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LOYALTY VIEWPOINT

PRIDE AND HUMILITY by Rabbi Solomon Wind

Pride and humility are in the opinion of most people two opposing concepts subject to praise or blame in accordance with personal bias and prejudice. In reality however, both concepts are but two faces of the same coin and descriptive of the same content. It all depends on the point of view whether the worth of man is to be judged in terms of character quality, or in terms of material possessions. Briefly, should man be given a premium for what he is or what he has?

The Mishnah states that one of the reasons Adam was created alone is to show the importance of the individual. At creation, man singly constituted the whole of humanity and his worth or corruption would have meant, respectively, the virtue and sin of all humanity. So for his descendants: each person is a world by himself conceived in original fashion and dedicated to the unfoldment of his own potential worth. To further emphasize the dignity of the individual the Mishnah makes it explicit that although Adam was the father of all mankind his myriad progeny resembles him only in broad physical outline but is not a recapitulation of his mental and spiritual content. Men are created equal only in their eminent right to legitimate self-expression and the pursuit of noble virtue, and are by no means to be levelled to robot-like sameness which is destructive of personality.

In this light pride and humility receive different connotations. The first is synonymous with self-respect, with the recognition of one's inward worth which he cannot or dare not with impunity deny or suppress. The second is synonymous with natural willingness to accord to others what

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CONCERT PITCH In the Key of C

Our concert-conscious confraternity contrives consistently to constantly and convincingly convey their conviction that concerted co-operation can contribute considerably to consummate a commendable conclusion to our Concert.

A concert-conscious co-worker (he's got us conning now!) has contributed the foregoing concoction in which we cannot but concur. All of which is by way of saying:

Be sure to come to our GALA CONCERT at the Metropolitan Opera House, Sunday evening, February 21.

Tickets (\$1.10 to \$6.60) may be secured at the office. A phone call to TRafalgar 7-8281 will reserve tickets for you.

PURIM CARNIVAL

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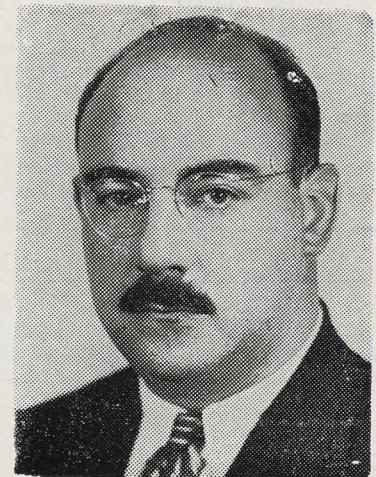
The **Young Folks League**, as its project in Club Council activities, is sponsoring a mammoth Purim Carnival and Dance to be held in our building on Saturday night, March 20, in conjunction with **Jordanian, Bachad, Masada, and United Nations**. Several other clubs are scheduled to participate.

Booths, in keeping with the joyous and festive spirit of Purim, are now being prepared and barkers are developing tones of laryngial liquidity. Would you like to participate? Please get in touch with the committee chairman, Winifred Kinzler, 171 West 79th Street, or in care of the Synagogue. Cooperating on the committee are: Joyce Bayer and Norman Fox, for the Young Folks League.

The Young Folks League meets on Wednesday evening, February 10. All young people between the ages of 18 and 24 are invited to attend. A special event has been arranged.

EXPLORER AND HISTORIAN FORUM SPEAKER

At our Forum on Monday night the highly interesting subject of "The Jews of the Middle East" will be presented by Dr. Walter J. Fischel, an authority on the life and history of the Near and Middle East.

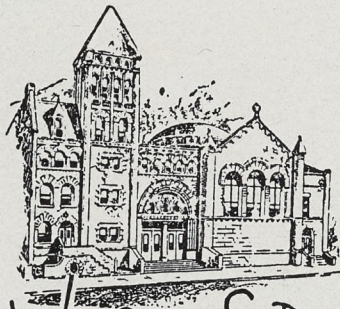


Dr. Walter J. Fischel

Dr. Fischel is a member of the faculty of the Hebrew University since 1926, now on leave, and has recently returned from a journey of exploration to Iraq, Iran, Kurdistan, and Afghanistan. He has toured South America, Australia and South Africa, lectured at the universities there, addressed groups of scholars, university men, and also Jewish communities and organizations. He has also lectured at the Universities of Washington, Chicago, and Harvard. He brings to his audiences a breath of the romantic Orient, and a realistic appraisal of conditions in the awakening East.

