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Loyalty Viewpoint

*The Synagogue
And Adult Education*
by Doctor Samuel Belkin
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The Rabbis tell us that the coin and token of our forefather Abraham had two impressions: one which symbolized the wisdom and maturity of the elders, and the other the vigor and enthusiasm of youth. Judaism can survive and weather all storms only when there exists a unity between the older generations which serve as a vehicle to preserve and transmit our sacred heritage and the younger generations which are capable of receiving that heritage and make our spiritual and moral values an accumulated treasures of learning and creative force in our daily life. Judaism can make its greatest contribution to human society when there exists a synthesis and harmonious blending between the wisdom of the aged and vigor and enthusiasm of the youth.

Adult education is the responsibility of the Rabbi, and the synagogue, and youth education is the responsibility of the teacher and Rosh Ha-Yeshiva. Both institutions are deeply rooted in the system of education of historic Judaism. When both institutions, the Yeshivas and the Institutes for adults will continue to grow and develop only then shall we possess a healthy Jewish community.

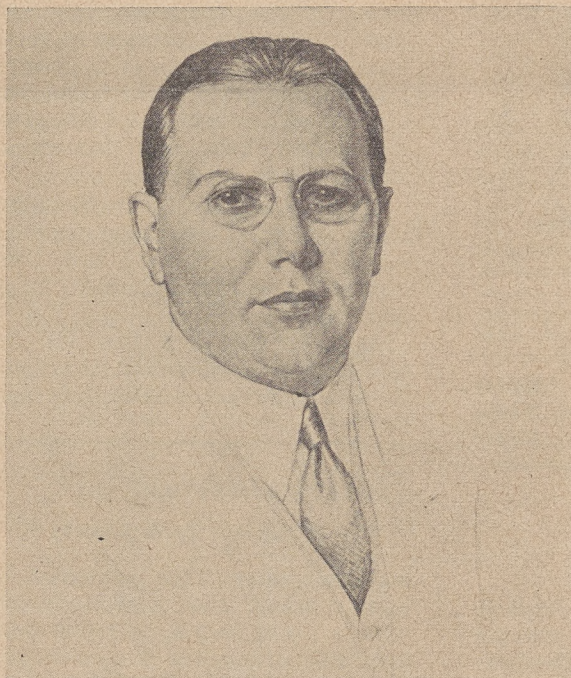
In ancient times when every Jew was a living Torah and every Jewish home a little sanctuary, the synagogue and the institutes for adult education were still great institutions, but today the future of Judaism depends entirely on our ability to create a spiritual and intellectual environment based on the concepts of the indivisibility of Torah and worship. In ancient times the pious life of every individual Jew had its influence on the life of the spiritual community. But today the synagogue is the only surviving instrument which can exercise a profound spir-

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BIBLE CLASS TO HEAR DEAN ALFANGE

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Was Candidate For New York Governorship in 1942



The guest speaker at Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class and Forum, this Monday night at 8:40 will be Dean Alfange, the founder of the newly formed Liberal Party, which played such an important role in the past presidential election.

Mr. Alfange is also a member of the Founding Committee and National Vice-Chairman of the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe. He was also Gubernatorial Candidate for the American Labor Party in the 1942 elections, and is the author of "The Supreme Court and National Will" which was awarded

the first Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Award of \$2500 as the best non-fiction book of 1937.

He is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa, a veteran of the World War I, and a member of the American Legion.

Wonderful Program For Our Metropolitan Opera Concert

Mr. Joseph Settel announces that a very fine program is being arranged for our Metropolitan Opera Concert Sunday evening, January 28th, 1945. Outstanding stars and personalities are scheduled to appear. Prices range from \$1.50 to \$8.50. Make your reservations now for choice locations, by calling the Synagogue office — TR. 7-8281.

Women's League Notes

A regular meeting of our Women's League and session of Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class will be held on Monday afternoon, December 11th. A social hour will follow the meeting.

MEMBERS OF W.S.I.S.

Please note that the annual meeting of the members of the West Side Institutional Synagogue, a domestic religious corporation, will be held on Monday evening, Dec. 11th, 1944, at 8:30 o'clock, at 120-138 West 76th Street, N. Y. City, for the purpose of electing Trustees and Directors, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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"Should We Have More Yeshivas?"

We wonder whether our readers have given thought to the present plight of Jewish learning, of the Jewish religion and the Jewish people. We always assumed that the European centers of Jewish learning would provide our great scholars. As we look at our seminaries, whether they be Reform, Conservative or Orthodox, we will note that their professors with very very few exceptions came from abroad. We did not rear in this country a learned laity.

