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Loyalty Viewpoint

WE ARE MISSING OUR VOCATION

by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

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The greatest tragedy in life for an individual is to miss his vocation. Well-meaning friends and relatives often side-track one from his true calling in life. A man I know wanted to become a physician. His folks however influenced him to become an accountant. For a while he was a successful as an accountant, but inwardly a failure. He had not attained fulfillment. He lacked the highest "elan vital," — self-realization. Today, he is a poor, broken-hearted man. What a tragedy. He missed his vocation.

It is indeed sad for the individual to have his life frustrated. But it is an infinitely greater loss for a whole people to miss its vocation. The Prophet Isaiah, in no unmistakable terms, declared, that Israel, was to become an אור לגוים "A light unto the Nations." Instead, however, we have taken our light from the Nations. We want to be "like the Romans." We want to be a גוי a "Goy" "A Nation like the Nations. We want Palestine so that we can be like any other nation. Is that really what we should want? Is that what G-d wants? The Zionists have had their way since the Balfour Declaration. What has been their emphasis? Nationhood, but not religion. What an idolatry. Our Religion, Judaism, that is the raison d'être, the reason for the existence of the Jewish people. Of course we are a nation. But what kind of a nation? G-d has declared: ואתם תהיו לי "ממלכת כהנים וגוי קדוש" And ye shall be unto Me, a Kingdom of Priests and a Holy Nation." We are to be a priestly, (teaching) people, and a holy, (consecrated) Nation. This was the preamble to the giving of the Torah. Saadya has well said, "Israel is not a nation (in the ordinary sense of the word) except if it is guided by the Torah." We are a Torahcracy.

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"Alas, Alas For Our Loss"—Talmud A TRIBUTE



Sgt. Melvin H. "Buddy" Friedman

It was a mournful day for our Congregation when we were apprised of the loss of our universally beloved Buddy Friedman, in the Battle of France. He was one of the first to respond, when volunteers were sought for Overseas duty, from his camp. How vividly do I recall the fervor with which he said to me, "If we don't fight against the Nazis, who should?" He went into the Service, not because he had to, but because he wanted to perform a Mitzvah — namely that of מחיית עמלק "blotting out Amalek." He gave his life as a martyr for this holy cause. If Buddy's fate was to die young, he could have chosen no nobler cause for which to give up his life.

Buddy Friedman was a rare character, lofty, ideal, pious, thoughtful and spiritual. He loved our Congregation. The West Side Institutional Synagogue was very close to his heart, and he was very close to the hearts of our Congregants. When his loss was announced, many of us took it as a deep personal bereavement. He served the Congregation in many and varied capacities. He expressed the hope that he might one day earn his place as a member of the Board of Directors of our Congregation. There is no doubt that he would have reached this goal had he lived.

In due time we will hold a Memorial Meeting to pay him a fitting tribute for the supreme sacrifice he has made for his "G-d and Country."

SELICHOS SERVICE SATURDAY NIGHT

Penitential Prayer Will

Be Recited at 1 A. M.

The first Selichos Service will be held in the Main Synagogue on Saturday night, September 10th, at 1 A. M. technically Sunday morning.

With these special prayers, we petition G-d, "Lord of forgiveness and mercies".

The recital of selichos for the penitential days according to the Ashkenazic ritual begins on Sunday be-

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OUR MEMORIAL PARK

Mr. Joseph Buchsbaum, Chairman of the Cemetery Committee invites all those interested in acquiring a plot to discuss details with him.

Our Memorial Park is located in Mt. Eden Cemetery at Mt. Pleasant, Westchester, amidst beautiful scenic surroundings.

We urge you to give this subject immediate consideration.

MEN'S CLUB

Mr. Moe Oltarsh, Vice-President of the Men's Club in charge of the Committee for the drive to raise funds to improve our building, announced that during the summer quite satisfactory progress has been made in raising funds. He hopes that each member will do his utmost to help this drive.

After the High Holy Days a meeting of the Men's Club will be called of which time detailed plans will be announced.

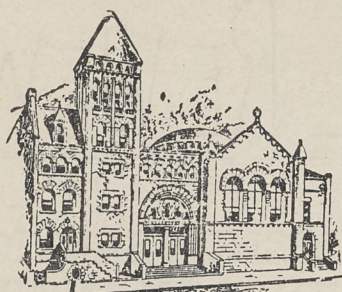
Of Buddy Friedman we may say in the words of the poet,

"He's gone the beautiful youth,
The heart of honor, the tongue
of truth.

