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Centers of Jewish life, 1936.

Never voluntarily ghettoized --  
quarantine -- other cultures --  
filled academies  
Eclectics

- 15) Learning -- reverence -- sacred and  
secular  
First school system  
~~There are~~  
Hitler -- Jewish intelligentsia
- 16) Synagog -- Bialik -- Sergeant
- 17) Palestine -- always in Jewish life --  
messianic hope
- 18) Now the interesting thing -- All these  
centers are still with us  
They need strengthening
- 19) Palestine - majority - *For us -*
- 20) Synagog, home, school, adult education --  
layman  
Our children must live as Jews  
Marvellous religion
- 21) Too much concern with anti-Semitism --  
Not enough with Judaism

- 1) Cicero -- Rome -- turned Eastward
- 2) Graecia capta, ferum victorem, cepit  
    "Greece taken captive, captured  
        her savage conquerer  

To a race of men who are supremely men  
    Apply to our people -- inclined to  
        accept lower estimate -- weak --  
            shuttlecock
- 3) We survived not because weak -- 4000 yrs.  
    2000 of which  
    Sturdy -- **P'S\*** - weak eliminated
- 4) Not only physical vigor -- wise --  
    distilled --  
    3 religions -- a way of life
- 5) Loyal -- prefer the hard road -- code
- 6) And so we come down through 40 centuries --  
    16 million --
- 7) Not chauvenists --  
    Because of this very self-criticism --  
    Our children -- true picture
- 8) Our history full of miracles -- survival  
        of Jewish people  
    From Pharaoh to Hitler faced death --  
    Sands -- archaeologists - alluvium  
    But Israel never built pyramids

- 21) "A forted residence, 'gainst the  
tooth of time and razure of  
oblivion."



- 9) The gift of self-redemption -- the rediscovery of soul  
This is warrant from any optimism  
"If you want new ideas -- read old books
1. Egypt -- miserable ingrates
  2. First Temple - From King down
  3. Spain -- Solomon Alami  
Grandees
- 10) 19th Century -- Assimilation -- Gordon Zionism
- 11) What are the reasons? What are the reservoirs of power? What are the fountains of rejuvenations?  
Hitler -- Talmud
- 12) An attitude towards life -- a strong will to live  
Some have more vitality  
Always found the technique for survival
- 13) Look at his religion -- brimful of life  
Book of the Dead -- coffins
- Altars over tombs  
Center in this world -- moral idealism --  
Ascetics -
- 14) Because we love life -- adaptation -- living organism

1. Cicero, wrote to his son, starting out for Athens:

"You are going to visit men who are supremely men"  
that fine designation would apply with even greater  
aptness to the Jewish people. Here is a race of men,  
who, by all standards of measurement, have proved eos to be  
supremely men.

They have been strong, of amazing physical endurance, so  
strong as to outlast all other peoples - greater by far -

They have been wise, created most exalted sp. & ethical truth,  
for mankind, gave religion to  $\frac{1}{2}$  world, & sacred litter to mankind

They have been loyal - in face of unparalleled persecutions, etc.  
clinging to their sp. convictions - Martyred rather than  
"surrender. Spurred world's favor - & chose road  
of exile & suffering - for sake of ideals.

" .. Fought valiantly - with the more difficult but  
more effective weapons, the mind & the spirit - for their  
Code of Conduct - & their World Vision.

" .. manned the barricades of every struggle  
for human freedom & justice.

" are to-day, after 4000 yrs of life, & 2000 yrs.  
(wander) + suffering - a strong, virile, creative,  
building & pioneering people - 16 million strong.

Truly a race of men who are supremely men!

2. Miracles - Red Sea - Passover - Liberation!

But the real miracle - astounding, fine, People itself!

(1) When Pharaoh and his host were pursuing Israel -

What were they thinking of - or their bands reflected on  
& thus round & strong, fierce!

(2) 10000000 people - old soldiers - old priests - noble & wise wife, etc.

Hitler - "I will pursue, I will overtake, I will ~~destroy~~<sup>(2)</sup> the Spies - my desire shall be satisfied upon them - I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them"

Hitler - "ausrotten" -

When are they now? Then people for whom our ancestors built perid - Buried beneath sands of time!

(2) And those who laid waste Samaria & Judah?  
Assyria Babylon? Namez! tooth &  
rage of oblivion

(3) And those who carries late affixed task  
to Temple - even beginning of Rome?  
Student of history & Richard Dognin

(4) But behold the miracle of this people - which  
never builded Pyramids or Empires and never  
proceeded to conquer & subjugate the world -  
outliving them all - continuing unbroken

(5) How often & how ready precipitate prostration  
enemies - Help! Help! - Hierosolyma est perdita - 19C

Jude Venelle! - 20C

(6) What weapons from Church laws to  
Kill all male J. children - to Kirchner laws  
have not been forged & used against us!

(7) And yet here we are! still living - always  
creatin - fighting on & gone - forcing our foes  
as valiantly as we - Si non ora

3. Circumlocution - Water comes fast & rises! (3)  
For all humility  
(This is mistake of S.S.A "Risen people & an unmeas-  
urable Circumlocution")  
A people that at one time & in one part of the world  
are leaders ~~ex 125 20 etc~~  
and at another time & another part - is warned  
& joyously alerts - building - leading - & advancing

4. We are a baffling people even to ourselves -  
We are aware, and move to work as we overwork, for  
we are sharply critical of ourselves, of our thinking.  
I am frequent defections & break-offs -  
How often have our leaders & prophets deserted  
of us - when they saw us turn away - etc.  
And yet always this is the Miracle of Return!  
Renaissance, the Self Redemption -

(1) After Egypt - Wilderness - complained -  
no water - little water - food - flesh-bites -  
pounds - A generation later fighting &  
dying as here in Canaan!

(2) Seminal - Before 1<sup>st</sup> Exile - abysmal, corrupt,  
idolatrous people.

Two generations later - descendants return  
from Exile - rebuild - Mess their up

(3) Spain - Gardens - Hidalgos - Rich - decadent -  
1492 - 3 months to close - close Exile -  
Penalty - Torture - Death.

(4) This Generation - assaulted(?)!  
Testing time - Palestine!

### 5. What is the mystery of our survival?

(1) A strong will to live - A life hunger. - Some inner are stronger more in love with life - more vital rather than Races + people.

Poor & Poor -

A little pig - truly sturdy people.

This projected the necessary strategy the adequate techniques for survival.

Then up backward around its security -

Never relaxed its vigilance - against forces which might cause its disintegration.

(2) Hope - giving faith - a faith which did not stifly, curb, strangle life of people - But liberated it - progress - fulfillment.

(a) A Rel. not tied to dead - Egyptian but Poor & Poor.

(b) A Rel. which made Jesus or at most first Jew - G zeether G Pelgrim - a free man.

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(c) Invent of the Absolute. Achiever great Civilization of Babylon - voluntarily - Wt satisfied well majority.

① Moses - Palae - what pulled him out  
Median - "U. S. A."

(d) Priests - why did they not remain there?

→ (d) made up first Parliament with the play - 21, 22, 23, 24

{<sup>3</sup>} Power of adoption without assimilation  
Loyalty to our own - Germany - Campaign -

(part 1, 3d)

(4) Care Education for Children -

(5) Purity of our Home life - (reported)

6. We also have all these methods of success.  
(1) Will (2) Faith (3) Loyalty (4) Children (5) Homes.

Hitler - will survive him -

(A) Essentially - the story of H. - is the story of Pharaoh

1. Hitl for gen what they did for Egypt - Joseph.

→ 2. Hitler had total control like Pharaoh had slaves

→ 3. Domination - Fear - Jealousy -

→ 4. same methods - Control of men  
- break their spirits - enslave them - hitler  
- Mass break with art & show  
- children -

→ (B) "will sink in the deep bit lead" - Red Sea  
1 blood, war or Revolution

~~top~~  
~~bottom~~

7. They know that they are doomed.

Hence their cruelty of despots.

They fear the spirit of Israel which is their  
main heresy - <sup>Ruth calypso</sup> "Perfection"  
<sup>no 3 death Justice</sup>

That spirit speaks in their Church - Babb -

would like to see Kaiser Babb - "Purge it  
from place etc" - "Gypsies" vs. Humanity  
Fascism - Ignorance

Reichsbisch  
Ludwig  
Mueller

Soulstribulus - war - blood - affliction - anguish

Such forgers, pickpockets + swindlers - not even their  
life's earnings - lie & cheat <sup>to obtain a profit - knowingly</sup> default, break  
trusts - cannot last.

8. Law of our history: announced to Abraham

in Hebrew script: וְאַתָּה בְּנֵי אֶחָד תִּהְיֶה כָּל־  
Jacob - וְאַתָּה בְּנֵי אֶחָד תִּהְיֶה כָּל־



1- Perspective - Cohen -

Subject - share my honorarium -

2- Cato - Athens -

"You are going to visit men who are Supremely Men"

Splendid designation - By every standard -

Strong - sturdy - outlive - Survival f - c'158 -  
<sup>Defined power-Rome</sup>

Wise - distilled - religion - liter. "way of life"

Loyal - in face - unparalleled courage; wedged  
rather - Spurned - hard road - life  
sp. tenacity + stubborness for their  
Code - Wald V. Senn

Manned barricades of every struggle

To-day - offe - 2000 - strong -

Truly "a race of men who are sup. men"

3. Miracles - Our nat. hist. begins - legend

People itself. - A Miracle of Survival  
from 333 to Hitler

① The thots that ran thru - 2/10 > 1/0

We 11 which are Hannas - 2/21

are to-day - Hitlers - - "ausrothen"  
- hellish crew - -

② Where are they now? the people for

{ P 1 XI 8 - Burned  
And those - land waste - have "froth"  
Applied Torch - historian

But behold the unbroken - those who  
never built Pyramids - express  
supreme - continues to be  
unbroken.