Dr. Fischel's latest book, "The History of the Jews in Persia", is being published by the Jewish Publication Society of America.

To be sure of a seat at the Forum session, arrive early for Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class which starts promptly at 8:30 P. M.



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PREPARING FOR PEACE

We are not isolationists in the war, let us not be isolationists in the peace. Just as we cannot afford to stand aloof in the prosecution of the war so we cannot stand aside in the peace.

Our experience in connection with the peace of Versailles should lead us to the determination that we should not make another such peace which, within less than twenty-five years, will bring on another war.

Today, even more than then, in view of the airplane, we are not far away from any country. The nations of the whole world are virtually neighbors to each other. We trust that we will approach the future in the Biblical spirit of "And thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

The time to prepare for Shabbos is before Shabbos. The time to prepare for peace is now! We can do that by becoming cosmopolitans rather than nationalists in our attitude toward the other nations of the world.

"AS
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128th COMMANDMENT GUILT OFFERING of SUSPENSE

by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

The 128th Commandment deals with the guilt offering of suspense, as we read in Leviticus, Chapter 5, verses 17 and 18, "And if anyone sin and do any of the things which the Lord had commanded not to be done, though he knew it not, yet he is guilty. . . and he shall bring a ram. . . for a guilt offering. . ." (If at any subsequent time, the offense is recollected, then he must bring a sin offering.)

This commandment deals with one who unknowingly committed some action which if done knowingly would be punishable by excision. For instance, if after having eaten some fatty part of an animal one is doubtful whether it was of that part

which is permitted or of that part which is prohibited, until he ascertains that it was forbidden fat which he ate, he must bring a guilt offering of suspense. Here we find for the first time the enunciation of the idea that one has to refrain from a doubtful action and consider it as sinful even before the sin of it is definitely established. In a measure a doubtful action is worse than an action which is positively sinful, for when an individual commits a sinful action he may one day see the light and repent, whilst one who commits a doubtful act may save his conscience with the thought that perhaps this act was a guiltless one after all. The negligence, that causes one to doubt whether he sinned, is a sin. Hence the Torah emphasizes the gravity of a doubtful sin and orders one to bring the guilt offering as a penalty for it. The Rabbis point out that the guilt offering costs twelve times as much as the sin offering which would have to be brought if he had eaten the forbidden fat knowingly. The Torah enjoins us to exercise the degree of precaution with regard to spiritual matters that we are wont to display when money matters are involved.

He who violates this law transgresses a positive commandment.

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each claims for himself.

However, the materialistic doctrine which has been on the ascendancy for ages, rated individuals and nations in terms of material possessions. This view denies the inward virtue of man and stresses **the satisfaction of mere physical wants as the only criterion for success.** Accordingly, wealth gives pride which is garbed in contemptible arrogance, and poverty imparts meekness which is clad in abject servility.

It is sadly true that "man will transgress for a piece of bread"; that moral and ethical doctrines are cast to the wind by apparent inflexibility of harsh economic law. Are moral and spiritual values to be entombed within the pages of a book or within the bosom of a foolish dreamer and utterly discarded and abused in the world of business, trades and professions? The Bible states emphatically that "man does not live by bread alone".

In accordance with Loyalty View-

point a reversal of policy with regard to the worth of man is of utmost urgency. Man's worth is within him and is to be measured in terms of positive and just principle. He does not, in animal fashion, react to forces in environment but is destined to shape environment in accordance with inherent ideals. The untutored caprice must wisely be directed into channels of right feeling in order to assure gradually the triumph of law over impulse. The pursuit of wealth, for itself, must be branded as the great vice of humanity.

What man is, is more than what he has. The original pattern of creation has it so ordained. Self-respect as expression of inward worth is as natural to man as splendor to the rainbow and majesty to the thunderstorm. Display of native glory, whether of nature or of man, carries not the slightest taint of arrogant pride; it is rather a hymn to the Creator which would be folly to suppress. Pride and humility in this sense form the basis of vital, vigilant and creative democracy.

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Wednesdays: 7:45 P. M. to 8:30 P. M.

Jewish Ceremonials
by Rabbi Sidney Hoenig
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"I thank you for sending me the 'Review' . . . I always enjoyed the Services at the synagogue and I miss them. . ."

