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From the Rabbi's Study

Home

"When Lafayette returned from France to make a visit to our country after he had aided General Washington in winning the independence of the colonies, he was given a reception never surpassed in the nation's history. He was met at the ship's landing by a military escort and conducted to his hotel. On the reception committee were national officials, high-ranking military and naval men, and representatives of the various interests of the nation. That night in a great hall a patriotic celebration was held in his honor. Through it all the little Frenchman sat motionless and seemingly unmoved. Then a gentleman stepped to the back of the platform where hung a great curtain. He pulled a cord, and a curtain dropped revealing a large painting of Lafayette's boyhood home back in France. For a moment he looked at the picture, and then bowed his face in his hands, his whole body shook with emotion."—**Anchored till Morning, by Millard A. Jenkins.**

ETERNITY

"When Sir William Russel was on his way to the scaffold, he took his watch out of his pocket and handed it to the physician who waited upon him, as he said, 'Will you kindly take my timepiece and keep it; I have no more use for it; for I am dealing with eternity.'"

Through Night to Morning, by A. C. Dixon.

THE GREAT DESIGN

"Ordinarily the scientist does not try to explain why 'the wheels go round. He is content to show how they go round. But ten years ago a book appeared in which a group of scientists, American, British and Continental, gave a spiritual interpretation of nature. The book is entitled THE GREAT DESIGN. It is a heartening book. No, these scholars declare, the universe is not a huge mechanism that grinds its soulless way. There is a plan. Says

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SERMON CONTEST WINNERS



Ralph Kestenbaum Robert Hausman

We are very happy to congratulate Ralph Kestenbaum and Robert Hausman, as second-place winners of our Sermon Contest held in connection with the recent Youth Sabbath.

TALMUD TORAH REGISTRATION FOR FALL TERM

New classes are being formed now for the Fall term of our Talmud Torah. Registration will take place during the week of June 11th through 15th. Our Kindergarten, Talmud Torah and High School Classes are carefully graded to meet the need of every boy and girl of all ages.

In the month of June, the boys and girls of our Talmud Torah are planning to witness another Baseball Game in addition to a Picnic Outing.

NOW IS THE TIME TO RESERVE YOUR HIGH HOLY DAY SEATS

All of our readers who plan to be with us for the High Holydays are urged to reserve their seats now to insure satisfactory choice. Due to the great demand last year, it was impossible to fulfill the many late requests. We therefore advise our friends to attend to this matter at once.



WOMEN'S LEAGUE LUNCHEON

Closing Affair of Season Mah-Jong—Bridge

The conclusion of a year full of constructive activity will be marked by our Women's League with a Dessert Luncheon-Mah Jong-Bridge which will be held at our building on Monday, June 11th at 12:30 o'clock. There will be no admission charge and all the women of the Congregation as well as the members of the Women's League and their friends are cordially invited to attend.

Arrangements are in charge of Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel, Mrs. Siegfried Bendheim, Miss Bessie Abrams and Mrs. Allan Fox. Mrs. Maurice Greenstein will preside. **RESERVE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH FOR ANNUAL FALL LUNCHEON.**

A DESERVING TRIBUTE

April 4, 1945,

Sgt. Harold Kuentler

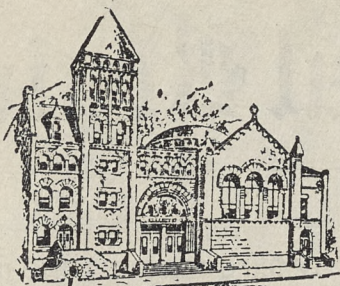
WOMEN'S LEAGUE WEST SIDE
INSTITUTIONAL SYNAGOGUE,
120-124 West 76th Street,
Dear Ladies:

Passover Eve, Chaplain Angel came upstairs inviting me to come down to the Seder service but I was a bed patient here in the hospital. Chaplain Angel sent me up a box with your card of Passover greetings and all the items included in a Seder service. You can't imagine how happy it made me and it certainly took me home and reminded me of my parents and the Passover service at our home. I really thank you from the bottom of my heart and I pray that your sons if you have any in the service or husbands were fortunate enough to be remembered by wonderful ladies such as your Women's League. Thanks again for the package and may God bless you all and your dear ones.

Yours truly,
Harold.

