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WE ARE MISSING OUR VOCATION

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

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The Secular Zionists tell the world and told the League of Nations that our claim for PRIORITY in regard to Palestine, is based upon the Bible. What an implied obligation, and what a sham hypocrisy. The implied obligation is that the Bible is binding as the word of G-d, which should be heeded. What a sham hypocrisy when these pretenders get from under the Bible, and openly and flagrantly violate its precepts. The prophets have repeatedly warned Israel that to defile G-d's Law in the Holy Land can only bring dire results. It is about time that we had the termity to speak out and to ask ourselves the question—"where are we drifting?" To ask the right questions is the beginning of truth. The shallowness of our age (and of modern Israel) may be revealed best in the fact that among our plethora of "information" and "discussion, al-the basic, the right, questions," most nowhere does one hear **יֵאֵין חֲזוֹן יִפְרַע עִם** "A people without a vision perish" (Proverbs 29:18). But what shall the vision be? Shall it be Communism, Fascism, Nazism? The verse concludes, **יִשְׁמַר תִּירֵהֲאֵמָתָן** "But he who keeps the Torah shall be happy." The Holy Land does not represent a pink Communism or a yellow Fascism. It is neither to be a land dominated on the one hand by Socialism or on the other hand by Individualism or Capitalism. Let me cite our system of Jubilee as an example, of the Torah's polity.

According to the system of the Jubilee the land had to revert back to its original tenants every fifty years. No one could hand down landed property from generation to generation ad infinitum. Never could one buy up estate after estate and obtain a complete monopoly over natural resources, "for", said the Lord, "the land is mine". One could

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MEN'S CLUB

Mr. Seymour Mann, the President of the Men's Club announces that plans are being made for an open meeting to be held in the near future. In the meantime, members are actively campaigning for funds to improve the building. The following have already turned in various amounts: M. J. Berlin, H.W. Hirsch, C.I. Karasik, M. Oltarsh, S. Siegel, and H. Ward.

TALMUD TORAH & KINDERGARTEN

New Students are still being accepted in the Kindergarten, Talmud Torah and High School departments.

Our kindergarten under the very capable supervision of Miss A. Peikes meets in the daily Synagogue on Sunday mornings from 10-12. We invite all parents to enroll their youngsters for this enjoyable and educational Jewish program.

LAYMAN'S INSTITUTE

The Layman's Institute will be open soon with a variety of courses and dates of registration will be announced shortly. Did you answer Rabbi Goldstein's letter yet?

SUCCOS RESERVATIONS

Regular meals and breakfast will be catered in our Succah throughout the holiday. The same prices will prevail as last year. All reservations must be made immediately.

SUCCOS DONATIONS

Any contributions of wine, cake, fruit and vegetables will be gratefully accepted for the kiddush to be held in the Succah following Services.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the family of our late friend and benefactor, MARK-US WEINGARTEN.

Our sincere condolences are offered to Martha Millstein Miller whose husband was killed in active service in China.

SUCCOS FESTIVAL

MONDAY and TUESDAY

The celebration of the joyous festival of Succos will begin Sunday evening, October 1st, for a period of eight days. It is one of our most joyous holidays and recalls the traditional celebrations in the Holy Land which marked the harvest thanksgiving and the Feast of Booths. Likewise, in our celebration of the Holiday, every person can reflect upon the many events which occurred during the year for which he should be thankful.

It is customary to decorate and beautify the Succah in every possible manner.

The "esrog" and "lulab" are carried around the Synagogue in a procession to commemorate the seven-day encompassment of the walls of Jericho and reminiscent of our triumphant entrance into the Holy Land, and symbolic of our eventual re-entrance.

The blessing recited over the "lulab" and "esrog" as they are taken together each morning signifies the great necessity of unity and cooperation.

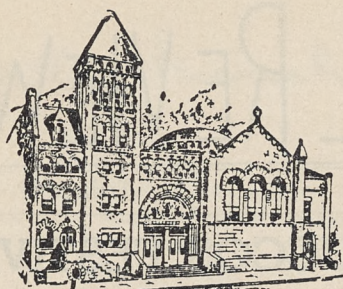
During the holiday week we recite special prayers called Hoshanos, the greatest portion of which are recited on Hoshano Rabbo, October 7th. On this day the worshippers walk around the Synagogue seven times. It is customary to remain awake and recite various portions from the Torah on the night of "Hoshano Rabbo."

YISKOR SERVICES

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WHICH IS YOUR TENT?

There is a harvest hymn
"If Spring doth wake the song of mirth;
If Summer warms the fruitful earth;
When Winter sweeps the naked plain,
Or Autumn yields its ripened grain,
Still do we sing
To Thee, our King;
Through all the changes Thou dost reign."

