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Messages From Our Orthodox Jewish Chaplains



Chaplain David I. Golovensky
Pensacola, Florida

The Jewish Chaplain in addition to filling an essential role in time of war can, as a result of his present experience, enrich the future of Jewish life.

The function of the chaplain is not to convert his charges to his school of Jewish thought and practice but to satisfy their spiritual needs and strengthen their Jewish loyalties.

The temptation to suspend Jewish religious practices is particularly virulent to men in service. Since complete conformity to ritual must be relaxed due to the nature and demands of military routine, many of our boys are inclined to invoke a general moratorium on Judaism. To such youths the Orthodox chaplain can prove very helpful. By the very conduct of his life he presents a wholesome picture of Jewish religious discipline. His own practice of Judaism considerably weakens the cogency of the conscience-salving subterfuge "we can't help but break with Judaism." The Orthodox chaplain offers a living example of "maximal Judaism" in uniform. True, the chaplain occupies a favored position which is free of some of the restraints imposed upon Sammy. Yet the chaplain, living in the same military community and subject to the same "Rocks and Shoals" can serve as an example and reminder of total Jewish living. If he can't set the norm he can at least provide a picture of fidelity to tradition which can exert

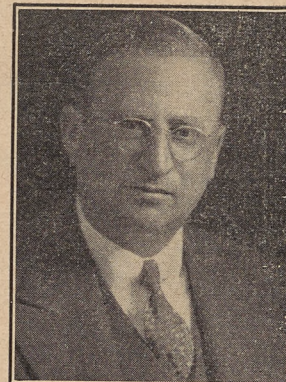
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VITAL PANEL DISCUSSION FEATURED AT MONDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS

Provocative Discussion of Three Timely Topics to be led
By Prominent Spokesmen in Related Fields



Jacob Kaplan



Max E. Sanders



Emil Shlesinger

Men's Club Plans New Improvements For W.S.I.S.

Further Progress in Plans For Post-War Veterans Service

Mr. Seymour Mann, president of our Men's Club, has announced that the architect's plans have been completed for the newly proposed renovations of the Social Hall and of the Isaac Settel Synagogue House. According to Mr. Moe Oltarsh, Vice-President and chairman of the Men's Club Building Campaign, the newly submitted plans call for a gymnasium, solarium, roof-garden, new classrooms, a beautiful kitchen, spacious meeting hall, check rooms and also new rest rooms for men and women.

Various sections of this new renovation will be dedicated by those who wish to perpetuate the everlasting memory of dear departed ones. For further information call TR. 7-8281.

The development of the plan proposed by Commissioner William B. Herlands to aid returning veterans, resulted in the appointment of a Veteran's Rehabilitation Committee, consisting of, Leo Mintz, Chairman, Wm. B. Herlands, Chas. Cohen, Herman W. Hirsch, Rabbis Goldstein and Zahavy.

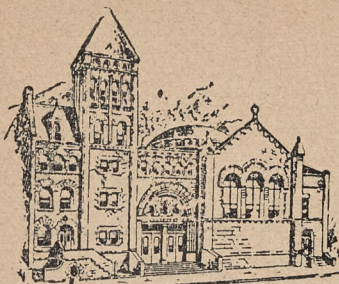
An unusually interesting evening is in store for our Bible Class participants this Monday evening, when three thoughtful and highly debatable subjects will be discussed by three outstanding personalities in these related fields.

The controversial subject of "Can a Successful Business Man Be a Religious Man?" will be presented by Mr. Jacob Kaplan, one of our outstanding businessmen. Mr. Kaplan has been active in Jewish Charities in Brooklyn.

The next topic "What Shall be the Future Relationship Between Business and Government" will be discussed by our own Second Vice-President Max E. Sanders, who is a member of the Bar Association of the City of New York and one of the founders of the Lawyers Division of Jewish Federation of Greater New York.

Mr. Emil Shlesinger, prominent attorney, who represents many labor unions will speak on "What Shall Be The Future Relationship Between Business and Labor." Mr. Schlesinger is a member of the Bar Association of the City of New York.

Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class begins promptly at 8:40 P.M.



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Compulsory Military Training in Peacetime

It is easy to be jingoistic in such matters as military preparation, but the far-seeing will realize that the call for compulsory peacetime military training is largely the result of our present war psychology. It is interesting to observe that the Germans from their very youth are given a full measure of military training. This may make the soldier a better machine but it certainly dulls his spirit. It is not might and power alone which win wars; it is essentially the spirit behind the might and power brings victory.

Military peacetime conscription would disrupt our youth's education or progress in preparation for a profession. Furthermore, the soldiers tell you that the morale of the Army does not advance moral purity, or religious observances. Thank G-d, we have won every war and still we have never had peacetime military conscription.



