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FROM OUR ORTHODOX JEWISH CHAPLAINS



Chaplain Emanuel Rackman

This message to readers of the "West Side Institutional Review" is in effect a "thank you" letter. As an Orthodox Jewish Chaplain I feel impelled to express to Orthodox Jewish parents my gratitude for the enormous contribution they have made to the spiritual life of our Jewish men and women in service.

I have often received letters from Orthodox parents thanking me for fulfilling the religious requirements of their sons and daughters. But the truth must be told. While the problems created for the Jewish Chaplain by observant soldiers are real, the assistance which Orthodox soldiers render the Jewish Chaplains throughout the army and navy is far more worthy of mention. Without the Orthodox Jewish soldier, it would be virtually impossible to provide for the religious life of our uniformed co-religionists in the manner, and on the scale, presently prevailing.

That is why I want to thank you — you who are counted among those who are loyal to our sacred traditions, and are supporting synagogues, Talmud-Torahs, and Yeshivos, dedicated to a maximum programs of Jewish education. You have given our army the Jewish enlisted man and officer who organizes Jew-

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WOMEN'S LEAGUE NOTES



Mrs. Norman Ostrove

Mrs. Norman Ostrove is one more of that group of fine, cultured, co-operative young women who are helping to make the wheels of our Women's League go round. In her quiet, retiring, but unfalteringly dependable way, Mrs. Ostrove, our Mailing Chairman, and Associate Secretary takes care of the notices for all our meetings with clock-like regularity.

Mrs. Ostrove informs us that the next regular meeting of our Women's League and session of Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class will be held at our building on Monday afternoon, Feb. 5th, at 2:30 o'clock. Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel will preside.

At the Social Hour which will follow the meeting, Mrs. Max Sanders will be the hostess in honor of the birth of her new little granddaughter, Linda Beth Blankfort.

REGISTER YOUR CHILD IN OUR TALMUD TORAH

Hebrew School Pupils
To See Magic Show

Registration for the new term in our Talmud Torah will continue for the next week. We sincerely urge all parents to enroll their children immediately so they may benefit from a full term's work before the summer holiday. There are new classes for beginners from the ages of 6 through 17.

This Sunday the boys and girls in our Talmud Torah will be treated with a special mystifying magic show featuring Peter Pan the Magic Man. All boys and girls are invited. Tickets may be secured at the Synagogue

MEN'S CLUB MEETING MONDAY EVENING

To Hear Committee Reports
Moe Oltarsh Entertains

This Monday evening at 8:30 P.M. the Men's Club will meet to hear complete reports from the Veterans' Committee and Building Committee.

A detailed account will be given by the "Committee to Aid the Returning Veterans Through The Synagogue." This committee is organized for the purpose of formulating definite plans to arrange the following benefits for the returning veteran: free membership in Synagogue for himself and family for a period of two years, free instruction in the Talmud Torah for his children, rehabilitation aid directing him to proper associations for further help. This committee has been organized at our Synagogue, under the guidance of Hon. William B. Herlands. This is the first committee of its kind in the United States, and it is hoped that other Synagogues throughout the country will undertake to carry out the Herlands' plan.

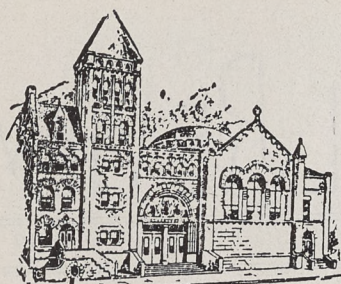
There will also be a detailed report by the Building Committee on the recent plans which were drawn up for renovating our Social Hall and the Isaac Sattel Synagogue House.

A most interesting feature on the evening's agenda will be the humorous stories and orations by the Men's Club's very able Vice-President Moe Oltarsh, who is reknowned for his ability to tell tales? ? ?

Collation and card games will follow. All men are invited.

Young Folks Sabbath Afternoon Conference

At the next meeting of the Young Folks' Sabbath afternoon conference, Adelaide Gottlieb and Joseph Tilem will debate on the topic "Release Time In Public Schools." Margot Gottlieb will be hostess at the meeting which takes place in our Synagogue at 5:00 P.M.



