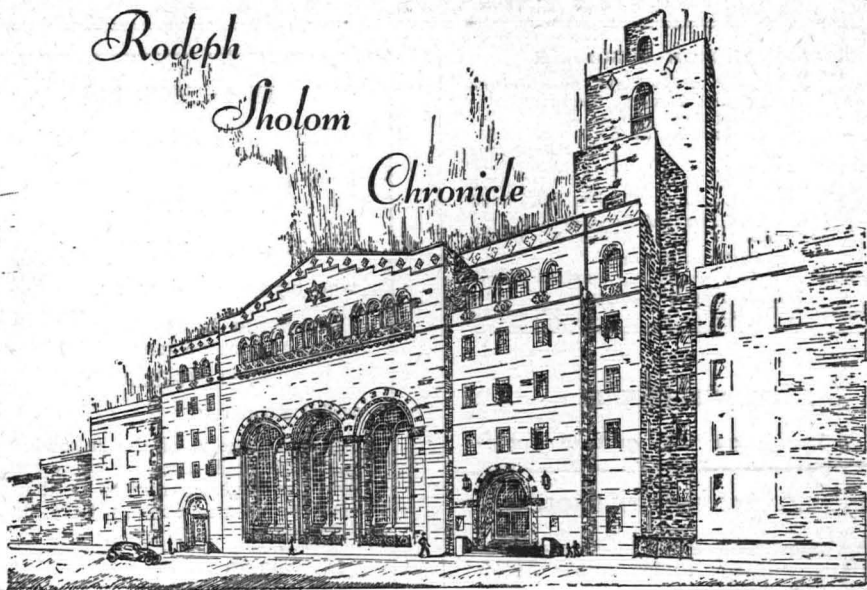


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## SABBATH SERVICES

This Friday Evening, October 5th, at 5:30

This Saturday Morning, October 6th, at 10:15

**RABBI NEWMAN**

will preach on

**"FOR THE SAKE OF HEAVEN"**

**CANTOR MELTZOFF WILL CONDUCT  
THE MUSICAL SERVICES**

**SISTERHOOD LUNCHEON-  
RECEPTION**

Monday Afternoon, October 15th, at 12:30

**MR. B. ROXAS SOLIS**

will preach on

**"THE PHILIPPINES IN ITS ACTUALITY"**

This Sabbath Morning, Rabbi Newman will discuss the great spiritual message of Martin Buber in **For the Sake of Heaven**. What is the meaning of the battles between Gog and Magog? Have we witnessed the "birthpangs of the Messiah?" How shall we interpret the words of the Zaddik: "I do not beseech Thee to reveal to me the mysteries of Thy way . . . Ah, I would not know why we suffer, only whether we suffer for Thy sake." We trust that Congregants will wish to accustom themselves to regular attendance at Sabbath Morning Services. We hope also that Congregants are observing the Kiddush ceremony at the Sabbath Table in the home. The card for this family rite, issued by the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, can be secured at the Temple Office. The Hebrew is transliterated, so that it is possible for all to conduct the ceremony. Encourage your children and young people to be observant Jews by setting them a good example of devotion and piety. "And ye shall teach them diligently unto your children!"

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Miss Theresa Seligmann in memory of her aunt, Clara Strauss;

## THE EXTRA GIFT

Rabbi Bunam has said: "When members of a community are asked to contribute to a Fund, each an allotted amount, some insist upon giving more than their quota. This extra donation is of especial delight to the Lord. When the Tabernacle was completed, a surplus of gold was discovered. Moses inquired of the Lord what use should be made of it. The Lord instructed him to use it for the making of the receptacle for the most sacred objects of the Tabernacle, the Two Tablets of the Covenant." It is this extra, this additional gift which enables us to emancipate from debt the most sacred institution of the Tabernacle of Jewish Community life—the Synagogue.

## IN MEMORIAM

Congregation Rodeph Sholom extends heartfelt sympathy to the families of

TILLIE FLATTO

THERESA SELIGMANN

who have passed away.

The Page in the Book of Life dedicated to the memory of

DAVID MARKOVITZ

will be opened.

The Yahrzeits of the following departed will also be observed and the Kaddish recited in their memory at the coming Sabbath Services:

Regina Adler  
Melville Blum  
William Cohen  
Emanuel Ganz  
Joseph Gluck  
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Walter Harris  
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Herman Stern  
Florence Noeder Washer  
Helen Werner

May the Memory of the Righteous ever be a Benediction!

