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Indifference of Religious Jew Scored in Yom Kippur Sermon

Rabbi Goldstein Speaks on the Eternal Values of Judaism and its Ethical Content

YOM KIPPUR APPEAL COMES UP TO SCRATCH

Declaring that one of the worst menaces to the integrity of modern Judaism is the religious Jew who assumes the attitude of indifference towards his less-religious brother-Jew, Dr. I. Bril inveighed severely against any worship which did not seek for its salvation the vast brotherhood of man. The occasion was the Yom Kippur sermon delivered at the Parent Building of the I. S. last week.

"'I should worry,' and 'It is none of my business what the other fellow does' are totally wrong expressions," the Doctor said. "Religion is at a low plane when it seeks the satisfaction of personal ambitions. Religion is basically social; and any and all appeals to God Almighty must be made in the name of and in behalf of the society from which religion evolves and is promulgated."

It is just such attitude as aforeindicated, the worthy Doctor declared, that accounted for extra performances on Yom Kippur Day at all the neighboring vaudeville houses. Since little concern is shown towards wayward religionists, there is not much wonder that they continue in their wayward practices.

Dr. Bril is the Executive Secretary of the Union of Orthodox Congregations of America and is known also as a writer on Jewish subjects.

The Problem of the I. S.

With characteristic force and fervor, Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein descanted on the eternal values of life and the ethical content of Judaism. Rabbi Goldstein spoke the day after Dr. Bril had spoken.

Analogizing the burden of his discourse with happenings at the I. S., in furtherance of the usual Yom Kippur appeal for funds in support of the Building's activities, the Rabbi showed the need for material response to the problem of religion, becoming more and more acute in Harlem as the more stable element is removing therefrom only to be replaced by a type sorely in want of that which the Building strives to offer.

Know What You're Saying

He himself deprecated the use of mere Hebrew words in the process of uttering prayer, and urged that meaning consciously accompany all lip-service to the God on High. One means to this end, he suggested, is the reading of the English translation alongside the Hebrew text.

That the children of the Talm d Torah might realize there is more to Judaism than mere injunctions and prohibitions, the Rabbi explained how every week he personally visits among them in an effort to bring about life into mere rote and repetition. Illustrations from life are drawn upon as aids.

The Rabbi's appeal, illuminated with his usual wit and unfagging eloquence, showed itself in the generous response to the money appeal. Despite the shifting in population, the I. S. did as well, all in all this year, as in years heretofore.

Everything Ideal

Weather conditions favored the worshipper. The air was crisp and dry, the sun shone tolerably—making the fast for each worshipper a comparatively easy matter. Not to be overlooked most certainly, however, were the ideal synagogue conditions which afforded a plentitude of light and fullness of ventilation.

The fine cantorial renditions, coupled also with the high degree of decorum and orthodox ritual, served to clinch the statement that the I. S. still leads all the synagogues in Harlem and points nearby for idealness in High Holy Day observances.

Thanks

Thank you, again, for your generosity.

The hearty response of the I. S. community to the Yom Kippur Appeal shows again the faith that lies behind I. S. methods and idealism.

You've surely heard the adage: "He who gives promptly, gives twice." Let's see if you can't follow out its teaching.

Please make good that solemn pledge right now.

Friday Evening, Light Candles 6:29

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Friday		Harlem	West Side
Evening	6:15	6:15	
Saturday			
Morning	8:15	9:00	
Sermon	10:15	10:30	
Evening	6:30	6:30	
Sunday			
Morning	8:15	9:00	

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

This coming Tuesday, October 2nd, at 8 p.m. sharp, the Board of Directors will meet at the I. S. Matters of special importance will be taken up for conference.

WHAT IS MOST UNIQUE IN THE KELLOGG TREATY?

Why do Great Britain and France warn us that some day they might have to fight, under the terms of the League Covenant and the Locarno treaties?

The League Covenant

The League Covenant, which is a part of the Versailles treaty, binds all its signers to submit disputes either to arbitration, or to inquiry by the Council of the League; and "in no case to resort to war" until three months after the rendering of a report (Art. 12). If a member should violate this rule, the other members would, at least morally, be bound to co-operate with the League in enforcing peace—by diplomatic, economic, or perhaps military pressure.

