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LOYALTY VIEWPOINT

WITHOUT RELIGION

By Dr. Moses L. Isaacs

The title of a recent Catholic column in the newspapers was 'A Man without a Country'. The article pointed out that the man without a country can sometimes make good his dereliction by serving a jail sentence. A man who departs from religion is required to make an inner return and is then always welcomed back and forgiven by his church.

The title awakens a good many more thoughts than the article deals with. The man without a country is a despised outcast whose soul within him is dead. His neighbors shun him as if he were infected with some dread disease which contaminates by the touch. Not so many years ago, the man without a religion was equally an outcast. He was considered outside of the community in both a literal and figurative sense and his example was used to strike fear in the hearts of those who were wavering in belief.

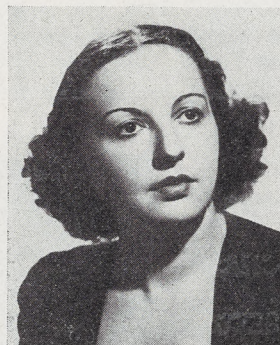
But today the man without religion mixes in and out of our daily lives without the slightest stigma and, instead of being a sign of reproach and warning to the coming generation, he may often be allowed to be the spokesman to the world of matters Jewish and therefore basically religious. The deterioration in the public attitude toward irreligion was not limited to Judaism, because, in the span from the 1870's to the present time, the fences not alone around the Jewish religion, but those which the Christian religions set up around their own beliefs, were leveled off. The reasons given have been many and diverse. Some have felt that the growth of science played a considerable part, and it is certainly true

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TRIBUTE OF AFFECTION

The reception on May 23rd to our Vice-president Aaron Wartels is in the hands of top-notch committee-men who will engineer, with your cooperation, a testimonial that will leave no doubt of the great esteem and affection in which we hold our amiable "Pop".

Friends of our institution and of Mr. Wartels, as a mark of tribute to him, are placing complimentary advertisements in the Souvenir Album which will be presented to him at this reception. The larger the volume, the more effective will be the demonstration of good-will.



Mrs. David H. Ullman

We are fortunate to have as chairman of the entertainment committee Mrs. David Ullman—a veritable dynamo of energy. As originality and resourcefulness are Claire Ullman's forte, it is a foregone conclusion that we will be regaled with outstanding and exceptional entertainment.

BONDS FOR FREEDOM

The fact that the new War Bond Drive coincides with Passover, the Festival of Freedom, should give greater impetus to the purchase of War Bonds at this time.

We can remain a free people if we do our part by purchasing War Bonds regularly. Remember—"They give their lives, we lend our money"

WOMEN'S LEAGUE LUNCHEON

At Millinery Men's Club Rooms

The Women's League Scholarship Fund Luncheon is to be held on June 7th at the Associated Millinery Men's Club Rooms, Hotel Abbey, 51st Street and Broadway. The club rooms were obtained through the courtesy of Mrs. Harry Mirken.

Tickets are \$1.50 each and can be secured by contacting the chairman, Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel at 440 West End Avenue (SU 7-5068) or at the synagogue office.

RUMMAGE SALE IN MAY

The Women's League Rummage Sale will be held during the month of May. We will appreciate receiving, as early as possible, all articles you may have for this purpose.

YISKOR

At Yiskor Service on Tuesday, April 27, the last day of Passover, we beseech the Almighty for the repose of the souls of our departed loved ones and say, "I now solemnly offer charity for the memory of their souls."

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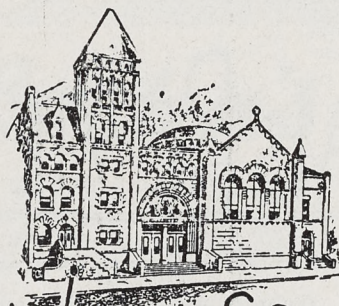
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SHACKLES AND SHEKELS

There are two ways of escaping prison: one is by never getting into it, and the other is to free oneself therefrom on good behavior.

So, too, in our religious life we can free ourselves from being slaves to our environment by taking an uncompromising attitude towards religious compromises. But, not all of us are strong enough to withstand the besetting temptations. There do come times, however, when we take stock of ourselves and want to free ourselves from spiritual imprisonment.

Passover is the holiday of freedom. Let not Passover glide away without leaving its impression upon us for freedom, through the breaking asunder of the cords that imprison us religiously, morally, mentally, and spiritually. As a rule the shekels shackle.

A child was taught that after death we go to heaven. She replied: "My father cannot go, He has no time. He must mind the store."

