

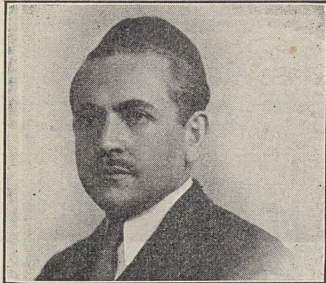
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Loyalty Viewpoint FOUNDATIONS OF PEACE



Rabbi Solomon Wind

The end of a global war is in sight; the beginning of a global peace to embrace all humanity and to extend to all posterity is in the making.

This global peace will indeed challenge all of mankind's moral resourcefulness. History has admittedly proven that construction proceeds at a much slower pace than destruction, that unity of mankind is more readily attained by catastrophe around the corner than by the allowing appeal of the moral and ethical principle.

Why unity forged by rampant evil should decay with the cessation of conflict is an enigma.

The truth of the matter is that moral energies though native to man have never been deeply stirred to become the directive force in life. Because of that we erroneously assume that moral worth is either non-existent or inapplicable. And we are always in a tragic position: exert super heroism and sacrifice to ward off the periodic sway of evil and never exert any heroism for life and peace, a course which would do away with the rise of conflict altogether.

Jewish history, however, teaches that moral energies are ever present and applicable. Our miraculous survival through the ages — as a lamb in the midst of devouring wolves, in the Midrash phraseology, — was but to the directive of the moral impulse. Universal justice has been our creative principle. The prophets' vision of a universal peace was based on the conviction that the exercises of justice is as natural to man as corruption is foreign to him; that the latter will disappear when "the world

Sunday Morning Courses For High-School & College Students

A program of three courses has been inaugurated this year for High School and College students, to be given on Sunday morning, from 10:15 A.M. to 12:30.

The courses are: (1) Men and Women Who Have Made Jewish History, (2) What is the Jewish Religion, and (3) The Various Viewpoints Concerning Palestine.

All young people of High School and College age are invited to register.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE OPEN MEETING

Mrs. Maurice Greenstein announces that the first open meeting of the Women's League will be held Monday afternoon, October 23rd at 2 P.M. in the Synagogue Building. Mrs. Sidney Senzer will review Maurice Samuel's latest book "Harvest in the Desert." A social hour will follow. All the women of the Congregation are cordially invited to attend.

YOUNG FOLKS MINCHA SERVICE SABBATH AFTERNOON

The first Young Folks Service of the new year will be held tomorrow afternoon and will be conducted by the young people of the Synagogue. Morton Kamerman will read the Torah, David Buchsbaum will read the Service and Eric Korngold will speak.

JOIN THE AIR SCOUT TROOP AT W.S.I.S.

In addition to our Boy Scout, Girl Scout, Cub Scout and Sea Scout groups which meet in our building, we are planning to organize a new Air Scout Troop whose major activities will be in the field of Aviation. Boys of 15 years of age and older may submit their names to Rabbi Zahavy or the Synagogue office.

CONDOLENCE

Our heartfelt sympathies are extended to the family of the late Bernard Elkon upon his recent passing to the Great Beyond.

will be full of the knowledge of G-d as the waters that cover the sea."

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"SATURDAY AFTERNOON CONFERENCE" FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Will Meet Saturday 4:30 P.M.

The "Saturday Afternoon Conference", a new group for girls above the age of sixteen and boys above the age of seventeen, will hold its first get-together, this Saturday afternoon at 4:30 P.M. in the Club Room of the Synagogue. The group has been organized by Rabbi Goldstein, who will direct its future activities and discussions.

At the next meeting, Dan Shachter will lead the discussion on the "Loyalty Viewpoint" and Josephine H. Goldstein will be hostess for the afternoon. Alfred Ehrenfeld has been appointed as Chairman of Discussion Leaders, and Marilyn Wohl was chosen as Chairman of Hostesses. All young people who are eligible for this group are invited.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

The new season in our Social Department is under way with the regular resumption of club meetings in our Senior and Junior groups. There are clubs for all interests and all ages. Those desiring to join any one of these groups should contact Rabbi Zahavy.

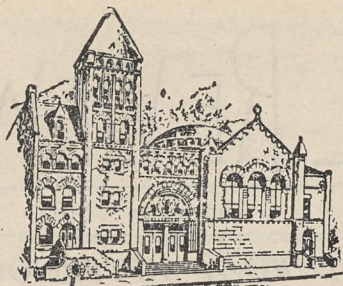
Blue N' White

The "Blue N' White" is a new Jewish youth group for girls over 15½ years and boys past 16½. Meetings are held on Saturday evenings and membership is still open.

