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Jewish Book Month

November 10 to December 10, 1944

by Simon Konovitch

We as Jews know and understand the value of books and learning. We have been called the "People of the Book," because throughout our history we have remained loyal to the teachings of our Bible and Rabbinical literature. No matter how much the Jew suffers, no matter how brutally he was tortured, when he entered his Beth-Medrash he forgot all his sorrows and troubles. When he delved into the discussions of "Abayyah-Vravah," or of the common pious Jew into Psalms, he felt relieved. That was his tonic which gave him courage to endure.

People have often wondered what kept us together through those dark ages of persecution; what kept us together after we lost our Temple and land; and what was that power that kept us going? In reference to this Chaim Nachman Bialik said: "Go ye to the Beth Medrash and there you will see what gave the Jew courage to defy the enemy and jump into the flame with "Shema." There you will see Jews lost in a daf Gemarah or a chapter of the Thilim. There you will see our hidden treasures."

Our enemies realizing where our strength lies try to burn and destroy our Scriptures. They began with the burning of the Talmud in France; the Inquisition; the Czars censorship and the present Nazis who rounded up our sacred, priceless treasures and burned them to the amusement of their beastly leaders. Through these means our enemies thought to annihilate us. When Rabbi Chaninah Ben Tradion was caught by the Romans learning Torah, he was condemned to be wrapped up in his Torah and burned alive. When his disciples asked: "Rabbi, what do you see?" he said: "I see parchment burning but the letters soar Heavenswards." This in essence is the key to our existence. Our enemies may burn our books but they cannot burn our inner Torah-true spirit. Our modern tyrants have burned and demolished

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Women's League Open Meeting

On Monday afternoon, Nov. 20th at 2:30 Mr. Charles C. Weinstein, Assistant Corporation Counsel of the City of New York, an outstanding member of "Americans United for World Organization," will speak to the members of our Women's League. He will be presented by Mrs. Paul S. Shapiro, Program Chairman. His subject will be "The Importance of World Organization for Peace." A Social hour will follow the meeting.

All the women of the congregation are invited to attend.

Mrs. Harry Ward, Chairman on Prizes, for the forthcoming Luncheon which is to be held at the Savoy-Plaza Hotel on Monday afternoon, December 4, reports that she already has a very choice and attractive collection of prizes for the occasion.

Have you made your reservation yet? If not, may we suggest that you do so at once by sending your check of \$12.50 to Mrs. Saul Bergman, Luncheon Treasurer, 40 West 77th Street or phone her at ENdicott 2-2642 or at the Synagogue, TRafalgar 7-8281.

LAYMAN'S INSTITUTE

Schedule of Courses 1944-45

Monday evening

7:45 P.M. Elementary Hebrew — Rabbi Zev Zahavy.

7:45 P.M. Intermediate Hebrew — Miss Ella Shurin.

8:40 P.M. Resume of Each Book of Bible by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, followed by Guest Speaker and Forum.

Tuesday Evening

8:00 P.M. Talmud for Beginner's — Rabbi Zev Zahavy — The text of study during the year will be Tractate Sanhedrin which deals with Jewish Jurisprudence.

Wednesday evening

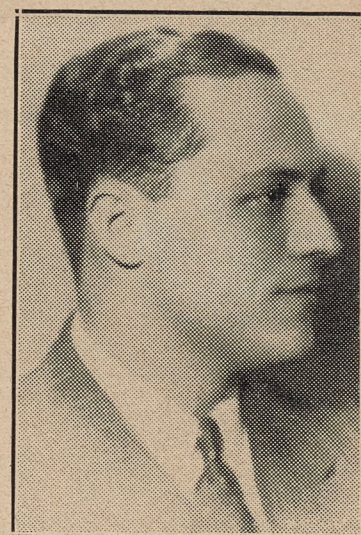
8:00 P.M. Jew in Civilization — Dr. Sidney B. Hoenig — Discussion of the contribution of the Jew in the different countries of the world.

