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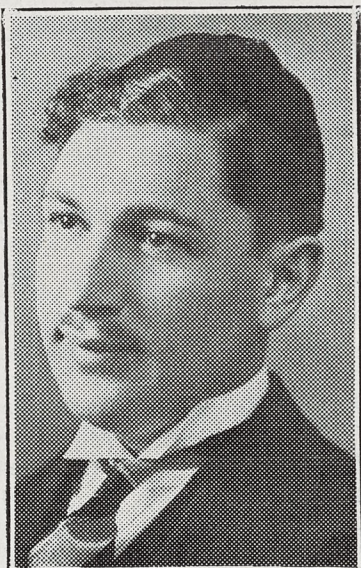
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LOYALTY VIEWPOINT

COMPROMISE

By Rabbi Benjamin Lapidus



In a memorable speech at Toronto, Wendell Willkie phrased a thought that merits more than a cursory newspaper glance. These are his words: "I make no defense of expediency—military, political, temporary, or otherwise. For I believe the moral losses of expediency always outweigh the temporary gains. And I believe that every drop of blood saved through expediency will be paid by twenty drawn with the sword."

Jews in all lands and at all times are faced with the problem of the expedient, or the right. It is never easy to be a Jew, to adhere firmly to the Torah. It is simple to sink into the morass of assimilation, and difficult to stand resolutely obedient to the pious ways of our fathers. Convenience beckons enticingly; expedience is alluring; while right is an exacting ruler that demands all.

Now, the choice between the right
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NOTED EDITOR AND AUTHOR FORUM SPEAKER MONDAY NIGHT

COMMUNITY SEDER

We have again made arrangements for a Community Seder to be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Riverside Plaza, 253 West 73 St. Our own Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein will officiate and our Cantor Zalman Yavneh will lead in the singing.

Full details will be announced in the near future.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE NOTES

Last Call! Attend March 8th Luncheon, Mah Jong and Bridge FOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

If you have not already made your reservations for the Luncheon, Mah Jong and Bridge to be held at our building on Monday afternoon March 8 you can do so by telephoning Trafalgar 7-8281 at once. Tickets are priced at \$1.25.

Mrs. Meyer L. Pargament, chairman of the Luncheon, and Mrs. Allen Fox, who is actively assisting her, tell us that you can safely promise all the friends you bring with you a most enjoyable afternoon.

Come to the Luncheon and thus do your part.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS SOUGHT

Our Scout Leader, Miss Geraldine Hoffman, is seeking the cooperation of men and women interested in the Scout Movement to serve as Committee Members. They can encourage and help build up our thriving Girl Scout Troop so that it will become an essential part of our community.

By responding to Miss Hoffman's call you will be making an important contribution to maintaining morale on the home front.

At our Forum this Monday night we shall be afforded the rare privilege of hearing the editor of the "Aufbau".

Mr. Manfred George, who will speak on "The Refugee Press" was one of the outstanding editors in Germany, his native country. He was associated with the renowned Ullstein publishing house from 1916-1933, and with the publisher Rudolph Mosse.

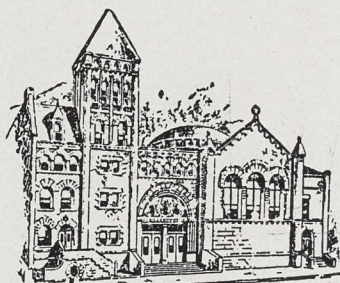
With the advent of Hitler's rise to power (Mr. George was expatriated by a special decree in 1933) he fled to Czechoslovakia. In Prague, and later in Paris, he was foreign correspondent for Czech, Swiss, and Dutch newspapers. In 1936, when Jewish publications in all Central European countries were under Nazi pressure and censorship, Manfred George founded and edited the only independent Jewish periodical in Europe at that time, the "Judische Revue", a monthly which was devoted to an independent analysis of the Jewish situation and activities.

Mr. George has written several biographies, numerous novels, short stories and plays.

