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ETHICS OF THE FATHERS

By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

As to almsgiving, there are four dispositions: He who desires to give, but that others should not give, his eye is evil towards what appertains to others (since almsgiving brings blessing to the giver); he who desires that others should give, but will not give himself, his eye is evil against what is his own; he who gives and wishes others to give is a saint; he who will not give and does not wish others to give is a wicked man.

Others should not give. This is giving for personal aggrandizement.

Others should give. He gives if he is under pressure, but would prefer to have others donate the needed amount.

Every controversy that is in the name of heaven shall in the end lead to a permanent result, but every controversy that is not in the name of heaven shall not lead to a permanent result. Which controversy was that which was in the name of heaven? Such was the controversy of Hillel and Shammai. And that which was not in the name of heaven? Such was the controversy of Korach and all his company.

In the name of heaven. When there is a controversy which has no ulterior motive, no personal grudge, the end will be something constructive. When, however, it is only for self-aggrandizement, for personal motives, there will be no constructive results. In the first place Hillel and Shammai were personal friends (see Yebamoth 14b), and in the second case it was a quarrel aimed at the person of Moses. We note in the first instance the Mishna gives the name Hillel and his opponent. In the second instance the Mishna mentions Korach and "all his company," leaving out the name of Moses. This is to indicate that before the opposition reached Moses, there were quarrels between Korach and his associates. Where the personal motive dominates, there are as many differences of opinion as there are persons.

Whosoever causes the multitude to be righteous, through him no sin shall be

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Annual Field and Track Meet of I. S. for Social Dept. and Talmud Torah on June Fifteenth

Daily Services

	Harlem	W. Side
Friday Evening	6:30	6:30 P. M.
Saturday Morning ..	8:30	9:00 A. M.
Mincha & Mariv	7:30	7:30 P. M.
Daily morning	7:15	7:00 A. M.
Daily afternoon	7:45	7:45 P. M.

SENIORS REORGANIZE INTO COUNCIL FOR SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Mr. Bernstein Speaks to Representatives On Co-operation

The Seniors conducted an organization meeting last Thursday evening and all the clubs were represented in order to organize a Senior Council. The meeting was called by Mr. Cohen.

Mr. Bernstein, Executive Director, spoke to the members there and discussed the value of co-operation between the clubs and councils and between the I. S. and the clubs in general.

A summer program is contemplated, and according to Sam Bellit of the Vagabonds, who was elected the president, the Council is going to spare no effort in putting the I. S. among the great. The next meeting for the Council is called for this Thursday.

CANTOR YAVNEH RE-ELECTED FOR ANOTHER TWO-YEAR TERM

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors, Cantor Zalman Yavneh was re-engaged for a period of two years with the I. S. Cantor Yavneh has, because of his outstanding services and excellent voice, always been in great favor with I. S. congregations, and here's hoping for his continued success.

ANTI-SEMITISM AGAIN SHOWS UGLY HEAD IN BESSARABIA

The Cuzists have renewed their anti-Semitic propaganda in a number of Bassarabian villages, where they are calling on the peasants at the weekly markets to destroy Jewish property and to exterminate the Jews whom the authorities tolerate.

Varied and Numerous Events Listed for This Year

Announcements of the annual I. S. Field Day, which is to take place on Sunday morning, June 15th, is made by Mr. Silbert, director of the gymnasium activities. The interest exhibited in the past Field Meets is again in evidence among both the clubs of the Social Department and the Talmud Torah pupils.

Events have been arranged for all ages and sizes, so that competition might be evenly and fairly conducted. The entrants will be allowed to compete only in the division that they are registered in. It is important to note that no field entries will be allowed, so that the necessity of sending in your application early is apparent. Entries must be in not later than June 12th and may be given to Mr. Silbert or Mr. Shapiro as soon as possible.

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CLOSING BIBLE CLASS HELD BY WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF WEST SIDE

The closing Bible Class of the season of the Women's League took place last Wednesday morning, May 21st, at 10:30 A. M., at the West Side I. S., with Rabbi Goldstein leading. This organization welcomed back its president, Mrs. A. H. Cohen, who has recovered from her recent illness.

The officers of the League are Mrs. Albert H. Cohen, president; Mrs. Joseph Levy, first vice-president; Mrs. Harry Millstein, second vice-president; Mrs. Samuel Silver, treasurer; Mrs. Benjamin S. Horwitz, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Joseph Anderson, recording secretary, and Mrs. Benjamin Goldstein, secretary of the Bible Class.

WINNERS OF CHECKER TOURNAMENT

The winners of the Checker Tournament are: First prize, Ray Wolkin of the Argoes, and second, Solly Behar of the Junior Giants.

FRIDAY EVENING, LIGHT CANDLES 7:58

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CLUBBERY

The Happy Wanderers, under the leadership of Miss Frances Philips, have just completed a composition contest. The subject was their trip to the Museum of Natural History. The winning composition will appear later in the columns of the INSTITUTIONAL. They are indeed to be congratulated on their fine work.

