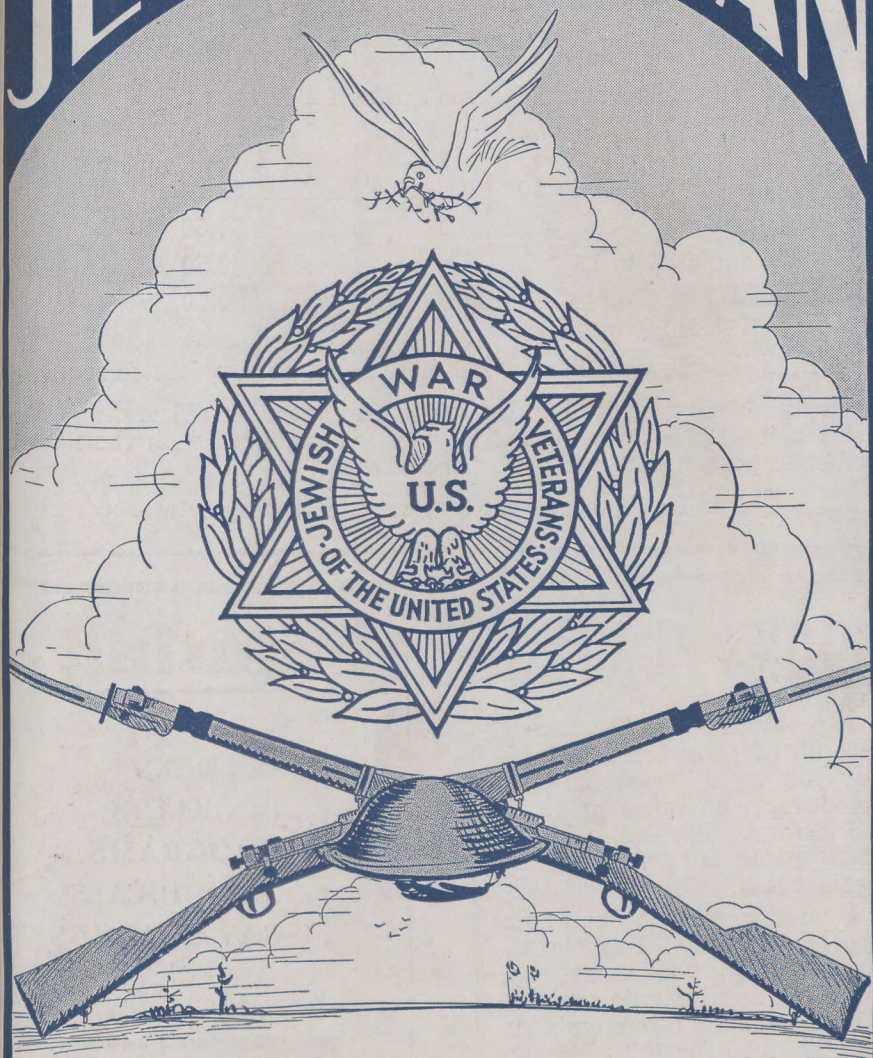


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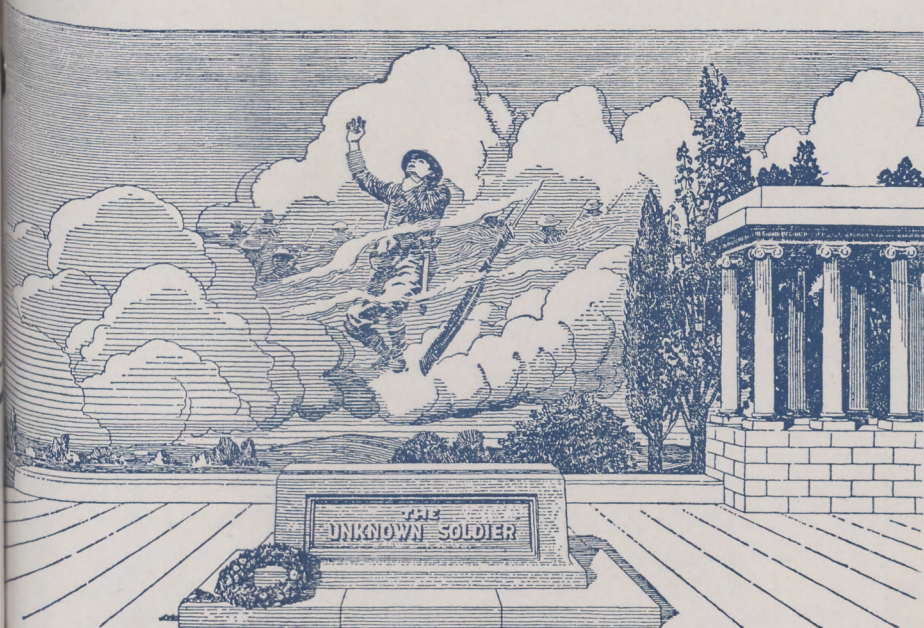
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Cover them over with wreaths and bright flowers,
Deck them with garlands, those brothers of ours,
Lying so silently, night and day,
Sleeping the years of their manhood away,
Give them the honor they won in the past
Give them the glory their future forecast.
Give them the chaplets they won in the strife
Give them the laurels they lost with their life.

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EDITORIAL

SELFISH?

A COMPARATIVELY small group do the thinking for that portion of the membership which is either too lazy or unable to think.

Yes, a small group "do the thinking"—and a still smaller group do the work.

The rest of the membership—the great majority—find themselves unable or unwilling to give even one evening a month to the meetings of their Post. I don't suppose this majority group cares to be classed as "non-thinking" or "non-working." To these members every whispered rumor is a "thought," every criticism and every kick is constructive work. They sit quietly at home and allow others to adjust their Veteran affairs and feel quite content, apparently, if allowed an

occasional chance to kick over the bucket voting.

The editor of The Jewish Veteran thinks many of these members are lazy. I have heard others call them selfish. I think they are crazy, but I don't call them selfish.

Is it selfish to kick in several dollars yearly to a fund and then take no active interest in the handling of that fund? Is it selfish to allow a small minority to formulate and direct the policy of your Post?