9:00 P.M. Survey of Jewish Literature — Dr. Sidney B. Hoenig.

DAVIDSON TO SPEAK AT OPENING BIBLE CLASS

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Hosts at Social Hour



Irwin D. Davidson

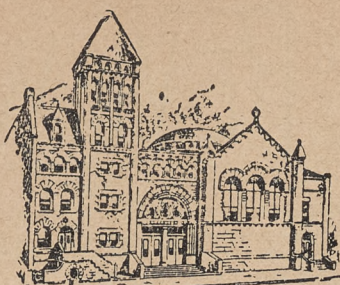
Assemblyman Irwin D. Davidson, of the State of New York will be the first guest speaker of the year at Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class, this Monday evening November 20. This year Rabbi Goldstein's course will be "A Resume of Each Book of The Bible."

Assemblyman Davidson served as associate counsel to the Bill Drafting Commission for the State of New York. In 1938, he served as secretary to the New York State Constitutional Convention.

Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class beginnings at 8:40 P.M. promptly. Refreshments will be served.

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a stenographer in our Synagogue office. Telephone TR. 7-8281.



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Our Everlasting Book

Latest figures still reveal the Bible as the world's best-seller. We need not resort to the world's acclamation of our most valuable possession, for throughout the ages the Jew realized the importance of his imperishable treasure—his Bible. No sacrifice was too great to insure the security and safekeeping of his Holy Writ. New thoughts dominated every generation and then faded, but the Jew held steadfast to the study of his sacred Book. And today, too, in a rapidly changing world, the Bible maintains its dominion over man's existence.

It is therefore, with a sense of deep pride that we may celebrate current Jewish Book Month. Our Book may still be the best-seller. However, mankind's gratitude to the Jew for this great gift does not seem to be abounding. Perhaps, it is because some of us have permitted our Bibles to become covered with dust.

Let us once again become aware of our great responsibility entailed in its ownership by **actively** engaging in its continuous study and practice.

—Z. Z.



187th COMMANDMENT Concerning the Covering Of the Blood"

by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein
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David Hoffman put it, the exhortation to act reverently in regard to the blood of an animal was not liable to be forgotten in connection with animals that were admitted as sacrifices. However, some reminder was was necessary in the case of these animals that were not brought as sacrifices. It would promote coarseness in our being and engender a spirit of cruelty in our souls to treat lightly blood spilt in the course of slaughtering an animal. Thus in regard to the sacrificial offerings the blood was given as an atonement and it was sprinkled upon the alter.

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The Torah then made no further distinction concerning these animals outside of the Temple. Fowls however, were not as a rule brought as sacrifices. The law concerning the covering of the blood pertains to every fowl and to every beast that was slaughtered outside of the Temple. It also pertained to an animal called "koy" (probably a kind of bearded deer or antelope) concerning which the rabbis say it is doubtful whether it belongs to the genus of cattle *בהמה* or beasts of chase *חיה*. Even the blood upon the knife of the Shochet must be covered. We must put upon the ground dust over which the blood is to flow and then be covered with dust. In regard to the dust, any dust is permissible, even gold-dust for the Bible refers to gold-dust as dust. If an outsider saw one slaughter a fowl or a beast and the blood was not covered he is obliged to do so for the commandment reads "unto the children of Israel" which includes all the children of Israel.

This law pertains to all places and all times. It is incumbent upon men and women and he who transgresses this law and does not cover the blood of the beast or the fowl has broken a positive commandment.

JEWISH BOOK MONTH

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our great Torah fortress of Eastern Europe which shed so much light to all the Jews of the world but they have only burned the paper but never the content.

We the Jews of America must once more pick up the "Osios," the "letters," and replant them in our blessed country. We must continue the link in that golden chain of tradition and plant here the seed of true Torah. A few fine attempts have been made through our parochial schools that have sprung up recently, but this does not even scratch the surface of our potentialities in this country. Our enemies destroy but we must build. "שקמים נדעו וארזים נמץ" "Sycamor tree were cut down, but cedars we shall plant."