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206th COMMANDMENT Concerning the Nakedness of a Woman and Her Sister

by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

We read in the Book of Leviticus Chapter 18, Verse 18, "And thou shalt not take a woman to her sister to be a rival to her to uncover her nakedness, beside the other in her lifetime." In other words, a man may not marry his wife's sister even if he has divorced his wife. She may not be her rival in her lifetime. Sisterly love would then turn to strife and hatred. G-d is the master of peace and certainly wants his people to

live at peace, particularly two sisters. However in case of her death, G-d forbid, it was permitted. The Rabbis regarded it even as the right thing to do because no other woman can show the same affection to the orphaned children as the sister of their mother.

The laws of this commandment refer to the sister whether she be from the mother's side or the father's side and even if she be an illegitimate sister; the prohibition holds. This law also refers to one who awaits the Levirate marriage or Chalitah, in which case her sister is forbidden to marry her brother-in-law unless her brother-in-law who intended to marry her steps out of the picture and allows another brother to marry her or give her Chalitah. This law refers to all places and all times and if they are violated premeditatedly then the man is liable to excision. However if there are witnesses present and he is warned against the violation of the law, he receives stripes for breaking a commandment. If this law was violated unwittingly, then he brings the set sin offering.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

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a salutary affect upon wavering sons. (This excludes battle conditions which changes the entire story.)

Military life is cultivating a new type of relationship between the chaplain and the youth which should be further explored. In the civilian ministry I always felt that the youth considered the Rabbi as being of but not in his immediate world. Their mutuality may have been warm and cordial but rarely intimate. There appeared to be a hiatus, a barrier which inhibited the youth from baring his hidden secrets, the deep and delicate tensions and conflicts which in fact condition his thinking and behavior. I always felt that the youth admitted his Rabbi into the outer chambers but rarely invited him into the inner sanctum of his heart. In service, however, the chaplain seems able to hurdle this barrier and penetrate the "island within."

I would have been shocked two years ago if my youth in Long Beach revealed to me the sacred confidences I hear from the lips of sailors and Waves in normal course of an intimate chat. Their utter frankness often astounds me — yet profoundly impresses me. They reveal their deepest moral, emotional, and spiritual conflicts without attempting to rationalize or camouflage them as is wont in civilian life. They enable

the chaplain to probe into the root of their problem and deal with its substance rather than shadow. Under these favorable circumstances chaplain can more easily affect a solution.

I frankly don't know what makes the chaplain so much a part of the sailor's or soldier's life. Is it because the youth is so far from his home and family and this distance cultivated a feeling of affinity. Is it because the chaplain wears the same uniform, shares his experiences and lives in the same artificial military environment. Is it because the numerous psychological and emotional stresses impel him to seek counsel and guidance of a more intimate character. Is it because our boys constituting a minority seek spiritual "rapport" in their chaplain and in the process lose their normal timidity. Is it because back home he fears lest his "confessions" may incur rabbinic or social censure, a factor less decisive in this military milieu. Whatever the causes the fact appears abundantly clear that a unique "entente cordiale," a meeting of the hearts, is being developed which can, if carried over into civilian life, bear fruitful results. This new orientation can make the Rabbi a personal confidant as much a spiritual guide and thus broaden his horizons and deepen his influence on the youth.

SUPERB PROGRAM FOR OUR CONCERT AT THE METROPOLITAN OPERA HOUSE

SUNDAY EVENING, JANUARY 28th, 1945 IS THE DATE
MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS IMMEDIATELY

Mr. Joseph Settel, Chairman of the Concert Committee, is happy to announce the following program for our concert. If you have not as yet made your reservations, do so immediately by calling TR. 7-8281.

CONCERT SUNDAY, JAN. 28, 1945

1. Mignon — Overture Orchestra — Thomas
2. Mignon — Act II (in costume) — Thomas
Mignon: Mona Paulee — Philine: Mimi Benbell — Laerte: Donald Dame — W. Meister: Morton Bowe — Frederick: L. Browing
3. Samson et Dalila "Aria" Blanche Thebon — Saint-Saens
4. Le son du Cor — E. Pinza
5. Trovatore — "Aria" R. Resnik — Verdi
6. Gioconda — Ballet (in costume) — Ponchielli

— INTERMISSION —

7. Ill barbiere di Siviglia — Lesson Scene (in costume) — Rossini
Rossini: P. Munsell — Alma viva: B. Landi — Bartolo: L. D'Angelo — Figaro: F. Valentino — Bailio: N. Moscona — Verdi
8. La forza del destino "Aria" K. Baum
9. Bartered Bride "Aria" J. Novtna — Smetana
10. Simon Boccanegra "Aria" E. Pinza — Verdi
11. Carmen — Duett — R. Resnik and K. Baum — Bizet
12. Carmen — Ballet (in costume) — Bizet

