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## Loyalty Viewpoint

by Rabbi Zev Zahavy

### The Influence of Judaism On Philosophical Concepts

The basic principles of our Jewish faith have made some of the most revolutionary contributions to philosophy and metaphysical speculations. Of these surely the most important concerns the idea of G-d as presented to Israel by Moses.

The most outstanding characteristic of our Jewish G-d is His unity, as Scripture tells us. (Deuteronomy VI, 4). שמע ישראל ה' אלקינו ה' אחד. "Here O Israel, the L--d our G-d, the L--d is One."

This statement presented in so simple a manner, caused one of the most far-reaching revolutions in philosophical thought. It created a new outlook in understanding the nature of the Prime Mover of the Universe. The great difficulty which faced the Greek philosopher was how to fit his plurality of gods into a reality which he conceived as one. It is therefore most natural that any philosopher, who arrived at an advanced point of speculation concerning the Prime Mover, and the Cause of the existence of this world, would naturally conclude that the Jewish G-d is the true G-d.

Such philosophical speculation raised no contradiction for the Jew. Whatever the nature of reality, his religious principles of one G-d certainly coincided with his philosophical concept of the Prime Mover. Both are One. Therefore they are the same. Being the same, they thus give man one and the same explanation of the world's existence.

Moses' proclamation of G-d to Israel was not new. The Almighty was already known to them as the L--d G-d of their fathers, אלקינו ואלקי אבותינו, as is acknowledged in the opening recitation of the Amida. However, we do find Moses inquiring after G-d's name. Apparently, Scripture seems to make reply through a purely religious statement, with a non-philosophical declaration. Scripture's assertion proves to be one of the

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## HARRY APPEL RECEPTION

THIS SUNDAY EVENING



Harry Appel  
The Man We Honor

### MEN'S CLUB

Mr. Moe Oltarsh, President of the Men's Club announces that the Theatre Party scheduled for June 4th, 1945, at the Majestic Theatre, presenting the outstanding musical show, "Carousel", promises to be a huge success. Arrangements have been made, in conjunction with the Buddy Friedman Post No. 297, J.W.V. of the U.S., to have as their guests 350 wounded veterans from 15 hospitals throughout the State. These veterans will be entertained at dinner and then taken to the show.

Mrs. Julius Ochs Adler, Co-chairman of the New York City Defense Recreation Committee, stated that this event is an unparalleled undertaking by any group. The members of these organizations should be proud of their achievement.

A regular meeting of the Men's Club will take place this Monday evening, May 28th. Full reports of the Theatre Party and the proposed alterations to the building will be made.

### CONDOLENCE

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the family of the late JACOB MARGARETEN, upon the great loss which they have sustained in his demise.

### Superb Program Planned

The Annual Souvenir Album will be presented to our Director, Harry Appel, at the reception in his honor, this Sunday evening, May 27th, at 8:30 P.M.

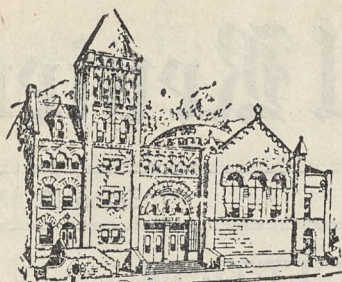
Mr. George Seedman, National President of the American Business Congress, will be guest speaker in addition to an excellent program which has been arranged for the evening, as follows:



George Seedman

1. Star Spangled Banner and Hatikvah.
2. Invocation—Rabbi Zev Zahavy
3. Address of welcome—Chairman
4. Vocal selections—Gerhard Pechner, leading bass baritone, Metropolitan Opera Company.
5. "Our Past and Our Future"—Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein.
6. Address—George Seedman, National President, American Business Congress.
7. Duet—Donald Dame leading lyric tenor, Metropolitan Opera Company and Gerhard Pechner.
8. Address—Lester Udell, President, West Side Institutional Synagogue.
9. Vocal selections—Cantor Zalmon Yavneh.
10. Address—Harry Appel, guest of honor.
11. Vocal selections—Donald Dame.
12. Singing of "God Bless America." Frederic Waldman, at the piano.

