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Loyalty Viewpoint

The San Francisco Conference

by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

This is the first time in history, that the United States has participated in an All-Nations Conference, whose decisions will be binding upon it. The old patterns of diplomacy, and the Power-politics game, are obstacles which our American Delegation must face. Our delegation is recognized as being most liberal. All the religious forces here, and particularly the Synagogue Council of America, have stressed the importance of JUSTICE as the underlying and guiding principle of the Dumbarton Oaks proposals.

The San Francisco Conference of the United Nations has before it only two questions which affect us as Jews. The first is the Bill of Human Rights, and the Second is the Matter of Trusteeship. In this connection, the American Delegation has already blazoned the way and has succeeded in securing the appointment of a Commission, to frame in detail a Bill of Human Rights. As Mandated Territories, which would involve Palestine, our American Delegation's proposal would strip the Mandatory Nation of complete power. The question now is, will the other nations accept the ideal point of view of the American Delegation?

Of course we must bear in mind that the function of the United Nations Conference on **International Organization**, here in San Francisco, is merely to create a **Charter** for an **"International Conscience"** and is not a Peace-Table. We must therefore not be disappointed when we hear that no definite promises will come forth from the Sessions, now being held here. However, it is in accordance with the basic principles which are adopted here, that the destinies of all peoples and in particular the minority groups, will be settled. The real commitments will be made at the Peace Table. We pray that צדק צדק "Justice, only Justice", will prevail at all times.

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SHEVUOS FESTIVAL FRI. & SAT.

Yizkor Services Saturday Morning



The holiday of Shevuos or Pentecost, the Feast of Weeks, which commemorates the revelation of the Torah on Mt. Sinai, 4,393 years ago, is also known as the Jewish Festival of New Fruits. Its celebration will take place Friday and Saturday, May 18th and 19th. Its observance follows the counting of the Omer, which began on Passover, and as Maimonides tells us, it may be com-

pared to one who, in expecting his most intimate friend on a certain day, counts the days and even the hours. We impatiently await the birthday of our religion when the Torah was given to Israel. As our Sages teach us. Shevuos is considered as the wedding anniversary of the Jewish people, and the Torah is the marriage certificate between the Jews and G-d.

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HARRY APPEL RECIPIENT OF SOUVENIR ALBUM AT ANNUAL RECEPTION

The reception for our loyal Director and ardent worker, Harry Appel, will take place on Sunday evening, May 27th. The Souvenir Album in his honor, will be formally presented to our good friend for his sincere and consistent work in the interest of WSIS.

Invitations will be sent to all who have participated in the Souvenir Album campaign by inserting their advertisements, to attend Sunday evening. A fine program has been arranged and refreshments will be served.

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Additional Contributions

Bessie Abrams, Paul Garfunkel, Chas. H. Hirschhorn, Karl Imwald, Joseph Landowne, Bernard Lax and Harry Mirken.

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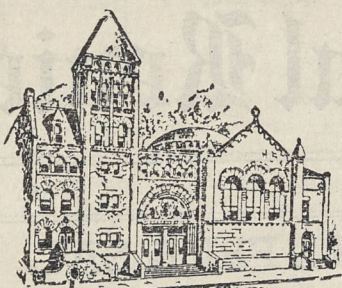
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Have you purchased your tickets to the Men's Club Theatre Party, scheduled for Monday Night, June 4, 1945, at the Majestic Theatre?

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Give a veteran a real treat by mailing your contribution of \$10 and up. Information on all seats may be had by contacting Mr. Moe Oltarsh, 1441 Broadway.



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AKDOMUS-INTRODUCTION TO A NEW WORLD

A unique aspect of Shevuos Festival is the recitation of Akdomus. This beautiful piece of liturgy fully reflects the spirit of our holiday which has always been the source of Israel's religious strength. Akdomus extols G-d's greatness with due thanks for choosing us as his servant. It continues with a display of Israel's faithfulness to its religion in face of outside attempts to lead it astray. In conclusion a hopeful description of the Messianic era inspires Israel with assurance of a glorious future.

