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LOYALTY VIEWPOINT



BRING CHARITY HOME

by Rabbi Morris Max

In the last decade the widely-prevalent tendency has been to issue charity checks only to institutions, so that a record could be submitted to the Internal Revenue Bureau. Needy individuals are usually referred to particular agencies supported by organized charity. The personal contact between the giver and the recipient has been gradually disappearing and charity in general has been reduced to a cold formal duty which is performed once a year.

The Loyalty Viewpoint of charity, while recognizing the complexity of modern society and the necessity for organization to deal effectively with its social needs, does not lose sight of the fact that Jewish tradition stresses the importance of accompanying assistance to the needy with a kind word and sympathetic mien. The individual must not be lost amidst the intricacies of organization. The Torah in speaking of charity says on numerous occasions: "When thy brother waxeth poor." In other words, anyone who comes to you for aid should be considered a brother. The manner in which you respond to his call for help should be as friendly as your response to a brother's cry.

The Talmudic sages stressed this personalized charity even more. To them the highest form of charity was **gemiluth chasodim**, the dispensation of kindness. This duty involves clothing the naked, visiting the sick, bury-

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TALMUD TORAH NOTES

The newly elected officers for the Keren Ami Council representing delegates of all classes in our Talmud Torah are: Tillie Lewton, President, Burton Ritter, Vice-President, Jack Flaks, Secretary, Bernice Jacobowitz, Treasurer. Class delegates are: William W. Dmitrovsky, Simon Dresner, Richard Goldstein, Robert Hausman, Bernice Jacobowitz, Bertha Lewton, Lionel Lober, Helene Marshall, Herbert Perlman, Sara Prochnik, Burton Ritter and Murray Shapiro.

The Keren Ami Council is in charge of the collection of charity funds from the student body and meets regularly to discuss various national and overseas Jewish organizations meriting support. During the last year, the Keren Ami collected and distributed more than \$200.00. Included among the beneficiaries are the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, Jewish National Fund, and American Red Cross.

GRADUATION

The second Graduating Class of our Talmud Torah received their diplomas on Sunday morning, October 25th, in conjunction with the Torah Consecration Ceremonies for all new students of our Religious School. Those graduating were: David Buchsbaum, Valedictorian, Sarah Prochnik, Salutatorian, Edward Fishman, Manfred Kochen, Tillie Lewton, Rosalyn Moskowitz and Herbert Perlman. Rabbi Goldstein delivered the "charge" and Rabbi Lifschitz presided. The audience was thrilled with the splendid original talks given by each of the graduates and particularly by the Hebrew talks given by the valedictorian and salutatorian of the class.

The present graduating class is continuing an intensive study of the Bible Prophets, **Mishnah**, and Jewish History.

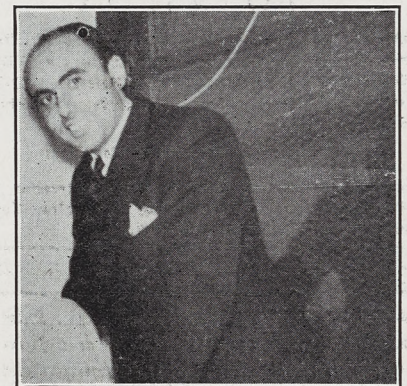
SABBATH AFTERNOON YOUNG FOLK'S SERVICE

At tomorrow's afternoon Service, conducted by the young folks of the Synagogue, the Torah will be read by David Buchsbaum and the Service by Seymour Bernstein. The Speaker will be Samuel Burstein.

EMINENT PALESTINIAN

JOURNALIST TO ADDRESS FORUM

Harried and harrassed Jewry looks hopefully to its emancipation from the burden of fear and insecurity in the post-war world. A discussion of the "Post-War Significance of a Jewish Army", is therefore of vital interest to all thinking Jews.



ARIEH BEN-ELIEZER

It will be our privilege to hear this topic discussed by the noted Palestinian journalist Arie Ben-Eliezer, at this Monday night's session of Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class and Forum.

Mr. Ben-Eliezer has travelled extensively throughout Europe and the Middle-East and is well acquainted with the problems confronting our people. As a member of the Executive Board of the Committee for a Jewish Army, Mr. Ben-Eliezer speaks authoritatively on his subject.

Because of the keen interest manifested today in a Jewish Army, you are urged to invite your friends to join you at this Forum and participate in the lively discussion which this topic never fails to arouse.

Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class begins promptly at 8:30.

CONDOLENCE

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of the late Mrs. Fannie Freides.



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ARMISTICE

Next Wednesday will be Armistice Day. In the past we looked back to 1918 and thanked God that we had won the World War, and enjoyed peace. Alas we lived in a phantom peace, because in that peace Germany and Japan were preparing for war. We were willing to live in a fool's paradise. "Where ignorance is bliss 'tis folly to be wise." Yes, this is a fool's paradise.

