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BIBLE CLASS

Be on the lookout for an early announcement concerning the opening session of Rabbi Goldstein's Monday evening group in Bible study.

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PUBLIC SPEAKING

Members of last year's adult class in Public Speaking will meet on Wednesday mornings, at 10:30 o'clock under the direction of Mr. David Mendelson. The first session was held Wednesday, September 26th.

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UNVEILING

The unveiling for the late Rev. Bernard Kramer will take place on Sunday afternoon, October 2nd, at 4 o'clock, at Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Friends of the deceased are invited to be present. Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein will officiate.

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The unveiling for the late Esther Shapiro will take place this Sunday morning at Salem Fields Cemetery, at 11:30 o'clock.

Members and friends are requested to be present.

Rabbi Goldstein will officiate.

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REFUGEE EMPLOYMENT

Our office is receiving daily requests for aid and employment from German and Austrian refugees. We believe that the finest assistance we could render to anyone in need is to provide the opportunity to maintain him or herself through honest labor. We are therefore calling upon our readers to assist us in our task by informing our office of any employment vacancies that may occur either in the factory, office or home.

Light Candles Friday Evening 5:27

Weekly Portion: VAYELEK

Friday Evening Service	5:30
Saturday Morning Service	9:00
Dr. Zadok Kapner	4:45

Sabbath of Repentance
Talmudic Dissertation

Mincha	5:20
Sunday Morning Service	6:45, 8:00
Monday Morning Service	6:30, 7:30
Monday Evening Service	5:25

Tuesday Erev Yom Kippur

Morning Service	6:30, 7:30
Mincha Service	2:00, 3:30
Kol Nidre	5:25
Yom Kippur Day Service	8:00
Daily Services	6:30, 7:30
Mincha Service	5:25

Followed by Study of the Mishna

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RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN SAVES JEWS FROM DESECRATING THE SABBATH

Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, as President of the Rabbinical Council of America, prevailed upon Mr. Margolin of the Eastern Women's Headwear Association, Inc. which is the trade organization of the Millinery Industry of New York, to permit Sabbath observing workers of the industry to make up the two days of Rosh Hashannah at some time other than Sabbath days, the latter which had originally been designated as make-up days.

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FELICITATIONS

We extend our best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Irving W. Karpf, of 235 West 76th Street, on the occasion of the Bar Mitzvah of their son Joseph Maxwell in our synagogue this Saturday.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Members of the Women's League will meet on Monday afternoon, October 3rd at 2:30 o'clock. Important matters will be discussed. The ladies are urged to be present.

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OPENING SESSION OF HIGH SCHOOL

Students who registered for the High School Class will meet for the first time on Sunday morning, October 2nd at 10 o'clock in the school auditorium.

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"With the Help of God"
September 23, 1938

Pastor E. J. Aplin
590 West End Avenue
New York City

My dear Pastor Aplin:

It is indeed heartening in these dark, irreligious days of intolerance to receive a New Year greeting from a Christian Clergyman.

I trust that the New Year 5699 may be a harbinger of a just peace in the world. I pray that all peoples everywhere may be permitted to live as the Prophet put it, "unafraid."

Believe me to be,

Sincerely yours,

HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN
Rabbi

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CONGRATULATIONS

Our sincere felicitations to Mr. & Mrs. Samuel W. Chanin, of 2 West 67th Street, on the occasion of the Bar Mitzvah of their son Robert Howard last Saturday in our Synagogue.



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THE DWELLERS IN CLAY

O habitants of homes of clay,
Why lift ye such a swelling eye,
Ye are but as the beasts that die,
Why do ye boast of more than they?
Unhappy man, with chastened soul,
And opened eyes, true vision win,
To see thy lowly origin
And thy inevitable goal.
Behold no jot with thee will stay
Of all the glory now so great,
Strangers shall seize thy lived estate,
And empty thou shalt go away.
O haughty-souled, come gather all,
Remember and stand fast and raise
Your hearts and hands in common
praise
And thus to God in heaven call!
"Woe to our souls, and wellaway
For all the sins that we have sinned,
Alas, we have pursued the wind
And like to sheep have gone astray.
What favor can we ask our grace?
The wave of sin has overflowed
Our heads, and heavv is our load
Of guilt, how dare we lift our face?
Draw up Thy people from the pit,
Thou Ruler of the death and height,
Stiff-necked were we in Thy respite,
Yet of Thy mercies bate no whit.
But shed Thy sweet compassion o'er
The people knocking at Thy gate,
Thou art The Master of our fate,
And unto Thee our eyes unsoar."

— Translated from the Hebrew —
By ISRAEL ZANGWILL

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THERE LIVES A MAN

We are fortunate to have in our midst so distinguished a man as Dr. Zadok Kapner who will deliver the traditional 'pilpul' on this Sabbath, Shabbos Shuvo.

