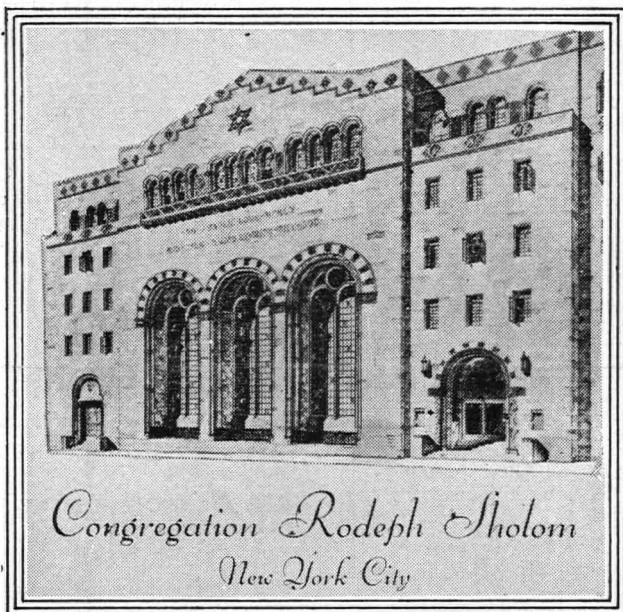


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## SABBATH SERVICES

Friday Evening, March 25, at 8:15

**DR. DAVID W. PETEGORSKY**

Executive Director of the American  
Jewish Congress will speak on

**"SHOULD THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATIONS BE  
DISSOLVED? THE FUTURE OF THE  
AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY"**

Saturday Morning, March 26, at 10:15

**MRS. TEHILLA LICHTENSTEIN**

Leader of the Society of Jewish Science  
will preach on

**"HOW TO ACHIEVE A QUIET MIND?"**

at the Annual Sabbath Services  
of the Rodeph Sholom Sisterhood

(Sedrah: Wayyakhel, Pikkudei: Exodus 35:1-  
40:38; Haftarah: Ezekiel 45:16-46:18)

Sunday Morning, March 27, at 10:40

**CLOSING SUNDAY MORNING  
SERVICES OF THE YEAR**

**DR. ISRAEL STRAUSS**

will speak on

**"THE VANISHING AMERICAN FATHER"**

(Dr. Strecker's Article)

## OUR GUEST SPEAKERS

Congregation Rodeph Sholom is honored to welcome three distinguished guest speakers this week-end. Friday evening, Dr. David W. Petegorsky, Executive Director of the American Jewish Congress, and one of the foremost tribunes of the Jewish people will address us. Mrs. Jack A. Kerner will recite the Blessing over the Sabbath Lights. Mrs. Tehilla Lichtenstein, leader of the Society of Jewish Science will preach at the Annual Sisterhood Sabbath, and we look forward to welcoming a large representative of our neighbor congregations. Sunday morning, at the Closing Sunday Morning Services of this synagogue year (the 19th successive year of these Community Services), the renowned Dr. Israel Strauss, President of the Society of Hillside Hospital, will discuss the views of Dr. Strecker on "The Vanishing American Father" and the "Devouring American Mother." We trust that our Congregants and their friends will avail themselves of this opportunity.

## IN MEMORIAM

Congregation Rodeph Sholom extends heartfelt sympathy to the families of

FANNIE SHAFFER  
RALPH DUBIN  
GEORGE PEPPER  
EDWARD FRIEDMAN

who have passed away.

Memorial Lights will be kindled at the Nameplates on the Bronze Memorial Tablets in the Temple in memory of

IRVING J. JOSEPH  
DAVID NEUBURGER

Pages in the Book of Life have been dedicated in memory of

MIRIAM BENESCH  
HENRY RUDBERG  
CHARLES A. STRAUSS

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

ISAAC BERG  
LOUIS BLACK  
GUSSIE BLACK  
GEORGE DUNSAY  
ELSA ECKSTEIN  
HARRY FIX  
BERTHA JAFFE GROSSMAN  
ANNIE HAMBRO  
REGINA KLEIN  
HEZEKIAH KOHN  
JENNIE GOLDMAN KRASHES  
ROSA LAVINE  
ALBERT A. LEVY  
OLGA LIOSNOFF  
JOSEPH MERKEL  
HARRY JOSEPH MOSCOW  
HENRY MYERS  
ISAAC PELLER  
JOSEPH PRIESTER  
ARTHUR SCHLOSSER  
MANFRED SPITZER

May the Memory of the Righteous  
ever be a Benediction!

