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Loyalty Viewpoint

WE ARE MISSING OUR VOCATION

by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

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It is indeed pathetic when we consider how many Jews must have suffered every known mental pain, when they were persecuted by the Nazis for being Jews, without having embraced Judaism, as the all-absorbing climb in life. Rabbi Akibah when he was called to martyrdom rejoiced. His pupils said to him, "Rabbi, why are you so happy at this moment?" He replied, "Up to now I did not carry out the three precepts,"—"And thou shalt love the Lord, thy G-d with all thy heart, with all thy life and with all thy might." "I have heeded two of these three precepts, but to love G-d with my whole life, to give up my being for the sanctification of G-d's name, that up to now I have never been able to observe." We have been rearing a generation without "a cause." Judaism, is not their "life, and the length of their days." No wonder then that "cold and barren is our youth," without the glow of a spiritual ideal. We are missing our vocation. We must all be called back to revalue our values.

From what do you think the world has suffered most? Who have failed the world most? My answer is that the practical men have brought suffering because the material success was uppermost in their minds. They have failed the world because our present modernity slid us back to the Dark Ages of history, "When every one did that which was right in his own eyes" (last sentence of the Book of Judges). The impractical men, the visionaries, the seers, the prophets have truly been the practical men. Their vision can still save the world. If we want to succeed we must bring back to life the Discipline, the law of G-d, the Torah. That Discipline lived by us and preached to the world will make the world safe for all mankind. Few of us realize the prophetic call for universal disarmament, and the banishment of the arts of war are intimately woven in with the Torah. Please note the

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SUKKOS RESERVATIONS
Send in your Sukkos Reservations immediately.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE NOTES

The first Board Meeting of the Season at which Mrs. Maurice Greenstein, President will preside, will be held on Monday evening, September 25th at 8:15 o'clock at our building. Plans for the year will be presented for discussion. All Board members are expected to attend.

NEW TALMUD TORAH CLASSES

Two new classes have been added to the Talmud Torah. One is for beginners between the ages of 6 and 8 and the other is a special beginners class for children about 12 years old. New students, beginners as well as advanced are still being accepted. Parents are requested not to delay enrollment of their children.

UNNRA'S APPEAL

Governor Lehman, Chairman of the UNNRA, has requested all Synagogue groups to make a special appeal for clothing for needy men, women and children abroad. The collection of clothing will be under the auspices of our Women's League.

The week of September 24th has been designated for the collection of this clothing. The following articles are not to be included: hats, shoes, rubber goods and evening dresses.

HEBREW TEACHERS TRAINING SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Mr. Max Stern, President of the Hebrew Teachers Training School for Girls, announces that Mid-town classes are being formed for advance studies. The subjects to be covered are Advanced Hebrew, History, the Prophets and Mishnah. All these subjects will be given in Hebrew. These classes will be given on Monday and Thursday nights between the hours of 7 and 10. For elementary students there will be classes in Elementary Hebrew, Bible and History. These classes will be given in English on Tuesday nights between the hours of 7 and 10.

The Yeshiva Ohr Torah at 30 West 74th Street has its building open for this purpose. All those interested may either write or phone ENDicott 2-1670.

YOM KIPPUR

Tuesday Night

The solemn Day of Atonement will be ushered in on Tuesday evening at 6:29 with the chanting of the traditional Kol Nidre Prayer.



Cantor Zalmon Yavneh

Our Cantor, Zalmon Yavneh, will again officiate on the coming holiday when we petition God to the judge us in a merciful manner before placing the final seal on our destined fate in the new year.

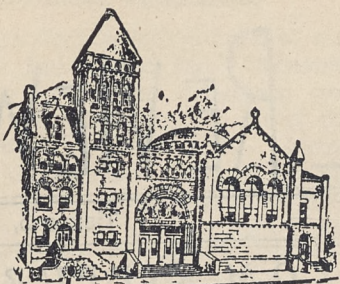
On Tuesday early afternoon, during Minchah Service, the "Al Chet" or "Confession Prayer" is recited at the Amidah.

Following the Minchah Service, a festive meal is eaten at home in a spirit of solemn joy. The Talmud tells us that one who eats on Erev Yom Kippur in a festive mood is considered as if he fasted on that day as well. This is to make us realize that God desires our repentance and wishes to give us a new lease of life.

It is customary as a sign of complete repentance to remove our shoes, and therefore all manner of leather shoes are forbidden to be worn on this day.