Dr. Kapner epitomizes in his person and temperament the ideal classic Jew. He is both scholar and saint, teacher and healer, mature yet buoyant. He is humble, modest and retiring, but nevertheless, he radiates a loftiness of spirit and a creative intelligence that is contagious.

May he be with us for many happy and fruitful years.

E. L. L.

"AS
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Wake Up England And France - Sin

Crouches At Your Door

By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

"Throwing a bone to the wolf will not appease his appetite," is the thought which Sir Winston Churchill aptly applied to the European Democracies' cowardly attitude toward Adolf Hitler. England and France have demonstrated in their unmoral conduct toward Czechoslovakia what our Rabbi Simeon ben Gamliel so pithily in the Ethics of the Fathers declared, "I have not found anything better for the BODY than (abject) silence". For the SOUL, however, there is nothing better than to cry out, to protest in no uncertain terms against wrong. For the body it is well to cringe and be silent. Chamberlain and Daladier have wantonly saved their skins but they will never be able to still their conscience or the world conscience. Democracy's sin in failing to protect the weak but lovely Czechoslovakia against the wild and ferocious Hitler will ever lie crouching at its door. Once a hunter killed a wolf and carried home its cub. At first it was coddled until one night, true to its blood, it had a taste for flesh and was ready to strike. The hunter coming home from the field opened his door and behold there he saw two eyes of fire; the animal crouched, and with one leap forward the brute struck him. When the men about him had slain the beast and the hunter was carried to the hospital, he said, "Thank G-d I have been torn by the fangs of a wild beast but not by the fangs of conscience." A Europe wounded in the body can recover but a Europe wounded in the soul is, I fear, im-

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"JEWS AND SCIENCE"

By GABRIEL F. GOLDSTEIN, M. A.,
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HOW INCENSE?

Musical scales have their analogies in scales of fragrance. Professor Bogert of Columbia University has found that in similarity to musical symphonies there are odor symphonies. Each odor has its particular effects on the olfactory cells. Unusual facts such as these frequently help clarify the meaning or the purpose of many Biblical customs. Here this fact explains the necessary detail in the use of incense in ritual cattle offerings.

These details are very carefully prescribed in the Book of Exodus and are then thoroughly elaborated upon in the Talmud. It was required that the preparation of the spices be made by an expert apothecary or what we might call to-day a dispensing chemist. Modern chemists can recognize and sometimes, possibly even learn from, the biblical methods.

The first type of odor producing substance was the one which was subjected to dry distillation. The vegetable or plant was heated directly and emitted its natural fragrance.

The other type of incense was prepared from materials which were first refined or treated by chemical and physical methods. It is widely known that a liquid medium can be used to separate ingredients from a mixture. If, let us say, common table salt and ordinary chalk were to be separated, water could serve as an extracting agent. The salt would dissolve in the water and leave the chalk behind, as chalk is insoluble. After the solution is filtered and the chalk removed, the water can be evaporated, leaving pure salt. Vegetable products can be treated likewise. The solvent in this case is however usually, ether, carbon tet-

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"YOM KIPPUR"**The Day of Atonement**

(Excerpts of the U. O. J. C. A. —
Holiday Bulletin)

The "Selichoth" of the Penitential Days

Many a pious Jew rises before dawn during the days intervening between New Years and the Day of Atonement to recite "selichoth", as on the days preceding New Years. The approaching Day of Judgment impels the scrupulous Jew to pray day and night for forgiveness.

Erev Yom Kippur, or the Eve of the Day of Atonement

The day that precedes the day of Atonement is a very important holiday. The sages of old told us that it is as much of a good deed to eat on the Eve of Yom Kippur as it is to fast on Yom Kippur, proper, and that he who observes both properly, is credited with having fasted two days. The chief features of Erev Yom Kippur are the asking of forgiveness and the meal before the fast.

The Asking of Forgiveness

Repentance, praying, and even charity cannot remove the effects of a sin committed against a fellow human being. To accomplish that end the injured party must be appeased. For this reason the morning of the Eve of Yom Kippur is used to establish peaceful relations between quarreling parties as well as to remove all possible animosities by asking the forgiveness of those whom we may have offended in anyway.

The Meal before the Fast

The approach of the Day of Atonement causes a spirit of sanctity to pervade the Jewish home. There is something holy in the serious look of every pious Jew as he is seated at the table taking part in the last meal before the fast; there is something suggestive of reverence and awe in every soft word uttered; and there is something particularly soul stirring in the recitation of the grace after-meals. After the meal the oldest male member of the family blesses the children. He puts his hands on the heads bowed in reverence and with subdued tears and unsubsided emotion pronounces a short blessing. After this ceremony is completed the entire family proceed to the synagogue; while the setting sun spreads its dying rays upon them.

