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LOYALTY VIEWPOINT

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DR. SAMUEL NIRENSTEIN

JEWISH ETHICS

by Dr. Samuel Nirenstein

Ethics is, in a sense, synonymous with morals, but much broader. Included are not only concepts or ideas, but duties or actions. Jewish Ethics require not only a point of view (which is passive), but acts affirmatively accomplished. One cannot sit in the privacy of his apartment and think Judaism only, he must practice it; in addition to theory, there must always be practice.

Now these duties or מצוות are both positive and negative — commands and prohibitions.

They are divided into three general classes.

1. Duties to God.
2. Duties to our fellow men.
3. Duties to ourselves.

The primary textbook of Jewish Ethics is the Bible, and as one advances in knowledge he studies the Mishnah (the first Commentary on the Bible) and the Gemorrah (the

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MEMORIAL for ISAAC SETTEL



The Late Isaac Settel

To honor the memory of a loyal and devoted worker for our Institution we will unveil the Synagogue House Plaque this Sunday morning.

We invite all readers to pay tribute to the memory of Isaac Settel by attending these services on Sunday at 11 A.M. in the Synagogue House.

(See Editorial)

YOUNG FOLKS SERVICE SABBATH AFTERNOON

At the Sabbath Afternoon Service tomorrow, which the young folks of the Synagogue conduct, Lawrence Perlman will read the Torah and David Buchsbaum will chant the Service. The speaker for the afternoon will be Maurice Spanbock.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE NOTES

All the women of the congregation are cordially invited to attend the next regular session of Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class and meeting of our Women's League which will be held on Monday afternoon, December 14th at 2:30 o'clock sharp.

Mrs. Joseph Sedwitz will be hostess at the social hour following the meeting, in honor of her birthday as well as that of her son Ira.

RELIGIOUS ZIONIST VIEWPOINT FORUM TOPIC MONDAY NIGHT

Those who are interested (and aren't we all?) in an **ארץ ישראל**
לעם ישראל על פי תורת ישראל

—Land of Israel, for the People of Israel, in the tradition of Israel's Torah— will be happy for the opportunity to hear the eminent Mizrachist, Rabbi Max Kirshblum at this Monday's Forum, when he will discuss the "Religious Viewpoint and Zionism."



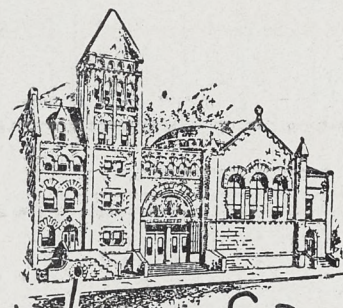
RABBI MAX KIRSHBLUM

Rabbi Max Kirshblum is a graduate of the Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary and Yeshiva College.

He received his early Hebrew and Talmudic education in Bialistock, Poland, where he spent the first sixteen years of his life. Following a brief but successful career in the Orthodox Rabbinate, Rabbi Kirshblum was invited to become the Executive Secretary of the American Mizrahi, an office which he holds since 1935.

Rabbi Kirshblum has represented the Mizrahi at the last two Zionist Congresses, visited Palestine on behalf of his organization in 1938, and was also a delegate to the World Conference of Keren Hayesod held in Antwerp that year.

Be on time for Rabbi Goldstein's Bible class, 8:30 sharp.



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LEST WE FORGET

There is a tendency on the part of public institutions to forget the names of those who have rendered great service in its behalf. The West Side Institutional Synagogue is endeavoring to be an exception.

This Sunday morning a plaque will be unveiled by the members of the institution in loving memory of Isaac Settel, a founder and pillar of the Synagogue.

Isaac Settel was interested greatly in the Religious School and regularly attended its public assemblies. He loved the children and was anxious that the Synagogue give them the maximum and the best in Jewish education.

He served not only as a Treasurer and Trustee but as a symbol of steadfastness to Jewish principles. His great concern was that the Synagogue should preserve and carry on the traditions transmitted to him by his stalwart parents. It was in this spirit that he and his family donated the Holy Ark to the Synagogue.

The name of Isaac Settel will ever be linked in our minds with those noble souls who were deeply and genuinely concerned with the furtherance of Jewish tradition.

