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AN INDICATOR

By Moses L. Isaacs
Dean of Yeshivah College

In the chemical process known as titration, a tiny drop of an "indicator" is added to a liquid, the indicator is affected long before anything else is changed and thus shows the presence of traces of free acid which would escape detection by any ordinary means of observation.



Dr. MOSES L. ISAACS

The reader must be wondering what this purely chemical statement is doing in a Jewish publication, let us state our metaphor—the Jews are an indicator people. If only some chemically minded European statesman could have interpreted the Nazi attack on the Jews in 1932-33 as the first signs of the coming of the attempt to destroy all religion together with all the rights of the individual which we include in the term democracy, what bloodshed would have been avoided, and what needless suffering and sorrow could have been prevented. Unfortunately, instead of looking upon the anti-Jewish beginnings of Nazism as an indicator reaction, the complacent world saw in the happenings of those early days only the attempted destruction of the tiny drop of the indicator itself.

In this country before Pearl Harbor there were "acid" corrosive elements at work, presumably solely interested in the eradication of Jews from A-

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FOOTBALL GAME ONLY ONE WEEK AWAY

YOU MUST BUY
YOUR TICKETS NOW

The 3,000 Tickets Held
By The Synagogue MUST Be
Disposed of Immediately
BUY NOW!

The game between the New York Giants and the Pittsburgh team is only one week off. You have one week in which to buy the reserved seats at no higher than box-office rates, and help our Synagogue at the same time.

David H. Ullman, the chairman, and Gus Rubenstein, the vice-chairman, are calling for a last-minute spurt on the part of our readers and members, to help put this event across.

To accomplish our object—sale of the 3,000 tickets—we need the help of each and every one of our friends. LET'S ALL PITCH IN NOW—BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!

SABBATH AFTERNOON YOUNG FOLK'S SERVICE

Tomorrow afternoon we resume the regular Sabbath Afternoon Service conducted by the Young Folks of the Synagogue. Charles Bendheim will read the Torah and Harold Wohl will chant the Service. The speaker will be Louis Landowne.

YOUNG FOLKS LEAGUE NOTICE Social, Cultural & Patriotic Activities

All the young folks of the Congregation are cordially invited to attend the next meeting of our Young Folks League which will be held on Wednesday evening, October 28, 1942, at 8:14 o'clock. Interesting plans for the coming season are to be announced.

DETINU DANCE TOMORROW NIGHT

The Detinu Club is running its first dance of the season tomorrow, Saturday night at 8:30. All are invited.

FIRST FORUM SPEAKER IS GEORGE J. MINTZER

George J. Mintzer, will be the first of the speakers to address our weekly Bible Class and Forum which meets every Monday night at 8:30.



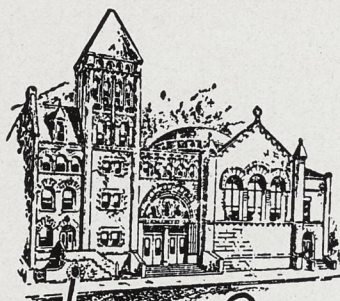
Mr. Mintzer is a graduate of CCNY and Fordham Law School. He served as an assistant in the criminal division, and as Chief Assistant, under Charles H. Tuttle, then U.S. District Attorney. Mr. Mintzer resigned from this post after several months of preparing his successor — Thomas E. Dewey.

Among the cases prosecuted by Mr. Mintzer are those of the former Brooklyn County Judge for mail fraud and the \$5,000,000 failure of the private banking firm of Clark brothers. The results of this case served as the groundwork for new Federal bankruptcy procedure legislation.

Since 1938 Mr. Mintzer has been serving as impartial chairman in labor disputes between the Int'l Ladies Garment Workers Union and the employers.

Mr. Mintzer is active in the American Jewish Committee, the National Refugee Service, and the Federation of Jewish Charities.

Rabbi Goldstein's class in Bible will begin promptly at 8:30.



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G-D'S RATION-BOOK

The calendar is G-d's ration book. There is no carry-over in this ration book. If you do not take possession of a good deed today the day is gone and is bad forever. Not even G-d can give you the day over again.

How are we going to use our daily ration? Will it be merely for business, for war pursuits, for bridge, for the movies, for dances without leaving time for prayer, for a study group, for a mitzvah—a good deed, a charitable act? We fear that some of us are like moving picture houses with mental signs — "Standing Room only." Let us not crowd up our minds with the secular, but rather leave a seat for the religious and spiritual phase of our life. Not grudging minutes for the higher life should be our aim, but rather to be so efficient that we are leaving enough time for G-d. Let us take to heart the words of the poetess who said:

"I have no time to spare,
And measure it with care,

So that the setting sun
Finds all my labor done:

And yet it does seem odd
Just scraps are left for G-d."