If we want to continue to be called the "People of the Book" we must once more give the Torah its due place and its due respect. We must once more learn to live and follow in the teachings of the Torah for "it is a tree of life to those that grasp it." Then and only then will we as

the "People of the Book," be loyal to that Book, which is a declaration of G-d's way for Israel and mankind.

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Eve. 5:19

Weekly Portion: Toldos

Friday Eve. Jr. Congregation 5:00
Friday Evening Service 5:20
Saturday Morning Service 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:00
Sabbath afternoon Intermediate
Group 4:15
Sabbath afternoon Youth Conference 4:15
Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class 4:30
Ein Jacob Class 4:30
Mincha Service 5:30
Maariv may be said 5:56
The Sabbath terminates 6:06
Sunday morning Service 6:45, 8:45

Daily Services:

Mornings 6:45, 8:00, 8:30
Mincha 5:25

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

Young Folks Sabbath- Afternoon Service

At the Sabbath Afternoon Mincha Service which is conducted by the Young folks of our Synagogue, Ralph Kestenbaum will read the Service and Eric Korngold will speak.

Men's Club

The next meeting of the Men's Club will be held on Monday evening, Nov. 27th, 1944 at 8:30 o'clock. All men are invited to attend the meeting.



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BAR MITZVAH



Bruce Sands

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney N. Sands upon the celebration of the Bar-Mitzvah of their son, Bruce which will take place at our Synagogue tomorrow morning.

Sabbath Youth Conference

The Young Folks Sabbath Afternoon Conference, meets tomorrow at 4:15 P.M. in the Club Room of the Synagogue. Minnette Verschleiser will lead the discussion on the topic "Should Parents Send Their Children To Camps?". The hostess for the afternoon will be Adelaide Gottlieb.

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

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Chats About W.S.I.S.

by Morris Jablow

Of the many activities at the WSIS, the one yielding great pleasure and satisfaction to both the parents and children is the Hebrew Kindergarten class, on Sunday morning. One of the parents described it, in this way: "My son aged five years, has been attending the Hebrew Kindergarten Class on Sunday morning for several weeks. I am amazed at the interest and attention this class has aroused in that child. All week long he talks of the things he has learned, he sings the Hebrew songs, and recites clearly and distinctly the blessings before partaking of any food. He awaits impatiently the next session and no inclement weather will keep him from attending."

Of course it is likely that some of the enthusiasm can be ascribed to the natural pride of a father, but knowing the teacher of that class, Miss Annette Peikes, and the love she has for her work, I can quite understand the excellent quality of the achievement.

I heartily recommend to you, our readers, to have your boy or girl between the ages of 4½ to 6 years, join this Kindergarten Class on Sunday mornings, for Hebrew instruction, pleasure and edification.

Sylvia Livingston Bernstein, Ira Bernstein, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cohen, Jules Cohen (who also read a beautiful Haftorah last Shabbos), Alan Mirken, and to the young gentleman whom we all respect, love and admire Mr. Gustave Roth who celebrates his 82nd birthday . . . Best wishes to the newly elected officers of the Junior Congregation: Robert Berman, president; Samuel Ward, Vice-president; Arthur Rosett, Secretary; David Beier, Nathan Flaks and Walterd Gut, Gabaim . . . Wedding Anniversary Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Louis H. Markowitz and to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mirken . . . Latest report from Georges Weil, stationed in Algiers with the Free French, states that he sends his fondest regards to all . . . Rabbi Goldstein will speak over a radio national hookup over station WABC with Mr. Wilson, President of the General Electric Co. on the United Church Canvass Program . . . Suzanne Stern of the High School Department of our Talmud Torah made her debut as a vocalist at a large Hapoel Mizrachi gathering.

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