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Loyalty Viewpoint

THE DILEMMA IN JUDAISM

by Rabbi Zev Zahavy

Not one, but many a Jew is suffering from untold fears today. The Jew is afraid because he feels that his die has been cast for an ominous future. War results in chauvinism and chauvinism brings on bigotry. Every war in the past century and a quarter has been followed by a post-war collapse. The Jew may rightly shudder now, if this same pattern is fulfilled after the coming V-day. For with another post-war collapse will come an overwhelming flood of Anti-Semitism such as the world has never seen before.

Can we avert the coming crisis by finding an immediate plausible solution? Is there anything in our power to be done so that we may ward off the inevitable?

I feel that if the Jew learns to understand the dilemma in his own Faith, he will be better equipped to withstand any future onslaughts from without.

For years an automatic struggle has been waging between the Eastern European Jew and the Westernized Jew. The so-called, Eastern-European Jew lived his life far-removed from outer world relations. He was confident that the civilization of the outside world was inferior to his own. Life as characterized by the outside world only meant immorality, brutality, frivolity, and vain striving. He only saw the worst aspects of a hostile world and his sole desire was to be left alone, to cultivate his own interests in the "four cubits" of his Jewish way of life. The Eastern-European Jew was loyal and true to his faith. Even amidst fearful surroundings, his authentic and persistent personality brought him peace of mind and complete spiritual satisfaction. He was content to live with his own traditions, his own studies, his own festivals, customs and ceremonies.

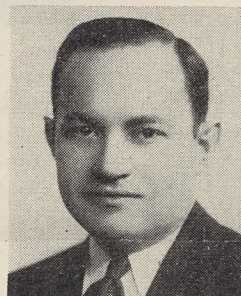
The Westernized Jew on the other hand very soon forfeited this peace of mind and integrity of soul. His great problem was to work out an

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MEN'S CLUB

First meeting of Season
Monday evening October 16th

Mr. Seymour Mann, the President of the Men's Club cordially invites all men in the congregation to attend the first meeting this season of the Men's Club, Monday evening, October 16, 1944 at 8:30 o'clock. Mr. Moe Oltarsh the Vice-President will report upon the ambitious plans of the Men's Club.

An elaborate program has been prepared and refreshments will be served.

LAST CALL FOR

TALMUD TORAH REGISTRATION

New students for our kindergarten, Talmud Torah and High School Classes will be accepted thorough the coming week. Registration for the Fall term closes Sunday, October 22.

We bid all parents heed this call. Register your child immediately.

ATTENTION PROSPECTIVE SCOUTS

Captain Frank E. Fink, Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop No. 23 has begun the new season with a very interesting first meeting Tuesday evening. He will be glad to meet boys 12 years of age or older who desire to join.

Boys between 9 and 12 years who desire to register as a member of the Cub Pack Group may do so by contacting Mr. Emanuel Fine, or Dr. Fink at our building on Tuesday night.

The entire Congregation is invited to join the gala reception tomorrow afternoon, Shabbos B'raishis, tendered by our Simchas Torah Chasanim. The honored Chasanim this year are Mr. Sol Bellsey as Chasan Torah, Mr. Irv. Kobrin as Chasan Braishis and our president Lester Udell as Chasan Maftir.

The celebration, one of our important annual Synagogue traditions promises an afternoon of rejoicing and "good spirit." The party will begin immediately following Mincha services which will take place at 4:45 P.M. instead of at the usual time. Both young and old will enjoy the elaborate program of 'zmiros,' refreshments and the speakers. Their invitation is cordially extended to all.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE NOTES

The regular Board Meeting of the Women's League will be held on Monday afternoon, October 16th at 2:30 P.M. at our building. All Board Members are urged to be present promptly.

SPLENDID SYNAGOGUE APPEAL TO SAVE JEWISH LIVES

An appeal for the Vaad Hatzalah Emergency Campaign on Shemini Atzeres made by Rabbi Goldstein, Congressman Sol Bloom and our president Lester Udell, resulted in remarkable response totaling about \$18,000. We are grateful to all of our members and friends for their generosity and personal concern in this important cause of saving Jewish lives. This sum includes contributions amounting to over \$1,000 which were raised at the Overflow Yizkor Service appeal conducted by Rabb Zahavy and Henry Ward.



