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# THE SYNAGOGUE BULLETIN

## Baltimore Hebrew Congregation

*To interpret Judaism in terms of contemporary life  
To present the eternal values in Judaism  
To stimulate faith through knowledge  
To reflect a vital Jewish life through activity  
To integrate Jews and Judaism in the American scene*

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## Separate Campaigns for Relief and Palestine

There will be no United Jewish Appeal in 1941. A statement signed jointly by the chairmen of the organizations involved — the Joint Distribution Committee, the National Refugee Service and the United Palestine Appeal — revealed that the organizations would appeal for support separately. The United Palestine Appeal immediately announced a goal of \$12,000,000 for this year; the Joint Distribution Committee and the National Refugee Service requested that no communities commit themselves to programs or budgets "until the American Jewish responsibility can be studied and appraised as a whole".

This break will not come as a surprise to many people. The joint campaign was entered into in order to prevent disruption of communities by rival appeals. It was felt that national agreement on percentages — so much to U.P.A., so much to J.D.C. — would make the task of community leadership easier and prevent pressure groups from tearing cities apart by insistence upon preferential status for their pet causes. It was felt that such tactics would endanger the united support of local Jewish charities. But the "shid-duch" for many reasons was never a very happy one.

Are we back to the same baneful place where we were before the United Appeal was organized? One might say: Well,

### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday Evening, Jan. 10th, at 5:30

#### CHILDREN'S SERVICE

Saturday Morning, Jan. 11th, at 10:30

Officiating  
Kurt Lowenthal      Louis W. Miller

RABBI LAZARON

will speak

#### EVENTS OF THE WEEK

##### SISTERHOOD BIBLE CLASS

Thursday, January 9th, at 12:30

Meyer Auditorium

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##### ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

Sunday Evening, Jan. 12th,  
Beginning with Candle Light Service  
in the Synagogue at 6 o'clock

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##### SUPPER TALK

by Rabbi Lazaron

Monday Evening, Jan. 13th,

6:30 o'clock

The Phoenix Club

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##### SISTERHOOD DONOR LUNCHEON

Tuesday, Jan. 14th, at 1 o'clock

in the Vestry



the situation is really clearer now. Men and women will give where their feelings are most involved. Some will want to give more to one cause and some will want to give more to another and nobody will be forced to have his money allocated for him by someone else. If he wants to give 90% to U.P.A. or J.D.C. — N.R.S., he can do it without being forced into a 35-65 or 40-60 basis. There is much justification for this position on the basis of past dissatisfaction. But are our communities to be torn asunder by insistent demands? Such a deplorable situation must be avoided, if possible. I believe it can be avoided.

Only so much money will be available. Each contributor has the right to determine where his contribution shall go. But no one will wish to insist on that right to such an extent that it may undermine united support for local needs. Community leaders will therefore want to know how these monies are to be spent so as to advise the public which looks to them for guidance. In other words, what is necessary is an appraisal of the work of the organizations seeking support.

This is even now being done. Some time ago many people objected to the bargaining which resulted in arbitrary allocations of funds for relief and Palestine work. They urged that a study be made of the expenditures of the organizations in the past, an appraisal of their present needs and, with this factual evaluation of their claims and work, the percentages be allocated. The Federation of Welfare Funds has such a committee, whose chairman is Mr. Jacob Blaustein. It should complete its task of evaluating the J.D.C. — N.R.S. and U.P.A. at the earliest possible moment.

It is beyond the purview of this editorial to place praise or blame for the split. The American Jewish communities are faced with a situation which requires restraint, wisdom and good judgment. They are going to be asked for very substantial sums of money. They have the right to ask such questions as these: Where is the greatest need? How much is needed now? How much can be usefully and constructively spent? They have the

further right to ask: How has the money we contributed in the past been expended? Has it been adequately accounted for? Let us see your past expenditures and your present budgetary allocations. How much can be spent for relief? How much for emigration? How many can be moved to Palestine? How much is used for propaganda? How much for political work for the Z.O.A.?

It will be useful to ask: Shall we contribute monies which cannot be spent? The U.P.A. already asks for \$12,000,000. How will it be spent? The J.D.C. has been paying transportation to Palestine. Is the U.P.A. to take over all Palestine work? How much is to go to the Z.O.A. for its educational and political work? People who are interested in Palestine and helping Jews go there but who are opposed to political or diaspora nationalism for Jews have a right to know these things before they contribute to U.P.A. Zionists will want to give more to Palestine. They have a right to do so. Others may feel they want to give more heavily to J.D.C. or Refugee Service. They have a right to ask how much can these organizations accomplish.

