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Loyalty Viewpoint

YALE UNIVERSITY

By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN.

Some of us must have been gratified to read the report of President Seymour of Yale University, concerning the place of religion in an all-rounded education. The committee which he appointed to study this matter reported quite frankly that Religion is so important an aspect of human life that no university does its duty which does not offer the finest obtainable instruction in the field. It goes on further to say that there is "a spirit of moral intellectual anarchy" prevalent, that only a grounding in the teachings of religion can check.

This war was the result of man's attempt to escape religion. Religion with all its "Do's" and "Don'ts" seemed to interfere with man's pleasures and conveniences. We want no yoke, was the subconscious attitude assumed by so many. G-d Almighty was interfering as it were, with our unbridled desires. All seems so apparent now, that the war is over, or as the Bible puts it, "My face shall not be seen but my back parts thou shalt see." When something awful happens, we cannot understand its meaning and significance until the complete picture has been drawn. This is all too true, for instance in regard to this war. Man was unwilling to obey and at best chafed under, the strictures of the Law of G-d. Thereupon, as it seems clear to us now He allowed a Hitler and his confederates to ascend to a ruling position, with Nazism as a substitute for religion. Mankind for a time was put under the yoke of man and his decrees. We were all smitten with fear, and brought millions of our human flowers as sacrifices. Now that the war is over and G-d "has removed His hand" our vision is becoming clear. We are beginning to come to our senses. One of the evidences of this fact is the now program for the introduction of the study of religious values at Yale University. It appears that our institutions of Learning are "beginning to act as if they understood" the meaning

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RABBI PHILIP HARRIS SINGER

We take great pleasure in announcing the appointment of Rabbi Philip Harris Singer, formerly Rabbi of Congregation Bnai Jacob Tifereth Israel in Brooklyn, as our new Assistant Rabbi.

Rabbi Singer is a graduate of the Mesifta Talmudical Seminary and Columbia University. At the Mesifta he has won the unstinted praise of his rabbis and colleagues for his high scholarly attainments. In the rabbinical field he has gained a reputation for his genial personality, sincerity and his abilities as a fine orator and preacher, also as a prolific writer and modern educator.

We greet Rabbi Singer with the confidence that he will serve our Institution well.

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The Institute will open soon with a variety of courses in Elementary, Intermediate and Advanced Hebrew, Jewish History, Ethics and Philosophy.

Enroll during the week of Sept. 10-16.

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upon the loss they have recently sustained.

YISKOR SERVICES

On Monday, September 17th, Yizkor services will be recited at our Synagogue in memory of the departed.

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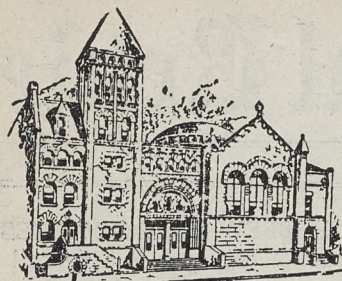
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ברוכים הבאים

The New Year has immeasurable opportunities for all of us. Our sons and daughters will be home, please G-d. They will have come from the cauldron of war, with all its horrors, dangers and uncertainties. Their two homes (the physical and spiritual) must be properly prepared to meet them. A spirit of peace and good-will must pervade the home of their parents and a program for religious inspiration must be prepared by their respective Congregations.

We are all freighted with a tremendous responsibility to see to it that the transition from wartime compromises (moral and religious) to peacetime normalcy, will come about readily and naturally. Our sons and daughters will return either with a spirit of "laissez-faire," we will do as we please, or with a determination to make the world a better and a happier place in which to live.

The Synagogue and the Home can make the latter a reality. May it be our privilege to measure up to our tasks in the coming year.



228TH COMMANDMENT

Thou Shalt Not Oppress

By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

One may not withhold that which does not belong to him whether it be through deceit or through any other method of postponement. We are to make our payment as soon as we can, otherwise the real owner gets so tired by the postponement and the deceits that he, finally, does not come to take that which belongs to him. This is an unethical act on the part of the one who withholds that which does not belong to him, even though he does not deny that he will return it to the owner. This is certainly against both the law and the spirit of the Torah as we read in Leviticus, Chapter 19, Verse 13, "Thou shalt not oppress thy neighbor." Thus one who acts in such a

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way as described above is tantamount to an oppressor.

The Torah in many places repeats these ethical laws in order to impress upon us the intensity of the sin and to restrain us from evil doing. It is not G-d's tyranny that causes Him to give us many negative commandments against doing wrong but rather His love for us to keep us from sin and rewarding us for abstaining from evil. As a matter of fact, our law in the case of capital punishment, for instance, requires that wine be given to the criminal before he is executed. This was to show that it is not revenge or tyranny on the part of G-d's law that requires the execution, but rather to carry out the commandment "And thou shalt rid the evil from thy midst" to get rid of the sinner for the sake of society.

This prohibition prevails at all times and at all places and one who transgresses it and oppresses his neighbor and withholds that which does not belong to him breaks a negative commandment. However, this negative commandment is joined to a positive commandment, namely to return the money or thing which is in his hands and ask forgiveness because he teased or angered him concerning the matter.