During the present world war we have lost nearly all of our scholars. It therefore behooves the American Jewish community to found more and more Yeshivas in order that from 10,000 children we may be able to produce one outstanding scholar. Next to a scholarship, we have the need for a learned piety, one that is based upon knowledge. Let us remember the words of the **Ethics of the Fathers**, "The more Yeshivas, the more wisdom, and the more Torah, the more life".



189th COMMANDMENT

The Nakedness of the Father.

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

We read in Leviticus, Chapter 18, Verse 7, "The nakedness of thy father shalt thou not uncover." If one transgresses this law the person is punished doubly, first for homo-sexualness and secondly for union with the father. One who transgresses this law is to be stoned.

Many of my readers will perhaps blush at the following commandments to be explained but I must repeat the words of Ewald, "In graphic beauty and comeliness the 18th Chapter of Leviticus (this our chapter) surpasses all other passages of similar import more delicately and at

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the same time more seriously, such matters cannot be spoken about".

All unions between the sexes that are repellent to the finer feelings of man, or would taint the natural affection between near relations, are sternly prohibited. Primary prohibited marriages are: (a) blood-relations—mother, sister, daughter, granddaughter, father's sister and mother's sister; and (b) cases of affinity—the wives of blood-relations and of the wife's blood-relations. All unions between persons belonging to these groups are classed as 'incestuous' **ערייות**. They have no binding force whatsoever in Jewish Law, hence no divorce (Get) is required for their dissolution. The issue is illegitimate (mamzer).

The Rabbis have expanded the "primary" into "secondary Prohibited Marriages," **שניות**; e. g. as the mother is forbidden, so is the grandmother and great-grandmother; as the step-mother so is the grand-father's wife; as the daughter-in-law, so is the grandson's wife. Marriages of the secondary Prohibited Degrees must be dissolved by a divorce and the children are legitimate."

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itual influence on the individual Jew. Today when one is not identified with a traditional synagogue one is gradually divorcing himself from Judaism and historic Jews. Our slogan today must be a return to the traditional synagogue, to the synagogue which still believes that the social, religious, and educational aspects of Judaism are inter-dependent. Our European brethren sanctified the name of G-d by **sacrificing** publicly their lives for the sake of godliness. We who are fortunate to **live** in this great American democracy must be inspired to sanctify the name of G-d by **dedicating** our lives to the great ideals for which the synagogue and the house of study stand.

Tonight you are bestowing the traditionally significant title of **חבר** upon two of our laymen. Let us hope that we shall in the future be able to say in this particular sense **כל ישראל חברים** "that all Israelites shall deserve the title" **חבר** and that our "children shall be educated in the knowledge of G-d."

Young Folks Sabbath Afternoon Service

The reader of the Torah at the Sabbath Afternoon Service which is conducted by the young folks of the Synagogue, will be Herbert Pearlman and David Buchsbaum will speak.

Young Folks Sabbath Afternoon Conference

The Young Folks Sabbath Afternoon Conference will continue the discussion of the highly controversial topic of "A Jewish State" to be led by Morton Cohen. The meeting begins at 4:15 P.M. and Natalie Cohen will be hostess.

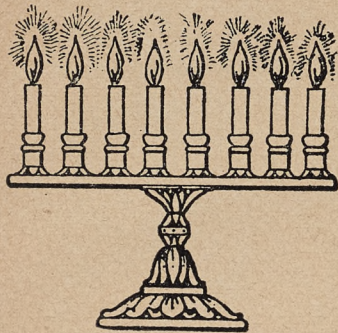
From Our Club Department

At the next meeting of "Bachure Chemed", our Sabbath afternoon Intermediate Group, Harvey Shapiro will lead the discussion on "Problems Facing the Yeshiva Student."

Scouting the Scout News

Capt. Frank E. Fink, Scoutmaster of our troop No. 23 announces that a special Chanukah program has been arranged for the next troop meeting this Tuesday night.

CHANUKAH FESTIVAL BEGINS SUNDAY NIGHT



Our joyous festival of Chanukah, the Feast of Dedication or the Feast of Lights, will begin this Sunday night to be celebrated for eight days in commemoration of the victory of Judah Maccabee over the Syrian Greeks in the year 165 B.C.E. It also calls to mind the miraculous rededication of the Temple which had been defiled by the enemy.

It is customary to distribute Chanukah 'gelt' (money) to the poor to emphasize that our victory is always a moral one. Our goal is not political advancement, but spiritual living. Even in the word "MaCaBeE" (an abbreviation of 'Mi Chamocho Ba-elim Hashem' — "Who is like unto Thee, among the mighty, O Lord") we find a determination to realize the ultimate goal of spiritual idealism. In our battles today, we must never forsake the cause of freedom and we must continually work for the triumph of religious freedom over the forces of bigotry, persecution and intolerance.



