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Memorandum To The American Delegates To The United Nations Conference Of San Francisco By The Synagogue Council of America

The Synagogue Council of America, the representative religious body of American Jewry, views the San Francisco Conference of the United Nations as the supreme opportunity of our generation to achieve and maintain universal peace and security by setting up an effective world organization. The Synagogue Council of America greets the United States delegates and through them, the representatives of all the United Nations with the fervent prayer that the noble purpose of the conference be successfully accomplished. G-d grant that the exalted vision of the ancient prophets of Israel may become a reality in our days and emerge out of the ruins and sacrifices of the war; a world in which "nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

The Synagogue Council of America makes the following additional recommendations to the Dumbarton Oaks Proposals;—

1. Universal Disarmament: As the organization for collective security is assured, its charter should provide the measures and machinery leading to universal disarmament. These aim to bring nearer the day when swords will be beaten into ploughshares and spears into pruning hooks, when the implements of war will be forged into implements of good for all, when the fear of Fear will be banished from among men and "the work of righteousness shall be peace and the effect of righteousness, quietness and confidence forever."

2. International Bill of Rights: The charter of the organization should explicitly declare that states, like individuals, are subject to the universal law of morality, and their treatment of their own nationals and others within their borders is not beyond the control of the human conscience and the will of God. Accordingly, the charter should include an international bill of rights, which would place under the overriding protection of the international body the lives and liberties of the inhabitant of every country without distinction of birth, nationality, language,

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SOUVENIR ALBUM DRIVE ENTERS FINAL LAP

Let Us All Put Our Shoulder To The Wheel

There are only two more weeks left for our Souvenir Album Drive.

Latest reports show that we are running behind our anticipated goal. Director Harry Appel, who is the recipient of the Souvenir Album at the reception in his honor on Sunday evening, May 27th, would be very happy to learn that more co-operation is being shown by the friends of W. S. I. S.

Now is the time for all good friends of the W.S.I.S. to put their shoulder to the wheel — by turning in an abundance of "ads." Let each of us consider it as a personal obligation to join the "Ad Brigade" of our Souvenir Album. Time is short. Let's get into action immediately. Have you sent in your Ad? Have you tried to secure an Ad?

LAST CALL FOR CLOTHING CAMPAIGN

Women's League Committee Does Excellent Job



Mrs. Samuel Greenman

The UNNRA Clothing Campaign, conducted under the auspices of our Synagogue, has thus far evoked an overwhelming response on the part of our friends. The campaign has been conducted under the active chairmanship of Mrs. Samuel Greenman of the Women's League.

This is the last call for your discarded clothing which is urgently needed by the inhabitants of war-torn Europe. You may send all donations of clothing to the Synagogue office, and it would be appreciated if they were packed and mended.

UNITY THEME TO BE DISCUSSED AT MEN'S CLUB MEETING

War Veterans Will Be Guests At Men's Club Theatre Party



Isidor Teitelbaum

At the next meeting of the Men's Club on Monday evening April 30, 8:30 P.M., Mr. Isidor Teitelbaum will speak on the topic "Unity In Jewish Life." Here is an opportunity for all men to hear a presentation on this most interesting subject.

Mr. Teitelbaum is a member of the National Executive Committee of the American Jewish Congress, Treasurer of the Bronx Hospital, and active in many philanthropic organizations.

The Men's Club, arranged with the American Red Cross to take several hundred veterans from Halloran Hospital to their theatre party on June 4th. The performance that evening will be the Theater Guild's recent success, "Carousel." The committee is asking for contributions from \$10 up which will provide tickets for these deserving boys.

Please make checks payable to Men's Club W.S.I.S. and mail to Mr. Moe Oltarsh, 1441 Broadway, N.Y.C.

UNVEILING

The unveiling of the Monument erected to the memory of the late

ADA SEDWITZ

will take place at Union Fields Cemetery, Sunday, April 29, 1945, at 2:00 o'clock — plot 3004.



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TOWARDS UNITY

The Synagogue at long last has turned its blandishing eye to the rank of organized labor. This new move, which is gaining impetus on a national scale, has been the result of necessity rather than altruistic devotion. The bulk of Synagogue devotees, in former times, has always been made up of the Jewish working masses. It therefore did not become frantic when losses were incurred in its upper class membership by those who left the faith to "better" their social status.