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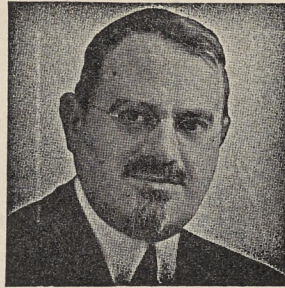
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I LOOK OUT FOR NUMBER ONE

People who say "Look out for number one" never amount to much. They want all those about them to arrange their program to suit their convenience. When it comes to the performance of duty they want to get to Heaven by others stepping out of their way to make room for them and yet they sometimes think they are religious. Let us see what religion means. The dictionary gives an excellent definition as follows,—"Religion is an awareness of G-d which arouses love, gratitude and the will to serve and obey." Love of G-d implies regard for His children.

"Look out for number one" people, also have a wrong notion about charity. They generally boast that they have never been taken in. With this boast, they advertise their own hardness of heart. Charity should start at home but should never end there.

Yes, dear reader, "Look out for number one" but remember there are other numbers besides one.



184th COMMANDMENT The Priest May not Enter the Temple at Any Time

by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

We are bidden in Leviticus, Chapter 16, Verse 2 as follows: "And the L-d said unto Moses; speak unto Aaron thy brother that he come not at all times into the Holy place . . . that he die not . . ." This is the warning given the High-Priest against entering the Holy of Holies even on the day of Atonement, except for service. This is also a negative commandment forbidding any priest from entering the Temple except for his Service.

The High Priest is permitted on the Day of Atonement to enter the Holy of Holies only four times, (1) for the

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bringing of the blood, (2) for the bringing of incense in its pan, (3) for the removal of the pan with the incense and (4) for the bringing of the **פר כהן גדול** the personal offering of the High Priest as an atonement for himself and his family. If the High Priest went in a fifth time he would be punishable by excision of death from heaven. This shows how we must reverence our Holy places. This lesson we may learn today, namely that a spirit of reverence and proper decorum in the Synagogue should be dominant. Any priest who went into the Temple not for Services, but merely to prostrate himself was punished by stripes. As far as Israelites, (ono-Priest) are concerned, when they brought their atonement offering, the **שעיר הצבור** it was in the court. Even today one is not permitted to enter the court of the Holy Temple ground in Jerusalem although the Temple is destroyed, as we read in Leviticus, Chapter 26, Verse 31, "I will bring your sanctuaries into desolation"; it does not say, "I will bring into desolation the Holiness of your sanctuaries." In other words though the building is destroyed its sanctity still hovers over the ground. It is Holy ground.

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adjustment between Jewish culture and the culture of his surrounding environment.

The type represented by the Eastern-European Jew is rapidly disappearing in face of the overwhelming tide of westernization. The Westernized Jew should have found his place in civilization without inflicting injury upon his religion and culture. He tried to adjust himself but unfortunately his conception of adjustment was to look like and be like everyone else. By deforming his religion he thought he would reform the world's attitude toward himself. By practicing pagan cults he thought he would gain the world's admiration.

The Westernized Jew tried to run away from himself. He changed his face, his clothes, his name and his faith but it amazed him to find that the Jew still was not yet saved. He denounced the Christian-Fronters and still he wasn't saved. The destruction of Hitler will not save him either. His careful analysis and conclusion that the Jewish problem is in reality the Christian problem will

not render him speedy salvation. Time is too short to wait for gentiles to turn Christian.

The whole crux of the problem lies in the preposterous error which the Westernized Jew committed. His notion of **adjustment** was to give up his own traditions in order to take on world civilization and he got the worse of the bargain. He believed that the naive liberalism of the eighteenth century would at last usher in a civilization free from prejudice and discrimination. And so he sold his eternal truths down the river for a false hope.

The modern Jew must learn **now** to master this problem: How to make terms with the world in which he must live and at the same time maintain his spiritual integrity and peace of mind.

The modern Westernized Jew can attain a successful solution of this problem only in one manner. His attitude towards his own faith must be one of willing acceptance not of toleration. There is much in Judaism which can bring him consolation and spiritual satisfaction. Ignorance of his religion is no excuse as he can

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find sources of Jewish learning and inspiration through books, lectures, special adult classes, etc. The modern Jew must actively bring himself to a closer affiliation with Jewish causes—Jewish interests, education, philanthropy, the Synagogue the Yeshiva, the welfare of his people. However, even more important than gaining intellectual Jewish knowledge for ourselves, is the duty of giving it to our children. The determination on the part of the Modern Jew to pay strictest attention to the Jewish education of the new generation will alone give him the best possible chance of warding off disaster:

Only if the Jew within will be developed will the Jew without be able to survive.



