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LOYALTY VIEWPOINT

DIET

(concluded from last week)

by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

Another and more surprising feature of the dietary laws is that they are largely responsible for the peace-lovingness of the Jew.

The Bible permits us to eat meat, but not all meat.

The diet for man is specifically prescribed in the Bible. I believe that diet is one of the greatest factors that has made for war. Before the flood, when the world did not live on a meat diet, there was no war.

The Biblical dietary laws are responsible for Israel's mission of peace. At the outset we are commanded not to drink blood. We are permitted to eat only of the herbivorous animals, which feed on grass, herbs, and vegetables, and we are forbidden to eat of the carnivorous the bloodthirsty ones, which feed on other animals. Thus for thousands of years, have we been made free from the thirst for blood, and therefore there courses through every fibre of our being the great passion for peace. War and diet are thus intimately connected. This explains the reason why the Jew is essentially a pacifist.

This is evidenced further in every portion and section of our daily prayers. The grace after meals closes with a prayer for peace. The priestly benediction closes with a prayer for peace. Every Amidah closes with an invocation for peace. Every service in the Synagogue, morning, afternoon or evening, daily, Sabbath or holiday, closes with the Kaddish, which in turn is always concluded with a prayer for peace. The prayer for peace is the dominant note struck by the Jew throughout his career. This is traceable in a very large measure to the fact that the body

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MORALE

What is it that has kept England from cracking under the strain of the fierce and devastating Nazi onslaught? Morale. And it is morale that whips up the courage of the Russian soldier to heroic proportions. Half the battle is to keep high the morale of a people.

In our humble way, we of the W. S. I. S. try to build up and strengthen the morale of our people. And, as the Institution itself must continue to be strong to dispense its far-reaching services, we seek to derive continued sustenance from the success of our annual Metropolitan Opera House concert on February 21st (the eve of Washington's Birthday).

That the entire musical program is arranged and presented by the Metropolitan management means the very highest in artistic achievement will be our fare, for, though commodities are being rationed these days, artists are giving more generously than ever of their gifts.



LESTER UDELL
Leads Ticket Sales

The leading distributor of tickets for our concert, is as usual, our president, Lester Udell. Others are helping to shoulder the burden of this venture, but success can be assured only if **each** and **every one** recognizes his responsibility and shares it.

So do **your** share by buying tickets for yourself and for your family, and induce your friends to join you that night.

Prices are from \$1.10 to \$6.60

BONDS — WHAT KIND?

January 1st represents the clean page that everyone wants to "start right". Let your first entry on that page be an ineradicable, firm resolve to buy War Bonds **every week**. No investment is more sound than these insurance policies against a Hitlerized United States.

Our boys on the battle fronts are valiantly fighting to preserve our right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. We on the home front must strengthen their hands. We can do no less than back them up with a generous weekly purchase of war bonds or stamps.

We urge you to keep the W.S.I.S. agency for War Bonds busy with your purchases. We are all agreed: **Better a bond in the hand than hands in bonds.**

CLUB COUNCIL SYMPOSIUM

The first monthly Symposium sponsored by the Club Council of the W.S.I.S. will be held on Thursday, January 28th at 8 P. M. in the Social Hall.

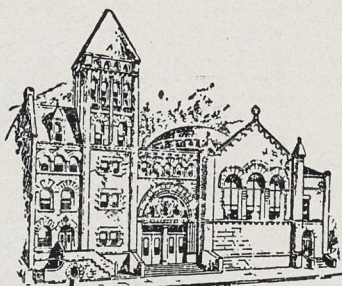
All adult groups of the Council are cooperating in this project. The hosts for the January Symposium will be the United Nations Junior League of the American Jewish Congress. Miss Anne Terkel, representing that group, promises three outstanding speakers on the topic "Jews In a Post War World". A question period will follow.

Dancing and refreshments will be features of each monthly Symposium.

YOUNG FOLKS SERVICE

SABBATH AFTERNOON

The young folks of the synagogue will conduct their own Sabbath Service tomorrow afternoon with Hillel Meyers as reader of the Torah and Morton Cohen to chant the Service. Paul Newman will address the congregants.



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THE SEASON'S GREETINGS

The spirit of this season is BROTHERHOOD. To the Jew it is the FEAST OF LIGHTS, joyously commemorating Hanukkah, the victory of spiritual forces over brutality. To the Christian it is CHRISTMAS, the birth of a divine revelation that despotic power can be overcome by men of good will. Brotherhood is giving to others the rights that we want to keep for ourselves. Brotherhood is a law of G-d for human relations as inexorable and as universal as the law of gravity in the physical world. No race can long preserve freedoms which it will not grant to other races. No nation can long promise to its own citizens rights which it prevents other nations from offering their people, too. No religion can long enjoy liberty of conscience if it refuses it to those of other religions. "Peace on earth among men of goodwill" can be realized only through observance of the universal law of brotherhood. G-d bless us, everyone!

