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Messages From Our Orthodox Jewish Chaplains



Chaplain Harry Z. Shechtman

The one thing that soldiers prefer above all else is to be at home. That yearning for the home fires is somewhat alleviated by the soldier taking part in activities which remind him of home. The majority of Jewish soldiers have at one time or another felt that their parents were sincerely concerned with their child's understanding of his Jewishness, at least insofar as his relationship with his Creator. The soldier or sailor goes to the Chapel in order to be closer, not only to his God, but also to his home. When our Torah praises our homes: "How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob, thy tabernacles O Israel," we are taught that our homes are our tabernacles, our places of worship. There has always been a Godliness about the Jewish home. More so in the armed forces, the place of worship is the closest a man can approach to his home, and to his civilian past. In many instances the Chaplain can see the warm sparks which religious thoughts ignite in the hearts of these home-sick men, as, when the Friday evening Kiddush is chanted, a spontaneous chorus is heard from the congregants, and many a soldier wipes away a tear or two from dreaming eyes.

The chaplain has occasion to observe the effect of a religious home-training on our modern youth. He is also in a position to influence those who had never had the opportunity to know, and who still have a warm spot in their hearts for anything Jewish. Very often those who were more fortunate in having religious

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Get Your Concert Tickets Now

If you have not yet secured your tickets for our gala concert at the Metropolitan Opera House on Sunday evening, Jan. 28, 1945, better do so at once. Telephone TR 7 8281.

New Registration For Talmud Torah

Honor Pupils Cited For Merit

Registration of new students for the Spring term in our Talmud Torah will begin next week. All parents are urged to act immediately in this most vital responsibility to their children and thus contribute their share in promoting a healthy and vigorous Jewish life.

The following pupils have been awarded Certificates of Honor for outstanding work in their Talmud Torah classes. 1a Marilyn Knecht, Evelyn Kobrin; 1b Libby Schwartz; 2a Carl Schwartz; 3a Jerome Benjamin; 3b David Tannenbaum; 4a Jay Jacobson; 4b Leah Geller; 5a Michael Silberman, Simon Dresner; 5b Ilse Degen; Jr. H. S. 1a Mia Rothwax; Jr. H.S. 1b Martin Tilem; H.S.V. Bernice Jacobowitz.

New Registrants Accepted In Layman's Institute

With the resumption of classes in the Layman's Institute after the mid-year vacation, we are able to announce that new registrants may join the classes in Hebrew and "Resume of Each Book of the Bible" on Monday evenings and the courses of the "Jew in Civilization" and "Survey of Jewish Literature" on Wednesday evenings.

NOTES FROM OUR CLUBS

There is still room in our Scout groups for new members. Boy Scouts, Sea Scouts, Girl Scouts and Cub Pack. Boys and Girls who desire to join any of these groups will please contact the Neighborhood Commissioner, Emanuel Fine, or Capt. Frank E. Fink, or you may telephone the office TR. 7-8281.

MEN'S CLUB MEETING THIS MONDAY EVENING

Will Proceed With Vital Plans To Aid Returning Soldiers

The next meeting of the Men's Club will take place at the Synagogue this Monday evening, January 8, 1945, at 8:30 P.M. Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class which meets regularly on Monday nights, will again give way to the men and will be resumed January 15, 1945.

Among the important items to be taken up at the meeting will be the development of the idea as set forth by Hon. William B. Herlands at the last Men's Club meeting to form a Committee to aid returning soldiers. Commissioner Herlands stressed the important role which the Synagogue must play in aiding our service men to readjust themselves to civilian life. The Men's Club will initiate the first steps in the plan as worked out by Commissioner Herlands.

They will also proceed to consolidate plans for the joint Purim Affair to be held shortly in conjunction with our Women's League. All men are urged to be on hand next Monday evening to take part in the discussion of these important proposals.

The meeting will be followed by a social hour with collation and cards.

AFTER WE ARE GONE

Wise men plan the disposition of their wealth while they are in good health and full possession of their faculties. They provide in an instrument called a Will how their property shall be divided among their heirs. Charitable men insert in their Wills a provision for a certain proportion of their estate to be used for religious, charitable, and philanthropic institutions.

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Jews in a Post-War World

After World War I, the Versailles treaties attempted to secure the existence and rights of minorities through the minority clauses and through the League of Nations. Both of these attempts failed because the minority clauses could not prevent "camouflage laws" which led to the elimination of Jews from entire lines of business in many countries and the League was handicapped because it had no right to intervene without official complaint.