There will be many interesting side-lights in Mr. George's talk. Come early. Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class starts promptly at 8:30 P. M.

CONDOLENCE

We extend our sincerest sympathy to Mrs. Morris Jablow, executive board member of our Women's League, who has sustained another loss this week in the death of her mother Mrs. Annie Kasse.



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WILL WE EVER LEARN

Self-seeking and personal interests have brought on the present global war. Individuals as governments have been in a mad scramble for material wealth and power. Our slogans were "success", and "catch as catch can." The law of the jungle prevailed, the strong swallowing or attempting to swallow up the weak.

At last the G-d of Justice has caught up with us. In the face of the gigantic and horrifying price being paid today for our selfishness, we cry out **השטן**, "We have sinned!" and conclude that to be selfish is of no avail; that if an enduring peace is to prevail, we are and must be our "brother's keeper."

The Lend-lease program and our boys at their far-flung battle stations indicate the growing realization of the necessity for collectivism and the futility of selfish individualism. Nevertheless that cancerous element of selfishness is gnawing at the heart of our country. Puny souls still dream of profiteering on the war. Labor and capital are still at grips in the face of their common enemy. Will we ever learn?—E. L. L.

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130th COMMANDMENT The Restoration of the Theft II

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

If after hope of receiving the stolen article was abandoned and one bought it from the robber, who was not known to be a robber, and the matter became known, the purchaser does not have to return it to the robbed one, but the one who is robbed should go to the robber and have his case with him. However, if he bought it from a known robber then the purchaser must return the value of the robbed thing to the original owner, and the purchaser and not the one who is robbed, must have his case with the robber.

If one robbed something he must go and return same to the original

owner. However, if the original owner be far away and it cost much money and trouble to reach him, the robber may place the stolen thing in the hands of the Beth Din—the court.

If one had robbed a beam and used it in the building of a house, and he cannot remove it from the house, then he gives the value of same instead of the beam. If one had robbed something of his neighbor in a city and he met him in a desert and wanted to return same to him there, the original owner does not have to take it because he may make the claim that he may meet robbers on the way. The law in regard to the amount of the robbed thing is as follows: If the price rose he must return it, but if the price of the thing rose because the robber did something to improve it, and if this was done after the original owner abandoned all hope of getting it, then the increased value belongs to the robber. This law pertains to all places and times. One who transgressed it and robbed and did not return the thing, breaks a positive commandment, that "he shall restore that which he robbed", in addition to the negative commandment, "Thou shalt not steal."

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and the expedient is not always easy. Life is too precious, complacency too comfortable, wealth too pleasant to relinquish readily for the right. Minds too subtle, emotions too dominant, rationalizations too easy, not to discover apparently justifiable reasons for yielding to the expedient and to compromise. There is but one force that tempers the difficulty of the decision—faith. Not the faith that merely believes, but the faith that knows. Such faith produces, not only deduces. The difference between **knowing** that our existence as a people and as a religion is dependent solely upon our adherence to the Torah, and merely **professing** such a belief, means the difference between life and death. Those Jews who were fortified by a faith based upon knowledge and deed, possessed with a firm devotion, unyielding loyalty and uncompromising attitude, lived Jewishly so that Judaism could live. Each living Jew today is a testimonial to the fruition of their faith, the wisdom of their courage. Whilst they who but

prattled about faith, praised the Torah but broke its commandments, flourished flittingly and then floundered into oblivion. On the other hand they who attached themselves to the Torah of the Eternal are still an Eternal people.

The same Torah that envisions universal love proclaims the sanctity of the Sabbath. The same portion that heralds the unity of G-d enjoins observing the laws of the tephilim and the mezuzah.

Compromise, though temporary, is to be feared as much as cancer. At first only an infinitesimal part of the human body is affected. Insidiously, it generates its own poison until it ultimately destroys the entire body. As soon as we absolve the authenticity of one law because it is inconvenient, as soon as we deny the veracity of one principle because it is inexpedient, we have started a process that will ultimately destroy our adherence to the Torah, our loyalty to Judaism. If we make religious practices subject to capricious whims, then like soap bubbles they will burst and disappear. Let us be true to ourselves!