—EVERETT R. CLINCHY

Note: We reprint these fine sentiments of the president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

—E. L. L.

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123rd COMMANDMENT

I THE SACRIFICE FOR THE RICH AND POOR

by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

The 123rd Commandment deals with the offering of the rich and the poor. One had to bring an offering called the

קרן עולה ויורד for special sins namely, 1) If a witness failed to give testimony (see Leviticus, Chapter 5, Verse 1); 2) If one entered the Sanctuary at a time when he was ritually impure or; 3) If he partook of the holy food, the sacrifices, entirely forgetting that he was in an unclean state (see Verses 2 and 3 of Chapter 5) or; 4) If one swore to do something and then violated this oath unwittingly (see verse 4) or; 5) If anyone swore pronouncing with his lips to do evil or to do good, (see Verse 4).

LOYALTY VIEWPOINT

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politic of the Jew due to the observance of the dietary laws, has freed itself from any thirst for blood.

Whilst it may be true that there are some of us today who do not observe the dietary laws and nevertheless have this passion for peace, our genius in this direction may be due to the fact that there is running through our veins the blood of some pious grandmother or of some sturdy grandfather, who made every possible sacrifice to keep the dietary laws. Blood will tell—blood always tells, or as Oliver Wendell Holmes, our own American poet and essayist, put it: "Every man is as an omnibus in which all of his ancestors are seated."

These, then, are the spiritual values of our dietary laws. There are some, however, who think of these laws merely as hygienic. Whilst this must necessarily be true, for the Lord is our Physician, and any diet laws which He prescribes must be for the health, longevity, and well-being of those who live by them, yet

In all these cases G-d was very merciful in allowing the sinner to bring an offering in accordance with his means. (See Verses 7 and 11). G-d was merciful, in these cases because of the difficulty to control the tongue or not to come in contact with people who may be unclean. One may be scrupulous about not eating worms, or trefa, but is light-minded about his tongue. An "am ha'aretz," an ignorant person, is always regarded in a doubtful state of ritual cleanliness and to touch his garments would make one unclean. One is not so careful in regard to false testimony or neglect of giving evidence that will help or save his neighbor from destruction. These cases that I have mentioned deal with the trespasses committed unwittingly, with the exception of giving false evidence. But let us understand and take to heart that whilst G-d is merciful and allows us to bring a קרבן a sacrifice, nevertheless it is incumbent upon us to be distant from sin. Let us not say: I will sin and give an offering and be atoned therefor. One may be pardoned but certainly he is not justified in sinning. Although repentance is provided for in G-d's plan for the world, every time we sin let us remember that we then break the will of G-d, our Heavenly Father.

nowhere in the Bible do we find health and cleanliness given as the reasons for the observance of these laws. The Bible sums them up in the following words: "Ye shall therefore consecrate yourselves and ye shall be holy."

Science of course endorses these laws. But the word of G-d does not need the endorsement of science.

The scientific endorsement of the dietary laws is very gratifying to the Jew. Its importance lies only in the fact that it is another evidence to the world of the wisdom of the Torah.

By faithful observance of such divine ordinances as Kashruth do we fortify ourselves against the enervation of Jewish Life. The Gentile world understands and appreciates the Jew's application of the laws of Kashruth; it cannot, however, understand his neglect and rejection of them.

Through faith and diet, I believe, we can bring health and beauty to our bodies—cleanness and clarity to our minds—peace and contentment to ourselves and to mankind.

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening 5:25
 Weekly Portion: SHMOS
 Friday Evening Service 5:30
 Saturday Morning Service 9:00
 Junior Congregation 10:00
 Rabbi Hurwitz's Class in Talmud 4:30
 Mincha Service 5:30
 Sunday morning Service 6:55, 7:45, 8:45
 Daily Services:
 Mornings 6:55, 7:45, 8:15
 Mincha 5:30

Followed by the Interpretation of
 the Mishnah by Rabbi Goldstein

A PARENT'S INTERVIEW

When a parent inquired the other day of Rabbi Lifschitz "Why burden my child with a Religious Education nowadays, with so many other pressing problems?" He replied, "Your child is living in an era of war and misery. On the screen, in the Press, and on the air your child is learning of blood and destruction, learning of shattered hopes and faith, learning that destiny has meted out a double portion of suffering and degradation for his crucified people. Your child will be growing up and will need faith and courage and hope to live. Your child will need inner fortitude and strength to face the world as a Jew. Only a Religious Education can and will give your child that inner fortitude, so vital to a sound, integrated and courageous Jewish Personality." **Enroll your child NOW. The new term starts February 1, 1943. Do not delay, do it today!**

FOR 1943

Start the year right! Every Jew has a duty to himself and the community — that of becoming a synagogue member.

Our dues are moderate — only \$10 a year, — yet that sum helps keep our building open every day of the year not only for religious services but also as a place where young people may come and congregate in clubs and groups under the proper auspices.

