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NEGROES ARE OUR BRETHREN

In honor of President Lincoln's birthday it is timely that we print the following statement of the Synagogue Council of America.

"Have we not one Father? Has not one God created us all?" This utterance by the prophet Malachi expresses the philosophy of racial brotherhood, which is basic to Judaism. An inevitable corollary to the belief in one God, it has been reiterated continuously in the Bible and in the Talmud as well as in medieval and modern rabbinic pronouncements. All men are made in the divine image, have equal spiritual dignity, are entitled to the same rights and are brethren in the sight of God and man.

This teaching of Judaism has been substantiated by modern anthropology, which asserts that there are no inferior races and that all backward races by a change in environment can become advanced. It has also been affirmed by the best in the Declaration of Independence "that all men are created equal" and the bill of rights of our Constitution conceive of "all men as brethren."

We of the synagogue observe with pain and alarm the violation of this fundamental principle of human brotherhood in the injustices, discriminations, and humiliations from which the American Negro suffers. These are caused either by laws, unconstitutional in spirit, by threats of mob violence, destructive of democratic ideals, by attitudes based on false science or by prejudices which flout the teachings of high religion. In many sections of our country Negroes are segregated in schools and residential areas, denied equal opportunities in industry and in commerce, in the professions and in labor organization, and even in the exercise of the franchise. They are humiliated at resorts and theatres, in vehicles of transportation and in other ways are treated by their fel-

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W.S.I.S. BOY SCOUT SABBATH TO BE OBSERVED AT SYNAGOGUE SERVICE

The annual observance of Boy Scout Sabbath, which has become one of the inspiring traditions at our Synagogue will take place this Saturday, February 10th, which is the Sabbath immediately preceding Lincoln's Birthday.



Members of all Scout groups meeting at our Synagogue will be expected to attend in full uniform. Rabbi Goldstein will deliver a special message.

Our Boy Scout Troop No. 530, our Sea Scout Troop No. 30 and our Cub Pack No. 23 celebrated the receipt of their annual charter at special meetings called for that purpose. There is still time to join any of these groups. Contact Capt. Frank Fink, Commissioner Emanuel Fine or Morton Cohen.

PASSOVER FOOD BOXES For Servicemen and Women

Our Women's League is again cooperating with the Army and Navy Committee of the Jewish Welfare Board in arranging for Passover Food Boxes to be sent to the Armed Forces. All members and friends of the W.S.I.S. are asked to help defray expenses by contributing \$3.50 per package. Checks should be made payable to the Women's League of the W.S.I.S. and mailed to the Synagogue in care of Mrs. Allen Fox, Chairman Passover Food Boxes.

Those members of your family in the Armed Forces who desire these packages should inform their local Chaplain or Jewish Welfare Board worker, immediately.

Young Folks Sabbath Afternoon Conference

The Sabbath Afternoon Conference will be devoted to "Questions to the Rabbi." Refreshments will be served. All young people are invited.

Join Our Women's League Party Catering Demonstration

Mothers and Daughters Afternoon

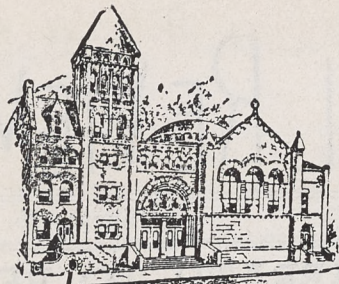
All women who have already paid their 1945 Women's League dues, have recently received their Membership Card which will serve as their ticket of admission for a very unusual afternoon.

Admission to this very valuable lesson in making all kinds of beautiful sandwiches and decorating most attractive looking platters, is limited to paid up members of our Women's League.

To those who have not already paid their dues, or who are not yet members of our Women's League, we suggest that they fill in the membership blank below and mail immediately together with their dues, so that their Membership Card may be forwarded to them promptly.

At the Social hour which will follow the Demonstration, Mrs. Saul Bergman will be the hostess in honor of her Wedding Anniversary.

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"I Owe It to My Family"

Many women think that they owe it to their families to get certain foods regardless of what means they must use and what regulations they must violate in order to get them. Actually, they owe it to their families to prevent a breakdown in the regulations designed to protect them. They owe it to their families not to pay high prices because that is what brings inflation lessens the value of their life insurance policies, their savings accounts, and their bonds. You owe it to your son or daughter not to lessen the amount of goods available to the armed forces by buying food, gasoline, or anything else, beyond the amount which the government allots to us. The fact that others get away with it makes the need more desperate and therefore makes it even more important that we observe the regulations.

We're sure that when this matter is brought to your attention, you will realize its importance in all its ramifications—your son and daughter, your home and even your financial resources.



207th COMMANDMENT

The Laws Concerning the Menstrual Women

by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

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Orthodox Judaism has detailed "Laws of family purity." These laws were intended to protect the woman and to bring into the relationship of husband and wife, periodically the newly-wed state of happiness and domestic felicity.

