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LOYALTY VIEWPOINT

WHY A YESHIVAH EDUCATION?

By Rabbi M. Schuchatowitz



Were I asked, "Why a Yeshivah education for the American Jewish child?" I would answer, "Because it is genuinely Jewish, thoroughly American, and ideally educational."

For, what is education? Varied opinion and definitions have been offered by outstanding men in the field. To some, "education was the process of continuous reconstruction of experience" (John Dewey); to others, "the process of growth and development" (Wm. H. Kilpatrick). To still others, "that something which helps man to become man" (E. Kant). And there are many more illuminating definitions. But out of this vast aggregate of educational opinion, I would choose two that are, to me, truly challenging and revealing. The one is that of Dr. Butler, the other, that of Dr. Dimmet. It is in these classic and authoritative statements that we find an adequate and satisfying answer to the question: Why a Yeshivah education?

According to Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, "education is the gradual adjustment of the child to the spiritual possessions of his race." Why a Yeshivah education? Because it, and it alone, succeeds gradually to

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JEWISH BOOK EXHIBIT NOW ON

The exhibition of Judaica now on display in our Daily Synagogue will continue through May 31st. You are invited to come and browse.

The exhibit will bring to your attention a wide range of books on Jewish subjects that will prove stimulating reading during the summer and vacation period.

The books on display have been loaned to us by various publishers. Book orders left with us will be forwarded to them for prompt delivery.

MEMORIAL SERVICES JUNE 1st

On Tuesday evening, June 1st at 8:30 o'clock special memorial services will be held in reverent tribute to the departed loved ones whose names have been perpetuated on the Memorial Tablet in our synagogue. Rabbi Goldstein will address the congregants and Cantor Yavneh will intone memorial prayers.

WSIS BOYS MEET IN AFRICA A V . . . — MAIL REPORT

Cpl. Eric Katz has met up with Capt. Norman Davis "somewhere in Africa." Looking through Cpl. Katz's accumulation of REVIEWS, Capt. Davis gathered news of his friends "back home" and saw many familiar faces, and his own picture in our Review.

Here's an excerpt of Eric's letter describing the Seder spent with a Palestinian Volunteer Unit.

" . . . All Jewish soldiers in the vicinity had been invited . . . Nearly 600 men attended. Three enormous tents had been joined together and were brightly illuminated and decorated within, creating the impression of being in a giant Sukkah rather than at a huge Seder. Our hosts must have worked like beavers . . . One of the highlights was the Haggadah mimeographed in Hebrew and illustrated by hand. The most impressive illustration was to the text "Shefoch chamoscho" —

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SCHOLARSHIP FUND LUNCHEON of Women's League on June 7th

Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel, Chairman, and Mrs. Siegfried Bendheim, co-chairman of the forthcoming Scholarship Fund Luncheon of our Women's League, which will be held on Monday afternoon, June 7th at 12:30 o'clock in the Millinery Men's Club Rooms of the Hotel Abbey, Broadway and 51st St., report that this promises to be one of the outstanding functions in an already colorful season's program.



Mrs. Lester Udell, Treasurer

All your friends will be there so if you have not already made your reservations do so at once by phoning or writing the treasurer, Mrs. Lester Udell, care of the Synagogue, 122 West 76th St. TR. 7-8281. Tickets are \$1.50 each.

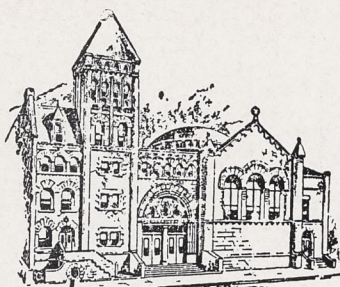
VISIT THE RUMMAGE SALE

Our Women's League Annual Rummage Sale is being conducted at 8 Amsterdam Ave., between 59th and 60th Sts. Saleable articles may be brought to the store or left at the synagogue.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Our apologies to Director and Mrs. Joseph Settel whose advertisement was inadvertently omitted from the Souvenir Album.

Grateful acknowledgment is made to the friends of Mr. Aaron Wartels and our Institution whose greetings were received too late for inclusion in the Souvenir Album: Ulrich Muhlmann, Miss Julia Stich, and the United Textile Co.



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ON READING BOOKS

As the summer is about to approach, let us make a list of some of the books we want to read. It would be wise to heed the advice of Charles Lamb, author of "Tales From Shakespeare," who said: Every time a new book comes out read an old (tested) one.