Selfish? Selfish like a cow! All a cow cares about is plenty of green grass in the meadow and plenty of hay in the mow. The cow cares not at all who provides grass. The cow gets grass so that she may produce milk. Milk for who? The cow doesn't care! She doesn't care who milks her or what happens to the milk. She registers an occasional vote by calmly kicking over a bucket of milk—and then goes on eating so that she may give more milk.

Is the cow selfish? She thinks only of her own pleasure. Most of our members emulate the cow. I don't think they are selfish, but I think the cow is ignorant.

A Veteran organization is essentially a co-operative affair—based on the self-interest of its individual members. More selfishness—not the ignorant self-interest of a cow, but intelligent selfishness — is needed if your Post is finally to be recognized as a successful experiment in human operation.

MEMORIAL DAY

EACH post has an important duty to perform on Memorial Day. To give a thought to those of our buddies who gave their all and are no longer with us. Each post should have a list of Jewish Veterans of their city who died during or since the war, and where they are buried. It is your duty to see that each grave is kept in good order, and that a mark decorates it. Especial care should be given each grave before Memorial day and a small American flag placed thereon. On Memorial day, appropriate services should be held at the Cemetery. It is further fitting that Special Memorial services be held on a Friday evening Saturday or Sunday morning at a temple or synagogue. At the temple and cemetery services the families of all deceased veterans and other veteran organizations should be invited. Such is the least tribute we can pay to our departed comrades and their families.

If a municipal or veterans parade is held, by all means participate. Every J. W. V. Post should be outstanding in its observance of this solemn Day.

