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LOYALTY VIEWPOINT

Loyalty To Hebrew Words

Hebraic Homonyms and Homilies

by Dr. Sidney B. Hoenig

Words are the agents of thought. Thought is the plan for conduct. Conduct is the way of life.

In these three succinct statements, the relationship of **words** to one's **way** of life may be expressed, **sum-mum Bonum**.

Though each individual will set his life's purpose at a different angle, some seeking **Powers**, others knowledge, still others Mammon, and many, mere tranquility—the common denominator of all purposes is personal happiness generated in one's soul and body and reflected later upon others. Only when questioned as to the real meaning of the ultimate goal and the purpose in man's living, does the rational individual answer in the words of Koheles "the end of the matter, all having been heard: fear G-d, and keep His Commandments; for this is the whole duty of man." Man's mortal existence is only a cosmic offshoot or wordly expression of the immortal being of the Eternal Existence.

In down-to-earth existence, however, man does not always philosophize. The words he uses are only conscious expressions of his dormant desires. Often when one's words are examined, his innermost hopes may be revealed, and especially when the words he utters are of the same sound—homonyms—then are the thoughts more forceful and dynamic, and the desires more subtle and yearning.

A few examples of Hebraic Homonyms portray interestingly the striving of our people and their accepted philosophic way of life.

These are **homonyms** bespeaking **homilies**:

אשר - עושר Happiness is Wealth
עבד - אבד Bondage is Destruction
דעת - דת Faith is knowledge (of

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YOUNG FOLKS LEAGUE PLANS INTERESTING ACTIVITIES

**All Members and Seat-Holders
to be Visited**

Last Thursday evening a representative group of our young folks met in the Succah of our Synagogue to plan the activities of the year.

Our Young Folks League is welcoming into their midst the sons and daughters of the members and seat-holders of the Congregation. With this idea in mind teams of our young people will shortly make a house-to-house canvass to secure the names of the young people and will extend personal invitations to them to participate in our social, educational and patriotic activities.

Rabbi Goldstein, guest speaker at the meeting, outlined a varied and interesting program.

Louis Landowne, president of the Young Folks League, presented a constructive message and the following NEW officers were elected: Treasurer, Dan Schacter, Corresponding Secretaries, Annette Moskowitz, and Harriet Livingston, Recording Secretary, Winnie Kinzler.

CHASANIM TO ACT AS HOSTS

Tomorrow afternoon, October 10, the Chasanim will act as hosts at the Seudah Shlishis, at our Synagogue.

Bernard Elkon is the Chasan Torah, Israel Zucker Chasan Braishis, and Lester Udell, Chasan maftir.

All worshippers are invited to attend. Mincha will be recited at 4:45, and the Seudah will begin at 5:15 P.M.

NUTRITION COURSE DATE CHANGED

The Nutrition course which was scheduled to begin on Wednesday, October 7th, will begin on the following Wednesday — October 14th, at 10:30 A.M. Each session of the course will last for two hours.

CONDOLENCE

We extend our sincere sympathies to our friend Albert Goldman upon the loss of his sister, the late Lena Grants.

FOOTBALL GAME TICKETS GOING FAST

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Morris Levine Accepts Lester Udell's Ticket-Sale Challenge

HURRY! HURRY! The original number of tickets available for the football game on November first between the Pittsburgh Pirates and the New York Giants is diminishing rapidly. It seems that that \$2.20 Box Office rate is too good to resist.

Mr. David H. Ullman, Chairman, and G. Richard Rubinstein, vice-chairman, are exerting every effort to make this project a huge success.

Mr. Morris Levine has accepted Lester Udell's offer to more than treble all other ticket sales. He undertook to dispose of ten percent of the total number, and bids fair to give Mr. Udell a good run.

We suggest to our readers that they use the order form below, so as to be sure to receive choice reserved seats for the game.



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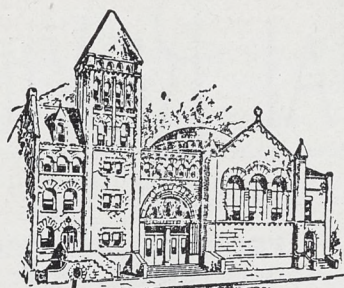
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BONDS OR BONDAGE

In the history of our country, there has never been a holier war than the present one. With the exception of the War of Independence a clergyman could not speak as wholeheartedly for the support of war as he can for this one. Victory in this war means the revival and the survival of religion. Victory in this war means the freedom not merely of any one set of people but of mankind. Defeat, God-forbid, in this war, means the repression of religion and the enslavement of all mankind.

Unless we buy War Bonds we will lose whatever other bonds we may possess. Unless we buy more bonds life will have little meaning. Buying more bonds means taking on additional life insurance for the soul, the mind and the body. May God through our willingness to help ourselves by the purchase of more bonds help us in turn, as well as all His children everywhere, even in Germany, to be blessed with a speedy and a healing peace.

