESTRUCTION OF THE JEWS". PURIM HAS A LESSON TO TEACH US, WHICH IS TODAY MORE SIGNIFICANT THAN EVER BEFORE. THROUGHOUT THE AGES, JEW BAITING AND PERSECUTION AIMED AT THE DESTRUCTION THE JEWISH PEOPLE AS A NATIONAL AND RELIGIOUS ENTITY. BY GIVING UP HIS RELIGION THE JEW COULD SOLVE ALL HIS PROBLEMS, BE ACCEPTED AMONG HIS PERSECUTORS AND OFTEN BECOME ONE OF THEM. IN FACT HE COULD EVEN BECOME A MEMBER OF THE GENTILE NOBILITY. TO DAY THIS IS NOT SO ANY MORE. THE JEW IS NOT WANTED EITHER AS A JEW OR AS A CONVERT. THE HITLERS AND GOEBBELS ARE TRYING TO PLACE THE STIGMA OF INFERORITY ON THE BROW OF THE JEW. THIS IDEA DID NOT ARISE IN GERMANY, NOR WAS IT ORIGINATED BY HITLER, OR HIS HENCHMEN. (THEY DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH ORIGINALITY EVEN FOR THAT). THEY LEARNED ALL THIS FROM OUR OLD FRIEND H A M A N, WHO BY THE WAY WAS A REAL ARYAN, IF SUCH AN ANIMAL EVER EXISTED. IT WAS HAMAN WHO FIRST SAID OF THE JEWS "THERE IS A PEOPLE SCATTERED AMONG THE NATIONS. THEY DO NOT OBSERVE THE KING'S LAWS. THEY ARE A BAD INFLUENCE AMONG THE PEOPLE AND IT IS NO PROFIT TO THE KING TO LET THEM BE" HOW LIKE HITLER THE HAMAN OF TO DAY!

NOW YOU ALL KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO OUR GOOD FRIEND H A M A N. HE WAS HANGED, AND WE CELEBRATE. SO THERE IS THE HOPE, THAT WITHIN A SHORT TIME, HISTORY MAY REPEAT ITSELF. AMEN!!

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A HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

The history of the United States is a story of a people who have grown from a small colony of English settlers to a great nation. The story begins in 1492 when Christopher Columbus discovered the New World. The first English settlers came to the United States in 1607, and the first American Revolution was fought in 1776. The United States has since grown into a great nation, and its history is a story of progress and achievement.

THE UNITED STATES AND THE WORLD

The United States has a long and rich history of international relations. From its early days as a small colony, the United States has grown into a great nation, and its influence has spread across the world. The United States has been a leader in the world, and its policies have shaped the course of history. The United States has a duty to lead the world, and its policies should be based on the principles of justice and freedom.

THE UNITED STATES AND THE WORLD
A HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

BACK ON THE JOB AGAIN WITH MANY THANKS TO ELAINE RATTNER, WHO SO ABLY HELPED ME OUT LAST MONTH. AND A NICE JOB SHE DID TOO!

OUR PLAY AND DANCE WAS WELL RECEIVED BY THE AUDIENCE. EVERYONE THERE SEEMED TO BE HAVING A GOOD TIME. IT DOES SEEM A SHAME THAT THERE WERE NOT MORE PRESENT TO JOIN IN THE FUN. WE WERE VERY DISAPPOINTED TO SEE THAT NO SISTERHOOD OR CONGREGATION MEMBERS WERE THERE. CAN IT BE THAT ALL LIBERTY IS IN MIAMI? I AM STILL WONDERING WHETHER THE AUDIENCE NOTICED THE STIFLED HYSTERICS INDULGED IN BY THE CAST WHEN THE SINK LEAKED! THE PROPS COMMITTEE, THE DIRECTOR AND THE CAST DESERVE A BIG HAND FOR THE SUCCESS OF THEIR ENDEAVORS. SO TO CARL MELTZER, HAROLD LAYMAN, MARIAN SIEGEL, LARRY DUCHIN AND ELAINE RATTNER-- ORCHIDS!

OUR INSTALLATION ON THE 26TH WAS THE MOST INFORMAL AND MOST ENJOYABLE I HAVE EVER ATTENDED. JULIUS ZALKIN, JERRY LEHMAN, CARL MELTZER, PEARL SCHENKLER, WITH MARIAN SIEGEL SUBSTITUTING, LEE LAUNER AND MORRIS RATTNER WERE INSTALLED BY RABBI ISRAEL LEBENDIGER. AS SPEAKERS WE HAD HYMAN MOSKOWITZ; OUR PRESIDENT, MORRIS RATTNER, OF COURSE, AND ASSEMBLYMAN ALBERT D. SCHANZER, OF BROOKLYN, N. Y., WHO WAS KIND TO TRAVEL FROM ALBANY, SPECIAL FOR THIS OCCASION. HIS SPEECH WAS SPLENDID AND HIS MANNER OF PRESENTING IT ALTOGETHER DELIGHTFUL. MANY THANKS, SIR, AND MAY WE HAVE YOU WITH US AGAIN.