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We gratefully acknowledge the following generous donations:

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Mr. and Mrs. Albert W. Sabel in memory of their mothers;

Mr. Solomon Liosnoff in memory of Olga Liosnoff;

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Mrs. Seligman Manheimer in grateful appreciation for her recovery from her recent accident;

### RODEPH SHOLOM SISTERHOOD

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Goldsmith in memory of Morris M. Jackson for the Apron and Layette Sewing Group;

### RUDOLPH GROSSMAN SOCIETY

### ANNUAL INTERFAITH RALLY

The Third Annual Interfaith Rally sponsored by the youth groups of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, Temple Israel, Christ Church, and the Rudolph Grossman Society of Congregation Rodeph Sholom, is being held on March 27th, from 1 to 5 P.M., at the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, 73rd Street and Madison Avenue. Distinguished speakers representing the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the State Commission Against Discrimination, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Anti-Defamation League, will participate in a panel discussion on the topic "Can State and Federal Legislation Stamp Out Discrimination?" An excellent film "Brotherhood of Man" will be shown. A social hour will follow.

### YOUTH SERVICE

The Youth Council will conduct its monthly Friday evening service and Oneg Shabbat on March 25th. The Oneg Shabbat will include the showing of color films of the 1949 Purim Carnival and the 1948 Spring Retreat.

citizens galore. As we walked up the platform, Dr. Wise turned to me and said: "Louis, I knew you had a little influence in San Francisco, but I had no idea it was so extensive as to make possible this reception for me." I hated to disillusion Dr. Wise, but just behind us, as the band played and everyone cheered came—Mickey Walker, who had just won a prizefight crown in Los Angeles the night before! (P.S. Despite this Doctor and Mrs. Wise were given a royal welcome in San Francisco, and the Jewish Institute of Religion received a handsome sum for its work.)

### LEAGUE

On Sunday, March 27th, the League will participate in an interfaith rally at the Broadway Tabernacle Church, 56th Street and Broadway.

### MARCUS LOEW PLAYERS

The Marcus Loew Players are pleased to announce their final performance of the year, the first off-Broadway production of "The Young and the Fair," to be given on Saturday and Sunday, May 14th and 15th, at 8:40 P.M. This performance will be produced by Warren Sinsheimer and directed by James D. Jacobs. Reserve the night of May 14th or May 15th now!

### UNIONGRAMS

As the season for Weddings, Graduations and Confirmation approaches, we hope that everyone will remember to send the congratulatory message on a UNIONGRAM. Out of every Dollar that you spend on a book of four Uniongrams, 80c is credited to the Sisterhood's contribution to the Hebrew Union College Scholarship and Religious Education Fund. Every Uniongram contributes to our own Sisterhood's opportunity to win a place on one of the Federation's Honor Rolls. The Chairman, Mrs. Bernard Levy, will be happy to sell you as many as you require at any

Sisterhood meeting, and they are always for sale in the Temple Office. Please cooperate and send all your messages of cheer or sympathy on a Uniongram!

### TUESDAY, APRIL 5th

Tuesday Evening, April 5th, at 8:30 o'clock, the Parent-Teachers Association will hold its Tenth Annual Round Table on the subject: "Indulging Our Children; Who Is to Blame?" The discussion will consider the questions of family discipline; the attitude of our children and young people towards their social and recreational life; romance and marriage; religious education and observance. There will be an opportunity for participation by the audience. Mrs. Milton Cohen, President of the P.T.A., will bring a message of greeting. Rabbi Newman will be the Moderator, and the participants will include among others: Dr. Abram Blau, psychiatrist; Dr. Milton I. Levine, pediatrician; Rabbi Benjamin Lowell of the Hillel Foundations; Mr. Mark A. McCloskey, of the Board of Education of New York City, and Miss Margaret Stanger, Psychologist of the Ethical Culture Schools. We consider ourselves fortunate to have the consent of these eminent personalities, and we know that the evening will be memorable in every way. Parents! Place this date on your calendar: Tuesday, April 5th, 8:30 o'clock, in the Marcus Loew Auditorium of the Temple House.

### "THE REDEMPTION OF ISRAEL"

On Friday evening, May 13th, the Rodeph Sholom Youth Council, in cooperation with the Bronx-Manhattan region of the National Federation of Temple Youth, will present the Cantata, "The Redemption of Israel," by Rabbi Newman, in commemoration of the first anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel.

Rehearsals for this event are now taking place on Wednesday evenings at 8 P.M., under the direction of Rabbi Soltes. Young people who are interested in participating in this historic event are urged to call Rabbi Soltes.

### VISIT THE JUDAICA SHOP at the Temple

under the auspices of the  
Sisterhood

It has many answers to your  
gift problems.

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## MR. SAMUEL G. STAFF

We are pleased to congratulate Mr. Samuel G. Staff, an esteemed member of our Ways and Means Committee, on his appointment by Governor Dewey to be Commissioner of the State Insurance Fund. It is indeed good to know that a Congregant of Rodeph Sholom has been chosen for high and honoring responsibility.

