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THE NEW YEAR.

By Rabbi MORRIS MAX

For the first time in four years the good tidings of the imminent victory over the enemy of all civilization gladden our hearts as we assemble in our houses of worship on the sacred day of Rosh Hashonah. Bright as the prospects for the future may be, they, nevertheless, cannot efface from our consciousness the tremendous sacrifices which the war exacted from the United Nations. We, American Jews, especially dare not forget the unprecedented cruelties perpetrated upon our people by the mad beasts, who, faced with defeat annihilated millions of our innocent brethren.

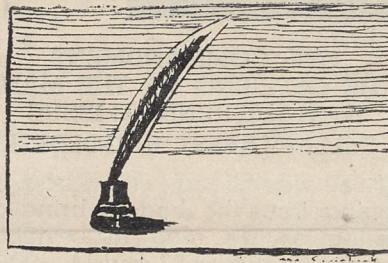
We shall appear before God at the beginning of the New Year with hearts made heavy by the curse of war. Yet, we shall plead with our Heavenly Father for another lease on life. In that way we shall give evidence of our desire and determination to build a new life upon the ruins of the old order. Thus, we will keep faith with our sons who have made the supreme sacrifice on the battlefields in order that we may be blessed with a better life. Upon us devolves the sacred duty of establishing, with the help of God, a system of living, "in which iniquity shall close its mouth, and wickedness shall be wholly consumed like smoke" and from which "the dominion of arrogance" shall completely disappear.

We are now confronted with a double task — that of bringing the war to a speedy and successful completion, and that of fighting for a permanent peace with the same initiative, vigor, enthusiasm and united determination that characterized our efforts on the battlefield. That task is not an easy one: yet, with the proper spiritual consecration it should be possible to complete that task also with satisfactory success.

If we are looking forward to the time when "nations shall not learn war any more" the individual of every nation must utilize his freedom to learn and practice the art of living to the fullest extent. Civilians, as

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RABBI'S LETTER SENT TO OUR BOYS IN SERVICE

September 12, 1944

Dear Friend:

As we approach the New Year my thoughts are with you. I want you to know that we of the Synagogue are vitally interested in your welfare. If there is anything wherein we can be of service, we ask you not to hesitate to call upon us.

I am pausing for a moment to offer a prayer for you. I pray to G-d that He may protect you from physical harm and give you spiritual strength to overcome temptation.

Things are getting along very well at home. Everybody is working. Even people who used to have servants must do their own work. This is cheerfully done because we realize that you are making greater sacrifices.

Attendance at the Synagogue is excellent and there is much being said about a religious revival at home and among the boys in the Service. I hope it is true.

Write me as often as you desire. Write as often as possible to the folks at home. They anxiously await hearing from you.

With affectionate regards and my prayers for the welfare of your body, mind and soul, and with best wishes for the New Year, I am,

Cordially yours,
HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN,

ROSH HASHONAH

MONDAY and TUESDAY

At sunset on Sunday evening, Jews all over the world will begin to observe the Rosh Hashonah Holiday, in a solemn and reverent celebration of the inception of our New Year. From the active battlefronts in Europe, Asia, the Far East and our own continents, prayers and meditations will be offered for a New Year which will bring an end to tyranny and agony and which will usher in the long hoped for era of Freedom, Justice and Peace; when men and women who were torn from their families will once more be reunited with their loved ones.

The deep significance of Rosh Hashonah is expressed in the many beautiful 'piyutim' (poetic prayers) found in the Machzor. On this day we acknowledge G-d as King, Creator of the universe. G-d's sovereignty will be firmly established when all nations will be united in carrying out His will with a perfect understanding of mutual love and respect. The Jew, as a member of Israel, bears the great responsibility of proclaiming the sovereignty of G-d, through his unique way of life, as prescribed by his Torah.

G-d proclaimed Rosh Hashonah as a Day of Reckoning and a Day of Memorial when every individual may regard his actions of the past, with the purpose of making the improvements which will return him to his proper way of life in the light of G-d and His Torah.

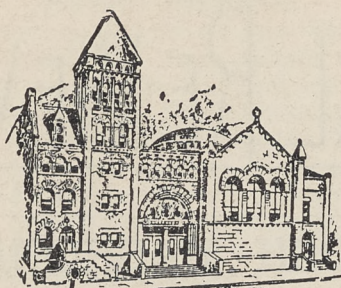
THE NEW YEAR GREETING

At the conclusion of the services, on the first evening of Rosh Hashonah, besides the usual greeting of "Good Yomtov," we utter the additional phrase of "L'shanah Tovah Tikosev V'sichosem L'altor L'chayim — "May you be inscribed and sealed immediately for life," which is to be said to friends and relatives.