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J. W. V. Legislation In N. Y. State

THE Legislature of the State of New York, through the efforts of Past Commander-in-Chief Julius S. Berg and Junior Vice Commander Senator A. Spencer Feld of Washington Heights Post No. 7, was particularly attentive to the needs of J.W.V. during its recent session. Past Department Commander Julius Klausner, Jr. was fortunate in having the assistance of a highly efficient Legislative Committee, the work of which was directed by Vice-Chairman Abraham Goldstone and Inspector General George Rudnick, both of whom gave invaluable aid in the matter of recommending our needs to Senators Berg and Feld. There were thirteen bills amended to specifically include the name of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States. These bills, all of which have been signed by Governor Lehman, are:

Town Law, in relation to appropriations for Memorial Day and for rooms for patriotic organizations.

Public Welfare Law, in relation to the Administration of Veteran Relief.

Military Law, in relation to Jewish War Veterans of the United States, Inc.

Benevolent orders Law, in relation to Jewish War Veterans of the United States, Inc.

General Municipal Law, in Relation to leasing public buildings to posts of Jewish War Veterans of the United States, Inc.

Greater New York Charter in relation to appropriations for the observances of Memorial Day to be expended by the Memorial Committee of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, Inc.

Public Buildings Law, in relation to room for Jewish War Veterans of the United States, Inc.

Tax Law, in relation to exemption of property owned by Jewish War Veterans of the United States, Inc.

State Printing Law, in relation to number of copies of the annual report of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, Inc. to be printed.

Penal Law, in relation to societies and clubs.

Membership Bulletin

LIVE MEMBERS NEEDED TO FILL THE GAPS IN THE RANKS. This month of May with its memorial services and decorating of graves of our departed comrades should prove an inspiration to every one in the organization and *No Finer Memorial to our Dead could be created than the Enrollment of every available Veteran to take the place of those who have answered their last roll call.*

MAKE YOUR ELECTED OFFICERS PRODUCE. When the rank and file bestow their confidence and elect men to office in the various Posts, there should be a solemn obligation placed on these officers to "make good." Between now and May 30th, every post officer in the country is duty bound to secure at least one new member. This should result in a minimum increase in membership of ten members per post and with your intelligent direction in devising a competitive contest between the other members of the post and the officers, this increase should be doubled.

POST OFFICERS' CONTEST. To each post in the organization which certifies to the National Secretary, on or before May 30th, that ten new members have been enrolled as a result of the post officers' efforts, a beautiful chart, suitable for framing, showing the exact location of every unit in the U.S. Army at the time of the signing of the armistice, will be presented.

POWER IS STRENGTH—MEMBERSHIP IS POWER. The life's blood of any organization is its dues paying members and, in a democracy such as we belong to, the consideration extended, the demands that are heeded, and the requests that are allowed are solely dependent upon the numerical strength which we can muster to prove our power. Yours is not only the opportunity of service, but the obligation to build our organization to the point where we may become the vital and potent force for good which we like to feel we stand for. MORE POWER TO YOU!

A 100% INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP FOR 1935.

MAX SLEPIN,
National Membership Chairman.

"THE CLIQUE" CLICKS

IN the April issue of "The Jewish Veteran" a poem on cliques appeared, and caused considerable comment, most of it favorable. With a few slight changes, here is what the DAV Semi-Monthly, has to say on the subject:

THE WORKING CLIQUE

Every organization is run by a clique—that is the working clique.

There may be factions within the working clique, but factionalism can always be ironed out if all of the members of the various factions within an organization are sincerely interested in the activities of the organization and are willing to abide by the rules of the organization and the will of the majority.

"A quitter never wins, and a winner never quits." A quitter who finds himself in the minority is not willing to abide by the majority or to try to convert the minority into a majority, and so finally drops all of his activities. A good sport on the other hand who finds himself in the minority decides to abide by the will of the majority and if he still figures that he is right will make a sincere effort, while abiding by the majority, to convert the minority into a majority.

As long as a situation is not absolutely and permanently hopeless a good loyal member of the J.W.V., sincerely interested in worthy purposes, will not quit merely because he finds things in his own local outfit not to be according to his liking; he will stay on in the inside, realizing that if there are desirable changes which should be made that they can be made only from the inside and not from the outside. He will become one of the working clique, determined to do the best that he can under the circumstances for the outfit with which he is affiliated.