YESHIVA MUSICAL AFFAIR

The Parent-Teachers' Association of the Yeshivath Ohr Torah of 30 W. 74th Street, will sponsor its first social function on Sunday, evening, October 22, 1944, at 8:00 p.m. at the Jewish Center Auditorium 131 West 86th Street.

An interesting program has been arranged. Tickets are \$1.20, tax included.



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THE NEW FLOOD

Many years ago, Noah admonished a waning and decrepit civilization to mend its ways or suffer destruction through an inevitable deluge. Today, once again, the inhabitants of our globe are faced with the dire consequences of an overwhelming flood. This new threat is in the form of a tide of false words — printed, spoken, or whispered — to create national and racial disunity.

Hitler seems determined to fight to the bitter end, which means that he and his cohorts will continue their malicious propaganda even after the last shell has been fired. If they can successfully create religious prejudice, turn race against race, capital against labor, or forge a chasm in national affections, then it may once more be possible for them to seize the reigns of our world's destiny.

We must labor to preserve our unity after the Allied Victory by a planned program which will expose every attempt to stir up intolerance and hatred. We must work and pray that bigotry will find no sanction when the dove of peace alights again on this earth. Z. Z.



185th COMMANDMENT

Concerning Services on the Day of Atonement in the Temple

by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

The High Priest was to perform all the work in the Service of the Day of Atonement including the sacrifices, the confessions, the sending away of the scape-goat etc. Aaron was commanded to refrain from going into the Holy of Holies except on the Day of Atonement, and then only for Service. The awful experience of his sons who went in and did not return alive is given as an illustration of what may happen when there is disobedience as we

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read in Leviticus, Chapter 16 Verse 23, "In this way shall Aaron go into the Holy place . . . "in this way" and in no other way. The purpose of this commandment is to show that G-d in his lovingkindness and mercy over his creatures has set aside ONE day during the year for complete atonement for sinners to repent and return to Him. If there were not this cleaning of the slate, as it were, each year our sins over a period of years would be too many and there would be great destruction in the world. Therefore, has the Holy One, Blessed Be He set aside one day during the year for atonement for "at-one-ment" with Him. On the Day of Atonement the following offerings were brought, the morning and evening offerings, and the Musaf offerings.

In case the Day of Atonement happened to fall on a Saturday then two additional offerings were brought.

The Bible says that the High-Priest was to bring an offering "for himself and for his house." The words "for his house" refers to his wife as the Talmud says אשתו כביתו "A man's wife is his HOME.

LOYALTY VIEWPOINT

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All humanitarians were aware of the presence in life of moral forces that work for weal when observed and for woe when violated. Abraham Lincoln best summed up the case when he asserted in his Second Inaugural that the Almighty has His own purpose, that every drop of blood drawn with the lash shall be paid with another drawn with the sword, and that the Judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

By virtue of our moral energies man is enabled to be co-author with G-d in creation. In Jewish life moral energies were cultivated in the home and the school and from thence they permeated all endeavor.

Historically, the Jewish home has been the soil in which all virtue was cultivated and all ardent impulse directed into noble expression. The home was termed the miniature commonwealth upon which the safety of the larger commonwealth depended. Society would approximate perfection only when all mankind will in

the future be like one family.

Similarly, the Jewish school has been the reservoir of our spiritual resourcefulness and intellectual vigor. Increase of learning always meant increase of life. It was sinful to reside in a community in which no provision was made for Jewish education. Moreover, learning was never confined to schooling and school days. It was a life process. Our adults were trained to devote daily many precious hours to the study of Torah. As life students of the Law moral and ethical concepts were vitally alive in our consciousness. School and society were one and the doctrine of the first easily legislated upon problems in the latter.

"Set up the waymarks; set the heart to the way thou wentest and return O Israel." This was the counsel of Jeremiah to his people as a way out of distress. From our traditional viewpoint these waymarks are the home and the school. In the past they were the mainspring of moral thinking and ethical practice. In the future they will establish the global peace upon permanent foundations.

