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Loyalty Viewpoint

IS JUDAISM AWARE OF ITS CRISIS?

by Rabbi Zev Zahavy

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In the light of world industrial and scientific progress, can Israel's faith be of any further valuable service to the Jewish people? If man should follow his most natural desires, the human code would be a sad replica of jungle life in which force is the only measure of right. As it is, our human emotions must be curbed a hundred times daily to make civilization possible. Even though self-control is unnatural, it is nevertheless, indispensable. Religion is the best means of developing within man the social impulses that serve society, for unless these social motives can be rigidly built up, the instincts of self and sex will tear a society to pieces.

The prophet said—"thy children have forsaken me, and sworn by them that are no gods." (Jeremiah V, 7.) The social disorder abounds both in marriage and out of it. The religious command to multiply is dismissed as an undesired inconvenience. The rich in becoming richer lose their strength in luxury. The poor in remaining poor brood over their hopes of revenge and power. The imminence of a bitter class war slowly creeps to the horizon of man's accomplishments.

Science was hailed as the new god. As long as science was able to create and distribute more wealth, the prestige of science grew, that of religion diminished. The scientist received more and more the trusting faith that once had gone to the man of G-d. Man regarded the laboratory as his new edifice of worship and his faith in the mechanical giant grew with every new miracle of scientific discovery.

The heart of Western man is today filled with great sadness, for after carelessly discarding the faith of his childhood, he finds himself bereft of his new god of science. He perceives that new inventions can make for wars as well as for luxury, that industrial cities can breed new diseases as fast as medicine can find new cures; that better machinery can create poverty as well as wealth.

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LAYMEN'S INSTITUTE TO CONFER "CHAVER" DEGREE MON. NIGHT AT 8:15

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Metropolitan Opera Tickets For Our Gala Concert

It is the early bird who gets the best locations. Tickets are now on sale for our Concert at the Metropolitan Opera House on Sunday evening, January 28th, 1945. Prices to suit the taste and pocket of all are from \$1.50 to \$8.50. Make your reservations at the Synagogue office—TR. 7-8281.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE LUNCHEON

Do you want a choice seat at the Luncheon of our Women's League which will be held at the Savoy-Plaza Hotel on Mon. afternoon, Dec. 4th? Send in your reservation at once to the Luncheon treasurer, Mrs. Saul Bergman, 40 West 77th St., EN. 2-2642 or call the Synagogue, TR. 7-8281.

The Laymen's Institute of the WSIS which was inaugurated by Rabbi Goldstein will celebrate an occasion of historical significance on Monday night at its first ceremony conferring the degree of חב"ר "Chaver." The recipients of the degree who have satisfactorily completed the courses offered in the Laymen's Institute are Dr. Benjamin Goldstein and Mr. Harold Kaplan. Rabbi Goldstein will confer the degrees which give the right to the recipients to be called to the Scroll of Law under their new title. All participants in the ceremony will wear academic cap and gown.

Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva and Yeshiva College, who is to deliver the main address will speak on "The Synagogue and Adult Education." Dr. Belkin is the author of "Philo and the Oral Law," published in 1940 as a part of the Harvard Semitic Series, and "The Alexandrian Halakah in Apologetic Literature" and has also contributed to many scientific and scholarly publications.

President Harry N. Wright of the College of the City of New York will take part in the ceremony and deliver the opening address. In addition, Dr. Samuel W. Paterson, Associate Prof. of Education at Hunter College, Dr. Abraham I. Katch, Head of the Jewish Culture Foundation at N.Y.U. and Dr. Isidor B. Hoffman, Counsellor to Jewish Students at Columbia University will join in the impressive conferring ceremony. Mr. Lester Udell, president of the Synagogue will greet the Congregation, Dr. Sidney B. Hoenig will act as Marshall and Rabbi Zahavy will offer the Invocation.

We invite the public at large to come and witness this unusual history making occasion, this Monday night, November 13th, at 8:15 P.M.



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ANTI-SEMITISM IS NOT A JEWISH PROBLEM

Anti-Semitism is not a Jewish, but a Christian problem. It is the recurring evidence of the dislike of the unlike. Israel Zangwill has well said, that "the Jew is the barometer of civilization." Mankind will certainly be ashamed of the Christian leaders of our generation, lay as well as clerical, for the sin of omission, in their failure to check the Anti-Semitism of the much vaunted progressive Twentieth Century.