## CANTOR MELTZOFF

We are pleased to announce that Cantor Meltzoff will return to the Temple this Friday Evening when he will conduct Sabbath Eve Services. We are happy to welcome our Cantor after his recent illness, and we wish him continued health and strength . . . Congregation Rodeph Sholom appreciates greatly the fine services rendered by Cantor Bernard Alt during the absence of Cantor Meltzoff. Cantor Alt has our very best wishes as he goes forward to further services in the cause of Israel's faith.

Said the Medzibozer: "As one thinks of God in his heart, so does God think of him."

**... MEN'S ASSOCIATION ...****ANNUAL LADIES' NIGHT****TUESDAY EVENING****October 16, 1945 at 8:30 o'clock****GAY NINETIES PARTY****Old-fashioned Movies****Beer and Pretzels****Cider and Doughnuts****Gay Nineties Entertainment****Singing Waiters****COME ONE! COME ALL!****A GOOD TIME WILL BE HAD****B Y A L L !****JEWISH HISTORY COURSE**

Enclosed with this issue of the Chronicle is a brochure of the Course in Jewish History to be given by Mr. Jacob S. Manheimer, starting on Tuesday evening, November 13th. The Course which drew a large attendance last season, is open to all Congregants of our Temple, their families and friends. Registrants may enroll through the Temple office or with Mrs. Samuel S. Sampliner, the registrar.

**OUR BNEI MITZVAH**

This Saturday Morning, Alan Leff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Leff, and Eugene Prosnitz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig B. Prosnitz will become Bnei Mitzvah. We congratulate Alan and Eugene and we are confident that they will fulfill the commandments of Israel as true "Sons of the Law". Mr. and Mrs. Leff have for many years been active congregants of Rodeph Sholom. Mr. Leff is a valued member of our Ways and Means Committee and was Chairman in 1944 and 1945 of our annual Theatre Party.

Said Rabbi Bunam: "I believe I have the power to transform any sinner into a penitent, provided he is not a liar."

**ASSEMBLYMAN****IRWIN D. DAVIDSON**

Tuesday Evening, October 9th, at the meeting of the Rodeph Sholom League, Assemblyman Irwin D. Davidson will speak on "The American Way of Life". Young folks of our Temple families are especially invited to attend. A Social Hour will follow the address. Assemblyman Davidson began his public career in 1935; he has been Counsel of the Bill-Drafting Commission of the State of New York; Chief Research Counsel for the Mortgage Commission; Secretary to U. S. Senator Robert F. Wagner, and is ranking Democratic member of the Assembly Judiciary Committee. Assemblyman Davidson is well-known in the affairs of the commonwealth. He is a speaker of great eloquence and charm, being one of the wittiest men in New York public life. He is an honored congregant of Rodeph Sholom and Mrs. Davidson is active in the P.T.A. We look forward with enthusiasm to welcoming and hearing Assemblyman Davidson on October 9th.

**LATE FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES**

The late Friday night Services will be inaugurated again this season commencing Friday evening, October 26th at 8:15 o'clock. These Services were well received by our Community last year and introduced in our pulpit many eminent clergymen and lay leaders. Following this opening Service, a reception to new Congregants will be held in our Marcus Loew Auditorium, to be planned by our Seating Committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. Jacob S. Manheimer.

The Kozmirer Rabbi said to a Hasid who had halted in his frequent visits to him: "A Jew is like the dough of the Matzoh. When it is kneaded and rolled, it is fit for unleavened bread, but as soon as it is left alone, it becomes Hametz."

so that he knew what Parsha it was. When he read, his voice was strained and high-pitched; he completed the reading, and said the Haftarah. After **Musaf**, I sang **Adon Olam**. It probably can never be described in words. The officer in charge came down—a Catholic—but I think he had a lump in his throat when he heard those people sing. In fact it was all I could do to keep from crying myself. I was nearly swamped by handshakes and questions from everybody.

"Here speaks the authentic voice of Israel—the voice of prayer, of individual prayer, and of congregational prayer. It is for us who have so many opportunities for prayer, and frequently so little fervor in its utterance, to gain a new appreciation of Israel's prayers in the knowledge that they have sustained the tragic victims of persecution and war. For them, despite all tribulations, it has averted the 'evil decree' of spiritual destruction."

