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LOYALTY VIEWPOINT

By Rabbi Solomon Wind
(Fear thou not, for I am with thee.
Is. 41:10)

The doctrine of fear is viewed with favor and dismay. Some urge its inculcation into our system of thought as a promoter of good and as a deterrent from evil; others decry its stifling character and its vicious by-products and claim that fear in life is tantamount to curing a disease by the killing of the patient.

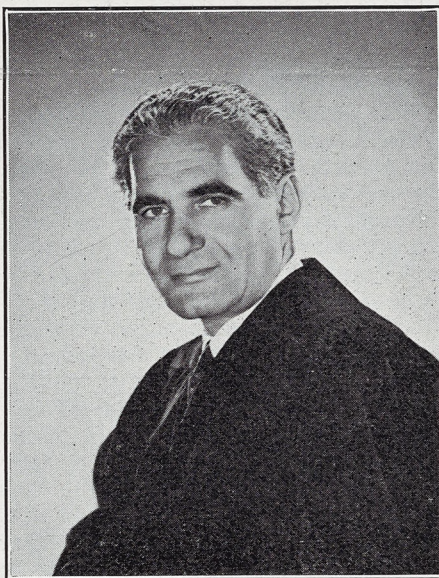
Fear of the inferior sort sprouts from moral debility which is the seed plot of all apathy and defeatism. "Sinners feared in Zion", avers the prophet, and the sinner is indeed an exemplar of character deficiency.

One concept of fear, however, is commendable, yea, even imperative for human welfare and should marshal every loyalty of all humanity. It is known in Hebrew as "yiras shomayim" and for want of a better rendering it is inadequately translated as the "fear of G-d". This fear with respect to G-d, however, has nothing of the derisive in it. On the contrary it is the creative principle par excellence and the source of moral energy which alone constitutes resourcefulness and character endowment. Whatever is good and great in the institutions and usages of mankind, whatever is admired as virtue, draws its first nourishment from that concept. The Bible claims that all that G-d wants is to fear Him; it being implicitly assumed that virtuous and wholesome living will follow as a matter of course. Jewish moralists have endeavored to present this concept in pristine purity and have purged it of all ulterior and utilitarian motives and other base connotations which are inherent in ordinary human fear. They have pictured it briefly as the consciousness within ourselves of the divine powers to which the human being serves but as a channel.

The cultivation of this concept is a matter of choice. Whatever range blind chance and fatalism may have in human life as the cause of good and evil, the fear of G-d, our sages teach us, is entirely a human prerogative. Undoubtedly the cultivation of this concept in our system of

DISTINGUISHED JURIST AS FORUM SPEAKER

Next Monday evening, at 8:30, Justice Bernard Botein of the Supreme Court will speak at our Bible Class and Forum on his experiences as Governor Lehman's investigator.



Justice Bernard Botein

After extraordinary experience as Assistant District Attorney for seven years, Justice Botein was designated in 1936 to conduct the Accident Fraud Investigation, and in 1938 was drafted by Governor Lehman to investigate corruption in the State Insurance Fund. Abuses were eliminated and millions were saved to employers and the State. In 1940, Governor Lehman appointed him to investigate irregularities in connection with State printing contracts.

Justice Botein was appointed to the Supreme Court by Governor Lehman last year, with the unanimous endorsement of all the Bar Associations.

Justice Botein is a director of the Hebrew National Orphan Home and has been a most active worker in Synagogue and other Jewish affairs.

In honor of the occasion, refreshments will be served by the Judge's friends, our director Mr. and Mrs. George L. Livingston, the hosts of the evening.

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David H. Ullman and Gus Rubenstein, chairman and vice-chairman respectively, are anticipating your prompt action to clear out the remaining tickets. Remember—it's a **LAST CALL FOR FOOTBALL!** Let's go!

YOUNG FOLKS SABBATH AFTERNOON SERVICE

At the Sabbath Service tomorrow afternoon Arthur Udell will read the Torah. The Service will be chanted by Hillel Meyers, and the speaker for the afternoon will be Arnold Oshrin.

CONDOLENCE

Our sincerest sympathies are extended to Louis Davis upon the loss of his brother Abram Davis, and to Mrs. Francis R. Morris upon the loss of her mother, Mrs. Julius Hollander.

Also to Mrs. Louis Wiener upon the loss of her brother Nathan Albaum.



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OUR AFFILIATIONS

Some of us exist for many years but truly live only many **days**. Tying ourselves up merely with the transient, the ephemeral, we are joined to vanities. Then it is "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity". Tying ourselves up with sacred causes, with a Synagogue, with a Yeshivah, makes us feel that we have joined with deathlessness and immortality.

