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From Our Jewish Chaplains

THE HOME IN THE LIFE OF A SOLDIER



Chaplain Herman Dicker

No word has a more attractive value in GI Joe's vocabulary than the word 'Home'. It appeals to him because it is one place where he is completely his own and where he is absolutely 'at home'. The deep seated yearning to return to this home keeps him going and makes his fight a heroic one, though to become a hero is the least of our soldiers' ambitions.

From a general point of view it can be said that most of our Jewish soldiers have shown a positive and loyal attitude towards their religion. Personal experiences have tended to deepen the simple and eternal tenets of our Faith. However, the average soldier has greatly relaxed in his efforts to observe the cherished formal traditions of Judaism. This is said as a statement of facts and not intended as an attempt to put the blame on anyone in particular. It is too early to write the final page of the ledger weighing loss and gain against each other. We are still in the midst of our experiences.

However, a strongly founded religious atmosphere in our Jewish homes should and will be able to turn the temporary loss into a permanent gain. This may prove difficult at first. Our American youth will return from the battlefields as mature men, aged and hardened

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DEAN ALFANGE FOUNDER OF LIBERAL PARTY TO SPEAK AT MONDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS

Former Candidate For Governor of New York

Dean Alfange, who is the founder of the Liberal Party, which gained national recognition in the past presidential election, will be the guest speaker at Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class this Monday Evening.

Mr. Alfange, who has been very active in recent campaigns to save our Jewish brethren suffering under the tyranny of Nazi persecution, is a member of the Founding Committee and National Vice-Chairman of the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe. In the 1942 Gubernatorial Elections for the State of New York, Mr. Alfange was a candidate on the American Labor Party ticket.

He is the author of "The Supreme Court and National Will."

WOMEN'S LEAGUE Interesting Open Meeting



Mrs. Paul Shapiro

Mrs. Paul Shapiro, our conscientious program chairman, symbolizes the policy of our Women's League to put the leadership of our organization into the hands of our younger women whenever possible. We believe that their enthusiasm and spontaneity help to bring forward-looking and progressive spirit into our activities.

Mrs. Shapiro informs us that for our next Open Meeting which will take place at our building on Monday afternoon, January 29th, she has suc-

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MET. CONCERT SUNDAY NIGHT

Last Call For Your Ticket Reservations



Joseph Settel

You will not want to miss our outstanding Concert at the Metropolitan Opera House, this Sunday Evening, January 28th. Mr. Joseph Settel, Chairman of the Concert Committee has once again arranged a wonderful musical program of operatic selections and arias to be rendered by stars of the Metropolitan Opera Company.

Scout Charter Meetings Tuesday and Wednesday

Members of Scout Movement Will Attend Presentation Ceremony

On Tuesday night January 30th, at 8 P.M. our Boy Scout Troop No. 530 under the leadership of Capt. Frank E. Fink and our Sea Scout Troop No. 30 will receive their working charter for the new year, it was announced by the District Commissioner Emanuel Fine. Cub Pack #23 will receive their charter at the meeting on Wednesday evening, January 31st, at 7:30 P.M. All Cubs and their parents are expected to be present.



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It is one of the paradoxes of human nature, that, that which is far away has a greater appeal than that which is near. We give hundreds, even thousands of dollars to institutions here and abroad which we have never seen. They have been shrouded in a halo of glory by propagandists, publicity agents, and traveling collectors.

Right in our own neighborhood, the Yeshivoh Ohr Torah, The Jewish Community School, at 30 W. 74th Street, was brought into being in the West Side Institutional Synagogue. It was later converted into a project sponsored by the general Jewish Community. Both its English and Hebrew departments are conducted on a high scholastic and religious level.

We suggest that you pay a visit to the School, and see for yourself what it is doing.

Samuel W. Siegel is President and Max S. Stern is chairman of the Board, Dr. Arthur Speier, the Educational Director, has an international reputation for administrative prowess and pedagogic ability.

Let us support our neighborhood Yeshivoh, **First** and then by all means help others.



207th COMMANDMENT

The Laws Concerning the Menstrual

Woman

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by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

We read in Leviticus, Chapter 18, Verse 19, "Thou shalt not approach unto a woman to uncover her nakedness, as long as she is impure by her uncleanness." According to our law, a woman remains in her menstrual state for five days. Thereafter, she counts seven clean days and then goes to the Mikveh, the ritual bath.

