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LOYALTY VIEWPOINT

CHARITY

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

"Charity" as we know it, is the sin of the nations. At first blush this is rather an unfavorable description of charity. The world has strayed far afield from the notion of charity as prescribed in the Bible. When our cup runs over we let others drink the drops that fall, but not a drop from within the rim, and call it charity. According to Biblical and Rabbinic teaching, charity is not an affair of the heart, as we have made it today, but rather an assessment to be levied upon all who have an income.

According to the Bible, one does not own his entire field, because the corner must be left to the poor. If the owner was not a charitable man in our sense of the word, and had hardened his heart against giving, then the "Beth Din" — the Jewish court — could force him to leave the prescribed share for the poor. The Bible does not leave it to the emotions or the good-nature of the individual, because most often the individual will find sufficient excuse not to give his proportionate share to charity.

Jewish charity is bred in the bone. Charity as righteousness to the poor is one of the main teachings of the Jewish religion. "As long as the world lasts, all who want to make progress in righteousness will come to Israel for inspiration"; so wrote Matthew Arnold. Jewish charity is no haphazard affair. It is an inherent social force for justice.

Charity in Hebrew is "Tsedaka", which means righteousness. We may well stand entranced at the Jewish conception of charity. In the Book of Proverbs we read,
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BRIDE OF THE WEEK



Shirley Shapiro

This Sunday afternoon Shirley Shapiro, daughter of our Director and Mrs. Joseph Shapiro, will be wed to our member Moses I. Feuerstein.

Our choicest blessings go to the happy couple, and to their families — a hearty mazel tov!

YESHIVAH APPEAL

On Saturday our Rabbi Goldstein and our President Lester Udell joined forces in making an eloquent and forceful appeal for the Yeshivos. The response was generous, contributions ranged from \$5 to \$200.

We hope those who were not present will send in their donation for this worthy cause.

MAKE SEDER RESERVATIONS

Our Community Seders will be held on April 19th and 20th in the Grand Ballroom of the Riverside Plaza Hotel, with Rabbi Goldstein officiating and Cantor Yavneh leading in the singing of the traditional melodies.

Although costs have advanced considerably our price of \$4.55 a person will include all tips and gratuities, caps and Haggadahs.

Phone the Office—TR. 7-8281.

CONDOLENCE

Our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Louis Scherer upon the death of her father.

FORUM SPEAKER FEDERATION PRESIDENT CENTRAL EUROPEAN JEWS

On Monday night our Forum audience will hear an address on "American Jewry and the Newcomers" by Mr. Rudolf Callmann who is President of the American Federation of Jews from Central Europe.

Following his arrival in the United States in 1936, Mr. Callmann was awarded a research fellowship at Harvard University, graduating in 1939.

In Germany Mr. Callmann was active in Jewish affairs. He was a member of the Supreme Council of Jews, and served as vice president of the Central Verein Deutscher Staatsbuerger Juedischen Glaubens, and B'nai Brith.

The Bible Class Forum which Rabbi Goldstein conducts starts promptly at 8:30 P. M. Come early.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEETING

Time: Monday, March 15, 2:30 P.M.

Speaker: Miss Else Bonnist, of OCD

Subject: "Is Your Pantry Shelf on the Firing Line?"

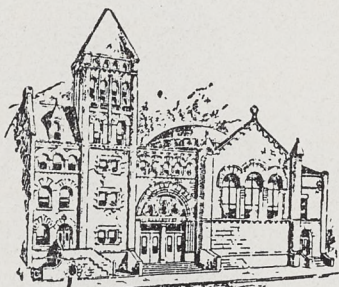
Mrs. Joseph Anderson will preside. A social hour follows the meeting. Mrs. Harry Millstein will be hostess, in honor of the marriage of her daughter Marsha.

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening	6:45
Weekly Portion: PEKUDE	
Friday Evening Service	6:30
Saturday Morning Service	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:00
Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class	5:50
Mincha Service	6:50
The Sabbath terminates	7:26
Sunday morning Service	6:45; 7:45; 8:45
Daily Services:	
Mornings	6:45; 7:45; 8:15
Mincha	6:55

FAST OF ESTHER (Thursday, March 18th)

Morning Service:	6:30, 7:30 8:00
Afternoon Service	6:35



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WORDS AND DEEDS

Recently the United States and Great Britain have offered most eloquent "lip service" concerning the awful plight of the Jewish people in German and Nazi-occupied territory. I look to the United Nations to implement their eloquence by effective action.

Rumania has offered to release 70,000 Jews to any country the United Nations would designate. All our Allies need do is name the haven and 70,000 Jews will be saved. Every day of delay means more deaths and correspondingly more responsibility on our part before the bar of G-d's justice. Rumania has thus destroyed the alibi that the Jewish people are beyond the reach of rescue.

The more humaneness we will show now to the down-trodden, the quicker will our victory be. Let the United Nations know the law of the spiritual life, that when we help others first, G-d sends immediate rescue for ourselves. 70,000 souls can be brought from darkness to light, from subjugation to redemption, and are we sitting idly by?

"AS
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131st COMMANDMENT Concerning the Removal of Ashes By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

The Priest was to remove the ashes from the Altar every day, as it is written in Leviticus, Chapter 6, Verses 3 and 4, "And the priest shall put on his linen garment, and his linen breeches shall he put upon his flesh; and he shall take up the ashes where the fire hath consumed the burnt offering on the Altar, and he shall put them beside the Altar." This is called תְּרוּמַת הַדָּשָׁן. The removal of the ashes completed the sacrifice of the preceding day and therefore priestly garments were required. When the ashes were carried forth outside the camp, then, as we read in Verse 4, "... he shall put on other garments and he shall

carry forth the ashes unto the camp unto a clean place." In other words, the holy priestly garments were worn only in the Sanctuary.