The Locarno Treaties

The Locarno treaties, which were negotiated in 1925, bind the principal European powers to arbitrate their differences. The "teeth" of the treaties are contained in a provision binding the signers to come to the defense of any one of them, if another should violate the treaty, by making war against it.

The Kellogg Document

From the above, the unique feature of the Kellogg treaty becomes clearer. Whereas previous treaties have recognized the recourse to war (however much they deplore it) as a final resort for settling disputes, and whereas they have even provided for fighting as means of punishing war, the Kellogg treaty makes peaceful settlements the only recognized settlements. The Kellogg treaty, if universally adopted, will put war outside of the scope of International law, instead of within it.

BASKETBALLERS A-RARIN' TO GET SET

Call Being Made for Material

The Institutional Synagogue will again have this year two basketball teams representing it in the Metropolitan League. Mr. Jack Silbert, the new director of the Physical Education Department will coach the teams this year. A general call for material is being made. All candidates for both the 135-lb. team and the Senior team should report to Mr. Silbert in the gymnasium on Monday evening, October 1st at 9 P.M.

Normie Edelman, captain of last year's Senior team, will probably be back again at the forward position. "Normie" has been away all summer, getting himself into shape. Seymour Goldstein who so ably lead the 135 pounders through a very successful season, is back again "rarin'-to-go."

With Mr. Silbert at the helm, and Edelman and Goldstein back, the Institutional Synagogue looks forward to new and better achievements in the cage ball game.

The I. S. Extends Especial Invitation to Those Groups Seeking Educational Instruction.

"Trust in God" Is the Keystone of the Succah

Succoth is the festival of happiness, of gratitude, of the expression of our trust in God, who will every year bestow upon us the harvest of goodly fruits.

This year, Succoth will be observed from September 28 to October 7. Alternatively, the holiday is known as the Feast of Tabernacles, and primarily, has historical associations.

Before our forefathers entered the Holy Land, they dwelt in tents set up in the wilderness; and owing to a sense of God's protection, they felt themselves safe from attack by neighboring wild Bedouins and beasts of prey. Today we leave our apartments, even the steel safety of our skyscrapers, and live in a Succah for eight days to express our trust in God, the conviction that "If the Lord built not the house, they labor in vain, who build it; if the Lord watch not the city, the watchman watcheth in vain" (Psalm 127, 1, 2).

With His protection we are safe in the frail hut; without it we are in danger in the most modern fortress.

Co-operation Implies Tolerance

Succoth, in Palestine, was and is the harvest festival, a feast of gratitude; that is its second significance. **Lulav** (Palm branch), **Ethrog** (Citron), Myrtle and Willow are bound together in one cluster to show us the method of effecting constructive work in the new year. Co-operation implies tolerance. The Ethrog represents beauty and usefulness, the willow has neither, the myrtle and lulav each have one of these qualities.

Only by combining all elements of our people, and in the larger sense all humanity, can we advance human interest and find the way back to God. **Hoshaanah Rabbah**, so-called because many prayers of that day begin with Hoshaanah (Pray save!), has seven solemn processions of the whole congregation bearing the cluster.

BIRTHDAY OF JULIUS ROSENWALD RECALLS PHILANTHROPIC GREAT- NESS OF THE MAN

Among the outstanding names of the American Jewry is Julius Rosenwald of Chicago who recently celebrated his sixty-fifth birthday. Mr. Rosenwald was known as the most prominent American Jewish philanthropist and is also the chairman of the board of directors of the house of Sears, Roebuck & Co.

The Fund

Last year he created "The Julius Rosenwald Fund" which was established for the purpose of promoting human welfare regardless of race or creed. This fund was increased by a benefaction of two million dollars which he declared should be spent

within a quarter century following upon his death.

During the current year, Mr. Rosenwald donated a gift of five million dollars toward the colonization of Jews on farms in Russia. He has also done a great deal toward the advancement of the colored race by contributing generously to the coffers of various Southern institutions. Last year Mr. Rosenwald was the recipient of the Harmon Medal for Inter-racial work.

Faith in Humanity

Mr. Rosenwald, in advancing his reasons for stipulating that the fund bearing his name be spent shortly after his death, said: "I believe that we of the present should not try to guide the destinies of on-coming generations. I am optimistic enough to think that they will meet their needs wisely and generously."