Israel Zangwill who was not an orthodox Jew, in his book called "The Voice of Jerusalem," on page 31 has the following to say, "Now, too, at last the marriages laws of Leviticus and the Talmudical Tractate that amplifies them are being studied

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with admiration for a code that could interfere even between Beauty and the Beast. There is here a vast new field for research which has barely been touched."

Dr. Hertz, Chief Rabbi of Great Britain in his Commentary on the Bible, on this verse, quotes the following, "While recognizing the sacred nature of the estate of wedlock, Judaism prescribes continence even in marriage. The Jewish ideal of holiness is not confined to the avoidance of the illicit; its ideal includes the hallowing of the licit" (George Foot Moore, Professor of The History of Religion at Harvard University). "It ordains the utmost consideration for the wife not only throughout the monthly period of separation (nid-dah), but also during the seven following days of convalescence and recovery (taharah), which are terminated by ritual purification through total immersion either in a fountain, or a 'gathering of living water' (see xi, 36). By the reverent guidance in these vital matters which these laws afford, Jewish men have been taught respect for womanhood. As for Jewish women, they were, on the one hand, given protection from uncurbed passion; and on the other hand, taught to view marital life under the aspect of holiness

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

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through the conditions of war. No matter how much the people will try to understand them, ultimately they will find a gap between their own peacetime life and the returning soldiers' war years. To bridge this gap a link must be created which will bind the experiences of war with the new civilian surroundings.

Which agency is in a better position to forge this link? None other than the age-old institution of the warm and understanding home, an institution which has the respect of every returning soldier. A home, which is deeply embedded in tradition, will turn the positive attitude of the Jewish soldier towards religion gained in the army into a complete return and joyous acceptance of traditions which had to be neglected in the army. Thus, the ex-soldier will learn to understand that his home, for which he longed so much, will more than ever be his castle when it keeps and cultivates the treasures of our tradition.

When our soldiers come back, they will do so with the deep conviction that they have done their job. Let us hope that this will apply to our Jewish homes also; that it can be

said that they gave their sons, brothers, husbands and fathers willingly and intelligently and that they prepared their homes to be and to remain the link to a fuller Jewish life in happiness and peace.

—Chaplain Herman Dicker

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

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ceeded in securing that very charming and dynamic speaker Mrs. Harrison I. Rothfield whose subject will be "Reconversion — The Jewish Phase."

At the Social Hour following the meeting, the hostesses will be, Miss Bessie Abrams, Mrs. Sol Bellsey, Mrs. Myron Goldman and Mrs. Meyer Pargament.

All the Women of the Congregation are cordially invited to attend.

Young Folks

Sabbath Afternoon Conference

At the next session of the Young Folks Sabbath Afternoon Conference tomorrow afternoon at 4:45 P.M. Eli Guggenheim will lead the discussion on the topic of "Agudas Israel," and Josephine H. Goldstein will be hostess for the afternoon.

IN THE RABBI'S MAILBAG

January 5, 1945

My Dear Spiritual Parent:

We have been running around a great deal of late covering France, Belgium and Luxembourg. We are now in France again, more or less as though Runstedt's drive has been checked, and Patton is certainly being a thorn in his side.

While I had very little time for sightseeing in Paris, I did manage to sneak off about two hours in which to visit such places as the Louvre, Les Invalides, (the last resting place of Napoleon and Marshal Foch), the Chamber of Deputies, Tuileries, the Opera and countless other places. Their Subway, referred to as the Metro, seems a lot easier to get around in than either the New York Subways or the London Underground. I often regret having to visit Europe under these conditions, as we get little time to really see things, and what we see is very greatly modified by war conditions. Sincerely hope that this time next year will see us all together again though I doubt its possibility.

Love,

Bobby

MARVIN R. LIVINGSTON,
Capt. QMC.

"613" Club To Discuss Social Problems

At the next meeting of the "613" Club, this Sunday night at 8:30, Roslyn Fuchs, Ruth Golding and Zelda Gutman will lead the discussion on the topic of "Modern Social Problems." The "613" Club is a Synagogue Youth group for young men and women between the ages of 20 and 30. All young men and women are invited.



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WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Chamisho Osor Bi'Shvat—Monday
Light Candles Friday Evening 5:48Weekly Portion: *Beshalach*

Shabbus Shierah

Friday Evening Jr. Cong. 5:30

Friday Evening Service 5:55

Saturday morning Service 9:00

Junior Congregation 10:00

Sabbath Afternoon Pleasure

Hour 3:15

Sabbath Afternoon Intermediate

Group 4:45

Sabbath Afternoon Youth

Conference 4:45

Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class 4:50

Ein Jacob Class 4:50

Mincha Service 5:50

Reader of Torah, M. Kamerman

Reader of Service, Gideon Goldman

Speaker, Shepherd Levmore

Maariv may be said 6:27

The Sabbath Terminates 6:37

Sunday morning Service 6:55, 8:45

Daily Services

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

Mincha 5:50

Followed by the Study of Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein.