Dr. Hertz quotes the following, "Even more noteworthy is the difference in the proportion of a certain form of cancer among Jewish and non-Jewish women respectively (Sorsby, Cancer and Race, 1931). 'The Mosaic Code again stands out as an astonishing example of inspired wisdom and foresight which should appeal with redoubled force

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to the enlightened minds of today. Discipline and self-restraint are perhaps the lessons most needed for the present times' (Lieut.-Col. F. E. Freemantel, Chairman, International Cancer Conference, London, July 1928).

For a brief account of the traditional laws of niddah and taharah, see Dayan Lazarus, "The Ways of Her Household."

These laws prevail at all times and at all places and those who transgress them premeditatedly are guilty of excision. The following story is told by the Rabbis, in the Talmud Kala: One day as Rabbi Eliezer, the son of Hyrcanus, Rabbi Joshua, the son of Chanania, and Rabbi Akibah were sitting together, there passed before them a child distinguished from other children by its impudence. Rabbi Joshua said, "He must have been born of menstruity." The mother was questioned; A child born from such wedlock is not called a "Mamzir", an illegitimate child but is פגום He does not have Jewish יחוס "good pedigree." In the animal world we look for pedigree. If pedigree has meaning in the animal life so much the more is it valuable in the life of human beings. There is need to impress upon our young people to keep the pedigree of Israel in its pristine-pure state.

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low men as step-children of God. Despite the Negro's proved loyalty and heroism, segregation continues in the armed forces. Prisoners of war who fought to destroy our freedom were recently extended courtesies denied to Negro soldiers. In many communities there are heard too frequently ugly threats about the future status of the Negro.

Against such flagrant violations of God's commandment of inter-racial brotherhood, we of the household of Israel raise our voices in protest. We ask that all discriminations against Negroes be removed, that all barriers against their full participation in the economic, professional, patriotic, industrial, educational, artistic, and recreational life of our country be abolished. We recognize that the outlawry of lynching and the abolition of the poll-tax, of which the Negro is chief victim, require national legislation, which we urge Americans to support. Like all other citizens, Ne-

groes have creative talents with which they can enrich our national life and contribute to the stream of human civilization and at the same time develop their own potentialities.

We whose ancestors were slaves in Egypt and were frequently victimized by discriminations and humiliations similar to those of the Negro, understand well his spiritual pain and physical suffering. In the name of God of all mankind, who taught that all men are brethren, we appeal to all of our fellow citizens to obey the will of the Almighty and to cooperate to the end that the tragic plight of millions of decent men, women, and children, American Negroes, will be speedily alleviated.

Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein,
President

Committee On Race Relations

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PRAYER SCHEDULE

Blessing for the New Month
 Rosh Chodesh Adar, Tues. & Wed.
 Light candles Friday evening 6:05
 Weekly Portion: *Mishpatim*
 Saturday morning 9:00
 Junior Congregation 10:00
 Sabbath Afternoon Pleasure
 Hour 3:15
 Sabbath Afternoon Intermediate
 Group 5:15
 Sabbath Afternoon Youth
 Conference 5:15
 Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class 5:15
 Ein Jacob Class 5:15
 Mincha Service 6:15
 Reader of the Torah, J. Kamerman
 Reader of the Service, S. Bernstein
 The Sabbath Terminates 6:54
 Sunday morning Service 6:55, 8:45
 Daily Services
 Monday Morning 6:55, 8:00, 8:30
 Tues. & Wed mornings, Rosh
 Chodesh 6:55, 7:50, 8:20
 Thurs. & Fri. mornings
 6:55, 8:00, 8:30
 Mincha 6:15



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BAR MITZVAH



Martin Felcher

Congratulations to Mrs. Pearl Felcher upon the Bar-Mitzvah of her son Martin, which will take place at our Synagogue tomorrow morning.

Yeshiva Ohr Torah

Have you made your reservation for the Ohr Torah Dinner for February 20th? Our own Mr. Samuel Siegel

CONDOLENCES

Our sincere condolence is offered to Mrs. Jacob Bayer, upon the passing of her sister.

We are extremely sad to learn of the bereavement suffered by the family of the late HERMAN HIRT, upon his recent demise.

We extend our sympathies to Mr. Selig Edelman upon the loss of his sister Mrs. IDA EDMAN and to Mrs. Edelman upon the loss of her sister Mrs. BERTHA DIAMOND.

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CHATS ABOUT W.S.I.S.

by Morris Jablow

It is with a great deal of pride that I report to you, our readers, that the West Side Institutional Synagogue acquitted itself with honor, in the sale of War Bonds, during the recent Sixth War Loan Drive. This result could not have been achieved without your fine co-operation. We sold, directly and through credits \$227,000.

We have recently received notice from the War Finance Committee that we may sponsor one Hospital Service Plane which costs \$125,000 and the equipping of a 3,000 Bed Convalescent Hospital which costs \$100,000.

The letter further proceeds: "The Hospital Service Plane will receive a marker with the name of the West Side Institutional Synagogue on it. This marker is placed on the instrument panel of the plane. The 3,000 Bed Convalescent Hospital which your War Bonds will equip, cannot receive a marker, but you will receive a Citation stating that your Bonds were dedicated to this equipment."

I am sure you will be pleased with this report. Please resolve to buy all the War Bonds in future through the West Side Institutional Synagogue.

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