4. How often - 1/2.

Hep. Hep! - Jerusalem est perita - 19c

Judea Verdict -   
what weapons - 7/13 - children  
Holocaust - children - Ghosts

And yet - still living - achieving  
Einstein Freud - person -  
~~ghost~~ Reawaken - tribute  
Heritage -

And for 3rd time - know is  
rebuilding Pal

5. A baffling people - to ourselves  
Sharply critical of ourselves - puppets  
back-shades  
Miracle of Return! - Self-Redeption
- ① After Exodus - wilderness - complacent
- ② Jeremiah - sinful, corrupt nation  
2 generations later -
- ③ Spain - Gaudes - Hidalgo - Rodríguez  
1792 - 3 mottos to choose -
- ④ 1850's - Assimilation -  
A voice - a call - 1897 -  
Nat. Revival - Physical - Cultural

6. What is mystery of this survival?  
Whereas Neoplatonic strength  
Rodríguez?

- ① Strong will to live - life - hunger  
Same under. more material  
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No despair great enough - chose death  
Developed strategy -  
Never relaxed vigilance

7) A life-giving Faith - sanctify  
Liberated - Prophets

(1) Born of the Word - God's Word  
Cross - Word for the

(2) Prophets - - 7/71-

(3) A rel. which  made us first  
Revolutionaries - 2nd, 12th, 13th pr

8). Power of Adepts - i.e., life

never ghettoized - Cultures -

Without discrimination - Alchemy -

9). School - Academy - Education

Love of learning -

Review for DINA - 224x

Our heroes - at funerals -

Burk & nightin > Samuel

10). Honour - sanctifies - Repose -

- Cr. b37" -

- per'f pill -

Study virtues -

11). Synagogue - modest - Cathedral

12) Solidarity -  1.30 -

13). Patriot - in fact, a wife - split

14). We have them to day -

(1) Our will to live - (2) hope - my Faith

(3) Power of Adoption (4) Sorrow (5) Honour -

(6) Synagogue (7) Solidarity

15). This is Normal of life

must live as Jesus -

Ant - with zest & youth your

→ kD

16). Such a club is wholesome —  
For you social life you must  
as Jesus —  
You deserve pleasure from being  
with your wife —  
And while you are doing it —  
you do not forget — Rabbarus

17). We are going up,  
The Miracle continues!  
We face to whom we fear not

1. Perspective - Cohen - ~~superior~~ "a priori"
2. Cicero - "supremely men" - standard -  
strong - p 158 - Survival -  
wise - rel later - "way of life"  
loyal - in face - marred - hard road - Tenacity  
manned - barricades - struggle  
To-day - Truly
3. Miracles - Nat. life - People - from old  
that's - old - Human - Hitler - awards  
where are they - paid - Egypt - Rome -  
But behold miracle - Pyramids - unknown
4. How often - 1/2 -  
Hef. Hef.  
India Keween  
what weapons - old - children -  
knives  
and yet - still living - achieving  
Einstein - 3rd Time - Pabinet
5. A Baffling People - ourselves  
Critics -  
Miracles of Return - Self redemption

(a) After Exodus

(b) Tenants

(c) Spain - 1492 - 3 months

(d) "Gordon" - A voice! 1897  
Nat. Revival.

6. What is big, big - whence? Rome?

(1) Stay will to live - Individuals -  
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No Persuasion - Strategy.

(2) A life giving faith - stability

"Book of the Dead"

Progress - 2/21.

First Reformation - 1st pt

(3) Power of Adoption - Ghetto - Assimilation

(4) School - 1911 - 1912  
Our heroes - Book of Life

(5) Home - Refuge - 611 b3 p11  
refugee

(6) Synagogues - modern - Cathedral

(7) Solidarity - pt 26 II.32

(8) Palestine - poln. - possible pol.

3 times

2- we have them to-day. will have - faith -  
normal life - must live as Jews  
units 3rd & 4th  
→ 1/2.

Club Whitson - Forget Radicals

8. Carry on!

Moschee continues

Face to tomorrow →

- Drawing H/10 p

RADIANCE OF JEWISH LIFE

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COVENANT CLUB - THURSDAY EVENING - APRIL 30, 1936

My dear friends. At the outset, I would like to say that the reason we Jews have been putting our women folks in the messanine is that we might look up to them at all times.

As I go from meeting to meeting, and listen to the glorious, glowing introductions by the toastmasters, I get to think pretty well of myself - until I get home. Then, Mrs. Silver has a way of restoring my perspective.

These introductions remind me of a story I heard recently of the Yahudi who went to the barbershop. He had had a very good week - nice business - he was in the real estate business. It was good for the first time in six years. He was very happy about it, so he treated himself to everything that the barbershop had to offer - haircut, shave, facial massage, manicure. Just as he was lying there in the chair, reclining - as a good Jew ought to do on Seder night - with the towels all around him, somebody rushed into the shop and said, "Mr. Cohen, your house is on fire." This man jumped up from the chair, threw the towels every which way and rushed out of the store and chased down three blocks. Suddenly, he stopped and said "What am I? Meshugah? My name isn't Mr. Cohen." (Laughter)

There are some funny things connected with my address here this evening. I was invited to deliver an address at the Covenant Club and I was asked to suggest the subject, which I finally did. The subject I suggested was "Centers of Jewish Life." I could not think of any other subject. I thought of that one giving you enough scope to say anything you wanted to say, but your Committee in charge evidently suspected that there was something wrong. "Centers of Jewish Life" suggested, Jewish centers, and Jewish centers suggested heavy mortgages and business, so they decided to recommend a subject of their own for me and so they recommended "Radiance of Jewish Life". Radiance is

is something happy and glowing, so it is "Radiance of Jewish Life" but I assure you what I was going to say under "Centers of Jewish Life," I will say under "Radiance of Jewish Life." (Laughter)

In fact, your wise Committee went even further last week. They sent me a bulletin, which actually contained an exact outline of the subject which I had not yet written. Your Committee definitely outlined for me all that I was to say this evening and I rather feel that whoever was responsible - this anonymous scribe, who made this outline of my subject for this night - ought to share with me the "~~Loved~~" at the close of this meeting. He knew my style all right.

I remember a year or two ago, I was addressing a Congregation in New York City, an Orthodox Jewish Congregation. After the address, the President asked me whether I would not stop to meet some of the people. I said I would gladly do it. There I stood - the people came up, everybody knew me, some knew my family, some knew something about my family that I hoped they didn't know. Then an old Jew came up and the President said "This is Rabbi Silver" and the old Jew said "You don't have to introduce me. I have heard him "schmuse" many times." (Laughter)

"Radiance of Jewish Life" - I mean "Centers of Jewish Life." The great Roman, Caesar, was a great statesman, writer, orator - as sometimes orators are pretty good statesmen and writers. When his son left for Athens, he said to his son "You are going to a race of men, who are supremely men." "I like that designation of a great people - "a race of men who are supremely men". I am inclined to believe that that same designation may justly be applied to the Jewish people, because by every imaginable standard of evaluation, here is a race made up of men "who are supremely men." You know very often that Jews have a way of accepting the estimate we name of ourselves. That is part of an inferiority complex - which exists with some particular people. Thus,

we have gotten into the habit of thinking of our Jewish people as a people weak, physically weak - more or less hopeless in themselves, - who are folks destined to shift about, unable to do anything themselves - unable to master their own destiny, more or less hopeless people - weak people. That is a false estimate - historically false, realistically false - of the Jewish people.

The Jewish people have survived not because it has been a weak people, but because it has been a supremely strong people - has been sturdy physically - not to speak of spiritually - physically and a sturdy race of men. Because the weakling during these 2000 years - during the process of the most drastic kind of elimination, the theory being that of the "survival of the fittest" - there has been eliminated from among the Jewish people the weak, physically and spiritually. The Jewish race today is a strong race, a sturdy race - a race of men who are "supremely men." Not only just a strong race, but it is a race of wise people. It is an ancient race that has distilled the wisdom of the ages - so much so that it has been able to give to mankind a way of life. It has been able to give to mankind at least three religions which have been influencing the life of two thirds of mankind and a literature which is the sacred literature of half the world. A wise people and it has been a loyal people. A people which has preferred the hard road of persecution, of loneliness, of exile to the sacrifice of its conviction - of its code. A strong, wise loyal people, which has meant the very struggle for human emancipation and which has come down through 4000 years, of which 2000 years have been the most testing and trying years any people has ever been subjected to. A people that has come down after 4000 years of living, to 1936, - 16 million strong - energetic, creative - still full of the vigor of the youth of life, occupying positions of preeminence in every department of human endeavor, in all parts of the world - a race of men, my friends, "who are supremely men."

I say this not in any spirit of Schopenism, because I would like to have you give that picture to your children - that picture of the Jews in the days to come. Our own history is full of miracles, legendary, of course.

According to the Bible, we begin our national existence, our existence as a people, with a miracle - the miracle of crossing the Red Sea. And yet I am inclined to think that marvelous and amazing as are the legendary miracles regarded in the Bible, the most amazing miracle is the miracle of the Jewish people - this is the survival of these people - is the freedom - the inexplicable - in a sense the miracle of the ages from the days of Pharoah to the day of Hitler. I sometimes ask myself what thoughts passed through the minds of the Pharoahs of Egypt and his hosts, as they dashed across the desert in their chariots in pursuit of the slaves, who were seeking freedom and emancipation. In that beautiful poem, the "Song by the Sea" which is found in the Bible, the song which Miriam sang, there the poet tried to look into the minds of Pharoah, too, and this is what Pharoah saw. As his winged chariot went into pursuit of the people fleeing from slavery to freedom, he said "I will pursue, I will overtake, my soul will take vengeance upon them. I will draw forth my sword and my hand will destroy them." And when I ask myself what passed through the mind of Haman when he planned the destruction of the people and there the Bible again tells us these things (Hebrew quotation) "destroy, break." Yet when you span this long period of four thousand years and you ask yourself in a calm objective, historical interest "What happened to those Egyptians and what has become of Peter Ramesis." The answer you must give is they buried them, and when you ask yourself what has become of Babylonia and Syria, Smyrna, you must know that these people had the fates against them and were destroyed.

