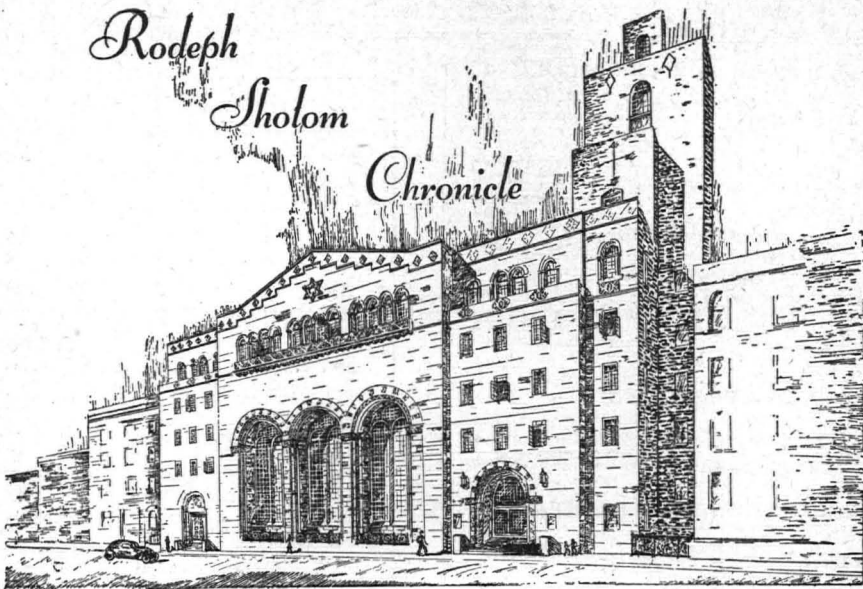


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This Friday Evening, October 12th, at 5:30

SABBATH SERVICES

This Saturday Morning, October 13th, at 10:15

RABBI NEWMAN

will preach on

"A NEW ARK ON A NEW ARARAT"

Friday Evening, October 26th, at 8:15

Opening Late Friday Evening Services

**"THE BURNING OF RABBI KAPLAN'S
PRAYER BOOK AND HIS
EXCOMMUNICATION"**

RECEPTION TO NEW CONGREGANTS

The Sedrah "Noah" will be the text for the Sabbath Discourse this Saturday Morning. At the Friday Evening Services, October 26th, the Rabbi's theme will be a discussion of the Burning of the Reconstructionist Prayer Book, compiled by Rabbi Mordecai M. Kaplan and his colleagues, and his "Excommunication" by certain zealots. This event has created a sensation in Jewish life, and it is still being discussed in religious circles. On Sunday Morning, November 4th, at 10:45, the Sunday Morning Services will begin for the sixteenth successive year. The Rabbi's theme will be: "Is Hitler Really Dead?" On Friday Evening, November 2nd, a Welcome to Men and Women in Service who have returned to this country will be extended, and the Sabbath Eve Services will be in their honor. We trust that Service Men and Women will plan with their families to attend these Services of Welcome and Tribute in Congregation Rodeph Sholom. We urge also the observance by our Congregants of the Kiddush Service on Friday evenings in the home.

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IN MEMORIAM

Congregation Rodeph Sholom
extends heartfelt sympathy to the
families of

THERESA BLACKSTONE

META DEICHES

HERBERT HOCHREICH

MARY MARGOLIES

who have passed away.

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

JESSE W. BETTMANN

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:

Barbara Jane Blackstone
Sarah Bloch
William Bronner
Julia Cahn
Herbert Deiches
Henry Dreyfoos
Pauline Fisher
Ruth Greenstone
Abraham Harris
Isidore Jackson
Louis Jackson
Julius Kleebblatt
Lena Kreidmann
Herman Mayer
Bella Oberfelder
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Amelia Ossusky
Sarah Quittner
Charles Seligmann
Joseph J. Schnurmacher
Yetta Steinhardt
Ray Weil

May the Memory of the Righteous
ever be a Benediction!

CHAPLAIN SOLOMON N. BAZELL

Lieut. Solomon N. Bazell, Chaplain
Corps, USNR, will be the guest
preacher for Navy Church and Syn-
agogue Week End, Saturday Morn-
ing, October 27th. Chaplain Bazell
comes from Louisville, Ky., and is
stationed at St. Albans Naval Hos-
pital, Long Island. He was the prea-
cher at the Maccabean Rally last
December, under the auspices of the
Federation of Reform Synagogues.
We trust that our Congregants will
plan to be with us on Navy Sabbath,
October 27th.

