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LOYALTY VIEWPOINT

TORAHCRATIC ZIONISM — THE TRUE ZIONISM IV.

by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

I fear lest a new emphasis be put on Jewish life today. In the early days of my ministry the question was: Are you a religious Jew or not? This is not the question today, but rather: Are you a Zionist or not? (regardless of whether you are orthodox, conservative(?), reform, or un-synagogued). So long as that is the measure of our loyalty to Judaism we shall never succeed.

You remember the slogan of the "Maskilim"—"Be a Jew in your home and a man in the street." Today, it is just the reverse. Too many proclaim their Judaism in the street and at banquet tables whilst failing to live it at home.

These are historic and opportune moments for the Jew to re-establish what we have been praying for these many centuries, a Torahcratic State in Palestine. The problem of peace with the Arabs will be solved more readily if our emphasis in Palestine will be more on the spiritual side. Stressing political Zionism above all else is a desecration when it is minus the Jewish religion. I realize that the present leaders of Zionism have given of themselves unstintingly in time, energy and strength. They are well-meaning, but I dare say misguided men. What they have built rests upon shifting sands. Let us remember the words of the Psalmist, "Unless the Lord build the House, in vain have the builders built."

My plea is: "Let us stop trying to be a nation like the other nations. Let us establish a model religious nation based on the Torah, from

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RECEPTION TO AARON WARTELS AT WSIS THIS SUNDAY NIGHT

The activity of many weeks to honor our beloved Vice-President Aaron Wartels will culminate this Sunday night with the Reception tendered to him.



Aaron Wartels

"Mr. Wartels' friends are legion," says Jess Ward, who, as Chairman of the Souvenir Album Committee, is in a position to know.

The presentation of this weighty Album to the man who has won our esteem and affection will be one of the highlights of the Reception.

The musical program arranged

through the united efforts of Max E. Sanders, Chairman of the Reception Committee and Mrs. David H. Ullman, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee will consist of vocal and instrumental selections by prominent artists. We shall hear the beautiful voice of the lyric tenor Joseph Martin who has been heard across the country over the NBC and CBS networks.

The brilliant young violinist Arnold Eidus, whose extraordinary ability and musicianship won the acclaim of New York critics, will make his violin sing for us. He has appeared as soloist with the Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra, the National Orchestral Association and the Naumberg Foundation Symphony.

We shall also hear one of the outstanding baritones of our time, the famous Maxim Panteleieff who has toured Europe and America on both the concert and operatic stage. Our own Cantor Zalman Yavneh will render a few selections of Palestinian Oriental melodies. Piano accompaniment will be by Sonia Eidus, a concert artist in her own right.

Cards of admission have been sent to all who advertised in the Album.

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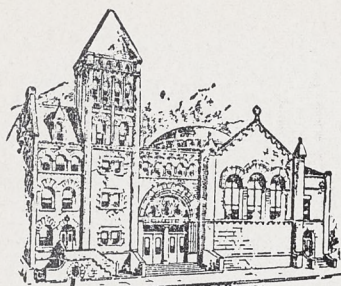
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Siegel of 305 West End Ave., in honor of their 45th wedding anniversary, will present to the congregation this Sunday afternoon a beautiful and well-written SEFER TORAH.

We wish them many happy returns of the day and may the blessings of the Holy Law be showered upon them.

RUMMAGE SALE NOW ON

The Women's League Rummage Sale is now open and in full swing at 8 Amsterdam Ave., between 59th and 60th Sts.

Mrs. Annie R. Morris, Chairman of the Rummage Sale invites you to visit the store mornings or afternoons and bring a saleable package with you and help to sell.



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THE UNPOPULAR TRUTH

Why become a protagonist of an unpopular truth? Why should one not be wise enough to avoid issues that are controversial? Why should one raise questions that will bring on disunity, especially in these troublesome days? This is the philosophy of expediency. Expediency is an umbrella, a temporary shelter. Perhaps history will record Chamberlain as the symbol of expediency. It was he who compromised with Hitler and rejected Czechoslovakia and Soviet Russia.

In Jewish life, too, there are people who are always speaking for unity but who are compromising with Judaism. The problem concerning Palestine for instance, is a difficult one. Its solution will never be accomplished by either the world or the Jew through expediency.

