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From the Rabbi's Study

Question

I have heard many statements made concerning the low juvenile delinquency rate among Jews. What are the facts?

Answer:

I would not know all the facts nor all the reasons, but I do know that there is a strength of home training and child culture in the Jewish home not found generally in other homes. I have just received a statement from Judge Ellwood M. Melson, (a distinguished Methodist layman) of the Wilmington, Del., juvenile court. He tells me that since April, 1943, more than 1500 cases of juvenile delinquency have come before him. Of these not one, not one has been a Jewish boy or girl. Let our Christian majority consider that.

—Dr. Daniel A. Poling

Sabbath—Observance

Two generations ago, Dr. Haegler, of Switzerland, discovered that more oxygen was lost in a day's toil than was recovered by a night's rest: but the Sabbath rest made good the cumulative losses of the week.

Since then many similar tests have confirmed Dr. Haegler's findings.

—Dr. Rob't M. Blackford, "A Sabbath Law in Metals & Men," *Moody Monthly*, 9-'44.

The Christian religion has been the curse of Germany. Good-natured and trusting as they are, the Germans took Christianity seriously. They forgave their enemies. They were magnanimous. They did not fight helpless and innocent people. They stopped fighting when they had won an honorable victory. The other Powers took advantage of German softheartedness and sentimentality. For this the Jews are to blame in the first instance. For the Jews gave birth to the Christian religion.

—Adolf Hitler

When we get to the place where we pay more attention to the high chair, we will pay less attention to the electric chair.

—Warden Lawes of Sing Sing

60th Anniversary Congratulations



Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Roth

We extend our sincerest Congratulations to our beloved patriarch and matriarch, Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Roth who celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary Sunday, October 29th. In honor of this remarkable occasion, they have made a generous gift to the Synagogue and invite the entire Congregation to Kiddush this Sabbath after Service.

OUR NEW SOCIAL DIRECTOR



Simon Konovitch

Mr. Simon Konovitch, senior teacher in our Talmud Torah has been appointed as Social Director of the Synagogue Club Activities. He will continue the present groups and organize new clubs.

Mr. Konovitch is a graduate of the Teacher's Institute of Yeshiva College and attended Brooklyn College. He has served as the Chairman of the Coordinating Activities of Student Organizations in Greater New York. He served as Editor of the Nir, the annual student publication of the Teacher's Institute and also contributed to the **Niv** and **Lapid**.

Mr. Konovitch will be pleased to meet all persons interested in joining clubs, this Saturday evening

LAYMAN'S INSTITUTE FIRST SESSION

Wednesday Evening, November 1st

The first session of the Layman's Institute will take place this Wednesday evening, November 1st, with courses by Dr. Sidney Hoenig. The new courses are "The Jew in Civilization" and "A Survey of Jewish Literature."

The Curriculum for the Layman's Institute will be announced in the next issue of the Review. We invite all men and women to register at the Synagogue Office.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S

Sabbath Afternoon Conference

The next meeting of the Young People's Sabbath Afternoon Conference will take place tomorrow at 4:30 P.M. in the Club Room of the Synagogue.

Marilyn Wohl will speak on Palestine and Renee Langer will act as hostess.

All girls above the age of sixteen and boys over seventeen are invited.

MEN'S CLUB

The first meeting of the season held on Monday evening Oct. 16th, was a great success. The turnout was encouraging between 60 and 70 men attended. The program arranged by Mr. Myron Goldman, chairman of the Program Committee was praised by all.

The next meeting of the Men's Club will take place this Monday evening, October 30th, at 8:30 P.M. All men of the Congregation are invited to be present. The officers promise to make this meeting most interesting and entertaining. Refreshments will be served. Come one, come all.

