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From Our Orthodox Jewish Chaplains

by Chaplain Frank Newman

There are two problems that interest the relatives of Servicemen:

(1) Inter-faith relations among the military personnel. (2) The nascent religion in the Service.

About the first problem, I want to write only briefly. Undoubtedly living together, fighting together and—if need be—dying together will make men of different faiths more tolerant of each other. Many false notions will be dissipated, and mutual understanding and respect will grow. Of this there is ample evidence. But it is wrong to assume that induction into the Armed Forces makes a man immune to bigotry and intolerance. The uniform is not talisman against all evils. Ill-will and illiberalism do not automatically disappear. There is no quick conversion to tolerance and brotherhood. Even the baptism of fire cannot achieve such miracles. To a great degree brotherhood and tolerance in the Armed Forces reflect the existence of these virtues on the Home Front.

A great deal has been written about the rebirth of religion among our men in the Service. Some of this is misleading and harmful.

Most of the rhapsodies over resurgent religion is based on the improved attendance at religious services. Jewish men attend public worship much more frequently and more readily than they did as civilians. All the Chaplains report Jewish men and women making great sacrifices to be able to be present at public worship. Where no Jewish Chaplains are available, Jewish laymen, with the assistance of Christian Chaplains, find ways to get together for religious services. This is surely a salutary and encouraging manifestation.

But to conclude from this evidence that we are approaching a new Era Of Religion is mere wishfulness. It must be remembered that these encouraging phenomena of crowded services occur in and are evoked by the peculiar environment of military life. It is even uncertain whether

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APPOINTED CHAIRMAN RECEPTION COMMITTEE To Honor Harry Appel



George L. Livingston

Our president, Lester Udell has announced the appointment of George L. Livingston as Chairman of the Reception Committee to be tendered to our Director Harry Appel at the Synagogue Reception to be given in his honor on Sunday evening, May 27, 1945. A general committee is being organized.

We anticipate a hearty response on the part of our friends to join in submitting their good wishes to our own "Harry" by sending in their advertisements.

Join Your Friends At Our Sedorim

There remains only two and a half weeks for the beautiful Sedorim to be conducted by Rabbis Goldstein, Zahavy and Cantor Yavneh at the Riverside Plaza Hotel at 253 West 73rd St., on March 28th and 29th.

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. Call TR. 7-8281 for reservations.

CONDOLENCES

It is with deep sorrow that we record the passing of our member IS. ZUCKER and WILLIAM HIRTENSTEIN father of Edward Hirtenstein. We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the families.

FUTURE ANTI-SEMITISM TO BE ANALYZED AT MEN'S CLUB MEETINGS MONDAY EVE., AT 8:30

**Vital Facts to be Presented by
J. Baker of Anti-Defamation League**

The next meeting of our Men's Club this Monday evening, March 12 at 8:30 P.M. will feature an interesting talk on "Anti-Semitism in America Today" by Jack Baker, who is in charge of the Research Department of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League. This hush-hush subject will be discussed quite frankly and openly and many little known facts will be revealed.

Mr. Baker, who is a former journalist, occupied an editorial position with three important newspaper in Germany.

Young Folks Sabbath Afternoon Conference

This Sabbath Afternoon at 5:50 Josephine H. Goldstein will lead the discussion on "Agudath Israel—its work in the Diaspora, and in Palestine." All young people are urged to attend. A Social Hour will follow.

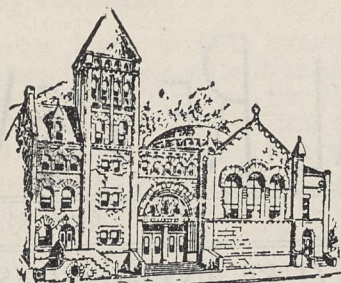
Special Fast, March 14th to be observed on behalf of stricken Jewry abroad.

MINNIE BENZELL and KURT ADLER of the Metropolitan Opera House will appear at the Yeshiva College Women's Organization Luncheon, Hotel Astor, this Tuesday March 13th. \$25 per cover. Reservations 331 Madison Avenue, MU. 2-9262.

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Everyone cordially invited to attend.



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A Timely Suggestion

The month of March has been designated for the general drive of the United Jewish Appeal, popularly known as the UJA. We cannot speak too highly of the worthiness of this cause which is to rescue Jews all over the world. It includes in its budget physical as well as cultural relief.

We generally make an appeal throughout the city in the synagogues on the last day of Passover. For then the congregations turn out in large numbers.

May we suggest that when you are called upon in your respective trades or professions to give to the UJA appeal, that either you announce two sums, one of which you say will be given through your synagogue or announce your whole contribution indicating at the same time that you would like to have it credited to your synagogue. In this way the UJA will realize that large sums of money came from religious sources. We believe this is a matter worthy of your thought and cooperation. Please give this suggestion the attention it deserves.



