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ETHICS OF THE FATHERS

By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Rabbi said, Which is the right course that a man should choose for himself? That which he feels to be honorable to himself? and which also brings him honor from mankind. Be heedful of a light precept as of a grave one, for thou knowest not the grant of reward for each precept. Reckon the loss incurred by the fulfillment of a precept against the reward secured by its observance, and the gain gotten by the transgression against the loss it involves. Reflect upon three things, and thou wilt not come within the power of sin: Know what is above thee—a seeing eye, and a hearing ear, and all thy deeds written in a book.

RIGHT COURSE. What does Rabbi Jehuda the Prince mean, when he says "Which is the right path for man to choose?" Has not the Torah shown the path? Are there two right ways? The answer is this: There is a standard of right, which is the minimum, for example, the giving of the tithe to the poor, putting on Tefillin, or making a Succah. To give more than a tithe to the poor, to beautify the Tefillin and the Succah, is more than a minimum, and above the standard. Now, if one wants to choose that way which is the right way, and the best way, he should do those things which are above the standard, that are beautiful before God and man, and not before God alone.

POWER OF SIN. We are not warned merely against sin, but we are cautioned not to indulge in those things which, though permissible in themselves, may lead to sin. It is not merely unsafe to touch the sharp edge of a dangerous weapon, but is even unsafe to touch the handle of it, for an accidental move may easily cause a person to cut himself. So in the religious life, we should not only be careful not to be a partner of sin, but we should also be distant from its handle, its power, its association, or associates.

SEEING—HEARING. As the Psalmist said (Ps. 92): "He that formed the eye, does He not see? He that created the ear,

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Boys' Week in Both West Side and Harlem Synagogues to Be Celebrated This Shabbos

Daily Services

	Harlem	W. Side
Friday Evening.....	6:30	6:30 A.M.
Saturday Morning.....	8:30	9:30 A.M.
Mincha & Mariv	7:30	7:30 P.M.
Daily morning	7:15	7:00 A.M.
Daily afternoon	7:30	7:30 P.M.

SCHIFF CENTER TO BE NEXT OPPONENTS OF I. S. INTER-DEBATING TEAM

Second I. S. Contestant Boasts of Strong Forensic Combination

This Sunday afternoon the I. S. Intermediate Debating Team will meet the team representing the Jacob H. Schiff Center at the latter's auditorium to debate the subject: "Resolved, That the Jewish boys and girls be trained to enter the trades rather than the professions."

The I. S. team, consisting of Captain Abe Margulies, Dave Jacobson, Irving Levine, maintain the negative of that proposition and hope to convince the judges that it will be unwise to direct young people to the various trades instead of allowing their own capabilities and aptitudes to determine their careers.

The Intermediate team is at yet undefeated, having beaten its only opponents this season—Washington Heights "Y"—when the I. S. maintained the affirmative of the proposition, "Resolved, That anti-Semitism can be eliminated." Last year the Intermediate team won the championship of the Manhattan and Bronx. It is their secret desire to maintain that vaunted position.

Mr. Davidson, of the Schiff Center, and Mr. Shapiro, S-E Director, who are coaching the respective teams, have decided on the terms as follows: "Professions," are either medicine, preaching, law and teaching. "Trade," are to represent all other mechanical and agricultural pursuits of any nature. "To train," means that by utilizing schools and special curricula, the Jewish youth be educated for trades.

Talmud Torah Boys to Emulate Spirit of Elders in Conducting Entire Service

In harmony with the proclamation of President Hoover last Sunday, declaring the current week to be Boys' Week, the I. S. at both the West Side and Harlem buildings will have its services conducted solely by boys. The services are usually of the same superior decorum and solemnity as those of their parents.

Your Own Talented Youth

This Shabbos, you will find our own youngsters acting in the capacities of Cantors, Bal-Korem, Rabbis, president, gabbaim. Although there are two Sedrahs, for this week, the boys are nevertheless confident that they are able to go through with the Reading of the Torah. Of course, there will be the usual sermon by the "Rabbis," they having been coached by our Talmud Torah principal, Dr. Datt.

A Service in Miniature

There is no doubt that the boys will be favored with large congregations at both synagogues, for who would not like to see "a service in miniature"? Surely, the dotting and grateful parents will view the "Boys' Saturday" with joy!

Time-Honored Custom

The dedication of the synagogue to boys was inaugurated almost with the founding of the I. S. It is a time-honored event and is an enjoyable one, too. From the praying of the Shachress continuing with the sermon of the Rabbi and concluding with Musof, will be rendered by the Talmud Torah boys. Invitations have been extended to the parents and all the readers of the "Institutional," for this Shabbos will be indelibly and pleasantly imprinted in your memory.