In addition to the very excellent works in the secular field it would be well every year to re-read the Bible. This can be done by reading only two chapters a day. We would like to suggest also the daily companion book, the Prayer Book—the elixir of life. The Prayer Book, like the Bible has become to many, the forgotten book. We leave room in our daily program for food, for business, for the newspaper and for the movies. Should we not leave room for a good book—the Bible and our Prayer Book? The Prayer Book should serve as the key with which to open the day, and the bolt with which to close the night. Let us remember the words of Bacon "Reading maketh a full-man."

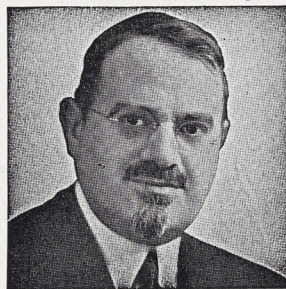
GETTING PERSONAL

Last Sunday evening's tribute to "Pop" Aaron Wartels was breathtaking. A full Synagogue, excellent speeches, heavenly strains topped by Cantor Yavneh, and Arnold Eidus all added up to spell one wonderful event in the annals of our Congregation. To quote Max E. Sanders, Chairman of the evening, "Pop's speech was the best." A big hand goes to Jess Ward, Chairman of the Album Committee. A climactic moment was the reading of a felicitous cablegram from Pfc. "Buddy" Melvin H. Friedman, serving somewhere in Africa. Lester Udell pulled a "winner" in inviting up the "Spirit behind the Throne" — Mrs. Aaron Wartels—to share the honors with her husband. Rabbi Goldstein spoke of Jewish tradition as intrinsic in G-d's word and therefore eternal. He paid a glowing tribute to Aaron Wartels, as the disciple of Aaron of old, the lover, and above all the pursuer of Peace. What a tribute! Rabbi Lifschitz delivered a beautiful

invocation fitting the occasion. Congressman Sol Bloom dropped in to celebrate with us, and delivered a brief, but important message. Unsung and unheard, Mrs. David H. Ullman efficiently supervised arrangements. Many thanks to Mr. Max Lazarus, Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Mirken and Harry Ward, who helped make people comfortable. Maybe Morris Jablow who did the over-all supervision, is now breathing a sigh of relief and satisfaction at the success of the Album and the Reception . . . Happy to welcome back to the Synagogue over the week-end some of our young stand-bys serving in the Armed Forces! Bernard Appel, Ph.M., who incidentally celebrated his birthday too, Louis Landowne, A.S.R., Pvt. Paul Shapiro, and Sgt. Harold Wohl. Glad to see Mrs. Jennie Greenfield back after her recent illness . . . Had a surprise visit from Major Sylvan Marshall. He looks handsome. We

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147th COMMANDMENT The Laws Concerning חלב Forbidden Fat By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

There are two kinds of fat, one—חלב—which is forbidden, and the other—שומן—which is permitted. The forbidden fat can be removed as a garment or as a skin. The permitted fat breaks itself up into pieces. Concerning the forbidden fat—חלב—we read in Leviticus, 7:23, "Speak unto the children of Israel saying, Ye shall eat no fat of ox or sheep or goat."

The Bible wants us to know that we **are** what we **eat**. The observant Jew becomes a better man by virtue of his observance of the Dietary Laws.

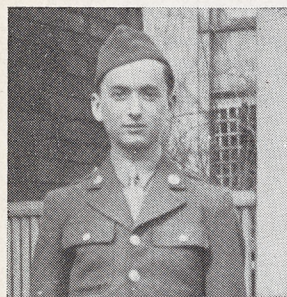
We are made up of body and soul. When we cannot restrain ourselves from the forbidden food then

the body cannot do the good work that the soul yearns to do. We all know from our experience that when the lusts are low the spirit is high. Therefore we ought to be grateful to G-d, for His laws of diet which tend to uplift and ennoble us.

The prohibition against חלב prohibited fat, refers only to the three types of animals, the ox, the sheep and the goat. Their embryo does not come under the prohibition, because it is regarded as a limb of the mother. The forbidden fat is found upon the large stomach, the kidneys and the flank. However, if there is meat upon the fat, it is permissible; for the Bible speaks of the fat "upon" but not **within** the flank. There are, in addition to these, veins and skins that are also forbidden because of the prohibition against fat. The butcher or his assistant, therefore, must be expert and trustworthy concerning the removal of them. The fat around the upper and the lowest intestine—the rectum, are also forbidden.