These are the obvious questions that come to mind. There are many others. Certainly this is true: Until people know what their money is going for, how much a given organization can really use, until they understand and evaluate the proposed budget, program and goals, they are not in a position to contribute intelligently. Let us have the report of the Welfare Federation Committee as soon as possible. Let us do nothing until we have the facts.

Morris S. Lazaron

## REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, the Nominating Committee hereby submits its slate of officers to be presented at the Annual Meeting on January 12th:

President — Dr. Gilbert W. Rosenthal  
Vice-President — Mr. Henry S. Frank  
Treasurer — Mr. Jerome L. Fox



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Electors to serve for a term of three years:

Mrs. Stanford Z. Rothschild  
Mr. Adolph D. Cohn  
Mr. Louis J. Fox  
Mr. William A. Leibowitz

The Nominating Committee:

A. Stanley Brager, Chairman  
J. Harold Rosenblatt  
Mrs. Gustav Leibowitz

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### **I DON'T WANT TO GO TO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

The secretary of a very well managed religious school, on telephoning an intelligent parent as to the reason of the continued absence of her ten-year-old boy on Sunday morning, received a reply that the child told the mother, "I don't want to go to Sunday School." Apparently, in the case of religion, this mother was willing to abide by the wisdom and the judgment of her ten-year-old boy. Over all phases of his life, that mother imposes her judgment, her will, her knowledge, and her experience. That boy must go to bed at a certain hour. He must go to school at a certain age. He must eat certain foods. He must wear certain clothes. She does not allow him to wear shorts in cold weather, or leave without rubbers on a wet day. If she detects the merest snuffle, he is compelled to stay home from school, probably forced to stay in bed for a day or two until the cold leaves him. If she calls in a physician, and learns that the boy needs cod-liver oil, castor-oil, or aspirin, she insists that he take these medicines. She decides the clothes he is to wear, the place where he is to spend his summer, and what friends he is to play with. She guides him in every phase of his life, except when it comes to religion. If religion was an untried experience in human life, if religion was a new invention, if faith in God was an experiment, then we could understand that mother's timidity about not insisting that her child cultivate religion as she insists that he cultivate other important values of life.

—Temple Israel Bulletin  
St. Louis, Missouri

### **THE SISTERHOOD**

It is with hesitation and almost a sense of apology that I write this article. We have always been very proud, and justifiably so, of the loyalty and cooperation of our members. However, I feel the time has come when attention should be called to the fact that this sense of responsibility and support is limited to too small a group of women. Why should approximately one-third of our membership assume all the responsibility and the other two-thirds derive all the benefits? Just let me call to your attention that our dues are only \$2.50 a year. Have you ever stopped to consider what you personally get for this amount, plus the philanthropic work we do and the contributions the Sisterhood makes to the Congregation and the Religious School? Consider the nine Bible Classes alone, then add to them the six meetings of the year with their unusual and fine programs. Don't you think you are doubly repaid? We must make our Donor Luncheon a success if we are to continue the high standard of the meetings. If you have not sent in your contribution of \$5.00 or more, you can still get in under the rope. It is your last chance to show your loyalty and to have the rare privilege of hearing Princess Paul Sapieha on Tuesday, January 14th. Make checks payable to the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation Sisterhood and send to Mrs. Jerome Fox, 3307 Bancroft Road.

The second lecture in the Bible Course will be given by Rabbi Lieberman on Thursday, January 9th. Mrs. Peter Goodman will read a paper on Fanny Hurst. Hostesses will be Mesdames A. J. Fink, Milton Rodberg, Berney Katzenberg and Miss Rose Annenberg.

Helen M. Dalsheimer

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### **MUSIC OF THE SYNAGOGUE**

The following is the text of the anthem to be sung Friday evening: "For He shall give His angels charge over thee to keep all thy ways. They shall bear thee in their hands, that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone."

The text of the anthem that will be sung by the Junior Choir on Saturday



morning is: "Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy righteousness; make Thy way plain before my face. For it is Thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety."

### SYNAGOGUE HOUSE

The Beta Alpha Sigma will celebrate its first anniversary with a dance in the Meyer Auditorium on Sunday evening, January 12th. Miss Leah Schloss is Adviser of the club.