The message of Akdomus brings hope to a world that has been filled with despair. It is of special significance on this Festival of Shevuos which follows so closely on the heels of our great victory. Not only has the war brought destruction of life and property but it has also been accompanied by moral and spiritual devastation.

Akdomus reawakens in us an outlook for world-wide cooperation and a realization that our hopes in the future triumph of Truth and Justice are not in vain. Z.Z.



225th COMMANDMENT Ye Shall Not Deal Falsely by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

This commandment deals with money matters. To lie is a violation of our commandment in Leviticus, Chapter 19, Verse 11, "Ye shall not deal falsely" which includes in addition a denial concerning any material demands made upon one by others. The Sifrah points out that we have already the commandment concerning false swearing in Leviticus, Chapter 5, Verses 21-26 where one appropriates someone else's property for his own use under one of the following circumstances, — while he is custodian of this property; as an employer who fails to

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pay wages to his employee; as one who does not repay a loan ;or by the actual deed of stealing. There was not witness present in any of these cases. Now if the rightful owner puts in a claim for his belongings, and the offender denies this claim but later realizes that he did wrong by doing so, he must return the article intact. If the article is no longer intact, then he must add a fourth, which makes it a fifth of the total, and he must bring, in addition, a guilt offering, as an atonement for his offense.

The Rabbis remark that since these denials are possible only when there are neither witnesses nor documents testifying against him. G-d remains the only witness, and therefore the offender commits a trespass against the L--d. We might also infer from this that any sin against one's neighbour is at the same time a sin against G-d. Both ceremonial and social duties emanate from His will and should be obeyed with equal scrupulousness. To a certain extent, social duties are more serious than ceremonial ones.

SHEVUOS FESTIVAL

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On the first night, it is customary to remain awake and recite specially prepared passages, condensed from the Bible, Talmud and Kabbalah which is known as 'Tikkun Le Shevuos'. We study the Tikkun in order to review our Written and Oral Law, in preparation for receiving the Torah on the morrow, since according to our tradition, every Jew is considered as having been on Mt. Sinai at the time of Revelation. Another reason is that the Israelites were awake an entire night before they received the Torah, in anxious expectation of the great gift.

We read the Book of Ruth because our holiday, being a festival of law as well as of harvest, is reflected in this Biblical story. Ruth's desire to convert to the Jewish faith displays her great understanding and devotion for our way of life. In reciting the "Akdomus" prayer, composed by Meier Ben Isaac Nehira in the Eleventh Century, we find the great extolling of G-d's love, of Israel's devotion to the Torah, and of the hope of the Messiah, when peace and goodness will reign in the world.

As a reminder of the harvest aspect of Shevuos, the Synagogue and

home is usually adorned with beautiful floral decorations, since, Mt. Si-

On the first night, it is customary to remain awake and recite specially prepared passages condensed from the Bible, Talmud and Kabbalah, nai was strikingly bedecked with beautiful foliage on the day of the giving of the Torah. The green branches also remind us that the Torah is a Tree of Life.

It is also customary to eat only Dairy Dishes in honor of the Torah, which is likened to "Honey and Milk." The Shevuos Dairy delicacies (blintzes and kreplach) have gained lasting popularity.

"Mission to a Heart"

'Twas thus, my son, my life did start
My mission was to heal her heart.
It was a great, big generous one
Where I found loads of love and fun.
Her only son, when old as you
Lost his life in World War II.
And as his soul rose from the sod,
To me, he came, and with a nod said
"Hey, there, fellow, you're the guy
Can shout my message to the sky
"We did not die in vain, you see
So long as all mankind is free.
To live and love and pray again
And to a prayer still shout "Amen."