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening 5:51
 Weekly Portion: Noah
 Friday Evening Service 5:55
 Saturday Morning Service 9:00
 Junior Congregation 10:00
 Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class 4:45
 Ein Jacob Class 4:45
 Mincha Service 5:45
 Sunday morning Service 6:45, 8:45
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by Joseph Elias Davidson, A.B. LL.B.
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This series like the preceding one is dedicated to the everliving memory of our late lamented friend, Jane Fischel, the mother of our beloved Rebbitzin.

Introduction to 3rd series

"It is very essential that when the stream of hatred and propaganda is being directed against the Jewish people, not only in Europe itself, but being sent out to the United States and to all countries of Central and Southern America, we should not, by the constant impact of it, suffer ourselves to acquire an inferiority complex.

"Jews should know the Hebrew language and not purely for secular purposes. They should know their Bible and learn to be uplifted by its grandeur. They should read their history and their literature, know something about the great philosophers and poets, and altogether feel, even in the midst of this outpouring of filthy lies and abuse which are being showered upon them, that they belong to a people of real nobility who have made greater contributions to the world than any other people still in existence. We cannot muster armies, we cannot build navies and we cannot compete with the air fleets of the world, but by this study we can build a citadel in our own hearts which none can conquer."

The above introduction is by Dr. Cyrus Adler on the occasion of his 75th birthday on Sept. 13th, 1938.

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CHATS ABOUT W.S.I.S.

by Morris Jablow

The fact that we own a beautiful Memorial Park at Mt. Eden Cemetery in Mt. Pleasant, Westchester County, amidst impressive scenic surrounding, is known to all of our readers. Yet many are reluctant to acquire a plot now.

Recently, a gentleman expressed to me, what I believe to be, the average thought in the mind of many people.

"I believe that every thinking man should provide his family with a permanent resting place so that when the inevitable occurs, he does not have to make arrangements hurriedly, and under the pressure of the moment. Nevertheless, I am hesitant about approaching the subject. It's not fear, it's reluctance."

May I urge you, our readers, to overcome this desire to procrastinate, determine that you will overcome the common weakness, and perform for yourself and your family a real service, by acting at a time when you are calm and collected, when your judgment is functioning normally, and when action is not dictated by stress. After you sensibly arrange for the future, you will experience a serenity that will be gratifying.

Getting Personal

The joyous and effervescent spirit which pervaded our daily Synagogue last Shabbos afternoon gave ample testimony to the fact that our Chasanim parties are becoming bigger and better each year . . . The food was delicious and the oratory was magnificently sharp and witty. . . . Rabbi Goldstein once again as our unexcelled "toastmaster" introduced the short talks by Rabbi Zehavi, Rabbi Hurwitz, Vice-Presidents "Pop" Wartels and Max E. Sanders, Messrs. Samuel Beier, Joseph Buchsbaum, Herman Herring, Morris Jablow, (who supervised the arrangements for the nice party), David Karmann, Mr. Kestenbaum, Alexander Kirsh, "Chasan" Kobrin's father, Gustave Roth, and Morris Steinberg . . . The women's viewpoint was aired by Mrs. Irving Kobrin, Mrs. Sam Siegel and Miss Tillie Lewton . . . Our "Chasanim" Sol Bellsey, Irving Kobrin and Lester Udell presented inspiring messages and little Leonard Kobrin surprised all with his Hebrew comments . . . Cantor Yavneh and Mr. Isidore Lauer again led the singing with their fine voices . . . Our sincerest prayers for a speedy recovery to Mrs. Aaron Wartels . . . We are glad to see Mrs. Herman Livingston back after a recent illness . . . Our naval men, Seaman Morty Langer, F.C. 3/c and Louis Landowne, R. 3/c joined us at Shabbos Services and are looking mighty fine . . . We welcome into our spiritual fraternity the following new members: Jacob Bayer, Irving Denberg, Max Denberg, H. Feld, Edmond J. Lang, Louis Richman, Mrs. Jeanette Segal, Mrs. Goldy Seltzer, Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Stromberg, Jacques Weil, Dr. M. Weingarten and Philip Wohl . . . Congrats to Mr. John Gell whose grandson Joshua, an officer in the U.S. Navy, has just been awarded the Legion of Merit for bravery . . . Happy Birthday to Alan Fox and Shiela, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David H. Ullman . . . Larry Rossan deserves a note of thanks for conducting the Junior Congregation Services . . . To all who have recently changed their residence we send our best wishes for health and happiness in their new homes.

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