Our task now is to prepare for peace in time of war, just as the nations prepared for war in time of peace. There will be no lasting peace unless we, as well as the rest of the nations, will form a Society of Nations or a United States of the World. This time our concern will be not only for a European peace but for one for the Orient as well. In this program we Jews must have a place. Palestine as the buffer State, and as the cradle of civilization, must be reckoned with, if peace and spiritual progress are to be desired. In the words of the Prophet, "There must be peace to those who are far, as well as to those who are near." Then will there be a healing peace.

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117th COMMANDMENT Not to Offer Leaven or Honey by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

The 117th Commandment bids us not to offer leaven or honey upon the altar for it is said in Leviticus, Chapter 2, Verse 11, "No meal offering which ye shall bring unto the Lord shall be made of leaven; for ye shall burn no leaven nor any honey in any offering of the Lord made by fire." Honey is a general term to include not only bees' honey but also date honey. Any juice from sweet fruits also comes under the category of sweetness represented by the word, "honey". Honey, because of its sweetness, is a symbol of excess in pleasure. We are not to seek merely sweets and only such food as will be delightful to the palate and pleasant to the feel of the throat. It is a disgrace for man to live to eat rather than eat to live. If we understand the purpose behind

this commandment it will be better for our health and for our morals. The Torah is always for the "Golden Mean", as the Rabbis point out that G-d created the world not only in the spirit of justice but also with mercy. Justice tempered by mercy is righteousness.

"Chometz" or leaven was barred from the altar because it is inflated, appearing bigger than it really is, which is a symbol of arrogance, and arrogance is an abomination before the Lord. Another reason given for the prohibition of leaven on the altar is that it takes quite some time for the dough to leaven before it is ready for baking and is therefore suggestive of sluggishness, whilst unleavened bread, "matzoh", is ready quickly and symbolizes diligence. It is interesting to note that in regard to the communal offering, the two loaves of bread on Shevuos, leaven is permitted. The reason is, that while sluggishness is generally found with the individual, in community one usually prods the other.

Both the leaven and honey are forbidden to be used in connection with the meal offering regardless of the smallness of the amount, as it is said, **לא תקטירו ממנו** "Thou shalt not offer any of it." This commandment of course refers to Temple times and to the Priests, for they were in charge of the Service.

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ing the dead, consoling the mourners; all of which are occupations worthy of the attention of the Lord Himself. These kindnesses imply contributions of money, but they also involve the personality of the giver that must go along with the gift.

An excellent example of the traditional form of kindness that is becoming evident today is the treatment afforded our boys in the armed forces when on leave. With all the USO houses established by organized charity, the average mother is still not totally satisfied. She takes delight in acting as hostess in her own home to some sailor or soldier. She lavishes all her care and consideration upon a strange boy because she knows how her own boy must feel away from home. It is her personal touch which she feels impelled to give in addition to her contribution to USO.

The Rabbinic injunction: "Let the poor be members of thy household", found many a willing adherent in the past because it enabled the Jew

not to make charity begin at home, but rather to bring home the need for genuine charity which must take the form of **gemiluth chasodim** or personal kindness.

This view of charity must be implemented in our treatment of individual refugees who approach us for assistance. Many of them were leaders of organized charity in their native country. Some were outstanding scholars or professional men. Surely they deserve a **gemilas chesed**, a word of kindness and encouragement, from us in addition to our actual charity. They need a warm brotherly welcome more than an address of a charitable society.

After a victorious peace shall have been won, the world will need this personalized form of charity more than ever before. By bringing charity home now we will be laying the first of the three foundations necessary for the establishment of the genuine new order — that of **gemiluth chasodim**. The latter, in turn will be quickly followed by the re-establishment of the other two foundations — the Torah, and the service of G-d.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE NOTES



MRS. LAWRENCE MIRKEN
Luncheon Treasurer

Mrs. David H. Ullman, chairman of the forthcoming Women's League Luncheon which is to be held at the Waldorf Astoria on Tuesday, December 1, 1942, is happy to announce that the very capable Mrs. Samuel Fasten has consented to act as co-chairman of this important function.

Mrs. Lawrence Mirken, treasurer of the Luncheon Committee, recommends that those who desire choice tables send in their reservations at once. Either telephone the synagogue, TR. 7-8281, specifying the number of tickets you want, or better still, mail your check to Mrs. Mirken, care of the Synagogue, without delay. An unusually delightful and interesting program is being prepared for the occasion.

The next regular session of Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class and meeting of the Women's League, will be held on Monday afternoon, November 9. Mrs. David H. Ullman will preside and our rebbitzin Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein will be the hostess at the social hour following the meeting, in honor of the recent marriage of her son.

