

COME EARLY MONDAY NIGHT

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LOYALTY VIEWPOINT and the POST-WAR PERIOD

By Rabbi Uri Miller

The community I live in—New Orleans—is an embarkation point for our military service. There is a constant stream of soldiers coming here, spending a week or two, and then leaving for parts unknown. Quite often these men seek to solve their personal problems before leaving for overseas service.

In the past several months I have been consulted by a goodly number of soldiers, all with the same problem. They have fallen in love with gentile girls—very often they have already married them. They come from fine orthodox families up North, and they want help to ease the blow to their parents, and if possible to "kasher" their alliance. Their answer to the question why they did it is composed of elements including the stress of their present mode of living, loneliness and the insecurity every soldier in a war must feel, plus the break with home ties and traditional standards involved in joining the army.

This phenomenon is serious in its own right. It is even more serious as a symbol of the difficulties confronting traditional Judaism in the post-war period. These young men returning from far places—from peril of life and limb—how will they fit into the community they have left? Will their religious feelings be deepened, or will they have been leveled into a sort of common denominator? Will they return to observances violated by the exigencies of war? Will they become more sensitive to ethical demands, or will they be brutalized by the brutal experiences they have perforce gone through?

PROMINENT EDUCATOR TO ADDRESS FORUM ON 'EDUCATION AMIDST WAR'

No one can read a newspaper these days without noting that education during war keeps step with the times—from the primary grades right up through the universities.

Education is a topic of vital importance—it concerns all of us. The Nazi system of education is something we have to combat if we hope to achieve a permanent peace after the war. Germany will have to be re-educated.

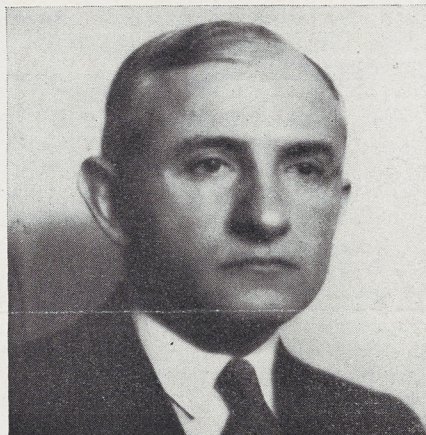
On Monday night, January 18th it will be our privilege to hear a discussion 'Education Amidst War' by the eminent educator, Dr. Jacob Greenberg, Associate Superintendent of Schools.

Dr. Greenberg is in charge of personnel, teacher training and curriculum for the city's schools. He has taught at C.C.N.Y. and at the N.Y.U. Graduate School.

Dr. Greenberg has written numerous books and has the distinction of being a member of the Academy of Education; officer of the French Academy; Chevalier of the French Legion of Honor. He is a veteran of the First World War.

Be prompt in attendance to this Forum to be assured of a seat. The session commences promptly at 8:30 P.M. with Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class.

Our New Treasurer SAMUEL SILVER



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Webster defines "amortization" as "the extinction of a debt, especially by a sinking fund."

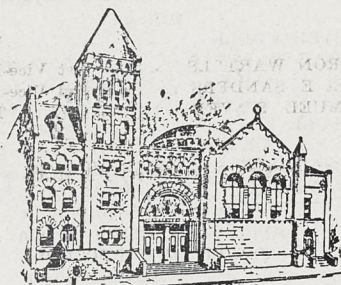
Like all good institutions we are constantly aiming at the extinction or the reduction of the heavy mortgages now on our building. Our director Morris Steinberg originated the Amortization Fund by making the first contribution of \$500. In the

last few years we have succeeded in reducing our mortgage by \$15,000 through this fund.

Recently there has been encouraging activity in this direction and several of our good friends: our president Lester Udell and our directors Siegfried Bendheim, Morris Levine, George L. Livingston, and Gus Rubenstein, have contributed liberally to this fund. They have chosen this means to mark some happy occasion.

At the last meeting of the Board of Directors, Samuel Silver, our newly elected treasurer, announced the handsome donation of \$1,000 which he was instrumental in securing for this fund.

Sound financing dictates elimination of mortgages, but this desirable condition can be attained only by the help of all of our friends. Why not start the new calendar year by making a contribution to the amortization fund? This will make the Synagogue belong to its friends rather than to the mortgagees. We are looking forward to the day when at least one of our mortgages will be entirely paid.



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THE "ENDS"

It has been very well put that "There are some who are week-end Jews, others year-end Jews and still others life-end Jews". Ends are generally the remnants, the left overs.

The loyal Jew wants to be close to his G-d, not merely for a few hours at the end of the week or a few days at the end of the year or for a few minutes at the end of his life. Religion is more than "last rites".

The loyal Jew has a program: (1) He prays not merely when he is sick or before he dies, but as a daily communion with his G-d. (2) He sets aside the whole Sabbath day, for reflection and spiritual refreshment. (3) He lives so that he leaves at least one tenth for charity. (4) He is always anxious to learn what G-d expects him to do, as found in the Bible and the Shulchan Aruch. This program is not an end to, or a remnant of life, but is the beginning, middle, and end of a full, fruitful, and happy way of living.