The Festival of Succoth is a picturesque one. We are bidden to leave our homes and to dwell in a Succah, in a tent. We have often asked the question — In what tent do we live? Is it in the abode of discontent or in the dwelling of content?

We are contented with our material lot but we are always to be discontented with our spiritual lot.

It is commonly believed that riches implies the abundance of material possessions, whereas in reality it means, satisfaction with one's own (B'chel-Kih) possession, be they many or few.

Ben Zoma used to say—"Who is the rich man?" His answer was, "He who is content with his חלק his portion".



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181st COMANDMENT

The Law Concerning the Uncleanliness of the Menstrual (Nidah) Woman

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

We read in Leviticus, Chapter 15, Verse 19, "And if a woman have an issue and her issue in her flesh be blood she shall be in her impurity seven days and whosoever toucheth her shall be unclean until the even". Here the Bible deals not with a malady but with a natural phenomenon and an experience shared by all women.

The Creator, Blessed Be He, in His infinite wisdom has endowed women with the natural propensity of becoming purified every month, so that possible ensuing life may become purified. It is therefore commanded that during the period and process of purification, which reaches its consummation through immersion in the "Mikveh", the ritual bath, the sexes should not only not cohabit, but should not even be too familiar with each other.

The families who conscientiously observe these laws of "Family Purity" endow themselves and their offspring with racial immortality.

The menstrual woman becomes unclean and causes others to become unclean.

Further details of this law will be discussed when we come to the next Sedrah where this matter is dealt with at length. This law prevails at all places and at all times and one who transgresses it and did not demean herself properly in regard to her uncleanness transgressed a positive commandment in addition to the penalty of excision which is entailed therein, as we shall read in the next Sedrah, Please G-d.

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purchase what is known today as a leasehold, according to which the buyer buys, not an absolute right, but tenancy. The price was fixed, according to the number of years in the Jubilee. In the fifth year after the Jubilee, let us say the price was higher than in the forty-fifth year, with only four years left before the next Jubilee to gather in the produce, as we read in the Book of Leviticus, Chapter 25, Verses 14, 15, and 16.

Judaism has a distinctive message in regard to the social question. It begins with the notion that the state is commonwealth, and that every generation must redistribute its wealth through the system of the Jubilee year. This brings to the fore a divine arbitration between the notion of capitalism on one hand, and communism on the other. Well may the world stand entranced before the genius of Judaism. Judaism has yet a message to give to mankind when the Jew will once more live his pristine life unfettered in the Holy Land. Judaism will then bring to the world a material order sanctioned by Scripture which will mean contentment not merely to a part but to all of the people.

G-d in His infinite wisdom would have us understand that merely to socialize or equalize wealth, leaves us unmindful of the foibles and pettinesses of mankind, the weakness of human beings, the passions, the cravings, the ambitions of men, which in the course of time will break down this equalization. The more progressive will ever amass and the weaker will ever lose, thus in the end bring us back to the same inequality. Hence Judaism presents its plan, with the re-distribution of all landed wealth, so that not more than one full generation can pass without the state being in deed and in fact, as it was in the Hebrew polity, a Commonwealth.

Judaism is a civilization. Nay, it is much more. It is a religious, a divinely ordained, a theocratic, a **Torah-cratic** civilization. Professor William A. Andrews of Yale University in his lecture on the "Social Question and the State" said, "It is for the more complete unfolding and demonstration of this problem that I propose to investigate certain great principles lying at the foundation of social and political well-being as they are illustrated in the constitution of the Hebrew Commonwealth," (the Torah) "which, of all, in ancient

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of modern times is the best ideal of a state."

Thus has Judaism pointed the ideal in the conflict of social principles. True, she has pointed high. All the generations of by-gone ages have failed in their efforts to attain it. The saving era of Judaism lies not in the dead, irrevocable past, but in the promise of the fruitful days yet to come. The milenium will come after the solution of the social problem, after men shall have discovered and established that "one order in human affairs which is best".

(To be continued.)

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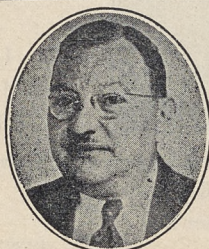
by Morris Jablow

This is the time of the year when we enroll children in our Hebrew School, and often I get an opportunity to observe the reaction of many parents. I was impressed with the interest and enthusiasm of the children as well as the parents in their desire to acquire a Jewish education.

The following remarks are typical of a large majority of the parents. "I want my child to be a good Jew, and therefore I want him to know and understand Hebrew, so that he may intelligently say his prayers. I want him to know his religion, the Bible and the History of our people, so that he may develop reverence as well as loyalty to our faith."

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