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LOYALTY VIEWPOINT

EXPEDIENCY IN ISRAEL

By Rabbi Uri Miller

The Jewish world has recently been agitated by a statement issued by ninety reform Rabbis attacking Zionism as being secular and irreligious. A counter-statement, has been issued by the Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs, signed by over 800 rabbis (including the writer of this article) in which the charge is refuted. In this statement the point is made: that "Zionism is not a secular movement. It has its origins and roots in the authoritative religious texts of Judaism". Very well. So Zionism is an affirmation of Judaism—as the statement is headed. But would it not be well if this truth were implemented in the inner workings of all the Zionist groups and not merely used for "show window-dressing" purposes before the Tribunal of public opinion? If Zionism is an "affirmation of Judaism and has its origin and roots in the authoritative religious texts of Judaism" ought it not to follow those "authoritative religious texts" in all its manifestations and activities?

I feel this ought to be especially pointed out to many of the rabbis whose signatures are appended to this statement. Many of them have endorsed and actively supported parties in Zionism who are non-religious and even anti-religious in their actual expressions of Zionism. If Zionism is an affirmation of Judaism, it ought to be so lived in Palestine, in the colonies, in the kvutzos, in the conventions and fund-raising activities. Authoritative religious texts should be authoritative. Zionism should not have two faces, one of religion to the world at large and one of secularism—even irrev-

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PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS GUEST SPEAKER AT BIBLE CLASS FORUM MONDAY NIGHT

MEET THE MAESTRO

Having conferred with the management of the Metropolitan Opera House, Joseph Settel, chairman of our Concert Committee, assures us that the program on Sunday night February 21st will be an unusually excellent one.

The conductor of the concert will be Maestro Pietro Cimara who is celebrating his fourth season with the Metropolitan.



Pietro Cimara

Cimara studied with Ettore Pinelli, played in the opera orchestra of Rome, his native city, and later studied at the Conservatory of St. Cecilia of Rome, where he received his diploma for composition under the guidance of Maestri Falchi and Respighi. Cimara was Assistant Conductor of the Royal Opera House of Rome for seven years, conducted opera in Trieste, Florence, Bologna, and was conductor at the Scala of Milan for four seasons, and for two seasons at the Colon of Buenos Aires with Tullio Serafin. He is the author of many compositions for piano and voice. His record assures a skilled performance.

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Ticket selling is beginning to look like a race. Yep—that's what it is—a neck and neck race between our

February, the month in which we celebrate the birthdays of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, serves to remind us that these great men struggled against great odds to help shape and unify our nation.

Unity was never of greater moment than it is today with a global war on our hands.

Dr. Everett Ross Clinchy, President of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, our guest speaker at the Forum on Monday night, sums up the message of his address in its title—"One Nation Indivisible".

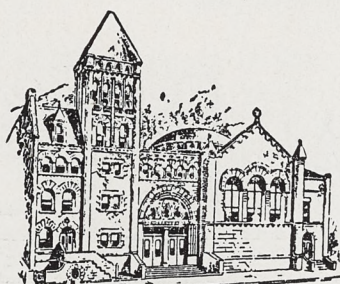


Dr. Everett R. Clinchy

For a speaker as popular as Dr. Clinchy, we anticipate an overflow attendance on Monday night. Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class starts promptly at 8:30 o'clock. We suggest you be there on time.

President Lester Udell and our Director Morris Levine. The margin between these champion sellers of concert tickets is becoming ever narrower and more exciting, with Harry Appel, Julius Bayer, Joseph Kraeler, Max E. Sanders and "Pop" Wartels hard on their heels in this last breathless stretch. As they approach the goal line with a rush of reserve energy we say to them: The W.S. I.S. salutes you loyal and true friends!

Telephone Trafalgar 7-8281 for tickets—\$1.10 to \$6.60.



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FREEDOM—SLOGAN OR REALITY

Discrimination whether because of color or creed is cancerous. The right to discriminate implies the right ultimately to destroy. Hitler's enslavement of Europe is but the extension of the principle of discrimination. The United States is now sacrificing its choicest sons in an endeavor to free the enslaved peoples of Europe. It would therefore be extreme folly indeed if after the successful termination of the war one-tenth of the American people, our Negro population, were to remain "inferior".