"AS
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SEES
IT"



124th COMMANDMENT THE NIPPING OF THE NECK By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

When the priest nips the head of the fowl of the poor man's offering, he is not permitted to separate the head from its body as it is written in Leviticus, Chapter 5, Verse 8, "... And nip off its head from the neck but (he) shall not divide it asunder". Nipping means that the priest would press his nail against the backbone of the neck and cut the the bone with his nail until he reached the food and windpipe. Then he would do the same with both or the greater part of the circumference of either one of these. This represents the slaughtering of the sin offering of the fowl for the poor man. This was a substitute for the regular process of slaughtering, — when the priest would first have to examine his knife to note whether it was in proper condition, smooth

enough for slaughter, so as not to bring pain to the animal. Whilst this procedure would take place the poor man would lose time from his work, therefore this process of

מליקה nipping, was performed opposite the throat because that was the nearest to the hand of the priest. This was one of the skills of the priests. Thus everything was to be done so that the poor man should lose the least possible time.

Furthermore the prohibition against tearing asunder the head from the body was enjoined so that the sacrifice should not look ugly, particularly so since it was a poor man's offering. All other sacrifices had to be brought at some particular section of the Altar, as we read, in the Daily Prayer Book, in

איזהו מקומן "Which are the places where the sacrifices were offered" ... (Mishna Zevachim, Chapter 5), namely, at some particular section of the Altar, but in the case of the poor man, any part of the Altar was fit. This too was done in consideration for the poor so that he may not lose time.

These laws pertained to Temple times and were practiced by the priests. He who would tear asunder instead of nipping the neck from the body of the fowl of the sin offering received stripes.

LET'S DO OUR PART

Give the second Victory Book Campaign your all-out support. Choose the books you especially value—and give them.

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Recruiting Station: West Side Institutional Synagogue.

CONCERT BOOSTER

Jingles to boost our concert at the Metropolitan Opera House on February 21st, continue to come in. We certainly admire the spirit that prompts these timely little contributions.

Roses are Red
Violets are blue.
I'm going to the concert.
How about you?

—W.O.W.

POST "FREE"

Mail from the Services

Assistant chief gunner, Sgt. Sanford P. Josephson (Sandy to his friends) writes there are practically no Jewish families in the small western towns, and shuls being simply non-existent he has not been to one since he left Salt Lake City, Utah.

"... But I have my own book and I read from it every day.

"... my sincerest regards to the congregation. I really miss the services very much and hope and pray that G-d above will permit me to be back again in the near future."

To which, Sandy, we say: Amen.

YOUNG FOLKS SERVICE

SABBATH AFTERNOON

At the Sabbath Afternoon Service tomorrow, conducted by the young folks of the synagogue, the Torah will be read by David Buchsbaum and the service chanted by Charles Bendheim. The speaker will be Simeon H. F. Goldstein.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Membership Tea January 18th

If you have not already made your reservation for the Women's League Membership Tea which is to be held at our Synagogue Building on Monday afternoon, January 18, at 2:30 o'clock, we recommend that you do so at once by phoning TRafalgar 7-8281. Subscription is \$1.10 per person. This amount will be deducted from the 1943 membership dues of those new members who enroll that afternoon.

A very interesting and enjoyable program has been planned for the occasion, including a talk by the highly popular and dynamic speaker, Helen G. Metzler. The co-chairmen, Mrs. Harry Ward and Mrs. Benjamin Spanbock, promise us a very delightful and "delicious" social afternoon.

We sincerely urge every woman of the congregation who reads this article to come and bring her friends, and every man who reads this to spur the women-folk on to attend this function.

Our goal is: 100% membership of the women of the congregation for our Women's League. Won't you help us reach our goal?

W.S.I.S. CLUB ACTIVITIES

The brief mid-winter vacation over, things are humming once again in our building.

There is a club activity to suit every age.

Jordania, a very active group of young men and women, will hold a Social-party and dance—tomorrow night. The entertainment committee has promised a good time for all.

On Sunday evening, January 24th, the group will dramatize various highlights of Jewish current problems. Political, social, and economic events will be highlighted in the "March of Time" manner, and solutions will be presented.

Reserve the date! Young men and women are cordially invited to attend.

The New York Region Conference of **Masada**, youth Zionist group, will be held in our building January 17, at 7 P.M. Morris Rapoport, national organization chairman, will preside. Herzl Fishman, executive vice-president will analyze the situation Masada faces today. Election of officers will be held.

You are invited to attend the conference. A good old-fashioned social will wind up the evening.

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening

..... 5:42

Weekly Portion: BO

Friday Evening Service 5:50

Saturday Morning Service .. 9:00

Junior Congregation 10:00

Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class

..... 4:45

Mincha Service 5:45

Sunday morning Service

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

Daily Services:

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

Mincha 5:45

Followed by the Interpretation of the Mishnah by Rabbi Goldstein



FIRST LT. NORMAN DAVIS

First Lieutenant Norman Davis, now serving in Egypt, was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for rendering 'four star' performance in the Middle East. He is credited with 260 hours of operational combat flights against the Axis.