The people of Israel has never built pyramids of the dead, but only bibles of the living. We never sought to build any

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empires, but the empires of the spirit and have never destroyed but sought to be only a light of the nation. That of Israel has come down an unbroken line of vital light through all these centuries to 1936, - 16 million strong, living, aspiring and achieving. That I might say is the greatest miracle regarded in human history. In the book of Levitus there is one word, which has always, since I was a boy, startled me. I thought of it so often, as I have been reading the literature that has come out of Germany in the last few years. The word is "velano" "He has destroyed, he has liquidated," that is the modern phrase. The Jew of Germany is liquidated. A hundred years ago the mad mobs of Frankfort were proclaiming hop hop, Jeremiah, meaning the Jewish people and the cry of the Nazis as I heard them in Berlin five, ten years ago, "Jew, you will perish like a beast" and yet after 40 centuries of "velano" the Jew finds himself today in the world - not a remnant of a creature, a broken people, objects of pity and commiseration, but a mighty nation, 16 million strong with an Einstein objective. Further and further the horizon of human thought and science and dashing the horizon of man's thought in the fields of sociology and of teaching the world philosophy and of aggrandizement - interpreting the laws of the nation and yet bringing down heavenly poetry of life and Heifitz's heavenly melodies, and for the third time in its history rebuilding its home land - a nation today, overflowing with creative energy - fearless race of men "supremely men". That I regard, my friends, as the true characteristics of the Jews - a true definition of the miracle of history.

You know, we are a dutiful people. Dutiful even to ourselves. From all that I have said, I don't want you to get the idea that every Jew is a saint or a genius. That is furthest from my mind. That is furthest from the mind of any Jewish teacher - of any Jewish prophet. The prophets, quite the contrary, were in the habit of telling the Jews how degrading and sinful a people they were. They lacerated them. They lashed them with scorpions, whips of fury for their

backsliding - for their idolatry - for their sinfulness, but the miracle of the Jewish life, my friends, has always been that the Jew somehow had the power of self-redemption, or the rediscovering of his soul when he seemed out on the verge of absolute moral collapse. Let me illustrate what I mean. On the basis of that, I construct my philosophy of Jewish optimism in these trying and troublesome times. The Jews went out of Egypt, a people free. What happened? At once, they became a race of "Yamoros", of complainers, of miserable ingrates. There wasn't enough water to drink - the water was bitter - there wasn't enough food to eat. They wanted to destroy their leader, Moses. So much so that they immediately said "this generation/<sup>is</sup> unfit to own the promised land and they must perish" a nation lost - of people - and yet within one generation the sense of these unworthy slaves who never could understand the mandates of freedom, the descendants of these slaves were shedding their blood and fighting foot by foot and laying the foundation of national life in Palestine, a miracle of self-resurrection, if you will.

Let me give you another example. Before the destruction of the next temple in the beginning of the sixth century, the great prophet Jeremiah, next denounced the Jews. From the King down to the lowest. The priests were live priests, the noblemen were oppressed, the kings were not listening to the voice of God. The whole race had backslid from the Lord God to the hapless lost people. The temple was destroyed and the people were exiled, and yet within two generations the descendants of these idolatrous, fateful Jews were returning from Babylon to Palestine - rebuilding the wasted walls, which have become the crown of glory or optimism since that time.

Another example; I will bring you down to modern times. The Jews of Spain were rich. They paraded themselves in all the pride of wealth and luxury, so much so they invoked the envy of the non Jew. Every woman would parade her jewels, her wealth. A rich, decadent people. In the year 1492, there was published an edict of expulsion that within three

months every Jew must leave Spain and leave his possessions. A choice was given to these people whether they would accept Catholicism and remain there with their possessions and positions in Spain or whether they will go out and face death - even of exile. And the miracle occurred again and they chose exile. They murdered them and they chose death rather than give up their faith. In the 19th Century every Jewish poet, the few of them that existed, sang a death dirge and lamentation upon Jewish life. The Jew was assimilating "Gurow". Such perhaps may be the last of the Hebrew poets, the assimilation into Western Europe was breaking up the Jewish ranks. The youths were turning away from Jewish life, the death warrant was clearly written for these people and in 1897 a voice was heard - a call was sounded and the miracle of resurrection occurred again and a new renaissance took place - a new following of Jewish spirit, and new writers and new poets appeared on the horizon. The Jews began to put back their people, to revive their culture and the race is rebuilding Zion. Today 375,000 Jews are speaking Hebrew and in Palestine a Jewish homeland is being built. The miracle of physical and cultural and spiritual resurrection is taking place again. I say all this to you, friends, because I hear so much about me in the last few years of Jewish pessimism, of fear of what may be brought forth with the spread of anti semitism, of the eminence of Hebrews in this country, that I am afraid that we Jews are losing our (Hebrew) as well as our reserve, perspective, as well as our great faith and I am saying all this to you in order to bring you to the subject that I really want to discuss this evening "centers of Jewish life."

What is the reason for this miracle of the survival? There are reasons. Things don't just happen in life. Whence has come this remarkable strength of recuperation in our own life? I will tell you. Because there have been centers, reservoirs of strength in the life of our people right from the very beginning, and they exist today. The first "Radiance of Jewish Life" is simply this, that the Jew has always had a strong will to live. In other words, he has been a very normal

humanbeing. I would like you to think of ourselves not as a problem, but of the Jew as a normal human being and you will understand him so much better. In a sense living is itself a problem. To make a living is a problem. The work you want to do is a problem.

Do not make your very existence a problem. Think of the Jew as a human normal being. He has always had a great hankering for life. Some have more of this vitality - of this life capacity - than others. Some are washed out, have come from weak stock and their life impulses - their life urge is very, very weak. Our people are passionate other people throb with love of life, and this race to which you belong is a marvelously life loving race. That has been our scripture and the heart of the Jew's life. There was never such desire in Jewish life and there was never a time in life when the Jew preferred death to life. He never did, he wanted to live and because he wanted to live, he did so. Always able to discover the technique - to save himself, to live, to make the proper escape, so that he could survive. That you can count on. There is inherent in the existence of the Jewish life and this "radiance" or "center" is this - that that is religion to sustain abundant life giving religion - never a stultifying religion. The Egyptians have had their text book - the book of the dead. They were concerned with the dead, how to mummify a dead body and keep it for another world, so that a scientists or another Egyptian God will look upon with favor, the book of the dead. Our Torah is a book of ~~life~~ (Hebrew) It is a treatise of life, our God (Hebrew) a King who desired life. Life means progress - means new adaptation, that is why it seems always progressive. The first Jew, Abraham, you know what he was told. What was the keynote of his life and what has been the keynote of the life of his people? "Get me out, don't stay put, keeping going, progress, advance - that is our religion, it has been a religion which made the Jew - the first revolutionist of history. Remember that. Don't be afraid of being called a revolutionists. We were the first revolutionists of history. We were the first people that threw off the shackles of slavery and we did that in the

name of a God of freedom (Hebrew) Therefore, say this unto the children of Israel (Hebrew) and "therefore, I will take you out from under the burdens of Egypt." That is the sentiment of Jewish life. When you are in your synagogue - as I hope you will be - and you read your prayer book, I hope some day you will in those prayers find the spirit of freedom.

Our holidays are holidays of freedom. Joy, emancipation. Some people think of religion with a long drawn face. A Jew should not do this. A Jew should not do that. That is a religion of dyspepsia. This is not optimism, it is pessimism. The good Orthodox Jew takes his daily prayers with Succha, with reading those marvelous songs, the book of Psalms. I speak and I want you to think of this as a great fact in Jewish experience. And the first fact is this, we have survived because we always have the power of adaptation. We adopt it and we know how to adapt it. Don't ever think that the Jew volunteered to jeopardize himself. He never did. The Jew is always glad to welcome other cultures. His mind was always alert to the Greek, Babylonian, Assyrian, Egyptian, Roman, Arabian, Western Europe. The Jewish mind absorbs them in like a sponge, eager for new knowledge and new truths. Our race represents everyone of the great classics of mankind. Jewish philosophy is almost entirely written in Arabic, a bit of it in Greek. The Jew never jeopardized himself. He never will, nor hold between himself an outside world. It is others who forced us into it just as they are doing in Germany today. Others who are afraid of the dominace of the Jewish mind and while he would like to isolate us and quarantine the Jew, he has never sought isolation. He never allowed himself to be submerged. He was always conscious of the fact that he himself - that he had a culture - in other words, he took, as Rabbi Mayer said - "the heart of the pomegranate, yet the skin he threw away." What fit in with his outlook, with his philosophy, with his native genius, he accepted, he adopted, but did not reject. In other words, the Jew had the gift of the alchemist - he was able to perform, to transmit to his own culture the best in foreign culture, and that has been a great fact in Jewish experience.

