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## LOYALTY VIEWPOINT

### THE CREATION

by Israel S. Gomborov

One of the weapons that Israel's enemies have wielded against the Jew and his philosophy of life, as represented by the Bible and the Talmud, is what is known as "Higher Criticism".

Well, as bad as it is that a good many non-Jews pay heed to this "Higher Criticism," it is so much worse that so many of our Jews, because of their ignorance, have accepted its teaching. The evil is so great that even some of our theological schools teach it and some of our ministers preach it.

An examination of the history of this "Higher Criticism" has developed in Germany. Its origin can be traced to Israel's ancient arch-enemy, paganistic Greece. We need cite only Celsus and Apian as an illustration. The writer's own opinion is that "Higher Criticism" originated with the "Nachash Hakadmony" who caused Adam's downfall. Anyway, the late Dr. Solomon Schechter was right when he stated that "Higher Criticism" is simply "Higher Anti-semitism."

The higher critics mock at the "Creation" story as a foolish fairy tale. I think however, that it behooves us to go to our own sources to discover what our own teachers had to say on the subject.

We find that Rabbi Isaac (Itschak) asked the question, "Why the story of the Creation in the Bible?" The Bible is not concerned with anthropology nor geology. It is a religious guide. Why, then, tell us about the Creation? Why not begin with the First Commandment that was given to the Jews? The Sage replies that there was a purpose in so doing. We were given a message to the children of men, a lesson of deep significance.

The lesson is that there is one G-d and one G-d only, and that He created the first pair of humans from whom all the children of man are

## MEET OUR DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL ACTIVITIES



PINKUS SUGARMAN

This fall, the activities of the youth groups of our Synagogue will be under the direction of Mr. Pinkus Sugarman, who has had wide experience in this field and intends to continue the present groups which are active and to organize new clubs for the education and enjoyment of all.

A graduate of New York University and a teacher in the New York Schools for the past fifteen years, Mr. Sugarman spent the last summer as Director of a boys camp.

Some of Mr. Sugarman's other associations were: Boro Park YM&WHA, Jewish Big Brother Movement, Assistant Director Boys Work at the Madison House, New York.

Mr. Sugarman is anxious to meet all persons interested in joining clubs or young folks groups and invites them to see him at his office at the Synagogue between 8:00 P. M. and 10:30 P. M.

## SCOUT NOTES

Our **Boy Scout Troop** is developing into a strong and active unit under the devoted leadership of Dr. Frank E. Fink and his committee. The troop meets on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 o'clock in the Social Hall.

Our **Sea Scouts Troop** conducts its meetings "on board ship" below the Main Synagogue, every Wednesday evening. With their old skipper called to the colors, the troop is now under the leadership of Irving J. Marks.

## PRINCE ALEXANDER M. POUTIATIN SPEAKS THIS MONDAY NIGHT ON "RUSSIAN WAR SITUATION"

The heroic stand that the Russians are making against the ruthless Nazis has won the admiration of her allies and has quite baffled and bewildered her enemies.

Prince Alexander M. Poutiatin will discuss the "Russian War Situation" at the Forum this Monday night. He can relate the saga of the Russians' stand and their spirit, as only few can.

Prince Poutiatin was born at the Winter Palace as his father was marshal of the Imperial Court at St. Petersburg. He was educated at the St. Petersburg Lyceum and completed a rapid course at the School for Pages during the first World War. He later joined the forces and was wounded in battle.

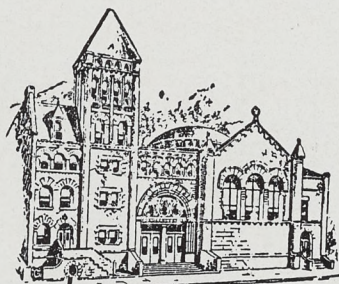
After the Revolution, together with his sister-in-law the Grand Duchess Marie, he left for the Ukraine. In 1918 he left the Ukraine for France. There, before the invasion of the Germans, he was arrested and spent several months in a concentration camp as a renowned anti-Hitlerite. He came to the United States about a year ago.

Prince Poutiatin and his wife, Princess Koudascheff, are ardent workers for aid to Russia. His eldest daughter, Marie, is at present the president of the Youth Group of the American Russian Committee for Medical Aid.

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

**Girl Scouts.** Geraldine Hoffman announces that the meetings of the Girl Scouts have been resumed and are to be held each Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock in Room 3 of the Synagogue House.

**Cub Pack.** Mr. Emanuel Fine, with the assistance of his conscientious and able committee are caring for the "Pack". A general meeting of all the Cubs is held in the Social Hall on the last Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P. M.



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## SECOND FRONT

The arm-chair experts have spoken and written at length about the Second Front. However President Roosevelt has acted with almost time-table precision in having our forces land in North Africa in time to have Rommel surrounded East and West. This reminds us of the old Biblical strategy employed by Joshua at Ai. Joshua divided the army into two parts, one landing in ambush behind the City of Ai and the other, led by himself, in front of the City of Ai, resulting in the utter destruction of the enemy. This is the first "pincer" movement known in history. It is now being repeated by the Forces of the United Nations against Rommel's Army, and we pray with similar success that attended Joshua.

