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May 19, 1939

My dear Dr. Lazaron:

I read your very beautiful and very wise letter as published in the Baltimore Sun this morning while I was driving in to the office and I was about to sit down to dictate a few lines to you when I found your letter of May 18 on my desk.

I believe that you have rendered a very great service and I wish you to realize my own recognition of that fact as well as to send you the assurance of my high personal esteem and regard.

Believe me

Yours most sincerely,

Dr. Morris S. Lazaron,  
1918 Madison Avenue,  
Baltimore, Maryland.

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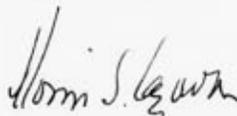
May 23, 1939.

Dear Mr. Welles:

I am grateful for your generous expression of opinion about my statement. I hope to see you some time when you are not so pressed.

With all good wishes,

Cordially yours,



Morris S. Lazaron.

The Hon. Sumner L. Welles,  
Under Secretary of State,  
Washington, D. C.

LAZARON, MORRIS S.

Morris S. Lasaron  
1914 Madison Avenue  
Baltimore, Maryland

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Dear Mr. Willes,

It was pleasant  
to have come you. You will  
be interested in the enclosed  
9 things.

Faithfully,

Morris Lasaron

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Morris S. Lazaron  
1914 Madison Avenue  
Baltimore, Maryland

November 24, 1939.

Mr. Paul Baerwald,  
120 Broadway,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Baerwald:

I look forward to seeing you Sunday evening. In order that you may have some time to consider the problem that is in my mind, I shall try to state it as briefly as possible.

I am concerned about Weizmann's contemplated visit here next month.

1. Were he to limit his work here to stimulating collections, no one need have any concern.
2. It is obvious, however, that his purpose is broader than that. He will probably organize American Jewish sentiment to bring pressure on Britain re Palestine.
3. In the present status of international affairs, the relations between us and England, the vast issues at stake, our delicately poised neutrality, the matter becomes serious not only from the point of view of our country but from the point of view of Jews here.
4. Brandeis will unquestionably be used to press the Administration.
5. The Administration's understanding of the tragic situation of Jews and its friendly cooperation have again and again been emphasized. Pressure will embarrass... possible results patent and deplorable.
6. Therefore, Weizmann's visit should be cancelled, postponed or --- repudiated.
7. What are the wiser moves possible in this complicated situation?

In the light of the above, exercise your judgment as to whether you wish to ask others to supper Sunday.

Faithfully yours,



# THE SYNAGOGUE BULLETIN

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*To interpret Judaism in terms of contemporary life  
To present the eternal values in Judaism  
To reflect a vital Jewish life through congregational activity  
To stimulate faith through knowledge  
To motivate conduct through conviction*

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## JOTTINGS

The Senate debate on repeal of the embargo rolls on. Consistency indicates only two sides to the question: Either extend the present embargo to include every item now on the British and German contraband lists—in other words, make it complete; or repeal it and enact "cash and carry." The proponents of the embargo will not face the complete economic and political isolation demanded by the first.

The majority of the American people do not believe "we have no interest in what takes place in Europe." They cannot view with equanimity the sort of world which would result from a victory for the Nazi regime. Such a victory would have immediate and disastrous effects for the United States.

Meanwhile we have to listen to the political pusillanimosities of Clark and Holt.

Let us have the vote!

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The political ineptitude of Jewish nationalist leaders was never more evidenced than in their presentations to the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees. The war has brought about a real possibility of rapprochement with the Arabs in Palestine. Both sides have temporarily put away their intransigencies in the face of the threat from Germany and Russia.

### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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Friday Evening, Oct. 27th, at 5:30

Saturday Morning, Oct. 28th, at 10:30

**RABBI LAZARON**

will speak on

**"AN OLD PROBLEM IN A  
NEW SETTING"**

The dispatches of the last few days bring word that the Mufti—the arch troublemaker—is busily engaged elsewhere in the Near East stirring up trouble. He is still the instrument of the Nazis. The pressure exerted on a friendly group by Jewish nationalists, widely reported, will only give ammunition to the Mufti, rekindle the feelings in Palestine and the fears that the Jews will take advantage of the situation.

The Committee is an inter-governmental committee. The problem is one of universal concern. It is obvious the Committee will do its best for our

co-religionists but the pressure of the Jewish nationalists makes it difficult for their friends to help them. It may conceivably embarrass the Committee, of which England and France are important members.

Is this statesmanship?

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Neville Laski, K.C., the distinguished head of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, published a little volume earlier this year, "Jewish Rights and Jewish Wrongs," which bears thoughtful reading. While written during the heated discussions of some months ago, his general conclusions stand.

"With a reasonable approach, there ought to be no difficulty in satisfying reasonable Jews and reasonable Arabs. The present Jewish population is less than 30 percent of the total population of Palestine, and its natural increase is far over that of the Arabs. The suggestion I would make is that over a period of five years the Jewish population should rise to a fixed percentage, say 45 percent—always subject to the economic capacity of the country to absorb immigration—and there would be as a result no considerable accretion year by year to the Jewish population. It has been demonstrated beyond contradiction that the Jewish population has been, is, and inevitably must be, the main influence by which the economic prosperity of Palestine for Jews and Arabs alike can be maintained and increased.

"Whatever criticism we may make of the Mandatory Power, we must nevertheless appreciate the overwhelming advantages, moral, economic and protective, which the connection with Britain has given and can always give to Palestine. Whatever impatience we may display at the rate of progress achieved, it is indisputable that such progress as has been made could not have been achieved without the help of Britain . . .

"The advantage of proceeding in such a way towards the entity called, for want of a better word 'State', is that there would be granted under a firm and im-

partial administration to the Jews and Arabs of Palestine a transition period during which they would have the opportunity of reaching out to one another for better understanding, and of demonstrating their respective capacities and justifying their claim to another and more advanced form of political entity. I hope that in time the entity, Palestine, may become a member of the British Commonwealth of Nations, not least because in my judgment it is vital to maintain permanently the British connection."

Let us proceed as statesmen, not as political racketeers. Let us not, under the pressure of fanatic Jewish nationalists, stir up animosities, feed ammunition to the enemy, alienate our friends and destroy the opportunities we now have.

Morris S. Lazaron.

### THE SISTERHOOD

In the event that you were not in town or did not read the card sent to the entire membership announcing the speaker for the Donor Luncheon, we want you to know how extremely fortunate we are. Erika Mann, well known writer and lecturer, daughter of Thomas Mann, and a person of rare charm and unusual personality will be our guest on this occasion. We have established a reputation for setting an unusually high standard for the program for the Donor Luncheon and we feel we have again measured up. The date will be Thursday, January 18th. Mark this date on your calendar!

The Program Committee has endeavored to plan a fine season for the Sisterhood, but such programs are costly and, consequently, we again appeal to your loyalty and ask that you support the Donor Luncheon by sending in your contribution as soon as possible. You will be more than repaid. Please cooperate. Make my one unpleasant task easy!

The Cooperative Meeting with the Sisterhoods of Har Sinai and Eutaw Place Temples will take place Monday, November 6th, at 2:15, P.M. at the Southern Hotel. Ann Birk Kuper will give her interpretation of "The American Way."

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Those who heard Mrs. Kuper do this in Washington know what a thrilling and delightful program it is. A social hour will follow.

H.M.D.

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### MUSIC OF THE SYNAGOGUE

"Be Thou Faithful Unto Death" is one of the most famous of the Mendelssohn arias and was written when the composer was in his prime. During the Friday evening service we shall have the pleasure of hearing Mr. Ford's interpretation of this beautiful piece.