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Reaching for the Moon

The end of World War II will signal a period of extreme economic chaos for the American Negro. As millions of service-men return and jobs in war industries are dissolved, work for the Negro will become scarcer, resulting in severe economic stress and racial outbreaks. Negro wages will decline but the true causes of his troubles will be veiled. It will be a simple matter to point out the Jew as the one responsible for Negro miseries. In addition to this shameful accusation, the economic and social status of the Jew will grow rapidly worse.

America today, is racially unprepared for Peace, and when Peace comes, inter-racial hatred will reach a new intensity under the guise of Nationalistic sanction. Immediate action must be taken to avert the impending storm. All elements of the country must unite to combat the common enemy of intolerance and racial prejudice.

Here is one practical interpretation of the platitudinous ideal of "Brotherhood." If this is "reaching for the moon" then we Jews had better begin to reach—immediately!

Z. Z.



207th COMMANDMENT

The Laws Concerning the Menstrual Women

by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

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Every daughter in Israel should strive not only after physical but also after ritual purity and her reward will be longevity and immunity from many a feminine disease. When faith alone is presented as the reason for some religious observance, it is sometimes discredited. Statistics and figures are demanded, and we have them in a bulletin re-titled, "The Rare Occurrence of Cancer of the Womb among Jewish Women," issued by Dr. Hiram N. Weinberg, Chief of the Medical Staff of the

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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

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ish services where there is no Jewish Chaplain and renders invaluable aid when there is a Jewish Chaplain available.

You have every reason to be proud of your children. My military career has been in the Army Air Forces. Most of our installations are small when compared to Ground Force and Service Force installations. And even though the percentage of Jewish personnel in the AAF is high, their numbers do not usually warrant the assignment of a Jewish Chaplain to every base or field. What happens then to the scores of men who have no contact with a Jewish Chaplain? The Protestant and Catholic Chaplains have the responsibility of ministering to them. But how? Usually they seek out a Jewish enlisted man or officer with a fine Jewish education and this enlisted man or officer organizes and conducts services. And what is the background of such enlisted man or officer? He is usually a former "Yeshiva-Bochur," or the graduate of a daily Hebrew School, or the son of parents who reared him to respect, love, and observe all the traditional rituals. Without him, an astounding number

Mount Sinai Hospital's Women's Disease Department.

Dr. Weinberg states that of the 30,000 cases taken care of by his department from 1909 to 1918, 28,000 being Jewish and 2,000 Gentiles, he found 20 women suffering from cancer of the womb. Of these 13 were Jewish and 7 Gentiles. This means that there was one case of every 2,154 Jewish women as against one of every 285 Gentiles, with cancer.

In concluding this report, Dr. Weinberg tries to determine what these figures indicate. He points out that the attendant circumstances in both groups being the same (the Jewish and Gentile women being of the poorer class, for they would not have used the dispensary and hospital were they able to pay for private medical attention), the question arises, to what can the immunity of the sex-organ to cancer, among Jewish women be attributed? What is there in the mode of life of the Jewish women which is different from that of the Gentiles? He concludes that the difference lies in the fact that the Jewish women, adhere to the Law of Moses, especially to that portion, pertaining to married life.

of Jewish servicemen would not have Sabbath services or even High Holy Days services. Without him, few of the military congregations would have appeared in the deserts of the United States, the bomb-torn villages of France, or the fox holes of New Guinea.

For such sons, I thank you. And I say, continue your loyalty to a maximum Judaism. It is the only type that will avail us in war and peace.

OUR CANTOR YAVNEH'S LITURGICAL CONCERT

Have you procured your tickets for the annual Concert of Liturgical Music which will be given by our Cantor Zalmon Yavneh on Sunday Evening, February 18th. Assisting our-sweet-singing Cantor will be the renowned double choir under the direction of Samuel Sterner. All friends of the Cantor are invited to attend.

CONDOLENCE

We offer our heartfelt sympathies to Max J. Rubin upon the passing of his brother ABE RUBIN.

Rabbi's Letter to all of The Boys in Service

January 29, 1945

Dear Friend:

I want to take this means of extending to you my greetings for the Festival of Passover.

I advise you to contact immediately your Chaplain, Jewish or Christian or the Jewish Welfare Board worker to make arrangements for your Passover supplies, not only for the first two days but for the whole week as well. If you will do so now, then I am sure adequate preparations can be made for you. I am Chairman of the Passover Committee for the Jewish Welfare Board for all and women in the Service here and abroad. Please advise me just what steps are being taken in this direction.

