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LOYALTY VIEWPOINT

TOWARD A CLARIFICATION



By Rabbi Emanuel L. Lifschitz
Definition

G-d is not a cold Cosmic Mind or Intelligence. To the believing Jew G-d is real, personal and immediate. To be a true son of Israel has meant and still means "blood, sweat and tears", — the willingness to live and die for one's G-d, one's people, the security of the land of one's birth or adoption, and the spiritual values and ideals enunciated in our Holy Torah.

Incomplete Program

Religion is essentially man's reaching out and searching for G-d; it establishes man's moral values and his duties toward his fellow man. If the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform groups have failed to completely win the soul of the present generation of American Israel, it is because they have given to our generation merely a program of ritual to live by. No one group has proffered a program of Jewish living that is functional, dynamic or compelling; a program of Jewish living that is worthy of and demands 'sacrifice'; living that generates spiritual fortitude; living that straightens the 'bent back' of the Goluth mind; living that is positive, creative and heroic.

This is Judaism

Judaism is an ever expanding system of religious civilization based
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CLUB COUNCIL SYMPOSIUM

The **Senior Club Council** will hold its second Symposium on Sunday February 28 at 8:30 P. M. under the sponsorship of **Masada**, Zionist youth organization.

The subject for discussion is "Palestine—Three Points of View". Mr. Samuel Duker, vice-president of the League for Labor Palestine will present the view of Labor Zionism. The General Zionists point of view will be upheld by Mr. Eleazar Lipsky, and Dr. A. C. Pinta, member of the Administrative Committee of Hapoel Hamizrachi, will present the Religious Zionist platform. The moderator for the Symposium will be Rabbi Emanuel L. Lifschitz.

A forum will follow the fifteen minute addresses of the speakers.

There will be no charge for admission. Refreshments will be served.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE NOTES

Scholarship Fund Luncheon Mah Jong and Bridge — March 8th

All the women of the Congregation are cordially invited to attend the next regular meeting of our Women's League and session of Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class which will be held on Monday afternoon March 1st at 2:30 o'clock. Mrs. Joseph Anderson will preside, and Mrs. David L. Messing will celebrate the birth of her new grandson by being hostess at the social hour following the meeting.

Regular Monthly Board Meeting

The monthly Women's League Executive Board meeting will be held on Monday March 1st at 1 o'clock sharp, preceding the regular meeting.

Board members please note.

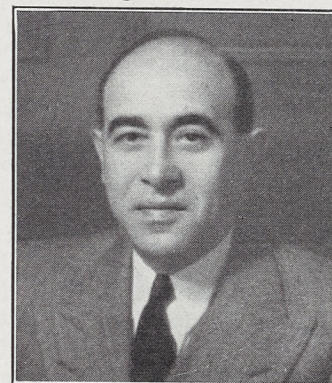
THANKS

Thanks are due to each and every one who cooperated to make our annual concert at the Metropolitan Opera House the gratifying success that it was.

POINT RATIONING

FORUM TOPIC MONDAY NIGHT JOSEPH KRAELER to SPEAK

For the duration of this war civilians in the United States as well as those in the Allied countries are called upon to contribute to the war effort by living on rations.

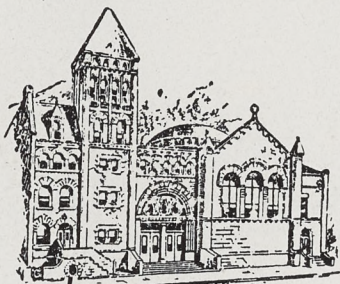


Joseph Kraeler

We shall have to familiarize ourselves with the Point Rationing system. The opportunity for doing so will be afforded us this Monday night, when our distinguished speaker, Mr. Joseph Kraeler, Rationing Administrator for Manhattan will explain "Point Rationing". His experience in administering that office is certain to enrich his talk with many interesting and human anecdotes.

Mr. Kraeler is an outstanding personality and leader in industry. In addition to being Rationing Administrator for the Borough of Manhattan he is a member of the Mayor's Business Council, active in many civic and philanthropic organizations, and is a member of our Board of Directors.

Everyone will be sure to get firsthand information about Point Rationing this Monday night, so we urge you to be here promptly at 8:30 for Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class.



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BROTHERHOOD WEEK

Brotherhood is essentially a church problem. Too many of us park our souls in the House of G-d from one Sabbath to the next.

Our colleges and universities have failed miserably. They have given us an education which can destroy all that mankind has built. They have improved things and have looked askance at religious teachings. No word of protest came from any of the universities in Germany against the inhuman treatment of Jews by the Nazis. Yes, we must once more call into being, not merely in the Church but in our halls of education as well, the Biblical fiat, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

I would put on the entrance of every scientific laboratory in the country the words, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Thou shalt love the Lord thy G-d with all thy heart and thy soul and with all thy might." This might prick the conscience of our physicists and chemists to work in the realm of peace rather than of war and destruction.