JUNIORS TO HIKE SUNDAY

This Sunday morning, all Juniors are asked to get lunches ready for an all-day hike. They are to meet here at the I. S. at 10 A. M. ready to start. Mr. Maxwell Cohen will be in charge.

FRIDAY EVENING, LIGHT CANDLES 7:36

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CLUBBERY

Now that the Chi-Aeta Club and the Amiga Girls have merged, their biggest problem is to choose a suitable name. They therefore ask for suggestions through the "Institutional." A busy program for the summer months is being mapped, which includes hikes, seashore outings and boat rides. The club plans to have their biggest time now.

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Jeshuruns attended a Vagabond special meeting, which proves that these meetings are interesting to all who attend. The Jeshuruns also held a smoker Sunday evening which was a tremendous success.

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The Kaweko Club opens its summer activities with a hike to Budd Lake. This will take place next week. Eats provided for by the young ladies who will be the guests of these boys. Won't you come along?

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The Abraham Lincoln Club is at last having its much looked-forward-to fishing trip to Long Island Sound a week from this Sunday. They challenge any senior club to meet them in any baseball or tennis game.

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The Beacons have elected Sam Stolin as basketball captain; Ruby Gellis, as swimming coach; Abe Silverman, as baseball captain. They challenge any basketball team in the house. This club held its semi-annual party at the house of one of its members.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR PLEDGE?

To members and Seat Holders:

You were good enough to pledge your support for the emergencies in which we find ourselves at the present time, owing to the unstable condition prevailing in Harlem. We, therefore, ask you to be sincere enough to co-operate with us and send in your contributions as pledged with your yearly membership dues. In that way we may be able to pay our staff.

Thanking you for your co-operation, which I know I may expect from you, I am

Sincerely yours,
ABRAHAM BERNSTEIN,
Executive Secretary.

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MODERN JEWISH HISTORY

Jewish and world history is being made daily. The recent report of the English Commission on the Palestine situation will have historic significance both in its explanations of past events as well as in its implications for future work. The recent meetings of the Executive Council of the Jewish Agency will no doubt have great influence in moulding the plans for future accomplishments in Eretz Yisroel. The forthcoming allied Jewish Campaign to be launched shortly in America will have far-reaching consequences, for upon its success depends much of the Jewish Agency's effectiveness for the ensuing year. Every intelligent and wide-awake Jew should keep abreast of these historic events. Young people especially should consider themselves fortunate that before their very eyes, history—Jewish history—is being made.

The youth of today should read at least one periodical dealing with current Jewish events. Young people with vision will see remarkable changes in Jewish life for the next decade and they would do well to familiarize themselves with present-day events which cast the shadows of a remarkable future in which they can and should have a part.

DRAMATIC TOURNAMENT

It is with much interest that we note the great variety of plays chosen by the club entrants in the Dramatic Tournament which is one of the interesting spring programs planned by the I. S. Our members and guests will have an opportunity to see the work which the clubs are doing in the dramatic field in the very near future. We are urging our members to come with their friends to see the fine dramatic work which the clubs are doing.

SOME NUGGETS CHOSEN *by the RABBI*

"How little it takes to start the voice of praise in some people! The little boy in the slum whose mother had nothing but a board to cover him on cold nights said: 'Mother, what do little boys do who have no board to cover them at night?'"

* * *

"We all need a time of repair each week. We need time in which to store the battery with spiritual energy. We need to gain reserve power. We need to augment our power of resistance. We need from time to time to take our spiritual bearings, and find out where we are and whither we are tending."

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"When one has come to seek the honor that comes from God only, he will take the withholding of the honor that comes from men very quietly."

THE INTERMEDIATE DEBATING TEAM MEETS SCHIFF
CENTER THIS SUNDAY AFTERNOON

I. S. Teams to Be Among Contestants at Metropolitan League Track and Field Meet

All Athletes Are Urged to Participate in One of the Many Events

The Sixteenth Annual Track and Field Meet of the Metropolitan League of Jewish Community Centers will be held in the latter part of May. The Institutional Synagogue is now forming a team that is expected to do honor to the Building that it is representing.

Enter Immediately

Through the medium of the "Institutional," a general call is issued to the members of the Institution who are athletically inclined in track and field events. These members are urged to see Mr. Silbert immediately, in order that the proper application and entry blank be filled out. The Physical Education Department asks that every man come down and see Mr. Silbert in reference to entering this meet.

Among the Features

The program of events closed to members of the Metropolitan League are:

- 100-yard dash
- 440-yard run
- One-mile run
- 60-yard dash for novices
- 220-yard dash for novices
- The field events are:
- 12-pound shot-put
- High jump
- Running broad jump
- High jump for novices
- 80-yard run for novices.

Boy Scouts, Too!

The Boy Scouts of our Institution may enter the 400-yard relay. For this event the Lodge and Ascher Trophy will be awarded.

