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Loyalty Viewpoint

SOUL

by Rabbi Solomon Wind

Part II

A fixed number of souls emanated at creation. They are stored in the "ozar haneshomos," the depository of the souls, awaiting admission into mortal life. Each soul will in due time enter a mortal form and will after the completion of its mission be in celestial bliss. Yet a new soul does not necessarily come to life with every new birth. Many old souls are in circulation. These had erred in their previous missions and were thus at departure from their earthly vessels barred from admission into their heavenly abode. They were sentenced to one or many births and were enjoyed to correct errors committed in a previous existence. A strengthening of the moral course will therefore enable both the return of old souls to their abode and the coming into life of many new souls.

Kabbalah's doctrine of the soul, especially in its transmigratory phase, explains many apparent inexplicable life situations. Why do the righteous suffer and the wicked prosper? Why the infiltration of evil in a world that emanated from an all wise and merciful Creator? Why are innocent children afflicted or sentenced to premature death? To these the Kabbalah answers: The prosperity of the wicked is due to some virtue practiced in a previous life following which the wicked will be doomed to a harsh but cleansing transmigratory process. The suffering of the righteous comes as atonement for sins committed in a previous life following which they are destined for everlasting happiness—blissful residence in the source whence they emanated. Evil is not a positive element but an indication of the absence of the moral good. It can be banished by the increase of light. Evil at best is but a challenge for the exercise of the

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WORLD JEWRY'S LEADING "LAYMAN"

JACOB ROSENHEIM, PRESIDENT WORLD AGUDAH
GUEST SPEAKER AT MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

2 Important Motion Pictures To Be Presented at Synagogue

"Divide and Conquer" and
"The Negro Soldier" to be Featured

On Sunday evening March 11th, the 613 Club of the West Side Institutional Synagogue has the rare privilege of presenting two great American movies.

"Divide and Conquer," an OWI film produced in technicolor by Warner Brothers is a powerful document about the rise of Fascism, and "The Negro Soldier" an extraordinary film concerning the negro at war, have been an important part of the United States Army Orientation Program. Both of these pictures have been issued by the U. S. Army Signal Corps, and are now being released to the civilian population.

Here are motion pictures that should be seen by every member of our community. Tickets priced at only 50c. (tax included) are available at the synagogue office. Order your tickets now, and make it a point to see these vital American films.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE NOTES

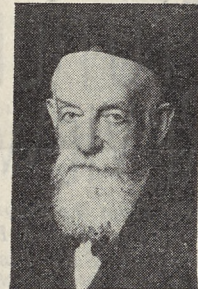
The next regular meeting of our Women's League and session of Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class will be held on Monday afternoon, March 5th at 2:30 o'clock sharp.

Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein will celebrate her wedding anniversary by being hostess at the Social Hour following the meeting.

All the women of the Congregation are cordially invited to attend

Young Folks Sabbath Afternoon Conference

A discussion on "Socialism and Judaism" will be led by Jerome Kamenman at the next meeting of the group, tomorrow afternoon at 4:40 P.M. Morton Cohen will be host.



Jacob Rosenheim

Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class which meets this Monday evening at 8:40 P.M. will be privileged to have as its guest speaker Mr. Jacob Rosenheim, who has served as president of the Agudath Israel World Organization since 1929. He has gained the honorable distinction of being one of the world's foremost leaders for the cause of orthodox Jewry.

From 1905 to 1935, Mr. Rosenheim edited the "Israelit," the weekly of the Agudath Israel in Germany. He also headed the Israelitische Religionsgesellschaft at Frankfurt. Among his works are a collection of essays and addresses in two volumes called "Ohole Jacob."

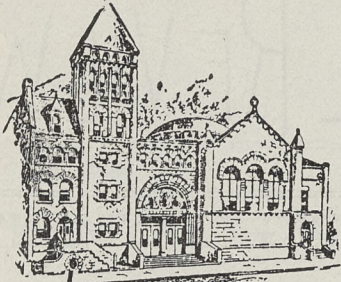
Make Seder Reservations Immediately

Conditions at the present time make it imperative that reservations for our Passover Sedorim to be held on March 28th and 29th be sent in immediately.

The price is \$7.75 per person each night, covering all gratuities, Haggadahs and caps.

Mrs. Jacob Kaplan, Hostess For UJA Tea

Mrs. Jacob Kaplan of 300 West End Avenue cordially invites the members of the Women's League and those friends who are planning to contribute to the United Jewish Appeal to be her guests on Tuesday afternoon, March 6th, at 2:00 o'clock.



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State and Religion

As the prestige of democracy has grown, together with its mass enlightenment, greater opposition has been displayed on the part of the powerful vested interests of the Church. This attitude of opposition is in reality a direct negation of the eternal aims and principles as displayed in our own Jewish faith and in the Christian religion as well.

As the spirit of progressive democracy moves forward, there follows a greater hope for the fulfillment of our religious dreams, such as those expressed by Malachi—"Have we not all on father." The advance of democracy in itself brings forth a powerful religious message — that of the sympathetic understanding of one's fellowman.

In this unique way does democracy implant a spiritual and religious doctrine into the souls of its constituents. It would be most unwise to foster a more direct relationship by compelling the democratic state to teach specific religious principles. The State and Religious education should travel their own road alone, as long as they travel in the same direction. Z.Z.



212th COMMANDMENT Man Should Fear His Mother and Father

by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein
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We read in Leviticus, Chapter 19, Verse 3, "Ye shall fear every man his mother and his father." The Sifrah asked the question, "What is meant by fear and reverence?", and the answer is, One should not sit in their places or speak preceding them and one should not contradict them. "Honor" is shown by providing for their food, drink, dress and other requirements.