GREETINGS

We greet the Convention of the Mizrahi Women's Organization of America, meeting in New York City next week. The women are certainly the BETTER HALF of the Mizrahi groups in this country. More Power and Spiritual vision to them.

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening 5:30
Weekly Portion: CHAYEI SARAH
Friday Evening Service 5:35
Saturday Morning Service 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:00
Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class 4:30
Mincha Service 5:30
Sunday morning Service
..... 6:45, 7:45, 8:45

Daily Services:

Mornings 6:45, 7:45, 8:15
Mincha 5:30

Followed by the Interpretation of
the Mishnah by Rabbi Goldstein

YOUNG FOLK'S LEAGUE

The Young Folk's League "Wednesday Nights at 8:30" go interestingly along on their way to knowledge and social conviviality. Last week we enjoyed listening to Dr. Sidney B. Hoenig on the subject of the "Mogen Dovid". We enjoyed too the hospitality of our hostess Harriet Livingston, who was present by proxy of her well baked cake.

Several newcomers attended our last week's meeting. We always have room for a few more however, so we'll be looking for still more new faces at this Wednesday's meeting when Dr. Hoenig will tell us all about the ancient Jewish custom of wearing hats.

Our first dance—"The Old Clothes Dance", is to be held on Sunday, November 15th. The unique price of admission is "old clothes." You bring what you can in old clothes. These garments are for free distribution to the needy. All you young people between the ages of 18 and 21 are invited to the dance. Be sure to come and bring your friends.

FROM THE SOLDIER'S MAIL BAG

"... I'm starting to "layg Tefillin" again and I have forgotten how much of the morning service one says when "Davening" alone. If you could write a description of what and how much I am to "daven" perhaps I can start praying again."

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Kurt Salzinger

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GETTING PERSONAL

Many thanks to our loyal and indefatigable workers who succeeded in bringing a tremendous number of their friends to that swell Football Game last Sunday afternoon, thus once again helping our Synagogue. And what a grand time they all had cheering the plays! . . . We were delighted to see our old friend Mrs. Harry Millstein back in our midst again at Services, with her daughter Lucille and son-in-law Pvt. Marvin Etra, son of our good friends Mr. and Mrs. William Etra. . . It is good to see you fully recovered again, Mrs. Jaffin and Mrs. Steinberg. . . Our boys certainly are going places in the armed forces. . . Morty Langer has enlisted in the Naval Reserves at Lowell Textile in Lowell, Mass. . . Bert Hiller, son of Mrs. Ethel Hiller and nephew of Sam Rosen was promoted to corporal (we were glad to have Bert drop in to see us the other day). His brother Melvin has enrolled in the Signal Corps Training Course. . . as did Herbert Cantor, former president of the Adelpian Society. . . Brett Davidson, who was active in Club Council affairs, was appointed instructor in the Naval Training Base at Sheepshead Bay. . . And among our civilian youth, Lester Lazarus was

elected chairman of the Personnel Division of Civilian Defense Council of C.C.N.Y., while Morty Cohen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cohen, was elected vice-president of his senior class in the same college. . . Happy Birthday to our hard-working Directors: Harold Kaplan, Samuel M. Siegel and Morris Steinberg—and we don't want to omit our younger contingent who too have passed another milestone in life — Charles Bendheim and Herbert Reichlin. . . Rabbi C. Hillel Kauvar, who always worships with us when in the city, is to receive the Degree of Doctor of Divinity at the Jewish Theological Seminary — **Yasher Kochachahl!** . . . What a reunion it must have been when Mrs. Jack Levine met her son Josh at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, the other day. . . And speaking of traveling. . . Rabbi Goldstein just took a flying trip to Toronto to be the guest speaker at the Canadian Women's Mizrahi Convention. . . Rabbi Lifschitz delivered a most interesting talk to the Women's League Monday afternoon. . . Shirley Shapiro—where have you been all these weeks. Don't you know we miss you at Services?

YOUR WILL

Everyone should make a will to insure the proper disposition of his estate.

When you make a charitable bequest it is important to name the institution **correctly**.

Should you have in mind to remember our Synagogue in your testament the proper wording is as follows:

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Schedule of Courses for Fall Term

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7:30—8:30	HEBERW: Elementary	Rabbi Solomon Wind	2
	Advanced	Mrs. Shulamith Danon	3
	Intermediate	Rabbi Emanuel L. Lifschitz	4
8:30—9:30	PSALMS followed by FORUM	Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein	Daily Synagogue
		Guest Speakers—and collation	

WEDNESDAY

7:45—8:30	JEWISH CUSTOMS and CEREMONIES	Rabbi Sidney B. Hoenig	Club Rm.
8:30—9:15	JEWISH PHILOSOPHY	Rabbi Emanuel L. Lifschitz	4
9:15-10:10	PROBLEMS IN MODERN JEWISH HISTORY	Rabbi Sidney B. Hoenig	4

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