Don't you permit Jewish nationalism to persuade you that the salvation of the Jew lies in isolating himself in his own soul and in shutting out the outside world, not at all. The salvation of the Jew lies in cultivating his own culture and adapting it and the cultures of the people in himself. He finds himself only through centers of Jewish life. I would like to refer to briefly, the schools, the academy, the Jewish reserve, which is secular, the Torah, which is spiritual learning. Oh, how much the Jew reveres scholarship. An honest Jew, if he was a scholar, according to the Rabbis, was in their eyes a great man. In the eyes of the high Priest he was an ignoramus. The Jew loved learning and as long as a people love learning, as long as a people is devoted to the truth, so long that people are indestructible - they have been our heroes, Julius Caesar, Napoleon. If I have to teach my little boys the heroes of their people, I can't point to any Jews and to any people who spill human blood. I point to sages and seers and prophets and poets and philosophers and scientists, because we have always believed that the pen is mightier than the sword. People who lived by the sword perished by the sword and people who lived by the morality of the word of the living God is a people that is still living.

There is another center of Jewish life. I would like to point to the Jewish home. The Jewish home. Perhaps the most beautiful institution which the Jew achieves. Whatever life did to him, misery, his spirit, whatever peoples did to him by way of degrading and humiliating him, the infamy was not in his home. In his home he was King. That was his (Hebrew) his little sanctuary. And when he came to his home after a week of hard toil - which was undoubtedly a modest home - there was very little wealth among our people in those days - and when he returned to his home on a Saturday from the synagogue and found the candles lit, he found his table arrayed in the best of festive culinary which his humble means could provide. When he saw his wife and his children, he was able to say, as he did say, as your father and my father said when he entered his home "open the door. Shulamalachim". "Welcome

into my home, angels of mercy." He was able to invite God into his home. That was a signal of Jewish surviving. I pray to God that the Jewish home may not succumb to the secular urge.

And one other center, I am sure. Synagogue. I do not care what your theology is, my friends. It does not interest me a bit whether you are conservative or orthodox or reformed. I do not know what I am myself. What difference does it make? What do we know about the elements of Jewish life, really? Next to nothing. But I do know that the Jewish synagogue was always a structure of Jewish life. They were not, until very recently, very beautiful structures, because the Jew never had that wealth to build for himself great cathedrals with wonderful stained glass windows, they didn't have the money in those days and they didn't have mortgages to build those kind of buildings. I was once asked recently whether I thought that optimism would survive in the United States and I said "Certainly, the banks won't let it die." In the remarkable synagogues of Lithuania, Poland, Armenias, Galicia in the last few years, within those great walls, are kept alive upon the altars of the living faith and the life itself, of the Jewish people.

When our synagogues begin to close down for lack of worshippers, for lack of (Hebrew word) then Jewish life will begin to disintegrate, that you may be sure. Then, of course, there are the great centers and physical, spiritual center, Palestine. Even when the Jew did not live there, it was a center of Jewish life. Even when there were in Palestine just a handful of Jews, ten or twenty Jewish families in the whole of all Palestine - Jews were not allowed to live there - nevertheless Palestine was a vagrant school in Jewish life (Hebrew). If I forget, think but of Israel (Hebrew) That was the fact, the loyalty to the party of national rebuilding, the hope that some day the Jewish people may reunite in its own national homeland, that is the spirit of the Jew in his misery, in his wanderings.

Now, the interesting thing to note, I am coming to my conclusion, the interesting thing that all these exist in Jewish life

today - in 1936. Not one of them is missing. If we use them. They are all here. There is the strong will to live, if you doubt it, look about you, in your community, clubs, societies, lodges, jewish institutions, philanthropic, educational, synagogues, Jewish self-defense organizations, there is a will to live. Your very presence here tonight is evidence of the fact that you want this group, this historic group that has defied the ages to continue, and that you find joy in being a part of that group, or you would not be here. This Club is evidence of a Jewish life surviving. There is the living faith, the life giving faith. There is still the Jewish power of adaptation. There is the Jewish school, the home, the synagogue, there is Palestine. There are all the factors of Jewish survival in our world today if we used them to exploit them adequately. This brings me to my final words to your friends.

I am an advocate of normalcy in Jewish life. I am an optimist in Jewish life. I do not believe that the Yahudi is liquidated. I do not believe that this temporary aberration which has swept over the world is here to stay indefinitely and that the Jewish future is therefore, hopeless. I do not know the term hopelessness in Jewish life. Not even hopelessness, not even as far as the status of the Jewish life in Germany is concerned, and therefore, I fought the idea of liquidating the Jewish community in Germany. Those Jews who have to leave Germany, we want to help them immigrate and reestablish themselves in other parts of the world, but the idea that Jews will consent, just because a mediaeval regime has come to power and has stayed in power for three short years that we should shift and consent to the liquidation of one of the great centers of Jewish life in Central Europe, that idea is wild, dangerous, foolish. The Jews of Germany will outlive Hitler, I assure you. Hitler's regime is three years old and we are 4000 years old. The important thing confronting us today is to be realistic, to face the facts. These are troublous times - times of unsettlement, times of upheaval, times of struggle, times when peoples have been

impartial and therefore, unhappy, and therefore there are two things which we must do - build our national homeland - build our national homeland. Oh, how we need it. That is clear even to those who a few years ago thought that we were really visionists and dreamers. When Dr. Theodore Hertzl in 1897 wanted to call it a Jewish community refused and raised such a vigorous protest against holding this Congress that the Congress had to be shifted to Berlin. Germany is our homeland and Berlin is our Jerusalem. This was in 1897. Three years ago when I was in Palestine, I saw the first boat load of German Jewish refugees. I am sure that the parents of these young people, whom I met and looked into the depths of their souls that 30 odd years ago they were visionists and dreamers, who had the faith and courage of the marvelous loyalty of the Jew to Palestine, the legendary homeland. There, within its four walls, is a land for their 30 million to find a new refuge for themselves. This is our great opportunity today. Last year 65,000 Jews came to Palestine. The year before 50,000. This year, maybe 70,000. We will have in Palestine a Jewish homeland. That is our first task and our second task is not to think of liquidation of our people. Sixteen million Jews are not all going to Palestine. If 75,000 Jews want to go to Palestine every year for 100 years, only half of the Jews of the world would find their way to Palestine. We are going to live where we are - most of us. I would like to see in Palestine two or three million Jews in the next generation, - a great Jewish national center, not to be our national home, but having a national home. We shall at the same time have the right to live wherever we want, as free people. The Germans have their homeland in Germany, and yet there are eight million Germans living in the United States and enjoying full rights of citizenship. In the Great Western Europe, people of English, French, German and Italian race are living and enjoying the right to live. We want, as all those people, living among other people and enjoying their full rights, social, economic and political, and we ask for no less and will

be satisfied with no less - we want the same rights. And when we are going to live as we are going to continue to live throughout the world, we want to live normal Jewish lives. We shall live as Jews with our children, their children after them. Anti semitism has a way of persecuting three and four generations. There is no escaping from Jewish life. Fortunately. There is no group that can escape from Jewish life. The Rabbi said "Israel is likened unto a ship. When a hole is burning in one part of the ship, the fellow in the other part of the ship doesn't say we are safe, we are on this side of the ship." And that is Jewish life, one Hitler won't totally collapse the Jews - there being no escape from Jewish life. fortunately. Let us make of Jewish life something so fine, everything desirable that our children will enjoy being a Jew. Why give them always the unpleasantness of Jewish life, give them some of the choice, some of the satisfaction of Jewish life - there is romance - there is charm - there is a marvelous Jewish literature , there is a beautiful Jewish religion, there is a fine Hebrew language - a great history, - give it to our children, so that their lives will be filled with something that is - something of the life that (Hebrew) which was in Jewish life to this time and that is why I delight in it. You are not assembled under religious auspices - this is not a synagogue - you are not assembled here particularly for a philanthropic purpose - for a charitable purpose, you are assembled here because you are enjoying life and why not? You are enjoying Jewish associations and Jewish talks and why not? This normalcy of enjoyment helps you to do your duty on these other centers of which I spoke and so that I wish your organization that supplied me with the opportunity of being here, which also provided me with a subject, - I wish your organization great, great success and I wish you Jews of Chicago great prosperity.

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## THURSDAY, APRIL 30, IS SILVER NIGHT

### RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER TO SPEAK; SILVER ESCUTCHEONS TO BE PRESENTED TO CLUB WORKERS

#### Banquet for Men Only Planned for Thursday Club Night; 10th Floor Balcony Will Be Opened for Ladies to Hear Dr. Silver's Address of the Evening

Climaxing a series of brilliant addresses by outstanding speakers, **Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver**, of The Temple, Cleveland, comes to Chicago to address the Covenant Club on Thursday Club Night, April 30. Famed as one of the greatest orators in the world today, **Dr. Silver's** appearance promises an intellectual treat unsurpassed even by the many glorious talks already arranged by the Forum Committee.

Rabbi Silver's address will be entitled, "**Radiants in Jewish Life.**" The speaker holds the theory that the great movements and the historic contributions of Israel to world civilization have all sprung from certain definite "centers"—whether personalities or institutions or ideals. He will trace, in his thrilling manner, the outstanding events in the Jewish scene today; showing their origins in these centers or "radiants" of Jewish behavior.

The banquet will be served at 6:30, in the Ballroom. Guests will be welcome—and reservations for table groups can still be made. Members are particularly urged to invite all friends who may be considered prospects for membership, since the program, with its excellent dinner, inspiring lecture and friendly fellowship cannot fail to impress visitors with one of the nobler aspects of Club affiliation.



Another feature of "**Silver Night**" will be the presentation of a number of sterling silver escutcheons to Club workers who have earned a place on the Club's "Shield of Honor."

