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Loyalty Viewpoint The Synagogue And Adult Education

by Doctor Samuel Belkin

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When one thinks of the Jewish concept of education one is reminded of the famous words of Hillel the Elder, "an empty-headed man cannot be a sin-fearing man nor an ignorant person pious." One can hardly treat Jewish piety and Torah learning as two separate and independent institutions. There cannot be any Jewish piety in the traditional sense of the term without Jewish learning. If we want to raise a pious generation we must instruct not only our youth but our adults in G-d's knowledge, in the Torah and in the appreciation of Jewish history. Institutes for adult Jewish education in America are of primary importance.

In ancient times we possessed what may be called peoples universities for laymen.

We are living now in an age of re-awakening. It is becoming increasingly clear to every thoughtful Jew that there are no substitutes in Jewish life for our spiritual and religious heritage, for our historic system of values. If we hope for a new and better Jewish world we must re-integrate ourselves with our Torah life and Torah knowledge. Neither philanthropy alone, nor secular culture, nor secular nationalism is sufficient for the stress and challenge of our lives. The immortal words of Saadia Gaon are still valid today namely that:

אין אומתנו אומה אלא בתורה

"Our nation is a nation only by reason of its Torah." Our layleaders and Jewish masses should spend more of their time and energy in the developing of their spiritual and educational needs.

We are beginning now to establish new schools of Jewish learning which will preserve Jewish piety and at the same time create a synthesis with our outside environment. The tre-

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Women's League Luncheon This Monday — Don't Miss It! Last Call For Reservations



Mrs. Joseph Buchsbaum

Our Annual Women's League Luncheon is known to be one of the outstanding social events in greater New York.

Mrs. Joseph Buchsbaum, the conscientious Luncheon Chairman, informs us that, judging, by the program, the prizes, and all the other features of this function already arranged for the Luncheon at the Savoy-Plaza Hotel on Monday, December 4th, 1944, promises to be one more of those brilliant delightful long to be remembered events.

If you have not already made your reservation, we suggest that you do so at once by sending your check of \$12.50 to the Chairman of Reservations, Mrs. Jess Ward, 15 W. 81st Street or by phoning ENdicott 2-1674 or by calling TRafalgar 7-8281.

Metropolitan Opera Concert Sunday Eve., January 28, 1945

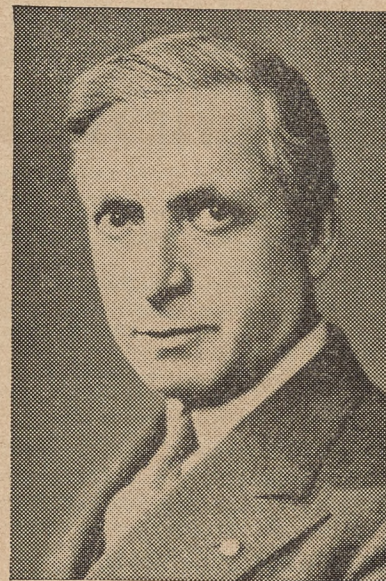
For best seats in different price levels to our annual Concert at the Metropolitan Opera House, which will take place on Sunday Evening, January 28th, 1945, contact our office immediately.

Young Folks Sabbath Afternoon Service

At the Sabbath Afternoon Service which is conducted by the young folks of the Synagogue, Hillel Meyers will read the Service and David Buchsbaum will read the Torah.

JONAH J. GOLDSTEIN BIBLE CLASS SPEAKER

Come Early For a Good Seat



Judge Jonah J. Goldstein

The next speaker at Rabbi Goldstein's Monday Evening Bible Class and Forum will be the ever-popular Judge Jonah J. Goldstein who will again bring to us a stimulating and thrilling message of timely and vital importance. The unanimous acclaim which Judge Goldstein received at our past Bible Classes makes us suggest that all come early for a good seat. The class begins promptly at 8:40 P.M.

Judge Goldstein, who is at the present time serving as Judge in the Court of General Session, has served as chairman of the Committee on the Re-organization of the Magistrate's Court and was among the first to work for the establishment of the Domestic Relations Court.

In addition to his many other activities Judge Goldstein is affiliated with the Federation of Jewish Charities, United Jewish Appeal and the Jewish Education Committee. He is also president of the Grand Street Boys Association.



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Why Jewish Education?

Here are some cold, hard facts on the serious plight of Jewish education.

According to the most recent records obtainable, there are approximately 800,000 Jewish children in the schools of America. Of these, only 188,000 were given any kind of Jewish education. This number includes 75,000 children who attended a one-day a week school. One-day a week instruction is negligible in the edification of the Jewish mind.

Thus, one child in four receives Talmud Torah training, which means that 75 per cent of our children are **ILLITERATE!** Considering that the majority of the 110,000 who do attend Hebrew School conclude their studies at the age of thirteen, gives us the frightening prospect of looking forward to a generation of ignorance. An ignorant Israel has always been the forerunner of a lost and wayward Israel.

