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ORTHODOX CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

By Chaplain Norman Siegel.

We have been busy with special programs in connection with the lamentable death of our beloved President Roosevelt, with the San Francisco Conference, and with V-E Day.

In addition, however, I am performing some of the duties of the senior chaplain of the Central Pacific Base Command, who is away just now on a tour of certain Pacific islands. During his temporary absence, I am acting as senior chaplain of this section.

One fascinating matter on which I am working this week are the blueprints for a new style of Army chapel which shall be particularly expressive of these lovely Pacific islands. By way of example, an open air courtyard, with shady trees, flowers and hedges, for outdoor reading. Also a library and music room. Architecture especially suited for the semi-tropics.

Another activity, much sadder, is to represent the Commanding General in the presentation to the families of Japanese-American soldiers of posthumous Purple Hearts. These brave men fought gloriously for that freedom which certain self-styled "Americans" in the United States would deny them and their families. You can judge how chagrined I am to read of the shameful activities of these "American Storm Troopers" on the West Coast. Here such outrageous attacks on loyal citizens because of race is unknown.

Then too, I am still carrying on with my routine duties. I am supply officer of religious supplies for all chaplains, Catholic, Jewish and Protestant. Moreover, I coordinate the work of the Jewish chaplains. Finally I conduct Jewish worship services and interview chaplains as well as soldiers and officers regarding their personal problems.

On the other hand, occasionally I perform a marriage ceremony for a loving couple or a Pidyon Haben. Many of my duties are quite pleasant. All of my experiences are en-

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SERMON CONTEST WINNERS



Laurence J. Rosan

Last Sabbath which was dedicated to the Young People of our Synagogue as Annual Youth Sabbath was enhanced by the fine speaking of our up and coming generation. Laurence Rosan preached the Sabbath morning sermon. The preachers on Saturday afternoon were Ralph Kestenbaum and Robert Hausman.

JEWISH COMMUNITY SCHOOL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

The Jewish Community School—Yeshivath Ohr Torah—the only all-day elementary Jewish school in the West Side of this city, is now concluding its second year of work. Its fine record of achievement is well known to all who have followed its growth and progress carefully.

Registration for the new year will be conducted daily during the month of June between the hours of 9 to 2 at the school building, 30 West 74th Street, just off Central Park. For further particulars contact the school office. Write, or call ENdicott 2-1670.

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VETERANS' PANEL TO MEET

Rehabilitation and Reconstruction

The Buddy Friedman Post No. 297, Jewish War Veterans of the United States and the Mens Club of the W. S. I. S. will hold a weekly panel every Monday night at 8:30 P. M. at its quarters, 120 West 76th Street, to consult and advise with returning veterans as regards separation pay, education, vocational training, insurance, hospitalization, disability pensions, reemployment, unemployment benefits, and all subjects related to the veteran and his family.

A board will be available every Monday night, and those who need advice or guidance are welcome to appear with any questions or problems which confront them.

This is one of the services which both the Mens Club and the Buddy Friedman Post No. 297 are happy to offer to those who wish to avail themselves of the opportunity.

SCOUTING THE SCOUT NEWS

Our Boy Scout Troop No. 530 is justly proud of their recent contribution to the war effort. The Scouts received a special letter of commendation from Washington for their outstanding record in the sale of Bonds. The troop meets on Tuesday evenings under the guidance of Scout Master, Capt. Frank E. Fink. All boys 12 years of age or over, are invited to join.

Morton S. Cohen, Cub Master of Cub Pack No. 23, reports a very active and enjoyable season. The Cubs have increased their membership this year and have reached a new record. Plans are being made for further extension of their activities during the coming season.

Our Sea Scout Troop No. 30, has also increased its membership and carried out an interesting and active year.

Some hikes and outings are being planned for all troops.

Our District Scout Commissioner, Emanuel Fine, has been instrumental in the increased activity program and growth of membership, which has made this year one of our most successful scouting years.

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THE "BRIS"

The number eight is always associated with the "Bris," the Covenant between Israel and G-d. Thus on the eighth anniversary of the Covenant of the W. S. I. S. we too shall make a "Bris," a Covenant with G-d. This Covenant as a Congregation means that we shall remain steadfast and loyal to the G-d given law and its traditions. Here and there a congregant may stray away from our faith. Here and there a Congregant may not be willing to subscribe to the whole pattern of Judaism but as a complete organism, the Congregation, we may not turn either to the left nor to the right but to the way that was blazoned for us by G-d Almighty at Sinai down to the present day. This way, G-d's way, is the path of life which leads to nobility, humanity and happiness. It is well then on the eighth anniversary of the founding of the Synagogue that we renew our pledge of loyalty to Him and His Torah and pray that we may live for many years to fulfill it.



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226TH COMMANDMENT

Ye Shall Not Lie One to Another
By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein.

If one lied in that he had another person's possession or money, he violated the previous commandment, "Ye shall not deal falsely." If in addition to lying he swore to back up his lie, he violated our commandment of Leviticus, Chapter 19, Verse 11, "Thou shalt not lie one to another." Our verse goes on to warn one against the penalty of lying, as is pointed out in the Sifrah. We have already the commandment which deals against swearing falsely but the warning against that commandment is in our text. This whole matter is given full explanation in the Talmud Treatise Shevuoth. Any one who swears falsely concerning the taking of another man's money or goods trespasses two negative commandments (1) "Thou shalt not

swear by My name falsely," Exodus, Verse 20 and (2) "Ye shall not lie one to another." Leviticus, Chapter 19, Verse 11.