One who trespasses the law intentionally, and was warned but nevertheless eats a piece of forbidden fat (as large as an olive) receives stripes, and without warning excision. If he eats it unintentionally he is to bring the fixed sin offering.

PROUDLY WE HAIL — THE SONS OF W. S. I. S.



Pvt. A. Jacobson



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GETTING PERSONAL
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want to see more of him. What an array of medals he sported! More power to him . . . Congratulations to Mrs. Tillie Rosenthal, proud grandmother of 'Baby' Thomas Jefferson, born to Mr. and Mrs. George Cohn. . . Lt. Emanuel Blumenthal, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Max Frank, was promoted to First Lieutenant . . . Julius Bayer brought his brother from Los Angeles for an uplifting religious experience to our Synagogue . . . Glad to see Herman Herring . . . Happy birthday to Samuel Diamond, who celebrated his on Lag B'omer . . . Thirty thousand leaflets entitled, "A Letter On Prayer" issued by Rabbi Goldstein, have been put at the disposal of the Chaplains in the Armed Forces . . . There is need for four times that amount . . . Happy birthday to Ruth Josephson, Natalie Reichlin and Nat Trotzky . . . Warm good wishes and congratulations on their wedding anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Seppy Silberman . . . On the promotion line is Bernard Weiss, son of Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Weiss. He now serves as Corporal in the U. S. Air Corps . . . Healthy summer to Mrs. Regina Margareten and to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Landau, who have gone up to their summer home in Hunter.

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On Sunday evening, May 30th, at 8:30 o'clock, the **Senior Clubs** of the Isaac Sattel Synagogue House will hold a "Solemn Assembly of Intercession and Mourning" on behalf of stricken Jews all over the world.

Rabbi Sigmund Szobel will deliver the main address. The memorial chanting will be led by Milton Cooper. All club groups will attend and will be represented on the program.

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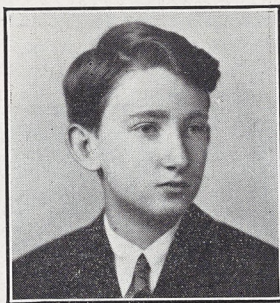
adjust the Jewish child to the "spiritual possessions" of his people. Simultaneously it prepares the child to be ever mindful, to prove himself ever worthy of the noble American heritage. The harmonious blending of the two has been the task, the glory, and the achievement of Yeshivah education. Of course, Yeshivah is overcome by an all-consuming conviction that we Jews do have "spiritual possessions" of infinite worth, and that these possessions are the priceless heritage of the entire congregation of Jacob—**מורשה קהלת יעקב** not alone of the professional few.

Yeshivah education, however, stands not alone for the possession of knowledge but for being possessed by that knowledge; not alone for good learning, but for good living. This aim is reflected in the definition of education suggested by Dr. Dimmet. To him it was, "the process which makes aristocrats in the **way of living**, as in the way of thinking."

This lofty educational objective fully coincides with the aim and philosophy of education in Judaism. Education in our tradition was never that which equips one with a skill for making a living, but rather that which supplies meanings and habits that are instrumental in building a truly ideal Jewish life. The Jewish student had been warned by the Mishnah "not to use his learning as a spade to dig treasures, or as a crown to shine before the eyes of his neighbors." (Aboth). Learning must make one "an aristocrat in the way of living, as of thinking," for, should education not become projected into life, or fail to reflect a nobility of spirit, then one becomes unworthy of his very learning. (See Yomah 86.) Education comes to its own best when it leads to and flowers out into good deeds, (Kid-dushin 40) and only he whose deeds exceed his wisdom will see his wisdom endure (Aboth).

Why a Yeshivah education? Because it adjusts the Jewish child to his glorious heritage. It not only bestows knowledge upon him, but blesses him with the foundation of wisdom which is the fear of the Lord. Above all else, it gives the child an education which is a **הנחה** a consecration of the Jewish child to the blessed Jewish living, wherever he may find himself.

BAR MITZVAH



Edwin Schwarzman

The Bar Mitzvah celebrant in our synagogue tomorrow is Edwin, son of Dr. and Mrs. Markus Schwarzman. Our good wishes to Edwin, and to his family.

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday eve.8:04

Weekly portion: Bechukosai

Friday Evening Service 6:30-7:30

Saturday Morning Service.....9:00

Junior Congregation 10:00

Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class 7:00

Mincha Service8:05

Sunday Morning Service

6:30, 7:45, 8:45

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