Following the overwhelming success of the "Coat-of-Arms" venture, and the publication of the "Roll of Arms" as a supplement to the Club News, interest in this charming idea has grown amazingly. Originally planned as an award for outstanding work, escutcheons were made up in solid gold, engraved with the arms of all workers who reached the mark of three new applicants for membership. The plan has now been extended to include workers who have brought in

two new candidates. Each of these will be presented on "**Silver Night**" with an escutcheon engraved on **sterling silver**. The favors are made up in the form of charms to be worn on watch-chains.

At eight o'clock, following the dinner, the 10th-floor balcony will be opened to the ladies who wish to hear the address of the evening. Reservations should be made as promptly as possible. Tables reserved until capacity of Ballroom is reached. The dinner charge of \$1.00 per person will be the only cost.

## THE NEWS

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### EDITORIAL

The approach of "Presidents' Night," scheduled for Saturday evening, May 2nd, is a source of keen thrill—not only to the Presidents of the Club but to every single member of our organization.

Some four or five years ago, it was suggested that one of the evenings of entertainment on the Club's social program be dedicated to the President of the Club. It was **Bernard Ruekberg** who conceived the wonderful idea of extending it to all the presidents. It was furthermore to be made the most brilliant of the social events of the season.

How well that plan has been carried out, every member who has attended can testify. **Mr. Louis R. Lipstone** each year has been in charge of the program entertainment; and he has achieved magnificent results. Members have come to look forward to this annual event as the occasion of the most astoundingly sumptuous entertainment ever presented anywhere. **Mr. Lipstone's** accomplishments on these events is nothing short of miraculous. All those who attended the previous parties directed by **Lou Lipstone** know just what to expect.

During the past few years, it has been necessary to close the reservations when the capacity of the Ballroom was reached. This year **Samuel W. Banovitz**, chairman of the Entertainment Committee, reports that inquiries and reservations seem to exceed by far all previous experience. I earnestly hope that none of our members will delay reserving for the event, thereby incurring the risk of disappointment.

We may again look forward to this year's "President's Night" as a social event long to be remembered, and I want to express the gratitude of the Club as well as my own sincere thanks to **Mr. Lipstone** for making this possible.

*J.S. Hoerner*  
President

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Lichtenstein have announced the engagement of their son, **Byron**, to **Miss Evelyn Ruth Segal**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Segal.

**Mr. and Mrs. Louis Weinzelbaum** recently returned from the West coast, where they spent the winter season. On their arrival in Chicago, **Mrs. Weinzelman** gave a luncheon at the Club in honor of the first wedding anniversary of her daughter, **Mrs. Harry Gralnick**.

**Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Horwich** are the happy parents of a brand-new baby boy, born at Meyer House on April 8.

**Mr. and Mrs. Sam Litschultz** have just celebrated another milestone in their long married career. April 22 was their third anniversary.

**Mr. and Mrs. Emil Mayer**, the proud grandparents, are heralding the birth of a 7½ pound granddaughter. **Miss Mary Anne Klein**, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Milton P. Klein**, made her bow to society on April 18, at Meyer House.

The Annual Meeting of the Club will be held Thursday, May 14. Dinner will be served at 6:30, and the meeting will follow at 8 P. M.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

#### April 27

Hyman Elman  
Louis Feinberg  
Samuel Joseph

#### April 28

Harry B. Burlow  
Harry P. Cooper

#### April 29

Lester R. Korshak  
Louis Price  
Samuel Prosterman

#### April 30

Harold L. Rosenberg

#### May 1

Samuel N. Becker  
David Jacker  
Herman H. Meltzer  
Ben Sopkin  
William Tuchin  
Benjamin Weintraub  
Sam Zagel

### NEWS OF THE MEMBERSHIP

#### By S. N. Becker

Among the members who sit at the honor-table on Silver Night, April 30, will be **Charles S. Prince**, whose second new member, brought in a few days ago, qualifies him for the award of a silver escutcheon bearing "a prince's crown, with flames."

Others who have already reached this rank include **Samuel W. Banovitz**, **J. J. Ehrlich**, **Samuel Gold**, **Max Iralson**, **Emanuel Maltz**, **Benjamin I. Morris**, **Fred Nemerovski**, **Dr. Sheppard Remington**, **Benjamin Samuels**, **Philip P. Sacks**, **S. J. Steinberg**, **I. J. Silverman**, **Ben Sopkin**.

In addition, several members have attained the mark of three new applications, which entitle them to the solid gold escutcheons. A dozen of these gold awards were presented on Camelot Night. Since that time, the following have qualified, and will be presented with the gold award at the Banquet on April 30: **Dr. Ellis B. Freilich**, **B. J. Grossman**, **William L. Pohn** and **Sidney Rubenstein**.

**Maurice L. Rivkin**, who takes care to work strenuously and loyally on the

Athletic committee, and to play in every possible game in the Gym, and to attend every single Club function, and to come to the Club every day—has just discovered a department of Club activity in which he might advance his record.

He has accordingly gone out and secured a new member, thereby rating a place on the Shield of Honor.

**Mr. and Mrs. I. Goldberg** are vacationing in Excelsior Springs, Missouri.



## THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

To the complete despair of all advocates of the Aryan Theory, we present **Audey** and **Buddy**. When they left Chicago, last January, they were blondes. Today, as the picture shows, they have become brunettes. The answer is Arizona.

While papa **Charles H. Weicensang** remains in Chicago selling BX and Fuses, **Miss Audrey**, her brother **Master Neil**, and mamma **Bernice** are soaking up ultra-violet rays



and ozone in Tucson. While papa bucks the sleet and the chill winds of the home town, his daughter takes her gardening sprinkler out to "give the woses a dwink," and his son takes Louise-Ann (guaran-

teed unbreakable) for a promenade in the sun, as per the illustration, or goes calling on his next-door neighbor, Lady, a 3½-foot high Great Dane. At heart, nevertheless, they are Chicagoans; for despite the tradition of the Great Southwest, where Men are Men, it is **Neil** who parades the baby, and **Audey** who gives the orders.

They are preparing, right now, to celebrate their birthdays. The lady will turn 3, and the young gentleman will be exactly 1½; and what a birthday present THIS will be—their names and pictures in "The Paper!"

Candor compels us to state, however, that their favorite food is NOT spinach. The two are connoisseurs of a certain gigantic herbaceous perennial of the genus Musa,—bananas to you! **Neil's** ambition is to establish a permanent residence on the docks at New Orleans, where the United Fruit steamers come in, and to become chief engineer of a banana boat. **Audey** is content to eat them—any given number—though five a day would be a satisfactory average. Any surplus emboupoint resulting would be trimmed down by her continual tap-dancing. Where bananas are not available, they will accept a piece of grape-fruit juice. Certainly! If a grape-fruit is a grape-fruit, then a peeled segment of a grape-fruit must be a juice! That's logic, isn't it?

If you disagree, and try to explain, **Neil** will listen carefully and nod his head. **Audey** will open up those blue eyes in astonishment at this unexpected wisdom, and will exclaim, "Isn't dat too-oo-oo ba-a-ad . . . ?"

## JEWISH ART WEEK

The Jewish Art Week is over, and it has made history; not only for the Club and B'nai B'rith, who sponsored it, but for Jewry in the Middle West. **Dr. Sheppard Remington**, general chairman, has accomplished a memorable work in arranging and staging the exhibits and the program for the week. **Eenjamin I. Morris** and **Mrs. Morris**, together with **Mrs. I. J. Silverman**,

**Mrs. William Sultan** and **Mrs. Sam Lifschultz** and **Justin G. Turner**, are to be commended for the work they have put in, making the event a success. The prize-winners, and indeed all the exhibitors, are to be congratulated for their genuine contribution, not only to Art but to the good name and the gentle pride of Chicago's Jewish community. **A. J. Glickson** also earned the sincere thanks of the committee.

## BRAUDE SPONSORS PALESTINE FILM

Judge Jacob M. Braude, president of the Chicago unit of the Jewish National Fund, is one of the sponsors of the "Land of Promise" film now being shown at McVicker's theatre. The picture is a panorama of the astounding progress which Jewish settlers have made in the past decade in Palestine. It offers a real thrill, the next best substitute for an actual Palestinian voyage, to those who are vitally interested in the story of the Holy Land. Showing the economic strides, the building work, the rehabilitation of exiles and refugees, the sacrifice of the pioneers, it also depicts the cultural advances made in the land, such as the Hebrew University, the symphony concerts, and the folk dances and mass cultural movements among the Jews of Palestine.

### OUT OF THE LETTER BOX

Mr. S. M. Becker,  
Care of The Covenant Club,  
10 N. Dearborn St.,  
Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Samuel:

In today's mail I received your "Roll of Arms" and I certainly want to take this occasion to congratulate you upon the wonderful spirit behind your membership campaign and the novelty and uniqueness of your plan of "Shields of Victory."

Some of them were rather mysterious until I read the explanation, which you were smart enough to attach and, on reading them, it is remarkable how the shield fits the man. The Club is certainly to be congratulated in having a member such as you to lead this campaign and I wish, through you, to extend my congratulations to all of those who were so sincerely earnest in assisting in the good work which was accomplished,

Sincerely yours,  
Ben Samuels.

## SPORT GEMS

By Sam Lifschultz

In the words of Ben Jacobs, chairman of the handball committee, the best four-wall tournament in the history of the Club will be inaugurated this week. A record number of entries will battle for honors in four separate classes. The competition promises to be unusually keen, and many fierce struggles are certain to take place before the four champions are finally crowned.

The official opening of the handball meet is scheduled for this week; but two of the contestants succeeded in beating the gun—and let that be a lesson to anyone who even harbors for a moment the horrid idea of stalling his playoff for a single day.

**Al Mora** met and outlasted **Herb Oettinger** last Thursday, and won two spirited matches, 21-17 and 21-7. **Al** himself admitted that one more game like those two would have found him exhausted and unable to withstand the rugged play of **Oettinger**.