## DR. JEROME W. SCHWEITZER

Wednesday Evening, March 30th, at 8:15 Dr. Jerome W. Schweitzer will address our Men's Association on "Adventures Under the Seas". Dr. Schweitzer has recently made a two months visit to the South Seas and has brought back a remarkable photographic record of his observations. These pictures of marine life will be shown, with accompanying explanation.

## ANNUAL THEATRE PARTY

Wednesday evening, June 1st, the Annual Theatre Party of Congregation Rodeph Sholom will be held. The play chosen by the Committee, headed by Mr. Arnold W. Becker, is "Detective Story" by Sidney Kingsley, featuring Ralph Bellamy and Meg Mundy. The Committee requests our families to make out their reservations promptly in order to obtain favorable seating. The reservation card and announcement has been mailed out to Congregants. Be sure to mark down the date and send your applications without delay!

## RABBI STEPHEN S. WISE

Congregation Rodeph Sholom is honored to join with multitudes in this community and throughout the country in extending hearty congratulations to Rabbi Stephen S. Wise on the occasion of his 75th Birthday. Rabbi Wise is an Honorary President of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. Congregation Rodeph Sholom was represented at the Dinner in tribute to Dr. Wise last Sunday evening by a number of our leading Congregants.

## SISTERHOOD SABBATH

This Saturday Morning, the Annual Sisterhood Sabbath will be held, and Mrs. Tehilla Lichtenstein, Leader of the Society of Jewish Science, will be the guest preacher. Mrs. Lichtenstein has been the Leader of the Society since the death of her distinguished husband, Rabbi Morris Lichtenstein, author of "Jewish Science and Health" and "Peace of Mind." Members of the Sisterhood will conduct the Order of Service in cooperation with Cantor Meltzoff and our Rabbis, and Mrs. Abraham Steigerwald, President of the Sisterhood, will bring a message of greeting. Ladies of the Congregation are invited to be present with their friends. Please let nothing interfere with your attendance at this outstanding Sabbath Service of the synagogue year.

## ADULT EDUCATION

Monday evening, March 28th at 8 o'clock, Dr. Israel Efros will deliver the second of two lectures on "Jewish Contributions to Philosophy," as part of the series on "Jewish Contributions to World Culture."

Dr. Efros will discuss the influence of Jewish Philosophy and philosophers on the thinking of man in the medieval and modern periods, the study of problems, rather than men, the origin of evil and how it came into being, forged from the beginnings of Hebraic thought, and the contributions of Bergson and the more recent philosophers.



## THE VALUES OF JEWISH EDUCATION TO THE JEWISH CHILD

Our Religious School seeks to provide the child with wholesome experiences. It seeks to furnish opportunities for Jewish creative expression through song and prayer, handwork and art, dramatization and skills. It attempts to make meaningful to the child the Jewish elements in his immediate environment, in home, in synagogue and in the wider community. The task of Jewish education is more of building character and promoting wholesome adjustment than along the mastery of facts.

Through instruction and active participation, Jewish education aims to stimulate our children to adopt a wholesome and intelligent pattern of American Jewish living. Jewish education can give them courage and self-respect. Their happiness depends in a large measure upon their cheerful acceptance of their Jewishness.

Ignorance of their people's history, of the Jewish contributions to civilization and to the ideals of American democracy, of the Jewish religion and ethics, of the ideals of the Bible, of the meaning of the Sabbath and the Jewish festivals, of the customs and ceremonies of the Synagogue and of Jewish living, of Hebrew literature, of the harmony between Jewish and American ideals, can cause our youth endless confusion and humiliation.

Jewish education is a fortifying force. To live as Jews, in their group and in the community with pride, dignity and self-esteem, our young generation must have inner strength. The task of imbuing our children with this inner strength cannot be carried out solely by a Sunday School program. The home where the atmosphere is most suited for training, guidance and inspiration, must work hand in hand with the School. Character building is most effective when it is a learning process in the home.

In Rodeph Sholom, in a pleasant school-room environment, with specialized teachers in charge, we attempt in a modern progressive way

to meet the religious and cultural needs of our children and youth. We invite a visit from those parents who have children of school age, who have not yet enrolled in our Religious School.