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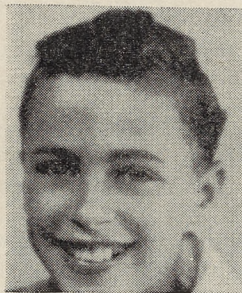
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Junior Congregation 10:00
Mincha Service 4:45
Sunday morning Service 6:45, 8:45
Daily Services:
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Mincha 6:00
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BAR MITZVAH OF



HERBERT KLAGSBRUN

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Joel Klagsbrun, upon the occasion of the Bar-Mitzvah of their son, Herbert, which will be celebrated in our Synagogue tomorrow morning.

IN THE RABBI'S MAILBAG

Calais, Maine

Dear Rabbi Goldstein,

A Friend of mine who attended your service on Rosh Ha Shannah wrote me in regard to the wonderful sermon which you made on that day and I am just wondering if it would be possible for you to send me a copy of same. . . .

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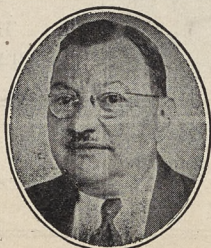
CHATS ABOUT W. S. I. S.

by Morris Jablow

All of you, our readers, recently received a letter from our Rabbi Goldstein, inviting you to enroll for the study of Jewish subjects in our Layman's Institute, one or two evenings a week.

A gentleman presented to me a very apt and convincing argument in favor of such enrollment. "I took several courses the last few years, and I cannot tell you how much pleasure I derived from the few hours a week I devoted to them. These courses have added to my knowledge, and have provided me with real enjoyment during the time spent in these class-rooms. I have experienced a sense of satisfaction at the broader vision and finer appreciation of our religion these courses have provided me."

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GETTING PERSONAL

Well folks—here we are, ready for Shabbos Braishis and the New Year. We will be looking for you all at the Chasanim party tomorrow afternoon.

... Mazel-tov to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Oshrin upon the engagement of their son Arnold to Miss Helen Heilbrunn ... We wish Cpl. David Stebbins a safe trip to Texas and a pleasant stay there ... We heard from Marjorie and Larry Mirken last week who wrote to the Rabbi, "Although distance separates us, our thoughts are always with you and the Institutional." We feel too that no distance can separate us ... Wedding anniversary congratulations to Director and Mrs. Julius Bayer who celebrate tomorrow, Director and Mrs. Joseph Shapiro, Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Ehrman, and Mr. and Mrs. Al Rappaport ... Happy Birthday to Mrs. Jack Levine, Mr. Samuel Mandelbaum, Mr. G. Richard Rubenstein, Carl Starman, Doris Trotzky, two year old Cyrus Israel, son of our Cantor and Mrs. Zalmon Yavneh and Ellen May Greenfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Greenfield, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cohen upon her first Birthday candle ... Glad to see Mrs. Philip Gertner back with us ... We hope that little Elaine Aibinder will be well soon ... We heard from Gladys Fleischner, member of the Senior League of the WSIS, who tells us that her brother, L. Melvin Fleischner has been cited over the radio for being in more than a score of tough fire fights since he hit the French beach on D-Day and is the only Officer of his original rifle company who is still in action. He also has captured eight Germans. Here's wishing him continued good luck ... Greetings to two new young chairmen in our Women's League, Mrs. Myron Goldman, Chairman of Membership and Mrs. Paul Shapiro, Chairman on Programs ... Happy to see our faithful Mrs. Freyburgh, Mailing Chairman back on the job ... We want to thank all who helped in the Succah, young and old led by our indefatigable worker, Mrs. Annie R. Morris and ardent workers Mrs. Harry Cohen, Mrs. Ehrenfeld and Miss Bessie Abrams ... Included in our Birthday greetings to Mrs. Morris are our wishes for her improved health ... Our Layman's Institute opens soon. Have you sent your reply to Rabbi Goldstein's letter concerning your choice of courses in the Layman's Institute?

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