"AS
R'CHASH
SEES
IT"



122nd COMMANDMENT I COMPULSORY EVIDENCE

by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

The 122nd Commandment makes it mandatory upon us to give testimony and to declare all things known by us whether it involves capital punishment, or money claims, as it is written in Leviticus, Chapter 4, Verse 1, "And if any one sin in that . . . he being a witness whether he hath seen or known if he did not utter it then he shall bear his iniquity". This verse, according to the Rabbis, deals with the sin of one who knows some facts which are necessary for the execution of justice and refuses to disclose them in court. Such a person consciously refrains from helping the cause of truth and justice to triumph, and the powers of falsehood and corruption to meet defeat. To have evidence and abstain from disclosing it, is put by the

Rabbis in the same category with receiving stolen goods, which is a more grievous sin than stealing itself. Were it not for the receiver, the thief would find no inducement to steal. So, too, crime would be less if all those who have some knowledge concerning a crime, a criminal, or the various circumstances surrounding a misdemeanor would speak out. Our rabbis make a distinction between cases involving money and those involving life and other

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"forbidden things" in the Torah. (1) In regard to money matters a person does not have to offer his testimony. However, if he is called by one of the litigants or the court he must declare all he knows. (2) In regard to the other prohibitions in the Torah, for instance, if he saw a man eating forbidden food he must voluntarily bring evidence. (3) In regard to capital punishment, for instance, if he saw a man slay his neighbor or strike him, in all such cases one is obliged to bring testimony of his own accord. The purpose of this law is of course, to uproot evil from our midst and to prevent us from violating a prohibition of the Torah. The basis of this law has behind it a great social good, which must be evident to all. The world cannot exist otherwise. The Rabbis say in the Ethics of the Fathers, "the world stands upon three things, upon justice, upon truth and upon peace."

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explanation of the Mishnah), both being compilations gathered over many hundreds of years and finally codified in about the fifth century of the common era. Other principles under the first heading, "Duties To God", are **Humility** (as the Patriarch Abraham said, "I am but dust and ashes", and as Scripture refers to Moses, "And the man Moses was very meek"; **Reverence** ("And now, O Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him"); and, to enumerate others, **Gratitude, Trust and Love**.

In the second category, "Duties to our fellow men", are: "And thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself"; "One statute, one law, one judgment shall be for you and for the stranger that sojourneth with you"; "Ye shall love the stranger".

And among the last division, "Duties to ourselves", are: Personal Holiness, Temperance, Self-control and

Industry.

We mentioned the love of the stranger. Not in the very dim past this virtue was accepted as a self-evident fact. Recently, we have unfortunately, come to see it not as common, but as rare in many parts of the world, where unless one is held to belong by some accident of so-called "race" he is not to be counted at all—he is not only discriminated against, but forced out of existence altogether. Contrast this with the Jewish law, which in thirty-six different places in the Bible admonishes the Israelite to treat the stranger as he would treat himself, and never to forget that once upon a time the Jews were themselves strangers in the land of Egypt. The word the other ancients used for stranger was "barbarian", which probably originated in the narrowness of the early Greeks, to whom all foreign languages sounded like "Bar—Bar—Bar", nonsense, gibberish. This virtue still has the same purpose and

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WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening 5:13

Weekly Portion MIKEZ

Friday Evening Service 5:15
 Saturday Morning Service 9:00
 Junior Congregation 10:00
 Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class 4:00
 Mincha Service 5:00
 Sunday morning Service

..... 6:55, 7:45, 8:45

Daily Services:

Mornings 6:55, 7:45, 8:15
 Mincha 5:15

Followed by the Interpretation of
 the Mishnah by Rabbi Goldstein

CONCERNING THE CONCERT. . .

There are seats for everyone at our annual concert at the Metropolitan Opera House which takes place on Sunday evening, February 21, 1943 (the eve of Washington's Birthday).

Mr. Joseph Settel, Chairman of the Concert Committee, informs us that at this time we can fill orders for seats in all the price ranges.

A Parterre Box (in the Diamond Horseshoe) consists of 8 seats at \$55.00.

Other tickets are priced from \$1.10 in the Family Circle to \$6.60 in the Orchestra.

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end to serve. Civilization has a long way to go to attain it—and it is still an unlearned lesson.

In the Mishnah there is a tractate, or section, called "Pirke Aboth", or "Chapters of the Fathers", in which are collected ethical sayings and principles Aboth has been translated many times and often commented upon and edited. One of the best is that of Professor R. Travers Herford, a Christian scholar, who with reverence says in his introduction, "The Commentary which accompanies the translation here offered (to the reader) will show whether the present attempt to expound the teaching of Aboth is a failure or not; if it is, the result will not be due to want of sympathy with those who have produced Aboth, or with those who for centuries have produced and loved its pages. It will be due to the fact that the writer is not himself a Jew, and may perhaps be deaf to melodies which sing divinely in Jewish ears."

Jewish ethics as described herein is an integral phase of Jewish loyalty.