The Rabbis take this to imply that one must dress in accordance with the importance of the occasion or the function one is to perform.

The purpose of this commandment was to enhance the glory and the honor of the Temple; therefore the ashes had to be removed daily.

The removal of the ashes was done when the morning star appeared; on the holidays it was done earlier, during the third watch of the night, and on Yom Kippur it was done still earlier—at midnight. He who did not remove the ashes according to the law, annulled a negative commandment.

The Rabbis see in this "carrying forth the ashes", a beautiful simile. "The Altar", they say, "is the human being; the sacrifice—the prayers one offers to G-d, (since the destruction of the Temple prayers have been substituted for the sacrifices) the carrying forth of the ashes—the internal cleansing of the body prior to ones approaching G-d in prayer, as it is said in the Book of Amos, verse 12, 'Prepare thyself to meet thy Lord, O Israel.'"

LOYALTY VIEWPOINT

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"Righteousness exalteth a people, and the love of the nations is a sin". The world has made charity dependent upon love, and we know that self-love comes first. The Scriptural concept is that charity is not a matter of love, which is precarious, ephemeral and momentary, but a matter of right, which is legal, continuous and permanent. The world's charity is love, which has brought into being the the clash of class. Scriptural charity is Righteousness, which has made for peace between rich and poor. Nowhere in the Bible do we find strikes, or class enmity.

The Bible calls the "gleanings", the "forgotten sheaf", the "corner of the field", DUES, because they are **due** to the poor, and do **not** belong to us.

Of course there is a place for love in connection with charity. Our Sages made provision for an evidence of love when they said we must give a tenth, a tithe, to char-

ity, but if love impels one to give more, he should give up to a fifth of his income.

I plead for the restoration of tithing as the basis of the law of charity. I would suggest that we open up a special bank account, which we should designate as the "Tithe Account". Into this account, every week, we should deposit one tenth of our salary. This will give us first of all an indication of how much we can afford to give, and second, we will not feel any difficulty in giving, because the tithe does **not** belong to us. It represents a certain amount G-d has given to us to spend as His trustees on earth. This is not theoretical because those who have tried it, have found it soul-satisfying. It removes from their mind all doubt as to whether they discharge their duty to charity, and it also forces them to live within the bounds of ninety percent of their income. I might add that my wife and I have tried this plan, and urge our readers to try it.

(To be concluded next week)

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"We have no comic strips," says Corporal Katz. "That is the next best thing."

YOUNG FOLKS SERVICE

SABBATH AFTERNOON

At the Sabbath Services conducted by the young folks of the synagogue tomorrow afternoon, the Reader of the Torah will be Kurt Fischman and the Reader of the Service will be Herbert Perlman.

DECLAMATION CONTEST

We announce a Declamation Contest open to all members in good standing of the clubs meeting in the Isaac Settel Synagogue House, and to all students of the Talmud Torah.

The Junior Club Council and its affiliated groups will take part in the Junior Declamation Contest, Saturday, March 27 at 8 P. M.

Senior Club Council groups will participate in the Senior Declamation Contest, Sunday, March 28 at 9 P. M.

Declamations should pertain to a Jewish subject—current or historic—and may be original or paraphrased material, excerpts from a speech or book. Contestants may also make use of poems, monologues, dialogues, and dramatic sketches. Originality of choice and rendition is encouraged. The time for each declamation should not exceed five minutes.

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You may register by postal card, or better still, visit with Mr. Sugarman, director of club activities of the W. S. I. S. He will be glad to assist contestants in their choice of material.

TWO BAR MITZVAH BOYS



Harris Cohen



Louis Ornstein

Two boys celebrate their Bar Mitzvah in our synagogue tomorrow—Harris Cohen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Cohen, and Louis Ornstein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Ornstein. We extend congratulations and a hearty "mazel tov" to the boys and their proud parents.

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GETTING PERSONAL

Sam Beier, as a committee of one for Jewish Social Research, visited every synagogue in the neighborhood and reports that we are still tops. Sam, don't be conspicuous by your absence. . . Army life seems to agree with Hank Epstein. We were sure glad to see you and to note your promotion to Private First Class. . . Believe it or not, our demure Sonya Silberman completed her elementary school studies with high honors in all of six months. . . Little Samuel Ward has written a play in public school which has been accepted over others. . . Arnyce Livingston and Minette Verschleiser spoke briefly and well at the young people's Oneg Shabbat. . . Delighted to see Jacob H. Silverstein back after his recent illness. . . Our heartfelt and prayerful wishes for a speedy recovery to the wife of our Chazan, Rev. Zalman Yavneh. . . Many happy returns of the day to our loyal member Congressman Sol Bloom; to our faithful and beloved Vice President, Max E. Sanders; to our army wife, Mrs. Emanu-

el Blumenthal; to our jovial Morton S. Cohen; to Barbara Lucille Kaplan; to our charming Leona Kessler; to little Shulamith L. Lifschitz; and to Harriet Silverstein. Happy birthday to you one and all. . . May Father Time record many wedding anniversaries for Mr. and Mrs. Julius J. Leff, Mr. and Mrs. David L. Messing, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reichlin and to Mr. and Mrs. Morris Jablow. . . We can imagine how severe the storm was last Shabbos that Nanette Udell was absent from services. . . Our women are actively engaged in the Yeshiva College Luncheon taking place at the Hotel Astor on Tuesday, Look for our women wherever good work is being accomplished. . . Shomre Hadath will hold their Annual Purim Entertainment Saturday evening, March 27th at the Hotel Riverside Plaza. Our own Joan Friedman will star as Esther. . . We hope Naomi Anderson has completely recovered.

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