Another ambitious aspirant for the Class A title was **Alexander S. Frankenstein**, who moved into the second round by way of a stirring victory over **George Willens**.

**Sam Grossman**, who was recently wed, has quickly and accurately adjusted himself to the married men's routine at the Club. His charming wife sat waiting patiently for him on the seventh floor, while **Sam** labored over a bridge hand.

**Morris Halevy** received many kind and well-deserved compliments for the splendid manner in which he arranged the B.B.Y.O. basketball championship tournament last week.

## OUTINGS ANNOUNCED

Lists are now available for reservations on the first Camp Outing, to be held under the auspices of the Outing Committee. **Sam Goldstein**, chairman, is in charge of arrangements.

The group will leave on Thursday evening, May 14, from the Northwestern Depot, in special Pullman accommodations, arriving Friday morning at Deer Park Lodge, Manitowish, Wisconsin, the day of the opening of the fishing season.

After spending Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Lodge, the group will return to Chicago, arriving early Monday morning, May 18. The cost of the trip, \$35, includes transportation and Pullman, room and board at the Lodge, and use of fishing boats.

A week-end outing has been arranged for early in June at Bill Rice's Burr Oaks girls' camp. Guests will motor out on Friday morning, June 12, remaining at the camp till the following Sunday evening. In addition to the usual outdoor and indoor sports and games, and the generous and tasty cuisine, several features new this year will add even more to the enjoyment of the campers. Horseback riding will be available to all guests without charge. Several new hard-surface tennis courts will be at the campers' disposal; and a new steam cabinet has been installed for those who wish to take advantage of the opportunity to add health-building to the week-end fun. The cost is only ten dollars for the three days. Register at once!

**Barnet Hodes**, Chicago Corporation Counsel and the Club's outstanding career bachelor, is now en route to Europe. He is accompanied by Mrs. Barnet Hodes, who, until a few days ago, was **Miss Eleanor Cramer**. They will travel for six weeks in England, France, Switzerland, Austria, Poland and Italy.

## TRIP TO EUROPE BOOK PASSAGE NOW

The "Trip to Europe" evening, announced for Sunday, May 10, has developed some interesting angles. Among the guests of honor for the event, a number of Consular officers from the various European governments have already accepted invitations to attend. Several of them will also bring groups of their countrymen and women, in native costume, to participate in the program.

Another important feature being planned will be presented by the Club cuisine. The Dining Rooms will offer, for the banquet, favorite dishes and wines from various lands, selected from the Club menus and from specialties in the leading European hotels.

The evening promises a charming and interesting voyage through the important European countries, with none of the bother and fatigue of an actual sea trip.

**Archie H. Cohen**, chairman of the Forum Committee, is in charge of arrangements.

**B. J. Grossman** is making elaborate arrangements for the ANNUAL FATHERS' AND SONS' BANQUET which will be held in the Club ballroom on Saturday, May 16, 1936, at 12:30 P. M.

With deep sadness, the members of the Club tender their heartfelt sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Pincus on the passing of their beloved and promising boy,

**Orrin Pincus**.

The Club extends deepest sympathy to Benjamin Simmons on the passing of his beloved mother, **Mrs. Sara Simmons**, of Milwaukee, on April 15.

The Club mourns the passing of **Joseph P. Hadesman**, a sincere and loyal member of the Club, and a generous worker in Jewish tasks of love for God and man.

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## SUNDAY TO BRING "NIGHT IN EUROPE"

**Foreign Officials to Be Guests of Honor; Dinner Includes European Fare**

Arrangements are now complete for the "Night in Europe" party, to be held Sunday evening, May 10. Reservations are pouring in, and the event promises many thrills.

Originally planned as a Forum Lecture, the evening has already developed into a great "Good-Will" party, with a guest list representing the Governments of many European nations. Short addresses of greeting, and expressions of good-will, will be given by the representatives of the Governments of Italy, Switzerland, Czechoslovakia, Finland, Estonia, Poland, Norway, Sweden and other countries.

For local color, the Consulates have supplied exhibits, presided over by ladies from the various lands in native costume. The flags of the Nations will also be displayed. **Eva Gordon Horadesky** will sing the folk-songs of the various countries, in compliment to the Guests of Honor. Steamship and Travel lines have also sent exhibits showing the places of interest and modes of travel through many lands.

The evening will begin with dinner "aboard ship," and will be followed by the good-will addresses. **Archie H. Cohen**, chairman of the Forum Committee, will preside. The "tour" will then begin, via cinema, with **Max M. Korshak** personally conducting the guests through the places of interest and explaining the views as they appear on the screen.

Pervailing prices will hold for the dinner aboard ship. There will be no charge for the tour which follows.

## LIPSTONE BRINGS BIG SHOW TO CLUB

**Presidents' Night Dance Is Outstanding Social Event of Club Season**

Although the evening was billed as "Presidents' Night," nine Club Presidents shared honors with **Louis R. Lipstone**, the Club's "Ace" impresario, at one of the most glorious formal dinner-dances ever held in the Club.

Following a sumptuous dinner in the ballroom, the members and guests who packed the tables, were treated to an indescribably magnificent show. The entire Evans Ballet, from the Chicago Theatre, led by Mary Gargos, opened the performance. Ted Lewis and Bob Hall, in person, divided the honors for individual glory. The Dorothy Hild girls from the Oriental Theatre, with Miss Sunde, danced in exquisite form. Eddie Garr, Louis Adrian and Rudy Wagner, all from the Chicago Theatre, presented their best numbers; George Givot from the Harding, was more amusing than ever; Goff and Kerr, Eddie Peabody, Selma Marlowe, Dave Swanson, and Murray Blumenthal, from the Oriental show, were at their best. Miss Summ, accompanied by Mr. Bailey at the piano, brought some magnificent songs to the microphone. Big thrill of the evening was the appearance of the entire Radio City Music Hall Glee Club, led by a dainty young lady who coaches

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## SILVER NIGHT IS BRILLIANT EVENT

**800 Guests Pack Ballroom to Hear Brilliant Rabbi and Witness Medal Awards**

Undoubtedly the largest audience which ever heard a Club Forum assembled on Silver Night to listen to **Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver** of The Temple, Cleveland. In an address sparkling with wit and geniality, yet tremendous in its import to Chicago Israel, **Dr. Silver** outlined the fundamental source of whatever hope the Jew can find for the future, in the midst of the startling developments in recent days all over the world.

In addition to the address of the evening, **S. N. Becker**, chairman of the membership committee, presented gold escutcheons to **Dr. Ellis B. Freilich**, **B. J. Grossman**, **William L. Pohn**, **Sidney Rubenstein**, **Louis H. Harrison** and **Fred Nemirovski**. Silver shields were awarded to **S. W. Banovitz**, **J. J. Ehrlich**, **Sam Gold**, **Max I. Iralson**, **J. H. Kovaloff**, **Emanuel Maltz**, **Benjamin I. Morris**, **Charles Prince**, **Dr. Sheppard Remington**, **Benjamin Samuels**, **Phillip P. Sachs**, **S. J. Steinberg**, **Ben Sopkin** and **I. J. Silverman**.

**Dr. Hollender**, president of the Club, officiated as Master of Ceremonies and introduced the speaker of the evening.

In addition to the members and guests who occupied the banquet tables on the 9th floor, an assemblage of over five hundred more filled the 10th floor balcony.

A stenographic transcript of the address was made, and excerpts will be published in a later issue of the Club News.

**Sam Addleman** is vacationing in Hot Springs with **Mrs. Addleman**.



## THE NEWS

Issued Every Tuesday by the  
Covenant Club of Illinois

### EDITORIAL

Every year, when the annual Fathers and Sons Luncheon is announced, a new spirit comes over the members of the Athletic Committee. Other tasks in their field may be routine; but the Fathers and Sons affair is a labor of love.

The medals for high accomplishment during the past year must be absolutely perfect. The program must include quite the most thrilling athletes available, whether College stars or professional players.

Although both my own children happen to be daughters, I find that the excitement of staging the affair affects me, too. Perhaps it is because every Father in the Covenant Club is as proud of every Son in the Covenant Club as if each one were his own. There is no escaping a certain touch of family pride among the Club membership. We are all of us proud of all of our children.

Yet there are a few among our members who have not yet experienced the inspiration of attending a Covenant Club Fathers-and-Sons Luncheon. They have never witnessed the spectacle of hundreds of beaming parents, seated next to their adoring sons, sharing a meal with them and thrilling to the songs, the speeches, the "pep" talks, and the concentrated good-fellowship and idealism which pervades these events.

Of course, it is possible to live without it. One can live without ever hearing Opera, or reading poetry, or watching a football game, or studying a great work of art. And if one never knows what he has missed, it may not greatly matter.

Just the same, a Father who CAN get away for luncheon with his son on Saturday, May 16th—and who doesn't attend—is depriving his boy of a real treat in life.

*S. H. Boeender*  
President.

### PRESIDENTS' NIGHT

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them and brings perfect ensemble and tonalities from the great group.

**Louis R. Lipstone** was Master of Ceremonies. Having secured the acts, and arranged the program, and built up the ensemble with Lou Diamond's orchestra, he "put on" the acts with perfect smoothness and grace. Not the least of his stellar stunts of the evening was the introduction of the guests of honor. Paraded one by one to the microphone, with the accompaniment of a parade band, while the audience sang the Presidents' Song, each of the nine outdid himself with a gem of speech.

Dancing continued between the acts until two o'clock in the morning. Many of the guests, in departing, made hopeful attempts to reserve tables for Presidents' Night of 1937.