Another important ritual is the performance of the "Kapporus" ceremony, which at one time entailed the use of a fowl. However, it now has become quite prevalent to use money, which is given to charity. The prayer in regards to this custom may be found in the Machzor.

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TRAVELING UPSTREAM

A wise man once asked, "There are many fish in the oceans, yet how can one tell which are alive and which are not?" The Sage replied: "The fish that are alive turn around at times and swim against the current; the dead fish only are drawn along by the strong flow of the waters."

The Day of Atonement culminating a week of Repentance, will leave us with pure souls and fresh bodies. This new start must imbue in us the firm resolution that we continue to be spiritually alive for the New Year. There is a great danger in our daily human relationships that we might forget the duties of our faith. It is quite possible that we might drift along with the lazy stream of indifference concerning religious values. Know ye then that this is a sure sign of spiritual death.

We who pray for life, wish to live in soul as well as body. Right now, is the time to recharge our religious strength for the ensuing year, so that we may firmly travel along our destined way of life, against all adverse current and tides.

Z. Z.



182nd COMMANDMENT

The Law Concerning the Running Issue of a Woman

by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

A woman with running issue is unclean and makes others ritually unclean just as in the case of a man as we read in the Leviticus, Chapter 15, Verse 25, "If a woman have an issue many days not in the time of her impurity or if she have an issue beyond the time of her impurity; she shall be as in the days of her impurity." 26, . . . and whatsoever she sitteth upon shall be unclean, as the uncleanness of her separation", 28, "But if she be cleansed of her issue, then she shall number to herself

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seven days, and after that she shall be clean."

One may stand in awe at the different laws of our Holy Bible. The average person perhaps is shocked at times that the Bible speaks so openly in regard to such personal matters. Scientists are now more and more coming to hail the laws of family purity as found in our faith supremely and sound. It is a known fact that a menstrual woman who, when she touches flowers will cause them to fade. Thus there is some hidden something that we must be distant from at such times. The Bible makes the distinction between the laws of running issue and the laws of regular menstruation. The rabbis however regard both of them as menstruation. Our law today provides that husband and wife must be separate from each other as far as conjugal relations are concerned, for twelve days. Five days must elapse before the seven clean days are counted. The details of this law will be discussed in the next Sedrah, Please God. One who violates this law violates a positive commandment in addition to punishment of excision which is involved therein.

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following, "And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go to the Mountain of the Lord, to the house of the G-d of Jacob: that he may teach us of his ways, and we may walk in his paths." (Why?) "Because out of Zion shall come forth the Torah, and the word of the Lord out of Jerusalem." Immediately thereafter comes the following, "And he will judge among the nations, and decide for many people: and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning-knives: Nation shall not life up sword against nation and they shall not learn anymore the arts of war." Yes, the Torah, will save mankind. Professor Reinhold Niebuhr said (in June 1944) "on the religious and moral side the Jews, distinguish themselves from other nations in being a nation which has sought desperately to be 'the church' to be the protagonist, not of its own cause, but of the universal and divine cause". The fact that the Jew has survived has been solely due to his religious quality of the Jewish Culture" (Waldo Frank). And we are

fiddling away with the Gentile nations of a state, whilst the world burns. We want to be like other States, with an army like other nations. This belies our vocation.

(To be continued next week, Please G-d)

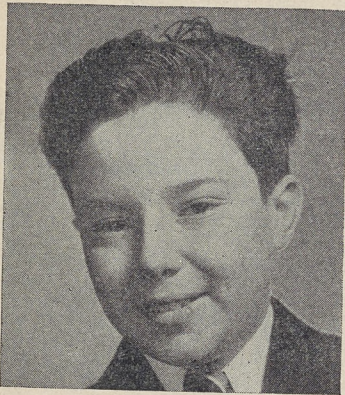
SHABBOS SHUVAH

The Sabbath between Rosh Hashonah and Yom Kippur is known as 'Shabbos Shuvah,' the Sabbath of Repentance. It derives its name from the Haftarah which is read on that day in Hosea xiv, 2-10, beginning with these words calling for repentance: 'Shuvah Yisrael,' — "Return, O Israel, to the L-rd, thy G-d."

TEN DAYS OF PENITANCE

On the seven days between the two days of Rosh Hashonah and Yom Kippur, a high spirit of reverence and sanctity is maintained. Together with the High Holidays they form the Ten days of Penitence, during which the fate of each individual is decided, and his future for the coming year, his health, his happiness and his suffering is Divinely ordained. On the seven intervening days, special prayers of supplication such as Ovenu Malkenu are recited.

