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LOYALTY VIEWPOINT

JEWISH EDUCATION in the Present Crisis

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The present emergency has placed a great strain on our educational system.

The prospects of the near future for Jewish education, therefore, are far from bright. Of course, an equally serious situation faces education in general, but with regard to Jewish education it may assume formidable proportions.

For Jewish education is not yet
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Coming—COMING. . .

Before you can say: "Metropolitan Opera Concert of the West Side Institutional Synagogue" February 21st and that gala event will overtake us.

It is coming—COMING, and **you must be GOING** to this event which has become a tradition of our institution. The success of our annual concert at the Metropolitan Opera House is also traditional. Don't let us break with tradition! It is your plain duty to buy tickets (\$1.10 to \$6.60) for the concert. Your just compensation will be the highly rewarding evening that it cannot fail to be—since artists of the Metropolitan Opera Company will reign supreme.

Remember—the concert is coming—COMING. . . and **YOU must be going!**

YOUNG FOLKS SERVICE

SABBATH AFTERNOON

At tomorrow's Sabbath Afternoon Service, which is conducted by the young folks of the synagogue, Andre Weil will read the Torah and Hillel Meyers will chant the Service. The speaker will be Nat K. Gross.

TIME FLIES

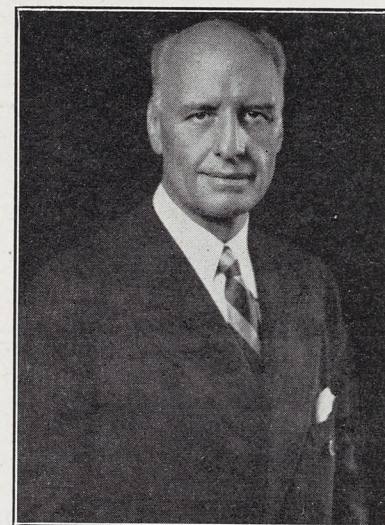
It's the end of the month! Didn't January fly by? And so many things left undone! Did you get around to making or re-making your will?

Should your interest in our Synagogue prompt you to remember us in your will, the bequest must have our full name and 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

EMINENT NEUROLOGIST TO ADDRESS FORUM

An address dealing with propaganda, morale, and psychiatry will be presented at the Forum this Monday night when Dr. Foster Kennedy, Professor of Neurology at Cornell University will speak on "De Propaganda Fidei."

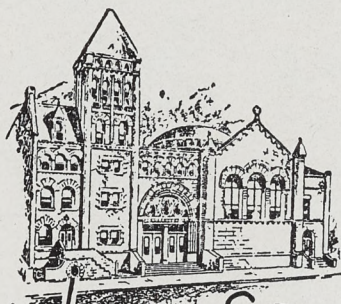


Dr. Foster Kennedy

Dr. Kennedy has been Director of the Neurological Department of Bellevue Hospital for twenty-five years; he is also Consulting Neurologist at the New York Neurological Institute, New York Hospital, General Memorial, Lenox Hill, Women's, and Nassau Hospitals.

Dr. Kennedy is Chairman of the Committee on Neurology, National Research Council Advisory to the Surgeons-General. He was president of the American Neurological Association, 1939-1940. He is an Officer of the Order of Carlos F. Finlay, Republic of Cuba; an honorary Member of the Academy of Sciences, Havana, Cuba, and of the Neurological Societies of Paris, Budapest, Cuba, and Mexico.

Come early on Monday. Promptly at 8:30 Rabbi Goldstein starts his Bible Class.



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STUNTED OR STARVED . . WHICH?

Anybody who has been out rowing knows that when you rest on your oars you generally drift with the tide. Most adult Jewish men and women received a morsel of Jewish education in their youth. They expect to be sated with this small piece of the loaf of faith for the rest of their lives.

Adult education with the Jew is synonymous with growth in life. Our adult Jewish men and women today are educationally stunted in their growth, therefore our Jewish point of view is generally warped or narrow. Too rarely does it measure up to the pattern shown on the Mount. In order that we may be fair to our children who look to us for guidance, it is imperative that every man and woman continue their studies in Judaism. Opportunities for adult Jewish education are offered in courses like Jewish Philosophy, Jewish Prayer-Book, the Psalms, Jewish History, Jewish Ceremonials, and Hebrew.

The expression for scholar in Hebrew is significant. He is a Talmid Chacham meaning a "disciple of the wise", in other words, "always learning".