A black and white portrait of a young man with a friendly smile, wearing a dark military-style cap with a crest. He is looking slightly to the right of the camera. The background is a plain, light color.

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Felicitations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Freeman upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son Stanley in our Synagogue tomorrow.

At the Sabbath Services tomorrow afternoon, conducted by the young folks of the synagogue, the Torah will be read by David Buchsbaum and the Service will be chanted by Mordecai Cohen.

ONEG SHABBAT

Beginning with tomorrow afternoon, March 6, at 4:30 o'clock, an Oneg Shabbat Hour is being instituted for the young people of our Congregation between the ages of 13 and 15. The purpose of the Oneg Shabbat is to provide our young people with the opportunity to spend the Sabbath day in the traditional Sabbath spirit. An interesting program has been planned. Hosts for the first meeting are Rabbi and Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein.

GETTING PERSONAL

Two names have been added to our Synagogue's Service Honor Roll — M. Tarshis, second son of Charles Cohen, and Bernard Weiss, third son of Doctor and Mrs. Samuel Weiss entered the Armed Forces last week. . . The Alumni Association, our only all-boys junior club group, is following the lead of our Armed Forces by voting young ladies eligible for membership. Join up girls! . . . Two little babes have been added to our cradle roll — a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Sedwitz (the happy grandmother is Mrs. Ada Sedwitz) and to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Basser, nephew of our Director and Mrs. William Basser. . . Congratulations to Bobby Breitbart upon his attaining the rank of Corporal. Here's hoping you advance in geometric progression. . . We were glad to see Pvt. Harold Gross at Services last Shabbos. He's leaving for Florida. The best of luck, Harold! . . . Happy birthday to our near centenarian, Mr. I. M. Blankfort, who just celebrated his 97th birthday — till 120! To our comparative youngster birthday celebrants, e. g. Harriet Friedman, Joan Rita Herzog, Muriel Livingston and Max Stokar, we wish the same. Helene

Marshall celebrated her birthday by acting as hostess last Saturday at the Junior Congregation Kiddush. . . Happy wedding anniversary to Rabbi and Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein and to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Goodman. . . A wholly unscheduled Father and Son Day was observed in the synagogue last Shabbos. As we glanced about the Shul, we saw Siegfried Bendheim and Charles; Julius Rosan and Lawrence; Joseph Shapiro and Harvey; Irving Kobrin and Lawrence; Moses Langer and Elisha; Joseph Buchsbaum and David; Harry Ward and Samuel Maurice; Harry Cohen and Mordecai; Isaac Perlman and Herbert; Lester Udell with Harold and Arthur; Fischel Rathaus and Leon; Joseph Landowne and Louis; Harry Mirken and Allen; Dr. Samuel Weiss and Bernard; Harry Verschleiser and Jack; Henry Reichlin with Seymour and Herbert. . . The members of the Women's League were highly pleased to see Dorothy Anderson resume her duties as a member of the presidium when she presided with her characteristic grace and charm at their recent meeting. . . Many thanks to Alexander Kirsh for his new donation of carafes to the Synagogue.

NEEDED—MEN VOLUNTEERS

The U.S.A.A.C. Emergency Corps needs men to serve as volunteer ambulance drivers at the various New York hospitals to man active and disaster units.

Men must be willing to serve one night a week, from 8 P. M. to 8 A. M., and must also be willing to outfit themselves.

For further information apply at 16 West 57 Street, or telephone Mrs. Laurence Mirken at Circle 6-5316.

RED CROSS WAR FUND DRIVE

The month of March has been set aside by the Red Cross for their War Fund Drive.

As there will be no Roll Call this year, all your contributions to the Fund should be made through the Synagogue.

The urgency is great. Act at once. Please make your check payable to the American Red Cross and mail it to the Synagogue for attention of Mrs. Laurence Mirken, Chairman of our Red Cross activities.

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