BAR MITZVAH OF JORDON DERWIN



Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Derwin upon the Bar-Mitzvah of their son, Jordon, which will take place at our Synagogue this Saturday.

YOM KIPPUR

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Our Talmud tells us that Yom Kippur can forgive the sins of man in relation to God. However, in the case of wrong-doings committed against our fellow-man, it is necessary to have personal forgiveness from the individual who was wronged. Therefore, every one of us should seek the forgiveness from his fellow-men whom he may have wronged. It is just as important that when this personal forgiveness is requested, it should be granted immediately and wholeheartedly. For how can we expect to be pardoned by God if we do not pardon our fellow-man.

Before going to the Synagogue to say Kol Nidre, it is customary that parents should bless their children.

Upon breaking the fast after Yom Kippur, one should eat in an exuberant and joyous mood, confident that God has accepted our prayers and that we are all inscribed in the Book of Life, Happiness and Peace. And so may it be.

CONDOLENCE

Our heartfelt wishes to Mrs. Louis H. Markowitz upon the loss of her brother.

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Selichos at	6:25, 8:25
Daily Morning Services	6:45, 8:05
Selichos at	6:25, 7:40
Mincha Sunday and Monday	6:40
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CHATS ABOUT W.S.I.S.

by Morris Jablow

A conversation between two gentlemen took place at our office last week, which is worthy of repetition in this column, and merits the consideration of our readers.

"I know you for many years, and I know that you are not a strict observer of Orthodox practices, yet you are active in many of its activities, and you are an earnest worker in its behalf. Tell me, please, what prompts your actions."

"The answer is simple. I am intensely loyal to my people. I have a love for Judaism, inbred in my being since my childhood, and which will live within me until my dying day. I firmly believe that the survival of our Jewish ideals demands that our young should be inculcated with love and respect for our heritage. The W.S.I.S., is devoting a great deal of its efforts to the younger generation, implanting within them loyalty to Judaism and therefore I am with this institution heart and soul."

What is your reaction to this conversation?

Getting Personal

The Congregation extends its very best wishes to our President, Lester Udell, on the occasion of his birthday. We pray that he may have many many happy returns of the day.

Congratulations to our own Rabbi Goldstein who was invited by the O. W. I. to broadcast in Yiddish a Yom Kippur message to the Jews of the world outside of the United States. This will be his maiden Yiddish address over the radio . . . We wish Harold Wohl a very happy stay in Chicago. Joan Friedman Lavin has already made it a kosher stay . . . Our best wishes to Harriet Livingston, daughter of our Director and Mrs. George L. Livingston, who recently donned a WAC uniform . . . Justin Colin was sent to Laredo, Texas to take a course in instructing to become an instructor in aerial gunnery . . . Congrats to Denise Mirken upon her recent entrance into Hunter High School. We certainly are proud of our bright young ladies . . . Happy Birthday to Sanford Mark, son of our Director and Mrs. Jess Ward . . . Wedding congratulations to Director and Mrs. Harry Appel and Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Fine who celebrated in August as well as to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Davis . . . The Jews in South America are now spiritually joined to the WSIS. We recently gave a Sefer Torah to the people in Quito, Ecuador . . . Keren Ami Funds collected by the children in our Talmud Torah allocated funds for the following: HIAS, Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, N. Y. Guild for the Jewish Blind, Hadassah, Yeshiva Moah Shearim, Hapoel Hamizrachi, Vaad Hatzalah, United Jewish Appeal, Federation of Jewish Charities. Congratulations to our charitable Talmud Torah children for such noble hearts . . . We are proud of Abe Glaser, who is the Congregation's leading contributor of blood to the Red Cross . . . Good luck to Cadet Paul Newman who has entered an officers training school! . . . Congratulations to Commissioner William B. Berlands, who has been designated as Superintendent of Schools by the Yeshivos Board of Education. More power to him . . . Chief Rabbi Hertz of the British Empire and our own Rabbi Goldstein will

both broadcast a Yom Kippur message to the world over N.B.C. on Sunday, September 24th. Cantor Yavneh will sing . . . Glad to see matriarch Mrs. Regina Margareten back . . . Congrats to Michele Siegel for making the model school . . . Good luck to Julius Bayer upon his birthday on Rosh Hashonah.

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