YOUNG FOLKS SERVICE

At tomorrow's Sabbath Afternoon Mincha Service which is conducted by the young folks of the Synagogue, Ralph Kestenbaum will read the Torah, Mordecai Cohen will read the Service



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THE COMING ELECTION

Most people have accepted the wise rule "It is best not to argue religion or politics." We too endorse the maxim. If we argue religion, we are apt to forget ourselves in the heat of the argument and say something sarcastic or even insulting to our neighbor, becoming unbrotherly and thereby becoming irreligious. So too in the realm of politics there is danger that partisanship breeds "bad blood," and we become intolerant of the other citizen's point of view, and even use uncomplimentary epithets toward him. It would be well for us not to argue, but rather to discuss the various angles relative to a National election like the forthcoming one, and then allow time for the taking root of our point of view, or that of our neighbors.

We urge calmness and above all we advise that we heed the counsel of our Sages who said, "Be deliberate in judgment." May those forces which will serve American democracy best, prevail.



185th COMMANDMENT

Concerning Services on the Day of Atonement in the Temple

by Rabbi Herbert . Goldstein
II

The High Priest was not allowed to officiate on the Day of Atonement unless he was married and his wife was alive. The High Priest would make the following confession: "O' G-d, I have sinned, I have committed iniquity, I have transgressed against Thee I and my household! In his confession, the High-Priest used the ineffable Name of G-d, the 4 lettered name, the Tetragrammaton, in its true pronunciation; whereupon the

"AS
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IT"

PIRKE ABOOTH SHE' AMERICA

by Joseph Elias Davidson, A.B. LL.B.
Member, New York Bar

Part I WASHINGTON

Washington's first Thanksgiving Proclamation issued on the 3rd day of October, 1789, to my mind shows that Washington knew his Old Testament so well that one would imagine that he were reading a selection from Isaiah or Amos uttered over 2500 years ago, rather than a state paper issued less than two hundred years ago. (Spark's Washington, Vol. 12, p. 119.)

The many State Messages of President Washington show that he was imbued with a deep and sincere reverence for the Creator.

The following selections from his messages, to the Jews of America, will show that his knowledge of the teachings of the "Old" Testament was more than superficial.

In his letter to the Hebrew Congregation of Newport, which city he visited in August, 1790, he concludes with the following:—

"May the children of the stock of

assembled priests and people in the Court prostrated themselves to the ground and exclaimed, ברוך שם כבוד מלכותו לעולם ועד "Blessed be His Name, Whose glorious kingdom is forever and ever."

The High Priest was to take care also of the incense and to see that the lamps were properly cleaned. Five times on the Day of Atonement he would take the ritual bath, and change his garments. His hands and feet were washed ten times during the day by means of the faucet of the laver. After the service there was an impressive joyous procession on the part of the people in honor of the High-Priest. They were happy in the thought of their atonement and forgiveness. Today, however, there is no Temple or Priesthood but the Day of Atonement is spent in praying, in confession, and in new resolutions.

When the Day is over, we too should leave the Synagogue in a happy mood, trusting that we have been forgiven for our sins against G-d. For our sins against man, only personal restitution to, and forgiveness by, the injured one can atone.

Abraham who dwell in this land continue to merit and enjoy the good will of other inhabitants, while every one shall sit in safety under his own vine and fig tree and there shall be none to make him afraid, May the Father of all mercies scatter light. . ."

This prayer is almost identical with the prophecy of the Prophet Micah, Chap. 4, Verse 4:—

"But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree and none shall make them afraid, for the mouth of the Lord of Hosts hath spoken it."

In his message to the Jews of Savannah, Washington waxes sublime. He concludes the said message with the following:—

"May the same wonder-working Deity who long since delivered the Hebrews from their Egyptian oppressors, planted them in a promised land, whose Providential agency has lately been conspicuous in establishing those United States as an independent nation, still continue to water them with the dews of Heaven and the inhabitants of every denomination participate in the temporal and spiritual blessings of that people whose Lord is G-d."

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening 5:41

Weekly Portion: Lech Lecha

Friday Evening Service 5:50

Jr. Cong. Fri. Eve Service 5:15

Saturday Morning Service 9:00

Junior Congregation 10:00

Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class 4:35

Ein Jacob Class 4:35

Mincha Service 5:35

Maariv may be said at 6:17

The Sabbath Terminates 6:29

Sunday morning Service 6:45, 8:45

Daily Services:

Mornings 6:45, 8:00, 8:30

Mincha 5:40

Followed by the study of the Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein.