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The Falcons intend making a great showing this summer down the Island. They have all purchased bathing suits—green, of course—and a large pennant and a twelve-foot pole. Look for the green and orange when you come down this year. It'll be the Falcons—and how! The Falcons wish lots of luck to the new arrivals in our fair institution. "A guten yohr tsu alle."

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The Argoes have for the past few weeks been trying to get a challenge for their swimming contest from any of the clubs in the building, Senior, Intermediate or Junior. So far there have been no takers. They are willing to "spot" 10 points and are confident of victory anyway.

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The Vagabonds enjoyed a hike last Sunday, when they wandered around the woods at Hunter's Island. Fishing, baseball and other games were enjoyed. Even at this late date, some are still in the woods.

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The Amiga Club has decided to spend its Sundays—outdoors. The girls went to see the famous fleet at anchor in the Hudson.

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.

SHEVUOTH—THE FEAST of WEEKS

The setting sun of Sunday, June the 1st, will witness the ushering in of one of the greatest Jewish holidays celebrated by the Jews the world over, and which lasts two days, namely, through June the 3rd. The Feast of Weeks is the festival on which, to use a popular saying, we may eat what we want and where we want and where we want it; we need not eat unleavened bread, as on Passover, nor do we have to stay in booths, as on Tabernacles. Two conditions add to the joyful nature of this festival. Since it occurs during the beginning of the summer, when the weather is very pleasant and fruits of various kinds are in abundance, we can take advantage of this festival for the enjoyment of nature in a wholesome manner. This is the more keenly felt, because the holiday is preceded by a period of abstinence from everything festive, known as the "Sefirah."

We celebrate this holiday in commemoration of the giving of the Torah to the Israelites more than three thousand years ago, and is therefore referred to in the Silent Devotion of the festival as "Z'man Matan Torosenu." "The Time of the Giving of Our Torah." Besides this appellation, it is known by three different names, namely, "Shevuoth," or Feast of Weeks; "Chag Hakozir," Feast of Harvest, and "Chag Habikkurim," Feast of the First Fruits. Every one of the above names is suggestive of both the time when the holiday is celebrated and the nature and ideals connected with it.

"Z'MAN MATAN TOROSENU"

We became a people as a result of the receiving of the Torah; no wonder that we celebrate this fact by the observance of a special holiday and several ceremonies suggestive of our adoration for the Torah. Pious Jews the world over are accustomed to pass the first night of "Shevuoth" studying the Torah. We show thereby that no sooner did we receive the Torah than we try to study it to completion. Since it is impossible to complete the Torah, not only in one night, but even in a lifetime, a special collection of excerpts from all parts of the Torah; known as "Tikkun," was devised; and the pious Jews study and chant it all through the first night of the Feast of Weeks. Of the same nature is the saying of "Akdomus" on the first morning of "Shevuoth" before the reading of the Torah. The prayer under discussion is a poetic laudation of the Torah and of its Giver, our Heavenly Father, and is chanted in a characteristic solemn manner. As to the reading of the Torah which immediately follows the singing of "Akdomus," it is taken from "Jethro" (Exodus XIX), and consists of a description of the giving of the Torah.

MRS. MORRIS SCHATZ, U. O. J. C. A. (Women's Branch)

NEXT FRIDAY, MAY 30th, MEMORIAL DAY
WILL BE CELEBRATED

**We wish to congratulate
MR. ABRAHAM EISENSTAT**

upon his election as president of the Young Israel of Washington Heights. May he find lots of joy in his administration.

JUNIOR DEBATERS LOSE TO YONKERS CENTER TEAM

Maintaining the negative of the subject, "Resolved, That Hebrew be included as one of the elective languages in the high school and that students passing satisfactorily examinations receive credit for advanced knowledge," the I. S. Junior Team lost by a 2 to 1 decision to the Yonkers Center forensic group last Thursday evening.

Although the subject was considered undebatable because of recent developments regarding changes in the New York high school curriculum, no mention was made of these. Myron Heckler and Willie Rosenfeld represented the I. S. side of the question.

They set out to show that Hebrew would be an added burden in the curriculum; given a preference among other languages would arouse anti-Semitic propaganda; and that it would lose its sanctity; and that there are other agencies only too glad to teach Hebrew.

The Yonkers "Y" was represented by Irving Gruber, Robert Fondiller and Arthur Leblang and proved that Hebrew in the high schools was desirable because it presented the only real means of having our youth learn the sacred tongue, and that it was important because of the developments in Palestine; that teachers would be easily obtained for the high schools and that it would preserve a great and ancient literature. The brilliant speaker, Irving Gruber, caused the audience to marvel at this youthful prodigy. The judges of the debate were Mr. Margulies, Mr. Rosenkrantz and Mr. Fred Kornfeld. Mr. Shapiro acted as chairman.

With Sorrah

do we learn of the untimely death of **MR. IRVING COOPER** member of the Melrah Club, who suddenly passed away last Friday. Condolences are extended to his parents.