GETTING PERSONAL

We have just cause to be proud of our boys in Service. Pvt. Lester Lazarus who is now training with the Air Force at Miami Beach, Fla., was selected as one of six, out of several thousand men, to be prepared for specialized work in the army . . . Ben Shapiro has entered the Service and Harold Udell is on the threshold of induction. Our blessings to both . . . Pvt. Sid Harris, stationed at Ft. Blanding, reports, "I passed around the extra copies of the REVIEW and the boys 'lapped 'em up.' " . . . Many thanks to Meyer Davis for donating some lighting fixtures to the synagogue . . . Missed Hy Schwartz at Services . . . Happy birthdays to our eternally youthful Vice-president "Pop" Aaron Wartels; to little Jeffrey Sanders Blankfort; to Ruth Davis; to Lt. Marvin Robert Livingston; to our Director Lawrence Mirken; and to little live-wire Michelle Siegel . . . Happy wedding anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Davis . . . We were glad to hear that Jack Epstein has recovered from his recent illness . . . We wish a speedy recovery to Mrs. Sam Lewis. . . Where, oh where, are

the Fastens? We've been missing them for the past weeks . . . The Rabbi has heard from Louis Landowne, A.S.R. We certainly have a marvelous representative, religiously and spiritually in Louis. More power to him! . . . Thanks to Lester Udell, Joseph Anderson, Eli Jacoby and Meyer Pargament for their aid in the synagogue's extended War Bond Drive . . . We were glad to see Julius Krupnik and Markus Gruss Saturday morning. We hope they will be regular from now on . . . Glad to welcome back to town A. M. Davis from a trip to the Coast . . . Our member Congressman Sol Bloom has been signally honored by the President in being appointed to represent the United States at the Bermuda Refugee Conference. May the Conference be a success in every way . . . Laurence Rosan, inspired by our pulpit, has entered the Yeshiva Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary. Congratulations Laurence. Excelsior! . . . Mazel Tov! Mr. and Mrs. George Kinzler became the parents of a bouncing boy. Congratulations to the grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Kalman Kinzler.

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141st COMMANDMENT The Peace Offering I.

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

The priests were commanded to engage themselves in the work of the peace offering as we read in Leviticus 7:11, 12, where the actual work is to be performed, "And this is the law of the sacrifice of peace offerings if he offer it for a thanksgiving".

There are four classifications for all offerings: (1) **עולה** the burnt offering (2) **חטאת** the sin offering, (3) **אשם** the guilt offering and (4) **שלמים** the peace offerings.

Now referring to the peace offerings, they were brought from lambs,

goats, cattle, male and female, large and small. Fowl was never brought for one of the peace offerings. The Rabbis in the Midrash Toras Kohanim or Sifra say that these offerings were called peace-offerings because they satisfied all the parties concerned. They were unlike the burnt offerings which were entirely sacrificed on the altar. Nor were they like the guilt or sin offerings, part of which was burnt on the Altar, and the rest given to the priests. Of the peace offering, a part was burnt on the Altar, another part was given to the priest, and the remainder belonged to the one who brought the offering, so that a feeling of peace and good will was established among all concerned—hence the name "peace offering".

This commandment concerning the peace offering existed in Temple times and referred to the male priests, for upon them was the obligation to participate in the service. Any priest who would trespass the laws in regard to the offering not only violated a positive commandment, but in addition made the sacrifices unfit for use.

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that science has been used not infrequently as a weapon of attack against religion. Others have believed that the struggle for existence, the growth of the machine age and the reduction in time for leisure, have played an important role. Some would accuse democracy for the decline in religious belief and the growth of "tolerance", but this reason can hardly stand scrutiny when we consider that the founders of the nation, who were certainly no less democratic than we are today, were men of strict religious beliefs.

The growth of irreligion among Jews probably grew out of these same causes, but the growth of tolerance toward irreligion on the part of the Jew was based largely on the decline in, what we might call, pride in religion. Just as pride in one's country makes one despise the traitor and deserter, so pride in one's religion might be expected to arouse similar feelings toward the religious deserter. Conversely, if citizens lost pride in their country, the traitor might even be looked upon with approbation.

The war has had many effects upon our lives and ways of thinking. If our pride in our nation was slipping, it has certainly been restored to the point where the traitor or saboteur is given no sympathy. Religion, and with it, pride in religion, has come back in some measure of course, not to the point where the religious community ostracizes the irreligious, but certainly to the point where many of those who wandered away from the fold are eager to return in order to feel that they belong to a group in times of spiritual stress and physical danger.

The problem of the religious community today is essentially one of building up the spirit of love of one's religion and a pride in it that will be comparable to our patriotism. We can have all the tolerance in the world for another man's religion just as we ought to respect the rights and customs of other nations and governments, but the outlaw in religion deserves at least a measure of the scorn reserved for the man without a country.

ATTENTION MEMBERS!

Send us **your** Serviceman's picture by return mail if you have not already sent it in.

IN THE JUNIOR CLUBS

Saturday, April 24, 9:00 P. M.

JUNIOR CLUB COUNCIL—"Third Seder"; Special biblical slides; narration by Miss Zeporah Borowsky.

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The Girl Scouts, under the leadership of Mrs. Gerry Hoffman, have completed fifty entertaining scrapbooks for the armed forces.

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