It would be a monotonous world if we thought the same about everything. Obviously since we do all have different opinions each one of us cannot always have our way, but we do always have the privilege of trying to convert others to our way of thinking, and we also, always have the privilege of inducing members to sign up with the outfit whose ideas may more nearly conform with our own and who may thus join in individual efforts to change or improve conditions with which we may be confronted.

What an outfit we could have if every J.W.V. member was also a member of a working clique!

\$1400 FOR MAIMONIDES ESSAYS

Prizes amounting to \$1400 are being offered by The Jewish Forum for the best essays of 500 to 1000 words on Maimonides submitted on or before June 10th, the first prize being \$100. in cash.

The judges of the contest, well known scholars and authors, are: Nima H. Adlerblum, Ph. D., Author, "A Study of Gersonides," and other works; Professor A. Broderick Cohen, Hunter College; Professor Salomon Flink, Dana College; Jacob de Hass, Author, "History of Palestine," and other works; Professor Leo Jung, Yeshivah College.

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS RADIO BROADCAST

THE National Radio Officer has called to the attention of the Commander-in-chief the fact that services under the auspices of the National organization will again be conducted at the Arlington Amphitheater at Arlington on July 4th, 1935. To those of our comrades who can recall the services on July 4th, 1934, this statement will be sufficient, however, to those of us who may have forgotten or to those who could not attend and participate in or listen in on the coast-to-coast broadcast under our auspices through the Columbia Broadcasting System last year, we wish to take the opportunity of setting forth a view pertinent facts.

Arlington Amphitheater has been used on July 4th for the purposes of Memorial Services by no organization other than the Jewish War Veterans. The fact that we are permitted the use of the Amphitheater as the resting place of the Nation's heroic dead signifies the recognition of the organization by the National Government and the Nation of its growing importance and prestige.

The spectacle is one worth while seeing. In the rolling hills of Virginia and adorned by the mast of the Maine, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and various other significant tombs which mark the final resting places of outstanding figures in our Nation's History, Arlington is one of the grandest spectacles in the National. The Amphitheater itself, is beyond description.

The Navy Band will render musical selections and the Broadcasting companies are promised to cooperate with the Na-

Don't forget the slander you have heard,
Don't forget the hasty, unkind word;
Don't forget the quarrel, and the Cause,
Don't forget the whole affair, because
Don't forgetting is the only way.
Don't forget the storms of yesterday;
Don't forget the chap whose sour face,
Don't forget to smile in any place;
Don't forget to ever get the blues,
But DON'T forget to pay your DUES!

tional Broadcasting company covering each of the forty-eight states in the Union and reaching out into foreign nations by short wave transmission.

The Washington Post of the organization is carrying forward the work of preparing for this broadcast. The Commander of that post, Dr. Ivy A. Pelzman has asked that I issue an invitation in his name and in the name of the post to each and every member of the organization and to members of the auxiliaries to visit Washington and be at Arlington on July 4th, 1935 to participate in the services under the auspices of our organization on that day. Washington Post promises a good time for everyone who comes.

Two Years

Mankind for convenience (and detriment), has divided infinity into what it calls years, months, day and hours. In reality no such thing as time exists. However, The Jewish Veteran has passed through what is known as two years and is entering on its third period of existence under the supervision of the present Editor.

That it has been an instrument for good is undeniable. Through its columns the membership has been kept informed of the business and fraternal affairs of our organization, and interest that would not otherwise have been aroused has been created. It is a valuable asset to the membership, and should become even more so. Any man who reads and becomes well posted on the affairs of his organization is an asset to that organization; one who is not intelligently informed is a stumbling block. He depends wholly on what other people think and say.

The Editor takes this opportunity to thank those correspondents, who have contributed to the columns of the Jewish Veteran.—
Samuel H. Jacobs.