Today, however, the Jewish worker, who has found economic security in the great labor organizations, no longer evinces a desire to maintain active affiliation with the Synagogue. Instead he attempts to find his paragon of affection in the organized movements of socialism, nationalism or even secular Zionism.

The road to unity between the Synagogue and Labor is beset with many difficulties. Only by putting aside selfish motives and sincerely working for the welfare of the other, will both find gratification in the resultant combination. Z.Z.



222nd COMMANDMENT The Law of the Fallen Fruit by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

We are bidden to leave for the poor and the stranger the fallen fruit of the vineyard at the time of the gathering of the grapes off the vine, as we read in Leviticus, Chapter 19, Verse 10, "Thou shalt leave them for the poor and the stranger, I am the L-d your G-d."

223rd COMMANDMENT The Law of the Fallen Fruit

We now have the negative commandment concerning the vineyard that one should not gather the fallen fruits of the vineyard, but leave them for the poor as we read in Leviticus, Chapter 19, Verse 10, "And neither

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shall they gather the fallen fruit of thy vineyard." The difference between gleanings and the fallen fruit is as follows: Gleanings represent that which remains on the trees but fallen fruit refers to the time when one gathers, and one or two grapes fall from the basket to the ground. If it be three grapes then it is regarded as a cluster and does not come under the category of פֶּרֶט "of the fallen fruit." However if one intentionally threw a whole cluster of grapes on the ground, then it shows that it is הפקר that he meant it to become "public property." However, if one put a basket under the vine so that the single grapes must fall therein it is regarded as stealing from the poor. You cannot fool G-d. The owner thought that only if single grapes fall to the ground they belong to the poor. However, he wanted to beat the law and tried to make sure that no grapes would fall to the ground. No, as soon as the stray grapes leave the tree even before they fall to the ground, they belong to the poor. The laws of the fallen fruit are similar to the laws of Peah, the corner of the field.

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race or religion; the unequivocal equality of rights in law and in fact of all the citizens of every country; and the full and equal right of all religious, ethnic and cultural groups to maintain and foster their respective loyalties and traditions. For men are not truly free without the right of spiritual self-determination. A commission, or commissions, should be set up within the general security organization, to safeguard these human rights of all men everywhere.

3. **Justice to the Jew:** The desperate need of the Jewish people, despoiled, disfranchised, and decimated in twelve long years of Nazi barbarism, must challenge the conscience of humanity. The postwar treatment of the Jews is a touchstone of the effectiveness of the new world organization in establishing and maintaining peace and justice. The civil and political rights of the Jews of Europe must be restored by the vigorous enforcement of the recommended international bill of rights. In addition, we believe that, whatever the precise form of the ultimate political structure of Palestine may be, the democratic and peace-loving nations of the world are honor-bound to respect the Balfour Declaration and the Mandate for Palestine, a pledge approved by 52 nations of

the world and often reiterated by the leaders of the United Nations. It is tragically urgent that immediate steps be taken to abrogate the 1939 White Paper, never sanctioned by the League of Nations, and to open the gates of Palestine to free and unrestricted Jewish immigration and land colonization.

4. **Outlawing Racial and Religious Incitement:** Anti-Semitism and other anti-religious and anti-racial incitements, as the war has proved, are a threat to the freedom of individuals and racial groups have served in our day to spearhead the overthrow of democracy in Germany and elsewhere. If permitted to continue, these activities would undermine the foundations of a just and ethical world order. It is therefore imperative that the United Nations charter include provision for the outlawing of incitement against religious and racial groups as well as discrimination against them.

Synagogue Council of America
Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, Pres.
This memorandum was submitted to the President of the United States, the Secretary of State, the American delegation to the San Francisco Conference and to the Chairmen of the Committees on Foreign Relations of the United States Senate and of Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives.

BAR MITZVAH



Leisha Langer

Congratulations to our Director and Mrs. Moses Langer whose son, Leisha, will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah at the Synagogue Sabbath morning. The entire congregation is cordially invited to attend the Kiddush following the services.

LATEST DONORS TO UJA APPEAL

The following have sent in their contributions in answer to the recent U. J. A. Appeal made in our Synagogue.