"AS
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114th COMMANDMENT Fire and the Sabbath By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

This commandment does not refer merely to the making of a fire, because the fourth of the Ten Commandments lays down the rule "Thou shalt not do any manner of work on the Sabbath Day", which of course includes making a fire. This commandment refers especially to the judges. They are not allowed to put death by means of fire (or otherwise) any person on the Sabbath. The death penalty of the Beth Din (the court) does not supercede the Sabbath, for it is written in our verse "Thou shalt not kindle any fire in ALL THY HABITATIONS on the Sabbath Day". The Rabbis further say in the Palestinian Talmud that no Courts are to be held on the Sabbath because the guilty will have no rest. What marvelous consideration is thus shown to the wicked, that they are not to suffer on the

Sabbath. In this way the Sabbath is to be observed not merely in our relationship of man to man. As a matter of fact there is a tradition that even G-d himself does not punish on the Sabbath. For that reason we do not usher in the new week on Saturday night until it is really dark so as to prolong the Sabbath day in behalf of the wicked.

The question may be asked — if we are so considerate of the wicked why should he receive the death penalty altogether? The answer is that he is a danger to society and must surely be removed out of its midst.

Another reason for singling out fire is to show that for each violation for work done on the Sabbath unwittingly, a separate קרבן ^{קרבו} sacrifice, or חטאת "sin offering" must be brought.

As I have indicated above this commandment shows that G-d wants even the sinners and the guilty ones to find rest on the Sabbath. The following illustrates this thought. A king called his people together one day for a feast and did not bar anyone from coming to the feast, and then pronounced judgment against them. The Holy One, Blessed be He, unlike the mortal king, commanded us to sanctify ourselves for the honor of the Sabbath for our good, and not to be disturbed or to be found guilty of any wrong.

LOYALTY VIEWPOINT

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G-d) חרות - חרות Scriptures (of G-d) are Freedom (for man)

אמת - אמונה Truth is Loyalty
כעס, כוס, כעס A man's character is apparent from the use of his purse, drink and anger.

Many quotations from our liturgy, Bible, Prophets and oral Law may be used as support of these simple words emphasizing aphorisms of life. But such is unnecessary for words are natural and quotations are but rote. Words are easily remembered and create deep impressions in our mode of living and to them belongs the dignity of eternity.

If our people, then, when praying in Hebrew, would but pause from time to time to analyze common words in the Siddur — a treasury of stimulating courage and exceptional inspiration would be opened to them. In the phrases of our Shema "Ye shall lay up these **My words** in your heart and in your soul". When

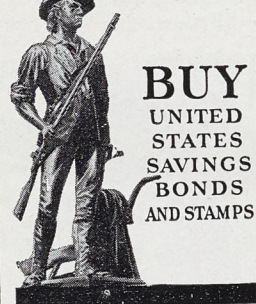
thus accepted for guidance in practice, i.e., "Ye shall have them for a sign upon your hand and they shall be for frontlets between your eyes", then will these words be a means of education for the Jewish life of your children in accordance with the next sentence:—"Ye shall teach them to your children, talking of them when thou sittest in thy house. . . that your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children.

Hebrew words, therefore, are not mere verbiage. They are "things in themselves". Hence דבר has that double connotation—of **words** and of **object**. Subjectivity and objectivity are united therein. Added to the functional purpose of moral guidance, Hebrew words have an innate holiness. They comprise לשון הקודש a holy tongue. It is this triple-cord of **expression, practice and inspiration** which binds every syllable; accentuates every consonant and visualizes every letter. No wonder then that the Jew has ever been loyal to the reading of PRAYERS IN

BOND DRIVE GOES OVER THE TOP

On Saturday morning, Shemini Atzereth, Rabbi Goldstein and our President Lester Udell made spirited and dynamic addresses in behalf of the War Bond drive. It was recalled that Haym Solomon, of the Revolutionary Days, in the midst of Mincha on Yom Kippur, stopped the service to obtain enough pledges with which to help turn imminent defeat into sure victory. History repeated itself through the generous, liberal and patriotic response the Congregation gave to our leaders. \$235,000 was quickly offered and the family of Joseph Shapiro topped the list of subscribers.

We are glad to announce that we have obtained an agency to issue War Bonds. Those who subscribe can obtain their bonds by calling at the Synagogue office, or by mailing us their checks with particulars as to how the bonds should be issued.

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Every man has an opportunity to perpetuate his memory in the House of G-d by means of his will. If you mean to mention our institution as a beneficiary make sure you refer to it by the proper name: The **West Side Institutional Synagogue** of 120-138 West 76th St., N.Y.C. Thank You!

HEBREW. THE WORDS therein ARE HIS LIFE AND GUIDE. Without abatement the voice of Micah (2.7) ever resound unto him!