ROSLYN EISEN HAS JOINED THE LEAGUE AND SHE IS WELCOMED WHOLEHEARTEDLY BY ALL.....

NOW FOR GRAND NEWS: YETTA EHRLICH, A FORMER MEMBER, SPLENDID WORKER NOW LIVING IN NEW YORK, WAS MARRIED TO TEDDY LEVINE, OF PHILADELPHIA ON THE 21ST DAY OF JANUARY, 1937. THEY PLAN TO MAKE THEIR HOME IN NEW YORK. I AM SURE THEY HAVE THE CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES OF EVERYONE.

DON'T LOOK NOW, BUT I THINK THAT FINALLY SOMETHING IS GOING TO BE DONE ABOUT A JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER. DESPITE THE FACT THAT THIS ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN DISCUSSING THE MATTER FOR MANY YEARS, TRYING TO INTEREST THE JEWISH PEOPLE OF LIBERTY IN SUCH A PROJECT, IT HAS BEEN PUT OFF AND PUT OFF UNTIL THE TIME HAS COME THAT IT CAN NO LONGER WAIT. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT WITH COOPERATION ON THE PART OF ALL THE JEWISH PEOPLE OF LIBERTY, THAT MUCH NEEDED COMMUNITY CENTER WILL MATERIALIZE ERE LONG.

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NEW MACCABEAN NEWS.....BY MILTON ZALKOWITZ SEC'y

THE NEW MACCABEANS MET IN THE RABBI'S AND MRS. LEBENDIGER'S HOUSE LAST MONTH AND THE SUBJECT THEY TOOK UP FOR DISCUSSION WAS ---
" THE ANSWER OF THE JEW TO THE ARAB ", WHICH WAS ABOUT THE PRESENT CONDITION OF PALESTINE. AS A RESULT OF THE DISCUSSION THE NEW MACCABEANS DECIDED TO RAISE MONEY TO PLANT A TREE IN PALESTINE IN THE NAME OF THEIR CLUB.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE DEVOTED TO THE DISCUSSION OF " WHAT LINCOLN AND WASHINGTON HAD IN COMMON WITH THE JEWS "

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Friday evening- Feb.12th-- BOY SCOUT NIGHT- Sisterhood to entertain.

Friday evening-- Feb. 15th-- REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday-eve.- Feb.17th-- SEMINARY SEMI-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION
sisterhood participating

Wednesday eve/- Feb. 24th-- SISTERHOOD PURIM PARTY

Thursday afternoon Feb. 25th-- CHILDREN'S PURIM MASQUERADE PARTY
(Treat to Kiddies-by Sisterhood)

Friday evening- Feb.26th-- SISTERHOOD NIGHT

Regular meeting- February 15th.

A Lincoln-Washington program is being arranged for the next regular meeting of the sisterhood, to be held Monday evening, February 15th, 1937.

OUR MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

As announced in the last issue of the "BULLETIN " our membership campaign has been extended to April 1st. New names are gradually being added to our membership roster, and we hope to reach our goal of " ONE HUNDRED FIFTY MEMBERS " by April 1st, 1937.

Anyone wishing to enroll as a member may do so by calling Mrs. H. Kurchin, chairman of our Membership Campaign Committee, or by giving her name to any member of the Sisterhood.

SISTERHOOD TO ENTERTAIN BOY SCOUTS

A social hour for the boys is being arranged by the sisterhood, to follow the Boy Scout Service Friday evening, February 12th. Hostesses will be mothers of the Boy Scouts.

* PURIM MASQUERADE PARTY *

A Purim Masquerade Party is being planned by the Sisterhood, for its members, for Wednesday evening, February 24th-- The program and further details will be announced later.

* CONTRIBUTIONS TO TALMUD TORAH *

We are glad to announce that a contribution of one hundred twenty five dollars-- part of the proceeds of the Chanukah Carnival- has just been sent to the Talmud Torah.

SISTERHOOD FRIDAY NIGHT

An interesting program is being arranged for Friday evening, February 26th, when members of the Sisterhood will participate in the service. Details will be announced.

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CHILDREN'S PURIM PARTY

The Sisterhood will entertain the children of the Talmud Torah and Sunday School at a Purim Masquerade Party, in the vestry rooms of the Synagogue, on Purim day Thursday afternoon, February 26th.