WHO ARE THOSE BEAUTIFUL GIRLS AND HANDSOME MEN? NONE OTHER THAN THE INTERMEDIATES.

Slowly but surely the active Intermediate clubs are busily engaging themselves in re-organization and in planning the season's program. Old faces are becoming more and more in evidence as the various organizations are returning to once again partake in the many activities that the I. S. makes possible.

The much-desired pep and energy is quite manifest at these first meetings and seem to prophesy a successful completion of the many projects that will be undertaken. Several of the clubs are electing new officers and are laying plans for a brilliant social and educational season as well as an athletic one.

Atta Boy, Bill.

The bustling Alphi Phi girls, not to be outdone by the men clubs, held their first meeting last Tuesday. Mr. Shapiro, the Intermediate Supervisor, was on hand to welcome the club back into the building. The girls will continue along the lines of both social and charitable activities.

The Harlbron club also had a reorganization gathering and Mr. Shulman of the Abe Lincoln has been present to indicate that his organization will soon be among the active clubs.

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Prayer is An Outpouring of Thanksgiving, Not a Begging of Favors

Every sane human being believes in prayer.

The blessings of life and love and thought that we enjoy are surely worth an acknowledgment of thanks to whatever Providence we believe in. And, entirely aside from any code of decency, the sense of reverence and of humility which comes with a sincere prayer is uplifting. It has a cleansing and chastening effect upon the heart.

It is a good thing to pray.

The Acid-Test of Sincerity

The only value of prayer, in its effect upon yourself, lies in its sincerity. If you feel grateful for any blessing or for any relief from worry, it will do you good to pray, to offer thanks to any God that you believe in. If you are sincere, you will feel the better for it.

But you can offer this prayer from your desk or your bed or your little motor car just as fervently as you can from a church pew. The prayer of thanks, of acknowledgment that you are a mere worm upon the face of the earth upon whom some kindness has been bestowed, is the only kind of prayer from which you can derive real satisfaction. Because a sense of humility is good for the soul.

As Contrasted with Selfishness

Many people pray that a certain stock will go up, that a certain horse will win a race, that their belief will triumph or that a war or a political election will be won. That is not sincere prayer. That is pure selfishness.

Some people pray that God's kingdom will prevail on earth. That is rather idiotic. What would you think of the office boy in the Standard Oil Company praying to Rockefeller to run his business more intelligently?

Some people believe that prayer merely means asking a favor. One of the oldest jokes among clergymen is about the preacher who gave advice to the Deity about a bill before the Legislature.

Many clergymen, when they pray aloud, are thinking more of their congregation than of Providence.

From the Heart

True prayer comes from the heart. It is an outpouring of thanksgiving, not a begging of favors.

"He prayeth best who loveth best
All things both great and small;
For the dear God who loveth us,
He made and loveth all."

B'NAI BRITH OF EUROPE PROGRESS- ING RAPIDLY

It is both interesting and encouraging to note the progress of the European B'nai Brith.

Outstanding among this organization is the Frankfort Lodge. Among other things it used its influence in combating anti-Semitism and helped provide for Jewish religious education in the public schools of Frankfort. The German organization proved itself the benefactor in generously contributing funds for the aid of Russian pogrom victims.

We find that Dr. Kohn, the president of the Austrian B'nai Brith has also reported the activities of his constituency. We find that they have supported various charitable institutions and have served over a hundred thousand meals at schools of Jewish learning. They have also perfected educational program and have sponsored a music society which arranges recitals of Jewish music.

Regaining Former Position

The grand lodge of Czecho-Slovakia has done valiant in maintaining a sanatorium. We find that they have taken care of over two hundred men and women, and have been successful in having over three-quarters resume their regular vocations.

This news is clearly indicative of the fact that European Jewry is gradually regaining its position and that America will perhaps soon be assisted by the European brethren in solving current Jewish problems.

DAUGHTERS' THE FIRST SENIOR GROUP TO START SEASON

Miss Esther Garfunkel, Vivacious President,
Extends Open Invitation to Everybody
at First Meeting

Again the Daughters' take the lead!

This is the first senior group that has already made definite announcement of its initial activities this year.

The first meeting of this group will be held next Tuesday evening, October 2, at the I. S. Succah. EVERYBODY IS WELCOME, Miss Esther Garfunkel has announced. There will be speaking and the serving of refreshments.

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