The Synagogue House Dramatic Guild, known as the Syno Playshop, has been re-organized. Miss Rankin of the Vagabonds has been secured as coach.

The Scroll will be distributed through the clubs during the coming week.

### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

**Children's Service this Saturday,  
January 11th at 10:30 o'clock**

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**HONOR ROLL** — Children in the fourth through the seventh grades were given report cards for the first semester. The following are listed on the Honor Roll for general excellence:

Dorothy Breitstein	Betty Garb
Beverly Burman	Samuel Himmelrich
Anita Dornblatt	Ann Platt
Doris Eisenberg	Katharine Spear
Claire Wallace	

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**HONORABLE MENTION** is made of the following children in the lower school for perfect attendance and punctuality during the first semester concluded at Hanukah:

Harry Adler	Robert Kaufman
Shirley Balser	Robert Alan Kaufman
Howard Bergman	Frederika Kolker
Beverly Burman	Ellen Levi
Marjorie Chor	Beverly Miller
Armand Cohen	Selma Palmbaum
Walter Cohen	Marilyn Paul
Macy DuBois	Ann Platt
Robert Farber	Henry A. Rosenberg, Jr.
Sidney Futterman	Joy Rosenberg
Betty Garb	Judy Rosenberg
Stuart Goodman	Leroy Sahn
Charlotte Greenberg	Lois Sahn
Benjamin Hackerman	Ruth Ellen Schapiro
Billy Heller	Harriet Schwartzman
John Heller	Richard Sondheim
Jean Hirsh	Katharine Spear
Stanley Hoffberger	Barbara Stern
Carolyn Walblich	

### OFFERINGS

At the services last Sabbath, prayers were offered in memory of:

Henrietta Eilau, by the Congregation  
 Ida R. Fox, by her sister, Mrs. Henry J. Goldsmith  
 Philip Fuld, by his children  
 Henry J. Goldsmith, by his widow and daughter  
 Jonas Heyman, by his daughter, Mrs. Leon Levi  
 Dave Hofflin, by Mrs. Hattie Rich  
 Matthew Kaufman, by his son  
 Fannie A. Likes, by Henry and Elaine Likes  
 Caroline Rosenfeld, by her children  
 Joseph Schenthal, by William Schenthal  
 Abraham Salomon, by his daughter, Mrs. Tillye Sachs  
 Ralph Sinsheimer, by his sisters  
 Simon Sinsheimer, by his children  
 Rebecca Solomon, by her daughter, Mrs. N. Garb

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## The Jewish Appeals Controversy

Several weeks ago I discussed the questions involved in the decision not to hold a joint campaign this year. I supported the suggestion of Mr. Sidney Hollander, President of the Council of Welfare Federations, that a committee on study and appraisal be set up—such a committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Jacob Blaustein was already functioning—which should report to the country the needs of the various agencies and their ability to spend the money they seek and which should suggest percentage allocations for the guidance of community leaders. Since that time a number of things has happened which defines the issues sharply and clarifies the situation. The split between nationalist Jews and non-nationalist Jews has come. There is no sense in attempting to gloss over the issue. The only question is how can American Jewry continue to maintain its existing communal Jewish organizations and, at the same time, not compromise with the principles of Jewish life which they hold. This will require that restraint of utterance and conduct which Jews have a right to expect from Jewish leadership. Unfortunately, thus far, little such restraint has been shown.

At the Washington Conference on Palestine non-Zionist Jews were charged with attempts to sabotage the Palestine effort, despite the fact that large sums have been given to Palestine work by non-Zionist Jews; all who did not give

### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday Evening, Feb. 14th, at 5:30

Saturday Morning, Feb. 15th, at 10:30



**RABBI LIEBERMAN**

will speak on

**"AMERICAN JEWS MUST STAND UNITED"**

#### EVENTS OF THE WEEK

##### SISTERHOOD BIBLE CLASS

Thursday, Feb. 13th, at 12:30

in the Meyer Auditorium

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##### YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP SUPPER-MEETING

Sunday Evening, Feb. 16th, at 6:30

in the Meyer Auditorium

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##### SUPPER TALK

by

**RABBI LAZARON**

Monday Evening, Feb. 17th, at 6:30

at the Phoenix Club

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##### SYNAGOGUE HOUSE 20th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Tuesday Evening, Feb. 18th, at 8:30

in the Meyer Auditorium



Palestine reconstruction primacy in program and Jewish nationalism centrality in thinking were called traitors; all other efforts for relief, immigration and to find homes for Jews elsewhere were condemned as futile and the leaders of such efforts castigated as "philanthropists and plutocrats".

