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The 279th assembly of the News Club of the Agudath Achim Congregation, which marked the 10th ann. observance of the founding of the organization, was called to order by our very first president of 10 years ago, Wm. Severson, who acted very capably as our toastmaster for the program.

Mr. Severson expressed his pleasure at being present, reminisced about the early meetings of the club and its influence on the Jewish community life.

He called on Past Pres. Stanley Silverman, who was very much impressed by the perpetuation of the organization which he confessed that he didn't think it would last.

Next Mr. Severson called on Milton Farkas, who stressed the fact that we must live with our synagogue and that each one should get more acquainted with his religion and he finally stated that his interest in the News Club has not decreased.

Abe Marcus was next, and he let it be known that he enjoyed being among us and would look forward to the 20th anniversary.

At this point Bill regretted

that our very first secretary
 Maurice Sever, could not
 be present because of the
 weather.

Mr. Severson then called
 on our past Pres, Joseph
 Boris, who spoke of his
 pleasure as a member of
 the mess club and of enjoying
 the various routings connected
 with his office while he was
 Pres.

Bill then turned the
 chair over to Pres Percy
 Millstone, who commented on
 the fine turnout, 90 to be
~~exact~~ exact. He didn't fail
 to mention the projector
 fund, and also announced
 that our coffee room would
 accommodate the regular
 weekly collection. Treas, Butler
 later reported 24.61 collected
 but three dollars came in
 later and we have the final
 \$27.61 collected.

Pres. Millstone thanked
 the ladies in the kitchen
 who performed faithfully,
 faultlessly and efficiently,
 "behind the scenes". The
 ladies were sat into Mrs Oscar
 Segal Mrs Louis Rosenberg, and
 Mrs Rachel Rosenberg. These ladies
 also came out Sunday to help
 along with Mrs Percy Millstone
 and Mrs Ben Peck.

Pres Willstone welcomed the younger men and encouraged them to help the mens club for the future.

The Secy, had signatures put in his request book of all present. This list of referees goes as now a part of these minutes.

Mr. Severson then called on Morris Lund to say a few words. Morry did all right with himself. I will never forget the wonderful standing applause for a man who is every ones friend, and for a job well done. Morry humbly stated that he enjoyed every minute of every meeting for the past 70 years. Next did he fail to mention his co worker Phyllis Jacobson, who has been a wonderful asset to our club. Morry also thanked his fellow Co-Chairman Jackson Bodell and the rest of his anniversary committee for their fine work. He also thanked Harold Sorenson, and Carter Hosberg and the ladies. Morry then promised the ladies that their day would come in the near future, when us boys will honor them.

Mr. Severson then ~~called on~~ regretted that Sam Gilbert could not be present because of

illness. He also asked
 Vice Pres. Myer Schliefer to stand
 and predicted that he would
 make a fine future president of
 the club. Bill also thanked
 the Patrons who contributed
 to our printed program,
 and also introduced Mr. I. S.
 Simon of the J. N. F. as
 a frequent guest of ours.
 The Toastmaster then
 read us congratulatory messages
 from the Sisterhood of the
 School, Mr. & Mrs. Fisher of the
 New 'Castle congregation from
 Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Rosen of
 Jamestown Pa, who were
 married over 4 years ago
 in the Aquidneck^{to} ^{Albion} School,
 and who are ~~his~~ ^{her} son-in-law
 and daughter.

also a letter from Robt
 Prager who was the first
 spiritual leader when the
 Men's Club was organized.
 Robt Prager regretted that
 he would be unable to
 attend.

Then the feature of the
 program was announced when
 Bill asked our faithful
 Program Chairman Harry
 Brown to announce and
 introduce the speaker.

Before doing so Mr Brown
 took time out to announce
 the 30th affair Jan 16th

at the B'nai B'rith, and hoped he would be around on 26th and 30th ~~years~~ anniversary of the B'nai B'rith club.

Mr. Braun then introduced Rabbi Leon Wengrovsky of New Kensington, who was late in arriving on account of the bad weather. Rabbi Wengrovsky spoke on his work in New Kensington and his acceptance in the industrial association there. He said how it was a mitzva to be here. The Rabbi with a full command of forceful expression spoke on brotherhood. He stressed the disillusionment of the war years and how religion came upon the American scene from the chaos of war. He went on to explain how religion has been accepted only if one belongs to a house of worship. He dwelt on the social pressures to conformity in the past 10 years, and if we try to encourage a certain conformity it can become dangerous.

He explained that he is partial to one of the political parties, very because the other party has made religion a political weapon. He dwelt at length on how the displaced persons bill

discriminated against Jews.
 He stated that was why
 Pres. Truman branded it
 as very anti Semitic, and he
 said we should strongly
 protest this expression of
 anti ~~antisemitic~~ Semitic
 thoughts and actions.

Rabbi Weingrossky then
 asked in general how
 far have we actually strayed
 from our religion. He cited
 the worship of the Golden
 Calf, the neglect of the
 10 commandments and of
 the 40 days and 40 nights.

Rabbi Weingrossky continued
 his excellent talk and
 asked God to grant our Jews
 Club strength to ~~continue~~ continue
 our good work.

Rabbi Weingrossky impressed
 us as a man with vision
 foresight and of much wisdom.
 At the conclusion of his speech
 Bill Severson thanked the good
 Rabbi, and expressed his sincere
 feelings because of the bad
 weather the Rabbi encountered
 in coming here.

Before calling for adjournment
 Mr. Severson brought forth a
 mysterious piece of poetry
 that I ~~think~~ think I ~~think~~
 is one of the finest tributes
 that has ever been because

of the mens club. This
is the gem that Bill wrote:

When Morris Leuch serves the coffee
and the President says hello
and Hostine sings Hatakva
Then its time for us to go.

This ended the ~~best~~ 10th
anniversary observance. We
adjourned with the
singing of Hatakva led
by our real friend
Center J. Hostine.

Respectfully Submitted
Harry A. Falkner
Secy.

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The 280th meeting of the
Agudath Achim Mens Club
opened when Pres. Kullstone
welcomed 25 regular members
and introduced David Besseylik
and Nicky Behrman as
special guests. Pres Kullstone
thanked our Louis Swartz
who aided in the kitchen
the members asked about ~~the~~ ^{the} outlook was bright.
& Treasurer Albert Palter reported
6.25 collected. Pres. Kullstone mentioned the ^{fund} ~~the~~ ^{fund}
Mr. J. S. Simon of the Pgh PA
J. W. J. was introduced by Pres.
Kullstone.

Mr. Simon commented on
the 10th anniversary celebration
and the minutes thereof. Mr
Simon, who is no stranger to ~~us~~