CONDOLENCE

Our heartfelt sympathies are extended to our member Leo Herman upon the passing of his mother BLUMA HERMAN.

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CLUB NOTES

The first meeting of the Detinu Club will be held this Saturday night, at our building at 7:45 P.M.

Blue N' White

Come, have fun, and take part at an open meeting of the BlueN'White this Saturday night. Girls 15½ and up Boys 16½ and up.

Alumah Club

The Alumah's, a club for young boys and girls will meet Saturday Night. Newcomers invited.

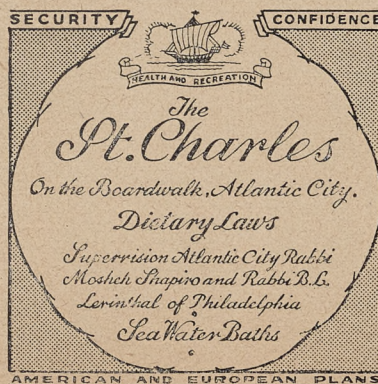
IN THE RABBI'S MAILBAG

Dear Rabbi Goldstein:

The fame of your West Side Institutional Review is spreading because of its admirable contents.

I would appreciate the inspiration that your excellent Bulletin would give me. Therefore, I would deeply appreciate any issues that you might be able to send me to guide me in editing our Synagogue Bulletin.

Sincerely yours,
Mary Feinstein



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CHATS ABOUT W.S.I.S.

by Morris Jablow

"To my mind, the work of your Synagogue, ranking in importance with the religious activities, is attracting the young generation to the sphere of influence of this institution. It is most essential that young men and women be made aware of their responsibility to Traditional Judaism. We must have the co-operation of young people in order to assure the future of our faith."

The above utterance is typical of many conversations on this subject, had with me by a number of friends of our Synagogue.

We, in the W. S. I. S., are keenly aware of our obligations for the future of Traditional Judaism, and are constantly on the alert for means and ways of attaining this objective.

Our new Social Director, Mr. Simon Konovitch, is anxious to have every boy and girl connected in any way with our institution, get in touch with him. He plans to organize age-groups in the Club Department, with cultural and social programs to hold their interest and attention.

I hope that each of you, our readers, will have the young people of your family join our clubs.

Getting Personal

Sgt. Daniel Weiss received a present from the Army on his return to camp — promotion to Master Sergeant. More power to you Danny... Congratulations to Rabbi William Orentichler of Emunath Israel of W. 23rd Street for his success in getting the Congregation to stop making collections at Yiskor... Pvt. Alexander Schindler at Fort Worth, Texas wrote in a recent letter that he turned on the radio to cheer himself up and lo and behold he was "most pleasantly surprised to hear Rabbi Goldstein's most inspiring message over the N.B.C. hook-up." How providential!... Greetings to one more of the newly appointed Chairmen of our Women's League, Mrs. Warren Goldsmith who is now co-chairman of the Program Committee... Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Isidore Friedman upon the birth of a little granddaughter, Marilyn Dattlebaum. The very proud parents Sgt. and Mrs. Mervin J. Dattelbaum, celebrate their second Wedding Anniversary this week, and so a double Mazel-Tov... Still in the granddaughter department, we find that Judith Ellen Bernstein, lovely grandchild of our Director and Mrs. George L. Livingston celebrated her first birthday. Many happy returns. Also Birthday greetings to Arline Ruth Kaufman... Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Bertha Frybergh and to Mrs. Reuben Rosenberg... Congratulations to Theodore R. Herman upon his marriage to Natalie Schlang Fishman and also to Samuel Soloway who was married to Charlotte Helen Cohen at our Synagogue... Mazel-Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Nat Abramson upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Arthur... Congrats to Jack Spiro who was elected Vice-President of the Hunter, N.Y. Congregation... Happy to hear Mrs. Aaron Wartels is convalescing nicely T. G... We congratulate Mr. Simon Konovitch upon his elevation to Social Director and wish him luck.

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