As the American people celebrate the birth of the great Emancipator, it is well to remember that despite constitutional guarantees for "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," the Negro people are still a long way from having attained the emancipation dreamed of by Abraham Lincoln.

A global military offensive is now under way. Let us hope and pray that there will soon be mustered a global spiritual offensive strong enough to explode the blind prejudices concerning creed and color, thus truly liberating mankind to live as "all G-d's chillun." —E. L. L.

"AS
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SEES
IT"



129th COMMANDMENT

The Oaths for Deposits and the Sure Trespass Offering

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

For known sins we are bidden to bring an offering which is called **אֶשֶׁם וְדָנִי**, "sure trespass offering", as we read, "If a soul sin and commits a trespass against the Lord and lie unto his neighbor in that which was told him to keep..." (Leviticus, Chapter 5, verses 21-24.) This means when one appropriates some one else's property for his own use under one of the following circumstances: (1) while he is a custodian of the property, (2) as an employer who fails to pay wages to his employee, (3) one who does not repay a loan or (4) by an actual deed of stealing, he is to bring as part of his atonement a "sure trespass offering."

The Rabbis remark that since

these denials are possible only when there are neither witnesses nor documents testifying against him, G-d remains the only witness, and therefore the offender "commits a trespass against the Lord". Rabbi Akiba considered these seemingly superfluous words, "commits a trespass against the Lord" to be of great significance. They teach that the man who falsely denied that he possessed his neighbor's property denied G-d who was witness to the deposit. Philo's comment on this phrase is similar: "He who deposits anything with his neighbor depends upon the good faith alone of the man who receives it. There are no witnesses present except G-d, the most unerring and infallible witness who sees all the actions of men."

We might also infer from this that any sin against one's neighbor is at the same time a sin against G-d. Both ceremonial and social duties emanate from His will and should be obeyed with equal scrupulousness. Ceremonial derelictions may be atoned for on the Day of Atonement if accompanied by genuine repentance, but for sins against man, repentance and the Day of Atonement are of no avail until one pacifies the injured party by making suitable reparation and asking for his forgiveness.

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erence—to its own adherents.

There is a story told of a Zionist leader of the labor faction in Palestine leaving a meeting in which he protested the religious limitations placed on a particular colony by Jewish National Fund regulations and proceeding to a meeting of a British Royal Commission in which he pleaded for Jewish rights in Palestine based on the Bible. Recently I heard a representative of one of the radical Zionist groups talk to a religious group of how his organization espoused traditional Jewish values; a statement that was expedient but obviously false.

There seems far too much of this expediency going on in Jewish life. Ought we not to take to heart the poetic adage found expressed in many ways in Jewish literature, "This above all, to thine own self be true".

YAAR REVEL

A movement was initiated by the Rabbinical Council of America to commemorate the great deeds and leadership of Rabbi Dr. Bernard Revel, of blessed memory, the founder of Yeshiva College and leading spirit of the great Yeshiva, Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, by the planting of thousands of trees in a vast forest in Eretz Israel to be known as Yaar Revel.

There has been an immediate and warm response to this noble idea as Jews throughout the land have already planted thousands of trees in this forest.

You too can participate in this fitting memorial to him who transplanted the Torah to the Western hemisphere. The cost per tree is only \$1 50 and may be planted to commemorate in a spiritual manner the many occasions for joy and thanksgiving in our lives.

If you are interested in purchasing a tree or trees please communicate with Rabbi Lifschitz.

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



Sgt. Abraham Smith



Cpl. Sam Smith

SCOUT SABBATH

Tomorrow has been designated as Scout Sabbath throughout Greater New York. All boy and girl scouts are expected to attend Service, if possible in uniform.

Our own troop of Boy Scouts and Cub Pack led by Dr. Frank E. Fink and Emanuel Fine, our Girl Scouts led by Geraldine Hoffman, and our Sea Scouts have promised their usual wholehearted cooperation.

The Synagogue Scout Committee is composed of: M. J. Berlin, J. Levine, L. Merkin, M. E. Sanders, Dr. N. Settel and D. Weiss.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE NOTES

A regular meeting of the Women's League and session of Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class will be held on Monday afternoon, February 15 at 2:30 o'clock sharp. Mrs. Joseph Anderson will preside.