In the Book of Joshua, Chapter 8, Verse 28, we read, "And Joshua burnt Ai and made it a 'Tel Olam', a 'heap forever, a desolation until this day.' Just as 'Tel Olam' was 'an everlasting sign' of the enemy's destruction, so too we hope shall 'Tel-El Alamein' be the site marking the beginning of the downfall of Hitler and the Axis Powers.

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## 118th COMMANDMENT SALT SHALL NOT BE LACKING FROM ANY OFFERING

by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

The 118th Commandment is a negative one. It reads as follows: "Thou shalt not allow the salt of the Covenant of thy G-d to be lacking from thy meal offering". (Leviticus, Chapter 2, Verse 13). The salt used had to come from the communal treasury just as the cost of the wood for the offering was defrayed from the communal treasury. This was prescribed so as not to detract from the standing of the Temple as the Rabbis say,

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"In a place of wealth one should not act as impoverished". (Sabbath, 120). The rich are not to be small or petty. Therefore the salt had to come from the treasury of the Temple, so that the Priests should not have to

look to individuals to donate salt every time an offering was brought.

Salt is used as the basis of many metaphors in the Bible to signify permanency and eternity. The following are several specific instances of this usage. 1) The covenant between G-d and Israel is compared to salt. This covenant preserves Israel from disintegration and decay. Therefore the sinner brings salt with his offering to demonstrate that he is departing from his sin, which is disintegrating, and that he is bound for the path of religious rectitude, which is permanent and eternal. 2) Salt is referred to, as a means of preserving food from decay. Salt extracts all the blood which may be lodged in the cells and pores of the meat. Since the blood was merely to be sprinkled and not offered, therefore the meat, in order to be fit for offering upon the altar, had to be freed of all its blood. In the same way the blood of the meat we eat, must be extracted, in view of the prohibition against partaking of blood, mentioned in Genesis Chapter 9, Verse 4, "Blood shall ye not eat", and Deuteronomy, Chapter 12, Verse 23, "Only be sure that thou eat not the blood for the blood is the life". In this way Israel has been kept from becoming a bloodthirsty warlike people.

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descended. Space will not permit me to go into the questions of the "Origin of Species" and the "Descent of Man", or the "Monkey Theory" by Darwin, which was quite a rage about a half century ago and in which a good many of the so-called scientists and pseudo-scientists still believe. All that I want to say on that at present is for you to read what Darwin's co-worker Wallace had to say, later on, on the subject. The importance, however, of the Biblical statement was never so vital as it is at present. The Pagan totalitarians tried to teach us that there is no kinship in mankind, that we are descendants of monkeys and every group is separate and distinct. The Egyptians, Assyrians and Greeks, as well as the Hitlerites today, divide mankind into various castes, superiors, semi-superiors, inferiors and semi-inferiors, with a rule that semi-superiors, inferiors, and semi-inferiors must obey the rules laid down by the superiors.

In olden days there were the Egyptians, the Assyrians and the

Greeks. Now the superior race consists of the Nazis. The Pagans had quite an array of gods, semi-gods and demi-gods, each god with his special function and each god with his array of followers. As previously stated, there was nothing in common between one group and another except that each group tried to assert its own superiority and endeavored to oppress all other groups. Within the group itself, the rule of superiors and inferiors had full sway, and the superiors did oppress the inferiors.

The Biblical statement is, as Isaiah so nobly expressed it, "Have we not all one Father?" "Did not one G-d create us?" "If one G-d is the creator of mankind, all men are brothers," and therefore cannot like Cain of old ask, "Am I my brother's keeper?" and oppress one another.

When mankind will awake from its lethargy, drop all the silly "higher criticism" and study G-d's Word in the proper spirit, it will understand that the object of the story of the Creation is to teach us the lesson of the Fatherhood of G-d and the Brotherhood of Man.

### WOMEN'S LEAGUE NOTES Open Meeting This Monday Outstanding Guest Speaker

This Monday afternoon, November 16th at 2:30 o'clock, the Women's League will be privileged to have the very charming and delightful Mrs. Moses L. Isaacs, National Vice-President of the Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, as the guest speaker at its open meeting.

Those who are acquainted with Mrs. Isaacs' record of broad communal activity, will welcome this opportunity of hearing her interpretation of "The All-Around Jewish Woman".

Mrs. Samuel Fasten, Co-Chairman of the forthcoming Women's League Luncheon, will also have an interesting message to present at this meeting.



**MRS. SAMUEL FASTEN**  
Luncheon Co-Chairman

Mrs. David H. Ullman, who will preside, extends a personal invitation to all the women of the congregation to be present. A social hour will follow the meeting.

All those who have not yet made their reservations for the Luncheon which is to be held at the Waldorf Astoria on Tuesday afternoon, December 1st, are urged to do so immediately by mailing their checks to the Treasurer, Mrs. Lawrence Mirken, c/o the W.S.I.S., or by telephoning TR 7-8281.



**MISS IDA BERSON**

Staff Sergeant Daniel Weiss (our own Danny), son of Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Weiss, will be married this Sunday afternoon to Miss Ida Berson.