There is not a moment to lose. The curse of apathy and indifference must be swept aside. A sincere concern for our children's welfare must result in our **immediate** action to give them a Jewish training in a religious school. Z.Z.



188th COMMANDMENT Laws Concerning Forbidden Relationships

by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein
II

Marriage is a primary religious duty, according to Jewish law. The Jewish husband should love his wife as himself, and honor her more than himself. 'I will work for thee, I will honour thee, I will support thee, as it becometh a Jewish husband so to do,' is to this day the husband's vow in the "Kesuba," the Jewish contract of marriage. The affectionate consideration shown to the wife, however, as well as the domestic purity and devotion that are the glory of Jewish womanhood, are both largely the fruit of the laws and warnings in these chapters of Leviticus.

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LOYALTY VIEWPOINT

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mendous strides which the Yeshiva College has made in recent years is the best evidence thereof. Other smaller Yeshivos are appearing on the American continent. The intellectual and religious consciousness of American Jewry has been awakened. We hear today constant demands for a maximum Jewish education, for the establishment of parochial schools in the larger Jewish communities throughout the country. But we often hear strange remarks such as "let us save the future generation; let us forget of this adult generation; this generation is the generation of the wilderness and is beyond remedy." In my humble opinion this is a serious mistake and a dangerous approach. True we must do everything to provide proper schools for the upcoming generation, but institutes for adult education are as important as schools for the youth. The need for learning falls upon all alike, whether young or old, Rabbi or layman. Knowledge in Judaism is inseparably united with right and moral acts.

This 18th Chapter of Leviticus forms one of the Readings of the Day of Atonement. The selection was no doubt prompted by the desire to inculcate on the most solemn day in the Calendar the paramount duty of purity and self-control. And there is but little doubt that obedience to these behests has been, by Divine Providence, one of the most potent factors in the preservation of Israel' (Herman Adler).

Our Rabbis point out that one should be interested only in the beauty of one's own wife and not to find beauty in another man's wife. That is why the Rabbis forbid one to gaze upon a woman's hair disheveled or to hear her voice in song or to flirt with her so that his passions may not be stirred, neither by act nor expression. Therefore according to the Jewish religion a man may not be alone in privacy with a woman other than his wife, whether she be old or young excepting a mother with her son or a father with his daughter. These laws prevail at all times and at every place and are incumbent upon females as well as males. One who with intent breaks this law, after being warned not to transgress the commandment, receives stripes.

From Our Club Department

Tikvat Israel is ushering in the Chanukah Season with a dance on Saturday evening, December 2nd. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

All Seniors are invited to participate in the Jewish Book Month Rally which will be held Sunday evening Dec. 3rd at 8 P.M. Book Quiz—Singing—Dancing.

The Jewish Book Month Rally for the Junior Club Department was a huge success with the Alumah Club winning a beautiful banner.

The "**Bachure Chemed**," Sabbath Afternoon Group will discuss "How the Sabbath Kept Israel" to be held by Jack Verschleiser tomorrow afternoon at 4:15 P.M.

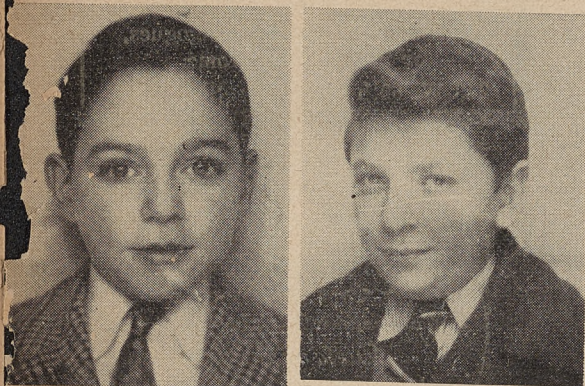
The "**Children's Sabbath Pleasure Hour**" will meet at 3:15 P.M. tomorrow for songs, stories and refreshments, under the leadership of three of our Senior students; Bernice Jacobowitz, Zonia Prochnik and Susi Stern.

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Leonard Fink

Jason Jacobowitz

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Your Patriotic Duty

If you are planning a winter vacation then you can make a valuable contribution to the war effort. A number of popular winter resorts have been converted into rehabilitation centers for wounded servicemen who are in a highly nervous state of mind and resent the thoughtlessness of civilians who overcrowd the resorts with a holiday mood which contrasts so vividly with the harrowing experiences they have recently experienced.

