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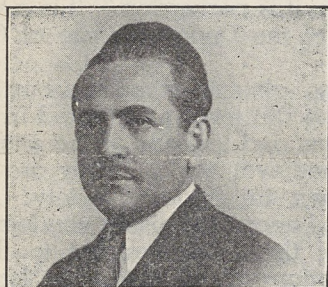
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Loyalty Viewpoint

SOUL



by Rabbi Solomon Wind

The soul was always mankind's great concern. Baffled by life's mysteries and perplexed by its paradoxes and contradictions he looked to it for an understanding of life and for solutions to vexing problems. The soul he considered in some vague manner as the source of all moral and ethical thinking and fondly hoped that when it will eventually fashion the conscience of mankind perfection rather than defection will be the rule.

Materialism, however, derides the soul as a vague ephemeral abstraction. Ancient materialistic philosophers and modern behaviorist psychologists both ascribe the so-called spiritual aspirations and functions of the soul to the action and interaction of certain atoms of matter in the brain.

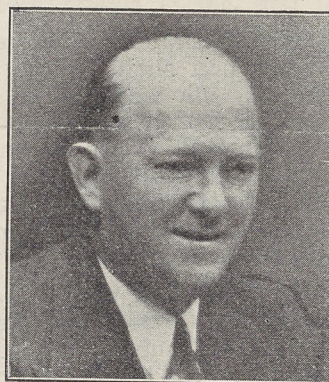
The scope of scientific and philosophic materialism may be very wide and yet far from conclusive in its arguments. It can at best establish a parallel between certain physical functions of the brain with certain phenomena of psychic or conscious behavior. In fact eminent physiologists deny the connection of certain atomic motions of the brain with the known facts of consciousness. They assert that even if we were able to observe all the molecular motions of the brain we would still be unable to prove that they are the direct cause of conscious and virtuous life.

The presentation of the Kabbalistic concept of the soul, though in summary fashion, will contribute much

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Harry Appel Named Recipient Of Our Souvenir Album

Annual Reception and Album to be
Tendered in his Honor



Harry Appel

By a unanimous decision of our Board of Directors, Mr. Harry Appel has been chosen for the signal honor of having the Synagogue Reception tendered to him. This includes the presentation of the Souvenir Album.

Mr. Harry Appel has been a sincere and consistent worker for the interests of the W.S.I.S. In recognition of his invaluable services, the Synagogue is paying him this tribute.

We can display our affection and esteem for our good friend and for the Synagogue by making the 1945 Souvenir Album an outstanding issue.

Contributions for Yeshiva Appeal

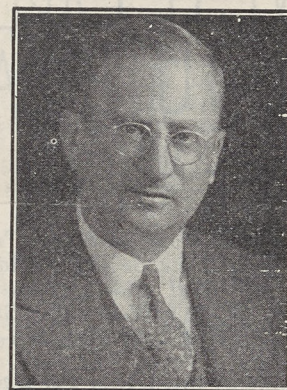
Our loyal Congregation has already responded very enthusiastically to the appeal made for the major Yeshivos all over the world.

We are certain that you will want to add your contribution to those already received from:

Joseph Anderson, Maurice L. Barnett, R. Barowsky, William Bassar, S. Bendheim, Nathan D. Brown, Theodore Brown, Joseph Buchsbaum, Jack Cohen, Annie S. Eisenberg, Erich Gallia, George A. Gold, Jean Goldwurm, Herbert A. Gossett, Oscar Gruss, S. Joseph, Jacob Kaplan, Irving W. Karpf, Mrs. Rachel Kronberg, Irving Kobrin, Herman Levine,

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W.S.I.S. Men's Club Organize Jewish War Veteran's Post



Max E. Sanders Elected Commander

The Jewish War Veterans Post, organized by our Men's Club, has been named "Buddy Friedman Post #297, JWV of the West Side Institutional Synagogue."

Our second Vice-president, Max E. Sanders, a veteran of World War I, has been elected Commander of the Post. All other officers of the post are veterans of World War 2, and are as follows: Leonard Feinstein, Senior Vice Commander—Aaron Gross, Junior Vice Commander—Seymour Morsoff, Judge Advocate—Harold Levine, Adjutant—Nathan Schweitzer Jr., Quartermaster—Hon. Chaplain, Rabbi H. S. Goldstein. Installation of officers will take place Sat. Eve., March 24, 1945 at 8:30.

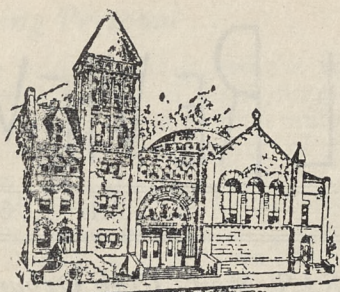
The Post is open for applications from all World War 1 or World War 2 veterans.

Make Reservations Now For Passover Seders

This year, the Synagogue is planning the most impressive and inspiring Seders, to be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Riverside Plaza Hotel at 253 West 73rd St., on March 28th and 29th. Rabbi Goldstein will officiate, assisted by Rabbi Zahavy and Cantor Yavneh who will lead in the singing.