CONDOLENCE

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to our friend Mr. A. Solomon upon the loss of his mother.



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TILL WE MEET AGAIN

A year ago the world still stood in fear before the might of the Nazis and only within a few months, as if by a miracle, the power of might gave way to the power of right. At San Francisco 49 nations are preparing the machinery for world peace. It seems that in spite of much pessimism, the Conference will be a success.

As to the Congregation, we grew stronger religiously by the various activities that were motivated for the revival and intensification of orthodox Judaism. Materially this has been our best year and whilst we have not yet freed ourselves completely from our mortgage indebtedness, it seems that the cooperation will be forthcoming for the attainment of our goal.

May the coming season be a good time for reflection and for suggestions, for greater work, for the glory of G-d and Israel. We wish our readers one and all a healthy, happy and refreshing Summer.



227TH COMMANDMENT Not to Swear Falsely By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein.

II

Our commandment here bidding us not to swear falsely refers to such an oath that is a voluntary one. There are in general three kinds of oaths (1) An oath that the court demands of the witness, (2) The oath that is placed upon the defendant concerning money matters and (3) the *שְׁבוּעַת כֶּסֶף* "the oath of an expression" of the lips which means just what one voluntarily takes upon himself without being commanded so to do — e. g. A man swears, I have eaten or I have not eaten, or I will throw a stone into the sea or I will not throw a stone into the sea. These oaths are not required. However these voluntary oaths do not refer to performance of a commandment as for instance, a man may not then say, I swear I shall put on Tefillin because he is bidden by G-d to carry out all the

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Mitzvahs since Sinai. The soul of Israel or the souls of Israel were present at Sinai and it is incumbent upon each and every one of us to carry out the commandments of G-d given and included there. Therefore no one may take an oath to deny or affirm a commandment. As a matter of fact, as soon as a person takes an oath to perform a Mitzvah even according to Maimonides he is to be punished with stripes because he did not have to use G-d's name in vain. He is ipso facto commanded to carry out the Mitzvahs without using G-d's name in an oath so to do. If a man swore to do good to others and it was possible for him to do it and he has not done it then he has violated the oath of *כֶּסֶף* and is guilty and receives punishment. The oath of *כֶּסֶף*

I must stress is a voluntary one. No one asked the person to swear that he was going to do good to another and therefore he of his own accord took the oath, therefore he must receive punishment, if he violates same.

The prohibition against taking an oath falsely refers to all times and all places, to male and female and one who broke his oath with intent and was warned by witnesses that he would be punished, received stripes. However, he who broke his oath unwittingly, in Temple times was to bring an offering in accordance with his means.

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one of these learned writers, 'What I find is one great scheme from top to bottom, from first to last.' Says another, 'Something spiritual penetrates nature and manifests itself in the universe.' A third states his position thus: 'Plan and design in organic nature, plan and design in mind; these words express the final conclusions of modern biology and modern psychology.' And a fourth concludes the book by paraphrasing scripture: 'In the beginning was Mind, and the Mind was with G-d and the Mind was G-d; and without Mind was there nothing made that was made.'

Question:

How did the United States Government get the name "Uncle Sam?"

Answer:

During the Civil War, army supplies were initialed as they are now "US" and "USA." Soldiers, no man knows who first, began talking about Uncle Sam and so Uncle Sam was born.

INDIFFERENCE

"Moreover, indifference is a deadly sin not only because it does not seem deadly, but also because it is a sin of omission rather than commission and sins of omission never seem as bad as those of commission though often they are very much worse. The indifferent person can always ask, 'Well, what have I done?' 'What harm have I done?'—the indifference being that since he has done nothing wrong, he is all right. But that conclusion is many a sea mile from the truth. Robert Louis Stevenson once said, 'The only sins worth thinking about are sins of omission.'

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JUNE BAR-MITZVAHS

Congratulations to the families, relatives and friends of our young boys who celebrate their Bar-Mitzvahs in our Synagogue during the coming weeks.



Eugene Grossinger Victor Navasky

We extend our best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Grossinger upon the Bar-Mitzvah of their son Eugene, June 16th.

On June 23rd, we observe a double "Simcha" with Mr. and Mrs. Macy Navasky upon the Bar-Mitzvah of their son Victor and Mr. and Mrs. Morris Zucker whose son Jeffrey enters the fold of responsible Judaism

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WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Prayer for the New Month

Rosh Chodesh Tammuz—Mon. and Tues.