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 Junior Congregation 10:00
 Sabbath Afternoon Intermediate Group 4:15
 Sabbath Afternoon Youth Conference 4:15
 Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class 4:15
 Ein Jacob Class 4:15
 Mincha Service 5:15
 Maariv may be said at. 5:47
 The Sabbath terminates. 5:59
 Sunday morning Service 6:55, 8:45

Daily Services:

Mornings 6:55, 8:00, 8:30
 Mincha 5:20
 Followed by the study of the Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein.

*Young Folks Sabbath**Afternoon Conference*

At the next meeting of the Young Folks Sabbath Afternoon Conference, which will take place tomorrow at 4:15 P.M., Morton Cohen will lead the discussion on "The Jewish State" and Audrey Goodman will be hostess.

Scouting the Scout News

Sea Scout Ship No. 1030 which meets at our Synagogue on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 P.M. is a Senior Scouting activity for boys over 15 who are interested in acquiring a knowledge of seamanship. It is a grand opportunity for young men to learn code, ropecoils and sea courtessy. Many of our former members now in service write and tell us how much they appreciate and have profited from their previous sea-scouting training. All boys are invited to speak to acting mate Donald Schorr for further details.

CUB PACK

Leonard Fink was appointed as Den Chief of Den No. 1 and Jan Rossbach as Den Chief of Den No. 2. New dens are being formed for boys 9-12 years. Communicate with Cub Master Morton Cohen EN. 2-2576.

WANTED

A capable leader is needed for our Girl Scout Troop. Here is an important and enjoyable patriotic duty for a civic and communally minded young woman.

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Chats About W.S.I.S.

by Morris Jablow

Many times I am impressed with the human warmth and kindliness of the average man. In the office of our Synagogue come many people with varying views. They are generally inclined to express them freely and frankly. One common quality permeates most of them. They show a sympathetic understanding for the downtrodden, and a desire to do something to alleviate the troubles of others.

On occasion they donate to our institution and consult us on what donations to make to other worthy causes. They display a genuine wish to contribute to the extent of their means, be it modest or considerable, so that the less fortunate may be benefited.

I think you, our readers, will appreciate the sense of pride and exaltation I experience from such an interview. It leaves one with a quiet satisfaction and a renewed confidence in our people, who have suffered so cruelly and unjustly from tyrannical persecution. It raises one's hopes for the future of our race who are so thoroughly imbued with a keen sense of obligation and a feeling of responsibility for the distressed.

Getting Personal

The Board of Directors feted our beloved president Lester Udell during his fiftieth birthday year, and presented him with a handsome gift. They also gave a nice Kiddush to Director Samuel Fasten who is moving to Rochester . . . Congratulations to our chief office assistant Miss Mollie Gerstein upon her marriage in our Synagogue last week to Pvt. David Gertz of our Review Printing Concern . . . A new little addition is Riva Leah born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Burk. Mazel-tov . . . Glad to see Irving Kobrin back after a heavy chest cold . . . Congratulations to Josephine H. Goldstein who was awarded the Florence Weiss Memorial prize for outstanding communal service among Jewish High School students. Like mother like daughter. . . Among our service men in Shul last Sabbath we were happy to see Seaman Louis Landowne and Pfc. Bernard Etra . . . Recent addition to the new Grandparents list are Mr. and Mrs. Morris Levinson with a son Donald Marshall, born to Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Haies . . . Happy birthday to three year old Master David James Roth, and Master William Label both grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Roth . . . Birthday greetings to Mrs. Jane Udell, our president's mother, and also to Mrs. Simeon H. F. Goldstein, Mrs. Sam Goodman, Mrs. Meyer Mirken, Mortimer Morris, Sam Rubel, Mrs. Aaron Wartels and Nathan Frank . . . We were glad to see Marylyn Mirken in from college . . . Wedding Anniversary Congratulations to Director and Mrs. Joseph Anderson and to the Honorable and Mrs. William B. Herlands . . . Young Samuel Ward, son of our Director and Mrs. Harry Ward, made his oratorical debut by delivering a lovely sermon at the Jr. Congregation last Saturday morning . . . We welcome into our Synagogue family, the following new members: Ben K. Eisenberg, Herman Lodner, William Malatzky, I. Rauch and Joseph Weiner . . . Congratulations to Corporal M. Stromberg and Miss Lenore Gottesman upon their marriage in our Synagogue last Sunday . . . Congratulations to Arthur Levine, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Levine, who recently graduated O.C.S. and is now a Lieut. . . . We wish Florence Tilem a very speedy recovery.

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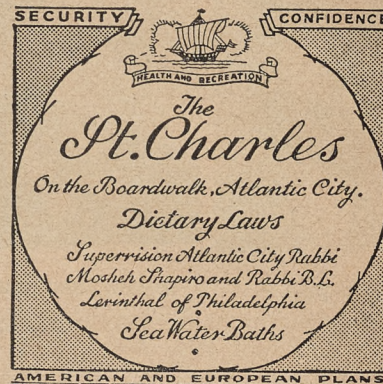
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