THE NEW YEAR FEAST

The Holiday is ushered in with a spirit of solemn joy and the Jew emerges from the Synagogue, his heart filled with hope and trust that he will be inscribed for a good year.

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RESOLUTION BEHIND OUR RESOLUTIONS

Let not prosperity starve our souls as the Psalmist put it, "He gave them their request; which brought leanness into their soul." We are inflated with material ease which may tend to starve us spiritually and make us mentally flabby.

It is therefore necessary as we approach the New Year to allow our minds to travel into an area of personal deflation. It is high time to indulge in pious resolutions.

By Sunday night we hope that you will have made up your mind as to the resolutions you want to make.

We would be extremely sorry if the New Year did not bring us to a realization of our weaknesses. It therefore behooves every one of us to set aside a few minutes for intercession and to determine upon the improvements we want to make in our lives just as we do from time to time in our businesses. The business of living requires self-improvement. After you make your resolutions make one resolution to keep your resolutions.



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179th COMMANDMENT THE OFFERING OF THE MAN WITH THE RUNNING ISSUE By Rabbi HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

If one was already cured from his running issue he had to bring an offering as we read in Leviticus, Chapter 15, Verses 13 and 14. "Then he shall count seven days for his cleansing and wash his clothes" . . . "On the 8th day he shall take to him two turtledoves or two young pigeons and come before the Lord unto the door of the tent meeting . . . 15, "And the Priest shall make atonement for him for the Lord for his issue".

These offerings are called
which means that until
the offerings are brought, his atone-

ment is not complete. The purpose of this commandment is to humble the person that he may decide to conquer the lusts of his body and prevail against physical temptations. This law prevailed in Temple times and he who trespassed it and did not bring his offering transgressed a positive commandment.

180th COMMANDMENT THE LAW CONCERNING THE UNCLEANLINESS OF THE FLOW OF SEED

By Rabbi HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

The flow of seed is unclean and makes others unclean as it is said in the Bible in Leviticus, Chapter 15, Verse 16, "Then he shall bathe all his flesh in the water and be unclean until the even" . . . 17, "And every garment whereon is the flow of seed shall be washed with water and be unclean until the even". The purpose behind this commandment is that this uncleanliness comes about only through lustful thoughts.

Because of our sins we do not have the Temple and we cannot go through the ablutions necessary for our purification. In this case one should not keep himself back from praying or putting on tefflin because of his uncleanliness.

LOYALTY VIEWPOINT

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well as soldiers who have been geared to the needs of war must also return to ways of peaceful living if military demobilization is to be an effective step in the establishment of a permanent peace.

Judaism teaches us that God, the Creator of a harmonious universe is also the source of harmonious living together in peace in this universe. In His infinite Goodness He outlined for us in the sacred Torah His ways that lead to a permanent peace. Hence, if the individual Jew will but respond to the season's call for Tshuvah-repentance and return to the life of the Torah, he will be laying the foundation of that New Order that mankind is aspiring to attain. By practicing the Torah in his own home community and country he will create the nucleus of a society that will be inclined to strive for the brotherhood of man stemming from the Fatherhood of God.

Similarly the nations of the world must also return to the just ways of God. By returning to the Jewish people its own land, Eretz Israel, and thus making amends for the great

crime committed by the enemy against our people, they will give evidence of their sincerity to really build a New Order, from which the evils of the past will be completely uprooted.

May the year 5705 bring a speedy victory to the United Nations, healing to our suffering brethren, a return of mankind as a whole to the godly ways of living and re-establishment of our people Israel on its own soil, Eretz Israel.

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Our deepest sympathies to our esteemed member LEVI COHEN upon the recent loss of his wife.

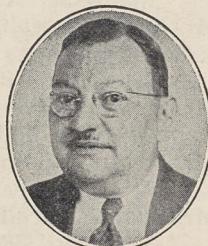
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And thus upon his return at home he endeavors to express this feeling by partaking of a fine and sumptuous meal. To symbolize the expectation of a happy and sweet year, it is customary to make the blessing for bread — 'Hamotsi' — dipped in honey. After this a piece of sweet apple is dipped in honey and the blessing "who create the fruit of the tree" is said thereon. This is followed by expressing the wish "May it be Thy will, O G-d, to renew unto us a good and sweet year."