Invitations to the reception may be obtained at the office of the Synagogue.



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## NEW AMERICANS

The end of the European conflict gives us a chance to evaluate the contributions of the many refugees who have found haven on these shores.

We extend a tribute of praise to these unfortunate men and women who found it necessary to leave their native homelands. In face of untold hardships, they mastered a strange language and adapted themselves to the foreign environment in such an admirable manner as to definitely render great service to our country.

In all fields of endeavor, the refugee availed himself in commendable fashion. Not only did he join the under-manned ranks of home defense work and agriculture, but there were also many who saw action as members of the Allied Forces.

In addition, he brought with him, the inspired religious fervor which was of such great significance in the Old World.

To our new American friends, we extend our warm welcome which we hope will seal a permanent friendship.

Z. Z.



## 225th COMMANDMENT

**Ye Shall Not Deal Falsely**  
by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein  
II

Ceremonial derelictions may be atoned for on the Day of Atonement if accompanied by genuine repentance, but for sins against man, repentance on the Day of Atonement are of no avail until one pacifies the injured party by making suitable reparation and asks for his forgiveness.

We have here only the punishment indicated. Of course there can be no punishment where there has been no previous warning.

The warning is first indicated in our commandment in our verse,

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most epoch-making predications in the History of Philosophy. (Exodus III, 13-14) "And Moses said unto G-d 'Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel and shall say unto them: The G-d of your fathers have sent me unto you: And they shall say to me 'What is His Name?' What shall I say unto them?' And G-d said unto Moses: 'I AM THAT I AM; and He said: Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel. I AM has sent me unto you.' The very essence of our Great Almighty's name implies existence — 'He Who Is.'"

The latter Greek philosophers found it necessary to reject the mythical gods of their culture. Nevertheless, they could not attain the simple clarity of the Jewish religious statements. We find this true even in the speculations of the great Plato. In his explanations for That which Is, he says that it should ultimately rest, not alone within those elements of reality that are always being generated, or propagated. Since they are eternally renewed through generation they never really exist. However, something which exists without any reliance on generation, truly is, truly exists.

We find that Plato's words duplicate the declaration of Moses centur-

"Thou shalt not deal falsely."

Furthermore, one who deals falsely and denies possession of another man's goods and denies that he lied, he is unfit to serve as a witness. The Rabbis go further and say that if one lies in order to take money away from another even if he did not swear but only made a denial, he is unfit to be a witness.

The whole matter of lying is most serious and obnoxious and the Rabbis in the Talmud say a man's "Yes" must be his bond; it must be righteous and so too a man's "No" must be true and righteous. They go further on to say that He (G-d) who exacted retribution from the generation of the Flood will exact it of the man who does not stand by his word.

"The seal of G-d is truth." The liar is an outcast from Divine fellowship. Man also punishes him because he is not believed even when he speaks the truth.

Further details concerning this law are to be found in the Treatise Shevuoth. This prohibition refers to all places and to all times, to male and to female.

ies previously, the only difference being in the article. Moses implied— "He Who Is." Plato said — "That Which Is," apparently referring to the existence of G-d. If one follows logical reasoning, then the declaration of Moses will be seen as being much fuller and deeper. Thus: If G-d Is—"He Who Is", He also Is—"That Which Is." Because to be somebody is also to be something. However, the converse is not true—to be something does not mean to be somebody. For to be somebody is much more than to be something. Which means that the declaration of Moses might very well fit into the scheme of Platonic thought. And yet, it does not necessarily mean that the statements of Plato fully satisfy the Biblical concept. The Biblical idea of G-d is an absolute, all-embracing one.

It thus appears not inconceivable to interpret Judaism as a Jewish philosophy of life. It differs from Greek philosophy since the latter provided merely a technique for the rational explanation of the world.

The great contribution of the Jewish doctrine is that by posing as the supreme cause of all, That Which Is—Somebody Who Is and of Whom it is said—"He Is", it establishes existence as the deepest layer of reality as well as the supreme attribute of the Divinity.