There are instructions printed on every war ration book indicating to the holder that any number that is detached from this book is worthless. The same is true of many of us. Without any affiliation life is like the detached number, **existent** but **worthless**. Many people say, "I belong to a golf club", "I belong to a Bridge Party" or "My children belong to a Group". The Synagogue affiliation ties up the individual with the community, with humanity, with God and eternity. Then "deep calleth unto deep," or as the poet put it, "Heaven is not reached by a single bound.

We climb the ladder, by which we rise,
From lowly earth to vaulted skies,
And mount to its summit round by round".

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116th COMMANDMENT THE MEAL OFFERING

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

The 116th Commandment deals with the meal offering as we read in Leviticus, Chapter 2, Verse 1, "And when any soul will offer a meal offering unto the Lord".

The Rabbis point out that in regard to no other voluntary offering is the term נפש "soul" used. They declare that this offering was brought by the poor man and consisted only of a small quantity of flour and oil, but in the eyes of G-d it was regarded as though it embodied the very soul of the one who brought it because of the genuine sacrifice it represented.

The meal offering was to be void of any meat. It was brought to impress the individual with the thought that just as the flour is burnt and consumed, so should it be done to him for his sin. There were three "Minchas" brought as communal of-

ferings, namely "the Omer on Passover", the "Two Loaves of Bread" on Shevuos and the "Showbread" on every Sabbath. There were nine which were personal offerings. (1) The sinner who could not afford to bring the sin offering of an animal. (2) The "Sotah's", the suspected woman's, offering. (3) The Consecration offering of every Priest. (4) The offering brought by the High Priest every day, morning and evening. (5) The fine flour offering (not baked), (6) The offering of fine flour mixed with oil (baked). (7) The deep pan meal offering. (8) The offering of the "challas", (9) A baked meal offering of "kichel" (cookies). Five to nine inclusive were brought in payment of a pledge or gift. All these were free from "chometz", except the two loaves of bread on Shevuos, (which were not brought upon the Altar). The meal offering was brought from the house to the Priest in a silver gold, or any metallic vessel. The Priest would then bring it to the Altar, take a handful and offer it thereon. The rest was eaten by the Priests. A handful means the amount taken in by the hand, cleared by the small finger beneath the fourth finger and made even by the thumb sweeping over the index finger. The Priest who would change the manner of the meal offering was guilty of violating a positive commandment.

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thought will completely eliminate the injuries of apparent determinism and institute instead planned living directed by and for a moral end which will enhance beneficence on an ever widening range and reduce to a vanishing point the bane of fatalism.

Happy and tragic experiences of mankind are directly traceable to the cultivation or neglect of cultivation of this concept in our system of thinking. The experience of the Biblical Job will serve as an example. Job was a great sufferer and in the abysmal gulfs of woe he probed into the meaning of life, looked for a firm support in the midst of devastating chaos, searched for a winged thought to lift him out of the morass into which "blind fate" had cast him. "Whence cometh wisdom and where is the place of understanding? Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living. . . ." In his wide search over the universe Job found not the source of true wisdom. But after much probing and suffering and mental agony he found it within himself, in the

divine law with which he was endowed, and he joyfully exclaimed, "Behold, the fear of the Lord is wisdom, and to depart from evil is understanding". This discovery brought the tragedy of Job to a happy conclusion.

The martyrdom of mankind today is as wide as the world and the stream of grief rises resistless. Can there be a workable formula for the prevention of the recurrence of disaster and for the assurance to humanity of the beneficence of a lasting peace? Indeed numerous experts in every field of endeavor are in search for it, and unless they will find it in the moral law within the human heart, in the realm of "yiras shomayim", they will be darkening counsel with words without knowledge. Like the Biblical Job, suffering humanity today must cultivate the great moral energies with which we are inwardly endowed and therefrom recreate the world. Fear of G-d alone assures a free and fearless humanity pursuing right, establishing justice, and assuring the benefits of tranquility.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE NOTICE



Mrs. David H. Ullman

Chairman, Luncheon Committee

The next session of Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class and meeting of our Women's League will be held on Monday afternoon, November 2 at 2:30 o'clock sharp. Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel will preside.

Mrs. Max Frank will be hostess at the social hour following the meeting, in honor of the marriage of her daughter, Vera to Lieutenant Emanuel A. Blumenthal. All the women of the Congregation are cordially invited to attend.

The Women's League Luncheon is to be held at the Waldorf Astoria on Tuesday afternoon, December 1, 1942.

A number of our members are actively engaged in raising their \$12.50 quota, and encouraging reports are coming in concerning the sale of guest tickets at \$3.50.

Make your reservations at once (if you want a good seat), by sending your check to the Luncheon Treasurer, Mrs. Lawrence Mirken, in care of the WSIS, or by phoning TR. 7-8281.