FROM OUR CLUB DEPARTMENT

The "Blue N' White" club of Junior Club Council of our Synagogue will hold a Spring dance and festival on Saturday evening, May 26th at 9 P. M. The admission will be 50c single and 75c per couple.

Refreshments will be served and the music will be provided by a well known music band of nine pieces. Tickets are still available at the club department office.

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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Junior Congregation.....	10:00
Friday Evening.....	7:00
Tikun Shevuos Friday night.....	10:30
Saturday Morning.....	8:45
<i>Yizkor Services Saturday Morning</i>	

Talmud and Ein Jacob Classes.....	7:00
Mincha Service.....	8:00
The Sabbath Terminates.....	8:39
Sunday Morning Service.....	6:45, 8:45
<i>Daily Services:</i>	
Mornings	6:45, 8:00, 8:30
Mincha	8:00
Followed by the Study of the Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein	

IN THE RABBI'S MAILBAG

Dear Rabbi:

We had Services on the first day of Pesach. Our Chaplain was Rabbi Shudow of Boston but no Seder. The Rabbi asked me to send his best regards. He afterwards conducted a Seder in Goebbels' castle that evening.

The push across was not bad on our sector although we did expect much more but the Almighty was with us.

Yes, the worm has turned. They are no longer the master race and wonder what is in store for them. One woman pleaded with me not to take her children away as she said the radio told them that is what we would do if they did not evacuate.

Prisoners are giving themselves up by the hundreds and none that I have seen look like super men and if that's the way a pure Aryan looks, then thank G-d I am a Jew.

Give my best to all at home and Shule and hope this finds you all well.

Sidney Harris

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CHATS ABOUT W.S.I.S.

By Morris Jablow

Our Board of Directors have undertaken the exceedingly important task of raising funds for the express purpose of freeing our building from all debt by paying off the mortgage.

All of the directors, as well as many members and friends of our Institution who have been approached, responded enthusiastically and generously. We can state now with considerable confidence that the job will be successfully completed with the united help of those who have not yet responded.

You, our readers, can readily understand that by relieving our Institution from the burden of paying interest and amortization upon a mortgage, we will be enabled to expand our activities so that we can attract more people, both young and old, resident in this vicinity, to the influence of our Synagogue, and thereby promote greater loyalty to Traditional Judaism.

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Getting Personal

We extend a hearty welcome to Mr. Israel M. Friedman upon his return to the city after his vacation . . . Happy to see our good friends Philip Frankel and Louis Katz in shul on Saturday morning . . . We are very sorry to hear that Joseph Liss has been ill and send him our best wishes for a 'refuah shelemoh' . . . Birthday greetings to Ruth Davis, Dr. Jerome Goldstein, Lt. Joshua Levine, Sylvan Marshall, Cpl. Seymour Reichlin, Buddy Udell . . . Our special V-E Day services which were held on V-E Day itself, and also the Religious Service last Sunday evening sounded a congregational note of gratification and thankfulness. The service in conjunction with the Jewish War Veterans was very ably conducted with the aid of our Synagogue Post Commander, Max E. Sanders . . . Wedding anniversary congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Altman, Mr. and Mrs. David Don, Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Friedman, Director and Mrs. Joseph Settel and to Director and Mrs. David H. Ullman . . . Now that half the job is done, let's all pitch in and finish the task. Let's go over the top in the Seventh War Loan Drive by buying Bonds through the Synagogue.

Many thanks to our good member, Abe Seimann for his kindness in obtaining for us two men to tie up the many, many bundles of wearing apparel donated to the UNRRA drive . . . Our Boy Scout Troop 530 are doing yeoman service in the current War Loan Drive. That's fine, keep up the good work . . . Rabbi Goldstein, though in San Francisco, had our Congregation very much in mind at the special V-E Day Services; he sent moving prayers which were read before those assembled. . . . There is just a chance that you may still be able to get an ad in the Souvenir Album, to be presented to Harry Appel on Sunday, May 27th, if you hurry up and telephone.

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