The best cure for Anti-Semitism would be to set up a post-war structure which would eliminate the possibility of an economic, political crisis or disunity from which sprout forth the germs of subversive ideas. The most important prerequisite for such a plan would be the establishment of an international Bill of Rights which would enable even an individual to appeal against acts of racial or religious intolerance.

Such a plan may not bring about immediate Utopia but it is one step forward on the road towards universal understanding.

Z.Z.



193th COMMANDMENT

The Nakedness of Thy Father's Brother

by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

We read in Leviticus Chapter 18 Verse 14, "Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's brother." One who violates this commandment is guilty of two transgressions according to the Talmud in Sanhedrin: 1, Homo-sexualness and 2, against relationship with near relatives. In this case both the Uncle and the Nephew are to be stoned if they violate the law with premeditation, received warning and acted in the presence of witnesses. If there are no witnesses present both are guilty of excision.

200th COMMANDMENT

The Nakedness of the Wife of Thy Father's Brother

As we read in Leviticus, Chapter

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18, Verse 14, "Thou shalt not approach to his wife. She is as thine aunt." "Union with the wife of a father's brother is an offence against two persons whom marriage had made 'one flesh' (see v. 8). For that reason, her nephew could not marry her after his uncle's death. The Rabbinis declare marriage with the wife of a mother's brother equally illegal." (Hertz). If this commandment is violated premeditatedly and before witnesses, both parties are to be punished by strangulation. If there was a union premeditatedly with the wife of his uncle after the death, he is guilty of excision.

201st COMMANDMENT

The Nakedness of Thy Daughter-In-Law

One may have no union with his daughter-in-law whether in the lifetime of his son or after his death or even if they be divorced or even if his son be an illegitimate child, as we read in Leviticus, Chapter 18, Verse 15: "Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy daughter-in-law. She is thy son's wife; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness."

This law also refers not only to the daughter-in-law but also to the grand-daughter-in-law and unto all generations. If this law is transgressed premeditatedly and there are witnesses then the punishment is by stoning.

FROM OUR CHAPLAINS

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training are an influence over the less fortunate. Many of our Jewish youth have never had contact with Jewish-minded and Jewish-conscious young men and women. To them religion was for the old and sick and those who worry only about the hereafter. To them Jewish studies meant reading the Kaddish; Jewish prayers meant "Prayers for the dead" and Jewish religion meant eating a salami on which there is a Jewish label. In the armed forces, however, they see before them and live in the same barracks with youth their equals, who speak of Torah, of Palestine, of Yeshivohs, of Jewishness. They begin to see that Judaism is for the young as well as for the old. They walk into the Chapel with eyes and ears wide open, anxious to discover what they had missed all their life. The Chaplain has

a verdant field. He can sow the seeds of truth and thereby safeguard a Jewish conscious future, or he can do the opposite. It is for this reason that Chaplains of orthodox training should be in the armed forces; for the more traditional teaching our soldiers and sailors obtain, the more traditional observant Jews we will find in the years of peace to come. Our American youth are fast thinking and bright. Their aims are purposeful. Once they see that they have missed knowing the truth, then they want only the truth, and the unadulterated truth. The Chaplain, therefore, has a double responsibility. Not only must he be mindful of the serviceman's religious and moral well-being while in service, but he must also be influential in leading the man into the right path, so that even after the garments of war are shed, the man could continue on that same path. In collaboration with

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BAR MITZVAH



GERALD ROBBIE

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Robbie, upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son Gerald which will take place at our Synagogue tomorrow morning.

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the chaplain's work, the folks at home must play their part. They must understand that their sons have been fighting for ideals, for the destruction of hatred, intolerance and hypocrisy. In one word, they have been trained by steel and fire, to idolize truth. Therefore, when they return, the people they find waiting for them, must bring them into homes where those ideals exist, where they can see before their eyes, the actual realization of the truth for which they have been fighting.