At the last Women's League meeting an exceptional number of Chanukah Gift Boxes for the boys in the service were subscribed for. Mrs. Ullman made a special donation towards this project in honor of her daughter Sheila's birthday. The Young Folks League are doing the packing of these boxes which will be sent to all parts of the world, by the Army and Navy Committee of the Jewish Welfare Board, in time to reach the boys for Chanukah.

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening 5:38

Weekly Portion: VAYERO

Friday Evening Service 5:45

Saturday Morning Service 9:00

Junior Congregation 10:00

Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class 4:40

Mincha Service 5:40

Sunday morning Service

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

Daily Services:

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

Mincha 5:45

Followed by the Interpretation of

the Mishnah by Rabbi Goldstein

YOUNG FOLKS LEAGUE

Despite the inclement weather, the Young Folks League had many new faces present at the meeting Wed., October 21. Among the newcomers were: Corinn Trotzky, Marvin Aaronson, the Metchik girls, Hanya and Mildred, Buddy Orin and Jeannette Serrato. Of course all the old crowd was there. Everybody enjoyed the meeting and hoped to continue being with us.

The meeting began with an extremely interesting and well presented lecture by Dr. Sidney B. Hoenig. His subject was "The Mezuzah". Following his talk, questions were asked and answered.

As to the immediate patriotic work that we are doing, our members have packed quite a number of boxes for our soldiers and sailors for Chanukah gifts. We also hope that most of the members of our group will be able to donate their blood to the blood bank.

This article is inadequate to truly inform you young people between 18-21 about our activities; so, drop in to see us Wednesday evening and tell us some of your ideas.

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GETTING PERSONAL

True to the Wartels-Mirken tradition, Alan Mirken sailed through his Bar Mitzvah with flying colors last Shabbos. What a sumptuous Kiddush! . . . Believe it or not, Pop Wartels has us all on the spot. He could have handed out twice as many Aliyohs, but in his own benign, democratic way he let us out at 12 on the line! . . . No wonder Louis Landowne made such a fine speech and Charlie Bendheim read the Torah so well at the Young Folks League Saturday afternoon, Mincha service. The former was inspired by the presence of his mother, who beamed upon him with justifiable pride, and the latter had not only his mother, but his wife and mother-in-law to stimulate his activity. We commend the mothers who encourage their children's spiritual activities with same ardour as most mothers evidence towards secular pursuits. . . Senator and Mrs. Albert Wald, were in the Congregation last Saturday morning. We welcome them into the neighborhood. . . We are also pleased to have Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Jacobs in the neighborhood. . . Three stars to Dr. Samuel Weiss as his third son, Bernard, enters the armed service of our beloved country. . . We miss Robert Breitbart as an usher since he got into uniform. . . Pvt. Sidney H. Reiss, who taught in the Talmud Torah, is now on duty in Miami Beach, Fla. He recently gave an exhibition of his ability as a Master Mind of Mesmerism on a Variety Show program in Flamingo Park, Miami Beach. . . Skipper Sid Harris, our Sea Scout leader has switched from his handsome blue uniform to regulation army khaki. Irving Josef Marks is now first in command of the Sea Scout troop. .

Max E. Sanders, our vice president, is proud of his brother-in-law Ira H. Holley because of the high praise he received from the Citizen's Union. . . With all our hearts we offer our prayerful good wishes to Mrs. Jane Udell, mother of our beloved president, for a speedy recovery. . . Mrs. Sam Michael is now sojourning in Mt. Clemens. Here's to her health and to tell her how much we miss her. . . We are happy to see Mrs. Morris Levine up and around. Keep it up! Very best good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Isidore Friedman upon the marriage of their daughter Harriet to Staff Sergeant Mervin J. Dattelbaum who is now stationed at Muskogee, Okla. We hope that is not a military secret. . . Happy Birthday to Alan Fox and to little Sheila, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Ullman. . . The Marriage Counselor of our Family Institute will meet any of our worshippers by appointment. Don't be bashful folks! . . Mrs. Hyman Steuer has received literary recognition in the "Yiddish Americaner" by the publication of an original poetic fable "The Rabbit". Those of our readers who would like to see this little gem need but consult Mr. Steuer who carries a copy with him. Is he proud of his wife! . . Our friend Mr. Roman Vishniac is exhibiting his remarkable and interesting collection of photographs of "Jews in Every Land", at the New School for Social Research. Don't miss it—the New York Times agrees with us. . . Rabbi Lifschitz was elected president of the Mid-Manhattan Men's Mizrahi Organization. . . We'll be seeing you at the Football Game on Sunday! A few more tickets left—just for you. Come and get them.

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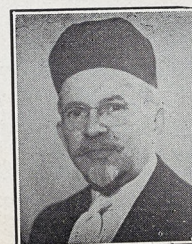
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