"AS
R'CHASH
SEES
IT"



127th COMMANDMENT

Unintentional Trespass Against Holy Things

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

One who unintentionally appropriates for his own use any holy thing was to restore the value of the article and was to be fined 20% of the total repayment. If, for instance, it was worth \$100 he paid the \$100 plus \$25 which equals \$125. The fine therefore was one-fifth of the total repayment. Then he had to bring an offering for his trespass, as we read in Leviticus, Chapter 5, Verse 15, "If a soul sinned through ignorance in the holy things then shall he bring a ram. . . Verse 16, "And he shall make restitution and shall put one-fifth thereto". In other words one should have reverence for the things that are holy. In the

"Ethics of the Fathers" Rabbi Eleazer Hammudai said, "He who profanes sacred things. . . even though he possesses a knowledge of the Torah and good deeds be his, has no share in the world to come". (Chapter 3, Mishnah 15). In other words if nothing is holier than anything else and no practice more correct than another, what raison d'être is there for one's own practices?" The Bible declares, "one should not profane his word". Our ethical teachers point out that in our telegraphic messages each word is worth something and on the radio each word that is uttered is heard. In short our words are heard and our utterances are regarded as sacred and therefore a promise should be fulfilled.

The failure to pay the fine does not withhold the atonement so long as the offering and the principle are paid as we read in Verse 16, "And the Priest shall make atonement with a ram (offering), and the trespass (the principal) and he shall be forgiven". Thus we note that the "fine" is not included when atonement is mentioned. However, he still owes the fine which he pays later. If this law was broken intentionally then stripes and not a fine would be the punishment.

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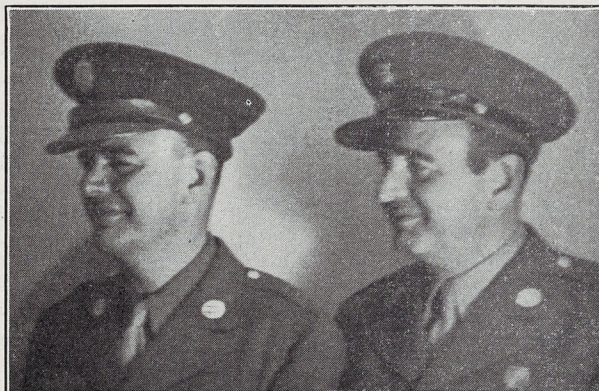
so strongly rooted in life as general education is. It has not as yet formed its essence or developed its power. It has not yet come into possession of that vitality that could endow it with power for resistance against the impact of a national crisis. Jewish education, which just barely managed to survive the shock of the economic crisis of 1929 is thus ill equipped and unprepared to meet the new threat to its existence.

We must, therefore, now more than ever, strain our energies for the preservation of the gains registered by Jewish education in the last quarter of a century. We must not allow this cornerstone of Jewish life and the future Judaism in this country to be swept away by the exigencies of the time. Jewish education must be maintained in the face of the more urgent demands from other sources, and it must be maintained with the zeal and devotion which marked its beginnings in this country. We must not be de-

luded by the belief that spiritual life can in any way be deferred. Continuity is the very essence of the existence of spiritual life and values. Once that continuity is broken, the spiritual life must be created anew, with all the pitfalls that attend creation.

The preservation of Jewish education and education in general against a fate of extinction is an essential part of the home-front, which we are called upon to maintain as a part of the war-front. The war will be over sooner or later, victory will be won and life will have to resume its normal course. It is our task to see to it that when the period of reconstruction arrives, there should be at work, in their full strength, all the fundamental elements that give life meaning, stability and continuity; and education is the most fundamental of them all. We must not slacken in our efforts to arouse our communal and educational leaders to their duties toward education at this moment. This is the first task of those of the Loyalty Viewpoint in Judaism.

PROUDLY WE HAIL — THE SONS OF W. S. I. S.



Sgt. Samuel Luloff

Pvt. Alex Luloff

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

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, February 1st at 2:30 o'clock sharp.

Mrs. David H. Ullman will preside. Mrs. Annie Eisenberg and Mrs. Meyer Pargament will act as hostesses at the social hour following the meeting.

The regular monthly executive board meeting of the Women's League will be held at 1 P. M. sharp on the same afternoon, preceding the general membership meeting.

CONDOLENCE

We express our deep sympathy to our member Murry C. Becker upon the death of his beloved mother Rachel Becker.

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening

..... 5:58

Weekly Portion: YISRO

Blessing for the New Month

Friday Evening Service 6:05

Saturday Morning Service 9:00

Junior Congregation 10:00

Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class

..... 5:00

Mincha Service 6:00

Sunday morning Service

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

Daily Services:

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

Mincha 6:00

Followed by the Interpretation of the Mishnah by Rabbi Goldstein

POST "FREE"

Mail from the Services

We shall call the following the sentiments of **Private X**. He writes:

"... As far as religion goes, Rabbi, my parents and you would be proud of the deep religious feeling that has taken hold of me. The Army does not make atheists—it brings one closer to G-d than any civilian could ever come.