## YOUTH SABBATH TOMORROW

Youth Sabbath will take place tomorrow morning in our Synagogue, at which time the young people of our congregation will conduct all of the services in addition to the reading of the Torah.

Friday evening service will be chanted by Ralph Kestenbaum. Sabbath morning services will be read by Kurt Stern, Ralph Kestenbaum and David Buchsbaum. The portion of the week, will be read from the Torah on Sabbath morning by: Jack Verschleiser, Jean Paul Weil, Ralph Kestenbaum, Gideon Goldman, Samuel Ward, Robert Hausman, Alan Mirken, Arthur Udell, Sam Flax, David Buchsbaum, Leisha Langer, and Herbert Perlman. Larry Rosan will recite the Maftir and Haftorah.

At the Sabbath Afternoon Service, the Torah will be read by Herbert Perlman, and the Service will be read by Morty Cohen. Others who will participate in Youth Sabbath are: Jacob Golden, Eugene Blode, Emanuel Hochfeld, Leonard Ehrman, Jack Flax, Arthur Rosett. Raphael and Emanuel Yavneh.

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## WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

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|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Light Candles Friday Evening .....  | 7:58             |
| Weekly Portion: <i>Naso</i>         |                  |
| Friday Evening Service .....        | 6:30             |
| Saturday Morning Service .....      | 9:00             |
| Junior Congregation .....           | 10:00            |
| Talmud and Ein Jacob Class .....    | 7:10             |
| Mincha Service .....                | 8:10             |
| <i>The Sabbath terminates</i> ..... | 8:45             |
| Sunday morning Service .....        | 6:45, 8:45       |
| <i>Daily Services:</i>              |                  |
| Mornings .....                      | 6:45, 8:00, 8:30 |
| Mincha .....                        | 8:10             |
| Followed by the study of the        |                  |
| Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein   |                  |

## IN THE RABBI'S MAILBAG

Dear Rabbi Goldstein:

I am happy to hear that the attendance of the Synagogue is excellent. I have always regarded the "West Side Institutional Synagogue" as an inspiration for the Young People of our City.

I am now in the Philippine Islands. The condition of the Filipinos is very bad. The Japs have taken all their possessions. Their women have been attacked and then executed. Most of the women find it necessary to hide in the hills for protection. The children go around naked, as there is no clothing.

We are looking forward to the day when the young men can return to their homes and to the Synagogue week after week, in a better world in which to live.

Cordially yours,  
Sgt. Harold Margareten

## UNVEILINGS

A monument to our member, ELIAS SILVER, will be unveiled Sunday, May 27 at 3 P.M. at Acacia Cemetery, Ozone Park; if rain, postponed to following Sunday.

A monument to CELIA KIRSCH will also be unveiled this Sunday, May 27 at 2 P.M. at Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Cyprus Hills St. and Cyprus Avenue, Brooklyn. If rain, postponed to following Sunday.

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## CHATS ABOUT W.S.I.S.

by Morris Jablow

A gentleman who dropped in for a chat, suggested that I inform you, our readers, of the formation of the Veterans Rehabilitation Committee.

The Men's Club together with the Buddy Friedman Post No. 297 J.W.V. have formed a Panel which meets in our building every Monday evening.

The purpose of that Panel is to serve any returning veteran who may be in need of advice regarding any problem he may face on entering civilian life.

All of us are keenly conscious of the debt of gratitude we owe to the men who have served in the armed forces and helped in the glorious victory in Europe. However awareness of our obligations is not enough, we must translate it into constructive action.

Let us welcome him with open arms and make him feel that we are ready and willing to be of real service in every way.

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## GETTING PERSONAL

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## FROM OUR CLUB DEPARTMENT

This Saturday evening, May 26th, the Blue and White will hold their Closing Spring Festival, at 9 P. M. Tickets for the dance are still available at 50c. for single admission, and 75c. per couple.

All Junior Club Council members are urged to attend, as we want to make the closing affair for 1945, of this Junior Club Council one of the outstanding events of the season.

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