**Mark Levy**, as Past President, made the address of presentation which accompanied the Club's gift of a gold key to President Hollender. **Dr. Sheppard Remington** came to the microphone to admit that **Lipstone's** show was the greatest he had ever seen. The Club Cuisine supplied gorgeous cakes for the Presidents' ladies to take home for the family. The gentleman at the spotlight did the honors when **S. N. Becker's** birthday party was announced; and **Mrs. Ellis B. Freilich's** birthday; and the engagement of **Mark Levy's** daughter.

But all in all, it was **Lipstone** who "stole the show," and furnished the biggest thrill in many a moon. His program was big. Mighty big. Tremendous!

**Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Glassenberg** are rejoicing, as two forthcoming weddings are in prospect. Their daughter **Gladys** is engaged to **Harold Porte**, son of **Mr. Morris Porte**; and their son **Milton** is engaged to **Ruth Janet Gould**, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Morris Gould**. Both engagements were announced on the same day, April 27.

### ALSCHULER BANQUET SATURDAY, MAY 23rd

The Club will stage a great Banquet in honor of Judge Samuel Alschuler, on Saturday evening, May 23, upon his retirement from the Federal Bench after twenty-one years of active service.

Judge Joseph B. David will be the Toastmaster. The Committee on Arrangements consists of the Officers and Past Presidents of the Club. The event will be formal.

Felicitations are being extended to **Charles I. Herron** on the opening of his new store in the Fine Arts Building.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

#### May 4

Ben Jacobs

#### May 5

Louis Raike  
Ernest L. Bloch  
Abe Gordon  
Rabbi Jacob Singer  
Samuel Katz  
Harry Levinson  
Dr. Ed. B. Diamondstone

#### May 6

Lester Retchin

#### May 7

Herman Waldman  
Harry Goldberg

#### May 8

Howard Haberman  
Herbert L. Oettinger  
S. M. Lederer

#### May 9

Walter Belinky

The Club mourns the passing of a beloved and honored fellow member,

**HARRY LA FOOK**,  
and tender heartfelt sympathy to his family.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Justin G. Turner on the passing of his beloved mother, **Bessie Turner**.

## NEWS OF THE MEMBERSHIP

**S. N. Becker**, chairman of the membership committee announces that the awards of escutcheons on the Shield of Honor, and of silver and gold shields with the engraved coat of arms, will continue. Members are anxiously looking forward to an opportunity to rate one of these thoroughly delightful and charming souvenirs,—and the committee is glad to co-operate with the workers!

**B. J. Grossman** has organized his membership team on novel lines. Appointed to sponsor the work was **Nate Cohn**, who happens to be a "Chadal," whatever that may mean to the cognoscenti. Immediately thereupon, **Mr. Cohn**, assisted by **S. F. Jacobson**, invited a number of these "Chadals" to a caucus at the Club. Included were the seventeen who already are members; and a host of others; as well as two more who have already signed applications, at the behest of **J. L. Samuels** and **Sol Salins**. Also present were several workers on the Athletic Committee, and two speakers for the occasion.

**B. J.** then made a speech explaining the Athletic program and the Health Course. **S. N. Becker** and **Nate Cohn** made glorious talks about membership. **Nate Cohn** officiated as master of ceremonies.

**Alvin H. Silverman** has been inviting a certain friend, rather desperately, for several weeks, to every Club event on the program. The friend was finally able to accept, for Silver Night. That was all that **Silverman** needed, and he secured the coveted signature and check that very evening.

**Hyman Elman** was all set to qualify for the silver shield on Silver Night; but Fate was agin' him, and his prospect just couldn't make it that evening! The friend signed up the very next morning, however;

and the silver lining in the cloud of **Elman's** disappointment is the fact that between now and May 14, he has a good opportunity and a great probability of bringing in a third new application, and qualifying for the solid gold award instead!

When the Shield of Honor first took form, **Lou Harrison** was elated. When his own escutcheon appeared, **Lou** was thrilled. When the Silver medallions were announced **Lou** was excited beyond measure; but when the first of the solid gold escutcheons were presented, **Lou** settled down to a grim and determined fight to win one or else. When told that he rated the silver award, and that it would be presented on silver night, **Lou** scornfully waved the other aside. The gold medal or none! Well—the gold medal it is,—for the third member is in!

The Club News photographic department scored a beat when it set aside the picture of **A. A. Weinberg**, immediately after using it in the "New Members" column, just a week or two ago. The picture is printed again, herewith, in the "Membership News" column, — for **Weinberg** has been graduated from the Novice grade into the Club Workers division, by virtue of a new member of his own, brought in on Silver Night. He is also active in many other fields of Club interest, and brings friends daily into the Club home.



## OUTINGS ANNOUNCED

Lists are now available for reservations on the first Camp Outing, to be held under the auspices of the Outing Committee. **Sam Goldstein**, chairman, is in charge of arrangements.

The group will leave on Thursday evening, May 14, from the Northwestern Depot, in special Pullman accommodations, arriving Friday morning at Deer Park Lodge, Manitowish, Wisconsin, the day of the opening of the fishing season.

After spending Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Lodge, the group will return to Chicago, arriving early Monday morning, May 18. The cost of the trip, \$35, includes transportation and Pullman, room and board at the Lodge and use of fishing boats.

## OUT OF THE LETTER BOX

Dear Mr. Becker:

I have just received the Roll of Arms and Shields of Victory of the members of the Covenant Club who have assisted you in your 1935-1936 campaign, and was so thrilled with this splendid piece of workmanship that I have to write you and tell you what a beautiful showing this makes. I am going to have mine framed and hung in my office.

The explanation of the tribute paid to each of the members appearing on the reverse side is an excellent piece of work and you can be justly proud of it. This is just another one of the splendid events that have happened during the past year, much to the credit of Dr. Hollender and yourself.

My congratulations to you, not only for the success you have achieved in this direction, but for the many outstanding social events which you have produced, and of course, my highest compliments to you for these Shields of Victory. Call on me as frequently as you want to. It is my pleasure to serve you.

Lewis D. Levit.

## SPORT GEMS

**By Harry B. Burlow**

Pinch-hitting for **Smiling Sam Lifschultz**, who is out of the city this week, ye Inquiring Reporter garners the following sports bits from here, there, and the Gymnasium.

**Abc Rothbaum** is noted for his numerous telephone calls—though his heavy program of activity ought to bring him honors in more manly fields. . . . "Slivers" Silverman received a very elegant and costly lesson in contract bridge from **Ed Gimbel** the other night. . . . **George Eisenberg** is back in the fold again, and takes his regular "steam" with complete nonchalance. He doesn't even attempt to get into any athletic activity until the softball season rolls around. . . . Club employees may sometimes forget what day of the week it is; but this never happens on Friday, for that is the day **Dr. Zipberman** appears for his workout. . . . **Dr. Freilich** is said never to have missed a single Club affair or entertainment since the day his name blossomed out on the front-door directory.

**Sam Mittleman** is developing into a crack artist at pocket-billiards. He has reached the point where he experiences great difficulty in finding anyone to accept his challenges. Incidentally, **Sam** is exceedingly popular with the fair sex, and it is but a question of time till he finally breaks down and walks the plank.

Despite the fact that **Dave Mills** practices daily in one of the prominent Loop golf schools, **Bernard Ruekberg**, his bitter rival of the links, says that it is all love's labor lost, wasted effort, and vanity of vanities. **Bernie** states that all the lessons and all the practice in the world will not prevent **Dave's** tasting bitter defeat when they meet on the links this summer.

### Handball

The first official communiqué from the Handball front reveals a

number of stirring battles in every sector. In Class A, **Norman Levitetz** vanquished **S. Mittleman** 9-21, 21-16 and 21-12, while **Gus Berlin** triumphed over **Sam Goldstein** 21-20, 5-21, 21-19.

In Class C, **A. A. Wallace** beat **A. A. Schiffman** 21-8, 21-16, while in Class D, **H. Posner** was the victor over **S. Levin** 21-9 and 21-13. **A. H. Cohen** proved too strong for **Oscar Grossman**, with scores of 21-10 and 21-8. **J. G. Hamer** hardly extended himself to beat **S. Lieberman** 21-8, 21-3; while **L. Kaplan** chalked up two victories, by defeating **Al Rosenzweig** 20-21, 21-0 and 21-11, and then conquering **I. Abrams** 21-9 and 21-20.

Flash! **Nate Cohn** is training for his forthcoming handball bouts this week by eating an apple every two hours. **Harry Michaelson** maintains that he has discovered the reason,—and "Oho," says he—"So **Nate's** opponents are doctors, eh?"

### Swimming

Instructor **Jack Musick** reports everything serene along the shores of Tank Covenant. **Doc Gilbert** is leading the Low Gross Golf Swim, followed closely by **Bill Goldstein** and **Lou Becker**.

The Ladies' Tournament finds **Mrs. Block** in the lead. Her chief mermaid competitors are **Mrs. Zipberman** and **Mrs. Sam Gurman**.

The Boys' Water Polo League competition was won by the Mer-men, captained by **Dick Smith**.

Among the aquatic beginners, **Jack Solomon** is showing great promise. After only three lessons, he swam 20 yards, which coach **Musick** proclaims as exceedingly good work.

### Volleyball

Athletic Director **Jerry Gavard** is elated with the increasing interest and enthusiasm displayed by our members in the evening games which form a regular feature of the gym program. Since the last successful tournament, there are more and more new faces appearing beside the old-time regulars.