At the Atlanta Conference of the Welfare Funds the same charges were made and the same tactics were employed by the Palestine groups. The Executive Committee of the Welfare Federations passed the resolution to submit to the constituent agencies with favorable recommendation the appointment of the appraisal and budget committee. The United Palestine Appeal groups presented the issue as an attack by the classes against the Jewish masses. They raised the issue of "class warfare" between Jews. They are taking that issue to the country.

Why should anyone object to a calm study by an objective group of the budgetary requirements and possible constructive expenditures of any organization which appeals for funds? One would think the agencies would welcome such an investigation. American Jews will surely give now as in the past. Yet the Palestine groups do object. Suspicion naturally arises from this objection. Is there anything to hide? Do they perhaps fear the result of such an investigation? The fact remains that they have organized a special committee whose purpose it is to go to every community within the Welfare Funds organization and all the others as well and quash the investigation. American Jews will not be browbeaten by such tactics. Jewish community leaders who often in the past have given more liberally to Palestine work despite their fear of Jewish nationalism will react in disgust at such tactics. Especially will they resent the "class warfare" technique. They certainly will not be moved to contribute in the same measure to Palestine causes. Palestine will lose support in the house of its friends. Such methods smack of totalitarianism. Many American Jews friendly to Palestine and anxious to bring as many Jews there as possible might well begin to look to other

non-political Palestine agencies through which they can express their feeling for Palestine other than the Zionist Organization of America or the Jewish Agency or the Palestine Appeals.

No group in Jewry can say to any group or individual: if you don't contribute the way we want and through us, if you don't think the way we think, you are a traitor to the Jewish cause. There is only one word for such procedure—and that word is Fascism!

American Jewish community leadership will not make any decisions now. They will await the results of the investigation of the budget committee and allocate funds accordingly. If this does not suit the nationalist Jewish leaders, they can act accordingly.

Morris S. Lazaron

## THE SISTERHOOD

One of the most worthwhile and constructive projects of The Sisterhood is the Sewing Group. Too little is known of the benefits and assistance rendered others, less fortunate, by this loyal band of women under the direction of Mrs. David Stromberg. Their work has been highly complimented by the Red Cross, for whom they have been sewing since last summer. They have turned out hundreds of garments for the war stricken people of Europe. The blankets made by Mrs. Helen K. Bar and her energetic workers have given warmth and comfort to many. To sponsor such a worthy enterprise is very gratifying and a source of pride to the Sisterhood. The baby layettes made by the Sewing Group have been sent as far as China. Have you seen the aprons they have for sale? They are beautiful, practical and reasonably priced. Patronize the Sewing Group and let them know in concrete form that The Sisterhood is behind them.

At the Bible Class on Thursday, Mrs. Louis Seidenman will read a paper on Benjamin N. Cardozo. Hostesses will be Mesdames Harry Patz, Isadore Neuman, Robert Wildman and Walter Seif.

H. M. D.



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**ADVANCE NOTICE**  
**BROTHERHOOD FATHER-AND-SON SUPPER**

**Thursday, Feb. 20th, at 6:15 P.M.**  
**Southern Hotel**

For reservations  
call Mr. Joseph Sondheim  
Lafayette 0396

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**YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP**

The Young People's Groups of Brown Memorial Church and Baltimore Hebrew Congregation are privileged to present Monsignor John M. Cooper, an outstanding anthropologist and member of the faculty of The Catholic University of America, at their joint meeting on Sunday evening next. Dr. Cooper will speak on "Is There A Superior Race?". The meeting will be held in our Meyer Auditorium and will begin with supper at 6:30.

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**MUSIC OF THE SYNAGOGUE**

The text of Friday evening's anthem is taken from the psalms: "Blessed is he that serveth the Lord in righteousness, for the Lord redeemeth the soul of His servants. And none of them that take refuge in the Lord shall be desolate."

"Ho! Every one that thirsteth, come ye for water, And he that hath no money: Come ye, buy and eat: Yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Incline your ear, and come unto Me; Hear and your soul shall live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you. For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace; The mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, And all the trees of the fields shall clap their hands," is the text of Saturday morning's anthem, taken from Isaiah 55.