So much for the Christians. What about the Jews? The Jews cannot stop Anti-Semitism. They can, however, meet it courageously. Our fathers met Anti-Semitism, by repentance, not by "Committees," and Congresses" and organizations "to combat Anti-Semitism." Their sons and daughters, who are largely void of Judaism, are scurrying for shelter and protection under the aegis of these organizations. They are physically afraid. The way to meet Anti-Semitism is by more Jewish living, more Jewish learning, more Jewish loyalty. The way to stop Anti-Semitism is by becoming a "Light to the Gentiles," by word and by deed.



186th COMMANDMENT The Laws Concerning the Slaughtering of Holy Things Outside of the Sanctuary.

by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

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He who brought a sacrifice outside of the proper place is as if he spilt or shed unnecessary blood. The sacrifices were meant to uplift the individual. If it was merely a formal act committed outside of the Temple it was regarded as a sin. To slaughter an animal unless for a higher purpose as for atonement or for food or for health is according to the Torah shedding blood and destruction.

LOYALTY VIEWPOINT

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Western man was never so lonely and bereft of consolation. We need once more a devotion to give us stimulus, to guide us on the road to decency, to give us again the nobility which can make our lives meaningful.

After meekly casting off the cloak of his religion, the Jew is still confronted with an unsolved Jewish problem. Frantically groping for Utopia, he seizes a castoff, outmoded, chauvinistic political nationalism. The Jew soothes himself with the new lullaby of regaining his Homeland as a political entity alone and hopes that, as a result, he will receive equal recognition in a hostile world. He does not realize that his struggles are causing him to fall from the heights of universal idealism to the quagmire of petty nationalism.

By now, we should have learned that the only real progress is moral and ethical progress. A religion which is determined to keep these aims ever before its eyes is the only religion for this brutal and warring world. Judaism is just such a religion. Examine it carefully and you will find it so.

Let Judaism cleanse itself from the dirt and grime of attempted reforms and reconstructions. Let Judaism take

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Therefore it is apparent that the Jewish law is opposed to hunting as a past-time. It is inhuman, cruel and painful. For that reason he who violated this law was punished by excision from Heaven as we read "And that man shall be cut off from among his people."

187th COMMANDMENT Concerning the Covering Of the Blood"

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The Bible in Leviticus, Chapter 17, Verse 13 commands as follows: "He that taketh in a trap and catcheth any beast or fowl that may be eaten, he shall pour out the blood therefrom and cover it with dust" (not hard earth.) In other words after slaughtering fowl and beasts the blood must be covered. The purpose of this commandment is given to impress upon us that in view of the fact that it is brutal to look upon the blood of the slain animal. Blood is the symbol of life and is to be treated in the same reverent way as we do a dead body. The covering of the blood is similar to the burial of a corpse.

its stand with fresh sincerity, proudly proclaiming its universal ideals for humanity and there will not be a soul on this globe who could but have the highest regard and greatest respect for Judaism and the Jew. Even our sophisticated intellectual classes may be proud to return again to their faith which they may revere, believe, and honor with all their hearts. Our Jewish faith proclaims such great ideals, that although it falls short of fulfillment in every generation, yet it shall never be defated.

Since we cannot expect Jews in any great numbers to suddenly alter their lives in accordance with every requirement of our tradition, are we then repeating a gigantic error of the Utopians? No, we want immediate sincere acceptance of our great national Jewish principles, that all try to do our best, to make the best of it to carry them out. We hope to see a united, strengthened Jewish faith revering these principles and at the same time honoring the freedom of mind in science and secular knowledge.

We know how much of our pride and prejudice, our fearful hate and unwilling ignorance obstruct the fulfillment of this dream. Therefore, we must be ever determined to give courage to our leaders who guide us, and renew our faith in the everlasting principles of our Religion.

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Prayer for the New Month
 Rosh Chodesh Kislev, Thurs. & Fri.
 Light Candles Friday Evening 5:25
 Weekly Portion: Chay Sarah
 Friday Evening Service 5:30
 Saturday Morning Service 9:00
 Junior Congregation 10:00
 Sabbath afternoon Pleasure Hour
 for Children 3:00
 Sabbath afternoon Young People's
 Conference 4:15
 Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class 5:30
 Ein Jacob Class 5:30
 Mincha Service 5:30
 Maariv may be said 6:00
The Sabbath terminates 6:12
 Sunday morning Service 6:45, 8:45
Daily Services:
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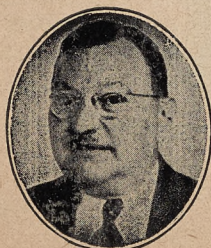
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**SABBATH YOUTH CONFERENCE
WILL DISCUSS COMING PEACE**

The Young Folks Sabbath Afternoon Conference will meet tomorrow afternoon at 4:15 P.M. in the Club Room of the Synagogue to discuss "The Peace We Want." The discussion will be led by Joseph Tilem and the hostess for the afternoon will be Minette Verschleiser.