"AS
R'CHASH
SEES
IT"



115th COMMANDMENT BURNT OFFERING

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

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The commandment concerning the burnt offering is found in Leviticus, Chapter 1, Verse 3, "If his offering be a burnt offering, he shall offer it of his own voluntary will". The Rabbis say that the burnt offering עֹלָה meaning "that which goes up" is akin to what we find Ezekiel saying in Chapter 20 verse 32. "And that which COMETH UP into your mind shall not be at all that ye say, we will be as the Goyim, as the families of the countries, to serve wood and stone".

A male was offered because one had the strength of character to restrain himself from actually doing the wrong contemplated. The sacrifice was to be brought of one's own voluntary will for no one can be converted to truth and weaned away from falsehood by force.

The Rabbis say that the blood represents one's impetuosity causing

sins of commission; and the fat represents one's sluggishness causing sins of omission. Therefore, the blood is to be sprinkled cold on the side of the altar and the fat is to be burned on the fire. The penitent who sinned because of impetuosity should learn to acquire coolness and deliberateness, and the one who sinned because of sluggishness and coolness, should learn to acquire the habit of zeal, enthusiasm and activity.

Of course as in the case of all sacrifices, that which was done to the animal should have been inflicted upon the sinner who brings the offering. This shows how merciful G-d was to us in accepting the animal offering instead of ourselves.

The burnt offering was slaughtered in the Temple Court. A Cohan did not have to slaughter the offering because it was a נִדְבָה a "free-will" offering, therefore it could be slaughtered by a non-Cohan. The נִיד הַנִּשְׁה "the sinew which shrank" (See Genesis, Chapter 32, verse 33) was to be removed, for that which was forbidden to be eaten was forbidden to be sacrificed to the Lord. Everything but the skin and the sinew which shrank was offered, as we read in verse 13, "And the Priest shall offer the whole". This also means that the different parts were not to be offered separately. The Priest who transgressed this arrangement violated a positive commandment.

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merican life. These elements seemed so insignificant in number,—just a few hundred scattered in a population of 135 million,—that only the indicator seemed to be affected, and their ultimate aim, the destruction of democracy, seemed to be totally lost in the millions of individual opinions in which the population of a democratic country properly prides itself.

After Pearl Harbor when the F. B. I. began to search out traitorous elements seeking to hamper the efforts of the government and attempting to destroy morale and promote sabotage, it rounded up a motley crew of agitators in different parts of the country and brought them to trial. Arrests were made solely on the basis of acts against the government, such as inciting to revolt and the like, and the action of the non-Jewish juries and courts were for sedition alone.

There was the case of Noble and Jones, indicated for sedition in Cali-

fornia. There were the Garners, father and son, indicted in Wichita, Kansas. There was William Dudley Pelley and his "Galilean" in Indianapolis. There were Christians and Fahl of the Crusader White Shirts in Chatanooga. Not to mention all of the Bundists caught in the net in the Eastern part of the country. The whole list would be too long to publish here, but the average reader will recall many more examples cited in his daily paper.

Now we might inquire whether the Jews here served as indicators of these men. The match is perfect. All of them were notorious for their anti-Jewish activities. Indeed, it may have come as a surprise to the public to know that their seditious activities were more than a sideline to their anti-Jewish efforts. In truth, their sedition was the more important of their activities. The Jewish aspect seemed uppermost only because the Jews "indicated" the presence of

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BAR MITZVAH



ALAN MIRKEN

This week we are happy to congratulate Grandpa and Grandma Wartels and Grandma Mirken, as well as the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mirken upon the Bar Mitzvah of Alan, at our Synagogue tomorrow. Mazel Tov!

FROM THE SOLDIERS' MAIL BAG

I have recently received the Review of September 11. I am writing you as I was very much impressed by your article of Birth Control. I feel, Rabbi that as a young man, I have learned a great deal from that article. I have always felt that our laws were that way; but I have been misinformed by various people who were not familiar with our great laws.

I have made good use of your article by showing it to some of the other soldiers.

I would very much appreciate it if I could receive the Review each week; as I feel that I can learn a great deal from your articles.

P.F.C. Harold Margareten

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these attacking elements long before the seditious and antidemocratic effects were visible in the medium of our national life. Had it not been for the actual declaration of war these elements might have made much greater fifth column inroads into our democratic structure without being recognized or causing alarm.

Of course, every person who holds anti-Jewish sentiments is not necessarily unpatriotic, a good grudge based on honest convictions is healthy, but the betting odds are overwhelmingly in favor of organized attacks upon Jews being nothing more than the first step,—the indicator reaction—for attacks on all religion and all democracy.

SABBATH CANDLE LIGHTING HOUR

Last Friday afternoon a group of our Talmud Torah girls joined Mrs. Shulamith Danon in the first Sabbath Candle Lighting hour. The girls brought a candle each and a white or blue cloth to cover their heads. The Sabbath lights were kindled and there followed a period of Sabbath songs and tales. We hope this group will grow in number. We are training our future mothers in Israel to come to synagogue each Friday evening and there imibe the ancient and sacred Sabbath spirit.