Congratulations to the parents and grandmother Mrs. Regina Margareten.

Danny has rendered most valuable services to our Synagogue, and we know that the young couple will receive the choicest blessings of the Congregation.

### YOUNG FOLK'S LEAGUE

"Contemporary Jewish Philosophy", as presented by Rabbi Lifschitz at a recent meeting of the Young Folk's League was so stimulating a lecture that everyone joined in the discussion that followed and are eagerly looking forward to our meeting this Wednesday night when Rabbi Lifschitz will continue his presentation of the subject. Be sure to be with us this time. Harriet Frank has promised cake for the social after the lecture. There'll be dancing too!

Recently our members accepted an invitation to visit the Museum of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Dr. Max Arzt explained the various exhibits. Those of you who did not join us that Sunday morning missed an extremely interesting experience.

**Reminder!** This Sunday afternoon, November 15th, is the date you've reserved for our "Old Clothes Dance." All you need bring for admission is some article of old clothes. The accumulated garments will be distributed to needy families.

A word about our big Chanukah Dance—it will be held on Saturday night, December 5th, There'll be an orchestra, refreshments, and — service men for the girls!

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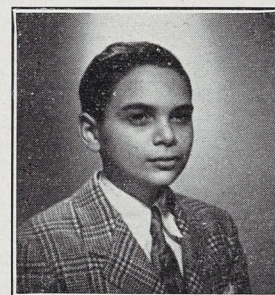
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### BAR MITZVAH



**ROBERT N. SANDS**

We felicitate Mr. & Mrs. Sidney N. Sands of 225 West 86th Street, upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son Robert in our Synagogue tomorrow.

### WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening 5:23

Weekly Portion: TOLEDOS

|                            |                  |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| Friday Evening Service     | 5:30             |
| Saturday Morning Service   | 9:00             |
| Junior Congregation        | 10:00            |
| Rabbi Hurwitz Talmud Class | 4:15             |
| Mincha Service             | 5:15             |
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## GETTING PERSONAL

Mazel Tov! Rabbi and Mrs. Lifschitz have been blessed with a tiny baby brother for Shulamith. . . Ain't that something? . . . We were elated to find Winnie Kinzler and Harriet Livingston among our young charming regular Sabbath worshippers. . . Welcome home to Mr. and Mrs. Mose Goodman. . . Glad to see you at services. . . Lt. and Mrs. Sol Strausberg nee' Joan Horowitz are celebrating their second wedding anniversary. . . Lots of luck, Joan and Sol, may you celebrate many more together. . . The same for Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wohl. . . In true synagogue spirit, Harry Josephson donated a bolt of material which Ben Wohl has volunteered to transform into foyer curtains. . . By the way, have you seen Rabbi Goldstein's new overcoat - - - take a look. He looks stunning. . . Its an excellent sample of Pop Wartels' master craftsmanship. . . Happy Birthday to Buddy Frankel, Moe Langer, Mrs. Julius H. Rosan, Elmer Settel and Jules Cohen. . .

Welcome into our membership, Nathan Lenkowsky, Corporal Symon A. Tulbert, Benjamin Mehlman and William H. Schapps. . . Congratulations to Mrs. Richard Ullman, sister-in-law of our own David H. Ullman,

upon the first birthday of her granddaughter Suzanne Ullman. . . Victory Night at the Mizrahi Women's Convention was one grand success. . . Know why? . . Mrs. Samuel Fasten presided. . . We had a Night of Stars' one day last week. Mr. and Mrs. Morris Levine dropped in for a chat. . . Morris paid for several hundred football tickets. . . Mrs. Levine pledged a table for the Women's League Luncheon scheduled for Dec. 1st at the Waldorf and both of them threw in a lady's suit or sport coat as a prize to be raffled off at the Luncheon. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Mirken, Larry resplendent in his coast guard uniform, dropped in to pay for tickets for the game while his wife did a few hours clerical work. . . Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Landowne too. . . Joe to clear his football tickets, while Mrs. Landowne helped the ladies in the office. . . Our ever hospitable Mrs. Jablow entertained with the latest gossip. . . What a turnout at the Livingston reception last Sunday. . . What a party!! Everybody was there. . . Sylvia and Lou make a grand couple. The W. S. I. S. is happy to welcome them into the Congregational family. . .

## FROM THE SOLDIER'S MAIL BAG

"I room with three men—two Captains and a Major. The first morning I had to satisfy their curiosity as to my tefillin. This morning I awoke late — washed, dressed, put on my tefillin, commenced to pray, and sort of cut corners so that the time required to pray was noticeably less than usual. The Major immediately called me down, "You must have missed something this morning Lieutenant. How are you finished so soon?"

From this story you can appreciate that the problem of our boys could be settled if handled by the right people — properly."

YOUNG FOLKS  
SABBATH AFTERNOON SERVICE

At the Sabbath Service tomorrow afternoon, conducted by the young folks of the Synagogue, the Torah will be read by Ira Bernstein and the Service by Mordecai Cohen. The speaker for the afternoon will be Nat Gross.

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