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LOYALTY VIEWPOINT

A MONSTROSITY

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

I attended a masquerade, and all the people came in with false-faces. Reform Judaism is a false face for Judaism. The Conservative group, attempting to ape them, flirts with the Orthodox and dances with the Reform. There has grown up in our midst the S. A. J., — or as some designate these initials — "Society of Angry Jews". Let us see how consistent they are. I am told that when they are called up to the Torah, they do not pronounce the benediction "Blessed Art Thou O L-d our G-d who has chosen us from all the nations, and has given us His Torah". They call this "Reconstruction". You can reconstruct a house, when upon its foundation you rebuild the house — otherwise you are destroying and building a new house. The foundation of Judaism is G-d and His Torah, as His Revealed Will. Take this foundation from under Judaism and you have no longer Divine sanction, and a G-d-given religion. A Judaism built upon a foundation of man will be only as lasting, and as perfect, as man.

It is my firm belief that this war has come about, because we have removed G-d as the dominating factor in our lives.

Mankind in general ran away from G-d's Law. The Rabbis' commenting upon Genesis Chapter 2 Verse 16, says, that all mankind is to keep at least, the seven (Noachim) laws, — (1) to establish courts of Justice, to refrain from (2) blasphemy (3) idolatry (4) adultery (5) bloodshed (6) robbery; and (7) eating flesh cut off from a living animal (so as not to treat animals cruelly). (Sanhedrin 56A bottom). The Bible in the Book of Leviticus, Chapter 18 Verse 5 declares "Ye shall therefore keep my Statutes, and my judgments; which if a MAN do, he shall LIVE by them". Upon this verse Rabbis make the piquant remark,

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SYNAGOGUE RULES

To create a reverent and spiritual atmosphere during Religious Services should be upper-most in our minds. Remember the injunction of the Shulchan Aruch

"Know before whom thou standest".

Congregants are urged to cooperate to maintain a decorous Service in keeping with Jewish tradition.

Do not go to or from your seat while the Ark is open, while the Torah is being read, or when the Rabbi is speaking.

Please check your coats before going into the Main Synagogue.

In keeping with Synagogue etiquette women should have their heads covered when entering the Synagogue.

WE STRONGLY APPEAL TO ALL TO REFRAIN FROM CONVERSATION DURING SERVICES. IT NOT ONLY DISTURBS AND OFFENDS YOUR NEIGHBOR BUT DEPRIVES YOU OF YOUR PROPER DEVOTION TO PRAYER.

Please refrain from bringing your pocketbooks and umbrellas to the Synagogue on the Sabbath.

RABBI AND MRS. GOLDSTEIN HOLDING "AT HOME" ON SHEMINI ATZERETH

In keeping with their annual custom, Rabbi and Mrs. Goldstein will entertain the entire congregation on Saturday afternoon, Shemini Atzereth, from 4 to 6 o'clock, at their new home — 229 West 78th Street.

They are anxious to greet all the members and friends of the West Side Institutional Synagogue, both the adults and the young folks as well.

LAYMEN'S INSTITUTE

Classes in the Laymen's Institute will begin on Monday, October 19th. Registration will be held this Monday, October 5th.

The classes will include courses in elementary, intermediate, and advanced Hebrew, Jewish history, Philosophy and the Book of Psalms.

Those interested in taking these courses are urged to register promptly.

3000 TICKETS FOR SALE FOOTBALL GAME SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1st

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Mr. David H. Ullman, Chairman of the committee in charge of the arrangements for the football game which is being held on Sunday, November 1st, 1942 between the Pittsburgh Pirates and the New York Giants announces that the West Side Institutional Synagogue has 3000 tickets for sale at the regular box office price of \$2.20.



LESTER UDELL

Our president, Lester Udell, has offered to more than treble the number of tickets sold by any other member of the congregation. Let's see how close a run we can give him for his unbounding enthusiasm!

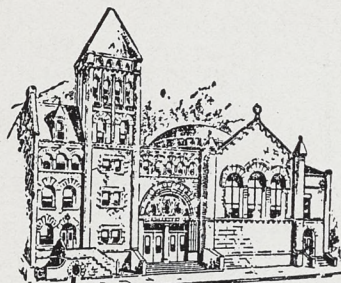
We propose to supply demands for these reserved seats in the order given.

We urge our readers to telephone TR. 7-8281 or TR. 7-8251 for reservations.

Since a heavy demand is expected for these seats you are urged to act promptly so as to be sure of securing tickets for the game.

CONDOLENCE

Our heartfelt sympathies are extended to the Plottel and Goodstein families upon the loss of Marie Goodstein.