### RE-OPENING A SYNAGOGUE

The son of a Rodeph Sholemite has written: "Folks, I had one of the greatest thrills of my life about ten days ago. I instigated and was present in a small town in France at the opening of the local synagogue. It was the first time in four-and-a-half years that those Jewish people had a public Service, and the first time in that period that the Torah was taken out of its hiding place. The tears of joy and the local reaction left such a feeling of satisfaction in my heart that I, one of many, had helped to preserve the great tradition which is ours. We had about 25 G.I.'s at the Service, and we made a little collection for the **Shuhl**. We gave them a good sum in cash, and they couldn't express their thanks."

### "IT IS TOO LATE NOW"

The Bialystoker Maggid tells the story that "a wealthy man died and his soul was being taken to the Heavenly Tribunal. On the way the

soul of the magnate passed through a palatial room where many spirits seemed to be in bliss. The rich man's soul begged permission to remain there. 'You may remain', answered the escorting Angel, 'provided you have in your possession the price of entrance.'

"To be sure I have', retorted the soul. 'I have brought an abundance of money with me.'

"It is not money that is acceptable here', was the answer. 'Do you see these charity receipts? It is these that are necessary for entrance to this place in Eden.'

"Let me return to earth,' petitioned the spirit, 'and I shall convert my wealth into receipts from institutions of charity. Then I will return here.'

"It is too late now', was the angel's answer."

### MOTHER EARTH

"In ancient Greek fables there is to be found the story of the giant, Antaeus, who, every time he struck foot upon Mother Earth, was filled with tenfold strength. Israel seems to have some such half-mystical relation to Palestine. It struck once of old, and it created the Bible. It put its foot down again, and it released from itself Christianity and Mohammedanism. Simultaneously it created the cultural reserve on which it has lived until the present. The foot of the giant is poised again. Already, a new vigor can be discerned thru the entire body. None knows but that, when it strikes for the third time, Judaism will be reborn to deliver a third message of the spirit to mankind." From Rabbi Milton Steinberg: *The Making of the Modern Jew* p. 312.

### BOOK OF LIFE

This coming Sabbath the page in the Book of Life inscribed in memory of Jesse W. Bettman, for many years a devoted and loyal member of our Congregation, will be dedicated in the presence of his family and friends.



## OUR CONGRATULATIONS

We are pleased to extend our hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kolin upon the marriage of their daughter, Annette, to Corporal Howard Mandelbaum. Mr. Kolin is First Vice-President of the Men's Association and Mrs. Kolin is active in our P.T.A. We look forward to welcoming Corporal and Mrs. Mandelbaum into the activities of our Congregation, and we wish them every happiness in the years to come.

We are pleased also to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hertzberg of our Congregation upon the marriage of their son, Benjamin, to Miss Lillian Steiner. The young people have our best wishes for their life together.

## A SISTERHOOD LUNCHEON- RECEPTION

to the Women in the New Families  
of our Congregation, and to the  
Mothers of the Confirmants  
will be held on

**Monday Afternoon, October 15th,  
at 12:30 o'clock**

in the Marcus Loew Auditorium of  
the Temple House

## MR. B. ROXAS SOLIS,

a native of the Philippines, will present a Musical Travelogue: "The Philippines in its Actuality." Mr. Solis, an accomplished pianist and composer, is a member of the Philippine Rehabilitation Committee, which is headed by Dr. Kalow. This Committee is vitally interested in replacing books and materials which were wantonly destroyed during the Japanese occupation, and are now urgently needed so that the Philippine children may once more attend school.

Mrs. Joseph Glanzer is Chairman in charge of the program for the afternoon. Mrs. Abraham Steigerwald, President of the Sisterhood will preside.

The Sisterhood Bridge for the benefit of the Rosa Rosenheim Memorial Milk Fund will be held on Monday Afternoon, October 29, at one o'clock. We hope that all the women of the Congregation will come with their friends and help us raise the large amount of money needed to carry on this worthy charity. Subscription is \$1.25 per person and tickets can be obtained from the Chairman, Mrs. Nathan Goldmann or any member of her Committee. Mrs. Ferdinand Loeb is Ticket Chairman.