**S. E. Press** is experimenting with a new type of gym shoe. This de-

## PRESENTING THE NEW MEMBERS

When interviewed for the New Members column of the Club News,



**George L. Siegel** averred that in food he has no preferences,—anything will do, just so long as it isn't celery or boiled onions; that he isn't much of an athlete, though he does swim a bit—and yes, he has made a mark in the Golf Swim; that he doesn't rate any

fame—(doesn't the Order of the Coif count—and your articles in the Law Review, young man?); and aw, shucks, what's the use, I'm just an average person. . . . But when **Mrs. George L. Siegel** was asked about her man—well! It suddenly appeared that he was one of the most charming, interesting, exceptional men on the face of the earth—and if it weren't for that infernal modesty of his . . .

vice, which is created mostly out of rubber, will, according to **Press**, greatly increase the jumping qualities.

**Joe Berg** has been conspicuously absent from the volley ball floor of late; and it is rumored that he is becoming afraid of the big, bad volley-ball wolf. On the other hand, **Julius Jesmer**, **Alfred Phillips** and **Milton Banovitz** are newcomers who appear regularly and who seem to like it.

Flash! **Joe Lowitz** and **Lester Kershak** are back in the fold again after a long absence. . . . Assistant Director **Tex Bell** is ready to take on all comers for his very interesting and highly effective calisthenic exercises.

The Annual Meeting of the Club will be held Thursday, May 14. Dinner will be served at 6:30, and the meeting will follow at 8 P. M.

## OUR OWN CHILDREN'S CORNER

King Solomon had a thousand wives,—but **Myron Wisch** has three daughters. . . . Originally presented five years apart, The Covenant Club News presents them all at once.

**Lois Muriel Wisch**, 13 years old, is an enthusiastic tennis, or tennisist and a prize-winning horsewoman. On Saturday morning she swims in the Club pool; and on the rest of the week reads Carolyn Wells books, so that she may swim in the copious tears which the sad heroines elicit. She loves everything; but she finds it a little difficult to wak enthusiastic about anyone reading her mail over her shoulder. If properly persuaded she will play the piano, quite acceptably at that!

**Harriet Phyllis Wisch**, 8 years old, is the family tomboy. She holds firmly to the theory that fish is non-fattening; hence she eats fish at every opportunity. She plays baseball; she plays football; she swims and dives; she picks out the loudest pieces on the piano, so she can bang 'em,—but at heart, she is a quiet and gentle young lady. This may account for her passionate devotion to the Beth Israel Sunday School, where she is under no compulsion to live up to her tomboy reputation.

**Gail Ruth Wisch**, 3 years old, eats spinach and sings. What the

green vegetables do for Popeye's biceps, they do for Gail's vocal chords. At the slightest provoca-



tion, she will render the Good Ship Lollypop, or the Music goes Round 'n' Round. She has frequently been mistaken for Shirley Temple, which is a compliment to Shirley Temple, (see illustration). Just a little too young to join her big sisters at camp, but already the proud holder of a scholarship, she practices calling her big friend "Uncle Bill," so that she will be an old-timer when she finally starts.

Though they occasionally differ in opinion, the three sisters solidly agree that they have just the grandest dad and mother in all the world. After all,—three sisters in one family,—and not a one of them ever has to wear the other's outgrown things because, being five years apart, it just isn't done;—doesn't that PROVE it?

a glorious bit of the outdoors, all his own, and when it calls there is no resisting it! In a short time **Schurman** will blossom out with railroad schedules, and fellow Club-members will start praying for a chance to go along on one of the trips to his ranch.

Gathered about the Club radio in the 6th floor lounge, a tense group listened to **Fred Bernstein**, representing Judaism, at a symposium of laymen on the WGN mid-

day religious service. When the speaker had finished, the listeners turned to each other, and great smiles of satisfaction appeared on every face. Our **Fred** had more than well upheld the honor and the repute of Israel.

### NATATORIUM HOLDING NOVEL "GOLF" SWIM

For the first time in the history of the ancient game of golf, the "water-hazards" will be welcome, as the Club's Aquatic Fans enter the "Golf Swim" on Friday, March 20. Unique, also, will be the fact that high score, for once, will mark not the "duffer" but the hardest worker! Prizes will be awarded for both records: low gross and top count. An extra award will also be given to the contestant who completes every event in the entire term. Women as well as men are eligible.

**Sam Diamond's** recent injury continues to trouble him, and Club members are earnestly hoping that he will soon be completely recovered.

Acknowledged as one of America's greatest pulpit orators, **Rabbi**



**Abba Hillel Silver**, of The Temple, Cleveland, will be the speaker of the evening at a great banquet on Thursday, April 30.

The recent strange appearance of a few consecutive days of pleasant weather brought the first early sign of Spring to the Club. Not a robin on the windowsill, but **I. L. Schurman** pining for Northwest Colorado. Fact is, that **I. L.** has

**Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell C. Robin** recently arrived in New York on the Grace liner, Santa Paula, after a cruise which took them from California and through several of the Latin-American republics.

## NEWS OF THE MEMBERSHIP

Here comes another Past President of the Club, to uphold the record of the "old-timers." Not a year has gone by without a substantial sheaf of applications sponsored by **Ben Samuels**. When the escutcheon was mounted on the Shield of Honor, he took one look and exclaimed, "Mine's the handsomest of all!" Now he wants it, after the Club roster is filled, to hang up in his own office. The Committee may have other plans, however; and the recommendation is earnestly made that by bringing in two more, **Ben** may earn a solid gold replica to post in the sanctum.

If any man enjoyed himself hugely on Camelot Night, that man was

**Dr. Samuel S. Hollender**, president of the Club. The biggest thrill came, of course, when **S. N. Becker**, chairman of the Membership Committee, presented the big surprise of the evening: a sheaf of 37 new signed applications for membership.

But the super-thrill came immediately afterward, when **Dr. Hollender** turned the 37 into a 38, by adding another application of his own! Incidentally, this one was his fifth; The Club can be proud of its General. With his numerous responsibilities as President of the Club he still finds time to get new members. **Dr. Hollender's** devotion, loyalty and enthusiasm serves as an inspiration to all of us.



**A. H. (Colonel) Rosenberg** was in a fair way to be one of those who missed the Feast in Camelot. He made no reservation. He would attend as a Sir Knight or not at all.... And the prospect, for once, seemed unusually hard to contact. Board members were aghast. They entreated, they went to the

tremendous length of offering to "treat," but the Colonel was adamant: no application, no reservation!.... Then at 5 o'clock, the Club office received a telephone call: will you reserve a place for **A. H. Rosenberg?**

**Myron E. Wisch**, of the Admissions Committee,



has been piling up work for himself and his group by lending a helping hand whenever a worker needed assistance in signing up a prospect. At all Club affairs, at almost any hour in the gymnasium, wherever a member brought a guest, **Wisch** was at hand

with a friendly word. Someone suggested that he try getting a member of his own, for the Camelot banquet. No sooner said than done; and having done the proper thing, **Myron** is again available to help other workers whenever called upon.

With most people, one outstanding service per day is a record. But **Judge Jacob M. Braude** delivered a most thrilling and scholarly ard-

enlightening Forum address,—and then proceeded to walk downstairs to the Club office and turn in ANOTHER signed application for membership!

If **B. I. Grossman** ever held to the theory that Friday, the 13th, is unlucky, he has now changed his mind. For two months he has been working on a prospect, bringing him to the Club, deluging him with literature, persuasion and good times. Daily contacts aroused the friend's interest, of course, and slowly built up the idea of Club membership; but **B. J.** was taking no chances on ruining everything by calling or inviting his prospect on Friday, the 13th. Then, about mid-afternoon on the baneful day, the friend called **Grossman** up; only instead of jitters, it was congratulations. The friend requested **B. J.** to do him a favor and pick up a signed application card.

It has been a grand and glorious season for **S. H. Fagen**. First, there was his son, at a Club Forum, astounding the members with an address so mature, so scholarly and elegant, so tremendously enlightening that it still echoes through the Club. Next was his own escutcheon gleaming on the Shield of Honor. Capping the climax, there was a third candidate signed up, and **Fagen** sat at the Round Table, on Camelot Night, in the august company of **King Sam** and the rest. Life is indeed sweet!



A REMINDER

# SILVER NIGHT

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1936

BANQUET 6:30 P.M. MEN ONLY      PROGRAM 8 P.M.

SPEAKER:

# RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

LADIES ADMITTED TO BALCONY

Guests Permitted  
Dinner One Dollar

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# RABBI ABBA HILLEL

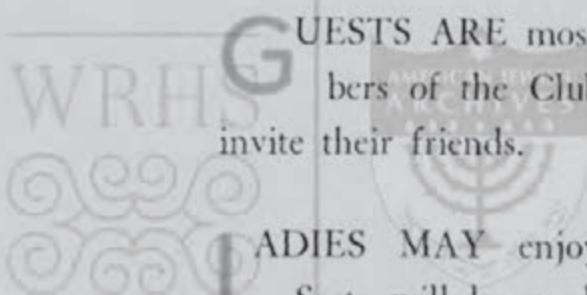


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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER, D.D. will be the guest of honor at a banquet for men only, at the Covenant Club, on Thursday evening, April 30. Dinner will be served at half past six; the charge is one dollar per person. Dr. Silver will speak at eight.

THOSE WHO HAVE HEARD our Guest Speaker need not be reminded that listening to him is one of the memorable experiences of a lifetime. He is acclaimed as one of the very greatest of living orators. He is known as a sincere scholar and an authoritative speaker.

RABBI SILVER will speak on the subject: "Radiants in Jewish Life."



GUESTS ARE most cordially welcome. Members of the Club are particularly urged to invite their friends.

LADIES MAY enjoy the evening's program. Seats will be made available in the balcony, after the banquet. There will be no charge.

RESERVATIONS ARE necessary. The list will be closed when capacity is reached. Early arrangements will preclude any chance of disappointment.

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