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LOYALTY VIEWPOINT

NOTE: Purim Thoughts hold sway this week, therefore Rabbi Goldstein's concluding article on Charity will appear in the next issue.

"Serve the Lord with Joy"

עבדו את ה' בשמחה

PURIM THOUGHTS

By Dr. Sidney B. Hoenig

It is generally recognized that one can come nearer to G-d through "repentance, prayer and charity." Therefore has the Day of Atonement become the heart of Israel's worship. Not so well-known however is the fact that through joy, song, and even wine, too, can one demonstrate his loyalty to his Creator. That lesson was best learned through the festival of Purim which, strange as it may seem, was often compared to the Day of Atonement.

It was said, "The Holy Day is Yom K'purim—a day like Purim. In both, similar motifs were evident. The casting of lots by the High Priest on Yom Kippur were not unlike those cast by Haman, though the former was a means of determining the choice of a sacrifice, "scape-goat" for Israel whereas Haman's plan was to use Israel as the scape-goat. On both days, the fate of Israel was the object of the casting of lots, but triumphantly in both instances the "lot of G-d" asserted itself to the doom of Israel's satanic enemies.

In like manner the three elements of Yom Kippur—**Teshuba**, **Tefilla** and **Tzedaka**—were stressed in the Purim festivity. The abstinences of the Fast Day of Esther (צום) the reading of the Megillah (קול) and the gifts to the poor (ממון) testified religiously to the sincere

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YESHIVA FUND DRIVE

The appeal for funds in support of the Yeshivos has met with a response worthy of our loyal congregation.

The appeal was made for the support of the yeshivos all over the world, including those in Shanghai, Siberia and Teheran (Persia) and the two largest yeshivos in the U. S.

We hope you will want to add your contribution to those already received from: Joseph Anderson, Noel Aronovici, Siegfried Bendheim, A. Milton Brown, N. D. Brown, Theodore Brown, Joseph Buchsbaum, David Cohen, Samuel Cohen, Samuel Diamond, Mrs. B. Ehrenfeld, Berthold Engel, Eric Gallia, John Gell, Philip Gertner George A. Gold, Abraham Goldman, Isaac Goldman, and Wm. P. Goldman.

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PURIM CARNIVAL SATURDAY NITE

All Are Invited — Admission Free

This Saturday night at 9 P. M. the senior groups of our Synagogue House will present a mammoth and spectacular CARNIVAL in keeping with the spirit of Purim.

Miss Winifred Kinzler of the Young Folks League—sponsors of the affair—is chairman of the Purim Carnival Committee. She has the enthusiastic cooperation of Bachad, Jordania, Yavneh, United Nations and the Beth Hillel Clubs.

Two special door prizes have been announced—ten dollars and five dollars in War Stamps.

PURIM PLAY BY KEREN AMI

Keren Ami Council presents a play "The Return of Haman" Sunday night at 7:30. All are welcome.

POPULAR RACONTEUR TO SPEAK

This year the little jingle "Heint is Purim morgin is ois" will not strictly hold for we shall have Purm-dig fare on Monday when our Forum session will be given over, to the spirit of mirth and to Irving Davidson, the jolliest of jesters.



Irving Davidson

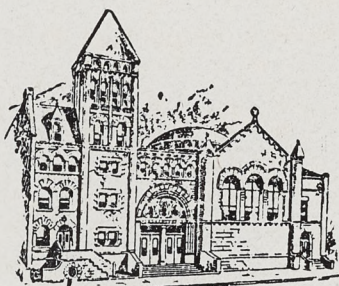
Mr. Davidson, a member of the staid and serious New York Bar, is a recognized authority and lecturer on Jewish wit and humor, and Jewish historical oddities. He is completing a manuscript on Jewish humor.

We can't promise you'll find a seat this Monday night, if you do not come promptly at 8:30.

WSIS COMMUNITY SEDER

Samuel Silver, Chairman of the Seder Committee, urges that you lose no time in making reservations for our inspiring Sedorim on April 19 and 20 when we unite in one big family at the Riverside Plaza Hotel at a seder enriched spiritually by Rabbi Goldstein who officiates.

\$4.55 a person for each seder is all-inclusive. No extras.



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THE LESSON OF HISTORY

Haman and Hitler are prototypes of Amalek, the arch-enemy of Israel. Both tried to destroy the Jewish people. Haman failed completely whilst Hitler did not. Haman failed because when Israel heard of Haman's intentions there was a religious revival. The people repented and accepted once again the Torah willingly and joyously.

Mordecai met some children after his meeting with Haman, and was comforted when they told him what they had just learned, quoting three verses from the Bible as follows: "Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh. Take counsel together, and it shall come to nought; speak the word, and it shall not stand; for G-d is with us. And even to your old age I am He. . . and will deliver you."

The quicker we return to G-d and to His Law the speedier will be our complete redemption from the hands of Hitler. The lesson of the history of the Jew and his enemy is apparent.

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132nd COMMANDMENT The Perpetual Fire on the Altar By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

We are commanded: "Fire shall be kept burning upon the Altar continually." (Leviticus, Chapter 6, Verse 6.) Although there was a heavenly fire in the Tabernacle and Temple, nevertheless we were to kindle one ourselves.

The element of fire is the basic need for man, therefore it was a daily offering. The blessing that came from the performance of the Mitzvah was neither too little nor too much. If there is not enough fire it makes one phlegmatic. If there is too much, or not the right kind of fire, as in the case of the children of Aaron, it means death.

Morning and evening a large amount of wood was put on the Altar

and the priests would kindle it, as we read, "And the priests shall kindle wood on the top of the Altar."