The laws concerning this commandment pertain to all places and to all times and he who trespassed it purposely, received stripes. This is the only case in the Torah where one received stripes for violating a negative commandment that did not involve any action except mere speech. The seriousness of the offense is so great that an exception was made in this case.

227TH COMMANDMENT

Not to Swear Falsely
By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein.

We are bidden not to swear falsely as is written in Leviticus, Chapter 19, Verse 12, "Thou shalt not swear by My name falsely so that thou profane the name of thy G-d: I am the L-d." In the third of the Ten Commandments we are bidden not to take the name of the Lord, our G-d, in vain, and we have the punishment indicated. Our commandment is as a warning for there is no punishment in accordance with Jewish law unless there be a warning given. Many a man has made it his life mission to avoid being forced to take an oath.

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riching. Every difficult problem is a challenge and an opportunity for growth.

As you know, all servicemen are now counting points and estimating as to when they will be able to be discharged from the Army. You may be interested to learn that I have sufficient points to be eligible for return to civilian life. If you know me at all though, you surely are aware that I do not propose to apply until Japan has been beaten and peace shall be the lot of men of goodwill everywhere.

IN THE RABBI'S MAILBAG

Dear Rabbi:

Got your V-Mail of April 24th and it sure was good to hear from you.

First I want to say thanks for the calendar books sent by the Welfare Board. I am glad to have them as now I can see what is what and keep up to date on Holy days.

Now that the war is over we are

doing occupational work. I am assistant to a military governor and also act as interpreter. The people naturally come to us with their troubles and I find it very interesting work. In fact it is much better than to dodge bullets and shells.

Our big problem is sending home or looking after the foreign laborers who were brought here by other countries as they do cause trouble by looting and plundering. We also issue traveling passes, health and schooling. Today we allowed the Catholic Church to open up their school which the Nazis discontinued when they took over.

Some of these people expect more than they know they could ever have gotten from their own late government and are quite brazen about it.

Guess that's about all to write about for this time so will close with my best regards to all and hope it won't be long before I will be back home and seeing all of you again.

Sincerely Yours,

Sidney Harris.

BAR-MITZVAHS



Robert Malatzky Leonard Weingarten

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Malatzky upon the occasion of the Bar-Mitzvah of their son Robert, and to Dr. and Mrs. Michael Weingarten upon the Bar-Mitzvah of their son, Leonard, which will take place in our Synagogue tomorrow morning.

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Weekly Portion: *Behaaloscho*
Friday Evening Service 6:30
Saturday Morning Service 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:00
Talmud Ein Jacob Class 7:15
Mincha Service 8:15
The Sabbath Terminates 8:51
Sunday Morning Service 6:45, 8:45
Daily Services:
Mornings 6:45, 8:00, 8:30
Mincha 8:10

Followed by the study of the Shulchan
Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein.

ADDITIONAL UJA CONTRIBUTIONS

Mrs. D. Ganz, Henry Kaufman,
Isidor Lauer, Joseph Settel, Jennie
Slayton and J. H. Silverstein.

FROM OUR CLUB DEPARTMENT

This Sunday afternoon at 3:30
P. M. the Beth Hillel Group will get
together for the closing meeting of
the season. The Betar Group will
also hold their final meeting on Sun-
day evening at 8 P. M. There will
be speakers and entertainment at
both functions.

The "613" Club will continue to
publish its news letter to our men
and women in the Armed Forces.

We extend our cordial greetings
for a pleasant vacation and hope
to see you all back with us in the
Fall.

CONDOLENCE

We extend our heartfelt sym-
pathies to our member Samuel
Greenman and to Mrs. Leopold
Hirsch upon the passing of their
father ISAAC GREENMAN.

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CHATS ABOUT W. S. I. S.

By Morris Jablow.

Occasionally you have read in
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groups that meet in our building.
Since last season a new group has
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special mention.

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Getting Personal

The reception tendered in honor of Harry Appel last Sunday was certainly a grand tribute . . . Our young men made an excellent showing at our Youth Sabbath Services last week. From our friends and congregants there came a continuous stream of congratulations on their good work. For us it means that the youth of the W. S. I. S. are prepared to take their respective responsibilities in our Congregation of tomorrow. Rabbi Zahavy did a fine job . . . We extend a cordial greeting to our Director Henry Blankfort, recently returned from his visit to the West Coast . . . We also welcome back Morris Roskind after his long illness and are happy to see that he has recovered . . . Mazel-tov to our new grandparents Director and Mrs. Joseph Buchsbaum upon the birth of a baby girl to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Miller . . . The Women's League were hostesses to the Shevuoth gathering of the Women's Branch of the U. O. J. C. A. . . . Happy Birthday to our Album man Harry Appel, Mrs. Irving Kobrin and Renee Kaufman . . . Congratulations to Lt. Lincoln Katz and Judith Scherer who were married in our Synagogue last Sunday . . . Many thanks to Mrs. Aaron Wartels for sewing tablecloths for us. It is our pleasure to benefit from this Mitzvah . . . Congratulations to Ensign Joseph M. Karpf upon his recent graduation. His parents were proud indeed to be with him in Schule Saturday. Good sailing to you . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Cohen upon the Bar-Mitzvah of their son Philip Joseph . . . We are very happy to learn that our Director, Samuel Fasten has recovered from his recent illness and hope he can enjoy a Happy Wedding Anniversary. He sent greetings to his many friends before leaving for Rochester . . . Wedding Anniversary Congratulations to Director and Mrs. Siegfried Bendheim, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Goldsmith, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Levine, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Snower and President and Mrs. Lester Udell. May they continue to multiply their anniversary score.

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