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LET'S FOLLOW THE RULES

The Slutzker Rav was asked by Jacob H. Schiff, "How is it that in the reform temples it is so quiet, whilst in the orthodox synagogue there is talking?" The Rabbi replied, "Mr. Schiff, the orthodox synagogue is the second home of our people. When a person is in his own home he does not sit up rigidly but is friendly and converses with the members of the family. This is the reason why we talk in the Synagogue". Now whilst this explains perhaps our own Rabbi's liberality concerning an occasional word to be spoken during the Services he wants us to understand that this may be extended to such a degree, that it robs the Service of its inspiration. There are only a few times during the Shema when speaking is permissible. However Jewish law does not permit conversations. We have therefore printed in this number of our "Review" certain rules for decorum for the men and the women which we trust will be carried out not only in the letter but the spirit, as well.

"AS
R'CHASH
SEES
IT"



112th COMMANDMENT

The Sabbatical Year For The Land

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

This is a positive commandment concerning the Sabbatical year. The land must rest every seventh year, as we read in Exodus, Chapter 34, Verse 21. During the Sabbatical year we are commanded not to busy ourselves at all with any work on the field. Previously in the 84th Commandment we discussed what was to be done with the **produce** of the land of the Sabbatical year.

113th COMMANDMENT

Not to Eat Meat and Milk Products Together

We are commanded not to eat meat and milk which are boiled together, as it is written "Thou shalt not seethe a kid in its mother's milk". (Exodus, Chapter 34, Verse 26). This commandment is repeated three times, once prohibiting us from hav-

ing any BENEFIT therefrom, second from BOILING meat and milk products together, and third prohibiting us from EATING them together. You may ask the question—why does the Bible say you shall not eat the mixture of meat and milk products, instead of "thou shalt not (boil) them together." This prohibition is different than others. In regard to others one is not guilty of breaking the law unless he derives pleasure from eating the forbidden thing, however in regard to the eating of a mixture of meat and milk products even if one has no pleasure therefrom but only consumes or swallows it he violates the commandment and receives stripes. This is the reason why the term is not employed because eating means to partake of something for the sake of enjoyment. This law pertains to all places to males and females. Further details are given and explained in the Talmud Chulin.

There are some, however, who think of these laws merely as hygienic. This must necessarily be true, for the Lord is our physician, and any diet-laws which He prescribes must be for the health, longevity, and well-being of those who live by them. Yet nowhere in the Bible do we find health and cleanliness given as the reasons for the observance of these laws. The Bible sums them up in the following words: "Ye shall therefore consecrate yourselves and ye shall be holy".

LOYALTY VIEWPOINT

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"Priests, Levites and Israelites are NOT mentioned, but MEN," — all mankind is obliged to observe these seven fundamental precepts. All of us have tried to escape. We have tried to break away from His way. We have failed to serve Him. As a result, G-d gave us, instead of Himself, a man, a Hitler whom all mankind now fears. When Hitler rules, we are all slaves. It is as King Solomon indicated, one of the six things that makes the earth tremble is when a man of low estate becomes a king.

The lesson is obvious—there must be a general return—we must, as Tennyson put it, "Be loyal to the royal in us". Loyalty to G-d and the royal, the G-d in us, must become once more our great concern. As Jews, we must understand that the break in religious unity, by the appearance of parties of fractional loy-

alty, has led more and more to straying away from the Torah, the will of G-d. From the Days of Jeremiah when the Temple was destroyed down to our own day, the Prophets, the Sanhedrin, the Sages of the Talmud, the Gaonim, the Philosophers and the Rabbis have all proclaimed in days similar to ours "why should we complain? Let us search through and investigate our ways. We have indeed transgressed and rebelled", thou hast truly not pardoned. Cause us to return, O Lord, unto THEE, and we will return: renew our days as of old". This is what we of the Loyalty Viewpoint say to ourselves, to our brethren, who have made parties in Israel, and to all mankind — to Return to G-d, so that He may turn to us, and bless the world with Peace, for as the Prophet Isaiah put it "And behold the work of Righteousness shall be peace, and the effect thereof quiet and security forever."



MRS. SAMUEL FASTEN and Postmaster Albert Goldman
Mrs. Fasten is seen making the last payment in a drive by the Mizrahi Women's Organization which raised half a million dollars in War Bonds to help our Nation's war effort.

SCRAP DRIVE

In order to aid the war effort the synagogue has made arrangements to receive your scrap. Please cooperate by bringing your scrap to the building this week.

THEATRE PARTY

The Hebrew Teachers' Training School for Girls is giving a Theatre Party at the Morosco Theatre on October 7th. "The Morning Star" will be presented. All are urged to cooperate.

MARRIAGE CLINIC

Experience has taught us that an urgent need exists for enlightened and more thorough understanding in the field of sexual life (sexology).

Much grief and unhappiness could easily be prevented by a better and clearer understanding of these problems which face us everyday.