"Silence is good for the body" but not for the soul. When we are about to make a decision and expediency enters into our mind we can test its correctness with the answer to the question, "Is this the way of G-d?

GETTING PERSONAL

The annual Youth Sabbath held last Shabbos went over big. The students of the Talmud Torah were prominent by their participation both in the reading of the Service, and particularly in the reading of the Torah. Thanks to Charlie Bendheim for doing some excellent "sight" reading and "pinch hitting" . . . May is the pre-nuptial month, and we're happy to announce the engagement of David Moskowitz, son of our Director and Mrs. Max Moskowitz, to Miss Joan Roeder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert J. Roeder; and also the engagement of Pvt. Joe Schreibersdorf, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Schreibersdorf, to Miss Norma Krumholtz. Our best wishes to both couples as they make plans to embark upon the sea of matrimonial adventure . . . You may always bank on the Congregation for patriotism and public service. This time it's our own Director Joshua Levine who 'upped' it from the ranks and last week graduated as Lieutenant from O.C.S. He was first in his class. We salute you Josh! . . . Bobbye Goldstein, wife of Gabby Goldstein, received an award from the O.C.D. for her lectures on Nutri-

tion . . . Mrs. Ruth Toch, sister of Leona Kessler, and daughter of our member Henry L. Kessler, has been appointed Assistant Attorney General of the State of New York. We are mighty proud to count you in our Congregational family . . . Our felicitations to Dr. Frank E. Fink, Scoutmaster of our Boy Scout Troop 530, upon receiving a bronze plaque for ten years of service on behalf of the men and boys at the West Side Y.M.C.A. . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Sol Bellsey whose son Pvt. 1st Class Ira Bellsey graduated with honors from the Chilli-cothe Technical Training School . . . Happy birthday to Ruth Davis, Dr. Jerome Goldstein, Major Sylvan Marshall, Seymour Reichlin, and to Buddy Udell, 3rd Class Petty Officer in the Coast Guard . . . Our warm good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Altman, Mr. and Mrs. David Don, Mr. and Mrs. Isidore Friedman, Director and Mrs. Joseph Settel, and Director and Mrs. David H. Ullman, upon their wedding anniversaries . . . If you haven't already read the half-page advertisement in the New York Times, we are happy to inform (Continued on opposite page)

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145th COMMANDMENT

Holy Food That Became Unclean By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

We are bidden not to eat holy food that became unclean as we read in Leviticus, 7:19, "And the flesh that toucheth any unclean thing shall not be eaten." So also if anyone became ritually unclean he is forbidden to eat meat that is ritually pure.

The purpose of this commandment is, as we have said before, that the sacrifices are for the purpose of increasing our reverence for all that is holy, and devoted to His Name. (See Maimonides MORE NEVUCHIM 3:46.) One who trespasses this law

purposely, and eats a piece of the holy food that became Biblically unclean whilst he is in an unclean state is punished with stripes.

146th COMMANDMENT

The Holy Meat That Became Unclean Must Be Burned

We are commanded to burn holy meat that became unclean as we read in Leviticus, 7:19, "It shall be burned with fire." It is not becoming to offer unto the Lord anything that has become unclean.

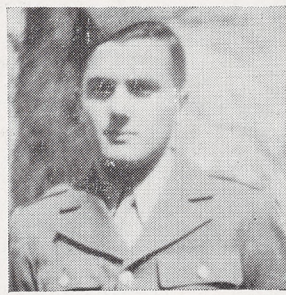
If the meat became unclean in the Temple Court it was burned therein. If it became unclean outside of the Temple Court, as in the case of the peace offerings (where they were permitted in the whole city of Jerusalem), it would have to be burned (in the home of the owners) anywhere in Jerusalem. The bones of the holy meat that have no marrow and that became unclean did not have to be burned, excepting the bones of the Paschal lamb.

He who trespassed this commandment and did not burn the meat that became unclean transgressed a positive commandment.