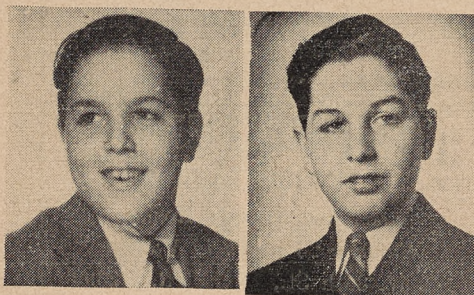
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Stanley L. Strauss Arnold Weinberg

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CANTOR YAVNEH'S ANNUAL CONCERT

Our sweet-singing Cantor Zalmon Yavneh, will once again present his Maariv Service and Concert of Liturgical Music on Sunday Evening, February 18, 1945. All of our readers are cordially invited to attend.

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light candles Friday evening 5:39

Weekly Portion: Bo

Friday Evening Jr. Cong. 5:15

Friday Evening Service 5:45

Saturday Morning Service 9:00

Junior Congregation 10:00

Sabbath Afternoon Pleasure

Hour 3:15

Sabbath Afternoon Intermediate

Group 4:30

Sabbath Afternoon Youth

Conference 4:30

Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class 4:45

Ein Jacob Class 4:45

Mincha Service 5:45

Reader of Torah, R. Kestenbaum

Reader of Service, Gideon Goldman

Maariv may be said 6:18

The Sabbath Terminates 6:29

Daily morning Service 6:55, 8:45

Daily Services

Mornings 6:55, 8:00, 8:30

Mincha 5:45

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Chats About W.S.I.S.

By Morris Jablow

Recently a lady came to our office with a friend who wanted to arrange for the Bar-Mitzvah of her son, in our Synagogue. In the conversation which ensued, the following will bear repetition.

"My son had his Bar-Mitzvah here, and I remember clearly the beauty and the dignity of the ceremony, even though several years have elapsed since it took place. The attaining of religious manhood is an important event in a boy's life, and the parents should do everything possible to impress the young man in a manner which will be lasting. In this Synagogue the boy is certainly bound to feel the earnestness and the sincerity of the occasion. Rabbi Goldstein, in his address to the young man demonstrates the gravity and at the same time imparts to the young man the courage so necessary to a good Jew. In addition the Rabbi makes him feel proud of the heritage that is his as a Jew."

In whatever service we render to the community, we strive to do the job well. It is nice to know that others recognize it.

GETTING PERSONAL

... Our First Vice-President and Mrs. Aaron Wartels were in all their glory at the Golden Wedding Anniversary celebration held in their honor at our Synagogue last Shabbos. To "Pop" and his wonderful "Mrs.", we send our wishes for many years of united health and happiness. Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Bergman who are at the Allegro Cabanas, Sunset Beach, St. Petersburg, Florida have disposed of a number of tickets for our Concert and will be back in time to enjoy it. Mr. and Mrs. Siegfried Ullman, are also at Allegro Cabanas. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Jacobs of Passa Grille, Florida upon the birth of another granddaughter. This week we send our wedding anniversary congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Irving W. Karpf. Mazel Tov to Mr. & Mrs. B. Jaffin and Mr. & Mrs. Irving J. Galpeer upon the birth of a granddaughter, Nina Minnie. Happy Birthday to Henry L. Kessler, Joe Newman and little Douglas Weil, grandson of Dick and Jane Rubenstein. Congratulations to Rabbi Zahavy who was appointed Secretary of the Hebrew Convalescent Home Million Dollar Building Campaign. Our good friend Dr. Isaac Alcalay, Chief Rabbi of Yugoslavia is the Honorary Chairman. Connie Meiowitz wedding to Jerold Kurtz was a brilliant affair—best wishes. Glad to see Cpl. Alex Moskowitz and Cpl. Bernard Weiss at Sabbath Services. Special greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Alex Golden who celebrate their Silver Wedding Anniversary. Mazel Tov! We were happy to see Mrs. I. Stein of Long Beach. Particularly gratified to see Mrs. Morris Steinberg who was here with her husband on Shabbos. Congratulations to Mrs. Henry A. Rafsky upon attaining the title of Captain in the Blue Star Brigade. Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mrs. Sol Bellsey. Tremendously happy to see Mrs. Annie R. Morris at the Services after a long absence. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Horwitz, upon the birth of a son. It was thrilling to witness our Services in Shule last Shabbos. The Synagogue was filled to overflowing. We were delighted to greet Rabbi Simon Langer and Rabbi Naphtali Carlebach who were on the Pulpit platform. We were also honored to have among our worshippers Baron Robert de Rothschild, Rabbi Kaplan, Acting Chief Rabbi of France, Rabbi Goldberg and Judge and Mrs. Isaac Siegel.

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