THE SHOFAR

G-d's command to the Israelites to blow the Shofar on this awesome day, was given with the purpose of instilling in every Jew the desire to rededicate himself to the fulfillment of G-d's will. Our Torah expresses the commandment in plain words.

PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening 6:47
Weekly Portion: Netsavim

Friday Evening Service6:30
Saturday Morning Service9:00
Rabbi Hurwitz's Gemorah Class 5:50
Mishna Class5:50
Mincha Service6:50
Sunday morning "Z'chor B'ris" 5:45
Sunday morning "Z'chor B'ris" 7:15

Rosh Hashonah Prayer Schedule

Light Candles Sunday Eve. ..6:44
Sunday Evening Service6:30
Monday Morning7:45
Jr. Congregation Service10:00
Mincha (1st Service)5:00
followed by Tashlich and reading
of Psalms

Mincha (2nd Service)6:00
Tuesday morning7:45
Mincha6:30
Wednesday morning Fast of
Gedaliah 6:45 and 7:30
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CHATS ABOUT W. S. I. S.

by Morris Jablow

The many and varied activities of the W.S.I.S. enables us to contact many people and frequently we are afforded opportunities to listen to many expressions of opinion upon a great many subjects. Recently a gentleman who called at our office uttered a thought that deserves repetition in this column.

"Why is it not possible, or even feasible, for our Jewish people to get together and organize a body which will have for its object the providing of places of worship for the High Holy Days. In that way a number of suitable locations can be selected, the services can be conducted in a dignified manner and the income derived can be expended for community purposes. At present many places of worship are conducted by irresponsible individuals for personal gain. It isn't enough to have laws enacted containing restrictions. That is a negative action instead of my proposed arrangement which would provide an affirmative remedy."

What do you, our readers, think of this suggestion? Do you think it is practical and can be made to work to the advantage of all Israel?

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Cheerio and welcome back to our beloved Rabbi and Mrs. Goldstein and family; to our President and Mrs. Lester Udell; and to all of the dear friends of the W.S.I.S. . . Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Greenman upon the engagement of their daughter Helene to Capt. Jack Klein, Medical Corps, son of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Klein . . . Congratulations to our own Rabbi Goldstein upon his recent appointment as national chairman of the Palestine Religious Fund . . . We were very happy to see Mrs. Annie R. Morris at the Selichos Service. Here's wishing you a continuously increasing bill of good health . . . Also glad to see Sam Fields . . . We wish our Director and Mrs. Lawrence Mirken the best of luck in their new venture in San Diego, Calif. . . . We hope that Mrs. Mayer Mirken will continue to improve and will be with us again very shortly . . . To Abe Levy our sincere wishes for a speedy recovery . . . The never-tiring stork believes in fair division, and so its a little girl, Jane, for Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gottlieb and a boy, Roger, for Mr. and Mrs. Mark Linker. Grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Max Freudman certainly seemed pleased . . . Pfc. Morty Spanbock looked very well as he joined us at Sabbath Services . . . And we already have recruits for Uncle Sam from our recent Talmud Torah stock. Both Seaman Jules Hausman and Pvt. Edward Fishman looked elegant in their new uniforms. Good luck boys . . . Morty Langer initiated and conducted the first Service on his battleship, Missouri. A chip off the old block. We congratulate him and are proud of him . . . We were very happy to learn that Sgt. Marcel Bollag, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sali Bollag, succeeded in slipping through the German lines with two of his buddies after having been held prisoners since D-Day . . . Here's looking for his safe homecoming . . . Our Congregation takes pleasure in welcoming these new additions: Daniel Arch, Anselm Fryburgh, Sidney Goldstein, Arthur Gottlieb, Mrs. Rose Gottlieb, Benjamin D. Gould, William Jones, Noah Kobrin, Leopold Lunitz, Max Radin, Max J. Rubin, Dr. Julius Salomonica, Bernard H. Sander, L. Schamorth, David Schwartz, Leo Tonkonogoff . . . Mazel Tov to Mrs. I. Stein, who became a grandmother, Eva had a daughter . . . And also many thanks to Director Elias Jacoby for helping in the disposal of Holiday tickets . .



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