NEWS

Maccabbee Sport Club liquidates in Czechoslovakia.

Havana Provincial Government refuses to recognize the "Cuban Nazi Party" as a legal political party.

Despite Arab terrorism, three new settlements were established in Palestine during the month of August.

The number of Jewish physicians and dentists in Austria limited to 430.

German Jewish physicians ordered to report for service in the event of war.

Tens of thousands of Roumanian Jews lose the rights of citizenship.

Ussishkin refused admittance to Berlin to address the Jewish National Fund meeting arranged in honor of his seventieth birthday.

Nazi Press disturbed over Jews' support of Czechoslovakia.

If you don't know, it is the Skoda Works, Europe's largest metallurgical and ammunition plants which is attracting Hitler to the Sudeten area.

Professor Jacob Weiner recalled to Washington as financial expert due to present European crisis.



GETTING PERSONAL

By HIM, ME & I

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Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cohen on the engagement of their son, Irving. . . . What's Harry waiting for? . . . Our felicitations to Mrs. Annie R. Morris on the occasion of the forthcoming marriage of her son, Mortimer, to Adeline Goodfriend, Sunday afternoon, at the Westover. . . . Thanks, Dave (and we all know it's Dave Ullman) for the appearance of the Talethem. . . . Glad to see Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Garfinkel and son Merrill in our Synagogue last Saturday. We are looking forward to seeing them some more. . . . An oddity in American-Jewish life a swell Scoutmaster and an excellent **Baal Koreh**, Danny Weiss. . . . Glad to see Rebbitzin Lifschitz at the executive meeting of the Women's League. We're sure she'll be an asset. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Solarz and son Sanford left their Brooklyn home and are putting up at a hotel in order to be with us during the High Holiday services. That's loyalty for you! . . . We missed Mr. and Mrs. Julius H. Silverstein at services. . . . Welcome Judge and Mrs. Max Salomon at services last Saturday. . . . Our old good friend Emanuel Levigston dropped in to the office for an 'Erev Yom tov' chat with the Rabbis. Glad to see you. . . . Glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Gus Rubinstein and family with us. . . . Nice having with us Commissioner and Mrs. William Herlands for the Holidays. . . . Gabby sure did a swell job reading the Torah and blowing Shofar at the overflow service. . . . Thanks to the volunteer Cantors at the Rosh Hashonah services — Roth - Steinberg - Kessler - Applebaum. . . . "Iber a Yahr Veiter" Last but not least our heartfelt and sincere good wishes for many happy returns of the day to our beloved, esteemed and inspired president — the one and only — Lester Udell.

As R'CHASH SEES IT

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mortally hurt and a blot on the history of mankind.

Mankind is WRITING history and doing it shamefully. May G-d now RIGHT history and do it mercifully. May mankind soon learn the lesson of scripture as proclaimed in the second verse of the fourth Chapter of Zechariah, "Not by might nor by strength but by My spirit sayeth the Lord of Hosts."

HOW INCENSE?

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rachloride or alcohol. In the case of incense, Cyprus wine or alcohol is prescribed by the Talmud in order to concentrate the odour. Lye was used to bleach and beautify the clothes. This subject is discussed in the prayer "Pitum Haktores" פְּטוּם הַקְּטוֹרוֹת after "Ain Kelokenu" אֵין כְּאֱלֹהֵינוּ

wherein we further read that a minute quantity of Maaleh Ashan is used. This product is a herb acting as a corrective agent which caused the smoke to ascend in a straight line. The introduction of a chemical of this kind in this early period is really quite noteworthy. Chemists to-day are still working on methods of directing the path of smoke and other vapors, for both military and commercial reasons, in the way of smoke screens and sky-writing respectively.

When the scientific nature of the preparation of incense is pointed out, the necessity of details becomes more apparent. Bearing in mind the analogy of a musical and odor scale, one can understand that a wrong proportion of a particular spice would be as much out of place as an erroneous or flat musical note in an otherwise soothing composition.

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"YOM KIPPUR"

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"Kol Nidre"

"Kol Nidre," with which the Yom Kippur evening services begin, is an absolution of vows made unwillingly at moments of excessive zeal. Taking into consideration the human weakness of vowing, at certain moments, more than one can fulfill, the Torah authorized the rabbis to absolve such obligations, when all parties involved agree. The starting of the first service of the Day of Atonement with this prayer may be viewed as an appropriate introduction to our supplications for forgiveness. Our recognition of the same encourages us to plead for a total forgiveness of all sins committed in the past.

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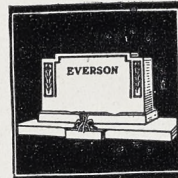
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