TO OUR CONGREGANTS

In the past three issues of the **Chronicle** we have expanded the size of our publication to six pages in order to include items of general Jewish interest of an educational and religious nature. The Publicity Committee would like to be guided as to a continuation of this policy and seeks comments from our subscribers on the merit of this feature of our "**Chronicle**." We invite your opinions by mail or through the Temple Office.

OUR P. T. A.

Our Parent-Teachers Association under the capable leadership of Mrs. Mortimer L. Schwarz is planning a many-sided program of activities, concerning which announcement will be made shortly. Last year the P.T.A. had an excellent year of work, and at the Sukkoth Festival recently, a large and fine Committee gave their cooperation. The roster of parents of our pupils has been greatly increased, and it is anticipated that the P.T.A. will have many new and enthusiastic workers. A number of the parents whose young people are now in the post-graduate and youth division will be active in their behalf. The P.T.A. takes pride in the fact that the Sisterhood and the Congregation as a whole has a considerable number of the former leaders and workers in the P.T.A. In the near future, a Reception to Mr. Benjamin Sellinger, the new Principal of the Religious School, will be held.

BOY SCOUTS

Boy Scout Troop 502 sponsored by the Men's Association is having a Parents' Night on Friday Evening, October 19, at P. S. 93, at Amsterdam Avenue and 93rd Street at 8:00 o'clock. All parents of Scouts are urged to attend.

A CITATION

Mrs. Simon R. Gottlieb, War Bond Co-chairman for Congregation Rodeph Sholom has received a citation from the War Finance Committee of The Treasury Department for "your outstanding record of Bond Sales from May 1945 to September 1945. Congregation Rodeph Sholom can be proud of this record; and the seven Mercy Planes that your Bonds sponsored are concrete evidence for all to know your fine results. I am sure that the men who fly in your Douglas C-54's acknowledge deeply the fact that the Congregation Rodeph Sholom did its part so well in this 7th War Loan Campaign." The Citation from the Surgeon General, U.S. Army mentions the fact that Congregation Rodeph Sholom in this Campaign sold the amount of \$2,646,651 in War Bonds. Mr. Felix Greenhut and Mrs. Gottlieb and their Committee truly deserve these fine tokens of recognition, and Congregation takes genuine pride in their endeavours.

MEN'S ASSOCIATION

A cordial invitation is extended by the Men's Association to all the men in the Congregation and their friends to affiliate with this Auxiliary of our Temple. Its activities are of a social, cultural, civic and religious nature. It is an active group with a friendly, cordial membership. Applications for affiliation may be obtained by writing to the Secretary, Mr. Samuel C. Bloch, in care of the Temple Office.

MID-WEEK HEBREW

Students in the Religious School and post-graduate department who are interested in a reading knowledge of the Hebrew Language will have an opportunity to attend the mid-week Hebrew Classes which have started this past Tuesday afternoon. There will be classes for beginners and advanced students under the direction of Mrs. Abraham Burstein. Classes meet each Tuesday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock on the 5th Floor of the Temple House.

THE JEW AND AMERICA

"The twentieth-century ideals of America have been the ideals of the Jew for twenty centuries."

Louis Dembitz Brandeis.

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A MOTHER'S FORGIVENESS

Frau Mathilde Rathenau in a letter to the mother of Ernst Werner Techow, one of the murderers of her son, the illustrious Walther Rathenau in 1922, said:

"In grief unspeakable I give you my hand, you, of all women the most pitiable. Say to your son that in the name and spirit of him he has murdered, I forgive, even as God may forgive, if before an earthly judge he make a full and frank confession of his guilt and before a heavenly one repent. Had he known my son, the noblest man earth bore, he had rather turned the weapon on himself than on him. May these words give peace to your soul."

Count Harry Kessler, **Walther Rathenau: His Life and His Work**, New York, 1930, pp. 360-361.