An open invitation is extended to all girls above the age of sixteen and to all boys past seventeen.

TALMUD TORAH NOTES

The children of the Talmud Torah presented an unusual program at their last Assembly on Sunday morning. Songs, selections and plays relating to the Sabbath made up the enjoyable and impressive program. Scholarship prizes were awarded to students doing outstanding work.

**YOUNG FOLKS SABBATH
AFTERNOON SERVICE**

At the Sabbath Afternoon Mincha Service which is conducted by the young folks of the Synagogue, Arthur Udell, will read the Torah, Herbert Perlman will read the Service.

OUR CLUB DEPARTMENT

Elaborate plans are being made for a big celebration of JEWISH BOOK MONTH which will be held this year from Nov. 10th to Dec. 10th.

We are also forming a new Alumni Club. All boys between the ages of 13 to 15 and all those that were Bar Mitzvah in our institution are welcome.

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CHATS ABOUT W.S.I.S.

by Morris Jablow

"I read the announcement in our weekly paper that we have again arranged for a Concert at the Metropolitan Opera House, Sunday evening, Jan. 28th, 1945. I realize that this is a fund-raising project. Nevertheless I experienced a sense of pleasure and pride in being connected with an institution which has the vision and capacity to conduct these things with dignity and due regard to artistic values. In my opinion, Mr. Joseph Settel, Chairman of the Committee in charge of this event, deserves a great deal of praise for his resourcefulness on behalf of W.S.I.S. and for the hard work he is called upon to do, in order to make this event a success. I shall buy tickets for myself and get my friends to do the same."

I admit that these remarks pleased me enormously. I hope that they represent accurately a cross-section of the opinions of all our readers.

There is no way I can tell how nearly correct he is, unless all of you, our readers, send in your orders for tickets for this Concert. What a wonderful thought!

GETTING PERSONAL

We extend our best wishes to Betty Buchsbaum who left this week for Cornell. She received a State Scholarship. A hearty welcome to another new Women's League Chairman, Mrs. Norman Ostrove, daughter of our Director and Mrs. Joseph Buchsbaum. We missed I. Zucker and hope that he will recover speedily to be back with us. Congratulations to Morty Cohen upon passing his preliminary examinations for C.P.A. If we are happy these days it is because our dear Mrs. Wartels is home from the hospital. Our bright young intellectuals do us justice knowing that Zonia Prochnik made the Arista at Washington Irving High School and Henry Dabek received the same honor at the High School of Commerce. Congrats to Lt. and Mrs. Sol Straussberg and to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wohl both of whom are celebrating their fourth wedding anniversary. We also send Wedding Anniversary Congratulations to Lieut. Lou and Sylvia Bernstein. Congratulations to Debby Jane Goldstein, daughter of Pfc and Mrs. Simon Goldstein upon her first birthday. Happy Birthday to Jules Cohen, Buddy Frankel, our Director Moe Langer, Mrs. Julius H. Rosan and Ira Millstein. We were glad to see Louis Schwartz, back in our neighborhood again, and hope he will enjoy the winter with us. We extend a cordial welcome to William Ball, Morris Edelson, Joseph Goodman, David Hyams, Morris J. Lippman, Adolf Rosenberg, Harry Schetzen, Dr. Harry Spier and Irving Zindler. We hope they will enjoy their affiliation. The first young lad to volunteer as host for the Sabbath Jr. Congregation is little Jay Jacobson. Take a bow Jay. Just a reminder to you, to reserve this Monday evening for our outstanding ceremony conferring the degree of "Chavar" upon two of our own sons. Many thanks to our member Abe Seidman for transporting twelve large cartons of wearing apparel collected by this Synagogue to the central shipping point. You miss a most enjoyable time if you don't hear Moe Oltarsh's stories (?) at the Men's Club meeting.

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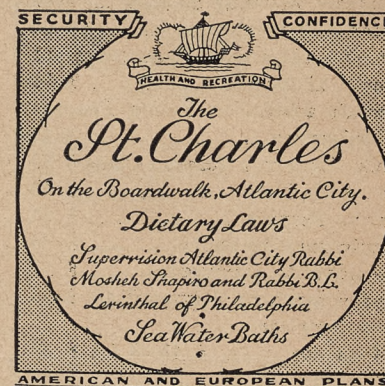
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