We congratulate Mr. & Mrs. Louis Davis upon this signal honor bestowed upon their son.

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QUIZ

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(Answers on another page)

1. What gift makes the most appropriate birthday present for January and February?

2. The sweet young January graduate would like to be remembered with what?

3. What wedding anniversary gift would be considered unique?

4. If you were "throwing a party" what would be most likely to please your friends?

5. What would be a two-word answer to these questions?

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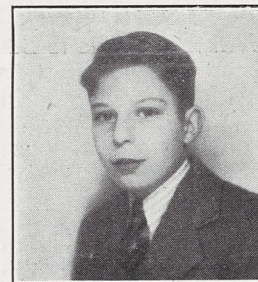
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OUR SERVICE FLAG

We are proud of the new service flag that graces the entrance to our building—not because it is a silk flag, elegant, and very handsome, but because it carries to all who see it the proud message that one hundred and twenty-six W.S.I.S. men are in the armed services, defending and fighting for the Four Freedoms.

BAR MITZVAH



PAUL POST

Felicitations are extended to Mr. & Mrs. Leon Post whose son Paul celebrates his Bar Mitzvah in our Synagogue tomorrow.

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GETTING PERSONAL

The Hebrew Theological College of Chicago had **Rabbi Goldstein** as guest speaker at their anniversary celebration last Sunday. . . We were happy to welcome at services last Shabbos **Dr. Alkalay**, Chief Rabbi of what formally was a splendid community of 80,000 Jews in Yugoslavia. Come to Shul tomorrow and listen to his brief address to the Congregation. . . Flashes from our Synagogue news-room: **Sam Fishman**, son of our **Director & Mrs. Meyer H. Fishman**, was transferred to the Marine Aviation School. . . **Harold Margarten** has been promoted to the rank of sergeant. . . **Jerome Schwartz**, son of **Mr. & Mrs. Hyman R. Schwartz**, is now serving in the Air Corps, majoring in radio communication. . . **Pvt. Harold Wohl** is now stationed at Fort Ontario, New York. . . We hear that **Pvt. Sidney Reiss** is on the balmy Californian West Coast. . . Glad to get overseas news from **Pvt. Eric Katz**. Here's hoping that he leads the American forces on to Berlin and will bring us Hitler's funny moustache as a souvenir. . . We were glad to see **Pvt. David Moskowitz** at services last Shabbos. . . The intellectual front was also well represented with three beautiful girls from Vassar College piously observing a classic Orthodox Service. . . We hope they get "A" in the course in Comparative Religion. . . The social front was all aglow with **Shirley Shapiro** and folks beaming over **Moshe Feuerstein**. Glad to see you Moel. . . Sorry to miss the **Langer** clan at services last Shabbos. We understand that their playing "hookey" was legitimate—a Bar Mitzvah in the family. . . A speedy recovery to **Samuel Friedman**, one of the newer members of the congregation. . . Happy birthday and best wishes to **Mr. Levi Hershfield** on his 85th birthday. Let's hope that before the

next year rolls around he, who breathes the spirit of the American Civil War, will witness the emancipation of all the enslaved peoples of the world. . . Birthday candles to our ardent workers and devoted friends, **Mrs. William Horowitz** and **Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel**. . . Joyous wedding anniversaries to **Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Brand**, **Mrs. & Mrs. Irving Kobrin**, **Mr. & Mrs. Simon Kommel**, and **Mr. & Mrs. Meyer L. Pargament**. . . Although a bit late, our congratulations are no less sincere to **Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Greenman** upon their recent anniversary. . . We are happy to welcome as new members of our spiritual fraternity, Messrs. **Louis Dreifuss**, **George A. Gold**, **Jules Howard**, **Joseph J. Newman**, **Henri Schmeidler**, **Ivan Salomon** and **Joseph Wallman**. . . Congratulations and hearty Mazel Tov to **Mr. & Mrs. Ben Shapiro** on their marriage last Sunday. . . The absence of **Mrs. Annie R. Morris** last Shabbos brought to the fore some able pinch-hitters to 'hostess' the after service Kiddush—**Mrs. Pargament** together with a group of our lovely Junior Debs, **Josephine H. Goldstein**, **Arnycye Livingston**, and **Minette Verschleiser**. . . FLASH! Our Vice-President, **Max E. Sanders**, pinch-hit Monday night for **Commissioner Herlands** who was prevented by illness from being with us. . . As we go to print we hear that **Morris Jablow** has not been well. We hope by the time you receive the REVIEW he will be back to his customary good health.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The recent meeting of our Board of Directors resulted in the re-election of all the officers except that of treasurer. **Joseph Settel**, who has been the incumbent in the office for over a year, asked the Board to relieve him of the office because of his present health. This was done most reluctantly. **Samuel Silver** was then elected unanimously as treasurer.

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WHEN: February 21st—Sunday, eve
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WHY: To strengthen our Institution
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