Join our organization. You will be surprised at the gratifying pleasure you will derive from the knowledge that you are helping a good cause.

**WOMEN'S LEAGUE
MEMBERSHIP TEA**

On Monday afternoon, January 18, at 2:00 o'clock, the Women's League will hold a Membership Tea. All women of the Congregation are cordially invited to attend.



MRS. HARRY WARD
Membership Tea Chairman

The chairman and her committee were particularly fortunate in securing as their guest, that dynamic theatrical reader—

MRS. HELEN G. METZLER

Her subject will be:

The Theatrical Scene of 1942.

Tickets are priced at \$1.10 each including tax, and can be had at the office of the Building or by phoning TRafalgar 7-8281.

Mrs. Harry Ward is chairman and Mrs. Benjamin Spanbock, co-chairman. Those on the committee are: Miss Bessie Abrams, Mrs. Louis Davis, Mrs. Max Frank, Mrs. Morris Jablow, Mrs. Moe Langer, Mrs. Meyer L. Pargament, Mrs. Max Verschleiser.

**OUR BOYS IN THE
ARMED FORCES WRITE . . .**

"... I want to take this opportunity of thanking you for all the issues of the West Side Institutional Review I have received, and read from cover to cover. With kindest personal regards to Rabbi Goldstein and all my friends at the Synagogue. . ."

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The WILL

Exit 1942. Enter 1943. What resolutions did you fail to carry out on your last year's list? If you did not get around to making or re-making your will, do so now.

If your interest in our Synagogue prompts you to remember us in your will it is important that the bequest bear our full designation. It should read as follows:

I give, devise and bequeath to the **West Side Institutional Synagogue**, a religious corporation at 120-138 West 76th Street, New York City, the sum of

WINSTON CHURCHILL SAYS:

"The Jew bore the brunt of the Nazi's first onslaught upon the citadel of freedom and human dignity. He has borne and continued to bear a burden that might have seemed beyond endurance. He has never allowed it to break his spirit; he has never lost the will to resist. Assuredly in the day of victory the Jew's sufferings and his part in the struggle will not be forgotten."

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GETTING PERSONAL

Mazel Tov and warm good wishes to the December 24th newly weds, George Kramer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Kramer, and his wife Ellen (nee Weill) daughter of Professor and Mrs. Felix Weill. . . Seen at services recently in a colorful uniform was Larry Sherman, a student at the Military Academy at St. Petersburg, Florida. . . Our prayerful good wishes for a speedy recovery to Mrs. Minnie Horowitz, Mrs. Hyman Steuer, and Samuel Lewis. . . Glad to have Morris Mehlman drop in to Shul and tell us that he has fully recovered from his protracted illness and is ready for some intellectual activity in our Laymen's Institute (If you don't know, the new semester for Institute begins on Monday evening, January 11th.) . . . The Junior Congregation has elected a new set of officers, David Buchsbaum, President, and Robert Hausman, Vice-President. What a combination! . . . Laurence Kobrin, one of our youngsters who made a fine impression upon our Rabbis, when he attended our Day School, has made his Torah Reading debut last Shabbos at the Junior Services.

Keep it up little fellow. . . Happy wedding anniversaries to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gross and Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Weiss. . . Victory candles go to Lt. Dr. Gerald Blankfort and his wife, Muriel Sanders Blankfort, to Simeon H. F. Goldstein and to our new Director Adolph Meirowitz. . . one candle to little Sandra, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Schuyler. . . Happy birthday to you one and all! . . . We do not see you so often since you are married Irving—(bring your wife to Shul too.) . . . John Gell with a slight cold, "played hookey" for several days from the first minyan. Pop Wartels sure was worried! . . . Happy trip to Rabbi and Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein and children on a well deserved vacation. . . We were glad to see Paul Shapiro, Paul Schilder and Abe Smith in uniform at services on Shabbos. . . We extend a hand of fraternal greeting to our new members who joined our ranks during the last fortnight, Norman Fox, Samuel Friedrich, Abraham M. Golden, Harry Schapiro, Mitchel Schneider, Otto Vogel.

OUR PING PONG TOURNAMENT

You can still register for the ping pong tournament. Eddie Beller announces that more than twenty five young folks are eager to pit their skill for the fine prizes to be awarded.

UNCONVENTIONAL PRAYER

Gracious Father of Love and Life, make me too big to keep my son from marrying the girl he loves. May I never ruin their happiness by telling his sweetheart that she is stealing from me the only precious thing I have in life. May I accept the burden of my own loneliness than destroy the dream of their young love. May I remember that I fell in love and married his father. Save me, O Lord, from strangling my son with my apron string. Amen.

(Allen A. Stockdale)

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The following Mother Goose rhyme, revised for our Concert at the Metropolitan Opera House on February 21st, has been submitted by Y. T.

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