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you that Rabbi Goldstein is Chairman of the forthcoming Rally of Hope, scheduled to take place at Madison Square Garden on June 6th. Every loyal Jew should make it a point to be present. Remember the date—June 6th, at 3:30 in the afternoon. Get your tickets now . . . Happy to welcome Morris Kostoris, Fritz Moritz Sichel and Hilier Spokoini as new members of our Congregation . . . Ceil Siegel and her very able committee are certainly active in putting over the Scholarship Fund Luncheon . . . Buy your War Bonds through the WSIS agency.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE NOTES

The next session of Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class and regular meeting of our Women's League, which will be the closing one for this season, will be held on Monday, May 24, at 2:30 o'clock. Mrs. Philip Gertner will preside and Mrs. Harry Verschleiser will be hostess at the social hour following the meeting, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of her son.

COMING EVENTS IN THE CLUB DEPARTMENT

Jewish Book Exhibit of vacation and summer reading will be held during the week of May 23-May 30.

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Solemn assemblies of mourning and intercession on behalf of the stricken Jews in Nazi Europe will be held by the **Junior Clubs** on Saturday evening, May 22, at 9 o'clock. All clubs are participating.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND LUNCHEON

Invite your friends to spend an enjoyable afternoon with you on Monday, June 7th at the Women's League Luncheon, Mah Jong and Bridge which is being held in the lovely Millinery Men's Club Rooms at Hotel Abbey, Broadway and 51st St. The committee, headed by chairman Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel and co-chairman Mrs. Siegfried Bendheim are sparing no efforts to assure the social success of this Luncheon.

Tickets are \$1.50 each and may be secured by telephoning the treasurer, Mrs. Lester Udell at TR 7-8281. Do it now!

LAG B'OMER OUTING

Students of the Talmud Torah will leave from our building at 9 A. M. on Sunday for an all day outing in Van Courtlandt Park.

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Eve..... 7:57
Weekly Portion Behar

Friday Evening Service 6:30-7:30
Saturday Morning Service.....9:00
Junior Congregation 10:00
Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class 7:00
Mincha Service 8:00
Sunday Morning Service
6:30, 7:45, 8:45

DAILY SERVICES:

Mornings6:30, 7:45, 8:15
Mincha 8:05
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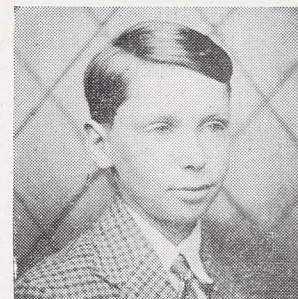
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We felicitate Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Frankfort upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son James in our synagogue tomorrow.

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which may radiate our own unique contributions to universal disarmament; to peace, through abstention from blood-thirstiness by means of the Dietary Laws, to Social Security, and to the rest of the world's problems. This is Judaism's way of life in the Holy Land.

Let this serve as a call for orthodox Jews, Mizrachists, Agudists and the great host of religious Jews not affiliated with any organization, to band together as Judaism's Zionists. Let this serve as a challenge to Mizrachi to stand upon its own feet.

The sin of silence is ours. Our silence may be interpreted as

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"consent." (Baba Metziah 37). Many of us have done little for the Holy Land, because we could not join the existing forces and by our cooperation help in the breakdown of the Torah in Palestine. Let us repent for the past, and here sacredly resolve to take our proper place in making Eretz Israel a Holy Land, led and ruled by those loyal to the Torah.

Numbers are not the essential yardstick. We read in the Book of Deuteronomy, Chapter 7, "The Lord did not set His love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest in number." Later, the Prophet spoke of "the three hundred that have not bowed to Baal." Numbers have never been our criterion of strength. It is loyalty to our Torah which has made us invincible.

Men of great faith can accomplish what to the naked eye seems insurmountable. If we are sincere for the truth we shall be successful.

I do not wish to appear to create further disunity. When Phineas entered the camp and acted like a zealot when zealousness was needed, God said, "Behold I give unto him My Covenant of Peace."

I have pointed out whither the first experiment of Zionist leadership and organization, as at present constituted, has led us. We orthodox Jews must demand that the Torah become the overall standard for all Zionist activities. Differences will exist, but the final decisions of our judges as interpreters of the Torah, our basic constitution, must prevail. Then will Palestine disseminate a peace glorious as it will be Holy, and enjoyed by the Jew and the rest of the world.

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If you have not already done so, you may send your contribution for the aid and relief of oppressed Jewry to the synagogue, making check payable to the United Jewish Appeal.

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