LOYALTY VIEWPOINT (Cont. from page 1)
of "Education." Surprising as it may seem, the Bible has given us the clue to what education means, as we read—in Proverbs, Chapt. 22, Verse 6,

חֲנוּךְ לְנֶעֶם עַל פִּי דַרְכּוֹ

"Dedicate the lad in his course." Education has been understood by the world at large, excepting the Jew, as either (1) being the nourishment "educare" from the mother's milk, from "Alma Mater"—dear mother—materially and physically, or (2) as that which leads from ignorance to knowledge. The word education being derived from Duco, "leading" and "e" from ignorance to knowledge. Language is often the index of a people's thinking. The word education in Hebrew is חֲנוּךְ "Chinuch" which means "consecration." He is an educated Jew whose life is a consecrated one. His mathematics must be bound by the Laws of honesty—Just weights and measures shall ye have. His language must be קודש "Holy," pure. In Hebrew there is no foul language, no "cuss" words. The educated Jew's thinking must be sincere, not diabolic or misleading

נכתב דעת

An educated Jew in short is a Jew who learns and practices religious values.

The new step announced by the President of Yale, is in a measure, giving assent to the highest form of Jewish training namely adult Religious education. The average parent is satisfied with an education up to about Bar Mitzvah age. We give our children a morsel of religious food, and expect them to be sated for the rest of their lives. NO! Adult classes, Laymen institutes should be organized in every Synagogue if we are to become an all rounded, grown-up, educated community. Another aspect of this epoch making decision of Yale gives recognition of an education as may be found in a Yeshivah, like Yeshiva College. The difference between the two is that one at best will make religion the tail to their kite whilst the other makes religion THE Kite.

The world will, I pray, come closer to the Jewish concept of education—which is not culture or Kultur, but consecration. Yale University deserves nevertheless our plaudits for showing the world the way back to normalcy.

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New Year Greeting:

The Hebrew phrase with which a good Jew greets his friends and relatives on the first evening of Rosh Hashonah is "Leshono Tovo Tikosev Vesechosem." In English this phrase means—"May you be inscribed and sealed for a good year."

The Dipping in Honey:

During the New Years season it is customary to dip the bread in honey instead of salt before saying the "Hamotzee," to symbolize our hope that the coming year will be a

sweet one.

Tashlich:

It is customary to go to a stream, river or large body of water on the first day (or as in this year if the first day falls on the Sabbath, the second day) to recite the Tashlich. One of the reasons for this custom is that we recite in the prayer the verse: "Thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea."

Ten Days of Penitence:

Seven days elapse between the two days of Rosh Hashonah and Yom Kippur. Together, these ten

days are known as "Asereth Y'mei Tshuvoh"—the Ten Days of Penitence. "Ovenu Malkenu" is recited during these days, except on Sabbath.

Fast of Gedaliah:

The day after Rosh Hashonah is known as the Fast of Gedaliah. Gedaliah, a great Jewish leader, was murdered on this day. This act led to the destruction of the Temple in 586 B.C.E. and in commemoration of the disasters that befell the Jews we fast on this day.

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CHATS ABOUT W. S. I. S.

By MORRIS JABLOW.

It is indeed pleasant to greet you, our readers, and to express the hope that you have enjoyed the summer vacation. It is also pleasant to resume this column and to convey to you from time to time our plans for the future, our hopes, and our aspirations for this Institution.

For the Rosh Hashona issue it is particularly appropriate to impart to you the thrilling news that of the original \$175,000 total mortgage indebtedness upon our buildings, we only owe at the present time a balance of \$12,360 which we hope to pay off and liquidate within a few months.

The real importance of this achievement — clearing ourselves from mortgage indebtedness — lies in the fact that with the elimination of the fixed charges of interest and amortization we will be enabled to expand our activities and to broaden the services we seek to render to this community.

All of us should be proud of this accomplishment. It is a wonderful way to greet the New Year. A little extra effort and the job will be finished.

GETTING PERSONAL

Sholom Aleichem Peace
 Greetings and salutations! We are back again after a hot summer, with lots of news from the personal relations front Noble New Year resolution Our Rabbi Goldstein was selected a Director of the Joint Distribution Committee in recognition of his being a useful public personality For Whom the Wedding Bell Tolls Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kaufman upon the marriage of their daughter also to Mr. and Mrs. Morris J. Weinstein upon the marriage of their son, George to Miss Shirley Greenberg Ditto to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mirken upon the engagement of their daughter Marilyn to Midshipman, U. S. N. R., Mac Cohen and to her grandmother, Mrs. Annie Mirken. and to her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Wartels. By the way, Marilyn graduated from Syracuse Cum Laude. . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Moses Feuerstein upon the birth of a baby girl and to the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shapiro Many thanks to our good friend, Isidore Lauer for pinch-hitting as Cantor on several Sabbaths during the summer and to Harold Kaplan, Morris Levinson, Max Moskowitz, Joseph Shapiro and Harry Ward for assisting our Gabbai Aaron Wartels a vote for the nomination of Max Lazarus as Captain of the ushers he was here regularly every Shabbos Harvey Shapiro did some ushering several times Thank you Many thanks to Mortimer H. Epstein for his donation of prayer books and also thanks to Debra and Michele Siegel for their donation of prayer books Many thanks to our Director, S. Bendheim through whose good offices and the generosity of Philipp Bros., Inc. we will have uniform prayer books in our Synagogue during the High Holy Days. This is a sacred memorial for Buddy Friedman Congratulations to Miss Marilyn Wohl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Wohl upon her winning two scholarships, one from Cornell University and one from New York State Congratulations to Josephine Goldstein upon her graduation from Julia Richman Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Harriet Frank Mrs. Henry Reichlin and her daughter, Natalie are thank G-d, recovering from their recent illness Mose Goodman, your car has been sanctified when it delivered the prayer books for the Synagogue Many thanks.

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