The price is \$7.75 per person, for each night, which in addition to the fine Passover meal covers all gratuities, Hagadahs and caps.

Mr. Samuel Silver, is Chairman.



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HENRIETTA SZOLD

Henrietta Szold, daughter of Rabbi Benj. Szold of Baltimore was called to her eternal reward last week. She will be best remembered by her work for Palestine. She was the founder of Hadassah in 1912. In 1933 when the Nazis came into power she led the Youth Aliyah movement which brought more than 8000 young people from Germany and other lands of persecution to Palestine. Although an ardent Zionist she joined in 1942 the praesidium of Ihud (Unity) society organized for the purpose of promoting good-will between the Arabs and Jews and for the establishment to a Bi-National state.

In the loss of Miss Szold, Zionism is bereft of a religious soul who was sympathetic toward traditional Judaism. Amidst the political wrangling of the Zionists we can ill afford the loss of the type of woman to whom the Zionist ideal was a part of religion. We have too many nationalists per se in the Zionist leadership.



209th COMMANDMENT PERVERSION

by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

In Leviticus, Chapter 18, Verse 22, we read, "Thou shalt not lie with mankind as with womankind; it is an abomination." This shows the depths of depravity from which the Torah saved the Jewish people. This practice of homosexuality is prevalent even today among the Ishmaelites, the Arab world.

We are bidden to promote, and not to retard the world's population, as we read in Genesis, "Be fruitful and multiply." The laws of this commandment are that both involved in this sin, are to be punished by stoning. This commandment prevails at all times and at all places and is to be observed not only by Israel but by all mankind.

LOYALTY VIEWPOINT

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to an understanding of life and its problems. The Kabbalist views all life as a direct emanation from G-d, and the soul, itself a spiritual emanation from the same source, as the motivating instrument to virtuous and harmonious living. The mystic is not narrowed in his concepts by objective observation; he rather attunes his soul to its source of emanation and is able by the heights thus attained and the inspiration thus achieved to see the totality of life which often eluded most patient and scientific observation.

The soul according to Kabbalah is a spiritual emanation from G-d. It has therefore an independent existence both prior to its entry into and after departure from the human body. Omniscience is one of its qualities. The soul prior to its entry into human form sees the totality of life thru the "aspaklaryo hameiro," the luminous mirror which reflects the entire universe. Man throughout his life time "learns" only by reminiscing of what had previously been known

210th COMMANDMENT

Man's Carnality With Any Beast

In Leviticus Chapter 18, Verse 23, we are commanded "Thou shalt not lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith." Anyone who commits this crime after having been warned is punished by being stoned, he and the animal. This prohibition pertains to all places and all times.

211th COMMANDMENT

Women's Carnality With Any Beast

We read in Leviticus, Chapter 18, Verse 23, "Neither shall any woman stand before any beast to lie down thereto; it is perversion." It is a violation of the Divine scheme of Creation.

These almost incredible bestialities, are but too well attested in the customs, and legends of the ancient and medieval world. They are not unknown in modern society. The Bible's "uncompromising condemnation of these offences led to their extirpation in the midst of Israel, and eventually to their moral outlawry among all peoples that came under the sway of the Hebrew Scriptures."

The punishment for breaking this commandment after warning having been given to the woman, is that she and the animal are to receive the death penalty by stoning. This commandment pertains to all places and all times.

The soul is androgynous (composed of both sexes.) It separates at conception into its male and female elements which enter respectively male and female forms. Marriage which results from a union of the original soul mates is happy and harmonious. Such marriage enables the soul to realize its divine intent.

PURIM GET TOGETHER

Monday Evening Following Reading of Megila

The Gala "Purim Get-Together" and joint supper under the auspices of our Women's League and Men's Club will be held this Monday evening, February 26th, following the reading of the Megillah.

An evening of entertainment and fun has been arranged, including Cards, Mah Jong and Music. Tickets for the affair are \$2.00 per person.

Because of the limited space, it is necessary to restrict admission only to members of both organizations and their guests.

"MET" STAR HEAD PROGRAM AT WOMEN'S YESHIVA LUNCHEON

A most unusual program of talent, headed by the charming and vivacious Mimi Benzell, sensational coloratura soprano of the Metropolitan Opera House, will make memorable the Hotel Astor Luncheon of the Yeshiva College Women's Organization, on Tuesday, March 13th, at 12:30 o'clock.

In addition, Prof. Solomon Liptzin of the C.C.N.Y. German Department, author of the best seller, "Germany's Children," will address the gathering and Miss Isiobel Aronin, young and gifted poetess, will recite some of her works of genius.

The proceeds will go for the maintenance of underprivileged students at the Yeshiva—future spiritual leaders of Israel.

Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel is Chairman and Mrs. George L. Livingston, Mrs. Joseph Anderson and Mrs. Max Stern are Vice-Chairmen. Mrs. Siegfried Bendheim is President. Tickets are \$25 per person, payable in cash or by obtaining a \$25 ad for the Journal.