The events closed for the female members of our Building are:

- 50-yard dash
- Basketball throw
- 440-yard representative relay.

The open A. A. U. events for this meet are the two-mile walk handicap; 2-mile run handicap, and the 100-yard dash handicap. Diamond prizes for these events are to be awarded.

Fame and Medals Await You

Prizes for the Metropolitan League events are gold, silver and bronze medals, respectively, to first, second and third in each event. A trophy will be awarded to the association securing the most points. No man may enter in more than one running and one field event. Entries must be in the hands of the Physical Education Department.

I. S. MUSICIAN WINS GOLD MEDAL AT METRO LEAGUE CONTEST

Among almost two-score musicians participating in the annual Music Contest of the Metropolitan League, held last Sunday afternoon, April 27th, at the Astoria Center of Israel, Astoria, L. I., Master Arnold Silverstein of the I. S. won first place and a gold medal in the junior violin competition.

The contest was divided into two sections: Senior and Junior. The Senior competitions were divided into piano and vocal category, while for the Juniors, there were violin and piano only. Gold, silver and bronze medals were awarded to the winners of each place.

The I. S. winner, Arnold Silverstein, rendered the selection, "Concerto, No. 22," by Viotti, in a most entrancing manner. He was easily head and shoulders above the rest. He was the winner on Saturday night of the District City Music Week Contest, which now entitles him to compete for the Borough prize. He was also the winner for the past several years of silver medals in the Metropolitan League competitions.

ANOTHER APPRECIATIVE PARENT

Miss G. Goldman.

Dear Teacher:

I am writing to you as a mode of expression in regard to my satisfaction of the progress of my daughter Vertella in her Hebrew studies. Prior to the Seder Service, I professed ignorance of what is to be done, and sure enough, she told me everything. Let me thank you for the interest manifested as a teacher. I am hoping that Vertella will be a Hebrew teacher some day in the future.

My wife joins in sending you healthful wishes.

While I remain sincerely,

Yours truly,

SAMUEL VALENTINE.

CONDOLENCES EXTENDED

The I. S. sends its condolences to Mrs. Sarah Polotsky on the death of her mother, MRS. ANNIE FRIEDMAN. Mrs. Polotsky was the former Miss Sarah Friedman, one of the first young lady members of the I. S., and one of its most ardent workers.

PHIL GOODMAN CONTINUES TALE OF PALESTINE ADVENTURES

(This is the second of a series of experiences enjoyed by Mr. Goodman, a member of the I. S. Tranquillity.—The Editor.)

February 22nd

Gaiety and frivolity is the reigning spirit. The joy of soon being in Palestine is breathed in the air. Both young and old women and men, have cast aside all woes and sorrows to enjoy the pleasures of this luxurious ocean liner, the R. M. S. Mauretania.

The spirit of Palestine is prevalent. Singing Palestinian melodies and dancing the Hora is the mode. (I learned the Hora tonight.)

In honor of George Washington's Birthday, a Carnival Supper is held. And—a good time was had by all!

February 23rd

Changes in the diet of the Kosher Kitchen has made the food problem much simpler.

February 24th

Was up at 6:30 A. M. to see the ship entering the Port of Madeira. It is not within my power to describe the beauty of this land. While waiting for the tender to take us ashore, we watched the boys diving from rowboats into the water for coins thrown by the passengers. On shore we were greeted by all types of salesmen anxious to interest us in their wares. We strolled through shady lanes, viewing the quaint huts along the sides of the roads. Then we took a bus ride to the summit of the island. Rode about the outskirts of the village in a bullock cart, visiting a convent, a fort, and a gorgeous garden.

February 27th

In the afternoon we reached Gibraltar. We, i. e., the Jewish passengers, were welcomed by a student of the Gibraltar Yeshivah. He conducted us to a synagogue, which is nearly two hundred years old. It is indeed to be lauded for its grandeur and beauty. We "davened mincha," sang a few Palestinian songs, concluding, of course, with "Hatikvah." Then our guide took us to the Gibraltar Yeshivah. A wholesome air of piety pervaded the atmosphere. Gibraltar has amongst its population nine hundred Jews. In the evening we were entertained at the Jewish Club. We danced and sang with our fellow-Jews and Jewesses. It was indeed satiating to find in such a land, people, who were not only Jews, but orthodox Jews. Truly, the children of Israel are scattered over all corners of the earth.

February 28th

Feeling ambitious, I devoted the afternoon to studying Hebrew with a fellow passenger.