BENJAMIN SELLINGER,  
Principal, Religious School

## OUR CONGRATULATIONS

Congregation Rodeph Sholom is happy to congratulate

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Maier upon the marriage of their daughter, Irma M. Weiler to Sanford Hirschberg;

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert R. Cahn upon the birth of their son, Jeffrey Harris Cahn;

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Blaustein of our Young Married Guild upon the birth of their daughter, Barbara Ann Blaustein;

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Gluckin, the parents, and Mr. Harry Gluckin and Mrs. Rita Brenner, the grandparents, upon the birth of a son and grandson, Neil Dean Gluckin;

Mr. Leon Weil upon the celebration of his birthday;

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse C. Goodwin, of our Young Married Guild, the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Goodwin and Mr. and Mrs. Aaron J. Jacobs, the grandparents, upon the birth of a son and grandson, Ralph Allen Goodwin;

Mr. and Mrs. Burt Klausner, the parents and Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Brown and Mrs. Sadie Klausner, the grandparents, on the birth of a son and grandson, Seymour Brown Klausner, for whom the welcoming and Naming Prayer was recited in Temple on Saturday, March 12th.

Mr. Joseph Yasser, our Organizer, upon his notable article on "Hebrew Music in Russian Medieval Ballads" in the January issue of "Jewish Social Studies."

## OUR ANNUAL TEMPLE SEDER

will be held

Wednesday Evening, April 13th,  
at 6:30

Adults \$7.50 per person

Children \$5.00 per person

Send in your reservations promptly!

**ANECDOTES REGARDING RABBI STEPHEN S. WISE**

**On the Occasion of His 75th Birthday as Recollected by Rabbi Newman**

In 1916 when the sessions were held at Philadelphia which resulted in the creation of a united American Jewish Congress, Doctor Wise was allied with the late Justice Louis D. Brandeis, Judge Julian W. Mack and others, whereas the late Louis Marshall, Judah Leon Magnes and other spokesmen for the American Jewish Committee were opposed. Doctor Wise brought in a resolution which effected a reconciliation between the two groups, with the consequence that later Mr. Marshall was chosen President of the American Jewish Congress and led the delegation to the Versailles Peace Congress. There was great excitement at the success of the resolution presented by Dr. Wise, who thus achieved a major feat on behalf of unity. One of the delegates, eager to praise Dr. Wise, shouted at the top of his voice: "Three cheers for Doctor Wise, the missing link;"

At a meeting of the Commonwealth Club in San Francisco in 1915 Doctor Wise was discussing citizenship and civic probity. "The straight ticket", he said, with characteristic epigrammatic wit, "The straight ticket is usually crooked."

Dr. Wise was preaching at Congregation Shearith Israel, San Francisco, in 1925, of which Dr. Jacob Nieto, who had been trained at Jews' College, London, was Rabbi. Both had preached at Congregation B'nai Jeshurun in New York City, and the Board of Trustees waited upon Dr. Wise to extend the call to become the Rabbi of B'nai Jeshurun. "Why don't you choose Rabbi Nieto?" asked Dr. Wise, knowing that the distinguished Sephardic Rabbi was an older and more experienced man. Then spoke the Chairman of the Pulpit Placement Committee, as Doctor Wise told it: "No," said the Trustee, "we want you. In the first place, Doctor Nieto talks intellectual and you don't. In the next place, Dr. Nieto talks English and you don't. And in the third place you're a Metzia (a bargain)!"

Many years ago Dr. Wise after preach-

ing at Carnegie Hall was being taken at top-speed by auto through the Bronx to Pleasantville, where he was to speak. A traffic cop stopped them. But Doctor Wise, with typical resourcefulness, called to the officer, explained the situation, and said: "My suggestion is that you go ahead of us on your motorcycle and set the pace for us. Then we won't break any laws." That's exactly what the traffic cop did, and the procession went through the thoroughfares with siren sounding. At the end of the traffic cop's beat, he turned aside, tipped his hat, and, just before departing, said to Dr. Wise: "Thank you, Rabbi, thank you", and away he went.

Doctor Wise was telling of a trip he made with Dr. Nieto to Alaska before he became Rabbi at Portland, Oregon. Their stateroom on the boat had three berths, and the two friends had agreed that Doctor Nieto, being the older man, would take the lowest berth, and Doctor Wise, being the younger, would take the top-most berth; the center berth was to remain unoccupied as against all-comers. But just before the vessel was about to leave, a pleasant-looking gentleman knocked at the door, and asked whether the third berth was occupied. "You can come in", said Doctor Wise and Doctor Nieto according to their agreement, "but we want you to know that we are two Rabbis and it is the custom of the Rabbis to arise during the night to recite their prayers. Therefore you may be disturbed."

The newcomer looked at the two young Rabbis with a twinkle in his eye and replied: "It's all right, boys. I know all about it. I'm a Methodist minister myself!"

When Doctor and Mrs. Wise visited San Francisco in 1925 on behalf of the Jewish Institute of Religion, I met them at the Third and Townsend Station where they arrived on "The Lark" from Los Angeles. A great throng of people was present, including the Mayor's Secretary, the Municipal Band, reporters and