THE WOMAN WE DELIGHT
TO HONOR

MRS. REGINA MARGARETEN

Mrs. Regina Margareten's 80th birthday was marked at the Women's League Luncheon at the Waldorf Astoria on December 1st. Our rebbetzin Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein took the occasion to pay her homage in the presence of more than four hundred guests assembled.

In her congratulatory message lauding the virtues of the celebrant Mrs. Goldstein said:

"To me has been accorded the happy privilege of announcing that there is a woman in our midst today of whom it may truly be said, 'To know her is to love her.'"

"She is kind, affable, noble, philanthropic, pious, wise and understanding."

"She truly must have tasted of the fountain of eternal youth for despite the fact that she is celebrating her 80th birthday she veritably radiates a spirit of youthful buoyancy. May the Almighty grant this blessing to her for scores of years to come and, like Moses of old, may she live 120 years with her present vigor unabated."

"I know that you will all be happy to join with me in singing 'Happy Birthday' to the beloved Matriarch of our Congregation, Mrs. Regina Margareten."

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GETTING PERSONAL

In the true spirit of Chanukah, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Ehrenfeld presented the Synagogue with a beautiful Menorah. . . May it ever burn brightly and symbolize renewed and increased cheer in the hearts of all Israel. . . In honor of the festive season, Mr. and Mrs. Simeon H. F. Goldstein spent the weekend with the folks. . . So did Benjamin Neuhaus, who is engaged in war work in Baltimore. It's a long time between visits, Ben. . . Among our weekenders in uniform were Privates Harold Gross and Harry Margareten, who has up to date not eaten trefa. . . We were indeed happy to see our good friend Phil Frankel, and hope to see him regularly on Shabbos. . . The best news flash of the week is the engagement of Marcia Stebbins to Warren Borg Goldsmith. Our very best wishes. . . Birthday candles to Mrs. Joseph Sedwitz and her son Ira, Mrs. Sam Goodman, Mrs. Meyer Mirken, Mortimer Morris, Sam Rubel and Mrs. Aaron Wartels. . . An added good wish for health to Mrs. Jane Udell mother of our beloved president, on her birthday. . . One birthday candle to our up and coming Master David James Roth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Roth and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Roth. . . Congratulations to Nathan Frank on his 75th birthday. . . Lt. Michael Blankfort of the Marines was awarded a medal for sharp-shooting. . . Welcome to our Synagogue and community, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Greenman, and their two charming daughters, Helen and Myra. . . We were delighted to have our own radiant Bernice Breitbart back with us at services last Shabbos. . . Hostesses at the Junior Congregation on Saturday were Bernice

Jacobowitz and Susan Stern. . . Many thanks to Mrs. Louis Davis and Mrs. Louis Scherer for presenting the Synagogue with coffee-pots. . . Remember, only ONE cup a person. . . Happy to see Henry M. Mayper well on his way to recovery from his recent illness. . . As a tribute to our Review one of our subscribers, in renewing his subscription, paid double the rate, and wrote that it was a bargain even at that price. . . Ecce homo. . . That's a man for you. . . Good wishes to Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Liss in their new home. . . Our Talmud Torah presented a wonderful Chanukah program last Sunday morning. It was well attended by the parents who enjoyed the interesting numbers presented. . . At the Chanukah party of our Directors several demonstrated unknown and unsuspected talent as "funny-story" tellers. Among them were Joe Buchsbaum, Gus Rubenstein and Dr. Ben Goldstein. . . They were probably inspired by the invited speaker, Hon. Irwin Davidson, a humorist par excellence. . . Our President, Lester Udell, tried his hand at "Have you heard this one" and received an ovation. . . Harry Appel was in his usual good form. . . Rabbi Hurwitz entertained on his accordian, what a performance, beware, Phil Baker. . . Of course Rabbi Goldstein and Rabbi Lifschitz spoke. . . Morris Levine made a generous donation to the Amortization Fund, in honor of his birthday, and Morris Steinberg — the originator of that fund — beamed. . . Which reminds us that George L. Livingston, Gus Rubenstein and Lester Udell also made generous donations to this fund recently. . . Adieu until next week.

OUR SOCIAL DEPARTMENT

Chanukah Celebrations

Hapoel Hamizrachi

The Bachad of Hapoel Hamizrachi will hold its third annual Chanukah Celebration in our Social Hall on Saturday evening, December 12th at 8:30 o'clock.

JOINT CELEBRATION

Tikvat Israel Chapter of Masada United Nations Junior League

The United Nations Junior League of the American Jewish Congress and the Tikvat Israel Chapter of Masada are holding a joint Chanukah Party and Dance on Sunday, December 13th at 7 P.M. in our Social Hall.

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