In honor of her son's birthday Mrs. Moses Langer will be the hostess at the social hour following the meeting.

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening 6:14
 Weekly Portion: TRUMOH
 Friday Evening Service 6:10
 Saturday Morning Service 9:00
 Junior Congregation 10:00
 Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class 5:15
 Mincha Service 6:10
 The Sabbath terminates at 6:50
 Sunday morning Service 6:55, 7:45, 8:45
 Daily Services:
 Mornings 6:55, 7:45, 8:15
 Mincha 6:20
 Followed by the Interpretation of the Mishnah by Rabbi Goldstein

WANTED

There are several rooms in our Synagogue House which require additional articles of furniture, such as ash-tray stands, end tables, floor and table lamps, large tables, comfortable couches and chairs, for which you may not have further use in your home.

Our only desire is to give the boys and girls who use our club rooms a homey meeting place. We will be glad to move any of these articles to our building. Telephone TRafalgar 7-8281 for "pick-up" service.

YOUNG FOLKS SERVICE
SABBATH AFTERNOON

At the Sabbath Service tomorrow afternoon, conducted by the young folks of the synagogue, David Buchsbaum will be Reader of the Torah. Mordecai Cohen will chant the Service.

CLUB NOTES

On Saturday, February 13, at 8 P. M. an open meeting of the **Hano-ar Chapter of the Junior Mizrachi** will be held in our building.

Joan Schnuer will review Libbie L. Braverman's book "Children of the Emek", and Eddie Stern will discuss the geography of Palestine, pointing out the country's suitability for settlement.

The group invites boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 15 to attend.

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LOST, AND NEVER FOUND

"Would you like to see what I have in my sack?"

Cried the bearded Peddler to me.
 "I have gathered losses that others have lost,

And your own, if you wish to see.
 For, today, you've lost three full hours and more

And new knowledge failed to acquire;
 You have lost five splendid ideas just because

Your mind is so easy to tire.
 But besides all this, you've neglected to think

About G-d, and His perfect Way."
 In amazement I saw all the things I had lost—

But, how much have YOU lost today?

—Laurence J. Rosan

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We extend our sincere sympathy to Elsie Bonnist upon the death of her father, our esteemed member —
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Our family is becoming international. Among the many messages of congratulations on the Rabbi's birthday he received a cablegram from Buddy Friedman who is in the Service abroad. Nice to see our boys thinking of the Rabbi—even those who are thousands of miles away from home. . . We were glad to see Arnyce and Muriel Livingston back at Services last Shabbos. . . Happy birthday to Robert Breitbart, Wilbur Diamond, Morton Langer, Arnold Oshrin, Sheila Ullman, and little Yonina Yavneh daughter of our cantor. . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Max Frank, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kaplan, and Assemblyman and Mrs. Ira H. Holley upon their respective wedding anniversaries. May they enjoy many more together. . . Harry Stein has come up from the ranks and made a handsome appearance last Shabbos in his officer's uniform. . . Corp. Wm. Greenfield has become Staff Sergeant. . . Meyer Davis deferred his business trip so he would not miss the Lay-

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men's Institute classes . . . This is an interesting observation from one of our concert goers—in a letter sent with a check for concert tickets he writes: " . . . I also wish to thank you for your weekly bulletin. . . We find it most instructive and enjoyable reading." . . . A speedy recovery to Mrs. Eva Le Bowski. . . Pinkus Sugarman, Director of Club Activities, has been elected honorary member of the United Nations Junior League of the A. J. C. . . . Happy to see Ulrich Muhlmann back from Lakewood in time to chant a beautiful Haftarah. . . Last Saturday was the first rainy Sabbath that our eternally youthful Regina Margareten missed the Service. We pray she is well. . . Our beloved president, Lester Udell, was exceedingly prominent by his absence. . . Last but not least—Jack Berlin regaled his fellow directors and friends at the close of the Services with the good solid and liquid things that make one able to face inclement weather. . . Mazel tov to Mr. & Mrs. Jules Cohen upon the birth of their daughter. The happy grandparents are Director and Mrs. David Cohen.

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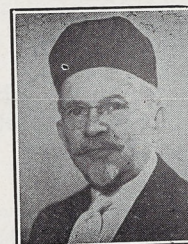
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