"The Lord's Highway," which will be sung on Saturday morning, is in a more modern vein—pleasantly modern. It is written for full chorus with organ accompaniment and is rhythmic and bright in character.

A.M.

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### YOU ARE INVITED

to hear

### PROFESSOR NELSON GLUECK

Thursday evening, November 2nd,  
at 8:00 o'clock  
at the Phoenix Club

Dr. Glueck is a member of the faculty of the Hebrew Union College and director of the American School of Oriental Research, whose headquarters are in Jerusalem and which is supported by a large number of American universities and colleges. He has been engaged in active excavations in the field and has unearthed a number of finds of primary importance for the better understanding of the Bible and the civilization of Biblical times. Dr. Glueck's lecture will be of a popular nature and will deal with his excavations at "Solomon's Seaport." This is the Julius and Etta G. Levy Memorial Lecture under the auspices of the Baltimore Hebrew College.

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### SYNAGOGUE HOUSE

The Synagogue House Dramatic Guild has been organized. The group will meet regularly on Monday evenings.

Mr. Ryland W. Dempster, State Administrator of the National Youth Administration, addressed the members of the Symposium Club and their friends on Tuesday evening, October 24.

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### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

#### HIGH SCHOOL COUNCIL

The High School Council was reorganized this year and met for the first time on Sunday, October 15th. Mr. Samuel Selsky, teacher of the second year class, will advise the group. The officers are as follows:

President—Lee Kastner

Vice-President—Irwin Dubois

Treasurer—Charlotte Summerfield

Class representatives:

#### First Year

Sec. I                      Sec. II

Louis Frank, Jr.      Jerry Chapin  
Eleanor Leibowitz      Joan Bette Seff

#### Second Year

Sec. I                      Sec. II

Sonia Levy                      Rita Goldman  
Stanford Z. Rothschild, Jr.      Ellie Lou Rosenblatt

#### Third Year

Sec. I                      Sec. II

Irwin DuBois                      Lee Kastner  
Charlotte Summerfield      Estelle Rosenberg

#### HONOR CLASSES

*For Perfect Attendance*—Grades 3-1, first year sec. II, third year sec. 1.

*For Perfect Punctuality*—All classes in the High School, grades 1, 3-11, 5-1 and 7-1 in the Lower School.

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### DISCUSSION GROUP

The Discussion Group is well on its way to another successful year. The Group has been organized and is making plans for a number of interesting activities. One project that has aroused the

enthusiasm of the members is a series of joint meetings with the young people's group of a Christian church. Three of these meetings will be devoted to a discussion of the history of Christianity and three to a history of Judaism.

The program of the Group for the next few weeks will consist of a series of meetings centered about the topic "Facts About Fictions Concerning Jews." This will be presented by Rabbi Lieberman, who will analyze some of the prevalent charges leveled against our people.

The Group meets every Sunday at eleven o'clock and welcomes all young people of the congregation and their friends.

#### YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP

The next meeting of the Young People's Group is scheduled for Sunday evening, November 5th at 6:30 in the Meyer Auditorium, and will be in the nature of a supper meeting. We are privileged to have Rabbi Lazon as the speaker. He will address himself to the topic "The Jews And The War." Enthusiasm in the Group is high as a result of the magnificent opening meeting and a splendid year is in prospect. Reservations for the meeting may be made by phoning Miss Jean Baer, Lafayette 4847.

#### WE WELCOME RABBI PILCHIK

We are happy to welcome as a new member of the faculty of the Religious School Rabbi Ely Pilchik, Director of Hillel Extension work at the University of Maryland. Rabbi Pilchik is a graduate of the Hebrew Union College, Class of 1938, and has been extensively engaged in educational work and activities with young people. He will share the instruction of our Confirmation Class with Rabbi Lazon and Mr. Amihud Kramer, devoting himself to a thorough examination of the problems of contemporary Jewish life.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The congregation acknowledges with thanks the gift of fifty prayerbooks from

Mrs. Hugo Dalsheimer and Mr. Harold Miller in loving memory of their mother, Mrs. Sol F. Miller.