Weekly Portion: *Shelach*

Friday Evening Service 6:30

Saturday Morning Service 9:00

Junior Congregation 10:00

Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class 7:20

Rabbi Zahavy's Ein Jacob Class.... 7:20

Mincha Service..... 8:20

The Sabbath terminates 8:56

Sunday Morning Service 6:45, 8:45

Daily Services:

Mornings..... 6:45, 8:00, 8:30

Mincha 8:15

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

IN THE RABBI'S MAIL BAG

Dear Rabbi Goldstein:

No doubt this letter will surprise you as you don't know me and I don't know you, but through your "Review" I got acquainted with you and I enjoyed reading the paper which a student at the hospital gave to me. Words can't express how I enjoyed reading it. It brought me back to the time when my dear parents were alive, when we had such a Seder as you described in the Review.

I am on my back two years with arthritis at this hospital. The student who gave me the "Review left the hospital. I won't be able to get it now and I wouldn't want to miss it for the world. Could you continue sending it to me.

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CHATS ABOUT W. S. I. S.

By Morris Jablow.

You, our readers, who are about to enjoy your vacations in the countryside or the seaside, can do a real service to the Synagogue if you will attend immediately to a few matters of vital importance to us.

It would be of considerable help if before you leave for your vacation, you write us **now** your preference for High Holy Days Seats.

This year Rosh Hashonah is September 8th and 9th and you cannot therefore wait until the summer is over. You must write now if you expect to be provided with seats.

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It will be helpful to the Synagogue if you would consider that we are striving to pay off the mortgage on our building and that all we need is "one good heave." If each one will do something, the result will be achieved quickly.

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Before or during your vacation, you should consider the advisability of acquiring a plot in our Memorial Park. It is at a time when we are enjoying life that we should give thought to the inevitable.

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Getting Personal

We congratulate the Men's Club on their marvelous Theatre Party. Moe Oltarsh certainly deserves a whale of credit. To put it in a more kosher way—a part of the Leviathan. . . . We congratulate Murray Josephson upon his graduation from Columbia Grammar School and his sister Ruth upon her graduation from Calhoun. We do not want to forget brother Sanford who received the Presidential Citation and Air Medal in Italy and who will be returned soon to this country. . . . The names of honorably discharged Eugene Bergman and Irving Hurwitz were inadvertently omitted from the Roll of Honor for Servicemen in our Souvenir Album. We take this means of saluting them. . . . Among our other graduates are Jerome Kamenman of Bronx High School of Science Arnyce Livingston, Josephine H. Goldstein, Audrey Goodman, Bruna Ehrlich and Ruth Hochfeld all of Julia Richman High School. . . . We extend our congratulation to a budding historian in our midst, Betty Sanders, daughter of our Vice-President and Mrs. Max E. Sanders. "We expect to see your name on important books some day 'Betty,'" was the comment of her teacher. . . . We were glad to see Clarence Liberman. Hope to see him more often. Mazel-Tov to our Director and Mrs. Harry Appel upon the marriage of their son, U. S. Coastguardsman Bernard to Miss Doris Lippman. . . . We also congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Ben Levine upon the recent marriage of their son, Lt. Arthur to Marilyn Diamond, and Dr. Frank Goodman who was wedded to Miss Lillian Hass. . . . Additional Best Wishes to June Graduates Harriet Frank of Teacher's College, Columbia University, as well as to our Talmud Torah pupils Erica Degan and Pauline Lampert of P. S. 87 and Bertha Lewton of P. S. 9. . . . Wedding Anniversary Congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Blankfort and their children Capt. and Mrs. Michael and Major and Mrs. Jerry, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Bellsey, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Buchsbaum, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Levine, Mr. and Mrs. Moe Sherman, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Greenman and to Cantor and Mrs. Zalman Yavneh. . . . Mazel-Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Selig Edelman upon the marriage of their daughter Elaine to Irving M. Felt. . . . Birthday Greetings to Nannette Udell Weinstein, Ruth Cohen, Leona Aronovitch and to Emanuel Fine. . . . Au Revoir until the Fall. We wish all a healthy and happy summer.

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