GRADUATION-CONSECRATION EXERCISES

The Second Annual Graduation Exercises for the students of our Talmud Torah will take place Sunday morning, October 25th, at 11:00 A.M. After graduation, the class in addition to their regular studies, will take up the Early Prophets and selected chapters of the Mishna.

CONDOLENCE

We extend our sincerest sympathies to William Etra upon the loss of his sister, Anne E. Stoller.

UNVEILING

This Sunday at 2 P.M. the unveiling of a monument in memory of our late revered Director Mr. Joseph Sedwitz will take place at Union Field Cemetery, Plot 3004.

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening 5:47

Weekly Portion Lech Leho

Friday Evening Service 5:55
Saturday Morning Service 9:00
Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class 4:45
Mincha Service 5:50
Sunday morning Service
..... 6:45, 7:45, 8:45
Daily Services:
Mornings 6:45, 7:45, 8:45
Mincha 5:55

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GETTING PERSONAL

Two of our directors are now in the Armed Forces—Josh Levine, who as we foretold is now a corporal, and Lawrence Mirken, is on active duty in the United States Coast Guard Reserves. . . Last Saturday the entire congregation was overawed with Master David Buchsbaum's display of scholarship in the reading of the entire Sedrah of the day—even Rabbi Hurwitz admitted that there is competition in the ranks. And what a Kiddush for the entire congregation his parents provided! . . . A hearty and brotherly welcome to Messrs. Morris Becker, Morris Roskind, Alex Wein, Louis Wildman—the latest to join our membership ranks. . . We wish a speedy recovery to Mr. Samuel Rosenblum. . . Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. William Bassar on their change of domicile. . . By the way, we are still carrying rain checks for Kiddushes of those who recently moved. . . How about you and you, and you disposing of tickets for the Football Game. Remember the day—November 1st; the place—Polo Grounds; the price—\$2.20. For your convenience our phone number is TR. 7-8281. Can you still dig up your raccoon coat of college vintage? . . . Dr. Frank E. Fink is a real boy scout—he's taken over the leadership of our Scout Troop since Sandy Joseph-

son joined up with the forces. . . Mr. Emanuel Fine is again doing fine work in organizing our Cub Pack. More power to you! . . . Rabbi Goldstein dedicated a service flag hoisted on our street. Here's hoping his prayers for the the boys in uniform will soon be realized. . . We are happy to see in our midst a distinguished guest of the city, an international figure and loyal Jew and devoted servant of our synagogue, the Hon. Sol Bloom, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee. . . Last night Mr. Sam Davis was testimonialized by the Garment Center Synagogue. . . We were happy to welcome our old friend Reuben Metchik at services last Shabbos. . . Happy Birthday Greetings. . . Mrs. Annie R. Morris, Mrs. Jack Levine, Mr. Gus Rubenstein and Miss Denise Merkin. . . What would we do if all of you had not been born! . . . Wedding Bells are ringing in retrospect for Mr. and Mrs. Isidore Ehrman, Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Roth and Mr. and Mrs. G. Richard Rubenstein. Many more happy anniversaries to you. . . Paul Post, our young piano virtuoso of the Talmud Torah, an honor student at the High School of Music and Art, has been invited to be our official school pianist. You should hear him! . . . A speedy recovery to Mrs. S. Rosenblum. . .

WOMEN'S LEAGUE LUNCHEON Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class

All the women of the Congregation are cordially invited to attend the next session of Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class and Women's League meeting which will be held on Monday afternoon, October 26, 1942 at 2:30 o'clock sharp.

Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel will preside and Mrs. Annie R. Morris will be the hostess at the social hour following the meeting. She is our birthday girl this week.

Members of the Women's League are actively occupied with the forthcoming annual luncheon which is to be held at the Waldorf Astoria on Tuesday afternoon, December 1, 1942.

The very charming and dynamic Claire Ullman has once again accepted the chairmanship. Her truly remarkable record of war activities this summer as well as her past a-

chievements on our home front make us feel confident that our forthcoming luncheon will be one of those gala affairs which no one will want to miss.

Our treasurer this year is the capable and conscientious Marjie Mirken. Mrs. Mirken will be happy to receive your reservations, if you will make your check to her in care of the Synagogue or phone TR. 7-8281.

Seats will be assigned in the order in which reservations are made. If you want a good seat we advise you to make your reservations at once.

Guest tickets are \$3.50 each. Members are urged to raise their \$12.50 quota in one of the following ways:

- (1) By selling five subscription books for a War Bond,
- (2) By getting five new paid-up members,
- (3) By getting \$15 worth of ads or by filling a coin-box.

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