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130th COMMANDMENT The Restoration of the Theft

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

We are commanded to return the stolen article intact, for the Bible says in Leviticus, Chap. 5, verse 23, "he shall restore **that** which he took by robbery." When this is impossible then restoration by money is permitted, as for instance: If one stole wood and burned it or chopped it up into spindles, or if he stole wool and dyed it. However if one stole beams or logs of wood and with them built a chest, this is not regarded as a change in form and he is obliged to return these logs as they were, to the original owner. The purpose of this commandment is known as we have stressed it previously, namely, that one should not misappropriate his neighbor's be-

longings and say to himself, "I will pay it back to him in money." The smallest amount for which he must pay a return for a stolen thing is, when it is worth a "perutah". If it was worth less than a "perutah", he has not violated the law" and he shall restore that which he took by robbery". He has violated the prohibition, "Thou shalt not steal." We must always remember that we must not only be legally correct but spiritually right.

According to the Biblical law if the stolen thing decreased in value while in the possession of the robber, he must make good for the loss involved. However, if its value increased, it belongs to the original owner. If the value was enhanced because he improved it, after the original owner was **מִיֵּשׁ** "gave up all hope" of ever getting it back, according to the Bible the increase in the value goes to the original owner. However the Rabbis declared, that for the sake of encouraging thieves to return the stolen thing, that, if after there was

יִשׁוּב, "abandonment of all hope" of receiving it again, the robber returns only the original cost of the stolen thing. The Beth Din according to our law has power in monetary matters to do this.

LOYALTY VIEWPOINT

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upon the written law — the Torah — and the great body of oral law, as found in the Mishnah, the Gemara, the Shulchan Aruch, and Rabbinic Responsa.

A knowledge of Jewish history alone does not make a Jew, nor does Kiddush, Kaddish, or Yahrzeit alone make up the total Jewish personality. Judaism has no special brands nor is it of a localized nature. Judaism was not born with Moses Mendelssohn, or reborn with any subsequent or contemporary expounder of Judaism, attractive as their teachings may be.

The Complete Jewish Life

The Orthodox Jew enjoys a sense of security in his faith. Indeed he concerns himself with Kashruth, Sabbath Observance, and thrice daily worship. Through the many detailed religious observances, he is brought into closer communion with G-d, and is made ever aware of his dependence upon G-d's bounty. However, he is also vitally

concerned with a positive and creative program of Jewish living. For instance, he vitally senses the need for and certainly should participate in the creation of a national Jewish homeland established on the principles of the Torah. Zionism was not born with Herzl, nor has it begun with the rather recent Nuremburg Laws, or the European mass Jewish expulsions and suffering. Zionism was born on the day the Beth Hamikdash went up in flames.

The Unobservant

The Orthodox Synagogue does not write out of the faith the unobservant Jew, nor does it condone the failure to observe religious ritual. So long as one is not a M'shumod, a renegade, or a Mumor L'hachis, — does not willfully ignore or deny the Torah's authority, such person is regarded as lacking the strength or the will to subscribe to the Hebraic discipline. An erring Jew

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is still to be regarded a member of the community of Israel — sharing in Israel's destiny and worthy of participating in its salvation.

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



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POST "FREE"

Mail from the Services

"I see by the bulletin", says **Jerry Margareten** in a letter to the Rabbi, "that most of the young men of he W.S.I.S. are already mustered to the colors, and I know you must feel proud of each and everyone of them. When the war is over you will be able to boast the best trained ushers in any Shul. We should all be able to march up and down the aisles in a military manner.

"... The REVIEW is sent to me regularly. It is enjoyable reading. I go through it from cover to cover."

YONG FOLKS SERVICE

SABBATH AFTERNOON

The reader of the Torah at tomorrow afternoon's young folks Sabbath Service will be Joseph Tilem. The Service will be chanted by Hillel Meyers.

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening
..... 6:31

Weekly Portion: KI SISO

Friday Evening Service 6:30
Saturday Morning Service 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:00
Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class
..... 5:30
Mincha Service 6:35
The Sabbath Terminates .. 7:07
Sunday morning Service
..... 6:45, 7:45, 8:45

Daily Services:

Mornings 6:45, 7:45, 8:15
Mincha 6:40

Followed by the Interpretation of the Mishnah by Rabbi Goldstein

JUNIORS PLAN OPERETTA

The newly organized **Habimah Juniors**, open to all young people between the ages of twelve and sixteen, meet on Wednesday evenings at 7 P. M., in our Synagogue House, under the leadership of Miss Yetta Perlman.

At the last meeting the group spoke enthusiastically about producing an operetta with a Palestinian motif. This effort would integrate the group's activities which are: dancing, choral speaking, singing and dramatics.