There were three rows of wood placed upon the Altar daily. Upon the first, the largest row, the perpetual offering was brought with other offerings. From the second they would take fire in the pan for the making of the daily incense, and on the third row of wood nothing was put upon it except the fire, to fulfill our commandment, "Fire shall be kept burning upon the Altar continually."

If the priests did not kindle the fire they annulled this positive commandment.

133rd COMMANDMENT The Perpetual Fire May Not Be Extinguished

The 133rd Commandment bids us not to extinguish the light of the perpetual fire as we read in Leviticus, Chapter 6, Verse 6, "it shall not be put out". This negative statement is to indicate that anyone who breaks this commandment should receive stripes. However, if fire was taken from the Altar to perform another Mitzvah, as for instance, to light the Menorah and then it was extinguished, it does not come under the heading of the law of the perpetual fire.

LOYALTY VIEWPOINT

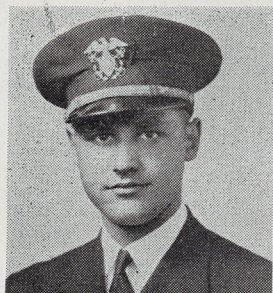
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faith of the pious Jew. Though in the midst of his apparent joviality and inebriated condition in which he could not easily discern between the "reproof of Mordecai and the duplicity of Haman," still he remembered the devotions of his religion. More interesting however in this worshipful comparison of "Service through joy" is the popular interpretation of the origin of the two festivals. As the Medrash explains, Yom Kippur was given to Israel to atone for its worship of the Golden Calf. The excessive and unbridled passion, the fact that "the people sat down to eat and to drink and rose up to make merry" and had "broken loose" (Exodus 32), demanded an atonement or expiation in the form of an **antidote**. This was obtained through the use of an opposite effect—a day of fasting. But when Queen Esther and her maids fasted to save her people, their act of faith deserved a worthy recompense. This too was in the form of 'measure for measure,' and so, to

offset her intense fasting, complete joviality and feasting were ordained. Thus did Purim become a real Yom Tov!

Best of all however is the devotion and trust in G-d affirmed on Purim by the customary eating of the Haman Tash. This enigmatic word is often interpreted from the phrase **תש כחו**—"his strength has weakened," and thus Haman Tash signifies the "weakening of Haman." In devouring this delicacy, it is symbolically re-asserted that similar adversaries of Israel shall be devoured, weakened and completely destroyed. Purim thus becomes not merely a day of merriment or a carnival—but rather a day of hope and prayer, a symbol of eternal victory. Therefore immediately after the Megillah reading do we say, "He Who pleads our causes, will revenge our wrongs. He Who renders retribution to all those who hate our soul, will, on behalf of Israel, deal punishment to all our adversaries." Thereby, it is hoped that the reading of the Megillah will ultimately be like Hallel—a praise to G-d for the victories He shall have wrought.

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WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening 6:50

Shabbos Zochor

Weekly Portion: VAYIKRA

Friday Evening Service 6:30

Saturday Morning Service 9:00

Mincha Service 6:45

Mincha Service 6:55

The Sabbath terminates 7:28

Purim Megillah Services

The Megillah will be read Sat. evening after the Maariv Service, at approximately 7:20.

Sunday Morning Service

..... 6:45 & 7:45

Monday—SHUSHAN PURIM

Daily Services:

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

Mincha 7:00

PURIM

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Purim in commemoration of the events which occurred in Persia during the reign of Ahasuerus (485-464 B.C.E.) when the arch anti-Semite Haman planned to exterminate the entire Jewish people. Read for yourselves this amazing parallel to our own times as it is vividly recounted in the "Book of Esther."

We have had to contend with anti-Semitic forces and innumerable Hamans since our earliest days in exile, and today the most evil and Machiavellian of all Hamans hopes to succeed where his predecessors failed. But we take heart in the Purim story for it is an encouraging one. Israel has outlived her powerful enemies of the past and with the help of the Almighty we will survive the Hamans of this generation.

A PURIM THOUGHT

Our life like a checkerboard is arranged—

Light and darkness interchanged.

Purim bids us: Hold heads high!

Not the Jews—the Hamans die!

PURIM IN THE TALMUD TORAH

The children of the Talmud Torah will celebrate Purim Sunday morning, March 21st at 10. There will be a rich program in Hebrew and English of recitations, group singing, vocal selections and a masquerade. Plays are under the direction of Miss Ethel Grumer and Mrs. Shulamith Danon.

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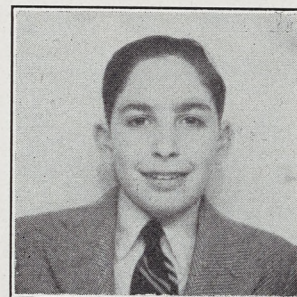
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Arthur Goldberger

Our Bar Mitzvah celebrant this week is Arthur Goldberger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Goldberger of 175 West 76 Street. We extend to them hearty congratulations.

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GETTING PERSONAL

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you who have reached threescore and ten plus, we wish many more years of joy and happiness. To our younger birthday celebrants, Seymour Bernstein, Mrs. Henry Blankfort, Mrs. Joseph Buchsbaum, Mrs. Allen Fox, Norman Friedman, Em 3/c, Mrs. Herbert A. Gossett, Hillel Avrum Gross, Harold Miller and James Lazar Wohl, we wish a long and happy life. . . Our prayerful good wishes to Mrs. Aaron Wartels for a r'fuah shlemo. . . Happy to announce that a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Goddess, and express our hearty mazal tov to the parents and to Mr. and Mrs. Kalman Kinzler, the grandparents. Congratulations to Mrs. Rae Michaels upon her becoming a great-grandmother. The honored title came with the birth of Donna Sue Maron. . . Happy wedding anniversaries to Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Toch . . . We certainly hope that Henry Mayper is enjoying his stay in Florida.



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