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Light Candles Friday	
Evening	5:25
Weekly Portion: Shemos	
Friday Evening Jr. Cong.	5:00
Friday Evening Service	5:30
Junior Congregation	10:00
Saturday Morning Service	9:00
Sabbath Afternoon Pleasure	
Hour	3:15
Sabbath Afternoon Intermediate	
Group	4:15
Sabbath Afternoon Youth	
Conference	4:15
Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class	4:30
Ein Jacob Class	4:30
Mincha Service	5:35
Reader of Torah Gerald Kamerman	
Reader of Service Morton Cohen	
Marriv may be said	6:04
The Sabbath Terminates	6:14
Sunday morning Service	6:55, 8:30
Daily Services	
Mornings	6:55, 8:00, 8:30
Mincha	5:30
Followed by the study of the Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein.	

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sincerest sympathies to the family of our esteemed and beloved congregant the late FANNIE GOODMAN upon her recent passing.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Arthur Rappaport whose father, MAX RAPPA-PORT, passed away in London, England.

Our sincerest condolence is extended to Mrs. Harry Appel upon the passing of her mother, RACHEL MEYERSON.



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

A new resident of this neighborhood, visited our building and in the course of a conversation with me expressed himself as follows:

"I have moved to this vicinity a short time ago and have visited a number of synagogues in this neighborhood. I was very much impressed by the great activity among your young people. I was amazed when I came in here on a Saturday afternoon and found several active groups of young people discussing seriously various up to the minute topics, each one giving his or her views earnestly and being listened to attentively by the others. This phase of synagogue activity is entirely new to me and it has made me a staunch admirer of your organization."

Of course, you, our readers, know that it has always been our aim to attract to this Institution young people as well as old. In trying to achieve this objective, we have spared no effort. This testimony of an outsider was indeed pleasing to me as I know it will please you.

If we can keep the young people coming to the Synagogue, the future of Judaism is assured.

Getting Personal

We were delighted to welcome in our Synagogue last Saturday Lt. Paul Newman, Pvt. Kurt Rosenbaum and A.S.R. Louis Landowne. Come often boys. We are certainly happy to see you . . . The Congregation missed the presence of Rabbi and Mrs. Goidstein who are on a short vacation, also Mr. and Mrs. Julius Bayer, Mr. and Mrs. Moses Langer. We wish them all a pleasant rest . . . Congratulations to M/Sgt. and Mrs. Daniel Weiss upon the birth of a son, Gerald Bruce, to the grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Weiss and to the great grandmother Mrs. Regina Margareten . . . We wish little Rene Kaufman a speedy recovery from her illness . . . A cordial welcome to the following new members to our organization: Bernard Bercu, Mrs. Sarah Berman, Samuel Chopp, David Cohen (not our Director), A.M. Druckman, Morris Fichtenholtz, Meyer H. Frankel (of Miami Beach, Fla.), and Frederik Ullman. We hope their association with us may be long and pleasant . . . Our congratulations to Cpl. Melvin Hiller upon his marriage to Miss Doris Karpel. May their life be blessed with happiness . . . We are sorry to hear that Moe Sherman is ill. We pray for his speedy and complete recovery . . . Many thanks to Julius Bayer, Morris Levine and Lester Udell who have rendered splendid service in disposing of a great number of tickets for our Concert at the Metropolitan Opera House on Sunday evening Jan. 28th. . . . Honorable Mention must also go to our Directors, Joseph Anderson, Harry Appel, Samuel K. Beier, Sol Bellsey, Siegfried Bendheim, Sam Davis, Isaac Goldman, Joseph Kraeler, Moses Langer, Bernard Lax, Adolph Meirowitz, Max Moskowitz, G. R. Rubenstein, Max E. Sanders, Samuel W. Siegel, Harry Ward, Jess Ward and Aaron Wartels, and to our members Charles Cohen, Murry C. Becker, Abe Glaser and Irving Weisberger for their effective work in the sale of tickets. Due to their combined efforts the outlook is bright . . . There are still a few tickets available. Telephone our office . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ira J. Bernstein upon the birth of a son . . . Ditto to the grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Julius A. Bernstein and to the uncle our popular usher Seymour Bernstein.

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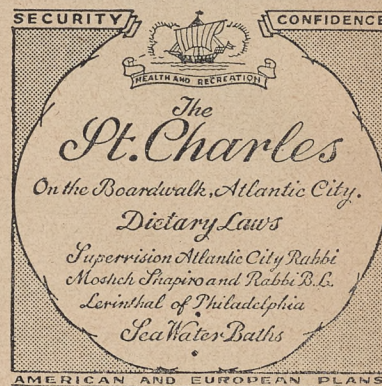
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