He, the life, the light of us all,
Whose voice was a blithe, as the
bugle call.

"May the memory of the righteous
be a blessing."

HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN,
Rabbi



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WELCOME HOME A SUGGESTION

We want to welcome back to the Synagogue all our friends and hope that they are refreshed in body and mind and ready for a most important year in the annals of mankind as well as in the history of Israel. We confidentially look forward to a speedy, victorious peace for the United Nations. It will be necessary to use our cool and sober minds in celebrating Victory.

We have suggested to the President of the United States and to the Mayor of our City in order that we may enjoy a safe and sane spirit of thanksgiving when the war is over, that they call upon all our citizens to visit their respective Houses of Worship for Prayer and Thanksgiving. Just as we celebrated D day, let us celebrate V Day. It would be well for all of us to remember the 100th Psalm, —

"A Psalm of Thanksgiving. Shout for joy unto the Lord, all ye lands: Enter into His gates with Thanksgiving, and into His Courts with praise: Give thanks unto Him, Bless His name. For the Lord is good."



178TH COMMANDMENT The Laws Concerning the Impurity of Issues (Chronic Discharges) By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

One who has a running issue becomes unclean and makes others unclean as it is written in Leviticus, Chapter 15, Verses 3 to 11, "Speak unto the children of Israel and say unto them: When any man hath an issue out of his flesh, his issue is unclean—(and makes everything with which he comes in contact unclean). The issue to become unclean must have the color of barley-dough-water or the yellowish color of a beaten egg. One does not become unclean unless there have been two such issues and they must occur in one day. This is called זיוה. If a day

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intervenes between them it is not זיוה but קרי. The זב must then count seven days and take the ritual bath (unless the discharge became chronic).

The purpose of this commandment is to point out to us that such is the result of eating or drinking too much or indulging in immodest or luxurious living. The discharge should serve as a warning to him to return to normal standards. If this discharge becomes chronic it shows that he has not learned the lesson. If the discharge happens only occasionally, he is called a בעל קרי which means that it was accidental. He must take a ritual bath thereafter at any time of the day.

Because of our sins we are not in possession of the Holy Temple and we do not have any of these laws of cleanliness or uncleanness prevailing. However, we are to lead normal lives, not to do anything in excess in pleasure in eating or in drinking, which if in Temple times one became unclean in this way and went into the Temple or ate of the Holy things before he cleansed himself, he annulled a positive commandment in addition to being guilty of the punishment of excision.

LOYALTY VIEWPOINT

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Our emphasis has been a physical one. This we find, to be the all-absorbing interest of our much present leadership. Those who follow this leadership, think they have discharged their duties as Jews, as good Jews, as loyal Jews, when they have served the body of the Jew. They have failed Judaism, the word of G-d—the soul of the Jew. They are not loyal to Judaism, — G-d's way for Israel. If we have to make the choice between the body and the soul, the Prophet Isaiah has declared, אמרו לנפשך שהי ונעברה "They (the enemies) said, submit your soul, that we may pass over it," but ותשמי כארץ גוך "thou madest thy back as the earth." Israel, has given his "back," his body, but has never surrendered his soul (Samson Raphael Hirsch).

For what purpose are we to be in Zion? Is it to be a place of refuge, or is it to serve as a light-house, pointing the way to safety for the soul of Israel, yea, even more than that, for the soul of the world, as an

אור לגויים "a light unto the Nations?"

It is my considered opinion that Israel will never be safe, and the world will never allow Israel to be safe, unless Israel assumes its true role as teacher to mankind. We cannot succeed as teachers, unless our sincerity is expressed in action. Before we can teach the world we must know what we have to teach, and then we must practice what we preach.

(to be continued next week please G-d)

CONDOLENCES

To the family of the late ROBERT BERCU.

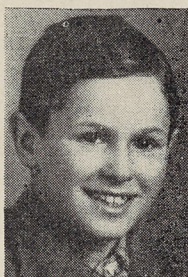
To Rev. S. Taitz upon the passing of his beloved wife.

To the family of the late HARRY ROGGEN.

To Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Haselkorn upon the passing of their daughter Mrs. ESTHER REINISH, late wife of our member, Samuel Reinish.

We offer our heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved families upon their recent losses.

BAR-MITZVAH CELEBRANTS



Nathan Flax

A hearty Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Morris Flaks upon the Bar-Mitzvah of their son Nathan at our Synagogue last Saturday, Sept. 2.