In my "Bible Comments for Home Reading," you will find the following comment upon this verse. The term "man" used in this connection does not exclude "woman," for the verb used is the second person plural "Ye shall fear." The reason the term אִישׁ "man" is used, is because it is not

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always possible for the woman (on account of marriage) to do her full duty by her parents. (See Talmud Kiddushin 30b).

The Rabbis point out that since one is apt to fear the father more than the mother, because he is the stricter of the two, the Torah places the mother first, and says, "Ye shall fear every man his MOTHER and his father." On the other hand one is apt to honor the mother more than the father, because the father is less popular with his children in view of the fact that he is usually stricter, and then too his love is not as demonstrative as the mother's, therefore the Bible, in regard to honoring the parents, places the father before the mother as we read in Exodus Chapter 20, Verse 12, "Honor thy FATHER and thy mother."

However, the parents, if they so desire may forego the honor due them.

It is also interesting to note that one who strikes his father or his mother is put to death by strangulation whilst on the other hand if he curses his father or his mother his death penalty is severer, namely by stoning. The reason for this being that striking is a physical sin whilst cursing is a spiritual sin. Therefore for the latter the punishment is greater.

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spiritual will of the soul and thus can become a basis for the good. And lastly there may be some people who because of their past sinful record are allowed but a peep into mortal living and must immediately pass out of life to continue in their transmigratory process.

In the long run, with the moral course on the ascendancy, all souls will see mortal life and will return cleansed and invigorated to their abode — the "ozar haneshomos." When that will happen the great millennium will be on hand. The universe will dissolve and G-d alone will reign in the vastness of space. Then perhaps a new creation will be set in motion. Other powers of the "ein sof" will emanate and a new universe and perhaps a new humanity will be fashioned. It is to this new order that the Psalmist hints when he states: Of old didst Thou lay the found-

ations of the earth, and the heavens are the handiwork of Thy hands. They shall perish but Thou shalt endure yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment as a vesture Thou shalt change them and they shall pass away. But Thou art the self-same and Thy years shall have no end. (Ps. 102:26-28)



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Talmud Torah Assembly

The Purim Assembly for the boys and girls in our Talmud Torah was an elaborate affair, with delicious Hamen Tashin provided by the Women's League.

A masquerade concluded the program, with Norman Katz and Leonard Quashen, as winners.

Junior Club Council

The Junior Club Council will sponsor a Purim Dance and Amateur Nite on Saturday, March 3, at 8:30 P.M. at our Synagogue. Admission—50c. couple, 30c. single.

**Agudath Israel Youth
Purim Affair**

The Midtown Agudath Israel Youth have arranged a Gala Purim Affair this Saturday night, March 3rd, at the Club House, 150 West 85th St.

BAR MITZVAH



Martin Tilem

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Tilem on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Martin, at our Synagogue tomorrow morning.

PRAYER SCHEDULE

Parshas Parah
Light Candles Friday Evening 6:29
Weekly Portion: *Ki Sisa*
Friday Evening Jr. Cong. 5:30
Friday Evening Service 6:30
Saturday Morning 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:00
Intermediate Group and Youth
Conference 4:40
Talmud and Ein Jacob Classes 5:40
Mincha Service 6:40
Reader of the Torah, D. Buchsbaum
Reader of Service, M. Kamerman
The Sabbath Terminates 7:18
Sunday morning Service 6:45, 8:45
Daily Services
Mornings 6:45, 8:00, 8:30
Mincha 6:35

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We extend our sympathies to our seat holder Nathan Schweitzer upon the loss of his brother WILLIAM.

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by Morris Jablow

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Welcome home to Mrs. Maurice Greenstein, President of the Women's League . . . Many thanks to the Women's League and Men's Club for making our Purim Affair last Monday night the success it was. Take a bow Mr. and Mrs. Myron Goldman, Charley Cohen, Mrs. Louis R. Gottlieb, and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Fox who helped. A good time was had by all who attended . . . Congratulations to Rabbi and Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein on their wedding anniversary. By the way, our Rabbi Goldstein was a guest at the White House last Tuesday afternoon . . . Congratulations to Capt. Henry H. Kessler of the U.S. Navy, brother of Mrs. Joseph Settel who has been selected Newark's outstanding citizen for 1944 . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Miller on their Fifth wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Jablow (also Mrs. Jablow's birthday) and Mr. and Mrs. Julius Leff . . . Birthday greetings to Mrs. Sarah Goldstein, the Rabbi's mother, who celebrated on Purim . . . Happy Birthday also to Senator Albert Wald, Harriet Friedman, Muriel Livingston and Max Stoker . . . Felice Turtz, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Turtz graduated from Barnard College, congratulations . . . Mr. and Mrs. Mose Goodman are away for a deserved rest . . . Jesse Greenstein, son of our Director and Mrs. Maurice Greenstein received a citation from the Government as one of the scientists making a contribution for the successful prosecution of the war . . . Thanks to the Women's League for the Haman Tashin treat to the children of the Talmud Torah and to Bessie Abrams who helped secure and distribute them and to Josephine Hannah Goldstein who assisted her . . . Many thanks to Mr. Leo Mintz for his services in organizing the Buddy Friedman Post No. 297 of the J.W.V. . . . Congratulations to Zonia Prochnik on being elected as one of the nine judges of the Washington Irving Student Court . . . We miss Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Landowne, Mrs. L. Jacobowitz and Mrs. L. Herbst who are away . . . Our member George H. Heller writes an interesting column for "Gotham Life." How about writing something for us . . . Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kaufman upon the engagement of their daughter Arline to Marvin B. Padawer QM1c, USCGR . . . We are relieved to hear that Leroy Lippman, husband of the daughter of our Director and Mrs. Gus R. Rubenstein, reported missing in action, has been heard from as a prisoner in Germany.

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