A. M.

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**SYNAGOGUE HOUSE**

The Synagogue House will celebrate its Twentieth Anniversary on Tuesday evening, February 18th. A Pageant written by Mrs. Hugo Dalsheimer, depicting the activities of the Synagogue House, will be presented by the members of the

clubs. Songs for the pageant were written by Mrs. J. Dashew. Mrs. Gus Leibowitz assisted in coaching. The following activities will be depicted:

1. Welcoming boys and girls to the Synagogue House
2. Songs
3. Athletics
4. A Play
5. A Dance
6. Scouting
7. Declamation
8. Advisers' Skit
9. Finale.

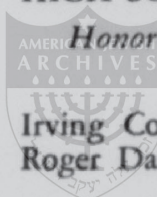
The Congregation is cordially invited to attend.

Boy Scout Troop 147 observed Parents' Night on Sunday evening, February 8. A splendid program was arranged and a large crowd attended.

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**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**

**HIGH SCHOOL**

 *Honor Roll for the First Semester*

**1ST YEAR CLASS**

Irving Cohn	Helen Gene Goldman
Roger Dalsheimer	Carol Joseph
	Elaine Kind

**2ND YEAR CLASS**

Jerry Chapin	Lucille Goldstein
Louis Frank, Jr.	William Oberfelder
Alan Fried	Ellen Spear

**3RD YEAR CLASS**

Lucille Gorfine	Stanford Z. Roths-
Hortense Lowen-	child, Jr.
thal	Alan Schwartzman
Nathan Nachlas	Donald Waxman

Honor Classes for perfect attendance  
last Sunday morning: Grades 1, 4-1, 7-11.

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**DISCUSSION GROUP**

Dr. Louis L. Kaplan, Executive Director of the Baltimore Board of Jewish Education, will be the speaker at the meeting of the Discussion Group on Sunday morning, Feb. 16th. Dr. Kaplan will discuss the various types of Jewish religious beliefs—Orthodox, Conservatism and Reform. Meetings of the Discussion Group are held every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in the Meyer Audi-



torium. A cordial invitation is extended to all recent Confirmands and other young people of the congregation to participate in the meetings and activities of this group.

### HUMAN LIBERTY AT STAKE

The following paragraphs are from a recent address by James Bryant Conant, President of Harvard University. They summarize briefly and strongly the essential issue involved.

"I speak frankly. For at this time we must all of us assess the future as best we can, and attempt neither to hide nor to exaggerate our fears. Many experienced observers of the recent European tragedy have sounded the alarm for the United States. Each one of us, all the citizens of the country, must decide to what extent we as a nation should heed the warnings. We must balance the probabilities. We must weigh the consequences of action or inaction. And though time is pressing we must come to our decision by the process of free debate. For in a democracy no drastic step can be taken with hope of ultimate success unless public opinion registers strong approval.

"It seems clear that a larger majority of the country is determined to give material aid to Great Britain. But we must now answer a fundamental question which lies deeper. Do we as a free people agree that the Axis Powers must be defeated? If we answer yes, then the words, 'all possible aid to the Allies' mean exactly what they say. Then there are no reservations in our pledge. It then becomes a matter of strategy and strategy only when, if ever, material aid must be supplemented by direct naval and military assistance. It then becomes purely a matter of strategy whether at some later time active belligerency is required. Having settled the fundamental issue we must be ready to follow the advice of those military experts who have access to all relevant information. But until the fundamental question has been answered, military experts cannot settle those detailed problems which now disturb the country.

"The citizens of 1940 are the trustees of the future of these United States. We shall be rightly condemned by posterity if we needlessly become involved in war and squander life and treasure. But we shall be yet more guilty in the eyes of our descendants if we fail to preserve our heritage of freedom—if we fail because of timidity or lack of far-sighted resolution."

### OFFERINGS

At the services last Sabbath, prayers were offered in memory of:

Caroline Diener, by the Congregation  
Samuel Dreyfuss, by the Congregation  
Nathan Fellheimer, by the Congregation  
Samuel Levy, by the Congregation  
Natalie Meyer, by the Congregation  
Sylvan Newman, by Mrs. Sylvan Newman, Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Fox, and the Congregation

Clara Rose, by her sister, Mrs. Jacob Rose  
Sophie Rosenbaum, by her daughter, Mrs. William Rosenberg

Matilda Samuels, by her daughter, Mrs. Lyons B. Joel, her grandchildren, and the Congregation

Fannie Schoeneman, by her children and the Congregation

A prayer was offered by Miss Celia Goldsmith for the speedy recovery of Paul Mannes.

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