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AN INTERESTING SUBJECT WILL BE ARGUED AND IT
WILL BE TO YOUR BENEFIT IF YOU ATTEND

THE MONTH OF SH'VAT IN PALESTINE

Oranges—the chief industry of Palestine. For sheer beauty, for cleanliness and wholesomeness of the processes of labor, there is no production that can surpass it; there is no industrial process that offers greater possibilities of socializing economic life. All year round the orange groves demand attention, but this is the month of the richest harvest, of the greatest intensity of productive labor. And our village is the center of the orange belt, where for several years past, and throughout what is called the “crisis,” new groves have been planted, and the whole landscape is studded with the emerald of young trees set in old gold earth.

The grove I visited yesterday is a very old one, belonging to the author and farmer, Moshe Smilansky. The approach to the stone pump-house is along a path lined with lush grass and clumps of wild flowers, passing orange trees in full bud from which the fruit has all been cut.

At the pump-house every kind of business was going on; the very end of the process is what I met first, and from there I went back to the beginning. Outside they were loading cases of oranges into a motor lorry—which is succeeding the camel, at least as a Jewish means of transport—and on the porch the cases of thin boards were being constructed on one side, and on the other side the fully packed cases were being nailed closed.

In this grove there are working only one or two Arabs; all the others now are Jews—a few years ago it was otherwise; and in most privately-owned groves the economic and social advantages and possibilities of employing Jewish labor have not yet been realized—and these Jews are vividly contrasting types, exotic Yemenites from southern Arabia, red-cheeked daughters of the village, and college-bred halutzim from Russia or Germany. Those in

TEN BUSINESS COMMANDMENTS

Don't wait for the other fellow to come to you; Go to him.

In competition with others, always give them the credit for being a little smarter than you are.

If you have no money and little credit, capitalize your personality.

Never admit to anybody—and least of all to yourself—that you are licked.

Keep your business troubles to yourself.

Don't be afraid of dreaming too big dreams. Figure on owning a railroad, even if you have to compromise on a flivver.

Make friends: But remember that the best of friends will wear out if used too frequently.

Be square even to the point of finiskiness, and you will have mighty little occasion to complain of a crooked world.

Take advice, but do your own deciding.

Don't toady. The world respects the man who stands up and looks it in the eye.

GEORGE CHURCHILL.

the house, all Jews, sat together on straw matting on the floor, besides heaps of oranges and worked, as it were, into each other's hands. The first ones sorted the oranges, selecting and rejecting; the next wrapped them, and then they were passed on to the expert packer, who fitted them into the cases like blocks. All worked in stockinged feet, lest they soil or injure the fruit. —JESSIE E. SAMPTER.

shall He not hear?” Just as our deeds make their impressions on our being and mind, so also are our deeds impressed on the Master Mind, the Unforgetful Mind. This may be illustrated by the workings of a camera. Every snapshot makes its imprint on the film in the camera, so all our acts are *ipsis factis* photographed on the Master Mind, and are thus recorded. Our conscience bothers us for years after we have done something wrong, and we shrink

MOSLEMS TORMENT YEMENITE JEWS IN MERCILESS MANNER

Distance from civilization often costs many lives. Particularly is this true of the Jews in Southwestern Arabia, known as Yemenites. The terrible plight of our brethren there, the incredible inhumanity and bestiality of their Moslem tormentors, the plethora of sorrow and despair, have not prevented their Jewish spirit from remaining indomitable, their life at home from being clean, quiet and modest; have not abated their abiding devotion to their religion.

There is added danger at the present time, when efforts at conversion of the Yemenite Jewish children are being made by Arab “religious” leaders. These innocent children are to be saved to the Jewish people.

We know of no better human material with which to strengthen the Jewish population of Palestine than the Yemenite Jews, of whom there are about 12,000 in the Holy Land, and 30,000 in Yemen. They are among the most desirable pioneer elements in a country which calls for hard work, patience and sacrifice.

CHOICE CEMETERY PLOTS AVAILABLE

The Institutional Synagogue is in possession of choice plots at the Mt. Zion Cemetery. We request every member to call upon our Executive Director, Mr. Bernstein, in regard to any information that they may desire in regard to this matter.

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March 1st

The ship anchored at 8:00 A. M. at Algiers. Spent a restless day on board ship. After Havdalah, Mildred and I went ashore. We walked through the filthy streets of Algiers. The native costumes of the inhabitants, mainly Frenchmen, Arabs and Moslems, were striking. Veiled women were seen everywhere. We watched a procession entering a masquerade ball. The fantastic and elaborate costumes were quite alluring.

from meeting the wronged. This is strikingly portrayed in the case of the brethren of Joseph. “They could not answer him when he spoke to them because they were terrified at his presence.” The Rabbis in the Talmud Hagiga 4 make a very piquant remark on this verse. They say: “If Joseph's brethren were so terrified at the remonstrance of Joseph, who was merely flesh and blood, how much more terrified did they have reason to be at the thought of the remonstrance which they would receive from the Holy One, blessed be He?”

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