## SERVICE MEN'S AFFAIR

The first of the Sunday afternoon Socials planned by our War Service Committee for wounded veterans from nearby hospitals, will take place this coming Sunday, October 7th. A group of men from Mitchell Field Hospital and St. Albans Hospital will be entertained in our Auditorium, with members of our League, Men's Association and Sisterhood serving as hosts. Mr. Harold Rodner, Executive of Warner Bros. is assisting our Committee in planning the details of the afternoon. The Committee in charge is as follows: Felix A. Greenhut, Chairman, Samuel Kolin, Alexander Kame, Harold W. Levy, Mrs. Simon R. Gottlieb, Mrs. A. Steigerwald, Miss Charlotte Post, Mr. Sol Green and Miss Jane Falk

## SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

**NOVEMBER 4th**

Sunday Morning Services begin November 4th, at 10:45 for the sixteenth consecutive year. It is anticipated that in addition to discourses by the Rabbi on themes of vital religious, cultural, literary and sociological interests, a distinguished group of guest preachers and speakers will come to us. There will be, as usual, a frequent opportunity for written questions from the Congregation following the discourse.

## RECOVERING OUR SCROLLS

"The recovery of 250 Scrolls of the Law in a cellar of Europe is a symbol of the recovery of Europe of the Judaeo-Christian message. Out of the very depths our Holy Law has been rescued, and now it will be enshrined again in our Arks of the Covenant. Again our fellow-Jews will clasp the sacred parchments in their arms at this Festival of the Rejoicing of the Law, and again they will exult that our Bible has outlived its defamers and its maligners, as it has done throughout the ages. Those who trample upon the letters of Holy Writ, and those who mock at their message will find that the letters are aflame with the Divine Fire that consumes all unrighteousness. The Nazis may have burned the synagogues of Europe, but they could not destroy the religion of Israel. Jesus of Nazareth in spirit, as the story-teller narrates, has made the tenth member at many a prayer-quorum for the recitation of the Kaddish at the grave of a slain soldier or martyr. Judaism cannot die because it is the eternal faith of the eternal people, and because, also, it is imbedded in the religion of Christendom and Islam. Therefore we look to the majority peoples of the Occident and the Orient to do justice to the Jew: to recompense Israel for non-Jewish indebtedness to Israel's Law by permitting Jewry to rebuild its ancient Homeland in Palestine. The Simhat Torah Festival this year has an especial meaning for us all, since the events of the past months have been so joyous and so heartening. Let us be worthy of the moral inspiration of the Mosaic teachings, and recreate society in terms of the ideals it has imparted to mankind. America and all the free nations can truly rise to their greatest spiritual strength if they but heed the instruction of the Judaeo-Christian tradition, embodied in the Scrolls of the Torah."

## RESTORING A CEMETERY

A Staff Sergeant, a Confirmant of Congregation Rodeph Sholom has written from Germany in a letter of August 9th the following item: "I have under my orders 18 men who were imprisoned for the complete desecration of the local Jewish cemetery. I added to them a detail of 50 political prisoners and ordered them under guard to resurrect and beautify the cemetery so that it will be better than any in the whole world. Work began two days ago. I checked up today. Oh, boy, you should see them working, guarded by an infantry Joe, a Jewish native of K..... whose grandfather's grave was ripped wide open, and the tomb above smashed. So I am satisfied that I have been given the chance to make my stay here constructive."

## PRAYER THAT SAVES

(From the Sermon: "Repentance, Prayer and Charity")

"And it is prayer, organized prayer, that helps avert the 'evil decree.' I have been shown a letter from Czechoslovakia by a metropolitan Jewish soldier boy which tells of Divine Services which he organized for 300 survivors of local concentration camps. When a couple of the boy's buddies passed out Siddurim the men looked at the books unbelieving, and when they began to turn the pages, their faces lit up. Some of the older women began to cry. 'It was a sight to be witnessed before understood. I started to sing **Nishmas**', writes the soldier boy, and there wasn't a sound heard in the room. Finally when my friends joined in, the entire congregation began to sing. Slowly but surely they were gaining confidence. By the time I was singing **Shokhein Ad**, every voice was singing along. I explained the fact that we hadn't any Torah or **Humashim**, and an old man sprang up with a torn and tattered book. He had made a calendar of the **Parshas**,