"Things like 'tefillin' and 'davening', which we can all keep, are about the happiest parts of my daily life. I mean that with all my heart."

Jerry Margareten says the most important of the good things happening to their congregation in Bermuda is the arrival of a J.W.B. field worker.

"... We also have a club now, and we are preparing an affair to celebrate the arrival of the first Torah to the Island of Bermuda.

"Although we don't have a chaplain or rabbi officiating, our services are being recognized by both the army and navy, and a special pass to go to services is not at all a rarity."

* * *

We're proud of your good work
Jerry! Yasher Ko'ach!

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BAR MITZVAH



JULES LAKRITZ

We extend hearty congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Max Lakritz upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son Jules in our synagogue tomorrow.

CONCERT BOOSTER

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—R. M.

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GETTING PERSONAL

Congratulations to the newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Milton Mirken, nee Ann Roth. . . Things have been happening in the family of our Director, Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Goldstein. Mazel Tov! They have become grandparents. Our warm good wishes to them and the young parents, Mr. and Mrs. Colman Caplan. . . We are sorry to hear that our smiling and genial Director, Harry Appel has not been well. We drink a hilarious toast to you Harry for "a speedy get well." To silent studious Naomi Goldstein, we say, "Get well soon." It is a pity to have you miss school. . . Sorry to hear that Mrs. Ida Sedwitz is not well. We hope for a speedy recovery to her. . . Happy to hear that John Gell is well, and we look forward to seeing him again in Shul. We advise that he join the Bankers Minyan. . . Another octogenarian has been discovered in the Synagogue, Pop Weisenberg (father of Mrs. Nat Trotzky) is celebrating his 83rd birthday. . . Our young runner up of the week is twelve month old Ralph, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kreutzer. Happy Birthday! We hope that Mrs. Kreutzer will soon be able to use soap; she'll understand. . . We were glad to welcome at services last Shabbos some of our young men in uniform, Norman Friedman, E. M. 3/L, Sgt. Sandy Josephson, Pvt. Harold Levine and Corp. Walter Sedwitz. Also to be found on the Shabbos morning social register were Miss Alice Bernstein, member of the Joan of Arc faculty, the Honorable and Mrs. Albert Wald and son Nathaniel, Mrs. Murray Wycoff & son Eddie, and Morton Langer back from college. . . Happy wedding anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Marshall and to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Spanbock. . . Natalie Reichlin has pressed the 'pressure points' on an accident victim in her war effort chemical laboratory, and presto, a co-worker was saved from bleeding to death—the least gratitude he can show Natalie is a few deposits in the blood bank. Maybe some of us could do the same without being 'victimized'. . . The children of our Religious School say, "Thank you Aunt Annie Morris for serving those delicious Chamisha Asar B'shevat bags of Palestinian goodies". . . Girls are now in the running. Mazel tov to grandparents Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Schupf and congratulations to

Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Schupf on the birth of twin daughters; and felicitations to Mr. and Mrs. Irving Shapiro on the birth of their new daughter. According to this sequence it should have been triplets. . . We may be a modern orthodox congregation but our ideas concerning the size of a family are decidedly old-fashioned, and so we are happy to welcome the recent "additions" to our membership roster, Mrs. Anna Greenspan, Sam Manaccus, Ulrich Muhlmann, Rudolph Ornstein, Joseph Schwartz, Aaron Solnik, Irving Weisberger and M. Weitzman. . . Our Talmud Torah valedictorian of last June is going places—David Buchsbaum now president of the Junior Congregation, has been elected chairman of the Keren Ami Student Council in the Borough of Manhattan. . . In honor of her birthday, our young "titian blonde" Tillie Lewton, was hostess at the Junior Service last Shabbos. Many happy returns of the day. The Synagogue extends its blessing to the following who graduated Elementary School last week: Jane Bette, Rita Gut, Bernice Jacobowitz, Manfred Kochen, Helene Landis, Alice Lewkowicz, Tillie Lewton, Herbert Perlman, Sonya Prochnick, Phyllis Robins, and Betty Wolf. . . Bernard Appel is our Service Boy of the week. Good luck to you Bernard! . . . We hope that Jack Rothenstein is well. We have been missing him at Services.

Your Old Punch Bowl

Have you an old punch bowl languishing somewhere around the house? The clubs of the Synagogue House are in need of one for their many gatherings. All we can promise in return is the sincere appreciation of the hundreds of young people who use the facilities of our Synagogue House.

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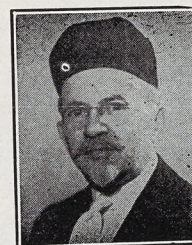
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