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Friday Evening Service 6:30
Saturday Morning Service 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:00
Talmud and Ein Jacob Class 6:40
Mincha Service 7:40
The Sabbath terminates 8:18
Sunday morning Service 6:45, 8:45
Daily Services:
Mornings 6:45, 8:00, 8:30
Mincha 7:40
Followed by the study of the Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein.

CALLING ALL YOUNG MEN

To Enter Our Sermon Contest

We are inviting ambitious young men to enter our Sermon Contest in connection with Youth Sabbath, which takes place this year on Saturday May 26th, 1945. If you have a desire to present your views, then simply follow these few simple rules to satisfy that urge of self-expression.

- 1—Write an original sermon.
- 2—Mail it to us not later than Friday, May 11th.
- 3—Send your entry typed and unsigned, accompanied by a sealed envelope containing your name.
- 4—Don't delay!

OUR MEMORIAL PARK

Mr. Joseph Buchsbaum, Chairman of the Cemetery Committee, requests that those who are interested in acquiring a plot in our Memorial Park in Mt. Eden Cemetery, in Westchester, New York, communicate with him at the Synagogue office at their convenience. All thoughtful people will not put off until tomorrow what should be done today.

MAKING A WILL

When you make your Last Will and Testament, please be sure and name our Institution in the following words: "I give, bequeath and devise to the West Side Institutional Synagogue, a religious Corporation of the State of New York, located at 120-138 West 76th Street . . . It is very important that the name appear correctly.

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CHATS ABOUT W.S.I.S.

By Morris Jablow

The statement of Moe Oltarsh, on behalf of the Men's Club, is heartwarming and tremendously pleasing. I am sure that you, our readers, will be proud of the WSIS family.

The Men's Club has arranged for a Theatre Benefit at the Majestic Theatre on June 4th, 1945, where the outstanding musical success, "Carousel" is being presented. Mr. Moe Oltarsh, Vice-President of the Club, who is in charge of this project, announced that several rows will be reserved for wounded veterans now in Halloran Hospital. The Red Cross is arranging for their transportation to the theatre on that evening. The cost of this humane act will be met by contributions from generous-hearted friends.

Any of you, our readers, who wish to share in this unselfish deed, are requested to get in touch with Mr. Oltarsh at 1441 Broadway. Send him your check and tell him that you too want to do your bit for those boys who have made the sacrifice for the cause of liberty, and for the continuation of our way of life. A ten dollar check will make you a host.

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GETTING PERSONAL . . .

The State Department invited the Synagogue Council to attend the United Nations Conference at San Francisco, and our Rabbi Goldstein has been appointed one of the delegates to attend. May he be favored with Divine wisdom to aid the cause of justice . . . Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cohen upon the marriage of their daughter Helen Z. to Sgt. Henry S. Rosenblum . . . We are proud of Leonard Ehrman of our Talmud Torah, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Ehrman whose scientific project will be placed on exhibition at the Bronx High School of Science. Congrats to his sister, Judith, who celebrates her birthday . . . Also, a very happy birthday to Susi Stern, Alan Hirsch, and Howard Cohen, two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Cohen, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Steinberg . . . We were very happy to see Buddy Udell with us at services on Sabbath, but we missed our President, Lester Udell, who was away for a short and very much deserved rest . . . Our best wishes to Rabbi Hurwitz who celebrated his birthday last Tuesday . . . We hear that Celia Siegel is starting early to get her pledges of tables for the Women's League luncheon . . . We were very sorry to learn that Samuel Fasten has suffered a relapse, and wish a him a 'Refuo She-lamo' . . . Wedding Anniversary Congratulations to Corporal & Mrs. Harold N. Reich, who celebrated their third wedding anniversary on April 17. He is the son-in-law of Harry Altman, and is stationed at present at OCS, Camp Lee, Virginia . . . Congratulations to Captain Harry Kessler who was chosen as the first citizen of Newark. He is the brother of Mrs. Joseph Settel . . . Time is growing short for our souvenir album drive. Have you joined the "Ad Brigade?" . . . You all should have been present at the heated debate on "Parties in Zionism" under the auspices of our Junior Club Council, which took place last Saturday evening. Josephine Goldstein defended the Agudah point of view . . . Thanks to Henry Rippin for donating a "yod" (pointer) for the Torah . . . Congratulations to the Goldman's of the GGG clothing concern upon the celebration of their 50th Business Anniversary . . . Congratulations to Major Gerald Blankfort upon his promotion.

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