All who fit into this age group and their friends, are invited to attend the next meeting.

CONDOLENCE

Our sincere and heartfelt sympathy is extended to Mrs. Morris Jablow upon the death of her brother Sigmund Oscar Kasse.

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BAR MITZVAH



Leon Rathaus

We extend to Mr. and Mrs. F. Rathaus our heartiest congratulations upon the occasion of the Bar Mitzvah of their son Leon, which will be celebrated at our Synagogue this Saturday.

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GETTING PERSONAL

Our ever smiling Morton Langer, son of our Director and Mrs. Langer, has received his orders — by this time he should be at the Great Lakes Naval Station. Our very best wishes to you Mortie. . . What a galaxy of birthday celebrants this week! Here they roll: Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, our hard-working Rebbetzin, Mrs. S. Bendheim, Mrs. Gusti Brandt, Mrs. Sam Davis, Rosalyn Diamond, Mrs. Rosalyn Edelson and her son Simon, Sylvan Ehrenfeld, and Mose Goodman. To each and every one of you our warm good wishes for a really happy birthday. Welcome to Mrs. B. Snower of Chicago who is visiting her parents, our Director & Mrs. Harry Appel. . . Good luck to Charlie Cohen in his new venture. . . We were happy to see Harry (Pop) Gordon back with us again after his recent illness. . . Our best wishes to Miss Else Bonnist for a speedy recovery. . . Mazel tov! Mrs. Pauline King has become a great-grandmother upon the birth of Judd M. to Mr. & Mrs. Sanford Rothman. The simcha probably accounts for Sam King's being in from Chicago. Nice hearing from a good friend of our institution. . . Happy wedding anniversaries: To Pvt. & Mrs. Sidney Harris. Here's hoping on your second, there will be no war to keep you apart. To Mr. & Mrs. Ike Holoschutz who are celebrating their 46th anniversary. We are looking forward to their golden anniversary. Mr. & Mrs. Harry Ward

are celebrating their Bar-Mitzvah anniversary — their 13th. Their little son Samuel celebrates his birthday this week too. . . Simeon H. F. Goldstein rated one of the highest I.Q.'s on his Army intelligence test. We expected nothing less of you, Simeon. . . Rabbi Lifschitz participated in the Jewish Teachers Association annual Waldorf Astoria affair. . . The synagogue observed an unscheduled Mother and Daughter Day last Shabbos. Well, it looked like that anyway. As we looked about the Shul, catch your breath folks, we beheld Mrs. Joseph Anderson and Dorothy, whom we have missed at services for some time; and our regular worshippers: Mrs. Noel Aronovici and Leone; Mrs. Burstein and Debrah and Miriam; Mrs. Samuel Greenman with Helene and Myra; Mrs. Sam Siegel with Debra and Michelle; Mrs. Aaron Wartels with Martha and Blanche; Mrs. H. S. Goldstein with Josephine and Naomi, Mrs. Kalman Kinzler with Winnie; Mrs. Herman Livingston with Muriel and Arnyce; Mrs. Regina Margareten with Ella; Mrs. Elias Merkin with Denise. Glad to see Regina Levy becoming a regular attendant. . . We were happy to see Mr. Pollstein at services last Shabbos. . . Our best wishes for a successful trip go with Kalman Kinzler who left for Mexico. . . Welcome back to Rabbi Goldstein who made a trip to South Carolina to speak to our boys in Service.

CALENDAR of CLUB ACTIVITIES

SATURDAY

7:30 P. M.

- Alumni.** Discussion; Social. (Post-Bar Mitzvah boys, 13-16)
Detinu. Discussion, "Reconstruction in Europe After the War". Social. (Co-ed, 15-18)
Hanoar. Talks: "Jewish Youth in Palestine"; "Tel Aviv". Group Singing. (Co-ed, 12-16)
Madajeb. Discussion; Social. (Girls 14-16)

8:30-10:30 P. M.

- Junior Club Council.** OPEN HOUSE. Handicrafts; games; dancing.

SUNDAY

6:00 P. M.

- W.S.I.S. Choral Group** (Young men and young women)

7:00 P. M.

- United Nations Junior Group of A. J. C.** (Young men and young women)

8:30 P. M.

- Senior Club Council, SYMPOSIUM** (See Page 1) Sponsor: **Masada.** Participants: **Bachad, Jordania, Young Folks League, United Nations, Yavneh.**

TUESDAY

7:30 P. M.

- Boy Scouts** **Girl Scouts**

WEDNESDAY

7:00 P. M.

- Habimah Juniors.** Dramatics, Dancing. (Co-ed, 12-16)

7:30 P. M.

- Sea Scouts** (Boys 12-18)

8:30 P. M.

- Young Folks League.** Planning Purim Carnival.

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