**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.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel C. Edelson invite all members and seat-holders of the Institutional Synagogue to the Bar Mitzvah of their son,

ROBERT

which will take place at the West Side Branch, 148 West 85th Street, this Saturday, May 24th

A Kiddush will be served at the Synagogue after services

**POPE DEMANDED JEWS CONVERT
FROM HERZL**

The Pope demanded the conversion of all the Jews when Theodor Herzl, founder of political Zionism and the first president of the World Zionist Organization, approached the Vatican to support Zionism. This was revealed yesterday by Heinrich Yorksteiner, Herzl's companion, on the occasion of the celebration here of the 70th birthday of the founder of political Zionism.

brought about; but he who causes the multitude to sin shall not have the means to repent (the sins of others being beyond the remedial action of his repentance). Moses was righteous and made the multitude righteous; the righteousness of the multitude was laid upon him, as it is said, he executed the justice of the Lord and his judgments with Israel.—(Deut. xxxiii.)

Moses. It appears as if the Torah given through Moses is Martial Law, because of its strictness and severity. When Moses saw some people departing from the Law he exclaimed, "Who is for the Lord, let him come to me," and enacted signal judgment against the infractors of the law. What was the result? In that way "He performed Godly righteousness in his judgment with Israel" (Deut.), and became the benefactor of the Jewish people. He preserved the unity of Israel. Jeroboam, on the other hand, encouraged departure from the Law, conceding and compromising, allowing the building of two centers for pilgrimage, for the convenience of the people. This led to disintegration, and to the disruption of the unity of Israel.

Juda, the son of Tema, said, "Be strong as a leopard, light as an eagle, fleet as a reindeer and strong as a lion, to do the will of thy Father who is in heaven."

Leopard is unabashed. So, too, in the performance of God's will, we must not be ashamed.

Reindeer. Swift. The eagle represents the pull upward and the reindeer the push forward.

Lion. Strength. We must lend all our bodily strength to do the will of God. "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy might."

**LAG B'OMER PROGRAM ENJOYED
BY JUNIORS WITH SEACS
AS HOST**

The Junior clubs of the Social Department enjoyed a real Lag B'Omer celebration last Wednesday evening with the boys of the Seacs, led by Mr. Margulies, acting as their host. Besides the program, movies were also exhibited to more than three-score youngsters.

Sidney Hauer was in charge of the Seac program and deserves much credit for his work. He utilized the talents of almost every member of his club; some of whom recited some poems appropriate to Lag B'Omer; others singing Hebrew songs, and one told the story of Lag B'Omer.

In between times reels of moving picture "We Serve New York," contributed by the Consolidated Gas Co., were shown to the kiddies, who, besides seeing how each industry operates and uses gas, were also taken aboard the Zeppelin and given a trip through the clouds. As 10 o'clock approached, the children regretfully went home.

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DISTINCT BENEFIT

may accrue to you if you will leave your name with the I. S. before going on that much-desired vacation.

There is not telling what may happen while you are gone; and the I. S. is peculiarly well-circumstanced to reach relatives and otherwise dispatch that which a certain moment may make most important.

**LET THIS BE A WORD TO
THE WISE**

DON'T FORGET

The Thirteenth Annual June Walk

For our boys and girls of the Talmud Torah and Social Department

SUNDAY, JUNE 8th

and the

Annual Strawberry Festival

TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 10th

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of the I. S. are extended to
MASTER MURRAY HARRIS
the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles
Harris on the occasion of his Bar-
Mitzvah at the West Side I. S. last
Saturday morning, May 17.

The events are as follows:

FIELD DAY ENTRY BLANK

(Place a check before the event you wish to enter.)

Junior Club and Gym Boys

-1. 40-yard dash.
-2. Running broad jump.
-3. 200-yard club relay (4 men).

Intermediate Club and Gym Boys

-1. 100-yard dash.
-2. The 8-lb. shot put.
-3. 400-yard club relay (4 men).

Senior Club and Gym Men

-1. 440-yard run.
-2. One mile run (open).
-3. Running high jump.
-4. Relay Seniors (3 clubs at least must be entered).

Girls' Clubs

-1. 40-yard dash.
-2. Basketball throw for distance.

Events Closed to Talmud Torah Boys

-1. 40-yard dash.
-2. 50-yard dash.
-3. Running broad jump.
-4. 200-yard class relay.

Name

Division

Address

Weight

Club

Talmud Torah Class

HOW TO PLAY CHESS

The Pieces and Their Powers

The Queen can move either horizontally or diagonally. She combines the Powers of the Bishop and the Rook. She can, at one move, if space be open, pass along the whole length of the board, or, if moving diagonally, from corner to corner. Although she can move and take in the same manner as a Bishop or as a Rook, she must make the whole of one move in one direction, and cannot combine in one move the powers of these two pieces. In other words, she cannot move around a corner at one step.

The Rook, sometimes called the Castle, may pass along the entire length of the board at one move, if space be open. It may move backward, or forward, or sideways—but always horizontally, never diagonally.

**HONOR THEM SO THEY MAY NOT HAVE
DIED IN VAIN**