Let us all pray that Passover may mean for us this year the final liberation from the yoke of Nazi inhumanity and Shintoism's folly.

My prayers shall be with you and for you during the Holiday.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Herbert S. Goldstein,
Rabbi

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BAR MITZVAH



Leonard Ehrman

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Isidore Ehrman upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son Leonard, which will take place at our Synagogue Saturday.

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening 5:56

Weekly Portion: *Yisro*

Friday Evening Jr. Cong. 5:30

Friday Evening Service 6:00

Saturday Morning Service 9:00

Junior Congregation 10:00

Sabbath Afternoon Pleasure

Hour 3:15

Sabbath Afternoon Intermediate

Group 5:00

Sabbath Afternoon Youth

Conference 5:00

Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class 5:00

Ein Jacob Class 5:00

Mincha Service 6:00

Reader of Torah Ralph Kestenbaum

Reader of Service Morton Cohen

Speaker Eric Korngold

The Sabbath Terminates 6:45

Sunday morning Service 6:55, 8:45

Daily Services

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

Mincha 6:05

Followed by the Study of the Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein.

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Chats About W.S.I.S.

by Morris Jablow

A question involving a matter of policy is now under consideration, upon which we would like to get the reaction and advice of you, our readers.

Every year since we have been organized, we conducted a Community Seder. The fact that we rendered a real service to the public was indicated by the heavy over-subscription.

This year, however, due to the prevailing high prices of food and labor, we may be obliged to charge \$8.00 per person each night, in order to avoid incurring a loss.

What is your opinion on this question?

As you know, we are constantly striving to serve the Jewish residents of this vicinity. Many people have expressed their enthusiastic approval of our Sedorim in the past. Those who attend stated that the way we conducted these Community Seders afforded them an opportunity to properly grasp and comprehend the full meaning and significance of the Holiday.

Shall we continue this service? Please write or telephone your commendation. DO IT NOW.

ENROLL NOW



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Getting Personal

Birthday Greetings to our beloved Rabbi — Congratulations to Rabbi Goldstein upon adding another annual volume of good works for Israel and humanity . . . In addition a Happy Birthday to Mrs. Gabriel F. Goldstein, Mrs. Nat Trotzky, Cpl. Bernard Weiss, and little Ellen Barbara Herlands . . . Wedding Anniversary Congratulations to Chaplain and Mrs. Emanuel L. Lifschitz and to Mr. and Mrs. Irving Schuyler. Double Mazel Tov to Mrs. Lifschitz who also celebrates her birthday and has become editor of the local Hadassah Bulletin. . . . Miss Ruth Cohen who is on an extended visit in Los Angeles sends us report of having seen and visited with the Chaplain and his Mrs. and also with Mr. and Mrs. Larry Mirken at San Diego, California . . . We are happy to learn that Capt. Marvin L. Goidel has been promoted to Major. He is the son of our member Harry Goidel . . . We were very happy to see Aaron Gross, Jacob W. Bermant, Captain Morris Lewis, and Herman Bosboom, in Shule . . . Four young women whom the cold weather did not keep from services Saturday morning are Mrs. Regina Margareten, Mrs. Aaron Wartels, Mrs. Pauline King, and Mrs. Gustav Roth. That's the spirit! Some inspiration to our younger women . . . Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Herbert Reichlin wounded in battle . . . Our bright, young intellectuals who received their High School diplomas are Minette Verschleiser, Henry Dabek, Emanuel Hochfeld and Marilyn Wohl who is the Salutatarian of her class in Julia Richman High School and the winner of four prizes. Our very best wishes. . . Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Israel Kuber upon the birth of a daughter, Elisheva Rebecca . . . We are very happy to see I. Mines at our Synagogue services and are looking forward to his joining our regulars . . . Incidentally, we are proud of the fine record of Mrs. Herman Livingston and daughters, Muriel and Harriet, who are among our regular Synagogue attendees . . . Congratulations to Bram Hyman upon his marriage . . . We wish Joseph Lichtenstuhl a speedy recovery . . . Our Women's League and Talmud Torah are indebted to Bessie Abrams and Mrs. Annie R. Morris for preparing the Chamisha Oser BiShvat treat for the children . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Settel radiated happiness and smiles on Sunday evening as the crowd left the Metropolitan Opera House praising the Concert.

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