We have therefore decided to offer a valuable service to the members of our Congregation by creating an agency and by arranging for and providing an opportunity for medical advice in sexual problems, such as sexual problems of the youth, premarital problems, marriage counsel, etc.

We are particularly fortunate in having secured the services of Dr.

OFFICIAL OF O.C.D. TO BE GUEST SPEAKER AT WOMEN'S LEAGUE MONDAY AFTERNOON

All the women of the Congregation and their friends are invited to attend the opening meeting of our Women's League this Monday afternoon, October 5, 1942 at 2:30 at our Synagogue Building. Mrs. Leopold Simon of the O.C.D. will speak on "Women's Task in Wartime". There will also be a brief but interesting message from Rabbi Goldstein. Mrs. David H. Ullman will preside and a Social Hour will follow the meeting.

Bernard Schapiro who is an authority in this special field. Dr. Bernard Schapiro has had many years of experience as a Head physician at the Magnins Hirschfeld Institute at Berlin, famous for its pioneering work in this field of sexology. The research work and publications of the Magnin Hirschfeld Institute are well known among specialists in our country.

Dr. Bernard Schapiro will be available for free consultation by appointment every Thursday from 7 to 8 at our Synagogue Building. Phone Synagogue office—TRafalgar 7-8281 for appointment.

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A CHILD'S PRAYER

By Helene Marilyn Marshall

Oh dear God, will you please help us to learn to cooperate with each other. By cooperation we mean helping others, and being kind and generous to them, even though it may be a sacrifice to us. After we have learned to cooperate, then perhaps, an end will be put to the hatred and miseries, which cause so many wars, and destroy civilization. Oh, please dear God, it was not meant for man to fight and shed blood for the sake of bitter greed. Let the world which you have created be full of loving-kindness, peace and plenty. To achieve our end, we must all be brothers and sisters to each other.

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

SH'MINI ATZERETH

Light Candles Friday Evening 6:24
Friday Evening Service 6:30
Saturday Morning Service 8:45
Junior Congregation 10:00
Mincha Service 6:15

SIMCHAS TORAH

Sunday Morning 8:30
Sunday Evening Mincha 6:30

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GETTING PERSONAL

Again we start our Succoth celebration with a bang! Edmond Weil went to town with a fine festal program arranged from soup to nuts—too bad the rain interfered, however we chalk it up to good traditional Succoth weather. . . Many thanks too, to Lou G. Siegal for his fine catering. . . and the speeches—shorter and better! . . . Among the distinguished speakers at our Succoth banquet sessions were Moe Langer reminiscing about his boyhood days, Sam Siegal who waxed poetic on the subject of Yeshiva education, Alfred Weil, senior member of the Weil family, who made a touching plea to and for the French Jewish children, Andre Weil, son of the late Renee Weil who also measured up to the high standards of the Weil family. . . Cantor Lauer livened up the party. . . Rabbi Goldstein gave us some Chassidic Torah; among the other speakers were Charles Ullman, Max Kahn, Alfred Ehrenfeld—Sam Beyer is showing true colors—waxing Chassidic! . . . And what teachers! Morris Friedman and Elias Merkin! . . . We wish Abraham Lewis a speedy and complete recovery. . . Jay Cohen, son of our own Charley, was greeted on his first appearance in uniform at services with a Mitzvah—Vas yo dere, Charlie? . . . We were glad to see Judge Jehiel Rhoda drop in again at services. . . We'd like to thank the congenialants for the big hearted and

generous response to our appeal for Succoth supplies. . . Without Abraham Kirsch's gift of glasses we could not have imbibed at all! . . . With Annie R. Morris commanding her group of waacs, we sure had a beautiful Succah. The privates were: Miss Bessie Abrams, Miss Josephine Goldstein, Mrs. Morris Jablow, Mrs. Herman Livingston, Miss Augusta Ruth, Mrs. Reisman,—and last but not least—Roy and John, who were chief petty officers. . . Under the leadership of Louis Landowne the Young Folk's League had a splendid opening meeting which bids for a promising season. . . C.C.N.Y. is going places—with Mordecai S. Chertoff as Editor in chief of the MERCURY and Lester A. Lazarus as Business Manager. . . Bobby Breitbart is teaching Army Air Navigation at West Point. . . and Harry Ward was promoted to Squad Leader of the local A.R.P. . . Aren't we good! . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Herring on their 40th wedding anniversary. . . Welcome home to Seymour Reichlin . . . Georgetown University is losing a good man in Dan Shachter. . . Fond Farewells to Kenneth Joseph, Marilyn Merkin, Justin Cohen who left for school this week. . . Who can forget the epoch-making Kol Nidre appeal. . . may we take this opportunity of thanking all our worshippers for their splendid and liberal response. . .

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