Robert Hausman Martin Zimet

Robert M. Hausman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hausman and Martin Zimet, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Zimet celebrate their Bar-Mitzvah at our Synagogue, tomorrow, Saturday, September 9.

Our sincere congratulations and best wishes to the respective families.

SELICHOS SERVICE

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fore Rosh Hashonah or if Rosh Hashonah falls on Monday or Tuesday, it is put forward to the Sunday of the previous week. Unlike selichos for fast-days, they are recited before dawn, that is in the last night watch. After Rosh Hashonah, penitential prayers are recited in the same manner during the Ten Days of Repentance.

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SELICHOS SERVICE

This Saturday night at one o'clock Selichos Service will be held. We invite the public at large to attend, non-seat holders as well as seat holders.

Sunday Morning Service 6:45, 8:45

Daily Services:

Mornings6:45, 7:45, 8:15

Selichos at6:15, 8:00

Mincha7:00

Followed by the interpretation of the Mishnah by Rabbi Goldstein.

Talmud Torah Registration

New Term Begins Monday, Sept. 11

Our Talmud Torah will resume its classes on Monday, Sept. 11. Registration in the Talmud Torah and High School Department will commence Sunday morning, September 10th. Parents are advised to enroll their children immediately so that they may not have any difficulty in keeping up with the school curriculum.

We all want our children to share with us a wholesome Jewish family life. The best means of insuring such a happy result is to give our children a good Jewish education.

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CHATS ABOUT W. S. I. S.

by Morris Jablow

It is indeed a pleasure to resume this column after the summer vacation.

In the past, it was my practice to relate and describe to you our varied activities, so as to acquaint you with the projects originating in our building. This season it is my intention, with your help, to devote this column to the presentation of our ideals and aspirations, and to discuss suggestions for bettering our efforts to interest the residents of this community in our work, and to improve our service to our people.

All of us, are anxious to have this institution serve this community in the very best way possible. This can only be accomplished by pooling our ideas and concentrating our united efforts to that end. I am hoping that each of you, our readers, will give serious thought to this problem, and help us achieve our objective, by conveying to me your suggestions and making it possible for this column to become a sound-ideas.

Please write me or drop in for a chat.

GETTING PERSONAL

Greetings and salutations! We are back again after a hot summer, with lots of news from the personal relations front. . . Congratulations to our beloved Rabbi Goldstein upon his recent election as President of the Synagogue Council of America. . . . Among those deserving a note of thanks for their able assistance at Synagogue Services during the summer months — are Isidore Lauer for his fine renditions of several Sabbath morning services; Directors Harold Kaplan, Morris Levinson, Max Moskowitz, Morris Steinberg and Harry Ward for assisting our "Gabbai" Aaron Wartels; also Seymour Bernstein, Morty Cohen and Max Lazarus for being good ushers. . . Our venerable Gustave Roth rendered a beautiful "Shacharis" last Sabbath morning. . . Cupid was kept quite busy these past two months and we are happy to report the engagements of Jeanne Markowitz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Markowitz to Sgt. Kermit Bass; Gertrude Z. Goldfarb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Goldfarb to Samuel L. Weekes, Aaron Gross of the House of Gross to Miss Muriel Streit. Congratulations. . . Wedding bells rang for Bernice S. Breitbart, daughter of Bernard Breitbart, married to Joseph Schlang; for Major Norman Davis, upon his marriage to Miss Leslie Friedman, of Denver, Col., for Abe Glaser married to Miss Ethel S. Remaine; and for the newly wedded Mr. and Mrs. Herman Levine; Mazeltov and blissful happiness to all. . . From our boys in Service, we hear that Simeon Goldstein won a recent Babe Ruth Radio Contest at Camp Crowder. . . Dr. Samuel Weiss is now a Major in the Army. . . ASR Louis Landowne delighted us with a visit. . . Our Second Vice-President and Mrs. Max E. Sanders took time off this summer to see Denver, Colorado and Colorado Springs. Could it be that they were anxious to see a certain little grandson? . . . Catching up with the antics of Sir Stork, we find that Mr. and Mrs. Jesse E. Gross are now the proud parents of a little girl Pamela, Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Lunitz are now the proud possessors of a bouncing boy, Richard Alan and Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Roth have become great-grandparents. Mazeltov. . . Hope Michele Siegel is very much better after having her tonsils removed. . . Congrats to Betty Buchsbaum upon winning a scholarship. . . and to Naomi Goldstein upon her graduation from Ramaz Academy. . .



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