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Friday Eve. Jr. Cong. 5:00
Friday Evening Service 5:15
Saturday Morning Service 9:00
Blessing for the New Month
Junior Congregation 10:00
Sabbath Afternoon Pleasure Hour
..... 3:15
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 5:19
Sunday morning Service 6:55, 8:45
Daily Services: CHANUKAH
Mornings 6:55, 7:50, 8:20
Mincha 5:20
Followed by the study of the Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein.

New Young Folks Group To Meet Sunday Evening

After two organizational meetings, a group of young men and women has announced that its opening meeting will be held in the Synagogue building, Sunday, December 10th, at 8:30 P.M.

The club has already formulated many interesting plans for the fulfillment of its program of social service, cultural, recreational, and religious activities.

All young men and women, 20 years of age or older, are invited to attend the opening meeting of this group — Sunday, December 10th, at 8:30 P.M., in the Synagogue building.

Women's League Federation Luncheon

Mrs. Jess Ward, Hostess

Those members of our Women's League and their friends who wish to make their 1944 contribution through our Women's League have been graciously invited by Mrs. Jess Ward to be her guest at a luncheon to be held at her home, 15 West 81st St. on Wednesday, December 13th.

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Chats About W.S.I.S. by Morris Jablow

Last week one of our very good friends expressed to me his criticism of this column as follows:

"In the articles you write, you mention many activities conducted by the W.S.I.S. Presumably you write about the activities that seem to you important. Well, I don't agree with your choice. I had occasion to witness this week as I came for Yahrzeit, the afternoon service conducted by the children in our Talmud Torah, in the Daily Synagogue. I was tremendously impressed. I think it is important to acquaint all our friends with this particular training the youngsters receive in the Hebrew School. If the members knew how well and inspiringly the pupils recite the prayers, how earnestly and tunelessly they chant the melody in unison, and how readily the habit of saying their prayers is acquired, your members would be as delighted as I was."

It is with a feeling of pleasure that I comply with this gentleman's suggestion, and confess that perhaps I should have informed you of this innovation before this. Indeed, it is truly inspiring to observe these young people go through a service smoothly and efficiently.

Getting Personal

Mazel-Tov to our Chaver, Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Goldstein, upon the marriage of their daughter, Rita to Sgt. Nathaniel Rosenberg, AUS . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Greenman, whose daughter Helene was wedded to Capt. Jacob Klein . . . We are glad to hear that Is. Zucker is out of the hospital. . . We were very happy to see Pvt. Simeon H. F. Goldstein who was with us on Shabbos. Even though his furlough time is very precious, nevertheless he led a Sabbath Afternoon group at the Synagogue 'Yasherkoach' . . . Birthday Greetings to our director Morris Levine, Mrs. Jess Ward, Andre Weil, four year old Nancy Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Jablow and to three year old Bruce Neil, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold C. Miller and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Buchsbaum . . . In our new "addition" department, we congratulate Director and Mrs. Max Moskowitz as well as Mr. and Mrs. Herbert J. Roeder upon the birth of a granddaughter — Mr. and Mrs. David Moskowitz being the proud parents . . . Our Women's League president, Mrs. Maurice Greenstein left for Wisconsin to be with her daughter-in-law who is ill. A 'Refuo Shelamo' . . . Congratulations to the following women who made the Women's League Luncheon the success it was: Mesdames Joseph Buchsbaum, Jess Ward, Harry Ward, Saul Bergman, Allen Fox and M. Jablow . . . Incidentally, the luncheon was a very impressive affair and Rabbi Goldstein true to the annual tradition delivered a very inspiring message . . . Don't forget to light the first Chanukah candle Sunday night . . . Jack Verschleiser, a product of our Talmud Torah, now attending the Teacher's Institute of the Yeshiva spoke very well at the Jr. Congregation last Shabbos . . . Mazel Tov to our faithful constituent Hillel Meyers upon his engagement to Miss Vita Ossip . . . We were certainly very glad to see Harold Levine back home again . . . Many thanks to Harry Verschleiser for donating tablecloths to the Synagogue . . . Our prayerful wishes for a speedy recovery to Mrs. Jennie Greenfield.

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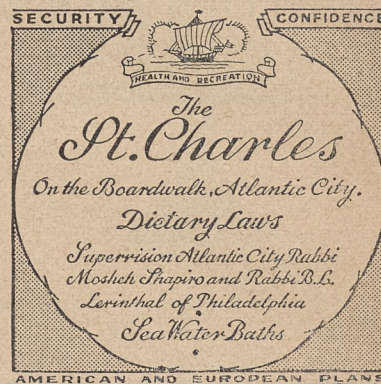
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