"Do I change, O house of Jacob?
Is the spirit of the Lord straitened?
Are these His doings?"

Do not My words do good to him
that walketh uprightly?"

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening 6:10

Weekly Portion BRAISHIS

Friday Evening Service 6:20

Saturday Morning Service 9:00

Junior Congregation 10:00

Mincha Service 4:45

followed by Seuda Shlishis at 5:15

Sunday morning Service

..... 6:30, 7:45, 8:45

Daily Services:

Mornings 6:30, 7:45, 8:15

Mincha 6:15

Followed by the Interpretation of
the Mishnah by Rabbi Goldstein

SCRAP DRIVE

We have provided a receptacle for scrap metal in the Synagogue building. To aid our war effort you are urged to bring all your scrap to our building, from where it will be sent to the proper government agency.

JERUSALEM

by Avigdor Hemeiri

I stand upon Mount Scopus' top to
gaze,

And bow me to the ground to sing
thy praise;

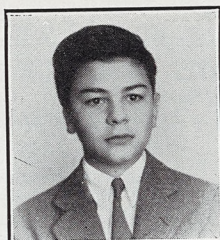
I've dreamt of thee, it seems, a mil-
lion days.

And, now, thou art unrolled before
my face;

I shall rebuild thy ruins with my
race.

Jerusalem! with love thy son em-
brace!

translated by Laurence J. Rosan

FIRST BAR MITZVAH TOMORROW

HYMAN GROSS

Tomorrow morning we observe the
first Bar Mitzvah of the New Year. A
hearty Mazel Tov to Hyman Gross,
son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Gross,
of 650 West End Avenue, who will
start the ball rolling.

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The Carpet Fund, started last year, is still short of the estimated amount needed for the purchase of carpeting with which to re-cover our Synagogue floor. Contributions should be sent to our office, marked for the fund.

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GETTING PERSONAL

We extend a cordial welcome to the following who have just become members of our Synagogue: Murray C. Becker, Irving Blatt, David Don, Edward Newman, and Henry L. Wilensky. How about each of our old members recruiting at least one new one? . . . A bouquet to Mrs. David S. Galton for her prompt and successful effort in getting Mrs. L. Simon as a speaker for the Women's League meeting. . . Our Rabbi Goldstein was invited to attend a very important conference in Harvard University at the School for Chaplains . . . Congratulations to Mrs. Herman Livingston upon becoming treasurer of the Greater New York Council of the Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America. . . Rabbi Lifschitz hopped up to Canada on a plane and was the guest of the McCall Street Synagogue. . . We wish a happy wedding anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Morris Steinberg and to Mr. and Mrs. Moses Langer and to Mr. and Mrs. Morty Morris, and also best wishes to them in their new apartment. We are always delighted to have any of Annie Morris' children near us. . . We are very sorry that due to illness Ulrich Muhlmann could not be with us as one of the Chasanim. We hope by now he has recovered. . . Rabbi and Mrs. Goldstein as usual were fine hosts to the Congregation on Sh'mini Atzereth afternoon. The speeches while many were short and certainly worthy of the occasion. Cantors Yavneh and Lauer regaled themselves with wine and song. . . Those who spoke were Rabbis Horowitz and Langer, and Messers Gustave Roth, Aaron Wartels, Max E. Sanders, Morris Steinberg, Selig

Edelman, Sam Beier, Dr. B. Goldstein, S. W. Siegel, Morris Jablow, Joe Settel, and the Chasan Torah—Bernard Elkon. . . President Lester Udell listened beamingly. . . The son of the famous Capt. Dreyfuss was among the guests, as well as Cantor and Mrs. Schwartz, the Rabbi's Mechutanim. . . The women, and particularly the young women who acted as hostesses, led by Joan Friedman, were almost beguiled from their duties by the throng of the young men present. . . Thanks to Sam Beier for his gift of prayer books, presented in memory of his parents. . . Simeon and Naomi Goldstein had a nice hike from 30th Street, where they live, to attend services at our Synagogue. . . Our Simchas Torah had the usual flow of spirits — Harry Appel and Ben Levine came in to check on us, and Joe Kraeler decided before ordering rationing to see what those spirits tasted like — How about it Mr. Administrator? . . . Birthday greetings this week go to Isidore J. Bernstein, Charlotte Kaim, Nat Jaffe, Denice Merkin, Lois Jane Ullman, Betty Sanders, Sandford Mark Ward, and George Samuel Greenstein. . . Before we sign off, we want to remind the Congregation that we have a huge amount of tickets to sell for the football game on November 1st. Yes, its three thousand (3000!) at \$2.20, the regular Box Office price. Call us at TR. 7-8281 and put in your order **NOW!** . . . Flash we have just heard the good news of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Lipman. Congratulations to the parents and to the grandparents Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Rubinstein. . .

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