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THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS

In 1940, Ernest Tessier, a member of the French Foreign Legion in North Africa, who proved to be Ernst Werner Techow, greeted Legionnaire Rathenau, a nephew of Walther Rathenau, showed him a sheet of paper turned slightly yellow on which Frau Rathenau's letter to his mother had been written, and said: "You see, Rathenau, my most precious possession is still that letter. It opened a new world to me. In prison I began to read the works of your uncle, one after the other. Later, in the Legion, I continued to study Jewish problems in my spare time. I learned Hebrew in Syria. I discovered that the Nazis had falsified all the facts about the Jews in order to get a pretext for committing excesses. I know how strong their barbarian impulses are, as I too was once obsessed by them. But for eighteen years now my whole life has

been a constant struggle to suppress the evil forces in my soul. Just as Frau Rathenau conquered herself when she wrote that letter of pardon, I have tried to master myself. I only wished I would get an opportunity to right the wrong I've done."

In February, 1941, George W. Herald, who tells the sequel to the history of Walther Rathenau's assassination and Frau Rathenau's noble letter, says: "My inquiries established that by that time Techow had already saved more than seven hundred persons. He was known in Marseilles refugee circles as the 'one-man relief committee.' Wherever his name was mentioned it was in a tone of gratitude."

George W. Herald, "My Favorite Assassin," in **Harper's Magazine**, April, 1943, pp. 449-451.

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SUBLIMITY

In **Table Talk** under date of July 25, 1832, Samuel Taylor Coleridge says: "Could you ever discover anything sublime, in our sense of the term, in the classic Greek literature? I never could. **Sublimity is Hebrew by birth.**"

Quoted by Dr. Cyrus Adler, in **I Have Considered the Days**, Philadelphia, 1941,

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GOOD EXAMPLE BY A JEW

"Good hawk's not worth the less
For being hatched in humble nest.
Nor good example shall ye eschew
Because 'tis given by a Jew."

This quatrain is by the famous Jewish-Castilian poet, of the early fourteenth century, Shem Tob de Carrion, and is quoted admiringly by Ruben Dario, in an article, October 5, 1896, in the Buenos Aires newspaper **La Tribuna**. See Waldo Frank, "Ruben Dario and the Jews" in the **Contemporary Jewish Record**, August, 1943, volume vi, number 4, p. 436.

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JEWISH IDEALISM

"The essence of Jewish thought lies in its gift for the ideal reconstruction of the world."

Leon Blum, **Au Theatre, reflexions critiques**, second series; quoted in Richard L. Stokes, **Leon Blum: From Poet to Premier**, New York, 1937, p. 95.

SISTERHOOD

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 in the Temple House

The guest speaker will be

MR. ROXAS SOLIS

accomplished pianist and composer
who will present a musical travel-
ogue entitled

"The Philippines In Its Actuality"
and

Mrs. Amelia Dietrich Lewis
of the

New York City League of Women Voters

who will enlighten us on the Amend-
ments to the Constitution to be voted
on this coming Election Day. Mrs.
Lewis is a speaker of rare distinction
and we are privileged to have her
come to us.

Mrs. Joseph Glanzer, the Chairman
of the afternoon asks all to come
on time. Rabbi Newman will deliver
the Opening Prayer and Mrs. Abra-
ham Steigerwald, will preside.

**Please come prepared to obtain your
Tickets for the ROSA ROSENHEIM
Memorial Milk Fund Bridge to be
held on October 29th. Bring Your
Friends Too!**

Rodeph Sholom Sisterhood is re-
sponding to an urgent appeal from
the N. Y. C. Cancer Committee for
Surgical Dressings and Bandages,
and on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, at
9:30 in the morning we are starting
this greatly needed work. We invite
all the women of the Congregation
and their friends to come, with a
long cover-all white apron, either to
sew by hand, by machine or to fold
the gauze. Bring a sandwich for
lunch; coffee and tea are served

here as they are on all other sewing
days, for the small sum of ten cents.
The Chairman, Mrs. Murray Klein,
hopes that many workers will attend
this unit regularly.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS

We are happy to congratulate Dr.
and Mrs. Jerome C. Klein upon the
birth of a daughter, Barbara Ann.
Mrs. Klein is the former Elaine Joy
Levy, a Confirmant of our Congrega-
tion. To the grandparents, Mr. and
Mrs. Irving Levy and Mr. and Mrs.
Morris Klein, and to the great-grand-
parents, Mrs. Felix Tausend and Mr.
Herman Levy, we extend our hearty
felicitations. Mr. Levy is a member
of the Board of Trustees of Congre-
gation Rodeph Sholom.