YESHIVA DONATIONS

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Max Moskowitz, Ulrich Muhlmann, A. Neustadter, Meyer L. Pargament, Isaac Rauch, Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Roth, Jack A. Rothenstein, Joseph Schwartz, M. Segerman, Samuel Silver, Benj. Spanbock, Herman Stern, Harry Ward, Jess Ward, Philip Wohl, Lazarus Zeidman.

Talmud Seeyum

Saturday night March 3rd, at 8:45 the Talmud Class led by Rabbi Hurwitz, will hold a Melavah Malkah, to celebrate the completion of the Talmudic tract Kesuvos. Kindly send in your reservations at once—\$2.00 per plate.

BAR MITZVAH



Jordan Kirsch

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kirsch upon the celebration of the Bar-Mitzvah of their son Jordan, at our Synagogue this Sabbath morning.

PRAYER SCHEDULE

Shabbos Zachor	
Fast of Esther—Monday	
PURIM—Tuesday	
Shushan Purim—Wednesday	
Light Candles Friday Evening 6:22	
Weekly Portion: Tetsaveh	
Friday Evening Jr. Cong.	5:30
Friday Evening Service	6:20
Saturday Morning	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:00
Pleasure Hour	3:15
Intermediate Group and Youth	
Conference	5:30
Talmud and Ein Jacob Classes	5:30
Mincha Service	6:30
Reader of Torah, Hillel Meyers	
Reader of Service, R. Kestenbaum	
Speaker, Morton Kamerman	
The Sabbath Terminates	7:11
Sunday morning Service 6:45, 8:45	
Monday morning .. 6:40, 7:45, 8:20	
Tuesday morning	6:40, 7:30
Other mornings .. 6:45, 8:00, 8:30	
Mincha, Monday	6:20
Daily Mincha	6:30

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CHATS ABOUT W.S.I.S.

by Morris Jablow

The dramatic story of the suffering, sacrifice and devotion of the students and teachers in the institutions of higher learning, throughout the world, was told in our Synagogue, by Rabbi Goldstein and our President Lester Udell, on Saturday before last, when they made an appeal for funds on behalf of Yeshivos all over the world.

The response was really generous. The pledges varied from small amounts to very sizable sums. Apparently all present were deeply touched and opened their hearts to encourage their brethren in their struggle to continue the study of our Torah, in spite of adverse condition.

I hope that you, our readers, will join in this display of loyalty to Traditional Judaism, and contribute as liberally as you can to this fund for Yeshivos.

These institutions of higher learning are the spiritual fortresses of Judaism. Their ramparts are manned by devoted teachers and students who will not yield. We cannot be conquered as long as the spirit of the Torah prevails.

Please send contributions to our office, as promptly as you can, and indicate that it is for Yeshivos.

Getting Personal...

We were very glad to see Mr. Herman Herring looking so well after his recent vacation . . . Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Arnold Schultze . . . Special birthday greetings to our beloved grand lady Mrs. Gustave Roth, many happy returns . . . Also to the youngest man of of our Congregation, I.M. Blankfort who reaches his 99th milestone. Here's looking forward to sending you century greetings next year . . . We salute Harry Mirken's debut as an usher—a valuable addition to our usher staff . . . Young Joe Tilem was recently elected the president of the Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity at the College of the City of New York . . . We missed our Director and Mrs. Joseph Settel at our Sabbath Services last week . . . Same goes for Moe Langer . . . We were very glad to see Mrs. Sol Bellsey back . . . Our serviceman reporter informs us that "Uncle Sam recognizes a good man when he sees one. Jay M. Cohen is now Aviation Radar Technician First Class. What a sailor!" . . . We were glad to see Seamon Louis Landowne with us last Sabbath . . . Happy birthday to our beloved Rebbetzin Mrs. H. S. Goldstein, Mrs. S. Bendheim, Mrs. Gusti Brandt, Rosalyn Diamond, Sylvan Ehrenfeld, Mose Goodman and Mrs. Bernard Udell . . . Wedding Anniversary Congratulations to Pvt. and Mrs. Sidney Harris who observe their third, Mr. and Mrs. Ike Holo-schutz on their 48th and to our Director and Mrs. Harry Ward on their 15th, also to Sen. and Mrs. Albert Wald . . . Little Judd M. Rothman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Rothman lights two birthday candles and so Mazel-tov to him through his great grandmother Mrs. Pauline King . . . We extend best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. M. Weitzman for an enjoyable vacation . . . Best wishes to our friend Nathan Trotzky for success in taking over the beautiful Hollywood Hotel of West End, New Jersey . . . The Maariv Service and Concert of Cantor Zalmon Yavneh was a success in every way. Congratulations . . . A cordial welcome to Morris J. Sydney upon his becoming a Life-Member of our institution, the first one authorized by our Board of Directors. We wish him "Arichas Yomim."

Young Folks Sabbath Afternoon Conference

At the next meeting of the Young Folks Saturday Afternoon Conference on Jewish Humor, Daniel Schachter will lead the discussion and Sylvia Kestenbaum will be the hostess.

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