The "Review" bridges the distance between our service men and the W.S.I.S. and acts as proxy for contact with us.

One of our boys now in Arkansas writes:

"Thanks ever so much for forwarding me the 'Review'. You have no idea how much I enjoy it."

The soldier whom we call **Private X** says in a letter to Rabbi Goldstein:

" . . . Faith more than anything else is the important thing. Every Jewish boy should keep with him constantly the last verse of the last hymn we sing in Shul each Shabbos morning— (Adon Olam: The Lord is with me, and I will not fear.) Rabbi, if I said that sentence to myself once since I'm in the Army, I've said it to myself a million times."

CLUB NOTES

The **Alumni Association**, a group of our post-Bar Mitzvah boys, will hold their annual Winter Dance on Saturday evening, February 6th at 8:30 o'clock.

Single admission charge is 28c.; for couples—44c.

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WOMEN'S LEAGUE NOTES

Due to the fact that schools were closed last week and children were home, the scheduled meeting of the Women's League was postponed to Monday afternoon, February 8th at 2:30 o'clock. All the women of the congregation are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

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

The regular monthly Board meeting will be held at 1 o'clock sharp, on the same afternoon.

YOUNG FOLKS SERVICE

SABBATH AFTERNOON

At the Sabbath Service tomorrow afternoon, conducted by the young folks of the synagogue, Laurance Rosan will read the Torah and Seymour Bernstein will chant the Service.

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GETTING PERSONAL

Our two newest members in the congregation are Dr. M. S. Gershwier and Mr. Jacques Pierot, Jr.—to both of you we say—sholom aleichem! . . . we were glad to see Joseph Landowne back after his recent illness. . . To Elias Jacoby we extend our heartfelt wishes for good health. Get well soon Elias! . . . We hope that Harriet Livingston is feeling better. . . Glad to know that Philip Gertner is on the road to recovery. . . To compensate for the wholesale destruction of Jewry abroad, American Israel is doing its bit to preserve Jewish numerical strength. So! Mrs. Ray Ward was blessed with a great-granddaughter. The proud parents are Lt. and Mrs. Jacob Schott. . . Late reports of our graduates inform us that charming Helen Abeloff, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Max Abeloff, received her sheepskin from Cornell (or maybe in view of parchment priorities, it is paper.) . . . Debra Siegel, sweet daughter of our expert numerologist Samuel W. and Mrs. Siegel, graduated Elementary School. . . Happy wedding anniversaries to Mr. and Mrs. Irving Schuyler, and to our eternally young and spirited Vice-President, "Pop" and Mrs. Aaron Wartels. . . A year older, and surely a year wiser, are our birthday celebrants of the week; and so our fond good wishes to: Mrs. Nat Trotzky; Bernard Weiss; David Fox, son of our active Women's League worker Mrs. Allan Fox; and to little Ellen Barbara Herlands. . .

Among our out-of-town guests at-

tending Services last Shabbos we were glad to see Gabriel Goldstein; Cpl. Bertram Hiller; Marilyn Lunitz; and Irving Fisher, nephew of Hillel Meyers. . . We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Annie Eisenberg is under the weather and hope she'll be back with us next Shabbos. . . FLASH! Our Young Folks League has taken over the leadership of the Sabbath afternoon young peoples' Service. Louis Landowne and Dan Schacter have assumed office as president and vice-president respectively. We missed the inaugural ceremony boys. . . Another distinguished guest at Services was Morton Rubenstein, a leader in the National Mizrahi and the Jewish National Fund. . . Our Talmud Torah students captured the honors at the P. S. No. 87 graduation. Kurt Fischman was singled out for scholarship; Rita Gut was Salutatorian; Bernice Jacobowitz received her award for general excellence; Tillie Lewton for athletics, cooking, and arithmetic; Herbert Perlman was awarded the P.S. A.L. medal for excellence in athletics, and Zonia Prochnick earned hers for excellent school service. . . Jules Lakritz, who celebrated his Bar Mitzvah last Shabbos, was host to the Junior Congregation. . . To Rabbi Goldstein, on his birthday, our prayerful wish for many years of fruitful service in the ministry of Israel.

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Friday Evening Service 6:10

Saturday Morning Service 9:00

Junior Congregation 10:00

Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class 5:10

Mincha Service 6:10

Sunday morning Service

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