BAR MITZVAH

We are pleased to extend our
hearty congratulations to Mr. and
Mrs. Samuel Michelman on the oc-
casion of the Bar Mitzvah ceremony
of their son Fred, this Saturday morn-
ing. We felicitate this new Son of
the Commandment and his family,
and we are confident that his induc-
tion into the fellowship of Israel will
remain a memorable influence in his
life.

WELCOME HOME

Almost daily we are visited by our
young men and women, formerly
affiliated with our Temple Program,
who have returned from overseas. It
is good to have these young people
with us again and we invite them
all to renew their interest and activ-
ity. Some have already joined in
the work of the Men's Association
and the League, and others have
become members of the Temple and
have worshipped with us over the
holidays.

OUR APPRECIATION

We are grateful to Mr. and Mrs.
Walter W. Weismann for their splen-
did assistance at the Service Men's
Affair last Sunday and their most
generous gift to the Service Men's
Fund.

OUR MORTGAGE CAMPAIGN

This past Sunday Mr. Albert M. Kahn, Chairman of the Mortgage Drive, met with the members of the Ways and Means Committee to make plans for the completion of the Campaign for the liquidation of our Temple indebtedness. The Committee is determined this coming year to make every effort to reduce the balance of approximately \$110,000, inclusive of pledges made at our Yom Kippur Service. A number of our Congregants have most graciously consented to make these gifts contingent upon our final redemption of our Mortgage indebtedness and their example will further stimulate the Campaign workers to the achievement of their final goal. To those loyal Congregants who have thus far supported our efforts, we extend our heartfelt appreciation. To those who did not make their gifts on Yom Kippur, we extend an invitation to lend their aid to this important project in our Temple life.

SERVICE MEN'S AFFAIR

This past Sunday a number of disabled veterans from Mitchell Field and St. Albans Hospital were entertained by our Congregation. During the afternoon there was dancing and entertainment, furnished through the courtesy of our Congregant, Mr. Harry Kalcheim of the William Morris Office. We are also grateful to Miss Naomi Blechtzin for her vocal selections. Supper was served in the evening. The Committee, headed by Mr. Greenhut, and Mrs. Simon Gottlieb, the Ladies Group directed by Mrs. Philip M. Stern, the Men's Committee of which Mr. Harold Levy is Chairman and the young people of the League who served as hostesses are to be commended on the splendid arrangements for this affair.

VICTORY BOND DRIVE

The Victory Bond Drive begins this month and will be the most important fund-raising effort in our history. We have helped finance the winning

of the War; now is our opportunity to aid in the making of a lasting and durable peace. A large Federal budget is inevitable until the period of stabilization is over. Buy your Bonds through the Temple Office or credit us with purchases made on the outside.

JEWISH PERSONALITIES

When Rabbi Stephen S. Wise sought to persuade President Woodrow Wilson to send Justice Louis D. Brandeis to the Peace Conference at Versailles in 1918, where he would be of incalculable value, Mr. Wilson regretfully denied the request, saying: "I need him every where, but I must leave him somewhere."

Mentioned by Seymour S. Guthman, in the **Universal Jewish Encyclopedia**, ii, p. 497.

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JEWISH ARGUMENTATIVENESS

"Jacob Fromer, the greatest living authority on the Talmud, has given us in his introduction to an edition of Maimon's biography an excellent joke characterizing this kind of subtilizing: God asks a Talmudist 'What do you know?' and the Rabbi answers 'Say something and I will refute you'."

Cited by Fritz Mauthner in his essay on "Skepticism and the Jews" in the **Menorah Journal**, February, 1924, volume x, number 1, p. 12, p. 54.

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ISRAEL'S SURVIVAL

"Israel will not be vanquished unless military force should once take possession of the world, and found a new servitude, forced labor, feudalism. This is by no means probable."

Ernest Renan, in the closing words of the final volume of his five-volume **History of Israel**. Quoted in the Introduction to the reprint of Renan's Essay entitled: "Judaism: Race or Religion?" in **Contemporary Jewish Record**, August, 1943, volume vi, number 4, p. 436.