#### OFFERINGS

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

- George Castelle, by the Congregation
- Louis Frank, by the Congregation
- Solomon Frank, by his daughter, Miss Lorely Frank, and the Congregation
- Bessie Gottlieb, by her daughters
- Charlotte Hamburger, by Miss Eugenia Gerson
- Harry Jacobi, by Mrs. Leon Mayer and Millard Jacobi
- Rose Frida Klupt, by her sister, Mrs. Tillye Sachs
- Leon Levi, by Mrs. Leon Levi and son and the Congregation
- Jonas Manas, by his children
- Bernhard Moses, by Mrs. M. Rothschild
- Leo Rascovar, by Mrs. Leo Rascovar and children
- Wolf Ronsheim, by the Congregation
- Lewis Siegel, by his nieces
- Bennett Wasserman, by the Congregation
- Isaac Wertheimer, by Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wertheimer and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Wertheimer

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#### THE STAFF

- MORRIS S. LAZARON, Rabbi
- MORRIS LIEBERMAN, Associate Rabbi
- LESTER ENGLANDER, Cantor
- MRS. REGINA M. HENE, Director of Synagogue House
- ABRAM MOSES, Director of the Choir
- MRS. LOUIS ROBINSON, Executive Secretary of Religious School
- MISS ROSE GREENBERG, Secretary to the Rabbis

December 7, 1939

My dear Dr. Lazon:

I am taking the liberty of sending you a copy of a telegram I have received this morning. I shall greatly appreciate it if you will let me have your advice as to whether I should accept this invitation or not. I have, as you know, to keep down my engagements outside of Washington to a minimum, and under present conditions I usually have to cancel even those few engagements that I make to undertake addresses outside of Washington, but if you feel that this is something that it would be desirable for me to do, I shall be glad to make every effort to comply with the request.

With my kindest regards, believe me

Yours very sincerely,

Enclosure:

From Dr. Paul E. Carliner,  
December 6, 1939.

Dr. Morris S. Lazon,  
1914 Madison Avenue,  
Baltimore, Maryland.

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LAZARON, MORRIS S.

Morris S. Lazaron  
1914 Madison Avenue  
Baltimore, Maryland

December 8, 1939.

Dear Mr. Welles:

I think your acceptance of the invitation from the Beth Tfiloh Open Forum will depend in some measure upon what you plan to say. If anything could be suggested along the lines of our conversation the other day, it might be very helpful. On the other hand, if you are going to speak in Baltimore I should like to have you appear before a more representative group.

The group in question represents, I should say, a lower and lower-middle class of Jews, a very intelligent group, some of them making their way forward to recognition in the community. However, if you are going to speak before any Jewish group, I should much prefer to arrange an open meeting under the auspices of my Men's Club in the evening at which the entire community could be invited - I mean the general community - which would give you a more distinguished and representative crowd before whom to speak.

This letter is dictated over the phone. I am at home in bed for a day or two with a cold; so if the thinking is not altogether straight attribute it, please, not to my normal mental processes but to the quirks which the particular cold germs that I have are exercising.

With warm regards,

Cordially yours,

*Morris S. Lazaron*

The Hon. Sumner H. Welles,  
Assistant Secretary of State,  
Washington, D. C.

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(see telegram  
to Carliner, Paul E.)

December 9, 1939

My dear Dr. Lazonon:

Thank you so much for your very helpful letter of December 8. I have telegraphed Dr. Carliner that, to my regret, I will be unable to accept his invitation.

I hope by now that you are completely over your cold, and also that I may have the pleasure of seeing you soon again.

With my warmest regards, believe me

Yours very sincerely,

Dr. Morris S. Lazonon,  
1914 Madison Avenue,  
Baltimore, Maryland.

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