FROM OUR CLUB DEPARTMENT

Habonim—A new group has been organized for boys from the ages of ten to twelve. Their meetings consist of discussion on Jewish topics, athletics, plus trips to places of interest. Meetings Saturday evening 8 P.M. There will be a quiz on Jewish topics at the next meeting.

The Junior Club Council will sponsor a Chamisho Osor Bi'Shvat and Palestine Rally to be held on Saturday evening, February 3rd, in the Social Hall. There will be Palestinian movies, songs, dances and even Palestinian refreshments. Mr. Michael Sanders, club leader of the Alumni Group will speak.

Play-offs for the Ping-Pong tournament will take place this Saturday night and Sunday, January 27th and 28th.

CONDOLENCES

We offer our heartfelt condolence to Mrs. Kalman Kinzler upon the loss of her dear mother.

We mourn the loss of LOUIS RADIN and extend our sympathies to the family.

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to Mr. & Mrs. Sigmund Schnee upon the loss of their grandson Chester Riggan who was killed in action in Holland.

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Chats About W.S.I.S.

By Morris Jablow

Our reputation for rendering service is so high, that frequently we are asked to aid meritorious causes not related directly to our institution.

One of our charitably inclined members said to me—"There are a great number of orphaned children in Palestine who are urgently in need of clothing. They are suffering real hardship because of the extreme scarcity of wearing apparel in the Holy land. The cost of transporting clothing is twenty-six cents a pound. I would be willing to contribute the cost of transportation, if you obtain new. Worn or used items will be welcome. Who among your members hasn't some children's cast-off articles of clothing, which he would be willing to donate to those poor orphaned children, who have escaped from the clutches of their persecutors?"

I hope, that you, our readers, will respond promptly. Gather up all the old and cast-off children's wearing apparel you have, and bring it to us. We will ship them to Palestine, for use by those destitute children. Also get your friends to do likewise.

Getting Personal . . .

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gross upon the birth of a son, and to the grandparents, Mrs. Annie Gross and Mrs. Sarah Manischewitz . . . We are delighted to hear that Capt. Gerald Blankfort has been elected as a Fellow of the American College of Physicians. In addition Mazel Tov to the Captain and his wife upon the birth of a daughter Linda Beth, and to the delighted grandparents Mr. & Mrs. Max E. Sanders and Mr. & Mrs. Henry Blankfort . . . Pvt. Dienstag sent a letter of thanks to the Harry Fischel Institute for a Talmudic tract which he says he is studying while in camp. Hitler can't beat such spirit . . . We are glad to hear that "Pop" Holo-schutz is much better . . . Our Director Sam Davis certainly serves as an inspiration. At first, he promised the Rabbi to attend Shabbos Services once a month. Then he stopped going to business on the Sabbath, and now he has decided not to ride on the Sabbath. G-d bless him—He is a shining example of what can be done in the service of the Lord . . . Mrs. Bertha Freyburgh, a member of our Women's League is up from her wheelchair and we are very happy to hear that her health is improving. . . . Happy Birthday to Mrs. Bertha Warshauer on Chamisho Osor Bi' shvat and to Tillie Lewton, little Ralph, son Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kreitzer, Minette Verschleiser, and to David Fox, son of our very cooperative Women's League Recording Secretary, with special greetings to "Pop" Wiesenbergs, father of Mrs. Nat Trotzky, who passes his 85th milestone . . . Congratulations to Mrs. Albert Wald upon her appointment as Chairman of the Committee for Authentication of War Record of Jewish men and women in war service . . . Many thanks to Mrs. Morris Kornfeld and to Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Weiss for their donation of books . . . Wedding Anniversary Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Mirken, Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Pargament and to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Spanbock . . . Mazel Tov to Abe Weitzman upon his marriage to Miss Claire Stein . . . We miss Israel Zucker who is ill and pray for his speedy recovery . . . Moe Oltarsh, the Vice-President of the Men's Club, A. H. Cohen in charge of the proposed alterations of the Building and the architect, Mort H. Hurwit, spent most of their Sunday going over the plans and inspecting the Building. That's real devotion to the job . . . Aviation Cadet Elihu Druckman paid the Rabbi a visit during his recent leave.

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