212th COMMANDMENT

Man Should Fear His Mother and Father

by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein
II

The laws of this Commandment are that reverence must be shown toward our parents even if they smite us. Even if they spit upon us we may not cause them to be abashed. Nevertheless, our Sages point out that a parent is warned not to hit his grown-up child because in doing so he may be guilty of transgressing the command, "Before a blind person thou shalt not put a stumbling block," because the child is tempted to hit back and his sin will then have been caused by the parent.

The father, as a matter of fact is put into Charem for provoking such an act on the part of his child. One must show reverence to his parent even if the parent loses his mind. If physical force must be used, if a parent is crazy, then if possible, the

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child should employ someone else to do it. Even an illegitimate child is obliged to honor and reverence his parents. The only time a child does not have to obey his parent is when the parent bids him to break any of the commandments. The reason for this being that both the parents and the child are called upon to observe the commandments. That is why immediately after this commandment we read, "And ye shall keep my Sabbaths." These two commandments are placed side by side in order to teach that the fear of parents must not exceed the fear of G-d, and that nothing contravenes G-d's law. A child must place his duty to G-d before that to his parents (Talmud). In my Bible Comments for Home Reading we read the following: "Though the Torah enjoins us to pay extreme regard to the wishes of our parents, yet there is one case in which parents may and should be disobeyed and that is when they order the breaking of the Sabbath or any of the Divine commands. In such instances the authority of the parents is over-ridden by the higher authority of G-d whom we and THEY are bound to obey. (See Talmud Yevamos 5b and Baba Metzia 32b).

This commandment pertains to all times and all places and is incumbent upon males and females. He who transgresses it breaks a positive commandment.

FROM OUR ORTHODOX CHAPLAINS (Continued on page 2)

we can expect the same interest in public worship to continue when the men return to civilian life. But certainly we cannot conclude on the basis of this one facet of the religious life that a genuine and abiding spirit of religion has been re-awakened; religious life, as we understand it, is not confined to attendance at religious services and attendance alone is never an index for the religion of a community.

We must remember that not so long ago we feared the demoralization that inevitably accompanies war. We cannot count on the miracle of men emerging from this war prepared to live a religious life that was unknown to them before. And we must not be led into the error of abdicating a responsibility which is primarily that of the civilian peace-

time community. We must be alert to every indication of religious awakening, which must be nourished and strengthened. But we cannot look to the war for our religious salvation.



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For registration call our office TR. 7-8281.

PASSOVER RELIEF FOR POOR

One of the important Passover laws, incumbent upon every Jew to fulfill, is the Mitzvah of 'Maos Chitim,' providing the poor with Passover necessities.

This year, due to the general increases in the prices of food, our Jewish neighbors in dire circumstances find greater difficulty in observing their Passover holiday.

All contributions for the Passover Relief Fund may be mailed to the Synagogue office, attention Mrs. Annie R. Morris.

Additional Contributors To Yeshivos Appeal

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PRAYER SCHEDULE

Prayer for the New Month
Rosh Chodesh Nisan Thursday

Light Candles Friday Evening 6:38
Weekly Portion: Vayakhel - Pekude
Friday Evening Jr. Cong. 5:45
Friday Evening Service 6:30
Saturday Morning 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:00
Intermediate Group 4:50
Youth Conference 5:50
Talmud & Ein Jacob Classes .. 5:50
Mincha Service 6:50
Reader of Torah, J. Verschleiser
Reader of Service, A. Moskowitz
The Sabbath Terminates 7:27
Sunday morning Service 6:45, 8:45
Daily Services
Mornings 6:45, 8:00, 8:30
Rosh Chodesh Thursday
..... 6:40, 7:50, 8:20
Mincha 6:40
Followed by study of Shulchan
Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein.

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CHATS ABOUT W.S.I.S.

by Morris Jablow

I was pleased and elated when one of our old friends came in last week to make reservations for the Congregational Seder and delivered himself of the following remarks.

"In making my regular annual reservation for the Sedorim conducted by the West Side Institutional Synagogue, I would like to express my sincere thanks for the opportunity being afforded to my family and to myself of participating in these impressive occasions. I know that many people use the Seder nights for family re-unions. However, they usually stress the festive side and omit too frequently the spiritual and educational phases. Rabbi Goldstein's interpretations and comments, supplementing the Hagadah, enables the hearers to follow clearly the old but ever new story of our liberation and to grasp its historic significance and solemnity. The singing of the traditional melodies by the assembly led by Cantor Yavneh, who possesses such a pleasing and moving voice, adds a lighter touch, and makes the evening genuinely noteworthy."

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